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Decatur-Waste/Recycling Working Group

April 14, 2010

Attendees:

Ray Batman-DOVE
Marge Evans-CEC
David McLaughlin-Richland Community College
Louis Perez- Macon County
Vasudha Pinnamaraju-City of Decatur
Phil Pugsley-Pugsley Container
Laurie Rasmus-Macon County
Chris Rooney-Veolia
David Schaab-Waste Management
Ron Shumaker-Midwest Fiber
Lindy Wordlaw-CNT
Deb Garette – Attended
Sue Neislie

Issues:

- Illegal dumping (hot spots)
- Marketing/education of existing programs
- Improve coordination of existing programs
- Accessibility (e.g. Apartments can't recycle)
- Cost of services
- Plastic bags
- Beyond curbside
- Mixed Messages

Measurable Indicators:

- Participation Rates
- Commodity Prices
- Amount Recycled
- What is going to landfill
 - What is diverted
 - What characterization report



Projects:

- Curbside recycling
- Compost bins (county)
- Pilot program waste management (once week pickup)
 - Approximately 2000 households in pilot
- Recycling in industrial/commercial

Strategies:

- Cameras for illegal dumping
- Recycling bonus
- Ban plastic bags and Styrofoam
- Elementary schools
- Food waste and vermin compost
- CML composting
- Change in collection
- 1/1/12 meat waste
- Single stream/once a week