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WHAT IS THE ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL VALUE OF RECYCLING?



According to ISRI based on data from the United Nations Comtrade database, in 2015 190 million tons of scrap, valued at more than \$80 billion, were exported globally. U.S. scrap recyclers processed more than 130 million tons of scrap metal, paper, plastics, electronics, textiles, glass, and rubber last year, creating significant energy savings, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, saving natural resources, and limiting the amount of material that would otherwise be sent to landfills.

In addition to these critical environmental benefits, the scrap recycling industry also provides much needed support to the U.S. economy and trade balance. The United States exported more than 37 million metric tons of scrap commodities valued at \$17.5 billion to more than 150 countries around world.

Domestically, independent research confirmed that the scrap recycling industry directly and indirectly supported more than 470,000 well-paying jobs while generating nearly \$106 billion in economic activity and \$11.2 billion in federal, state, and local tax revenue in 2015.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

GRC 4th Quarter Membership Meeting
Thursday, December 8, 2016
Dalton, GA

Tour/ARD Luncheon/Program

9:00-11:30 Facility Tours
Meet at Mohawk Light Lab
508 E Morris St
Dalton, GA 30720

**11:30-1:30—America Recycles Day
Luncheon**

**Mohawk Light Lab/ The
Experience Room**

**Program: *Recycling & Economic
Development***

Optional:

**1:30-3:00- Compost Workshop- Tom
Mills**

(Make and Take)

Details & Registration Info Forthcoming

President's Column

Georgia Recycling Coalition How GRC is leading the way in Georgia!



What a wonderful 25th Annual Conference we held in St. Simons! With over 180 in attendance for our Silver Anniversary we were shining at the coast. GRC had an outstanding lineup of speakers and presenters from a wide variety of experienced professionals in the recycling industry. In every corner of Georgia we are recycling, composting and educating our residents on how to make a change from a throwaway society to a reuse, recycle way of life. As one of the largest states utilizing recovered materials in manufacturing, GRC has been the leader in keeping this message at the forefront: ***we have markets in Georgia!*** I don't know where we would be without GRC leading the way. We have many partnerships assisting, supporting and promoting GRC and we are thankful for each and every one of them. We strive each and every day to keep Georgia a strong economic state in sustainability as it relates to recycling and composting. Our coalition supports education programs through Keep Georgia Beautiful, Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Georgia DNR/EPD, and many more alliances with which we partner and collaborate. With Nov. 15th--America Recycles Day-- just around the corner, take this opportunity to promote your recycling and education program. And, the Recycle Bowl competition is now going on for school recycling programs.

GRC encourages everyone to elevate local recycling and education programs to increase participation and lower contamination. One small program can touch many people in your community. GRC is here to provide a support network available to assist new or ongoing recycling and education programs.

Kevin Barkley
GRC 2016 President

The Georgia Recycling Coalition (GRC) is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization that was formed to complement and coordinate the activities of professionals, organizations, government agencies and individuals related to recycling; to foster communications among those groups; to promote sustainable reduction and recycling programs; and to provide a forum to and from which its membership may enhance recycling efforts in Georgia

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 7-9, 2016

SERDC Conference

Atlanta, GA

November 14-16, 2016

SWANA Fall Conference

Sea Palms/St. Simons Island, GA

November 15, 2016

America Recycles Day

November 30 & December 1-2, 2016

KGBF Winter Meeting

December 7, 2016

**GRC Board Strategic Planning
1:00-5:30 pm**

Dalton, GA

December 8, 2016

**GRC 4th Quarter Meeting
Tours & Luncheon 9:00-1:30 pm
Compost Workshop 1:30-3:00 pm**

Dalton, GA

GRC in the News

Ray Day

On Sunday September 25th, GRC joined the “Eco-Community” at the annual Ray Day Celebration at Serenbe in Chattahoochee Hills, GA. The day honors the legacy of Ray Anderson, founder of Interface, and a pioneer of sustainable business in Georgia; he believed sustainability was not just the right thing to do; it was the smart thing to do for business. GRC had a photo booth for attendees to take home a memory, but no “waste”.



