



Materials Management:

THE NEXT GENERATION

MRN/SWANA-MA 2016 CONFERENCE



2016 Legislative Update

Issues and Politics That Affect the Future of
Recycling

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION

- Reauthorization of the greenhouse gas emissions reduction act
- 25% reduction from 2006 levels by 2020 increased to 40% reduction from 2006 levels by 2030
- Active interim agenda with 4 substantive workgroups focused on specific areas - mitigation; adaptation and response; education, communication & outreach; and scientific and technical
- Zero waste related issues likely to come into play during deliberations

MARYLAND'S ZERO WASTE PLAN

- Plan adopted under previous administration provides framework for further discussion
- Current administration evaluating plan in order to develop approach for further consideration and deliberation
- Economic realities of marketplace will be of critical importance as discussion moves forward
- Stakeholders will be engaged
- Timing of future deliberations to be determined

KEY LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES FROM 2016

- **HB 61 - Environment – Solid Waste, Recycling, And Anaerobic Digestion**
 - Administration sponsored legislation
 - Intended to address changes in the marketplace that affect the appropriate regulation of recycling facilities
 - Intended to create A regulatory structure for anaerobic digestion facilities
 - Concerns about exemptions for ad facilities on farms

- **HB 743 - Yard Waste and Food Residuals Diversion and Infrastructure Task Force**
 - Intended to stimulate infrastructure development
- **SB 201 / HB 332 - Environment – Paint Stewardship Program**
 - Industry led initiative to address challenges and costs associated with managing the recycling and disposal of paint
 - Potential benefits for public and private sectors as well as retail establishments
- **SB 367 / HB 862 - Maryland Redeemable Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Act**
 - New approach to bottle deposit legislation
 - Negative implications for existing recycling infrastructure remained

- **SB 57/HB 31 - Community Cleanup and Greening Act of 2016**
 - Previously introduced proposal to address plastic bag concerns
 - Economic implications remain unaddressed
- **SB 392/HB 1222 - Dorchester County – Recycling at Special Events – Exemptions) AND SB 131/HB 126 - Worcester County – Recycling at Special Events – Exemptions**
 - Local exceptions to Statewide policy adopted in 2014
- **SB 398/HB 820 - Reducing Environmental Degradation for the Underserved Through Community Engagement (The REDUCE Act)**
 - Introduced as environmental justice issue
 - Preceded completion of Cumulative Impact Workgroup deliberations