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Independent Brewing Company, Chesapeak Shredding Win 2018 Harford County Business Recycling and Waste Reduction Awards

BEL AIR, Md., (March 5, 2019) - Harford County government, in partnership with Maryland Environmental Service, has awarded its 2018 Business Recycling and Waste Reduction Awards to Independent Brewing Company of Bel Air and Chesapeak Shredding of Forest Hill. Now in their fourth year, these annual awards promote environmental conservation by celebrating local organizations that offer innovative and successful recycling and waste reduction programs for their employees, customers, and the community.

Independent Brewing is a small company that produces beer and recycles the spent grain for dog treats and farm animal feed. The company's production process uses locally sourced grains including barley, wheat and rye, which are soaked in water to convert the starches into sugars. The water is then used to make beer. The remaining grain husk material contains complex proteins that can be a valuable food source for animals. Independent Brewing delivers this material to a local company that produces dog treats, which are then sold at Independent's taproom, and to a local farmer who uses the husks to feed cattle and pigs.

Chesapeak Shredding is a mobile shredding company that provides secure document shredding throughout Harford County. Mobile shredding services are a convenient and unique way to increase recycling and reduce waste. Chesapeak Shredding is a local, family-owned company that has been in business for six years. In 2018, the company recycled more than 600 tons of paper.


Harford County businesses and other organizations that work to recycle and reduce waste are encouraged to apply for the 2019 Business Recycling and Waste Reduction Awards. Applications are available at <http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/199/Business-Recycling-and-Waste-Reduction-A>. More information is available at 410-638-3417 or by email at wdori@menv.com.

Harford County supports recycling and waste reduction to reduce individual impacts on our environment through the conservation of resources. Recycling services are available curbside through private haulers or at the Harford Waste Disposal Center in Street. Waste reduction strategies include buying in bulk, reducing packaging, and providing materials that are reusable rather than disposable. More information is available at www.harfordrecycles.org.



Pictured from left: David Gostomski, Senior Project Manager, Maryland Environmental Service; Jeffrey T. Schoenberger, Administrator, Harford County Department of Public Works; Harford County Director of Administration Billy Boniface; Beth Rudy, Owner, Independent Brewing Co.; Phillip Rudy, Owner, Independent Brewing Co.; Harford County Executive Barry Glassman; Paul Majewski, President, Chesapeak Shredding; Brittany Majewski, Owner, Chesapeak Shredding; Beth Wojton, Deputy Director, Maryland Environmental Service; Wendy Doring, Senior Lead, Recycling Programs, Maryland Environmental Service; Tim Ford, Division Chief, Project Manager Maryland Environmental Service.

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