

# Talking Trash

In Carteret, Craven and Pamlico Counties

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## Our Mission

The Coastal Environmental Partnership's mission is to produce a cleaner, safer and healthier environment by providing, operating and managing an economically and technically sound municipal solid waste management system for the citizens of Carteret, Craven and Pamlico counties.

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You may have seen this new logo on the side of our transfer trailers or on our stationary or even our clothes.

We are still the Coastal Regional Solid Waste Management Authority, aka, CRSWMA. We just wanted to enhance and simplify the name and look.

The Coastal Environmental Partnership was designed to give a clearer picture of what we do.

The colors, blue and green, represent the earth and sky. The

## A New Look

three waves represent the three member counties partnered together to take care of our environment. And of course we are a coastal community.

We also have a new website. A visit to [www.coastalenvironmentalpartnership.com](http://www.coastalenvironmentalpartnership.com) is a great source for information about solid waste management in Carteret, Craven and Pamlico Counties.

The site contains information about our locations, hours of operation, rates and policies. You can learn about the CEP's Board of Directors and Staff. Also

of interest is information about different projects such as Coastal Grow, our wildly popular compost.

You can also find links to local government and various solid waste organizations.

We are very proud of the Coastal Environmental Partnership. We strive to be the example of proper solid waste management.



## We Never Get Tired of Them

Whole scrap tires have been banned from North Carolina's landfills since 1990. So what happens to all of those scrap tires generated within the Partnership area?



After collection from Tuscarora, the transfer stations and several tire dealers, they go to Central Carolina Tire Disposal in Cameron, NC. In the last eight months we have sent over 2,150 tons to Cameron at a cost of approximately \$208,930.00. From there, 85% of them are recycled. The tires are made into chips that are blended with coal and burned as fuel in private industry and power plants for public power. Other chips are used for aggregate in septic tank drain fields. The remaining tires are placed in a scrap tire monofill which is a sanitary landfill permitted exclusively for scrap tire disposal.

## Solid Waste Planner/Outreach Coordinator Joins Our Team



*Bobbi Waters*

Bobbi Waters joined the Coastal Environmental Partnership on December 1, 2008 as our Solid Waste Planner/Outreach Coordinator.

She is responsible for overseeing solid waste education, outreach and planning. Her duties include developing public education and advertising tools. She will also conduct tours of the landfill and make presentations to schools and local civic groups.

There are several special projects Bobbi will administer. One is the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. Another is the Scrap Tire Collection Program. She is working with the tire dealers and haulers to maintain standards for optimal collection and transportation of scrap tires.

Another responsibility will be writing the Three-Year updates for the Ten-Year Solid Waste Plan. The next update is due this summer.

Bobbi comes to this position with 17 years experience in Solid Waste Management. She was the Clean Sweep Coordinator for Craven County before moving to Nashville, TN in 2001. While in Nashville she worked for Allied Waste-BFI.

If you would like to arrange a tour of the Tuscarora Landfill or would like a presentation for your organization just give Bobbi a call at 252-633-1564 or e-mail her at bobbi@crswma.com.

### Did You Know...????

#### Local

#### State

- The CEP disposed of over 432,000,000 pounds of MSW (Municipal Solid Waste) last fiscal year
- The CEP handled 3,095 tons of scrap tires for the same period of time
- The CEP's property in Tuscarora is home to several eagles
- The CEP's Tuscarora Landfill is the 10th largest in the State

- The state picked up more than 10 million pounds of litter in 2007. That is more than 1 pound of litter for each of the state's 8.86 million citizens
- North Carolinians generated .93 tons of MSW (Municipal Solid Waste) per person during FY 2006-2007. The national average was 1.38 tons
- 49% of North Carolina's waste is generated in 10% of the counties

### Solid Waste Disposal Tax

Effective July 1, 2008 and pursuant to NC General Statute 105-187.61, an excise tax of \$2 per ton was placed on all municipal solid waste and construction and demolition material brought into all NC permitted landfills and transfer stations. The revenue generated from this tax will be applied in several different areas. They include the Inactive Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund and the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund. Additionally, a portion of the money will go back to the municipalities and counties for solid waste management programs and services.

Our customers, however, did not see the increase at the scales. The Partnership reduced the landfill tipping fee for MSW and C&D to \$32 per ton. The \$2 per ton excise fee brought the total tipping tax back to \$34.

#### Current Rates for the Coastal Environmental Partnership

MSW—Landfill	\$34.00/ton	MSW—Transfer Stations	\$46.50/ton
C&D—Landfill	\$34.00/ton	C&D—Transfer Stations	\$46.50/ton
Clean Inert Debris	\$ 7.50/ton (Landfill Only)		
Yard Waste—Landfill	\$12.50/ton	Yard Waste—Transfer Stations	\$25.00/ton
Special Waste (asbestos)	\$75.00/ton (Landfill Only)		

# The Tuscarora Landfill Today

Fifteen years ago the first pound of trash was placed in the first cell of the Tuscarora Landfill.

Five and a half billion pounds later we have moved on to the third cell, aka, Phase 2. Time flies when you're covering trash.

We take in, on average, about 750 tons of MSW and C&D waste per day from the tri-county area. That tonnage grows to an average of 1,100 tons per day in the summer.

The residents of Carteret, Craven and Pamlico Counties can rest assured that we will not run out of landfill space in the near future. We have more than 25 years capacity already permitted and another 25 years capacity purchased.

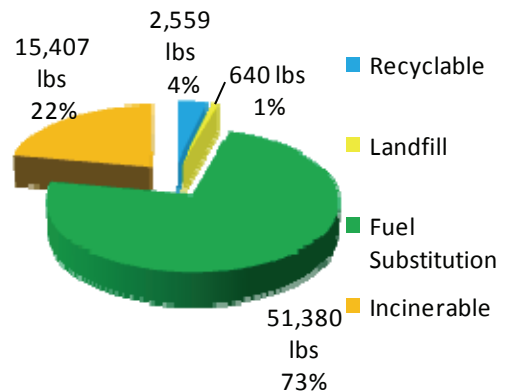


## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days

Last Fall the Coastal Environmental Partnership joined the NC Cooperative Extension Service to sponsor four Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days. Approximately 850 residents of Carteret, Craven and Pamlico Counties participated.

Almost 70,000 pounds of various materials were collected. These items included paint, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, pesticides and fertilizer. The chart to the right shows the breakdown of the materials.

The items were collected and managed by CleanHarbors Environmental Services at a cost to us of approximately \$113,400.00



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