



Village of Lake Placid Climate Smart Communities

PE5: Residential Organics Waste Program

Points Requested: 4 for establish a food waste drop-off program

The Village of Lake Placid partners with [Placid Earth](#), a student-run organic waste recycling organization to provide a food waste drop-off program for local residents, businesses and the Lake Placid Central School District. Placid Earth is run and operated by students in the Lake Placid School District, and consists of an in-vessel drum composter capable of processing 200 lbs of source separated organic waste each day. As of June 17, 2022, Placid Earth has diverted [29,254 lbs of food waste from landfills](#).

The Village of Lake Placid contributes to Placid Earth by maintaining the electrical infrastructure at no cost. When the drum composter system was initially installed in 2019, the Village Electric Department upgraded electrical service to the site, as well as installed wiring to the unit, lighting, and a heat source, all at no cost to Placid Earth. This represents one of the major ways that the Village of Lake Placid partners with and supports student-led climate initiatives within the Village.

Photos:





Photo 1: Location of Placid Earth, 61 Cummings Road, Lake Placid



Photo 2: Components of the drum composter system





Photo 3: Electric meter installed by the Village of Lake Placid



Photo 4: Larger photo of meter installed by the Village of Lake Placid



Photo 5: Electrical components installed by the Village of Lake Placid



Photo 6: Breaker box installed by the Village of Lake Placid