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**To:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**Section:** Corporate Services – Solid Waste Management

**Item Number:** CCW 16-191

**Meeting Date:** May 24, 2016

**Subject:** Solid Waste Management Infrastructure Projects – Public/Stakeholder Engagement Update

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**Recommendation:**

THAT the current engagement process for providing project information and consulting with the public, stakeholders, and near neighbours to 2976 Horseshoe Valley Road, Springwater, be continued at key project milestones as outlined in Item CCW 16-191, dated May 24, 2016.

**Executive Summary:**

The purpose of this item is to:

- provide a summary of the engagement process thus far in the development of the Organics Processing Facility (OPF) and Materials Management Facility (MMF);
- summarize information sessions held following release of the preferred location; and
- seek direction on continuing the engagement process as the projects move forward.

Although an Environmental Assessment is not required for either the OPF or MMF, the County has approached these projects with this framework in mind and has undertaken an extensive engagement process. To date, this has included six Public Information Sessions, ten Public Consultation Sessions, and numerous meetings with First Nations, Métis, and various stakeholders and approval agencies. In addition, staff have met regularly with the Community Engagement Committee, individually with concerned residents, with local municipal staff and Councillors, and hosted tours of the short-listed sites and similar facilities last fall for local Councillors and Mayors and Deputy Mayors in municipalities with short-listed sites. These efforts have been with the understanding that open, transparent, and meaningful consultation will be key to the success of this project.

Prior to public release of the preferred location on March 1, 2016, County staff personally delivered information packages to neighbours living within 500 m of the property boundary and couriered packages to owners where this was not feasible (i.e. owners of vacant lands). A letter provided an invitation to a meeting organized for neighbouring landowners, subsequently held on March 23, 2016. Approximately 35 near neighbours (representing 20 properties) attended. The purpose of this meeting was to initiate dialogue between the County and those potentially most impacted by these projects via a facilitated, round table discussion.

In addition, on April 19, 2016, the County hosted two Public Information Sessions to provide details on the facilities, the preferred location, and upcoming studies. Topic-specific stations, manned by County staff from Solid Waste Management, Transportation & Engineering, Planning, and Forestry, allowed for discussion about specific concerns and questions from residents regarding these projects. This included the impact on traffic, the Planning process, trees, and organics processing technology. Approximately 140 residents and stakeholders attended the two sessions.

As the project moves forward, the Project Team has considered how best to continue the engagement process – both relaying information and providing opportunity for consultation – with the public and important stakeholders, including near neighbouring landowners. Outlined within this Item is a request by some near neighbour landowners that the County form a Community Monitoring Committee (CMC). It is recommended that the current methods of engagement continue – public information and consultation sessions be organized at key milestones, project updates and consultant reports be provided to County Council as the projects develop, and neighbouring landowners be consulted as a group with facilitated meetings arranged at key project milestones complimenting the public sessions. Staff would be available to meet individually with landowners to discuss more specific concerns, particularly once the facilities are developed further and potential impacts are better understood.

It is anticipated that with commissioning of the facilities, the engagement process will be re-examined to determine the best method for providing information (such as annual monitoring reports) in the future. This could include consideration of a monitoring committee once operations commence.

### **Background/Analysis/Options:**

Development of the Organics Processing Facility (OPF) and Materials Management Facility (MMF) was recommended in the County's Solid Waste Management Strategy, approved in 2010. The OPF will provide a location where organics (green bin material, potentially materials such as leaf and yard waste, pet waste, and diapers) are processed and converted into other valuable products, such as compost or fertilizer. The MMF will provide a location for consolidation and transfer of waste and recycling from multiple collection vehicles for more economical shipment to other disposal or processing locations, have the potential to co-locate a fleet servicing facility, and future potential for recycling processing.

A comprehensive siting process for both the OPF and MMF was undertaken in 2015/early 2016 which included the evaluation of 502 potential sites. A short list of sites was presented for public, Aboriginal, and stakeholder consultation in fall 2015, followed by a detailed comparative evaluation completed by the County's consultant. This evaluation was extended to consider the option of co-locating the OPF and MMF on a single site. On March 22, 2016, furthering development of a co-located OPF and MMF utilizing 2976 Horseshoe Valley Road West, Springwater, as the preferred location was approved by County Council, with direction to initiate consultation with landowners located within 500 m of the site and host Public Information Sessions.

For reference, previous staff reports, communication material from public information and consultation sessions held in June 2014, December 2014, October 2015, and April 2016, and minutes of Community Engagement Committee meetings can be found at [www.simcoe.ca/opf](http://www.simcoe.ca/opf) and [www.simcoe.ca/mmf](http://www.simcoe.ca/mmf).

### Engagement Process

From the outset, these projects have been approached with an understanding of the sensitive nature of siting waste management facilities and that there would be concerns from neighbouring landowners. Although an Environmental Assessment (EA) is not required for either the OPF or MMF, the County has developed these projects with this framework in mind – which has included undertaking an extensive consultation program. The objectives of the engagement process are threefold – to provide detailed information and awareness of the project (inform), obtain feedback on alternatives and/or decisions in order to inform decision making at critical milestones (consult), and work with relevant stakeholders during the various steps of developing these projects (collaborate). The following methodology has guided the engagement process thus far:

- clear, accessible information is provided to County Council, the public, and stakeholders as the projects are developed;
- information/consultation sessions and meetings are organized at key project milestones, open to the appropriate stakeholders, and undertaken in a format that encourages effective and meaningful dialogue;
- proposed methods of engagement and communication material for public sessions such as storyboards are brought forth to the Community Engagement Committee (CEC) for their review and recommendations;
- timely and transparent staff reports are provided to County Council presenting project updates, consultant reports, and summaries of on-going consultation (including communication material);
- various forms of media are utilized to advertise important milestones (such as staff reports, information/consultation sessions, and paid advertising for print and radio) – this includes media releases, social media, and notification to the project contact list;
- engagement with staff on the Project Team is encouraged and contact information readily available for submission of questions, comments, or concerns; and
- dialogue (whether verbal or in writing) is undertaken in a respectful manner.

To date, the engagement process has included:

- June 2014 – two (2) Public Information Sessions held to provide notification of the OPF project and discuss the County's organics diversion program;
- December 2014 – two (2) Public Information Sessions held to introduce the MMF project and the siting methodology and evaluation criteria for both facilities;
- September 2015 – letters providing information on the projects and details on upcoming consultation sessions sent to neighbours within 500 m of the seven short-listed sites;
- October 2015 – ten (10) Public Consultation Sessions undertaken in the Townships of Springwater, Clearview, and Oro-Medonte seeking feedback on seven short-listed sites;
- numerous meetings and communications with First Nations, Métis, various stakeholders, and approval agencies during the siting process;
- meetings with the Community Engagement Committee at key milestones, coinciding with public information/consultation sessions;
- staff have met individually with concerned residents, local municipal staff and Councillors, and hosted tours of the short-listed sites and similar facilities (in Toronto, Peel Region, and Guelph) last fall for local Councillors and Mayors and Deputy Mayors in municipalities with short-listed sites;
- March 2016 – a facilitated, round table meeting held with neighbouring landowners located within 500 m of the preferred location; and
- April 2016 – two (2) Public Information Sessions organized to provide information on the preferred location and upcoming studies.

These efforts have been with the understanding that transparent, open, and meaningful consultation will be key to the success of this project.

#### Neighbouring Landowner Meeting – March 23, 2016

On March 1, 2016, prior to public release of the preferred location, the County's Director of Solid Waste Management and the Special Project Supervisor personally delivered information packages to neighbours living within 500 m of the property boundary. Packages were couriered to owners where this was not feasible (i.e. owners of vacant lands). For information, there are 27 neighbouring properties (with owners including the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, Hydro One Networks, and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto) within 500 m of the property boundary. It was important that consideration was given to near neighbours and that they were notified, if possible, with release of the staff report on the Committee of the Whole agenda (and subsequently announced on-line and in the media).

Delivered packages contained a letter outlining the recommendation of the preferred location at 2976 Horseshoe Valley Road West, Springwater, and dates of upcoming information meetings (one for neighbouring landowners and two public sessions), business cards for both Rob McCullough and Stephanie Mack, and the staff report with the consultant's final siting report (with a USB flash drive for the large schedules). Follow-up e-mails were sent to landowners who had provided their contact information previously to the County.

A meeting for neighbouring landowners located within 500 m of the property boundary was held on March 23, 2016, with approximately 35 near neighbours (representing 20 properties) in attendance. The date of this meeting was purposeful as it was intended to provide information to landowners immediately after direction was received from County Council on March 22, 2016. The format was a facilitated round table discussion, with the objective to begin building the relationship between the County and its neighbours – those potentially most impacted by the facilities. To ensure meaningful and respectful dialogue, the County retained a professional facilitator, Ms. Sue Cumming, to assist with the arrangements and to be present at the meeting. After a short introduction by County staff, residents were free to ask questions, provide comments, and relay their concerns. For reference, notes from the March 23, 2016 neighbouring landowner meeting are included as Schedule 1. These notes were sent to the landowners on March 31, 2016 as follow-up. The specific request received at the meeting for the formation of a Community Monitoring Committee is addressed later in this item under the title *Furthering the Engagement Process*.

From this meeting, material was prepared for the Public Information Sessions to address some common questions and concerns. It should be noted that it was relayed at this meeting that some questions may not be able to be answered at this point in project development. County staff are committed to updating County Council, the public, and near neighbours as the projects progress and to subsequently update information on the project webpages. It is anticipated that concerns regarding traffic and the environment will be considered and addressed in preliminary studies to be undertaken this summer (the Traffic Impact Study and Environmental Impact Study). These reports will be presented to County Council and made available to the public.



### Public Information Sessions – April 19, 2016

On April 19, 2016, Public Information Sessions were held at the Simcoe County Museum. Two sessions, held from 2:00 to 4:00 pm and from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, were organized in a modified open house format with topic-specific stations. This format was purposeful – stations were established based on common questions being received (such as those pertaining to traffic, required Planning approvals, organics processing technology, and the impact on the forest tract). Attendees were provided an opportunity to seek specific information and to speak directly with staff and consultants most knowledgeable on the various topics.

The following attendance was noted at the sessions:

- approximately 60 residents and stakeholders from 2:00 to 4:00 pm
- approximately 80 residents and stakeholders from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Communication material presented was available following the sessions on the project webpages. For reference, storyboards from the sessions held on April 19, 2016 are provided as Schedule 2.

### *Notification of Events*

Consistent with a formal EA process, notification and advertising for the sessions was extensive and included:

- notification by letter on March 1, 2016 to landowners within 500 m of the preferred location (as was discussed above);
- notification by letter on April 1, 2016 to landowners within 500 m of the other six short-listed sites;
- newspaper advertisements County-wide on April 7 and April 14;
- e-mail sent to contact list on April 8;
- “Managing Your Waste” newsletter sent to all households (approximately 122,000) the week of April 11 (see attached as Schedule 3 for reference). The size of this edition was increased to provide comprehensive information on the preferred location;
- media releases on April 7 and April 18 providing details on the sessions;
- letters sent to member municipalities, the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia, various First Nations communities, Métis Nation of Ontario, the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC), and local Conservation Authorities; and
- information on the County’s main website, the OPF and MMF webpages, and through social media (Facebook and Twitter).

### *County Representation*

The sessions were attended by ten County staff – including representatives best to answer specific questions regarding the Solid Waste Management facilities, traffic, Planning-related matters, and forestry. This included Mr. Mark Aitken – CAO, Ms. Debbie Korolnek – General Manager, Engineering, Planning & Environment, Mr. Rob McCullough – Director, Solid Waste Management, Ms. Stephanie Mack – Special Projects Supervisor, Mr. Christian Meile – Director, Transportation & Engineering, Mr. David Parks – Director, Planning, Development & Tourism, Mr. Nathan Westendorp – Manager, Development, and Mr. Graeme Davis – County Forester.

Representatives from GHD included Dr. Tej Gidda, Mr. Brian Dermody, and Mr. Blair Shoniker who have been actively involved with this project and the siting process. Also in attendance were the Warden, Deputy Warden, and various members of County Council.

### *Community Engagement Committee*

The Community Engagement Committee (CEC) was formed in 2014, with a mandate to provide a forum for focused discussion on public engagement during the siting and procurement process. The non-voting committee consists of a First Nations representative, three public representatives, and County and local municipal staff. Details on this committee and its mandate are outlined in the Council-approved Terms of Reference, available on the OPF webpage.

The committee met on March 7, 2016 to discuss the results of the siting evaluation, the format of the upcoming sessions, and the draft communication material. For reference, minutes of this meeting, including the CEC's recommendations to the Project Team, can be found on the project webpages. Information on the revised format and draft storyboards for April 19 were also sent to the CEC for review on April 11, 2016. Comments and recommended revisions and/or additions to the storyboards were incorporated into the final version. Again, the Project Team considers the input, feedback, and recommendations of this committee to be a valuable contribution to developing effective engagement.

### Submitted Correspondence

During the evaluation of the short-listed sites, a deadline for submission of comments on the sites was set in order that the County's consultant be provided the information prior to on-site visits and for review and consideration in the comparative evaluation. Comments and petitions received up to November 17, 2015 (via submission at the consultation sessions, e-mail/mail to the County directly, through the project webpages, and forwarded from the potential host municipalities) was included in the final siting report.

Although this deadline has since passed, comments and questions regarding these projects may still be submitted via the project webpages or sent directly to staff and/or members of County Council. Staff is maintaining a record of correspondence and, for reference, has included various letters and e-mails from the public sent to the Warden or members of County Council (not previously brought forward to County Council) in regard to the projects as Schedule 4. In addition, comments and questions received at the April 19, 2016 sessions (comment sheets and flip charts were provided), are also included in this schedule. The record of correspondence will be maintained as the projects progress.

### Furthering the Engagement Process

With direction on the preferred location, continuing the engagement process for the projects is crucial as the County moves forward with site-specific studies, the approvals process, procurement, and ultimately construction and commissioning. The Project Team has given much consideration on how best to provide information and opportunity for consultation to the public and important stakeholders. Most challenging is determining the best method in which to consult with neighbouring landowners as, understandably, they will have concerns and questions as the projects progress. Providing a forum for productive dialogue – where concerns and questions can be heard, responses provided, and information relayed directly to the neighbours – is important.

At the neighbouring landowner meeting, some of the near neighbours expressed their desire to have the County form a Community Monitoring Committee (CMC) immediately. Staff committed to bring this request forward to County Council for their direction. This type of committee, which has been historically required by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) in environmental permits (mainly for large projects such as landfills), is traditionally set up following facility commissioning. The mandate of a CMC could be, for example, to review operational information, environmental monitoring reports or new approvals or amendments to existing approvals. It is understood that some neighbours wish to have a CMC set up at these early stages, allowing for a few representatives of the larger group to meet and dialogue directly with staff and be provided consultant reports and updates.

As the County has previously committed to meeting with the neighbours as a group (there are only 27 properties within 500 m of the property boundary) and providing regular updates and consultant reports to County Council and the public, it is unclear how a CMC would add value to the engagement process at this time in project development (prior to commissioning of the facilities). Such a committee could, however, hinder direct, meaningful dialogue with those property owners who wish to represent their own interest. Staff is doubtful that having a small, vocal minority represent the larger group of neighbours on a CMC (or a similar committee) would bring benefit to the consultation process currently being undertaken or provide the best forum for fostering productive dialogue.

It is therefore recommended that the current method of engagement continue and neighbouring landowners be informed and consulted as a group with facilitated meetings organized at key project milestones. As has been offered from the outset of this project, staff would be available to meet individually with landowners to discuss more specific concerns, particularly once the facilities are developed further and potential impacts are understood. In addition, public information and consultation sessions will also be organized at key milestones and recommendations from the Community Engagement Committee sought on the methods of engagement and communication material presented. County Council and the public will be provided timely project updates and consultant reports as development continues.

It is anticipated that with commissioning of the facilities, the engagement process will be re-examined to determine the best method for providing information (such as annual monitoring reports) in the future. This could include consideration of a monitoring committee once operations commence.

