

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**2013 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-134-2013

Proposed by Council Member Lehman

Introduced by Council Member Lehman

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction October 29, 2013

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Prince George's County Construction and Demolition Diversion Work Group

3 For the purpose of establishing the Prince George's County Construction and Demolition

4 Diversion Work Group to review and evaluate the creation and implementation of diversion of

5 construction and demolition waste program for reuse, recycling and salvaging and to recommend

6 appropriate policies and/or legislation for such a program in the County.

7 WHEREAS, according to a 2008 study approximately 178 million tons of construction and  
8 demolition waste (C & D waste), primarily made up of concrete and mixed rubble, wood and  
9 drywall materials, of which only thirty percent (30%) is diverted and seventy percent (70%) ends  
10 up in landfills; and

11 WHEREAS, the Federal government and several states have enacted C & D waste  
12 diversion provisions, ranging from fifty percent (50%) to seventy percent (70%) requirements;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, there are several potential benefits to C & D waste diversion programs,  
15 including increased capacity at existing sites, reduction of energy and resources used for the  
16 production of new products, reduction in tipping fees for private contractors, property owners  
17 and local governments, and the opportunity to enhance and expand markets for recycled and  
18 salvaged materials and job creation, and

19 WHEREAS, in Prince George's County it is estimated that C & D waste represents thirty  
20 percent (30%), or 454,000 tons, of the total solid waste generated (1.5 million tons annually);  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Prince George's County has undertaken several solid waste diversion efforts

1 and enacted goals through the Ten Year Solid Waste Plan, including source reduction, solid  
2 waste recycling, and organic recycling (yard and food waste) programs; and

3 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council considered CB-81-2013, a bill  
4 establishing requirements for construction and demolition waste diversion as part of the County's  
5 solid waste recycling policy; and

6 WHEREAS, waste from construction, demolition and renovations of buildings or other  
7 structures represents a significant portion of the volume of the County waste stream, that such  
8 waste is suitable for recycling and reuse and that the reduction of this waste stream would require  
9 the establishment of programs for reuse, recycling and salvaging of C & D waste; and

10 WHEREAS, the County Council desires to further examine the opportunities for addressing  
11 issues related to improving diversion of construction and demolition waste from the County's  
12 waste stream, and to consider appropriate recommendations for implementation of a program  
13 related thereto; and

14 WHEREAS, Section 506 of the Charter provides that the County Council or County  
15 Executive may appoint, for designated periods, one or more temporary advisory boards of  
16 citizens of the County who shall assist in the consideration of County policies and programs;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
18 County, Maryland, that the Prince George's County Construction and Demolition Diversion  
19 Work Group is hereby established to review and evaluate the creation and implementation of  
20 diversion of construction and demolition waste program for reuse, recycling and salvaging of C  
21 & D waste and to recommend appropriate policies and/or legislation for such a program in the  
22 County.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Construction and Demolition Diversion Work  
24 Group shall be composed of eleven (11) members as follows:

- 25 1. Two members appointed by the Chair of the County Council;
- 26 2. The County Executive or the County Executive's representative;
- 27 3. The Director of the County Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement  
28 (DPIE) or their designee;
- 29 4. The Director of the County Department of Environmental Resources (DER) or their  
30 designee;
- 31 5. The Director of the County Office of Central Services (OCS) or their designee;

6. A representative of the business community affiliated with the construction and demolition industry in the County;
7. A representative of a non-profit organization affiliated with the recycling and reuse industry in the County;
8. A representative who is affiliated with a non-profit environmental organization in the County;
9. A representative who is affiliated with the building or development industry in the County; and
10. A representative of the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the County Council shall appoint the Chair of the Work Group from amongst the eleven appointed members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Construction and Demolition Diversion Work Group shall present its evaluation and recommendations to the County Executive and County Council on or before May 31, 2014 and shall dissolve upon the issuance of their report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent by the Clerk of the Council to the County Executive, the Director of the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE), the Director of the Department of Environmental Resources (DER), the Director of the Office of Central Services, and the Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce.

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrea C. Harrison  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rushern L. Baker, III  
County Executive