

## **2010 Solid Waste Dept. Overview**

Good Evening, my name is Rusty Cotton and I am the Director of Solid Waste for Craven County. I wanted to give you an overview of our Dept. and what the Solid Waste Dept. offers the citizens of the County.

### **Convenience Centers**

We oversee the seven Convenience Centers in the county, attached to this overview is a map with locations. Two of the centers are located in the eastern part of Craven County. They are our Hickman Hill Site located just outside Havelock on Hwy. 70 E. and our Hwy. 101 Site located between Temple's Pt. Rd. and Blades Rd. on Hwy. 101. Three of our Centers that are centrally located include the Bridgeton Site located on Hwy. 55 E., Monette's Site located on Old Cherry Point Rd. and the Sanders Lane Site located close to the Clark's exit off of Hwy. 70 West. The last two Centers are located in the Western part of the County and include the Vanceboro Site located on Bailey Ln. beside the water tower and the Ft. Barnwell Site located on Belltown Rd. just outside of Ft. Barnwell. These Convenience Centers have operating hours of Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 7:00 AM until 6:30 PM and Sundays from 1:00 PM until 6:30 PM. These Centers are open to all residents of Craven County and we accept Mixed Recyclables, Mixed Paper, Corrugated Cardboard, Scrap Metal, Yard Waste, Construction and Demolition Debris, Used Motor Oil, Used Oil Filters, Lead Acid Batteries, Oyster Shells, Old Paint and Bulky Waste. Oyster Shells, used Motor Oil, used Oil Filters, Batteries and Old Paint are recycled. We run a paint exchange program at our Bridgeton Site where all paint collected is brought and processed and given away to the public. We do not however allow Contractors to use our Sites and the only cost for citizens to use these sites is for bagged household garbage which requires a solid waste collection sticker. We close these Sites for Thanksgiving Day, Easter Sunday, Christmas Day and New Years Day if Christmas or New Years would happen to fall on a day we would normally be open.

The Staff at these Convenience Centers includes 8 Full-Time employees and 6 Part-Time employees. The main office in the County Admin. Bld. includes myself, our Admin. Asst. and one Part-Time Solid Waste Technician.

## **Trash Collection Program**

Craven County uses a county wide Pay As You Throw (PAYT) volume based system for curbside trash collection. A sticker is required on every bag or container of trash or it will not be picked up. The trash stickers cost \$2.50 each and they may be purchased at a

Sticker Outlet or ordered by mail, attached is a graph of the trash sticker revenue breakdown. One sticker is required for up to 33 gallons not more than 50 lbs., two stickers are required for 34 to 64 gallons not more than 100 lbs., three stickers are required for 65 to 90 gallons not more than 150 lbs. This encourages residents to reduce the amount of waste they are throwing away by making better buying decisions and by participating in the countywide curbside and drop off recycling programs. Craven County has five Franchise Haulers who collect trash curbside once per week and have different franchise areas within Craven County to collect trash with stickers attached. These Haulers include Berry Sanitation who collects in Fairfield Harbour and the surrounding area, Hargett Sanitation who collects in Trent Woods, River Bend and North West Craven County, Richards Sanitation who collects in Eastern Craven County, Riverdale and parts of Old Cherry Point Rd., Sconyers Sanitation who collects in Fort Barnwell, Cove City, Jasper and surrounding areas and Waste Industries who collects in James City and Brice's Creek. A second option for residents to dispose of household waste is to contract directly through their hauler for subscription service. Haulers charge a monthly fee for collection and are responsible for billing and collection of fees. A third option is for residents take their trash to one of the counties seven Convenience Sites and dispose of it with the appropriate number of trash stickers. Residents may also take their trash directly to the landfill at Tuscarora (CRSWMA) which they are charged by weight to dispose of. Residents in the City of New Bern, the City of Havelock and the Towns of Vanceboro, Dover and Bridgeton receive trash service from each respective municipality.

## **Recycling Program**

The Solid Waste Department also oversees the recycling program which offers a once per week pick up of recyclable items put in an 18 gallon green bin placed curbside. The recycling program is county wide with the exception of the Town of Bridgeton who handles their own collection. Craven County residents are charged \$36.00 per year for this service which is placed on their annual tax notice.

