



Zero Waste Vashon (ZWV) is a non-profit organization and is 100% volunteer driven. Our goal is to inspire the Vashon and Maury Island communities to "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rethink." by turning waste into resources.

Come Celebrate our 10th Anniversary

Zero Waste Vashon (ZWV) is celebrating its 10 year anniversary this year! We invite you to join us at Dig Deep Gardens Saturday June 15, 2024 from 5 PM to 9 PM. Come celebrate our successes and rock the night away with *Rumor Has It*, playing from 6-8 PM.

Join us to meet with the volunteers, friends, and collaborators that make it happen. Learn about exciting future plans and bring your great ideas. There will be complementary light appetizers along with Iyad's Syrian Food Truck for food purchases and the Octopus cash bar.



Zero Waste Vashon Timeline – 2024 10 years of Zero Waste Successes

2014 –

- ZWV incorporates as a non-profit with 501-c-3 status.
- Start partnering with KCSWD, attending weekly meetings
- First brochure focused on the problem of waste leaving Vashon
- First booth at the Strawberry Festival.
- Basic tests of biochar in potted soil
- Advocate for yard waste collection at the transfer station.
- Start Trash Talk spot in the Loop
- Vashon Tons Recycled (VTR) = 1,098 T

2015 –

- Start of yard waste pilot program at the transfer station, a first for the county.
- Meet with Waste Connections to advocate for residential recycling pickup (blue bin)
- Start the 3 yr. Waste to Garden (W2G) research project on the benefits of compost and biochar to unimproved native soil
- Recycling compactor system started at transfer station to simplify recycling
- Extensive research into compost facility operations, site visits started
- Continue with Trash Talk
- Vashon Tons Recycled (VTR) = 1,456 T

2016 –

- Continue to meet with Waste Connections and advocate for residential recycling collection
- Start of the Yard Waste pilot program at the transfer station. Food waste collected at 2 churches.
- Bio-char lecture at VCA followed by Norm Baker demonstration
- Composting workshops and Case for Community Compost presentation at Land Trust
- Creating Healthy Soils on Vashon lecture by Stephen Bramwell
- Extensive research into compost facility operations, site visits continued. Studies on anaerobic digestion and bokashi composting inaugurated
- Continue with Trash Talk
- Established the Jerry Henley Scholarship fund
- Provided Chatauqua garden grant and assistance with establishing garden beds
- School lectures presented at Chatauqua and McMurray.
- Yard Waste pilot has great success, exceeding expectations
- VMLT Big Sky event partner to assist in making it a zero waste event
- Trash Talk continued
- Vashon Tons Recycled (VTR) = 2,060 T, Yard Waste pilot exceeds projections

2017 –

- First Jerry Henley scholarships awarded
- GreenTech Movie Nights (Dirt! And Trashed)
- Community Meeting
- David Yarrow presentation and biochar demo
- Advocate for bills to improve plastics recycling in WA state
- Residential recycling (blue bin) starts in October
- VMLT Big Sky event partner
- Extensive research into compost facility operations, site visits continue. Meet with Steve Diddy (ECS)
- Continue with Trash Talk
- Vashon Tons Recycled (VTR) = 2,302 T, Yard Waste = 802T

2018 –

- W2G project completed with excellent results reported and hundreds of pound of produce annually donated to the Food Bank
- GreenTech Movie Night (Racing to Zero)
- Vashon Fix-It Café partner
- VMLT Big Sky event partner
- First Electronics Recycling Event – volume exceeding expectations with estimated 7 tons collected
- Reduce Single Use campaign – BYO cup
- Work with school Green Team
- Business Waste survey started
- Strawberry Festival waste collection to characterize volume and recyclables
- Work with Impact Bioenergy on AD project
- Vashon Tons Recycled (VTR) = 2,186 T, Yard Waste = 852 T
- China implements National Sword program to cease imported plastics recycling there
- Extensive research into compost facility operations, site visits continue
- Continue with Trash Talk
- Website revised and overhauled. "What do I do with? guide added.

