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From: Arthur Klaunberg <artklaunberg@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, November 03, 2017 11:10 AM
To: Kittleman, Allan; CouncilMail
Subject: CB-60 (amending)

County Executive Kittleman
County Council Members:

Regarding CB-60 (mulching etc.), we want this Bill amended to allow us Howard County residents to reside in a safe/liveable environment conducive to safe/good health!! The Doctors - experts in this matter - should be allowed to testify on our behalf - The concerned Howard County taxpayers!

Your serious considerations of all aspects/by-products of this business will be most appreciated!!

Respectfully yours,

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From: Sigaty, Mary Kay
Sent: Friday, November 03, 2017 10:36 AM
To: james.nickel55@gmail.com; Kittleman, Allan; CouncilMail; Lazdins, Valdis; Gowan, Amy; Plummer, David
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Good Morning Mr. Nickel,

I have shared with the public at several of our meetings that the work represented by your enclosed photo was a conservation practice. Clearly you don't believe me, so I'm sharing with you and the many others who have had the opportunity to see your photos my recent communication with the District Manager of the Howard Soil Conservation District.

Hopefully you will find David Plummer's description of the activities at the Orndorff's farm informative.

Mary Kay Sigaty

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From: David Plummer <dplummer@howardcountymd.gov>
Date: Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 9:00 AM
To: "Sigaty, Mary Kay" <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>
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Thanks.....MK

Mary Kay Sigaty
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From: James Nickel <james.nickel55@gmail.com>

Date: Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 7:44 PM

To: CouncilMail <CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov>

Cc: Allan Kittleman <akittleman@howardcountymd.gov>, Val Lazdins <vlazdins@howardcountymd.gov>

Subject: CB60-2017 and Dayton property

Council Members,

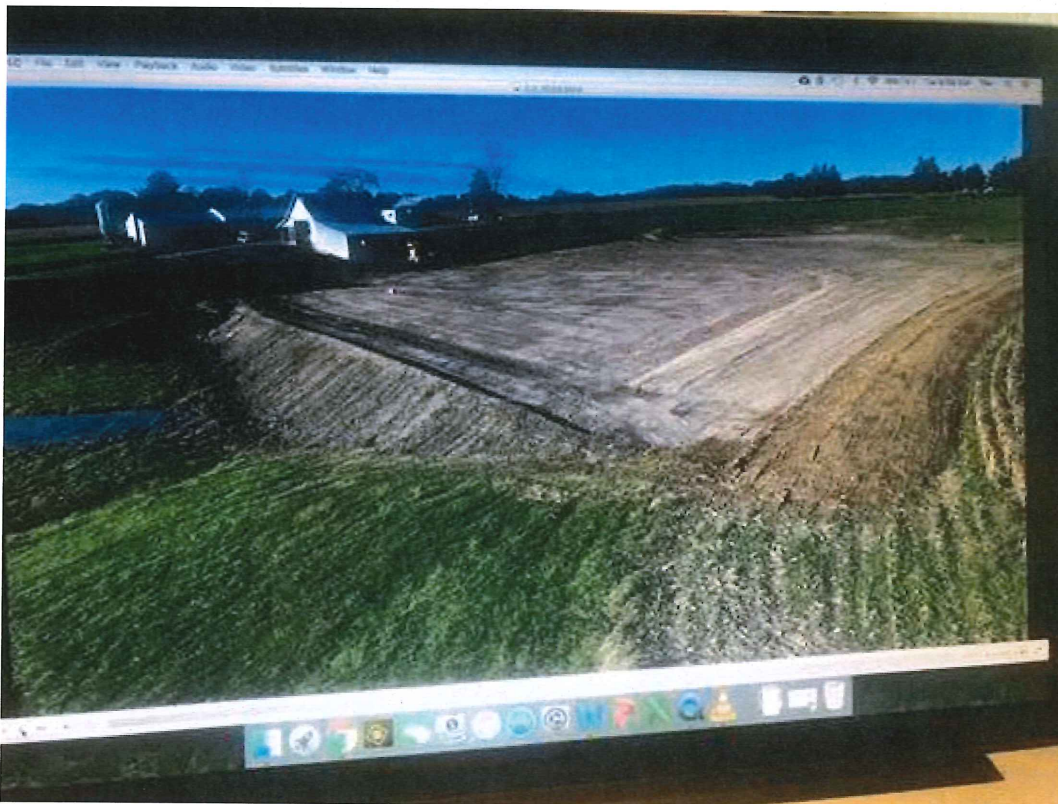
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Best Regards,
Jim Nickel
Dayton, MD





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From: John Groopman <jgroopm1@jhu.edu>
Sent: Friday, November 03, 2017 10:19 AM
To: CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan
Cc: Victor Velculescu
Subject: Health risks regarding industrial composting and mulching related to CB60

I am writing with respect to the issue of health risks regarding industrial composting and mulching related to CB60. In background, I have been a Professor of Environmental Health in Schools of Public Health for over 35 years and for 19 years I chaired the Department of Environmental Health Sciences at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. My research and practice activities focus on environmental exposures that confer health risks to communities. I have been the co-director of the Maryland Cigarette Restitution funded program at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine since 1999 and my laboratory is currently funded by the National Cancer Institute to address interventions for populations at risk from air pollution. Finally, I teach the required environmental health course for our annual 250 MPH students, many of whom live and work in Howard County.

