



# Recycling Coalition of WV, Inc.

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## **Marion County Commission honored for recycling efforts**

The Recycling Coalition of West Virginia, in collaboration with the West Virginia Solid Waste Management Board and the state's 50 solid waste authorities, is honoring **Recycling Champions** who reach beyond their normal responsibilities to contribute time and service to support the recycling industry in the Mountain State. These Recycling Champions provide recycling leadership across the state and make a significant contribution to the recycling community.

The Coalition is proud to honor the Marion County Commission for its steadfast support of the Marion County Solid Waste Authority Recycling Program. The Commission's financial support and encouragement to advance recycling has a sizeable impact in several surrounding counties. Not only does the Commission provide consistent and substantial financial support, but its actions and words demonstrate direct assistance by offering validity and encouragement for citizens to participate.

The Commission has been instrumental in helping secure locations for public recycling drop-off sites. Currently, the Marion County Solid Waste Authority's recycling program has nine drop-off collection sites in Marion County, two in Harrison County and two in Monongalia County. The county-wide paper collection program operates in all county schools.

Without the vision of the Marion County Commission to support and advance recycling opportunities and promote recycling public awareness, the programs could not be sustainable. Last year, the Marion County programs processed 69.5 tons of paper, 16.6 tons of plastic and 5.25 tons of metal totaling 91.4 tons of material.

The Marion County Commission was honored as a Recycling Champion at the County Commission meeting on Aug. 9.

### **Other 2017 West Virginia Recycling Champions include:**

James Rumsey, Technical Institute, nominated by Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority

Moundsville Middle School, nominated by Marshall County Solid Waste Authority

Rickey S. Fisher, nominated by Putnam County Solid Waste Authority

The Recycling Coalition of West Virginia is a non-profit environmental organization whose mission is to promote the effective and sustainable reduction, reuse and recycling of materials otherwise destined for disposal. The Recycling Coalition pursues these goals through the promotion of purchasing products made with recycled content material; by coordinating and facilitating activities relative to recycling; and by fostering communication among organizations, government agencies and individuals through the sharing of ideas and resources.

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### **State Steering Committee** **Paul F. Hayes, Chair**

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Presentation of the Recycling Champion Award to the Marion County Commission. From left to right are Marion County Solid Waste Authority Board Member Laura Stiller, Solid Waste Management Board Public Information Specialist Paul Hayes, Marion County Solid Waste Authority Board Member James McDonald, Marion County Commissioners Rick Garcia, Ernie VanGilder and Randy Elliott, Marion County Solid Waste Authority Board Members Jesse Corley, Ben Smith and Marion County Solid Waste Authority Director Tony Golden.