

Recycling Task Force Update November 4, 2014

On May 15, 2014, the Recycling Task Force viewed a webinar "Taking Your Recycling Program to the Next Level." In May 2014 EGSC's news article was published in Forest Blade announcing EGSC's Coca Cola Bin Grant award and recycling program; this was also posted on college's scrolling messages on the college webpage and on the EGSC's Recycling webpage: http://www.ega.edu/green_team

On June 16, 2014 Bins were received by EGSC and distributed to each building.

On June 26, 2014 the committee met. Local community members George Elder and Bob Losser asked if EGSC could assist Emanuel County with an "attitudes about recycling" community survey. The survey request was postponed until after the November 2014 election.

On June 30, 2014 posters promoting the recycling program were distributed to all buildings.

On September 9, 2014 Mary Smith polled the committee concerning aluminum cans and plastic bottle disposal options: 1) continue to donate to local Fire Department for the Georgia Burn Foundation, or 2) sell to recycling center. Unanimous vote to donate to local Fire Department.

November 3, 2014 East Georgia State College's David Steptoe and Ryan Stemple deposited the first collection at Swainsboro Fire Department and had a photo with Georgia Burn Foundation representative. News article will be published later this month concerning this donation to benefit burn victims and to highlight the recycling efforts of EGSC.

Task Force Members: Mary C. Smith (Chair), Taylor Edenfield, Desmall Purcell, Ryan Stemple, David Steptoe, Dianna Wedincamp, and Dr. Jimmy Wedincamp are current task force members. Robin Poole and Zoey Marsh (both resigned) and need to be replaced. Norma Woods has agreed to serve and the committee will identify a Statesboro representative.

Future Plans of Committee: The task force's initial work: assessment of whether a recycling program should be initiated and the initiation of the program have been completed. Presently, the Plant Operations staff is collecting the recyclables and handling disposal. Marketing assisted with the preparation of news releases, scrolling messages on the EGSC website and posters displayed on campus to communicate the program to the campus community. At this time, the program could be managed by Plant Operations with continued assistance from Marketing. The committee would like a student organization to assist with communication about the recycling program and for the campus to consider recycling for large campus events (September events, Graduation, athletic events, etc.). Coordination with EGSC Event Planner is essential to the success of the program.