

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
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Resolution No. 16-14

Mrs. Cathy Bevins, Chair
By Request of County Executive

By the County Council, March 3, 2014

A RESOLUTION to adopt a Harford County Agreement Amendment to the Baltimore County Solid Waste Management Plan.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Environmental Article 9-210, the County is required to amend its Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan to reflect proposed changes to an existing refuse disposal system; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the County should adopt a Harford County Agreement Amendment to its Solid Waste Management Plan to address the above; and

WHEREAS, the Amendment to the Baltimore County Solid Waste Management Plan has been formulated, a public hearing was held on December 16, 2013, and the public has been given reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed Amendment.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Harford County Agreement Amendment to the Baltimore County Solid Waste Management Plan is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be submitted to the County Executive for his approval and the same shall take effect from the date of his approval.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the Harford County Agreement Amendment to the Baltimore County Solid Waste Management Plan, along with a copy of this Resolution, be submitted to the Maryland Department of the Environment.

HARFORD COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT
TO BALTIMORE COUNTY'S TEN YEAR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN –
August 16, 2013 Draft

Purpose of Amendment: the amendment integrates into Baltimore County's Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan the August 2013 agreement between Harford County and Baltimore County regarding Baltimore County's future acceptance of residential recyclables and trash from Harford County.

The Baltimore County Department of Public Works is proposing an amendment to Baltimore County's Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan reflecting the August 2013 agreement between Harford County and Baltimore County for Baltimore County's future acceptance of residential recyclables and trash from Harford County.

The following new language shall be inserted in Baltimore County's current Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan, in Chapter III, "Solid Waste Generation, Import/Export, Collection and Acceptance Facilities," replacing in its entirety the current sub-section "Imports & Exports":

Imports & Exports

Effective February 1, 2010, Baltimore County made arrangements with Waste Management of Maryland, Inc. to continue transferring commercial trash (no set limit) out-of-County using the Baltimore County Resource Recovery Facility in Cockeysville and the Eastern Sanitary Landfill Solid Waste Management Facility in White Marsh.

In December 2011, Baltimore County renegotiated its contract with Wheelabrator Baltimore LP in Baltimore City. This increased the County's capacity for residential trash to be accepted for purposes of conversion to energy (electricity and steam) from approximately 160,000 tons of trash per calendar year to a guaranteed annual tonnage of 215,000 tons. The contract term lasts through December 31, 2021, with three 5-year renewals at the County's option.

Pursuant to a January 2008 waste exchange agreement with neighboring Harford County, Baltimore County accepted approximately 167,000 tons of trash from Harford County for four years ending in February 2012. Harford County needed a trash outlet because it lacked adequate capacity to handle its own trash. Baltimore County began sending trash to Harford County's waste to energy facility in September 2011. Baltimore County has until September 2016 to make further deliveries of trash to Harford County, consistent with a provision in the exchange agreement that Baltimore County can send Harford County 30% more tons of trash than Harford County sent to Baltimore County.

An August 2013 agreement between Harford County and Baltimore County deepens and lengthens the solid waste management collaboration between the two counties. Under this agreement, Baltimore County will receive the residential single

stream recyclables collected in Harford County beginning January 1, 2014. For what is expected to be slightly more than two years, Baltimore County will be responsible for arranging the hauling of these recyclables from Harford County's existing transfer station in northern Harford County to the Baltimore County Resource Recovery Facility in Cockeyville. Before the end of 2013, both a new single stream recycling sorting facility and a new trash transfer station are expected to be in place at the Cockeyville site. Baltimore County will begin to receive approximately 100,000 tons of residential trash per year from Harford County on or about March 17, 2016. This trash will be received at a replacement transfer station built at the Eastern Sanitary Landfill Solid Waste Management Facility in White Marsh by or around that date, and then transferred out-of-County to Waste Management disposal sites. Harford County's residential single stream recyclables will also be transferred through this replacement transfer station in White Marsh, to the Baltimore County Resource Recovery Facility in Cockeyville, once the replacement transfer station in White Marsh becomes operational. The August 2013 agreement is set to last through June 30, 2036, with options for two additional ten-year terms in the event of mutual consent by the two counties.

With respect to private solid waste management facilities in Baltimore County, such as Honeygo Run Reclamation Center Rubble Landfill and Days Cove Rubble Landfill, significant quantities of land clearing and demolition materials come from out-of-County. Furthermore, commercial haulers transport large quantities of trash and/or recyclables out-of-County, but are not required to report the types and quantities of these materials to Baltimore County.

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