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## **Fulton County Fuel Savings Committee and Green Team Recommend Environmental Protection Alternatives and Fuel Savings Options**

*Flexible work, transportation, water conservation and energy savings alternatives presented*

The Fulton County Fuel Savings Committee and Green Team submitted updates and recommendations to the Board of Commissioners (BOC) during the Wednesday, September 17, 2008, meeting. The recommendations provide flexible work, transportation, energy and water conservation options.

The Green Team was established due to the adoption of a September 2007 resolution by District 5 Commissioner Emma Darnell. The team provides quarterly updates. The Fuel Savings Committee was formed following BOC approval of a July 2008, resolution sponsored by District 3 Commissioner Lynne Riley regarding flexible work options.

The Green Team, in partnership with the Citizens Commission on the Environment, is conducting ongoing evaluations and submitting recommendations concerning County water and energy conservation that include water efficient landscaping, automatic flush (low water use) restroom fixtures. The team is also exploring the use of Ozone injection at the Jail's laundry to eliminate the use of hot water completely from laundry operations. In February 2008, Commissioners approved the team's proposal for rebates for County water and sewer customers who purchase low water use toilets.

The Fuel Savings Committee recommendations consist of alternative transportation options like carpooling and mass transit, and flexible work options, which might include flex time, a compressed workweek, telecommuting/telework, and flexibility for other time away from work. The alternative transportation and flexible work options would lessen the impact of vehicle emissions on the environment by reducing the number of cars on roadways with lone drivers. Additionally, the County and employees would realize fuel savings with flextime options.

The recommendations were the result of committee research that included a Fuel Savings Survey, focus groups, a telephone survey of Fulton County Department Practices, a comparative analysis of the practices of other jurisdictions and meetings with local community partners. Community partners include the Atlanta Regional Commission, the Clean Air Campaign and the U. S. Department of Labor – Women's Bureau

Commissioners asked County Manager Zachary Williams and the Fuel Savings Committee to return in 60 days with a progress update on the implementation of the recommendations. The Green Team provides quarterly updates to Commissioners on the progress of water and energy conservation measures.