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In October 2008, the City of Côte Saint-Luc (CSL) became the first municipality on the island of Montreal to implement the collection/transport of organic waste for all single family homes and duplexes after a successful pilot project. The project implementation included a public awareness campaign, research of treatment sites, employee training, volunteer coordination and the adoption of a comprehensive waste by-law (#2302). Current results show a reduction of the amount of waste dumped into landfills, as well as a production of quality compost.

CSL is preparing the next phase of the project: expanding organic waste collection for townhouses, schools, residences for seniors, and municipal buildings/programs (e.g. community gardens, summer camps). Furthermore, CSL has developed a turn-key program (communication tools and implementation), easily adaptable by other municipalities, to start their own organic waste collection project.



In action **Brown Bin** Kitchen collector **EC Volunteers**

By the numbers

Year	Recycling	Garbage	Organic Waste (Brown Bin)
2006	1125	11124	N/A
2007	1874	11746	28
2008	1991	11349	287
2009	2006	9815	1165
2010	1898	8770	1280

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Montreal has no immediate compost plan in the works but is studying its op-



ions and hopes to touch on organic Volunteers gathered at Côte St. Luc pool this month to assemble composting kits, which have been distributed to homes. to treat, said Susan Antler of the Co.

Island of Montreal

5000 (single-family homes / duplexes)

-Ville de City of Côte Saint-Luc

> Population: 31 400 Total Households: 13 500 **Brown Bin Collection:**

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