

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 5:30 – 7:30pm

MEETING NOTES

SWAC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Carol Jones, Chair	Fred Kranz
Robin Barr, Vice Chair	Heidi Lovett
Adam Diamond, Secretary	Troy Cavell
Amy Maron, Secretary	Mark Symborski (M-NCPPC rep, non-voting)
Chaz Miller	

SWAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Ellen Ryan

DEP STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

David Frank, RRMD Waste Reduction and Recycling Section
Lisa Shine, RRMD Executive Administrative Aide
Dave Rosenbaum, RRMD Materials Management Section

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: Kristie Blumer, Compost Crew

Willie was unable to attend due to a commitment that came up at the last minute, so the presentation on FY2025 Budget Priorities was postponed.

Minutes from September 2023 were approved.

SWAC report on consolidating single family subdistrict B trash collection under public contracting.

SWAC discussed the revised report draft distributed to SWAC members September 29: *Consolidating Subdistrict B Trash Collection: Lessons Learned from Other communities to Address Hauler Concerns, A First Look*. Following a discussion which resulted in some revisions of the recommendations, SWAC approved the report, which can be found [here](#).

The report focuses primarily on two questions DEP/RRM Division Director Willie Wainer asked SWAC to research regarding the potential consolidation of single family (SF) residential trash collection in upcounty Subdistrict B under public contracting similar to Subdistrict A: (1) what effects would consolidation have on current local trash haulers in Subdistrict B? and (2) what strategies have other communities used to mitigate any potential negative impacts on local haulers during the process of consolidating solid waste services under a public system? In addition, the report provides insights about Subdistrict B residents' level of awareness of solid waste services and opinions about the impacts of consolidation, gleaned from a case study of a recent successful neighborhood campaign to shift to County collections.

The report will now be transmitted to Willie Wainer, who will send it to Jon Monger, DEP Director, and to Keith Levchenko, Senior Legislative Analyst, Environment, Montgomery County Council.

Next meetings:

- November, Invite Keith Levchenko, Senior Legislative Analyst, Environment, Montgomery County Council, to discuss the consolidation report.
- Future meeting, Invite John Monger, new DEP Director.
- Hold for a possible December meeting—Wednesday December 6.
- January, discussion and vote on FY2025 budget letter to CE

Meeting Adjourned 7:35 p.m.

ACRONYMS

C&D	Construction and Demolition
CC	County Council
CE	County Executive
CNG	Compressed Natural Gas
CPI	Consumer Price Index
DAFIG	Dickerson Area Facilities Implementation Group
DEP	Department of Environmental Protection
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
FTE	Full Time Employee
FY	Fiscal Year
MDE	Maryland Department of the Environment
MC	Montgomery County
MES	Maryland Environmental Services
MRF	Materials Recovery Facility
MML	Maryland Municipal League
MCPS	Montgomery County Public Schools
OLO	Office of Legislative Oversight
PAYT	Pay-As-You-Throw
RRF	Resource Recovery Facility
RRMD	Recycling & Resource Management Division
SA	Service Area for County collection
SAYT	Save-As-You-Throw
SCA	Sugarloaf Community Association
SF	Single family
SWAC	Solid Waste Advisory Committee
SWMP	Solid Waste Management Plan
T&E	Transportation and Environment Committee
TPD	Tons per Day
TPW	Tons per Week
ZWTF	Zero Waste Task Force