

# Georgia Recycling Coalition

## Green Sheet Update



Welcome to GRC's monthly Green Sheet Electronic Update! We hope you find the information helpful.

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**Don't Delay--Register today:**

<http://georgiarecyclingcoalition.wildapricot.org/>

**Sponsor the Conference:**

<http://www.georgiarecycles.org/about-grc/grc-events/grc-annual-conference/>



**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP:**

<http://georgiarecyclingcoalition.wildapricot.org/>

**Just a few days left before the final deadline; next reminder July 26**

**GRC Conference Facility Tour - Added to our Agenda for the Annual Conference**

Wayne King  
ERTH Products LLC

Jeff Lipscomb  
Pratt Industries

Marla Prince, President  
Waste Management

Kathy Reed  
Keep North Fulton Beautiful

Peggy Whitlow Ratcliffe  
Live Thrive



### **Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC-Glynco, GA):**

The FLETC in its continuing efforts to be a good community partner, has signed a memorandum of Understanding with the **Brunswick Job Corps Training Center** to provide a learning opportunity to Job Corps Trainees who have an interest in the field of sustainability and the recycling industry. Visit the facility and see comprehensive recycling & job training in action.

### **Golden Isles Conservation Center:**

The Golden Isles Conservation Center is located in **Nahunta, Ga.** and is part of Seven Islands Environmental Solutions, a subsidiary of Cox Enterprises. The Center utilizes an eco-friendly process to remove materials from the waste stream and repurpose them for extended usage. The Center has the capability of removing the equivalent of five tons of tires daily from landfills and waterways. The initial focus is on recycling tires. A very special opportunity to see this unique operation!

### **Register Online:**

<http://georgiarecyclingcoalition.wildapricot.org/>

**Tuesday, September 19, 2017**

**1:00-5:00 PM**

**\$25.00**

**Transportation Provided from King & Prince on St. Simons  
Island, GA**

### **Hefty®EnergyBag™ Program**

**Application Deadline: Sept. 1, 2017**

Click [here](#) to learn more about the program and apply

The Dow Chemical Company and Keep America Beautiful are looking for organizations interested in establishing the Hefty®EnergyBag™ program, an innovative plastic recycling program, to make their community more sustainable. An ideal candidate has strong passion to consistently improve their community, close ties to local organizations and access to a nearby recycling center.

The program is an innovative approach to diverting traditionally non-recycled plastics - like chip bags and juice pouches - from landfills and converting the materials into valuable energy sources. Grant winners will receive guidance from Dow and **\$50,000** to implement the program in their community.

### **GRC Represented at DeKalb Glass Recycling Launch Event**

On July 13<sup>th</sup>, GRC Board President Marla Prince participated in the DeKalb County glass recycling program launch event. She spoke about Georgia Recycling Coalition's (GRC) role in working with industry and local governments toward resolving issues around glass recycling access for citizens while supporting economic development in Georgia. GRC held its first Glass Recycling Summit a year ago in July 2016 and has worked since then providing resources and seeking solutions toward increased recovery of this commodity used as feedstock by at least six major manufacturers in Georgia. The DeKalb County Sanitation Division's glass recycling drop-off program offers 16 locations where county-operated glass recycling containers will be placed in parks, recreation centers, fire stations, libraries and Target store parking lots. DeKalb is partnering with Strategic Materials, a major glass procurement and processing company located in metro Atlanta.



## **BREAKING NEWS**

### **China Intends to Ban Scrap Imports**

The [Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries \(ISRI\)](#) says China has notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of its intent to ban the import of mixed paper, "most scrap plastics" and metal slags and drosses by the end of 2017. ISRI says the plastic scrap grades covered by the proposed ban include "polymers of ethylene, styrene, vinyl chloride and PET [polyethylene terephthalate]."

The organization says it has "already notified the Office of the United States Trade Representative and the U.S. Department of Commerce [of] the devastating impact such a ban will have on the global recycling industry, especially because ISRI has heard that China is considering additional notifications in the future on other scrap materials."

Additionally, ISRI President Robin Wiener says upon hearing about the ban, ISRI "immediately briefed U.S. officials in preparation for [the July 19, 2017] U.S.-China Comprehensive Economic Dialogue (CED) in Washington. "More than \$5.6 billion in scrap commodities were exported from the United States to China in 2016, says ISRI. "The trade in specification-grade commodities - metals, paper and plastics - between the United States and China is of critical importance to the health and success of the U.S.-based recycling industry. If implemented, a ban on scrap imports will result in the loss of tens of thousands of jobs and closure of many recycling businesses throughout the United States."

### **Register Now For 2017 APR Plastics Recycling Webinars**

#### **Resources to Encourage MRFs and Municipalities to Expand Collection: Residential Bulky Rigids**

Tuesday, August 1st 2017 @ 1:00 pm EST - [Register](#)

#### **The APR Design Guide & The How 2 Recycle Label: A Partnership to Expand and Improve Plastics Recycling**

Tuesday, September 19th 2017 - [Register](#)

#### **2016 National Postconsumer Plastics Bottle Recycling Rate Report Overview**

Tuesday, November 7th 2017 @ 1:00 pm EST - [Register](#)

**[Visit the Webinars page](#) on the APR website for full session descriptions and details.**

Thank you for your continued support of our great state recycling organization!

**Sincerely,**

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Georgia Recycling Coalition