

DNR Organics Management Updates

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Quick Intro

- Graduated from the University of Oklahoma - B.S. Environmental Sustainability
- Employment:
 - SWSDIP intern and LTE employee for the Fish and Wildlife Program
 - DMAP & Sandhill Wildlife Area
 - Sustainability Coordinator at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
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Technical Assistance Updates



Prepared a FY 2026 – 2027 Communications Plan



Round 2 Workplan Recap

Technical Assistance – Round 1 SWIFR

- 16 site visits led by contractors to address food waste reduction, donation and diversion tactics in Portage, Dane, Milwaukee and Brown Counties
- Deliverables expected to DNR by September 30
 - Will include a full report and case studies.
 - Anonymous to protect participant's information,
 - Participants receive a full list of recommendations and implementation strategies.
- Contract with CET developed training materials for hospital food service assessments

Communications Plan Overview

- Primary Goals:
 - At least one GovDelivery and social post about food waste and food waste resources each month.
 - Increase readership of the monthly GovDelivery blast to include a more general audience.
 - Increase traffic to DNR food waste prevention & composting webpages, publication orders and downloads.
- Other Goals:
 - Develop a toolkit for partners/local governments/educator to distribute upon request.
 - Create other assets to be used in residential and food service sectors (e.g., shopping list/fridge magnet, food waste flowchart)

SWIFR Round 2 Focus Areas

- Full-time DNR staff member to lead statewide outreach and technical assistance, policy development, other project activities
- Continued focus on residential and food service sectors
 - Increase outreach
 - Development of tools/resources to facilitate food waste diversion along EPA Wasted Food Scale
 - Potential funding to establish food service composting/AD programs



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