• 1992 Harford CO levied a “tipping fee” for agencies to dispose of trash at landfill or incinerator
  o 1992 collected 314 tons/month in trash & 37 tons/month recycling with 3,520 Households
  o 2014 collected 227 tons/month in trash & 76 tons/month recycling with 4,256 Households

• 1992 Harford County mandated Solid Waste Collectors to offer recyclables
  o Plastic, glass bottles, metal cans, newspapers, and cardboard (not charged in tipping fee)
  o County residents are “offered” but not “required” to recycle

• 1992 Aberdeen Citizens Group formed
  o City initially billed flat fee on resident’s water bill to cover costs of tipping fee
  o Questioned equity and suggested a Pay-As-You-Throw
  o All residents polled (30% returned rate) and 70% were in favor
  o City Council voted, created ordinance and began in March 1, 1993
  o Recyclables, collected separately, did not require pre-paid stickers
  o Flat rate system abolished and residents control their own fees

• “Sticker” program offers two (2) major incentives
  o Fair and equitable way for the City to distribute the cost of the tipping fee
    ▪ Small household $0.40 per standard 20-gallon bag ($0.50 FY15)
    ▪ Large household $0.80 per standard 32-gallon bag ($1.00 FY15)
  o PAYT program inherently promoted recycling
    ▪ More recycling equals less fees on trash sticker

• Tipping Fee
  o 1993 – $35/ton
  o 2000 – $42/ton
  o 2004 – $50/ton
  o 2012 – $67/ton
  o 2015 – $72/ton

• Summary
  o Pre-Paid Stickers required on residents’ bags for trash pick-up
  o Residential collection service costs are covered in the tax base
    ▪ Trash collected one day per week
      ▪ 1993 to 2004 – City contracted for all curbside collection
      ▪ 2004 to present – In-house vehicle fleet and workers
    ▪ Recycling offered the same day (single stream)
    ▪ Yard Waste collected two (2) times per month (10 months). No Stickers required
    ▪ Free Chipping service for small trees & branches
    ▪ Bulk Pick-Up by Appointment. No Stickers required.
    ▪ Scrap metal consolidated at DPW and contractor hauls the metal & pays the city per ton
    ▪ Curbside collection for electronics
    ▪ Un-manned 24/7 drop-off site for motor oil and anti-freeze
  o Commercial locations and business contract directly with waste hauler for collections. The city
    only handles residential locations such as single family, townhouse, and small apartments
  o Illegal dumping for residential trash has not been an issue