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## County Announces Commercial Recycling Pilot Program in North Charleston

<u>Charleston County's Environmental Management Department</u> and the <u>City of North</u> <u>Charleston</u> will hold a joint press conference at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8 at the East Montague Business District in North Charleston.

The event marks the start of Charleston County's Commercial Recycling Pilot Program, which is designed to engage business participation and gather data on commercial recycling within strategic areas of the County. The program is expected to run for several months.

"Although the pilot program is currently free of charge to participating businesses, an analysis of the data will provide a framework for developing a comprehensive commercial recycling program in the future, as well as determine any potential collection fees," said Nancy Carter, Charleston County Environmental Management Department's Community Representative.

Materials that will be recycled for the pilot program are cardboard, mixed paper and commingled products (plastics #1-7, glass containers and aluminum and steel cans). All materials will be processed at the County's recycling center located at 13 Romney Street in downtown Charleston.

The East Montague Business District represents a variety of businesses that include restaurants and bars, professional offices, financial institutions and retailers.

"Because of its variety and high level of interest in recycling, it was identified as a model area to initiate the Commercial Recycling Pilot Program," said <u>Charleston County Council</u> <u>Chairman Teddie E. Pryor, Sr.</u>

For more information on the Commercial Recycling Pilot Program, contact the Charleston County Environmental Management Department at (843) 720-7111 or visit <u>http://www.charlestoncounty.org</u>.