



## **Local Horizons**

Soil from home

### **LET'S GET TO KNOW LOCAL HORIZONS**

Local Horizons is a community-focused local business that aims to put more plants in the lives of people in Huerfano County and beyond. Right now, we are focused on providing affordable and unique houseplants to the Walsenburg community through our plant

division "Root Bound." Each plant sold by Root Bound comes with an information card that provides detailed care instructions, information on the amount of light the plant needs, and fun facts about the plant. This is to help educate consumers on how to best care for their plants and to encourage them to make informed decisions about the plants they purchase.

The company was founded by Josie Boynton, Conor Boynton-Orr, and Tyler Cunningham. All three of us have backgrounds in conservation, horticulture and other environmental fields. Back in Portland, Tyler started and ran a similar composting business using circular economies - which is making a product from the waste of another. In May of 2022, on a trip to Colorado to visit friends, Tyler met Walsenburg local Conor and his partner Josie, and a flame of mutual interest immediately sparked the idea to bring those same strategies and principles to Huerfano County. After only a few days together, the three were brimming with ideas about how they could collaborate. Tyler decided to move to Walsenburg in October 2022, and by early November, the first compost bins were built and Local Horizons began to take shape.

Local Horizon's mission is to promote an attitude of self-reliance and sustainability in Huerfano County's food culture through the implementation of sustainable gardening practices and the establishment of a strong circular local food network. Root Bound will be a key player in achieving this mission by providing sustainable high-quality plants. Local Horizons looks to use the interest in houseplants to fund the local soil program and further impact the community.

Local Horizon's goal is to expand its services to compost and basic recycling services along the whole Spanish Peaks region, starting in Walsenburg. Compostable materials will be composted using their mycelial composting method, in about 6 weeks. Once the compost is successfully converted to nutrient-rich soil it will be mixed at ideal ratios for garden and house plant use before being sold, side by side, with Root Bound's diverse houseplant inventory, both online and at the Walsenburg Mercantile.