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ARC'S 32nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Arkansas Recycling Coalition's 32nd annual Conference was held in Hot Springs at Oaklawn Hotel and Event Center. The conference, held September 11-13, 2023, featured many topics and speakers including our keynote Doug Virtue, President – VIRCO Manufacturing Corporation, an Awards Speaker: Sylvia Blain, Executive Director – Potluck Food Rescue and Breakfast Speaker: Connie Lovell, President – WashedUp Texas.

A special thanks to all of our sponsors, exhibitors, and attendees who helped make our 2023 conference a success.

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ARC's MISSION is to function as a non-profit coalition of individual, community, nonprofit, government, NGO and private enterprise members dedicated to advancing the principles of REDUCE, REUSE, REPURPOSE, and RECYCLE as the Primary Means of SUSTAINABLE Waste Management in Arkansas.

ARC'S 32nd Annual Conference

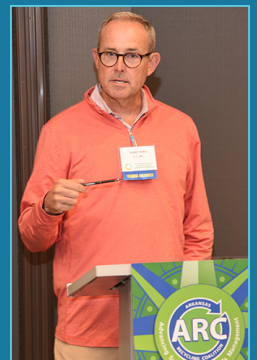


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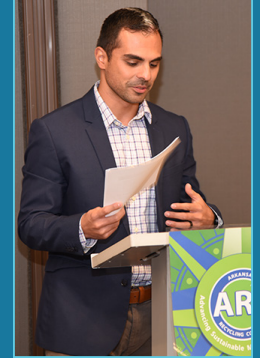
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*Community Involvement
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Keep little Rock Beautiful*



*Recycling Education Program
of the Year
Trex Company and Keep
Arkansas Beautiful*



*School Recycler of the Year
Forest Park Elementary*



*College Recycler of the Year
National Park College*



*Individual Recycler of the Year
Billy Sawyer*

ARC 2023 Conference Golf Champions



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Golf Chairman: Harold Ford
Eco Solutions: Alan Bates/Clayton Cooper
AREBV: Dennis Farmer
Cram-A-Lot: Jim Steele (not shown)*

ARC 2023 Conference Cornhole Tournament Champions



*Champions:
Midland Davis: Lily Hull
Rehrig Pacific: Brandon Myers*



*Runner-up:
AR Environmental Training
Academy: Alan Spangler
Carroll County RSWMD:
George Boatright*

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Clean Waterways Grant

Submitted by Colbie Jones, KAB

Keep Arkansas Beautiful (KAB) is offering five (5) year-round grants to city/county governments, companies, and organizations seeking to develop and install a trash boom on a local waterway to capture and reduce the spread of litter along the waterway. This grant will be awarded on a reimbursement basis and up to \$2,600.

Application period - July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Grant applications are reviewed and grants awarded year-round.

GRANTS APPLICATION

<https://keeparkansasbeautiful.com/community-resources/grants/>



Green Careers Expo 2023 Jobs

Submitted by: Stephanie Lewis, AEEA

Green jobs represent one of the fastest growing and changing segments of the global economy. At the same time, today's youth are seeking rewarding careers that help us move towards more sustainable lifestyles and greener economies. The next generation wants to work with purpose. They want to find a job they can be proud of; they want to feel like they are making a difference in the world.

Exhibitor Invitation

School Invitation



Save the Date

For ARC's 33rd Annual Conference! It will be held at the **OAKLAWN•RACING•CASINO•RESORT**, Hot Springs, AR, on September 9-11, 2024. More conference information will be released in the coming weeks/months.



DEQ Solid Waste License Info!

Did you know ePortal allows users to apply for Solid Waste examinations online? Apply today using the following link:

EXAMINATIONS APPLICATION

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Disclosure statements are required for ALL solid waste operator applications.

Revolution Receives LNO for Clear Food Grade PCR-LLDPE Resin

Media Contact: Dana Dowdy

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a Letter of No Objection (LNO) for Revolution's proprietary recycling method to produce post-consumer recycled, linear low-density polyethylene (LLDPE PCR) made from recycled stretch film for food contact applications. Clear PCR produced under Revolution's process can be used at recycled content levels up to 100% in the manufacture of food contact articles for all dry and wet, raw and processed foods (including fats and oil, dairy, beverages, aqueous products and all types of dry solids) for hot/boiling, frozen, refrigerated, and room temperature conditions of use, which is the broadest Conditions of Use (COU) in the industry for LLDPE PCR.

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America Recycles Day



Pick Me Up: Litter Abatement and Bridge to Work Program

By: Ellzey Heather, City of Fayetteville

Fayetteville's Approach to Litter Abatement and Job Creation within the Under-resourced and Homeless Communities.

Last fall The City of Fayetteville partnered with Genesis church to develop a litter abatement and bridge to work program that would employ members of the City's un-sheltered community to help cleanup the trails and roadways around Fayetteville. After an initial pilot program costing \$31,000, the program collected over 66,000 lbs of trash in just 4 months and had over 220 participants. The City has now budgeted \$100,000 for the continuation of the Pick Me Up program for 2023 and as of July of this year the teams have collected almost 87,000 lbs of litter.

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Recycling is Economic Development

By: Craig Douglass, Regional Recycling and Waste Reduction District

Recycling has been placed in a metaphorical box. Historically, the promotion of recycling's benefits has been limited to environmental. It's past time to break down the box and recycle its cardboard walls.

Recycling is economic development. Environmental benefits parallel this new approach. They are obvious. Where we are missing an opportunity is understanding that in Arkansas, our increasing population, urban growth, consumer consumption, and focus on public health, while placing a burden on the environment, also affords a change in perspective.

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