Upcoming opportunities for engagement include:

- in early summer, discussion on the procurement of organics processing technology will be undertaken – this will include public consultation;
- to coincide with public consultation, a neighbouring landowner meeting to be held to discuss technology;
- a neighbouring landowner meeting to be held this fall (date to be confirmed) to discuss findings of the initial studies (Environmental Impact Study, Traffic Impact Study, etc.). This will follow a staff report to Council on the findings; and
- public meeting(s) related to Planning approvals (anticipated to be submitted in early fall).

**Financial and Resource Implications:**

Costs associated with consultation for these projects have been included in the 2016 and previous Solid Waste Management Operating and Capital Budgets. Approximately \$145,000 has been spent to date on the engagement process – this includes advertising and newsletters, having project consultants attend public sessions, professional facilitation, and set-up for consultation events.

**Relationship to Corporate Strategies:**

In regard to long-term processing of organics, the Solid Waste Management Strategy (Strategy) recommended development of a centralized composting facility within the County. Public input indicated support for in-County processing as well as for the addition of pet waste and diapers to the program. This item also supports the Strategy recommendation to develop transfer capacity infrastructure to manage garbage and recyclables generated within the County.

**Reference Documents:**

Organics Processing Facility project webpage

[www.simcoe.ca/opf](http://www.simcoe.ca/opf)

Materials Management Facility project webpage

[www.simcoe.ca/mmf](http://www.simcoe.ca/mmf)

**Attachments:**

for CCW 16-191  
Schedule 1.pdf



for CCW 16-191  
Schedule 2.pdf



for CCW 16-191  
Schedule 3.pdf



for CCW 16-191  
Schedule 4.pdf

Schedule 1: Notes from neighbouring landowner meeting held March 23, 2016

Schedule 2: Storyboards from Public Information Session held April 19, 2016

Schedule 3: Managing Your Waste newsletter (March 2016 edition)

Schedule 4: Correspondence (from November 18, 2015 to May 10, 2016)

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## **OPF & MMF Neighbouring Landowners Meeting – March 23, 2016**

### **Site Selection and Zoning**

#### *General Questions*

- How many sites in Ontario have this type of facility on a forested property? How many sites are similar to this one? Request for a tour of a similar facility on a site that is forested.
- Why is there emphasis on the buffer and what is the need for it? Would there need to be a buffer if it was in an industrial area?
- Why were there no industrial sites on the short list?
- Request for the weighting criteria of site selection as it was felt that the buffer was a major part of the weighting for this site. Questioned if there would be a different weighting if there were sites in industrial areas.
- Advantages stated that there are no businesses within 500 metres of the property, questioned if a farm was deemed as a business.
- Since the property will be zoned industrial does the County have other plans for the acreage?
- It was felt that the consultants stated in a previous information session that none of the sites available in the County of Simcoe were ideal, that the sites were considered only because they were County-owned and their job was to find one site, questioned if the consultants would go on record with this statement.
- What is the exact cost of the existing contracts in place, broken down by each function for the past 10 years? What is the long term trend analysis?
- Is there a 'Plan B' if this does not work out?

#### *Answers Provided at the Meeting*

- There are approximately 20 organic processing facilities in Ontario, we are unaware the type of site for each one, whether forested or industrial.
- It was explained that the white box on the drawing is approximate location for the facility and that the line around it is the 500 metres from the location of the facility which does not include any existing buildings.
- It was noted that the consultants who conducted the site selection study would be at the April 19<sup>th</sup> public information session and at that time could explain how the site was selected including the weighting criteria, the need for the buffer and what was classified as a business.
- The property would only be used for Solid Waste Management services, there is a possibility that the County's truck fleet of ten trucks would be based out of this location which would require a building. While funding requires room to expand the facility for recycling sorting at this time it is not reasonable for us to do it based on our tonnage. Both the Organics Processing Facility and the Materials Management Facility are to be on this site.
- Should any of the studies identify that they could not proceed then they would look at other sites at the direction of County Council. They will not do studies of multiple locations at the same time as it is costly.

## **Community Monitoring Committee and Provision of Reports**

### *General Questions*

- Request for a Community Monitoring Committee composed of volunteers who have regular meetings and are informed of the progress of the project and provided with reports and surveys with respect to the project.
- Verbatim transcript requested for future Community Monitoring Committee meetings.
- Request for detailed reports provided by consultants to date. Questioned if reports conducted independently from County and if the County filters the reports. Questioned when business case would be developed?
- Requested that the County provide a plan for any dates, times and details of anyone going on site prior to any work taking place.

### *Answers Provided at the Meeting*

- The request for a Community Monitoring Committee would have to be brought forward to County Council.
- All reports are conducted by an independent consultant which are public information and are all contained on the USB provided to the residents in their binder as well as on the webpages and Staff Reports to Council.
- Residents were invited/encouraged to contact Stephanie Mack to assist in finding and navigating the documents.
- The business case would be developed once all reports are conducted and technologies evaluated.

## **Odour and Types of Technology**

### *General Questions*

- Noted that a residential development is planned near the site, questioned how the odour will impact them and how it would affect the marketability of the development.
- Felt garbage trucks smell, question how they will ensure that odour will be controlled?
- Would there be more odour issues with aerobic vs anaerobic technologies? Is money going to be a factor determining technology? The community and effects on health should be considered.

### *Answers Provided at the Meeting*

- There are ways to manage odours however, the exact process is dependent on the technology chosen, noted that the County took Councillors to sites and the odour was contained within the building.
- To manage odour the industry wide standard is to have a good buffer and the technology to go with it. Noted that these trucks travel every serviced street in the County with no complaints of smell. The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change is the regulator and approval body and they are aggressive when it comes to managing odour.
- It is up to Council to select the method, they will consider cost with regards to aerobic and anaerobic as well as odours, noted that both methods can contain and capture the odours.

## **Traffic**

### *General Questions*

- How will they mitigate traffic issues? Is 6% increase based on winter or summer traffic?
- Is all traffic to site from Horseshoe Valley Road or will there be any on Rainbow Valley Road? Will the trail remain?
- How many trucks daily? What are the days per week and hours per day as there is concern about noise and traffic? Would there be one truck every four minutes? Is there legislation on the maximum hours per day?

### *Answers Provided at the Meeting*

- A Traffic Impact Study will be conducted, believe there may be need for turning and acceleration lanes.
- Statistics come from spring/summer, the study will capture the worst case scenario including summer traffic.
- Horseshoe Valley Road is the main access, there may be gated access for emergency vehicles onto Rainbow Valley Road. The trail may be realigned but the plan is to continue its use.
- Currently 60 trucks would be from collection contract plus the County fleet of 10 trucks will be going daily, may be potential for some trucks from other areas such as Barrie and Orillia, and there will also be outgoing trucks hauling garbage and recycling. The facility will be used 6 days per week Monday thru Saturday. The collection trucks will be generally Monday thru Friday and offload when complete routes (currently between 2 pm and 6 pm). County-owned trucks would leave facility around 6:30 am and return to the site at approximately 4:30 pm. Larger tractor trailers would be in an out of the facility any time during working hours from Monday thru Saturday.
- The Ministry does not have legislation with regards to hours of operation but hours would be outlined the site's Environmental Compliance Approval.

## **Water, Air Quality and the Environment**

### *General Questions*

- Where is water coming from and where is it going to? How will they deal with sewage? Will it affect existing well water? How will truck washing run-off be controlled?
- Does an Environmental Assessment need to be done? Will pet waste and diapers affect this?
- The property is on the edge of protected wetland and creek, concerned about the aquifer.
- Will an air quality report be conducted?

### *Answers Provided at the Meeting*

- Only sewage treated on site would be domestic waste from office facilities
- Water for staff use (bathrooms) and truck washing will be from well water however the technologies used are not anticipated to require significant quantities of water. Other wells will be monitoring wells but will not be taking water.

- An Environmental Assessment is not required for the project however an Environmental Impact Study will be conducted. Even if the project includes diapers and pet waste an Environmental Assessment is not needed.
- Odour impact and noise impact studies will be conducted.

### **Compensation**

#### *General Questions*

- Is compensation going to be provided and how is it going to be calculated? Is there budget for compensation? Will damage to crops be considered due to the possible increase in animal activity?
- Compensation was discussed at the fall public consultation sessions, questioned how this would be brought forward and the timing.
- What is the process for initiating compensation claims?

#### *Answers Provided at the Meeting*

- Compensation will be considered however technology and the operational processes have to be determined first. There are many things to consider including distance from property, possibility it could be grants in lieu of taxes. It was suggested that if the residents had ideas on compensation, they should contact the County.
- It is unlikely that the facility technology, design and operation will be a significant attractant to animals. Compensation needs to be specific to the property and the County is open for discussion through the process.

### **Archaeological**

#### *General Questions*

- Is an archaeological assessment going to be done and if so will it be done for the 11 acres or whole 200 acre property?
- Noted that there is a cemetery located beside the property dating back to 1855. They are unsure where all the burial grounds are and as such there is a possibility that some may be on County owned property.

#### *Answers Provided at the Meeting*

- An archaeological assessment will be conducted, at this time it is unknown if it will be for the 11 acres or 200 acres.





**SOLID WASTE  
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# ONE SITE, ONE SOLUTION

**2976 Horseshoe Valley Road West**

ORGANICS PROCESSING FACILITY  
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT FACILITY

**April 19, 2016**

**Public Information Sessions**



## ORGANICS PROCESSING FACILITY / MATERIALS MANAGEMENT FACILITY

# Preferred Site

## 2976 Horseshoe Valley Road West

has been selected as the site for the proposed  
Organics Processing Facility (OPF) and Materials Management Facility (MMF)

### What's an OPF?

**An Organics Processing Facility** is a location where organics (green bin material and potentially materials such as leaf and yard waste, pet waste, and diapers) are processed and converted into other products, such as compost or fertilizer.



### What's a MMF?

**A Materials Management Facility** is a location where waste from multiple collection vehicles is consolidated and transferred. This allows for cost-effective shipment to other processing/disposal locations.

### One site, one solution

- ▶ County transfer operations for garbage and recycling
- ▶ On-site organics processing
- ▶ Truck servicing facilities
- ▶ Potential public education space

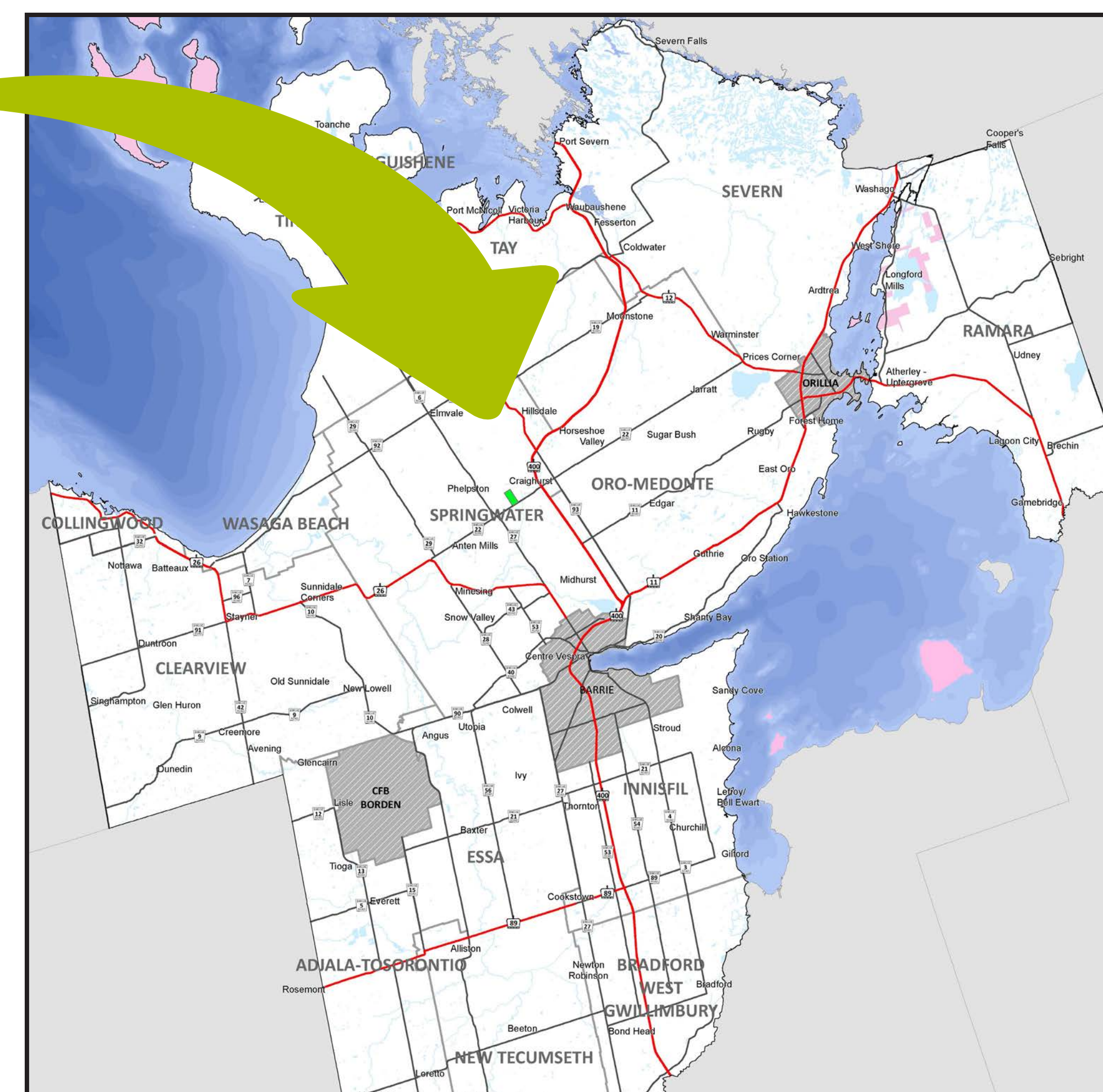
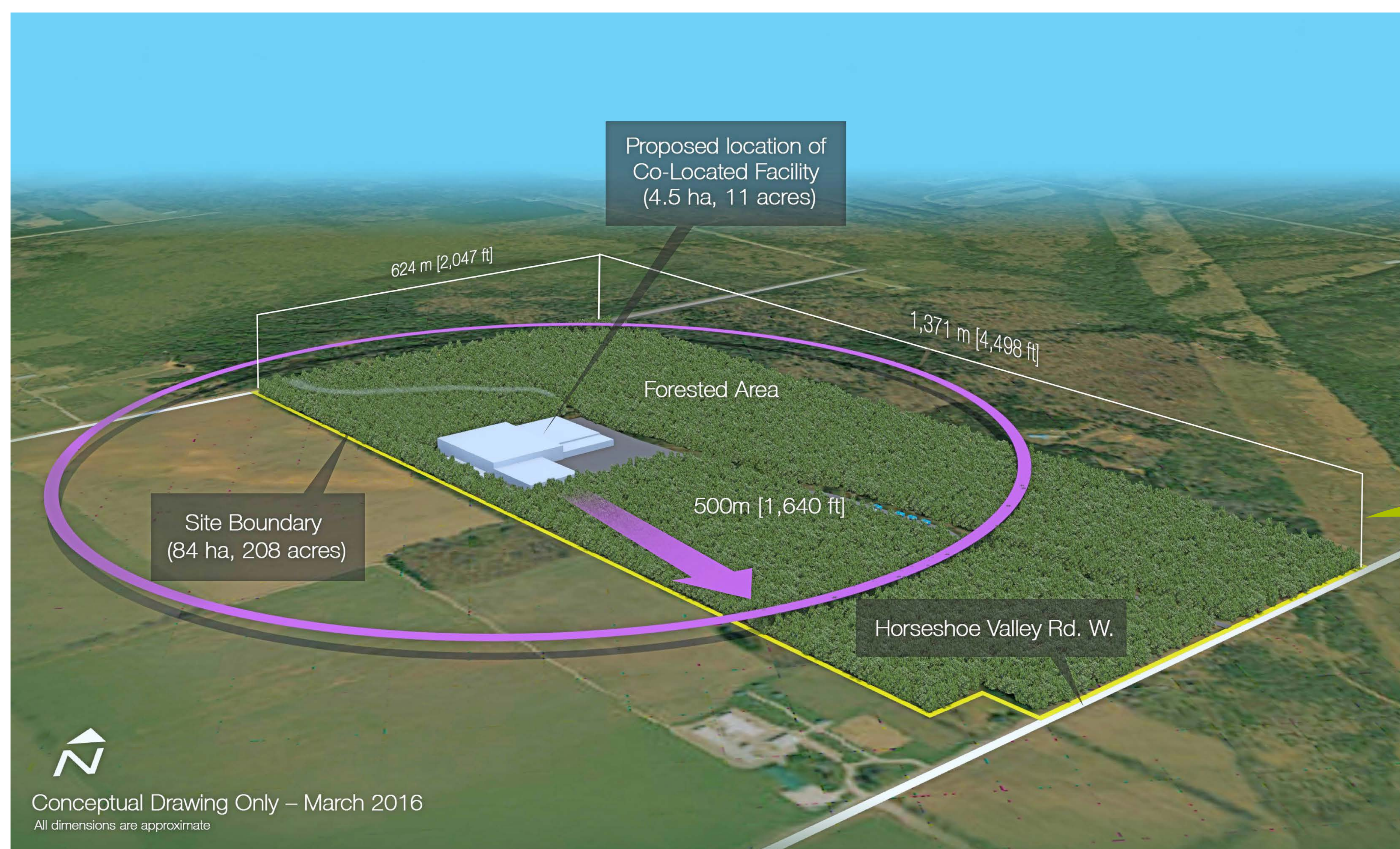