I believe that great precaution is needed to consider the siting of the proposed use of the compost and other materials to be applied to lands that impact the breathing zones of residents. There is significant work in our School by faculty and students focused on airborne dispersal of chemical, physical and biological agents that can emerge from high-volume deposition of compost, soil, and waste. Very troublingly work has documented the creation of antibiotic resistant organisms in large animal feeding facilities such as those found on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. As you are aware antibiotics are extensively used in these large chicken and hog facilities and studies from our department have demonstrated the production of antibiotic resistant organisms that are then found in the mulch and composting materials in these animal facilities. These organisms are readily aerosolized and workers in these facilities become exposed to these antibiotic resistant organisms. This is something that we see in community based MRSA infections and it is a very major issue for people living near these large facilities. Since this material is often used to enhance soils for growing various plants the dispersion of these bedding materials is actually fairly widespread even in non-agriculturally intensive areas. Obviously, the dispersion of anything in the air crosses property lines in the same way that the international transmission of air pollutants cross country barriers all over the planet.

Further, it is obvious that the recent and ongoing fires in California illustrate the long-term and long-distance reach of particulate matter that's generated through the aerosolization of particulate matter that can deposit in the deep lung. In addition, most people spend 90 to 95% of their time indoors and when these pollutant materials get embedded in shoes that are then tracked into homes or become entrapped in environments where there is limited air exchange then you can have a constant source of exposure since most people do not use HEPA filter equipped vacuums for cleaning. Ironically in our experience if these types of materials were found in the air in an elementary school in Howard County parents would be up in arms and demand immediate remediation.

Finally, we are all desirous of being as healthy as possible and we should not unnecessarily compromise health by having avoidable environmental contamination.

Sincerely,

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Subject: CB60: Promoting "Industrial" Farming on Farmland Near You
Attachments: IMG953269111.jpg; BonnerOCT17.Still002.jpg; Bonner soil processing.png; JBRK Property Dasyon.jpg

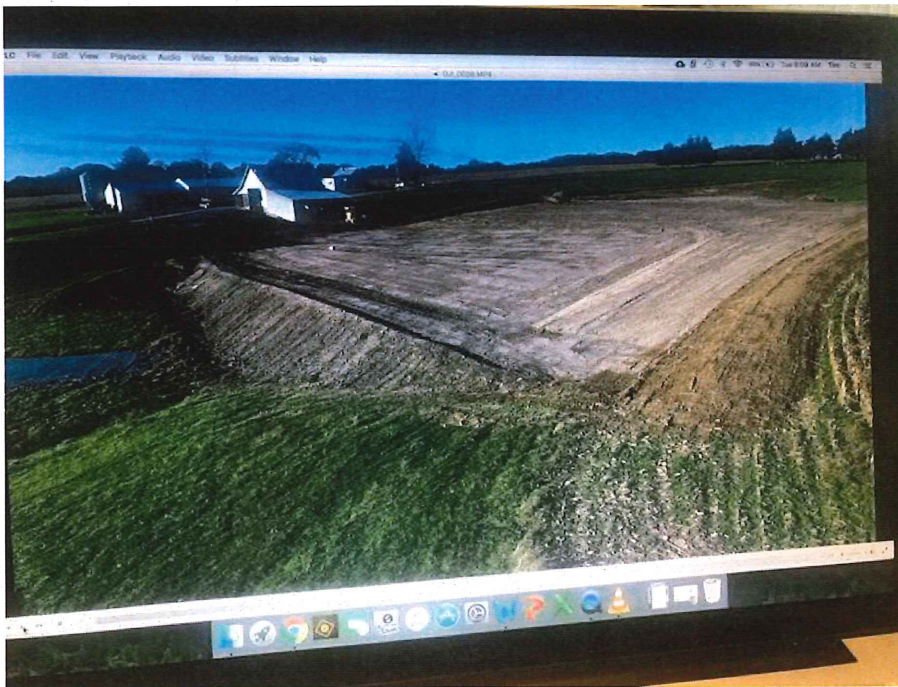
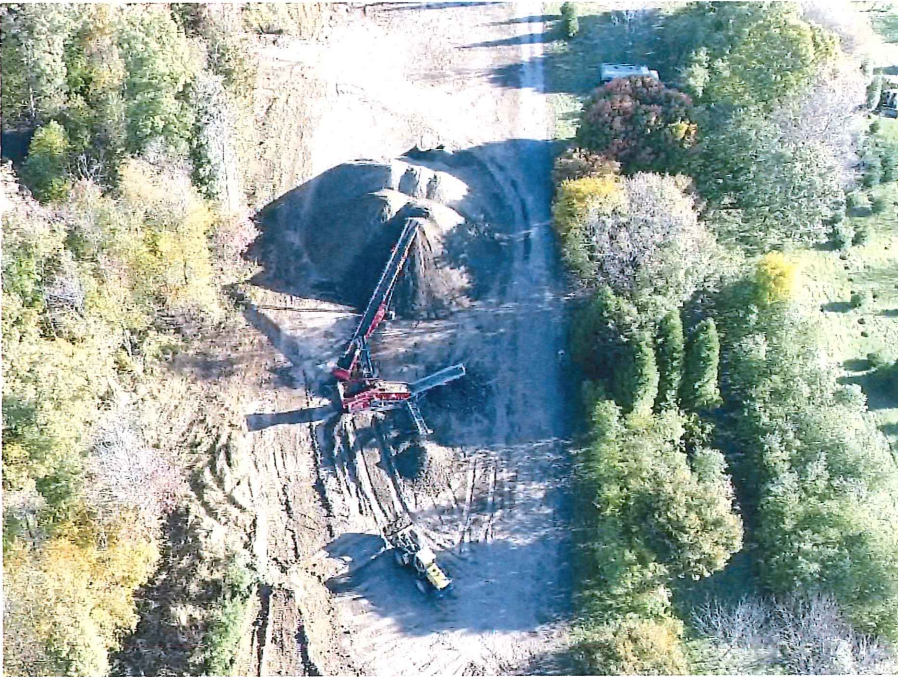
Thanks once again to County Executive Kittleman and CB60 authors Sigaty and Fox, here is sampling of what lies ahead on farmland throughout Howard County. Only thing missing is what is to come when we add to these photos industrial composting with food waste, animal mortality and manure that can be trucked in to create new levels of pestilence to contaminate our groundwater and put our families at risk for disease and, of course, noxious odors emanating from these piles.

