



**EXECUTIVE ORDER
NO. 2020-19**

BALTIMORE COUNTY SOLID WASTE WORKGROUP

WHEREAS, the Baltimore County Department of Public Works, Bureau of Solid Waste Management's current operations have adversely impacted its ability to efficiently perform its mission and have threatened its future viability; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to improve Baltimore County's current recycling and solid waste system (the "System"), including collection, transfer, processing, disposal and landfill of recycling and solid waste as well as the mechanisms for financing of the System; and

WHEREAS, in order to address the ever-changing waste and recycling industry, the County must examine new technologies, new approaches and new systems to comprehensively address the County's future waste and recycling needs.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of Baltimore County to establish an interdisciplinary workgroup to review the end-to-end operations of the System, including collection, transfer, processing, disposal and landfill, and explore best practice models for reducing trash in general through innovative recycling options and disposal alternatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is this ___ day of October, 2020, by the County Executive of Baltimore County, Maryland, hereby ordered that the Baltimore County Solid Waste Workgroup ("Workgroup") shall be created and charged as follows:

SECTION I. Goal of the Workgroup.

The goal of the Workgroup is to review Baltimore County's current state of solid waste management, examine national industry best practices, innovative technologies in waste reduction/diversion, disposal and outreach efforts and to identify opportunities for improved performance, increased waste diversion/reduction and stable long-term operations. The Workgroup will develop recommendations for the County Executive's review and approval for inclusion in a five-year solid waste plan to help guide and improve Baltimore County's solid waste management process and make the process more efficient.

SECTION II. Membership; Appointment; Terms; Compensation of Members.

A. Membership and Appointment.

1. The Workgroup consists of up to eighteen (18) voting members appointed by the County Executive.
2. The members shall consist of:
 - Baltimore County Administrative Officer
 - Acting Director, Baltimore County Department of Public Works

- Deputy Director, Baltimore County Department of Public Works
- Chief, Baltimore County Department of Public Works' Bureau of Solid Waste Management
- Baltimore County Chief Sustainability Officer
- Staff Member, Baltimore County Office of Sustainability
- Member, Baltimore County Office of Budget and Finance
- County Attorney, Baltimore County Office of Law
- Member of the Baltimore County Council
- Representative from Solid Waste Association of North America
- Two (2) Representatives from the Trash Haulers Association
- Up to Three (3) Citizen Representatives
- Two (2) Representatives from an Environmental Organization
- Two (2) Representatives from Trash Disposal/Removal entity

B. Terms.

1. Members of the Workgroup shall receive no salaries but shall be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with appropriations approved by the County Council.
2. All members of the Workgroup shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive.

C. Chair.

The Chair of the Workgroup shall be selected by the County Executive.

SECTION III. Meetings; Quorums.

A. Meetings.

The Workgroup shall meet at the request of the Chair as frequently required to perform its duties, but not less than once per month.

B. Quorums.

A majority of voting members constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and an affirmative vote of the majority of those present at any meeting shall be sufficient for any official action.

SECTION IV. Duties and Responsibilities.

The Workgroup shall review the end-to-end operation of the System for Baltimore County, including collection, processing, transfer, disposal, and landfill.

The Workgroup shall explore best practice models for reducing trash in general through innovative recycling options and disposal alternatives, and make recommendations to the County Executive.

In developing its recommendations, the Workgroup will consider innovative management options to increase waste diversion/reduction efforts in order to minimize waste disposal, including consumer education, grants/loans available, innovative solutions for disposal, use of public/private partnerships, financing options including the creation of an enterprise fund and other fee structures, methods to leverage current solid waste assets to generate revenue in order to help offset proposed management options' costs and estimated system costs, as well as timeframes to plan for and implement the recommendations presented.

SECTION V. Public Input.

The Workgroup shall create an e-mail address to receive and review comments from members of the public. In addition, the Workgroup shall create and issue an electronic residential/commercial survey to be available for members of the public to fill out on-line.

SECTION VI. Report.

The Workgroup shall issue a final report no later than March, 2021.

SECTION VII. Staff Assistance.

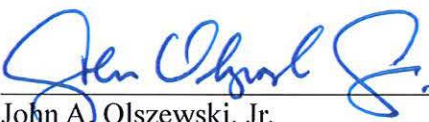
Staff assistance shall be provided by the Department of Public Works and the Office of the County Administrator. The Northeast Maryland Solid Waste Authority (NMSWA) shall serve as the Facilitator for the Workgroup. GBB Solid Waste Consultants shall provide technical support for the Workgroup.

This Order shall take effect **IMMEDIATELY** according to its terms and shall continue thereafter until March 15, 2021, unless further extended by the County Executive.

ATTEST:




Dawn Kile
Executive Secretary



John A. Olszewski, Jr.
County Executive

Reviewed for form and legal sufficiency and approved for execution.



James R. Benjamin, Jr.
County Attorney

Date 10/15/20