

Summit's Community Compost Program

Highlights from 2010/2011 Accomplishments

In 2010, the High Country Conservation Center (HC3) received \$10,000 from Vail Resorts Echo and One Ski Hill Place in support of our Community Compost Program. Some of our accomplishments in 2011 resulting from these funds include:

- Achieving 70% or higher at all zero waste events in the county including Frisco BBQ (71% diversion), US Pro Cycling Challenge in Breckenridge (77% diversion in the VIP tent), and the upcoming Breckenridge Oktoberfest, reaching over 70,000 visitors and residents with zero waste education. HC3 has also trained over 120 volunteers to help with these zero waste events in our community.



- Providing over 35 families and businesses with zero waste party packs which include compostable products (cups, plates, forks...), bins, signage, and compost drop-off. On average, between 50 and 200 people were impacted per party by our zero waste event services.
- Signing up over 60 participants in the first Compost Pilot Program at the Frisco Recycling Center, dropping off food and paper waste destined for the county's compost facility. The success of this program has allowed HC3 to offer the program year-round through a local business, Faction & Company. We will also include compost collection at the new Breckenridge recycling facility in spring 2012.
- Continuing the Composting in the Schools program which has included the facilitation of compost collection in all six Summit County elementary schools, reaching over 1,500 students with compost education through lunchroom presentations, classroom presentations, and tours at the High Country Compost Facility. The Composting in the Schools program has (thus far) collected 13.2 tons of compost or 26,480 pounds of materials through composting in 2010 and 2011, avoiding 30.7 tons of greenhouse gas emissions, the equivalent of taking 5 cars off the road for a year. In addition, HC3 launched Composting in the Schools at the high school in May of 2011 increasing diversion rates and impacting another 870 students and 50 teachers. This fall we'll complete the program with compost collection and education at the middle school.



Thank you partners for making this program a success!

