

## DPWES Responses to Questions for Staff from December 5<sup>th</sup> JET Waste Reduction/Recycling Subcommittee

- o **Who is the person responsible for waste at Fairfax County facilities/operations?**
  1. For Solid Waste Facilities & Operations- Hans Christensen; For general county facilities/operations- Facilities Management Department (Gonzalo Cebas is my contact, 703.324.2082)
- o **Status of the focus groups/survey related to communicating about recycling in the county?**
  1. We held our first focus group last week and received promising feedback from our consultant. Our second focus group is scheduled for next week. We will receive the results once the consultant completes/compiles the report out.
- o **Status of the 5-year review of waste management for the county? Are there any projects geared specifically toward reducing waste generated by the county facilities and operations/schools?**
  1. Our 5-year Solid Waste Management Plan update is due to VADEQ in December of this year. We are in the process to provide a minor update to DEQ and plan on submitting in February. In 2015 we did a major update to the plan. In 2025 we will be doing a complete (major) update.
- o **What are the primary goals related to waste management in the county/FCPS? Are there any related to waste reduction?**
  1. Recycling Sustainability, Waste Reduction through Diversion, and Customer Service
- o **What programs are planned/in progress related to waste reduction? Composting? Others?**
  1. Construction & Demolition Debris Diversion- we are in the planning stages of installing CDD processing equipment to reduce the material that needs to be landfilled
  2. Compost- Yard Waste and Food Waste composting is in the planning stages as well. Two avenues for increased composting- small scale pilot at I95 landfill and increased use of the new composting facility in PWC (Freestate Farms).
- o **What is the current recycling policy in the schools and at county?**
  1. See Section 109.1-2-3 Recycling at Non-Residential Properties for the Code requirements:  
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/sites/publicworks/files/assets/documents/chpt109-swm.pdf>