Take a look at these recent photos below (also attached) showing activities ongoing at Bonner/Oak Ridge (MD ag preserve as farmland in perpetuity per the terms of the program), and write to County Executive Kittleman, who owns CB60, and Council Members Sigaty and Fox who authored it, to tell them which of these looks like legitimate farming operations. If you think none support true farming activities, then you are right. They are purely industrial processing despite what these three continue to claim are "not industrial activities." We asked before and ask again for them to publicly defend their position on the issue. The closest we can come to an explanation, and a bad one at that, was Council Member Sigaty's response to a related question at a public meeting (Glory Days) to say that these types of activities are not industrial but commercial, but was unable to explain what defines the difference. Ridiculous. DPZ calls some of it "accessory" use, but the definition of that is wide open and subject to interpretation, but likely not enforcement. While we all support true farming, this is clearly NOT farming. The first shows different mulch piles, the second shows an ongoing land clearing debris transfer station, and the newest in the series of multi-year zoning violations shows soil processing/strip mining. All what is headed to a farm near you if CB60 passes without amendments.

Now take at the last photo from the Orndorff farm (Howard County ag preserve) to see what has resulted from likely thousands of 3-axle dump trucks over a five month span, the start coinciding with public release of CB60 (very interesting coincidence) that has caused anger and concern from many residents in the town of Dayton where the farm is located. Again, we sight safety concerns with so many of us witnessing these trucks speeding, trucks crossing the yellow line on rural Ten Oaks and Howard Roads, and these 3-axle dump trucks passing each other heading in opposite directions on tight, windy rural roads (I have shown video of it all), with no room to spare for children waiting on the edge of these roads to board school buses each morning and exit them again in the afternoon. These dump trucks likely weighing 28-30 tons when carrying full loads, are running all day up and down these same rural roads creating a serious safety risk for our children.

We don't think this intensive five month effort to create what is depicted in the photo was all to support traditional crop farming. Could it be a foundation to support a home? Could it be a foundation to support commercial grade equipment for industrial processing such as soil/mulch/compost? Maybe. What we know by Orndorff's own claims is that he "follows the rules" (Bonner, on the other hand, does not). One thing is for sure, that this is the before photo. When CB60 is passed to create new rules for what is allowed, the after photo will likely tell a different story, and allow Orndorff to continue to follow the rules. Again, none of this is farming and will create health and safety risks despite County Executive Kittleman and CB60 authors' claims to the contrary.





Please email County Executive Kittleman (akittleman@howardcountymd.gov) and the County Council (councilmail@howardcountymd.gov) to call for major amendments to CB60 that will prohibit industrial processing of any kind on RR and RC throughout Howard County.

Thank you for distributing to your network.

John Tegeris, PhD
President, DRPS

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







Sayers, Margery

From: carole mccann <carolemccann@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 8:39 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: say NO to TYPE 2 Feedstock in compost

Amend CB60 to prevent Type 2 feedstock in compost, SAVE OUR GROUNDWATER!

Sayers, Margery

From: stukohn@verizon.net
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 7:51 PM
To: CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan; Wilson, B Diane; howard-citizen@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Fwd: Food for Thought

FYI,

I just wanted to share the following email below that I received from Councilwoman, Jen Terrasa. It is certainly appreciated as once again she has the courtesy to respond to an inquiry. As I have stated before that is all we ask even if the response to our concern(s) might be negative.

In this case, Councilwoman Terrasa was already ahead of the inquiry as she basically was asking similar questions to the Administration and the Economic Development Authority, approximately 10 1/2 hours prior to our inquiry. The questions that are being asked are important whereby the public should have the opportunity to obtain some insight.

Sincerely,

Stu Kohn
HCCA, President

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Terrasa, Jen" <jterrasa@howardcountymd.gov>
Date: November 2, 2017 at 8:55:54 AM EDT
To: "stukohn@verizon.net" <stukohn@verizon.net>
Subject: Re: Food for Thought

I share your concern and questions about these two new facilities in Howard County. See below or the email I sent to the administration yesterday asking for more information about these facilities and how they relate to cb60.

