Breaking It Down: The Business of Composting in N.H.

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Unless you're a backyard composter, your food scraps are going to a landfill, where they take up a surprisingly large percentage of increasingly valuable space - and contribute to the release of methane gas. We look at why New Hampshire lags behind its neighbors in recycling food waste, and learn about some businesses that see food waste as an economic opportunity.

- **Athena Lee Bradley** - Projects Manager for the Northeast Recycling Council. She has worked in materials management for 26 years designing a variety of reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting programs.
- **Michael Nork** - Solid Waste Management Bureau of the NH Dept.
• **Jessica Saturley-Hall** - she started the Upper Valley Compost Company six months ago, it offers a curbside pickup service of food scraps.

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The Post Landfill Action Network, or PLAN, got its start as a sort of student-run rummage sale, where students were encouraged to sell furniture and other items, rather than throw them out when they leave campus each year.

PLANs founder, Alex Fried, has since gone professional with his advocacy, starting a small non-profit.

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Compost has long been the domain of farmers and gardeners, not city-folk, but with both Vermont and Massachusetts pushing ahead with bans on throwing away food waste, curb-side pickup of compost is set to become more commonplace.

Banning food-scraps from land-fills hasn't come been high on the legislative agenda in New Hampshire, but with a few tweaks, towns could begin to turn to compost for another reason: to save money.

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Jessica Saturley-Hall knew she wanted to start her own business, and she got hooked on the concept of compost. She knew that food scraps produce significantly more methane, a greenhouse gas, when tossed in a landfill, rather than breaking down on their own. So she wondered, what if you could reward people for separating their food waste from their trash.

At first, she thought about somehow paying people for their compost. She did a host of financial models, looked at it every which way, but couldn't come up with a solution.

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