



**Georgia  
Recycling  
Coalition**

July 2021

*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)

*Did you know? This year is GRC's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary-- Founded in 1991  
Recycling is Essential for Georgia and we are #RecycleStrong*

## 30th Annual Conference Registration Opens



***Better Together-Essential for Georgia***

**Sponsor... Exhibit...Attend...here:**

GRC is pleased to announce that our 30th Anniversary Conference, Trade Show and Membership Meeting will be held on **October 24-**

**27, 2021 at the King & Prince on St. Simons Island, GA.** We continue to monitor the pandemic situation and may update from time to time, but the hotel is already holding safe and successful group meetings and will continue to provide precautions to keep meeting attendees safe and healthy.

Georgia Recycling Coalition is turning 30 this year and we're planning to party like its 1991-the year GRC was founded! But along with that, we'll be holding sessions to update, educate, motivate and provide insight and resources to our attendees.

## CALL for Nominations



The Georgia Recycling Coalition (GRC) is calling for nominations for its 2022-2024 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. **Terms open include 2 Business sector and 1 Government sector positions. Directors will be elected in an election to be held at the GRC annual conference business meeting on Tuesday October 26, 2021.**

Deadline to submit nominations will be September 15, 2021. The term of office for new directors will begin January 1, 2022.

Email [garecycles@mindspring.com](mailto:garecycles@mindspring.com) to receive the **Nomination Guidelines.**

# Burns College & University Scholarship

The application period for the Connie Burns Scholarship opens August 1<sup>st</sup> with the following timeline:

- **September 15, 2021** – All completed application forms and back-up documentation must be received by Georgia Recycling Coalition
- **October 4, 2021** – Announcement of scholarship winner
- **October 26, 2021** – Scholarship awarded at GRC Annual Conference

Applicants must be enrolled part or full time in a Georgia college or university and pursuing a degree in environmental science, engineering or other suitable major related to recycling, waste reduction, or environmental sustainability; the award of \$1000 as well as conference attendee registration and hotel accommodations will be included for the grantee. Please forward to your contacts; the **application is available here** :

[Connie Burns Scholarship 2021 | Georgia Recycling Coalition \(georgiarecycles.org\)](http://georgiarecycles.org)

## Spirit of Green Awards-2022



***Recognizing Excellence in Recycling & Waste Reduction in Georgia***  
Nomination Deadline: September 15, 2021

## Award Categories:

- Volunteer of the Year ●
- Outstanding Institutional Program ●
- Outstanding Government/Community Program ●
- Outstanding Corporate Leader ●
- Hall of Fame ●

Application is available here :

[Spirit of Green Awards | Georgia Recycling Coalition](http://georgiarecycles.org)  
([georgiarecycles.org](http://georgiarecycles.org))

## Coming Soon: 2022 Calendar: *Better Together-Essential for GA!*



The GRC 2022 Calendar will be available soon, so stay tuned for details and how to get your copy. This project has been in process since January via an ad hoc committee and will feature essential workers in our industry while serving as a fundraiser to support GRC educational activities.

**Congrats to our Board President,** Karen Wilson, on the birth of her son Rip Patrick Wilson born July 14th at 3:44am, weighing 6 lbs 5 oz and 20.5 inches long, Sending our congrats to Mom, Dad-Dexter, and big brother Hunter!

**REMINDER...Renewals Due July 1<sup>st</sup>** Membership renewals for July 2021-June 2022 were due July 1<sup>st</sup>. We have a grace period in place until August 6<sup>th</sup>-please renew as soon as possible to avoid interruption in your membership. Thanks for your continued support of GRC!

# KPB Recognizes County Recycling Center

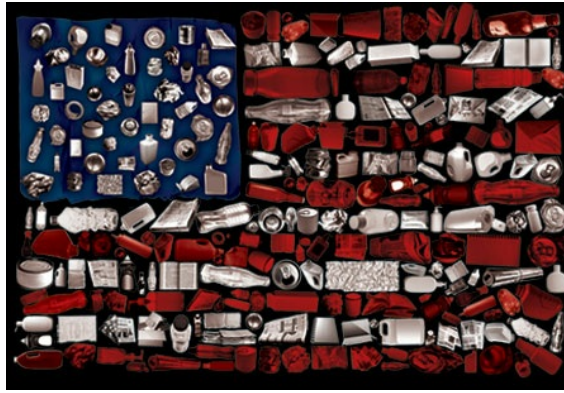


Keep Pickens Beautiful awards the Green Ribbon Award to local individuals, groups, clubs, or businesses in recognition of outstanding examples of programs, projects, or activities that enhance our community. The most recent recipient is the Pickens Recycling Center!

