



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

COG RECYCLING COMMITTEE Controlling Plastic and Paper Bag Pollution

Place: COG 3rd Floor Board Room

Date: Thursday, March 19, 2009

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

Register: www.mwcoq.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 Hillegas (by phone), Senior Environmental Planner, Hampton Roads Planning District

An enhanced recycling pilot program in Southeast Virginia.

Raymond Hampton, Materials Sourcing Manager, TREX Company, 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.

Shari Jackson, Manager, Progressive Bag Affiliates, American Chemistry Council

The plastic bag manufacturers.

Gretchen Spear, Manager, Recovered Fiber & Packaging, American Forest & Paper Assn.

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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