

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Ratification of FY26 Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Grant Agreement

DATE: May 5, 2026

(X) RECOMMENDATION

() POLICY DISCUSSION

BUDGET INFORMATION:

() STATUS REPORT

ANNUAL-

() OTHER

GRANT FUNDING – up to \$75,000

LANDFILL FUNDS-approx. \$16,597.90

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: May 18, 2026

PURPOSE: To request ratification by the Habersham County Board of Commissioners of the execution and submission of the FY26 Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Grant Agreement with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD).

BACKGROUND / HISTORY: Habersham County has been awarded reimbursement funding through the Georgia Environmental Protection Division FY26 Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Grant Program for expenses associated with a Tire Amnesty Event. The grant program provides reimbursement funding of up to \$75,000.00 for eligible scrap tire transportation and processing costs.

The Habersham County Landfill proposes conducting a Tire Amnesty Event from June 1 through June 6, 2026, to encourage citizens to properly dispose of abandoned, illegally dumped, and other scrap tires free of charge. The Tire Amnesty Event is intended to reduce illegal dumping and improve environmental conditions within the county.

The selected tire processor, TireTrek, submitted pricing of \$5.62 per Passenger Tire Equivalent (PTE) for mixed light truck tires. Georgia EPD reimbursement is limited to up to \$4.00 per Passenger Tire Equivalent (PTE).

The maximum number of Passenger Tire Equivalents (PTEs) eligible for reimbursement under the \$75,000.00 grant cap is approximately 18,750 PTEs. Habersham County currently estimates collection and processing of approximately 10,245 PTEs during the Tire Amnesty Event.

There is no required County match associated with this grant program. However, because the TireTrek processing rate exceeds the Georgia EPD reimbursement rate by \$1.62 per PTE, the County anticipates an estimated overage cost of approximately \$16,596.90, which is anticipated to be funded through existing landfill operational funds.

Because the grant agreement required execution and submission by May 8, 2026, the Chairman executed the agreement in order to meet the EPD submission deadline, and staff is requesting formal ratification by the Board of Commissioners.

FACTS AND ISSUES:

- Georgia EPD awarded Habersham County reimbursement funding through the FY26 Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Grant Program.
- Grant reimbursement is capped at up to \$75,000.00 per local government per state fiscal year.
- There is no required County match associated with this grant program.
- Georgia EPD reimbursement rates are limited to up to \$4.00 per Passenger Tire Equivalent (PTE).
- TireTrek submitted pricing of \$5.62 per Passenger Tire Equivalent (PTE) for mixed light truck tires.
- The maximum number of PTEs eligible for reimbursement under the grant cap is approximately 18,750.
- Habersham County estimates approximately 10,245 PTEs will be collected during the Tire Amnesty Event.
- The estimated County overage associated with the reimbursement rate limitation is approximately \$16,596.90.
- Proposed Tire Amnesty Event dates are June 1–6, 2026.
- • Board ratification is requested due to grant execution and submission deadline requirements.

OPTIONS:

1. Ratify execution and submission of the FY26 Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Grant Agreement.
2. Deny ratification of the FY26 Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Grant Agreement.
3. Commission defined alternative.

RECOMMENDED SAMPLE MOTION: Motion to ratify execution and submission of the FY26 Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Grant Agreement with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division for the FY26 Tire Amnesty Event.

DEPARTMENT:

Prepared by: Jillian Thompson

Director _____

**ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMENTS:**_____

DATE:_____

County Manager

Local Government Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Program Agreement
SCRAP TIRE AMNESTY EVENT

Project: 26-ST-068-003

This Reimbursement Agreement (hereafter, "AGREEMENT") authorizes Habersham County (hereafter, "LOCAL GOVERNMENT") to proceed with the implementation of the scrap tire abatement project as described in the above referenced PROJECT application.

The Environmental Protection Division (hereafter, "EPD") agrees to reimburse the LOCAL GOVERNMENT up to \$57,556 for the scrap tire abatement project as described in the above referenced PROJECT application. Any changes in the scope and/or increases in the estimated cost of implementing the PROJECT must be approved by EPD in writing prior to implementing or incurring them. The parties agree that any electronic signatures on this Contract constitute original, valid signatures pursuant to the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, O.C.G.A. § 10-12-1 *et seq.*

The LOCAL GOVERNMENT agrees to remove all scrap tires collected during the amnesty event and transport them to a processing/recycling facility that has been approved or permitted by EPD within 30 days of the date of the event. The LOCAL GOVERNMENT further agrees to submit a request for reimbursement to EPD within 90 days of the event date. Requests for reimbursement must include:

