“MADE IN GEORGIA”
Georgia’s Recovered Materials Economy

22nd Annual Conference, Trade Show & Membership Meeting
August 18-21, 2013
King & Prince Beach Resort—St Simon’s Island, GA

GRC is turning 22 this year and the recycling industry in our state is booming. With new curbside collection programs, more educational resources, increased processing capacity, an industry mapping project in the works, one of the best end-use infrastructures in the nation, new campaigns for waste reduction of non-traditional materials, a web based data collection system, recognition of our efforts with environmental awards, and a motivated board and membership, we have made great strides in increasing recovery in Georgia and raising the level of stewardship and knowledge. While the momentum is high, we still have much work to do to sustain this level of growth, so join us, support our efforts by registering today or becoming a conference Sponsor or Exhibitor, as we explore MADE IN GEORGIA!

Sponsor Deadline:
July 1, 2013

Exhibitor Early Registration Deadline (reduced rates):
July 15, 2013

Attendee Early Registration Deadline (reduced rates):
July 15, 2013

For Information on Sponsoring, Exhibiting, or Attending, go to:
www.georgiarecycles.org
President’s Column

It’s funny, but just about every GRC President has referenced the transformation of our industry. So, as I sat down to write this, it struck me that, instead of referencing that again, maybe we all just need to acknowledge that “change” is our new normal. “Transformation” isn’t the word we should be using, since it implies an end point, a goal reached. It’s “evolution” we’re talking about, something constant and never-ending. And if there’s a perfect group of people to help lead this evolution, it’s the members of the Georgia Recycling Coalition.

GRC has steadily grown in membership and influence over the years, and now serves as a powerhouse of resources for the Nation’s recycling industry. Like everyone in the materials recovery world, we’ve tried to keep up with the frequent and jarring changes to our industry, which no longer fail to surprise us, but always fail to defeat us.

That said, we had a terrific year of evolution for GRC. We continue to have well attended conferences with forward thinking speakers. Our members continue to receive hard to attain grants. Support from local governments is on the rise, and new markets are emerging in our region. Meanwhile, our committees continued to keep on top of issues, bring forth progressive programs, track legislation and policy that impact your work, and explore useful communication resources.

So, from myself, all our Board Officers, Board of Directors and great staff, thank you for your membership and support. We promise to keep evolving to serve you, no matter what the new normal brings.

Best Regards,
Kristine Kobylus
President, Georgia Recycling Coalition

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 18-21, 2013
August 21-23, 2013
August 27-28, 2013
September 17-19, 2013
October 8-10, 2013
November 15, 2013
November 17-20, 2013

GRC 22nd Annual Conference
King & Prince, St Simon’s Island, GA
Jekyll Island, GA

GA Environmental Conference
Louisville, Kentucky

Resource Recycling Conference
Long Beach, CA

Wastecon
St Louis, MO

Corporate Recycling Conference - Waste Recycling News
Ritz-Carlton Reynold’s Plantation
Lake Oconee, GA

America Recycles Day

GA SWANA - Fall Conference

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.
GRC IN THE NEWS

GRC Members Can Earn SWANA GA Recertification CEUs

GRC members may now apply for CEU credits for the Georgia Landfill Operator Certification program for participation at GRC sponsored trainings, workshops, seminars, and conferences. In order to receive the CEU credit Georgia Landfill Operator Certification, GRC members need to send the following items to the Georgia Chapter of SWANA:

- Complete Landfill Operator Application for Recertification form found here: www.gaswana.org/Landfill_Operator_Certification.html
- Provide attendance statement (GRC to provide on request after events)
- Include daily agenda from the GRC seminar, training and/or conference

EPD has requested that the number of CEUs from non-landfill oriented GRC programs be limited to twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of hours (30) needed for state recertification. This material should be sent to the Georgia Chapter of SWANA, 823 Prada Court, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30043.

GRC Membership Renewals Sent via Email in May
Due June 30, 2013

In our last issue, we told you about the new and improved membership and event management system called Wild Apricot that has been implemented by GRC this spring. It will simplify online use for members and give us many new administrative features. It is also interfaced with a new online payment system that is much more user friendly than our previous service.

By now you should have received your annual membership renewal via Wild Apricot; invoices were emailed automatically the first week of May and are due by June 30th. And it is set to send automatic incremental reminders until you renew. The next GRC member year runs from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Many of you have told us the payment will come during the next fiscal year of your budget, so we will honor that due date extension for those who need to make payment after July 1; please just delete the auto reminders!

