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Collection Event for America Recycles Day Was a Success

Approx. 200 vehicles dropped off 5,265 recyclable items at the Community Collection Day event on James Island

The items have been sorted and the numbers are in -- Charleston County's Environmental Management Department's Community Collection Day last Saturday was a huge success! Approximately 200 vehicles showed up at James Island Elementary School to help celebrate America Recycles Day by dropping off unwanted items that are not collected as part of the County's residential curbside recycling program.

Specifically, the County took in 5,265 items overall, including:

- 993 cans of paint
- 510 pieces of electronic waste (e-waste)
- 440 light bulbs
- Over 2,000 pounds of paper
- And numerous other recyclable items

Anna Johnson, Charleston County's Solid Waste Committee Chair and County Council member attended the collection event and was very pleased with the turnout.

"Charleston County's Community Collection Day provided an opportunity for residents to recycle a wide range of items that could be dropped off at one central location while celebrating a national recycling day," Johnson said. "The special event supported County Council's 40% recycling goal, raised awareness about the principles of reuse and recycling, and helped divert recyclable material from the Bees Ferry Landfill."

Pet Helpers, Goodwill, and Habitat for Humanity also had staff at the event to accept materials for their organizations.

Residents who were unable to attend the event can still recycle items - such as paint, light bulbs, used oil and e-waste - on an on-going basis at one of the County's eight staffed convenience centers. For a list of convenience centers and what materials are accepted at those locations, visit http://charlestoncounty.org/Departments/SolidWaste/D-RecyLocat.htm.

America Recycles Day is a nationally-recognized day dedicated to promoting recycling. Sponsored by Keep America Beautiful, the day aims to promote events across the country that educate and encourage citizens to work together to increase recycling in their communities.

For more information on recycling, contact Charleston County's Environmental Management Department at (843) 720-7111 or visit recycle.charlestoncounty.org.

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