



NEXTCYCLE  
MICHIGAN

IMPROVE ORGANICS RECOVERY  
& END MARKETS IN MICHIGAN

The **FOODS, LIQUIDS, AND ORGANIC WASTE SYSTEMS (FLOWS) ACCELERATOR TRACK** provides technical assistance, networking, and potential funding for ventures that contribute to organics recovery in Michigan.

**FINDING FRUITFUL OPPORTUNITIES TO TRANSFORM MICHIGAN'S ORGANICS RECYCLING ECONOMY**

## PROJECT EXAMPLES

The current system has limited food and wood reuse, recovery, collection, and processing capabilities and lacks strong markets for finished compost or other end products. There are opportunities to bridge this gap through innovation and partnership.



A company developing technology/tools to **prevent food waste on farms**



A company creating a new end use for **wood waste**



A compost operator expanding operations to **process food waste**

## FLOWS ACCELERATOR TRACK BENEFITS

Up to eight teams will be accepted into the FLOWS cohort and will participate in an accelerator experience designed to take their idea to the next level through:

- One-on-one consulting
- Expert mentorship from an advisory panel of industry leaders
- Accelerator camp to develop business plan and pitch
- Showcase to pitch project plan or venture
- Funding for showcase winners
- Opportunity to apply for EGLE grant from dedicated fund
- Networking with other innovators, experts, and investors
- Matchmaking with potential funders
- Access to data and other resources
- Recognition and publicity

## ELIGIBILITY & EQUITY

Businesses, entrepreneurs, universities, public agencies, or non-profits with investable project ideas are eligible to apply. Cross sector partnerships are encouraged. To be eligible an applicant must be able to demonstrate the potential for direct positive impact on Michigan's organic recovery and recycling systems.

This challenge aims to be inclusive in its engagement and will employ a lens that values and prioritizes diversity, equity, and inclusion. Minority and women-owned small businesses are encouraged to apply.

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## NEXT STEPS

1. **TELL US YOU'RE INTERESTED** – complete [FLOWS interest form](#) and you'll be added to the FLOWS mailing list to hear the latest info.
2. **REACH OUT** – If you have questions about the program, application process, or need help connecting with partners, email [NextCycleMI@recycle.com](mailto:NextCycleMI@recycle.com) or schedule office hours for a one-on-one meeting.
3. **GET STARTED** – Have an idea for a project? Start today by honing your idea and project team. Review [resources](#) for data, inspiration, and project examples.
4. **APPLY** – An [application packet](#) will be released during the open application period with detailed information for eligibility, application questions, and criteria.



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**FOOD, LIQUIDS & ORGANIC  
WASTE SYSTEMS (FLOWS)**



NextCycle Michigan’s FLOWS Accelerator Track is seeking teams that transform any aspect of organics recovery – from food scrap recovery and collection to new end markets for finished compost.

**THE PROGRAM**

Selected teams will participate in a six-month program, meeting virtually and in person, individually and in groups, to accelerate their projects towards investment-attractive and implementation-ready status. Program benefits include:

- Mentorship & one-on-one consulting from recycling, business, and industry experts
- Access to research, data, and other resources
- Multi-day business, finance, and technical accelerator camp
- Matchmaking with potential funders
- Opportunity to apply for dedicated state recycling & market development grants
- Networking opportunities
- Recognition and publicity

**ELIGIBILITY & EQUITY**

Businesses, entrepreneurs, universities, tribal entities, public agencies, and non-profits with revenue-based project ideas are eligible to apply.

Out-of-state organizations can apply; however, the project must be based in Michigan or directly recover Michigan organic materials.

Project must address Michigan’s organic materials through prevention, diversion, collection, rescue, composting, anaerobic digestion, end market, or other utilization.

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**ALUMNI TEAMS**

**WORMIES**

Received support from NextCycle Michigan to design a new vermicompost operation 13-acre site and began the process of getting the site permitted. Winner of the 2022 FLOWS Showcase Judges’ Award. Later secured an EGLE Market Development Grant to help finance the expansion.

**SAVORMETRICS**

Joined NextCycle Michigan to make a connection with partners and early adopters to expand its market from Canada to the U.S. for its artificial intelligence sensor devise that combat supply chain food waste and was able to establish multiple customers with several more in the pipeline. Savormetrics later received an EGLE grant to implement several new pilot projects in the state.

**URBAN ASHES**

NextCycle Michigan helped the organization to refine and scale its business model for urban wood recovery within Michigan. Later secured an EGLE Market Development Grant to expand their model to other jurisdictions.

