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South Campus Composting Pilot Proposal

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Proposal Basics

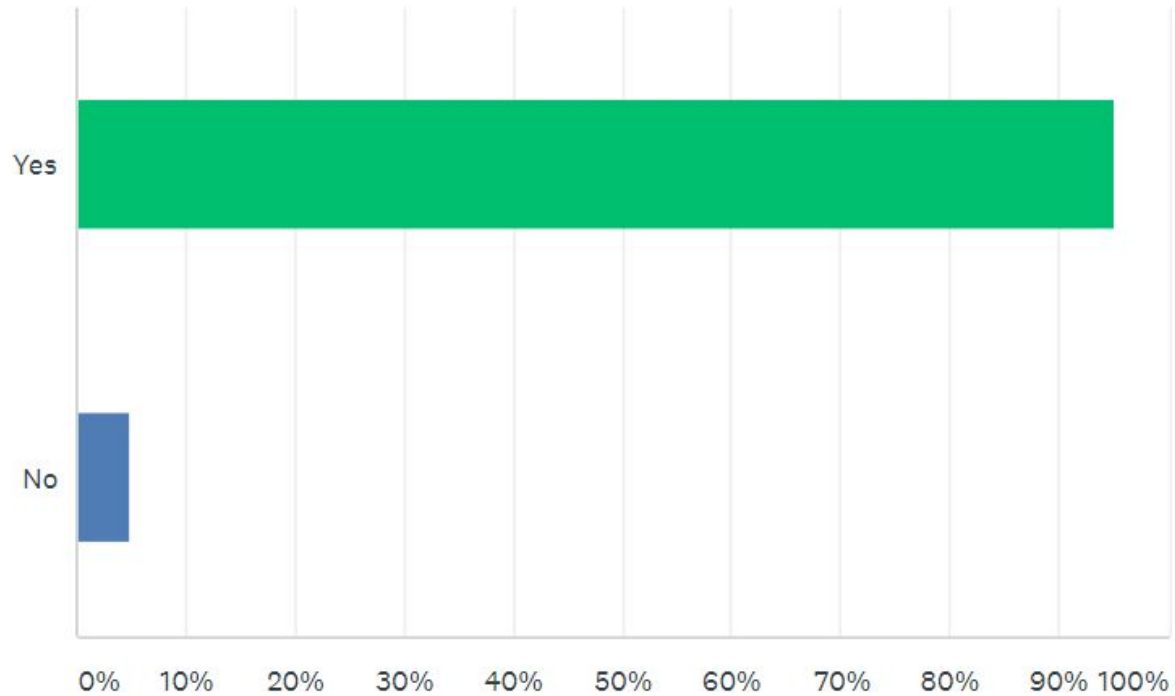
BU's 10 Year Zero-Waste goal will include composting initiatives to cut down the university's massive daily organic waste output.



If BU created a compost dropoff location in South Campus, w...



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Marys St

MOUNTFORT ST

BUSWELL ST

ARUNDEL ST

BEACON ST

PARK DRIVE

Aberdeen St

Milliner St



Why Compost in South?

- South Campus is known for its pest problems.
- Scrap bins with locking lids keep odors in and pests out.
- Users of compost pickup programs like Bootstraps say it takes up to four weeks to fill one trash bag when they compost.

Composting doesn't mean encouraging people to produce more waste, simply to allocate it in a more sustainable way.

Logistics

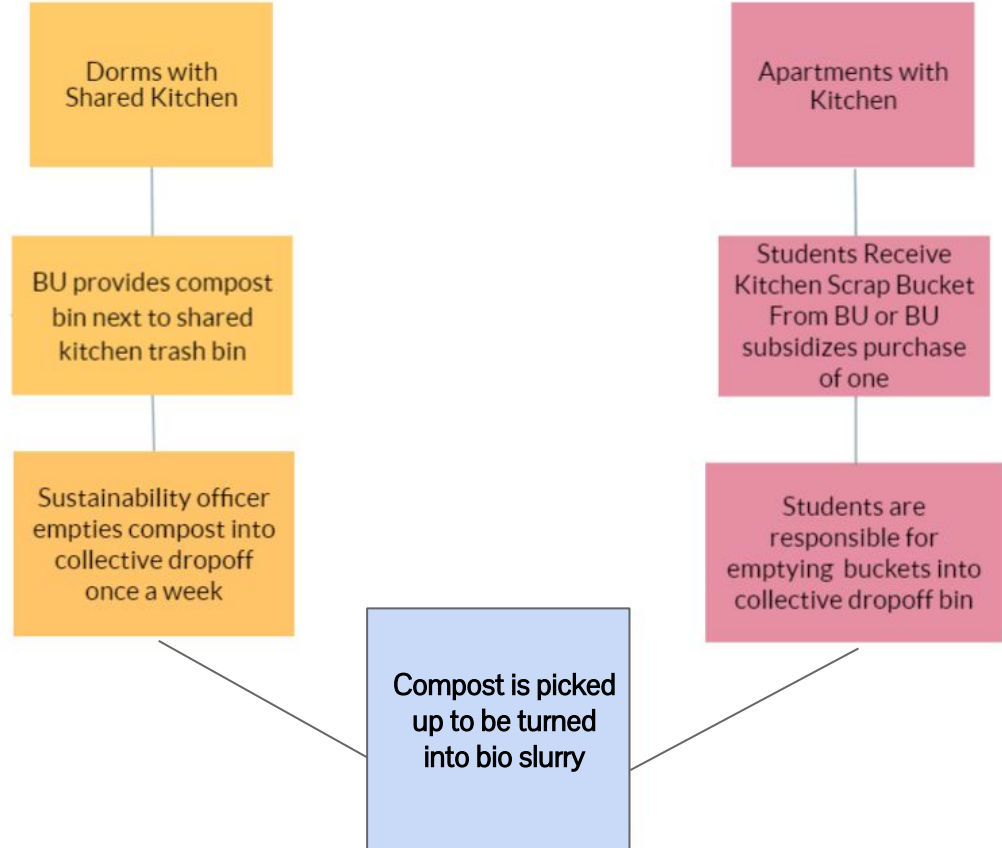
There are roughly 2000 students living in South Campus, and about 460 apartment units.

I propose piloting 100 apartment scrap bins and at least one collection point, and scrap bins in 5 of the 14 community kitchens on Buswell St.



Brabantia 6 and 12 Liter Bins

Composting on South Campus



Education/Anti-Contamination

- A compost program presents an opportunity for students to take initiative in campus sustainability

- Infographics like at the GSU distributed

- Meeting for those who opt into the pilot and point person for communication

COMPOSTABLES

Food Waste
Compostable utensils,
tableware

Paper
Napkins



RECYCLE

Plastic bottles,
cups, containers

Glass bottles
Soda cans



Long Term Goals

In order to reach the 10 year zero-waste goal, it is important to consider how BU would implement campus wide composting in the future.

- The AASHE Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System™ (STARS) model is a strong framework. BU is currently rated Silver.
 - Platinum STARS institutions include Stanford and UNH
- Some institutions have their own anaerobic digesters.
 - Resulting compost is used both at the institution and in the community. (Ex. Michigan State and Syracuse University)





Launching a compost plan is a big push towards reaching BU's zero waste goal and maintaining its role as a sustainability leader in the Boston community and beyond, and South Campus presents a low cost place to start.