Georgia Recycling Coalition Announces
2014 School Spirit of Green Awards

ATLANTA — Today the Georgia Recycling Coalition (GRC) awarded the 2014 School Spirit of Green award to Fair Oaks Elementary of Cobb County, Georgia; the school will receive the $500 prize to boost their program. The Spirit of Green Awards is in its eighth year of annually recognizing excellence in recycling and waste reduction in Georgia. GRC sponsors this and other education oriented competitions annually to support increasing recycling and awareness in Georgia schools.

Because of the outstanding quality of applicants this year, two runner-up schools will be awarded $250 each: Springdale Park School in the City of Atlanta and North Heights Elementary in Rome/Floyd County, GA.

“Each of these schools exemplified the spirit of teamwork among students, parents, faculty and staff, as well as innovation and creative educational support programs,” said Gloria Hardegree, GRC’s Executive Director. “Fair Oaks showed willingness to stick with the program despite set-backs plus resilience in light of challenges; that set them apart as the winner.”

Other categories of the awards program were recognized in August 2014 at the coalition’s annual conference. The Environmental Stewardship award went to USAgain 2000 LLC; Outstanding Government/Community Program was awarded to Columbus Consolidated Government; and the Innovation Award was given to the Georgia Master Composter Program.

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The Georgia Recycling Coalition (GRC) is the 501 c 3 state recycling organization in Georgia. Its mission is to promote & enhance waste reduction and recycling programs & activities in the state. It is comprised of members representing all sectors of the recycling industry. In 2011, GRC celebrated its 20th Anniversary and in March 2012 was honored with the Green Reach Award by the Atlanta Business Chronicle in its 2012 Environmental Awards. GRC was a finalist in the Metro Atlanta Chamber’s 2013 E3 Awards in the Making the Connections category and was featured in the August 2013 issue of Georgia Trend Magazine in a Treasure, Not Trash article.