**METRO FOOD RESCUE**

NextCycle Michigan helped connect the organization to more grocers and partners in the Detroit area to reduce food waste and increase food recovery.

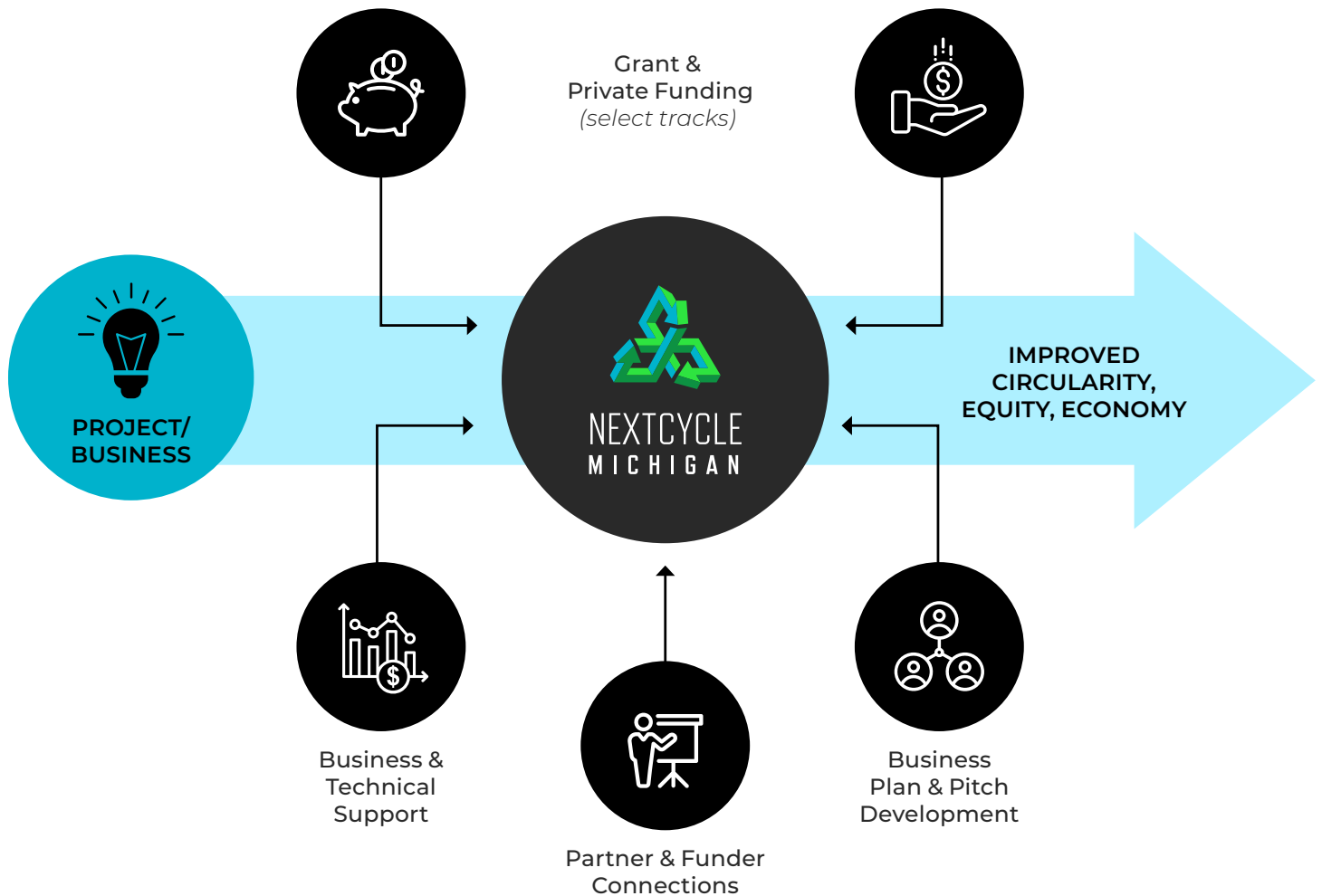


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NextCycle Michigan, an initiative of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), is designed to accelerate projects that build capacity for material recovery, reuse, and recycling in Michigan. The program offers a variety of pathways to participate through Accelerator Tracks, data and resources, and partner connections.

Although funding is not guaranteed, accepted teams have opportunities to access dedicated grant pools from EGLE, to connect with potential funders, and to participate in competitions with monetary prizes.



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