



DYK: Tipping Fees Keep LWT Taxes Low

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Modern Landfill critical to local government operations

YORK, Pa. (June 29, 2022) – From host fees to Lower Windsor Township to tax revenues for schools and local governments, Modern Landfill is integral to the local economy. A proposed expansion would bring even more benefits to the community, strengthening a partnership that has lasted nearly 50 years.

Did you know that . . .

- Nearly every year since 1995, landfill tipping fees have been transferred and/or redirected to the township's General Fund—in some years, **that amount was more than \$800,000—to defray the costs of the township's "primary municipal services,"** which are general operating expenses as budgeted.
- Other than 0.25% millage decrease in 2011 (only for 2011 and 2012), and a 0.05 mill increase in 2017 to make up for the elimination of Lower Windsor Township's per capita tax, **the millage rate, which dictates the amount of real estate taxes you pay to the township, has remained the same at 1 mill since Modern Landfill began paying landfill tipping fees.**
- Modern Landfill is vital to helping Lower Windsor Township fulfill its mission to protect farmland and preserve the community's rural character and agricultural heritage. **Landfill tipping fees were the sole source of revenue for the agricultural and land preservation fund,** which the township established in 2004 and funded annually through 2010. As part of its expansion, Modern Landfill has proposed increasing the fees it pays to the township. **Imagine what that could do for local farmland preservation efforts.**

Right now, about 70% of Modern Landfill's acreage is in Windsor Township, with the remaining 30% in Lower Windsor Township. Under the proposed expansion, **the operational footprint would shift to 100% in Lower Windsor Township.**

This shift comes with a new level of responsibility to build on existing commitments, which is why Modern Landfill wants to negotiate a new host agreement with Lower Windsor. It's what good neighbors do.

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