

PAPER TEAM MEETING
VIRGIN ISLANDS RECYCLING PARTNERSHIP
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2013 10:00 AM

Via teleconference line

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE VIRP:

- The Virgin Islands Recycling Partnership was created in an effort to establish a sustainable solid waste strategy—based on an aggressive program of waste reduction, recycling and composting—and moving toward a sustainable materials economy. The partnership includes government (at all levels), non-profit organizations, citizens, environmental groups, and the private sector. The Environmental Finance Center at Syracuse University (EFC) is using its solid waste management and recycling expertise to assist in facilitatating the partnership. The VIRP is comprised of commodity-based teams, including this Paper Team. Learn [more](#).

ATTENDEES:

- Charmin Springer, VI Waste Management Authority
- Geoff Garrison, US Environmental Protection Agency
- Keshema Webbe, US Environmental Protection Agency

AGENDA:

- W hat are our goals?

DISCUSSION OF TEAM GOALS AND CURRENT INITIATIVES:

- Do we want to do something like phone book recycling?
- Do we need to do some research?
- What avenue can we take?
- Paper is being covered but on a small scale, how can we get it on a large scale?
- Organics also cover paper so we need to check with them, or other groups!
- We can try to piggyback on shipping and companies that already collect or accept paper.
- Areas of focus
 - Target Arts and Craft in Schools- Green festivals, contest
 - Phone book recycling
 - Newspaper

- Packaging
- We should create a green network for paper/shipping!
 - Ex. Mail paper and more co. would be a good start.
- Research who in the territory are willing to take recycled paper (Packaging co., Movers)
- Education – Educate the community about the reuse of paper
- Plant in PR that manage and collect paper products for recycling!

FOLLOW UP TASKS:

- Push the idea of Recycling through VINE [Webbe]
- Follow-up on Daily News , Avis and Innovative [Springer]
- Contact business to find out if they are willing to accept recycled paper(Packaging or Shipping Co.) [Webbe]
- Fwd. contact information for plant that collects paper products (Capital Shredding Co.
-) [Keisha]
- Research the market options for aluminum and white paper
- In terms of how much we generate, VIWMA will share this information with the group!
- Continue calls on every first Monday of the Month at 2:00 pm.
- It is only 3 of us in the group so we agreed to divide the responsibility among the 3 of us.