



Growth Watch Dispatch

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Why pay for a \$350 million WTE incinerator, import trash, and create 400 tons of ash every day? Explore another option: an Alternative Plan.

Nationwide trend shows industry and government working to reduce packaging, reuse products, and increase recycling rates.

Reusable and recyclable products means less trash to burn!

Businesses understand that using recycled material saves energy, lowers emissions:

Fortune 500 companies like Alcoa, Mattel, Nestles, Proctor and Gamble, Microsoft and hundreds more have created the Sustainable Packing Coalition to create packaging that is reusable and recyclable (meaning there is less burnable packaging in our waste stream for incineration). Alcoa is working to increase industry standard for beverage can recycling from 52% to 75% by 2015.

Product Stewardship: Coca Cola has committed to 100% recycling of their plastic bottles.

New technologies are being demonstrated for converting post-recycled residual solid waste into useable forms.

Extended Producer Responsibility:

Computer and battery manufacturers have introduced EPRs and product take-back programs.

Numerous bills have been introduced at both state and federal level that will increase recycling of recoverable resources to save energy and emissions. The America Climate Security Act, for example, will foster state recycling rate increases.

By the time a WTE incinerator is built we will need to import more than 1000 tons of trash per day to make it economically viable.

Say NO
to a trash incinerator

Say YES
to an Alternative Plan

that includes innovation, education and commitment to recycling, reuse, recovery and reduction of our trash.

See the flipside for details on an Alternative Plan.

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Friends of Frederick County recommends Frederick County adopt an Alternative Plan, a comprehensive Resource Recovery Complex that will house:

1. Material Recovery Facility (MRF) to recover recyclable commodities for market
2. Composting of Organics (commercial & residential) efficiently located close to the source
3. Construction and Demolition Debris processing can recover large volumes of construction waste; today this is trucked out of state to be landfilled.
4. Electronic Waste Recovery: Sony, HP, Dell, and other manufacturers are partnering in local programs.

A comprehensive Resource Recovery Complex is funded and operated by private industry – minimizing financial burden on citizens.

Ask your Commissioners to consider alternatives to WTE.

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Consider an Alternative Plan...

What: Solid Waste Analysis Group
Presentation on the Alternative Plan

Where: Common Market
Community Room

When: Saturday, March 8th 2:00-3:00 pm
Monday, March 17th 7:00-8:00 pm
Monday, March 31st 7:00-8:00 pm

Where: C Burr Artz Public Library
Community Room

When: Tuesday, March 25th 7:00-8:00 pm
Thursday, March 27th 7:00-8:00 pm
Monday, April 7th 7:00-8:00 pm

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