Congratulations to our newly elected FY 2019 Chapter officers and directors. For those of you leaving the Board, thank you for generously contributing your time and effort. For those of you moving on to other positions within the Board, thank you for your continued commitment. We look forward to another successful and exciting year for the Chapter.

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**SWANA Mission Statement:**

“SWANA is an organization of professionals committed to advancing from solid waste management to resource management through shared emphasis on education, advocacy and research.”
Tour of Freshkills Landfill Park

By: Kristyn Oldendorf, Policy Analyst
City of Baltimore, DPW

As part of the celebration of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter’s 35th Anniversary, the Board of Directors sponsored a tour of the Freshkills Landfill Park in New York on September 21, 2018.

Overview of Freshkills

- Was largest landfill in the world before closing in 2001
- In 2001 the Department of City Planning, with support from the New York Department of State’s Division of Coastal Resources, conducted a master planning process for Freshkills Park that resulted in a Draft Master Plan for the site
- The site is now being developed into a public park in stages, which will take place over the next 25 years
- When complete, the park will be almost three times the size of Central Park
- At 2,200 acres, this will be the largest landfill to park project in the world
- This project is a close partnership between the Department of Sanitation, the Parks Department, and the Freshkills Park Alliance, a non-profit organization
- While the park is under development, various programs and events are being held to give residents the opportunity to access and enjoy the site: https://freshkillspark.org/calendar
- Staten Island’s waste now goes to South Carolina, via train. Trash from the Bronx goes to Virginia, trash from Brooklyn is sent to upstate New York, and trash from Manhattan goes to New Jersey.
- New York City has an aggressive zero waste plan and they have implemented a compost program for residents, which includes both curbside collection in some neighborhoods as well as drop-off sites

Landfill Management

- The site generates enormous amounts of stormwater and leachate. Leachate is treated on-site at a treatment plant. Stormwater is handled by a series of gabions and other structures.
- An on-site methane processing plant treats the landfill gas and sends it to the distribution system
- A thick layer of soil is being laid over the closed landfill to prepare it for public access. The soil has to meet very specific specs. This is very expensive, as truckloads of soil are being shipped in every day.
- The contractor working on this is under very tight requirements to adhere to the SWPPP and to stay on schedule
Equipment for Potential Future Beneficial Reuse

Abandoned equipment, trash barges, and load packers were throughout the site. The plan is to repurpose them into artwork, floating wetlands, etc.

Visitor Center

The Visitor Center had nice exhibits on the history of the site, the components of a landfill, and information about recycling and source reduction.

There was also a Mobile Learning Lab, which they bring to schools and events.

For additional information, please visit: https://freshkillspark.org and https://www.nycgovparks.org/park-features/freshkills-park.
Baltimore County Receives Two Awards From the Maryland Recycling Network

Charlie Reighart Named Recycler of the Year; County Honored for Environmental Social Media Page

Baltimore County received two awards from the Maryland Recycling Network (MRN) on June 19 at the MRN/Mid-Atlantic SWANA (Solid Waste Association of North America) Annual Conference. Charlie Reighart, Recycling and Waste Prevention Manager for the County’s Bureau of Solid Waste Management is the Dwight Copenhaver Recycler of the Year and the Bureau of Solid Waste Management received the Extraordinary Achievement Award for its Clean Green Baltimore County Social Media Program. Charlie Reighart has provided leadership in the recycling field since 1989. He has created innovative programs that not only benefit County residents but are models for similar programs at the state and national level. During Charlie’s time with the Bureau of Solid Waste Management, starting in 1990, Baltimore County has received five national and ten statewide awards for recycling and waste prevention.

Charlie has provided leadership to MRN and other state and national organizations to expand recycling and waste prevention, including leading efforts for a statewide waste diversion goal and guidelines for a source reduction credit system. Since 1996, he has served on the MRN Board and in various MRN officer and committees chair roles.

Perhaps Charlie’s most important contribution has been to hire and mentor 101 interns since 1992. These interns have not only provided important services to County residents, but many have gone on to other responsible positions in the public and private sector, with seven former interns currently working in the recycling field. Charlie has also managed many other County programs and projects, including once-a-week trash and once-a-week recycling collection, the implementation of single stream recycling, electronics recycling, recycling container placement at County intersections, a four-year recycling program calendar and guide (that includes a calendar of trash and recycling pickup days, a list of acceptable and unacceptable recyclables, set-out regulations and information on the County’s drop-off centers), source reduction programs, recycling tonnage reporting to the State and the development of Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plans.

