# **Virginia Recycling Association: Annual Conference Agenda**

**Great Wolf Lodge – October 4-6, 2021**

**Monday, Oct 4**

**9am-3pm: Registration and Exhibitor Set-up**

**10am: Tour of the Recovery Operations Center located at 520 Atkinson Blvd, Newport News VA 23608.** Facility Tour will include processing areas and the receiving areas for trash, brush conversion, composting, recycling, white goods recycling, Household Hazardous Waste and E-cycling, as well as a tour of the retired landfill at Denbigh.

**1pm: Tour of Owens Illinois, Recycled Glass Bottle Manufacturer,** [**150 Industrial Blvd, Toano, VA 23168**](https://www.bing.com/local?lid=YN873x133834864&id=YN873x133834864&q=Owens-Illinois+LLC&name=Owens-Illinois+LLC&cp=37.38605880737305%7e-76.79932403564453&ppois=37.38605880737305_-76.79932403564453_Owens-Illinois+LLC)**.** Plant tour will include an overview of how glass is made from recycled cullet and other raw materials, which participants will also get to see first-hand. All participants MUST wear face masks and steel/carbon-toed boots or shoes. Jeans or slacks and long-sleeved shirts are highly recommended.

**Tuesday, Oct 5**

**8-9am: Registration**

* **8-9am: Breakfast with Exhibitors**
* **9-10am: Recycling Reality Check: Regional Recycling Panel**
  + Central VA - Kim Hines
  + Shenandoah Valley - Mike Neese
  + NOVA - Erik Grabowski
  + SWVA - Toby Edwards
  + Tidewater - Kristy Rines
* **10-10:30am: Exhibitor Meet and Greet/Coffee Break**
* **10:30-11:30am: Market Updates**
  + Glass Packaging Institute - Scott DeFife
  + Greif - Mike Felker
  + McGill Compost -Gary Gittere
* **11:30-12pm: Exhibitor Meet and Greet/Coffee Break**
* **12:00-1PM: Keynote SERDC - Will Sager**
* **1-2pm: Collegiate Recycling Panel**
  + Virginia Tech - Teresa Sweeney
  + Radford University - Neil Thompson
  + NOVA Community College - Robert Johnson
* **2-2:30pm: Exhibitor Meet and Greet/Coffee Break**
* **2:30-3:15pm: Recycling Outreach and Education**
  + James City County Glass Program - Kate Sipes
  + SCS Engineers - Brent L. Dieleman
* **3:15-4:00pm: MRF Sorting Technologies and Data Collection** - Joe Benedetto
  + Door prize drawing
* **5-6:30pm: Hide Your Wild Side Exhibitor Reception: Camo attire encouraged**

**Wednesday, Oct 6**

* **8-9am: Registration**
* **8-9am: Breakfast with Exhibitors**
* **9-10am: DEQ**
  + Single Use Plastics Legislation Overview - Meghann Quinn, DEQ
  + DEQ UPDATE - Prina
* **10-10:30am: Exhibitor Meet and Greet/Coffee Break**
* **10:30-11:15: What do you want from *your* VRA? Townhall meeting** 
  + Lead by Executive VRA Board Members –-Teresa, Stephanie, and Billy
  + Door prize drawing