

HEART OF FLORIDA SOLID WASTE GROUP
NOVEMBER 21, 2008
MINUTES

Attendance: List attached - 20 total representing 11 organizations

REGIONAL STUDY

All 15 Counties participated in Phase 1, some more complete than others. Database includes everything that was received. Shani sent each County's summary 11/24. **Review, update and comment by 12/10. Yellow highlights need special attention.** She will have all revisions entered by 12/30, revised database and draft final report to us by 1/9 to discuss 1/16.

Report format. Each County will have 2-page summary. Comparisons, ranges, averages for the entire area, data analysis. PowerPoint summary too. PowerPoint presentation for 11/21 lost and partially recreated, good format.

Website is up and available to review www.heartoffloridasolidwaste.org . **Look at photos, suggest captions, and request removal of any you wish.** Send info to Rhonda to input. Susie will send agendas and minutes to Rhonda. Pages will indicated last update date.

Phase 2 study scope development committee: Susie Metcalfe, Karen Deeter, Emilio, Bruno, Mark Halleen, Terri Lowery. Next steps: Cities data is not complete, need more detail.

RETAIL BAG MEETING: summary attached thanks to Allison Trulock (HDR)

Meeting poorly attended. Some big stakeholder groups represented by 1 person. Comments will go on FDEP website. Karen has data on **Ireland's** implementation of plastic bag restrictions **(and some other places)**. Emilio will draft a statement from our group: Suggestions included: plastic bags are from non-renewable resource, paper is renewable/sustainable, reusables are preferable, those plastic bags remaining must be recyclable, plastic poses a big litter problem, adversely impacts marine life and birds.

Rhonda would like info from Clerk of Courts in each County on uncovered loads and littering convictions.

LOCAL EVENTS-

America Recycles Day;

Citrus County had two events, one at a farmer's market, invited back monthly, other at a City park included electronic recycling.

Putnam County had an event sponsored by Litter Task Force: food, essay contest, tire collection (124 tons)

Green Fair

Lake County had big event end October, 1500 attendees, 80 vendors (green products and services), pet adoption, make it annual. Planning a business targeted event for April

75% RECYCLING GOAL

Next stakeholders' meeting 12/2 in Tallahassee. Feedback posted on website. Karen, Steve and Carmen may attend. Ask FDEP what they are going to do with this information.

COUNTY NEWS

Alachua/Gainesville—GRU proposals for biomass power plant were received on 12/14/07, and the ranking was approved on 5/12/08. If GRU adopts the Feed-In Tariff they will apparently be the first utility in the country to do that. (A Feed-In Tariff is the price per unit of electricity that a utility pays for renewable electricity from private generators.)

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Lake – Landfill new cell substantially complete, ready to use Feb or March. 5-year collection contracts approved. May offer County collection services in some Cities. Mining a landfill cell, talk to Sandy Jennings from Escambia and Tim Townsend at UF.

Sumter – New scales being installed, no market for cardboard.

(My notes don't say who discussed) – Earth machines compost bins, get literature for next meeting. Will this work for 5%-10% organic composting goal?

Citrus – Working with schools to do a waste composition study, introduce recycling in schools.

Marion – New Board member wants to change direction on solid waste..... Regional WTE facility.

Next Meeting: January 16, 2009, Lake County 10 a.m., Lake County Ag Center