## **Ordinances**

My Department is also charged with enforcing the Junked Motor Vehicle Ordinance which prohibits the accumulation of Junked Motor Vehicles as defined in the Ordinance and the Litter and Solid Waste Control Ordinance which restricts the disposal of litter, garbage and solid waste in Craven County.

## **Old Landfill**

The Solid Waste Department also maintains the old closed landfill in Tuscarora. Fill dirt is hauled to the landfill where it is placed to repair erosion from rain runoff and to repair settling of the old landfill. Leachate is pumped from the landfill to holding ponds which is hauled to the waste water treatment plant in New Bern. Monitoring wells are tested twice per year to meet mandatory requirements from the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The landfill is also bush hogged once per year in the fall.

## **Upcoming items**

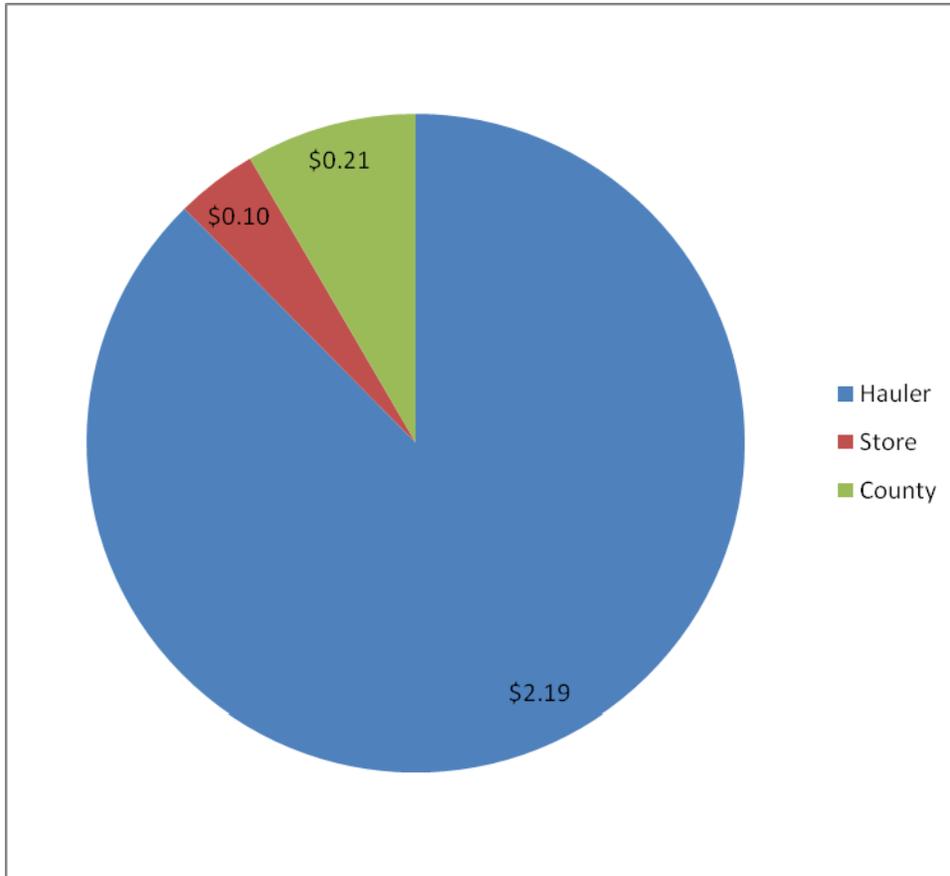
Upcoming items for next year include a ban of electronics at landfills. This ban is effective July 1, 2011. It prohibits electronic items such as computers and televisions from entering landfills. It is mandated by NCDENR. Craven County is addressing these needs by setting up two additional electronic event drop off programs to compliment the two that already exist through the Craven County Clean Sweep Committee. This will be a total of four drop off programs per year in Craven County for electronics. The 10 year Solid Waste Plan has been updated to include this information which is required by the State to receive funds which will be used for the collection program.

The Franchise Haulers Agreement (Trash Collection) expires June 30, 2012. We have the opportunity of renewing this agreement for an additional three years with our Franchise Haulers or we have the option of bidding this Agreement out.

