



**COMPOSTING AT ST. MARY'S
COLLEGE OF MARYLAND**



CHEAT SHEET TO SMC

- One of two Public Honors colleges nationally
- A liberal arts mission
- Approx. 1,600 students
- Approx. 87 percent of students live on-campus
- 361 acre rural, waterfront campus
- 2,700 feet shoreline
- On the St. Mary's River
- Situated amongst wetlands, river, pond, forested area, and farmland





WHAT WE COLLECT

Compost from Students

- Fruit/Vegetable scraps
- Tea bags
- Coffee Grounds
- Egg Shells
- Bread/uncooked pasta
- Dryer lint
- Average of 100 pounds to 200 pounds collected a week

The Daily Grind

- Coffee grounds and filters picked up weekly
- Average of 75 pounds to 120 pounds collected a week





STUDENT
GENERATED
COMPOST

PRODUCE FROM
CAMPUS FARM
SOLD TO CAFETERIA

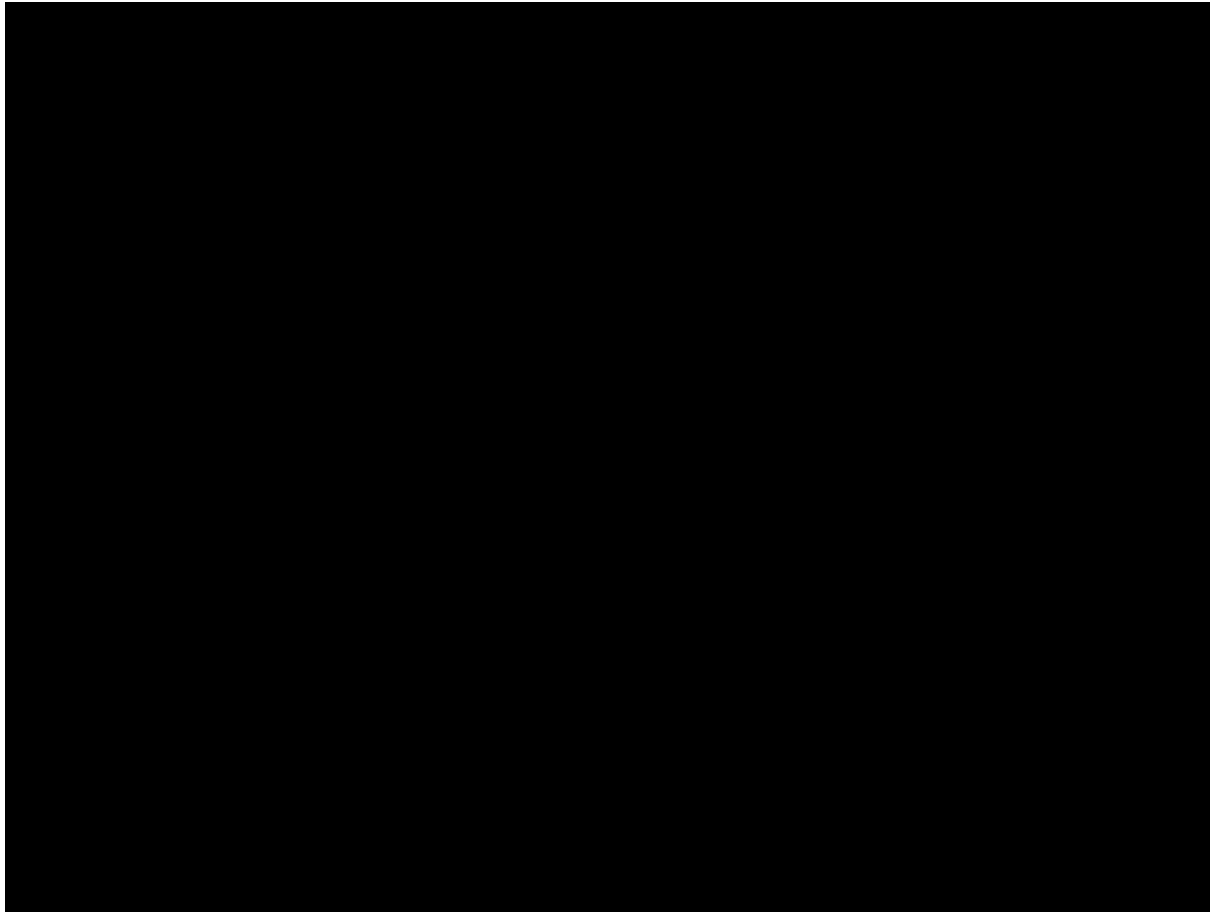


PROCESSED AND
USED BY THE
SMCM CAMPUS
FARM











THE SMCM CAMPUS FARM

The Composting Hub of SMCM



THE SMCAM CAMPUS FARM FACT SHEET

- Into the 7th year of operation
- Lease land from Historic St. Mary's City
- Run by all volunteers
- Self-sustained funding
- Operates as organically as possible
- Uses several composting techniques
- Tumblers, Hot Composting, Cold Composting, Lasagna Beds, Chickens
- Managed by 20 student volunteers who work for at least 1-2 hours a week







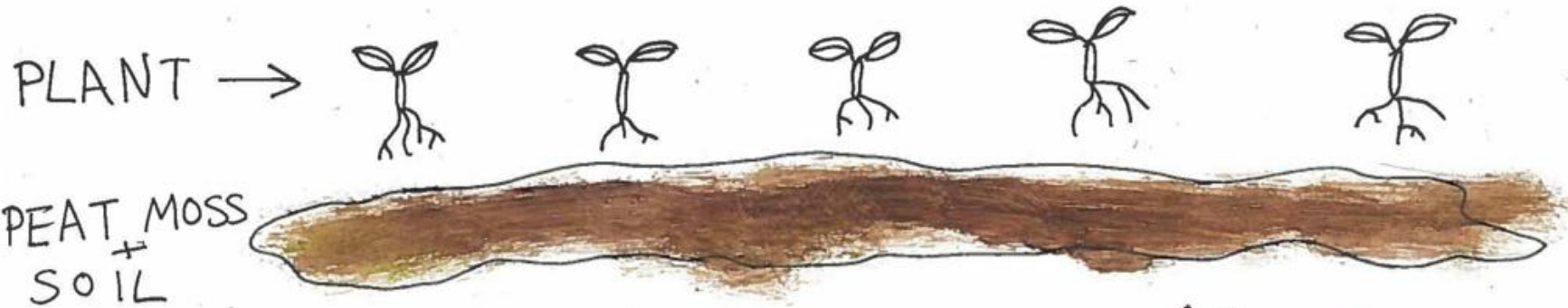


ONLY DUMP
BEHIND SIGN





LASAGNA BEDS



GREEN



EGGSHELL

COFFEE



FRUIT



VEGETABLES



BREAD/PASTA

DRYER LINT



BROWN



DEAD WEEDS



DRY LEAVES



HAY/STRAW





WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

What are our challenges? How can we expand?



WHAT ARE OUR CHALLENGES?

- We are run solely through the intern program and student volunteers
- Location – rural campus
- Student involvement
- Diversity of student interests on campus
- Student understanding of composting on campus
- Our current compost process is limiting



WHAT ARE OUR NEXT STEPS?

- Move composting into the Great Room
- Move composting into other student occupied spaces
- Create a more institutionalized composting program
- Increase student/community education

