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County Executive

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

December 23, 2016

The Honorable Derrick Leon Davis
Chairman
Prince George's County Council
County Administration Building
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chairman Davis:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is a resolution pertaining to the County's Comprehensive Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan (the "Plan"). Title 9, Subtitle 5 of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland requires each county to prepare a long-term comprehensive ten-year solid waste management plan every three years. The Plan sets up a program to meet solid waste collection, disposal, and facility needs over the next ten years.

The proposed Plan was prepared by the Department of the Environment (DoE) and updates the 2012-2022 Plan. Throughout the preparation of the Plan, DoE considered the comments from multiple agencies and other interested parties. Some of the significant elements of the proposed Plan are:


- Solid waste generation is slightly higher than previous estimates based on population growth
- The recycling rate increased from 40 percent to 59 percent
- Food scraps were added to the organics composting operation
- The County changed from twice a week to once a week residential trash collection
- The proposed Solid Waste Transfer Station has been eliminated
- The consideration of development of a Resource Recovery Park has been included
- Brown Station Road Landfill complies with all State and Federal laws

The proposed Plan assures that Prince George's County residents are being served by adequate solid waste facilities and takes into account the fiscal and environmental constraints. Under State Law, the proposed Plan must be adopted by the County Council and subsequently submitted to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) for its approval within the 2016 calendar year.

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The County Council's favorable consideration of this legislation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office or Adam Ortiz, Director, Department of the Environment, at (301) 883-5812.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rushern L. Baker, III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long horizontal stroke.

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Enclosures