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COUNTY EXPANDS IN-HOUSE RECYCLING AWARENESS PROGRAM

(SALEM, NJ) – Freeholder Charles "Chuck" Sullivan, Chair of the Facilities Management Committee, today announced that the County is expanding its in-house recycling awareness program, which is intended to assist County departments with incorporating recycling protocols in their day to day operations. This program is being administered through a cooperative venture between the County Facilities Department, Health Department, City of Salem and the Utilities Authority.

"This program expansion is long overdue," said Freeholder Sullivan. "Salem County has beautiful natural resources and we are constantly trying to preserve them through awareness and preservation programs. While these big programs are important, it is equally important that we are promoting environmental protection on the smaller scale as well, including recycling in our County offices."

The expanded awareness program officially launched on May 25th with the County placing 22 gallon co-mingled bins next to all vending machines for plastic, glass and aluminum. The County will also be placing 20 gallon green bins next to all copy machines for white paper recycling. Eventually all offices will have smaller containers for co-mingled paper. The Salem County Utilities Authority has provided all of the containers at no cost to the County.

"This program is the right thing to do," said Melinda Williams, Assistant Director and County Recycling Coordinator of the Salem County Utilities Authority. "The Utilities Authority and the County have a great record of cooperative ventures and this new recycling awareness program ranks among the best. It is important that the County lead in efforts on preservation and protection on both the big and smaller projects and we are delighted to assist the County in developing this recycling program for their offices."

The City of Salem is assisting in this project by picking up the recyclables twice a month from County facilities. This removes the financial burden from the County and allows the City to get their required "tonnage," which also helps their grant efforts.

"This is a win-win situation," said Salem City Mayor Earl Gage. "This is a cooperative venture that benefits everyone, while costs are relatively low. By combining resources we are able to save the tax payer money, help protect our environment, and increase our likelihood of receiving further grant money, which in turn helps the tax payer even more. It just makes sense to do this program—together."

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