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From: Kathy Ohalloran <kohall@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 9:29 AM
To: CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Re: CB-60

I am writing to ask you to please reconsider your stand on CB-60 and give the long-term impact on our community priority. Your support/vote for amendments to CB-60 will help to protect our families from the health and medical risks associated with industrial mulching and composting.

Also, please note of the dumping activities (apparently permitted) that are taking place right now on property off Howard Road and the negative impact they've had on traffic and noise pollution (and possible denigration of air quality).

Sincerely,

Kathleen O'Halloran

Sayers, Margery

From: julius akintade <jtakintade@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 7:54 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Objection to passage of UNamended CB60

I am expressing my objection as captioned.

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From: John Tegeris <johntegeris@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 22, 2017 10:43 PM
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Subject: CB60: Let the Industrial Mulching Games Begin
Attachments: Industrial Mulch Elevator.png

Take a close look at the attached photo to see an industrial elevator coming onto the Bonner/Oak Ridge Farm last week. As far as we can tell, these types of elevators are used to take mulch that comes out of an industrial tub grinder (we believe one of those tub grinders is up there, too) and throw it high up to create large mulch piles.

Could it be they are gearing up for what CB60 will allow for? We will know for sure soon if CB60 passes to allow for industrial mulching and composting activities with food waste, all for commercial sale, without major amendments. You've heard many times before what industrial processing continues on that MD ag farm in violation of CB20, but it appears they are gearing up for what lies ahead should CB60 pass 'as is'.

DPZ should have long ago enforced the current CB20 zoning regulations to prohibit these kind of industrial activities ongoing at Bonner/Oak Ridge continuously since 2012 related to industrial mulching and industrial transfer station activities, but sadly that is not the case.

Unfortunately, we will see more of this showing up across RR and RC farmland throughout Howard County in the coming weeks, months and years. We strongly urge everyone opposed to CB60 without major amendments to write to County Executive Kittleman at akittleman@howardcountymd.gov to express your concerns over his bill as written and to call for amendments. We urge you also to email the County Council at

councilmail@howardcountymd.gov to call for major amendments to be introduced and incorporated into CB60 when the legislative vote occurs likely on Nov 6.

Please forward along this, and other email blasts to follow, to those within your personal and professional networks who are also concerned about the health and safety risks CB60 poses to your families/children. Thank you.

John Tegeris, PhD
President, DRPS

*"CB60: Don't Defend It, Amend It!"
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Subject: CB60: A Sure Fire Path to Spontaneous Combustion

It's a fact. The danger of mulch fires is real. Families living nearby to industrial mulching and composting facilities will be at risk.

Please watch the video below, from a mulch fire in Prince Georges County, as one of many documented occurrences. These mulch fires start spontaneously from within the pile itself and require a tremendous amount of water to put out. Many mulch fires of even less than one acre in size are reported to require over 340,000 gallons of water.

County Executive Kittleman and CB60 authors, Council Members Sigaty and Fox, will allow for two acres of industrial mulch / compost in RR and RC throughout Howard County, and 10 acres total along the Interstate. Most of these facilities sure to pop up throughout the county in coming years will be in the rural west where we rely on underground suppression tanks dispersed throughout the County to help put out fires. At this point, the total volume of water contained in those tanks is approximately 340,000 gallons. You do the math.

Please email the County Council (councilmail@howardcountymd.gov) and County Executive Kittleman (akittleman@howardcountymd.gov) to voice your concerns for your family's safety in the event of a mulch fire near you.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XJ8ezu8Rims>

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Subject: CB60 and Industrial Composting: Stench and Odor Are Just the Beginning

Over three years ago, our fight to oppose industrial mulching and composting dealt only with wood waste, and primarily over concerns with ag preserve farmland. We won the fight to push this back through passage of CB20 thanks to the Council acknowledging the "unintended consequences" of allowing mulch to be included in the definition of farming during comp rezoning in 2013.

For no justifiable reason, and thanks to County Executive Kittleman and CB60 authors Council Members Sigaty and Fox, we find ourselves in a much more dangerous situation for health and safety risks to our families.

So where exactly is it we find ourselves? Let's recap the overall situation from the start. CB20 does not allow anyone to truck in yard waste for mulching or composting on ag farmland, or to truck it out for commercial sale. With CB60, you not only will be able to do industrial mulching and composting for commercial sale, you get to truck in what are called Type II materials that include food waste, animal carcasses and manure. Read the article copied below to see what foulness and stench are now added to the equation, and how businessmen push the envelope beyond what a permit allows.

