

EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING
January 26, 2017
5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Dudley, Chair
Helena Buckner, Vice Chair
Debra Kraft
Matt Brown
Rachel Joy
Jerry Potts

MEMBERS ABSENT

Grant Noland
Rachel Joy

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office
Laurie Rasmus, Env Mgmt
Jennifer Hoffman, P&Z
Nick Burge, Env Mgmt
Kathy Powless, VA
Sgt Lou Ann Hollon, Animal Control
Kris Horton, Animal Control
Lt. Jon Butts, Sheriff's Dept
Dianna Heyer, Health Dept
Sheriff Schneider
Kevin Greenfield, County Board member
Lt. Jeff Scheibly, Sheriff's Dept
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dudley at the Macon County Office Building.

MINUTES

Mr. Potts made a motion to approve the December 15, 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried 5-0.

CLAIMS

Mr. Potts made a motion to accept the report of the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried 5-0.

ZONING –

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case S-01-01-17, A Petition for Rezoning Submitted by Rodney Naron

Ms. Hoffman explained the petition is for rezoning of approximately 10.1 acres from R-1 Single Family Residential Zoning to RE-5 Single Family Estate Zoning. The property is located at 5353 S. 85th Street in Mt. Zion Township. The Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing was held on January 4, 2017 and based on the finding of facts and staff recommended approval, they voted 5-0 for approval of the rezoning.

Mr. Potts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown to forward the resolution on to the full board with a recommendation to approve and the motion carried 5-0.

SUBDIVISIONS –

Dare Subdivision – 2 lot minor subdivision

Ms. Hoffman explained that this is located in Long Creek Township. The owners are Robert & Marilyn Patterson. The property is located on 4359 E. Fitzgerald Road and is zoned R-1 Single

Family Residential. Lot 1 is 1 acre and Lot 2 is 2.82 acres for a total of 3.82 acres. Staff recommends approval.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Potts, the motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS

Veteran's Assistance –

Ms. Powless explained that the Help for Heroes is going well. Coats, jackets, socks and hand warmers have been purchased. The socks are the big highlight so more will be purchased.

Environmental Management -

Ms. Rasmus introduced Nick Burge, the new Recycling Coordinator that started this past summer.

Ms. Rasmus gave a progress report of the expansion of the county's active landfill. (a copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes)

Animal Control

Sgt Hollon distributed a monthly report on the numbers for December 2016 vs December 2017, a full year report for 2016 vs 2015, and the live release rates.

Right now, the shelter has 158 animals including of 91 cats and 66 dogs. 23 of the cats are considered long term (6 months or more). 21 of the dogs are long term. 3 of those dogs have been there for over a year.

There are 2 interns through the Decatur Public School System. It was opened up to high school students that wanted to learn. One is with the Wardens and is learning about law enforcement and ordinance enforcement. The other intern is with the vet and is learning to be a vet tech.

Part of the reason the numbers look better each year is due to having a vet on site. She is there 3 days a week and will come if needed more. There are several coops with the vets in town so if she is not there or available, a multitude of different vets can be called for an opinion.

Mental Health-no report

Historical Museum – no report

U of I Extension – no report

Planning & Zoning – no report

Regional Office of Education –no report

Citizen's Remarks –

Shirley Stanley, Decatur Macon County Animal Shelter Foundation board member:

Ms. Stanley announced another great event, Speed Dating, for February. The idea is to come to the shelter and have the experience of meeting with several adoptable animals to see if you can find the one that your heart matches. There is a price special that day. \$25 There is also a kissing booth – for real! There is one of kitties and one for dogs. It is wonderful because a lot of those dogs end up getting adopted because people just love them. There are refreshments and a lot of decorations.

Home for the Holidays was really successful. About 100 animals went out to community homes and of those 79 were adopted.

Specials that the Foundation supplements the adoption costs have worked very well. Any veteran can adopt an animal for free with an approved application. Something special will also be done at the June Birthday party. It will be around Flag Day and Veterans will be recognized then too. The long term animals, those that have been there for over 6 months, can be adopted for \$25. That helps to move those that have been there a long time. If anybody, a person or a pet, is a senior the adoption fee is \$40.

Donnie Lewis, Citizen & taxpayer in Decatur, IL:

1. We are not here to attack the Animal Control Shelter. We believe in the Animal Shelter and appreciate the hard work that is done out there, but we do have some concerns. Mr. Lewis explained that he had been called upon by the concerned citizens (present at this meeting).

