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The King & Prince Hotel
St. Simons Island, Georgia
16th Annual Conference,
Trade Show & Membership Meeting
August 26-29, 2007

16th Annual Conference Plans Underway

The Georgia Recycling Coalition will be "Rolling Out the Green Carpet for Recycling" at its 16th Annual Conference, Trade Show & Membership meeting from August 26-29, 2007 at the King & Prince Resort, St. Simons Island, GA. The conference will include technical and education sessions on a variety of topics, plus legislative updates, networking opportunities, exhibitors, council meetings, a golf outing, and the ever popular *Trash to Treasures* auction. A mini-workshop on Safety will be offered for those who missed the full safety workshop held during their semi-annual meeting in April '07.

Information on sponsor opportunities and online registration details are available on the website at www.georgiarecycles.org under Headlines on the homepage. Exhibitor Registration deadline is July 20th and the Attendee Registration Deadline is August 1st.

Hotel reservations may be made any time before July 26th. Come work hard and play hard with us at one of Georgia's most beautiful oceanside historic hotels!

Thanks to Our Sponsors: **Partner Level**:The Coca-Cola Company; GA Dept of Community Affairs; GeorgiaBev; Shaw Industries; Curbside Value Partnership **Event Sponsors (at deadline)**: Resourceful Bag & Tag-Clear Stream, Association Post Consumer Plastics Recyclers, Steel Recycling Institute.

Trash to Treasures Auction Returns

Don't bring us your tired, ... your weary, ... your poor ...Instead, just like the pirates, we want.....

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The *GRC "Trash to Treasures" Auction* returns Tuesday August 28, 2007 during the annual conference at King & Prince Beach Resort, St. Simons Island, GA. Plan ahead: attire this year will be semi-formal "pirate", vintage, sustainable, or recycled content clothing and/or hats! Prizes for best concepts!

Got Treasures to Donate?? Let us know by August 1, 2007. Email items, donor and/or company name, and a brief description (if necessary!) to garecycles@mindspring.com.

For details and online registration for the conference (August 26-29), go to www.georgiarecycles.org under Headlines.

Safety & Quality—How Do YOU Measure Up! Safety Workshop-Abridged Version Offered

If you missed the GRC semi-annual training meeting in April, you have a second chance to get up to speed on safety issues during an abbreviated version of the workshop being offered at the annual conference. Saving lives and reducing injuries is most important, but safety can also help sustain programs and allow them to grow and thrive. No matter the size, organizations can save money and improve productivity by using an effective health and safety program.

Safety is best achieved through prevention. Safety is also achieved through preparation when workers and staff have the appropriate knowledge and equipment, and have adopted the correct behaviors to avoid injury, minimize loss of life, and moderate emergencies. The purpose of this workshop is to give you an overview of basic safety issues, available resources, and the need to maintain and implement a safety program at your facility. You will also be provided a manual including a wide array of resources available to you to implement and improve your safety program. GRC now offers a library of videos/DVD's covering specific safety areas; see previews of them at the workshop.

Look for sign up info on the conference registration forms-limited number of spaces available.

(see photos page 7)

President's Column

Wow, how did the first half of 2007 get away so quickly? I have had a very successful year so far and hope everyone else is having a similar experience.

Our goal to increase membership by 50% is on its way. To date we have a 13% increase in members since January. We started with 183 and have added 23. The goal is to add 91. It has been a fun challenge among our current members to seek out other companies who would benefit from participation in the GRC. Have you gotten your new member yet? As I've said before, if everyone got just one member, we could blast past our goal. How exciting would it be to at least reach this goal in time for our annual meeting? As I have recruited new members, I've strongly encouraged their participation in the meeting. The more resources we have, the better our chance for sustainability. As well, the more experience we have to draw on to assist our local municipalities and counties the more successful they will be with their recycling efforts.

As I have attended other state recycling organization conferences, I have come to a realization. Ours is the best. We have some of the most committed members and more cohesiveness than any others. But just like a family, we must grow it to keep it going. Remember why you joined GRC, remember what it has done for you and please commit to doing your part to help it thrive.

I am sure everyone is looking forward to the annual meeting in August. Although last year was a good time, the GRC Annual Meeting is like a family reunion. And the auction is back this year!

