

Solid Waste Authority of Lake County (SWALCO)

Circular Economy Program Launch - Virtual Workshop

Sept 24, 2020, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

AGENDA

Objective Host the first circular economy workshop in Lake County, IL. Develop the regional CE network and partnerships to expand recycling and reuse, realizing economic benefits that result from a circular economy. Move beyond the currently measured recovery rate for recyclables, organics and the evolving ton of packaging.

9:00 AM, Welcome and Introductory Remarks (30 min – for all speakers)

Perspectives from public and private sector leadership in our region on their commitments building a circular economy and their organization's activities

- *Mayor Glenn Ryback, SWALCO Chair*
- *Sandy Hart, Lake County Board Chair*
- *Kevin Considine, Lake County Partners*
- *Lynn Dyer, Vice President Sustainability, Pactiv*

9:30 AM, Circular Economy Partners/Best Practices Project Objectives (15 min)

Introduce the SWALCO region's opportunities and challenges to set up collective visioning and planning session for the day

- *Walter Willis, Executive Director, SWALCO*
 - Plan goal, education, circular economy
- *Susan Graff, Principal and Vice President, RRS*
 - Developing regional circular economies – industry demand and municipal supply

9:45 AM – 12:00 PM, Recycling and Reuse Optimization

Current data, best practices, examples of successful public-private collaboration, call to action for partnerships to address biggest opportunities identified.

9:45 AM - 10:00 AM, Economics of Recycling and Best Practices

The economic benefit to the region from circular economy approaches. Job creation. Direct, indirect, and induced economic impact from increasing recycled feedstock supply and quality through best practices.

Matt Todd, Senior Consultant, RRS (www.recycle.com)

10:00 AM – 10:10 AM, Empowering Organizations to Share and Reuse Assets and Resources

Garry Cooper, PhD, CEO Rheaply

10:10 AM – 10:20 AM, Circular Economy Lessons and Challenges in the Great Lakes Megaregion

Mark Fisher, President & CEO, Council of the Great Lakes Region

Short Break

10:30-11:30 AM Visioning breakout sessions (60 min)

Cross-sector groups brainstorm vision, opportunities, hurdles, and solutions – create wish list of next steps. Brainstorm what the preferred future state of the region looks like. Discuss what each organization needs to be successful.

Co-facilitated by RRS, Rheaply, and SWALCO staff

11:30 AM -12:00 PM, Report outs (brief - detailed report outs as part of post-Workshop document) and Next Steps

- What is the shared vision, the priorities, the required investments?
 - Public-Private Partnership opportunities
- Call to action: attendee pledge commitments

All Participants

For more details on SWALCO initiatives please visit:

<https://www.swalco.org/422/Lake-County-Circular-Economy>

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