



# City of Albuquerque Equity-Based Citywide Composting Program

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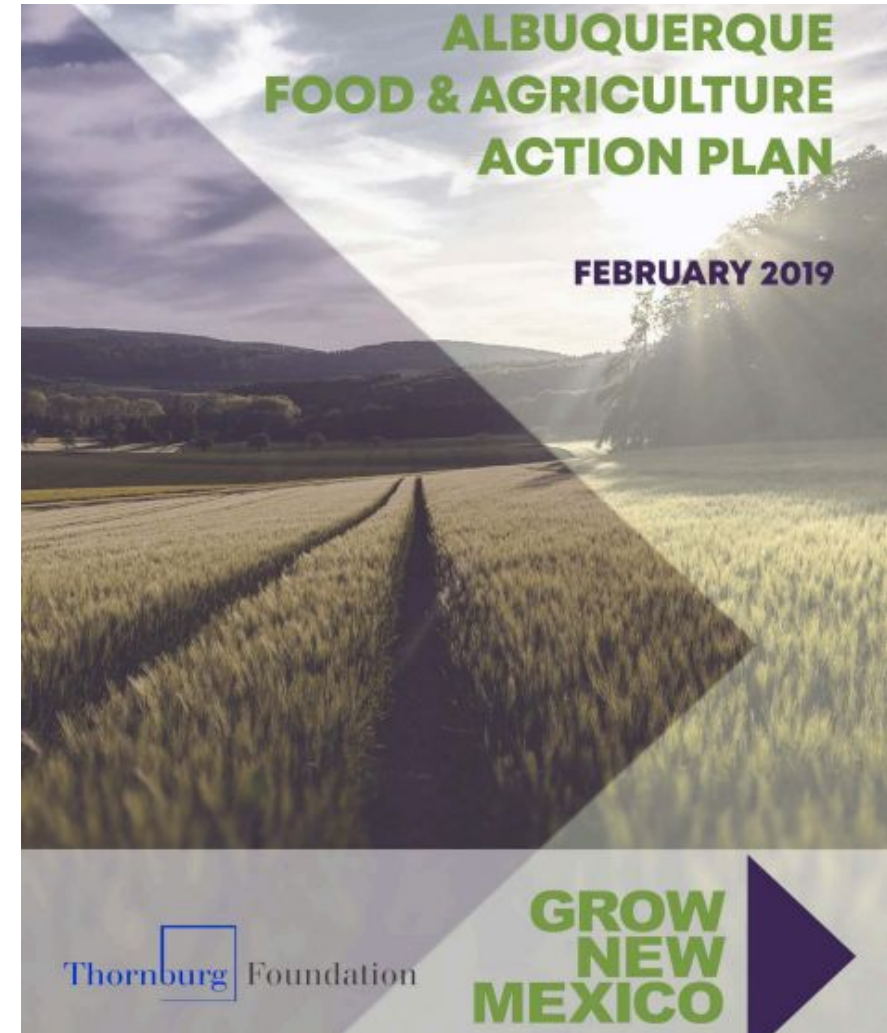
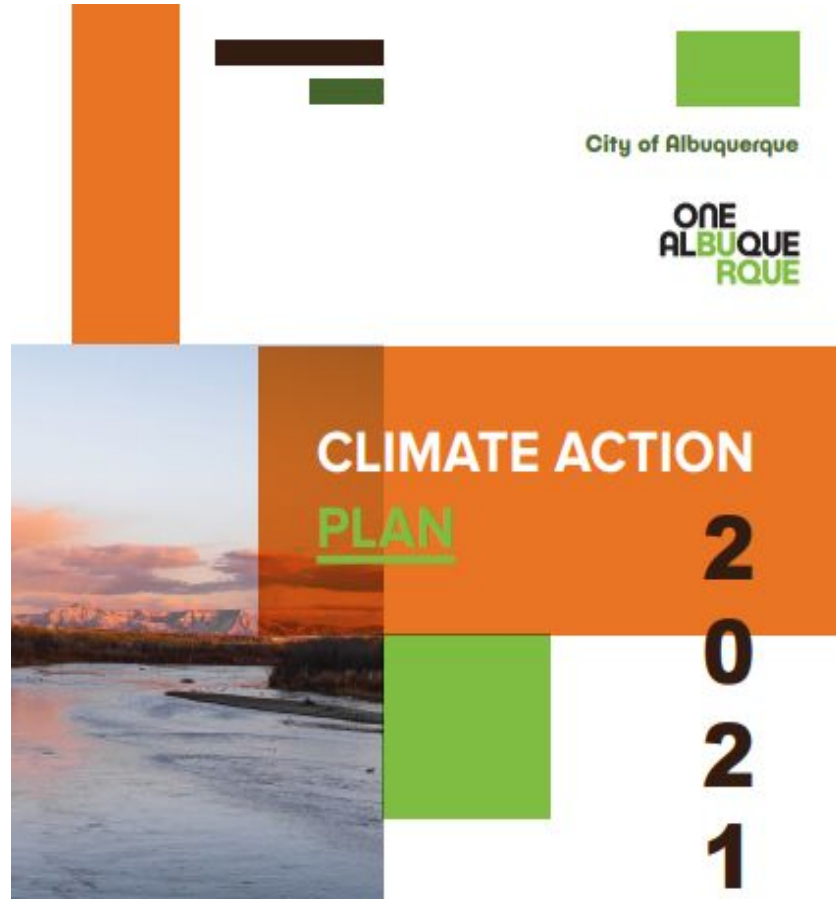
The Albuquerque Citywide Composting Initiative aims to implement an equity-focused, comprehensive **household food waste diversion program**.

