

Wakulla RCAP Anti-Litter
Recommendations to the
Wakulla County
Board of County Commissioners

January 25, 2010

Mission Statement of the RCAP Committee:

Wakulla County will be the cleanest County in the state within five years.

The following recommendations are offered in order of importance, with the highest to lowest listed first to last:

1. Recommend the continued partnership (established by the RCAP committee) between the Sheriff's Department and Department of Public Works (both represented on the Committee) to have inmates pick up trash in front of mowing machines to eliminate shredded litter along the sides of roads.
(Public-Private Partnership)
2. Recommend the regulating of commercial trash haulers to require covered truck beds, and to make inexpensive tarps available at the landfill for purchase by citizens who enter the facility with uncovered truck beds. Any trash hauling individual or company cited for having an uncovered truck bed would be given a warning on the first violation, followed by a fine and mandatory community service in the form of roadside cleanup for further offenses.
(Governance)
3. Recommend that the Wakulla County legislative delegation support a legislative proposal to incorporate a bottle tax to penalize companies for not putting as many bottles back in circulation with their product as were being bought by the public; the assumption being that those bottles not put back in circulation were either being thrown away or littering roadsides. Additionally, a bottle bill would include a bottle refund to individuals, similar to that of other states, most particularly, the State of Oregon.
(Governance)
4. Recommend that the County Commission require all local businesses replace disposable plastic and paper shopping bags with non-disposable containers, with an incentive for those who participate; and that the change from disposable plastic and paper shopping bags to non-disposable containers be phased in over the next two years, with the ultimate goal of all disposable plastic and paper shopping bags being eliminated in five years.
(Governance)

5. Recommend that the current Wakulla County Sign Permit ordinance be amended to include civil and criminal enforcement by the Sheriff's Department and Code Enforcement alike, and that the County Commission empower the County's Code Enforcement Officer and the Sheriff's Department with ticketing authority for litter and sign violations with litter fines increased to the maximum amount possible.
(Governance)
6. Recommend inclusion of Jackie Turner's (Wakulla Springs Park) verbiage, with respect to the threat imposed on wildlife by litter, to the Commission's Resolution establishing Roads Clean Action Plan:

"Whereas litter poses a serious threat to the health and well-being of the wildlife, which we depend on both economically and aesthetically;"

(Governance)
7. Suggest the County Commission change the name of the Wakulla County Solid Waste Management Facility to "**Recycle**" Center.
(Public Relations)
8. Mandate that county buildings will be equipped with recycling containers for aluminum, paper, and plastic items.
(Governance)
9. Suggest that an anonymous Tip Line, similar to a Crime Stoppers tip line, be established through the Sheriff's department, whereby violators of a litter ordinance would be investigated as a result of calls to the Tip Line. Part of the fines collected would be given to the anonymous "tipper." Individuals calling the anonymous Tip Line would be given an ID number and the County would do an automatic deposit into the ID number account. It is recommended that 40% - 50% of fines would go to educating the public on the importance of litter prevention.
(Governance)
10. Suggest that the County Commission appoint a volunteer Marketing Advisory Committee to work for a limited time period on crafting a marketing/advertising strategy for the County's anti-litter campaign.
(Public-Private Partnership)

Roads Clean Action Plan (RCAP) Committee:

Pamela Joy, Chair; Jude Ann Burk, Parliamentarian/Secretary; Ed Dugo; Cleve Fleming; Ray Gray; Jim Griner; Vic Lambou; Jared Miller; Bill Osborne; Robin Sapp; Chris Savary; Shelley Swenson; Hugh Taylor.