



# Carroll County Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)

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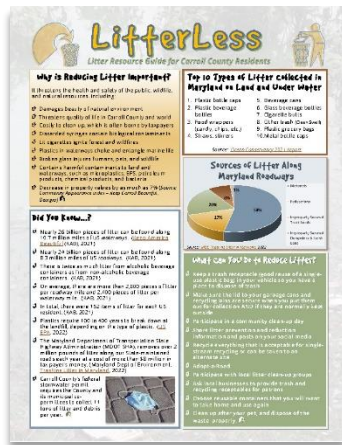
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## 2022 Annual Report

### 2022 Work Plan Progress

#### Public Outreach – LitterLess: Litter Resource Guide for Carroll County Residents

Litter control is a component of the Property Management and the Public Education requirements of the County's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase I Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) permit (stormwater). At the Board's request, the EAC prepared a public outreach piece to raise awareness of the issues associated with litter, particularly along roadways.



The guide is meant to highlight the main sources and types of litter, the importance of reducing litter, and what individuals can do to help. This includes volunteer opportunities and device apps that can assist in collecting data on litter clean-up.

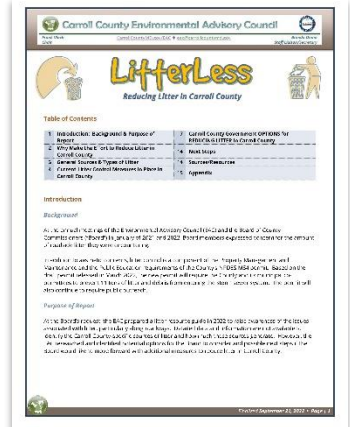
The [resource guide](#) is available on the EAC's webpage. Hardcopies were offered to participants at the 2022 Environmental Symposium. Hardcopies are also available upon request.

<https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/media/16968/litterless-guide-eac-2022-sep-21.pdf>

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#### Report – LitterLess: Options for Reducing Litter in Carroll County

As a follow up to the LitterLess public outreach piece, the EAC researched sources and types of litter in Carroll County and options the Board could consider implementing to address litter specifically in the county.



Each option outlined includes basic pros and cons, as well as other considerations in deciding if an option should be pursued further.

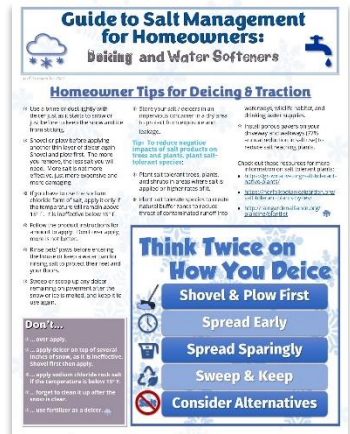
The EAC presented the report to the Board in open session on October 20, 2022. It is available online.

<https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/media/17122/eac-report-litterless-reducing-litter-in-carroll-county-2022-sep-21.pdf>

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#### Public Outreach – Guide to Salt Management for Homeowners: Deicing and Water Softeners

The next NPDES MS4 permit will require the development of a salt management plan and will continue to include public education and

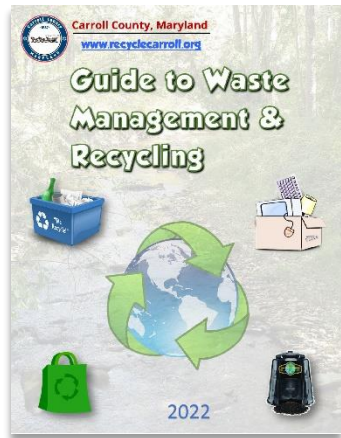


outreach requirements. With the new salt requirements to manage salt usage to protect water quality, it will be important to reach out to private property owners to raise awareness on the importance of salt management and share best practices for individual residential property.

The four-page [booklet](#) is available online. Hardcopies were available to participants at the 2022 Environmental Symposium. Hardcopies are also available by request. <https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/other-eac-publications-topics/>  
**COMPLETED**

### Public Outreach – 2022 Update to Guide to Waste Management & Recycling

The Carroll County Recycling Manager updates the Guide to Waste Management & Recycling each year. The EAC assisted with the 2022 update.



