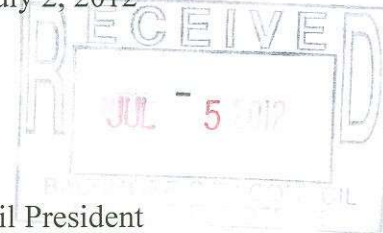


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TO

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 – City Hall

DATE: July 2, 2012



I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 12-0100 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of Public Works).

The purpose of the Mayor and City Council Resolution is to amend the Solid Waste Management Plan for Baltimore City to add Chesapeake Compost Works to the descriptions of waste disposal facilities locations that are included in the Plan and to the list of recycling companies and facilities that are included in the Plan.

The Annotated Code of Maryland (Environment Article § 9-503) and the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR 26.03.03) require each county and Baltimore City to adopt, maintain, and periodically amend or revise a comprehensive solid waste plan that covers at least the succeeding ten year period. Baltimore last adopted a solid waste management plan through Resolution 03-041. Known as the Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan, this document identifies the goals for managing the City's solid waste stream, summarizes the laws and regulations governing solid waste management, and describes the City government structure necessary to carry out the management. A plan of action for the City to follow over the next ten years describes the anticipated future of solid waste disposal and solid waste disposal facilities, and the way in which recycling, residential, commercial, bulk and other wastes are to be managed. Section 3.4 of the Solid Waste Management Plan provides a description of waste disposal facilities locations that are included in the approved Plan. Appendix B of the Solid Waste Management Plan lists recycling companies and facilities that are also included in the Plan. City Council Bill 12-0100, if approved, would amend the Solid Waste Management Plan to add Chesapeake Compost Works, 4501 Curtis Avenue, to Section 3.4 and Appendix B of the Plan.

Mr. Vinnie Bevivino proposes to establish a food and yard waste composting facility within an existing warehouse structure at 4501 Curtis Avenue, to be known as Chesapeake Compost Works. Mr. Bevivino is a certified Compost Facility Operator in the State of Maryland. He is the owner of the company known as Seed and Cycle, a consulting company serving urban and rural farmers. The proposed Chesapeake Compost Works facility will be an indoor urban facility that utilizes semi-static aerated bays to aerobically degrade the organic material into stable compost that can be sold and distributed to urban and regional farmers, gardeners, landscapers, and others looking for high quality compost and compost products. The Bureau of Solid Waste has reviewed the engineered site drawings and the operation and maintenance manual for the proposed facility.

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Chesapeake Compost Works will occupy 54,000 square feet of indoor warehouse space, and an additional 55,000 square feet of outdoor space. All composting will be conducted indoors, while the outdoor area will be used for storage of non-odorous wood chips and leaves as well as final product ready for sale. The indoor space will be comprised of a 170' x 60' receiving area, a 210' x 170' composting pad, and a driveway. The composting pad will have fourteen 50' x 30' bays. The facility will have an annual capacity of 14,400 tons of organic material. This material will range from chipped wood, street leaves, herbaceous animal manure, and pre- and post-consumer food scraps. The material will be mixed with a front-end loader or a soil mixer to create the correct recipe based on chemical composition, moisture level, and bulk density, and will be loaded into one of the aerated bays. The material will compost for a minimum of 28 days or until the State standards have been met, and then be screened and stored outside under cover.

Mr. Bevivino presented his plans for this compost facility in March of this year to The Community of Curtis Bay Association and to the South Baltimore Business Alliance. Both associations have written letters of support for the facility. Composting is a Conditional Use in an M3 Zoning District, and the proposed composting facility was approved by the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals on May 1, 2012.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 12-0100.



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cc: Ms. Marcia Collins