



A Composting Cooperative

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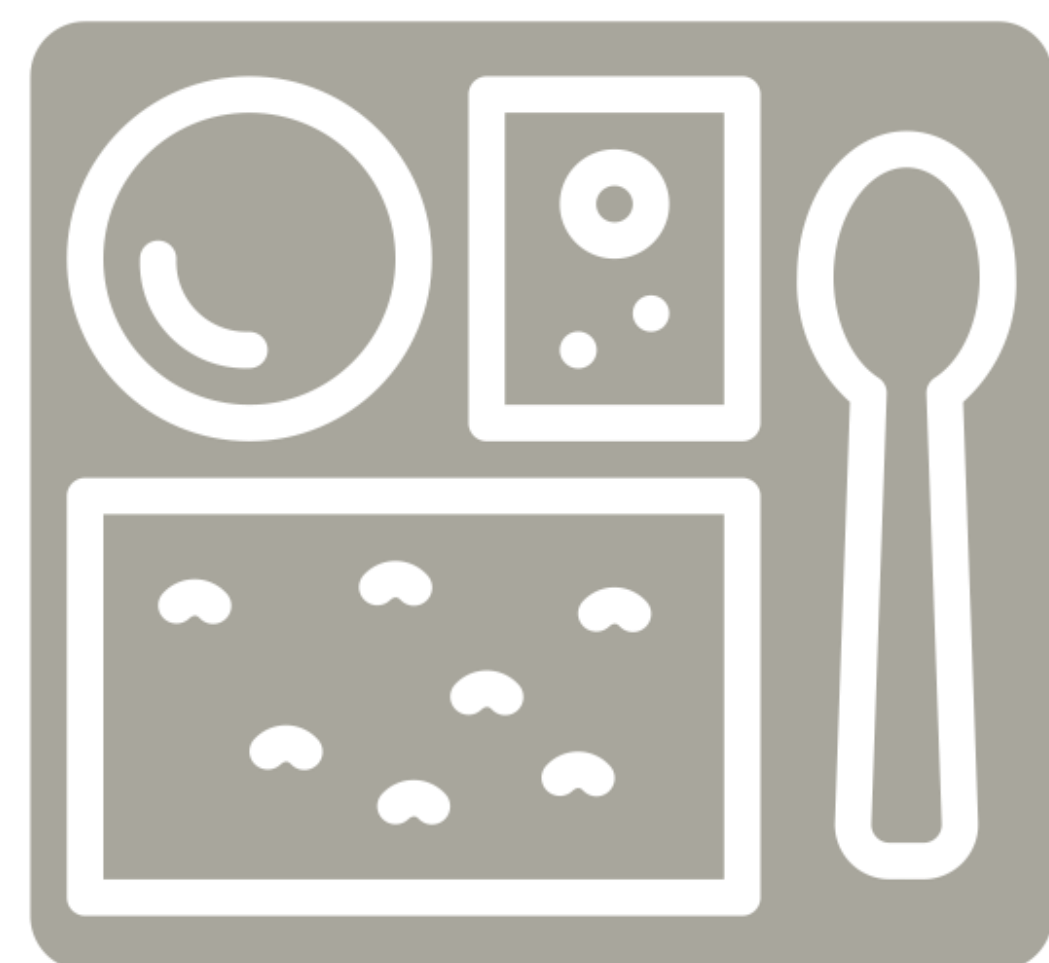
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Introduction

Co-op Dayton is a non-profit organization that supports the development of cooperatives in the Dayton region, with a strong interest in sustainability. In partnership with the ETHOS and Fitz Center, Carter Spires has been working with Co-op Dayton since 2018 on “green cooperatives,” with composting becoming priority due to interest and lack of infrastructure in the region. This led to combining efforts with the compost company, GoZERO, to create a cooperative social enterprise.

