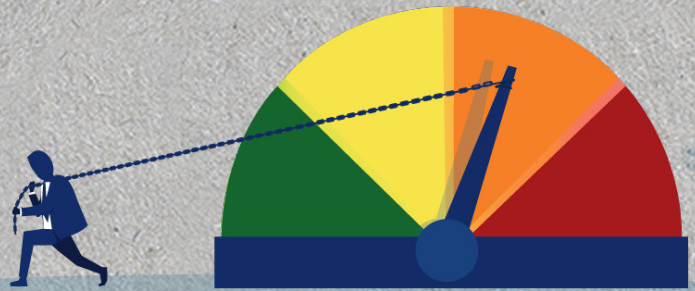
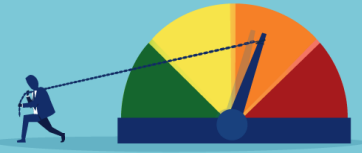




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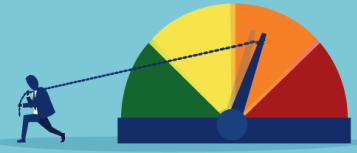
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SCHEDULE

TIME	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29	PRESENTERS
7:30 a.m.	Conference Registration and Breakfast	Exhibitors in Great Room
8:30 a.m.	Welcome Opening Comments	Kara Berst , Chickasaw Nation Megan Waters - Emcee, OKRA President and Keep McAlester Beautiful Executive Director
8:45 a.m.	<i>Making Recycling Happen</i> - Community Tools	Vincent Leray - The Recycling Partnership
9:30 a.m.	Recycling Markets 2023 and Beyond	Chaz Miller - Recycling and Waste Expert, Waste 360 Columnist
10:00 a.m.	Urban Wood Utilization in Oklahoma	Moderator: Kara Berst - Chickasaw Nation Riley Coy - Dept. of Agriculture, Susan Bergen - Eco Woods Solutions, Paul Streets - Midwest City
10:45 a.m.	Break	
11:00 a.m.	Refillery - A Reusing Business	Traci Walton - Plenty Mercantile
11:30 a.m.	Unplugging the Truth: Understanding E-waste	Jessica Miller - U.S. EPA
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	
1:15 p.m.	OKRA Work Group Spotlight - Education and Outreach	Sara Ivey - OK Department of Environmental Quality
1:30 p.m.	Roundtable Discussion Intructions	Megan Waters
	Round 1: Roundtable Discussions	
	Composting and all about OCASA	Crystal Walker - OK Compost and Sustainability Association, Kelly Dillow - OK Compost and Sustainability Association
	Community Education and Engagement	Vincent Leray
	Glass Recycling in Oklahoma	Fenton Rood - OKRA, Traci Cherry - Dlubak
	Textile Waste	Dr. Sumit Mandal - Oklahoma State University
	Understanding policy and Making it Work for your Program	Chaz Miller
	Styrofoam Recycling	Cathy Bowden - Churches Caring for Creation
	E-Waste	Jessica Miller
	Super Recycling Program	Crystal Bennett - Republic Services
	Wood Waste	Susan Bergen
	Reuse in Business	Traci Walton - Plenty Mercantile
	Oklahoma Medical Sharps Disposal Committee (OMSDC)	Linzi Bhata - OK Department of Environmental Quality
2:00 p.m.	Break and snacks with exhibitors	
2:30 p.m.	Round 2: Roundtable Discussions	Same topics and hosts as Round 1
3:00 p.m.	Round 3: Roundtable Discussions	Same topics and hosts as Round 1
3:30 p.m.	Closing Session - Community Recycling Grant Opportunities	Vincent Leray , Recycling Partnership
4:00 p.m.	Adjourn Conference	Megan Waters

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OKRA TECHNICAL COUNCIL

(Area of recycling interest or expertise)

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Fenton Rood, Retired ODEQ (Solid waste, recycling, green team)

Bobby Schultz, The MET - (Recycling depots, special collection events, public education)

Garmon Smith, Ada Recycling Coalition (Special events, product stewardship)

Larry Wright, Western Oklahoma (Rural issues)



OKRA COMMITTEES AND WORK GROUPS

STANDING COMMITTEES

Communications (Chair: **Shavara Johnson**)

This committee updates OKRA website content, manages and posts updates to the listserv, maintains engagement via social media, and publishes the OKRA Newsletter.

