

Ollie Cultrara Member Spotlight



Ollie Cultrara (they/them/theirs) is in their second year of service with the Addison County Solid Waste Management District (ACSWMD) as their Waste Diversion Program Assistant. Since the start of their service last year, Ollie has taken on many projects and continues to build on and expand them. One of Ollie's biggest projects is the ACSWMD Repair Fair, a community event that is put on for free to the public. Community members can bring their old or broken items to the Repair Fair to be mended and restored, encouraging the diversion of household and personal items from entering landfills. Ollie has also consistently organized composting workshops and plastic bag recycling programs for businesses, schools, and community organizations. Of all their workshops, Ollie is specifically passionate about composting. After taking a Master's Composting Course last year, they participated in the Maine Composting School at the beginning of this service year. This course takes a deep dive in the complex layers of composting and addresses the different platforms and industries in which composting overlaps. In the last year, they have also headed a Composting Ambassadors program for Addison County. This program gives opportunities to community members who share this passion to educate and provide outreach to their neighbors on the value of composting. Ollie loves not just the complexities of the biological processes of composting, but the various reasons everyone decides to add to the compost pile. Ollie's passion and determination in waste education and outreach continues to make lasting impacts in her community, and they are looking forward to further developing and building on relationships and connections in their second service year!