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County Commissioners Approve Phase Two of Proposed Pilot Program FuTuRe

Westminster, MD, Thursday, November 16, 2017 – Today, the Carroll County Board of Commissioners (BCC) voted unanimously to move forward with phase two, the Public Engagement Phase, of the FuTuRe Pilot Program. 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 of the program, the municipal engagement plan, is complete and involved discussions with potential pilot partners such as homeowners associations, haulers and municipalities, developing a benefit analysis and designing the pilot program. This next step, phase two, approves the public engagement phase to allow constituents of communities to be involved in the discussion process, prior to phase three, which would be the initiation of the pilot program itself.

Public input is critical to the development of the program and the public engagement phase will develop a messaging campaign to include:

- Developing key discussion points on the need to reduce waste, FuTuRe concept, pilot program, and potential impact
- Establishing a website to provide overview of program pilot and communicate key points
- Briefing media and key stakeholders in municipal government regarding FuTuRe and pilot
- Providing presentation materials for use in Public Participation Meetings
- Providing pilot implementation guidance to municipal officials

The FuTuRe Pilot program, if adopted in the future, is not intended to be a revenue generator, but rather a tool to reduce waste, more efficiently deal with waste, extend the life of the county landfill and potentially save constituents money.

Following completion of phase two, the BCC will meet to discuss community feedback and consider initiating a pilot program in the county.

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