



In Their Own Words

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Local leaders realize landfill closure means higher taxes, service cuts

YORK, Pa. (Sept. 23, 2021) – Every York County resident is served by and benefits from Modern Landfill, but none more so than the communities and neighbors in Windsor and Lower Windsor Townships, where the facility is located.

For some, the proposed landfill expansion is a sensitive subject, but there can be no question about the considerable economic and community benefits that the landfill brings to residents — and the stark implications should the landfill close in the near future.

Local elected officials are taking notice.

We as a community, must realize that considerable adjustments to the Township's financial responsibilities will be necessary. If we cannot find other ways to increase revenue, there will eventually need to be an increase to real estate taxes to make up for the lost landfill funds. If tax increases are not enacted, or alternate revenues found, we may need to reduce expenses in other areas, which may include services to the residents of the Township.

(Source: Lower Windsor Township Newsletter, Fall/Winter 2021)

Why are we talking about something in Lower Windsor Township and what does this mean to Windsor Township? It means that there is a possibility that Modern Landfill will close in approximately four (4) years unless other measures are taken. The fee per ton Windsor Township receives will stop. The free trash and recycling collection that Windsor Township residents enjoy now will stop. Windsor Township will also have to pay for other services that are currently being provided.

The fund where the host fees are deposited is stable but won't be sufficient to indefinitely cover the cost of trash and recycling collection in addition to the other services that are provided through the Host Community Agreement.

(Source: Windsor Township Newsletter, Fall 2021)

That's because Modern Landfill is integral to the local economy, from the host fees it pays to municipalities to the tax revenues it generates for school districts and local governments. Modern Landfill also financially supports volunteer fire companies, local nonprofits and other community organizations, and provides free services to residents.

Despite our small footprint, the benefits we bring are enormous.

But, at current acceptance rates, Modern Landfill has only four years of life remaining. An expansion would enable the facility to continue its mission of enabling local prosperity and environmental stewardship for generations to come.

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