

Date: August 28, 2020

Subject: Two Rivers Residents - Landfill Opposition Committee (TRR-LOC) Call to Action

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Dear Two Rivers Residents,

The pandemic has not impeded progress on the National Waste Managers' (NWM) proposed Chesapeake Terrace Rubble Landfill (Landfill). The TRR-LOC has prepared the below update to bring you up to speed on the latest developments.

There will be future updates with calls to action, but see the [next opportunity requiring action on September 3 below.](#)

Update - Chesapeake Terrance Rubble Landfill- Action Needed from You

In 1993, – long before "**Two Rivers**" was planned, – a developer applied for a permit to build a new rubble landfill on several hundred acres of an old sand and gravel quarry roughly bordered by Patuxent River Road, Conway Road, and the CSX/Amtrak railway. Anne Arundel County (AAC) originally denied the application and the developer appealed. The developer won the appeal and AAC had to let the application process proceed. At that time, communities nearby were able to levy lawsuits and countersuits, and asked for state and county regulatory reviews, which delayed the approval of the Landfill. In October 2018, in an appeals court ruling, the County was compelled by court order to once again allow the permit application process to proceed. (For more info on the landfill and to see a map of the landfill in relation to Two Rivers go to <http://ourtworivers.com/landfill/landfill.html>).

Approval to operate a landfill requires two organizations to review, approve and ultimately to sign-off: AAC for zoning; and Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) for environment protection. Since October 2018, the landfill developer resumed the lengthy permitting process for MDE approval. There are five phases for this permit process:

- PHASE I – Preliminary Information
- PHASE II – Geological and Hydrological Report
- PHASE III – Engineering Report
- PHASE IV – Internal Review and Preparation
- PHASE V – Public Comment

The landfill owner completed the paperwork for Phase II in June of this year, and MDE approved Phase II in June. The landfill owner completed the documentation for Phase III in July, and MDE is now reviewing the Phase III documentation.

There is a small group of Two Rivers homeowners who have been reviewing the Phase II and Phase III documents and have been engaging with nearby communities who also oppose the landfill. We have concerns that the landfill, if approved, will impact our environment, our well-being as community, traffic, and home values, to name just a few things. Soon, more information will follow as we share the team's progress and status of our work via email updates and posts on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/TRR-LOC-110728140744295>. **Comments should be sent to:** TwoRiversLOC@gmail.com.

The committee recommends residents view the next step in the current legal case before the Court of Special Appeals on September 3, courtroom 2, time TBD.

The public can access remote oral arguments by watching the live stream on <https://www.mdcourts.gov/cosappeals/webcasts>.

While no decision is expected and it may be boring legalese, a strong viewership would send a message about resident's interest. The developer was definitely impressed by the turnout at the public information forum last November, and "No", we have not and will not go away quietly!

Both the MDE approval processes and the AAC zoning process will offer opportunities for community involvement in attending public forums and submitting written petitions to county and state organizations and politicians. We will keep you advised of opportunities to get involved in attending meetings to voice your concerns and signing petitions against the landfill.

Thank you.

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