For now, please email County Executive Kittleman (akittleman@howardcountymd.gov) to "thank" him for managing the Howard County landfill footprint at Alpha Ridge by soon allowing it to extend all over the farmland, and our communities, if CB60 passes without major amendments.

Please also email the County Council (councilmail@howardcountymd.gov) to voice your serious concerns and objections to CB60, and urge them to push for the amendments needed to protect our families. And also remind them that your vote will matter in the upcoming elections.

John Tegeris, PhD
President, DRPS

<http://www.ocala.com/news/20100215/county-says-composting-facility-too-noisy-smelly>

County says composting facility too noisy, smelly

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A former trucker who once worked hauling tree debris, Stewart saw in the ruins of small coastal towns the challenge of disposing of mass quantities of wood. Aided by some Internet research, he eventually encountered a composting technology that could handle that problem relatively swiftly, cheaply and - and probably most important - with little environmental impact.

The system he discovered, he says, can also help Marion County with some of its lingering solid waste issues, including disposing of thousands of tons of soiled horse bedding and freeing up space in the county landfill now consumed by yard and tree waste.

Yet Stewart's efforts, which have been supported by state environmental regulators, might be curtailed.

A clamor has arisen in recent weeks among neighbors who live near his Santos facility. Some demand the place be shut down because of the stench and noise emanating from it. And county officials might be ready to accommodate them.

County Zoning manager Sam Martsolf announced in a letter to Stewart last week that he would seek to revoke Compost USA's local permit despite assertions by Stewart's lawyer that the permit's language clearly allows his client to operate as he now does.

The case soon will wind up before the County Commission, and the future for both the residents and Stewart hinges on a single word: composting.

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The push for sanctions seems to bewilder Stewart, who believes his operation is as misunderstood as it is beneficial.

“I really don’t know what to say about that,” he said. “We’re trying to not create a nuisance.”

Yet a nuisance is what some neighbors contend Compost USA has become. The facility is at 4400 S.E. 73rd St., between U.S. 441 and Baseline Road.

At the Feb. 2 County Commission meeting, Kelly Myers, who lives a half-mile from the facility, told the board her children refuse to play in their own yard because of a smell so intense that it penetrates her home even with doors and windows shut.

“It smells like raw sewage in my house,” Myers told the board, adding that her children have been treated for newly developed upper respiratory afflictions. “It’s a health risk.”

“The stench and putrid smell of their operation prohibits us from going into our yards to cook out, work outside and, heaven forbid, don’t open the windows to our homes,” Santos residents Ed and Sandi Lewis wrote in an e-mail to the commission.

In another e-mail to commissioners, the Rev. Alan Jackson, pastor of the Little Chapel United Methodist Church in Santos, warned of “toxic sludge” being deposited at Compost USA’s facility.

“Let us not allow our community to be the dumping ground for the State of Florida,” he urged the board.

State environmental regulators didn’t believe that would happen. Stewart said he set up his facility in May 2008 with oversight from the state Department of Environmental Protection, or DEP, which wanted him to operate as a pilot project.

The facility went live in September 2008; three months later, public records indicate, Compost USA filed with the DEP for a permit to add treated sludge to the wood products being processed there. That permit, granted in May 2009, allowed Compost USA to take up to 350 cubic yards of material per day.

On average, Stewart said, Compost USA accepts between 200 and 250 cubic yards daily.

According to him, the technology employed by the company is new to Florida.

The process begins as waste is dumped onto a bed of wood mulch. The stack is then capped with another layer of mulch and piled into a 7-foot-high, 500-foot-long line called a windrow.

Added along the way is bacteria - developed by a Colorado company and which Stewart has dubbed "the bug" - that heats up and then consumes the pile.

Within 60 days, after further churning, processing and perfuming, the outcome is a fine, snuff-like powder, sold by Stewart as a soil additive and promoted as an environmentally sound alternative to chemically based fertilizers.

The product has been applied to residential yards, pastures, golf courses and orange groves, he said.

The sludge that Compost USA processes is the solid remnants left over from treatment of wastewater at publicly operated sewage plants, Stewart said. Compost USA only takes treated material; while he could accept it, Stewart flatly refuses to take raw sewage.

"Raw sewage stinks," he said.

