

PUERTO RICO RECYCLING PARTNERSHIP
GROUP C - DEVELOPMENT OF RECYCLING MARKETS
AGENDA
September 23, 2010

- Introduction of new members
- Communication tool
- Check list of MRFs in P.R.
- Review hierarchy of recyclable materials vis-à-vis sources and local use
 - Identify hierarchy of targets (generators): Municipal, commercial or industrial
- Discuss issues preventing the collection of recyclables in urban pockets identified by LM
 - Alternatives to address these issues
 - It is harder to offer collection services to municipalities located in center of Puerto Rico, such as Aguas Buenas, Naranjito, Barranquitas, Adjuntas and Maricao, and gated communities where a drop off station might be established.
- Discuss issues preventing the collection of recyclables in urban pockets identified by MDLC
 - Urban areas
 - In the traditional center, cardboard and glass may be recovered. Volume of cardboard residues is very high. On the other hand, glass may be recovered by implementing municipal ordinances particularly in places where alcoholic beverages are sold since owners of business have control over the materials. This also prevents or avoids contamination of recyclables.
 - Rural areas
 - Many municipalities are currently contracting the collection services. Municipalities may require its contractors to recover recyclables.
 - Industrial sector
 - SWA should monitor this sector to secure compliance with the recycling plan requirements.
- Categorize alternatives vis-à-vis the hierarchy of recyclable materials
- Challenges of partnership between UPR and the Santa Rita community
- Identify current incentives and which additional incentives could be offered to improve the current conditions for markets of final products

- Discuss legal mechanisms currently implemented by municipalities of Carolina and Guaynabo
 - Carolina
 - Implemented recycling program in single and multifamily developments in the urban zone
 - Prohibits the disposal of solid wastes in recycling bins
 - Recycling bins should be placed in the curbside certain days
 - Established penalties
 - First Time: Courtesy warning
 - Second Time: Warning
 - Third Time: \$50.00 fine
 - Fourth Time: \$100.00 fine
 - Other: \$250.00
 - Guaynabo
 - Implemented recycling plan covering residential developments
 - Extended program to commercial facilities
 - Fines of \$1,000.00
- Incentives for acquiring local recyclables by local industries
- Incentives for distributing products locally manufactured
- Identify other possible members
- Determine date of next meeting