



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

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What WE do:

Professional Development

Training via webinars, tours, and workshops for members

Education/Outreach- Website, social media, list serve, news clips, e-newsletter, (*America Recycles Day, International Compost Awareness Week, Earth Day, Waste & Recycling Workers Week, RecycleRightGA*)

Networking/Events

Holding Semi-Annual & Annual Conferences; supporting regional and national events held in Georgia.

Broad Based Comprehensive Approach

Including traditional materials as well as organics, textiles, electronics, tires, HHW, construction and de-construction; facilitation of US Composting Council State Chapter for Georgia

Advocate for Positive Policy

Providing fact-based input assisting with assurance of maintaining supportive policy for the industry at the local and state level.

Support for Members/Local Programs

Participation on request to provide data and information as well as partnering/collaborating on events, programs, projects.

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 2020-2023:

Developed Covid 19 Resources at the onset of the pandemic and made them available on our website.

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.

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

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 2020-2023.

Worked 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 2022/2023.

Co-Facilitating with SWANA GA Chapter on a **US Composting Council- Georgia Chapter** for advancing composting in our state. **Georgia Composting Council** is now an official chapter and launching in early 2024.

Held a **Semi-Annual Training--Facility Tour April 2023**, visiting two local recycling centers.

Exhibited at the national **SWANA SOAR-** Conference held in April 2023 in Atlanta

Presented at the **Keep GA Beautiful-Spring Meeting** in May 2023

Held our **32nd Annual Conference in October 2023** at St Simons Island with keynote Keefe Harrison, CEO of the national organization--The Recycling Partnership

Continue twice weekly distribution of **#RecycleRightGA** campaign for social media to recycling program managers and educators around the state.

Developed a **Safety September campaign** in 2023 with posts all month centering on health & safety in recycling for industry workers and the public; followed up with a **Battery Recycling Safety webinar in November 2023**.



The Georgia Recycling Coalition (GRC) is the 501 c 3 membership-based state recycling organization in Georgia, celebrating its 33rd anniversary in 2024. Its mission is to promote & enhance waste reduction and recycling programs & activities in the state.

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GRC-promoting and enhancing waste reduction and recycling in Georgia since 1991.