Spirit of Green Winners

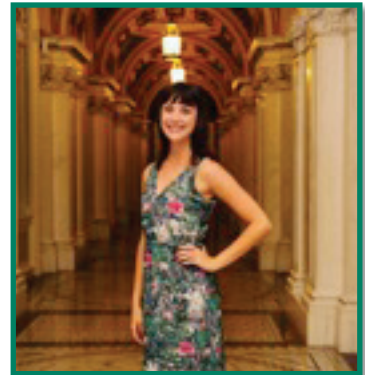


This year's winners, announced at the conference, included:

- Environmental Stewardship •
USAgain, LLC-Atlanta
- Outstanding Government/Community Program •
CHaRM Atlanta
- Outstanding Corporate Leader •
Cox Enterprises
- New Member of the Year •
Karen Byrd, Caraustar Recycling
- Innovation Award •
Livable Buckhead

Burns Scholarship Announced

Our 2016 scholarship recipient is Emma Brodzik of Fayetteville, GA; Emma is a student at Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville majoring in Economics. Emma stated, “Looking at the world through the scope of economics shows me the profitability and ways businesses can implement sustainable practices.” She is looking at a career in economic development or city planning using sustainability as a focus in creating living spaces that are efficient, safe, environmentally friendly and thriving. She won a \$1000 scholarship and a trip to our 25th Annual Conference.



This year is our 4th year of awarding the scholarship with 5 honorees to date. A fundraiser was held at the conference, raising \$1100 toward the fund.

Hall of Fame

In celebration of our 25th Anniversary, GRC created its **Hall of Fame**. Inaugural inductees included two founding members of GRC who have remained steadfast supporters involved in the coalition for the entire 25 years. GRC was proud to honor **Abby Goldsmith of A. Goldsmith Resources, LLC** and **Steve Levetan of Pull-A-Part, LLC** and induct them as the first of many deserving individuals to come in years ahead. It is said that the success of any organization is dependent upon the time and commitment of its members; these two honorees are a big part of why GRC has remained a successful and thriving state recycling organization.

For Info on the GRC **Lifetime Achievement Award**, see **pg. 11 Compost Row**



Welcome New Members

Sustainer

Waste Pro - Roni Page-Dowdy

Patron

Advanced Disposal - Brian Chesson
North American Insulation Manufacturers Assoc
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Business

Novus Solutions LLC - Ronnie Doane
Marglen Industries - Sargon Azzo

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Keeo Oconee County Beautiful - Cindy Pritchard

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Rhonda Harden - Columbus Consolidated Government
Patty McIver - Student
Meredith Leahy - SERDC
Brandon Becker - Rehrig Pacific
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America Recycles Day 2016 Underway

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Read for Recycling Week - November 14-20, 2016

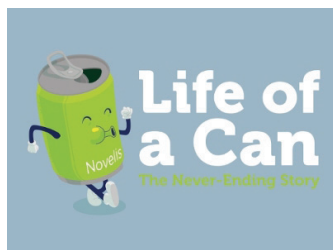


Read for Recycling
Start good habits...



Reading and Recycling are important habits to form. The Georgia Recycling Coalition is excited to encourage both reading and recycling through the Read for Recycling program. This program is part of the state America Recycles Day (ARD) celebration; prizes are awarded in a drawing or students participants and a set of books for the school with the most participants. Information, a reading list and journals to enter the contest are available on the GRC website: www.georgiarecycles.org

Novelis and Discovery Education Launch a New Recycling Education Program



What is the impact of recycling just ONE can? Novelis and Discovery Education are proud to present **Life of a Can**, a brand new elementary recycling education program that allows students to explore this question and many more! The program empowers students to make a positive environmental impact through standards-aligned lesson plans and interactive classroom activities focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) as they explore the never-ending lifecycle of a recycled aluminum can. <http://www.lifeofacan.com>

