

## Re: Earthbound Environmental Solutions, LLC Receives Wisconsin Recycling Excellence Award

Earthbound Environmental Solutions, LLC is pleased to announce recently receiving a state wide recognition for the company's landfill diversion practices. Earthbound had the honor to compete with other Wisconsin based businesses and organizations to be one of nine that received recognition in October 2016.

According to the WI DNR, The Recycling Excellence Awards "celebrate the outstanding recycling efforts, innovation, and performance of communities and organizations, both small and large, throughout Wisconsin."



Principal owner Zacharious Pappas remarked "We believe this recognition demonstrates the real need out there for young entrepreneurs to look to multidimensional business models and develop business ecosystems that create real, future focused progressive systems change. Earthbound's model provides practical environmental services that create real and immediate impacts, provides job training and creates meaningful employment opportunities for people with disabilities right here in our community as a matter of regular practice. We believe both of these examples illustrate that Earthbound is mission driven and a company that looks to enhance the human experience and the experience of the organisms and environments that exist here locally."

Earthbound's offering of a number of dynamic and innovative organics recycling services supports a curbside waste management program that begins with hauling material collected by subscribers in a Earthbound plant based compostable bag and ends with finish compost being provided back to Earthbound subscribers and to the community through community development efforts.

Jamie Pappas, Principal owner, commented on the recognition received, stating "food waste diversion programs are on the rise with more energy being focused on how to implement these programs in communities. Residents and businesses are paying more attention to the waste they generate and how it's handled both pre and post consumer. Recognizing your place on Earth and how you impact your community and environment has recently become a strategic focus area for the private sector and we believe it is a fundamental component to a healthy community and business community."

### **More about Earthbound Environmental Solutions, LLC:**

Earthbound has developed a regional system where residents and businesses can chose a wide range of environmental services, including routine collection of organic material (food waste, compostable paper, etc), traditional recycling, and garbage. Other services include zero waste coordination, cost share programs for purchasing compostable products, and free community educational services. By providing these services, residents and businesses now have the option of diverting material that would otherwise end up in our local landfill. Earthbound also operates a compost facility in Western Wisconsin, where all of the organic material is processed and turned into compost. This finished product is then provided back to the community and the subscribers of the program as part of Earthbound's commitment to combat food insecurity and food access.

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