## ORGANICS PROCESSING FACILITY / MATERIALS MANAGEMENT FACILITY

# Preferred Site

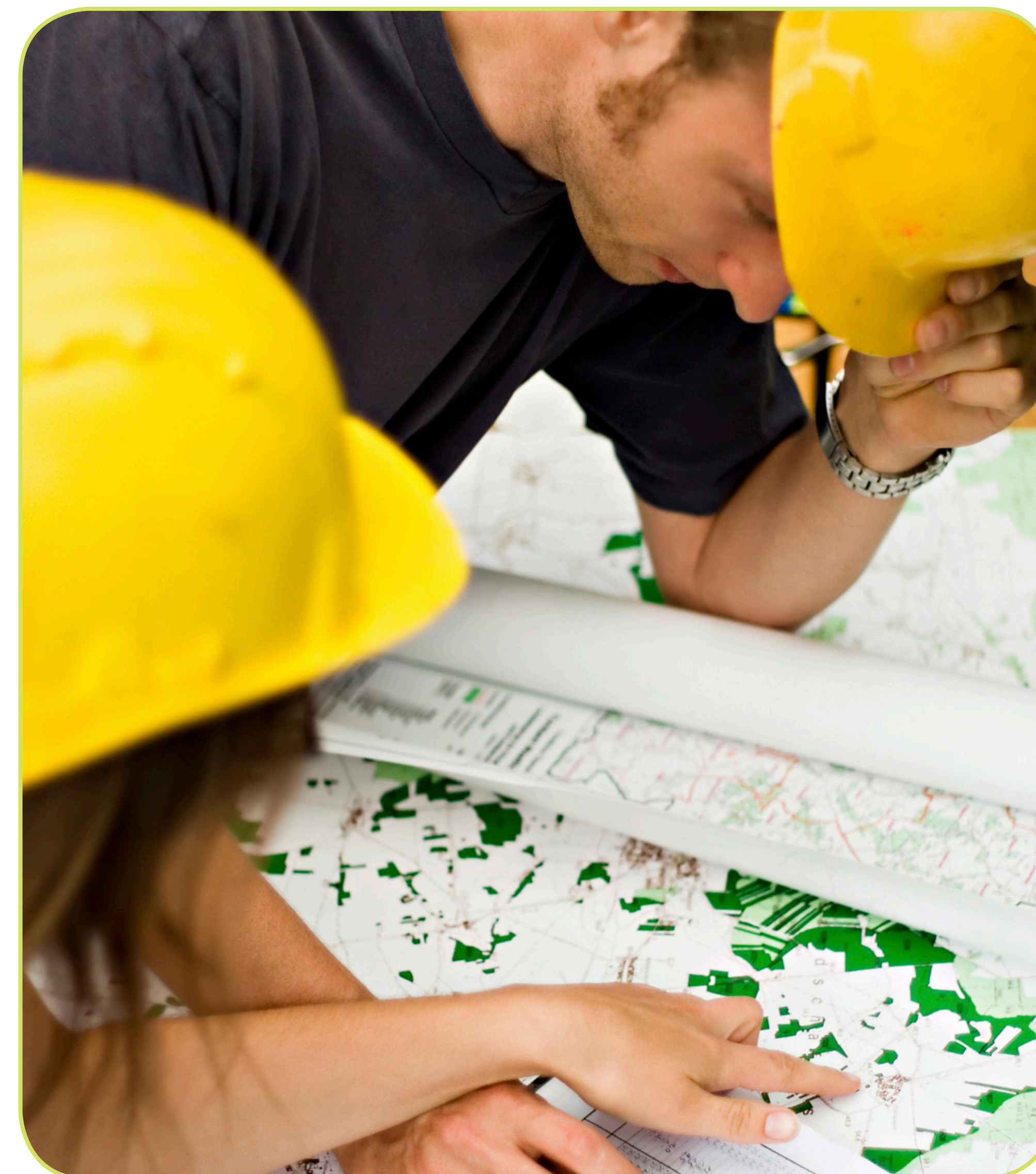
## 2976 Horseshoe Valley Road West





# Upcoming Studies

- ▶ environmental, planning, and engineering studies to be undertaken this spring/summer
- ▶ studies will:
  - assess site conditions
  - be included with Planning and Environmental Compliance Approval applications



## Four key studies to be initiated first

Environmental Impact  
Study (Statement)

Geotechnical/  
Hydrogeological

(soil tests, confirmation  
of groundwater and surface water  
conditions, and establishment  
of monitoring wells)

Traffic Impact Study

Archeological Study



# Continuing Engagement

- ▶ public, Aboriginal, and stakeholder engagement will be imperative to the success of this project
- ▶ consultation on organics processing technology later this year
- ▶ continued conversation with near neighbours regarding design, procurement, and compensation



## How can I keep informed?

Information and  
Consultation  
Sessions

Webpages  
[simcoe.ca/opf](http://simcoe.ca/opf)  
[simcoe.ca/mmf](http://simcoe.ca/mmf)

Contact List  
Updates

Customer  
Service



# Site Design and Processing Technology

## MMF

- ▶ building for transfer of garbage and blue box recycling
- ▶ no long-term storage
- ▶ simple design and procurement

## OPF

- ▶ uses technology to process green bin material on-site
- ▶ designed to accommodate growth (what the County will collect in 30 years)
- ▶ currently collect 10,000 tonnes per year of green bin organics
- ▶ potential addition of diapers and pet waste
- ▶ two types of technology for consideration – aerobic composting or anaerobic digestion





# Site Design and Processing Technology

## ODOUR

### How is odour controlled?

- ▶ modern odour control measures will be incorporated into design of the buildings
- ▶ enclosed facilities will have fast-action doors and operate under negative air pressure
- ▶ good separation distances from nearby homes

## WATER

### How will water be managed at these facilities?

- ▶ collecting and containing process water and runoff will be incorporated into design
- ▶ some water usage is expected for cleaning activities and potentially organics processing (depending on technology)

## NOISE

### How is noise controlled?

- ▶ noise control measures will be incorporated into design and operation of the facility
- ▶ significant separation distances from nearby homes
- ▶ the facility will be required to adhere to noise regulations





# Transportation



## TRAFFIC

### What is the impact on traffic when the facility opens?

- ▶ based on current operations, 87 vehicles per day will be received at the facility – resulting in 174 in and out movements per day
- ▶ this is a 2.6% increase in current two-way traffic volumes along Horseshoe Valley Road West (CR 22)
- ▶ there would be capacity at this time to accept additional vehicles bringing recycling and organics (up to the 30-year design capacity noted below)

### What is the long-term potential impact on traffic?

- ▶ based on 30-year projections and growth, 210 vehicles per day will be received at the facility in 2046 – resulting in 420 in and out movements per day
- ▶ this is a 6% increase in current two-way traffic volumes along Horseshoe Valley Road West (CR 22)

## ACCESS

- ▶ location will provide transportation efficiencies
- ▶ close and convenient access to major highways and transportation networks – an important consideration for the MMF
- ▶ projected increases in traffic on this portion of Horseshoe Valley Road West will be furthered analyzed in a Traffic Impact Study (TIS)



# Transportation

## TIS

### What is a Traffic Impact Study (TIS)?

- ▶ the main purpose of a Traffic Impact Study (TIS) is to examine the impact of traffic generated by the proposed development at its access, at nearby intersections, and interchanges to determine any necessary highway design improvements required

### What will it determine?

- ▶ it will evaluate the safe and efficient access and traffic flow around the facility
- ▶ determine required upgrades to Horseshoe Valley Road West and access to the facility

### When will it be conducted?

- ▶ this study will be initiated in late spring/early summer 2016
- ▶ it will consider seasonal increases in traffic

### Who will conduct the study? Will it be made public?

- ▶ a qualified transportation consultant will undertake this work and make recommendations to the County
- ▶ the report will be presented to County Council and become public information
- ▶ it will support both County and Township of Springwater Planning applications





# Planning

- ▶ changes will be required to the County Official Plan, as well as the Township of Springwater Official Plan and Zoning By-law
- ▶ pre-consultation meetings have occurred with the Township of Springwater and provincial ministries to outline the studies that will be needed to inform land use Planning applications
- ▶ using the 2008 Draft Simcoe County Greenlands mapping, a scoped Environmental Impact Study (Statement) (EIS) has been initiated to confirm the conditions noted in the siting reports

## STUDIES

### Other studies to be completed include:

- ▶ Planning Justification Report
- ▶ Soil Quality Test
- ▶ Agricultural Potential Assessment
- ▶ Traffic Impact Study
- ▶ Environmental Impact Study (Statement)
- ▶ Noise Assessment
- ▶ Odour Impact Assessment
- ▶ Site Plan Design
- ▶ Landscape Plan/Tree Preservation Plan
- ▶ Stormwater Management Report
- ▶ Functional Servicing
- ▶ Hydrogeological Study
- ▶ Archeological Study
- ▶ Hazard Land Assessment (to NVCA satisfaction)





# Planning

## EIS

### What will an Environmental Impact Study (Statement) (EIS) include?

- ▶ this study will examine natural features of the property (including soils, vegetation, wildlife, topography, watercourses/bodies) and the ecological functions they provide
- ▶ will include a description of potential impacts of the development and how the environmental characteristics and features will be maintained
- ▶ work will be done in consultation with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Nottawasaga Conservation Authority (NVCA), and the Township of Springwater

### Who will conduct the study? Will it be made public?

- ▶ a qualified consultant (with expertise in species identification, biological, ecological and/or environmental functions) will undertake this work and prepare a report to the County
- ▶ it will be presented to County Council and become public information
- ▶ it will guide where development can occur on the site and inform the land use Planning applications that are required

A preliminary assessment of natural heritage features was undertaken in January 2016. Additional site investigations will further assess natural features.





# Forestry

## LOCATION

### 2976 Horseshoe Valley Road West

- ▶ purchased by the County of Simcoe in 1948
- ▶ majority of tree planting was completed in 1949 with smaller amounts of infill planting in subsequent years
- ▶ as a working forest, plantations within this tract are scheduled to be assessed in 2017 for harvesting as part of regular forestry management

### How will these facilities and the forest tract coexist?

- ▶ site design will allow for continued use of the forest for recreational purposes
- ▶ the facility footprint is anticipated to be 11 acres (approximately 5%) of the 207 acre location
- ▶ replanting of trees will be considered for trees cleared for construction



### Did you know?

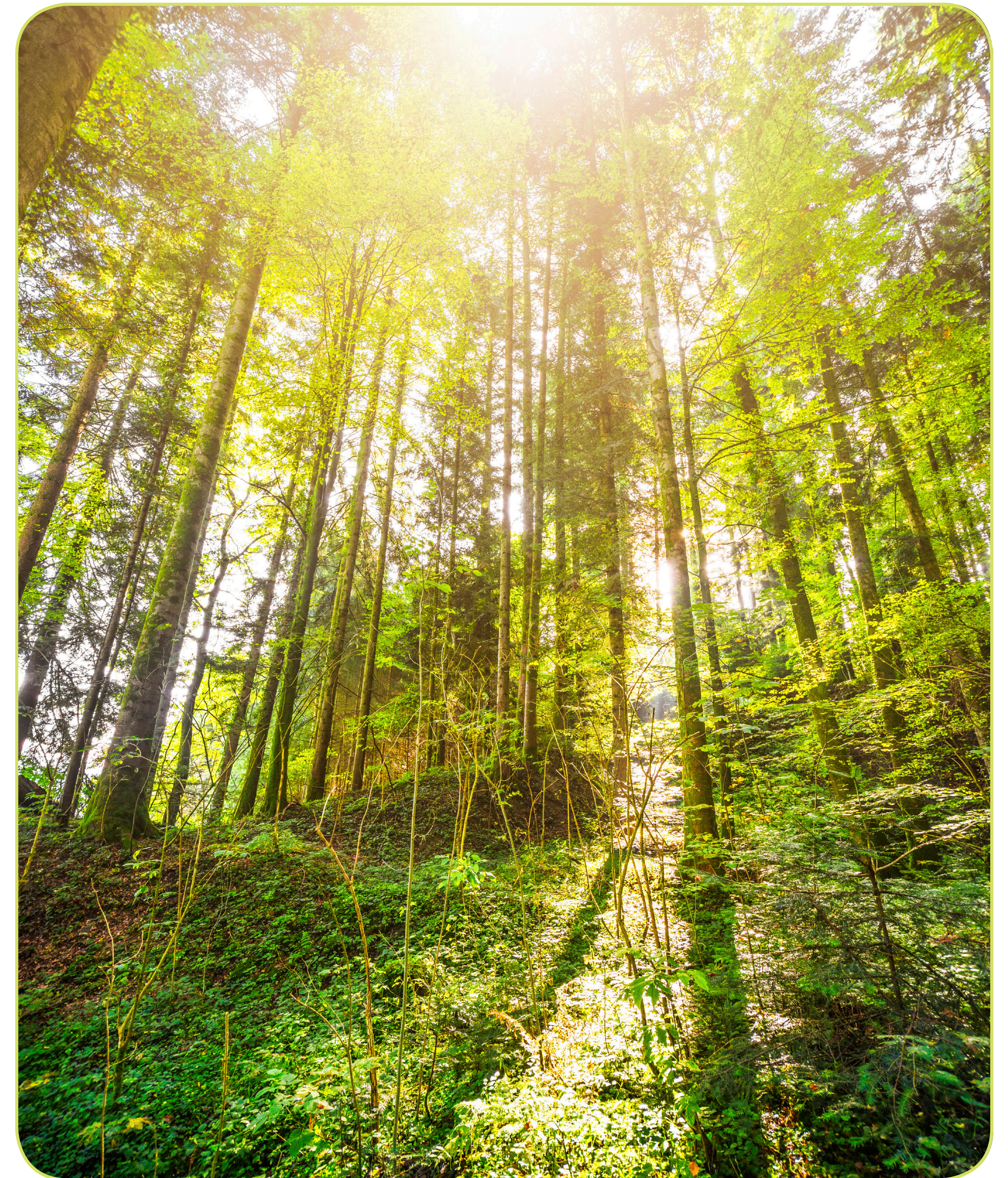
More than 20 million trees have been planted in the Simcoe County Forest since inception, with more than 240,000 seedlings planted within the last five years.



# Forestry

## COUNTY FORESTS

- ▶ at 32,600 acres (150 properties), the Simcoe County Forest is the largest municipally-owned forest in Ontario and among the largest of its kind in Canada
- ▶ within the past decade, the County Forest has expanded by more than 3,600 acres; in 2015 alone, a further 436 acres has been added in Springwater, Oro Medonte, and Clearview Townships
- ▶ as a 'working forest', approximately 1,200 to 1,500 acres are thinned annually to maintain forest health, improve future timber values and achieve other objectives
- ▶ County of Simcoe Forestry first achieved FSC® certification in July 2010 and is widely recognized for its conservation efforts and ongoing forest expansion initiatives



The mark of  
responsible forestry







**In 2015, the County conducted a curbside audit to determine the composition of waste, to assess the success of various waste diversion programs and determine areas for improvement.**

The audit revealed that nearly 50% of the material in a typical household garbage bag could have been diverted through the existing blue box and green bin programs.

