

Here is the email I received from Jane Wilch, Recycling Coordinator for Iowa City:

Hi Jerrett,

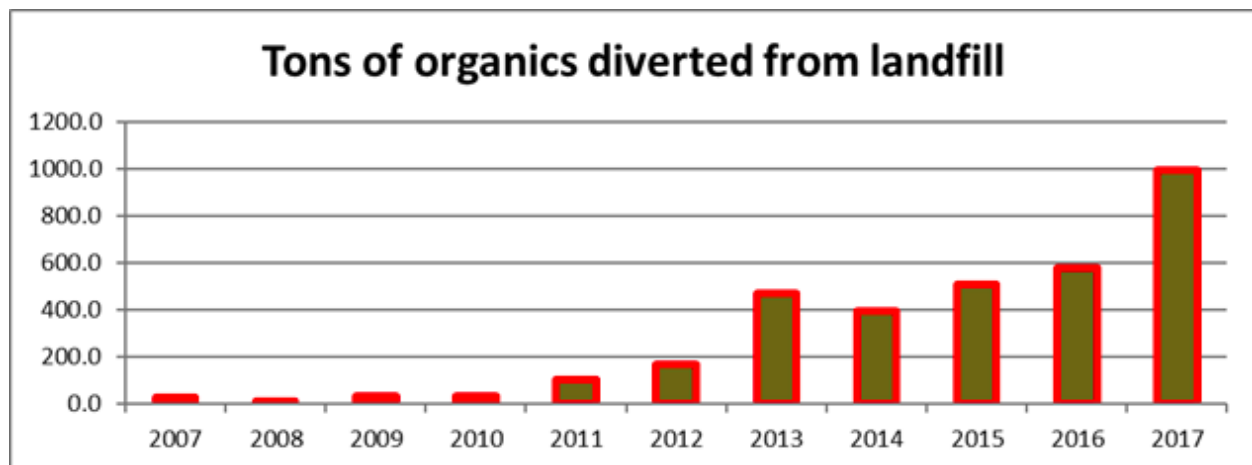
We have had yard waste collection at the curb for many years, and in 2017, added food waste to this pickup program. This “organics” curbside collection is available to anyone living in single-family homes up to 4-plex apartment buildings (in total: 16,125 households). These customers also have trash and recycling pickup service provided by the City of Iowa City. More on organics here: <https://www8.iowa-city.org/WebLink/0/edoc/1859261/2019%20Organics%20Brochure.pdf>

How does Iowa City finance the compostable waste pickup program?

- We have included a \$2 line item on the monthly utility bill for each curbside customer. This continuous revenue allows for maintenance and upkeep of the program, in addition to, purchases for curbside organics carts for customers.

How long has the program been running, and what sort of data do you have to show the effectiveness of the program?

- The pickup program that includes food waste has been going since ~March 2017.
- In 2017, we saw an increase in organics diverted. See chart below.



- The distribution of organics carts has made a big impact in tonnage diverted at the curb. From fiscal year 18 to fiscal year 19, we saw a 72% increase in organics tonnage diverted at the curb.