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## New Community Compost Co-Op Launches in York County

York County, PA — October 15, 2025 — The new York Community Compost Co-Op is transforming how York County residents handle organic waste. Founded by 17-year-old York County resident Alexia Purkanto, the volunteer-run initiative provides a simple, accessible way for community members to turn food scraps into nutrient-rich compost reducing landfill waste and rebuilding local soil health.

Inspired by the success of the Lancaster Compost Co-Op, Purkanto set out to create a similar program in York County. “My interest began when I started a small compost system at school and saw how easily organic waste could become something valuable,” said Purkanto. “I wanted others in York to have an easy, accessible way to do the same.”

With support from the York County Community Foundation, the York County Economic Alliance, and the Horn Farm Center, the Co-Op now operates a community compost drop-off site at Horn Farm. Members collect food scraps at home, drop them off at the site anytime, and take part in periodic “shifting” sessions turning the compost to help it decompose efficiently. Once finished, members can take home nutrient-rich compost for their gardens and plants.

“Our mission is simple,” Purkanto explained. “Reduce waste, rebuild soil, and bring people together through shared care for the environment. Every bucket of compost helps cut methane emissions and restore soil health. Small local actions really can make a powerful collective impact.”

**The Co-Op will host an Open House Orientation on October 18th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Horn Farm Center.** The event is free and open to all York County residents interested in learning more about composting and joining the Co-Op. Additional orientation events will be posted on the website.

Membership in the York Community Compost Co-Op is **open and free** to all residents. Learn more at [www.yorkcompost.org](http://www.yorkcompost.org) or sign up directly [here](#).

### ***About the York County Compost Co-Op***

*The York Community Compost Co-op was built to connect families, reduce landfill waste, and create healthy soil for our community gardens. In partnership with York County Economic Alliance & supported by York County Community Foundation. Operates in partnership with Horn Farm Educational Center. Volunteer-powered, youth-led initiative launching in 2025. Inspired by Lancaster's successful community compost co-op. Our mission is simple: reduce waste, enrich soil, and grow a sustainable York County.*