

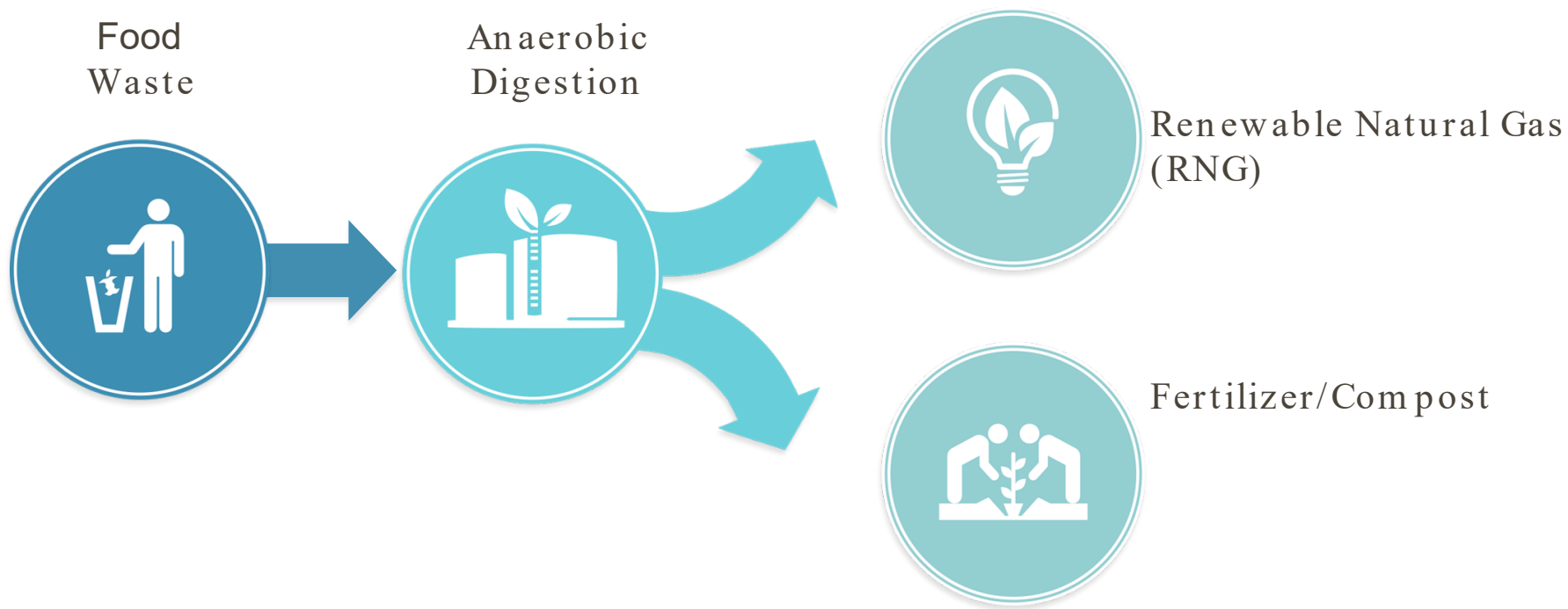
Green Era Chicago

Transforming food
waste into energy,
jobs, food & healthy
neighborhoods



Anaerobic Digestion

A safe and proven technology with the power to transform food waste into local impact.





Green Era is proudly
- and uniquely -
community owned,
with the Greater
Auburn Gresham
Development
Corporation as its
largest shareholder

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Project Site

Green Era sits on a former brownfield Auburn Gresham that was remediated with support from the Illinois EPA and Department of Economic Opportunity (DCEO)

What we're doing today:

Diverted 50,000 tons of
food waste to date

Generating enough
renewable energy to
power thousands of
homes

Recovering thousands of
tons of nutrient - rich soil
supporting hundreds of
urban farmers

...and we're adding a
second set of tanks
that will **double** our
capacity



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In partnership with national retailers, Fortune 500 food manufacturers, and local food banks and residents, Green Era is offsetting enough carbon to take 4,600 cars of the road each year

Green Era's innovative depacking solution unlocks millions of tons of hard - to - sort packaged food waste for recycling

Green Era sends thousands of tons of nutrient - rich digestate each year to Urban Growers Collective's 9 farms across Chicago. At UGC's Z- farm, digestate is finished with wood chips.

In 2024, UGC farmers harvested 25,000 pounds of produce grown in compost from Green Era



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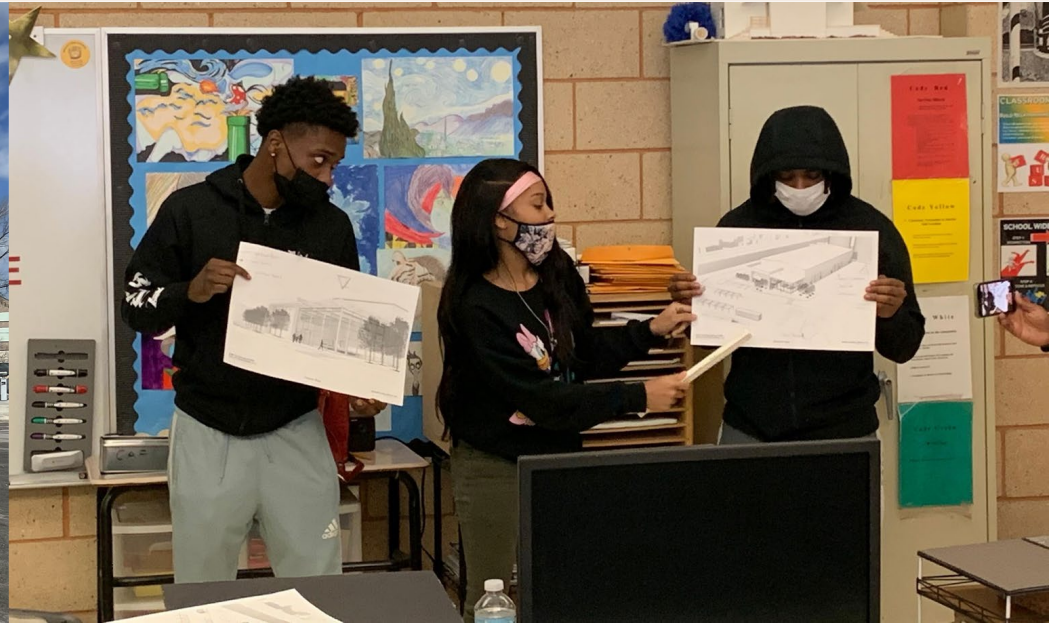


UGC employs dozens of farmers across the South and West sides of Chicago

The collective's programs include a summer youth corps, herbalism and growing apprenticeships, and a grocery store on wheels!

In partnership with our local high school, Simeon Career Academy, Green Era has provided hands - on learning opportunities for dozens of students

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Equitable Hiring & Local Workforce Development

Two - thirds of Green Era's staff live in Auburn Gresham (60620) or neighboring zip codes.

All staff are full - time and receive paid time off, healthcare, vision, and dental.



Governor Pritzker,
Mayor Johnson, and
leaders across the state
attended Green Era's
2025 Earth Day ribbon
cutting, highlighting
Green Era's
groundbreaking work at
the intersection of
climate and community



Green Era is Growing!

Exciting opportunities for education, outreach, and community engagement are happening at Green Era:

Acquisition of a 65,000 sq ft building with lab space and an education center

Partnerships with UIC, Argonne National Lab, and CPS

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