

## Grand Central Landfill Update

SUMMER 2023



Dear Plainfield Township Neighbor:

About a year ago, the Grand Central Landfill team hosted an open house meeting to discuss the initial request for rezoning of the 211-acre property east of the facility. The meeting included a presentation on the proposed expansion plans and an opportunity for questions to be answered. While we are continuing to evaluate our expansion opportunities, we wanted to provide a project update to you.

1. Grand Central has not re-submitted an application to Plainfield Township for rezoning of the property east of the current facility nor has Grand Central submitted an expansion application to PA-DEP.
2. The expansion of Grand Central would be a continuation of the current operations that exist today and provide critical disposal services for the region. If approved, the expansion would include improvements along Pen Argyl Road in compliance with PennDOT requirements.
3. In approximately 6 years, Grand Central will consume the existing permitted airspace. (This is important as it took the facility 8-years to obtain the last expansion permit.)
4. Upon closure of the facility, Plainfield Township, will stop receiving the per-ton royalty payments they are provided under the current Host Municipality agreement. The generation of fees will not continue for 18-20 years as represented by some stakeholders in the Township. The loss of this funding will be significant for residents and the Township.
  - a. The proposed 2023 General Fund Budget utilizes \$546,000.00 in forecasted Host Municipality Quarterly Fees expected to be paid to the Township during the 2023 fiscal year - *in order to balance the General Fund*. This figure represents nearly three (3) mills in real estate tax revenue. *(2023 Plainfield Township Budget)*
  - b. **The Township's only source of funding towards capital expenditures** is currently the Monthly Host Municipality Fees (\$1.65 per/ton) received from the operation of the Grand Central Sanitary Landfill. \*an estimated \$2.7 million has been provided over the last 5 years to this fund.\* *(2023 Plainfield Township Budget)*
  - c. Over the last 5-years, Plainfield Township has received a total of \$10.3 million from Grand Central in fees to support the annual budget.
5. If Grand Central Landfill receives approval to re-zone the property of interest and receives approval for an expansion from the PA-DEP, WM has already agreed to deed restrict the zoning district to prohibit the future development of a sludge processing facility.

As we work to finalize our plans, we encourage you to learn more about our operations, our environmental stewardship and sustainability initiatives. ([www.grandcentrallandfill.com](http://www.grandcentrallandfill.com)) Additionally, our Youtube Channel includes videos that explain the original plan for the re-zoning and expansion. *(search Grand Central Landfill)*

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2020 Grand Central Rezoning & Expansion Video



Landfill Animation Video – How It Works



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