

VERMONT WORKING LANDS ENTERPRISE INITIATIVE

Tamarlane Farm

Lyndonville, VT



Tamarlane Farm composts all of their own food and paper scraps. They bring their compost to their own compost site where it is turned and mixed with precision to create a beautiful, nutrient-rich matter to spread on gardens and fields. Their compost is used to grow their own certified organic vegetables. They divert over 400 tons of food scraps and compostables annually!

They have partnered with many local businesses to help conserve their local environment by diverting compostable materials. They now have very little trash that leaves the building.



With help from the NEK Waste Management District and Highfields they created the Close The Loop program in 2005 which was the first program in the Northeast Kingdom to promote food scrap separation and composting. They were also the first composting facility in the Northeast Kingdom and the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources has used their facility as a "model" facility for others to follow. Funds will be used to install an asp (aerated static pile) system to their composting facility to enable them to accelerate our composting process. As Act 148, mandatory composting goes into effect their farm composting facility needs an upgrade in preparation, as they will be needed to take a large amount of compostable material from the Northeast Kingdom.

Total Working Lands Grant: \$20,000

Total Matching Funds: \$36,000