

LORTON LANDFILL QUESTIONS – FEBRUARY 2020 **SCF MEETING**

LORTON LANDFILL STATUS UPDATE / **OVERLOOK RIDGE PARK CONCERNS**

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Q. What is the process for transferring / releasing / allowing access to the landfill?

A. Waste Management (WMI) has one year after completion of landfill cap to complete site work and stabilization. Park opening is dependent on WMI completing construction per the approved site plan and acceptance by LDS, while also working with DEQ on gas monitoring and mitigation. Based on current schedule staff anticipates park could be operational in 2023 at the earliest.

Q. Who is the final approval authority for allowing human (public/park) access to the site?

A. DEQ must approve closure and post-closure work of the landfill, once the cap is complete. Land Development Services (LDS) is responsible for approving construction that has been completed in accordance with the approved site plan including the park facilities, including oversight by the Geotechnical Review Board. Once LDS accepts that construction is complete per the site plan the Park Authority will operate the park facilities in accordance with the public access and use agreement for the Lorton Debris Landfill, DEQ Permit #331.

Q. Environmental safety release?

A. Unclear.

Q. DEQ involvement / responsibility?

A. That gets addressed with DEQ permits, including post-closure requirements for gas mitigation.

Q. Which FFX County agency has lead responsibility?

A. LDS is responsible for county permit issuance for site work including the approved site plan and approving construction is completed in accordance with the approved site plan. Should WMI propose any changes to the approved site plan that would affect the approved development conditions per the Special Exception, the Department of Planning & Development would need to review the proposed changes for compliance with the SEA conditions before changes to the site plan can be submitted to LDS for approval. Alterations to the approved Special Exception conditions that can't be approved by interpretation will require a public process.

Q. What county agencies are involved and what are their respective roles?

A. See above- also, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES), County Attorney's Office, Park Authority, Risk Management, Department of Planning & Development and Supervisor Storck's office are playing critical subject matter expert and liaison roles.

Q. Have these agencies been involved in the closure process / discussions thus far?

A. Yes.

Q. Is the Health Department involved?

A. See below.

Q. What is their role?

A. If the restroom facility shown on the site plan requires a non-traditional sanitary sewer system the Health Department would be required to review and approve the non-traditional sanitary sewer

Q. What liability issues have been identified and what is their status as far as being addressed between the county and WMI?

A. Generally speaking, the conversion of landfills to active and passive recreation is not a new concept. This site is unique because the slope is steeper than most. WMI's intent is to restrict public access to level areas of the property only, also to remove BMX trails. The access and use agreement addresses the County's and WMI's liability issues.

Q. Can you provide a presentation on the status of open issues?

A. Yes.

Q. Have there been any discussions with WMI regarding adding the additional parking area on the top of the landfill noted on the site plans?

A. No.

Q. Funding / legal issues?

A. No funding issues