In 2017, the Recycling Division developed the Clean Green Baltimore County Facebook Page (Facebook.com/CleanGreenBaltCo). This social media page publishes environmentally-focused content related to Baltimore County agencies, including, but not limited to, the County’s Departments of Environmental Protection and Sustainability, Public Works, Planning, and Recreation and Parks, as well as the Energy Management and Sustainability Section in the Property Management Division of the Office of Budget and Finance. None of these agencies has its own social media presence.

The page is a digital “one-stop shop” to help residents, businesses and institutions become better environmental stewards by providing information on programs, services and resources that support healthy, sustainable living. In addition to educating people about initiatives that focus on sustainability, nature and the environment, the page publishes tips, strategies and resources to improve its followers’ efforts in recycling, waste prevention and reuse, energy savings, natural resource conservation and other aspects of green living, as well as information about state, national and international environmental initiatives and success stories.

Members of the Baltimore County Bureau of Solid Waste Management accept the Maryland Recycling Network (MRN) Extraordinary Achievement Award for the Clean Green Baltimore County Social Media Program. Team members shown here (L-R) are Natalie Adachi, Mike Beichler, Charlie Reighart, Jeanette Garcia Polasky and Richard Keller. MRN Chair Bob Stumpff is at far right.
The new Maryland Slow Down to Get Around law protecting waste and recycling workers on their routes went into effect on October 1.

Drivers in the state are now required to change lanes or slow down to a “reasonable and prudent speed” when approaching a stopped waste vehicle. Failure to do so will result in a fine of $110 and one point against the driver’s license. If the violation contributes to a crash, the fine is $150 and three points against the driver’s license.

In February, SWANA submitted written testimony to the Maryland Senate in support of this bill, and SWANA CEO David Biderman testified at a hearing on it in the Maryland House of Delegates that same month. Biderman spoke in support of Slow Down to Get Around and explained to lawmakers why waste and collection workers need these protections.

Now that the law is on the books and in force, the public education about the issue must continue. One way that Mid-Atlantic Chapter members can do that is by displaying Slow Down to Get Around decals on their vehicles. Twenty free decals are available to every SWANA member through the SWANA website [here](https://www.swana.org). They just pay the cost of shipping. If a greater quantity is required, they can contact marketing@swana.org.

I ask that you please remind members that the law is now in effect, and remind them about the decals that are available to them. Members can use social media to get the message out and place the Slow Down to Get Around logo on their organization’s webpage. Also, reaching out to local press to cover the law change is another great opportunity to spread the message. Ongoing outreach to the public (and even law enforcement) about the new law is the only way to truly make Slow Down to Get Around effective.
Legislative and News Updates

By: Craig Marker, P.É.
Project Manager, Cecil County, DPW

SWANA
On August 10, SWANA issued an advocacy alert discussing China’s announcement of new tariffs on scrap materials. On August 8, the Chinese government announced tariffs of 25% on Old Corrugated Cardboard, other recovered fiber materials, and scrap plastics exported from the United States. SWANA has since been contacted by the U.S. Trade Representative offices regarding the potential impact of this latest development. Waste360 also published a story about these tariffs. This action by the Chinese government is part of a larger list of tariffs being enacted in an ongoing trade war between China and the United States. As of now, there are no indications of a change in this dispute between the two countries, and is likely only to escalate. The Chinese government previously announced on July 11 plans to entirely ban the import of solid waste, including recovered paper, by no later than 2020.

FEDERAL -EPA
No updates from EPA related to solid waste & recycling issues.

STATE – MARYLAND (Legislative)
The 438th Legislative Session began on January 10 and ended on April 9. The Maryland General Assembly will reconvene Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

STATE – MARYLAND (MDE)
No updates from MDE related to solid waste and recycling issues.

STATE – DELAWARE (Legislative)
The Legislative Session began on January 9 and ended on June 30. The Delaware General Assembly completed the second year of the 149th General Assembly. The Delaware General Assembly will reconvene on January 8, 2019.