Stay in the loop for all the information, resources, programs, materials, news, opportunities and networking that being a member of one of the strongest, most respected, and award winning state recycling organizations in the nation brings.

We are proud to be celebrating our “Made in Georgia” campaign this year as our organization turns 22 in 2013! Don’t miss this year’s annual conference in St Simons on August 18-21. Registration is now open; make sure to renew your membership to qualify for reduced member registration fees.

NOTE TO GRC Current Members:
You are already in the Wild Apricot System; to enter the system the first time for event registration you will need to follow these directions that are also posted on the front page of our Wild Apricot system:

To log in to your GRC account for the first time, please use the “Forgot Password” link under the log-in box in the top right corner. Once you reset your password to your preferred password you will be able to access your membership and register for events at the GRC member rate. PLEASE KEEP YOUR PASSWORD in a place where you will have it later for future events and membership renewal.

Call for Nominations
Georgia Recycling Coalition
2014-2016 Board of Directors

The Georgia Recycling Coalition (GRC) is calling for nominations for its 2014-2016 Board of Directors. We are seeking candidates committed to providing time and resources toward governing our Coalition. According to the GRC by-laws, all Directors must be voting members in good standing at the time of the election and during tenure of office. Only one employee of a particular business entity or government agency may be a Director at any given time, unless otherwise provided by the Board. Directors will be elected for three (3) year terms and can serve only two (2) consecutive terms. Directors will be elected at the GRC annual business meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2013.

The term of office for new directors will begin January 1, 2014.

There are six (6) positions available for this term:
4-At Large
1-Government/Non-Profit Sector
1-Trade Association

Nominations should include the following:

- A letter of nomination signed by a GRC member in good standing
- A resume of the nominee; and
- A brief statement by the nominee describing their interest and qualifications

All nominations must be received in writing by GRC, P.O. Box 550667, Atlanta, GA 30355, or scanned and emailed in entirety to: garecycles@mindspring.com no later than 5:00 PM on August 1, 2013.
The Georgia Recycling Coalition (GRC) is offering advertising in its quarterly newsletter. What better way to get the word out on what your organization is offering to the waste reduction and recycling community? Your ad will be seen by all GRC members and readers of the printed newsletter.

Take a look at our rates, consider the benefits, and give us a call!

**RATES:**

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**DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE:**

- 25% discount for all GRC members
- 25% discount to non-members who advertise in 4 consecutive issues
- 50% discount to GRC members who advertise in 4 consecutive issues

Welcome New Members

**Business**

- Recycling Management Services
  - Justin Eades
- OmniSource Southeast
  - Sandra Solomon

**Individual**

- Lori Strawder, Georgia College & State University

**Associate**

- Daniel Crockett
  - Republic Services
- Joe Czachowski
  - Recycling Management Services
- Patsy Niver
  - Recycling Management Services
- James Stull
  - Recycling Management Services

Contact GRC

Georgia Recycling Coalition, Inc.
P.O. Box 550667
Atlanta, GA 30355
Phone: 404-634-3095
Fax: 404-350-8780
Email: garecycles@mindspring.com
www.georgiarecycles.org

GRC SPONSORS

**PARTNERS**

- The Coca-Cola Company
- Georgia Beverage Association
- GA Dept of Community Affairs
- Mohawk Industries
- Novelis, Inc.
- Pratt Industries
- Shaw Industries Group, Inc.
- SP Recycling Southeast, LLC

**SUSTAINERS**

- American Chemistry Council-Plastics Div
- Caraustar
- GP Harmon Recycling
- PepsiCo, Inc

**PATRONS**

- Cycle-Tex, Inc.
- Delta Air Lines
- Pull-A-Part LLC
- Republic Services Inc.
- TeleCycle, LLC

**SPECIAL CONTRIBUTORS**

- The Turner Foundation
- Strategic Materials
- Carton Council
- Sonoco Recycling
- Glass Packaging Institute
- Whole Foods Market
- Waste Management
- IPS Balers

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**GRC MEMBERS RECEIVE ADVERTISING DISCOUNTS!**

For more info on placing an advertisement or for membership information, call 404-634-3095.
EARLY BIRD EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION
GRC 22nd Annual Conference
Deadline for lowest rate: July 15, 2013

Check Appropriate Option(s)

__________GRC Member Rate: $550*
__________Non-Member Rate: $600*

*Exhibitor Registration includes one full registration for one representative. Rates increase after July 15, 2013

__________Additional Exhibitor Attendee/GRC Member: $250**
__________Additional Exhibitor Attendee/Non-Member: $300**

**Discount over regular attendee fee; available only before July 15, 2013

Exhibitor Organization:

