



## 2018 Newsletter - Issue #1

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### **2018 GIC UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### January 17

#### **NCGIC Board Meeting**

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Koury Convention Center  
Greensboro

#### June 21

#### **7th Annual Water Symposium**

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

McKimmon Center  
Raleigh

### **UPCOMING GIC ASSOCIATION-MEMBER EVENTS:**

#### **NCNLA - Green&Growin' 2018**

January 15-19

[greenandgrowin.com](http://greenandgrowin.com)

#### **NC Sod Producers Association**

Winter Conference

January 17, 2018

[www.ncsod.org](http://www.ncsod.org)

#### **Turfgrass Council of NC**

2018 Annual Meeting & Conference

January 30, 2018

[www.ncturfgrass.org](http://www.ncturfgrass.org)

#### **NC Urban Forest Council**

2018 Grant Writing Workshops

[www.ncufc.org](http://www.ncufc.org)

## NCGIC KEEPS EFFORTS ROLLING THROUGH THE NEW YEAR



The North Carolina Green Industry Council (NCGIC) had a busy and successful 2017!

- NCGIC successfully monitored and evaluated the potential impact of legislation, and met with legislative teams to suggest improvements in bill language, for hurricane relief efforts, tax on services, immigration issues, and more.
- NCGIC representatives attended North Carolina's Ag Day in Raleigh and AmericanHort's IMPACT Washington event in Washington, D.C., to promote North Carolina's green industry, meet legislators and political officials, and learn about the current political climate.
- NCGIC scooped more than 1,000 bowls of ice cream while making contacts and providing information to NC legislators, legislative staff members, state officials, and others.
- NCGIC once again successfully advocated to have July proclaimed 'Smart Irrigation Month' to recognize the importance of efficient outdoor water use, and the responsibility of all North Carolinians to use water wisely.
- At the 7th Annual NCGIC Water Symposium, another sold out crowd of 200+ green industry professionals heard ten dynamic presenters from across the country speak about projects and ideas that focused on 'Water in the Performance Landscape.'
- Thanks to the generous donations of green industry professionals, the NCGIC PAC raised \$5,200 to help support legislators and elected officials who support NC's green industry.

NCGIC will continue its efforts throughout 2018.

"Our fight for North Carolina's green industry is never over," said 2017 NCGIC President Jonathan Richardson. "Maintaining and building relationships with existing, and soon-to-be-elected, legislators and officials ensures our voice is heard during policy discussions."

2018 is an election year, and every effort counts. NCGIC urges you to vote, donate

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to the PAC, get to know your local legislators, and attend or sponsor a 2018 NCGIC event. Member action will help educate and build relationships with elected officials to ensure the green industry is represented at the policy table. Being proactive now, makes it easier to go to legislators later when the industry and, more importantly, your business needs their help.

Please visit the NCGIC website, [www.ncgreenindustrycouncil.com](http://www.ncgreenindustrycouncil.com), for news, donation and volunteer forms.

You can find your legislator at: [www.ncleg.net/representation/WhoRepresentsMe.aspx](http://www.ncleg.net/representation/WhoRepresentsMe.aspx)

## NGCIC SPONSORS HELP SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND LEGISLATIVE ISSUES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

NGCIC has successfully represented the green industry on licensing, tax on services, immigration and many other issues thanks to sponsor support. In return, GIC gives each sponsor proper company recognition based on contribution; recognition and signage at all NCGIC events, a certificate of recognition, and the sponsor's business logo and link on the NCGIC website.

Help us keep our seat at the table and the ear of our legislators. Become a 2018 NCGIC Sponsor. Your **tax-deductable contribution** can be made with a company check or credit card. You can even pay in convenient monthly installments.

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Keep the Green Moving - \$150  
Green Industry Supporter - \$100

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## FALL PAC FUNDRAISER RAISES \$5000+ FOR GREEN INDUSTRY SUPPORTERS

Thanks to those who answered our call for help, we raised \$5200 in PAC contributions via mail and online donations this fall! These funds will be used to support the current and soon-to-be-elected legislators who support our industry.

### THANK YOU

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we can accomplish a lot.*