The curbside audit revealed the green bin program remains the greatest opportunity for improvement with 40% of the average residential garbage bag being comprised of food waste, tissues, paper towels, paper cups/plates and other divertible organic waste. When these items breakdown in the landfill environment they contribute to the production of methane, a greenhouse gas 20 times stronger than CO<sub>2</sub>, and to the production of leachate, which can negatively impact groundwater resources.

**Remember, food is NOT garbage.**

The data also shows that County residents are doing an excellent job of utilizing the recycling program. However, some common types of recyclables such as aluminum foil, aerosol cans, cartons for broth and juice boxes are still being disposed of in the garbage.

Significant amounts of alcoholic beverage containers are also ending up in the recycling. Remember, when you purchase wine, spirits and beer you pay a deposit on those containers. When included in the blue box, the County does not receive the deposit on your behalf – so keep your money in your pocket and return your empties for a refund.

For more information on the County's green bin program, please refer to the 2016 Waste Management Calendar or visit: [simcoe.ca/greenbin](http://simcoe.ca/greenbin)



**May 5 & 6**

10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**May 7**

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Bring your own shovel.  
Supply is limited, while quantities last.**

Back by popular demand, the County of Simcoe is pleased to be hosting its second "DIRT CHEAP" compost and mulch giveaway event May 5-7. The giveaway will be held in a NEW location this year at 1257 Anne Street North, Minesing, between Snow Valley Road and Highway 26.

Compost and garden mulch will be available free to residents of Simcoe County (excluding the cities of Barrie and Orillia).

"The compost and mulch giveaway was very successful in 2015, and residents were extremely pleased with the event. In total, the event distributed 1,703 tonnes of compost and 131 tonnes of mulch," said Rob McCullough, Director of Solid Waste Management. "We encourage Simcoe County residents to come out to the event in 2016 to continue discovering the natural benefits compost and mulch can add to your gardens."

A small skid steer will load residential trucks and trailers and self-loaders should bring their own shovel. Please note that this FREE compost and mulch giveaway is being held ONLY at 1257 Anne Street North and not at County Waste Management Facilities.

County Waste Management Facilities will have compost available for sale May 9 – 16, while quantities last. Mulch - Free of charge and Compost - \$5 per car load/\$20 per pick-up or small trailer load.

# MANAGING your WASTE

March 2016



## ONE SITE, ONE SOLUTION

**2976 Horseshoe Valley Road West**

is the preferred site for the proposed  
Organics Processing Facility (OPF) and  
Materials Management Facility (MMF)

### OPF & MMF

Public Information Sessions

**Tuesday, April 19**

Simcoe County Museum  
1151 Highway 26, Minesing  
2 - 4 p.m. and 6 - 8 p.m.

Open house format  
(no formal presentation)

## Waste Management Strategy

Public consultation on options for garbage collection services, curbside and facilities diversion programs, and reduction and reuse, will take place in May at the Simcoe County Museum or via webinar at: [simcoe.ca/wastestrategy](http://simcoe.ca/wastestrategy).

The County's Solid Waste Management Strategy, approved in 2010, provides a framework for diversion and waste disposal programs. Updates were recommended to be completed at various times.

The first update began in 2015 and will focus on consideration of potential options to form the basis for waste management operations over the next five years.

County Council has considered the options and the following alternatives will now be presented for public consultation.

Options being considered:

### Garbage Collection Service

- Pay-As-You-Throw
- Bi-weekly garbage collection
- Provision of a standard-sized garbage container

### Curbside and Facilities Diversion Programs

- Expand green bin collection
- Expand yard waste collection
- Expand waste facilities diversion programs

### Reduction and Reuse

- Implement disposal and diversion bylaws
- Continued political advocacy, food waste reduction, textile diversion and rewards program

## Waste Management Strategy

Public Consultation Sessions

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or via webinar at:  
[simcoe.ca/wastestrategy](http://simcoe.ca/wastestrategy)  
on the same days and times





# ONE SITE, ONE SOLUTION

## What's an OPF?

**An Organics Processing Facility** is a location where organics (green bin material and potentially other items such as leaf and yard waste, pet waste, and diapers) are processed and converted into other products, such as compost or fertilizer.

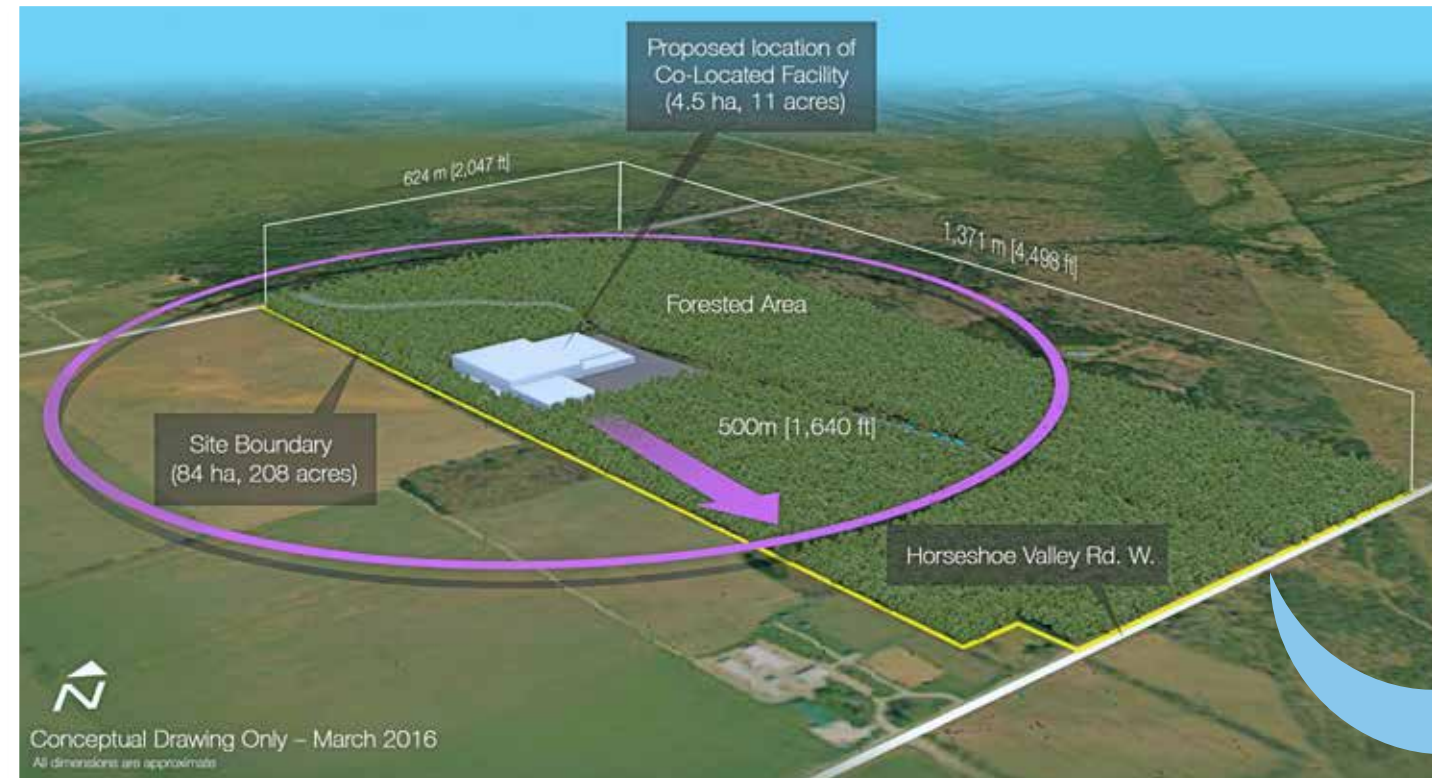
## What's a MMF?

**A Materials Management Facility** is a location where waste from multiple collection vehicles is consolidated and transferred. This allows for cost-effective shipment to other processing/disposal locations.

## One site, one solution

- ▶ County transfer operations for garbage and recycling
- ▶ On-site organics processing
- ▶ Truck servicing facilities
- ▶ Potential public education space

## 2976 HORSESHOE VALLEY ROAD WEST



## SITING PROCESS

The comprehensive siting process was modeled on the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change's *Statement of Environmental Values*. Although an Environmental Assessment (EA) is not required, the County has approached these projects with this framework in mind, applied by industry-leading consultants.

Siting involved three screening phases and extensive public and stakeholder consultation. 502 sites were evaluated using conditions such as the avoidance of sensitive groundwater areas, preservation of prime agricultural land, adequate size, and distance from neighbours.



## WHY?

It's the right thing to do.

## OPF

The County has set regional diversion targets of 71 per cent by 2020 and 77 per cent by 2030. Increased diversion of organic materials is critical to reach these targets. A County operated OPF will provide Simcoe County with the capacity to process your organic waste and allow for acceptance of more materials in our green bin program, thus contributing to increased diversion. An OPF will also reduce environmental impacts from export of waste and create compost or fertilizer products to support our local agriculture and landscaping sectors.

**local  
job creation**

This facility is not a landfill.

## MMF

The MMF will save residents an estimated \$13 million in contracted transfer costs over the next 20 years. Significant funding has already been secured for this project.



payback period of  
**6-years**

**\$13 million**  
estimated savings in transfer costs  
over the next 20 years

**flexibility**  
and ability to adapt to  
changes in collections and/or  
processing arrangements

**CO<sub>2</sub>**  
reduction in greenhouse gas emissions  
due to shortened haulage distances

## ADVANTAGES OF THIS SITE

### Usable space

- ▶ site is approximately 208 acres
- ▶ the facility would have a footprint of approximately 11 acres, utilizing only about 5% of the property
- ▶ large usable space accommodates a co-located facility and allows for design and operational flexibility, as well as potential expansion

### Economic

- ▶ allows for a co-located facility that would share costs
- ▶ property acquisition savings
- ▶ good usable space and conditions means straightforward design
- ▶ provides easy access to major highways and County roads, resulting in cost savings associated with transportation

### Transportation

- ▶ minimal impacts to current traffic volumes on Horseshoe Valley Road West (County Road 22)
- ▶ estimated maximum impact would result in a 6.2 per cent increase in vehicles
- ▶ excellent access to Highways 400, 27, 26, and 11

### Environmental

- ▶ this site scored high among all environmental criteria used to evaluate 502 potential sites
- ▶ no net effects to Class 1-3 agricultural lands
- ▶ compensation for the forested areas cleared will be considered; this may include replanting of trees

### Distance from neighbours

- ▶ site has potential to place the facility footprint in a location with significant separation distances from nearby houses/businesses
- ▶ all neighbouring houses could potentially be more than 500 metres (0.5 km) away from the facility, see illustration above

## NEXT STEPS

- ▶ April 19, 2016 - Public Information Sessions
- ▶ Spring 2016 - Initiate engineering and environmental studies and procurement process for OPF technology
- ▶ 2017 - Results of RFP and business case presented to County Council

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**Please provide your comments below**

We know that an organics Processing Facility is needed.

However, we have concerns about the site at 2976 Horseshoe Valley Rd W.

We have lived on Gill Rd for the last 45 years and have seen the huge increase of traffic on Horseshoe Valley Rd. It is a major connection highway for commuters as well as recreational traffic.

The most troubling is the location of the entrance to the facility. Putting an entrance at the bottom of such a large hill is dangerous. It's a bad hill in winter & very icy. It's already a challenge to get up or down it during winter. (Not everyone adheres to the speed limits either)

Proximity to Matheson Creek is also an issue. The facility will be too close to this water source. There is no such thing as fool-proof containment.

Solution: move the site farther east on Horseshoe Valley Rd. To the east corner of the Old 2nd South & Horseshoe Valley Rd. This is still County forest; light soil, excellent sight lines on the highway and is closer to the 400

Please revisit this site. We will be waiting for a reply from you.

Thank you  
D & J Lygma



**From:** Reto Bodenmann [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 22, 2016 1:50 PM  
**To:** Warden  
**Cc:** [patrick.brownco@pc.ola.org](mailto:patrick.brownco@pc.ola.org)  
**Subject:** Stop 2976 Horseshoe Valley Road West

Hello Mr. Marshall,

I'm fairly certain that I've emailed you before with no response. Sorry I didn't meet you at the meeting on April 19.

I just wanted to express my disgust and shock that council has chosen a Forest near an organic farm and many high end homes for this waste project.

I know that narrowing down from 502 sites sounds impressive but the fact is you focused primarily on county held land and included many sites that would be immediately disqualified due to ground water so why start with that grand number except to mislead the public?

I've been reading up on Site 41:

"In 1989, an Environmental Assessment Board rejected an application for Site 41. The board was highly critical of the methodology that went into selecting potential sites for landfilling, including issues of considering the hydrogeologic acceptability of sites, prioritizing other considerations such as lot size and ownership, narrowing its search options, and not having a clear and 'traceable' process that led to the selection of Site 41. While the board accepted evidence that Site 41 would be hydrogeologically suitable, **it would be the flawed methodology of site selection that led it to its ruling**"

Please don't make the same mistakes 25 years later. It appears that the screening process used now is sound but it still began with the premise that it should be on county held land with a few MLS listings thrown in for good measure.

Why would the county not annex the best possible site? What difference is the cost of buying 50 acres for the BEST possible site when you are looking at a total budget of over \$40 million?

No citizen would have a right to complain if every single plot of suitable land was considered...

I don't see how this is the best possible site in ALL of Simcoe county. Where is the center of a map showing where the majority of the waste is produced and where is projected future population growth? The information I gathered on April 19 was a whole lot of smoke and mirrors to gain support from the general public who is not personally effected (except for increased taxes) by this OPF/MMF.

I look forward to a response from you. I've engaged with Stephanie Mack and others. My take on much of these discussions is that the "experts" are just following mandate set by council...and council is just following the recommendations set by these same experts...bit of chicken and the egg.

Sincerely,

Reto Bodenmann  
4 Pine Hill Drive

# Comments / Suggestions

Pick a different site.

- Not a county forest!

- Not on a tourist route!

Write any comments here  
or on the comment form

- 1) How does the community get a true environmental assessment done on C136 instead of just a statement?
- 2) Absolutely NO offer of compensation <sup>to residents</sup> would make it right to put this outside of an already existing industrial park - Will the County reconsider placing this in a properly existing industrial zone?

P.O.A.R.

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# Transportation:

- 1) The volume of traffic <sup>projected</sup> will make access to v from individual private driveways on HVR more dangerous.
- 2) ~~E~~ The proposed developments <sup>(residential)</sup> adjacent to HVR e.g. Craighurst, Midhurst, Hillside, & Wasafa Beach will increase traffic enough without 90+210 more trucks per day.
- How many will go by my house per day?

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CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

① I would not put site on a major tourism road/route: ski area etc. C. Spek

② Beside a farm / store organic operation with customer base which includes Toronto. C. Spek

③ Matheson Creek is very near this site! Horseshoe Valley Rd. is too busy & is very dangerous to try & stop at the bottom of the hill - especially in winter. What a ridiculous place to put access! What about the PIONEER CEMETARY at top of hill?

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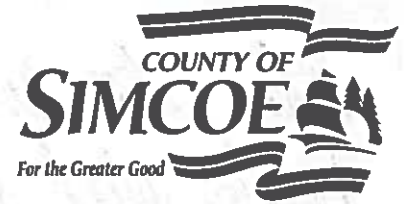
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What traffic studies have  
been <sup>done already</sup> ~~or~~ will be conducted  
and  
on Horseshoe Valley Road  
as the garbage trucks  
will be increasing in  
volume — similar to the  
6<sup>th</sup> increase in volume  
on Horseshoe Valley  
road West?

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Name: SHARON STEINMILLER Date: APR. 19/16

Postal Code: L0L 2K0 Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please provide your comments below**

This site couldn't be in a worse spot! The traffic will be horrendous - it already is. Our property values will go down - and we may not even be able to sell!

We weren't given enough time to have our concerns before being told it's a done deal. I'm concerned about our well - the quality & quantity of the water.

There's also a native graveyard at the top of the hill that will be affected if they widen the road.

The farmland will be affected. There will be a pond too.

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A seated question + answer format allows the attendees to hear concerns of others and increases our knowledge.

