

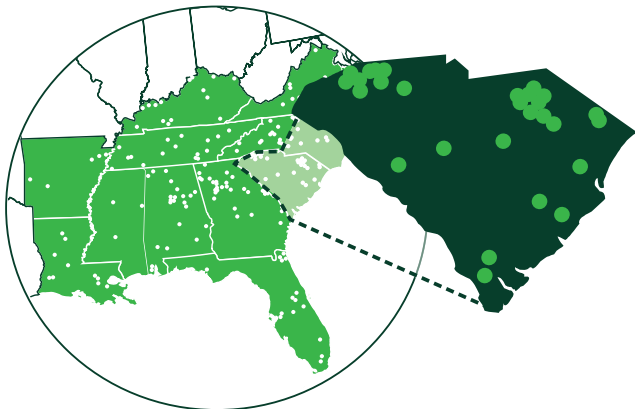
# A PROFILE OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S RECYCLING ECONOMY

**When communities invest in local recycling collection programs, they're supporting SC manufacturers who use recycled plastic, glass, metal, and paper to make new consumer goods.**

Recycling isn't just about **smart** use of natural resources – it's about delivering **valuable** commodities to some of our most important businesses.

## LOCAL INVESTMENT, REGIONAL RETURN

The Southeast is unique in its access to healthy recycling markets that feed regional manufacturing needs.



This map highlights key manufacturers who look to recycled materials to make their products.

**Increased recycling rates help South Carolina manufacturers source good, affordable manufacturing feedstock.**

A 2010 SERDC study determined that South Carolina is home to more than 24 manufacturers who rely on recycled content feedstock.

These companies:

- Generate more than **\$5.3 billion** in yearly sales
- Employ more than **5,300 South Carolina citizens** directly working in the manufacture of recycled content products

Source: Hoovers/OneSource Business Databases (SERDC)

# RECYCLING IN SOUTH CAROLINA a healthy industry poised to grow

Local commitment to recycling supports Southeastern companies who haul, recycle, and manufacture goods.

RECYCLING IS AN INVESTMENT THAT RETURNS AGAIN AND AGAIN ♻️

The state's recycling industry has a \$6.5 billion impact on the state's economy according to a study conducted by the College of Charleston. The study shows that the recycling industry is directly responsible for:

- more than 15,000 jobs;
- \$1.5 billion in annual personal income;
- \$69 million in tax revenue each year.

SOURCE: "The Economic Impact of the Recycling Industry in South Carolina"

The SC recycling industry announced \$333 million in capital investment and the creation of over 800 jobs in 15 new or existing companies in 2011.

– SC Department of Commerce

Climax Global Energy in Barnwell County, Be Green Packaging in Jasper County, PolyQuest, Inc. and Sonoco in Darlington County, and Tire International in Berkeley County are just a few of the companies that announced investments in 2011.

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If South Carolina recycled  
just **10%** more  
solid waste per year



the potential economic  
impact would equate to\*:

over  
**1,512**  
new jobs



over **\$71**  
million  
annual  
personal income



**\$3.3**  
million  
annual  
state  
tax revenue

\*Using the 1000 ton metric from S.C.'s Economic Impact Study

Results from a 2010 SERDC study to map demand of recycled feedstock in the Southeast US