Still, six months after DEP approved his permit residents began complaining about the stench and the noise.

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Criticism about odor and noise appears to bother Stewart.

For one thing, his facility is located next to Bayside Landfill, a private dump run by Waste Management Inc., and abuts Baseline Landfill.

With the El Nino weather pattern generating winds predominantly from the northeast, Stewart said it's possible the neighbors finding fault with him - who live primarily southwest of the facility - are getting a whiff of those landfills.

He also thinks they jumped to conclusions when they noted the sludge haulers - some of whose trucks bear the word "septic" - entering and exiting the property.

One of his customers argues that the public has not fully grasped the benefit of Compost USA.

Carl Zalak, owner of Busy Bee Waste Services in Ocala, said Compost USA's handling of stable bedding has been a godsend to owners of small horse farms - and waste haulers like him.

Compost USA has the capacity to handle up to half of the estimated 500,000 tons of bedding generated each year in Marion County.

Zalak said small farmers typically have nowhere else to dispose of the material except a landfill. But since the cost runs upward of \$50 a ton, that is frequently viewed as too expensive.

Storage and disposal options, he added, are further constrained by the Springs Protection Ordinance that the County Commission enacted last year.

"We have to have something in Marion County to deal with the horse manure situation, and this is the best situation that I can think of," said Zalak, a former construction-debris hauler who credits Compost USA for pulling his company from the brink of financial failure by creating a market for disposing of stable bedding.

"I feel bad if they [the neighbors] are having a problem, but I don't smell anything different from a horse farm."

Stewart said he would welcome the opportunity to demonstrate that to his critics. But so far, only one neighbor has taken advantage of his open-door policy to survey the operation, Stewart said.

And even though that person initially was supportive, he later wound up collecting petitions to oppose Compost USA, Stewart said.

Daisy Kendrick Morris, a Santos native and a nurse who has compiled her own research on composting, said she would decline the invitation because she is personally affected by the odor.

"I don't see the need for us to go there one by one for him to show us his PR presentation that is not confirmed as it relates to the safety of our community," she said.

Until recently, regulators had no reason to fault Stewart's work. DEP inspectors found in September that the facility was in "substantial compliance" with its state permit, state records show.

After the neighbors complained, county officials surveyed the operation and concluded in December that some provisions of the county's permit were being

violated.

They dinged Compost USA for operating outside the permitted hours, for not adhering to the site plan spelled out in the permit and for including sludge in its composting material.

In a Dec. 18 letter to the firm, county Zoning manager Sam Martsolf said the county appreciates the importance of the company's "green" efforts to produce an organic alternative to chemical fertilizers, as well as its attempts to mitigate the stench by moving its processing equipment as far as possible from neighboring homes.

Still, Martsolf wrote, "more could be done regarding odor control."

DEP regulators concurred after a subsequent investigation three days later.

On Jan. 14 they notified Compost USA that the odor and noise emanating from the plant were "beyond" the boundaries of both the plant's physical setup and the language of the state permit.

Stewart answered in a Feb. 1 letter saying that extra steps - including building a 15-foot-high berm, installing odor-suppression equipment and additional scrubbing of delivery trucks and mixing areas - would be taken to address regulators' concerns.

He said in an interview that some of the smell could be attributed to a gap in the berm surrounding the site.

That breach went unnoticed, he said, because of overgrown vegetation in that part of the property. That section is being filled.

Jeff Prather, ombudsman for the DEP's central region, said the agency expects Compost USA to finish all its proposed correctives by the end of February.

He also described the company as cooperative in resolving the odor and noise issues and noted that further action would be taken if the suggested solutions do not work.

Marion County, meanwhile, gave Compost USA until Jan. 4 to update its county permit to include the sludge processing. That was extended to Feb. 9 after company officials cited a vacation by its lawyer and an untimely death as a reason for missing the initial cutoff.

That deadline, too, came and went because instead of amending the permit - at a cost of \$300 - the company argues such a step is unnecessary.

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In response to that, Martsolf issued his letter last Thursday.

While the letter notes three violations, the key shortcoming goes to the heart of Compost USA's operations.

"The approved 'compost' referenced [in the permit] did not contemplate sludge cake composting," Martsolf wrote.

Yet that initial permit, approved for Conrad's Tree Service in December 2003, says

the applicant had permission to operate a “chipping, mulching and composting operation” on its 38-acre site. (Compost USA leases the property from Conrad Tree Service.)

