



*Our mission is to complement and coordinate activities relative to recycling, to foster communications among professionals, organizations, government agencies and individuals, and to promote and enhance reduction and recycling programs throughout the state.*

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

**Please send us releases, captioned photos and other great news that you want to share with the membership; email us at [garecycles@mindspring.com](mailto:garecycles@mindspring.com)**

*In times like these, community is crucial. We thank you for your continued support of GRC. We are proud to stand with you in the efforts to keep recycling essential in Georgia, as well as taking on the great challenges ahead of us together.*

## **GRC Elects 2021 Officers**

At its 2020 Annual Planning Meeting in December, the GRC Board re-elected the 2020 Officers to serve as 2021 Board of Director officers. We thank them for their service in an unprecedented year and look forward to their leadership in the new year.

President	Karen Wilson	Greif Recycling
Vice President	Jeff Lipscomb	Pratt Recycling
Treasurer	Chris Witherspoon	M-PASS Environmental
Secretary	Susan Wood	Georgia EPD

We welcome three new board members in 2021: Carliss Bates, Keep Savannah Beautiful; Deena Keeler, Emory University; and Mason Towe, Athens-Clarke Co Recycling.

And thanks to Kevin Barkley, Camden County; Kathy Reed, Keep North Fulton Beautiful; and Joe Dunlop, Athens-Clarke Co Recycling for their service as their terms ended in 2020.

## **MMP-Metrics for Measuring Recycling in Georgia**



MUNICIPAL MEASUREMENT PROGRAM  
DELIVERED BY THE RECYCLING PARTNERSHIP AND RE-TRAC CONNECT

GRC extends appreciation to the Georgia Municipal Association for their support and promotion of the Municipal Measurement Program.

*Sign Up for the Municipal Measurement Program (MMP): Did you know that Georgia Industries put more products made from recycled materials back on the market than any other state except for California? The popularity of recycling in the public eye will only increase in the future, as constant reminders of pollution are omnipresent. It is important that Georgia's local governments begin to track solid waste streams to generate the data necessary to highlight the value derived from both ends of the waste cycle.*

*Using MMP, your solid waste manager will be able to compare your solid waste program with all the other programs reporting into the system. This comparative data will be available to your department for use in planning and in education. Click [here](#) to sign up today.*

LEARN MORE ABOUT MMP ON OUR WEB SITE:

<https://www.georgiarecycles.org/programs/measure-georgia/>

## ROME FLOYD GLASS



A privately-led initiative to resume the recycling of glass in Rome and Floyd County will start in January. Teresa Lartundo will partner with Strategic Materials to bring a large glass recycling dumpster to Rome on Jan. 8. The bin will be placed adjacent to the parking area behind Makervillage on North Fifth Avenue. “We’re

going to do a four-month trial period to see if we can fill it up to the top once a month,” Lartundo said. “It seems like we have enough interest so far.”

The recycling will involve glass materials that are typically used for food or beverage products. The glass can be any color, but not anything like broken windowpanes or broken light bulbs.

## ACC INSTALLS BIG BELLY UNITS IN DOWNTOWN ATHENS



The Athens-Clarke County SW Department with assistance of ACC Central Services crews recently made materials management a whole lot better-looking in downtown Athens. In December, crews installed four pairs of Big belly collection containers for trash and recycling collection. The trash side features a solar-powered compactor that will hold more 'waste,' allowing ACC Solid Waste Department to save money on collections. Two more pairs of trash/recyclable containers will complete the installation at College Square. Trash on the right, recyclables on the left. And hey – paper cups are now recyclable in Athens-Clarke County. Clean, empty and into the container loose – not bagged.

## ARGLASS OPENS



In early December, a new U.S. bottle plant that will use recycled glass began firing up its furnaces right here in Georgia. According to [Glass International](#), the Arglass Yamamura bottle production facility in Valdosta, Ga, has started heating up its furnaces in preparation for opening. Announced last year, the project will create the first new glass bottle factory in the U.S. in a generation.

The company's CEO previously [told Resource Recycling](#) the facility will use recycled cullet. Estimated to cost \$123 million, the plant will have a capacity to produce about 100,000 metric tons of bottles per

year. Arglass Yamamura is a joint venture between Japanese bottle maker Nihon Yamamura Glass Co. and Cambium Arglass, a privately held investment company.

## HEFTY ENERGY BAG PROGRAM EXPANDS TO SMYRNA



Smyrna residents who have curbside recycling collect by City of Smyrna Public Works will be able to recycle plastics #3 - 7 and other hard to recycle plastics in their curbside bin using a special Hefty orange bag. The Hefty® Energy Bag® Program is a groundbreaking initiative that collects many of the plastics that are currently hard to recycle and turns them into something useful again - instead of sending them to the landfill! Residents were invited to pick up FREE starter kits at the Smyrna Recycling Center or at Utility Billing located in Smyrna City Hall. Replacement bags may be purchased at the Kroger stores in Cobb County.

***Available and free to use on GRC web site:***

***[www.georgiarecycles.org](http://www.georgiarecycles.org)***

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