



## LESS WASTE BETTER BALTIMORE STUDY WRAPS UP

**T**he City of Baltimore has posted updates to its long term solid waste and recycling master planning effort, titled **Less Waste, Better Baltimore: Rethinking Our Waste Management Future** on the City's website: <https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/lesswaste>

Since our last report on the study in the Fall 2019 issue of WasteWatch, here's what's been accomplished. The consultant, Geosyntec, completed the Final Master Plan report at the end of July. This Master Plan was presented to the Mayor, the City Council and to the public. It was drafted and comprised of components from all previous reports on the project, including:

**Task 0** - Winter and Summer Waste and Recycling Sorts

**Task 3** - Comprehensive Description of the Existing System

**Task 4** - Benchmarking

**Task 5** - Potential Improvements to the Current Diversion and Recycling System

**Task 7** - Managing What's Left

**Task 8** - Draft Master Plan

Overall, the Plan has identified options for improving solid waste diversion, recycling and disposal in the City.

It is committed to act as a clear and realistic future vision for improving the City's solid waste recycling program and operations, over both the near and long term, with the goal of maximizing waste reduction, reuse/repair, recycling and sustainable management of materials.

In finalizing the Master Plan, Geosyntec also completed a full range of tasks beginning in November 2019 when the project team was asked to give a status overview of the **Less Waste, Better Baltimore** plan to both the Baltimore Commission on Sustainability and the Baltimore City Council, followed by these additional efforts, at all times welcoming feedback:

- 1) In April 2020, Geosyntec completed and posted on the City's website, the final Task 5 Report, Potential Improvements to the Current Diversion/Recycling System, in order to decrease material flow into the disposal sector, and the Final Task 7 Report, Managing What's Left, which addressed long-term strategies to handle the material that is not captured in the diversion and recycling systems.

- 2) In May 2020, Geosyntec presented the draft Master Plan to Mayor Young.

- 3) In June 2020, the project team hosted a virtual Community Meeting to review the **Less Waste, Better Baltimore** draft Master Plan.

- 4) In September 2020, Geosyntec presented the Final Master Plan to the City's Department of Planning, Commission on Sustainability.

The Vision Statement is below, the Equity Statement and Guiding Principles and Goals from the Final Plan are on the next page:

### Vision Statement

**"We are committed to providing the most efficient and equitable solid waste management system using industry best practices and leading technology to ensure, in a collaborative manner, a safe, viable, and healthy environment for ALL residents through our long-term Less Waste, Better Baltimore Master Plan."**

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## Equity Statement

“The LWBB Plan is consistent with DPW’s commitment to equity and environmental justice, as set forth in our mission and vision statements and Equity Ordinance 18-160. In developing this plan, DPW recognizes the importance of internal review with our Equity Committee as well as external review with communities and stakeholders. Through the development and implementation of the LWBB Plan, DPW will apply an equity lens and commit to best practices that will advance our equity priorities and goals.”

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## Guiding Principles and Goals

The LWBB Plan was developed in accordance with the following values and guiding principles:

1. Maximizing **waste reduction and diversion** while meeting the City’s short-term and long-term needs for solid waste disposal
2. **Resource conservation**, including outreach efforts to inspire conscious decision making to reduce consumption and waste generation
3. Meeting goals for accountability, transparency, and **equality**
4. Aligning environmental, economic, and social needs to achieve **operational and financial sustainability**
5. Creating **green jobs** in the recycling and reuse sectors
6. Seeking opportunities for **cooperation and collaboration**



**Less Waste, Better Baltimore**  
Rethinking our waste management future

## RICHARD KELLER AWARDED NATIONAL RECYCLING COALITION’S LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**F**ormer Authority employee Richard Keller has received the National Recycling Coalition’s Lifetime Achievement Award! He has been a leader in recycling at the federal, state and local levels for more than four decades. Richard’s most notable achievement is establishing Buy Recycled programs.



As an Authority employee, he authored the first *Buy Recycled Training Manual* and has since conducted more than 180 training programs on buying recycled products. He has managed recycling projects including selling recyclable commodities, airport and stadium recycling, planning, source reduction, reuse, training, and market development. Richard is currently working for Baltimore County and is updating the *Commercial Recycling Guide*. The Authority extends its congratulations to Richard on receiving such a well-deserved award!