If I don't see you before August, my hope is that you will understand the importance of building our membership. Out of every 10 members, we will get 1-2 strong workers. There is a place for all members, but we must identify those who will assist in leading our organization. Also, if you are interested on serving on the board please let it be known. We have several positions that will be coming available at the end of the year. Please consider participating. It's a fun ride! Enjoy your Summer.

Nancy Womack GRC 2007 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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GEORGIA RECYCLING COALITION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Minutes for March 9, 2007

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

President Nancy Womack called the March 9, 2007 meeting of the GRC Board of Directors to order at 10:10 AM; the meeting was held at the GA Department of Community Affairs. Attendees were Executive Director Gloria Hardegree, Treasurer Rick Foote, Secretary Joe Dunlop, Board Members LuAnn Chambers, Marta Turner, Lee Judge, Jane Franklin and Chris White. Also Karin Zarin, Lynn Cobb and Kenny Dove.

Hardegree reported that Paul Rozel of RecycleNet had made us aware of an offer for a free trial subscription to an international recycling publication; available to GRC Board members.

Minutes from the January 19, 2007 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion from Turner, seconded by Chambers.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Foote distributed the Treasurer's report, noting that he and Hardegree have continued adding line items to provide greater accuracy for board members, and that nothing is out of order with the finances. Hardegree said GRC acts as a pass-through entity for Atlanta Recycles and the Atlanta Recycles airport project. Also, that the Turner Foundation will continue to fund GRC with a \$15,000 general support grant; this funding source has provided GRC with a new exhibit and audio/visual equipment including a flat widescreen monitor for showing GRC's "Why is Recycling Important to YOU?" PowerPoint.

The treasurer's report was approved for filing unanimously on a motion from Turner, seconded by Dunlop.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hardegree reported that several new members have joined since the January meeting and that her daily duties have included fielding an increasing number of inquiries from the public regarding proper disposal and recycling opportunities for compact fluorescent light bulbs. She further noted that there seems to be a groundswell of interest in all facets of recycling, with information requests coming from businesses and widespread reporting on recycling issues among the mainstream media. Dunlop agreed that DCA's office has seen a similar increase in interest, from all sectors. (Full report included in meeting packet.)

Lynn Cobb asked about the possibility of GRC hiring an intern to help handle the numerous requests that distract from bigger-picture duties.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education: Suki Jansen/Karin Zarin (co-chairs) Members: Kim Bailey, Cindy Reed

Karin Zarin reported that 25,000 of the bookmarks have been printed, paid for by Trex, and that the Weyerhaeuser awards program was successful again, with \$100,000 awarded to Georgia schools in the 9 years the Weyerhaeuser Foundation has been supporting the program.

Membership: Janet Liberman/Jane Franklin(Co-chairs)

Hardegree reported targeting members with the leftover umbrellas in an effort to get more businesses to join GRC. Womack repeated her request for members to attract one new member, to reach her goal of a 50% increase in membership.

Communications: Lee Judge/Stephanie Busch (Co-Chairs)

Member: Joe Dunlop

Judge asked about a web hosting contract to better facilitate changes to the Web site; Hardegree reported that there have been a lot of recent changes and updates to the site.

Program: LuAnn Chambers/Abbey Patterson (Co-Chairs)

Members: April Crowe, Shannon Young

Chambers reported that everything is in order for the upcoming semi-annual conference at Brasstown Valley Resort.

Special Events: Chris White/Nancy Womack (Co-Chairs)

Members:

White reported that arrangements underway for the May 15 golf tournament, to be held either in Conyers or Marietta. He would like to have 80 people participate in the fund-raising event for scholarships to the GRC Annual Conference at St. Simons.

Nominations: Marta Turner (Chair)

Members:

Turner reported that Linda Lott of Newell Recycling is interested in filling Tom Burns' at-large board position, and would run again when that position term expires. Turner moved to nominate Linda Lott to fill the remainder of current term of the at-large position; Foote seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Hardegree reported that a joint meeting of the Southeast Recycling Development Council and the Tennessee Recycling Coalition went well, with some 50 exhibitors attending. Hardegree also reported on the Recycling Organizations Council meeting she attended; much of the discussion centered on NRC's workplan.

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Hardegree reported on legislative issues including HR 245, supporting composting issues, and noting that an expected bill seeking to repeal the yard trimmings ban had not been presented to date.

