



Supporting the local, state, and regional supply chain for manufacturing feed stocks.

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Here are the top highlights of our work to grow and expand recycling access and resources in Georgia:

Solid Waste Trust Fund Amendment #1 GRC-facilitated an industry group to navigate educating state elected officials about the need to dedicate funds for intent. Created campaign outreach to voters to understand the importance of passage of the amendment. **Passed in November 2020.**

Georgia House Resolution-(HR 114-Feb 2021)

On February 8th the Georgia State House of Representatives recognized the Georgia Recyclers Association, the **Georgia Recycling Coalition**, and the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries as an essential part of the supply chain needed for the production and manufacture of goods and products in Georgia and throughout the world. **The members of the house further commended the three organizations for their role in maintaining the economic viability of the supply chain for Georgia's manufacturers and their employees.** See the full resolution here: <https://www.legis.ga.gov/api/legislation/document/20212022/197046>

Solid Waste Trust Fund (HB 511) -GRC provided educational information to elected officials on recycling as an essential service and the need for the state to invest in technical support and resources for local governments. HB 511 officially constitutionally dedicates fees collected for use based on intent, including tire abatement, recycling, and landfill issues. **Passed 3/17/2021.**

Launched our #RecycleRightGA campaign in November 2020; the multi-media approach includes comprehensive recovered materials coverage and addresses the need to increase participation and decrease contamination of recycled materials. **The campaign components are free and available to use from the GRC web site** and are shared weekly on our social media. The campaign was created with three generous grants from donors. **#RecycleRightGA #letssortthisout**

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS in 2020-2022:

Developed Covid 19 Resources at the onset of the pandemic and made them available on our web site

Created an Essential Workers gratitude campaign recognizing our frontline workers - March/April/May 2020 in social media and in all membership communications

Created a #RecycleStrong in GA campaign featuring our members in action as essential workers

Developed an **Earth Day-50 ways to celebrate at Home** tool as in person events were cancelled-April 2020- on web site

International Compost Awareness Week-the first full week of May 2020; with live events halted, we ramped up resources and ideas for observances at or near home with family members.

Virtual Membership Meeting-held in Aug 2020 was a Town Hall with the theme: **Bringing Us Closer Together While We Are Apart**. Members were invited to share their successes, challenges, how they were impacted by and adjusting to the pandemic and what resources they could share or needed.

Held a two half-day **Virtual Annual Conference**-October 2020

Hosted a webinar in December 2020-Organics Recycling; first of a three-part Materials Management series; the **Addressing Textiles** webinar was in February 2021 and **E-Scrap** was the topic for May 2021.

Glass Forum-our virtual Georgia Glass Recycling Forum was held May 5, 2021 partnering with the Glass Recycling Coalition & Glass Packaging Institute.

Ongoing work to engage local government to participation in the **Municipal Measurement Program** to collect data on recycling in Georgia; partnering with GA EPD and GA Municipal Association.

Held our **30th Anniversary Annual Conference** Virtually on October 25-26, 2021. Keynote was Rodney Bullard of Chick Fil-A. Topics ranged from partnerships, markets, education and outreach, and Diversity/Equity/Inclusion.

Hosted a **series of webinars** in winter/spring 2022: State of Recycling, Municipal Measurement and Organics Recycling

Facilitated **International Compost Awareness Week activities** in May 2022.

Working with GA Dept. Economic Development on updating the GIS Map of manufacturers in Georgia sourcing recovered materials.

Partnered with SWANA GA Chapter in observing **Waste & Recycling Workers Week** in June 2022.

Co-Facilitating with SWANA GA Chapter on a **USCC Georgia Chapter** for advancing composting in our state.

Completed our 31st Annual Conference—September 25-28, 2022 at St Simons Island, GA **Mission Possible—Aspiring to New Heights; our first live event in 3 years!**



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