### COMPOST AS RECYCLED MATERIAL on ROADWAYS

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### Beginning with.....

In 2000 TX-DOT, in collaboration with the TCEQ and the United States Composting Council, adopted the Seal of Testing Assurance program to provide quality control for compost products used on TX-DOT projects. Prior to this program composting was not widely used along roadways.

In many parts of Texas there was a need to recycle "Greenwaste" and other compostables. By returning this material to beneficial use burning is eliminated. By diverting it from landfills that airspace is not taken. At least 20% of landfill space was thought to be used for "Greenwaste".

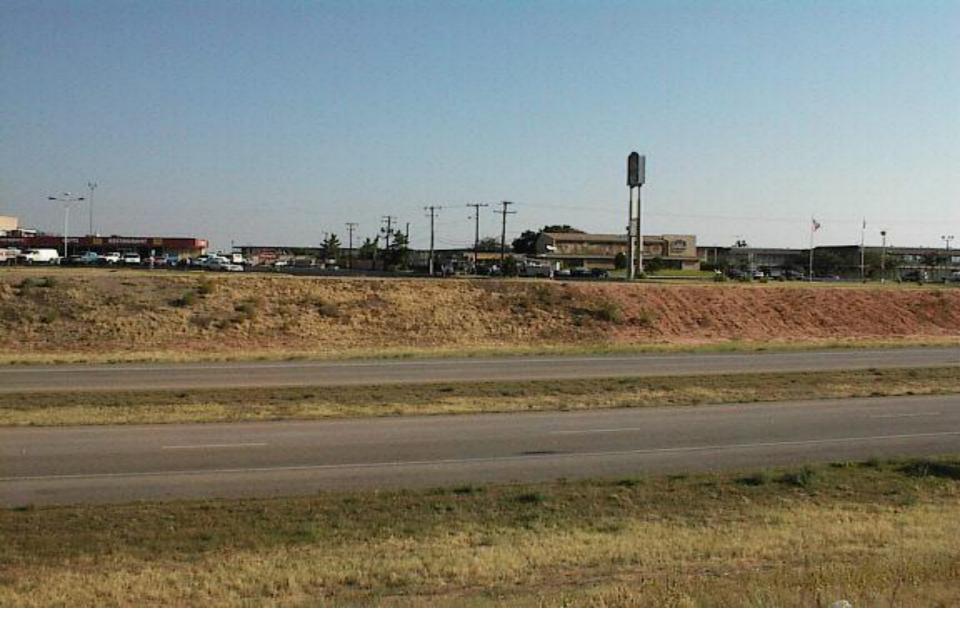
### **Pilot Projects**

Before Compost was widely accepted for TX-DOT projects, there were Pilot Projects, workshops and demonstrations. Sections of highway near Big Springs and Dallas were used to demonstrate the benefits of compost. Plant life was greatly improved as was erosion control.

# CASE STUDY Big Spring, Texas

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# CASE STUDY Dallas, Texas



### ORGIONAL AREA BEHIND DEMONSTRATION SITE ON SPUR 408 – DALLAS



Dallas/Spur 408 Demonstration August 1999



Dallas/Spur 408 Demonstration May 2000

## CASE STUDY TWIN BUTTES DAM

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Application site prepared.

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Application completed. Record high temperature: 104°F

Application completed.

13 weeks later. Last rain: 0.5 in. on 7/13/02. Avg. daily temperature range, 88-95+°F



### WHAT IS IT?

In Houston and Harris County compost is applied to many roadway projects. It doesn't just pop out of a truck. There is a coordinated process starting with feedstock.





















### On the Roadway

The TX-DOT district in Harris county has specified more Compost than any other District in the state. Extensive landscaping projects in our area have included hundreds of thousands of cubic yards of Compost.

















## **City Projects**

TX-DOT projects have led the way. Local municipalities have also landscaped their roadways.





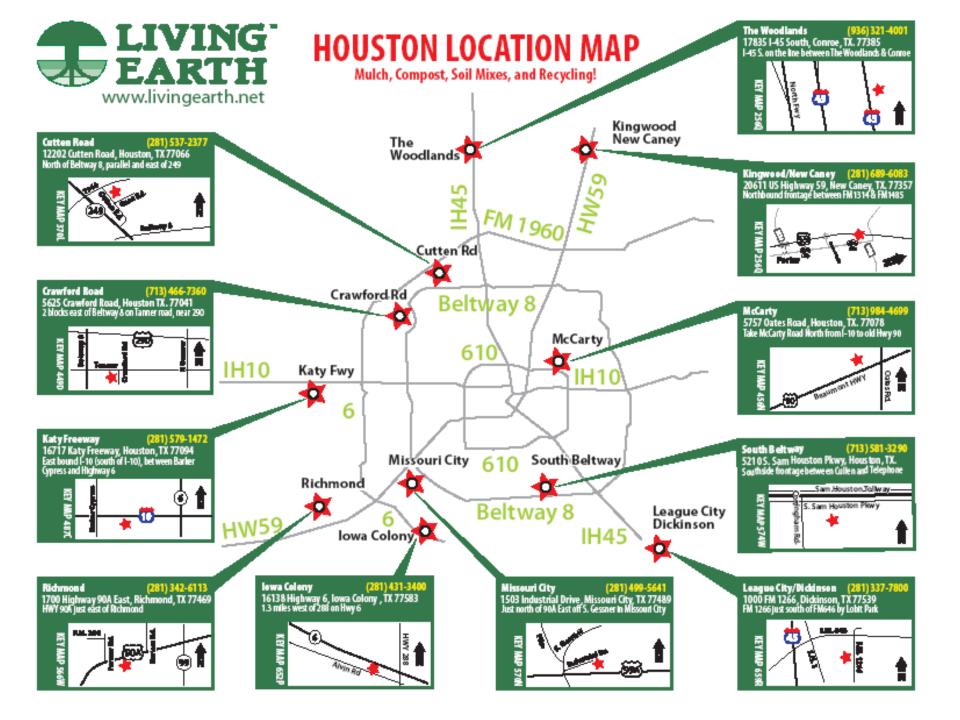
















Your landscaping TO-DO list:

Mulch (many types)
Organic Compost
Top Dressing Soil
Flowerbed Soil
Sand and Gravel
Sold in Bulk or Bags
Landscape Stone
Pickups Loaded
Trailers Loaded
Delivery Available!



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