Jen Terrasa

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: jterrasa@howardcountymd.gov
Date: November 1, 2017 at 10:14:01 AM EDT
To: "akittleman@howardcountymd.gov" <akittleman@howardcountymd.gov>, Valdis Lazdins <vlazdins@howardcountymd.gov>, "Lawrence F. Twele" <ltwele@hceda.org>
Subject: North American Biodigestion Facilities In Howard County

Good morning, Mr. Kittleman, Mr. Lazdins, and Mr. Twele,

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/News/ArticleID/1015/>

I read the this news release with great interest. As you noted, it has the potential to offer benefits to the county. I have a few questions that I hope you can help me with.

1. Where will this be located?
2. Where is it permitted under current zoning and land use regulations?

3. How, if at all, does cb60 impact this? In other words, where would it be permitted under existing law and does that change with the passage of cb60?

Shared via the [Google app](#)

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On Nov 1, 2017, at 8:42 PM, "stukohn@verizon.net" <stukohn@verizon.net> wrote:

On the County Website there is an article about "Howard County selected as location for North American headquarters for BTS Bioenergy" – see - <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/News/ArticleID/1015/News103117>. The last sentence in the article states, "BTS Bioenergy is not currently disclosing the specific site locations for its North American headquarters or bio-digester facilities."

How does this new development affect CB60 – Mulching, Composting and Natural Wood Waste. Shouldn't we know or when will we find out where these sites will be located in Howard County? Will they be close to residents? Will they generate noise? Are there any safety or health risks?

We just need to be sure that all and any risks (if any) are completely examined prior to any installation of such facilities.

Will anyone of our elected officials please answer the mail?

Sincerely,

Stu Kohn
HCCA, President

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For the record.

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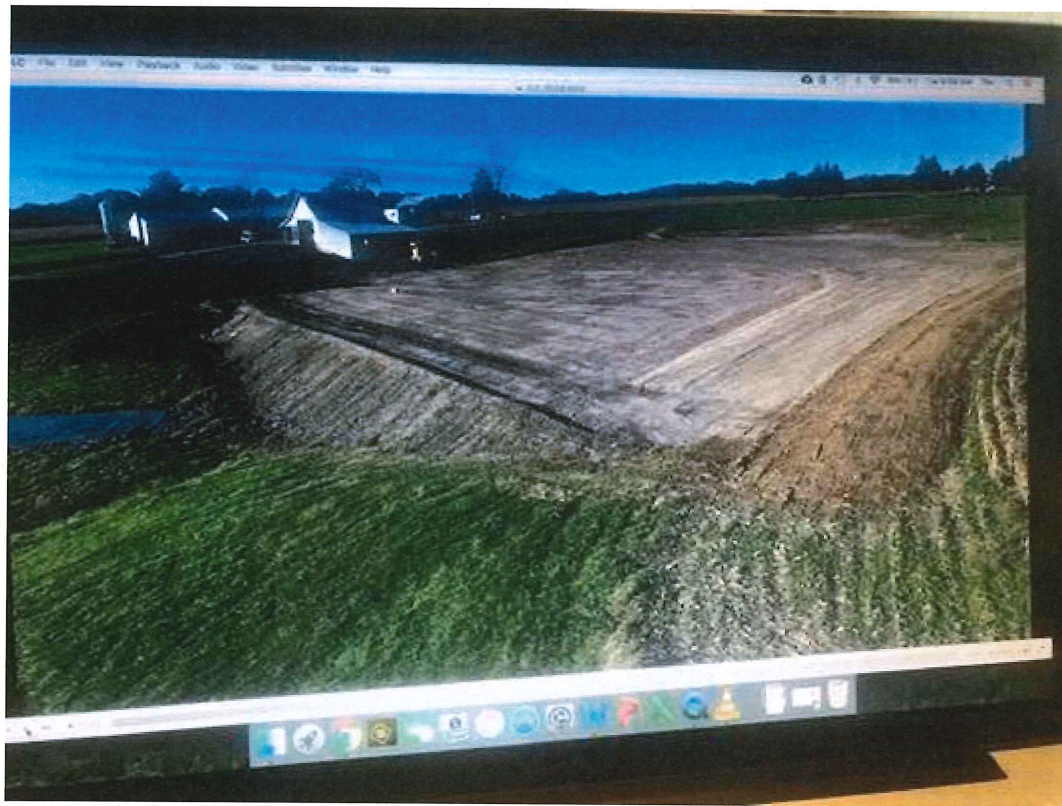
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Dayton, MD



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From: Sunnyside1998@aol.com
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To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB60

Dear Council,

While we appreciate your efforts to stop the "Bad Actor" here in Woodbine we don't feel there are sufficient amendments with CB60 to protect citizens from mulch and composting activities. The grinding and turning of these large quantities of material disperse bioaerosols that travel for miles. People living nearby, downwind and on lower elevation have experienced the brunt of this mulch and compost manufacturing.

Our neighbors, tenants, horse boarders, pets and livestock have experienced respiratory and ophthalmic issues correlating with this "Bad Actor's" operations for almost a decade now. The noise, odors, insects and truck traffic has been horrendous. We live in fear that our wells are or soon will be contaminated.

We oppose CB60 because even with amendments we don't feel you can stop the "Bad Actors". I know of no true farmers that have been stopped from composting their manure or wood waste since CB20 was passed. Most farmers are not interested in composting, mulch or soil processing.

Much appreciation for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Leslie Long

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Subject: CB60: County Executive Kittleman - Stop Dragging Us through the Mulch

Well, here's a new twist. Apparently there is a way to process food waste in a closed environment after all. County Executive Kittleman and Council Members Sigaty and Fox: maybe we're not as crazy as you like to make us out to be. With the possibility of a solution such as bio-digestion recycling facilities, why put forth a bill as poor as CB60 that will allow open landfills to pop up all over Howard County, and put rural communities at risk for health and safety concerns? Here's even another possible sustainable solution: responsibly grow county run landfills such as Alpha Ridge.

