

# County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2014 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 4

## RESOLUTION NO. 38 - 2014

Introduced by: Courtney Watson, Councilperson

**A RESOLUTION** requesting the Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board to review the potential environmental impacts of locating Composting Facility & Mulch Manufacturing uses on agricultural land in Howard County and make a recommendation to the County Council by a certain date and requesting the County Executive to provide appropriate county resources to support this effort.

Introduced and read for the first time on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

By order \_\_\_\_\_

Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

By order \_\_\_\_\_

Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read for the third time and was Adopted \_\_\_\_, Adopted with amendments \_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_, Withdrawn \_\_\_\_ by the County Council

on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 .

Certified by \_\_\_\_\_

Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN ALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language.  
~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1           **WHEREAS**, On January 9, 2014 a presubmission community meeting was held to notify  
2 the public that a Conditional Use petition for a Composting Facility & Mulch Manufacturing use  
3 would soon be filed for a site in Western Howard County; and  
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5           **WHEREAS**, there have been several community meetings and much discussion about  
6 the impact that allowing Composting Facility & Mulch Manufacturing uses has on environmental  
7 resources on or near agriculturally preserved land; and  
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9           **WHEREAS**, there have been two Zoning Regulation Amendments (numbers 148 and  
10 149) submitted to address the issue of Composting Facility & Mulch Manufacturing use  
11 countywide; and  
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13           **WHEREAS**, the Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board comprises experts  
14 in energy, air/water quality, environmental governance, community outreach and education,  
15 transit, green building, and environmental health and the Board's mission is to assist in the  
16 implementation of the County's environmental agenda by providing both advice and review; and  
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18           **WHEREAS**, Section 6.600 of the Howard County Code requires the Environmental  
19 Sustainability Board, by County Executive directive or resolution of the County Council, to review  
20 and make recommendations on any matter related to environmental protection, preservation, or  
21 sustainability in Howard County.  
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23           **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,  
24 Maryland, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, that the Council requests that the Environmental  
25 Sustainability Board examine the potential impacts on the environment that a Composting  
26 Facility & Mulch Manufacturing use may have on agricultural land; and encourages the County  
27 Executive to direct the appropriate County governmental agencies to assist the Board in its  
28 endeavor.

1           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the County Council of Howard County, that  
2 the Environmental Sustainability Board shall submit its findings in writing on the possible  
3 impacts that a Composting Facility & Mulch Manufacturing use might have on agricultural land  
4 to the County Council within 30 days of the Planning Board’s recommendation on Zoning  
5 Regulation Amendments #148 and 149.

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