Beyond the Master Composter Course: Expanded Training through an Apprenticeship Program

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Overview

• NYC Compost Project Hosted by Earth Matter
  – Staff
  – Compost Learning Center
  – Zero Waste Events on Governors Island

• Apprenticeship Program with the NYC Compost Project Hosted by Earth Matter
  – Program Overview
  – Topics Covered
  – Training Opportunities
NYC Compost Project
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Compost Learning Center

- Process approximately 50,000 lbs of food scraps/month
- Compost Demonstration
  - Backyard Composting
  - Aerated Static Piles
  - Manure Composting
  - Bokashi/Fermented Food Waste
- Volunteer Workdays
- Community Compost Builds
- Weekend Open Hours
- Care for animals
  - Chickens
  - Goats
  - Rabbit
Zero Waste Island
Zero Waste Events
Apprenticeship Program

- 6 months, 2 days/week, 140 hours
- 2 cycles per year
- Hands-on experiential learning
- Train-the-trainer course
- In-depth training, building on the MC Course content
- Benefits to apprentice and staff
Apprenticeship Program

Training Topics Include:
• Carpentry
• Tool Maintenance
• Soil Food Web
• ASP Systems
• Windrows
• Bulk Density & Porosity Tests
• Compost & Soil Testing
• Bokashi & Fermented Food Waste
Apprenticeship Program

As part of their training, apprentices build, monitor, and maintain a compost pile from start to finish.
Train-the-Trainer Opportunities

There are a wide range of opportunities for apprentices to practice teaching others:
• Tabling
• Leading Tours
• Zero Waste Events
• Leading Volunteer Workdays
• Teaching Workshops
Thank you!

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