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City of Eufaula Receives Recycling Grant from ADEM

In this year Grant selection process, the Department focused on the 2016 Southeast Recycling Development Council (SERDC) study, “A Plan for Boosting Residential Material Recovery and Recycling in Alabama”, which details how recycling efforts can be made more effective in our state. The central focus is the development of a “Hub and Spoke” model where larger cities, or hubs, partner with smaller and more rural communities, or spokes, to collect and recycle materials in a more efficient way.

In an effort to enhance recycling, along with economic growth, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management is pleased to announce that City of Eufaula is the recipient of \$30,907.26 for this year’s grant process. This recycling grant will be used to purchase a skid steer that will make recycling more convenient for the people of Eufaula.

When asked how recycling has impacted their community a Eufaula representative said “One of the most visible ways is that we supply our local businesses the option to have our rear load recycle truck come into their business to offer recycling onsite as a free service, also supply on site recycling bins. And our recycle center can be accessed after hours for convenience.” As Alabamians continue to push forward in their recycling efforts Eufaula said they expect to see their program grow by “...hav[ing] our recycling program keep making enough money to sustain itself. And encourage the community to recycle at a higher percentage than previous years. To insure that our city is improving itself each and every year.” The Department is honored to be able to assist communities in their recycling endeavors and has been able to aid Eufaula by “...providing us useful information on recycling and helping us with greatly needed and appreciated grants to help us keep our recycling moving forward.”

These grant funds are made possible through the Solid Wastes & Recyclable Materials Management Act which was passed by the Alabama Legislature in 2008. The legislation imposed a \$1 per ton fee on all solid wastes disposed of in Alabama landfills. A portion of the proceeds generated by this fee supported the creation of the Alabama Recycling Fund, which provides the foundation for ADEM to award the recycling grants on an annual basis.



“Our message to our community would be ‘We greatly appreciate our community’s efforts on recycling.’ Please pass the message to your family, friends and others you meet, on the impact recycling does for our community and the world itself for our future generations to come.” – City of Eufaula