

Neighbor

TCEQ Approves Landfill Expansion and Williamson County Approves New Contract

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On February 11, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) voted to issue the permit enabling the County to move forward with expansion plans. Waste Management, at the County's request, filed the expansion plans with the TCEQ in July 2003.

With the expansion, the landfill footprint will be 575 acres with three additional large storm water detention ponds. Approximately 35 additional groundwater monitoring wells will be added along the perimeter of the expansion area.

New Landfill Contract

The Williamson County Commissioners voted 5-0 on March 3 to approve a new contract with Waste Management that provides higher revenues for the County, more incentives for recycling services, and places restrictions on landfill volumes and service areas.

In July 2006, Waste Management voluntarily began discussions to renegotiate its 2003 contract with the County to address

concerns raised by members of the community. The approved contract calls for:

- **More revenue.** The county receives 10 percent (up from 7.5 percent) of the gross receipts from the disposal of waste accepted into the landfill. This increases to

14.5 percent next year at the one-year anniversary of the issuance of the expansion permit approved by TCEQ.

- **Four new funds.** The county will receive 6 percent of the total gross receipts from the previous year to fund:
 - Community Recreational Facility Fund
 - Future Environmental Liability Fund
 - Master Site Development Fund
 - Host fee for County to distribute funds to benefit Hutto and the Hutto ISD
- **More recycling.** Waste Management will start managing the Recycling Center. Also, the Recycling Center will accept more materials, including motor oil, car batteries, oil filters, latex and oil-based paint, and fluorescent light bulbs. There will be fees for some recycling services.
- **Service area restrictions.** Waste can only be accepted from Bastrop, Bell, Burnet, Lee, Milam and Travis counties. Waste Management must obtain county approval before accepting waste outside those areas.
- **Volume cap.** Limited to no more than 590,000 tons of waste annually in 2009. The volume cap, which is based on population and waste generation calculations, will fluctuate each year.
- **Term of the contract.** 40 years unless the active life of the landfill expires before that time.



Dear Neighbors

We are pleased to let you know that there is a new, approved landfill operations contract with Williamson



James "Bubba" Smith

County. It has been our goal all along to reach an agreement that would satisfy both parties while still providing long-term, environmentally safe waste disposal to Williamson County residents and businesses.

In addition, the Williamson County Landfill expansion permit was just recently approved by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The County

asked Waste Management to submit the permit application for an expansion back in July 2003, anticipating the significant growth in Williamson County. Williamson County has experienced 46 percent growth from 2000-2007, making it the fastest growing county in the region.

We look forward to continuing to serve the County and its residents by providing environmentally safe waste disposal, as well as recycling services that will help divert waste from the landfill.

James "Bubba" Smith, Landfill Manager

Williamson County Landfill

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Landfill Hours

Monday through Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. - noon
Sunday: Closed

Recycling Center Hours

Monday through Friday:
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon
Sunday: Closed
(512) 846-2756



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Hutto Trash-Off: Saturday, April 4

Waste Management is pleased to support the annual Hutto Trash-Off, sponsored by the City of Hutto Parks and Recreation Department. On Saturday, April 4, volunteers will check in at Fritz Park at 8 a.m. and then spend the morning sprucing up Hutto Lake Park, schools, churches and other areas. Volunteers will be treated to lunch at 11:30 a.m.



Waste Management will provide thank-you bags for the volunteers as well as raffle prizes, including free landfill disposal certificates and a composting bin.



Waste Management Donates \$6,000 To Three Hutto Non-Profits

As part of its good neighbor program, Waste Management funds 501(c)3 non-profit organizations in the areas of education, environment and community vitality. Members in the community recommend and vote on the projects to be funded.

At the February Community Recommendations meeting, residents voted to fund the following organizations:

Hutto Community Food Bank: \$2,000
To help serve the growing population needing Food Bank assistance

Hutto Youth Soccer Association: \$2,000
To provide scholarships to families

Hutto High School Junior/Senior Prom: \$2,000
To help underwrite the costs of prom

Girl Scout Troop 417 presented "thank you" posters to Bubba Smith of Waste Management. Waste Management provided a \$1,000 grant to support the troop.



Hutto Youth Soccer Association team



Waste Management Community Recommendations Meeting

Next Meeting: Monday, May 11, 2009
6 p.m. at City of Hutto Fire Station

