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Input Sought on the County Landfill's Land Use Plan

Do you have suggestions about current and future uses of the nearly 300-acre county landfill site? La Crosse County wants your input. The Solid Waste Policy Board and the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee recently agreed to develop a long-term Land Use Plan for the landfill. The land use planning process includes opportunities for members of the public, elected officials and others to share their thoughts and ideas about how the site can best be used now and in the future.

Solid Waste Director Henry Koch says it's important the county develop a plan to ensure the value of the site is maximized.

"First and foremost, we want to be sure we are using our most valuable resource, our property, effectively and efficiently," he notes. "We don't want to make poor decisions, or decisions that are not cost-effective in the long-term."

Koch says hearing from a broad range of people who use the landfill, live nearby or are otherwise interested in land use issues is a good way to explore many alternatives.

"Are there concurrent uses of the property that would not conflict with solid waste disposal, but would be of value to residents?" Koch wonders. "Is there a recreational, agricultural or industrial partnership we could explore? Those are the questions we want residents to bring forward, as well as suggestions about current operations."

Koch points to some on-going issues that will be addressed in a land use plan, as well.

"The existing landfill entrance is often congested, and should be re-designed," he says. "Our goal is to be sure a re-design suits the long-term needs of all site users, and fits with local traffic patterns, so we don't end up doing it over in two or three years."

Other benefits of a land use plan include:

- Encouraging residents to learn more about the county's solid waste system
- Enhancing the sustainability and environmental performance of the landfill
- Ensuring solid waste disposal needs are accommodated throughout the life of the site

Next Steps in the Process

Public comments on the Land Use Plan for the county landfill will be accepted through November 2010. Current plans call for the completed Land Use Plan to be submitted to the full La Crosse County Board for approval in early 2011. Once adopted, the plan will be updated every three to five years.



How to Get Involved

In-Person

An open-house style public input meeting will be held:

Date: Saturday, July 17, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Location: Conference room at landfill office

At the open house you can view exhibits, talk with representatives from the county solid waste department and county planning department. And, you can submit written comments that will be included in the public record as the Land Use Plan is developed.

In Writing

You can submit any comments, thoughts or suggestions that you'd like considered in the decision-making process, via email or hard

copy to:

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On the Web

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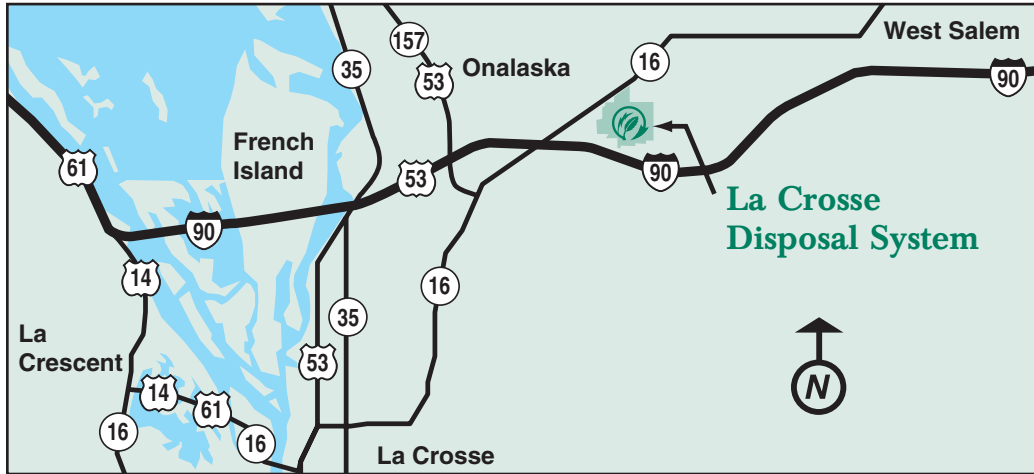
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Finding the La Crosse Disposal System

The La Crosse Disposal System's office and conference room is located at 6500 State Road 16 in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

