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Upcoming Events

**March 10: RI Compost Conference.** Providence, RI.

**March 16, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.**  
**"Fertilizing Residuals:**

**Urban Soils**

A Special Section of the January *Journal of Environmental Quality* focuses on "Soil in the City." The introduction states: "This special section comprises 12 targeted papers... to make available much needed information about the characteristics of urban soils. Innovative ways to mitigate the risks from pollutants and to improve the soil quality using local resources are discussed. Such practices include the use of composts and biosolids to grow healthy foods, reclaim brownfields, manage stormwater, and improve the overall ecosystem functioning of urban soils.

"These papers provide a needed resource for educating policymakers, practitioners, and the general public about using locally available resources to restore fertility, productivity, and ecosystem functioning of degraded urban land to revitalize metropolitan areas for improving the overall quality of life for a large segment of a rapidly growing urban population."

The papers are from the "Soil in the City— 2014" conference organized by the W-2170 Committee – USDA's Sponsored Multi-State Research Project on Soil-Based Use of Residuals, Wastewater, & Reclaimed Water.

[Phys.org coverage of one paper on lead...](#)

[More at JEQ...](#)

**Advantages, Limitations, & Management of Risks."**

Presentation by Marc Hébert,  
Quebec MDDELCC  
Salle Du Conseil De La MRC,  
Edifice Le Chateau, 10 Rue King,  
Huntingdon, Étage 4-R, Québec.

**March 29: MassRecycle R3 Conference**, includes NEBRA presentation.

**April 3 - 6, 2016. WEF Residuals & Biosolids Conference**, Milwaukee, WI.

**May 17 - 19, 2016. Canadian Biosolids & Residuals Conference**, Edmonton, AB

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**CHECK IT OUT...**

**NEBRA posted 2 blogs & more in response to a local ballot initiative to ban biosolids in Gilmanton, NH**, including responses to some current Internet misinformation: [www.nebiosolids.org/blog/](http://www.nebiosolids.org/blog/)

**The water quality professions support ALL JOBS!** So says George Hawkins, Esq., CEO & GM of DC Water. Listen to this [inspiring talk](#) given at the NEWEA Annual Conference in January.

**Antibiotic resistant bacteria:** NW Biosolids (formerly NBMA), continues to provide timely updates on key scientific research. Check out this one on [antibiotic resistant bacteria in municipal wastes](#).

**Saving soil...**

**Adding organic matter is the #1 priority!** See this new publication by the Soil Association of the United Kingdom, promoters of organic food production. [Read it...](#)

**The 4/1000 initiative...** Part of the Paris Climate Talks, the goal is to increase soil carbon (C) 0.4% per year worldwide. [Intro video](#). [Intro PDF](#). Website: [4P1000.org](http://4P1000.org).

**Biosolids conflicts continue...** ...in [Ontario](#)... in [western New York \(and again\)](#)... ...in [Pennsylvania](#)... ...in [British Columbia](#)...

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