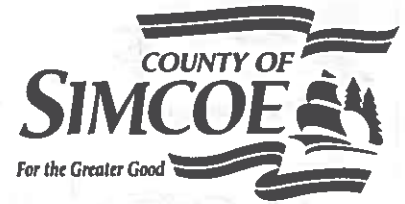
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**Please provide your comments below**

~~Street~~  
Needs to be more than one point of access (ingress/egress) to facility other than just Horseshoe Valley Rd. (Conn. Rd. to north of site off Hwy 27 - if not suitable as is should it not be considered for improvement now?)

Please keep us informed as ~~for~~ impact studies + design discussions progress. Also inform us about future public meetings. You should have at least one where we are all present to + public questions/answers are heard by all.

Thank-you

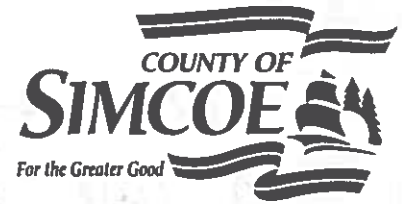
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Full using Smokey C. Forest for such a use is not appropriate. Sets bad example. Forest cover is often functioning as a buffer re-charge site.

Most candidate sites were on or near wetlands, so poor choices.

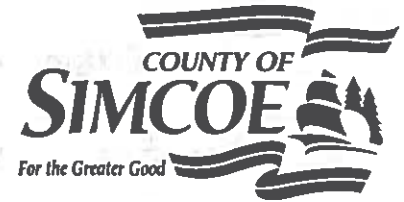
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# ORGANICS PROCESSING FACILITY MATERIALS MANAGEMENT FACILITY

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The business plan being developed should identify & include a "Plan B" which means there should be an alternative solution site to the proposed Horseshoe Valley site.

This Plan B site should be a site that the consultants would consider an "ideal site" and not necessarily owned by the county.

The whole premise of only using county owned land is a ~~stupid~~ bad mistake in picking a site. The county has the resources to purchase the "ideal site" identified by the consultants; not just county owned land.

The county/ township should not be allowed to re-zone this Horseshoe Valley Rd greenland to industrial land.

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From: Heather Lockman [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 6:29 PM  
To: Warden  
Subject: Forest

I have only one thing to say. Why are you turning forest into a waste transfer station? I think we should put it beside your house. That makes about as much sense as taking prime land for your project.

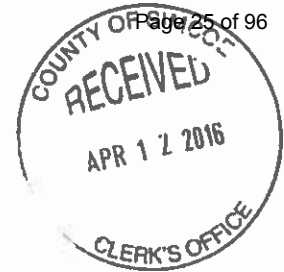
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Please find enclosed a letter to the Clerk,  
Warden and Councillors which we would  
like distributed and brought forward  
at the next meeting

Thank you.





April 8<sup>th</sup> 2016

Letter to:

**Simcoe County Clerk, Warden and Council**

We would like to introduce ourselves, Friends of Simcoe Forests, who you have met previously at meetings, open houses, and at information sessions.

We are a Group of individuals who have serious concern over your recent decision to place an industrial Materials Management Facility, an Organics Processing Facility, a truck servicing facility, a truck access road in a protected forest. In essence, your intent is to turn this pristine forest into an industrial zone.

In your County's own website you state: "It is everyone's responsibility to protect the forests of Simcoe County so that in years to come there will still be places to experience the natural beauty and wondrous sounds of silence of a forest." We couldn't agree more and that is why we intend to fight this travesty.

Throughout the selection process, we have expressed our horror at the thought that you would place such a facility in an area of forest, rather than in an industrial zoned area where it belongs. An industrial zoned area is designed to deal with heavy truck traffic; it has municipal water to serve industrial needs as truck washing and fire fighting, if necessary; it has sewers and storm water facilities to facilitate processes and run off, electrical facilities to feed the buildings and zoning setbacks established for neighbouring properties.

What has resulted from your decision is a complete disregard for the forest, zoning, neighbouring businesses and residences and traffic and in the end, the safety of the public, by circumventing your own zoning requirements, and straining the water table and eco systems that you are invading.

Both proposed facilities have a high combustion load, be it plastic, paper and cardboard storage, or methane, (a by- product of decomposition). In previous reports by your own consultants, it was noted that the two facilities should not be placed on the same site due to this very factor. Disregarding this, you are placing them together in an area that is not serviced, is basically inaccessible and is in a sensitive eco system. In an emergency situation, the chance of containing a fire, and the by-products of fighting a fire would prove disastrous.

Your responses to our concerns have been vague at best. You use the excuses that you have not decided on the technology, you have more investigation to carry out, no " bedroom" is within 500 meters of the proposed plant, etc. Yet we are all affected by the prospect of disturbance to our eco system during construction, during operating hours, and the potential of various forms of pollution by the operation of this facility.

It appears that you have no regard to the traffic that presently is on Horseshoe Valley Road, and the dangerous crossing that exists there now. You appear to have no regard for the wildlife corridor that is identified in Nottawasaga Conservation Authority reports, neglecting that wildlife is not adept at dodging trucks and cars that invade their home and will be force them onto the main roads by the disturbances caused. It appears that any major works to make this road "safe" for your trucks will affect all the traffic that travels on it, be it to ski hills and resorts or to our own Nicholyn Farm, which is a farm business.

When the subject of compensation was broached, your CAO indicated that there could be a form of tax relief. Well, we are sorry to say, that with the announcement of the site, our taxes should be reduced immediately since our property values have plummeted. Many of us will be contacting MPAC in the future, without the County's help, to make sure that this happens.

Presently, we are in conversation with people who have experienced similar issues, and hope to come to some understanding of what we are required to do to stop this before you do irreparable damage to our forests.

We fully understand your desire to set an example for innovative and forward thinking for waste disposal, but again, request you reconsider the siting, to find an industrial site that is designed and zoned for such a venture. Placing this facility in a coveted forest will set the County's environmental footprint back to the 1950's where little or no concern for the environment led to the issues we all are facing today.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Friends of Simcoe Forests

John Spencer  
Pinehill , Springwater, Ontario

Cindy Mercer  
Rainbow Valley, Springwater, Ontario

From: Mary Wagner [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2016 5:21 PM  
To: Wauchope, Gord; Warnock, Scott; Walma, Steffen; Vanderkruys, Chris; Smith, Jamie; Smith, Brian F.; Small Brett, Mary; Saunderson, Brian; Ross, Mike; Rawson, Bill; O'Donnell, John; Milne, Rick; McKay, Gord A.; Warden; Macdonald, Sandie C.; Little, Doug; Leduc, James; Keffer, Rob; Hughes, Harry; Hough, Ralph; French, Bill; Dubeau, Anita; Dowdall, Terry; Dollin, Lynn; Cox, Judith; Cornell, George; Cooper, Sandra; Clarke, Basil; Burton, Barry; Burkett, Mike; Bifulchi, Nina; Allen, Don  
Subject: Be respectful and read before you delete please

Our website explains our viewpoint. Take the time to visit it so you can begin to understand.

[www.simcoeforus.com](http://www.simcoeforus.com)

Regards

Mary Wagner

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Mary Wagner [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2016 12:09 AM

**To:** Wauchope, Gord; Warnock, Scott; Warden; Dowdall, Terry; Allen, Don; Bifulchi, Nina; Burkett, Mike; Burton, Barry; Clarke, Basil; Cooper, Sandra; Cornell, George; Cox, Judith; Dollin, Lynn; Dubeau, Anita; French, Bill; Hough, Ralph; Hughes, Harry; Keffer, Rob; Leduc, James; Little, Doug; Macdonald, Sandie C.; McKay, Gord A.; Milne, Rick; O'Donnell, John; Rawson, Bill; Ross, Mike; Saunderson, Brian; Small Brett, Mary; Smith, Brian F.; Smith, Jamie; Vanderkruys, Chris; Walma, Steffen

**Subject:** open letter to council re: OPF and MMF siting

March 20, 2016

Simcoe County Council Members

This letter is to assist you, as a representative of Simcoe County citizens, in the decision process for casting of your vote March 22nd for location of the proposed garbage management facility.

The 370,000 taxpaying and voting citizens of Simcoe County have placed their trust in you for representation. Please remember the responsibility you carry as the people that voted you in to power cannot control your decision making, but should you fail them you will not be rewarded with their trust in the next term.

I and other residents attended the public information meetings that took place throughout the fall of 2015. You did not hear the concerns and fears raised at these meetings. You did not hear dismissive and evasive answers from the expert panel. You received a summary and one sided version of the outcome.

My simple question to you is, why would you vote in favour of taking any of our pristine forests, rezone it for industrial usage and place a garbage facility on it? The county has existing landfill sites and industrial lands that could be utilized.

Every decision has a cost to benefit ratio. Please give this ratio serious thought as you prepare to cast your vote. Let simple common sense guide you; taking something precious and beautiful, valued and cherished, and turning it into a garbage facility is simply wrong on so very many levels.

The 370,000 voting residents each stand to gain \$35.00 over the 20 year predicted \$13 million savings published in the information packages circulated during the public sessions. I and many residents are committed to protect our forests and farmlands. We support you in making the right decision and voting NO. You will have our full support moving forward and I do believe each tax paying resident of Simcoe County would gladly donate their annual \$1.75 savings to our "Save the Forests of Simcoe County" campaign.

There are alternatives to destruction of trees and destruction of peace in the forest. There are alternatives to taking agricultural land and turning it into industrial wasteland. There are alternatives to destruction of the lives and businesses that have been built within residential, agricultural and tourism areas.

Those alternatives exist in industrial areas which are already designated for this type of facility and activity.

You have the power to stop this now. I and others will use whatever means possible to enlighten, educate and bring this destruction of yet another increasingly rare ecosystem to the attention of those that can exert pressure to preserve our forests and farmlands.

Mary Wagner  
Concerned Citizen of Simcoe County



From: Mary Wagner [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 10:35 PM  
To: Warden  
Subject: conflict Springwater Council Meeting and 500 m resident meeting

Warden Gerry Marshall,

In the spirit of “doing what is right” and the optics of fairplay I ask you to consider the rescheduling of Simcoe County meeting with the affected residents of the proposed construction at the Freele tract.

Regards  
Mary Wagner  
2928 Horseshoe Valley Rd.

**From:** Céline Laurin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2016 10:39 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed OPF and MMF Site C-136

March 21, 2016

County of Simcoe

Mr. Gerry Marshall, Warden

and Members of County Council

1110 Highway 26

Midhurst, Ontario

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And to:

Township of Springwater

His Worship Bill French, Mayor of Springwater

and Members of Council

2231 Nursery Road

Minesing, ON

L0L 1Y2

RE: Site C136 – proposed OPF and MMF site

Dear Warden Marshall, Mayor French, and all Members of Council:

Firstly, please accept my apologies for the late correspondence. I began writing this letter yesterday following a long walk on our road (Rainbow Valley Road East), and taking in the freshness of the air at this time of year. Spring is springing, the birds are chirping, the snow is melting, and the fields are already turning green. Soon, the trees will begin to show their buds, and we will be greeted by the most amazing landscape most people can only dream of. This is usually my favorite time of the year; however, this year, it is incredibly difficult to enjoy the sights and sounds when the dangers of the proposed site on the Freele Tract are constantly looming.

Like all of our neighbours, we are profoundly attached to our quiet little community, where, on some days, there are more deer than cars that use our roads to travel. We moved here seventeen years ago so that we could come home after a long day at work to a peaceful and serene environment where we could leave the noise of the city behind. Many things have changed since then, but one thing has remained: our home, our property, is our safe place, our haven in what many of our friends love to call “the boonies.” Yes, here, we drink the tap water and we get our mail in our mailboxes, which are often considered anomalies, but to us, they represent a precious way of life.

As a teacher and mother, I can’t express how important our home and the beauty of our area are to my mental and physical health. My family and I simply cannot reconcile ourselves to the idea that the landscape, the beauty, the fresh air, the pure drinking water, and even our quiet dirt road might be in jeopardy because the forest that we have often walked and biked in is now a proposed dumping site.

Along with our neighbours, and on behalf of our family, we are imploring the Simcoe County Council members to rethink the use of the Freele Tract as its OPF and MMF site. As many others have expressed, we are proud of Mayor French and Deputy Mayor Allen’s decision to request a Business Case to be presented that would weigh the economic and environmental impacts that would result from this site, and their request that more time be spent in considering other options.

We assure you that we will continue to oppose this site. We are counting on our representatives to look for a more suitable site, one that will not have such a negative impact on an agriculturally zoned community.

Respectfully,

Céline Laurin and Réjean Guérin



From: Robbie [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 10:03 PM  
To: [terry.dowdall@simcoe.ca](mailto:terry.dowdall@simcoe.ca)  
Subject: site c-136

Monday, March 21, 2016

MEMBERS OF THE SIMCOE COUNTY COUNCIL

Re: Site C-136, Horseshoe Valley Road

We are writing to you just prior to the March 22, 2016 Simcoe County Council meeting in hopes to have you understand and support our concerns regarding site C-136.

Our view is that if this transfer and processing facility is constructed, a portion of our Simcoe Forest will be slaughtered, which is a shameful abuse, especially when existing potential industrial sites were rejected.

We moved into this neighbourhood to live surrounded by clean and plentiful forests with pristine creeks and beautiful hiking trails.

A portion of the same forest will either be sacrificed or used as a buffer for the facilities noise pollution or odour problems.

You can argue, that trees can be replanted, but the potential damage to the environment and ecology can reach deeper.....it can affect our groundwater resources.

If there should be a failure with the facility and contamination occurs, our ecosystem would be affected negatively.

Even with modern technology, accidents do happen, and the damage would be far reaching.

Our final argument is the increased traffic on Horseshoe Valley Road.

This same forest track will not buffer the noise created by an increase in heavy truck traffic.

We are not against progress, we are simply against the geographical location of Site C-136.

As you vote, please take a moment and carefully revisit your conscience!

Protect our forests and farmlands.

Robert and Jeannette Suessmann

Concerned Citizens of Simcoe County

From: Niki MacNeill [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 9:53 PM  
To: Warden; Dubeau, Anita; Clarke, Basil; O'Donnell, John; Burkett, Mike; Cox, Judith; French, Bill; Allen, Don; Rawson, Bill; Warnock, Scott; Cornell, George; Walma, Steffen; Bifulchi, Nina; Smith, Brian F.  
Subject: Waste management facility on horseshoe valley road

Attached is a letter for your consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Sincerely

Niki and Mark MacNeill

Sent from my iPhone



March 21, 2016

Simcoe County Councilors

Re: Waste Management Propose Site – C-136 Horseshoe Valley Road

I have already sent E-mails to members of Springwater council, the Warden and Deputy Warden and finally to each member of county council outlining my concerns regarding the siting of this facility on Horseshoe Valley road west.

Apparently because my family does not live within the randomly chosen 500m of the site (We are probably 700m from it), we have not been part of any consultation process. Interestingly, our main concern of safety on Horseshoe valley road is not alleviated because of a 500m limit.

Horseshoe valley road is extremely busy throughout the year with local daily traffic not to mention the seasonal increases with cottage goers in the summer and skiers in the winter. It is a road characterized by blind hills, essentially no shoulder and deep and unforgiving ditches - we who live here have seen many a car and truck in those ditches, especially in the winter. Traffic travels well above the posted 80 km/h speed limit, there is no passing lane and the area is prone to white outs in the winter. In the summer, cottage traffic can be backed up to fox farm road from highway 27.

I fail to see the logic in adding a large number of slow moving and heavy trucks onto this road. Can someone please explain to me how this will not cause motor vehicle accidents? As a pathologist who has performed many autopsies on victims of motor vehicle collisions, I believe you are, without question, putting people's safety at risk.

Aside from safety, what assurances do we have that our water will remain safe – all of the homes in our subdivision are on wells. Can you guarantee that nothing will leach into our water system?

What guarantees have the consultants provided about containing smell in the area? We live where we do because it is clean and fresh. What safeguards will be in place to contain the smell from organics?

My family supports recycling but we urge all of you to seriously consider what your vote means to those of us who live near this site. Within Simcoe County there must be a more suitable site that is properly zoned for such a plant and that would allow for easier and safer truck access.

Respectfully,

Niki and Mark MacNeill

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

From: Niki MacNeill [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 10:02 AM  
To: Warden  
Subject: OMF/MMF site on horseshoe valley road

My name is Niki MacNeill, a resident of Maltman court. I am writing again to voice my opposition to the OMF/MMF site being proposed for horseshoe valley road.

