

DICKERSON AREA FACILITIES IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (DAFIG)**June 10, 2025 MEETING MINUTES, Final 9/9/25**

Date: June 10, 2025
Time: 7:00 PM – 9:18 PM
Location: In Person and Microsoft Teams

1. ATTENDEES

#	Name	Present	Title	Status	Affiliation
	Voting Members				Affected Community-(6) Affiliated Group (6)
1	Rita Beck	Y		Voting Member	Town of Barnesville
2	Linda Bergofsky	Y	Vice Chair	Voting Member	Town of Pooleville
3	Erika Bucciantini	Y		Voting Member	Resident, Affected Community
4	Sue Carr	Y		Voting Member	Resident, Affected Community
5	Andrew Donaldson	Y		Voting Member	Sugarloaf Citizen's Association (SCA)
6	Lauren Greenberger	Y	SCA Vice President	Voting Member	Resident, Affected Community
7	Richard Hill	Y	Chair	Voting Member	For A Rural Maryland (FARM)
8	Jane Hunter	Y		Voting Member	Resident, Affected Community
9	Amy Maron	Y		Voting Member	Solid Waste Advisory Comm (SWAC)
10	Daniela Ochoa Gonzalez	Y		Voting Member	Resident, Affected Community
11	Kraig Walsleben	N		Voting Member	Upcounty Citizens Advisory Bd (UCAB)
12	Vacant		(to replace Katharine Blackman)	Voting Member	Resident, Affected Community
	Affiliate Members				Facility Representatives (6)
	Tom DeMaio	Y	Asset Manager	Non-Voting Member	Reworld
	Lonnie Heflin	Y	Section Chief	Non-Voting Member	DEP-RRM Div. - Material Mgmt. Sec
	Dave Rosenbaum- Lisa Shine filled in for Dave	N	Program Manager Executive Assistant	Non-Voting Member	DEP-RRM Div. - Material Mgmt. Sec
	Mike Bennett	Y	Plant Manager	Non-Voting Member	Dickerson Power, LLC
	Steve Frank	Y	Sr. Director, Environmental	Non-Voting Member	GenOn MD Ash Mgmt. /Westland
	Jay Spence	Y	Superintendent, MD Ash	Non-Voting Member	GenOn MD Ash Mgmt. /Westland
	Jeff Ferrel	Y	VP	Non-Voting Member	Terra Innovations/Terra Energy
	Jason Browne	Y	Division Chief – Ops	Non-Voting Member	MES
	Danielle Wilson	Y	Deputy Division Chief	Non-Voting Member	MES
	Terrence Reese	Y	Sr. Lead Operations Mgr.	Non-Member	MES
	Dave Jordahl	Y	Aquatic Biologist	Non-Member	DEP-WRD
	Jon Monger	N	Director	Non-Member	DEP
	Jeffrey Seltzer	N	Deputy Director	Non-Member	DEP
	Willie Wainer	N	Division Chief	Non-Member	DEP-RRM Div.
	Joe LaDana	Y	Senior Engineer	Non-Member	DEP-RRM Div. - Material Mgmt. Section
	Ray Liou	N	Senior Engineer	Non-Member	DEP-RRM Div. - Material Mgmt. Section
	Steve Martin	N	Environmental Compliance Supervisor	Non-Member	DEP
	Kaley Lalecker	N	Chief, Zero Waste Programs	Non-Member	Montgomery County DEP
	Dale Tibbitts	N	Special Assistant to County Executive	Non-Member	County Executive's Office
	Jim Evans	Y		Non-Member	Resident
	Ruben Rosario	N	URSC-Director	Non-Member	

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2. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Bergofsky called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

There was a quorum for this meeting. 10 of 12 voting members were in attendance.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Voting and non-voting members of DAFIG were introduced.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

- A. The agenda was adopted, moved by Jane Hunter, seconded by Dick Hill, unanimously approved. at 7:09pm
- B. Vice Chair Bergofsky stated they were not able access minutes from DAFIG website and were relying on printed copies usually distributed. No printed copies were available.
- C. Jane Hunter made a motion to accept minutes. Seconded by Andrew Donaldson. Unanimously approved at 7:30 pm.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS


A. Administrative matters

- a. Elections for Chair and Vice Chair Linda nominated for chair and Erica nominated for Vice chair- unanimously approved.
- b. DAFIG website review/improvements.
 - i. Erika Bucciantini waiting to hear from Dave Rosenbaum regarding the status of requested changes.
- c. Montgomery County BCC Policies and Procedures Training
 - i. Several members still pending completion of required training.
 - ii. Several members mentioned challenges in obtaining certificates of completion. Options were given to help accommodate challenges
- d. Vacancies:
 - i. Resident, Affected Communities (Voting Member).
 - 1. Dave Rosenbaum to update on his return
- e. Meeting Location: Linda Bergofsky asked if DAFIG would be open to having meetings in other locations such as the Poolesville library and other locations in the Ag Reserve.

