







Resource Recovery at DC Water

























Past Economics of DC Water Biosolids Recycling Program

- Pay a third party ~\$43/wt for full service contract (transport, land app, reporting) of Class B biosolids
- \$19M/yr program cost =21% of the Blue Plains operating budget
- Delivered free to farmers
- Farmers value product at \$300/acre (nutrients, lime, etc.), approximately \$15/wt
- Nutrient rebate back to DC Water (\$2/wt), \$500K/yr designated for research and outreach.
- Value to farmers @ \$15/wt, 1200 wtpd = \$6,570,000/yr

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• We do not extract this value























Future Plans for Class A Biosolids

- Continue land application of remaining Class A dewatered biosolids
- Produce a blended soil product (similar to compost)
- Use product in service area for tree planting, restoration, green infrastructure, etc.



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Use of these resources supports goals to increase a community's resilience

- National
 - Renewable Fuel Standard
 - Clean Power Plan (on hold)
- State
 - Renewable Portfolio Standards
 - Low Carbon Fuel Standards
- Local/City
 - Climate Action Plans
 - Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement
 - 100 Resilient Cities







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- Transport to land application site (25 miles)
- Land application

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Resources you can use to start estimating the C-value of your solids!

- Biosolids Emissions Assessment Model (BEAM) <u>http://www.ccme.ca/en/resources/waste/biosolids.html</u>
- EPA Waste Reduction Model (WARM) <u>http://www3.epa.gov/warm/Warm_Form.html</u>
- WERF Combined Heat Energy Assessment and Plant Emissions Tool (CHEApet) <u>http://cheapet.werf.org/documentation/OWS04R07c%20web.pdf</u>

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- Research at different Institutions/Agencies:
 - Dr. Sally Brown, University of WA
 - Guanglong Tian, MWRD of Greater Chicago
 - Others...





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Growing Soil Carbon

"Using a carbon and nutrient feedstock, we will accelerate the production and sequestration of biogenic carbon within degraded environments sixty-fold."



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Optimizing Nutrient Removal and Hydraulic Loading by Vegetation Type