Stewart declined to comment on the legal case, referring questions to his lawyer, Joe Hanratty, of Ocala.

Hanratty said Stewart and others involved in the project were assured by senior county officials in November 2008, before the firm applied with the DEP, that the existing county permit would suffice to cover sludge composting.

After reviewing the case and discussing the matter with current and former officials, Hanratty said his opinion remains the same.

“My client had the OK from Marion County and has a valid special use permit to operate,” he said.

Prather, of the DEP, said the agency does not have the authority to enforce local zoning rules or ordinances, but that its permit does not excuse Compost USA from meeting such rules.

It was unclear when the public hearing would be held. But Stewart can continue to operate until the board renders its decision.

Stewart said his company has so far spent more than \$1 million to get off the ground. And he will comply with the DEP’s demands for odor and noise control.

“I’m doing something I’m proud of, and we’re proactive [about remedying the complaints]. We want to be the best neighbor possible.”

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From: Susan Hensel <s.hensel@live.com>
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To: CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Please!

I am asking that you do not approve CB60! I live on Big Branch Drive in Dayton, which is very close to one of the farms that wants the approval to start a significant amount of mulching. The health risks alone are alarming. I can not imagine continuing to live their and subject my children to these risks if CB60 is approved.

The farm that is located near my home has already started the industrial mulching. They have large dump trucks coming and going from their property and we can hear the grinding at all hours of the day.

Simply put - whether it's 2 acres at a time dotted throughout Howard County or 10 acres on one parcel along Interstate 70, it's still industrial. If you truck in wood waste for processing, and truck it back out for commercial sale, it IS an industrial operation, and the health and safety risks are too great to ignore!

Please help me to keep my family and my neighbors safe! Please do not approve CB60!

Thank you,
Susan Hensel

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From: Cynthia Hood <hood14106@comcast.net>
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To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB60

Dear Council Members:

As a resident of rural Howard County for the past 40 years, I urge you to support and vote for the amendments to CB 60. We owe it to those who will follow us to protect the environment. Using farm land for industrial use is a terrible step. Please think carefully about this and do the right thing. The farmers in Howard County have done a wonderful job of farming the land and we encourage you to continue to guide them in this direction.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Hood
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Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: Global Input on the Medical Risks of Composting

The medical risks associated with composting (bioaerosols) extends far beyond our county, our state, even our nation, to the world. Please see the article below referencing a German study substantiating our well documented concerns over the medical risks.

We urge County Executive Kittleman and CB60 authors, Council Members Sigaty and Fox, to revert their position and support/vote for amendments to protect our families from the health and medical risks associated with industrial mulching and composting.

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COMPOST BIOAEROSOLS AND MORE RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS

May 2003, Effects of bioaerosol polluted outdoor air on airways of residents: a cross sectional study. Large scale yard waste composting can produce significant quantities of airborne bacteria, bacterial endotoxins, fungi, mycotoxins and other microorganisms (Bioaerosols). A German study reported that airborne levels of bacteria, fungi and actinomycetes (a form of bacteria) were about 10 to 1,000 times as high in areas within 300 meters downwind from a large yard waste composting site as compared to areas more than 500 meters from the composting site. Airborne bioaerosol levels near the composting site were as high as 8 million bacteria spores per cubic meter of air and 5 million fungal spores per cubic meter. A cross sectional health study of 214 residents living near the site found that many health problems were significantly more common than in residents living further from the site. Health problems significantly more common in residents near the compost site include bronchitis (3.0 times as common in residents near the site), shortness of breath (4.0 times as common), chronic cough (2.7 times), eye irritation (2.4) and chronic fatigue (2.8). Additional studies on large scale composting and health are planned.

- C Herr et al. Effects of bioaerosol polluted outdoor air on airways of residents: a cross sectional study. Occupational and Environmental Medicine May 2003;60(5):336-342.

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Subject: CB60: A Sure Fire Path to Spontaneous Combustion

It's a fact. The danger of mulch fires is real. Families living nearby to industrial mulching and composting facilities will be at risk.

Please watch the video below, from a mulch fire in Prince Georges County, as one of many documented occurrences. These mulch fires start spontaneously from within the pile itself and require a tremendous amount of water to put out. Many mulch fires of even less than one acre in size are reported to require over 340,000 gallons of water.

