



April 30, 2025

Mr. John Roberson, P.E.
Solid Waste Management Director
Wake County Government
Environmental Services / Solid Waste Division
WCOB 7th Floor
P.O. Box 550
Raleigh, NC 27602

**Re: Shotwell Environmental Park
Franchise Amendment Application – April 2025 Revision
Special Use Permit No. PLG-SU-003754-2022**

Dear Mr. Roberson:

On behalf of Shotwell Landfill, Inc., a Meridian Waste North Carolina, LLC company (Meridian Waste), Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble, Inc (HHNT) is submitting this Franchise Amendment Application to obtain an updated franchise for the subject facility. Meridian Waste is proposing the following amendments to the Shotwell Environmental Park franchise:

1. Lateral expansion of the existing disposal footprint to include an additional 11.25 acres of footprint. The lateral expansion will provide approximately 2.5 million cubic yards of additional airspace, extending the life of the site by approximately four years. The overall facility property boundary will remain unchanged; only the disposal footprint within the existing property is proposed to increase by 11.25 acres.

No other changes are being proposed at this time. As outlined below, the following requirements identified in Paragraph D, Section 50.22, Chapter 50 of the Wake County Code of Ordinances, regarding a revision to the franchise of an existing C&D landfill, are addressed separately and all supporting documentation is enclosed with this submittal, except as otherwise noted. For convenience, the requirements of Wake County are *italicized* and the response to each requirement is **bold**.

(D) For a revision to the franchise of an existing C&D landfill, the Board of County Commissioners may issue a revised franchise upon presentation of the following information to the county:

- (1) A transmittal letter that highlights the requested changes by comparing the key points of the existing franchise to the requested revision;*

Response:

Please refer to Section 1 of this application for a description of the requested changes to be made to the existing franchise and a summary of the need for the modifications.

(2) The name and address of the applicant and owner of the landfill site;

Response:

Applicant Name and Address: Shotwell Landfill, Inc.
4724 Smithfield Road
Wendell, NC 27591

Owner Name and Address: Meridian Waste North Carolina, LLC
5925 Carnegie Blvd. Suite 370
Charlotte, NC 28209

(3) The trade or other names, if any, under which the applicant does business, along with a certified copy of an assumed name certificate stating such name or articles of incorporation stating such name;

Response:

The applicant does business under the assumed name "Shotwell Environmental Park". Please refer to Appendix E of this application for the Articles of Incorporation, the most recent Annual Report filing, and documentation of the assumed business name.

(4) All information required under G.S. § 130A-294(b1)(2);

Response:

Please refer to Section 3 of this application.

- (5) A letter from the Wake County Planning Development and Inspections Division stating:*
- (a) That to its knowledge there are no existing violations of the permits, ordinances, and regulations governing the C&D landfill that the Division enforces, including but not limited to the special use permit.*
 - (b) Whether or not the proposed franchise change would require action from the Wake County Board of Adjustment to modify the special use permit.*

Response:

Please refer to the letters provided in Appendix F of this application, dated February 11, March 11, and April 23, 2025. The Wake County Planning Development and Inspections Divisions letters indicate the landfill property is zoned properly under Special Use Permit SU-2059-06. However, there was one outstanding code violation (VIO-004128-2024) related to construction of the material recover facility (MRF) building noted in the February 11, 2025, letter. This violation was resolved, and a follow-up letter was issued by Wake County, dated March 11, 2025, indicating there are no known code violations associated with the property.

The April 23, 2025 letter from Steven Finn, Land Use Administrator, confirmed an amendment to the existing Special Use Permit (SUP) is required through the Board of Adjustment due to the nature of the proposed changes to the franchise. The applicant will amend the SUP consistent with the requirements of Wake County.

(6) A letter from the Wake County Environmental Services Department stating that to its knowledge there are no existing violations of the permits, ordinances, and regulations governing the C&D landfill that the Department enforces, including but not limited to well, septic, sedimentation and erosion control, and grading permits;

Response:

A letter from the Onsite Water Protection section of the Wake County Health and Human Services Department, dated January 24, 2025, noted that there are no active code cases or non-compliance pertaining to onsite wastewater systems at the site. However, non-compliance was noted regarding two water wells that were abandoned without the proper Wake County permit. This non-compliance was directed to the contracted well driller and not the landfill. A follow-up letter issued by Wake County, dated February 6, 2025, confirmed the non-compliance was resolved. Both letters are provided in Appendix G for reference.

A letter from the Water Quality Division of the Wake County Environmental Services Department, dated January 27, 2025, stated that there is no notice of violations issued for any of the land disturbance permits and stormwater permits held by the facility and no enforcement action is currently being imposed. The letter did note some routine non-compliance related to lack of groundcover and tracking of sediment onto Smithfield Road. The facility has taken actions to address the sediment tracking and groundcover issues and is providing progress updates to Wake County. The letter and progress updates are provided in Appendix G for reference.

(7) A letter from every section of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) that has issued a permit to the C&D landfill stating that to its knowledge there are no existing violations of the permits, statutes, and regulations governing the C&D landfill that that section of NCDENR enforces;

Response:

Please refer to Appendix H of this application. The Solid Waste Section issued a letter indicating the Shotwell facility is operating within the requirements set forth in its permits and the applicable laws and rules governing solid waste. The NCDEQ Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources Stormwater Program issued a letter stating that there are no existing or outstanding violations of NDPES Industrial Stormwater General Permit NCG120000 against the subject facility.

(8) A copy of all federal, state, or local notices of violation (NOV) the C&D landfill has received in the previous five years;

Response:

Based on a compliance review of facility inspections, the facility has received one Notice of Violation (NOV) from NCDEQ within the previous five years, and none since the franchise was last amended in May 2022. Documentation of the NOV is provided in Appendix J of this application. Please note that based on follow-up inspections performed by NCDEQ in December 2021 and January 2022 these violations have been resolved.

Additionally, a code violation was opened on August 5, 2024, related to construction of the MRF building on the landfill property. A copy of the inspection's general comments from the Wake County Permit Portal is provided in Appendix J for reference. The code violation was resolved, and a follow-up letter was issued by Wake County, dated March 11, 2025, and provided in Appendix F for reference, indicating there are no known code violations on the property.

(9) A copy of all inspection reports from any NCDENR inspection during the previous five years;

Response:

Please refer to Appendix I of this application.

(10) A copy of the five most recent reports submitted to NCDENR reporting the total annual tonnage received at the C&D landfill and the geographic origin of the tonnage; and

Response:

Please refer to Appendix K of this application.

(11) Evidence that the Wake County Board of Adjustment has modified or reissued the special use permit for the C&D landfill if required in division (D)(5) above.

Response:

Meridian Waste is pursuing an SUP amendment through the Wake County Board of Adjustment. The April 23, 2025 letter from Steven Finn, Land Use Administrator, confirmed an amendment to the existing Special Use Permit (SUP) is required through the Board of Adjustment due to the nature of the proposed changes to the franchise. The letter is provided in Appendix F for reference.

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Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

HODGES, HARBIN, NEWBERRY & TRIBBLE, INC.



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