

The Facts about the Proposed Landfill: Sixth in a Series

“Green” Benefits and Environmental Controls

Did you know that Waste Management is the largest recycler of solid waste in the country? Not only are we leaders in waste disposal, we're also leaders in innovative technology and environmentally "green" initiatives.

In fact the company's environmental efforts have been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Energy and the Wildlife Habitat Council.

Throughout the U.S. Waste Management has 17 waste-to-energy plants, which generate green power from landfill gases. In the Carolinas, methane gas from Spartanburg's Palmetto landfill supplies a local manufacturer with 25% of its energy needs enough power for 15,000 homes a year. The Richland County landfill in Columbia powers one turbine that produces electricity to several thousand residents.

The proposed landfill in Scotland County will operate using advanced procedures and technologies designed to protect the environment. Modern landfills feature protective liners that contain waste from the environment, liquid collection systems, surface water management controls and methane gas collection and management systems. The landfill will meet or exceed all environmental safety standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Only a small portion of the selected site will be used for waste disposal. The remaining acreage will be natural and community use areas that buffer the landfill from the surrounding properties. In every aspect of its business, Waste Management works hard to make a positive difference for the environment. For more information, go to <http://scotlandcounty.wm.com/> or contact:

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Key Features of Our Landfill Proposal

- Long-term disposal solution, with local control ensured
- Environmentally safe and technologically advanced facility
- Strict regulation by US EPA and NC DENR



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