

Date: December 07, 2020

Subject: Landfill Update

Dear Two Rivers Residents,

A public hearing (on Zoom) has been scheduled for January 5th; and it is time to write letters or emails to Anne Arundel County regarding the landfill project.

As you know from our past status reports about the proposed Chesapeake Terrace Rubble Landfill (CTRL) project, National Waste Managers (NWM), has been trying to obtain permits from the State of Maryland (MDE) and Anne Arundel County (AAC) to construct this massive landfill for the past 30 years. The permitting process was stopped by MDE & AAC, once again in October 2020, due to the expiration of the two year permit time-clock & NWM's failure to obtain access to the landfill area via the route that the Board of Appeals approved in December 1993.

NWM has submitted a Variance Application to AAC to restart the permit time-clock. This Variance Application will be the subject of an Administrative Hearing that is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan 5th, beginning at 10 AM. The public is able to join the Zoom meeting. Instructions are included in the attached AHO Process document. **We encourage everyone to logon to the Admin Hearing to show our continued opposition to the landfill.**

In the meantime, the Two Rivers Residents - Landfill Opposition Group (TRR-LOG) has sent a ten page document to AAC Planning & Zoning with a copy to Stuart Pittman & Andrew Pruski, with our recommendations for arguments to oppose the Variance Application. Planning & Zoning will make their own recommendation during the Administrative Hearing.

Although County Executive Stuart Pittman has on multiple occasions communicated his opposition to the CTRL project, this is a great time for like-minded Two Rivers residents to communicate your opposition to the project.

You can mail a letter to: AAC Executive **Stuart Pittman at 44 Calvert St, Annapolis. MD 21401**,

or you can send an email to **Reece Peak**, the Community Engagement Officer for our area. I have spoken with Reece and he has confirmed that he compiles information from emails and communicates to the County Executive. Reece's email is expeak22@aacounty.org.

If you email Reece, you may also want to copy our County Representative, Andrew Pruski at andrew.pruski@aacounty.org.

If you choose the email route, you may also wish to include our state government representatives. Their emails are provided below:

heather.bagnall@house.state.md.us

michael.malone@house.state.md.us

sid.saab@house.state.md.us

edward.reilly@senate.state.md.us

If you send an email, please copy the Landfill Committee at tworiversloc@gmail.com so we can compile some statistics.

You may also wish to logon to the AAC website at www.aacounty.org to put faces to the names & learn more about AAC.

Your letter and/or email can be short and to the point. If you like, you may wish to refer to one of the negative impacts of the landfill, which are listed below:

Traffic - An estimated 300 large dump-trucks will drive along Conway Rd to and from the landfill each work-day. We can expect more gridlock on Conway Rd and Crain Hwy.

Elementary School - AAC purchased land for a new elementary school along Conway Rd (see attached pdf). The dump-trucks will pass directly by the school and present a safety hazard to the young students.

Conway Rd - This is a narrow, scenic road. It is not designed to handle industrial traffic. In fact, current truck traffic frequently damages existing light poles along the road.

Emissions - Landfill emit odors, particulates, debris, and noise. The dump-trucks will emit diesel fumes, more noise, and scatter debris along the access roads.

Property Values - Residential property values near landfills typically decline up to 15%. Most Two Rivers residents were not advised about the potential for the CTRL project during our home purchase process.

Historic Areas - The landfill is situated next to the historic St John AME Zion Church & cemetery, Wilson Town, and Woodwardville.

Wetlands - The landfill is situated over two aquifers and wetland areas. Since the CTRL was first proposed, the Army Corps of Engineers has changed their permit criteria. They no longer grant federal permits for landfills in wetland areas due to concerns about the potential contamination of underlying aquifers and the adverse impact on local flooding.

TRR-LOG thanks you for your support. Our collective opposition to the landfill through our communications this month and attendance at the Zoom meeting in January will reaffirm that this is a highly unpopular project that should be stopped, once and for all.

If you have questions, comments, or feedback, you can communicate to us via tworiversloc@gmail.com. You are also welcome to call me to discuss on the phone.

On behalf of the TRR-LOG

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Location of (Proposed) Chesapeake Terrace Landfill shown in relation to Two Rivers, Patuxent River watershed, St. John AME Zion Church and cemetery, WB&A Trail,

Anne Arundel County Administrative Hearing
NATIONAL WASTE MANAGERS, INC./CHESAPEAKE TERRACE
2020-0129-V & 2020-0130-V (AD 4, CD 4)

The case has been posted on the website and has the zoom information available.

<https://www.aacounty.org/departments/admin-hearings/admin-hearings-schedule/event/01/05/2021/national-waste-managers-incchesapeake-terrace-2020-0129-v-2020-0130-v-ad-4-cd-4>

On January 5, 2021 10 AM, you will access the hearing at:

<https://aacounty.zoom.us/j/84274534196?pwd=dERUNStHqM9STFoxQzZhRTBxMFJBUT09>

You can practice zoom before the hearing to be sure you have access to a microphone and video.

Any person who enters the meeting will have the chance to speak if they would like. When you enter the zoom meeting you will be asked to go to the chat and sign in with your first and last name as well as your email address. If you do not sign in you will not get a copy of the decision.

The hearings will go in this order. The Hearing Officer will swear all parties in, applicant will be asked about the posting of the property notifying neighbors of the hearing, OPZ will present their findings and recommendations, applicant will present their case and then all other parties will have a chance to speak for or against the requested variance.

Any person who plans to use any evidence during the hearing will need to email Holly Colby zhcolb22@aacounty.org by December 29, 2020.
She will send you an email back letting you know it has been received.

We recommend as many of you that can, attend the zoom meeting.

Anyone speaking should be familiar with the application and comment on negative impacts to your quality of life.