Hardcopies are provided at outreach events and area available upon request.  
**COMPLETED**

### Public Outreach – Residential Graywater Use in Carroll County

Graywater is untreated water collected from a clothing washing machine or a bathroom sink, tub, or shower. While not drinkable, it is suitable, and even beneficial, for irrigating certain areas of the yard, which also helps to conserve water usage. The 2018 Maryland General Assembly passed legislation (Senate Bill 496/Chapter 705) to allow residential graywater for certain uses. The legislation requires [Maryland Department of the Environment](#) (MDE) to develop regulations to implement the bill's provisions.

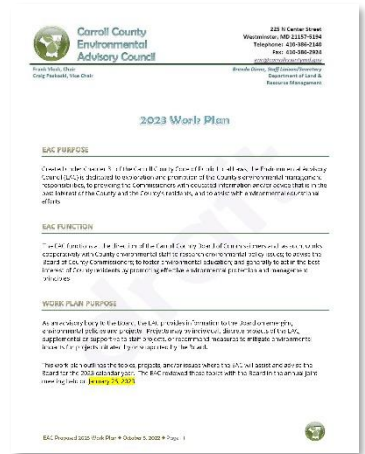
Per the 2018 Work Plan and continued to the 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 Work Plans, the EAC will research homeowner graywater usage and prepare a public outreach piece to provide Carroll's residents

with basic information regarding graywater, its residential uses, and its benefits. The materials will be made available in hardcopy and online.

The EAC is currently waiting on regulations to be released by MDE. These regulations need to be available before the EAC can inform the public of the process(es) and requirements associated with use of residential graywater in Carroll County.  
**ON HOLD**

### 2023 Work Plan

The EAC developed a [work plan](#) for proposed projects to be completed during the 2023 calendar year. On November 16, 2022, the EAC approved proposing these projects to the Board. The work plan will be finalized pending discussion with the Board, any additional projects requested by the Board, and concurrence by the Board at the annual joint meeting with the EAC, which is typically held in late January.



<https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/work-plan/>  
**PENDING BOARD CONCURRENCE**

### Solid Waste Committee Service on Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC):

The SWAC, which is facilitated by the Department of Public Works (DPW) staff, serves in an advisory capacity to the DPW regarding implementation of recommendations from the former Solid Waste Work Group's report, input on potential capital projects and future directions, as well as public outreach efforts. An EAC member typically serves on the SWAC as a liaison between the two groups to allow for additional collaboration and input to the SWAC. The SWAC has been inactive. An EAC liaison will be chosen if the SWAC becomes active again.

**ONGOING – NO ACTIVITY IN 2022**

## Actions Taken

The agendas for the EAC meetings are posted on the County's "Upcoming Meetings, Agendas, and Public Hearings" webpage; sent out via Carroll Connect/GovDelivery; and posted on the Carroll Environmental Facebook page. When virtual, access to call into the meeting to participate is available for the public. [Meeting summaries](#) are posted on the EAC webpage once approved.

### ♦ **Public Outreach – LitterLess: Litter Resource Guide for Carroll County Residents:**

- ▶ Per the 2022 Work Plan, the EAC prepared a guide to provide resources to residents regarding why it is important to reduce litter and opportunities to reduce litter. The EAC approved the fact sheet on September 21, 2022.



### ♦ **Report – LitterLess: Reducing Litter in Carroll County:**

- ▶ The EAC researched litter sources and types, as well as options for reducing litter in Carroll County. A report to the Board was prepared to provide background and outline options the Board could consider for further reducing litter. The EAC approved the final report on September 21, 2022, and presented it to the Board in open session on October 20, 2022.



### ♦ **Public Outreach – Guide to Salt Management for Homeowners: Deicing and Water Softeners:**

- ▶ Per the 2022 Work Plan, the EAC prepared a public outreach piece highlighting the impacts on water quality of road salt and home water softeners, as well as tips to reduce salt usage. The EAC approved the final document on October 19, 2022.

