

MODERN *Landfill*



Lower Windsor Township Ends Negotiations with Modern Landfill

That decision could have profound consequences for York County residents and businesses.

Dear Neighbor:

On behalf of Modern Landfill, we appreciate the growing show of support from neighbors who understand the considerable economic and community benefits the landfill brings — **and what is likely to happen should it close.**

Modern Landfill is a critical part of the environmental infrastructure in York County, and we are essential to maintaining the environmental and economic health of our region. Because of our partnership to accept ash residue from the York County Resource Recovery Center, **Modern Landfill serves the entire York County population, more than 400,000 residents, as well as businesses large and small.** In addition, essentially every contractor and most industrial facilities in our region rely on Modern Landfill to provide safe, secure, and **local** disposal services.

Modern Landfill, which operates in both Windsor Township and Lower Windsor Township, has enabled environmental and economic progress and development for decades, and we hope to enable prosperity and environmental stewardship for generations to come.

Typical of facilities like Modern Landfill, municipalities secure benefits through “host” community agreements. Modern Landfill has been in partnership with both Windsor Township and Lower Windsor Township for decades via separate host agreements with each municipality. These host agreements result from good-faith negotiations between the townships and the landfill, and they are re-visited from time to time when conditions warrant, such as when an expansion is needed.

Right now, about 70% of Modern Landfill’s acreage is in Windsor Township, with the remaining 30% in Lower Windsor Township. Under our proposed expansion, that operational footprint would shift to 100% in Lower Windsor Township on land owned entirely by Republic Services, Modern Landfill’s parent company.

We have always been good community partners, and we recognize this shift comes with a new level of responsibility, which is why we have been working to negotiate a new host agreement that builds on our commitments. But, in December 2020, after we had been working in good faith for years to meet the township’s expectations with a revised host agreement, the supervisors ended negotiations.

Here’s just a glance at some of the things that were left on the table:

What Modern Landfill Provides Today

\$900k Annual host fee payments to Lower Windsor Township
\$135k Approximate in annual real estate taxes to Eastern York School District
\$5k Annual real estate taxes to Windsor and Lower Windsor Townships
\$400k Value of free disposal services for spring and fall cleanup over 27 years
\$30k Direct local contributions and in-kind services to local organizations in 2020 alone
35 Modern Landfill workers who are part of the community
\$2.8 Million Modern Landfill’s annual payroll

What Modern Landfill Promises Tomorrow

\$1.2 Million \$300k increase in annual host fee payments for Lower Windsor Township, going from \$0.97 to \$1.35 per ton, a 39% increase
\$250k Paid to Lower Windsor Township in three installments for any need it has
\$30k Annual support for emergency service providers
\$25k Annual payment to repair roads and bridges and other infrastructure
Up to \$15k Annual reimbursement for Lower Windsor Township fire hydrant costs (up from \$3,600)
FREE recycling and waste collection and disposal for all Lower Windsor Township residents, valued at approximately \$750,000 per year
Property Value Guarantee Program which would protect adjacent landowners against loss of property value due to the expansion

Other Benefits

- ✓ New FREE leaf drop-off site
- ✓ Continuation of spring and fall cleanup
- ✓ Continuation of free disposal of roadside debris picked up by Township road crews
- ✓ Continuation of payment for operation and maintenance of traffic light at Route 124 and Mount Pisgah Road

For the last year, we have been listening to you. We know this proposed expansion is a sensitive subject, but we have been encouraged by the show of support for the project and your passion to ensure Modern Landfill maintains and expands its support for local government services and community initiatives, as well as continuing to meet the disposal needs of our larger community. At current acceptance rates, Modern Landfill only has four years of life remaining.

You understand that without Modern Landfill, residents will pay to make up the lost revenue or endure a reduction in services.

From host fees to tax revenues for our schools and local governments, Modern Landfill is integral to the economic health of Windsor Township and Lower Windsor Township and to the overall local economy. In addition, we are a critical partner to many local nonprofits — visit our website to view a list of organizations we support. We are your neighbor, and like you, we believe in the causes that serve our community!

We are grateful for the strong relationships we have in this community — and for those of you who have made your voices heard over the last year. **Modern Landfill is ready to get back to the negotiating table.**

If you have questions about the expansion, please call us at 717-246-2686 or visit us www.modernlandfillpa.com to learn more.

Sincerely,

Tim O'Donnell, General Manager
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