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SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

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Report of Observations

Inspector(s): Christopher Barlow AI #: 96927
Type of Inspection/Observations: Routine Inspection Date: 9/18/2023
Site/Facility Name: Camp Small – Baltimore City Department of Parks & Recreation Time In: 2:30pm
Location: Cold Spring Lane next to Jones Fall – Baltimore City Time Out: 3:20pm

Contact(s): Nick Oster

Inspection Reason: Routine Scheduled

Site Status: Active

Site Condition: Corrective Actions Required

Recommended Action: Continue Routine Inspection

Evidence Collected: Visual observations and photos (see pages below)

Weather: 73°F Overcast No Precipitation Light Breeze

Field Conditions: Dry

Remarks:

I arrived at the facility and briefly met with Nick Oster. Mr. Oster stated that the large pile of woodchips observed during the previous inspection has been turned and spread out to prevent the pile from igniting. Mr. Oster also stated that the signage that separated the different types of wood chips have been removed temporarily as the facility is not accepting woodchips until a contractor removes the large pile of woodchips onsite. I observed a large, wide mound of woodchips in the location Mr. Oster described (see photos below). The stacked logs that line the access road to the facility remain unchanged. I observed fallen logs along the silt fence that borders the Jones Falls River. Much of the silt fence is covered by foliage so it is unclear if the silt fencing is compromised; the facility should make sure the silt fence is not compromised by falling logs. The fire lane between the stacked logs remains blocked. The large mound of woodchips and logs placed on the ground for the previous piles of wood chips prevent emergency vehicles from accessing one side of the fire lane; the other side is blocked by fallen logs and large sticks.

Summary: The accumulation of land clearing debris and natural wood waste without timely processing or removal constitutes "open dumping". Follow-up with the facility manager is needed; a schedule for the removal of all unprocessed materials that have been stockpiled on site for over a year should be established.

See photos attached below.

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Inspector: Christopher Barlow Jr *Christopher Barlow Jr*
10/12/2023

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Woodchip Mound



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Obstructed Fire Lane



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