

Valerie Montecalvo

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Valerie Montecalvo is the President of Bayshore Recycling Corporation (BRC) and co-owner (with her husband, Frank) of Montecalvo Material Recovery Facility, Valerie takes enormous joy in being part of the solution for a greener, cleaner world. As she notes, “Construction recycling requires minimal effort, but the impact on our environment is monumental.”

Founded in 1995, BRC was the culmination of working nearly 20 years in heavy highway construction. Frustrated with the waste and environmental irresponsibility in this arena. Valerie knew she could create a company to both address that issue and improve the quality of life for all NJ residents.

A credit to her dream of making a difference, BRC does just that by saving valuable landfill space for future generations and advancing the recovery of materials through recycling and sustainable operations powered by renewable energy. In June 2011, Bayshore Recycling and Woodbridge Township were honored with a Smart Growth Award from New Jersey Future in the category of Innovative Industrial Sustainability. When their 15-year development plan is completed, BRC will operate as 100-percent “green” businesses powered by 100-percent renewable energy on a 52-acre waterfront site in Keasbey, the industrial section of Woodbridge Township.

Not content with merely building one of the most innovative and vertically integrated recycling businesses in the Northeast, Valerie and Frank are also advocates of philanthropic work and support many local and national charities. They also support other environmentally conscious non-profits such as The Nature Conservancy, Clean Ocean Action, Edison Wetlands Association, The Sustainable Raritan River Business Roundtable and The Sea Shepard from Whale Wars. To honor these efforts, the Girl Scouts of Central and Southern NJ awarded her a 2011 Women of Distinction Award, given to women who have achieved success in their careers while balancing work, family and service to the community.

Her dedication and diligence have clearly made her a force to be reckoned with, as was evident when she was invited to Washington, DC as the national Vice President for the Construction Materials Recycling Association (CMRA) to lend her expertise on Construction and Demolition recycling to the United States Environmental Protection Agency. “Recycling is not a passing fad and going green needs to be a way of life,” she explains. The Montecalvos have two children; Nicole, who serves as Director of Public Relations at Bayshore and Frankie, who is a professional race car driver in the American Le Mans series.