County Executive Kittleman and CB60 authors, Council Members Sigaty and Fox, will allow for two acres of industrial mulch / compost in RR and RC throughout Howard County, and 10 acres total along the Interstate. Most of these facilities sure to pop up throughout the county in coming years will be in the rural west where we rely on underground suppression tanks dispersed throughout the County to help put out fires. At this point, the total volume of water contained in those tanks is approximately 340,000 gallons. You do the math.

Please email the County Council (councilmail@howardcountymd.gov) and County Executive Kittleman (akittleman@howardcountymd.gov) to voice your concerns for your family's safety in the event of a mulch fire near you.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XJ8ezu8Rims>

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John Tegeris, PhD
President, DRPS

"CB60: Don't Defend It, Amend It!"
Your voice and your vote matter. Elections are drawing near.

Sayers, Margery

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Subject: CB60 and Industrial Composting: Stench and Odor Are Just the Beginning

Over three years ago, our fight to oppose industrial mulching and composting dealt only with wood waste, and primarily over concerns with ag preserve farmland. We won the fight to push this back through passage of CB20 thanks to the Council acknowledging the "unintended consequences" of allowing mulch to be included in the definition of farming during comp rezoning in 2013.

For no justifiable reason, and thanks to County Executive Kittleman and CB60 authors Council Members Sigaty and Fox, we find ourselves in a much more dangerous situation for health and safety risks to our families.

So where exactly is it we find ourselves? Let's recap the overall situation from the start. CB20 does not allow anyone to truck in yard waste for mulching or composting on ag farmland, or to truck it out for commercial sale. With CB60, you not only will be able to do industrial mulching and composting for commercial sale, you get to truck in what are called Type II materials that include food waste, animal carcasses and manure. Read the article copied below to see what foulness and stench are now added to the equation, and how businessmen push the envelope beyond what a permit allows.

For now, please email County Executive Kittleman (akittleman@howardcountymd.gov) to "thank" him for managing the Howard County landfill footprint at Alpha Ridge by soon allowing it to extend all over the farmland, and our communities, if CB60 passes without major amendments.

Please also email the County Council (councilmail@howardcountymd.gov) to voice your serious concerns and objections to CB60, and urge them to push for the amendments needed to protect our families. And also remind them that your vote will matter in the upcoming elections.

John Tegeris, PhD
President, DRPS

<http://www.ocala.com/news/20100215/county-says-composting-facility-too-noisy-smelly>

County says composting facility too noisy, smelly

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A former trucker who once worked hauling tree debris, Stewart saw in the ruins of small coastal towns the challenge of disposing of mass quantities of wood. Aided by some Internet research, he eventually encountered a composting technology that could handle that problem relatively swiftly, cheaply and - and probably most important - with little environmental impact.

The system he discovered, he says, can also help Marion County with some of its lingering solid waste issues, including disposing of thousands of tons of soiled horse bedding and freeing up space in the county landfill now consumed by yard and tree waste.

Yet Stewart's efforts, which have been supported by state environmental regulators, might be curtailed.

A clamor has arisen in recent weeks among neighbors who live near his Santos facility. Some demand the place be shut down because of the stench and noise emanating from it. And county officials might be ready to accommodate them.

County Zoning manager Sam Martsof announced in a letter to Stewart last week that he would seek to revoke Compost USA's local permit despite assertions by Stewart's lawyer that the permit's language clearly allows his client to operate as he now does.

The case soon will wind up before the County Commission, and the future for both the residents and Stewart hinges on a single word: composting.

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The push for sanctions seems to bewilder Stewart, who believes his operation is as misunderstood as it is beneficial.

“I really don’t know what to say about that,” he said. “We’re trying to not create a nuisance.”

Yet a nuisance is what some neighbors contend Compost USA has become. The facility is at 4400 S.E. 73rd St., between U.S. 441 and Baseline Road.

At the Feb. 2 County Commission meeting, Kelly Myers, who lives a half-mile from the facility, told the board her children refuse to play in their own yard because of a smell so intense that it penetrates her home even with doors and windows shut.

“It smells like raw sewage in my house,” Myers told the board, adding that her children have been treated for newly developed upper respiratory afflictions. “It’s a health risk.”

“The stench and putrid smell of their operation prohibits us from going into our yards to cook out, work outside and, heaven forbid, don’t open the windows to our homes,” Santos residents Ed and Sandi Lewis wrote in an e-mail to the commission.