GRC is seeking volunteers to staff a booth at the May 8-10 Waste Expo at the Georgia World Congress Center. Hardegree also reported on WSB-TVs 'Going Green' campaign.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Joe Dunlop, 2007 Secretary

Welcome New Members

Partner Level Sponsor

Curbside Value Partnership Steve Thompson

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Molam International Ronnie Doane

Government

City of Atlanta, Recycling Manager Karin Zarin

Columbia County Environmental Services Jenny Hinton

Newton County BOC-Solid Waste James Peters

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- Of Good Character
- With Reasonable Ability, Ambitious Purpose, & Congenial Dispositions
 - Possessed of Good Morals
 - Having a High Sense of Honor & a Deep Sense of Personal Responsibility
- With An Abiding Concern for the Environment

Values:

Integrity

Respect for People & the Environment

Entrepreneurial Spirit

Accountability

Teamwork

Communications

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GRC Paper Council





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INDUSTRY NEWS

What Would Thomas Edison Say?



If a California legislator has his way, the state will outlaw the incandescent light bulb. Democratic Assemblyman Lloyd Levine, who chairs the Utilities and Commerce Committee, has introduced legislation that would ban the sale of incandescent light bulbs in California by the year 2012. "Incandescent light bulbs were first developed almost 125 years ago, and since that time they have undergone no major modifications," Levine said. "Meanwhile, they remain incredibly inefficient, converting only about 5 percent of the energy they receive into light." Levine said he wants California to be a

trend-setter for the rest of the nation.

Newer, more energy efficient light bulbs would require less electricity to put out the same amount of light, cut greenhouse gas emissions from power plants, and save consumers money, he said. Replacing a 75-watt incandescent light bulb with a 20-watt compact fluorescent would result in the same amount of light but save 1,300 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions and save customers about \$55 over the life of the bulb, according to the Rocky Mountain Institute, a nonprofit organization addressing energy issues.

Levine is calling his measure the How Many Legislators Does it Take to Change a Light Bulb Act.

PepsiCo Becomes Nation's Largest Green Power Buyer

Food and beverage company PepsiCo has announced plans to purchase renewable power for its U.S.-based operations, making it largest purchaser of green power in the country, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. PepsiCo announced April 30 that it would purchase renewable energy certificates equal to all the electricity used by the company's U.S.-based manufacturing facilities, headquarters, distribution centers and regional offices. At more than 1.1 billion kilowatt-hours, it's the largest purchase to date under the EPA's Green Power Partner program, and is enough to power 90,000 average American homes each year. "Energy is a key focus for PepsiCo within its environmental sustainability agenda," said John Compton, chief executive officer of PepsiCo North America. "The purchase of these RECs is not only in line with our progress to date, but further advances our commitment to sustainability and helps make a positive impact in the communities we serve across the country."

Green power comes from renewable sources including solar, wind, geothermal, biomass and low-impact hydropower. EPA's Green Power Partnership, launched in 2001, works with more than 700 partner organizations that voluntarily buy green power as a way to reduce the environmental impacts associated with conventional electricity use and to promote the development of new green power resources nationwide. With PepsiCo's purchase announced April 30, Well Fargo & Co. becomes the second-largest green power purchaser under the EPA program, with Whole Foods Market, the U.S. Air Force and Johnson & Johnson rounding out the top five.

Pull-A-Part LLC Receives Award

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation recently selected used auto parts retailer, Pull-A-Part, as the recipient

of the 2007 Governor's Environmental Stewardship Awards for Hazardous Waste Reduction – Small Business. The Governor's Environmental Stewardship Awards program recognizes exemplary voluntary actions that improve or



protect our environment and natural resources with projects or initiatives that are not required by law or regulations. This marks the 21st year for the awards program. Thirty-nine professionals from various public and private organizations judged more than 100 nominations to determine the award recipients.

Pull-A-Part was chosen for the honor because of its innovation, education, cooperation, achievement and commitment to preserving Tennessee's natural resources. Pull-A-Part provides an innovative "green" approach for used auto parts retail sales and recycling which creates a "win/win" for the Nashville community. In the U.S., on average, 13.5 million vehicles every year reach their end-of-life and Pull-A-Part addresses the need to recycle these vehicles in an environmentally responsible manner. Based on recycling an average of 1,000 tons of automobiles each month at the Nashville location, Pull-A-Part annually prevents 1.5 million pounds of waste from entering Tennessee landfills.