STATE – DELAWARE (DNREC)
No updates from DNREC related to solid waste and recycling issues.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (Legislative)
There is currently no active legislation related to solid waste or recycling.

CITY OF BALTIMORE (Legislative)
There is currently no active legislation related to solid waste or recycling.

NEWS UPDATES
The DC Department of Energy and the Environment is seeking comments before September 30 on their updated Draft Sustainability Plan. A copy of the draft plan and information on how to comment on the plan can be found online.

The Northeast Recycling Council’s Fall Conference titled “The Future of MRFs” will be held in Rocky Hill, Connecticut on October 30-31, 2018. The conference agenda and registration information can be found online.

A Baltimore Sun article (2018-07-29) reported on the release of two new studies that have criticized Maryland’s Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), arguing that: (1) the RPS subsidizes "dirty" forms of energy such as waste incineration and paper byproduct known as black liquor; and (2) allowing utilities to purchase renewable energy credits in lieu of actually purchasing renewable energy directly undermines a full transition to renewable energy sources. Maryland’s RPS currently requires that 25% of the state’s energy come from renewable sources by 2020. The first study was released by the environmental advocacy group Food and Water Watch and assigned letter grades to the renewable energy efforts of each state. Maryland received an "F" grade because the RPS includes waste incineration and black liquor as renewable. Other states receiving an "F" included Delaware, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. The two highest grades went to Hawaii ("B-") and Vermont ("C+").

Waste Dive began tracking the effects of China’s scrap import policies across all 50 states (and the District of Columbia) during November 2017 in honor of America Recycles Day. Since that time, the effects in Maryland and DC have gone from minimal to noticeable in Maryland and DC, while the effects in Delaware have stayed at the noticeable level. Minimal effect is defined as no major issues were reported aside from the average market fluctuation. Noticeable effect is defined as material is still moving, but with more difficulty, and local programs may be considering cuts.
Proposed Changes to SWANA’s Governance

By: Dana L. Murray, P.E., BCEE
Mid-Atlantic Chapter International Board Representative

The International Board (IB) of SWANA has been working to change the governance of the organization. These changes are being proposed to reduce the size of the International Board and increase representation of the Chapters on a new Board of Directors. Currently, SWANA is governed by the International Board which includes an Executive Committee. The IB consists of a representative from each chapter, each technical division, each private sector director, a young professional and five officers (72 members). The Executive Committee (EC) includes a Regional Director from each of the five Regions, a Technical Division Director Representative, a Private Sector Director Representative and the five officers. This governance change will create a Board of Directors (BOD) and eliminate the current IB and EC. The BOD will include the following representatives:

1. Five officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Past President
2. Thirteen Regional Directors
3. One Technical Division Director
4. One Private Sector Director
5. One Young Professional Director

The increase from 5 Regional Directors to 13 Regional Directors provides for more representation of the Chapters at the BOD level. The BOD will become much smaller than the previous IB which is expected to improve communications to and from the chapters.

If passed, the Mid-Atlantic Chapter will be in the new Region 7 along with Pennsylvania, New Jersey and West Virginia’s at-large members (WV does not have a chapter). These three chapters will have a Regional Director and a non-voting Regional Deputy Director. The Regional Director and Regional Deputy Director will be elected by the Board of Directors of each chapter (one vote per chapter) and will be funded equally by the three chapters. Each new Region is currently developing an MOU for the election and funding of their Regional Director. The new SWANA BOD will meet in-person three times per year and will also hold regular conference calls. This change in governance will require a SWANA Bylaw change that will be voted on by the entire membership.

In addition to the SWANA BOD, the new governance will include an Advisory Board (AB). The AB will be authorized through a SWANA Management and Administrative (MA) Policy and will not require a Bylaw change. The AB will consist of a representative from each chapter, each technical division, each Private Sector Director and a Young Professional Representative. The five officers of the SWANA BOD will be ex-officio members of the AB. The AB will look similar to the current IB. The AB will meet in-person once per year and will provide advice to the SWANA BOD.

Members of the new SWANA BOD and AB will also serve on one of the three Standing Committees (Finance, Planning and Membership, or Policy). As with the current IB, it is expected that much of the work of SWANA’s governance will continue to be done at the AB committee level.

