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### County Commissioners Approve Phase Three - Pilot Program FuTuRe

**Westminster, MD, Thursday, August 2, 2018** – Today, the Carroll County Board of Commissioners (BCC) voted unanimously to move forward with Phase III, the pilot program, of the FuTuRe Program. The commissioner vote results in the Town of New Windsor initiating the pilot program. The pilot is expected to begin around October 1<sup>st</sup> and will operate nine months involving approximately 500 households.

The proposed FuTuRe pilot (Fair Trash Reduction) program, similar to “Pay as You Throw”, is a solid waste and variable rate or volume-based service that involves metering waste disposal so citizens pay for only the volume of waste used.

Phase one, the municipal engagement plan, was completed in November 2017 and involved discussions with potential pilot partners such as homeowners associations, haulers and municipalities as well as development of a benefit analysis and design of the pilot program. Phase two, recently completed, involved public engagement allowing constituents of the Town of New Windsor to discuss and provide input on the project. Phase Three is the initiation of the pilot program itself.

Subsequently, on July 11, 2018, the New Windsor Town Council voted to approve a FuTuRe pilot program.

The FuTuRe Pilot program is not intended to be a revenue generator, but rather a tool to measure how the program impacts waste diversion by reducing waste, more efficiently dealing with waste, extending the life of the county landfill and potentially saving constituents money.

Today’s open session will be available for viewing on the [county meeting portal](#), [YouTube channel](#), and the [county Facebook page](#). In addition, all meetings will be replayed on Comcast Channel 24.

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