My main concern is safety. Horseshoe valley road is extremely busy throughout the year with daily traffic not to mention the seasonal increases with cottage goers in the summer and skiers in the winter. It is a road characterized by blind hills, essentially no shoulder and deep and unforgiving ditches - we who live here have seen Many a car and truck in those ditches, especially in the winter. The traffic travels fast (well above the 80 km/h speed limit), with no passing lane and is prone to white outs in the winter. In the summer, cottage traffic can be backed up to fox farm road from highway 27.

Adding a large number of slow moving and heavy trucks onto this road is, without question putting people's safety at risk.

I have already expressed these concerns in emails to Mayor Bill French, Deputy Mayor Don Allen and our ward 3 councillor Ms Jennifer Coughlin as well as Deputy warden Terry Dowdall and Warden Gerry Marshall.

In short, I believe that there must be a site within Simcoe County that is properly zoned for such plants and that would allow for easier and safer access.

I urge you to reconsider your support for this site and to please consider the safety of the many local residents who travel this road daily as well as the many thousands who use it seasonally.

Yours respectfully,

Dr Niki MacNeill  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** SAAF SAAF [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2016 3:45 PM

**To:** [doug.little@simcoe.ca](mailto:doug.little@simcoe.ca); [mary.smallbrett@simcoe.ca](mailto:mary.smallbrett@simcoe.ca); [rob.keffer@simcoe.ca](mailto:rob.keffer@simcoe.ca); [james.leduc@simcoe.ca](mailto:james.leduc@simcoe.ca); [barry.burton@simcoe.ca](mailto:barry.burton@simcoe.ca); [chris.vanderkruys@simcoe.ca](mailto:chris.vanderkruys@simcoe.ca); [sandra.cooper@simcoe.ca](mailto:sandra.cooper@simcoe.ca); [brian.saunderson@simcoe.ca](mailto:brian.saunderson@simcoe.ca); [terry.dowdall@simcoe.ca](mailto:terry.dowdall@simcoe.ca); [sandie.macdonald@simcoe.ca](mailto:sandie.macdonald@simcoe.ca); [lynn.dollin@simcoe.ca](mailto:lynn.dollin@simcoe.ca); [gord.wauchope@simcoe.ca](mailto:gord.wauchope@simcoe.ca); [gord.mckay@simcoe.ca](mailto:gord.mckay@simcoe.ca); [mike.ross@simcoe.ca](mailto:mike.ross@simcoe.ca); [rick.milne@simcoe.ca](mailto:rick.milne@simcoe.ca); [jamie.smith@simcoe.ca](mailto:jamie.smith@simcoe.ca); [harry.hughes@simcoe.ca](mailto:harry.hughes@simcoe.ca); [ralph.hough@simcoe.ca](mailto:ralph.hough@simcoe.ca); [warden@simcoe.ca](mailto:warden@simcoe.ca); [anita.dubeau@simcoe.ca](mailto:anita.dubeau@simcoe.ca); [basil.clarke@simcoe.ca](mailto:basil.clarke@simcoe.ca); [john.odonnell@simcoe.ca](mailto:john.odonnell@simcoe.ca); [mike.burkett@simcoe.ca](mailto:mike.burkett@simcoe.ca); [judith.cox@simcoe.ca](mailto:judith.cox@simcoe.ca); [bill.french@simcoe.ca](mailto:bill.french@simcoe.ca); [don.allen@simcoe.ca](mailto:don.allen@simcoe.ca); [bill.rawson@simcoe.ca](mailto:bill.rawson@simcoe.ca); [scott.warnock@simcoe.ca](mailto:scott.warnock@simcoe.ca); [george.cornell@simcoe.ca](mailto:george.cornell@simcoe.ca); [steffen.walma@simcoe.ca](mailto:steffen.walma@simcoe.ca); [nina.bifolchi@simcoe.ca](mailto:nina.bifolchi@simcoe.ca); [brianf.smith@simcoe.ca](mailto:brianf.smith@simcoe.ca)

**Subject:** March 22nd 2016 Council Meeting RE: C-136 Waste Management Site - Horseshoe Valley Rd

Respected Members of Simcoe County Council,

Please take a moment and review my attached letter before attending the March 22nd vote to proceed regarding C-136 Waste Management Site - Horseshoe Valley.

Thank you,

Sean & Charlotte Fuller - Residents of Springwater Township

March 21<sup>st</sup> 2016

Simcoe County Councillors,

Re: Waste Management Proposed Site –C-136 Horseshoe Valley Rd.

Concerns to the region, that are very absent in the consultant report, are the pending property devaluations (residential and agricultural) as a result of constructing this facility within 500 metres of property lines and the massive deforestation of one of the most visible Simcoe Country Forests that visitors encounter while commuting from Barrie or any of the western GTA cities for skiing or cottage country. Horseshoe Valley Road is a substantial commuter hub year round for visitors to our region, in fact I moved from Halton Region (on a forested lot) to my home on Pine Hill Drive, in the Township of Springwater, because of an unsuspecting journey, observing the raw beauty of Simcoe County, while driving to go skiing 2 years ago on that very route.

I need each of you to ask yourself two simple questions before you vote to accept the Consultant's report, conducted by a company not local to Simcoe County.....

- 1. Would you be concerned for the value of your home if a “Waste Facility” was being constructed across the road, 500 meters from your property lines?**
  - You will be made aware that there are “X” amount of homes, within 500 meters that are being privately consulted by Simcoe Staff. In my case, my home is approximately 20 meters across the street from one of those properties, in a development of 35 homes and only 7 are being privately consulted. Is this fair, transparent and above board for members of this great region, that selected homes be consulted and others next door are not? Is it fair to say that only those homes that touch the “500 metre” perimeter will be affected by real estate value devaluation, traffic, noise and odour impacts etc.?
- 2. Would you be proud to host visitors to your home or to our great tourist locations that would travel amongst haulage vehicles and seeing this re-zoned forest project?**
  - Aside from every other issue mentioned to date, Horseshoe Valley Road is a major gateway to all the activities that Simcoe County offers through its many tourism campaigns and artist conceptions. Promises to “tuck it away in the woods” and “place appropriate signage” are not going to hide the fact that we wrecked a forest and increased truck traffic for all economic contributors to our region's economy to experience.

It is almost as common sense Human Beings more than Elected Officials that I respectfully ask you those questions, it is absolutely the wrong location for this facility on so many fronts, but especially based on the living conditions and financial impacts that are being imposed upon us, your fellow Simcoe County residents. Could this precedence changing event happen to you?

I must applaud Springwater Township Deputy Mayor Don Allen on his “fiscally responsible” approach to question if this facility being constructed anywhere in Simcoe County has + - cost implications for the region. Without a projected cost upfront, in general and not based on any site, including average site engineering, average construction costs and pollution mitigating

technologies cost vs. our current contracts for disposal shows accountability to tax payers across the entire region. This really is a slippery slope for everyone involved and with approving such a site, based on a thought of it being “the right thing to do” vs. how to construct, pay for and operate cheaper than we currently do is completely wrong. There are many things that are “the right thing to do” for both myself and my property, however, my projected income and projected expenses very quickly get my impulsive thoughts in check, based on the facts.

I apologise for the “final hour” email, but, proceeding with approvals for a Waste Management Site on Horseshoe Valley Road site C-136, is **NOT** the right thing to do. In fact, in addition to the many citizens affected by proximity of C-136, there are just too many questions that need be discussed and resolved to justify approving such a recommendation for **any** of these “top 5 sites”. I know we (Simcoe County) have requested a consultants opinion, which we now have and I understand the desire for our County Waste Management Operations Staff to proceed and have a direction to plan the mitigation of waste disposal, I understand the process. We all know that you, as elected officials, have the authority to request proof of concept and cost vs the current operation, in this case through your vote tomorrow. This is bigger than that, for the reasons above, and in addition to the many others that I am sure you have received, I cannot stress enough how important your vote to **NOT** proceed with the recommendation at this time really is. Simcoe County residents have valid documented concerns that will impact both their financial worth and quality of life.

Stand up for me, my wife and 4 young children (who will all be in attendance at the Council Vote, watching this and hopefully applauding you). Stand up for your own Constituents and represent not only their tax dollars, but their right to proper planning on proper zoning for proper reasons by voting **NOT** to proceed with the consultant’s report at this time, that is “the right thing to do” for our County Residents, our County Economics and our Treasured Forests!

The right location does exist, this location definitely isn’t it!

Sean & Charlotte Fuller – Concerned Citizens of Simcoe County

In addition.....

Below are 8 articles worth reading on massive financial, community and operational issues involved with the OPF / MMF located in Guelph Ontario, the very same one that our Consultants had recommended to that region (please copy the quotation and place it in Google Search and it appears right away, web links were very long to add to this letter).

- 1 "Citizens are flying blind on the cost of our waste management white elephant" - Jan 16, 2014
- 2 "City Waste Management is a 50 million dollar blunder" - September 13, 2013
- 3 "Are you ready for a 20 year solid waste management plan?" - September 4, 2013
- 4 "Waste management dances to the Detroit hustle" - April 24, 2014
- 5 "Why is Guelph accepting recyclables from Detroit Rizzo group?" - August 15, 2015
- 6 "Questioning Guelph's failure to collect waste from 64,000 homes that are taxed for it but not getting it" - June 15, 2015
- 7 "Why the city won't reveal the cost of the organics plant " - July 10, 2013 city view series
- 8 "Now Fairbridge suggests waste incineration is a benefit to Guelph" - May 25, 2013

**From:** Huronia Landscaping [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2016 1:41 PM  
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Terry Dowdall; Sandie Macdonald; Keith White; Michael Smith; Ron Henderson  
**Subject:** letter from a concerned citizen

Please find our letter attached

Thank you in advance for reading it

Karen



Honorable Members of Council

I am writing you and your colleges about the upcoming vote on March 22, 2016, in regards to the preferred site of the waste management processing facility.

Placing an industrial facility on farmable acreage currently be used to grow a sustainable forest (Freele Tract) is a clearly contradictory to the Greater Good of Simcoe County, the land, and the initiative of the County. Simcoe County was recognized by the **Forest Stewardship Council**, for meeting “strict environmental and social standards”. Gerry Marshall was recently quoted saying that Simcoe County “clearly understands the value of protecting and enhancing our forest”. Richard Donovan stated, “The best way to keep a forest standing is to use it wisely”, “The County sets an example for its constituents and other working forests.” Your vote to place the facility on site C136 does not support any of these statements or the Simcoe County initiative.

Please vote NO.

My family owns the Christmas Tree farm on Rainbow Valley Rd., across from site C136. We are unique being the only tree farm in Ontario which uses Sheep as a means of vegetation control and fertilizing around our trees. The sheep we use are a recognized **Rare Breed in Canada**.

The Tree farm is CUT YOUR OWN. During the Christmas season our *customers will be walking through the 500m ZONE* which you have specified. It was disheartening for us to hear the Warden state in the *Meeting of the Whole*, that there were no businesses within the 500m circle of the proposed location of the building on site C136. Our plantation is our store. We are small but growing, incorporating many children’s activities, a walk-through, Santa’s Forest, and the opportunity to visit with other rare/critical listed farm animals. *We bring Seasonal Tourism to the area*. Visitors from the city bring their families to see the Christmas Magic at our unique farm. The smell and sounds of the waste facility will negatively impact the flow of visitors. *Short term exposure to PM10-2.5 causes increase in hospital admissions in children ages 0-14* (Host S, et al, 2007). The plans for site C136 are contradictory to Simcoe County’s plan to promote tourism and growth. Visitors from the city expect to see, smell and hear the farms and forestry that the county is promoting.

*We urge* you to rethink this location and consider the public’s perception of the credibility of your other initiatives. Locating the facility at site C 136 is contradictory to achieving some of the County’s goals.

It seems that more research should be completed in order to find an alternative location. My research suggests that they are currently no waste facilities of any kind located within a healthy forest. In fact the majority of these facilities, worldwide, are located in urban/industrial centers where the bulk of the waste is being produced. Further investigation should be giving to reuse existing landfill site where suitable infrastructure is in place. **Wouldn’t that be a prime example of the County showing reuse, recycle?**

It may also be considered that building a facility of this kind is getting ahead of Simcoe county’s requirements. Waterloo, Ontario, just this past fall, voted to *close down a transfer station* by the end of

2017. (CBC News, Sept 17, 2015) They found it was costing over three times more to operate than it generated in revenue.

Although we understand that solid waste management alternatives may be needed in Simcoe County, we feel that there are other more suitable alternatives.

We have concern for the safety of our animals, which will be easy prey for predators attracted by the smell of the facility. Disease and parasites being spread both airborne or through run off is a large concern for both humans and area wildlife. The topography of the site is such that run off surface water will end up in our wetlands and in turn the Matheson. Waste and chemical run off will enter the water system through accidents, daily activities, production of gases, and air borne organic dust particles. The animals drinking this water may end up on your table.

We ask that you consider these facts and the information which others in our neighbourhood have submitted and VOTE NO to the site C 136 location. Instead, do more research, choosing a location which will not affect so many people, animals and crops, and businesses, If the facility is indeed necessary.

Sincerely, Chris & Karen

**From:** Lynda Van Casteren [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** letter to Warden Gerry Marshall and members of County Council

I would appreciate acknowledgment of your attention to this letter.  
Thank you

*Lynda Van Casteren, B.Msc.*

Owner and Director of Vision

Nicholyn Farms Inc.

3088 Horseshoe Valley Road West

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Warden Gerry Marshall and Members of County Council  
County of Simcoe  
1110 Highway 26  
Midhurst, On LOL 1X0

March 18, 2016

RE: County of Simcoe – Solid Waste Management Infrastructure Project at 2976 Horseshoe Valley Road, Springwater known at Site 136.

At the March 8, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting, while speaking to Item CCW-16-054, it was stated that there are no residences or businesses within 500 meters of the proposed facility. Our property borders approximately 1500 meters of the 'preferred site' and runs from Horseshoe Valley Road through to Rainbow Valley Road. All of our property is used in our business.

In 1982 we purchased our property on Horseshoe Valley Road. That property consists of a 15 acre lot (for a future retirement home) that we farm and another 115 acres that is actively farmed. We began our farming careers in pork production. With a failing marketplace and much competition, we changed our focus. Rather than being in commercial production we began to engage customers in direct farm marketing. We started by selling at local farmers markets. Our successes lead us to build an on-farm market.

Our current on-farm market building was built 14 years ago. Cottagers make up a significant part of our summer traffic. With more and more visitors coming to the farm, we found they were not fond of the aroma from our pig barns. As a result of the threat of a decrease in customers, because of the unaccustomed smell, we chose to empty the barns on this farm and raise pigs at another location.

In addition to the farm products that we raise and grow on our farm, we also provide value-added products from our commercial kitchen and bakery. In order to create a one stop shopping experience, we partner with 75 other local producers, syrup bushes, apiaries, micro-processors and cottage industries. The economic impact of this arrangement for our region is significant.

We have developed several programs to bring people to the farm, among them, school and educational tours, culinary tourism and other outdoor events. All of our property is used in our business. We provide picnic tables and seating areas where customers extend their visits with picnic lunches around the farm. Several local clubs including the Barrie Trojans, which is 240 members strong, gather for fundraising events at the farm.

The Province of Ontario encourages farmers to get innovative. We have done that. The RT07 encourages tourism. We have done that. The County encourages economic growth. We have done that. The Township encourages agricultural diversity. We have done that.

Nicholyn Farms has been the recipient of these awards in the past 5 years and many more prior to that:

***"2016 Outstanding Farm Market Award" Ontario Farm Fresh Marketing Association***

***"2015 Best Environmental Champion" Simcoe County Food & Agriculture Charter Champion Awards***



***"2013 Best Local Food Retailer" Simcoe County Food & Agriculture Charter Champion Awards***

***"2011 Leaders in Innovation" Premier's Award, Province of Ontario***

***"2011 Provincial Award: Agri-food Innovation Excellence" Province of Ontario***

We have built a legacy. We have three generations working at the farm. We have always intended that our children will carry on when we retire. It is unthinkable that this project will mark the end of an era. We believe that Nicholyn Farms will be a casualty of Site 136, if not through the location of the facility, then through a prolonged period of time when road upgrades are undertaken.

