

#### Home Composting Rebate Program

Austin Resource Recovery February 13, 2012



#### Agenda

- Background
- Analysis
- Findings
- FY13 Planning
- Next Steps



FY10 – Green30 Challenge By the numbers:

- 16 classes
- 45 average attendees
- 741 total attendees
- 286 total rebates
  - 22 online rebates





FY11 – Home Composting Program By the numbers:

- 55 classes
- 35 average attendees
- 2,306 total attendees
- 602 total rebates
  - 394 online rebates





FY12 – Home Composting Program By the numbers:

- 96 classes
- 29 average attendees
- 3248 total attendees
- 841 total rebates
  - 430 online rebates



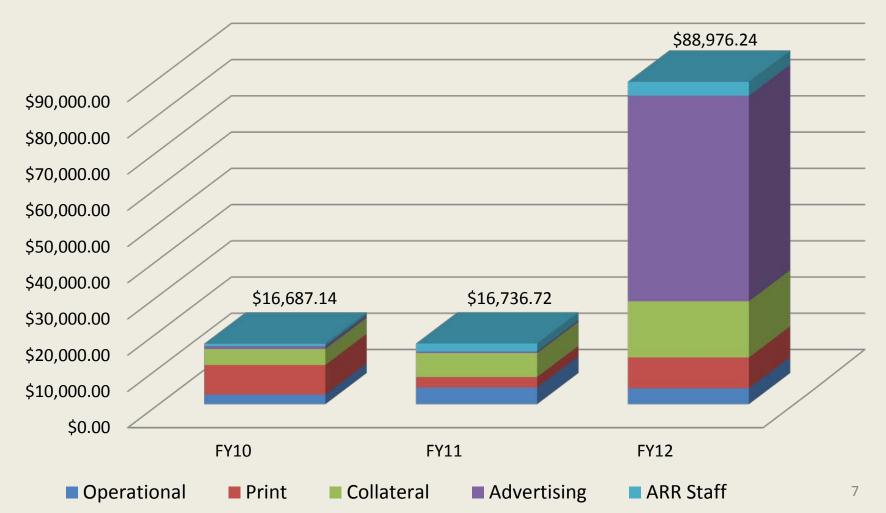


3 Year Table	FY10	FY11	FY12	TOTALS
Total Attendees including Online	741	2,306	3,248	6295
Class Attendees	719	1,912	2,818	5449
Classes	16	55	96	167
Average Attendees	45	35	29	36
Rebates Received	286	602	841	1729
Class Rebates	264	208	411	883
Online Rebates	22	394	430	846



#### Analysis

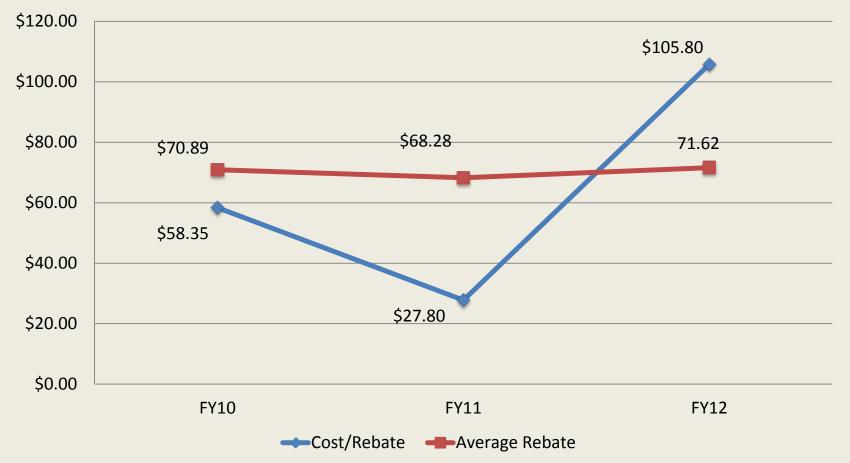
#### **Total Program Costs**





### Analysis

#### **Cost/Rebate**





#### Findings

- Program expansion ≠ increased rebate participation
- Scheduled classes have higher rebate return
- Targeted marketing directly affects rebates received



