

The Forks of the Patuxent Improvement Association, Inc

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Dear Odenton, Gambrills, and Crofton Neighbors,

The intent of this letter is to update Forks of the Patuxent and surrounding area neighbors on the status of the proposed Chesapeake Terrace rubble landfill in Odenton, MD. Many residents already know about this proposed landfill, but some have recently moved into the area, some may be looking to purchase a new home, and others may have thought the battle was over. No matter the circumstance, please take the time to read this letter and share the information with others.

National Waste Managers (NWM) has been seeking approval for the proposed Chesapeake Terrace rubble landfill on their approximate 482 acres along Patuxent Road for over 30 years. In 1993, NWM was granted a Special Exception by the Anne Arundel County Board of Appeals for a rubble landfill and surface mining operation subject to certain conditions. One condition is that the entrance MUST be from Conway Road just East of the Two Rivers community and that NWM own the land for the access road.

The Forks of the Patuxent Improvement Association (FOTPIA) has been fighting this Special Exception approval for over 30 years. Despite many objections and appeals by FOTPIA over the years, NWM has been granted several time extensions, last one was in October 2018 that is the subject of an appeal in NWM v. FOTPIA. Since then, the case was heard at the Court of Special Appeals. This is based on a NWM appeal of a Circuit Court ruling to remand the case back to the Board of Appeals for additional evidence. These important Board of Appeal hearings were held October 2021 – March 2022 and closing arguments from both parties were just submitted in April 2022. The proposed access to the landfill has since been bought by Anne Arundel County and transferred to the Board of Education to construct a much-needed West County Elementary School. This information has NOT stopped NWM from moving forward on seeking permit approvals. This development has NOT blocked the landfill. The Board of Appeals has 60 days to deliberate. If the decision falls in favor of the Forks of the Patuxent, NWM will surely appeal. Regardless of the decision, FOTPIA will need to continue to fight this battle in the courts.

In addition to requiring zoning approval from AA County, NWM must gain approval from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). As the legal case continues, NWM has been pursuing MDE permit approval, which requires NWM to complete Phases I-V. MDE approved NWM's Phase I, II & III of the application, farther than NWM has ever gotten.

THIS REMAINS A HIGHLY ACTIVE CASE. The Forks of the Patuxent Improvement Association has continued to pursue this case and has established legal standing over these past 30 years. However, time is money and funds are running out. FOTPIA is asking for continued help from the neighboring communities to raise money for piling legal fees as we are nowhere on being finished in this battle.

The existence of another rubble landfill in our area will affect the residents of the Forks of the Patuxent, Piney Orchard, Wilsontown, Two Rivers, Woodwardville, Crofton and surrounding communities. There are concerns about public health, traffic, noise, flooding, environmental impact, the Bay, and much more. Please consider aiding FOTPIA to continue this fight for EVERYONE.

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Sincerely,

FOTPIA Board of Directors

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