



Recycling Partnerships Workshop

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Agenda

- 9:00 am **Welcome**
Jeff Taebel, Director of Community and Environmental Planning
Houston-Galveston Area Council
- 9:15 am **Locating and Exploring Partnership Opportunities**
Joel Hardy, Grants Coordinator
City of Pearland
- 9:40 am **Contracting Considerations**
Lynne Aldrich, Environmental Services Manager
The Woodlands Township
- 10:05 am **Break**
- 10:20 am **Case Study: Houston’s E-cycling Program**
Harry Hayes, Solid Waste Management Director
City of Houston
- 10:45 am **Case Study: Partnering with Residents**
Sylba Everett, Waste Diversion Planner Senior
City of Austin
- 11:10 am **Case Study: Textile Recycling**
Candace Seger, President
Corporate Waste Solutions
- 11:35 am **Closing Remarks**
Erin Livingston, Senior Environmental Planner,
H-GAC

About the Speakers

Jeff Taebel

Jeff Taebel, FAICP, is the Director of Community and Environmental Planning at H-GAC where he oversees the agency's community and environmental planning,



socioeconomic modeling, economic development, community enhancement, disaster recovery, and sustainable

development initiatives. He has 31 years of experience in urban and regional planning, including 26 in his current position.

Actively involved in community service, professional development and planning education, Mr. Taebel is a former President of the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association and was inducted as a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners in 2008.

Mr. Taebel received a Master of Urban Planning from Texas A&M University and a Bachelor of Science in Life Sciences from the University of Nebraska.

Joel Hardy

Joel Hardy is the Grants Coordinator for the City of Pearland. He is a graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta and has a 20-year professional history in public policy, community development, coalition-building, governmental affairs, grants administration, and regulatory compliance.

In 2006 he established Hardy Consulting Group (HGC), providing technical assistance, training, and securing grant funding for a variety of state, local, and private institutions.



Mr. Hardy has provided leadership and coordination for efforts that have raised millions of dollars in grant funding and has a successful history as an organizer of public policy initiatives that have resulted in local, state, and federal law changes.

He currently administers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for the City of Pearland, where he serves as the City's Fair Housing Officer and one of three Budget Analysts. He resides in Pearland with his wife Dr. Blythe Hardy, two sons, and two daughters.

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Lynne Aldrich

Lynne Aldrich has been manager of the Environmental Services Department for The Woodlands Township for over 18 years. In that role she has had responsibility for managing the solid waste and recycling contract.



In addition she is responsible for development and overseeing implementation of numerous

award-winning public educational programs, including native landscaping, habitat gardening, and “wise use of water”; litter abatement; community gardens; mosquito control; Don’t Bag It, Composting; Household Hazardous Waste; Recycling, including paint and electronics; the Woodlands Earth Day Every Day challenge; Woodlands Landscaping Solutions; and International Walk to School.

Ms. Aldrich is on the Board of Directors for: the State of Texas Alliance for Recycling, the Woodlands GREEN and the Texas Mosquito Control Association. In her former life she was a geophysicist for Exxon when they were trying to decide if “girls could do geophysics.”

Harry Hayes

Harry J. Hayes is the Director of Houston’s Solid Waste Management Department. As Director, Mr. Hayes oversees a \$65.5 million budget and is responsible for solid waste services to approximately 423,000 households.



In addition to garbage collection services, Mr. Hayes has oversight for curbside recycling collection, yard trimmings recycling, heavy trash/tree waste recycling collection, dead animal collection, the operation of neighborhood depository sites for heavy trash drop-off, and three transfer stations. He was also responsible for the SWMD’s Hurricane Ike debris management recovery efforts which collected over 5 million cubic yards of storm debris.

Mr. Hayes is a 20-year city employee. He is a 1988 graduate of Texas Southern University and a 1985 Connaissance de la France graduate of the Universit e de Bordeaux in Talence, France. Mr. Hayes served as both an enlisted member and an officer in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Mr. Hayes is married and has 3 children.

About the Speakers

Sylba Everett

Sylba Everett works for the Strategic Initiatives Division of Austin Resource Recovery and currently focuses her efforts on organics and event recycling programs.

She has more than 10 years of professional experience working in a variety of fields.

Her first job was working for her family nursery in 1994 and continues to have a passion for providing information regarding



trees, plants and solutions for demanding landscapes. Ms. Everett has also worked with organics and horticultural planning; commercial recycling program development (establishing Freecycle); and work with public, private, and non-profit organizations.

Ms. Everett is skilled in employee training and workforce development, finance, and engineering. She enjoys working with Austin Resource Recovery to educate and inform citizens about how easy it is to go Zero Waste!

Candace Seger

Candace Seger is President and owner of Corporate Waste Solutions, a waste and recycling management company. She is a LEED Accredited Professional specializing in Operations and Maintenance and has over five years of industry experience.

She is a leader among her peers and was recently awarded the 2013 Rosie Award from Waste & Recycling News. Ms. Seger has been Chair of the Gulf Coast Recycling Council for the past three years, building it to one of the largest councils under the State of Texas Alliance for Recycling.



Corporate Waste Solutions has affiliated with American Textile Recycling Services (ATRS) to develop partnerships with cities, counties, municipalities, and haulers to further expand textile recycling availability throughout the state of Texas.

About the Speakers

Erin Livingston

Erin Livingston is a Senior Environmental Planner for the Community and Environmental Planning Department



with the Houston-Galveston Area Council. Ms. Livingston joined H-GAC in 2008, and her experience includes coordination

with local governments on environmental enforcement issues, source reduction and

recycling projects, household hazardous waste management, administration of state solid waste implementation grants, and water quality planning.

Ms. Livingston received her Bachelor's Degrees in Environmental Studies and Spanish from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida, in 2002. Prior to her work at H-GAC, she worked as an Environmental Investigator with the Galveston County Health District for over five years.

Upcoming Events

H-GAC hosts quarterly recycling roundtables focusing on a wide range of topics, from composting to household hazardous waste and everything in between. The next roundtable is scheduled for **Thursday, February 20, 2014, from 10 AM to 12 PM**. If you do not yet receive emails about these roundtables and would like to be added to the list please send an email to Erin Livingston at erin.livingston@h-gac.com.

H-GAC's Community & Environmental Planning Department publishes a newsletter at the beginning of each month that includes news about upcoming events and stories of interest. The newsletter can also include a story about a project you would like to highlight. If you're interested in receiving this newsletter, go the H-GAC website (www.h-gac.com) and click on **News & Publications** at the top to sign up.

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