



Welcome to GRC's monthly update!

GRC Spotlights

RecycleStronginGA: A Look Back at 2022

It's been a busy year! GRC members have been out and about promoting recycling across Georgia and nationally as well as celebrating milestones, too!

Here are a few **#recyclestrongga** moments captured by our members this year.



Ralph Brooks (above pictured right) at the SWANA GA conference receiving the Solid Waste Worker of the Year award.



Kevin Perry of GeorgiaBev (pictured above, right) and Atlanta City Councilman Alex Wan with Peggy Ratcliffe at LiveThrive 70's Fundraiser.



Suki Janssen of Athens-Clarke Co. Solid Waste Department and Nancy Womack of Greif at the MRF Conference in Chicago.



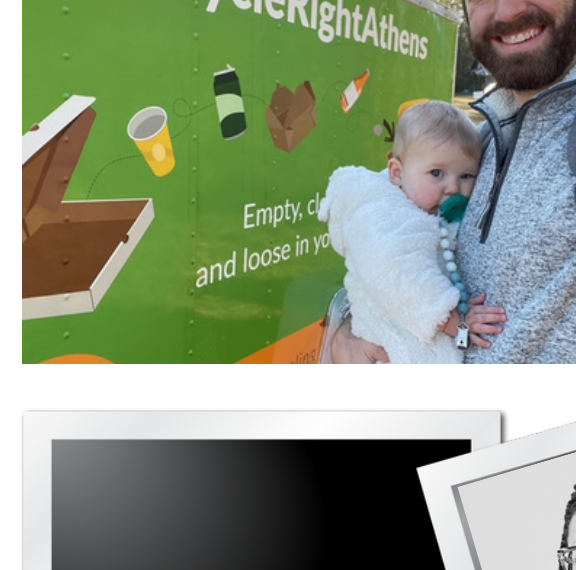
Chris Witherspoon (third from left) gathering with Rubicon colleagues as their company became a part of the New York Stock Exchange and rang the bell.



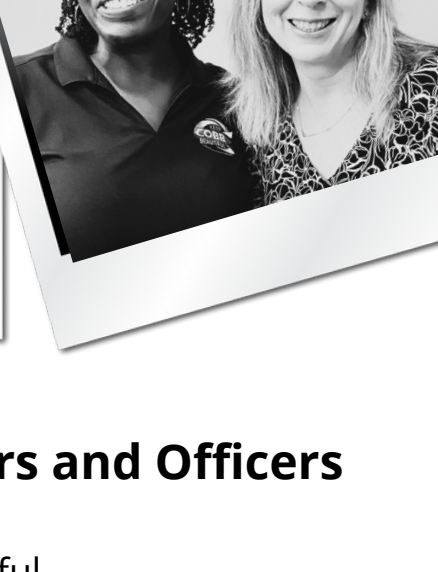
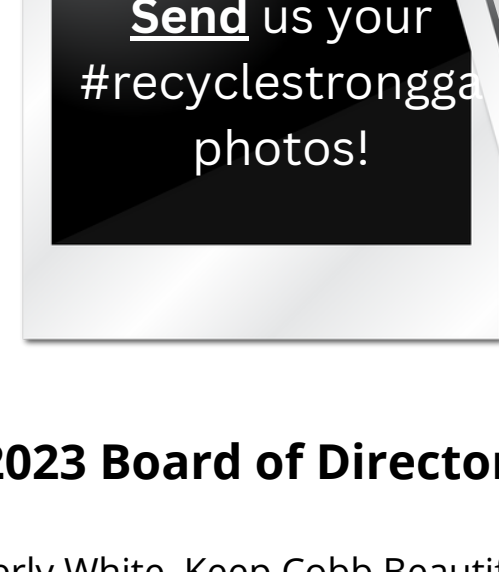
Peggy Ratcliffe with DeKalb County officials at the new CHaRM site groundbreaking.



Novelis Can Man showcasing recycling bins at Mercedes Benz stadium.



GRC Board Member Mason Towe of UGA (pictured left) and son at the Athens Vulture Festival.



Congratulations to GRC's 2023 Board of Directors and Officers



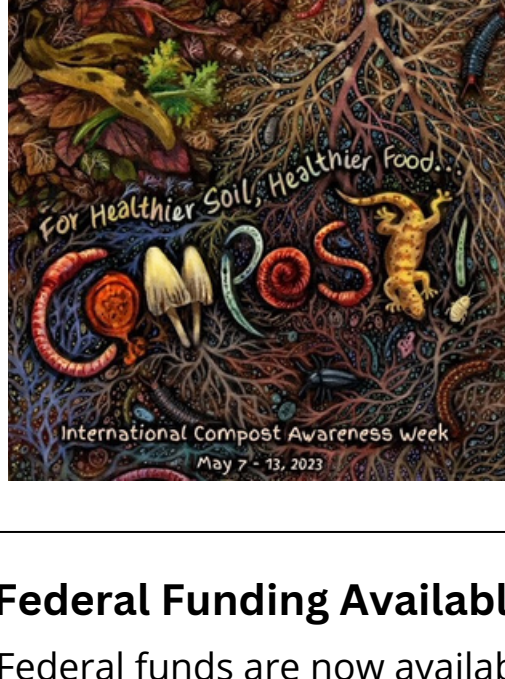
President Kimberly White, Keep Cobb Beautiful
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We also welcome new board member Mandy Renova of Pratt Recycling to the board and say farewell and a huge thank you to Jeff Lipscomb, GRC's outgoing President.

National News

International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW) Contest Winners Announced

The winner of the ICAW 2023 Video Contest is Magna Iacomella from Bueno Aires, Argentina. The 11 year-old remarked, "My dad talks to me a lot about compost, and he tells me that when he was little he didn't separate the organic or prepare the compost. It seems crazy to me because then fruits and vegetables were less healthy. I think it's weird to throw a banana peel in the trash." [Watch](#) her winning entry and be inspired!



The winner of the ICAW 2023 Poster Contest is Jun Qi Tan. Jun Qi is an illustrator and storyteller from Singapore, and also a regenerative gardener and composter on the side. She looks forward to being able to raise awareness through her art about the aliveness of soil and compost and the integral role they play in healthy food systems and a healthy planet.

The beautiful plant at the heart of the ICAW 2023 poster is the ancient grain amaranth, commonly grown in Southeast Asia.

Federal Funding Available

Federal funds are now available to help build and transform solid waste infrastructure, manage materials to achieve a circular economy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and create cleaner, resilient, and healthier communities.

[Political Subdivisions Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants](#) is for local governments for collection, transport, and processing for recovered, reused, recycled, repaired, refurbished or composted materials. **Applications due Jan 16.**

[Recycling Education & Outreach Grants](#) for consumer education & outreach on waste prevention, reuse, recycling, and composting to increase participation, decrease contamination and more. **Applications due Jan 16.**

EPA is hosting webinars to share more about these programs. Register [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Bring One for the Chipper - January 7, 2023

Keep Georgia Beautiful (KAB/KGBF) affiliates all over the state will be collecting Christmas Trees again next year. In 1991, the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation held its first series of [Bring One for the Chipper](#) events. Since then, its statewide network has created a whole lot of mulch for playgrounds, homes, businesses, and trails.

The official day is January 7, 2023, with many communities are beginning right after Christmas and continuing collection well into January. So, check locally for dates and locations. Thanks for [#RecyclingRightGA](#) this [#holiday](#)!



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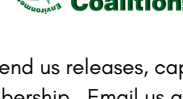
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