

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2020 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CR-050-2020

**Draft No.:** 2

**Committee:** Committee of the Whole

**Date:** 10/15/2020

**Action:** FAV (A)

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### REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 11-0 (In Favor: Council Members Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras,).

After the required public hearing on July 21, 2020, the Committee convened on September 9, 2020, September 24, 2020 and finally on October 15, 2020, to discuss this legislation, which updates the County's Comprehensive Ten-Year Solid Waste Management Plan. Title 9, Subtitle 5, Section 9-503(b) 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 and review that plan every three (3) years. To comply with state law, the proposed Plan must be adopted by the County Council and subsequently submitted to the Maryland Department of the Environment (DoE) for its approval within the 2020 calendar year. The last three-year update of the Plan was approved by the Council through the adoption of CR-3-2017, and the Plan adopted by CR-50-2020 will cover the period of 2020 through 2029.

During the Committee's discussions, the County's Department of Environment (DOE) Director Joseph Gill and staff provided a review of the plan, which outlines the State requirements for the preparation of the Plan, and reviews State and federal laws concerning solid waste. The Plan provides data indicating the growth of the County in terms of commercial and residential development, and the population increase. This plan underscores the need to find, innovate, and provide for cost-effective ways to recover materials from the waste stream and effectively manage the County's disposal facilities. DOE prepared responses to testimony provided at the public hearing, agency comments, and concerns expressed by the Committee, presenting a list of proposed changes at the 10/16 meeting. These changes included the clarification of references to: bans on polystyrene containers and non-compostable single-use straws; multi-family and commercial/industrial recycling; applicable MNCPPC and WSSC facilities and; language describing the outreach process residents residing within the boundaries of the Brown Station Road Sanitary Landfill and to the members of the County Council. The Committee adopted the changes proposed by DOE, and the Plan has been revised to reflect these changes

After the discussion on October 15, 2020, the Committee voted favorably on CR-50-2020 as amended, by a vote of 11-0.