

ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

c/o Department of Environmental Services
2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 705
Arlington, VA 22201
May 23, 2014

The Honorable Jay Fisetto, Chairman
Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22201

Re: Support for Adjusting Recycling Rate Goals in Arlington Solid Waste Management Plan

Dear Mr. Fisetto,

The Environment and Energy Conservation Commission (E2C2) has been informed that the Bureau of Solid Waste would like to increase the recycling goals for Arlington County, Virginia because Arlington County has already exceeded the original schedule as established in the 2004 Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP).

The original goal, established in 2004, was to increase recycling rates by 5% over 10 years, taking the County's recycling stream from 32% to 37% of total county waste. The County exceeded this goal by achieving 42% in its recycling stream as of 2014—an actual increase of 10%. The updated goals will provide for greater acceleration of the County's recycling efforts. Following are the existing and proposed goal changes:

Recycling Goals as Outlined in the 2004 SWMP:

- Increase recycling rate as follows:
 - 37% by 2014
 - 42% by 2019
 - 47% by 2024

Proposed Updated 2014 Recycling Goals:

- Increase recycling rate as follows:
 - 50% by 2015
 - 55% by 2020
 - 60% by 2024

E2C2 supports this increase in recycling rate goals due to the positive environmental impacts, particularly as the County works towards its established goal of becoming a zero-landfill jurisdiction by 2020 and zero-waste by 2039.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our support for the anticipated benefits of this amendment.

Sincerely,



Scott Dicke
E2C2 Chair