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County Executive Gardner Holds Ground-Breaking Ceremony for Ballenger-McKinney Photovoltaic Solar Project

First major Frederick County Government solar power project

FREDERICK, MD – County Executive Jan Gardner today held a ground-breaking ceremony for Frederick County Government’s first solar project. This major sustainability project will involve the construction of a nearly 2 million kilowatt hour photovoltaic solar array on 4.9 acres of vacant land to provide low-cost renewable energy to the Ballenger-McKinney Waste Water Treatment Plant.

“As the first solar project for Frederick County Government, this project will save green by going green,” said Executive Gardner. “Frederick County has a bright future using solar power!”

This project is a large step toward meeting the county’s goal of 4 million kilowatt hours generated from renewable energy sources, a goal the county set as part of the Maryland Energy Administration’s Smart Energy Communities program. Frederick County Government’s goal is to have 20% of its electricity consumed come from renewable energy sources by the year 2022. This solar project, combined with the solar hot water heating project in place at the Adult Detention Center, brings the county more than halfway to its goal.

The solar project is made possible through a \$2.4 million grant from the Maryland Department of the Environment from their Energy Water Infrastructure Program. Due to the scope of the project, the county is utilizing engineering and project management resources via the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority for the design, construction and long-term operation of the facility.

The project will be located at the end of Metropolitan Court on property adjoining the division’s existing office building. This is the former location of the proposed waste-to-energy facility.

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