Attendee Name: ________________________________
Email: ________________________________
Phone: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________
City, State, Zip: ________________________________

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Total: $___________

☐ Check enclosed
☐ Please Invoice Me
☐ A check is being processed
☐ Paid online at www.georgiarecycles.org

Please fax to: 404 350-8780
OR mail to:
GRC
P.O. Box 550667
Atlanta, GA  30355

OR Scan and email to:
garecycles@mindspring.com

2012 CONFERENCE EXHIBITORS
• BioBag • Carton Council • Cycle Tex Inc • Caraustar Recycling • Dart Container Corporation •
• Georgia Dept of Community Affairs • Metal Conversion Technologies • Mohawk Industries •
• Newell Recycling • Pratt Industries • Republic Services • ReCommunity • Rehrig Pacific • RockTenn •
• Shaw Industries Group • Sonoco Recycling • SP Recycling • Strategic Materials • USAgain •
• Southeast Recycling Technologies • Wastequip/Toter • Waste Management • SERDC • GRC •
Georgia Recycling Coalition
22nd Annual Conference Registration Form
Circle Appropriate Option/Complete Contact Info Below

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Organization: ____________________________
Phone: __________________ Fax: __________________
Email: __________________
Address: __________________
Address: __________________
City, State, Zip: __________________

Conference Cancellation Policy: Refunds less a $75 administration fee will be made upon written request received prior to August 5, 2013. No refunds will be made after this date. All refunds will be mailed after the conference. Substitute attendees may be made at any time before August 5, 2013 provided written notice is provided to Georgia Recycling Coalition.

22nd Annual
Georgia Recycling Coalition
Conference
August 18-21, 2013

Hotel Registration

King & Prince Resort
201 Arnold Road
St Simons Island, GA

Reservations by phone: (800) 342-0212
Group Block: Georgia Recycling Coalition
(Block is for Sun Aug 18-Tues Aug 20; check in at 4:00 PM/check out 11:00 AM)

Reservations online:
www.kingandprince.com
Click Group Reservations/Group Code is: recycle (case sensitive)

Room Rates:
Standard  $94
Resort View  $111
Ocean View  $123
Ocean Front  $133
Villa-2 bdrm (View)  $384
Villa-2 bdrm (Front)  $438

GA state sales tax is 5%, Glynn County room tax is 5%, and local tax is 1%, for a total of 11%.

Reservation Deadline: July 15, 2013

Conference Fee Payment Info
Checks made payable to GRC and mailed to:
Georgia Recycling Coalition, P.O. Box 550667, Atlanta, GA 30355

Questions (?): (404) 634-3095 or garecycles@mindspring.com
FAX # (404) 350-8780
Pay online at www.georgiarecycles.org
(Click About GRC then GRC Events)
We are able to take credit cards only via online registration; our staff cannot handle credit card payments for you.
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**GRC’s ANNUAL BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Tuesday, August 20, 2013

12 Noon - 5:00 PM

Shotgun Start/Captain’s Choice/Box Lunch Included

Mulligans for sale at registration (cash or check only)

Team Prizes-Overall - 1st, 2nd place

Individual Awards
Lady’s Longest Drive • Men’s Longest Drive
Closest to the Pin-Par 3 • Hole in One-Par 3

4 Players & Hole Sponsorship  $500 □

Company ____________________________

Player 1 ____________________________

Player 2 ____________________________

Player 3 ____________________________

Player 4 ____________________________

Individual Player Registration Info:  $125 □

Contact Name: ____________________________

Company/Organization: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

City, State, Zip: ____________________________

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Email: ____________________________

Method of Payment:

☐ Check Enclosed

☐ Check at Registration

☐ Invoice Company at Address Above

☐ Pay Online with a credit card at georgiarecycles.org

(Please fax 404-350-8780 or US mail your registration form)

Checks payable to: Georgia Recycling Coalition

Mailed to: GRC P.O. Box 550667, Atlanta, GA 30355

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Contact us at: (404) 634-3095 or garecycles@mindspring.com

Owned and operated by The King and Prince Beach & Golf Resort, the award-winning course is renowned for its challenging layout amongst ancient forests, vast salt marshes, dramatic island holes and comfortable clubhouse overlooking the vast lake that adds to the challenge of the course’s 9th hole.

Originally designed by renowned architect Joe Lee, the King and Prince Golf Course’s signature is the group of four spectacular holes gently carved from small coastal marsh islands and accessed by 800-feet of elevated cart bridges. This bold and brilliant design marks the highlight of the back nine, but Lee’s genius extends through the entire 18-hole, Par 72 course as it bends around towering oaks, along large areas of salt marshes, and across lakes and lagoons.