Spotlight on Programs

Sheriff's Office 'Goes Green', Partnering with City Recycling Center Program

The Sheriff's Office enhanced its role in environmental conservation recently, joining the City of Calhoun's recycling program. The Recycling Center is administered by the City of Calhoun government and collects a variety of materials for recycling. The Center, located at 215 Pine Street is open 5 ½ days each week, accepting paper, cardboard, plastic, and glass. Director Judy Peterson said, "We welcome contribution of materials from people in both the city as well as the unincorporated areas of the county. To be effective, this has to be a collaborative effort on the part of the City of Calhoun and Gordon County. We all must be mindful of our local environment, and protect it. I sincerely thank Sheriff Mitch Ralston for his forward thinking and his participation". Sheriff Ralston said, "The Recycling Center is a great resource for Calhoun and Gordon County. Knowing how that the Sheriff's Office and Jail generates a significant amount of recyclable material, it seemed a 'perfect fit' for us to participate. We must continue to be good stewards of the earth, and that begins with our local community."



Recycling Center Director Judy Peterson (right), Sheriff Mitch Ralston (center), and Recycling Center employee Ken Chapman (left) with the newly installed recycling bins at the Gordon County Sheriff's Office-Jail Complex.

CHaRM ATL wins Metro Chamber Award-New Ventures

The Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHARM), a program of Live Thrive Atlanta in collaboration with the City of Atlanta recently won the Metro Atlanta Chamber's E3 Award in the New Ventures category: a startup, small business, or new business venture that advances sustainability through business solutions. Designed to take materials not collected at the curb like HHW (Household Hazardous Waste), paint, electronics, mattresses, plastic bags & wraps, fluorescents, and tires, the center also offers bins for collection of single stream household and commercial recyclable materials (paper, plastic containers, metals and glass).



City of Atlanta to put "Feet on the Streets" to Improve Recycling

Beginning in January 2017, the Office of Sustainability and Department of Public Works will be out in the community helping our residents understand what really goes into the big blue recycling bins.

Their "Feet on the Streets" program will use a targeted approach to help residents understand what should be recycled in the curbside bins. The Feet on the Streets Teams will be out on collection days peeking into recycling bins looking for opportunities to clean up the recycling stream.

The following types of recyclables are accepted curbside: Cardboard, Paper, Food Boxes, Mail, Plastic Bottles & Caps, Jugs, Aluminum Cans, Tin Cans, Jars (Glass & Plastic).

Items that should not be placed in the blue recycling bins include: Plastic Bags, Food, Clothing, Styrofoam, Liquids or Trash.

Many items can be taken to the [Center for Hard to Recycle Materials](http://livethrive.org/charm) located at 1110 Hill Street, SE, Atlanta 30315. Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, CHaRM accepts: Household Hazardous Waste like Paint and Fertilizer, Used Cooking Grease, Electronics, Clothing, Tires, and many more. Please check out their website <http://livethrive.org/charm>

Program / Conference Highlights

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25th Anniversary Conference

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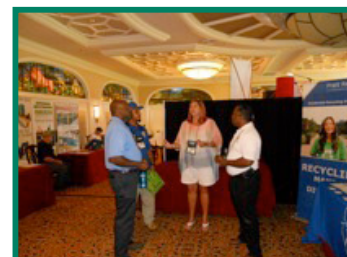
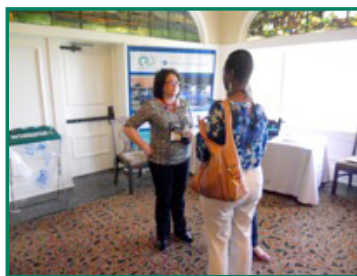
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Shaw Industries Group
Sonoco Recycling
Stay-Rite Solutions LLC
Strategic Materials
Toter
TreeZero
USAgain LLC
Waste Management



RE-veal the True Champions of Recycling Mask Winners!



