

**Regional Green Governments Commission  
Recycling Subcommittee Meeting Notes  
Wednesday, May 13, 2009 @ 10:00**

***Attendees:***

***John Broughton***

***Kevin Byrnes***

***Laurel Hammig***

***Kimberly McWhirt***

***Allan Ramsay***

***Eric Lawrence Stott***

***Rick Guidry***

***Proposed content on County web sites:***

The group discussed the draft content for each of the county web sites. For Spotsylvania, Kimberly has been working on all of the proposed changes and is near completion. For Stafford, John had an earlier discussion with Julie (not present at meeting) regarding the proposed content and Julie has already added the additional information. For King George, Bridgid is currently on medical leave and John will follow up with Brigid in early June regarding the recommended layout in more detail. Eric added that the KG landfill committee will be having a meeting July 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the county web site and hopes that our suggested format will be supported and incorporated. For Caroline, Allan confirmed that the recommended format John provided looked fine and doable. John and Allan will arrange a follow up discussion to move forward on the county web site.

***Recycling template for area phonebooks***

Laurel provided the group with an update on the proposed layout of recycling content for the region's phonebooks. The group provided a few minor suggested changes which Laurel will incorporate and resend to the group. Once approved, Laurel and John can submit template to area phone book distributors.

John followed up with Kevin on the status of the draft GWRC Resolution. Kevin will forward John the revised version. John and Laurel will finalize the template and write up a final resolution to present to the GWRC board members for review and adoption.

***Free Lance Star Op-ed piece:***

John provided an update to the group regarding the development of the Green Waste Management article that was published in the Free Lance Star on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

***Sierra Club Survey:***

Eric gave the group an update on the survey's the Sierra Club put together for Earth Day. The survey is still being collected and Eric hopes to have an update to the group at the next meeting. Hopefully the survey will give our group some additional understanding on how to effectively educate and raise awareness about recycling in the region.

***UMW Waste & Recycling Program Data:***

Kevin shared with the group his interest in obtaining waste and recycling data from the University of Mary Washington. John inquired what opportunities may exist for replicating UMW efforts at Germanna. Kevin is hoping that he will meet someone at the GreenExpo

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conference at Germanna to inquire who the appropriate contacts will be as we explore how to develop a relationship with Germanna.

**Local Government Solid Waste Plans, Recycling Data & Contracts**

Kevin informed the group that he has received local government data from Stafford and King George counties. Kim will forward the Spotsylvania information and Allan will send Kevin the information he needs. The purpose of Kevin's review of these county contracts is to understand the potential for a regional waste-to-energy site. The review of the contracts will also give us information on the life cycle of the area landfills, who the players are, where materials go, etc. Kevin will provide more details when his analysis is complete.

**Educational outreach opportunities:**

Laurel will continue to keep the group updated on the whether we can pursue street side recycling containers for downtown Fredericksburg. A meeting will be held in June to further discuss this opportunity.

John will reach out to Carafio to discuss recycling containers for the Spotsy Mall. Kim will see if she has a contact for John on who handles the waste for the Spotsy Towne Centre.

John would like to explore how the group could reach out to designated HOA communities in the region. Kevin suggested that the group look into which haulers offer curbside recycling to help us identify specific subdivisions. Other means of community outreach for HOAs could include drafting template article for HOA newsletters, present at HOA board meetings, etc.). John will put together a matrix to help with compiling the research. Kevin suggested we contact the local planning offices to see if they have information on where the HOA neighborhoods are located, and who manages them. By contacting the HOA management companies, we can find out who the hauler is, if recycling services are provided, and what our committee can do to increase the level of recycling efforts in each of the respective HOA communities.

John would still like to explore what opportunities may exist to do a pilot Business recycling program. Perhaps start with some of the restaurants in Central Park or downtown. The group will continue to explore how to implement this pilot initiative.

John would like to discuss with Dan Dukes, head of the Green Building committee about new construction waste recycling programs in the region.

John would like begin compiling a list of all the current school recycling programs in the region.

Kevin suggested that we also explore how to involve the three area military bases (AP Hill, Dahlgren, and Quantico).

National Recycling Day – Eric informed the group that the Sierra Club is beginning to make plans for this year's National Recycling Day (Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>) and asked if our subcommittee would like to participate in the outreach efforts being planned. John suggested that the group table this discussion for the June meeting.

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**Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 at GWRC office**