In another e-mail to commissioners, the Rev. Alan Jackson, pastor of the Little Chapel United Methodist Church in Santos, warned of “toxic sludge” being deposited at Compost USA’s facility.

“Let us not allow our community to be the dumping ground for the State of Florida,” he urged the board.

State environmental regulators didn’t believe that would happen. Stewart said he set up his facility in May 2008 with oversight from the state Department of Environmental Protection, or DEP, which wanted him to operate as a pilot project.

The facility went live in September 2008; three months later, public records indicate, Compost USA filed with the DEP for a permit to add treated sludge to the wood products being processed there. That permit, granted in May 2009, allowed Compost USA to take up to 350 cubic yards of material per day.

On average, Stewart said, Compost USA accepts between 200 and 250 cubic yards daily.

According to him, the technology employed by the company is new to Florida.

The process begins as waste is dumped onto a bed of wood mulch. The stack is then capped with another layer of mulch and piled into a 7-foot-high, 500-foot-long line called a windrow.

Added along the way is bacteria - developed by a Colorado company and which Stewart has dubbed "the bug" - that heats up and then consumes the pile.

Within 60 days, after further churning, processing and perfuming, the outcome is a fine, snuff-like powder, sold by Stewart as a soil additive and promoted as an environmentally sound alternative to chemically based fertilizers.

The product has been applied to residential yards, pastures, golf courses and orange groves, he said.

The sludge that Compost USA processes is the solid remnants left over from treatment of wastewater at publicly operated sewage plants, Stewart said. Compost USA only takes treated material; while he could accept it, Stewart flatly refuses to take raw sewage.

"Raw sewage stinks," he said.

Still, six months after DEP approved his permit residents began complaining about the stench and the noise.

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Criticism about odor and noise appears to bother Stewart.

For one thing, his facility is located next to Bayside Landfill, a private dump run by Waste Management Inc., and abuts Baseline Landfill.

With the El Nino weather pattern generating winds predominantly from the northeast, Stewart said it's possible the neighbors finding fault with him - who live primarily southwest of the facility - are getting a whiff of those landfills.

He also thinks they jumped to conclusions when they noted the sludge haulers - some of whose trucks bear the word "septic" - entering and exiting the property.

One of his customers argues that the public has not fully grasped the benefit of Compost USA.

Carl Zalak, owner of Busy Bee Waste Services in Ocala, said Compost USA's handling of stable bedding has been a godsend to owners of small horse farms - and waste haulers like him.

Compost USA has the capacity to handle up to half of the estimated 500,000 tons of bedding generated each year in Marion County.

Zalak said small farmers typically have nowhere else to dispose of the material except a landfill. But since the cost runs upward of \$50 a ton, that is frequently viewed as too expensive.

Storage and disposal options, he added, are further constrained by the Springs Protection Ordinance that the County Commission enacted last year.

"We have to have something in Marion County to deal with the horse manure situation, and this is the best situation that I can think of," said Zalak, a former construction-debris hauler who credits Compost USA for pulling his company from the brink of financial failure by creating a market for disposing of stable bedding.

"I feel bad if they [the neighbors] are having a problem, but I don't smell anything different from a horse farm."

Stewart said he would welcome the opportunity to demonstrate that to his critics. But so far, only one neighbor has taken advantage of his open-door policy to survey the operation, Stewart said.

And even though that person initially was supportive, he later wound up collecting petitions to oppose Compost USA, Stewart said.

Daisy Kendrick Morris, a Santos native and a nurse who has compiled her own research on composting, said she would decline the invitation because she is personally affected by the odor.

"I don't see the need for us to go there one by one for him to show us his PR presentation that is not confirmed as it relates to the safety of our community," she said.

Until recently, regulators had no reason to fault Stewart's work. DEP inspectors found in September that the facility was in "substantial compliance" with its state permit, state records show.

After the neighbors complained, county officials surveyed the operation and concluded in December that some provisions of the county's permit were being

violated.

They dinged Compost USA for operating outside the permitted hours, for not adhering to the site plan spelled out in the permit and for including sludge in its composting material.

In a Dec. 18 letter to the firm, county Zoning manager Sam Martsolf said the county appreciates the importance of the company's "green" efforts to produce an organic alternative to chemical fertilizers, as well as its attempts to mitigate the stench by moving its processing equipment as far as possible from neighboring homes. Still, Martsolf wrote, "more could be done regarding odor control."

