

The urban farm at Volkstuin currently produces food for the onsite restaurant, with produce being sold to customers and surplus donated to some of our food insecure residents. With the creation of the composting program, much needed compost will provide a great dollar savings so that outside compost doesn't need to be purchased and we can produce more local food. With a newly constructed 3-bin system, the use of your generous grant will provide us with the tools we need to scale the system up to allow the intake from surrounding neighbors to increase from 3 to 20 participants.

To help process the food and yard trimmings into compost, starting next semester, the Volkstuin group will be using the help of high school students from South Cobb High School who are in the Environmental Club and needing volunteer hours to matriculate. In December, with the use of your grant, we will buy all the tools needed to get this community composter up and running (please see budget below). With 20 weekly food scrap donors all using 5-lb. buckets, that is a rough estimate of 40,000 lbs. of wasted food being diverted from the landfill every year and redirected into creating a third of that weight into compost for the farm.

Expected impact: Reduction in costs for purchase of compost, GHG emission reductions from organic waste landfill diversion, teaching the next generation about the importance of resource recycling.

Pricing	Volkstuin Compost: Waste Free Austell Budget
\$300	(2) banner signs on each side of container
\$150	Graphics Designer for Banners
\$46	Finished compost sifter 1/4"
\$5	Water Can
\$50	Step Stool
\$100	Printing for Marketing
\$408	(3) 96-gallon cart
\$250	(50) 5-gallon buckets
\$60	Bucket stickers
\$100	Bucket liners
\$30	Tarp
\$10	Pitchfork
\$100	Geobin Composter for Farm
\$10	Latch built on carts
\$25	Locks
\$100	(3) Metal Signs
	Eclosure for carts
\$500	Education Website Design
\$150	Taxes, Shipping, Excess Not Seen \$\$
\$2,394	