

Public Hearing to Give Residents Chance to Debate Landfill Issues

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Residents will join members of area boards Wednesday night at Chapel Hill High School to discuss the future of the

next Orange County landfill. The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. and will give residents possibly their last opportunity to raise any concerns about the landfill before a final decision about its siting is made, said Chapel Hill Town

Council member Mark Chilton. "The public is going to be able to comment," Chilton said. "It won't be a night of action. It will be a night of input from the public." Carrboro Alderman Jacquelyn Gist said

she hoped the people who attended the meeting would be supplied with new information about the socio-economic situation of those living near the landfill. "Our community needs to be very conscientious of our effect on the people who live

in the area," Gist said. Hot topics that will more than likely be discussed will be waste management technology options, siting for the new landfill and compensation for those living near the landfill.

Gist said she supported some form of compensation to those living near the landfill. "We cannot continue to ask a small group of people to bear the burden of solid waste management for everyone else."

The Search for the Next County Landfill

At Wednesday's public hearing, residents are sure to bring up the landfill's 20-plus year history in relation to the county's next landfill.

1972 First landfill opens on North side of Eubanks Road. Howard Lee and members of the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen express sentiments that the landfill, when closed, should be turned into a community recreation facility. The members also say they do not believe the area should be burdened with any further landfills.

July 25, 1986 Regional Solid Waste Task Force established.

Spring 1987 Landfill Owners Group (LOG) formed.

Sept. 1987 HDR Engineering Inc., a consultant group, begins a feasibility study of alternative waste disposal methods.

Nov. 24, 1987 Carrboro Mayor James Porto and the Carrboro Board of Aldermen state their desire to retain Duke Forest in its present condition.

Dec. 18, 1987 Barry Jacobs, chair of the Orange County Planning Board, and Shirley Marshall, chair of Orange County Board of Commissioners, write a letter to Duke officials supporting the preservation of Duke Forest.

Feb. 8, 1988 In a resolution, the Chapel Hill Town Council requests that Duke University officials preserve Duke Forest's natural areas.

1990 Search for new landfill begins.

Nov. 21, 1991 Regional Solid Waste Task Force first discusses Plasma Pyrolysis/Vitrification process as a way to incinerate waste.

Sept. 1994 Construction begins for landfill on south side of Eubanks Road.

Apr. 1995 Landfill on south side of Eubanks Road opens.

Oct. 17, 1995 Duke Forest grants an easement of 93 acres within OC-17 to the federal government.

Jan. 10, 1996 The LOG approves OC-17 for the site of the new landfill in a final resolution.

Feb. 12, 1996 The Orange County Board of Commissioners approves OC-17 for the site of new landfill.

Feb. 12, 1996 The Chapel Hill Town Council approves the selection of OC-17 as the preferred site of the new landfill.

Feb. 27, 1996 The Carrboro Board of Aldermen postpones a vote on OC-17. They decide to wait until the

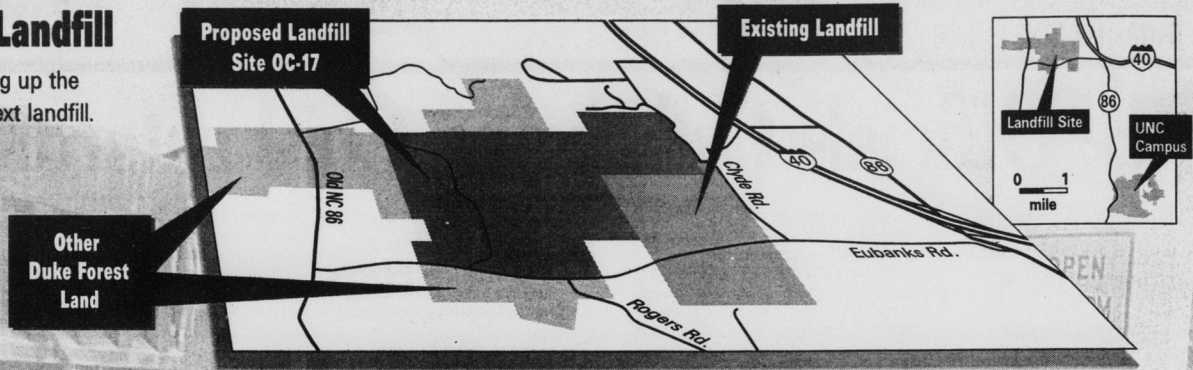
other entities develop plans to reduce solid waste by 50 percent and compensate landowners living near the current landfill.

Apr. 1996 The feasibility of using a plasma pyrolysis and vitrification process is discussed again.

Apr. 18, 1996 At an LOG public forum angry citizens raise concerns about waste management processes and OC-17.

June 19, 1996 Public hearing will be held at Chapel Hill High School at 7:30 p.m. to hear concerns.

2005 Anticipated year old landfill will be full.



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