DEP regulators concurred after a subsequent investigation three days later.

On Jan. 14 they notified Compost USA that the odor and noise emanating from the plant were "beyond" the boundaries of both the plant's physical setup and the language of the state permit.

Stewart answered in a Feb. 1 letter saying that extra steps - including building a 15-foot-high berm, installing odor-suppression equipment and additional scrubbing of delivery trucks and mixing areas - would be taken to address regulators' concerns. He said in an interview that some of the smell could be attributed to a gap in the berm surrounding the site.

That breach went unnoticed, he said, because of overgrown vegetation in that part of the property. That section is being filled.

Jeff Prather, ombudsman for the DEP's central region, said the agency expects Compost USA to finish all its proposed correctives by the end of February.

He also described the company as cooperative in resolving the odor and noise issues and noted that further action would be taken if the suggested solutions do not work. Marion County, meanwhile, gave Compost USA until Jan. 4 to update its county permit to include the sludge processing. That was extended to Feb. 9 after company officials cited a vacation by its lawyer and an untimely death as a reason for missing the initial cutoff.

That deadline, too, came and went because instead of amending the permit - at a cost of \$300 - the company argues such a step is unnecessary.

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In response to that, Martsolf issued his letter last Thursday.

While the letter notes three violations, the key shortcoming goes to the heart of Compost USA's operations.

"The approved 'compost' referenced [in the permit] did not contemplate sludge cake composting," Martsolf wrote.

Yet that initial permit, approved for Conrad's Tree Service in December 2003, says

the applicant had permission to operate a “chipping, mulching and composting operation” on its 38-acre site. (Compost USA leases the property from Conrad Tree Service.)

Stewart declined to comment on the legal case, referring questions to his lawyer, Joe Hanratty, of Ocala.

Hanratty said Stewart and others involved in the project were assured by senior county officials in November 2008, before the firm applied with the DEP, that the existing county permit would suffice to cover sludge composting.

After reviewing the case and discussing the matter with current and former officials, Hanratty said his opinion remains the same.

“My client had the OK from Marion County and has a valid special use permit to operate,” he said.

Prather, of the DEP, said the agency does not have the authority to enforce local zoning rules or ordinances, but that its permit does not excuse Compost USA from meeting such rules.

It was unclear when the public hearing would be held. But Stewart can continue to operate until the board renders its decision.

Stewart said his company has so far spent more than \$1 million to get off the ground. And he will comply with the DEP’s demands for odor and noise control.

“I’m doing something I’m proud of, and we’re proactive [about remedying the complaints]. We want to be the best neighbor possible.”

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Sayers, Margery

From: Susan Hensel <s.hensel@live.com>
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 12:11 PM
To: CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan
Subject: Please!

I am asking that you do not approve CB60! I live on Big Branch Drive in Dayton, which is very close to one of the farms that wants the approval to start a significant amount of mulching. The health risks alone are alarming. I can not imagine continuing to live there and subject my children to these risks if CB60 is approved.

The farm that is located near my home has already started the industrial mulching. They have large dump trucks coming and going from their property and we can hear the grinding at all hours of the day.

Simply put - whether it's 2 acres at a time dotted throughout Howard County or 10 acres on one parcel along Interstate 70, it's still industrial. If you truck in wood waste for processing, and truck it back out for commercial sale, it IS an industrial operation, and the health and safety risks are too great to ignore!

Please help me to keep my family and my neighbors safe! Please do not approve CB60!

Thank you,
Susan Hensel

Sayers, Margery

From: Cynthia Hood <hood14106@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 10:54 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB60

Dear Council Members:

As a resident of rural Howard County for the past 40 years, I urge you to support and vote for the amendments to CB 60. We owe it to those who will follow us to protect the environment. Using farm land for industrial use is a terrible step. Please think carefully about this and do right thing. The farmers in Howard County have done a wonderful job of farming the land and we encourage you to continue to guide them in this direction.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Hood
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Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: Global Input on the Medical Risks of Composting

The medical risks associated with composting (bioaerosols) extends far beyond our county, our state, even our nation, to the world. Please see the article below referencing a German study substantiating our well documented concerns over the medical risks.

We urge County Executive Kittleman and CB60 authors, Council Members Sigaty and Fox, to revert their position and support/vote for amendments to protect our families from the health and medical risks associated with industrial mulching and composting.