All we are doing is seeking transparency in the operations and reporting of the policy of the intakes and outcomes of the Macon County Animal Control and Care Center. As everyone know, the county facility is operated on taxpayer money and such there is concern with the operation of the facility and it is believed we have the right to be informed.

We are seeking the following:

- Posting of the Macon County Animal Control Center policy in regards to intake, cause of euthanization, adoption policy, and working with rescues. We ask that this policy be posted in a readily accessible location such as the County's website. It should be provided to those with questions on the policies
- We also ask that a monthly posting of shelter statistics be posted on the County webpage no later than the 15th of the following month. We ask that the statistics show the record of all intakes broken out by stray, owner surrender, confiscation, and further broken down by animal type like dog, cat, wildlife and other. Outcome should also be reported by type and show the number that were euthanized, adopted, went to rescue, returned DOA.
- Public posting on Facebook and other social media sites when an animal is at risk of being euthanized. The posting should include a picture of said animal, gender, approximate age, health, behavioral issues, and the date of euthanizing.

This has been done with many other counties. Mr. Lewis explained that he has had the privilege of visiting about 8 other county shelters in the last 60 days and all of them have this procedure. He said he does not think they are asking anything out of the ordinary. There are just a lot of people that are concerned for these animals and their welfare. He repeated that they

are not attacking the shelter. They want to work with the shelter and do everything they possibly can for the welfare of these animals and see if they can find loving, caring homes. It is our hope that with the transparency of this policy, statistics and networking with rescues, the public in regards to euthanizing of a pet that more animals will be saved. The public's perception of the shelter will be one of trust and respect and the community will get more involved and supportive with these efforts of lifesaving activities being done by all involved. The only thing left to say is that the hard work out there is appreciated. Mr. Lewis said he goes around the state lobbying for harsher animal abuse laws. He was just at SIUE this past weekend where over 400 people showed up. There are a lot of people out there that really care about animals. It is expensive and everybody has a budget, but they are asking "you" work with the community a little more and help find homes for the animals instead of putting them down.

Laura Hart, 2724 E. Garfield Avenue, Decatur, IL:

Ms. Hart said she was there after being sent by Teacher Morgan who she had gone to for some help. Ms. Hart said she has been having a lot of issues with Animal Control for the past couple of years. She said she was looking for answers and help with her dogs. She said they have been, not her but her boyfriend has been accused of abusing one of their dogs. That is far from true. Ms. Hart said she works with pets daily and is a dog groomer at PetSmart. She said she does not tolerate dog abuse at all. Another issue is whenever they moved into their house, there was a night when an incident happened and they ran down the road to her boyfriend's parent's house. They got a call saying that the Macon County Animal Control and Sheriff's Department was at their house. The animals were sitting on the porch. When they got there, they were told the animals never got off the porch. The next day, not the night of, they had 15 tickets taped to the front door with all of them saying the dogs were running at large and failure to vaccinate. She said she has proof of all the tickets. Another incident occurred this past weekend. They were out of state with family in Omaha, Nebraska. The neighbors got a hold of Ms. Hart saying that Animal Control was at the house. Somehow the pit bull that had been locked inside the home was out. They got her. They said she was acting aggressive. She just had a litter of puppies. Whenever she was in animal control, the family members that were here . . . Ms. Hart sent them to get her from Animal Control. They waited for about 3 hours for her to arrive at Animal Control. Whenever they received her back, her mouth was busted open. Ms. Hart said she is not OK with this. She said she was not told that her dog was hurt. She said she talked with four people that day and heard nothing about it. She said she wants answers as to why she was not told about it. Another incident that same day, a man from Macon County Animal Control, one that they have dealt with in the past and have issues with, felt the need for some reason to hop the 8' fence into the back yard and from pictures, it looks like he is sticking something through the window. Ms. Hart said as far as she knows, that is illegal. She said she is just looking for answers. She said she is very concerned about the safety of her animals considering they have issues with a person in animal control. She said she is not against animal control at all. She said she clearly works with them. She works at PetSmart. She said she feels like they are being harassed. They drive up and down the road daily and she doesn't know why. When she asked why he was in the back yard, he said he was closing their window. The back window that is open goes straight into the back yard. If the dogs were to get out of that window, they would be in her back yard. Ms. Hart presented pictures of other dogs that were sitting on the porch that have gotten tickets. Ms. Hart

explained that she had gone to Teacher Morgan for help because she thought she deals with animal rights and the rights of the owners of animals. While she was explaining everything to her ... There's a lot that can't be explained in 5 minutes . . . Chair Dudley asked her to wrap it up. Ms. Hart asked if there was someone to talk to that wouldn't argue, she would love to talk with them afterwards.

