

Cambridge Table to Farm Composting Petition Fact Sheet

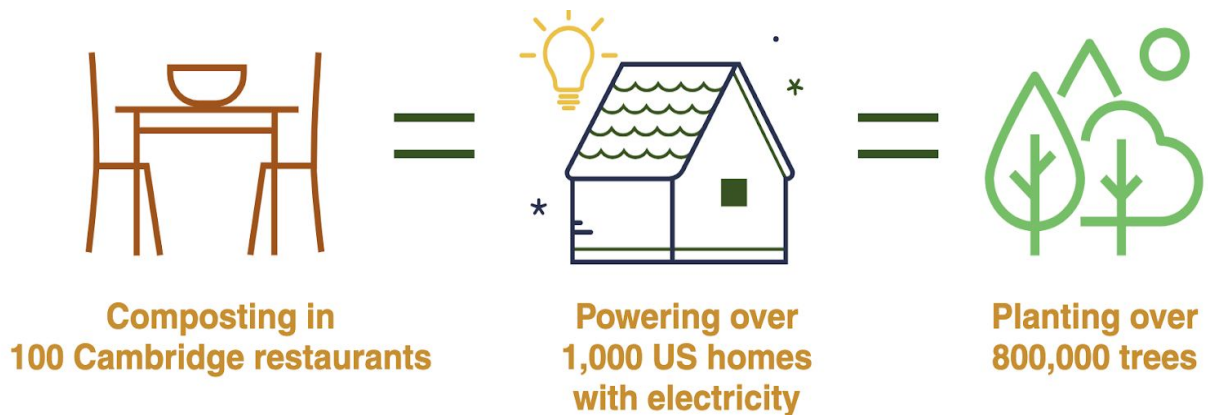
What We're Proposing:

- Launch an opt-in, commercial composting program for 100 restaurants and small businesses to support the local economy and enable sustainable business practices
- Fund a budget of \$300,000 - \$500,000 (roughly 10% of the existing DPW Trash/Recycling budget) complete with totes and educational material
- Prioritize supporting local, women-, and minority-owned restaurants and local pick-up/hauling services to support Cambridge's economy equitably

Why? Environmental Impact

Diverting food waste from landfills has been ranked as the #1 way to make an impact on climate change according to a leading consortium of scientists at [Project Drawdown](#).

From our research:



**Helping 100, mid-sized, sit-down restaurants in Cambridge compost their food waste will
save the environment roughly 5,300 tons of CO2 equivalent emissions per year**

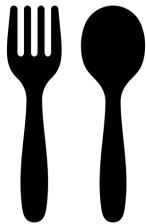


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Why? Support Small Businesses in Cambridge Today and Tomorrow

- Restaurants that do not compost will avoid MassDEP food waste fines, set to be as high as \$25,000 per violation starting in October 2021.
- Restaurants could substantially save money by renegotiating trash contracts for less waste. This will be particularly important over the next decade, as MA landfills reach capacity and trash prices increase.
- Restaurants already composting will save between \$1,000 to \$10,000 as they will no longer need to pay for a composting service.

Who's in Support?



31 Restaurants



| 313 People



| 14 Organizations

**Everyday Citizens, Cambridge Restaurants & the Business Community,
Environmental Advocates**

