



Howard County

Internal Memorandum

SUBJECT: Testimony & Fiscal Impact Statement
Council Resolution No. XX-2025 A RESOLUTION approving a comprehensive revision of the Solid Waste Management Plan as required by State Law

TO: Brandee Ganz
Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Yosef Kebede, Director
Department of Public Works

Initial


DATE: June 26, 2025

The Department of Public Works has been designated coordinator for the preparation of testimony relative to CR-XX-2025. Section 9-503 of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the "State Law") requires each Maryland County to have a solid waste management and recycling plan that covers at least the 10-year period following adoption of the plan by the county governing body. Howard County's previous Solid Waste Management Plan, 2014-2024, was adopted by passage of Council Resolution No. 40-2014. State Law further provides that counties shall adopt revisions or amendments to its plan if the Maryland Department of the Environment requires a revision or amendment.

The previously approved 2014 Plan was revised to incorporate two Plan amendments which were adopted either by bill or resolution by the County Council. These amendments are now fully integrated into this new Plan. The amendments were:

- CR7-2014 required apartments and condominiums to submit recycling plans to the county
- CB2-2014 provided enforcement for compliance with the apartment/condo recycling law at the local level.

Additionally, during its 2014 legislative session, the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 781 that required counties include special event recycling in their plans by October 1, 2015. Special events recycling applies to events that (1) include a temporary or periodic use of a public street, publicly owned site or facility, or public park; (2) serve food or drinks; and (3) are expected to have 200 or more people in attendance. The special event organizer must provide for the collection and recycling of recyclable materials. This amendment is now fully integrated into the Plan

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The Plan was submitted to the Public Works and Planning Boards in November 2024 and June 2025, respectively. The Plan received approval from both Boards.

Fiscal Impact

The Plan calls for enhanced service delivery, capital improvements and expanded education and outreach around the County's solid waste program. These projected costs are captured in the County's annual operating and capital budgets over the next 10 years. For instance, the County will likely pursue an additional expansion of the compost facility and curbside food scrap collection under the Green Bin program. As such, the SWMP presents nominal fiscal impact to the County.



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STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

June 9, 2025

The Solid Waste Management Plan, 2025-2034, for Howard County is consistent with Howard County's General Plan, *HoCo By Design*, adopted on October 11, 2023. The Solid Waste Management Plan has been developed in accordance with the policies and implementing actions in *HoCo By Design*. Per the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the county planning agency shall certify that the plan, revision, or amendment is consistent with the county comprehensive plan prepared under Title 1, Subtitle 4 or Title 3 of the Land Use Article or § 10-324 of the Local Government Article.

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From: *Kevin McAliley, Chair
Howard County Planning Board*

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On June 5, 2025, the Planning Board held a public hearing on the 2025-2034 Solid Waste Management Plan, as presented by the Department of Public Works (DPW). In accordance with state requirements, the Solid Waste Management Plan requires review by an official planning agency. Furthermore, the plan must be consistent with the County's General Plan.

The Planning Board agreed that the amendment was consistent with the General Plan, HoCo By Design, and recommended approval 5-0.

cc: Mark DeLuca, Deputy Director, DPW
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