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Conversation with Maryland Department of the Environment

Upcoming Meeting on November 21, 2019 in Annapolis

MDE is "running" the Informational Meeting

Informational Meeting is part of Phase II MDE requirements

For those of you that have been here since the beginning, yes - Phase II. National Waste Managers had a very lengthy stretch of time that they did nothing to work on their requirements for MDE.

MDE suspended the landfill file.

In 2018 the Anne Arundel Co. zoning board "revived" the process (rulings etc.)

This caused:

A "kick back" to Phase II with MDE - because of the extended dormancy

Phase II includes the PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING - the last one was held at the Odenton VFD in 2001/2002 (?)

National Waste Managers representatives must show and discuss permit process, application process, explain what comes next, and answer questions from the public. Public informational meeting is not a recorded meeting. It is a Public Hearing for "comments"

SIDE NOTE: last meeting in 2001/2002(?) 400+ people showed up and maxed out the capacity of the firehouse. They were told they must conduct the meeting at a "large enough" venue. This is the reason the meeting is being held in Annapolis this time.

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Anne Arundel County stated that "last" Special Exception would be the LAST Special Exception in 2015..... and remanded back to court

Anyone interested: The last 10 years of zoning decisions and 2018 rulings can be found online

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Phase I - done

Phase II - redoing now

Phase III - design, operation plans, etc. - MDE not happy with - never happy with what they saw with the west side - POINT= water soaks into clay perch zone (location of small aquifer - not main aquifer) - problem= could change structure of slope, liner, contaminates worries. National Waste Managers has new engineer consultant and is not giving MDE what they want (previous engineer gone) SIDE NOTE - Phase III is huge

NO Phase III approval until MDE is happy with and accepts Phase II (unless small minor issues)

Phase IV - is MDE preparations and recap to make sure everything is in order

Phase V - public hearing phase

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All of landfill area is considered "uplands"

Bottom of "fill area" must be above water table otherwise it creates stability issues of sediment above the water table. In past submissions there have been issues with the West side of the fill area that are a concern.

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I asked about aquifer under landfill and exactly where does it flow - answer: shallow groundwater under the landfill will flow to the Patuxent

Part of the MDE application process is to question and establish: Where the water is flowing? and does it change seasonally?

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It was stated, that the only "entrance" ever submitted to MDE, has been on (along) Conway Road. Last submission (previous submission) of Phase III had two access points on Conway Road. Both show private property must be acquired. The most recent submission proposes access roads on Conway Road and off of Conway Road. MDE will approve these access points. As many of us already know MDE has nothing to do with road use. Ultimately road is a county issue.

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Time is running out for National Waste Managers. They must get through the process before the Special Exception expires. (P&Z office has the date – need to call)

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Also learned - Should MDE grant the permit to National Waste Manager it can be appealed.....what's NEW is the appeals used to be before permit issued = no longer

The appeals process is now broader - more people can appeal (almost anyone) but only after MDE has issued permit approval

This process would be done in local Circuit Court

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Summary of last ruling(s) made by Anne Arundel County is a must read. It is a summary of about 8-9 pages.