

Restaurant 2 Garden is a community group based in Seattle's Chinatown International District (CID) that collects food waste from local restaurants, turning it into compost for local gardeners. For the last few years, they have been working out of a small pilot site in the Danny Woo Garden. Now, they are making plans to extend their reach and expand their composting capacity with a larger location and commercial composter.

The new location is currently a 400-sf abandoned triangular lot between the Chinese Southern Baptist Church and I-5 overpass. Restaurant 2 Garden aims to transform the site into a high functioning space for both the community and environment. A new commercial composter will be capable of handling thousands of tons of compost per year, while green stormwater infrastructure is planned to mitigate stormwater from the site and the roof of the adjacent church. The group will continue to share knowledge with others through tours and on-site workshops. Under their stewardship, an interstitial space is evolving to become a crossroads for food-waste, environmental education, and community advocacy.