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City of Miami, Fertile Earth Foundation and Partners Announce New Pilot Project to Produce Organic Compost

(Miami, FL) - The City of Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, Fertile Earth Foundation and participating partners will announce a **new pilot project to produce organic compost in the City of Miami during a press conference on Monday, November 2, 2009** at Roots in the City Garden, across from the Overtown Youth Center on NW 14 Street and NW Third Avenue at 2:00 pm.

The organic compost is commonly known as “black gold”, a rich organic soil amendment for use in landscaping and gardens. The production of compost has numerous environmental benefits as it reduces organic waste from landfills and uses the waste materials, such as food, paper and yard waste to create a natural soil amendment that can be used instead of toxic chemical fertilizers. The City of Miami will furnish space at the Virginia Key yard mulching facility for the use of an in-vessel aerobic composter which rapidly accelerates the composting process in an isolated environment.

Participants in the pilot project include City of Miami Office of Sustainable Initiatives, Fertile Earth Foundation, South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District, Roots in the City, Mandarin Oriental Hotel and Perricone’s Marketplace and Café.

WHAT: Press Conference to Announce New City of Miami’s Organic Composting Pilot Project

WHEN: Monday, November 2, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Roots in the City Garden, across from the Overtown Youth Center on NW 14 Street and NW Third Avenue

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