



D'ANDREA WALKER APPOINTED TO REPRESENT BALTIMORE COUNTY ON AUTHORITY BOARD

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Andrea L. Walker has been appointed by Governor Larry Hogan to represent Baltimore County on the Authority Board. Ms. Walker is currently the Acting Director for the Department of Public Works and Transportation for Baltimore County, and her portfolio includes five main business units, including Highways, Utilities, Engineering and Construction, Solid Waste Management, and Transportation. She also is responsible for implementing the new Towson Circulator service, the first fixed route service of its kind in Baltimore County.

Ms. Walker previously served as Associate Director for Transportation in Prince George's County and served as Deputy Administrator and Chief Administrative Officer of the Maryland Transit Administration.

Ms. Walker's nearly 20 years of experience in State and Federal government, include work in the Maryland Governor's Office,

several State agencies, and on Capitol Hill. Most notably she served as the Deputy Secretary at the Maryland Department of General Services. Prior to her appointment as Deputy Secretary, Ms. Walker held management positions with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, served as Chief of Staff for the Maryland Transit Administration and was Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation.

Earlier in her career, Ms. Walker worked as a Democratic Staff Assistant for the Joint Economic Committee of the U.S. Congress in Washington, D.C. She also served as Executive Assistant to the National Field Secretary, as well as Special Projects Manager for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Baltimore.

Ms. Walker earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Master of Business Administration in Information Technology from Morgan

State University. She is a graduate of Leadership Maryland Class of 2013 and is a Distinguished Alumna of Morgan State University. Ms. Walker participates in several community organizations. She has two sons and lives in Severn with her husband.



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ANDREW KAYS APPOINTED TO LEAD THE AUTHORITY

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ndrew Kays has been appointed Executive Director of the Northeast Maryland Waste Authority by the Authority Board.

His appointment to manage and lead the Authority's solid waste, diversion and recycling, and energy projects for its eight member jurisdictions was confirmed by Governor Larry Hogan in August. Andrew succeeds Chris Skaggs who retired after serving 32 years in progressively responsible positions – the last 10 years as Executive Director. Chris began his retirement from the Authority in August.

Andrew Kays has worked for the Authority for more than 15 years, starting in 2002 as a Project Analyst then working his way up to Project Manager. He was promoted in 2011 to Deputy Director. In announcing this appointment, Authority Board Chairman Joe Siemek, expressed confidence that Andrew is extremely well qualified to manage and lead the activities of this important regional organization.

Andrew is a member of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America and has held several elected positions on the Chapter Board of Directors, including Chapter President. He is a Faculty Member for CRRA/SWANA Zero Waste Principles & Practices certification.

Andrew has a Master's degree in environmental sciences and policy from the Johns Hopkins University and a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Loyola College (now Loyola University Maryland).



Andrew Kays

In addition to his active participation in procurement, planning and financing projects on behalf of the Authority's Member Jurisdictions, Andrew has managed the activities of the project staff to ensure that projects for Member Jurisdictions are completed in a timely manner. He also has been responsible for the Authority's annual budget and serves as the legislative lead for the agency, managing the review of potentially impactful federal, state and local legislation.



Authority Executive Director Andrew Kays (left) and recently retired Executive Director Chris Skaggs (2nd from left) participated in the ground-breaking ceremony for the Photovoltaic Solar Array in Frederick, MD in 2019. This is just one of many projects of the last decade undertaken for the benefit of the Members.

WIN WASTE INNOVATIONS PARTNERS ON NEW BALTIMORE CITY TRASH WHEEL



IN Waste Innovations, formerly Wheelabrator Baltimore, is playing an integral role in the operation of Baltimore's fourth trash wheel. Located at the mouth of the Gwynn's Falls, the new wheel is designed to collect trash before it can enter the Patapsco River and make its way to the Chesapeake Bay.

Dubbed "Gwynnda the Good Wheel" following a naming contest that generated thousands of suggestions from the public, the trash wheel officially began operations adjacent to

the WIN Waste Innovations' site on June 3. The company is donating its services to offload trash from the wheel. WIN Waste Innovations invested \$250,000 in equipment to remove and replace a dumpster that will be filled with materials the wheel pulls from the water. Trash will be taken from the wheel to the company's waste-to-energy facility, BRESKO, where it will be converted into clean, renewable electricity for Maryland homes and businesses.

The trash wheel was constructed by Clearwater Mills, a Pasadena-based company that developed the technology

that powers the device. The wheel utilizes energy drawn from 72 solar panels and has a grappling arm capable of moving large debris that could impact its operations. Baltimore's first trash wheel was launched in 2014, with additional wheels installed in 2016 and 2018. To date, the wheels have captured more than 1,500 tons of waste from local waters. The waste-to-energy facility has processed the majority of that waste, converting it into enough renewable energy to power more than 23,000 homes.



Gwynnda the Good
Wheel of the West

CHRIS SKAGGS RETIRES AFTER 30+ YEARS WITH THE AUTHORITY

Chris Skaggs joined the Authority at a time when images of the 6,000-mile journey of the Mobro 4000 barge (1987) were still resonating in the country and around the world. The resulting public and political pressure lead to a myriad of changes in the practice of solid waste management around the nation and here in Maryland. During his tenure the industry as a whole has seen shifts in collection practices, moving from source separated recycling at volunteer events, to curbside collections of two streams, to the current practice of single stream collection and processing in many locations. It is not only the manner of collections that has changed, but also the

“typical ton” itself that is different from the late 80’s and early 90’s. This “ton” reflects the changes in the manner of consumption and waste management in the larger society.

According to newly appointed Authority Executive Director Andrew Kays, “Chris has been a steady presence in the region, assisting the Authority’s Member Jurisdictions as they have had to navigate ever changing mandates and goals for waste reduction, diversion and disposal during a variety of economic highs and lows, and evolving markets. Through his time with SWANA and the Maryland Recyclers Network, Chris has worked to support the Members with education and regional networking,

at all times recommending solutions to new challenges and supporting the development of staff at the Authority. He has made his mark at the Authority and we wish him well in his future endeavors”.



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