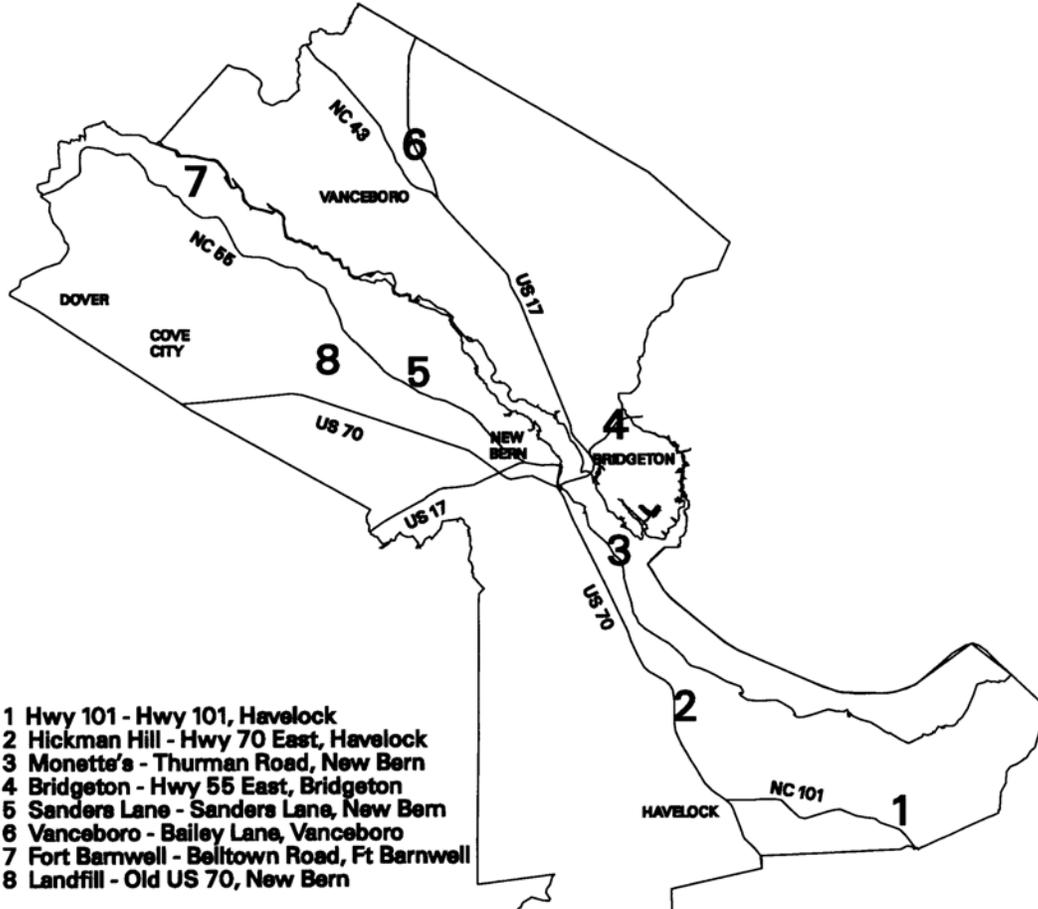
Our Recycling Franchise Agreement and Convenience Center Hauling Agreement expire on June 30, 2011. We have the opportunity to renegotiate these contracts for an additional five years with GDS or we have the option to bid these contracts out. If the choice is to bid this agreement out we would need sufficient time to formulate the bid. GDS is within weeks of submitting a proposal for our review concerning renegotiations of this agreement. We will bring this back to your attention within the next month.

This is a brief overview of the responsibilities of the Solid Waste Department and if you have any questions I will try to answer them at this time. Thank You

## Trash Sticker Revenue Graph



## Craven County Convenience Centers and Landfill



Convenience Centers (1-7) are operated by the Craven County Solid Waste Department.  
The operation hours are Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 7:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. and  
Sunday 1:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. Phone: (252) 636-6659

Landfill (8) is operated by the Coastal Regional Solid Waste Management Authority.  
The operation hours are Monday through Friday 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. and  
Saturday 7:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Phone: (252) 633-6771