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CITY MANAGER Deron King In Recognition of Earth Day, City of East Point Ward A Councilman Lance Robertson, Publishes Educational Sustainable Bi-Lingual "East Point Green Comic" Book

EAST POINT, GA.- In honor of Earth Day, Ward A Councilman Lance Robertson has partnered with Amario's Art Academy for the Gifted and Talented to publish the **"East Point Green Comic"** book. Written by Amario Andre, Yaa Boateng, and Aziza Andre, and Councilman Robertson, this graphic novel chronicles the Green Team's efforts to enforce sustainability and turn East Point into a green city.

The publication is aimed at youth but is sure to captivate readers of all ages. The first edition entitled "Green Tales Remembered" details the story of Hakeem, Emma, and Maria, three classmates who are tasked with saving the City of East Point from pollution. In this tale, the teenagers enter a vortex to battle evil in the form of the monstrous villain "Chaocticus". Will the team defeat Chaocticus and find their way out of the vortex? Or will East Point be forever plagued with pollution? Find out in the East Point Green Comic, Volume 1, Issue 1.

The idea for the comic book originated from the City's work with the Atlanta Regional Commission. The City of East Point, led by Ward A Councilman Lance Robertson, is in pursuit of Atlanta Regional Commission's <u>Green Communities Program certification</u>. Councilmember Robertson is thinking outside the "green box" to provide educational sustainable comic books to inspire our future environmental earth stakeholders. "Our goal is to distribute free Green Comics to elementary schools located within the city of East Point. We will start on Friday, April 21st with **Conley Hills Elementary School** to kick off our Earth Day 2023 celebration," said Councilman Robertson. On **April 21st at 10:00 a.m.,** Councilman Robertson will distribute several hundred comic books to students at Conley Hills Elementary School. On **Earth Day**, the City of East Point will host an **Earth Day Celebration** at the **ArtsXchange** in conjunction with The Healthy Point "Garden Like A Boss" gardening class with Tenisio Senima. Attendees will receive green giveaways consisting of compost from CompostNow and seeds and seedlings from Ace Hardware.

In addition to inspiring future green stakeholders, Councilman Robertson also published the comic book to combat the literacy crisis that is sweeping our nation. According to an article from Parents.com, we are experiencing the largest decline in reading scores in 30 years, (Levar Burton). "Post covid 2020, our kids are in the midst of a national literacy crisis. Coming out of March National Reading Month, providing a bi-lingual educational sustainable Green Comic book also helps to engage our youth to read more while learning how to be environmentally friendly," said Councilman Robertson.

The Green Comic is just one of many sustainable initiatives implemented by Councilman Lance Robertson. Councilman Robertson leads the East Point "Green Team", which is dedicated to making the City of East Point an environmentally ethical community. The group hosts monthly meetings, with previous topics including composting, tire removal, and nature walks. Councilman Robertson has also published a <u>Black Lives Matter Digital Calendar</u>. To receive your free copy of the "East Point Green Comic" Book, visit <u>eastpointcity.org</u> or email <u>Irobertson@eastpointcity.org</u>.

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About The City of East Point

The City of East Point is approximately 14.7 square miles with a population of over 38,000. Located southwest of Atlanta, East Point is conveniently located minutes away from Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. This quaint urban community's prime location, numerous retail, and great restaurants make it an attractive place for a "live-work-play-shop-stay" environment because there's no point like East Point. For more information about the City of East Point visit www.eastpointcity.org. Also like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofeastpoint/ and follow us on twitter @cityofeastpoint, snapchat @cityofep1, or instagram @cityofeastpoint.