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## Bumpers Plus Recognized for Strides toward Sustainability

Atlanta, GA – The Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia is proud to recognize Bumpers Plus of Marietta with the Rising Environmental Steward Award. The Partnership presents this award annually to an organization for making strides toward a more sustainable Georgia.

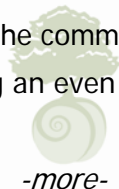


(From left) Suzanne Burnes of P<sup>2</sup>AD, Richard Marencin of Bumpers Plus, Marlin Gottschalk of P<sup>2</sup>AD.

“We are recognizing Bumpers Plus for their significant progress toward continual environmental improvement by reducing air emissions and increasing waste recycling to 99 percent,” said Suzanne Burnes, Assistant Director of P<sup>2</sup>AD and Manager of the Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia. “We look to see other organizations in Georgia follow their lead.”

Bumpers Plus is a small business with environmental sustainability at the core of its mission. Under the guidance of Richard Marencin, Bumpers Plus serves collision centers and body shops in the Southeast by reconditioning and recycling discarded plastic automobile bumpers. In 2007 Bumpers Plus collected more than 9,200 discarded bumpers that were destined for the landfill. Bumpers Plus reconditioned more than 3,600 of these bumpers and recycled the remaining bumpers as reground plastic. These efforts saved customers money and kept more than 36 tons of plastic out of our landfills.

“We are in business to help our customers deliver a quality result while minimizing the impact on our environment. We are honored to receive this award as recognition for the work our team has done to help our customers and the community”, said Richard Marencin owner of Bumpers Plus. “We look forward to making an even greater contribution in the future.”



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Bumpers Plus joined the Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia as a Bronze Partner in 2006. The Partnership offers four levels of participation for organizations: Champion, Bronze, Silver and the highest achievement level, Gold. The level for each business or organization is based on initiatives already in place as well as those slated for completion during the term of Partnership.

Free and open to any business, the Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia was established by P<sup>2</sup>AD to foster environmental leadership and recognize superior environmental performance. The Partnership offers a variety of incentives, including cost savings through increased efficiencies, potential regulatory flexibility, free technical assistance and training, and access to networking and mentoring among peers, state and local officials.

The Pollution Prevention Assistance Division (P<sup>2</sup>AD) is a non-regulatory division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Since 1993, P<sup>2</sup>AD has provided free technical assistance to help organizations reduce their impact on the environment by conserving water, reducing waste, conserving energy, and more. For additional information about P<sup>2</sup>AD and the Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia, call 404-651-5120 or 800-685-2443 or visit [www.p2ad.org](http://www.p2ad.org).

Bumpers Plus reconditions and delivers OEM plastic bumper covers for domestic and imported passenger vehicles. Reconditioned bumpers are 100% recycled and benefit collision centers, consumers, and insurance companies by providing a quality OEM product at savings of up to 40% below the price of a new bumper. The Bumpers Plus Recycling Program is a no-charge service offering collision centers the convenience and savings of scheduled pick up of all discarded plastic bumpers.

Founded in 1997, Bumpers Plus mission is to provide the "Best Quality *PLUS* Best Service". Under new ownership in 2003, the company has quadrupled its sales volume and expanded delivery throughout Georgia and South Carolina. A dedicated team of 14 employees maintains a large inventory and services more than 200 satisfied customers. Bumpers Plus has become the number one privately owned bumper reconditioning company in Georgia by focusing on their customers and the environment. For additional information about Bumpers Plus, call 770-422-PLUS or 888-492-PLUS, or visit [www.bumpersplus.com](http://www.bumpersplus.com).

