11th Rich Earth Summit for Urine Diversion on Cape Cod



Exploring urine diversion as a cost-effective way to prevent nutrient water pollution while contributing to sustainable agriculture, water conservation, and climate resilient infrastructure.

October 15-16

Co-hosted at: Massachusetts Alternative Septic System Test Center & The Green Center



Join the Rich Earth Summit for two immersive days of learning, discovery, and collaboration. Explore regulatory pathways and municipal planning processes. Engage in workshops, exhibits and tours highlighting urine diversion and composting systems in action—from homes and gardens to farms and community projects. The Rich Earth Institute is delighted to partner with both the Massachusetts Alternative Septic System Test Center (MASSTC) and The Green Center to offer two diverse days of programming.

Day 1 – Planning Pathways for Urine Diversion

Wednesday, October 15, 9-5 ET at MASSTC, Sandwich, MA

Explore technology options, costs, regulatory pathways, and updates from Cape Cod pilot projects. A featured panel discussion moderated by Scott Horsley will consider urine diversion as a tool in the toolbox of wastewater nutrient pollution prevention options. Afternoon tours will showcase advanced Innovative Alternative (I/A) septic systems and innovative urine recycling technologies.

Day 2 – Fertilizing the Grassroots: Urine Diversion in Practice

Thursday, October 16, 8–6 ET at The Green Center, East Falmouth, MA

Gain practical knowledge about urine diversion and recycling through presentations, demonstrations, tours and workshops. A toilet exhibit will feature a wide range of urine diverting and compost toilets, as well as installation experts. Connect with neighbors and national leaders while exploring strategies for ecological toilet systems.

Thank you to our Summit Sponsors:





250 Participants,30 Countries at the2024 Summit

The online component of the Rich Earth Summit will be held on November 12-14 with participants from around the world.

Day 1: October 15 at MASSTC



9:20 - 10:20 Tools in the Toolbox: Urine Diversion and Beyond



Abe Noe-HaysRich Earth Institute Research Director & Co-founder; Brightwater Tools CTO

10:20 - 11:20 Nutrient Management Options & Costs: Panel Discussion



Scott HorsleyHorsley Consulting



Lynn Broaddus
Water Environment Federation
President Emeritus, Broadview
Collaborative



Brian BaumgaertelDirector of MASSTC



Bruce Walton
NEWEA I/A Onsite
Wastewater Treatment
Systems Task Force Chair



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11:20 - 11:50 Regulatory Pathways for Urine Recycling in Massachusetts



Conor LallyNutrient Networks, Urine
Diversion Regulatory Consultant



Mathew Lippincott University of Michigan, Urine Diversion Regulatory Consultant

11:50 - 12:30 Falmouth pilot project update & potential future role of urine diversion in watershed plans



Bryan HorsleyMASSTC Project Assistant, Falmouth Pilot Project Planning

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch provided by Fresh Roll Food Truck

1:30 - 1:50 Unlocking EcoSan Tools for Affordable Housing



Talitha AbramsenHousing Resources Manager of Lower Cape Housing and ADU Resource Center

1:50 - 2:30 Toilet Talks



Wasted* Toilets & Services Benson Colella Wasted* Engineer



NASA-Inspired Technology to Disrupt Sanitation Diana Yousef Founder, CEO change:WATER Labs



Experiences with UD Installation,
Operation & Maintenance
Arthur Davis
Operations Director, Rich Earth
Institute

2:30 - 4:30 Rotating Tours of MASSTC and Partner Urine Diversion Technologies



- Vacuum flush composting system & waterless urinal installation
- Innovative/Alternative (I/A) septic systems
- Greywater recycling system

- Wasted* Toilet Tour
- Brightwater Tools mobile unit of urine treatment technologies



Day 2: October 16 at The Green Center

8:00 Arrive & Sign-in

8:40 - 9:20 The History of New Alchemy, the Green Center and Urine Diversion

9:20 - 10:50 Peecycling: Home-scale and Community-scale

Hilda Maingay and Earle Barnhart

The Green Center ("Cape Cod's 'power couple of pee-cycling" ~ WBUR)

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10:00 - 12:30 **Toilet Installation Tours**

Guided by toilet installation experts, these tours will feature toilets at the Green Center and a neighboring home.

Toilet Exhibits

Featured toilets will include: Nature Loo, Full Circle, Separette, Toilets for People 'Sit to Pee' toilet, Thinktank, The Green Center's P-POD, Cinderella, Changewater Labs; Toilet Installers: Ben's Bins, Point of Shift, Nutrient Networks



Ben's Bins





Point of Shift







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Toilets for People change: WATER Labs Brightwater Tools CEO

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch provided by Devour Catering

1:30 - 2:00 Room A: Seeing the Invisible: Educating About Water, Waste, and Nutrient Cycles

Nutrient Networks

Room B: Unlocking Regulatory Pathways to Scaling Urine Recycling



Room B: Network-building and Planning for Urine Diversion

Topics include:

3:30 - 4:50

- Communications & outreach
- Affordable housing & pilots

Watershed planning

Urine Fertilizer in Gardens & Farms

25 Years of Gardening with Human Waste Fertilizers - Hilda Maingay and Earle Barnhart Rich Earth Institute Farm & Garden Guides - Tatiana Schreiber Bringing Wasted*'s urine derived products to market, wins and challenges - Wasted* Using diverted human urine to build long-term soil health - John Culpepper From Yellow to Blue: Exploring Indigo Cultivation and Fermentation with Liquid Gold - Rosi Olivan

5:10 - 5:30 Tour of The Green Center's large residential gardens fertilized with urine, composted solid waste, kitchen and landscape wastes

Hilda Maingay and Earle Barnhart

5:30 - 6:00 Tour of the Coonamessett Farm's EcoDrum (In-vessel Composter)



Hayley Joyell Smith Warren Wilson College, PHLUSH



Lesli Hoey Urban & Regional Planning, University of Michigan



FlushED Team: Martha Merson, Nickolay Hristov, Betsy Towns, Shawn Shafner, Jolie Gutentag TERC, UNC School of the Arts, The POOP Project, Pepperdine University



Tatiana Schreiber Social Research Director, Wasted* Chief of Staff Rich Earth Institute



Rachel Binstock



Rosi Olivan The Putney School, iteguiya lab



John Culpepper Compost for Good

Banquet at Coonamessett Farm: Harvests of the Rich Earth Summit

The Summit will culminate in a community meal to keep the conversations flowing and spark new collaborations. The evening will be emceed by Shawn Shafner, artist, educator and activist of The People's Own Organic Power Project. Together, we'll engage in creative explorations of the futures we hope to cultivate for the waterways and farms that sustain us. The evening will be hosted in Coonamessett Farm's beautiful venue space, just next door to the Green Center.



