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Talking Trash

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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.

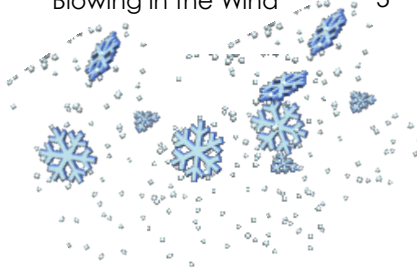
Do You Know...

- Why & Where People Litter?
- Where they feel no sense of ownership for the property.
- Where someone else will clean up after them.
- Where litter has already accumulated.

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Why Litter?

Do you remember Iron Eyes Cody? He was, and is, the face of Keep America Beautiful. You just can't see that face and not think about litter. KAB was organized in 1953, and brought in Iron Eyes Cody in 1970. I met Iron Eyes Cody once. He was just as impressive in person as on screen.



As a side note, First Lady Lady Bird Johnson began the very first Adopt-A-Highway program. Don't mess with Texas.

Another organization that fights litter is the NC Department of Transportation. The Adopt-A-Highway Program (AAH) was established in 1988 by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in response to growing public concern regarding litter along the state's highways. The AAH Program, administered by the NCDOT Office of Beautification, is a joint effort between community volunteers and the NCDOT. Its purpose is to decrease the amount of litter on North Carolina's roadsides and improve the beauty and quality of the environment.

A more local anti-litter program is Craven County Clean Sweep. Their Mission Statement: To eliminate littering and to promote Solid Waste Reduction, Reuse and Recycling through education and ordinance enforcement. Encourage citizens of Craven County to implement sound waste disposal practices through education and special events such as Big Sweep. Obtain updated litter and solid waste control ordinances and work with Solid Waste and the local law enforcement agencies to see effective enforcement of all pertinent ordinances and laws.

What can we do to prevent litter? Be an example. Education is the key. If someone witnesses you being adamant about not littering, chances are they won't litter.



Raleigh Report

Legislative Committees at Work



Mr. Allen M. Hardison

I have a sign in my office that reads:

If you want something done right away, do it yourself.

If you have plenty of time, delegate it.

If you have forever, form a committee.

The N.C. General Assembly has many, many committees, and they don't take forever to get things done (despite the length of the 2015 session). In fact, if it was not for committees working out the details of legislation, things would never get done. And, there are committees that are specifically created to meet in the interim between the long and short sessions, and those committees are meeting right now. Typically, these committees are assigned certain subjects to study, or issues that came up in the regular session, but needed more study and work before final legislation is passed. Many of these committees are formed during every legislative biennium and are tasked with oversight of certain programs, receiving reports from state agencies and working on complex legislation that needs detailed study before it is put into bill format. All of these committees are joint House and Senate committees, so both chambers have members working on legislation between sessions. Often, their final action is to approve recommended legislation for the short session.

In 2016, I am attending the meetings of these interim committees:

The Environmental Review Commission (ERC) will be studying local government authority in solid waste matters, including the authority to levy fees for collection and disposal of solid waste. This committee will also be receiving a report from the Department of Environmental Quality on electronics recycling. Rep. Pat McElraft of Carteret County serves as Vice-chair of the ERC.

The Joint Legislative Committee on Agriculture/Natural and Economic Resources will be reviewing state agencies responsible for Agriculture and Natural Resources programs during the interim. Rep. Pat McElraft is one of the House Chairs of the committee and Senator Norman Sanderson is also a member of this committee.

The Revenue Laws Study Committee will study the application of the motor fuels tax exemption to entities that are comprised of multiple local government units. The study may include an examination of how the exemption applies to joint agencies created by interlocal agreements and regional authorities created by agreement of multiple counties.

All three of these committees have potential impacts, both operational and fiscal, on the Coastal Environmental Partnership. As they move forward with their work, it will be important to make sure the members of those committees understand the potential impact of their decisions and recommendations. Unlike the committees referenced on the sign in my office, these committees don't have forever to complete their work. It must be done by April 25, 2016!



Blowing in the Wind



Mr. Bobby C. Darden
Executive Director, CEP

Most solid waste facilities have to deal with wind-blown trash and our landfill and transfer stations are no different. All of our facilities are surrounded by fences to catch the trash. Our staff spends much time picking up wind-blown debris around our facilities. In addition to perimeter fencing, at the Tuscarora Landfill, we use portable screens that we are constantly positioning around our working face to catch the blowing trash, most of which is loose paper and plastic.

How can residents and customers help reduce the amount of wind-blown trash? Residents can properly recycle their paper and plastic, which would greatly reduce the amount of wind-blown trash along the roadsides and at our facilities. Please be sure to check with your municipality or county recycling programs to determine which paper and plastic is permissible to

recycle. While most recycling programs may not accept plastic bags and plastic film wrapping, several large retail and grocery stores in our area provide recycling outlets for these materials.

Our customers can make sure that their loads are properly covered with no loose material in the back of a pick-up truck or trailer. They can also leave their load covered until they reach the landfill working face. Uncovering the load at the scale house will lead to blowing trash on site.

The Coastal Environmental Partnership receives over 350 million pounds of trash per year. That's approximately 1 ton per person per year in our three county region! Let's all make sure we make every effort to properly recycle or dispose of every ounce of that.

**The only
cure for
LITTER
is you.**



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