

## **From The House**

### **Spring News**

By Rep. Matt Ritter

A “good news” story to kick off springtime in Hartford.

### **Green Jobs/Green Industry**

I was happy and excited to join the owners of Hartford-based Blue Earth Compost for a ceremony at the State Capitol highlighting Connecticut’s first commercial food scrap collection truck to hit the road and help turn your food scraps into nutrient-rich soil and green energy.

Blue Earth Compost is a growing Hartford business that provides a service people are looking for...that does right by our planet.

Food waste is responsible for 8% of greenhouse gas pollution worldwide. When Blue Earth Compost diverts food from incineration, they help to mitigate millions of pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> from entering the atmosphere every year.

Blue Earth Compost partners with Quantum Biopower to process the vast majority of their food scraps to create renewable energy by harvesting the bio-gas that is a natural byproduct of food decomposition and using it to make electricity.

With the help of a loan obtained through the state Department of Economic and Community Development, the company is growing. It is good news for the Hartford economy and our environment.

### **1<sup>st</sup> District Spotlight**

My video series that focuses on special people and places in the neighborhood is always looking for ideas. If you know a local business or area resident who should be spotlighted, please email me at [matthew.ritter@cga.ct.gov](mailto:matthew.ritter@cga.ct.gov).