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Green Ribbon Committee Holds First Meeting on Friday, Oct. 31

Charleston County's newly selected [Green Ribbon Committee](#) will hold its first meeting at 9 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 31. The meeting will be held in County Council's committee room at the Lonnie Hamilton, III Public Services Building (4045 Bridge View Drive; North Charleston, SC 29405).

At the meeting, committee members will be given an overview of the current Solid Waste Management study process, which was authorized by [Charleston County Council](#). Additionally, committee members will have an opportunity to get to know each other, discuss the need to elect officers at a future meeting, and address necessary administrative tasks. The meeting is open to the public.

County Council established the 15-member committee to develop a comprehensive solid waste and environmental sustainability plan.

The Green Ribbon Committee has been tasked with serving as a board of advisors and working with a consulting firm to draft the 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.

County Council anticipates that the Green Ribbon Committee will hold meetings over a period of approximately one year.

The Charleston County Green Ribbon Committee consists of the following 15 members, who had to be residents of Charleston County and had to be qualified in one of the following categories:

- **David Crutchfield:** One member must be 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:** One member must be qualified by experience or training in the field of transportation of solid waste.
- **Sue Schweikart:** One member must be qualified by experience or training in the field of solid waste management.
- **Alec Cooley:** One member must be qualified by experience or training in the field of recycling.
- **Jeffrey Baxter:** One member must be qualified by experience or training in the field of real estate development.
- **Art von Lehe:** One member must be qualified by experience or training in the environmental sciences.
- **Louis Mintz:** One member must be a resident in the Bees Ferry corridor.

- **Rahim Karriem:** One member must be a resident within one-half mile of the current incinerator.
- **Herb Fraser-Rahim and John Votaw:** Two members will be at-large representatives of the community.
- **Laura Cabiness (Charleston), Jody Peele (Mount Pleasant) and Renee Patey (North Charleston):** Three members will be appointed (one each) by the city of Charleston, the city of North Charleston and the town of Mount Pleasant.
- **Linda Tucker:** One member will be a municipal representative from a small municipality east of the Cooper River.
- **Carl Voelker:** One member will be a municipal representative from a small municipality west of the Ashley River.

Citizens qualified for the one of the 15 spots on the committee had to submit applications by Monday, Sept. 15. Applications were considered by Charleston County Council's Finance Committee on Thursday, Oct. 2, and members were selected by Charleston County Council during its regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

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