- 1. Additional Performance Measures
- 2. Expand Instructor Base
- 3. Class Schedule
- 4. Implement Voucher Program
- 5. Target Marketing
- 6. Expanded Eligibility



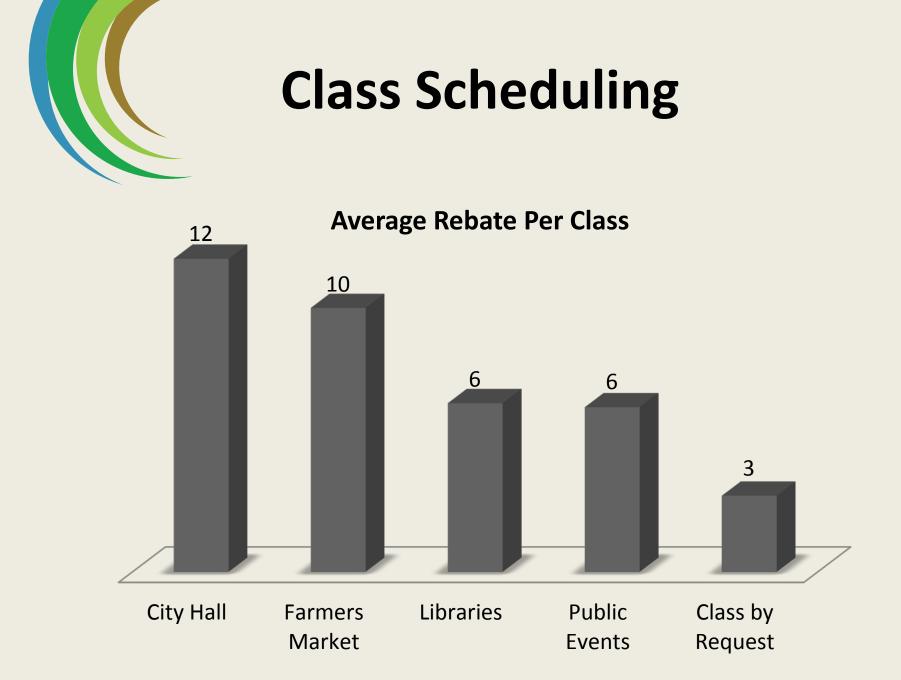
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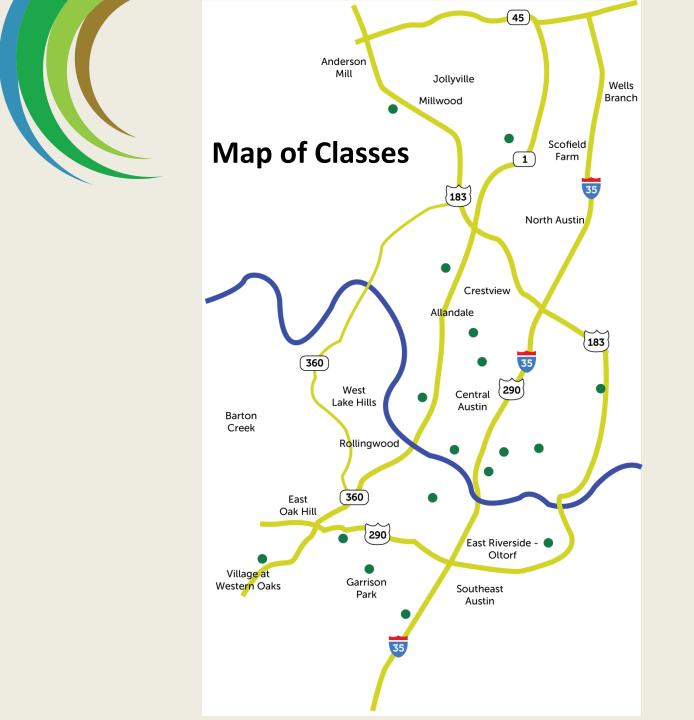
- Perform a waste audit
- Survey attendees
- Monitor cost per rebate & average attendance