With regards to the bio-digestion recycling facility, this is obviously new information (please see the link below), and we certainly haven't had time to do due diligence looking into the potential health and safety impact of these facilities. The mere existence, however, of this technology in what appears to be a closed environment, tends to support that there are better solutions than putting our families at risk for carcinogens, heavy metals/neurotoxins, endospores, fires, noise, odor and, of course, tractor-trailers and 3-axle trucks up and down our rural roads all day and all weekend long (did I miss anything?).

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/News/ArticleID/1015/News103117>

We are by no means saying that the biogas solution would eliminate all the risks associated with industrial mulching and composting, but the bill by the Careless Three and their supporting cast from DPZ doesn't even give the residents of Howard County a fighting chance.

Please email County Executive Kittleman (akittleman@howardcountymd.gov) and the County Council (councilmail@howardcountymd.gov) to tell them that we deserve better than CB60.

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Sayers, Margery

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Subject: CB60

All,

After attending meetings and conversing with knowledgeable people regarding CB60, I am opposed to CB60.

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From: stukohn@verizon.net
Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 8:42 PM
To: Kittleman, Allan; Wilson, B Diane; CouncilMail; howard-citizen@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Food for Thought

On the County Website there is an article about “Howard County selected as location for North American headquarters for BTS Bioenergy” – see - <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/News/ArticleID/1015/News103117>. The last sentence in the article states, “BTS Bioenergy is not currently disclosing the specific site locations for its North American headquarters or bio-digester facilities.”

How does this new development affect CB60 – Mulching, Composting and Natural Wood Waste. Shouldn't we know or when will we find out where these sites will be located in Howard County? Will they be close to residents? Will they generate noise? Are there any safety or health risks?

We just need to be sure that all and any risks (if any) are completely examined prior to any installation of such facilities.

Will anyone of our elected officials please answer the mail?

Sincerely,

Stu Kohn
HCCA, President

Sayers, Margery

From: James Nickel <james.nickel55@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 7:45 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Kittleman, Allan; Lazdins, Valdis
Subject: CB60-2017 and Dayton property

Council Members,

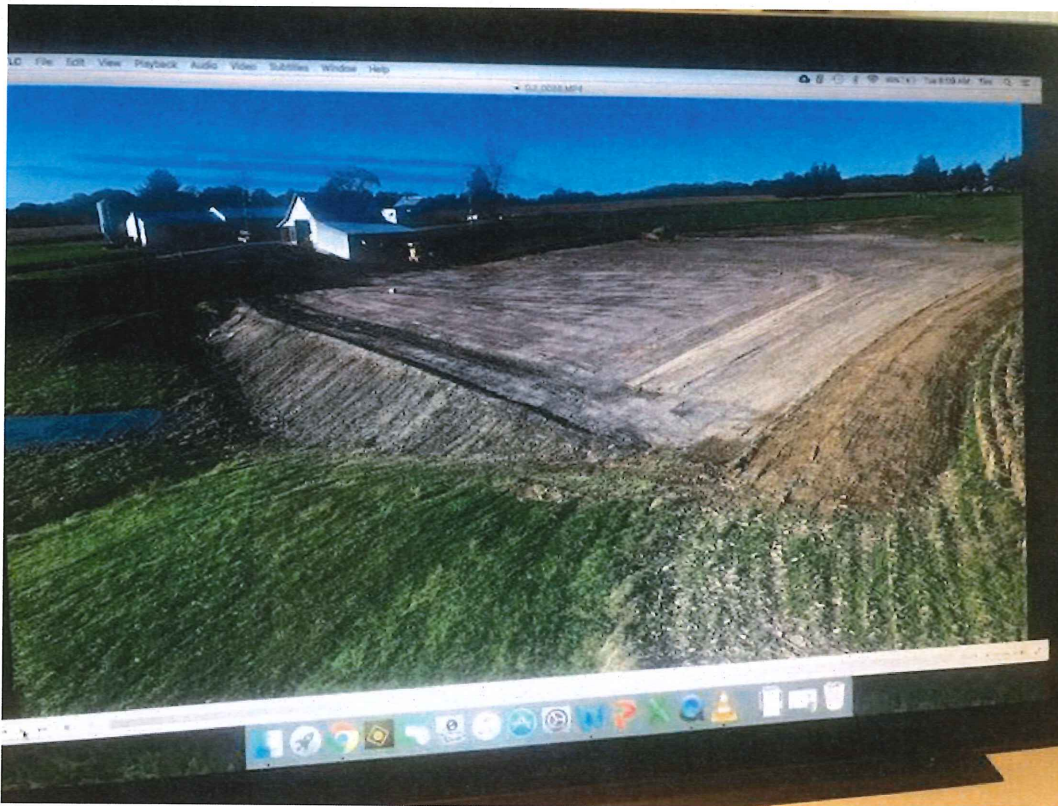
Please see the attached aerial photo, i.e., JBRK property Dayton.jpg.

You can see at the edges of the fresh dirt what appears to be an application of Geotextile Fabric. Frequently used for roadway or driveway stabilization or leachate containment. On top of that is a white material, possibly crushed stone. That is hardly conducive to farming. Is that allowed on Howard County Preservation property? It even looks as if some crop was destroyed to accomplish this effort.

