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**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO TOUR KING COUNTY RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES**

FREDERICK, MD - Frederick County Commissioner Vice President David Gray and Commissioner Charles Jenkins will travel to the state of Washington on October 10 - 12 to tour King County Government solid waste management facilities and receive briefings on the county landfill and waste transfer operations, recycling practices and composting services. Staff from the Division of Utilities and Solid Waste Management will accompany the commissioners on the site visit.

Commissioner Gray said, "We're thankful for the opportunity to observe King County's state-of-the-art facilities and recycling programs as part of our pre-determined overall strategy to consider the many waste-management options available. The information we gather will be vital in our upcoming discussions about long-term solutions to the solid waste issues we face in Frederick County."

Since recycling began in the 1980s, King County has become a nationally recognized leader in the promotion and practice of waste reduction and recycling. Garbage and recycling collection from county residents and the Board of Education and disposal services are available to over 1.7 million residents and more than 60,000 businesses and institutions in the unincorporated areas and in 37 of the 39 cities in the county, excluding Seattle and Milton.

Frederick County residents are invited to submit questions to ask the King County staff during the site visit by sending an e-mail to Commissioner Gray at [dgray@fredco-md.net](mailto:dgray@fredco-md.net) or Commissioner Jenkins at [chjenkins@fredco-md.net](mailto:chjenkins@fredco-md.net), or by calling 301-600-1101.

For further information on the King County Solid Waste Division, visit <http://www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd>