



Dan Peterman

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Chicago Compost Shelter

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Initiator:
Dan Peterman

Location:
United States

Category:
urban-development, economy,
social

Users:
Homeless people

Maintained by:
Dan Peterman, Resource Center

Duration:
1988

Description:

While working for the Resource Center, a non-profit recycling organization, Dan Peterman converted an adjacent lot into a temporary shelter for the homeless. Peterman created Chicago Compost Shelter with a Volkswagen van body, burying it in compost to retain heat. The van's seats were removed, making the space large enough for a bed and some furniture. The compost used for the shelter was collected as part of a project to recycle organic waste in Chicago by the Resource Center. The compost consisted of a mixture of leaves, grass, clippings, and police horse manure.

Goals:

Temporary shelter for homeless in the winter, using organic material to produce heat.

Beneficial Outcomes:

Heated, temporary shelter without the danger of fire.

Images:

