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High Acres Landfill update from Perinton Town Supervisor Ciaran Hanna

Presently, at the request of the Perinton Town Board, the landfilling operation at High Acres is almost exclusively taking place in Macedon, not the Town of Perinton. Perinton does not have the ability to restrict operations that occur in the Town of Macedon, even though the odors from this operation can impact our residents. The Town of Perinton continues to work proactively on the implementation of specific, relevant, actionable, and time bound improvements to the landfill that will, to extent feasible, control off-site gas and garbage odors and safeguard our resident's health, safety and quality of life. We continue to stress with Waste Management the importance of continued operational improvement at High Acres. We understand that periodic off-site odors remain, but recognize that progress has been made and we will remain vigilant in this effort. The Town will make every effort to improve its communication with residents regarding progress at High Acres landfill.

LANDFILL MONITORING

High Acres Landfill is a highly engineered facility with environmental protection systems that are subject to strict monitoring and reporting requirements. Although the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation defines the type and frequency of monitoring through its permit requirements, the Town of Perinton has directed WM to monitor the landfill with much greater detail than what is required by its current permit. Perinton is the only municipality that has this level of landfill monitoring in the state.

ODOR NEUTRALIZATION SYSTEM

The Town of Perinton has secured a commitment from WM to design and install an enhanced perimeter and internal odor neutralizing system that will help mitigate operational odors overall; whether the landfilling is taking place in Perinton or Macedon.

ODOR /WASTE MATERIAL STUDY

The Town of Perinton has also required WM to undertake a detailed study of material waste streams that enter the landfill by both truck and rail. At the Town's directive, the intent of this study is to determine if and to what extent odors differ, either in strength or type, between waste materials that are trucked into the facility versus waste material that are delivered via rail.

PROGRESS MEETINGS / ODOR NOTIFICATION

The Town of Perinton regularly meets with WM staff to discuss operations, odor complaints, NYSDEC Inspection Reports, etc. This bi-weekly meeting also serves as a progress meeting to review the milestone/time bound goals of the various obligations that WM has committed to complete at the request of the Town. The NYDEC is regularly updated on the progress of the meetings. We encourage our residents to utilize the Odor Complaint Hotline, which is (585) 453-2416.

HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT

We are currently drafting a new Host Community Agreement. We anticipate that a draft agreement will be complete in the coming months and ready for public input/comment. What is different from previous agreements is that the Town is taking a stronger stance on safeguards that will hold WM accountable for odor events as well as protect the surrounding community with a property value protection plan.