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**GRC 2013 Live Auction “Trash to Treasures” Donation Form**

Deadline: August 9, 2013

This year the auction will be ALL LIVE! We are looking for special, fun, environmental and useful items for a live auction.

*Here is / are my Donations:

* __________________________________________________________________________

* __________________________________________________________________________

Name: ____________________________

Company Name: ____________________________

Email: ____________________________

Phone: ____________________________

☐ I will bring the items with me to conference registration (preferred):

☐ I am forwarding to your office:

Shipping Address:

GRC 50 Hurt Plaza, Suite 935

Atlanta, GA 30303

Clip and fax to (404) 350-8780 or US mail to GRC

P.O. Box 550667 Atlanta, GA 30355

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Be a STAR of the Show!!

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

www.georgiarecycles.org

Click Annual Conference on home page to find the sponsor link.

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St Simons Island, GA

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**Sponsor Deadline is July 1, 2013**
# GRC 22nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 2013

**“MADE IN GEORGIA”**

Georgia’s Recovered Materials Economy

## AGENDA

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*Drawing for Weekend Get-Away at King & Prince, an attendee registration to 2014 conference, and other premium door prizes immediately following the closing speaker’s presentation*

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The Construction Materials Recycling Association

. . . has rebranded itself as the Construction & Demolition Recycling Association. The organization has been around for 18 years and has more than 250 members. As part of the rebranding, the organization launched a newly redesigned website, www.cdrecycling.org, along with a new logo.

Rubberized Asphalt Foundation News


The purpose of the meeting was to encourage the FHWA to update its document, the State of the Practice – Design and Construction of Asphalt Paving Materials with Crumb Rubber Modifier (FHWA-SA-92-022) – to reflect innovations and changes that have occurred in the rubberized asphalt industry since the original publish date of May 1992.

It was determined during the meeting that a new guide will be produced that will capture the best practices in design, construction, application, testing, storage and handling of rubberized asphalt materials in use today.

The FHWA has recognized the cost saving advantages of other recycled content asphalt materials recently in the Every Day Counts program and it is hoped that the new guide can help state agencies and contractors to rapidly deploy innovative rubberized asphalt technologies that provide cost savings and longer performance lives.

The Rubberized Asphalt Foundation (RAF) is a research foundation dedicated to the science and practical use of recycled tire rubber in asphalt. RAF serves as a comprehensive, expert resource to provide technical knowledge and awareness that will enhance the development and broad use of rubberized asphalt. The foundation is comprised of renowned international experts from academia, government and industry who are leading the scientific development of recycled rubber for asphalt applications. http://ra-foundation.org/about-raf/

Energy Tax Debate to be Addressed by Task Force

A task force of Georgia business leaders formed by Governor Nathan Deal two years ago soon will reassemble to consider broadening a tax break targeting a resurgent manufacturing industry. Reconvening the governor’s Georgia Competitiveness Initiative also could open the door to discussion of more fundamental tax reform, including reducing or eliminating the state’s income tax.

A tax reform bill the General Assembly passed last year included a provision repealing the state’s 6 percent sales tax on energy used in manufacturing, long sought by business recruiters to make Georgia more competitive in a region dotted with states that don’t tax energy inputs. But in a concession aimed at easing its passage, “hold harmless” language was inserted into the legislation letting local governments impose an excise tax of up to 2 percent on energy to help offset the revenue they stand to lose from the state sales tax exemption.

Since the law took effect in January 2013, 48 of the 159 counties across the state have passed ordinances adopting the local tax, including the core metro Atlanta counties of Clayton, DeKalb and Gwinnett. Most of the cities in those counties have followed suit.

The task force, spearheaded by the Georgia Department of Economic Development and the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, is expected to consider recommending that lawmakers rescind local governments’ authority to impose the excise tax, restoring the full tax break statewide. The Georgia Association of Manufacturers believes that local governments opting to keep taxing energy used in manufacturing are hurting their chances of landing a growing source of jobs, putting them at a competitive disadvantage.

We will continue to follow this debate and keep you posted; this has relevance to our industry as recycled content manufacturing continues to grow in Georgia.
Compost Row
ICAW-Georgia Highlights

Dalton Whitfield County Events

Visitors learn about composting indoors and outdoors during Ecumenical Earth Day at the Keep Dalton-Whitfield Beautiful booth on Sunday, April 21.