See also the attached photo, i.e., Prior to Fill.jpeg. That same section of property has been used for crop production. It may be this section of property is being prepared for some commercial operation not currently allowed under Howard County regulations.

Is this what Mr. Kittleman has intended with CB60-2017?

Best Regards,
Jim Nickel
Dayton, MD





Sayers, Margery

From: Williams <rawmlw@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 4:17 PM
To: CouncilMail; Lazdins, Valdis; Gowan, Amy; Kittleman, Allan
Subject: CB60 and Industrial Mulching/Composting Threat

Importance: High

To those who support this proposed bill which should have been shut down three years ago,

It is unethical that you are poised to ignore this proposed zoning violation and risk the contamination of wells on farms, businesses, and residences, the contamination of the air, the health threats to residents, farmers, and employees in the surrounding area, and the hazard of the greatly-increased volume of industrial trucks on rural roads. These risks are well documented and cannot be disregarded. If that is not enough cause for concern, the lack of response and support from DPZ is appalling.

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No matter how long this impasse continues, we will not stand by and accept this attempt to bend the zoning rules which will result in contamination of farmland with industrial mulch and composting facilities under the guise of a "go green" initiative so that RLO, and other commercial and industrial companies, can manage landfill growth when in fact this type of growth should be officially managed through thoughtful expansion of county-run FACILITIES SUCH AS ALPHA RIDGE. Do NOT mix INDUSTRIAL and COMMERCIAL activity with AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE zones!

Finally, kudos to those who intend to do the right thing and vote against CB60!

Monica Williams
Dayton

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Subject: CB60 and Industrial Mulching/Composting: "MDE, or not to MDE, that is the question"

In June 2014, I testified before the County Council in response to Resolution 74-2014, a resolution creating a task force to study mulching, composting and wood processing policies and regulations, to request that both MDE and MALPF be included as part of the Mulch Task Force. For one reason or another, this request was denied.

After 24 exhaustive Mulch Task Force 3-hour meetings over the span of a year, we find ourselves further behind than when we started back in 2014. We believe that, if MDE had participated in the Mulch Task Force, much more would be officially on record and better understood about the risks of heavy metals groundwater contamination affecting our drinking water.

Given the serious concerns over health and safety risks to communities nearby to industrial mulching (NWWR) and composting operations taken together with the timing for the upcoming legislative vote for CB60, we are following up on our initial request to MDE for their official comments regarding the NY State groundwater quality report given NWWR facilities will result in heavy metals (i.e., manganese) contamination to groundwater, a fact well established in the NY State report (see letter to MDE, Secretary Grumbles, copied below). The risks are even greater when one now considers the county's desire to manage landfill growth by peppering the farmland with industrial mulch and composting facilities under the guise of a "go green" initiative, when in fact this type of growth should be officially managed through thoughtful expansion of county run facilities such as Alpha Ridge.

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With discussions that continued on CB60 at the October 16 County Council Open Work Session, MDE finally made an appearance, but unfortunately did not comment on the risks of groundwater contamination due to industrial mulching and composting operations, but, rather, focused on permit related activities and the nature in which it handles complaints. We eagerly await MDE's official response.

Please email County Executive Kittleman (akittleman@howardcountymd.gov) and the County Council (councilmail@howardcountymd.gov) and tell them to say no to CB60 unless major amendments are included that provide safeguards to protect the health and safety of your families.

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October 31, 2017

Benjamin H. Grumbles

Secretary of the Environment

Office of Secretary

Department of the Environment

Montgomery Park Business Center

1800 Washington Blvd.

Baltimore, Maryland 21230

Re: Natural Wood Waste Recycling Concern and New York State Organic Waste Sites Investigation Studies

Dear Secretary Grumbles,

As a toxicologist and previous owner of an analytical chemistry laboratory in Howard County that serviced the environmental and pharmaceutical industries, I am very concerned with the current legislation for Howard County CB60-2017 given that it will allow for industrial processing and commercial sale of mulch and compost with Type 2 materials (food waste, animal mortality and manure) in RR and RC throughout the county.

In 2014, the Howard County local government organized a task force of residents to look into issues associated with mulch manufacturing. One of the environmental issues identified relates to ground water contamination, specifically from radionuclides and manganese. This information was obtained from a 2013 joint investigation report between the New York Department of Environmental Conservation (NYDEC) and Suffolk County Department of Health Services (SCDHS). Subsequently, the Task Force wrote to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and requested answers to some questions. One comment that was received from the MDE was that they were aware of a credible study by the State of New York that found elevated levels of manganese at multiple vegetative organic waste sites, but they were still in the process of reviewing that information.

A second follow up study was performed in 2016 by the SCDHS that unequivocally identified groundwater manganese contamination at all properly sited vegetative organic waste sites located in Suffolk County. Of the 11 facilities that were tested, some facilities only performed mulch manufacturing, although it is noted that vegetative organic material in general causes the problem. This report can be found online at:

http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Portals/30/reports/2016/groundwaterquality_report_012216.pdf

The 2016 investigation report was also provided to the MDE and no response has yet to be received for either report. I am requesting that the MDE provide a direct response and opinion to the review of both of these reports as the Howard County Government believes that there are no environmental issues related to these organic waste/organic recycling facilities. It is understandable that the MDE may not be able to immediately solve the problem or have an exact answer as to why the contamination is occurring, but the MDE should acknowledge organic waste sites can be an issue and that there is clear evidence supporting the cause and effect relationship. By ignoring this, the MDE may be unintentionally providing reassurance to the counties that these organic waste operations do not cause groundwater contamination. Because of this, residents relying on groundwater supply near these facilities may be harmed due to the well documented medical risks in the medical literature that link heavy metals groundwater contamination to neurological disorders and toxicity.

