

# 2023 RECAP

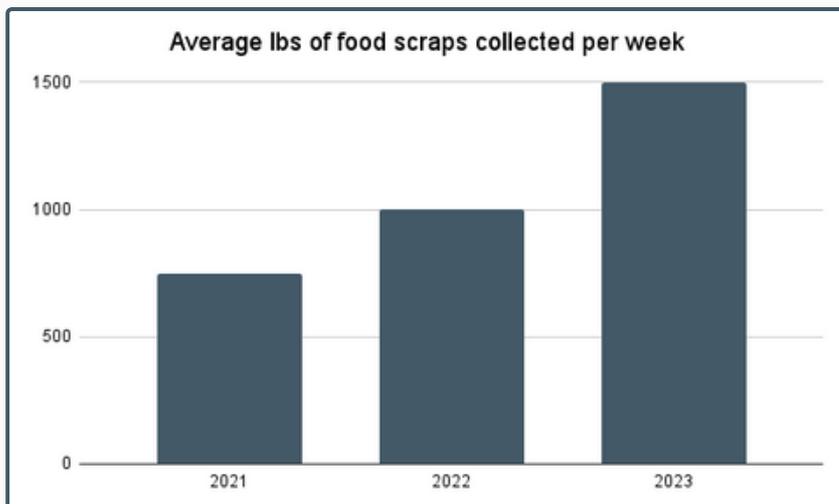
## Baltimore Compost Collective



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### A Message from the BCC Team

As we close out 2023, we want to express our gratitude for your continued support and commitment to youth entrepreneurship and reducing organic material from being burnt or buried in Baltimore City. This year has been filled with growth for us, and we are excited to share some highlights.



### Over 34 tons of organic material diverted

Together, we have diverted over 34 tons of organic material from the landfill this year alone! On average, we collected over 1500 pounds of food scraps per week in 2023, a 50% increase from 2022. Your dedication to composting has made a significant impact on our environment, please continue to spread “compost fever” in your neighborhoods so we can continue to starve the incinerator and landfills!

### Connected with over 3500 people

Through our presentations, tours, workshops and events, we have engaged with over 3500 people of all ages, including 260 youth. Executive Director Marvin Hayes led 14 workshops and tours, both local and out of state, and even ran a “wasteless” station for Vegan Soulfest. We’ve also had over 30,000 views online!

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## A Note from Kenneth Moss, Lead Youth Composter

The Baltimore Compost Collective has given me opportunities to travel to Detroit and St. Louis as well as Ontario California. The training we did with other composters was amazing and a good learning experience for people that want to further education on composting. There is a bright side to the BCC but there is also a negative as well, for example when we go to pick up the community scraps we are profiled. We get accused of stealing packages and buckets as well as other things too, but we look past that and get the job done in a timely manner. We just found out that we are barred from the Filbert St. Garden, I don't understand why, when we helped create a safe space for the community and trying to accomplish green space for a community that's food insecure. I'm just not satisfied with this decision at all. The Baltimore Compost Collective is a great place to work with my long time mentor/supervisor Mr. Hayes.



Kenneth speaking at the 2023 ReFED Summit: The Future is Now panel

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## Looking Ahead to 2024

In the spirit of growth and community, we are excited to announce that in the new year, we will be launching a customer referral program! For every friend or family member you refer who signs up, you will receive a free month of curbside collection service. It's our way of saying thank you for helping us grow our community of composters!



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Your engagement helps us continue to spread compost fever and we love sharing highlights with you!