Spotlight on Programs

Electronics Collection Programs See Higher Volumes

The City of Decatur event held March 24, 2007 at Decatur High School collected over **113,000 pounds**!!! Electronics, batteries, a little mercury, bubble wrap, etc. The event went from 9AM – PM on that Saturday. They learned many lessons and will begin gearing up for a high level of response as they prepare for the next event on October 07. Their previous high total was around 36,000 pounds. On March 30th, Chatham County (Savannah) collected about **80,000 lbs** and had over 500 cars come through at the main site. The multiple site collection effort was headed up by David Nash. Atlanta Recycling Solutions was the vendor for these events.

Bottle Brigade kicks off in Kennesaw Schools

In May, the City of Kennesaw Youth Council, in conjunction with North Cobb High School and Kennesaw Mountain High School, unveiled a new recycling effort. Large collection containers will be located outside each school. Students and members of the community are asked to bring used 20 oz, 1-liter, and 2-liter soda bottles, as well as (washed) 1-gallon milk jugs. For every bottle that is collected, TerraCycle, Inc. will donate 5 cents (for the bottles) or 10 cents (for the jugs) to the Kennesaw Youth Council Scholarship Fund.

On May 1st, TerraCycle CEO Tom Szaky conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony at North Cobb High in Kennesaw. The ceremony was attended by students and included the unveiling of an original hand painted banner honoring the school's commitment to the environment.

The program is an extension of TerraCycle's Bottle Brigade, a nationwide recycling effort that has almost 3,000 schools, churches and community groups that earn 5 cents for every bottle they collect. The locations can donate the money to a charitable organization of their choice or use TerraCycle's preferred non-profits. TerraCycle donates money from the Bottle Brigade to Earth's Birthday, which protects sea turtle habitats, and Nature's Conservancy, which protects the rainforest.

TerraCycle is an all-natural plant food company, whose motto is reuse, reduce and recycle. The bottles collected at the schools will be directly reused to package TerraCycle's products. "This is an amazing opportunity for these students to learn about the importance and benefits of recycling," Said Eric Smith, Atlanta resident and Vice President of TerraCycle.

Visit: www.terracycle.net/bb to sign up your school, your place of worship or even your office.

About TerraCycle, Inc.

TerraCycle worm poop plant foods and fertilizers are available in Home Depot, Target and WalMart stores nationwide. In July 2006, an Inc. magazine cover story crowned TerraCycle "The Coolest Little Startup in America." Joe Gardener recently named TerraCycle products one of his "Best of the Must Haves for 2007".

Athens-Clarke County Leads the Way in Innovative Programs

Bags to Benches a HUGE Success

Athens-Clarke County Recycling Division partnered with Trex and challenged local schools to collect polyethelene (plastic wrap - grocery bags). The winning school received a bench made from composite lumber provided by Trex. Eleven schools accepted the challenge and collected over 396,561 bags (produced 7 bales weighing 6,280 pounds or 3.14 tons of material). The top producing school was Winterville Elementary school with over 79,951 bags collected. All schools were supplied with collection bins and lumber samples from Trex. Additionally, Trex rewarded all participating students with recycled plastic rulers.

Students for Recycling

Athens-Clarke County Recycling Division and Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful received a grant for the second year from Sam's Club, Aquafina and Keep America Beautiful for encouraging plastic bottle recycling. Last year, four schools collected over 2,492 pounds (1.25 tons) of plastic bottles during the challenge. Chase Street collected the most with 1,443 pounds of plastic. They finished in the top 50 collecting schools in the United States last year. They received a \$1000 gift card from SAM's Club and a portion of the grant. This year three schools participated and collected over 3322.85 pounds (1.66 tons) of PET plastic. The top producing school this year was Oglethorpe Avenue Elementary with 2291.6 pounds of plastic.

Be Waste-Free

This year the Athens-Clarke County(ACC) Recycling Division partnered with the ACC Wellness program and EarthFare (Organic Food Supermarket) to encourage ACC employees to be waist-free and waste-free during lunch. Over fifty ACC employees pledged to Lunch for Less by reducing their wasteful habits and packing healthy lunches. These employees received reuseable lunch bags for taking the pledge. Additionally, EarthFare kicked off the program at the Lyndon Arts House by cooking a waist-free (healthy) lunch for the employees. Due to the popularity of this event, the partners held similar events with two local schools, Winterville and Barrow Elementary Schools. Each participating student and staff member received reusable lunch bags, Wrap-N-Mats (unique reusable cloth lunch mat - visit www. wrap-n-mat.com for information) and a healthy lunch provided by EarthFare. These events provided the employees and students with the tools they need to make better (waste and waist) choices when making their lunch selections.

