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Dear Mayor:

We are pleased to present Winder, Ga with a Certificate of Sustainability from USAgain. This certificate documents our shared success in greening your community. We commend you for hosting USAgain collection bins in your community, and the attached certificate is a great way to increase recycling awareness and document Winder, Ga's efforts toward sustainability.

In 2013, USAgain diverted 26,375 pounds of textile waste from landfills (equal to 6 garbage truckload(s)), saved 151 cubic yards of landfill space, prevented 184,625 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and saved 36,925,000 gallons of water. None of this would have been possible without the help of site sponsors and the cooperation of municipalities.

With your help, we are one step closer to reducing the amount of clothes, shoes and other textiles that are thrown away everyday in the United States. According to the EPA, 85% of all textiles in the U.S. are trashed. That's 12 million tons of textiles sent to our nation's landfills each year – a waste of resources and a major source of pollution. One t-shirt requires over 700 gallons of water and nearly 7 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> to manufacture. By diverting the clothing from landfills and putting it back in the reuse cycle, we help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, preserve natural resources, reduce usage of harmful chemicals, and provide affordable clothing options for millions of people.

Our success is rooted in our strict adherence to strong business practices, which ensure the public is aware of who we are and what we do. Our collection bins are well maintained and serviced regularly by our driver service representatives who follow routine schedules with pre-determined routes. In addition, we offer 24-hour toll-free access to a live phone operator.

Throughout 2013, USAgain's staff worked with fellow members of the Secondary Materials and Recycled Textiles Association and developed a comprehensive regulatory and best practices template, which is ready for implementation by units of local government. Local municipalities and counties all around the country are being presented with these templates to help promote the increased diversion of usable textile materials via collection bins. You can view and download the ordinance and other materials through the following link <http://www.usagain.com/municipality>

Should you have any questions regarding USAgain its programs and initiatives, please contact me. For more information on USAgain and textile recycling please visit:  
**[www.usagain.com/municipality](http://www.usagain.com/municipality)**

Regards,

Mattias Wallander  
CEO, USAgain



# CERTIFICATE OF SUSTAINABILITY

## 2013

### Winder, Ga

Textiles



**26,375**  
pounds collected

Water



**36,925,000**  
gallons saved

Landfill Space



**151**  
cubic yards saved

CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions



**184,625**  
pounds prevented

Garbage Truckloads



**6**  
truckloads prevented

Mattias Wallander, CEO

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