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Worms in the Green Apple !!

Announcing publication of the **Composting Green Map of Manhattan** – created by Green Map System and Lower East Side Ecology Center, this colorful pocket sized Green Map, nicknamed ‘Worms in the Green Apple,’ is sure to brighten prospects for a surge in composting rates citywide!

“Even busy New Yorkers can separate their kitchen scraps from the rest of the trash, so they can be turned into rich soil,” adds Wendy Brawer, Director of Green Map System, “it’s the most energy efficient form of recycling, directly benefiting the local environment.”

Composting is nature’s way of recycling – it is empowering as well as educational. “We encourage schools and individuals to set up indoor worm bins, where Red Wigglers can work the magic of turning that seemingly useless banana peel into rich fertilizer – it’s hands-on and brings the conservation message home,” says Christine Datz-Romero, Director of the Lower East Side Ecology Center.

- On **Saturday, December 9**, this map’s debut will be celebrated at the Union Square Greenmarket from noon until 2pm. Get your free copy there!

A great resource for sustainable living, the map features public compost drop off sites and a variety of places where the public can see the composting process in action including community gardens, parks and schools. Worms in the Green Apple also spotlights educational programs and websites, and provides details on what can be composted, making it easy for anyone to get started. Find out more at [🌐 GreenAppleMap.org](http://GreenAppleMap.org), including composting case studies and resources in Spanish.

5,000 free copies of the Composting Green Map of Manhattan printed on 100% recycled paper are available, thanks to project supporters at Greenacre Foundation and New York City Environmental Fund. Pick yours up at the Lower East Side Ecology Center’s stand in the Union Square Greenmarket on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Want one by mail? Send a SASE to Composting Green Map, PO Box 249, NYC 10002. For multiple copies for your class, club or community group, contact Green Map System at 212 674 1631 or apple@greenmap.org.

This is the seventh Green Map of NYC produced by the nonprofit Green Map System. The 2006 Powerful Green Map charts energy and climate change citywide. Children will enjoy the LoMap, a youth view of Lower Manhattan. Find these and student and community Green Maps of New York at [🌐 GreenAppleMap.org](http://GreenAppleMap.org). Green Map’s global network includes over 365 projects of all sizes in 48 countries, as seen at [🌐 GreenMap.org](http://GreenMap.org). **Think Global – Map Local!**

The Lower East Side Ecology Center, [🌐 LEEcologycenter.org](http://LESecologycenter.org), is a pioneer in community based composting programs, and has locations at the Union Square Greenmarket and on the Lower East Side. The Ecology Center also runs the Manhattan branch of the New York City Compost Project, for more information, visit [🌐 NYCcompost.org](http://NYCcompost.org).