Kristine Ellsworth

Assistant Environmental Engineer, Organics Reduction and Recycling, NYSDEC

Key professional experience

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| NYSDEC | Assistant Environmental Engineer, Organics Reduction and Recycling Section  Division of Materials Management | 2015 - Present |

Relevant Expertise

Kristine Ellsworth will support the Organics Recycling implementation. Kristine has worked in the Organics Reduction and Recycling (ORRS) section for the past 9 years. The ORRS section works to prevent and divert organics from disposal to beneficial uses. The section’s work revolves around four main pillars – regulatory oversight of organics recycling facilities (composting, anaerobic digestion, land application, etc.), legislative advocacy and implementation, funding program development and outreach and education. Kristine has played a pivotal role in the implementation of the Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling law, oversees contracts with our various partners including NYS Pollution Prevention Institute, Center for EcoTechnology and Feeding NYS, and is actively involved in the development and implementation of grants for non-profits and municipalities to increase food donation and food scraps recycling efforts. Kristine is responsible for reviewing reimbursement requests related to the grants that she oversees.

Kristine is an active member of the NYS Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling (NYSAR3) specifically with the Organics Council. Kristine also serves as one of the primary coordinators for the NYS Organics Summit. Kristine is also an active member of the United States Composting Council (USCC) and the USCC's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA) committee.

Education

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| SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry | BA | Environmental Resources Engineering | 2015 |