

A Special Announcement from GRC

With over 25 years at the helm of Georgia Recycling Coalition, Executive Director, Gloria Hardegree, is announcing that she will retire from her role with GRC on July 1, 2026. Please join us in congratulating Gloria on an extremely successful career, leading GRC through many eras of recycling and waste reduction in the state of Georgia. Founded in 1991, the nonprofit GRC has been dedicated to supporting the local, state, and regional supply chain for manufacturing feedstocks for over three decades. Its mission is to complement and coordinate activities relative to recycling, foster communications among professionals, organizations, government agencies and individuals, and promote and enhance waste reduction and recycling programs throughout the state of Georgia.



A Word from *Gloria*

"It's with mixed emotions that I've made the decision to retire this summer. I started with GRC as a member in 1993 while a partner in GreenCycle of Georgia, an organics recycling company. I attended my first conference in 1994 and served two terms on the board as well as the role of President in 1998-1999, the first two-year term in that role. It was during 1999 that several board members approached me to consider taking the role of GRC's Program Manager, later as Executive Director. I accepted and was challenged to work with future boards to expand the organization from about 50 members to what we are today. It has been challenging, rewarding and often exciting to see how our organization has evolved through the ups and downs of this industry. I've made so many friends and learned more than imaginable as technology and innovation have advanced beyond what we could have envisioned over 35 years! I've always acknowledged that a coalition is only as strong as the members and leaders who participate in and support its programs, projects, goals and needs—it's your coalition and together we've built GRC into an organization of which you should all be proud. As I depart from my current role know that I will always be supportive of and appreciative for the dedication and time so many have provided to make GRC a true coalition! Better Together was my favorite slogan that epitomized the GRC Family!



Thank-you for the honor of serving as Executive Director for for many years and stay in touch-I'll be around!"

In the interim, as future leadership roles are determined, GRC's Board of Directors remains committed to advancing the mission of the organization and managing the day-to-day operations, while building on the strong foundation established by Gloria! Board members and their affiliations are found here. To contact board members please direct email inquiries to info@georgiarecycles.org