



August 2026 Issue



### Register for GRC Summit & Annual Meeting

Registration is now open! Make plans to join us for our annual meeting and an inspiring conference and networking event to connect, collaborate, and create new opportunities. The GRC Summit & Annual Meeting will be held October 14-15, 2026 at The Kroc Center in Augusta, Georgia. [Learn more and register today.](#)



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### Call for Presentations Is Open! Deadline: August 10th

GRC is now accepting presentation submissions. We invite your insight and expertise and welcome experienced professionals to submit proposals related to topics including recycling, composting, sustainability, new technologies, innovative projects, plus insights on recycling education, equipment, processes, and the circular economy. [Submit Your Abstract Today!](#)



**Announcing the  
Gloria Hardegree  
Scholarship**

[Scholarship for Recycling Coordinators](#)

GRC invites local recycling coordinators in Georgia to apply for the inaugural **Gloria Hardegree Scholarship**. This year, scholarship recipient(s) will receive full registration and \$500 stipend to attend GRC's Summit & Annual Meeting. [Learn more and submit](#) your application today. **Applications due August 21, 2026**. Recipient(s) will be announced on September 10th.

Questions? Email [education@georgiarecycles.org](mailto:education@georgiarecycles.org)

### **Connie Burns Scholarship**

**Help us promote the scholarship to students in your community.** College and university students are encouraged to apply for the **Connie Burns Scholarship** (up to \$1000). Applicants must be currently enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student at a college or university in Georgia and pursuing a degree in environmental science, engineering or other major related to recycling, waste reduction, or environmental sustainability. **The deadline to submit the application is August 28th.**

For more information and to complete the application, click [here](#).



### **Apply Today for the GRC Recycling Awards**

Want to be recognized for your hard work to increase recycling or know a company, local government, school, or person in Georgia who deserves recognition?

[Learn more](#) about the awards and submit application using the simplified online application for the 2026 awards. **Nominations due September 4, 2026**. Questions? Email us at [info@georgiarecycles.org](mailto:info@georgiarecycles.org)

### **The Recycling Partnership Names New CEO**

**The Recycling Partnership** (The Partnership) announced that **Greg Saxon** has been named its next Chief Executive Officer. Saxon succeeds Founder and CEO Keefe Harrison, following a planned leadership transition announced this spring.

Greg brings more than 20 years of leadership experience, with a strong systems perspective built from experience across electronics recycling, packaging, procurement, supply chain, operations, and circular materials systems. His background reflects the complexity of the recycling system and the breadth of partners needed to strengthen it.

"The Recycling Partnership has always been about proving what's possible when you bring the right people to the table," said Haley Lowry, newly appointed Chair of The Recycling Partnership's Board of Directors. "As we look at what's next, Greg Saxon brings extensive leadership and operational experience to drive our mission forward and meet the current moment the recycling system faces. The Board has total confidence that he will accelerate

the critical work we're doing together.” [Read more](#) about the transition and Saxon's background.

## Calendar of Events

**AUG**

**19-21**

**Tennessee Recycling Coalition Conference**  
Gatlinburg, TN

**AUG**

**19-21**

**GA Environmental Conference**  
Jekyll Island, GA

**SEPT**

**9-11**

**SWANA-GA Chapter Fall Conference**  
Jekyll Island, GA

**OCT**

**14-15**

**GRC Summit & Annual Meeting**  
Augusta, GA

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