The Pickens Recycling Center and their state-of-the-art recycling facility is making a significant impact in our community. Through their efficiency and dedicated staff, Pickens County is able to reduce the waste headed to the landfill. Under the guidance of Director Kenny Woodard, the center is making noteworthy strides to establishing Pickens County as a recycling hub in our region.

In addition to the recycling services the center provides, the staff have done an amazing job of making the facility an attractive place to visit! The stacked stone wall, plants such as daisies and butterfly bushes, and the other efforts made to beautify are a welcoming as you drive through to drop off your recyclable materials. Keep Pickens Beautiful is happy to award you the Green Ribbon Award for June/July 2021!

## Recycling is Infrastructure Too



The **Recycling Is Infrastructure Too Campaign** brings together a cross-section of industry, government, labor, and environmental leaders to promote increased investment in waste reduction, redesign, reuse, recycling, and composting infrastructure. The Campaign aims to advocate for policies, funding, and other measures to expand these programs and services and increase the use of reuse systems, recycled content, and compost products in all infrastructure projects. The partner organizations last week released their first infrastructure plan, proposing 50 initiatives costing \$16.3 billion over three years to reduce waste, encourage reuse, and bolster recycling and composting.

The Recycling Partnership recently released a report estimating that \$17 billion in spending for residential recycling could increase the national recycling rate to 70%. Also, the report titled “Paying it Forward: Investment in Recycling Will Pay Dividends,” which found that massive spending on recycling infrastructure would improve the country’s materials recovery system. It “calls for a \$17 billion investment over five years, to completely transform the U.S. residential recycling system, maximize its potential and make it as accessible to all households as trash service,” according to a press release. The Recycling Partnership says the funds should be applied to “proven recycling solutions” and would generate a significant economic benefit, beyond bolstering recycling availability.

## COMPOST ACT Introduced



The US Composting Council and the U.S. Composting Infrastructure Coalition applauds Representatives Julia Brownley (D-CA-26), Chellie Pingree (D-ME-01), and Ann Kuster (D-NH-02), for introducing the **Cultivating Organic Matter through the Promotion of Sustainable Techniques (COMPOST) Act** in the U.S. House of Representatives and introduced by Senator Cory Booker in the U.S. Senate.

The COMPOST Act meets the growing demand from individuals and businesses to compost food scraps and certified compostable packaging. Assisting the transition to a circular economy, the COMPOST Act would create new USDA grant and loan guarantee programs for composting infrastructure projects, including large-scale composting facilities as well as farm, home, or community-based projects. The bill would add composting as a conservation practice for USDA conservation programs. Both the act of producing compost from organic waste and using compost on a farm would qualify as conservation practices. This bill addresses a critical need for regions and communities around the country looking to expand access to food waste composting, an important step to lead the shift to net-zero.

## DO YOU Recycle Challenge



With close to 1,500 multifamily properties representing

approximately 140,000 households, Atlanta is a prime location for a pilot Challenge to increase recycling participation and improve the quality of recyclables being diverted from landfills. The Do You Recycle? Challenge, launched recently by The Recycling Partnership, Live Thrive, Atlanta Housing, Livable Buckhead, Georgia Recycling Coalition, Atlanta Recycles, The Atlanta Apartment Association, and The City of Atlanta Office of Resilience, will aim to engage 100 multifamily buildings providing training and education over the next 12 months. The Do You Recycle? Challenge will scale the success of a pilot The Recycling Partnership conducted earlier this year with the Atlanta property portfolios of AMLI Residential and Gables Residential which reached nearly 5,000 residents across 10 buildings.

## International Compost Awareness Week 2022



### ***Recipe for Regeneration: Compost*** ***May 1 - 7, 2022***

The ICAW Committee is happy to announce the new theme and dates for ICAW 2022. The theme highlights the overall regenerative agriculture movement and how compost and organics recycling fit into that process. Regenerative agriculture is a system that focuses on improving soil health using agricultural practices with the idea that healthier soil will lead to healthier, more nutrient-rich crops and, ultimately, less carbon in the atmosphere through increased carbon sequestration.

Where does compost and organics recycling fit in? Compost, when added to farmland, gardens, yards, and other landscapes creates



healthier soil and crops by providing food for soil microbes in the ground. These microbes enrich the quality of the soil while also sequestering carbon in the soil through photosynthesis, a tool for combating climate change.

Just as a chef pulls together the best ingredients to create the perfect recipe, the 2022 theme, ***Recipe for Regeneration: Compost***, focuses on the crucial role recycling our food scraps and yard trimmings plays by creating compost, which when added to soil results in a recipe that makes our food more nutritious, the air we breathe cleaner and our climate healthier overall.

**Learn more about ICAW [HERE](#)**

Details about poster & video contests and how to enter can be found on the ICAW website: [Poster & Video Contests](#)

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