

Subject: Recycling ~ an alternative to it landing in a landfill

Hi Mary Charles,

You said you would like to know what the Evergreen Garden Club is doing in relation to the Landfill situation, considering it is our county that is the target of Conecuh Woods ~ that is a very pertinent question. As a District Administrative Coordinator for the Conecuh Soil & Water Conservation District and partner with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and as a concerned citizen as well ~ I am not in favor of this landfill making it's way to Conecuh County. I do not straddle the fence on that in the least but make that a 100% stance. There has been nothing but deception throughout this attempt for the landfill to dorn the doors of this naturally beautiful county and make it's money hungry appearance. This often happens when someone from the outside of a place sees a monetary opportunity and steps in to attempt to make something look good when in reality it is not. This has been what has happened with Conecuh Woods. The good news is, this poor fellow and his company had no idea what he was up against when he began this endeavor. People who love the land and who care about not only themselves, but those around them too. I am pretty confident when I say that this landfill will likely never come to fruition in Conecuh County. There are now too many well versed people of influence involved at this point for it to go much further than it has already gone ~ talk.

Now, I have often been told, by some wiser than myself. That if there is a problem, don't speak until you have given the problem enough thought that you have a solution. So the Evergreen Garden Club, with our small membership of 9 (working on # 10 right now) has formed a solution that is pretty common sense ~ be stewards of what you have and make good use of it. So we are just now forming a "campaign" for lack of a better term of choosing to recycle everything that is within reason.

You may think "well I don't have a recycling facility". That simply doesn't mean you can't recycle. Here are some examples:

We can recycle any paper (periodical, magazine, cereal boxes, newspapers) at the post office. That is nationwide. We have an aluminum recycling facility. There's pretty much someone in every county that will take aluminum. We can recycle empty medicine bottles through the Baptist Association building in Evergreen. We can recycle Hewlett Packard ink cartridges for no cost by having HP send us a little postage paid bag to send them back. We can call the City of Evergreen to have any electronics picked up, they will haul it to a recycling facility.

We even made little biodegradable pots out of recycled newspaper to start our tomato transplants in at our meeting the other day.

This is just the tip of the iceberg ~ but hopefully this helps you get the idea. You see, if we can't be good stewards of what we've been given, how can we ever ask the Lord for more?

It's really a simple concept and the funny thing is ~ our ancestors have been doing it for centuries. We have just reached such an "Age of Industry". We just need to stop long enough to start listening to some of those precious seniors that have carved the path before us.

Love,
Bridget Cain
President of the Evergreen Garden Club
Formed 1930 ~ federated with the Garden Clubs of AL 1932
Been going strong ever since....small in number but big in heart!