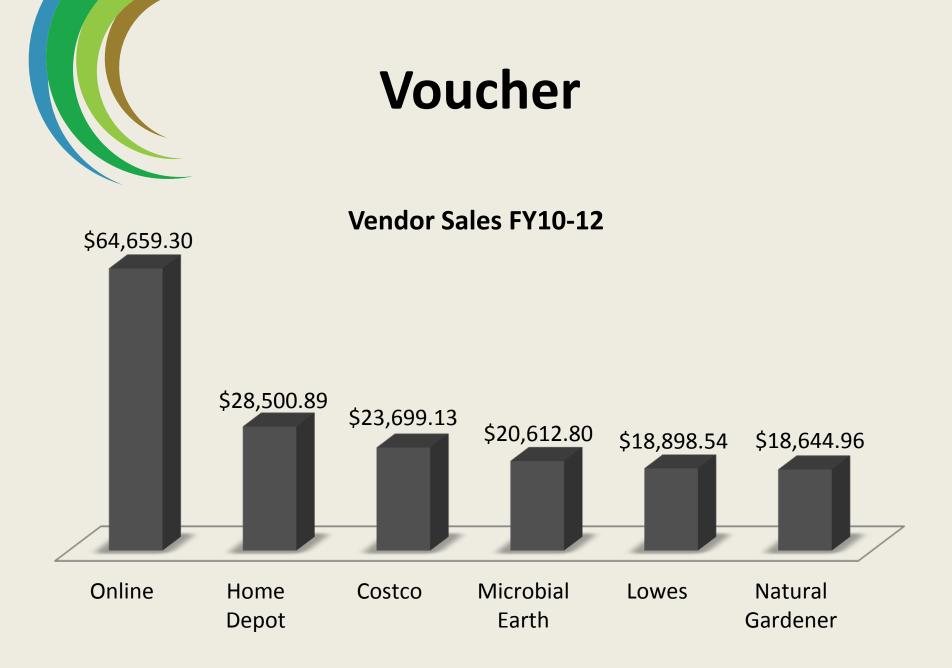


**Expand Instructor Base:** 

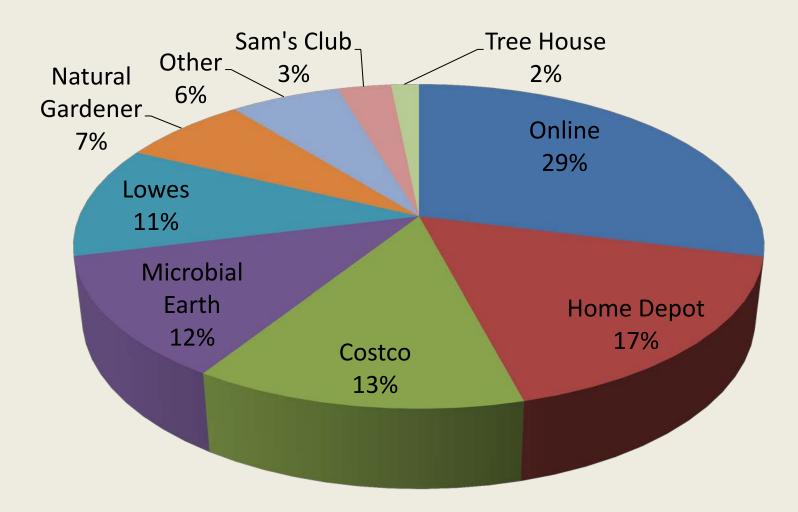
- Department instructors teach at ARR classes
  - ARR Staff Provides Support
  - Schedule developed in early FY13
- Contract for classes by request
- Partner with local garden stores
- Master Composter Certification Program







# Vendor Distribution





Target Marketing:

- Surveying how customers hear about program
- Innovate and create targeted marketing materials
- Improve Online Class
  - DVD Availability at Libraries



#### **Expanded Eligibility:**

- Clean Community Fee
- 2014 Program Expansion
  - Include Multifamily
  - Phased in approach



#### **Next Steps**

- Perform a waste audit
- Instructors teach regularly scheduled classes
- Secure an RFQ for classes by request
- Submit Letter of Interest for voucher program
- Targeted marketing efforts
- Improve online class



## Questions?

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