Luisa Turudic, 172 S. Elder Lane, Decatur, IL

Ms. Turudic explained that she is a volunteer at the shelter and has been for about 3 years. There are a lot of good things about the shelter, but there is a concern about one issue. There is a severe shortage of volunteers, especially on weekdays. On Saturdays, there is a better turnout. On many weekdays, if one or two show up, we are lucky. When you have between 50 and as many as 80 dogs on the adoption floor, it is really challenging to see that they get out for exercise and fresh air and some attention. She said that unless she is mistaken, they don't get out unless the volunteers take them out. She explained she was talking about getting in the runs in the back. We are really lucky to have some very nice runs back there. Two of them are big fields and the dogs just live to get out every day and get some exercise. It is a lot of pressure on the volunteers. She said when she goes home, she doesn't think about the ones she has taken out, but she thinks about the ones that she did not get out. It's just not right that if a volunteer doesn't get a dog out, then they don't get out at all that day. She said she feels very strongly that every dog should get out once a day, even if only for a few minutes. She said she did not think that was happening because there are a lot of times when she is there and all of the runs are empty even on beautiful days. It would be nice if there could be a change in policy. She wasn't sure how it would work, but if some of the paid employees could be taking the dogs out and let what the volunteers do be in addition to that. She said she sees her role as buying them time to find a home and keep them from going kennel crazy and being labeled as unadoptable. They are happy to have 5 or 10 minutes outside a day and that's not so much to ask, but because of the severe shortage of volunteers, that just doesn't seem to be happening. She said she didn't know what the answer is, whether it means hiring additional staff because she is sure that the ones that are there are busy and have their own job description. The dogs deserve more time outside than what they are getting. It would be nice if the people that work there would make sure that they get them out if the volunteers don't get to them.

Sheriff Schneider addressed the committee members and visitors:

The sheriff thanked all the volunteers because the Macon County Animal Control Center is absolutely nothing without the volunteers that work day in and day out. He said he shares the same concerns as Ms. Turudic because it is an inappropriate situation for any dog that is there to be locked up for the whole amount of time. He said they should be making every effort whatsoever to be able to get those dogs out and into the runs. He said they had put video cameras out there sometime back and monitored when they got complaints about dogs not being out. That was addressed and the Sheriff said he had not heard that concern in a while, but apologized if it is an oversight because it has not come to his desk. There have been issues come up over time regarding transparency or policy issues. He said he had had his administrative lieutenant, Lt. Butts, be a point of contact for anyone that had specific issues with the shelter that needed to be addressed at a higher administrative level. There have been 2 occasions where those complaints have come to them and on those two complaints, they sat down and had conversations with the individuals. Concessions were made on one, but

unfortunately, it was not to their satisfaction and that is what has led us to today. The other group, a foundation group, concessions were made on both sides and an amicable resolution was arrived at with the foundation. It is a work in progress. Donnie got up tonight and expressed himself in a very proper fashion. The Sheriff said he respected that because they could get up and point fingers and say we're doing everything wrong because the Sheriff said he knows there are times when they are not doing things right, but when we are aware of it and try to correct it and do the things we need to do, hopefully, we can come out with a successful resolution. Unfortunately, there are times when liability issues have to be looked at with volunteers and it is not the volunteer's fault, it is just making sure that we do things as though it is a business and some of the decisions we make may not be ones that are going to make the volunteer happy regarding whatever the decision is made about, but it is being made from a business standpoint. Attorneys and veterinarians are consulted with on multiple occasions to make sure the right decisions are being made because there are times when we want to take action on different issues, but unfortunately the laws do not allow us to. Sometimes the veterinarians tell us this is the appropriate action. The Sheriff said he would be listening to the professionals. He went on to say that they would be taking everything Donnie got up and talked about and look at it and try to make changes where we feel they need to be made. He made some good points and there were some other points made too. Once finished, the attorneys and veterinarians will be consulted with and if there are issues that need to be changed, the changes will be made. If it is not to your satisfaction, the Sheriff said his door will be and always has been open, to give an avenue where he can be consulted with. He addressed the board and said that if the board feels there is something that needs to be addressed, he will address it and inform the committee of the pros and cons and if some type of acceptable resolution can be made, that will be done also. It is about transparency, but overall, it is the care of the animals the sheriff is concerned about. He said he is a responsible pet owner of what he calls somewhat of a rescue. He is a 180 pound Mastiff that didn't like his first home, so he went to his. There are people here that rescue animals, but he said he doesn't do anything compared to what the volunteers do at the shelter. The job they do, the sheriff said he couldn't do. He said they have work to do. They would see what it is and bring it back to the committee and if it doesn't meet the satisfaction, they can voice their concerns and they would see if those could be addressed also.

