



Frederick County

Solid Waste Management Options Study

Public Forum Background Document

Background

To help develop a long-term solid waste management and recycling program for Frederick County, the County Executive launched a robust public outreach process with input and guidance from a citizen steering committee. The goal is to gather ideas from county residents and ultimately identify viable waste management alternatives for Frederick County.

To involve county residents in the strategy development, the County is soliciting community input through five facilitated community workshops held at locations throughout the County, collectively called the [What's Next? Solid Waste Public Forum](#). The Solid Waste Public Forum will provide the community with the opportunity to share ideas and suggest solid waste management options for consideration and to prioritize the criteria for assessing and selecting the options for inclusion in the strategy.

Five community workshops are scheduled at the following times and locations:

Date	Time	Location
Monday, November 9, 2015	7 – 9 pm	Winchester Hall, 1st floor 12 East Church Street Frederick, MD, 21701
Thursday, November 19, 2015	7 – 9 pm	Oakdale High School, Room B200 5850 Eaglehead Drive Ijamsville, MD 21754
Monday, December 7, 2015	7 – 9 pm	Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company 1500 Volunteer Drive Brunswick, MD 21716
Monday, January 11, 2016	7– 9 pm	Urbana High School, Media Center 3471 Campus Drive Ijamsville, MD 21754
Saturday, January 23, 2016	10 am – 12 pm	Thurmont Town Hall 10 Frederick Road Thurmont, MD 21788

To learn more about current solid waste management in Frederick County, please reference the Frederick County Solid Waste Management factsheet available at the [What's Next? Solid Waste Public Forum](#) website (www.frederickcountymd.gov/WhatsNext).



Workshop Format and Structure

Each workshop will be led by a team of professional facilitators to focus discussions and optimize the use of time to permit the lively exchange of ideas.

Prior to the workshop: Participants should review this document, as well as the accompanying factsheet about Frederick County Solid Waste Management, to establish a baseline of information for discussion.

During the workshop: Participants will actively share ideas through facilitated sessions. Structured brainstorming and critical analysis will be used to envision the future strategy for Frederick County solid waste management. Participants will be encouraged to provide input both verbally and through written format during the workshop.

Public Forum Workshop Agenda
<p>Opening Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Opening Remarks • Overview of Workshop Format and Structure • Review of Frederick County Solid Waste Management and Recycling
<p>Brainstorm Solid Waste Management Options Focus Question: What solid waste management options would you suggest we consider in this options study?</p>
<p>Rank Criteria for Assessing Solid Waste Management Options Focus Question: What criteria are most important to you in evaluating solid waste management options?</p>
<p>Open Discussion Focus Question: What other issues that are important to you have we not discussed?</p>
<p>Review and Discuss Ranked Criteria (Output from Workshop)</p>
<p>Closing and Adjourn</p>

Workshop Scope and Boundaries

- This effort is focused on **solid waste in Frederick County**, including residential and commercial trash, recycling, yard waste, and building and construction waste.
- The community forums are designed to **look forward** at the best options for the future of the County, not back at past successes or failures. Participants are asked to avoid lengthy speeches about past experiences and offer positive contributions for improving the future.
- The Public Forum is intended to **inform** the solid waste management options and evaluation criteria against which options should be evaluated. **No final decisions** regarding solid waste management options or evaluation criteria will be made during the Public Forum workshops.
- The Public Waste Management Options Study will recommend approaches and technologies for managing Frederick County’s solid waste management in the most advantageous way. Issues such as the future siting of facilities are outside the scope of this study.



Ground Rules for Participation

To ensure the workshops are as inclusive and productive as possible, the County has established ground rules for participation. Please follow these ground rules during the Public Forum:

- Be respectful and listen to others
- Be collaborative
- Brainstorm - all ideas are good ideas
- Stay focused and on task
- Be concise
- If you are attending multiple Public Forum workshops, allow citizens who have not yet contributed to do so before repeating viewpoints expressed at prior workshops

Expected Outputs and Timeframe

The results of each workshop will be summarized into a report that will inform the overall Solid Waste Management Options Study.

After completion of all the workshops, a Draft Report on the Study will be prepared by the County's consultant. **An additional "Synthesis Workshop" will be held on February 29, 2016 to summarize findings and guide report preparation.** The Draft Report will be submitted to the County Executive by March 31, 2016, after which a mechanism for public review and submission of comments on the Draft Report will be provided via the [What's Next? Solid Waste Public Forum](#) website.

Based on comments received on the Draft Report, a Final Report will be prepared and submitted to the County Executive by May 31, 2016. A mechanism for public review and submission of comments on the Final Report will again be provided, details of which will be communicated via the [What's Next? Solid Waste Public Forum](#) website.

Recommendations from the Final Report will inform a deeper study of feasible options for implementing changes to the County's Solid Waste Management and Recycling Program. The schedule for this extended study will be communicated after completion of the Final Report.

Contact Information

Questions and comments about the Solid Waste Public Forum can be addressed to:

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Additional Resources

To learn more about solid waste management, please refer to resources provided at:

<http://frederickcountymd.gov/5634/Waste-Management-Trash-and-Recycling>

Check out [My Waste App](#) – Download free for your smartphone or tablet