



MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDER

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Subject – Public Hearing for Change in Method of Operations at the County Composting Facility	Executive Order No. 185-17	Subject Suffix
Department – Environmental Protection	Department No.	Effective Date 12/4/17

Pursuant to Section 7 (*Prior Review*) of the Agreement of Settlement and Compromise between the Sugarloaf Citizens Association, Inc. (“SCA”) and Montgomery County, dated April 19, 1996, as amended, (“the Agreement”), the County shall conduct a public hearing at 7 pm on Monday, February 12, 2018 at the “Gothic Dairy Barn, 20900 Martinsburg Road, Dickerson, Maryland 20842 to consider modification of operations at the Montgomery County Yard Trim Composting Facility (“Composting Facility”) to increase annual bagging operations of compost material to a maximum of 650,000 bags.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP; Division of Solid Waste Services) operates, under a contract with Maryland Environmental Services, the Composting Facility. Under the Agreement with SCA, specifically the Amended Exhibit 6 (“Facility Operations at the Dickerson Compost Facility”), “Maximum production of the bagging operation shall be 500,000 bags per fiscal year.” Composted material that is not bagged is handled as bulk compost material. The County conducted pilots during FY 2013 and FY 2015, and most recently during FY2017, using increased bag production limits. Under the FY 2017 pilot, the County increased production of the bagged compost product to a maximum of 650,000 bags annually, and demonstrated that (a) there was a commercial market for the increased bagged product, and (b) there was no adverse impact (and even a slight positive impact) on outgoing trips per ton of material produced at the Composting Facility.

The County intends, beginning with FY 2018, to change the method of operations to make permanent the 650,000-bag limit per fiscal year. After the aforementioned public hearing, the Hearing Officer will issue a written decision on this matter.

Approved as to Form and Legality:
Office of the County Attorney

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Date: December 1, 2017

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