We agree with the importance of being environmentally responsible. It is an area that we endeavor to be conscious of in everything that we do. We agree that the County of Simcoe must be fiscally responsible in continuing to find alternative solutions to manage our garbage and recyclable materials.

The above site is not appropriate for the following reasons:

1. The presence of environmentally sensitive lands nearby is one of the major issues that the committee should consider. This site is sloping toward Matheson Creek which is the edge of environmentally protected wetlands joining the Minesing Swamp. This could seriously impact our well that supplies water for our farm and market.
2. Simcoe County's forests are the jewel in the County's crown. Many municipalities are envious of our green space. By rezoning this agricultural property to industrial, it opens the door to all County forests being at risk of development.
3. Having resided at this address since 1982, and at the farm beside us since the 1950's, we have several examples of the road being prone to many accidents, even in the last year. The increase of heavy trucking of materials will increase risks to the safety of the public.
4. Already, traffic is backed up for more than a kilometer at County Road 27 at peak times. Customers have trouble getting in and out of our driveway due to the backups. We have been told that it is a deterrent to stopping here. This will significantly affect our business with an increase in truck usage. Its impact will be on us, our neighbours, our suppliers and local residents.
5. Horseshoe Valley Road is THE county road that is considered the preferred route to get from southwestern Ontario to cottage country without using 400 series highways. Industrialization is not the image that we should be promoting. Land values will be affected in a negative way and the purchase of property for residents will not be desirable.
6. Notwithstanding the claims of odor control, the remaining odor and noise coming from the facility will trigger sensitive allergic and other reactions among our visitors and employees. We host many outdoor gatherings around our farm property. An important part of our business is farm and educational tours. We encourage spending time outdoors in nature. These activities would no longer be viable. Our business is at risk. The operations at Nicholyn Farms will be a statistic that no one anticipated.

In addition, the following should be considered prior to going ahead with this site:

A business plan is the first step in any responsible commercial activity. No further costs should be undertaken before this has been completed.

Taxpayers have the right to see the costs that they will be required to fund.

Traffic studies should be completed now as part of the feasibility and business case analysis.

Even though you claim that an environmental assessment is not required for this, one should be completed to receive the true environmental impact of this.

This issue has been discussed with our employees and neighbours. They have added their names to ours in strongly objecting to this site.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas Van Casteren  
Owner and President, Nicholyn Farms  
Encl.



Lynda Van Casteren  
Owner & Director of Vision, Nicholyn Farms

CC:

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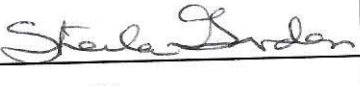
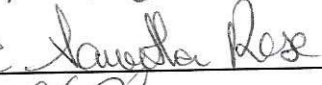
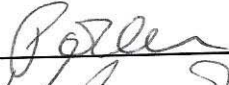




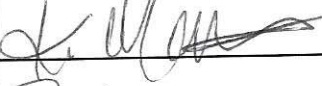
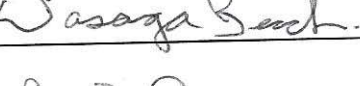

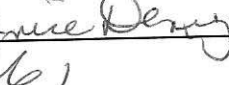


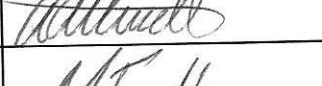

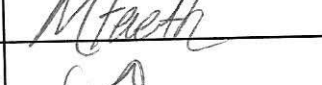

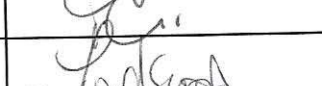


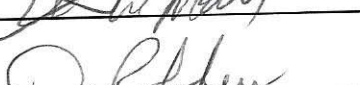
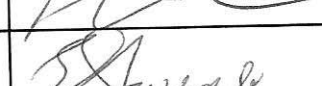

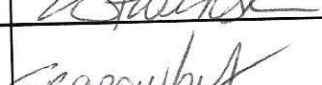
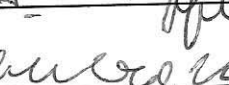

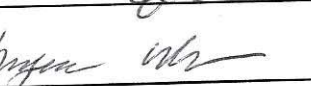
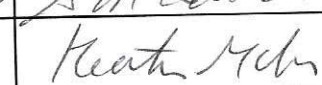
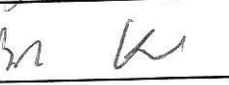
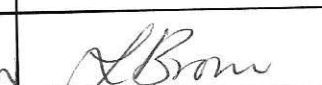

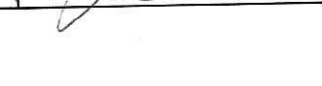
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From: Stacey Irwin [REDACTED]  
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2016 10:08 PM  
Subject: Site C136

March 19, 2016

Dear Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Council Members,

We are residents of Simcoe County, Springwater Township to be exact and have grave concerns about the proposed MMF and OPF facilities slated for site C136, Freele tract County Forest.

We, along with many other citizens have brought these concerns forward at the information meetings held in the site selection process. As many of you may not have had opportunity to attend these, I wanted voice my opinion and help you understand the impact that this would have not only on us as property owners in the vicinity of this site, but the implications for the whole of Simcoe County and the County Forests the residents assume will always be there.

We live in rural areas by choice; we have no town water, no sewer, no street lights and no paved roads. This is the small rural community, like many in your own townships. We don't have a city/town park as a playground for our children. We do however have a County Forest. This is our park. We know that subdivisions can pop up in the blink of an eye these days, and if that were to happen in this area that would be unfortunate, however we would still have that county forest. Because the County made a commitment, a commitment to manage that forest and protect the water and habitat it provides to local wildlife and provide recreational area residents of the county who live near and far from the site. Site C136 is a well traveled snow mobile trail in winter and hiking, horseback riding trail in the summer. Comparable to many of the tracts found within each township of this County.

If this facility is allowed to go unchecked into a County Forest here, what is to stop the next whim of the county from going into another County Forest? The County of Simcoe has made a commitment as stewards of this land, to manage and protect these properties, help us keep industry in Industrial areas and leave the County Forests as the rural parks that make this County so great to live in.

Stacey and Dallas Irwin

Concerned Citizens of Springwater Township

**From:** Stacey Irwin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 19, 2016 10:12 PM  
**To:** Warden  
**Subject:** Site C136

March 18, 2016

Dear Warden Marshall :

This letter is in regards to the upcoming vote on March 22, 2016 for the preferred site location of an Industrial Waste Facility in our Simcoe County Forest.

Your Site C 136 is our County Forest and an integral part of our community. I have great concerns with locating an industrial waste facility in a County Forest, any County Forest and I hope that you will too. These tracts located throughout the county are areas that the residents of Simcoe County count on being there; always. We have confidence that they aren't going to turn into a subdivision, or a mall. They will be there for our children to enjoy and their children after them. To set this precedent puts all the County Forest Tracts at risk to the whim of the County Council.

The Concerned Citizens of Springwater Township have voiced our concerns at many meetings held by the county regarding this Industrial Waste Facility being located in our Simcoe County Forest. On March 22<sup>nd</sup> please show us that you are listening, and representing the citizens of this county by voting NO to continuing the process of putting this facility in the Forest.

Respectfully, we ask that you reconsider your vote on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and vote NO.

Sincerely,

Stacey and Dallas Irwin

Concerned Citizens of Springwater

**From:** CINDY MERCER [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2016 4:40 PM  
**Reply To:** CINDY MERCER  
**Subject:** Preferred Site location of an OPF and MMF facility in our Simcoe County Forest (Site C136)

Honourable members of councils across Simcoe County,

We would like to bring to your attention to what is happening in Springwater Township. The County of Simcoe plans to use a County owned forest tract in a Non Industrial location as the site to build an Industrial Facility for Waste Management including OPF and MMF.

This County Forest is located on scenic Horseshoe Valley Road and is immediately beside a very well known organic farmers market store (Nicolyn Farms). Another neighbour operates a cut your own Christmas tree farm (Bridle Tree Farm). These businesses rely on the natural country setting around them for their livelihood and they are a key part of our community for attracting local tourism. An Industrial Facility exposing not only neighbours but tourists to excessive noise, smell and garbage traffic is a direct hazard and a major liability which could very well see these local family businesses run out of our community. Facilities of this nature should be located on Industrial Zoned Property and in an area closer to the source of waste generated materials.

If the County can force their Industrial Facilities into residential areas of our Townships with no regard to zoning or official plans, for no other reason then they own the land, then every resident in the County of Simcoe should concern themselves with the precedent that is set here.

We remain optimistic that your influence could help our community and result a NO vote on March 22, 2016 to continue the process of locating this facility in our County Forest.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Cindy & Randy Mercer  
Springwater Township

**From:** CINDY MERCER [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2016 1:39 PM  
**To:** Warden  
**Subject:** Letter to Warden Gerry Marshall

Good afternoon Warden Marshall,

We sent to you yesterday the letter below in regards to the preferred site location of an MMF and OPF facility in our Simcoe County Forest.

In our letter, we made reference to this as an "Industrial Waste Facility". It was not our intentions for this to be interpreted or implied that this facility will accept or store industrial waste. We were merely trying to bring awareness to this as an Industrial Facility in a Non Industrial location.

This County Forest is located immediately beside a very well known organic farmers market store (Nicolyn Farms). Another neighbour operates a cut your own Christmas tree farm (Bridle Tree Farm). These businesses rely on the natural country setting around them for their livelihood and they are a key part of our community for attracting local tourism. An industrial facility exposing not only neighbours but tourists to excessive noise, smell and garbage traffic is a direct hazard and a major liability which could very well see these local family businesses run out of our community. Facilities of this nature should be located on Industrial Zoned Property and in an area closer to the source of waste generated materials.

Thank you for your time.

Cindy and Randy Mercer

On Saturday, March 19, 2016 7:10 PM, CINDY MERCER [REDACTED] wrote:

Warden Gerry Marshall,

We ask that you please read the letter attached in regards to the upcoming vote on March 22, 2016 for the preferred site location of an Industrial Waste Facility in our Simcoe County Forest.

Thank you for your time,

Cindy & Randy Mercer

March 19, 2016

Dear Warden Gerry Marshall,

This letter is in regards to the upcoming vote on March 22, 2016 for the preferred site location of an Industrial Waste Facility in our Simcoe County Forest.

Our county forest (Site C136) is a very valuable part of our community and history. Concerned Citizens of Springwater have strongly voiced our objections to locating an industrial waste facility in our Simcoe County Forests. On March 22<sup>nd</sup> show the residents of Simcoe County that you *are* listening and representing their best interests by voting NO to continue the process of locating this facility in the Forest.

Our peaceful community deeply cherishes this beautiful forest and the sensitive, environmentally protected areas in and around this forest. Should County Council members vote YES, the Concerned Citizens of Springwater will engage in organized efforts and vigorously act on behalf of this forest as its protector.

Respectfully, we ask that you reconsider your vote on March 22nd and vote **NO**.

Yours truly,

Cindy and Randy Mercer  
Concerned Citizens of Springwater



**From:** CINDY MERCER [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2016 9:12 AM

**To:** Warden; Allen, Don; Burkett, Mike; Burton, Barry; Clarke, Basil; Cooper, Sandra; Cornell, George; Dollin, Lynn; Dubeau, Anita; French, Bill; Hough, Ralph; Hughes, Harry; Keffer, Rob; Leduc, James; Little, Doug; Macdonald, Sandie C.; McKay, Gord A.; O'Donnell, John; [bill.rawsom@simcoe.ca](mailto:bill.rawsom@simcoe.ca); Ross, Mike; Saunderson, Brian; Small Brett, Mary; Smith, Brian F.; Smith, Jamie; Vanderkruys, Chris; Walma, Steffen; Warnock, Scott; Wauchope, Gord; Bifulchi, Nina; Milne, Rick

**Subject:** Letter Deputy Allen's Motion

Good Morning,

Please find my letter attached in regards to Deputy Allen's Motion.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Cindy Mercer  
1601 Rainbow Valley Road East  
Springwater

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Cindy Mercer

1601 Rainbow Valley Road East  
Phelpston, Ontario  
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Re: Deputy Allen's Notice of Motion

To: All Simcoe County Council Members

I am writing to make you aware of my support of Councilor Allen's concern on developing a business case for the Organics Processing Facility.

During the public meetings, the extent of the proposed facility was not established nor did it provide a clear business plan of the cost of such a facility. After the meetings, many members of the public were left with very few answers and overwhelming concerns of how such a facility will directly affect our community.

Councilor Allen has put forward a motion that is practical and is considerate to the needs of local tax payers. It is my hope and the hopes of my family that other members of Council will support his concerns.

Sincerely

Cindy Mercer

**From:** Citizen Concern [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2016 3:02 PM  
**Subject:** March 22, 2016 - SOS Save our Site, Support our Springwater

Honourable members of councils across Simcoe County, we trust you to as members of council in a civilized society.

Official plans are devised so business can be carried out in a transparent manner. Industrial properties are agreed to in our society so necessary, though sometimes nasty, business can be conducted. If big business came to your home town, offering you a slice of the profits, but couldn't afford to purchase a spot in your industrial park; would you offer your parks and playgrounds to them as an alternative because you owned them? There would be a public outcry.

Focus your attention please to what is happening in [Springwater Township](#) for a moment. The link, at the 20 minute mark, begins a civilized and unanimously supported public outcry. The forest in question at Site C136, is zoned agricultural use. As our version of a rural protected area set aside for forestry and recreational use, it has no water, sewer or infrastructure. Accepting diapers and pet waste is more like a sewage treatment plant than an organics facility, where will the waste water go? Every piece of garbage in Simcoe County, Orillia, Barrie and beyond will be shipped this place. The Little Craighurst Wetlands occupy a portion of the land. It drains to our watersheds and aquifers, Canada's proverbial watering hole.

We've met with Site 41 supporters and lawyers, and there are frightening similarities. Simcoe County, the guardian of our forests, has suggested "one site one solution"; more like "One site won pollution", again. Existing contracts, using properly zoned areas, to manage garbage are reasonable, central, and can be extended. Please scrutinize carefully Simcoe County, *no forest* should be considered. If it was for the greater good, it would have been included in an official plan. Simcoe County needs to do the right thing, purchase industrial land like every other big business.

To quote Gus Speth "I used to think the top environmental problems were biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and climate change. I thought that with 30 years of good science we could address those problems. But I was wrong. The top environmental problems are selfishness, greed and apathy... .. and to deal with those we need a spiritual and cultural transformation – and we scientists don't know how to do that."

Today marks the first day of spring. We remain optimistic for your consideration as you have an opportunity to influence a vote on March 22, 2016.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. E. Krajcir

Springwater Township

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWAxUuXm-Qw>

**From:** jerry dunlop [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 19, 2016 11:27 AM  
**To:** Warden  
**Subject:** no garbage in the forest no how no way

From: John Spencer [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 10:15 AM  
To: terry.dowdall@simcoe.ca  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Stop Simcoe County Forest Abuse

March 18, 2016

Dear Councillor Dowdall,

This letter is in regard to the upcoming vote on March 22, 2016 for the preferred location of an industrial facility for waste management and processing in Simcoe County Forest.

As a valued member of your local Council your constituents have entrusted and empowered you to act on their behalf. In a similar fashion, as a member of the Simcoe County Council, the residents of Simcoe County as a whole have placed their trust in you to listen to their voices as their representative.

We have spoken vociferously regarding our objection to locating this waste facility in the County Forest...to no avail.

However, there is still an opportunity on March 22nd for you to do the right thing. To do the right thing for all of Simcoe County and the people in your jurisdiction who rely on you to ensure that their local Forest tract isn't threatened one day with a similar industrial initiative.

We are asking you to vote NO to the motion to continue the process of locating this facility in the Forest.

A YES vote will immediately launch our organized effort to stop this and further our resolve. We intend to shine a spotlight on this abuse of our County Forest and showcase what's being proposed on a local, national and international level.

We will fight this vigorously and escalate our actions into the court of public opinion. For example, we will solicit the support of leading environmental groups and activists. These will include, but not be limited to:

- David Suzuki Foundation
- Greenpeace International
- World Wildlife Federation
- Canadian Wildlife Federation
- Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society
- Sierra Club International
- Nature Conservancy of Canada
- FSC Canada and International (Forest Stewardship Council)
- Friends of Minesing Wetlands
- Ducks Unlimited
- Etc. etc.

