

Waste Infrastructure Successes | FY25

Hatcher & Shapiro Libraries

ACTION

- Piloted 17 new compost bins in study areas of Hatcher and Shapiro libraries and monitored for use.
- Kept the 9 most-used bins and conducted engagement and education to further improve use.

KEY PARTNERS

- Custodial Services
- Library Facilities
- Zero Waste Week planners

RESULT

40% INCREASE IN COMPOST COLLECTION



Preparing to set up pilot compost bin placements on the third floor of Shapiro Library. This is a popular study space for students, generating a lot of food waste.



During U-M's Zero Waste Week in February 2025, OCS student interns Noah Volin and Lindsay Gooch engaged with visitors about the new compost bins available in Shapiro Library.

Ingalls Mall

ACTION

- Supported waste reduction at 4 high-profile commencement receptions and 12 nights of Ann Arbor Summer Festival.

KEY PARTNERS

- Ground Services
- Office of University Development
- Michigan Dining
- Ann Arbor Summer Festival

RESULT

47% INCREASE IN DIVERSION RATE



Zero waste event efforts during commencement and Ann Arbor Summer Festival in 2025 diverted 1,200+ lbs of waste from landfill!

Perry Building

ACTION

- Added 2 compost bins in staff breakrooms and supported over 12 zero waste events.
- Green Team identified compost bin opportunities and supported building zero waste events.
- Green Team monitored bins and made reusable containers available to encourage staff to take home leftovers, avoiding food waste.

RESULT

28% INCREASE IN
DIVERSION RATE



Ann Vernier holding a compost collection box for a zero waste event hosted by Survey Research Operations in the Perry Building. Ann is part of the SRO Green Team that regularly supports zero waste events.

Survey Research Operations Director, Stephanie Chardoul, greatly values the efforts of the Green Team:

"We all work really hard in Survey Research Operations. It's great to have colleagues who remind us to step back and apply mindfulness to our actions around composting and recycling and reducing our impact within the small environment that we can control. I love that composting and re-using are now just part of SRO's normal behavior!"

Walgreen Drama Center

ACTION

- Added 6 new compost bins, mostly near student studios.
- Removed non-standard bins on the first floor.

KEY PARTNERS

- A very enthusiastic facilities team
- Custodial Services
- Faculty champion

RESULT

380% INCREASE IN
COMPOST COLLECTION

Duderstadt Center

ACTION

- Worked with the Facility Manager to address bin capacity issues, optimizing placement of bins in the central circulation areas.

RESULT

24% INCREASE IN
DIVERSION RATE