

Montgomery County's Strategic Plan to Advance Composting, Compost Use, and Food Scraps Diversion

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Montgomery County's Waste Reduction & Recycling Goal

70% by 2020



Food Scraps The Next Frontier

- Food represents significant opportunity to reduce, reuse, and recycle more
- Generation greatest in Non-Residential Sector



On-Going Efforts



- Identify significant quantity generators of food scraps
 - Education/technical assistance
- Work with businesses, multi-family properties
 - Individualized support to voluntarily source separate and recycle
- Work to secure processing capacity at facilities



Montgomery County Council Bill 28-16

Bill No.	28-16
Concerning	Solid Waste (Title)
Enacted	Dec 10, 2016
Effective	January 1, 2017
Revised	11/22/2016 Draft No. 2
Introduced	June 24, 2016
Enacted	November 15, 2016
Effective	November 23, 2016
Effective	January 1, 2017
Superseded	None
Ch. 33, Laws of Mont. Co.	2016

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: Vice President Berlin
Co-Sponsors: Councilmembers Katz, Haskin, Fitch, Roman and Naranjo

AN ACT to:

(1) require the Director of the Department of Environmental Protection to develop a Strategic Plan to Advance Composting, Compost Use and Food Waste Diversion in Montgomery County;

(2) generally amend County laws related to Solid Waste (Title).

By adding:
Montgomery County Code
Chapter 48, Solid Waste (Title)
Section 48.1.11

Deletions	Insertions or Revised Text
§ 48.1.11	Added to existing law by original bill.
§ 48.1.11(a)	Deleted from existing law by original bill.
§ 48.1.11(b)	Added by amendment.
§ 48.1.11(c)	Deleted from existing law in the bill by amendment.
§ 48.1.11(d)	Existing law amended by bill.

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

- Required DEP to:
 - Identify/examine many specific elements in reducing food waste and increasing composting
 - Make comprehensive and far-reaching recommendations
 - Consult with substantial set of stakeholders and interested parties
 - Accomplish this in compressed amount of time

The Strategic Planning Process



- Internal work, identification of stakeholders
- Six focus areas:
 - Reducing Wasted Food/Channeling Food to Others
 - In-Home, Backyard, and Community-Scale Composting
 - On-Site Institutional and On-Site Business Composting
 - On-Farm Composting
 - Composting Capacity to Serve Montgomery County
 - Strategies to Maximize Food Scraps Collection at the Curb



The Strategic Planning Process



- June 26, 2017 stakeholders meeting
- Creation of working groups
- Draft “chapters” provided to working groups
- Group reviews and consensus
- November 1, 2017 meeting to share work
- 409 sets of comments received November 8, 2017
- Draft Strategic Plan and Briefing Document

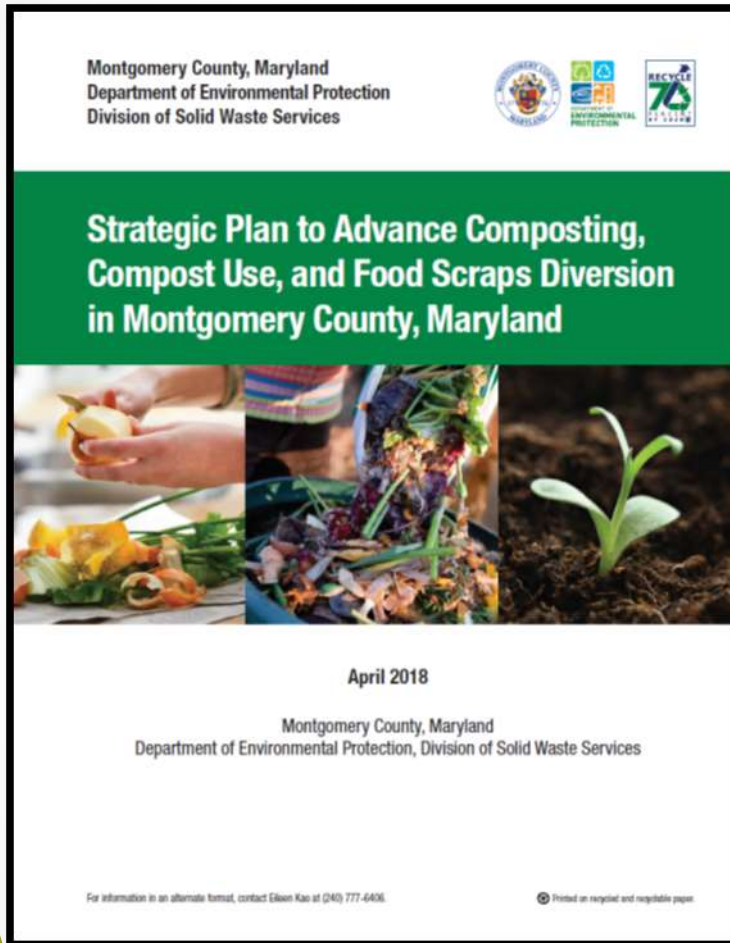


Finalizing the Strategic Plan

- Briefing document referred to key Directors
 - Meetings to discuss major findings/recommendations
 - Briefing for ACAO
 - Revised plan to brief CAO/CE
 - Strategic Plan completed and transmitted by CE to CC
- April 12, 2018



The Strategic Plan



- Provides direction and strategies
- Strategic Plan, not an implementation document
- Frames continuing work
- Priority areas for FY19

Questions?

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