**Richard Keller -  
Former Authority Employee**

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY GUDE LANDFILL REMEDiation PROJECT UPDATE



**S**ince the Construction Management Engineer contract was awarded in early January, (WasteWatch, Winter 2020), for the remediation design of the closed Gude Landfill in Montgomery County, work has continued despite the current state of emergency due to COVID-19. The Authority recently issued a notice of availability for the Construction Contractor. This procurement is a two-step process, the first being a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). A short list of qualified firms and/or teams will be developed from the RFQ. They will then be invited to submit proposals for the construction of the approved Corrective Measures for the remediation. The goal is to select a well-qualified construction firm that will complete this important project on time and on budget. The Construction Contract will require remediation work to be approached in phases, making sure to minimize nuisance sounds and odors while implementing the on-site improvements.

There are three critical contracts that the Authority is managing on-behalf of Montgomery County for the project:

**Contract 1 – Design Engineer:** This contract provides for the design, permitting and other designated services for the Corrective Measures and the conceptual planning for potential land uses. The contract was awarded to EA Engineering in 2018 and the Authority is managing EA's ongoing work. EA continued the design process

throughout the spring and summer of 2020, coordinating the various 60 percent and now 90 percent drawings. While shutdowns have limited the opportunity for in-person meetings, the use of electronic forums has allowed the project team to meet and coordinate regulatory reviews.

### Contract 2 – Construction Management Engineer:

This contract allows for constructability reviews of the design/construction documents as well as providing management, oversight and inspection services throughout the construction of the Corrective Measures, and potential site work to prepare for the potential land uses. SCS Engineers was awarded the contract in early 2020 and the Authority has been managing the ongoing work. As construction management engineer, SCS is reviewing the remediation design from a constructability standpoint, providing a critical extra set of eyes on this significant project. Throughout the last stages of design and procurement for the Construction Contract, SCS will be providing feedback on the procurement documents.

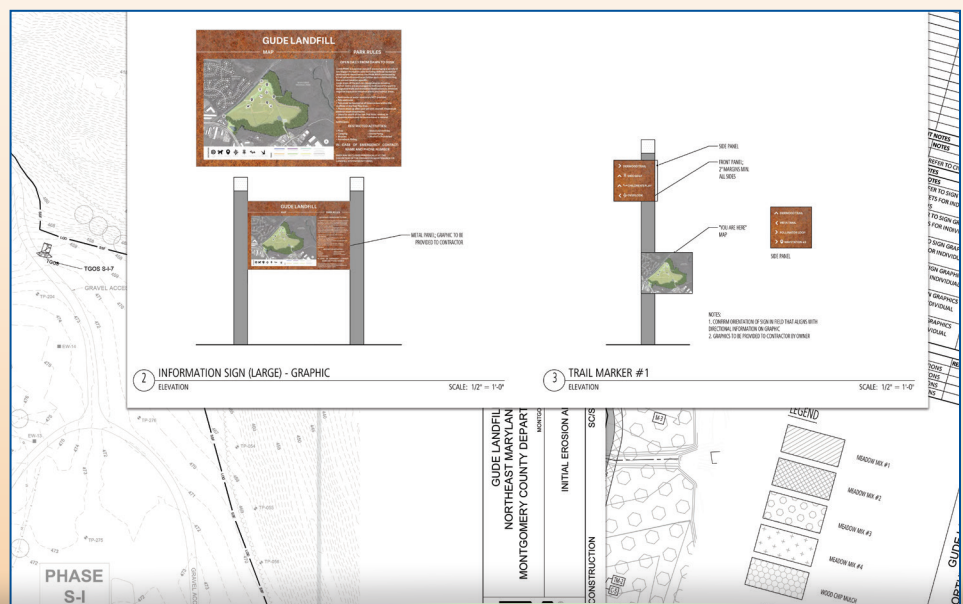
### Contract 3 – General Contractor:

This contract, currently in the procurement stage, addresses the actual construction of the approved design and permitted Corrective Measures and some potential passive land uses.

The County continues to provide regular updates to the local community on the progress of the design effort through direct communications and posting of files on the County's project webpage. The final contract award for the Construction Contract will take place after regulatory approval for the design of the Corrective Measures, and is currently anticipated to be in the fall of 2021.

For more information, please contact the Authority or visit the County's project website at <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/facilities/gude/remediation-project.html>. Please see the Authority's procurement page for more details on the Construction Contractor RFQ at <https://www.nmwda.org/procurement-opportunities/>.

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Excerpts from the 90% design drawings.

## IMPORTANT REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI) ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Coming Soon!

**Building Material, Furniture and Houseware Collection and Reuse/ Recycling Services** Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) on behalf of NMWDA Member Jurisdictions including Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Frederick County, Harford County, Howard County and Montgomery County.

**Mattress Collection and Recycling Services** Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) on behalf of NMWDA Member Jurisdictions including Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Frederick County, Harford County, Howard County and Montgomery County.



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