

Community Solid Waste Forum
May 30, 2013 6 – 8 PM
Chapel Hill Public Library

The public is invited to the Community Solid Waste Forum to be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 30, at the Chapel Hill Public Library, 100 Library Drive.

Organized by the Town of Chapel Hill Sustainability Committee and Orange County's Commission for the Environment, the forum is open to all interested Orange County and Durham County residents and businesses.

The evening will begin with presentations by a panel of six local experts, followed by a question and answer period and group discussions. Rob Taylor of the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources will be the forum's moderator.

Learn more about current waste management practices and join in a discussion about long-term waste management goals for the region. The purpose of the event is to inform the public, gather feedback from the community and foster regional collaboration.

Sustainability Committee Community Solid Waste Forum

The Sustainability Committee's goal for the Community Solid Waste Forum is to educate the public on regional solid waste management issues, and to identify goals and objectives that are shared broadly amongst local constituencies. These goals for short and long-term planning for solid waste management will be presented by the Sustainability Committee to local government decision-makers.

Event Schedule:

1. Introductions
2. First panel presentation
3. Panelist question and answer
4. 2nd panel presentation
5. Panelist question and answer
6. Breakout discussions
7. Reconvene and discuss breakout ideas
8. Summary

Panelists & Presentation Topics:

Gayle Wilson (Orange County) - Region's History of Solid Waste Management Efforts

Jan Sassaman (Orange County Solid Waste Advisory Board) - The Region's Planning Process

Wendy Simmons (Town of Chapel Hill) - The Town's Plans Moving Forward

BJ Tipton (UNC-Chapel Hill) - The University's Solid Waste Approach with Focus on Recycling

Jorge Montezuma (Smith Gardner, Inc. & NC Composting Council) - Commercial/Regional Scale Composting

Blair Pollock (Orange County) - What a "Zero Waste" Management Plan Looks Like