



# Prince George's County's Curbside Food Scrap Collection Pilot



# Food Scrap Composting Pilot

- Since December of 2017 Prince George's County has been piloting curbside collection of food scraps in a one year EPA grant funded project, to determine best practices
- Participants from Pepper Mill/Carmody Hills, Wilburn, parts of Tantallon/Fort Washington and West Laurel
- Collection components include a 32 gallon wheeled cart, a kitchen bin, a one time supply of compostable liners, a How To Guide and Frequently Asked Questions, (FAQ's)



# Acceptable Items

## WHAT CAN I COMPOST?

**Seafood and Shellfish**  
Mariscos y el crustáceo

**Leftovers**  
Sobras

**Bread, Pasta and Grains**  
Pan, pasta y granos

**Fruits and Vegetables**  
Frutas y vegetales

**Tea Bags and Loose Tea**  
Bolsas de té y té suelto

**Paper Ice Cream Container**  
Contenedor de helado de papel

**Paper Towels and Napkins**  
Toallas de papel y servilletas

**Uncoated Paper Plates**  
Placas de papel no recubiertas

**Uncoated Paper Bags**  
Bolsas de papel no recubiertas

**Meat and Bones**  
Carne y huesos

**Egg Shells**  
Cáscaras de huevo

**Food Soiled Paper**  
Periódico Alimenticio

**Coffee Grounds and Filters**  
Granos de café y filtros

**Dairy Products**  
Productos lácteos

**PGC COMPOSTS**  
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- The average pounds per household collected in the original pilot areas is approximately 5 - 7 pounds per week
- Food scraps collected separately from yard trim
- West Laurel Started in July 2018; materials were collected by Recycling Section staff for the first two months



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- Approximately 75 out of 200 households participating on a regular basis
- West Laurel's food scrap tonnage is significantly higher than that of the other areas. Approximately 14.5 pound per week per household
- The average number of participants in that area is roughly 12 -15 per week
- Material is now collected by the contractor on Mondays and combined in the truck with yard trim.



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- A survey will be sent to participants
- Requesting feed back on participants experiences
- Frequency of participation
- Recommendations for improvement



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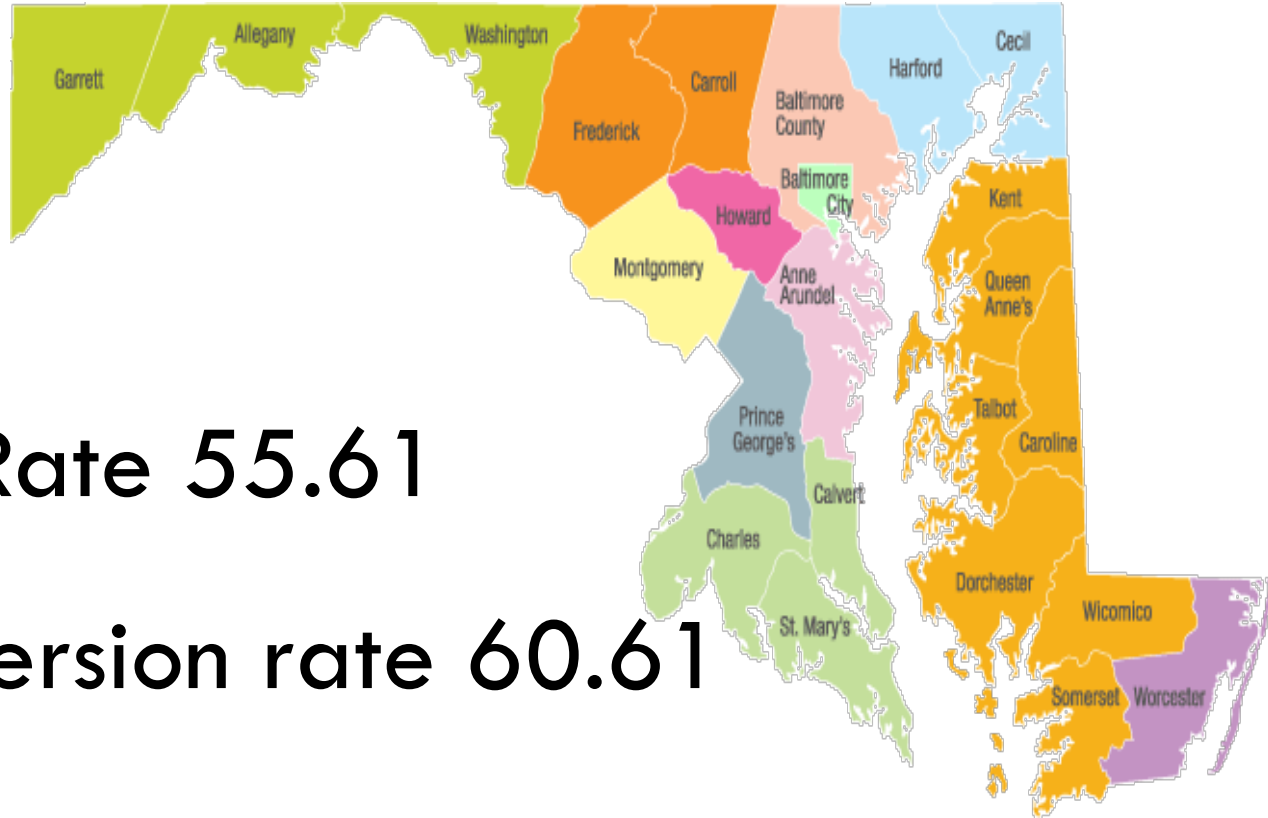


# Recycling and Diversion Rate

**WE'RE #1  
AGAIN!**

Three consecutive years!

- Recycling Rate 55.61
- Waste Diversion rate 60.61



# Thank you...



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