

Bob Spencer's Bio 2020

Bob serves as the part-time Executive Director of Windham Solid Waste Management District in Brattleboro, Vermont. The District operates a solid waste transfer station, and a food waste composting facility that serves the Town of Brattleboro's residential curbside food scrap collection program, as well as commercial and institutional food scrap generators. WSWMD markets the compost through a network of distributors.

WSWMD leases 25-acres on a closed landfill to the owner of a 5 megawatt solar array, providing lower cost electricity to 17 municipal, school, and other customers.

For the past 5 years Bob has provided technical assistance to the Mass DEP's RecyclingWorks program to expand food scrap composting capacity in Massachusetts. Bob provides consulting services on composting, anaerobic digestion, permits, and odor management.

Bob has a wide range of solid waste composting experience, serving as the plant manager for a 150-ton per day co-composting facility in Marlboro, Massachusetts from 1999 to 2006, and from 2007 to 2014 assisted Mass Natural Fertilizer Co, Westminster, Massachusetts with expanding processing capacity for food waste.

Bob is on the Board of Directors of the Northern New England Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America, and the Composting Association of Vermont, and serves as chair of the Town of Vernon, VT Planning Commission.

Bob has been a Contributing Editor to BioCycle magazine for 25 years, and authored numerous articles and presentations.

Bob has a BS from Allegheny College, Meadville, PA, and an MS from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse, NY.