# South Wake Landfill





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#### Introductions

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#### **Operations Overview**

#### Manage 19 waste facilities

11 Convenience Centers
3 Multi-Material Recycling Facilities
3 Household Hazardous Waste Facilities
SOUTH WAKE LANDFILL (SWLF)
East Wake Transfer Station

Landfill gas systems

Illegal dumping enforcement

**Closed North Wake Landfill** 







#### **Outreach and Education Overview**

Feed the Bin School Program

86it Anti-Litter Campaign

**Community Outreach** 

Food Waste Reduction

Facility Tours
South Wake Landfill Tours





# **2020 Public Landfill Tours**

One tour per month

Private tours scheduled as needed



# LANDFILL TOURS

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#### South Wake Landfill Timeline

1990's – NCDEQ approved the construction permit

2005 – ILA approved with the exception of Holly Springs

2006 – Contracted with Waste Industries, now GFL

2008 – SWLF opened 25 year design life (2033) at 450,000 tons/year



#### South Wake Landfill Timeline

2008/2013 - 400,000 tons/year

2013/2019 - 500,000 tons/year

2020 - Projected at 540,000 tons

Total landfill size is 179 acres

75 acres are in operation

20 acres permanently closed in 2018/19



## **Two Primary Landfill Odor Sources**

#### **Operations/Working Face**

GFL Environmental is responsible for daily operation of the landfill working face and all cover aspects of buried waste

#### Landfill Gas

Wake County is responsible for all aspects of landfill gas (collection, control, monitoring or compliance) including well, pumps, blowers, flares, O&M contractor and energy partner



# Transition to GFL's slides and then return here when complete



#### **SWLF Odor Issues**

#### Landfill Gas Related

System shut downs (power related typically; system downtime < 2%)

Gas wells not optimized due to environmental factors (barometric pressure, rain, hot, cold, dry)

Liquids accumulation in wells

Wind Speed (1-5 mph) & Direction (to S/SW/SE) are always a contributing factor



#### **Industry Odor Mitigation Best Practices**

**BMP Strategies for LFG Emissions** 

- ✓ Extensive LFG Collection & Control System
- ✓ Accelerated Installation of LFG System
- ✓ Dedicated Wellfield Dewatering System
- ✓ Timely Final Cap Installation
- o Interim Cover System
- o Horizontal Collectors
- **BMP Strategies for Investigation & Outreach** 
  - ✓ Supplemental LFG & Air Monitoring
  - ✓ Odor Complaint Tracking & Analysis



#### Wake County Continues to

Monitor Surface Emissions Monitor Leachate Cleanouts **Optimize Wellfield Performance Evaluate Integrity of Daily Cover** Manage Odor Neutralizer System **Evaluate Working Face Operations** 



#### **LFG System Improvements**

**On-Site Weather Station** Increased well density to 82 wells Vapor Based Odor Mitigation System Expand wellfields prior to final grades Extra Blower capacity (6,000 cfm total) Automated Well Heads (new technology) Use of pumps in wells (20 installed to date)





Initiate a landfill waste plan...

Evaluate waste disposal alternatives...

Explore early landfill closure options...

Identify alternate disposal site(s)...

Waste to energy...



#### **Solid Waste Management Plan**

Alternative waste disposal options are being evaluated as part of the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan. Draft document by April 30, 2020.



#### **Proven Waste Disposal Alternatives**

Energy from Waste EfW (mass-burn type) Regional approach (Wake, Durham, Orange?) 10 year minimum development period Expensive alternative – 3 times current disposal rate (\$90+/ton)

Out of County Waste Disposal Additional Transfer Station(s) needed 60+ miles in transportation costs Rates controlled by market/availability of space



## **Emerging Conversion Technologies**

The following are not widely used and do not deal with the entire MSW waste stream, long-term feasibility evaluation is ongoing

Pyrolysis – thermal decomposition at elevated temperatures

Gasification – thermal energy produces biogas, fuels and fertilizers

Fermentation – novel approach to waste management



Increase near-term efforts and investments...

Identify innovative landfill practices...

Significantly reduce malodors...



#### **Future Odor Mitigation Strategies**

Comprehensive Odor Management Plan – This joint document will include a strategy/response matrix that outlines past, present and future approaches to odor mitigation. Draft document by June 30, 2020.

Optimize LFG System Infrastructure – System expansion Phase 2A in 2020 Phase 2B in 2021



#### **GFL's Near Term Items**

Landfill Design and Operation – Continuous evaluation and implementation of best management practices

New pilot of odor mitigating Bio-Organic Catalyst

Use of tarps with odor neutralizer

Dirt based daily cover



#### Include FY 21 funding for landfill odor mitigation...

To date, over \$3.5 M in LFG improvements

\$ 2.5 M additional improvements in next 7 years

\$ 200,000 per year for future Environmental Nuisance Mitigation efforts

\$ 100,000 vapor based odor system with \$ 100,000/year operating cost (this is a shared cost with GFL)



Complete the odor reporting/resident engagement app...

Odor reporting app completed March 6<sup>th</sup>

New odor reporting form that will allow the County to be more responsive and graphically evaluate odor complaints

Air dispersion modeling allows for better prediction of bad odor days – enable's the County and GFL to be more proactive

#### What is Envirosuite?



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Increase community engagement... Monthly communications on odor mitigation...

Response: We have collaborated with our Communications Office to enhance our capabilities in this area.



#### **Next Steps**

Comprehensive Odor Management Plan (draft June 2020)

Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (draft April 2020) Future Waste Disposal (WTE/EfW or out of county) Future Transfer Station(s)

Other Special Waste (tires, mattresses, etc.)

SW Citizens Committee Meeting (March 24th)

Arbor Creek Home Owners Association (April 9th)

Additional community meetings as requested



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### **OPEN DISCUSSION**



