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internal collection system, and provided us with signs, posters, and videos for promoting the program and educating people on how to properly sort the items that can be composted.”

The Environmental Stewardship Committee, a student organization on campus, played a key role in implementing organics recycling at Augsburg and expanding environmental sustainability activities at the college in general. The group helped promote the organics program and educate fellow students on how to properly sort their trash.

With recycling rates leveling off in recent years, organic waste is the largest remaining portion of the waste stream in which significant waste abatement hasn't been achieved. About one quarter of the trash produced in Hennepin County is food scraps and food-soiled or non-recyclable paper products.

Hennepin County provides financial incentives for organics recycling, and staff is available to provide free technical assistance to businesses to get started with an organics recycling program. For more information, visit [hennepin.us](http://hennepin.us), keyword search: organics.