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Dear Mayor Karen Scheffler and Members of Borough Council:

I am pleased to report that Burlington County is moving forward to bring single stream recycling to our residents. The first phase of building modifications at the recycling center will be completed this month. We hope to award a contract for the purchase and installation of the single stream system equipment this fall. If all goes well, residents will be recycling "single stream" by **late spring 2014**.

As a refresher, "single stream" means that your residents will be able to put their bottles and cans into the big blue *cart* currently used just for paper and cardboard.

Residents will no longer need to use their *buckets*, because all their recycling can go into their *cart*.

We recognize that some homes, especially those with large families, may need a second cart to handle all their recyclables. Based upon curbside studies conducted by County staff, we estimate that up to 30% of homes may need a second cart.

Getting the right size cart (there are 3 sizes available) to the homes that need them is our next challenge. The first step is to build a database to identify by address, those homes that will need a 2<sup>nd</sup> cart, and what size will be required. This will be a large undertaking, considering that possibly 30,000 homes county-wide may need another cart.

To launch this effort, we will be running a Public Service Announcement through Comcast that will be broadcast on many of the major networks. The message will be simple, "Single stream is coming next spring, if you will need a 2<sup>nd</sup> cart, go to our website or call the County Recycling office."

We wanted to advise you of this upcoming PSA, which will run through mid-September, so that you are aware of our intentions and can advise your residents accordingly.

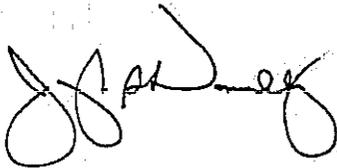
Lastly, we want you to know that it is our intention to fund a one-time purchase of "2<sup>nd</sup> carts" for those residents requesting them when we launch Single Stream in 2014. **This funding is for the 2<sup>nd</sup> carts only and would not apply to the first round of carts that are still needed for the Riverfront townhomes.**

We will be reaching out to your Borough staff shortly to discuss how the process will unfold, including the timing for carting the Riverfront townhomes, and whether Palmyra may be able to assist us with the delivery of the "2<sup>nd</sup> carts" to the remainder of the Borough.

Single Stream recycling has the potential to increase residential recycling by more than 10%. This means less municipal tax dollars spent on landfill tipping fees and a longer life for our landfill. With your support, we can ensure a smooth and successful transition to single stream recycling next spring.

We appreciate your continuing commitment to the County's recycling program and hope this information will assist you in answering any questions you may receive from residents. Please do not hesitate to contact the County's Recycling Office at (609) 499-1001 Ext. 272, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Donnelly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" being particularly prominent.

**JOE DONNELLY**  
Freeholder Director

Cc: Paul Drayton, County Administrator  
John Gural, Borough Administrator  
Tom Ryan, Borough Recycling Coordinator