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Town of Capitol Heights Joins Prince George’s County in Launch of Pet Waste Management Initiative, Encourages Residents to “Scoop That Poop”

Town of Capitol Heights.—The Town of Capitol Heights has been selected to participate in the launch of Prince George’s County Department of Environment’s (DoE) new Pet Waste Management initiative.

The initiative is funded by the County through a grant program administered by the Chesapeake Bay Trust and implemented by the Environmental Finance Center (EFC) at the University of Maryland.

The pet waste management initiative aims to educate residents about the issue, change personal behaviors, and implement best practices at the municipal level. Residents will learn about the problems caused by pet waste and resources they can employ to help address this issue. The Town of Capitol Heights will work with the EFC to develop an outreach and education plan and to incorporate pet waste best management practices into its sustainability initiatives.

Materials and literature developed by the DoE and the EFC will be promoted via various municipal communications channels. This will help alert residents to the importance of picking up after their pets, which helps prevent water pollution, beautify neighborhoods, prevent the spread of diseases, and improve overall quality of life in the community.

In addition, 10 new pet waste “doggie bag” stations, which residents can use to #ScoopThatPoop, are funded by this initiative and will be installed at strategic locations throughout Town of Capitol Heights in the coming months, at no cost to the municipality. The pet waste stations will make it easier for residents to access bags to clean up after their pets, which in turn will help limit the impact of pet waste on the quality of life for residents and business owners as well as the water quality of local streams and the Chesapeake Bay.

Over the course of the next year the Environmental Finance Center (EFC) will be assisting the following seven communities to implement a local pet waste awareness program and install the pet waste infrastructure:

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