Attendees heard 18 speakers during the 2 1/2 days of sessions.



Networking in the Exhibit Hall

Industry News

National Organizations Come Together to Study Recycling

National sustainability and recycling organizations The Recycling Partnership and the Sustainable Packaging Coalition (SPC) are teaming up to build a roadmap for a stronger American recycling industry. The initiative has been dubbed ASTRX (Applying Systems Thinking to Recycling), and leaders from the groups behind it say the effort is a push to change the recycling industry on a holistic level by creating more connection between recycling stakeholders in different sectors and to identify the tools to build a more uniform and cohesive recycling system.

Rather than a single, uniform industry, recycling is made up of a series of public and private sector sub-industries that work together to create a recovered feedstock supply chain. Understanding the interplay of those disparate, diverse components may unlock the key to new heights of sustainable recovery. Through ASTRX they will analyze the entire system and identify the most effective areas for improvement and intervention.

The expected outcomes are: first, consistency of information and the ability to connect the many different public and private players of the recycling system. SPC and The Recycling Partnership are collaborating, along with other industry partners. To fully capture the perspective of the entire recycling landscape, ASTRX will work closely with a number of other industry groups.

Second, they'll have the opportunity to build consistency around a core set of valuable recyclables. Confusion of the recycling system is the number one barrier to participation. This work will allow them to build consistency regionally – not just in how we communicate recycling with consumers but in how impact is measured. This collaboration will leverage the assets of both organizations to provide more quality recyclable materials into the system. To achieve success, this initiative needs to support and be supported by other sectors, industry groups and governmental entities.

"Waste"/Materials Meter Now in Portfolio Manager

EPA has added new waste tracking functionality to its ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager tool! Now you can manage energy, water, and waste – all in one secure online environment. Portfolio Manager has already helped thousands of U.S. organizations benchmark and improve energy performance, prioritize efficiency measures, and

verify energy reductions of 10, 20, or even 30 percent or more in buildings, representing huge financial savings. Now that same proven approach can be applied to waste and materials management. Unifying energy, water, and waste under one virtual "roof" is a sustainability game-changer for many companies. This "tracking trifecta" is a powerful way to streamline your sustainability management program and gain a bird's eye view of your environmental footprint and resource costs.

Portfolio Manager tracks 29 different types of Materials, everything from basic trash to cooking grease to appliances. You can track each of these 29 Materials according to one of four different "Waste Management Methods": Recycled; Composted; Donated/Reused; Disposed. You can further categorize Disposed Waste (trash) according to one of four "Disposed Waste Destinations:" (Landfill; Incineration; Waste to energy; Other/Unknown) You may also track the waste or material according to whether it is picked up on a regular basis (like trash or recycling), or if pick up is "intermittent" or one-time only (like a one-time donation of your old office furniture).

SERDC-SMM Involvement by GRC



Sustainable Materials Management and the Circular Economy are terms that are heard more and more frequently in discussions of recycling and waste reduction. While the details of each are not particularly well defined, and as approaches to adopting either vary widely, they share a common goal of improving efficiency and capturing more value from resources toward a more sustainable society. During the SERDC conference in Atlanta on November 7th, the National Recycling Coalition is spearheading a workshop on SMM. It will introduce key concepts to help recyclers not only understand, but offer feedback on, how the next generation of product design will influence recycling objectives. According to EPA, SMM is a systemic approach to using and reusing materials more productively over their entire life cycles. It represents a change in how our society thinks about the use of natural resources and environmental protection. By looking at a product's entire lifecycle we can find new opportunities to reduce environmental impacts, conserve resources, and reduce costs. GRC will serve on the panel to provide some perspective from the recycling industry.

