



VIRGIN ISLANDS RECYCLING PARTNERSHIP

## Organic Materials Management Education Program

### Learn to Compost! Get involved with the Virgin Islands Recycling Partnership

With support from the US Environmental Protection Agency and hosted by the Environmental Finance Center at Syracuse University, college students in the Virgin Islands are participating in a stewardship program in which they gain classroom experience teaching K-12 Virgin Island students, teachers and staff—and other Virgin Islanders in their communities—about waste reduction, reuse, and recycling, with a special focus on organics management. For more information visit: [www.efc.syracusecoe.org](http://www.efc.syracusecoe.org)

#### WHAT IS THE VIRP?

The EFC is using its solid waste management and recycling expertise to facilitate the U.S. Virgin Islands Recycling Partnership (VIRP) in an effort to assist the islands in establishing a sustainable solid waste strategy—based on an aggressive program of waste reduction, recycling and composting—and moving toward a sustainable materials economy. The partnership includes government (at all levels), non-profit organizations, citizens, environmental groups, and the private sector.

#### WHO ARE THE STEWARDS?

VIRP Organics Materials Management Stewards are students and community members who have undergone an intensive organic materials management training conducted by staff from the Environmental Finance Center at Syracuse University (EFC), the Environmental Association of St. Thomas-St. John (EAST), and other organizations.

From May through August, 2014, Stewards will work to engage at least one school or community site—such as a restaurant or hotel—that will work with the Steward(s) to establish a more sustainable organics management plan, as well as visit the site in order to teach students/educators/staff about sustainable materials management, with a focus on composting.

#### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Would you like to teach others how to compost? Why not start a composting program or host a composting workshop! To learn more about the VIRP or opportunities to become involved with the stewardship program, contact Laura Cardoso at [lcardoso@syr.edu](mailto:lcardoso@syr.edu) or call (315) 884-2987.

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University of the Virgin Islands 2013 Stewards planning their composting projects



An EFC-led organic materials management education training program



Vermicomposting: A great way to keep organic material from going into a landfill!