



# Talking Trash

## 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.

## Did You Know...?

- In FY 2013-2014 North Carolina disposed 9,150,471 tons of waste at in-state and out-of-state facilities.
- During the same time period, the state per capita disposal rate dropped to a record low of 0.93 tons of waste per person per year

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## Miriam Wins Again!



**Miriam S. Sumner, Finance Officer and Bobby C. Darden, Executive Director of the Coastal Environmental Partnership**

The awards keep stacking up. Miriam Sumner just received her 21st consecutive CAFR award. The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting was awarded to the Coastal Regional Solid Waste Management Authority by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of

recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The Award of Financial Reporting Achievement is awarded to the individual(s), department or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR.

The presentation was made to **Miriam S. Sumner, Finance Officer.**

The CAFR is judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington, D.C.

## Raleigh Report

### What Exactly Do I Do?



**Mr. Allen M. Hardison**

In this month's newsletter, I will attempt to answer a question I often get from friends: "What exactly do you do"? Perhaps others wonder: "Why does the CEP need a Government Relations Manager"? Let me answer the questions in reverse order. While the CEP is a unit of local government, it is not eligible to be a member of the County Commissioners Association or the League of Municipalities, and cannot benefit from the education, communication and advocacy efforts of those organizations. The CEP Board of Directors felt they needed someone on a part time basis to provide that service, so after I retired, I came back to assist in that effort.

My title gives some idea of my job duties, but it is really more of a combination of educating, observing and reporting, with as much advocacy thrown in as needed. I am required to register with the Secretary of State's office as a Local Government Legislative Liaison. That means I am the local government equivalent of a lobbyist and am subject to all the rules and laws that regulate lobbyists in North Carolina. Those laws are strict and complicated, with required expenditure reports and disclosures. In fact, I am required to wear a badge identifying myself as a lobbyist anytime I am in the legislative buildings.

On television, we see the Senate and House chambers with the members debating bills, but the real work is done in committees, with the committee chairmen controlling what gets heard, and the general direction of the bill. For that reason, I attend committee meetings related to solid waste and local government issues. They include environment, local government, pension, appropriations and finance committees. I look for areas of concern and prepare myself to educate the committee members as appropriate, where there are concerns. Most recently, in a bill in the House Environment Committee, I saw a large proposed increase in landfill fees to be paid to the State. I prepared a spreadsheet showing the current and proposed fees and the percentage increases that were proposed and provided that information to the committee chair and the Speaker's office. In most cases, I am the only person in the room who really knows how landfills and transfer stations operate. I'm not the smartest in the room, of course, but I know the solid waste industry. So I observe and provide information where needed to the members. I also report back to the CEP Board of Directors on at least a weekly basis. In some cases, I have helped draft legislation to help benefit the CEP and the solid waste industry in general.

In addition to what I do at the legislature, I also monitor regulatory agency actions. As a rule of thumb, it is the administrative rules that have the greatest potential impact on solid waste concerns. One word in a rule can cost millions of dollars to the CEP and other solid waste operations. The responsibility for solid waste rule-making was just moved from the Commission for Public Health to the Environmental Management Commission. I attend the bi-monthly meetings of the Commission's solid waste committee to keep up with what they are doing and to provide input where appropriate. Once again, I am the only one with actual solid waste management experience in the room.

As I write this, the legislative session is still going and it looks like the end is not in sight. But, I will be there doing what I can to make sure that we continue to protect the environment in the most cost-efficient manner possible.

## RATES

*Effective July 1, 2015– June 30, 2016*

### Tuscarora Regional Landfill (Permit 25-09) Tuscarora (252-633-1564)

**Hours: Monday – Friday 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM; Saturday 7:30 AM – 2:00 PM**

Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	\$38.00 / Ton *
Yard Waste (YW) <i>Logs 6 ft or less AND 12 inches diameter or less</i>	\$15.00 / Ton
Pallets	\$15.00 / Ton
Special Handling  (Asbestos, CPASC, Oversize)	\$75.00 / Ton*
Minimum Charge	\$1.00
Penalty Charge – Contaminated Loads	\$76.00 / Ton*
Compost (Coastal Grow)	\$30.00 / Ton
Mixed Construction & Demo Debris	\$38.00 /Ton*
Inert (clean)	\$7.50 / Ton
Landclearing Debris & Stumps <i>Logs 6 ft or more OR 12 inches diameter or more</i>	\$50.00 / Ton

**\*Plus \$2.00 per ton State Landfill Tax**

#### Transfer Stations (tandem trucks or less)

**Newport (252-223-3321)** 800 Hibbs Road, Newport NC 28570

**Hours : Monday – Friday 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM ; Saturday 7:30 AM -12:00PM**

**Grantsboro (252-745-4149)** 3291 Hwy 306 N. Grantsboro, NC 28519

**Hours : Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM ; Saturday 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	\$50.50/ Ton *
Yard Waste (YW) <i>Logs 6 ft or less AND 12 inches diameter or less</i>	\$27.50/ Ton
Pallets	\$27.50 / Ton
Minimum Charge	\$1.00
Penalty Charge – Contaminated Loads	\$88.50 / Ton*
Compost (Coastal Grow)	\$30.00 / Ton
Mixed Construction & Demo Debris	\$50.50 /Ton*
Landclearing Debris & Stumps <i>Logs 6 ft or more OR 12 inches diameter or more</i>	\$50.00 / Ton

**\*Plus \$2.00 per ton State Landfill Tax**

#### License and Miscellaneous

Hauler License	\$25.00/Year
Truck Permit (Decal Set)	\$ 5.00/Set
Uncovered Loads	2 x Normal Fee
Unacceptable Waste	2 x Cost of Disposal
Ticket Copies	\$ 1.00/Each
Finance Charge-Delinquent Accounts	1.5% per Month
Military Move Truck Weight	\$ 0.00
Truck Weight	\$25.00



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