Resources

Get Ready, Get Set, Go Green: Trex Launches 10th Annual Plastic Film Recycling Challenge for Schools

For students across the country, it's time to turn trash into treasure! In conjunction with America Recycles Day on November 15th, Trex Company, the world's number one decking and railing brand and leader in high-performance, low-maintenance outdoor living products, will kick off its **10th annual Trex Plastic Film Recycling Challenge**. The challenge pits K-12 schools against one another in a fun, friendly competition to collect and recycle the most polyethylene plastic for the chance to win Trex products for their schools -- **October 15th was the deadline for schools to sign up.**



One of the largest recyclers of plastic in North America, Trex uses more than 1.5 billion plastic bags each year to make beautiful composite products that offer a superior alternative to wood and an environmentally-responsible choice for consumers. Together with the thousands of schools that have participated they have prevented millions of plastic bags from ending up in landfills. Qualifying recyclable materials include: Grocery and retail bags; Bread bags; Case overwraps; Dry cleaning bags; Newspaper sleeves; Ice bags; Wood pellet bags; Ziploc and other reclose-able bags; Produce bags; Bubble wrap; Salt bags; Cereal bags

Campus Eco-Innovations to be funded by PepsiCo Recycling



PepsiCo Recycling announced an expansion to its college and university programs to help fund bringing campus eco-innovations to life. Through the new Zero Impact Fund schools can submit ideas to accomplish their environmental goals and winning applications may each receive up to \$10,000 from PepsiCo.

"Great ideas can come from anyone, and we want to empower our college partners by giving them the right resources to lead by example," said Meagan Smith, PepsiCo Recycling Program Director. "We hope that they're able to implement small, but impactful sustainability initiatives that inspire other universities to do the same."

Eligible colleges and universities interested in submitting project proposals for the PepsiCo Recycling Zero Impact Fund for the 2016-2017 school year should submit a proposal to PepsiCoRecycling.com by November 1, 2016.

A PepsiCo committee will evaluate one proposal per school based on the following criteria:

- Environmental Impact: How the proposed project creates a more sustainable campus.
- Economic Impact: The environmentally-related cost savings.
- Social Impact: How the campus community is engaged and positive behavior change is fostered.
- Desirability, Feasibility, Longevity: The demonstrated support of campus leadership and to the extent to which the initiative is scalable.
- Ingenuity: How positive sustainability impact will be achieved in a new or innovative way.

Schools selected to receive funding from the PepsiCo Recycling Zero Impact Fund will be notified by the week of November 23, 2016, and funding will be provided to initiate projects as early as January 2017. Since 2010, PepsiCo Recycling has partnered with more than 100 colleges and universities on campus recycling programs and has awarded more than \$70,000 to support campus recycling efforts and increase student engagement. In addition to the Zero Impact Fund, PepsiCo Recycling offers resources for colleges and universities to reduce waste produced during collegiate athletic events and engage the campus community around sustainability.

For more information on the PepsiCo Recycling Zero Impact Fund, proposal inspiration, rules and questions about eligibility, visit PepsiCoRecycling.com.

How Will You... End Littering? PSA CONTEST

Entry Period:
September 26, 2016- November 7, 2016

*Subject to rules & eligibility

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The "How Will You...End Littering?" Video Contest open to students in grades 9-12, asks the next generation of community stewards to share their ideas about how to end littering by educating and motivating people to properly dispose of their trash. The contest is sponsored by Keep America Beautiful along with the Foodservice Packaging Institute and Wrigley Company Foundation. **Entries will be accepted from Sept. 26 through Nov. 7, 2016.**

Two Grand Prize Winners — one representing grades 9-10 and one from grades 11-12 — will receive an all-expenses paid trip for two to the 2017 Keep America Beautiful National Conference in Washington, D.C., with their video being showcased to more than 400 attendees as well as a GoPro Hero4 Black video camera and a \$500 donation to the Grand Prize Winners' school to support anti-littering activities. Runner-ups in each grade category will also receive prizes.

Commodities Column

What do the Atlanta Falcons and Aluminum Cans Have in Common?



