



NEWS RELEASE

Richmond, Virginia
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City Continues Sustainability Initiative with Solar Compactors and Recyclers

Richmond, Va. – Sunday evening the City will begin installing 44 BigBelly® Solar-powered trash compactors and their companion recycling bins. The 88 receptacles will be placed at various locations throughout the City, including the downtown area and in several City parks.

Mayor Dwight C. Jones has implemented several sustainability and eco-friendly programs city-wide designed to reduce Richmond's carbon footprint. Last fall the City conducted a successful test-pilot utilizing BigBelly® Solar cans outside City Hall.

Because the compactors crush the trash their capacity is greater than five times that of regular cans. Each compactor can hold up to 32 gallons of trash, which is the equivalent of 170 to 200 gallons of un-compacted waste. As a result, they will not have to be emptied as often; which means the City will be able to conserve human resources, fuel and can minimize the use of solid waste trucks in areas where the cans are placed.

The BigBelly® Solar kiosks were purchased through a \$2.1 million Department of Energy block grant the City received. Several other sustainability initiatives also received a portion of the funding.

BigBelly® Solar cans are being used by municipalities throughout the country, including Philadelphia, Bronx, NY, Pasadena, CA and Little Rock, AK.

For more information on city services, events and schedules visit <http://www.RichmondGov.com/>.

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