- A completed final report form (available from epd.georgia.gov/star-program) signed by the authorized local government representative that includes the certification statement, "I certify that all abatement activities required in the agreed upon contract and any amendments thereto contracts for this project have been carried out in accordance with the documented application, as well as all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations. I am aware that there are significant penalties for knowingly violating these and/or submitting false information, including fines, loss of certification or licensure, and imprisonment."
- Three or more digital images taken during the event that are at least 300 dpi, no larger than 5 MB, and in one of the following formats: JPG, PNG, TIF
- Itemized list of expenses
- Description of any problems encountered and how they were handled
- Number of volunteers participating (if applicable)
- Names and permit/approval numbers of carriers and processors used, if different from those in the application
- Copies of all itemized contractor invoices showing number and/or tons of tires removed by type (passenger, truck, other)
- Copies of all checks showing amount paid to each contractor
- Copies of all transportation manifests and weight tickets

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

BY:

Jeffrey W. Cown
Director

Date

HABERSHAM COUNTY

BY:

Signature

Print Name

Title

ATTEST:

Signature

Date

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Director

Date

HABERSHAM COUNTY

BY:

Signature
Bruce Harkness

Print Name

Chairman

Title

ATTEST:

Signature

Date

5/7/2026



February 6th, 2026

Habersham County – Solid Waste/Landfield

Lynn Wheeler - Administrative Assistant

4900 Dicks Hill Pkwy.

Mt. Airy, Georgia 30563

Subject: Scrap Tire Collection & Disposal Services

Dear Lynn,

On behalf of TireTREK, LLC, I am pleased to offer a reliable and cost-effective solution for the collection and disposal of scrap tires in support of Habersham County's upcoming amnesty events. As a licensed, bonded, and insured tire carrier approved by the State of Georgia, TireTREK is fully equipped to support both routine disposal needs and STAR Grant-funded amnesty events.

TireTREK, LLC is listed with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division as an approved scrap tire carrier under **Permit No. 069-406520-CR**. *A copy of our carrier license will be provided for your records.*

After collection, all tires are transported to an EPD approved scrap tire processing facility for regulated beneficial reuse. Our current processor is:

- **Processor ID:** 160-037-STP
- **Company:** SC Tire Processing, LLC
- **Location:** 19674 Atomic Road, Aiken, SC 29831

Please note **that processor information is subject to change**. Updated processor documentation has already been submitted to EPD as part of an active processing facility approval. Until that approval is finalized, the processor listed above may be used for reference.

Scope of Services

• **Tire Collection and Transportation**

Complete logistics coordination including trailer delivery, scheduled pickups, and transport to EPD approved recycling facilities.

• **EPD Approved Recycling and Beneficial Reuse**

All tires are processed in full compliance with Georgia EPD regulations and directed toward approved end use markets.

• **STAR Grant Compliance Support**

Scrap tire manifests, certified weight tickets, and recycling documentation, and pictures are provided to support reimbursement and reporting requirements.



- **Licensed, Bonded, and Insured Operations**

Fully compliant with all Georgia EPD scrap tire hauling requirements, including active carrier registration, bonding, and insurance coverage.

- **Event Support Staffing (Optional)**

Trained personnel available to assist with site management, unloading, traffic flow, and public interaction during collection events. Trailer quantities can be adjusted based on County needs.

- **Ongoing and Routine Service Programs**

Scheduled service options for county convenience centers, transfer stations, public works yards, and other approved collection sites, with 53 ft trailer placements or box truck pickups depending on volume and site conditions.

- **One Time Cleanups**

Response services for illegal dumping, emergency situations, storm related debris, roadside tire piles, or targeted community cleanup projects on both public and private property.

Pricing (STAR Grant Compliant)

Material Type	Rate (Per Ton)	EPD Standard (PTEs/Ton)	Effective Rate / PTE	Rims are allowed
Clean Passenger Tires	\$450/ton	89	\$5.06	\$3.00 per car
Mixed Light Truck	\$500/ton	89	\$5.62	See above
Commercial / Semi	Custom Quote	N/A	Not STAR-eligible	\$5.00 per semi

All pricing is inclusive of transportation, staffing, disposal, and required documentation. Tires must be clean for beneficial reuse.

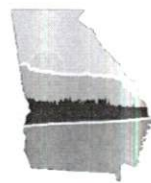
We are honored to serve Habersham county through regular tire pickups and would be glad to continue supporting your tire disposal efforts during upcoming amnesty events.

Please let me know if you would like a formal quote or to schedule a quick call to discuss next steps.