On September 11 at their first home game of the season, the Atlanta Falcons and Novelis, the world leader in aluminum rolling and recycling, launched **Recycle for Good**, a campaign challenging Falcons fans to recycle 3 million aluminum cans throughout the 2016 football season.

Novelis, the Official Recycling Partner of the Atlanta Falcons, will recycle the collected cans locally at its Greensboro, Georgia recycling facility and convert the value of the aluminum into funding the build of an Atlanta Habitat for Humanity house in Atlanta's historic Westside community.

"Aluminum cans are the most valuable material in the recycling bin," said Sil Colalancia, director, Recycling, Novelis North America. "When fans put cans in the trash, they are actually throwing away money. Through Recycle for Good, we are educating fans about the true value of recycling, both for the environment and for the community." The campaign joins together local partners including Novelis, the Atlanta Falcons, Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta Habitat for Humanity, The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation and the Georgia Dome to increase recycling habits in the Atlanta community.

"The Atlanta Falcons are committed to being the greenest team in the NFL and our fans are known to rise up in the face of a challenge," says Rich McKay, president and CEO of the Atlanta Falcons. "Recycling enables everyone to do their part to make a big difference," said Scott Jenkins, general manager, Mercedes-Benz Stadium. "We're working to make Mercedes-Benz Stadium the first professional sports stadium to achieve LEED Platinum certification, and the Recycle for Good program reinforces our sustainability efforts by encouraging good recycling habits."

The value of 3 million recycled aluminum cans is enough to fund the entire construction of the Atlanta Habitat for Humanity home. In the state of Georgia, more than \$70 million worth of aluminum goes to landfill each year.

POST GLASS SUMMIT PLANS in the MAKING



Earlier this year, when we began receiving inquiries from concerned citizens as well as our local government members, it became apparent that we needed to mobilize. So GRC organized a first of its kind **Glass Recycling Summit** on July 28, 2016 in Macon, GA; over 80 interested parties attended, including members of the newly formed national **Glass Recycling Coalition**.

With this new collaboration our long term goal is to identify and implement the structural changes necessary to develop a realistic plan for increased, ongoing glass recovery in GA. GRC supports continuation of glass recycling in Georgia to sustain viable feedstocks for our robust manufacturing sector using recovered glass—bottle to bottle and fiberglass insulation among the top industries represented in Georgia. Correcting the rampant misinformation of "no markets" that was circulating was a priority; we accomplished that by having multiple glass markets present to discuss their needs and specs.

As a result of the summit, the group decided to pursue several next steps:

- The glass value chain, especially the markets and manufacturers, should begin direct contact with policy and decision makers.

ACCG & GMA Natural Resources & Environment Committees

- A workshop to explore regional business plans and creative financing strategies for MRF glass separating equipment.
- Bring together local citizen groups to reach out to community-level recycling programs to maintain/improve glass recycling opportunities.

Atlanta Recycles; GIPL, etc.

- Open and transparent communication with citizens about glass recycling and the strong demand for recycled glass in Georgia.