We would also like you to comment on the potential concerns for disease burden and risk of infection that results from high microbial activity due to food waste and animal waste (Type 2 feedstock) added into composting operations. We only have to look as far as the enforcement action brought by MDE against Recycled Green in Woodbine (Carroll County) that resulted in a \$50,000 fine for compost with food waste resulting in high microbial

activity in the groundwater nearby to that industrial processing facility (2011-2013) to validate our concerns over the medical risks. We look forward to receiving your written response. Thank you.

Best,

John Tegeris, Ph.D.

President, DRPS

cc: Alan Kittleman, Howard County Executive
Jon Weinstein, Howard County Council Chair
Dr. Calvin Ball, Howard County Council Member
Jen Terrasa, Howard County Council Member
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October 16, 2017

RE: CB 60

Dear Howard County Councilman,

On behalf of Future Harvest: Chesapeake Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture – an 800-member organization working to advance profitable and Bay-friendly agriculture – I am submitting this written testimony supporting CB 60. Current Howard County zoning is too restrictive for farmers wanting to compost on their farms. Composting is a critical accessory activity to farming that allows farmers to thrive, build healthy soil vital to our planet, and provide nutritious food to our community.

Composting is the best source of organic matter that builds healthy soil. Rather than sending organic material to a landfill or incinerator, contributing to ecologically harmful methane emissions, the passage of CB 60 will allow farmers to maintain soil integrity, minimize losses to erosion and drought, and harness the economic and environmental benefits of healthy soil.

Indeed, the new MD Healthy Soils Program Act promotes the widespread use of healthy soils practices among farmers in Maryland. Increasing soil organic matter is specifically named, along with the ability of soil to sequester carbon and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Because of their intimate knowledge of soils, farmers are perhaps the most appropriate stewards of the composting process.

CB 60 incorporates the Maryland Department of the Environment's (MDE) 2015 composting regulations and the findings of a 2014 Task Force that was created to study mulching, composting and wood processing policies and regulations with respect to Howard County land use, planning processes and Zoning Regulations. The Permit for Special Farm Uses and Conditional Uses proposed in CB 60 appears clearly defined, well thought out, and outlines conditions designed to minimize any potential impacts; further county restrictions are unwarranted. The County should solicit the support of MDE to assure citizens that these regulations are achieving their intended goals of protecting people and the environment, and that any breaches will be addressed promptly.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Dena Leibman

Dena Leibman, Executive Director, Future Harvest CASA

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Subject: CB60: Victor Velculescu, MD, PhD, Speaking at the County Council Work Session - Request Denied

While we remain disappointed that our medical expert and renowned oncologist, Dr. Velculescu, will not be given the opportunity to speak before the County Council on the serious medical risks associated with industrial mulching and composting (with food/animal mortality/manure; enter high disease burden in the groundwater your children drink), there are always silver linings to give us hope that we will get major amendments included into CB60 one way or another. We say this whether key amendments are voted into CB60 at the County Council legislative vote on November 6, or by other means should CB60 fall far short of what is needed to protect our families.

The silver lining we speak of is evident in the email exchange forwarded below from earlier today between Council Member Terrasa and Stu Kohn, President of HCCA, which questions why the County Council ultimately decided not to allow Dr. Velculescu to appear before them to further discuss the associated health risks from industrial mulching and industrial composting with food/animal waste, and provides the unfortunate answer if you oppose CB60 due to the many well-established health and safety concerns.

Additionally, we heard back last night from Council Member Jon Weinstein's office that we would not be granted the opportunity to meet with Council Members Weinstein and Sigaty this week, as requested, given that the County Council was unable to accommodate Dr. Velculescu when available originally on Oct 11 and again on Oct 23. This meeting was to include our core team along with Dr. Velculescu and our groundwater expert, all of whom strongly oppose industrial processing of mulch/compost anywhere in Howard County (RR, RC, M1/M2) that could put families residing nearby to these industrial operations at risk for health and safety concerns.

Please email Council Executive Kittleman (akittleman@howardcountymd.gov) and the County Council (councilmail@howardcountymd.gov) to tell them these health and safety risks are real, and to call for major amendments.

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Subject: The real issue

Let's make it clear up front. This issue boils down to one contention - do you really want Western Howard County to become industrial thereby potentially ruining it's glamour as of one of the most attractive regions of the state? This is not a farming issue. It is an issue of using the farmer as a front for establishing an industry.

farming - the activity or business of growing crops and raising livestock

Industrial - relating to the economic activity concerned with the processing of raw materials and manufacture of goods in factories

The two are diametrically different from one another in that farming is rooted in the production of food for consumption. Anything industrial involves the processing of what the earth provides and involves the transport of more raw materials to make goods also to be transported.

Our issue is not against the farmers or their trade. We are grateful for their trade and all they do for the state and, having grown up in Pennsylvania farmland, I greatly appreciate the hard work they do for us.

