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# CSL wins kudos for composting

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Côte St. Luc's pioneering organic waste composting program won an award last week from the environmental group CRE-Montréal during the third annual Gala de reconnaissance en environnement et développement durable de Montréal held at the Bonsecours Market in Old Montreal, the city announced.

Côte St. Luc launched its program with 500 homes participating in 2007, and this was since extended to 4,800 homes and

duplexes last October.

The awards are organized by the Conseil régional de l'environnement de Montréal (CRE-Montréal), the Conférence régionale des élus de Montréal (CRÉ de Montréal) and the City of Montreal.

"We are happy to be honoured for leading the island in the collection of organic waste," Mayor Anthony Housefather said in a prepared statement. "We are committed to becoming an environmentally responsible city and our city has a lot for which to proud."

Côte St. Luc won in the category of pub-

lic institutions, as did a department of the City of Montreal. Other winners for environmental innovations, combined with economic development, included the SAQ at the Eaton Centre, CÉGEP St. Laurent and the Ste. Marie Eco-quarter.

"Our organic waste collection program was made possible because of the vision of our mayor and councillors, our dedicated staff and the many volunteers who helped inform and educate their neighbours," said Councillor Dida Berku, the council member responsible for the environment dossier.

"Because we pioneered organic waste collection in Quebec, we studied carefully the programs of cities in Ontario, Quebec, the Atlantic provinces, the United States, Europe and Australia," Councillor Steven Erdelyi said in a prepared statement. "The experience of Côte St. Luc is that organic waste collection is relatively easy to start, less costly than many believe thanks to Quebec government funding, and popular with residents."

For more information on Côte St. Luc's composting program, visit [ecoCSL.org](http://ecoCSL.org) or call 514-485-6868. ■

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