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Auburn University receives grant from Alabama Department of Environmental Management

AUBURN UNIVERSITY – Auburn University’s Waste Reduction and Recycling Department (WRRD) has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) to purchase recycling bins and other equipment that will create a more convenient recycling environment for the university community.

Christina Andress with ADEM’s Materials Management Section stated, “Local recycling programs can have a positive impact on their communities and the State of Alabama.”

Funding for the grant is made possible through the Solid Wastes & Recyclable Materials Management Act passed by the Alabama Legislature in 2008. The legislation set a \$1 per ton fee on all solid wastes disposed of in Alabama landfills, a portion of which supports the Alabama Recycling Fund.

Auburn University applies for ADEM funding as a member of the East Alabama Recycling Partnership (EARP). Since 2009, EARP has been awarded nearly one million dollars of grant funds and the university’s portion has been nearly \$250,000.

Other EARP members are Lee County and the cities of Auburn and Opelika. The vision of the partnership is to establish a comprehensive and coordinated regional recycling program that diverts material from landfills.

Auburn University’s recycling program was established in 2005. WRRD manages all waste contracts on campus and provides recycling services to the university community.

More information about Auburn University’s recycling program is available online at auburn.edu/recycle.

More information about the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) is available online at adem.state.al.us.

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