

## Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

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**Meeting Date:** 9/16/2008  
**Reference No.:** CR-074-2008  
**Draft No.:** 2  
**Proposer(s):** Dean  
**Sponsor(s):** Dean, Exum  
**Item Title:** A Resolution amending the Prince George's County 2002-2011 Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan by adding the Western Branch Transfer Station Facility located at 6550 SE Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro.

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**Drafter:** Todd M. Turner, Legislative Officer  
**Resource Personnel:** Dennis Bigley, Department of Environmental Resources  
Charles W. Wilson, Department of Environmental Resources  
Maria Martin, M-NCPPC

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### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

<b>Date Presented:</b>		<b>Executive Action:</b>	
<b>Committee Referral:</b>	7/23/2008 - THE	<b>Effective Date:</b>	9/29/2008
<b>Committee Action:</b>	9/11/2008 - FAV(A)		
<b>Date Introduced:</b>	7/23/2008		
<b>Public Hearing:</b>	9/9/2008 - 1:30 PM		
<b>Council Action (1)</b>	9/16/2008 - ADOPTED		
<b>Council Votes:</b>	MB:N, WC:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, AH:A, TK:A, EO:A, IT:A		
<b>Pass/Fail:</b>	P		
<b>Remarks:</b>			

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### AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**Date 9/11/2008**

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-1 with amendments (In favor: Council Members Dernoga, Olson, Harrison and Exum) – (Opposed: Council Member Bland)

The Legislative Officer provided a summary of the resolution and referral comments that were received. CR-74-2008 is an amendment of the Prince Georges County 2002-2011 Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan that adds the Western Branch Transfer Station Facility located at 6550 SE Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro.

The amended plan will be reviewed by and will require the approval of the Maryland Department of the Environment.

The Office of Law finds CR-74-2008 to be in proper legislative form.

The Office of Audits and Investigation indicated upon approval of CR-74-2008 by the County Council, the County's Department of Environmental Resources (DER) will initiate formal design work to develop and finalize plans for the planned new Solid Waste Transfer Station. A key element of the formal design phase involves fully developing and refining project costs. The "Waste Transfer Station" project included in the County's FY 2009 – 2014 CIP Budget, was added in FY 1997 and currently estimates total project costs at \$14,908,000, including \$2,600,000 for construction costs in FY 2009. However, based on discussions with DER staff, the project design phase will take at least one-year to complete, thereby likely obviating the need for construction funding in FY 2009. More importantly, total project costs likely will increase from the level currently reflected in the approved CIP budget. According to the Department, reliable and updated cost estimates and funding sources and schedules will not be available until after the completion of the formal design study.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

This resolution will add the Prince George's County Western Branch Transfer Station to the County Solid Waste Plan. Environmental Article, Title 9, Subtitle 5, of the Maryland Annotated Code sets procedures for amendments and revisions to the Plan. Under the Code at least 30 days prior to the public hearing on the amendments, the County Council must submit to Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) and the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), a copy of the proposed resolution for their recommendations. In addition, the resolution requires at least 30 days prior to the public hearing, that the County Council submit a copy of the proposed resolution to residents in close proximity to the site location.

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**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**

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**INCLUSION FILES:**

I-CR-74-2008 Attachment A.pdf, I-CR-74-2008 Attachment B.pdf

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