

Sunday, September 22, 2019

1:00pm-5:00pm Pre-conference Workshop: **Changing Behavior**

Monday, September 23, 2019

8:00am-10:00am Workshop **Changing Behavior**

9:30am-10:00am Welcome and Opening Remarks

Dan Imig, MORA President
Linda Adams and Elysia Musumeci, Conference Co-Chairs

10:00am Exhibit Hall Opens

10:00am-10:45am Plenary Session: *Redefining Roles in Recycling*

Join Beth Porter, author and advocate, in a discussion to untangle the complex web of stakeholders in the recycling system. In a time of confusion and contamination, this session will explore how people on all sides of the bin can work together to forge new paths forward.

Beth Porter, Climate and Recycling Director at Green America and author of Reduce, Reuse, Reimagine

11:00am-Noon Concurrent Sessions

Rethink: OneSTL- Many Communities. One Future.

ONESTL is a plan for sustainable development that includes a Vision, Goals and Objectives that outline a sustainable future for the St. Louis region as well as Strategies, Tools and Resources for achieving the that vision. This session will cover the collaborative process that culminated in recommendations for six sustainability targets to be used to guide the future and the formation of work groups to help achieve the targets.

Aaron Young, Sustainability Planning Manager, East-West Gateway Council of Governments
Jennifer Wendt, Senior Project Manager, City of University City, Materials Target Workgroup

Reduce/Reuse: Salvaged Materials with a Purpose

Two examples of creative reuse, Refab and Perennial, both operate successful retail stores and use salvaged materials to provide training and skill development to the community. Perennial provided the 2019 MORA Award plaques. Refab is also a full-scale deconstruction company. This session promises to inspire.

Eric Schwarz, Founder and Executive Director, Refab
Jenny Murphy, Founder, Perennial

Recycle Responsibly: St. Louis Institutions

These three institutions share the challenges of signage, infrastructure, and an ever-changing target audience as they implement recycling. Lions, College Freshman, and Diverse Populations...Oh My!

Matt Shelby, Director of Housekeeping and Grounds, St. Louis Zoo
Cassandra Hage, Sustainability Manager, Washington University in St. Louis
Rachel Greathouse, Recycling Program Specialist, St. Louis City Recycles

Noon-1:15pm Luncheon/Keynote Address

Joe Abernathy, Vice President of Facility Planning and Engineering, St. Louis Cardinals

1:45pm-2:45pm Concurrent Sessions

Rethink: Construction and Deconstruction

Building going up and buildings going down are presented as opportunities for resource recovery and a win-win for the community.

Laura Ginn, Program Manager, St. Louis Development Corporation
Eric Schwarz, Founder and Executive Director, Refab
TBD-Construction Project and LEDR

Reduce: Zero Waste and a Decade of Businesses Going Green

Scenes from the business sector highlight Purina's commitment to achieve zero waste by 2020 and the St. Louis Green Business Challenge 10th year of making green work for businesses.

Tom Wagner, Safety, Health, and Environmental Manager, Nestlé Purina PetCare
Jean Ponzi, St. Louis Green Business Challenge Program Manager, Missouri Botanical Garden EarthWays Center

Recycle Responsibly: Contamination Education Strategies from Across the State

Cleaning the recycling stream is a priority for everyone. Learn how Kansas City, Springfield and St. Louis are working to re-educate and motivate the public to recycle right.

Lisa McDaniel, Solid Waste Management Program Manager, Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management Dist.
Laurie Duncan, Education and Outreach Coordinator, City of Springfield Environmental Services
Ashley Krug, Sustainability and Market Development Coordinator, City of Springfield Environmental Services
Jennifer Wendt, Senior Project Manager, City of University City, OneSTL "Stick with the Six" campaign

3:15pm-4:15pm Concurrent Sessions

Rethink: Beyond the Usual Suspects- Expanding Community Partners

It takes a village to reduce waste. Are you missing opportunities to expand the message of sustainable practices? This session features three powerful partners to consider.

Mickey Croyle, Chair, Environmental Quality Committee, Missouri League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis
Nicole Muschinske, Coordinator, Missouri Interfaith Power & Light
Lesli Moylan, Executive Director, Missouri Environmental Literacy Board

Reuse: Repair is the New "R"

Reuse and repair go hand-in hand. Learn about Missouri Right to Repair, the legislative effort to require manufacturers to provide access to service information and affordable replacement parts to ease self-repair of phones, tractors and more. In addition, Columbia's "Fix It Fair" and the new MOREuse application used to advertise property for exchange and reuse across Missouri state agencies.

