**Date:** January 25, 2022 **Subject:** Landfill Follow-Up

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## Landfill Update - Fundraising for FOTPIA's Landfill Opposition Legal Fees

The purpose of this landfill update email is to solicit a modest donation, from each homeowner in Two Rivers, to help pay the legal costs for the Forks of the Patuxent Improvement Association (FOTPIA), to continue the fight against the proposed Chesapeake Terrace Rubble Landfill (CTRL) development project.

The Two Rivers Residents - Landfill Opposition Committee (TRR-LOC) first met in October 2019 with representatives of FOTPIA. Since then, the volunteer homeowners on TRR-LOC have studied over 30 years of historical documents related to the proposed CTRL project. These documents are available for your review at a new website: <a href="http://ourtworivers.com/landfill/landfill.html">http://ourtworivers.com/landfill/landfill.html</a> TRR-LOC has also contacted State & County government officials & agencies, along with other likeminded civic organizations like FOTPIA.

FOTPIA was founded in 1982 to represent the original 108 homes in this area. The homes are primarily located along boundary of the CTRL and include Patuxent Rd, Conway Rd, Collins Ave, Lucinda Ln, and Meyers Station Rd. FOTPIA is registered as a 501c3 non-profit charitable organization (EIN: 52-1963976). <a href="https://fotpia.org/home">https://fotpia.org/home</a>

This relatively small group of homeowners has successfully prevented the multi-billion dollar landfill developer, National Waste Managers (NWM), from completing the permitting process at the State & County levels of government. We (Two Rivers residents) are deeply indebted for the more than 30 years of landfill opposition provided by our FOTPIA neighbors.

The landfill permitting process and legal proceedings will likely continue for two more years. If NWM cannot get their State & County permits by 12/31/23, then their Federal permit from the Army Corps of Engineers will expire. This Federal permit will not be renewed. That is a major permitting roadblock that NWM probably will not overcome.

Through the years, FOTPIA has filed several lawsuits & appeals in the Maryland State Courts. FOTPIA currently has filed an appeal against a Maryland Circuit Court decision in May 2021 that directed the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to continue processing the State environmental permit. MDE's permitting process is expected to begin the final Phase V step early in 2022.

FOTPIA also has hired legal representation to appear at the County's Board of Appeals (BOA) Public Hearings. These hearings are reviewing procedural issues related to the BOA & County's past decisions to restart/extend the landfill permitting clock. The BOA has scheduled six more public hearings on January 25-27 and March 1-3, 2022. Lawyers for NWM, FOTPIA, & Anne Arundel County (AAC) are appearing at these public hearings in Annapolis. TRR-LOC will attend all of these meetings. The meetings are also open to the public (in person only).

In 2021, FOTPIA incurred legal expenses of \$50,000. In previous years, FOTPIA has paid out over \$100,000 in legal fees. Legal fees in 2022 are expected to increase significantly. The legal fees will exceed FOTPIA's quarterly income of \$5000. Without additional financial resources, FOTPIA will

have no choice but to cut back on legal defenses at this critical time. If FOTPIA does not have legal representation at all of the BOA Public Hearings, then NWM has an advantage during these proceedings. FOTPIA has a goal to raise an incremental \$30,000 to support expected legal expenses to oppose the landfill in 2022.

How can we, the residents of Two Rivers, help? Obviously, our financial support of FOTPIA is needed.

If you would like to support FOTPIA's continuing efforts to oppose the landfill, there are two options available to you.

- (1) Mail a check to: FOTPIA, PO Box 477, Odenton, MD 21113-0477.
- (2) Contribute through FOTPIA's "Go Fund Me" page. You can access this through FOTPIA's home page: <a href="https://fotpia.org/home">https://fotpia.org/home</a>

(Go Fund Me suggests a tip of 15% to Go Fund Me. You can reduce this to 0%. Go Fund Me still gets a cut of 2.25% from each donation.)

Our donations will solely be used by FOTPIA for legal fees to oppose the landfill.

For additional information, a fundraising appeal letter from FOTPIA is attached. FOTPIA is also soliciting donations from other communities in the area. The second attachment depicts the massive CTRL and its proximity to Two Rivers & FOTPIA homeowners.

TRR-LOC appreciates your financial support for the landfill opposition efforts during this critical time.

Ed Riehl

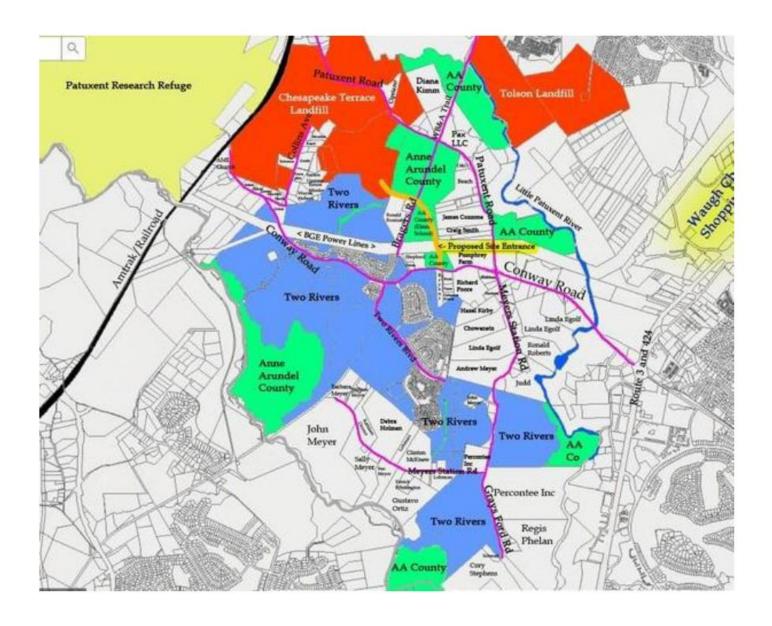
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Woodlands Christie Roberts

Watershed Cathy Buckman, Jack Jacobs, Ed Riehl



## Dear Neighbors:

The Forks of the Patuxent Improvement Association (FOTPIA) has been fighting the proposed Chesapeake Terrace Landfill for 30+ years. The case has made it all the way to the Court of Appeals to then again be circled back down. This proposed landfill, if approved, will be directly across the street from your homes on Conway Road. Your community neighbors have been diligently helping in the fight, by raising awareness and speaking out to government and county officials in regards to the impact to our neighborhoods.

Both Forks, Two Rivers (TR) residents as well as the surrounding communities/roadways will be impacted by this large operation. At present, this case will be heard on the county level at the Board of Appeals in October 2021. This is merely one step in continuing to fight. Currently, National Waste Managers have submitted permit applications to the MDE on the state level.

It has been very expensive for our community to fight this proposed landfill. FOTPIA is currently working with Council Baradel for our legal guidance. Even with the private funding FOTPIA receives, funds are disappearing quickly.

At this time, if you would like to help fight this landfill, any amount of donations will be gladly accepted and appreciated. These funds will be used solely for legal fees regarding with landfill. FOTPIA is a 501c3 non - profit association so your donation is tax deductable.

Donations may be sent to: FOTPIA P.O. Box 477 Odenton, MD 21113

Sincerely, FOTPIA Board of Directors www.fotpia.org info@fotpia.org