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Welcome to the EFC eNews on Sustainability in the Caribbean!

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center (EFC) eNews on Sustainability in the Caribbean! The EFC at SU, part of a national Environmental Finance Center Network, is proud to be facilitating the development of sustainable and resilient communities across US EPA Region 2 - New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and eight tribal nations.

The purpose of this eNews is to educate, encourage and enable the public to participate in projects and initiatives related to sustainability in the Caribbean. Expect to receive periodical eNews updates on announcements on upcoming meetings, educational opportunities, and publications.

In this issue you will find information for the upcoming Puerto Rico Recycling Partnership and US Virgin Islands Recycling Partnership meetings, integrated solid waste strategies, webinars and more!

Important: Remember to Renew Your Puerto Rico Recycling Partnership (PRRP) and Virgin Islands Recycling Partnership (VIRP) Memberships!

In an effort to update the membership database and to review our team listings, we are asking that all individuals who have not already done so complete an online membership renewal form. Thank you!

PRRP: [Click here to renew.](#)

VIRP: [Click here to renew.](#)

New PRRP Team Chairs Announced

Congratulations to the new PRRP team chairs! These new PRRP leaders will be in charge of organizing and leading team meetings as well as helping develop an agenda for these meetings. Expect to hear from your team chairs and plan to meet with your teams before the December PRRP meeting. All members are encouraged to contact a team chair to be added to teams, attend team meetings, and share ideas and input! The PRRP is happy to announce the following new team chairs:

- **Construction and Demolition Team**
 - William Menckler, TDS International
 - Ramón Olivero, Cemex of Puerto Rico
- **Education and Outreach Team**
 - Cenilda Ramirez, Tetra Tech Puerto Rico
 - Jessica Seiglie, Basura Cero Puerto Rico
- **Glass, Metal & Plastic Containers Team**
 - Isaili Mariñez-Díaz, Sierra Club
 - Looking for co-chair
- **Government Relations Team**
 - Camilla Feibelman, Sierra Club
 - Rafael Pérez-Vázquez, Viterra Group
- **Organics Team**
 - José Alsina, Sierra Club
 - Francisco Villafañe, UPR-Mayaguez
- **Paper Team**
 - Maraida Balaguer-Barbosa, UPR-Mayaguez
 - Looking for co-chair
- **Scrap Metals Team**
 - Ana Sabatier, Schnitzer Steel
 - Looking for co-chair
- **Special Wastes**
 - Brenda García de Quevedo, Consolidated Waste Services
 - Looking for co-chair

For more information, including how to participate on the teams, contact Laura Cardoso at lcardoso@syr.edu.

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The US VIRP is Identifying New Team Chairs

The US VIRP is currently identifying team chairs. Team chair responsibilities include organizing and leading team meetings as well as helping develop an agenda for these meetings. All members are encouraged to take a leadership role on one of the following eight teams:

- **Construction and Demolition Team**
- **Education and Outreach Team**
- **Glass, Metal & Plastic Containers Team**
- **Government Relations Team**
- **Organics Team**
- **Paper Team**
- **Scrap Metals Team**
- **Special Wastes**

For more information on how to become a team chair, or participate on the US VIRP teams, contact Laura Cardoso at lcardoso@syrr.edu.

Meetings, Trainings & Webinars

Virgin Islands Recycling Partnership (VIRP) Meeting

Monday, December 10, 2012,
10:00AM - 1:00PM (AST), 9:00AM to 12:00PM (EST)

Main Location: Chase Auditorim (Business Education Room 110)

UVI - Campus on St. Thomas, [Map](#)

Location 2: Melvin Evans Center (Room 401)

UVI- Albert A. Sheen Campus on St. Croix, [Map](#)

Location 3: St. John Academic Center

The Marketplace Bldg., 3rd Floor, [Map](#)

The next VIRP meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 10. The meeting will be held in three remote locations on St. Croix, St. John and St. Thomas. Those unable to attend in person will also be able to call in at the following number.

Teleconference Number: (805) 309-0011 Call in Code: 855-884-390

Puerto Rico Recycling Partnership (PRRP) Meeting

December 12, 2012, 10:00AM - 1:00PM
Solid Waste Authority (ADS) Offices - Rio Piedras, PR

The December PRRP Meeting is quickly approaching. Come prepared for a full agenda that will be built around the PRRP teams, their current projects, reports, needs and ideas. Each team chair will be prepared to discuss their team's main priority and goals for the

coming year. [Learn More](#)

Vieques Recycling Partnership (VRP) Meeting

Tentatively scheduled for: December 13, 2012, 6:30PM - 8:00PM
Vieques Conservation & Historical Trust (VCHT)- Vieques, PR
Calle Flamboyán # 138, Vieques, PR 00765

The PRRP Staff Team is excited to announce a Vieques Recycling Partnership meeting to take place on Thursday evening, December 13. Vieques was chosen as a PRRP pilot community because of its unique solid waste management challenges, and because improving its environment and quality of life is an objective of the President's Task Force on Puerto Rico. This meeting is open to the public.

[Learn More](#)

Sustainability Speaker Series

San Juan, PR - Time & Location TBA

The PRRP has launched a brand new speaker series aimed at educating the community on sustainable materials management. In the first presentation Ángel Arroyo-Rodríguez spoke on *The Importance of Source Reduction Through Organics Recycling*. Thank you to everyone who attended this event!

Don't miss the second installment of the Sustainability Speaker Series: ***How to Develop Leadership in Environmental Education to Promote Sustainability in our Schools and Communities.***

Please be sure to inform educators, leaders and all interested community members of this series! Workshops are open to the public and are free to attend. [Learn more](#)

SMM Webinar

National Recycling Coalition &
The Pennsylvania Recycling Markets Center
December 18, 2012, 1:30PM - 2:45PM EST [Register](#)

According to the EPA, an estimated 39.7 million tons of food is thrown away every year. This equates to over half of the food grown, processed, and transported. 50 million Americans have food insecurity, however, enough nutritious calories are grown and produced each year to feed every American. This webinar will discuss these and other facts and figures about our food supply and the problem of hunger in our country.

Shannon Barbuto, the Regional Fresh Produce Sourcer for Feeding

America will explain how her non-profit organization and a coalition of other NPO's and retail food industry representatives are developing strategies to address this problem.

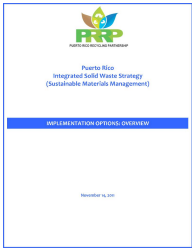
Pete Pearson, the Sustainability Director for SUPERVALU will explain how his company is creating an effective logistics program through which grocery stores can more efficiently source fresh food from local farmers and develop closed-loop waste cycles to reduce food waste. [Learn more](#)

In the Next Sustainability in the Caribbean eNews...

Stay tuned! The next Sustainability in the Caribbean eNews will feature updates on the sustainable materials management internship programs in both Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands.

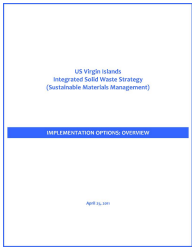
Tools and Publications

Puerto Rico
Integrated Solid Waste Strategy
(Sustainable Materials Management)



(November 2011) Environmental Finance Center at Syracuse /
Puerto Rico Recycling Partnership (PRRP)

US Virgin Islands Integrated Solid Waste
Strategy (Sustainable Materials Management)



(April 2011) Environmental Finance Center at Syracuse University /

Virgin Islands Recycling Partnership (VIRP)

Sustainable Materials Management in Haiti



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at Syracuse University