Bridget Sanderson, Environment Missouri, Missouri Right to Repair
Leland Rehard, District Manager, Mid Missouri Solid Waste Management District (MMSWMD)
Rob Didriksen, MO State Recycling Manager, OA - General Services

Recycle Responsibly: Earth Day 365

2019 was the 30th anniversary of the St. Louis Earth Day Festival, currently recognized as one of the largest Earth Day celebrations in the nation. What started as a festival, has grown to become earthday365, an organization that touches over a million individuals through its year-round programming such as Recycling On the Go, Recycling Extravaganza, and Green Dining Alliance. Come learn how earthday365 is a leader in recycling responsibly.

Jen Myerscough, Executive Director, earthday365
Bob Henkel, Program Director, earthday365
TBD, Green Dining Alliance Program Manager, earthday365

4:25pm-5:15pm MORA Annual Membership Meeting

MORA Board of Directors, Annual Financial and Yearly Reports
Leland Rehard, Missouri Product Stewardship Update
Angie Gehlert, Kansas City Manufacturing Mapping Project Update

5:15pm-7:00pm Exhibitor Reception

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

8:00am-9:15am Plenary Session: Breakfast and MDNR Update

Chris Nagel, Solid Waste Management Program Director

8:45am-9:15am Exhibit Hall
9:15am-11:30am Leave for Tours Republic Services MRF – St. Louis Composting – EPC Electronic Recycling – Strategic Materials Glass Recycling
Noon-1:30pm Lunch and Brewery Tour - Schlafly Tap Room Brew Pub
2:00pm-3:00pm Concurrent Sessions
Rethink: Harnessing the Power of Competition in K-12 Education Competition is a tool for learning and also a tool to get parents and the greater school community involved. Get motivated and learn about the Green School Quest, Missouri's Green Ribbon Schools and an example of a competition that can be done by a class, a school or any group to raise awareness of the need to reduce and recycle. Hope Gribble, Education & Green Schools Manager, U.S. Green Building Council – Missouri Gateway Chapter Lesli Moylan, Executive Director, Missouri Environmental Education Association Margaret Lilly, Waste Diversion Supervisor, St. Louis County Waste Management Program
Reduce: Minimizing Toxicity in the Waste Stream This session provides an update on the growing lithium battery problem and looks at a regional HHW program and the EPA's Safer Choice program. Tim Warren, US Regional Account Manager, Call2Recycle Sarah Staebell, Environmental Specialist, St. Louis County Waste Management Program John Holmes, Scientist/Engineer – SEE Program, Land Chemical & Redevelopment Division, EPA Region 7
Recycle Responsibly: Cheers or Jeers? A Panel Discussion on Glass How should glass containers be collected? Are glass markets in trouble? Is glass tearing up our MRFs? Our panel of experts answer these questions and more! Michelle Goth, General Manager, Ripple Glass Daniel VanKorn, Regional Sourcing Manager-Midwest, Strategic Materials Brent Batliner, General Manager, Republic Services
3:15pm-4:15pm Plenary Session: <i>Brief but Spectacular Innovation Show Case</i> Tell us your story in 10 minutes or less! So Fresh So Clean in Dutchtown South, Sunni Hutton, Community Development Manager, Dutchtown South Dish to Dirt Home Composting, Ashley Krug, Sustainability and Market Development Coordinator, City of Springfield St. Louis County Curbside Organic Pilot, Sara Koziatek, Marketing Coordinator, St. Louis Composting Jefferson County Recycling, Eric Larsen, County Services Director, Jefferson County Higher Education Consortium, Maggie McCoy, EarthWays Education and Volunteer Coordinator Parkway Schools Sustainability, Erik Lueders, Sustainability and Purchasing Director, Parkway School District
5:30pm MORA Annual Awards Reception
6:30pm Corn Hole Tournament

Wednesday, September 25
8:15am-9:15am Plenary Session: <i>Rebuilding Recycling Towards Zero Waste Through Measuring What Matters: People and the Planet</i> Eureka Recycling believes that getting to zero waste isn't just about getting to the bottom of the garbage can...it's about building and maintaining healthy communities, families and lifestyles. Kate Davenport, Co-President, Eureka Recycling

9:30am-10:30am Plenary Session: Organics Management Panel

Patrick Geraty, Total Organics Recycling
Rana Bains, Bluebird Composting,
Kevin Anderson, Missouri Organics

10:40am-11:40am Plenary Session: Commodities Panel

Regional Broker: David Robnak, President, Central Paper Stock
Plastics: Jeff Snyder, Midwest Operations Manager, Pratt Recycling Inc.
Fiber: Andy Johnson, Recycling Raw Materials Procurement, KW Plastics Recycling
Glass: Daniel VanKorn, Regional Sourcing Manager-Midwest, Strategic Materials
Metals: TBD

11:40am-11:50am MORA Closing Announcements