

Recycling and Renewable Energy Series

Two of the hottest sustainability topics in our region are **recycling** and **renewable energy**. Both areas are strong suits for Sustainable Sandhills. We have strong staff and Board expertise at Sustainable Sandhills, and a proven track record in both areas for assisting local governments and utilities in delivering “best practice” programs and services. We also work closely with a number of “green industry” partners who bring a unique perspective and passion to their businesses.



Beginning in our next eBlast (in late August), an article on each of these two topics will be written by a Sustainable Sandhills Staff or Board member, or a notable guest author. We recognize that there are multiple perspectives on these topics, and this series will aim to educate readers about best practices and emerging technologies AND to present the varied perspectives that are best considered before a project or program becomes controversial.

A preview of some upcoming **Recycling** articles includes:

- The **City of Raeford** announces new commingled curbside recycling program will debut in 2010!
- The **City of Fayetteville** Solid Waste Director discusses options for multi-family and commercial recycling.
- Commingled dropoff sites coming soon to **Harnett County municipalities!**
- Cumberland County’s **Pratt Industries MRF** seeks more commingled recycling volume.... 50 tons (100,000 pounds) per day is just not enough!
- The **City of Laurinburg** curbside recycling program – our region’s longest running recycling success story – just gets better with age.
- A **Regional Solid Waste Authority** – is this an idea whose time has come?
- **Recycling on Fort Bragg** – brass is king! To the tune of \$500,000 per year!



A preview of some upcoming **Renewable Energy** articles includes:

- The **City of Fayetteville** and **Cumberland County** receive more than \$2.1M in Recovery Act funding for Energy Conservation and Efficiency projects!
- **“Carbon Legislation”** primer for the masses – from an energy utility’s perspective.
- **NC Solar Farms** are “cropping up” across the state – are they a good public investment?
- **Waste-to-Energy** – should it be classified as renewable energy?
- **Renewable energy tax incentives** – solar energy’s secret weapon.
- **Green jobs training** – our Community Colleges go beyond weatherization.
- **Green building incentives** – what have you done for me lately?
- **Renewable energy on Fort Bragg** – searching for the path of least resistance to energy security.



Our first **Energy** article will be written by **Walter White**, Lumbee River Electric Membership Cooperative’s Marketing Director, an experienced energy utility executive, and a founding board member of the Sustainable Sandhills Board of Directors.

Our first **Recycling** article will be written by **Jon Parsons**, the Executive Director of Sustainable Sandhills. Parsons facilitated the City of Fayetteville’s Recycling Task Force in 2007, which resulted in the creation and adoption of an award-winning curbside program in 2008.

For more information on these two new eBlast article series, or if you have a suggestion for an article or guest author, please contact Jon Parsons at 910-484-9098 or jonparsons@sustainablesandhills.org.