An initial pilot project will utilize **five community centers** and the **BioPark**.



# How Did We Get Here?

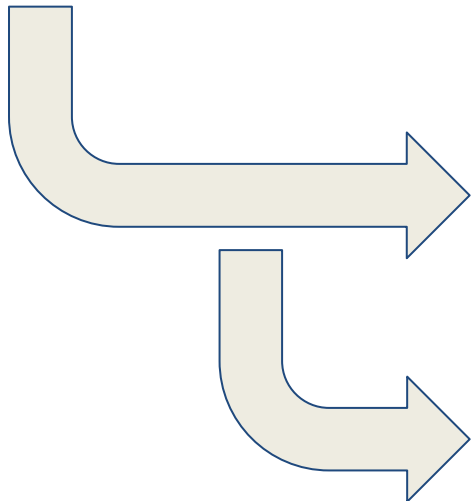
- 2021 Climate Action Plan and Mayor Keller's Climate Goals
- FUSE Corps Fellowship
- Winter Listening Sessions and Stakeholder Interviews





# How Did We Get Here?

<b>Listening Sessions</b>	<b>Stakeholder Interviews</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 24 Listening Sessions Held with 124 Attendees</li><li>● Zoom Recording Linked to Our Webpage</li><li>● Survey (74 Responses)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Compost and Food Waste Collection Expert: 8</li><li>● City and County Employees and Representatives: 12</li><li>● Local Business: 15</li><li>● Local Major Institutions: 4</li><li>● Community, Food, and Environmental Nonprofits: 6</li><li>● Local Subject Matter Experts: 5</li></ul>



**Initial Initiative Design, Summer 2024**

**Final Initiative Plan, Oct. 2024**

# Equity

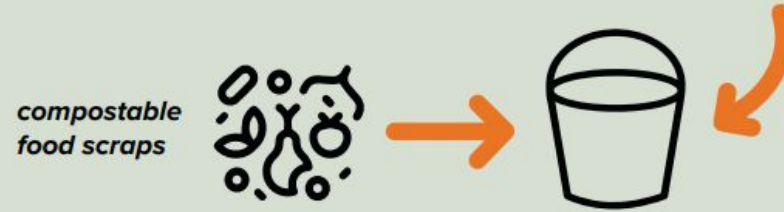
Frontline communities are those that experience the most immediate and worst impacts of climate change and are most often communities of color, Indigenous, and low-income.

Environmental injustices, such as the disproportionate siting of landfills and polluting industries in low-income and minority neighborhoods, perpetuate inequalities and exacerbate health disparities.

**How is equity part of this proposed plan?**

# FOOD WASTE COLLECTION

## IN-HOME WITH BUCKET



1. Drop off bag of food waste at local green hub 1-2 times per week



2. Hauler picks up food waste from community center bins and brings it to commercial composter



3. Finished compost re-purposed for local use



# Green Hub & Future Equity Opportunities

**Transportation  
Assistance**

**Targeted Campaigns**

**Community Champions**

**Flexible Operation  
Hours**

**Youth Engagement**

**Equity Advisory Board**

**Mobile Drop-Off Units**

**Investment in  
Infrastructure**

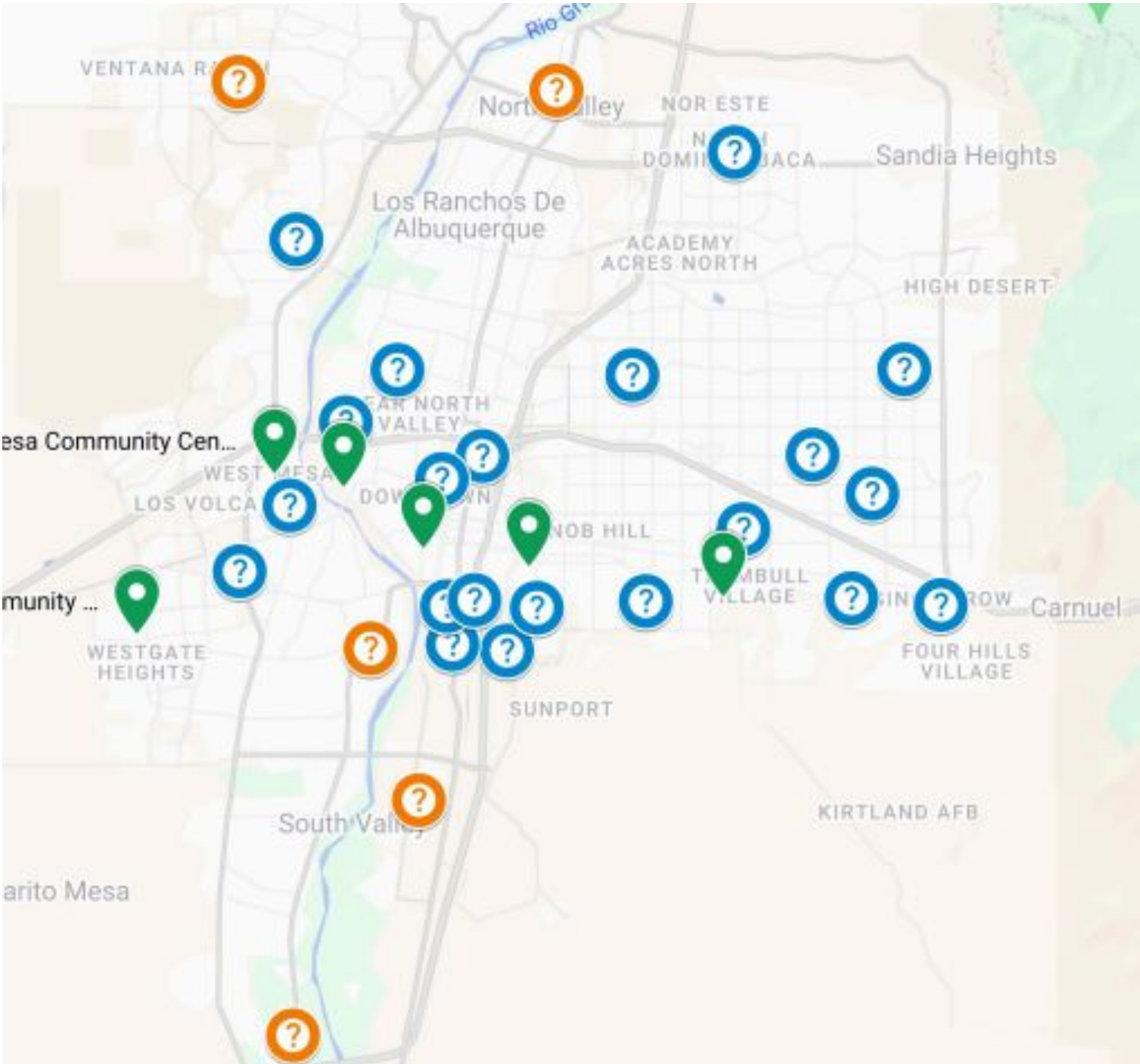
**At-Home Composting**

# Program Expansion

**Blue -**  
CABQ Community Centers and  
Multigen

**Orange -**  
County Community Centers

Not marked - hundreds of city parks





# Questions?

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