Appendix E

Council Resolution 13-1498 Creation of Facilities Implementation Group

Resolution No.: 13-1498
Introduced: November 24, 1998
Adopted: December 1, 1998

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

Subject: Creation of Facilities Implementation Group

Background

1. The County owns and operates two solid waste facilities in the Dickerson area, the Resource Recovery Facility and the Dickerson Compost Facility.

2. The County owns several properties in the Dickerson area for the Site 2 Landfill. The County has determined it is not necessary to proceed with the construction of this landfill at this time. However, the County will retain and manage the properties. The County also owns property associated with the original Matthews Farm.

3. The County and representatives from the community developed the Facilities Master Plan for the Solid Waste Operations in the Dickerson Area. That plan calls for the creation of an advisory group to provide for comprehensive citizen input concerning land use issues for the life of the solid waste facilities in the area.

4. Creation of the Facilities Implementation Group is referenced in the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (Section 5.1.3.4.b.). This group is intended to replace the Landfill Working Group, though with a broader scope of activity.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following resolution:

Creation of the Facilities Implementation Group is approved, in accordance with the attached, effective December 1, 1998.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Mary A. Edgar

Mary A. Edgar, CMC
Secretary of the Council

Creation of the Facilities Implementation Group

The Department of Public Works and Transportation and the Community of Dickerson would like to establish a citizens advisory group to address community and environmental issues and concerns pertaining to the operations of the County's solid waste facilities located in the Dickerson area. These facilities include the Resource Recovery Facility, the Yard Trim Composting Facility, properties originally purchased for the Site 2 Landfill, and property associated with the original Matthews Farm.

The Facilities Master Plan for the Solid Waste Operations in the Dickerson Area, from here on referred to as ***the facilities plan,*** issued in August 1997, proposed the creation of such a group to assist the County in implementing the facilities plan. Subsequent discussions with the Landfill Working Group, the President of the Sugarloaf Citizens Association, and the County Council, further verify the value of establishing an ongoing citizen organization with which the County can interact regarding issues of these facility operations.

The following is recommended for establishing this group:

The development of the Site 2 Landfill has been postponed while the County disposes of waste at an out-of-county facility. As part of its comprehensive amendments to the County's Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan approved in October 1998, the Council referenced a new citizens advisory committee entitled, *"The Facilities Implementation Group " (FIG).* This group is intended to advise the County on solid waste issues of concern to the community in the Dickerson area.

Members to the group will be appointed by the County Executive and approved by the County Council.

Terms of service will be three (3) years, though the first terms when the group is first appointed will be staggered between one (1) and three (3) years to establish a rotation where only four (4) new members will join the organization in any one year.

Any member can be re-appointed for a second term with the approval of the County Executive and the County Council. Any member can reapply for appointment after serving two (2) terms in the appointment period that falls one year after the end of his/her second term.

Rotation members with one (1) vote each include:
- *Representative of Sugarloaf Citizens Association*
- *Representative of For a Rural Montgomery*
- *Representative of Town of Poolesville*
- *Representative of Town of Barnesville*
- *Representative of Solid Waste Advisory Committee*
- *Representative of Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board*
- *Representative of Affected Community*
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No term limitation, non-voting members:
- *Representative of Operator of Resource Recovery Facility*
- *Representative of Operator of Dickerson Compost Facility*
- *Representative of Operator of PEPCO Facility*
- *Representative of the Montgomery County Department of Public Works & Transportation*

The County will advertise for member applicants; a selection process will include review by representatives of the Department of Public Works and Transportation, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, and the standing FIG committee. A primary goal in the selection of members to FIG is to establish balanced and broad-based representation of the affected community. Attempts will be made to attract membership from a variety of groups, including the farming community, area residents, those with scientific backgrounds, members of area businesses, and individuals associated with area institutions such as the schools. Recommendations will be submitted to the County Executive for appointment. The County Executive will submit the appointments to the County Council for approval.

Meetings will be held at least quarterly. Meeting minutes will be kept and distributed by the County staff. A quorum (seven voting members) must be present at each meeting for the purpose of voting on actions to be taken; no binding votes may be taken without a quorum present. An annual report will be prepared by the group in September of each year and submitted to the Executive Branch and the County Council no later than October 15 of each year.

The group will advise the County on execution of the policies and strategies set forth in the facilities plan. All meetings of the group will be open public forums and will be advertised in the local newspapers. The group will receive environmental monitoring data in a timely manner, and will review information pertaining to environmental and community impacts with appropriate staff from regulatory agencies and the Department of Public Works and Transportation. The group will coordinate input on concerns from the affected community, and will be considered the primary point of contact for County agencies regarding any issues pertaining to the solid waste facilities located in the Dickerson area. Changes to how the group functions may be established by FIG, subject to the approval of the County Executive and the County Council.