

EPA Sustainable Materials Management Web Academy

**Feed the People: Public/Private
Collaboration results in a 30% increase in
food rescued in Vermont**

May 26, 2016

<https://www.epa.gov/smm/sustainable-materials-management-web-academy>



Food Recovery Hierarchy

Most Preferred

Source Reduction

Reduce the volume of surplus food generated

Feed Hungry People

Donate extra food to food banks, soup kitchens and shelters

Feed Animals

Divert food scraps to animal feed

Industrial Uses

Provide waste oils for rendering and fuel conversion and food scraps for digestion to recover energy

Composting

Create a nutrient-rich soil amendment

Landfill/ Incineration

Last resort to disposal

Least Preferred



CHANGING HOW WE THINK ABOUT OUR RESOURCES FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

Feed the People: Public/Private Collaboration results in a 30% increase in food rescued in Vermont



Eric Davis
Feeding America



Ben Theriault
Hannaford
Supermarket



Bryn Oakleaf
Vermont Department of
Environmental Conservation



Mica Seely
Vermont Foodbank



Disclaimer

These presentations are provided as part of EPA's Sustainable Food Management Webinar series. This document does not constitute EPA policy. Mention of trade names or commercial products does not constitute endorsement or recommendation of use. Links to non-EPA websites do not imply any official EPA endorsement of or a responsibility for the opinions, ideas, data or products presented at those locations or guarantee the validity of the information provided. Links to non-EPA servers are provided solely as a pointer to information that might be useful to EPA staff and the public.

