

Press Release:

10th Annual Rich Earth Summit: A Golden Opportunity to Learn About Urine Recycling Around the World

November 12-14, 2024 | Hybrid: Virtual & Potash Hill, Marlboro, VT

The Rich Earth Summit is a global event dedicated to advancing urine reclamation to create sustainable and just nutrient cycles. The 2024 Rich Earth Summit marks the 10th annual gathering on this topic, organized by [Rich Earth Institute](#).

Urine, rich in essential plant nutrients, can be reclaimed as a sustainable fertilizer while preventing nutrient pollution in watersheds. This process, known as “peecycling,” can be a vital strategy for both nutrient management and sustainable sanitation solutions. The Summit brings together over 250 researchers, practitioners, and advocates from 30 countries around the world to share knowledge, showcase innovative projects, and foster new collaborations.

The 2024 Summit will be a hybrid event, allowing participants to attend both in-person in Marlboro, Vermont, and virtually via Zoom. The virtual format enables presenters to join from around the world, with speakers hailing from countries including France, Nigeria, United Arab Emirates, Bolivia, and many more. The in-person Summit component, hosted in Marlboro, Vermont, will feature a urine recycling mobile unit created by the Burlington-based portable toilet company Wasted* and an Open House on November 13 at the Research Center of the Rich Earth Institute and their spin-off company, Brightwater Tools.

The Summit will include introductory sessions for those new to the topic as well as advanced presentations on cutting-edge research and practical implementation projects. An interactive session will focus on co-designed principles for equity in urine reclamation and strategies for scaling urine diversion systems while breakout sessions will enable attendees to connect on topics of their choosing.

Sarah Nahar, M.Div, Syracuse University, will present the Summit Keynote: “To Have Excretory Justice, We Have to Deal With Our Crap.” Additional 2024 Summit panel topics will include climate resilient systems and sanitation justice; urine fertilizer applications in agriculture; navigating policy pathways; knowledge-sharing strategies and collective action initiatives; and virtual tours of urine recycling facilities.

The Summit will close with the ceremonial announcement of the "Golden Funnel Award," presented each year by the Rich Earth Institute to an individual making fertile contributions to the field of urine reclamation.

About Rich Earth Institute: Since 2012, the Rich Earth Institute has been a leader in promoting the practice of peecycling, advocating for regional nutrient sovereignty and climate-resilient sanitation. The Institute operates the first and largest community-scale urine

recycling program in the United States, contributing to a growing global movement for circular sanitation systems.

The Rich Earth Summit is made possible by the generous support of its sponsors, Wasted*, Brightwater Tools, and Kula Cloth.

Registration for the Rich Earth Summit is now open, with ticket options for virtual and in-person participation. Tickets are sold on a pay-what-you-can basis to ensure the Summit is accessible to all. The Open House on Wednesday, Nov 13 is free and open to the public. For more information and to register, visit www.richearthsummit.org.

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