Keep Dalton-Whitfield Beautiful volunteers, Phillip Pfeifer and Patricia Edwards, share information about composting with visitors at the 10th Annual Business Expo in Dalton, GA on May 7

Worm Composting hat worn by a volunteer during the event.

Athens-Clarke County Recycling Division Events

ACC Recycling Division held events all week including screening of Dirt, the film, a tour of the compost site, compost backyard bin sales at the farmer’s markets, a lunch ‘n learn, and compost story time attended by 166 children and 139 adults! The ACC Compost Facility Compost sold 1065 yards of compost valued at over $6000. The State Botanical Gardens put together 150 bookmark packets for the library programs, and Keep Athens Clarke County Beautiful (KACCB) Board of Directors donated the book “Compost Stew” to 18 local elementary schools. In addition, each school received a binder of compost lesson plans put together by the State Botanical Gardens of Georgia and KACCB.
Resources

Crayola ColorCycle - Turn Crayola Markers into Energy!

Crayola and schools across North America are banding together to help kids understand the importance of their role in protecting the environment. That’s why we are launching Crayola ColorCycle. Through this initiative, students in K-12 schools across the continental United States and parts of Canada can collect used markers and send them to a conversion facility where they will be transformed into clean-burning fuel.

ColorCycle is also a great opportunity for teachers and their students to explore eco-friendly practices. In addition to the “magic” of marker-to-energy conversion, specially developed standards-based lesson plans are available to enrich instruction and promote lively class discussions. For details: http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle.aspx

Recycle-Bowl 2013 Registration is OPEN!

Recycle-Bowl is a free competition and benchmarking tool for K-12 school recycling programs to promote waste reduction activities. Be sure to sign up by Tuesday, October 15, 2013! Recycle-Bowl begins Monday, October 21, 2013 and runs through Friday, Nov. 15, 2013.

Don’t Forget About These Programs

A Bag’s Life is a public education campaign that unites non-profits, business, community and government organizations around the common goal of promoting the three R’s as they relate to plastic bags — reduce, reuse and recycle. Partners include Keep Georgia Beautiful, the Georgia Recycling Coalition, the Georgia Food Industry Association, and Trex Company. Participating statewide retailers include Kroger, Food Lion, Publix, Harvey’s, Lowe’s Home Improvement Warehouse, Target, Walmart and JC Penney. Check out new programs and resources at: http://www.abagslife.com/

2013 GRC Spirit of Green Annual Awards

Nominations Recognizing Excellence in Recycling & Waste Reduction in GA

Nomination Deadline: July 1, 2013;
Applications on www.georgiarecycles.org

Award Categories

- Volunteer of the Year
  GRC Members who have provided the organization with value added benefits toward achieving the mission
- New Member of the Year
  “Rookie of the year” new member who has brought leadership & innovation to the organization
- Outstanding Institutional Program
  May include college, university, military installations or campus/industrial entities
- Outstanding Government/Community Program
  Local programs that exemplify comprehensive and sustainable components and practices
- Outstanding Corporate Leader
  Businesses that have implemented exemplary waste reduction/recycling programs for their industry
- Innovation Award
  Program or Individual developing original, unique, and potentially model programs or projects
- Environmental Stewardship
  Individual or Organization whose actions sustain the recycling industry’s viability

Building Recycling Programs in GA: Multi-Family Toolkit

The goal of this toolkit is provide a map to guide local recycling program managers, property managers and owners, elected officials, haulers and vendors, and professional associations to assure their efforts will have the greatest impact. The focus will be providing guidance, technical assistance, and resources for use by property managers and owners, and board of homeowners associations, as well as local government recycling managers who have oversight in working to reduce waste within this sector of their jurisdictions. Find under: www.georgiarecycles.org under Environmental Education/Citizen Resource Guides
The Georgia Recycling Coalition, Inc. (GRC) is a non-profit organization whose mission is 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.

Please choose a membership category, complete the information below, and return to:
Georgia Recycling Coalition, P.O. Box 550667, Atlanta, GA 30355
If you have any questions, or need additional information, call (404) 634-3095.

I would like to join at the following level:

- Partner ($3,025 or more)
- Sustainer ($1,525 or more)
- Patron ($775 or more)
- Business/Trade Association ($375)
- Government/Non-Profit ($175)
- Individual ($75)

Name: __________________________________________________________
Street Address: __________________________________________________
City, State, Zip: _________________________________________________
Phone: __________________________ Fax: __________________________ Email: __________________________

I would like to serve on the following GRC committee:

- Education
- Programs
- Membership Development
- Communications
- Special Events

Dated Material