

## Discussion Summary for March 3, 2006 Meeting

The Bluegrass Partners Waste Minimization Team held our inaugural meeting on March 3. After introductions were made the Team was briefed on the history of the Bluegrass Partnership, how this Team was formed, and our relationship to the other seven Partnership Teams. It was noted that although the Partnership initially is being driven primarily by UK, FCPS and LFUCG, the goal is for the Partnership to be inclusive and involve others who want to help create a more sustainable community.

The meeting was very productive. Much of the discussion focused on increasing Team members understanding of what the others are doing now to promote sustainability as well as potential waste management challenges and opportunities. Some of the highlights are listed below.

- LFUCG Public Works representatives briefed the team on ongoing Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) projects. The Spring Clean HHW collection event is scheduled for April 22 from 8:30-4:00 at the Old Frankfort Pike landfill. Volunteers are welcome. It was noted that the LFUCG is in process of planning a fixed HHW facility that hopefully will be up and running next year and that the LFUCG had just finished visiting Knoxville's facility. UK offered to allow the Team tour the UK hazardous materials storage facility.
- The Team was informed that the Haley Pike LFUCG construction demolition debris (CD&D) landfill is in process of being closed and that the partners will need to find an alternate disposal method/location once this landfill closes. This may be a good project for this Team to consider.
- Street sweepings were also discussed. This may be another good project for the partners to consider since once the Haley Pike CD&D landfill closes we will not be able to dispose of sweepings there.
- Public Works briefed Team on compost pad operations and LFUCG yard waste program. It was noted that the Yard Waste Separation Ordinance was well received and easy to implement and that the compost pad has now been expanded to six acres. Finished compost is marketed to nurseries and some is used internally. Free mulch is also given to the public three times each year.
- Bluegrass Pride is in the process of being contracted by LFUCG to work on projects such as promoting recycling within (ten) schools as well as businesses and apartments, an anti-litter program, and design of the education room at LFUCG Recycling Center.

- Team was briefed on recent LFUCG Recycling Center upgrades as well as the fact that the LFUCG is entering into an agreement with 13 surrounding counties to accept their material. Once construction is finished in April, the Team can take a tour of the upgraded facility. Recycling rates have doubled since implementing the one sort plus glass system. A waste stream characterization study is also planned.
- SECAT representatives discussed potential for increasing aluminum recycling. Kentucky is involved in manufacturing approximately one third of the aluminum cans in the U.S. The local aluminum can recycling rate is approximately 39% and that nationally over 2 billion dollars worth of cans are not recycled every year. After some discussion it was decided that promoting aluminum recycling at UK football games might be a good project.
- Team members were asked to give some serious thought to which projects they would want to see this Team pursue prior to the next meeting . Projects should be measurable and achievable and benefit as many of the partners as possible.

--Tom Webb, Team Leader