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Honorable Mayor Dawn Jacobs
Town of Rock Hall
5585 Main St. P.O. Box 367
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Dear Mayor Jacobs:

In an effort to improve the management of yard waste recycling and to ensure equality in disposal opportunities for all Kent County residents, the County Commissioners of Kent County decided to designate the Nicholson Drop-off Center as the only location for yard waste grinding operations funded by Kent County. The following were noted during the discussions:

- The Nicholson Drop-off Center site is a more suitable location for providing stormwater and erosion/sediment control of yard waste and mulch storage.
- Current staffing at the Nicholson Drop-off Center can monitor the acceptance of yard waste deliveries to prevent contamination (construction debris, metal). Contaminates create safety concerns and costly damages during the grinding operation.
- Reduced MES grinder/equipment mobilization costs.
- Ensure fairness for all residents in Kent County.

Following the grinding of yard waste at all three sites (Nicholson, Chestertown & Rock Hall) scheduled to be completed by the end of August 2020, Kent County will only be responsible for the expense of grinding yard waste at the Nicholson Facility. All Kent County municipalities will be permitted to haul yard waste to the Nicholson Drop-off Center free of charge and unlimited mulch will be available for municipal use.

The County Commissioners further decided that all County rural and municipal residents of Kent County will be permitted to deliver yard waste to the Nicholson Drop-off Center in a pickup truck or trailer free of charge.

Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Marty T. Holden, Division Chief
Kent County Environmental Operations