



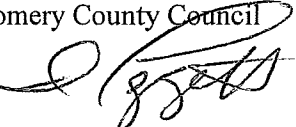
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Isiah Leggett  
*County Executive*

MEMORANDUM

May 30, 2018

TO: Hans Riemer, President, Montgomery County Council

FROM: Isiah Leggett, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Task Force on County's Integrated Waste System Strategic Plan

I am pleased to announce my appointments to the County's Integrated Waste System Strategic Plan Task Force. This seven-member Task Force will work closely with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) throughout the strategic planning process to provide advice and guidance on how best to maximize waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and sustainable management of all materials across the entire integrated waste management system, including all programs, facilities, operations, initiatives, and services. I expect our first Task Force meeting to convene in early June. I ask that you appoint a Council member or representative as an ex-officio non-voting member to this Task Force by June 1, 2018.

The seven members I have appointed to the Task Force are:

- **Ms. Caroline Taylor**

Ms. Taylor has worked on environmental and agricultural issues for much of her professional career. Since 2009, she has been the Executive Director of Montgomery Countryside Alliance, working to protect and promote Montgomery County, Maryland's nationally recognized 93,000-acre Agricultural Reserve. Prior to the Alliance, she served as the Executive Director for FARM (For a Rural Montgomery), and worked in environmental litigation for the National Wildlife Federation.

- **Ms. Lauren Greenberger**

Ms. Greenberger is the President of the Sugarloaf Citizens Association (SCA). Prior to joining SCA, she worked for 25 years on bilateral and multilateral health development projects in West Africa and the Congo. Most of her work centered on operations research in health systems, primary healthcare and sanitation for USAID-funded projects, World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Ms. Greenberger has a landscape design and installation business in Montgomery County.

- **Ms. Sara Bixby**

Ms. Bixby is an experienced executive with a demonstrated history of working with public agencies and non-profit organizations. She is an expert in business development, solid waste management, sustainable development, and environmental compliance. She has been a member of the Montgomery County's Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) since 2014. Ms. Bixby is the Deputy Executive Director for Administration, Information Technology, Finance, and Management, of the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA). Prior to her position with SWANA, she was the Director of the South Central Iowa Solid Waste Agency from 2003 to 2013.

- **Mr. Peter Ettinger**

Mr. Ettinger has over 20 years of experience in business, operational development, marketing, and sales. His advisory and implementation work in both public and private companies has resulted in significant operational and financial improvements. Mr. Ettinger's recent work has been focused in the agricultural field with organically based products aimed at remedies for soil depletion. Specifically, he is the Director of Marketing and Business for BTS Bioenergy, Inc. (BTS), a technology leader in the biological transformation of organic waste materials, byproducts from industries, residues and agricultural by-products and crops into energy and organic fertilizer. BTS serves industrial and agricultural companies, local authorities, food industry, and food scraps disposal and composting facilities.

- **Mr. Ken Lavish**

Mr. Lavish is a resident of Silver Spring, Maryland. He retired as an economist with the US Bureau of Labor Statistics after 32 years of service. Mr. Lavish is passionate about protecting the environment. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, and volunteers as an Environmental Education Specialist with the Patuxent Research Refuge, where he focuses on efforts to save the endangered Whooping Crane from extinction. He has also been a volunteer with the Waste Reduction and Recycling Section in the Department of Environmental Protection for over 10 years, providing County residents with education on the benefits and importance of reducing waste, reusing items, recycling more, and backyard composting.

- **Mr. Chaz Miller**

Mr. Miller has been involved in solid waste and recycling since 1976 when he joined US EPA's Resource Recovery Division. He retired last year as the Director for the National Waste and Recycling Association (NWRA), where he still works part-time on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) regulations. NWRA is a trade association for private sector haulers, recyclers, composters, and disposal companies. Maryland Governor Larry Hogan presented a proclamation to Mr. Miller for his 40-plus years serving the waste and recycling industry. He has been a keynote speaker at various recycling and solid waste conferences in the United States, Canada, Japan and China, including the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development Waste Management Conference. Mr. Miller also wrote "The Circular File", an award-winning column for Waste 360 magazine. He was formerly Chairman of the Board of the National Recycling Coalition, as well as President of the Maryland Recycling Network.

- **Ms. Robin Wiener**

Ms. Wiener is the President of the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc. (ISRI), the trade association representing approximately 1,600 companies in more than 36 countries that process, broker and industrially consume scrap commodities (including scrap metal, paper, plastics, textiles, rubber and electronics). ISRI provides advocacy, education and training, safety outreach, compliance assistance, and public awareness of the vital role recycling plays in the U.S. economy, global trade, the environment, and sustainable development. She joined ISRI in 1989 to direct the association's environmental compliance activities and was appointed executive director in 1997. In March 2000, ISRI's board conferred on her the title of president. As part of her role representing the scrap recycling industry, Ms. Wiener was appointed to the Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Steel (ITAC-12) by the United States Secretary of Commerce and the US Trade Representative (USTR). ITAC-12 provides detailed policy and technical advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary and the USTR regarding trade barriers, negotiation of trade agreements, and implementation of existing trade agreements affecting the steel sector. Prior to joining ISRI, Ms. Wiener worked on environmental technical and policy issues.

This planning effort, expected to take approximately 18 months, will include an assessment of the County's current integrated waste management system; review, benchmarking and analysis of all options for the entire integrated system; identification of best practices, and any necessary improvements to the system. The planning process will include stakeholder and expert participation, engagement and input. The overarching goal is to set the course for sustainable materials management across the entire integrated waste management system for the next 25 years.