

## DID YOU KNOW?

### COMPOSTING:

Adds valuable nutrients to soil

Allows a 'recycling' of organic materials

Lowers greenhouse gas emissions

Breaks down quickly

### NEARLY 40% OF ALL FOOD

is wasted!  
(sent to the landfill)

WASTE DIVERSION FOR  
CU BOULDER AND CSU ARE  
**WELL OVER 40%**

**THE AURARIA  
CAMPUS WASTE  
DIVERSION RATE  
IS ONLY 18%!**



## S.A.C.A.B

The Student Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board (SACAB) is a collection of six elected students, two from each institution, who work towards common goals that can benefit the whole campus. If you would like to learn more please contact: [sacab@ahec.edu](mailto:sacab@ahec.edu).

## the ASCP

The Auraria Sustainable Campus Program (ASCP) was created in 2004 when students voted on a referendum to institute a \$1 "Clean Energy Fee". Since then it has grown to several full time and part time student staff that focus on implementing sustainable initiatives for the benefit of all three institutions. The ASCP recently funded the library solar project which is now the largest solar array in the downtown area.

If you would like to learn more about the ASCP and campus sustainability, please visit: [www.sustainableauraria.org](http://www.sustainableauraria.org)



# COMPOST EXPANSION REFERENDUM

Let's work together to  
reduce our waste on the  
Auraria Campus!

### What is 'waste diversion'?

Waste Diversion is the amount of waste diverted from a landfill. For decades we have shipped our material waste to landfills where it sits, potentially for hundreds to thousands of years. Instead, we believe that we should promote waste diversion efforts such as recycling and composting.

### What is a referendum?

A referendum occurs when a question is brought to the student body for a vote.

### What does the referendum ask?

The Compost Expansion Referendum is a question about raising the Auraria Campus Sustainability fee **an additional \$3 per person for campus-wide composting services.**

Increasing the fee provides the additional funding to invest in the infrastructure (bins, compostable bags) and services (hauling, pest control, signage updates, staffing) to bring compost campus wide.

### Who created the referendum?

The tri-institutional Students for Sustainability Club created the referendum with expertise and assistance provided by the Auraria Sustainable Campus Program.

### Why was the referendum introduced?

We (the students) believe that increasing compost infrastructure and collection is a necessary step towards reducing our environmental impact.

**VOTE:**  
**APRIL 20**  
through  
**APRIL 26**

**Voting on this referendum is available to current students and will take place online & on campus**



**Don't want to wait until April to make an impact on campus?  
Volunteer with the ASCP!**

**Over 2,000 student signatures were collected in support of bringing this to a vote!**

## **REFERENDUM LANGUAGE**

"Shall the students of the Auraria Campus (the Community College of Denver, Metropolitan State University of Denver, and University of Colorado Denver at the Downtown Denver Auraria Campus) authorize the Board of directors of the Auraria Higher Education Center to assess each institution a student fee increase of \$3 per student, per semester, for an expansion of the current Auraria Sustainable Campus Program's fee of \$5.58 to primarily fund the addition of composting services and the enhancement, and ongoing maintenance of waste diversion among campus buildings and exterior spaces. The new total ASCP fee amount of \$8.58 per student, per semester, would take effect beginning in the fall of 2020. The fee may be adjusted each year thereafter for inflation by the Auraria Board of Directors without a student referendum. The inflation rate shall be defined as the rate of change in the consumer price index for urban wage earners for the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood area as reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics."