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The Office of Environmental Management serves to integrate the importance of sound environmental management with the overall health and development of our communities. To provide a better understanding of OEM, this guide serves as a resource listing of the projects and programs of OEM. On the following pages you will find a description of each program along with the types of assistance and resources available for each.

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Keep Georgia Beautiful

Community Programs

Bring One for the Chipper:

Staff Lead - Kim Portmess

Statewide Christmas Tree Recycling Event held the first Saturday in January... open to all communities that sign up. State sponsors provide communities with posters, flyers and free tree seedlings while they last.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes

Great American Cleanup (GAC):

Staff Lead - Kim Portmess

GAC is a statewide April Cleanup project in which all communities are invited to participate. State and national sponsors provide materials such as litter bags, garbage bags, and gloves to assist volunteers. Manuals, press releases and background information are provided by Keep Georgia Beautiful.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes

Keep America Beautiful Affiliate Development:

Staff Lead - Lynn Cobb

Provides technical assistance to communities interested in becoming a Keep America Beautiful Affiliate as well as to communities that need assistance in re-establishing their KAB affiliate. KAB affiliates focus on the education of litter prevention, beautification, community improvement, proper waste management and water conservation.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

RiversAlive:

Staff Lead - Lynn Cobb

In October, communities have the opportunity to participate in a month long statewide waterway cleanup. State sponsors provide T-shirts or patches to all volunteers listed in registered cleanups.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

KAB Training and Technical Assistance

Board Development Institute:

Staff Lead - Kanika Greenlee

Open to all volunteer board members and Executive Directors of Georgia Keep America Beautiful Affiliates. Institute provides training on board responsibilities, professional development, leadership, and KAB mission, values, and goals.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

Fall Conference:

Staff Lead - Kanika Greenlee

Open to all Executive Directors of Georgia Keep America Beautiful affiliates. Provides professional development, management training, and networking opportunities to all attendees.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

Winter Conference:

Staff Lead - Kanika Greenlee

Open to all Executive Directors of Georgia Keep America Beautiful affiliates. Provides update information on pertinent state agencies, associations, and organizations. Board members are invited to join Executive Directors in spending a day at the capitol with state legislators.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

KGB Awards Program :

Staff Lead - Kanika Greenlee

Open to all communities, schools, businesses, associations and groups who have accomplished environmental initiatives over the past year. Award winners will be announced at the annual KGB Awards Luncheon.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes

Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation:

Staff Lead - Lynn Cobb

KGBF is a 501(c) (3) that supports the efforts of Keep Georgia Beautiful and its affiliates as well as other environmental organizations. Offers a grant program to further these efforts.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes

Litter Prevention

Clean Community Challenge:

Staff Lead - Sarah Visser

Communities are recognized and provided incentives for their litter prevention and beautification efforts.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
Yes	TBD	TBD	Yes	TBD

Youth Clean Community Challenge

Staff Lead - Sarah Visser

The Youth Clean Community Challenge is designed to encourage youth organizations and schools to take an active role in developing litter education, eradication/cleanup and enforcement activities.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes

Litter Toolkit - litteritcostsyu.org:

Staff Lead - Lynn Cobb

Available to communities interested in litter abatement, sustainable litter reduction, graffiti prevention, and litter law enforcement.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
No	TBD	TBD	Yes	Yes

Revitalization of Neighborhoods:

Staff Lead - Lynn Cobb

Healthy, safe, and attractive neighborhoods are vital to building strong communities. This program addresses how communities can create conditions for revitalization and redevelopment.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

Educator Training

Community Education Training:

Staff Lead - Lynn Cobb

Keep Georgia Beautiful provides training to community organizations on a variety of topics including the Keep America Beautiful System, Board Roles and Responsibilities, Grant Writing/Fundraising Fundamentals, and Diversity and Social Capital.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

Educator Resource Packet:

Staff Lead - Sarah Visser

Designated for teachers and non-formal educators, this packet contains details about educational programs and resources available from KAB, KGB, and our partner organizations. Includes the school recycling guide and posters for the classroom.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
No	No	No	Yes	Yes

Waste in Place:

Staff Lead - Sarah Visser

Training offered to middle and elementary school teachers on solid waste issues through hands on activities. PLU or SDU credits for teachers are possible.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

Waste in the Workplace:

Staff Lead - Lynn Cobb

Workshop offered to help businesses learn how to conduct waste audits, identify recyclable material, manage disposal costs, and purchase recycled products.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

Solid Waste and Recycling

Research & Trends

Annual Report:

Staff Lead - Kenny Dove

The Georgia Solid Waste Management Act requires DCA to publish annually Georgia's progress toward meeting its waste reduction goal, remaining landfill capacity and identify emerging trends in solid waste management. Reports are posted online as information becomes available.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Waste Characterization Study:

Staff Lead - Kenny Dove

Study completed in 2004, gives a percentage breakdown (by weight) of the wastes entering Georgia's landfills so local governments and the state can target recyclables for diversion to recycling markets.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
No	Under Development	Yes	Under Development	Yes

Inventory of Methane Gas Projects in Georgia:

Staff Lead - Joe Dunlop

Some Georgia landfills sell harmful methane gas emissions as an energy source. The Inventory will catalogue these projects, and help promote the beneficial use of methane at other landfills in the state.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
No	No	No	Under Development	Under Development

User based fees: PAYT:

Staff Lead - Joe Dunlop

Pay-As-You-Throw, also known as volume- or weight-based pricing for waste disposal, provides a financial incentive for residents and businesses to recycle. Maintain a directory of PAYT jurisdictions in Georgia; Will coordinate an EPA-funded workshop to encourage cities and counties to adopt PAYT.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
Yes	Yes	No	Under Development	Yes

Solid Waste Management Trends:

Staff Lead - Kenny Dove

PowerPoint presentation produced annually and based on the latest data used in the Solid Waste Management Annual Report; posted online for use by local governments and others for reference.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Solid Waste Infrastructure Databases:

Staff Lead - Joe Dunlop

Staff maintains directories of Georgia waste-handling facilities, including landfills and transfer stations.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Composting Technical Assistance

Backyard Composting:

Staff Lead - *Regional Program Coordinator (see map)*

Provide technical assistance to individuals and local governments interested in composting of yard trimmings and/or food waste.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
No	No	No	Yes	Yes

Recycling Technical Assistance

Earth 911:

Staff Lead - *Regional Program Coordinator (see map)*

Provide oversight for the ZIP-code driven online database of recycling and resource conservation information used by local governments and the general public. Approve local user access to the site for locally-designated officials who can keep their information current.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes

Household Hazardous Waste:

Staff Lead - *Joe Dunlop*

Provide guidance on proper disposal and when possible reuse and recycling options for unwanted paints, fuels, and other household hazardous materials. Assist local governments with the development of special collection events for HHW materials.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
No	No	No	Yes	Yes

Electronics:

Staff Lead - Joe Dunlop

Maintain a directory of businesses and non-profit organizations accepting computers and other electronic equipment for recycling. Provide technical assistance to local governments considering hosting a collection event.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Special Events:

Staff Lead - Kenny Dove

Provide assistance to organizations providing recycling for a special event, including festivals, conferences and sporting events.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
No	No	No	Yes	Yes

Markets Directory:

Staff Lead - Regional Program Coordinator (see map)

Maintain an online database of businesses and non-profit organizations in Georgia that accept materials for recycling, or which use recyclable materials as a feedstock for their operations.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes

School Recycling Guide:

Staff Lead - Regional Program Coordinator (see map)

A comprehensive guide to assist Georgia schools with the formation and maintenance of school recycling programs; includes the necessary steps to begin and maintain a program along with statewide recycling contacts.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
No	No	No	Yes	Yes

Solid Waste Management Planning Standards

The Office's team of solid waste program coordinators can offer assistance on most recycling and waste-related issues, with an emphasis on solid waste planning review. Please see the map below for your regional representative.

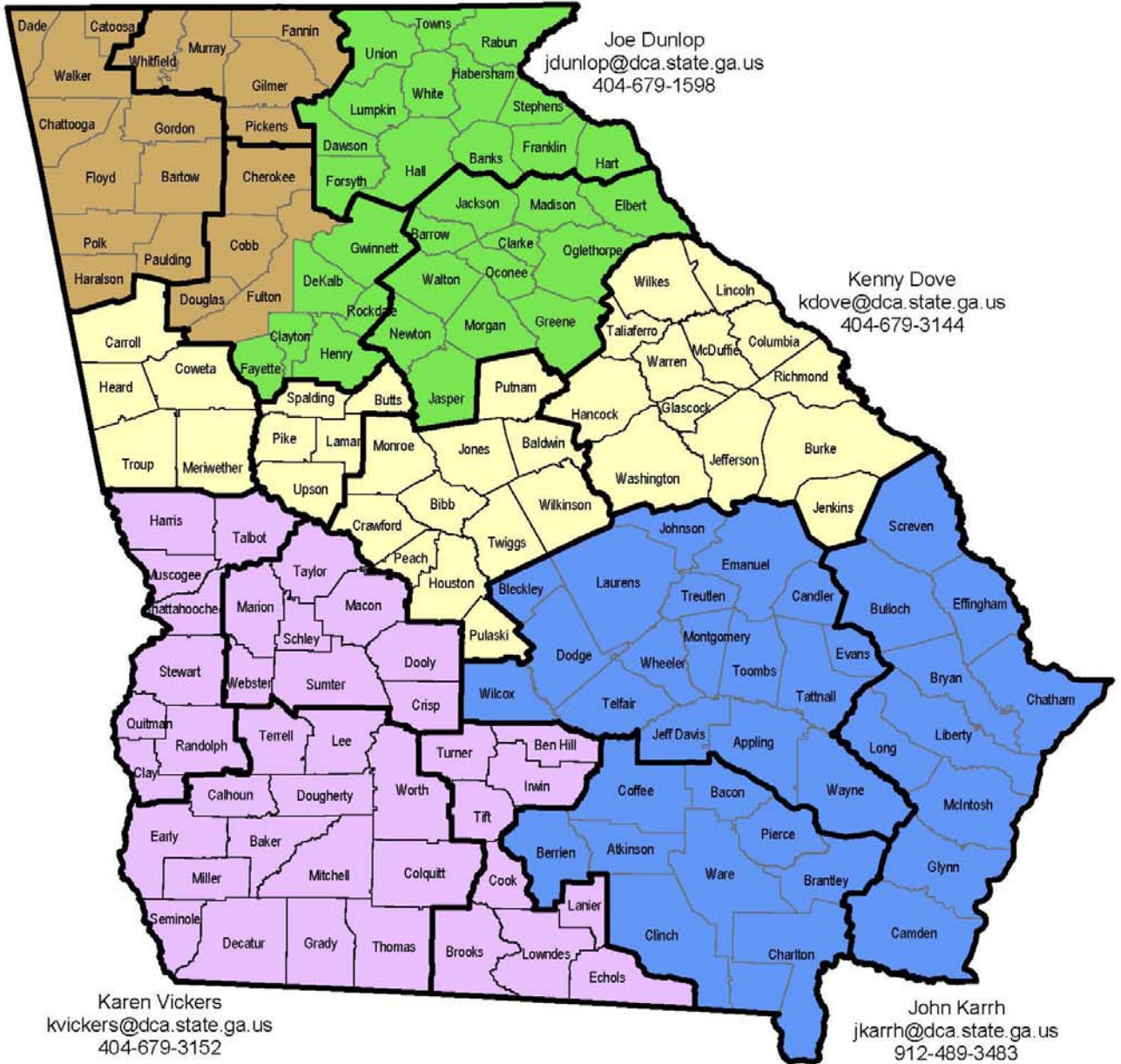
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Solid Waste Technical Assistance:

Staff Lead - *Regional Program Coordinator (see map)*

Technical assistance on how to write a solid waste management plan or update a plan with a short term work program given one-on-one to RDC staff and local government staff or presented to groups.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Solid Waste Management Toolkit:

Staff Lead - *Kenny Dove*

A directory of model ordinances, studies and literature, and other useful tools to help local governments design and implement cost-effective solid waste management programs.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
TBD	TBD	TBD	Yes	Yes

Water Resources

Children's Water Festival:

Staff Lead - Sarah Visser

An interactive, day long event for fourth grade students that explores drinking water, groundwater, watersheds, surface water, and water quality through dynamic, hands-on activity sessions. "Winning Water," the festival theme, is led by DCA in one watershed per year and based on the internationally acclaimed Children's Groundwater Festival.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Engineered Soils and Landscape Systems:

Staff Lead - Joe Krewer

A demonstration project to measure water quality and quantity benefits of compost-containing engineered soils will be measured; findings will be used to educate the development community; design firms; university researchers and educators; state agencies; compost producers; and others. The project will also encourage the use of recycled biomaterials to treat storm water runoff in urban environments.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Tools for Nonpoint Source Pollution/Stormwater Management:

Staff Leads - Deatre Denion, Joe Krewer

Capacity building for local governments to link land-use and water quality by forming a statewide network of local government officials to foster regional, watershed approaches on a statewide basis, that will protect and enhance the water resources and water quality of the state and provide the network with water resource tools developed for Georgia communities.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
NA	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

Source Water Protection Planning Tool:

Staff Leads - Joe Krewer

Provided in compact disc format, this tool provides local governments with a template to assist in the development of a better source water protection plan; guides user through various potential pollution problems, and provides recommendations for minimizing the risks to source water including zoning, best management practices, and education.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
No	No	Yes	No	Yes

Water Resources Technical Assistance:

Staff Leads - Deatre Denion, Joe Krewer

General assistance is provide on issues pertaining to water, such as stormwater, water conservation, and water resource protection, and includes the distribution of educational materials, presentations on specific topics, and participation in local workshops or community meetings as requested by local governments.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Water Resources: A Toolkit for Local Government :

Staff Lead - Joe Krewer

Developed with the support of Association County Commissioners of Georgia and the Georgia Municipal Association; set of three compact discs that provide an abundance of information on water resources, water conservation, funding for water projects, watershed assessment, and numerous other topics, as well as mapping CDs that allow communities to map their watershed and the locations of various facilities such as schools, landfills, water intakes, and wastewater treatment plants.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

WaterFirst Community Program:

Staff Lead - Deatre Denion

Provides technical assistance to communities seeking to go above and beyond the requirements of the law when it comes to the management and stewardship of our shared water resources. Seven major categories addressed: Watershed assessment; Water Conservation; Stormwater Master Planning; Wastewater treatment and Management; Water Supply Protection; Water Supply Planning; and water Recycling and Reuse. Provides recognition and benefits to communities achieving the designation.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Air Quality

Air Quality Toolkit:

Staff Lead - Joe Dunlop

Designed to help local officials become leaders by addressing air quality concerns, the toolkit contains basic presentation materials, best-management practices, and a planning guide for local communities interested in addressing these regional issues; identifies why air pollution is important to local governments and identifies steps they can take to improve air quality.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
No	No	Yes	No	Yes

Indoor Air Quality:

Staff Lead - Joe Dunlop

Provides information to assist citizens and local governments improve air quality where they live, work, and play. Administration of Georgia's Radon Program.

Application Required	Workshop Available	Powerpoint Presentation	Online Information	Resources Available
No	No	No	Yes	Yes

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