B. DEP Compliance Report – Steve Martin not able to attend.

- a. Zero complaints this quarter.

C. Facility Updates.

- a. Vice Chair Linda Bergofsky asked for reports to show efficiency/variances.
- b. Meet to review improvements, specifics, metrics.
- c. RRF - Tom DeMaio (Covanta now Reworld) 
 - i. Referenced issues at Transfer Station responsible for having to truck MSW to RRF.
 - ii. expect to do major outages in the fall to do upgrades to improve boiler reliability.
- d. Compost Facility – Danielle Wilson Bulk LeafGro Sales increased, on track to exceed projections
 - i. Dave Jordahl provided summary BIBI (benthic macroinvertebrate index of biotic integrity) assessments from the past eight years (2017 – 2024), emphasizing low DO (dissolved oxygen, less than 50% saturation) in Stream 1 that first became apparent in 2022. Provided updates to facility management (BMP-best management procedures) to address this problem.
- e. Dickerson Power, LLC. – Mike Bennett- GenOn Md Ash Management, LLC – Jay Spence
 - i. Discussed 1 minor environmental issue being resolved.
 - ii. Dust on March 16 due to strong winds and no fluid spills

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- f. Terra Innovations/Terra Energy – Jeff Ferrell
 - i. Working with Atmosphere Data (Data Center) on the entire site development. Under contract.
 - ii. Still working on placing 438 acres into Ag Easement.
 - iii. Lauren Greenberger asked if there had been any progress on a tax relief package for the site.
 - Jeff said still working on it
- g. Site 2 - Rental Properties
 - i. The disposition of the Draper and Dunn properties is being handled by DGS.
- D. Open Discussion –
 - a. Steve Findlay mentioned the County Executive was still exploring a 400 acre solar project at Site 2
 - b. Discussed Bill 15-25 Special Capital Improvements Projects- New organics Processing facility
- E. Unfinished Business.
 - a. County to meet with IT to try to solve issues with camera, display and audio
 - b. DAFIG would like a tour of the Transfer Station and the Compost facility

F. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept 9, 2025 at 7:00 PM. Jane Hunter moved to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chair Bergofsky adjourned the meeting at 9:18 PM.

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DAFIG Activities and Study Schedule					
#	Study	Completion Date	Date Due	Status	Note
1	Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan: Progress Report Current 2020-2029 Next 2025-2035	2021, approved by MDE 2022	2025		Progress Report every 2 years, update every 3 years.
2	Aiming for Zero Waste – The County’s Solid Waste Master Plan	2020	As determined by DEP	Complete	County’s 1 st Solid Waste Master Plan
3	Facilities Master Plan for the Solid Waste Operations in the Dickerson Area	2013			Depends on whether the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management 10-Year Plan includes any new solid waste facilities in Dickerson area
4	Health Risk Assessment (HRA)	Study Started in 2013, Completed in 2014	2018	Include in future budgets	Previous studies: 1989, 2006, 2013. 2015 HRA rejected by DAFIG. 2018 HRA deferred to conduct AERMOD Validation Study.
5	Ambient Air Monitoring Program	Start: 2013 Final: 2016	2018	Include in FY 2023 Budget	Previous studies: 1994,1996,2002, 2008,2013. 2016 Air Report rejected by DAFIG. 2018 Ambient Air Monitoring funds used for AERMOD Validation Study.
6	Non-Air Media Monitoring Program	Start: 2014 Final: 2015	2018	Include in FY 2023 Budget	Previous studies: 1994-95, 1996-98, 2001, 2004, 2007-08, 2014. 2018 Non-Air Media Monitoring Program funds used for AERMOD Validation Study.
7	Streams and Ponds Monitoring	2016	Late 2020 or early 2021	Presented to DAFIG on Mar 9, 2021	Evaluate the surface water quality for the two streams at the compost facility. Study uses Benthic Macroinvertebrate Community as the indicator.
8	Ground Water Monitoring	2017	Late 2020 or early 2021	Presentation to DAFIG on Dec 14, 2021?	Water for wells around composting site are sampled and analyzed semi-annually.
9	Deer Management				Monitor and comment on deer management contracts and results
10	Tour of Facilities				Tours can be scheduled after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.
11	AERMOD Validation Study	2018-21	Complete	Presentation to DAFIG on Mar 9, 2021	New AERMOD consistent with 12 months of SO2 concentration monitoring and meteorological data.

Budget: OMB Budget Process posted to DAFIG webpage.**Fiscal Year:** July 01 through June 30.