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COMMISSIONERS TO HOST COMPOSTING PRESENTATION AND PANEL DISCUSSION

A panel of experts invited by the Frederick Board of County Commissioners will present information on composting non-traditional organics on Tuesday, June 9. The composting presentation and panel discussion is open to the public and will take place from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. in the first floor hearing room of Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Md.

The primary goal of convening this panel is to gather information related to composting additional materials within the solid waste stream. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, organic materials comprise approximately 30% of the waste stream generated nationally each year. The Board of County Commissioners is greatly interested in additional recycling opportunities and other integrated solid waste management practices.

The professionals who will be presenting are: Dr. Patricia Millner, research microbiologist leading projects at the USDA Beltsville Agricultural Research Center; Craig Coker, composting consultant and currently serving on the Board of Directors of the U.S. Composting Council, and David Hill, principal partner in CycleLogic Environmental Marketing and Consultation and the former manager of the Baltimore City Composting Facility.

The topics discussed will range from composting specific materials—such as commercial and residential food wastes—to infrastructure and regulatory requirements. The potential markets for finished compost and other economic factors will also be addressed. The presentations will be followed by a question and answer session with the Board.

Further information on this event, including biographies of the speakers, can be found on the Department of Solid Waste Management's website at: www.tiny.cc/compostpanel, or by calling 301-600-2960.

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