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## A look at electric horizontal grinders

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**Part Two.** This look at electric horizontal grinders is not intended to endorse or promote any particular product or manufacturer. Attempts were made to include input from all known North American manufacturers of horizontal grinders. Because of the length of this report, it is being published in two installments in Composting News. The first appeared in the September issue. The complete article is available for viewing online at [www.compostingnews.com](http://www.compostingnews.com).

**I**ncreasing government regulations – particularly federal emission standards – and a lower operating cost compared to diesel powered machines, are driving demand for electric horizontal grinders, manufacturers say. Part one of this

(See *Electric Grinders*, page 9)

## Wisconsin county may partner with farmers on manure composting

**D**ane County, Wisconsin announced the allocation of \$200,000 to study the feasibility of a community facility to which farmers could deliver manure to be composted. Dane County Executive Joe Parisi said such a project could help farmers reduce manure runoff into lakes and improve farm productivity.

"People have composted grass clippings leaves, and yard waste for years and now the science tells us composting manure creates a product that reduces runoff and carbon emissions while shrinking manure piles by 50 percent," Parisi said. "Our farmers are our best partners in our community's lake clean-up efforts. Working with them to set up this time-honored practice on a

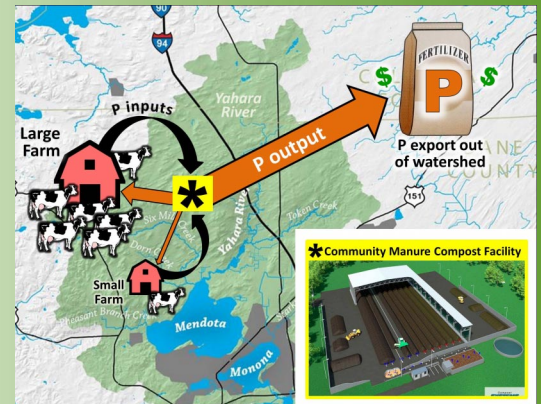


Image: Dane County, Wisc.

(See *Farmers*, page 4)

## Denver residents to vote on controversial green roofs measure



By Ken McEntee

**D**enver County, Colo. residents in November will vote on a citizen initiative that would require certain new buildings to include vegetation, or green roofs. Initiated Ordinance 300 was designed

to apply to the roof of any building constructed after January 1, 2018, that has more than 25,000 square feet and to the roof of any building to which an addition was made that increases the square footage of the building to more

(See *Green Roofs*, page 5)

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