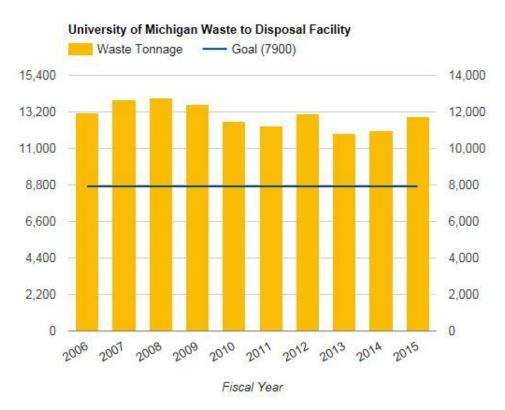


# Composting in Fleming



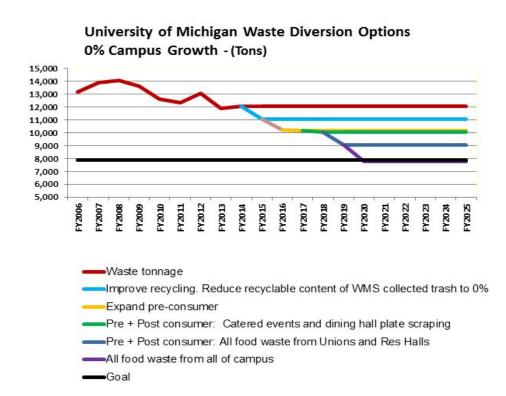


# Waste Reduction Goal: Reduce waste going to landfill by 40% of 2006 level by 2025.





- Expanding pre-consumer & post-consumer food waste composting in dining facilities.
- Improving & expanding existing service.
- •37% of trash in non-food service buildings is compostable material.
- Promoting an institutionalized and expanded zero waste events program.





# Presidential Working Committees

### **Waste Reduction**

- Establish university-wide bin and signage standards
- Implement university-wide organics composting program
- Complete a detailed study of UMHS waste stream



### **Culture of Sustainability**

- Implement uniform and consistent recycling bin and signage
- Institutionalize composting for zero waste events, dedicated departments, and dining services.
- Institutional support for sustainable procurement (ie avoiding single-use items)
- Zero Waste Football

### Zero Waste Program Rollout

- Expand existing program and services
- Target key stakeholders and events
- Encourage offices to establish ongoing composting service for regular events
- •Increased resources for more technical and financial assistance
  - event coordinator resources
  - volunteer training
  - promotional materials/templates
  - support through the OCS website and via <u>zerowaste@umich.edu</u>





### Planning Zero Waste Events / Meetings

- Plan to avoid waste
- Communication with vendor / caterer
  - bowl serve vs. individual containers
- Before start = verify materials on site are compostable
- Train volunteers / educate attendees

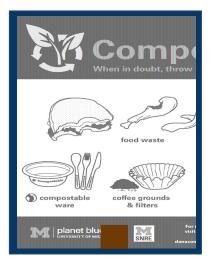






### Composting in Conference / Meeting Rooms

- Consider for meetings with food & drinks (coffee, water, etc.)
- Collapsible standard-size bins, liners and signage provided for each floor in rooms 1060, 2065, 3019, 4025, 5075 & 6039
- End of meeting tie full bags and either
  - 1)take to compost cart at dock
  - 2)place on floor of kitchenette for after-hours pick-up by custodial services (place in a container to avoid spills onto the floor)







# Fleming Kitchenette Composting

- Piloting composting coffee grounds and kitchen clean-outs in kitchenettes
- Participating offices will be supplied with:
  - 2.4 gallon container
  - carbon filters
  - roll of compostable liners
  - laminated signage
- Emptied by custodial staff



## **Next Steps**

- Material Placement:
  - undercounter bins, liners and signage to be placed next week and emptied daily by custodial services.
  - set-up materials for conference rooms
- Weekly-check-ins for first month
- Pilot one office switching to compostable materials being stocked in lieu of regular disposables – contact April if your department interested

**Communication, Communication, Communication!**