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Kudos for WTE work

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During years of public service, both appointed and elected, in Montgomery County, one of the things I was most proud to do was to lead the effort to resolve some 30 years of fighting about what to do with trash.

That fight had eaten huge amounts of money, political time and attention, and scarce landfill space. The waste-to-energy plant in Dickerson was the result (plus a powerful recycling program) — not the ideal solution, but it did resolve the problem and has become a world-famous example of how to do the job right.

So I have watched with sympathy as Frederick County has wrestled with the same issues. My hat is off to Commissioner Charles Jenkins and other members of the Board of County Commissioners for stepping up to the plate.

They have acted a lot faster than Montgomery County did. They may not receive many thanks from county citizens (we certainly didn't), but they will know that citizens will benefit for decades to come.

Good job!

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