Green Schools Blossom

The Athens-Clarke County Green Schools program (partnership between ACC Recycling Division, Public Utilities, Public Works and Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful) had eleven schools achieve green school status this school year. In order to achieve this designation each school had to get a minumum of five teachers to complete five "environmentally-friendly" lesson plans/activities during the school year and log those activities. For additional information about the ACC Green Schools program, visit www.accgreenschools.org.

What's New? **New Member Profiles**



Acuity Brands Lighting is the world's largest manufacturer of

lighting equipment for commercial, industrial, outdoor and residential applications. ABL is a \$1.8 billion company with manufacturing facilities in the U.S., Mexico, China and Europe. These plants manufacture more than 100,000 fixtures per day, which are supplied through strategically located distribution centers. ABL partners with some of the largest retail chains in the world, including The Home Depot, WalMart and Starbucks.

Acuity Brands Lighting is comprised of a family of brands including Lithonia Lighting, Holophane, Peerless, Hydrel, American Electric Lighting, Gotham, Antique Street Lamps, SpecLight, MetalOptics and Carandini.

P2AD Launches Scrap Match

The Pollution Prevention Assistance Div. (P²AD) of the GA Dept. of Natural Resources has launched an on-line exchange called the Georgia Industrial Materials Exchange, www.ScrapMatchGA.org Its purpose is to facilitate the exchange of unwanted, surplus, or other materials that would otherwise be disposed in a landfill. Any Georgia manufacturer, institution, commercial operation, or an entity that generates "waste" may post their Materials Available on the Exchange. There is no charge but a one-time registration is required.

Similarly, companies that require feedstocks, equipment, or recyclables may post their Materials Wanted at no charge after a one-time registration. The Exchange may be browsed by anyone but registration is required to reply to a listing. However, unlike CraigsList.org, this is not a place for consumers to advertise their wanted/unwanted household or residential materials.

Listings will expire after 180 days if the lister does not request a continuation after notification by e-mail. The Exchange administrator may delete inappropriate posts, or suggest edits for clarity. We encourage companies to report on successful scrap matches, relating disposal costs avoided, revenues from materials sold, or reduced costs for purchased materials. Questions? Comments? Contact chuck boelkins@gadnr.org

> GRC Membership Renewals were mailed out on June 1, 2007. Please remember to renew by July 1, 2007.

Plan Ahead for the Trash to Treasures Auction. Attire this year will be semi-formal "pirate", vintage, sustainable, or recycled content clothing and/or hats! Prizes for best concepts!

Early Registration Deadline Approaches for

NRC 16th Annual Congress

Mark your calendar now for NRC's 2007 Annual Congress & Exposition which will be held September 16-19 at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, Colorado. For information and registration, go to www.recyclingconference.org.

The deadline to receive reduced prices is July 1st. Also, GRC members, look for details in the NRC Mobius electronic newsletter periodically; if you are not

receiving this newsletter, please let us know garecycles@mindspring.com and we will get you added.



Safety Workshop



LuAnn Chambers, SP Recycling Corp, demonstrates safety concerns & issues at the workshop.



GRC attendees participate in a skit during the Safety & Quality-How Do YOU Measure Up? workshop held at GRC's semi-annual meeting in April at Brasstown Valley.

GRC News

Congratulations to GRC Board member

April Crow of The Coca-Cola Company and her husband Brian;



her family welcomed a new baby girl born Friday May 11, 2007 at 1:24 PM. Greer Katherine Crow weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz.

GRC Offers Conference Scholarships

Thanks to the success of the 2nd annual Extreme Recycling Benefit Golf Tournament, GRC will offer six (6) scholarships in the amount of \$450 each (\$225 for registration & the remainder to offset hotel room/travel costs) for the 16th Annual Conference. The goal of the Georgia Recycling Coalition scholarship program is to broaden participation in the GRC annual conference for those who would be unable to attend without financial assistance. Only GRC members in good standing are eligible for scholarships; recipients will be expected to volunteer for up to 3 hours at the conference. Volunteer responsibilities may include moderating sessions, working registration, the auction, etc. Preference may be given to first time attendees and or/new members. Applications must be received by July 15 2007, by US mail, email or fax, and notifications will be emailed prior to the August 1, 2007 Early Registration Deadline. Applications are available on request by emailing garecycles@mindspring.com.