2019 –

- GreenTech movie nights (Plastic China & Symphony of the Soil)

- Annie Crowley presentation at VCA and assemblies at Chautauqua and McMurray
- Bring Your Own Mug campaign
- Chautauqua Green Team's Earth Day support
- Vashon Fix-It Café partner
- VMLT Big Sky event partner
- Green Event dishware kit assembled
- Electronics Recycling event, collect over 7 tons for recycling
- Vashon Tons Recycled (VTR) = 2,336 T, Yard Waste 1,051 T
- New brochure created noting progress made and future plans
- RFI submitted to KCSWD for compost facility feasibility study, HDR selected for the project.
- Support for Nadine Edelstein's Styrofoam Recycling program

2020 –

- KCSWD Feasibility Study for a compost facility starts with ZWV on review committee
- Gather feedstock data for above study
- Vashon Fix-It Café partner
- Support for Styrofoam Recycle program continuing with Covid protocols
- VMLT Big Sky event partner
- Electronics Recycling event held with Covid protocols
- ZWV board attends ZW Waste Summit and Hackathon, National ZW conference
- Profiles in Composting videos created showing diverse methods for home composting
- Vashon Tons Recycled (VTR) = 2,404 T, Yard Waste = 1,134T

2021 –

- Island-wide beach cleanup with an in-depth analysis of collection in the EPA Escaped Trash Assessment Protocol (ETAP) at Portage Beach on Quartermaster Harbor
- Electronics Recycle Event diverts 5 tons from the landfill
- Two Jerry Henley Scholarships awarded
- Assist with Food Bank garden compost bin setup
- Public Recycling Stations inaugurated at Ober Park and the Village Green
- Styrofoam recycling program brought under ZWV sponsorship
- Feasibility study completed for putting a compost facility conducted by HDR. The study confirmed that it makes sense both from a cost and greenhouse gas perspective to establish a community compost facility on Vashon.
- Meet with Waste Connections to discuss 3d bin for residential organics pickup
- Vashon Fix-It Café partner
- VMLT Big Sky event partner
- Electronics Recycling Event diverts ~4 tons from landfill
- Vashon Tons Recycled (VTR) = 2,395 T, Yard Waste = 1,197 T

2022 –

- Styrofoam recycling program collects styrofoam and plastics for recycling. The final tally on closure in July 2023 was over 95 tons of plastic and 5300 cu yds. of Styrofoam.
- ZWV partners with KCSWD on a community survey regarding compost facility and residential organics collection (3d bin). Results show strong community support.
- Compost facility siting meeting with KCSWD
- Meet with contractors, architects, and zoom meets regarding a ReUse facility. Submit RFI for space at Mukai Barreling plant
- Choose Plastics Free campaign begins
- Compostables committee formed to explore alternative serveware for events and local businesses
- Support Ridwell program for recyclables
- Vashon Fix-It Café partner VMLT Big Sky event partner
- Electronics Recycling event
- Vashon Tons Recycled (VTR) = 2,312 T, Yard Waste = 1,186 T

2023 –

- ZWV review of Engineering study for compost facility. Advocate for

compost facility funding. KC Council votes to approve funding in November for compost facility and transfer station modifications to support commercial off-load of yard waste.

- Hand off Styrofoam recycling to Ridwell.
- Water refill stations organized for Strawberry Festival
- Vashon Fix-It Café partner
- VMLT Big Sky event partner
- Electronics Recycling event over 5 tons collected

2024 –

- Choose Plastic Free presents We Are All Plastic People Now
 - GreenTech movie nights (Planet Soil)
 - Electronics Recycling event
 - Recyclable cups for the Strawberry Festival beer garden
 - Committee formed to explore the potential of a ReUse facility on island.
- Visiting successful operations in Seattle and the Puget Sound region. Seeking a good location to start operation.
- Vashon Fix-It Café partner
 - VMLT Big Sky event partner
 - ZWV Community meeting (fall 2024)

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If you are interested in volunteering, getting involved, donating to ZWV, or simply have a question, let us know - we are here to help!



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