Create list of GA communities that are having issues/dropped glass

Create list/map of drop off locations in GA accepting glass

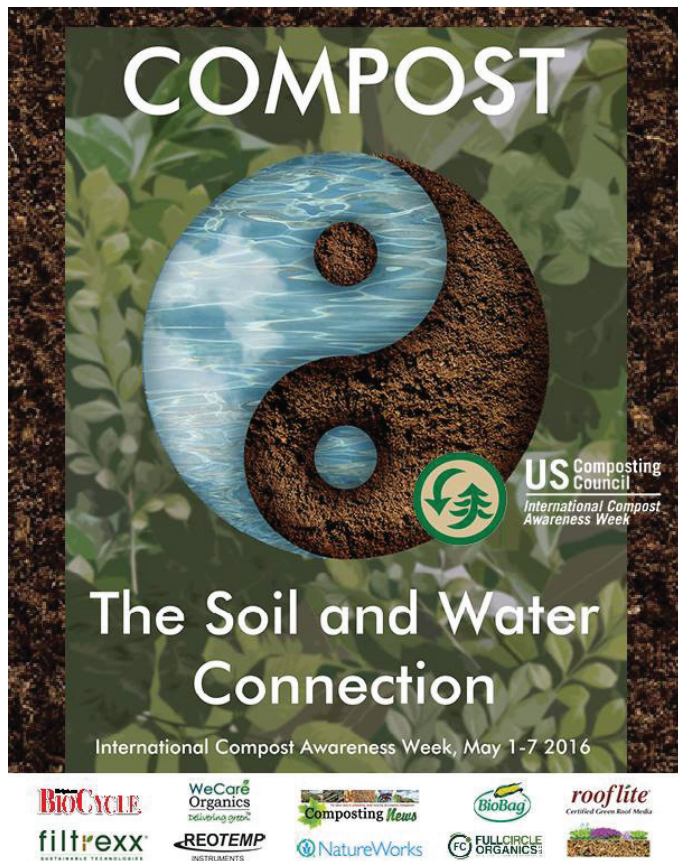
Create a fact sheet (collateral) explaining the current issues and potential eventual resolutions.

- Continue the conversation at upcoming forums, including the Georgia Recycling Coalition Annual Conference in September and SERDC Summit-November/ATL)

We will need your assistance as GRC members as we move forward in working with the Glass Recycling Coalition to accomplish these next steps. Stay tuned...we have only just begun!

COMPOST ROW

ICAW 2017 - May 7-13, 2017



International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW) is the largest and most comprehensive education initiative of the compost industry. It is celebrated nationwide and in other countries each year during the first full week of May. Started in Canada in 1995, ICAW has continued to grow as more people, businesses, municipalities, schools and organizations are recognizing the importance of composting and the long-term benefits from organics recycling.

The goal of the program is to raise the awareness of the public regarding the benefits of using compost to improve or maintain high quality soil, to grow healthy plants, reduce the use of fertilizer and pesticides, improve water quality and protect the environment. The program includes a poster contest, programs at schools and activities and events promoted through governments, public municipalities and local businesses.

Each year, a theme is chosen. The theme for this year is **Compost! Healthy Soil, Healthy Food**. This is the theme for the upcoming Poster Contest, which encourages artists throughout the world to create a design sharing the importance of composting and using compost. The winning poster will be displayed by companies and organizations nationwide and prominently displayed at COMPOST2017,

the US Composting Council's annual conference in Los Angeles in January. Details on the ICAW 2017 Poster Contest are found here: <http://compostfoundation.org/ICAW-Poster-Contest> The contest deadline is November 14, 2016.

Throughout the ICAW week, community and business events are held to encourage and celebrate composting. All types of composting – from backyard to large-scale are promoted. Events include tours of compost facilities, school gardening programs, compost workshops, lectures by a well-known gardening expert, compost give-away days, to name just a few. To learn more about planning an event or to share information on your upcoming event, check out: <http://compostfoundation.org/icaw-get-involved-events>.

Lifetime Achievement Award



In addition to the Hall of Fame, GRC awarded a **Lifetime Achievement Award** to **Wayne King, Sr. of EARTH Products, LLC**. Wayne has represented the organics recycling industry on both the state and national level. He is a true champion for healthy soils, organics diversion and storm water management. His peers fondly describe him as a person who cares deeply about the people with which he works, as well as his willingness to mentor others. They also describe him as a “trailblazer across multiple industries beyond organics, including those that enhance sustainability through water quality protection and carbon footprint reduction”.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Partner | (\$3,025 or more) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainer | (\$1,525 or more) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron | (\$775 or more) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Trade Association | (\$375) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government/Non-Profit | (\$175) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | (\$75) |

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

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I would like to serve on the following GRC committee:

☐ Education

☐ Programs

☐ Membership Development

☐ Special Events

☐ Communications



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