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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET, 8 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR		
	SUBJECT	CCB #12-0100 Solid Waste Management Plan for Baltimore City - Amendment		

**TO** DATE: June 15, 2012

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council  
 City Hall, Room 400  
 100 N. Holliday Street

The Department of Planning has received City Council Bill #12-0100 for review. This legislation is “FOR the purpose of amending the Solid Waste Management Plan for Baltimore City to add Chesapeake Compost Works to the descriptions of waste disposal facilities....”

The proposed Chesapeake Compost Works facility will reduce Baltimore’s solid waste stream, and will be a great asset to Baltimore’s urban farming efforts, providing a local source of compost to community gardens and farms.

Chesapeake Compost Works will be located at 4501 Curtis Avenue, and will be a portion of a large industrial warehouse zoned M3. All composting and compostable materials will be indoors, and the finished product will be stored in hoop houses out of the rain. The site overlooks a railroad line and is not visible to the public or any residential areas.

Chesapeake Composting received BMZA approval as a conditional use at 4501 Curtis Ave on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2012, and it has the support of the Community of Curtis Bay Association and the South Baltimore Business Alliance.

Section 3.4 of the Solid Waste Plan describes waste disposal facilities that are included in the Plan, and Appendix B lists the recycling companies and facilities that are included in the Plan. The Department of Planning recommends that Chesapeake Compost Works be added to Section 3.4 and Appendix B of the Solid Waste Management Plan, as described by the Department of Public Works.

This Bill supports the Baltimore City Comprehensive Master Plan and Sustainability Plan. Therefore, the Department of Planning recommends approval of CCB #12-01009.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gary Letteron in the Office of Sustainability at 410-396-4369.

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