At question now is the changing landscape of Howard County - going against all that you have promised to the people you represent. We had this all taken care of in CB20. But for some reason you don't care to listen to the people who voted for you. Why? Is there something more that we don't know or that you won't tell us? This isn't a farming or farmer issue. This is the matter of allowing an industrial processing operation to proceed in our treasured environment. Is that really what you want?

Again, look at the definitions above. They speak for themselves. And if you don't consider them you are not only going back on your word to keeping the agricultural aspects of Howard County but you are ignoring the people of Howard County and their concerns they have for themselves. Will you really be able to live with that decision knowing what you would have done to the people who put you in office?

You've placed a significant burden on all of us to once again fight the same issue, creating more stress in our lives. If you proceed with CB60 the stress will only increase and the Howard County landscape will tarnish.

Jeff Hensel

Sayers, Margery

From: David Smith <dosmith99@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2017 5:49 PM
To: Terrasa, Jen; CouncilMail
Subject: RE: Work session today

So I guess pushing this bill through is more important than the health and wellness of the citizens. I would think the council would want and go further to push to hear his testimony since he is an expert in this very subject.

On Oct 30, 2017 1:50 PM, "Terrasa, Jen" <jterrasa@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Mr. Smith,

Unfortunately, Dr. Velculescu will not be given an opportunity to participate in a work session on CB 60 at this point. When she found out that Dr. Velculescu was not available for the work session on mulch held on October 18th, Councilwoman Terrasa had asked that he be given the opportunity to address the Council at the work session on October 23rd or that the Council pick another date to have him come in. That request was turned down because others felt that if anyone had questions for him, they could contact him directly.

Councilwoman Terrasa is very disappointed that the scheduling didn't work out to allow him to provide further information at a public work session. She shares your concern about the health effects of mulching/composting, both for the issues that Dr. Velculescu discussed specifically, and also with regards to the well water that those in western Howard County depend on. As of right now, that is where the issue stands.

Kindest regards,

Melissa

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**From:** David Smith [mailto:[dosmith99@gmail.com](mailto:dosmith99@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 28, 2017 8:30 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail <[CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Work session today

Please make an effort to hear Dr. Velculescu's testimony. I am very scared for my family that CB60 is a horrible for the health and wellness of my kids.

On Oct 16, 2017 6:40 PM, "David Smith" <[dosmith99@gmail.com](mailto:dosmith99@gmail.com)> wrote:

Council Members,

Today's work session was the biggest, most corrupt display of leadership I have ever witnessed in my life. You all should be ashamed of yourselves. Last minute change on the meeting so the Hopkins PHD expert can't talk about the health concerns. I can't believe you can sleep at night knowing what you're doing - undermining Howard County residents to support special interests. How in your right mind do you think that industrial mulching and composting right next to families is "forward thinking"? I can't believe I am going to have to move out of my home so my kids don't have to breath wood dust filled air and drink contaminated water. It is so baffling to me. You're either purposefully jeopardizing the health and wellness of residents or your just naive and stupid to see what is going on here.

I seriously hope you end this and voting NO to CB60. Maybe then you'll be able to sleep well at night..

David Smith

Dayton, MD Resident



## Sayers, Margery

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**From:** Paul Morris <PMorrisHome@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 1:24 PM  
**To:** CouncilMail; Kittleman, Allan  
**Cc:** pmorrishome@verizon.net  
**Subject:** PLEASE Eliminate CB60 or agree to major amendments to protect us and our children

**Importance:** High

Council Executive Kittleman and County Council Members -

As a lifelong Howard County resident and now a Dayton resident along with my wife and two young kids, I URGE YOU ALL to PLEASE properly address these amendments below to CB60 or better yet eliminate it all together! The danger to our roads and health that CB60 introduces scares the you know what out of me and my family. We love it out here and have built our dream home. My entire family loves spending time outside and running and biking along our rural roads but CB60 will change all that! I almost got hit a few weeks ago by a large dump truck on Howard Rd by the Crossroads and it was not the 1<sup>st</sup> time. It was really scary and I can only imagine what will happen to runners and bikers and school kids and motorists in general if commercial sale of mulch and industrial mulching is allowed and these huge trucks are driving daily on our roads that have no shoulder and are not meant for these size trucks! Then there's the concern of airborne spores and contaminated well water, as well as selfishly the huge drop in my property value. If this goes through you're going to see a mass exodus from Howard County unfortunately and as someone that was born and raised here for the past 49 years that greatly upsets me. It really boggles my mind that our elected officials that are supposed to look out for the best interest of our citizens would even consider this. I mean really????

If CB60 cannot be eliminated completely then the following amendments must be made:

1. No NWWR on RR or RC in Howard County (no commercial sale of mulch, no large 3-axle/tractor trailer trucks carrying wood product in or mulch/logs off the farm).
2. No NWWR 'by right' on M1/M2. Appropriate control measures (i.e., covering of mulch piles, adequate distances/setbacks from residential communities/schools) need to be in place through Conditional Use hearing.
3. No Tier 2 materials of food waste, animal mortality or manure trucked onto the farm or M1/M2 for composting (only Tier 1 materials) and only use on/by/for the farm.
4. Maximum allowable and escalating fines permitted by the State of MD for continuous violators of current zoning regulations (need better deterrents given DPZ's inability or unwillingness to properly enforce these regulations to protect our communities).

Please DO THE RIGHT THING here!

Sincerely,

Paul Morris