

Convenience sites converting to county management

As the result of careful planning on the part of the Perquimans, Chowan, and Gates (PCG) Landfill Commission Board of Directors, the 13 convenience sites in these three counties are in the process of converting to county management.

This change is being made to decrease the rising cost of solid waste collection and hauling, ensure more control of the wastes that are accepted, and offer more efficient recycling collection methods for residents.

PCG Landfill Commission, a department of Albemarle Regional Health Services, (ARHS), began the current intensive phase of work on this project with the hiring of Brad Gardner, Sites Coordinator. Gardner recently held the position of Recycling Coordinator with the Pasquotank County Solid Waste Department.

ARHS subsequently hired 52 site attendants on July 1, including many who had worked in those same positions with Waste Industries, Inc.

"This program reflects the collaborative efforts of local government, businesses and industries in our communities, and most of all our citizens," Gardner said. "Each component builds upon the principle of recycling in an efficient way for a better environment for the future."

PCG is working with Waste Industries, Inc. on a gradual transition of the complete operation of the sites. In late July, PCG staff began installing PCG's new equipment at the convenience sites, and Waste Industries, Inc. began removing its equipment. The date of completion for this project is Sept. 15.

When completed, the sites will be managed by PCG. Tidewater Fibre Corporation of Chesapeake, Va., has a five-year contract with ARHS to transport all of the wastes and recyclables. Under the

supervision of TFC's local trucking supervisor, Neil Trueblood, hauling the containers should become an efficient operation that will save in PCG hauling costs.

The residents of these counties will see major changes in the sites' equipment and the ease with which recycling can be accomplished. Each site is being outfitted with a new building for the site attendants, and PCG is installing all new roll-off containers and compactors, purchased from Galbreath, Inc.

Fewer containers will be at each site. PCG is installing a second compactor at each site for commingled recycling that will replace the numerous individual containers for recyclable materials formerly used.

Most common household recyclables will be collected all together in that commingled compactor. This includes all newspaper, cardboard, paperboard like cereal and shoe boxes, office paper, mail, shredded paper, magazines, catalogs, No. 1 and No. 2 plastic bottles and jugs, aluminum cans, and steel cans.

This will mean an end to sorting most materials at home or at the site. The PCG Board is predicting that residents will recycle more since it will be much easier using this commingled compactor.

An added advantage to the county budgets is that by putting the recyclables into a compactor, fewer but heavier containers will be sent to market, which plays a very important role now that gas prices have soared.

These recycling compactors will be hauled to TFC's recycling facility in Chesapeake. There, the materials will be sorted, processed, and sent to markets for manufacturing into new goods.

A second recycling container for glass will be located at each site. Residents will be asked to put all colors of glass bottles and jars, window glass,

mirrors, and pottery into the mixed glass container, with no sorting required.

PCG will send its recyclable glass to a new glass market in Elizabeth City, ECG. ECG (formerly Elizabeth City Glass) manufactures recycled-glass content flagstone pavers,

sidewalk components, wheel stops, and other concrete products using glass that is collected locally.

Some parts of the collection process at the sites will remain unchanged. All household trash will be accepted in the site's trash compactor. Also, the sites

will continue to accept residential yard waste, scrap metals and appliances, used oil, antifreeze, and bulky waste in the proper containers. The hours of operation at each site will remain the same.

Residents who have questions are encouraged to ask the attendants or

they may call Brad Gardner at 297-6524 or send an e-mail to bgardner@ppcc.dst.nc.us. A complete slideshow of how the recyclables are processed at Tidewater Fibre Corp. is available for viewing at TFC.com.

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The Department of Environmental and Natural Resources hereby gives public notice as required by NCGS 113A-119(b) that application for a development permit in an Area of Environmental Concern as designated under the CAMA was received on 08/30/05. According to said application, Earl Ray Godfrey proposes to construct a pier, platform and mooring pilings, and also bulkhead and riprap property located off Winslow Road in Durants Neck, Perquimans County.

A copy of the entire application may be examined or copied at the office of Kim Hedrick, Field Representative of the Division of Coastal Management, located at 1367 US 17 South, Elizabeth City, NC, 252-264-3901 during normal business hours.

Comments mailed to Charles S. Jones, Director, Division of Coastal Management, 400 Commerce Avenue, Morehead City, NC 28557, prior to 09/27/05, will be considered in making the permit decision. Later comments will be accepted and considered up to the time of permit decision. Project modification may occur based on review and comment by the public and state and federal agencies. Notice of the permit decision in this matter will be provided upon written request.



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