Chair Dudley thanked everyone for coming out saying that is what the committee is there for. He thanked the sheriff for his response and said he hoped a resolution that works for everyone could be found.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS – none

Closed Session – none needed

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting – February 23, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mr. Brown, the motion carried 6-0 and Chair Dudley adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m. *Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham*

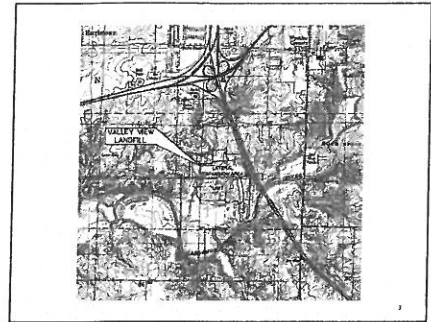
Expansion of Valley View Landfill

- Local Siting for expansion of existing landfill approved by County Board in October 2009, subject to 39 conditions.
- Lateral & vertical expansion approved by the IEPA in Sept. 2012.
- Valley View has progressed with vertical expansion over old sections and with horizontal expansion by building a new cell.

Progress Report to EEHW Committee on 1/26/2017_LR

In 2009, Macon County approved the Local Siting of the expansion of Valley View Landfill and then in 2012, the IEPA granted the landfill a developmental permit to expand.

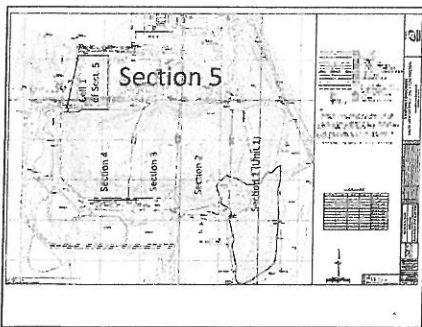
Both the vertical expansion and horizontal expansion of the landfill has since progressed.



Valley View Landfill, which is owned by Advanced Disposal Services, is in the Harristown Township, south of Cantrell Road and west of the Highway 51 bypass.

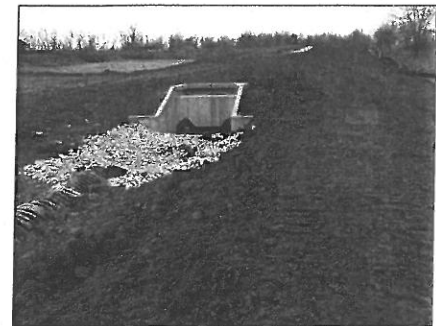
*Waste disposal ops began in about 1957 by Macon County Landfill Corp. in MCLF#1 (now called Unit 1) – 22.5 acres
Permit No. 1975-4-OP issued for Section 1 to MCL, approved disposal of general solid wastes, excluding hazardous and liquid waste except by supplemental permit.
Daily waste operations ceased in Section 1 in 1977.*

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Since the approval for the expansion, the landfill has increased vertically in Sections 1 through 4, the older sections (south of Hill Road). Landfill operations are now in the horizontal expansion area (Section 5) in the newly constructed Cell 1 (north section).

I have a few pictures to show, beginning with the construction activities that started-up in 2012 through current operations.



12/27/12, photo 04 –Energy dissipator and berm near east margin of expansion area.

First, in preparation for the expansion, storm water management structures were installed to divert water around the proposed waste footprint.

For example, here near the east margin of the facility, a culvert was installed in a berm (background) that directed water through an energy dissipator before entering into another culvert (left) linked to a sedimentation pond with an outfall.



5/22/15, photo 20 of diversion berm on Section IV

As part of the the stormwater management for the expansion, thousands and thousands of feet of ditches were formed . . .