Sincerely,

Josue Ibanez

Sales Consultant. TireTREK, LLC — Tire Disposal and Recycling Services
Direct: 470.349.4013. Email: josue@tiretrekus.com



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- You can save this form as a draft at any time by clicking "Save Draft" at the bottom of the page.
- When you have completed all required items, please click the "Mark Complete" button at the bottom of the page.

NOTE: When you have completed all required steps, be sure to click "Submit" on the next page.

Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement (STAR) Grant

Which grant track would you like to apply to?

Scrap Tire Collection (Amnesty) Event Application

Contact Information

Government/Authority

Habersham County

Federal Tax ID

58-6001495

Address

130 Jacob's Way

Address 2

City

Clarkesville

State

US-GA

Zip Code

30523

County

Habersham

Project Manager

Lynn Wheeler

Title

Solid Waste Administrative Assistant

Email

lwheeler@habershamga.com

Phone

7068390245

Secondary Contact

Jill Thompson

Title

Accounts Payable Specialist

Email

jthompson@habershamga.com

Phone

7068390211

Scrap Tire Collection Event Information**Event Name**

Tire Amnesty Day

Event Start Date

06/01/2026

Event End Date

06/06/2026

Alternate Date(s)

*NOTE: Application must be submitted at least 90 days before event begins. If the date changes after execution of the agreement, the awardee must notify EPD in writing of the new date and the reason for the change. If events are more than one week apart, each event must have a separate application and contract.

Cost Estimate: Enter the estimated number of each type of scrap tire that will be collected:

Passenger

2,000

Truck

1,500

Large Off-the-Road (OTR)

10

Total PTE

10,245

Tons of Tires

115.11

Enter fixed costs (from your tire carrier and/or processor):**Rate Per Ton**

\$500.00

Inbound Freight

\$0.00

Flat Fuel Charge

\$0.00

Estimated Processing Cost

\$57,556

Cost Per PTE

\$5.62

Collection and Storage: List the address of where the tires are being collected:**Facility Name**

Habersham County Landfill

Address

4900 Dicks Hill Pkwy

City

Mount Airy

Zip

30563

Are you storing the tires after your event in a different location than where you are collecting them from?

No - Same Location

Is the temporary storage site approved or permitted by EPD to store scrap tires?

Yes

List the approval/permit

068037GN

Carriers and Processors

List the tire carrier(s) and processor(s) you plan to use and their permit number(s).

Note: You must use a GA EPD approved tire carrier and scrap tire processor. If you change carriers or processors after the execution of the agreement, you must notify EPD in writing of the new contractors and the reason for the change.

You can find lists of permitted tire carriers

(<https://epd.georgia.gov/media/146821/download>) and permitted/approved beneficial scrap tire processors (<https://epd.georgia.gov/media/144921/download>) on the STAR program's website: <https://epd.georgia.gov/star-program> (<https://epd.georgia.gov/star-program>)

Note: Scrap tire sorters and out-of-state landfills are not approved locations for scrap tire recycling for the STAR Grant. Projects will not be reimbursed if manifests indicate that scrap tires collected for a STAR Grant were taken to a scrap tire sorter, out-of-state landfill, or any other facility other than an EPD permitted or approved beneficial reuse scrap tire processor.

Carrier Name

TireTrek, LLC

Permit Number

069-406520-CR

Carrier Name

Permit Number

Processor Name

SC Tire Processing, LLC

Permit Number

069-406520-CR

Processor Name

Permit Number

Acknowledgements

Permitted tire carriers and permitted beneficial reuse scrap tire processors will be used.

Yes

Procurement of contractors will follow current city/county procurement policy.

Yes

Appropriate safety measures will be taken while performing scrap tire abatement.

Yes

Liability waivers will be completed for volunteers, if applicable.

Not Applicable

If there are any changes in the project after the execution of the agreement, awardee will notify EPD in writing (e.g., estimated cost of project, event date, location of temporary storage/collection sites, carriers/processors).

Yes

To the best of your ability, scrap tires will not be collected from businesses that generate scrap tires (e.g., retail tire dealers).

Yes

While awaiting transport to a scrap tire processor, tires will be stored in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment.

Yes

All scrap tires collected during the event will be removed within 30 days of event date.

Yes

Reimbursement request and other required documents will be submitted to EPD within 90 days of event date.

Yes

Are you authorized to sign on behalf of your entity?

Yes

Authorization

I, the undersigned authorized representative, certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information contained herein is true and correct.

Name

Jillian Thompson

Title

Accounts Payable Specialist

Address

130 Jacob's Way

City/State

Clarkesville

Zip

30523

Electronic Signature

Jillian Thompson

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