

**GUDE LANDFILL REMEDIATION**

**GLCC/DEP MEETING NO. 40**

DATE: November 30, 2016  
TIME: 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM  
LOCATION: Montgomery County Transfer Station

ATTENDANCE:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Designation</u>
Keith Ligon	Gude Landfill Concerned Citizens (GLCC)	Member
Dave Peterson	Gude Landfill Concerned Citizens (GLCC)	Member
Nick Radonic	Gude Landfill Concerned Citizens (GLCC)	Member
George Wolohojian	Gude Landfill Concerned Citizens (GLCC)	Member
Laszlo Harsanyi	Gude Landfill Concerned Citizens (GLCC)	Member
Don Birnesser	Montgomery County Dept. of Env. Protection (DEP)	Section Chief
Rao Malladi	Montgomery County Dept. of Env. Protection (DEP)	Senior Engineer
Mark Gutberlet	EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc., PBC (EA)	DEP Consultant
Laura Oakes	EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc., PBC (EA)	DEP Consultant

The Meeting Agenda is included as Attachment 1.  
Contact information for attendees is included as Attachment 2.  
Chronology of Closed Action and Follow-up Items is included as Attachment 3.  
Other Attachments are referenced within the text.

MINUTES:

1. Mr. Rao Malladi of DEP requested approval of the minutes from GLCC/DEP Meeting No. 39. Mr. Keith Ligon of GLCC requested one wording change to better reflect what was discussed at the meeting. DEP concurred with the change and it will be reflected in the final minutes.
2. Mr. Malladi of DEP introduced the County's new Section Chief, Don Birnesser. Mr. Birnesser stated he has been involved in the solid waste industry for 35 years and has experience with transfer stations, recycling facilities, and landfills, among other things.
3. Mr. Malladi provided updates on the Assessment of Corrective Measures (ACM):
  - a. The Consent Order executed by Montgomery County and MDE in 2013 requires the County to "schedule and hold a Public Informational Meeting to discuss the findings of the investigation and to discuss the remedial actions for the Landfill." DEP held the public informational meeting on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at Candlewood Elementary School. Several GLCC members were present at the meeting and the slides from the presentation were emailed to GLCC. Mr. Keith Ligon of GLCC stated he thought meeting went well and he was pleased with the turnout.

4. Next steps for the budgeting and design of the project were discussed:
  - a. Mr. Ligon asked about the County's project budgeting process for the project. Mr. Birnesser stated that the fiscal year 2018 capital improvement plan (CIP) budget approval would likely occur during the first calendar quarter of 2017. The budget includes an estimate for the complete construction of the landfill cap and potential re-use elements.
  - b. Mr. Birnesser stated DEP is looking to hold meetings with MDE and County permitting agencies to identify permitting requirements for the project and any potential difficulties that could be addressed proactively to help keep the project moving forward.
5. Potential re-use of the site was discussed:
  - a. Mr. George Wolohojian of GLCC stated that some dog parks incorporate water for the dogs to play and asked that it be considered during design.
  - b. Mr. Ligon discussed the draft re-use plan that GLCC prepared. GLCC has appreciated the open communication and wanted to share the draft before sending it to the DEP Director. Mr. Malladi stated that there may be County uses that are also considered for the site that will impact the potential re-use.
  - c. Mr. Ligon stated that GLCC was presenting this as a list of desired uses and understands that the County may have needs including yard waste processing. GLCC is concerned about noise, dust, or other factors that could impact the quality of life in the Derwood neighborhoods.
  - d. Mr. Dave Peterson of GLCC brought up the concern about where parking would be on site. Mr. Birnesser stated that parking and traffic flow are an important consideration for the site and that access from the current road on Gude Drive would not be ideal for the community. Mr. Peterson noted that the commercial parking area as part of "Metro Park North" could be considered.
  - e. Mr. Peterson asked how much soil would be placed over the cap geomembrane. Mr. Mark Gutberlet of EA stated that 2 feet is the minimum thickness of soil required over the geomembrane for protection and Mr. Malladi added that some areas may have 3 feet or more soil for grading purposes.
  - f. Mr. Ligon stated that the community would prefer some visual screening between the landfill and the community, even before the project begins. He also relayed a message from the model airplane club that they hope to be relocated during construction so that they could continue to fly. Mr. Birnesser stated that safety issues are critical and must be considered during construction.
  - g. Mr. Nick Radonic of GLCC asked if M-NCPPC has been contacted to discuss any potential connection of trails at the site with the existing M NCPPC trail system. Mr. Malladi stated that an M-NCPPC representative was at the October 19, 2016 community meeting and there will be coordination between DEP and M-NCPPC for potential trail systems.

6. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 19, 2017. We will return to a more regular monthly meeting schedule now that project activity is more significant. We will meet on the third Thursdays of each month from 7:30pm to 9:00pm and can mutually agree to cancel a meeting if there are no updates or discussion points since the previous month.

**Recently Closed Action and Follow-up Items**  
**Open Action and Follow-up Items**

The next meeting date will be determined after discussing options for site visits and a potential community meeting.

*The above summation is the writer's interpretation of the items discussed at the meeting. Comments involving differences in understanding of any of the meeting items will be received for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of these meeting minutes. Clarifications will be made, as deemed necessary. If no comments are received within the specified time period, the minutes will remain as written.*