6/23/15 Culvert 3

. . . And culverts were installed to control storm water flow both around and within the facility.

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6/14/13, photo 08 of Pond 2

The storm water management system included the construction of three additional sedimentation ponds.



5/29/13, photo 11

To make the landfill flood-proof, levees were constructed. Here you can see the part of the levee that separates the landfill's sedimentation pond (behind the building) and the compensatory storage areas (in the background) that were constructed to take on flooding from the Sangamon River.

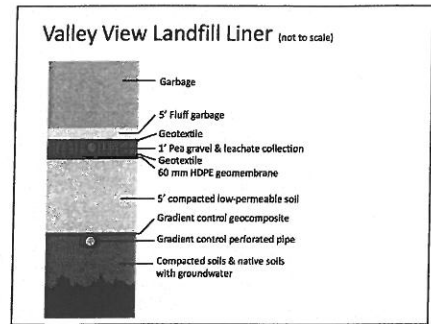
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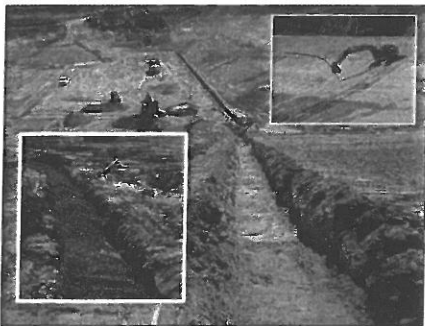
7/30/15, photo 5

In 2015, construction of the new cell, began with the excavation of soil.



U:\Advanced Disposal formerly Veolia

Once subbase grades were achieved, construction of the liner system began. The purpose of the liner system is to separate the waste from the native soils and groundwater. Here you see an illustration of the layers that were constructed to make up the liner system. You may want to refer to this graphic on your hand-out as I show you pictures of each layer from the bottom up.



8/13/15, photo 22 – installation GCS

The function of the gradient control system is to control groundwater that intersects the side slopes in order to facilitate construction and to control uplift forces on the liner system. Groundwater is directed through perforated pipes in trenches that drain into two sumps. The groundwater is then pumped up the sideslopes into the facility's surface water management system.



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A geocomposite layer that was installed over the entire cell serves as a drainage layer for the gradient control system, directing the groundwater down the slopes into the trenches with the perforated pipes. (Show example of geocomposite).



9/10/15, photo 06

Next five feet of clay, compacted in lifts, was installed over the cell.

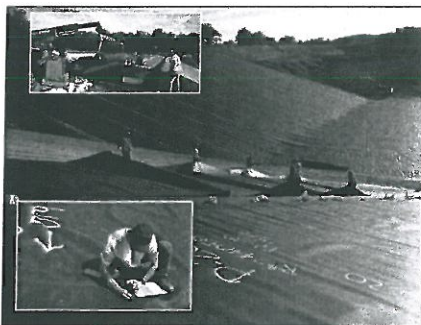


9/24/15, photo 24 at tie-in

This photos shows the clay layer being installed over the tie-in area, where the existing landfill meets the new cell where Hill Road previously ran through.

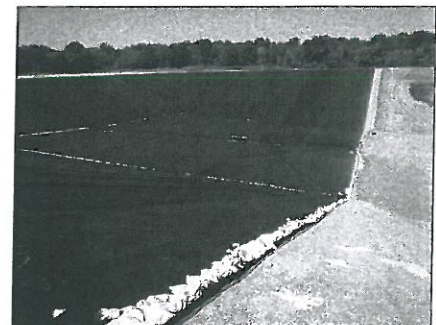
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Once the 5 foot clay layer was smoothed, a plastic liner, a 60 millimeter HDPE (high-density polyethylene) geomembrane that was welded together at the seams was installed. (Show example of geomembrane).

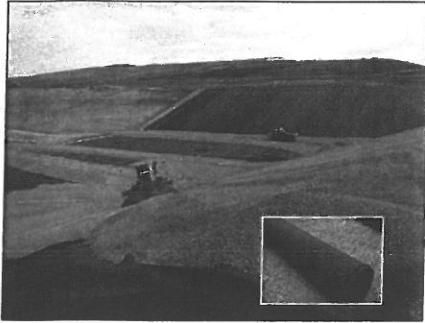


10/2/15, photo 06

On top of the plastic liner, a geotextile cushion (8-oz/sy geotextile) was installed. (Show example).

