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Green Ribbon Committee Meets Thursday, March 12

Charleston County's <u>Green Ribbon Committee</u> will hold a meeting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, in County Council's committee room at the Lonnie Hamilton, III Public Services Building (4045 Bridge View Drive; North Charleston, SC 29405). The meeting is open to the public.

<u>Charleston County Council</u> directed the Green Ribbon Committee to convene on the morning of March 12 in order for the solid waste consultant, Kessler Consulting Inc., to present a professional opinion on whether viable solid waste options exist to alleviate the need for incineration, and for the Green Ribbon Committee to provide County Council with a recommendation.

Charleston County Council established the 15-member Green Ribbon Committee to convene for a year to assist the consultant in the development of a comprehensive solid waste and environmental sustainability plan by:

- Reviewing and evaluating existing county and municipal environmental and solid waste policies, practices and procedures;
- Gathering input from the public regarding environmental and solid waste issues; and
- Acting as a liaison between municipalities and Charleston County Government for shared environmental sustainability and solid waste concerns.

The committee consists of the following members, who had to be residents of Charleston County and had to be qualified in one of the following categories:

- David Crutchfield: A member who is qualified by experience or training in the field of energy management, preferably certified by the Association of Energy Engineers as a Certified Energy Manager, or be qualified by experience or training in the field of renewable energy systems.
- **Scott Fennell**: A member who is qualified by experience or training in the field of transportation of solid waste.
- Sue Schweikart: A member who is qualified by experience or training in the field of solid waste management.
- Alec Cooley: A member who is qualified by experience or training in the field of recycling.
- **Jeffrey Baxter**: A member who is qualified by experience or training in the field of real estate development.
- Art von Lehe: A member who is qualified by experience or training in the environmental sciences.
- Louis Mintz: A member who is a resident in the Bees Ferry corridor.
- Rahim Karriem: A member who is a resident within one-half mile of the current incinerator.

- **Herb Fraser-Rahim and John Votaw**: Members who are at-large representatives of the community.
- Laura Cabiness (Charleston), Jody Peele (Mount Pleasant) and Renee Patey (North Charleston): Members appointed (one each) by the city of Charleston, the city of North Charleston and the town of Mount Pleasant.
- **Linda Tucker**: A member who is a municipal representative from a small municipality east of the Cooper River. (Isle of Palms)
- Carl Voelker: A member who is a municipal representative from a small municipality west of the Ashley River. (Seabrook Island)

For more information on the Green Ribbon Committee and for other Charleston County Government news and information, visit the County's Web site at www.charlestoncounty.org.