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As a GRC member, you may subscribe to the GRC Listserve in order to share information and request assistance from fellow members. The address to post messages is:

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Purpose: To Disseminate information that furthers the goals of GRC.

- 1. The listserve is a GRC membership benefit for members only.
- 2. Rules of Conduct:
 - A. No slamming, i.e., bad mouthing someone
 - B. Professional conduct only
 - C. No inappropriate material, i.e., anything that does not further the goals of GRC or does not benefit the membership.
 - No political advertising or opinions relative to political issues. Factual information only.
 - E. No spam (junk e mail)

The Board will monitor conduct on the listserve and address infractions of policies appropriately.



The Georgia Recycling Coalition Announces

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

for 2008-2010 Board of Directors

The Georgia Recycling Coalition (GRC) is calling for nominations for its 2008-2010 Board of Directors. We are seeking candidates committed to providing time and resources toward governing our Coalition. Candidates must be members in good standing of GRC. Five positions are available for this term: **1 from a Trade Association**; **1 from the Government/Non-Profit sector and 3 At-Large**.

If you would like more information or are interested in being considered for the 2008-2010 GRC Board, please contact Gloria Hardegree at (404) 634-3095 or email garecycles@mindspring.com to receive a copy of the Nomination Guidelines.

All nominations must be received, in writing, by GRC at P.O. Box 550667, Atlanta, GA 30355, no later than 5:00 PM on August 1, 2007. Voting will take place at the GRC Annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, August 28, 2007.

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Organics Recycling Touted in GA

On April 25th Governor Sonny Perdue signed a proclamation for Compost Awareness Week in GA, celebrated May 6-12, 2007. Representatives of the organics recycling industry, as well as state department reps and GRC Executive Director Gloria Hardegree were present for the signing.

During the 2007 legislative session, The Georgia Senate passed SR 427, a resolution to promote recycling and composting in Georgia. Specifically, SR 427 encourages the State Department of Transportation to use recycled materials and compost in their construction and maintenance projects when available.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division was notified that they will receive a \$45K EPA grant to further food waste diversion in the state. Projects will include training, a business forum, and working with DOT to encourage use of compost in roadway maintenance and landscape





Recycle More Books!

To date there have limited markets for used books in Georgia, but now a major mill group is accepting them. Caraustar's Recovered Fiber Group (RFG) will now accept hardcover and paperback books. End products will include paperboard; tissues, napkins and towels; and covers for hardcover books and textbooks.

Caraustar's RFG operates 7 processing plants that source a wide variety of paper and paperboard secondary fiber for recycling. In some cases, books have to be certified that they will be destroyed. Caraustar issues certificates of destruction to printers and publishers who restrict books from being resold. Used, damaged, obsolete, and over-issue books are being sourced from textbook resellers, municipal recyclers, schools, libraries, printers and publishers. For additional information, contact Nancy Womack at nancy.womack@caraustar.com.

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Extreme Recycling Benefit Golf Tournament Supports Scholarships

Tuesday May 15th was a beautiful day for golf as 18 teams competed for the coveted 1st & 2nd place trophies at the City Club Marietta. American Recycling Group took 1st place with Caraustar's Team Womack coming in a very close 2nd. The tournament proceeds will fund scholarships to cover registration fees for the GRC 2007 annual conference. (see page 8).

Additional thanks to Newell Recycling, SP Recycling, Harris Waste Management, and Recover, Inc for their donation of great prizes. Special thanks to Chris White, Nancy Womack & Jeff Kibler who recruited and helped organize the tournament. Sponsors included:

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Bo Edwards, Heather Pritt, Larry Lieb and Justin Eades comprised the 1st Place winning team representing American Recycling of Georgia.

GRC Thanks the 2007 Sponsors of the Extreme Recycling Benefit Tournament for making 6 Scholarships available for this year's conference



Lisa Mayfield, Lee Brocious, and Linda Lott of Newell Recycling prepare to hit the course.



Nancy Womack, Caraustar & GRC 2007 President and Bob Rickman, SP Recycling and GRC Honorary Director greet before heading to their carts.

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