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10/8/15, photo 1

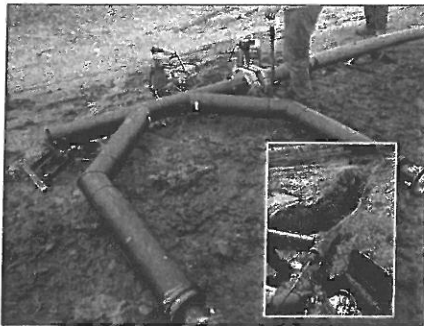
Next, the leachate collection system was installed in the cell. The function of this system is to collect the liquids that come into contact with the waste. The collection system includes a 12-inch layer of pea gravel and perforated pipes. The pea gravel was installed by pushing it so that no equipment was operated directly over the plastic liner and cushion.



The leachate drains to a sump pit, where it is then pumped up the sideslope through a solid pipe.

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6/29/15, photos 2 & 6 construction and air test of leachate force main

The leachate is then directed to the newly constructed force main pipe, which links the leachate collection system for the new cell to the existing system.



2/29/16, photo 17

On top of the leachate collection drainage layer, a geotextile filter (6-oz/sy geotextile) was installed. (*Show example*). The installation of this layer completed the construction of the new cell.

Your Hand-out has an aerial photo from 2012 on the left and from 2016 on the right, giving you an overview of the site has changed during the 3-year construction period.

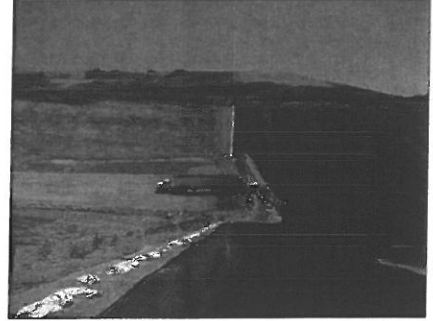
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Included in the construction activities, Advanced Disposal constructed a new building that now houses their offices, the shop for their fleet of hauling trucks and the scale.



6/27/16, photo 01 of opening day of Section V Cell 1

On June 27, 2016, the newly constructed cell accepted its first loads of waste.

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The first layer of waste, called the fluff layer, was placed in a manner so that no trucks or equipment were driven on the liner system. No loads of construction and demolition waste, which potentially could puncture the liner, were accepted in this fluff layer.

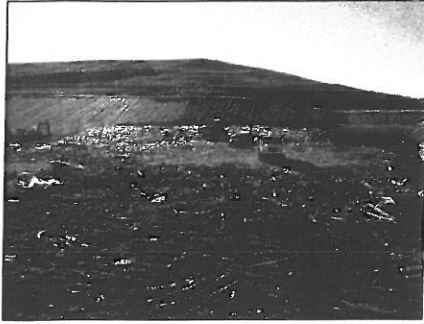


8/26/16, photo 01

This photo was taken two months after the cell opened.

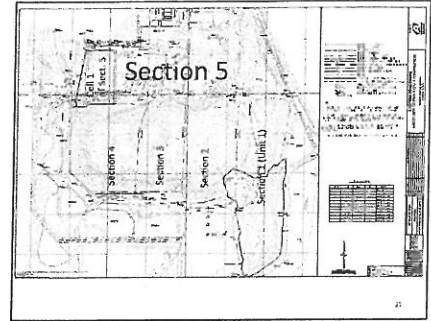
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Now 6 months after its opening, the cell is continuing to fill.



Advanced Disposal expects to begin construction of Cell 2 in Section 5, beginning in April of this year. Section 5 Cell 2 is to be constructed east of the newly constructed Cell 1.

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70% of Section 1-3 is 43.75 acres.

