

## Waste Meeting in Summer 2018

- In October 2018, the Climate, Environment and Resilience (CLEAR) group held a forum at the University of Mary Washington on the future of managing waste in the GW region. Attending were stakeholders from several GW counties and the City of Fredericksburg.
- As discussed at the January GWRC meeting, we would like the GWRC to host a follow-up meeting in the Summer of 2018 on managing waste beyond landfills, particularly composting, with waste experts and municipal staff attending.
  - The GWRC can help identify the specific municipal staff to attend the meeting.
  - A pre-meeting could be held in Spring 2018 to plan the larger Summer 2018 meeting.

### Proposed Meeting Attendees

- City and county public works (or comparable department) staff involved in waste and recycling issues from each of the GW region's municipalities.
- Regional waste management and composting experts.
- Waste management and composting firms.
- Government representatives from Alexandria and Arlington who have existing composting programs.

### General Objective

- To further advance composting by: 1) increasing public awareness about the benefits of composting, 2) pursuing curbside yard waste composting pilot projects and 3) ramping-up operations at facilities that already compost in the GW region.

### Composting Benefits

A regional composting market will help further divert materials from the landfills (from pick-up to processing and sale) to prolong landfill cell life, reduce costs, and reduce emissions. Composting will become more viable as composting programs further develop.

### GW Region Composting Examples

- Spotsylvania Livingston Composting Facility
  - *Livingston Blend* product is also made from composting yard waste, other organics and treated wastewater biosolids.
- Stafford County Regional Landfill Composting
  - *Rappa-Grow* product is made from composting yard waste and treated wastewater biosolids.