

For the purpose of inviting the Director of the Department of Public Works and the Head of the Bureau of Solid Waste to discuss Baltimore City's recycling program and its progress.

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Recycling helps protect Baltimore City and the surrounding region by reducing the amount of trash that needs to be kept in a landfill or incinerated and by decreasing emissions of greenhouse gases. Objects such as paper, clean glass containers, bottles, and cardboard can all be recycled in curbside recycling. In Baltimore City, curbside recycling does not have to be placed in recycling bins - instead, residents can put their recycling in any container they want (except for a plastic bag) and label it "recycling" to get their curbside recycling picked up.

Some objects cannot be handled by curbside recycling, such as hazardous waste and rigid plastics, and electronics. Some forms of household hazardous waste can be recycled at the Northwest Citizens Convenience Center. Many electronics and rigid plastics can be dropped off at Citizen's Drop-Off Centers 1-5.

The Baltimore City Council is interested in the progress being made regarding recycling in Baltimore City. The City Council recognizes that a Master Plan regarding recycling and solid waste management is currently being conducted, and would like to know how the public is being solicited for feedback on this plan. The Council is interested in learning how many citizens engage in recycling, how much waste that is recyclable is being recycled, and how this compares to other municipalities. Finally, the Council would like to know what the Department of Public Works is doing to increase awareness of and encourage recycling.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That the Baltimore City Council invites the Director of the Department of Public Works and the Head of the Bureau of Solid Waste to discuss Baltimore City's recycling program and its progress.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Head of the Bureau of Solid Waste, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.