2018 Mid-Atlantic Regional Road-E-O
Hosted by Maryland Environmental Service

Once again the Maryland Environmental Service (MES) hosted the popular SWANA Mid-Atlantic Regional Road-E-O. The 2018 event kicked off early on the overcast morning of June 22 at the Mid-Shore II Landfill in Ridgely, MD. Participants from the region (MD, PA, and NJ) joined in friendly competition on landfill and road equipment. Skills and speed were tested as competitors moved around the field of competition for wheeled loaders, bulldozers, articulated dump trucks and landfill compactors. Truck drivers were challenged to navigate tight turns, parallel parking and wheel placement through a course of tennis balls, all under the tick-tock of a timer. Participants also had to perform a pre-operation walk-around and safety check as part of the competition. Volunteer judges were assigned various stations over the courses to monitor compliance with the course and take measures of success.

Congratulations to all of those who participated and placed! Thank you to our hosts and all the sponsors!

Photos can be viewed at: http://www.swana-midatl.org/rodeo.htm

The SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter is a believer in supporting the higher education goals of today's youth. The Chapter offers college scholarships to eligible students working toward undergraduate or graduate college degrees. In addition, the Chapter will submit the application of the most-qualified, eligible candidate for the Grant H. Flint Scholarship Awards Program administered by SWANA International.

A candidate must be sponsored by a Mid-Atlantic Chapter member, or shall be a Mid-Atlantic Chapter Student Member in good standing at the time of application, selection, and award. Because an applicant does not have to be related to a member, please circulate these scholarship links to others who are not SWANA members, e.g., those in your office or field locations, as well as those in the solid waste field who work for your agency (such as contract trash and recycling owners and employees), solid waste vendors, your high school or college (to post on their scholarship websites), etc.

The Chapter is currently looking for an organization to sponsor the highest scoring candidate. The sponsor could be any organization and can suggest a name to be given to the award. The Chapter will accept an annual sponsorship of either $500, $1,000, $1,500 or $2,000.

For additional information on the Mid-Atlantic Chapter’s Scholarship Program, please visit the Chapter website at www.swana-mid-atl.org, or contact Mehal Trivedi at (301) 600-3043 or mtrivedi@frederickcountymd.gov. Deadline to apply for the scholarships is May 1, 2019.
Reminders / Wanted

- “Reporters”/writers for our Chapter newsletter.
- **Important Websites to Remember:** [www.swana.org](http://www.swana.org), [www.swana-midatl.org](http://www.swana-midatl.org) and [www.mdrecycles.org](http://www.mdrecycles.org).
- **Training the Trainers:** Contact a Board member if interested in being trained to be a trainer for a SWANA course.
- **SWANA Web Sessions:** If your organization presents web sessions, make them a Chapter event so that all attendees can get CEU’s. Contact Steve Lippy, Dana Murray or Shirl Wright.
- **Job Vacancies in your Organization:** Contact [swright@nmwda.org](mailto:swright@nmwda.org) for inclusion in our Chapter newsletter and website.
- **Articles, information, recent/on-going projects of interest, active purchase orders, etc.:** Contact [swright@nmwda.org](mailto:swright@nmwda.org) to be placed in our Chapter newsletter.
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- **Name(s) of Prospective SWANA Members:** Contact either our Chapter Membership Chair, Deji Fawole [dfawole@scsengineers.com](mailto:dfawole@scsengineers.com) or direct the prospective member to our Chapter website [www.swana-midatl.org](http://www.swana-midatl.org) or SWANA’s website [www.swana.org](http://www.swana.org).
- **Newsletter Ads:** These are business card size ads only (2” x 3.5”); $100 for 4 issues. Send your ad in a JPG or PDF file to [swright@nmwda.org](mailto:swright@nmwda.org). Please make check payable to: **Mid-Atlantic Chapter of SWANA** and mail to the attention of Shirl Wright at NE MD Waste Disposal Authority, 100 S. Charles Street, Tower II - Suite 402, Baltimore, MD 21201-2705.
- **American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists:** If you are an environmental engineer or environmental scientist, you are eligible to become a member or to be certified in solid waste management by the American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists. See [www.swana-midatl.org](http://www.swana-midatl.org) or [www.aaees.org](http://www.aaees.org).

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**SWANA Guiding Principle:**

“Local government is responsible for municipal solid waste management, but not necessarily the ownership and/or operation of municipal solid waste management systems.”