

Presented by Hillside Solutions & Soil Dynamics

On Farm Organics Management in Nebraska



Who are we and why are we here today?

### Hillside Solutions-Gretna Sanitation-Soil



**Overview of the Waste Business** 

Where does all the trash go?



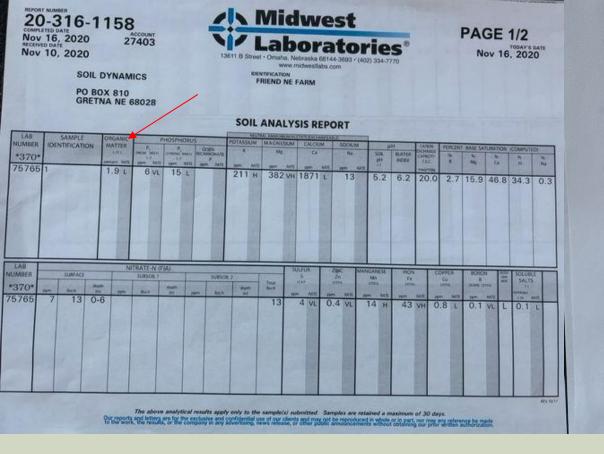
So what did we do?

### Got back into farming!



**Farm Locations** 

### We're doing this!





Ag Testing - Consulting

Account No.: 96647

HARPENAU, ANDY

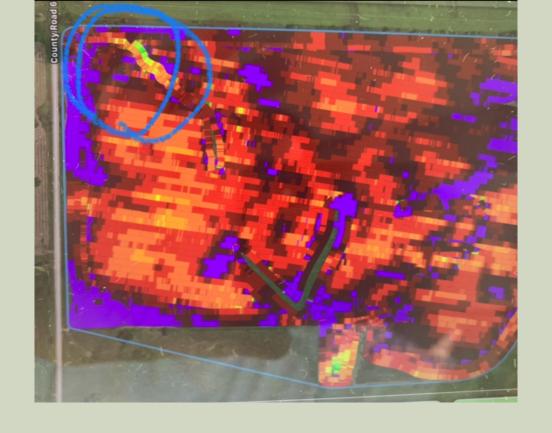
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Results For: ANDY HARPENAU Location: FRIEND FARM

Lab No.: 292752	Depth:	0 - 8
ID: FRIEND-SOUTH		
Organic Matter LOI, %		3.7
Organic Carbon, % C		1.827
Ace Protein, g/Kg		3.29
POX-C, ppm C		322
Aggregate Stability 1-2mm, %		56

OMG look at that OM! 2024 on the right.



2021 Yield Map



WHY??

No soil moving



Mr Rooster better be quick!



Bringing it all together, together.

### What we've heard from the community:

- I feel like adding more composting stations would help a lot, and raising awareness would be beneficial.
- Encourage businesses to reduce the generation of plastic waste in packaging.
- I would love to see more city-wide composting!

of survey respondents see implementing composting programs for residential, commercial, and industrial uses as a moderate, high, or top priority.

# Feedback from the Omaha Climate Action Plan.

## Goals of the Omaha Action Climate Plan by 2035

**Sector Goals** 

by 2035:



55.4%

drop in GHG emissions from 2014



10%

less solid waste generated



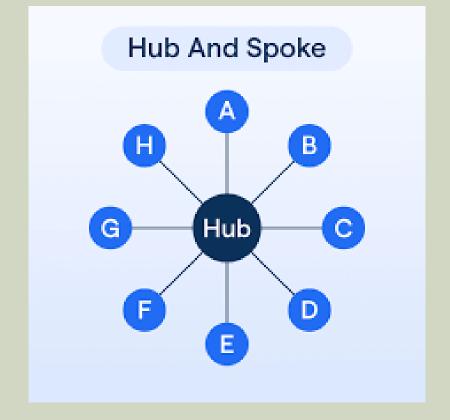
5.3x

increase in organics diversion



48%

decrease in total landfilled waste



Hub and Spoke-How does this work?



Win-Win for everyone!

- Reduces reliance on synthetic fertilizers → less groundwater pollution.
- Diverts organics from landfills → lowers methane emissions.
- Supports regenerative/organic agriculture.
- Improves soil health-water retention
  - → less need for irrigation
  - → reduces flooding risks.
- Increases farm profitability → Farmers start managing input costs
- Aligns with Governor Pillen's water quality/quantity agenda
- Creates no taxpayer cost, extends landfill life.

### **Economic Benefits to Farmer (3,000 yds Incoming Organics)**

#### Revenue & Value

- \$5/yd incoming material → \$15,000
- Replaces \$125/ac anhydrous (200 bu corn @ 220 lbs) → \$20,000
  - No credit for beans/cover crops; excludes other nutrients
  - Gross: \$35,000 (160 ac = \$218.75/ac)
    - Based on \$0 off-farm nutrient cost

### Labor & Trucking (20 mi haul, 3,000 yds/yr)

- Compost: 2% N = 20 lbs/yd (½ available Yr 1; 1,600 yds remain)
  - Delivery & row building: 43 loads @ \$4/mi + loader \$100/hr → \$4,440
    - Includes double-ground mulch for odor control
- Screening: \$450/hr (includes haul-away) → \$6,750
- Spreading: 10 yds/ac → \$8/yd (if done during screening) → **\$12,800**
- Total cost: \$23,990

### Net Income: \$11,010 total or \$68.81/ac

Pad prep-1 time cost \$10-15k



The Challenges

- o Odors
- Regulatory-NDWEE
- Contamination
- BMPs and NMPs
- Rented ground
- No silver bullet
- Not for everyone



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Two little weeds that keep growing.

Questions?