Management and Leadership

☑️ Environmental Team

At 4MyCiTy, our focus is on the importance of environmental sustainability. Primarily the sustainable management of food in relation to reducing organic waste. Our program limits the harmful effects caused by organic waste on our environment while improving food security for families within our communities. Our team is made up of 6 employees and hundreds of volunteers, all committed to reducing organic waste daily through our work.

☑️ Annual Environmental Goals

Our annual food waste reduction goals for 2020:

Goal 1 - Rescue and distribute (divert from landfills or Incinerators) 10 million pounds of food – We distributed 53 million pounds

Goal 2 – Reduce 1 million pounds of organic waste from reaching landfills and divert to compost sites – We diverted 5 million pounds

Our annual food waste reduction goals for 2021:

Goal 1 - Rescue and distribute (divert from landfills or incinerators) 60 million pounds of food – We distributed 75 million pounds

Goal 2 – Reduce 7 million pounds of organic waste from reaching landfills and divert to compost sites – We diverted 10 million pounds
Our organization is also building a composting facility (in Taneytown?) that will be zero waste to landfill, will have an advanced storm water management system, and will feature a solar energy system.

- **Environmentally Preferable Products and Services**

  At 4MyCiTy, we have introduced our own line of biodegradable/compostable products around items that would be used in the food service industry. We have our own line of biodegradable, bags, cutlery, and warehouse use supplies like shrink wrap.

- **Environmentally Preferable Purchasing**

  We develop and encourage our community partners to use and purchase our biodegradable products for their food distribution needs. We also only use our biodegradable products in our operations.

- **Environmental Restoration and Community Environmental Projects**

  We do food waste collection and are a compost drop-off site for residents and partners of our program. We promote and conduct compost through educational workshops and tours with schools and businesses across the state of Maryland.

**Waste**

- **Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse**

  In total, 4MyCiTy has diverted over 125 million pounds of edible foods through our rescue efforts to families facing hunger between October 2018 to December 2021. This, along with the composting efforts described below, equate to approximately 17,114 cars taken off the roads or 6,606 MTCO₂e (metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent) avoided.

- **Composting**

  4MyCiTy has diverted over 15 million pounds of organic waste to compost sites between October 2018 and December 2021. We have an aerobic digester (composting machine) running at our 1300 Monroe Street facility and have another composting facility under construction at 2300 Severn St. in Baltimore, which will be able to compost up to 20,000 pounds a day on site.
Environmental Certification Programs, Awards, and Other Activities

We were the recipient of the Baltimore Business Journals Maryland Inno Fire Awards for nonprofits in Sustainability and Equity.

View our video