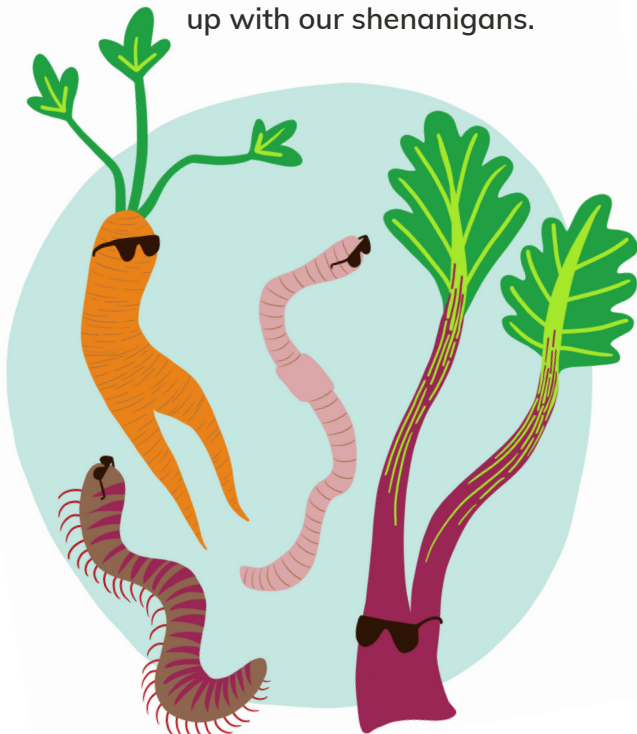




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QUARTERLY UPDATES

- This quarter, you've helped to divert **39,242 POUNDS** of food scraps from the landfills! We also have reached over **125** residential drop-off members!
- There are big things on the horizon for us! We recently received a grant from Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste to purchase a new vehicle. This means capacity for more food scraps! Thanks to you for making this all possible.
- A special shout-out to our newest community composters - this quarter, the ArtWorks office building in Walnut Hills and the Newport Aquarium have started to compost their food scraps with us.
- We were accepted to present at the Midwest Regional Sustainability Summit this June! Make sure to follow us on our instagram (@queencitycommons) to keep up with our shenanigans.



LOCAL COMPOSTING NEWS

At the beginning of March, we participated in University of Cincinnati's Sustainability Week Composting Coalition along with Hamilton County R3Source, UC Food Services, and GoZero. Young people have been inspiring us with their passion and vigor!



A composting tip: Try saying "food scraps" instead of "food waste" - it acknowledges the value and aliveness of your food scraps!

REMINDERS

WHAT ARE COMPOSTABLE PLASTICS AND WHY CAN'T QUEEN CITY COMMONS COMPOST THEM?

Products advertised and branded as "compostable" - cutlery, serviceware, coffee packaging, some tea packages, etc. - are not reliably regulated! Though these items may be compostable at bigger facilities, our small-scale composting with farms and gardens doesn't have the ability to break them down adequately. We want to pose the questions - are there options other than compostable plastics for minimizing our waste? Just how much better is a "compostable" fork than a plastic fork when they're both items that require ample energy to produce but are only single-use?