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# Talking Trash

## CEP Growing Green

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### Our Mission

The Coastal Environmental Partnership's mission is to produce a cleaner, safer and healthier environment by providing, operating and managing an economically and technically sound municipal solid waste management system for the citizens of Carteret, Craven and Pamlico counties.

### Do You Know...

- Food Recovery is the theme for Earth Day 2016.
- About 95 percent of the food we throw away ends up in landfills or combustion facilities.
- April 22 is the 45th anniversary of Earth Day. Do something nice for the Earth.

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The Spring issue of *Talking Trash* takes us to the next level of green communication.

The news letter will no longer be mailed, rather it will be posted on our website: [www.coastalenvironmentalpartnership.com](http://www.coastalenvironmentalpartnership.com). It can be found under the tab—CEP News!

By doing this we are accomplishing three things; saving trees, energy and money. This is pretty awesome.

So enjoy our website. We've got so much information there. We even have a daily blog so that you may keep up with what's going on in the world of garbage and recycling. Visit and visit often.



## The Garbage Barge

### **Voyage of the Mobro 4000 wandering garbage barge helps usher in the era of recycling.**

Can you believe it's been it's been 29 years since the Garbage Barge made its way down the east coast trying to unload over 3,000 tons of garbage.

On March 22, 1987, the tugboat *Break of Dawn*, towing the barge [Mobro 4000](#), loaded with 3,168 tons of trash, set sail from Islip, New York, bound for Morehead City, North Carolina. The plan was to convert the trash to methane in a pilot recycling program. Things did not go as planned. Based on reports that the garbage may have contained medical waste, the barge was turned away in North Carolina. The barge was later turned away from ports in Louisiana, Mexico and Belize before finally returning to New York, where the garbage was ultimately burned in a Brooklyn.

The wandering garbage barge became a national and international joke but is credited with fostering increased interest in recycling. Likewise, the conversion of garbage to methane at garbage dumps to be used to generate electricity has become increasingly common.

## Raleigh Report

### 2016 Legislative Session



Mr. Allen M. Hardison

On April 25, the N.C. General Assembly will return to Raleigh (again) for the 2016 short session. Short sessions are held in even-numbered years, primarily to make adjustment to the second year of the biennial budget and other minor tweaks to the laws. Unlike the "long" session held in odd numbered years, only certain items can be taken up in the short session. They include:

1. **Budget bills.**
2. **Bills amending the Constitution of North Carolina.**
3. **Crossover bills** (bills that passed one chamber during the long session, but did not get considered in the other)
4. **Study committee bills**
5. **Local bills.**
6. **Appointment bills.** Selection, appointment, or confirmation as required by law
7. **Bills authorized by a joint resolution that passed by a two-thirds vote**
8. **Joint resolutions authorizing introduction of a bill**
9. **Pension or retirement bills.**
10. **Joint resolutions, House resolutions, and Senate resolutions**
11. **Redistricting bills:**

Of course, an eligible bill can always be amended along the way to add something that is not otherwise eligible. This happens a lot on the short session, so a sharp eye on legislation is always advised.

Legislative leaders have promised that this will truly be a short session in 2016. With elections this year, that might well be the case. But it also provides a stage for political theatrics. Whatever the case, this year's legislative session should be interesting to watch.

- c. Revising the districts for the election of members of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States and the apportionment of representatives among those districts.
- d. Bills responding to actions related to the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
- e. Bills responding to actions related to litigation concerning Congressional, State House, or State Senate districts.

12. **Vetoed bills.** Bills returned by the Governor with objections under Section 22 of Article II of the North Carolina Constitution, but solely for the purpose of considering overriding of the veto upon reconsideration of the bill.

13. **Election law bills.** Any bills relating to election laws.

14. **Bills disapproving rules.** Bills to disapprove rules under G.S. 150B-21.3.

15. **Adjournment resolutions.** A joint resolution adjourning the 2015 Regular Session, sine die.

## Green Thoughts

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.*

—**Margaret Mead** (1901-1978)

*There must be a reason why some people can afford to live well. They must have worked for it. I only feel angry when I see waste. When I see people throwing away things we could use.*

—**Mother Teresa** (1910-1997)

*He who knows what sweets and virtues are in the ground, the waters, the plants, the heavens, and how to come at these enchantments, is the rich and royal man.*

—**Ralph Waldo Emerson** (1803-1882)

*The belief that we can manage the Earth and improve Nature is probably the biggest expression of human pride, but it has deep roots in the past and is almost universal.*

—**René Dubos** (1901-1982)

*Until man duplicates a blade of grass, nature can laugh at his so-called scientific knowledge.*

—**Thomas Edison** (1847-1931)

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