## **A Hierarchy of Solutions**

**Food Waste Prevention** 

## **Food Rescue**

- Feed hungry people
- Feed animals

## **Industrial Uses**

Composting

Landfill

Least preferred

## Mostpreferred

**Prevent food from entering the waste stream** at points throughout the supply chain (production, processing, distribution, retail, consumption)

**Collect healthy food that would have been wasted** and provide it to those in need

**Recover viable organic material (food-grade and other)** for industrial uses

**Divert wasted food to beneficial uses** such as high grade compost, low grade landcover, industrial applications, and energy/fuel production

Ends the life of food, eliminating potential value

Adapted from U.S. EPA Food Recovery Hierarchy