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\$196,000 GRANT AWARDED TO EXPAND RECYCLING **AUGUST 25, 2009 - FLORENCE, ALABAMA**

Florence, Alabama – The City of Florence Mayor Bobby Irons and Lauderdale County Commissioner Rhea Fulmer are pleased to announce that the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) has selected to fund a joint effort to expand recycling into Lauderdale County by awarding a \$196,000 grant.

The Recyclable Materials Management Act (SWRMMA) was the establishment of a funding mechanism created in part to expand and support local recycling. During this initial year of Alabama Recycling Fund Grants Program, 37 applications were received, with requested grant funding totaling nearly \$7 million. The program projected to have \$1.9 million to award in grant funds.

David Koonce, Manager of City of Florence Solid Waste, Street, and Recycling Department, received a letter last Friday stating that ADEM will fund a joint project with Lauderdale County to expand recycling. Through a partnership with the Lauderdale County Solid Waste office we will start offering drop-off recycling at select locations throughout the county. The \$196,000 grant will fund equipment, advertising, promotional contests, and promotional materials. This should be a great benefit to our community and we look forward to working with Lauderdale County in this partnership.

For more information contact: Recycling Department 760-6495; Lauderdale County Commissioner: 577-0099