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Berkeley County holds groundbreaking for new recycling facility

Production set to begin in early 2019

MONCKS CORNER, S.C.- (Wednesday, April 11, 2018) Berkeley County leaders will break ground at the new County recycling facility on Tuesday, April 17 at 10 a.m., located at 646 Oakley Road in Moncks Corner. The South Carolina-based company, RePower South (RPS), has begun construction of the Berkeley County Recycling and Recovery Facility.

RPS presented their sustainable option in 2016, when the County's contract with the previous provider expired. After efforts to renegotiate resulted in substantially higher prices for Berkeley County residents, Berkeley County leaders began exploring a new direction for the County's recycling services. Rather than invest and run the County's own recycle material recovery facility, Berkeley County entered in a public-private partnership with RPS.

Under the terms of agreement, Berkeley County will pay RPS to process the County's waste. After they extract the recyclable material, they will then pay the County to landfill the residual. RPS will also pay the County a lease to operate on its landfill, as well as a revenue share of the sale of the recyclable material and fuel.

Residents will receive recycling services at no additional cost. No sorting is required. When production begins in early 2019, the Moncks Corner plant will process 50 tons-per-hour of mixed waste sourced from Berkeley County to recover recycled goods and a fuel feedstock.

Additionally, this facility will create 60 new jobs in Berkeley County.

"This innovative approach to recycling is bringing Berkeley County, and South Carolina, into the 21st century," said Berkeley County Supervisor Bill Peagler. "This method encourages citizens to do what is environmentally friendly, without the hassle of sorting, proving it is possible to increase recycling efforts in communities."

"This system allows us to cost effectively increase a community's recycling as well as produce a low carbon, clean fuel from waste that is typically landfilled," said RPS President Bob Shepard. "We are very excited to bring this solution to the citizens of Berkeley County, SC and are grateful to the leadership of Berkeley County for selecting RPS and systems partners."

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