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Comments:

As a master naturalist, I think carefully about how what I do impacts the world around me, and composting is no exception. Composting is an essential part of addressing issues of waste, climate change, public health, and socioeconomics. I am fortunate enough to own an indoor composter, which I use for food scraps. After the scraps have been processed, I use them to enrich the soil in my gardens, most of which are planted with species native to Delaware. Naturally enhancing the soil keeps my plants healthy, which in turn keeps pollinators like bees healthy, which in turn helps our farming community. It also eliminates the need to use chemicals on my lawn, which means there is no run off from my yard entering the waterways around me. Finally, it reduces the amount of trash I set out every week, which means there is less going into the landfill on my behalf. If this is the impact one private citizen has, think of what could be accomplished if organizations could do the same thing. I would encourage you to reflect carefully on how we might change our permitting process to help encourage the adoption of composting on a larger scale. Our policies and processes should enable us to become better stewards of this land, and this is a great opportunity to do just that.