

NEIGHBORHOOD BY NEIGHBORHOOD.

CALIFORNIANS ARE FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE BY RECYCLING THEIR FOOD SCRAPS AT COMMUNITY GARDENS AND SMALL-SCALE COMPOSTING SITES LIKE THIS ONE IN SAN DIEGO.

**Sarah Boltwala-Mesina, Food2Soil “This was all onion peels and citrus peels and eggshells.”**

**Desiree Tuttle, Community Roots Farm “what would otherwise go into a landfill, we’re able to turn into beautiful soil that helps regenerate our land and grow food for our community ”**

WITH \$1.5 MILLION DOLLARS IN SUPPORT FROM CALRECYCLE’S COMMUNITY COMPOSTING FOR GREEN SPACES GRANT PROGRAM, PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS:

- ADDED 117 NEW NEIGHBORHOOD COMPOSTING SITES
- PLANTED NEARLY 600 TREES TO PROVIDE SHADE AND GROW FOOD IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.
- AND KEPT 5,500 TONS OF FOOD AND YARD WASTE FROM CREATING METHANE IN LANDFILLS - CUTTING CLIMATE POLLUTION EQUAL TO TAKING OVER 500 CARS OFF THE ROAD

**Bianca Bonilla, Botanical Community Development Initiatives “So we’re also healing our environment.”**

MANY MORE SITES ARE EXPECTED IN THE COMING YEARS WITH \$4.7 MILLION DOLLARS IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR NEIGHBORHOOD COMPOSTERS.

**Frank Buncom IV, S&S Friendly Ranch “I want to do the best I can to take those nutrients and put them back into the soil, here.**

THE BENEFITS DON’T STOP THERE

**Sarah Boltwala-Mesina, Food2Soil “We can replenish the soil and we can build community around it, just like you see in this garden.”**

**Kourtnii Brown, California Alliance for Community Composting “When an individual is able to see their banana peel turned back into a compost, they see how it completes the cycle on a more sustainable food system.**

**Desiree Tuttle, Community Roots Farm “they leave feeling really hopeful”**

AS THE NEXT ROUND OF COMMUNITY COMPOSTING GRANTS ROLL OUT TO MORE COMMUNITIES AND TRIBES, CALIFORNIA IS BUILDING NEW INFRASTRUCTURE AND MODELING NEW PATHWAYS FOR THE STATE’S WASTE-FREE FUTURE.

**Desiree Tuttle, Community Roots Farm “Anybody can compost. Everybody should compost.**

**Kourtnii Brown, California Alliance for Community Composting “It is easy, it is impactful, and it’s a way that you - as an individual - can feel connected to being part of the solution.**