



# M E E T I N G A G E N D A

## COG RECYCLING COMMITTEE Controlling Plastic and Paper Bag Pollution

Place: COG 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Board Room

Date: Thursday, March 19, 2009

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Register: [www.mwcog.org/calendar](http://www.mwcog.org/calendar)

I. **Call to Order & Introductions** (10:00 – 10:10) – Chair Bill Easley, District of Columbia

II. **Controlling Plastic and Paper Bag Pollution** (10:10 – 12:00)

**Panel Discussion: The Scope of the Problem** (10:10 – 10:40)

COG Staff

*Data on Watershed Impacts.*

Tracy Bowen, Executive Director, Alice Ferguson Foundation

*The cleanup of litter in our rivers.*

Jim Connolly, Executive Director, Anacostia Watershed Society

*Observed conditions in the Anacostia Watershed.*

Brenda Platt, Waste to Wealth and Sustainable Plastics Program Director, Institute for Local Self-Reliance

*Additional environmental impacts.*

**Panel Discussion: Proposed Solutions** (10:40 – 11:10)

Brenda Platt, Institute for Local Self-Reliance

*Bag fees and bans around the world.*

John Snarr, Principal Planner, COG

*A review of the plastic and paper bag bills introduced in the region.*

Julia Hillengas (by phone), Senior Environmental Planner, Hampton Roads Planning District

*An enhanced recycling pilot program in Southeast Virginia.*

Representative, TREX, Inc., Winchester, VA

*The perspective of the largest plastic bag recycler in country.*

**Panel Discussion: The Industry Perspective** (11:10 – 11:30)

Barry Scher, Vice President of Public Affairs, Giant Food LLC

*A large local grocery retailer.*

Representative, American Chemistry Council/Progressive Bag Alliance

*The plastic bag manufacturers.*

Representative, American Forest and Paper Association

*The paper bag manufacturers.*

**Group Discussion** (11:30 – 12:00)

III. **Lunch for Recycling Committee** (12:00 - 12:30)

IV. **Recycling Committee Business** (12:30 – 12:55)

A. Go Recycle Campaign Review

B. DTV Update

V. **News Exchange and Industry Update** (12:55 – 1:30)

VI. **Set Next Meeting Date (May 21: Organics Market Development)**

VII. **Adjourn**



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