Conference Planning Committee

(Chair: **Ellen Bussert**)

This committee handles the program, logistics and fundraising for the annual Oklahoma Recycling Association.

Executive Committee (Chair: **Megan Waters**)

This committee is responsible for identifying policy and proposing change to the board of directors. The Bylaws Task Force falls under this committee.

Membership Committee

(Chair: **Ellen Bussert**)

This committee facilitates membership renewals, solicits new members, arranges OKRA exhibit opportunities, updates the membership structure and brochure, and recognizes OKRA members.

Nominations/Recruitment Committee

(Chair: **Sara Ivey**)

This committee solicits leadership position nominations and prepares slates for board votes.

WORK GROUPS

Advocacy Work Group (Chair: **Michael Barton**)

The Advocacy Work Group aims to make OKRA better known among Oklahoma legislators and decision makers. We would like OKRA to be the "go to" organization for recycling and resource recovery issues in our state.

Composting (Chair: **Amanda Scofield**)

OKRA promotes composting as a resource recovery strategy, and relays updates from the Oklahoma Compost and Sustainability Association and other composting organizations.

Education and Outreach Work Group

(Chair: **Sara Ivey**)

This work group strives to increase recycling knowledge, best practices and the economic benefits of recycling in our state, while working to reduce recycling contamination through a variety of education and communication strategies. This group organizes OKRA's very successful Lunch and Learn events.

Glass Work Group (Chair: **Fenton Rood**)

The Glass Work Group is working to develop initiatives to develop programs for the communities in Oklahoma to reduce the amount of glass entering the landfills in Oklahoma.

Product Stewardship (Chair: **Cat Ecker**)

OKRA collaborates with the national Product Stewardship Institute to solve waste management problems by encouraging product design changes that lead to sustainable end-of-life management.

SPEAKERS

VINCENT LERAY

**GRANT DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, THE RECYCLING PARTNERSHIP
KEYNOTE ADDRESS – “MAKING RECYCLING HAPPEN: COMMUNITY
TOOLS” AND “COMMUNITY RECYCLING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES.”**



Vincent is a Grant Development Manager with the Recycling Partnership where he combines his passion for community resilience with his knowledge of state and local government recycling programs, and his experience with grant-making to unlock the potential of recycling programs nationwide. Prior to joining The Partnership, Vincent worked with a wide range of community stakeholders to grow and strengthen their recycling programs through dedicated technical assistance and grant development during his years at the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. Vincent also helped found the TN Materials Marketplace to support the development of local markets for recycled materials.

CHAZ MILLER

**RECYCLING AND WASTE EXPERT, WASTE 360 COLUMNIST
“RECYCLING MARKETS 2023 AND BEYOND”**



Chaz Miller worked in recycling and waste at the US EPA, the Glass Packaging Institute and the National Waste and Recycling Association. He is an ex officio member of the Board of the Northeast Recycling Council and a member of the Maryland Recycling Coalition Board. Chaz chaired the Montgomery County, MD, Aiming for Zero Waste Task Force. He is a recipient of the National Recycling Coalition’s Lifetime Achievement Award.

Happily “semi-retired”, he writes a blog for Waste360, prepares a monthly analysis of curbside recycling markets as chair of the NERC Recycling Markets Committee, and speaks at conferences about markets and recycling. He chairs the Maryland Recycling Network Legislative Committee, testifying nine times in Annapolis during the most recent legislative session.

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