### ♦ **Public Outreach – Update to Guide to Waste Management & Recycling:**

- ▶ Per the 2022 Work Plan, the EAC coordinated with the Carroll County Recycling Manager to complete the 2022 update to the guide. The

EAC completed a final draft to forward to the Recycling Manager on September 19, 2022.

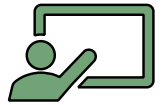
### ♦ **Work Plan:**

- ▶ On January 27, 2022, the EAC and the Board of County Commissioners held their annual joint meeting to review the 2021 Annual Report and discuss the proposed 2022 Work Plan.
- ▶ In fall 2022, the EAC drafted a proposed 2023 Work Plan in preparation for the annual joint meeting with the Board, which will tentatively be held in late January 2023.
- ▶ On November 16, 2022, the EAC approved the proposed work plan as a recommendation to the Board.

### ♦ **Annual Report:**

- ▶ The 2022 Annual Report to the Board was approved on November 16, 2022, as a final product to present to the Board.

## Informational Briefings Received



- ♦ *January:* Carroll County Resource Recovery Park & Northern Landfill Update (Cliff Engle)
- ♦ *March:* Salt Management (Zach Neal & Glenn Edwards)
- ♦ *June:* Howard County Composting Facility (EA Engineering)
- ♦ *August:* PUREWater Westminster ([video](#))

## Public Education

Part of the EAC's charge is public education on environmental issues that are pertinent to Carroll County. In 2022, EAC members participated in the following public education activities:

- ♦ The EAC participated in the first annual 2022 *Environmental Symposium* with a table providing information about the EAC and public outreach materials developed by the EAC.



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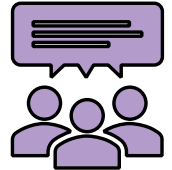
- ♦ The EAC was invited to participate in two volunteer events hosted by Department of Land & Resource Management staff – a stream clean-up in New Windsor on November 5, 2022, and a tree planting maintenance day in Taneytown on November 19, 2022.
- ♦ EAC meetings and outreach products are posted on the Carroll Environment Facebook page.



## Citizen Concerns/Issues

Concerns or issues are periodically brought to the EAC's attention. The EAC responded to or referred the individuals to the appropriate agencies, as needed.

- ♦ *No citizen concerns or issues that needed to be handled by the EAC were brought to the attention of the EAC in 2022.*



## Member Activity

Member	Action	Term Expiration
Curtis Barrett Kathleen Marasco Charlene Norris Craig Paskoski Tom Scanlan Frank Vleck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Served as current members throughout the entire year.</li> <li>♦ Frank Vleck continued to serve as Chair. Craig Paskoski continued to serve as Vice Chair. Chair and Vice Chair elections were held in November. Craig Paskoski will serve a two-year term as Chair and Curt Barrett as Vice Chair, effective January 1, 2023.</li> </ul>	--
Cathleen Anthony Jesse Drummond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Resigned due to move to another state in May 2022.</li> <li>♦ Resigned due to move to another state in September 2022.</li> </ul>	--
Reappointments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ No terms expired in 2022.</li> </ul>	--
Appointments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Tamara Strobel was appointed in November 2022. She fills the remainder of Jesse Drummond's term, with her first meeting in January 2023.</li> </ul>	January 31, 2024
Vacancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Two (2) seats are currently vacant.</li> </ul>	--
Upcoming 2023 Term Expirations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Curtis Barrett</li> </ul>	February 1, 2023



Find Us on the Web at: [www.CarrollCountyMD.gov/EAC](http://www.CarrollCountyMD.gov/EAC)

**Seeking Nominations!** Accepting nominations for **2023 Environmental Action Award** starting **Earth Day, April 22**. Check the website in March for more details.

Carroll County Environmental Action Awards

<https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/boards-commissions/environmental-advisory-council/environmental-action-awards/>

## To be accomplished in 2023...

- ♦ Environmental Action Awards
- ♦ 2023 update to Environmental Stewardship Booklet
- ♦ Other work plan items
- ♦ Fill vacancies on EAC



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