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ZOO DOO COMPOST: A STORY OF SUCCESSFUL URBAN MANURE COMPOSTING

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For over forty years, the Woodland Park Zoo, based in the heart of Seattle WA, has run the country's most comprehensive zoo manure composting program. Today, they compost around 1000 tons per year of manure and bedding from all of their animals – including primates and omnivores – in a capped, aerated static pile system designed by ECS. This compost, so desired by gardeners across the Pacific Northwest that it has a waitlist, has become a phenomenal example of innovative, small-scale composting done well. They are also an exceptional case study in successful urban composting with a quick ROI and low operating costs.

In this presentation, Liv Johansson will discuss the Zoo Doo composting program's history of innovation and marketing success, current operational practices, and community engagement accomplishments. Liv will also describe the aerated static pile system's compact, high-efficiency, low-odour design, and the importance of controlling odour through good site design in sensitive urban environments.

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Liv Johansson supports ECS's work in compost science and research, client operations, permitting and policy. She formerly served as the facility operator for the Woodland Park Zoo's manure composting program, currently serves as Treasurer for the Washington Organics Recycling Council (WORC) and leads WORC's annual Compost Facility Operator Training course.

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