Component 1: Composting Enterprise



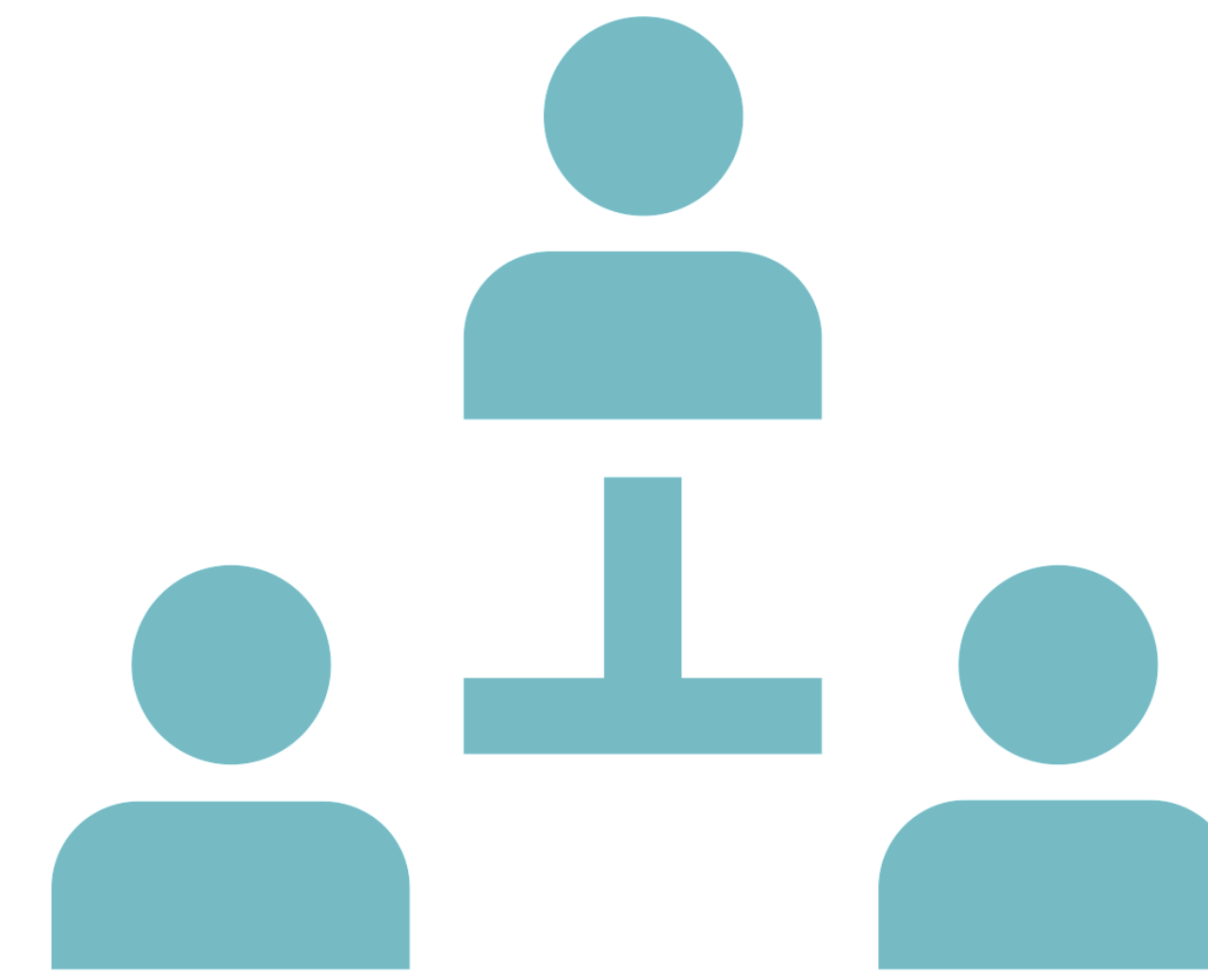
- Partner with local businesses and residents to improve our waste stream



- Create a community-centered commercial composting facility turning waste to compost
- Add local, sustainable jobs to the region

Component 2: Cooperative Model

Workers



- Access to high quality jobs and fair pay
- Build wealth in the business
- Learn about business finance and operations
- Develop leadership skills

Community/Businesses



- Retain businesses and quality jobs
- Circulate dollars locally
- Develop more civic leaders
- Higher rates of employee retention
- Greater longevity

Summary



Co-op Dayton and GoZERO have partnered to explore a compost cooperative model for the Dayton region, improving our environment while creating more empowering local jobs.