

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 CO2 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.

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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.