Please email the County Council (councilmail@howardcountymd.gov) and County Executive Kittleman (akittleman@howardcountymd.gov) to voice your serious concerns and objections.

Thank you for distributing to your network.

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COMPOST BIOAEROSOLS AND MORE RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS

May 2003, Effects of bioaerosol polluted outdoor air on airways of residents: a cross sectional study. Large scale yard waste composting can produce significant quantities of airborne bacteria, bacterial endotoxins, fungi, mycotoxins and other microorganisms (Bioaerosols). A German study reported that airborne levels of bacteria, fungi and actinomycetes (a form of bacteria) were about 10 to 1,000 times as high in areas within 300 meters downwind from a large yard waste composting site as compared to areas more than 500 meters from the composting site. Airborne bioaerosol levels near the composting site were as high as 8 million bacteria spores per cubic meter of air and 5 million fungal spores per cubic meter. A cross sectional health study of 214 residents living near the site found that many health problems were significantly more common than in residents living further from the site. Health problems significantly more common in residents near the compost site include bronchitis (3.0 times as common in residents near the site), shortness of breath (4.0 times as common), chronic cough (2.7 times), eye irritation (2.4) and chronic fatigue (2.8). Additional studies on large scale composting and health are planned.

- C Herr et al. Effects of bioaerosol polluted outdoor air on airways of residents: a cross sectional study. Occupational and Environmental Medicine May 2003;60(5):336-342.

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From: Tiffany <tiffwunderlich@gmail.com>
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To: CouncilMail
Subject: Important from Howard County Resident

Dear County Council,

My family and I moved into Dayton, MD almost two years ago. We moved from Maple Lawn in search of a quiet, outdoor area to raise our young family. With two young boys who love to play outside, we wanted to provide an area for our children to run and play that is safe. We love the quiet, safe area in which we live. I am afraid that the decisions being made to CB60 will harm my family instead of helping them. As a parent, I need to make sure my family stays safe. I do not want food waste, animal mortality and manure being trucked in for composting and trucked out for commercial sale. I do not want the chance that our well water could become contaminated. Please make sure that the right amendments are added to CB60 so our community stays quiet and safe for my family.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Osman

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Sayers, Margery

From: Darren Bush <darbus37@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 9:50 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Cb 60

We strongly oppose cb-60 without significant amendments to protect our health and safety. Additional traffic on local roads and documented health risks from composting and mulching are very concerning and pose significant risk to our community. Please make the necessary amendments to keep us safe

Bush family
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Dayton md 21036

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Subject: Coming soon to a neighborhood near you, unless the right amendments are added to CB60

It appears that County Executive Kittleman, CB60 authors (Council Members Sigaty and Fox), and DPZ Leadership Lazdins and Gowan must agree with this composting company in Cincinnati (cited in the article below) that "*blames Americans...for not wanting to deal with the few minor inconveniences of odors, rodents, truck traffic, groundwater contamination and decreased property values in order to 'be green.'*"

If you're OK with food waste, animal mortality and manure being trucked in for composting and trucked out for commercial sale, then you have nothing to do. If you don't want this coming soon to a neighborhood near you, then please spread the word and email the County Council (councilmail@howardcountymd.gov) and County Executive Kittleman (akittleman@howardcountymd.gov) to voice your strong objections and concerns.

Thank you for distributing to your network.

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President, DRPS

<https://biohitech.wordpress.com/2014/10/10/compost-cincy-shut-down-and-locked-out/>

Compost Cincy Shut Down and Locked Out



It will cost the city of Cincinnati an estimated \$300,000 to clean up a composting site they shut down earlier this year due to odor complaints.

Compost Cincy rented an old landfill site from the city to provide an environmentally friendly alternative to landfills, but after numerous odor complaints, the city shut them down and locked them out because of odor problems.

The idea of the first centrally located composting facility in Cincinnati started out as a win-win for businesses, the city and the environment. Large commercial companies could send their waste to the old landfill site where Compost Cincy would break it down and sell it. But demand for composting proved to be much bigger than they anticipated.

Compost Cincy designed their operation for about 20,000 tons a year, at their peak they were receiving a rate more like 80,000 tons a year.

All that decomposing waste became a smelly problem for industrial neighbors so the city opted not to renew the lease.

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To: CouncilMail
Subject: Dr. Velculescu Should Have the Opportunity to Speak at the Next Work Session

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Sincerely,

Stu Kohn
HCCA, President

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Dan O'Leary
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