Unit 1 aka Section 1 - 22.5 acres

Section 2 - 26 acres

Section 3 - 14 acres

Section 4 - 19 acres

Section V, Cell 1 - 7 acres

Final cover system

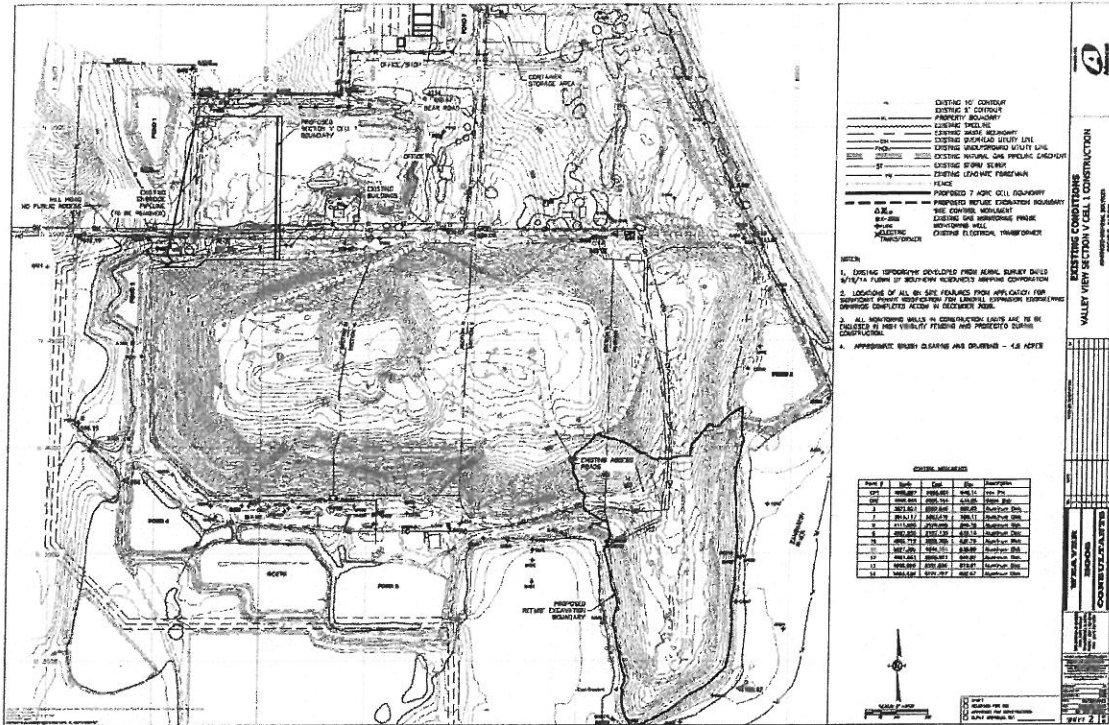
2 ft. compacted clay

40 mil polyethylene geomembrane layer

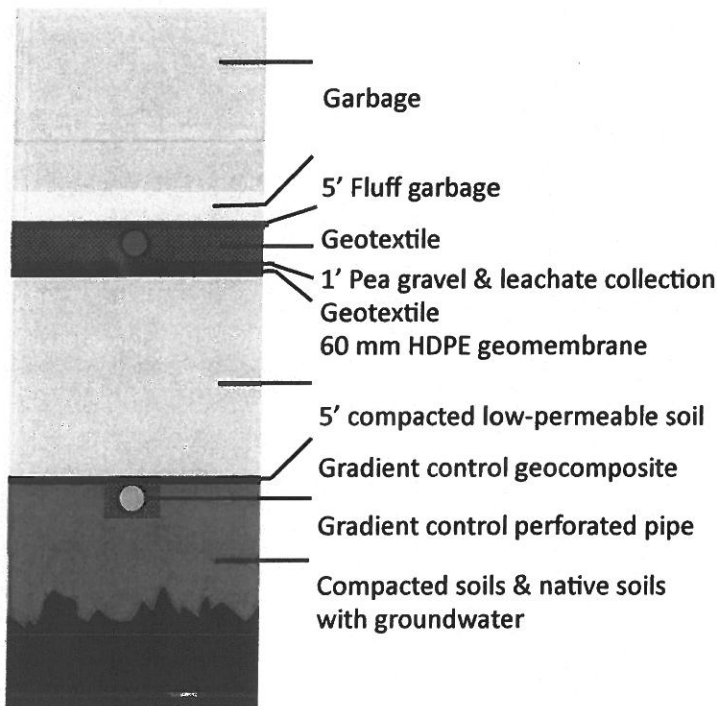
Drainage layer - either geocomposite of 12 in. granular

3 ft of vegetative rooting zone

Surface water mgt. structures



Valley View Landfill Liner (not to scale)



2016 file photo.

- Legend (only select points included)
 Aerial photo is 2016 file photo.
 Annotations may not be to scale.
 Numbered arrows denote photos.
- Waste Boundary
 - Extraction Wells
 - Leachate points
 - Gas points
 - Surface water points
 - Pipeline points
 - Gradient/Control_lines
 - Cells & Sections



2012 file photo.

1 inch = 450 feet

