



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

HB 0171

Support with Amendment

Environment and Transportation Committee

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HB 0171 Yard Waste and Food Residuals Diversion and Infrastructure - Study

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The City of Takoma Park supports HB 0171 requiring the study of yard waste and food residuals diversion and infrastructure.

The City is an early adopter of a food waste composting. It began a pilot program of curbside food waste collection in February 2013.

Food waste collection is now available to all single family households and multi-family properties with 12 units or less that currently receive City of Takoma Park curbside trash and recycling pickup. After registering for the program, participants receive a five gallon plastic bucket with a tight sealing lid and a supply of compostable bin liners. The containers are set out by participants for pickup once a week on collection day.

Processing capacity for compost has been a continual problem for the program since its inception. In order to further develop food composting programs in Maryland, infrastructure and facilities for composting are essential. We support the study and ask for a favorable report on this legislation.