Our protest will also intensify to include local, national, and North American media outlets who we believe will be receptive to our requests to share what's happening with their viewers and readers. (Please see our website link that we will be sending them: [www.simcoeforus.com](http://www.simcoeforus.com))

We completely understand why members of Council have (in good faith) sought innovative ways to address the challenge of waste disposal. We applaud your efforts. However, what's being proposed is not only going to undermine your efforts to further this forward-thinking initiative, but also has the potential of putting at risk other important County initiatives.

For example, there's been tremendous progress made in promoting the Simcoe County brand in terms of economic development and tourism e.g. positioning the County as a preferred place for companies to locate; encouraging individuals to bring their families here to live, work and play; and promoting tourism via your Tourism Simcoe County website. In fact, an "Expanded Role In Regional Economic Development" has been identified as one of the key commitments made by Council.

We believe a YES vote will not only put our Forest in jeopardy, but also the negative publicity will put into jeopardy all the exciting work to-date that's been invested in building and protecting Simcoe County's brand, and helping all municipalities achieve economic growth. Your vote will have a profound impact and consequences for both the immediate and long term future of economic development. Please don't let this controversy be your legacy on this Council.

We respectfully ask you to reconsider your vote on March 22nd and vote NO... "for the greater good."

Yours Sincerely,

John Spencer and Heather Rutherford  
Co-Chairs  
Stop Simcoe Forest Abuse Action Committee



Heather Rutherford

1484 Flos Road 3 East  
Phelpston, Ontario  
L0L2K0



Re: Deputy Allen's Notice of Motion January 26<sup>th</sup>

To: All Simcoe County Council Members

I am writing in support of Councillor Allen's concern on developing a business case for the Organics Processing Facility.

It was very obvious, during the public meetings that the extent of the facility being proposed was not established, nor was a rough idea of the cost of such a facility. After the meetings, many members of the public considered this was more of a "wish list" of a proposal that we were listening to, yet we were all being directly affected by it.

Although we have all been waiting for the announcement of the siting, there is fear that this will be a costly endeavour that could be better served by the private sector. Should it be built with public funds and run by people who have no investment dollars in the facility, the tax payers of Simcoe County may inherit a premature decision of the elected Council of the time.

Councillor Allen has put forward a motion that is reasonable and responsible. It is my hope that other members of Council will head his concerns.

Sincerely

Heather J. Rutherford C.E.T., C.B.C.O

**SEDORE FARMS**

1446 Flos Road 4 East

Phelpston, Ontario, Canada L0L 2K0

Sally Sedore  
1931 Flos Rd 3E  
Phelston Ont.  
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Feb 5, 2016

To all Senior County Council Members

In response to Deputy Allen's article in the Springwater News, I am in full agreement that a comprehensive business cost analysis is necessary before any decision can be made going forward.

Let us not end up with a "White Elephant" because all the extra \$'s were not factored into the true picture.

Please expect your due diligence as our representatives.

Thank you,  
Yours Truly,  
Sally Sedore



**From:** Michael and Rosemary Shoreman [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Sunday, February 14, 2016 6:49 PM

**To:** Dubeau, Anita; Burton, Barry; Clarke, Basil; French, Bill; Rawson, Bill; Brian Sanderson; Smith, Brian F.; Vanderkruys, Chris; Dowdall, Terry; Allen, Don; Little, Doug; Cornell, George; McKay, Gord A.; Wauchope, Gord; Hughes, Harry; Leduc, James; Smith, Jamie; O'Donnell, John; Cox, Judith; Dollin, Lynn; Small Brett, Mary; Burkett, Mike; Ross, Mike; Hough, Ralph; Milne, Rick; Macdonald, Sandie C.; Cooper, Sandra; Warnock, Scott; Walma, Steffen; Warden

**Subject:** County of Simcoe Proposed Organics Processing Facility, Materials Management Facility and Truck Maintenance Facility

Michael & Rosemary Shoreman

1385 Baseline Road, R.R.#1

Phelpston, ON

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E-mail - [REDACTED]

February 14, 2016

County of Simcoe

Mr. Gerry Marshall, Warden

and Members of County Council

1110 Highway 26

Midhurst, Ontario

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and to: Township of Springwater

His Worship Bill French, Mayor of Springwater

and Members of Council

2231 Nursery Road

Minesing, ON

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Dear Warden, Mr. Mayor, and Members of both Councils:

We wish to put our support behind Springwater's Deputy Mayor Don Allen's motion presented to County of Simcoe Council on January 26, 2016. Deputy Mayor Don Allen's motion asked "that in conjunction with the continued siting and procurement of the Organics Processing Facility (OPF) development, staff be requested to develop a comprehensive business case for presentation to Council Committee of the Whole for green bin organics being processed through a County OPF; inclusive of capital and operating cost projections, incorporating all costs related to the OPF development, including necessary infrastructure development, traffic impact and other cost projections for building and running an OPF under various growth and technology assumptions;

AND THAT, in comparison to this, an analysis be completed of the alternative option of entering into a contract or contracts with the best choice of service provider(s) to fulfill the County's anticipated needs in this area, under appropriate assumptions, for the 5-7 year period post 2018."

Deputy Mayor Don Allen is representing his constituents well as all taxpayers in the County of Simcoe who will be impacted in their pocket book (i.e. taxes) for the overall cost of the OPF along with the proposed Materials Management Facility (MMF) and Truck Maintenance Facility to service the communities of the County of Simcoe.

The costs in the Business Plan should also include the loss of value in the properties owned by residents. This Business Plan should also include the effect on the environment and impact on life style as well as legal costs to be incurred if the proposals are challenged by ratepayers.

We have expressed in the past our grave concerns as to the methodology used to identify the potential sites within the County of Simcoe. It was revealed at the public consultation sessions in 2015 that the County identified a 15 km area which would be the best area to service the entire County and in particular for two sites, namely 1453 Flos Road 3 East (Site 270) and 2976 Horseshoe Valley Road West (Site 136) :

- Concern about accuracy of central area identified when the largest concentration of households is more to the south and west of the area identified.
- Concern about why 502 sites were listed as being potential when only 95 of these sites were within the central area identified.
- Concern about why 95 sites within the 15 km area were considered when a majority of those were not big enough.
- Major concern is how any site could be identified as potential when the OPF facility requirements are not even identified.
  - Cost of OPF facility not known - estimates at Public Consultation Sessions ranged from \$10M up to \$60M
  - Cost of Road Improvements not known
  - Traffic Impact not known. The increase of 90 to 180 trucks a day in and out of the facilities is known. Flos Road 3 site is a dirt road with only one access point.
  - Safety in case of fire or disaster is of grave concern. Horseshoe Valley Road has one access from a paved road but the other end of the property exits onto a dead end gravel road.
  - Technology for OPF not known (Anaerobic digestion which produces methane gas to be captured?)
  - Environmental Compliance Approval not known until technology for OPF known
  - Water usage and protection not known until technology identified for OPF
  - Odor containment, dust containment, noise containment not known, forming part of EPA compliance requirements
- Concern about why centralizing these facilities will improve our carbon footprint, e.g. How many kilometres will a recycling truck have to travel to unload in Springwater each time it fills up in Alliston and can come back to where it left off. Not to mention the hours of travel time. It would take these trucks days to do a pick-up cycle they now do in one day.
- Concern about not identifying any sites that have appropriate zoning and land use. Both these sites will require zoning, land use and official plan amendments. This would result in adversarial legal action being taken by affected land owners which include an application for an Environmental Review Tribunal and challenges to the OMB

- Concern about the accuracy of applying the Screen 1 siting criteria to eliminate 1453 Flos Road 3 East (Site 270) and 2976 Horseshoe Valley Road West (Site 136) from the list of potential sites::
  - Both these sites are Affected Greenlands under the County of Simcoe Official Plan
  - Environmental Terrestrial concerns were not addressed with the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority which has input over the sites within the 15 km identified area when applying Screen 1 siting but Niagara Escarpment Land Use and Oak Ridges Moraine Land Use was although none of the sites in the 15 km area were within the Niagara Escarpment Land Use or the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Use areas. NOTE: NVCA was finally consulted on October 19, 2015 but we, the concerned residents, have yet to receive any information on their response.
  - Environmental Surface Water - both these sites flow into Matheson Creek and then to Little Craighurst Wetlands and should have been removed as unacceptable sites.
  - Environmental Ground Water - both these sites flow into Matheson Creek and then to Little Craighurst Wetlands.
  - Environmental Agricultural - both these sites have Class 1, 2 and 3 Agricultural Lands.

We are reiterating our previous concerns about the potential sites of 1453 Flos Road 3 East (Site 270) and 2976 Horseshoe Valley Road West (Site 136) as follows::

- The effects on our ground and surface water. Our area is rich in spring sources, there are multiple wetlands that surround us, and we have 2 large ponds that feed into Matheson Creek. On our property alone, which is under the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, has a flowing creek bed that is a tributary to Matheson Creek
- Both these sites are situated on tributaries that lead into Matheson Creek and ultimately to a MNR rated Highly Vulnerable Aquifer as well as a significant wetland known as Little Craighurst Wetlands.
- Our property also falls within the Greenlands designation (which both of these sites are also designated) of the County of Simcoe Official Plan that requires any development to submit an Environmental Impact Statement. .
- The added traffic caused by heavy trucks. It is anticipated that there will be 60 trucks per day traveling to the proposed site. Site 270 access road is a hilly, curvy, gravelled, dead-end sideroad which means the number of trucks will double (in and out) and the entrance from County Road 27 into Flos Road 3 East is on a downhill grade off a blind corner and the exit is a blind corner onto County Road 27. Site 136, although its access is off a paved road, presents entrance and exit problems in that from both directions the road meets at the entrance from steep downhill grades. This will also present problems when the trucks are leaving the site as they will be trying to increase their speed up hill in either direction.
- The air quality, odour, noise, and other environmental factors. Since there will be odours coming from the OPF, my husband and I as seniors have health concerns and this will affect us greatly. Also, the noise that will be coming from trucks will greatly impact on the peaceful and tranquil environment that we sought and lead us to relocate to this community 8 years ago.
- The effects on wildlife. With the added traffic and noise, there is no doubt that this will have a tremendous impact on the deer, turtle (nearly all of which are endangered in Ontario), hawk, and wild turkey populations. This would have devastating effects on the ecosystems that are present in this area.

- The capital cost of upgrading the roads in and out of the site along with the costs of mitigating the environment of the wildlife during and after construction i.e. snake & turtle fencing, culverts for wildlife to travel safely in and around the site, etc., will be way beyond the tax base of the land owners in this area.
- All of the above will be in support of an application for an Environment Assessment for either of the two sites that will impact on our lifestyle exponentially.

All of the above concerns as well as the full cost of developing these facilities must be addressed before a site can be identified. You represent your constituents and it is your responsibility to protect their interests.

Sincerely,

Rosemary & Michael Shoreman

**From:** Karen SMITH [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 04, 2016 7:15 PM  
**To:** Warden  
**Subject:** Materials Management Facility and Organics Processing Facility

My husband and I wish to express our strong support for the Motion being brought forth by Springwater Township Deputy Mayor Allen re the Materials Management Facility and Organics Processing Facility. We are in full agreement that a full and thorough cost analysis be completed prior to any further decisions being made regarding this project.

Due to the nature of the sites on the short-list it is likely that a "state of the art" facility will be required. During our attendance at many of these meetings, we heard estimates that were in the stratosphere. It seems ill-advised to proceed without knowing ALL the effects this will have on Simcoe County residents.

As long time, senior residents of Simcoe County, we are deeply concerned as to the effect this will have on our tax bill and our quality of life. We trust that members of County Council will support Deputy Mayor Allen's Motion as it is the right thing to do.

Thank you.

Karen and Patrick Smith  
29 Lawrence Avenue  
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**From:** Karen SMITH [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2016 11:45 PM

**To:** Warden; Little, Doug; Macdonald, Sandie C.; McKay, Gord A.; Leduc, James; [larry.hughes@simcoe.ca](mailto:larry.hughes@simcoe.ca); Keffer, Rob; Cooper, Sandra; Cornell, George; Dollin, Lynn; Dubeau, Anita; French, Bill; [ralph.hugh@simcoe.ca](mailto:ralph.hugh@simcoe.ca); O'Donnell, John; Allen, Don; Bifulchi, Nina; Burkett, Mike; [barry.bardoon@simcoe.ca](mailto:barry.bardoon@simcoe.ca); Clarke, Basil; MONTALBETTI Father Nico; [bill.rawsom@simcoe.ca](mailto:bill.rawsom@simcoe.ca); Ross, Mike; Saunderson, Brian; [mary.smellbrett@simcoe.ca](mailto:mary.smellbrett@simcoe.ca); Smith, Brian F.; Smith, Jamie; [chris.vanderkrup@simcoe.ca](mailto:chris.vanderkrup@simcoe.ca); Walma, Steffen; Warnock, Scott; Wauchope, Gord

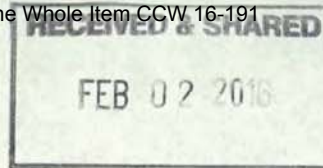
**Subject:** Materials Management Facility and Organics Processing Facility

My husband and I wish to express our full support for Springwater Township Deputy Mayor Allen's Motion requesting a full cost analysis of the Materials Management Facility and Organics Processing Facility, prior to any further decisions being made regarding this project (paraphrased). Due to the nature of the sites selected for short-listing, we understand that a "state of the art" facility will be required. The estimates we heard during the public information sessions were stratospheric in nature. No one seemed able to provide concrete figures as to actual costs.

As long time residents of Simcoe County and senior citizens, we are concerned with the affects this project will have on our tax bill. It seems ill-advised to proceed without considering ALL impacts on the citizens..

Thank you for your consideration .

Karen and Patrick Smith  
29 Lawrence Avenue



January 2016

Mayor French

Bob & I are residents of Springwater Township and reside at 632 Penetanguishene Road. The community of Crown Hill has been our home for 35 years.

Our family owns Crown Hill Farms. We farm approx 1000 acres in Springwater & Oro Townships.

We also operate a family business ... Richards Equipment. A farm Equipment dealership located at 823 Penetanguishene Rd for the past 40 years. We employ 12 local residents from Springwater, Oro & the City of Barrie.

Our family has also enjoys a cottage on Orr Lake for the past 60 years.

We are concerned with the negative impact the proposed MMF & OPF & Garage sites will have on our Community.

Bob & I attended the public meetings and submitted our concerns to Ms. Stephanie Mack.. Our submission was long...it was a 5 page letter...but who knows details about the site location more than those who live and work the community !

Our submission letter is attached .

We are also involved in a community awareness campaign involving this issue. Despite the County's attempt to inform residents we were amazed at how few neighbours were actually aware of this potential project in their community. One of the proposed sites does not have an emergency green # and the other sign is bent over so far, few residents even knew the location.

Our campaign involved distributing a cover letter and copies of the Fast Facts & County's Comment Sheet. We put up a sign at the Business and displayed the County Letter on our door.

We also invited residents who were concerned to attach a blue recycling bag to their mailbox.

We invite you to come to this end of the Township to see a wave of blue going down the Penetanguishene Road. Our neighbours are also concerned about this location for the new facility!

Our concern for this decision is in the process. The County has hired an experienced Consulting Team but ultimately the decision is in the hands of politicians.

When Mayor Hughes and the team from Hardwood Hills appeared on TV & in print, we realized that politics was going to play a major role in the County Council decision.



When Hardwood Hills emailed former customers from the GTA to sign a petition we realized that the majority of the signatures on the petition represent people who don't even live in the area. Non residents & non taxpayers are influencing our municipal representatives!

A grassroots community committee has met and we will continue to educate and raise awareness. We have shared our concerns with the members of the Crown Hill Womens' Institute and we have their support.

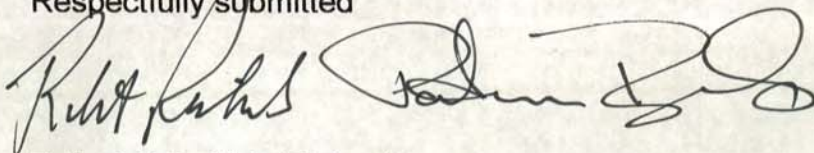
Other interest groups regarding the site selection have appeared before Springwater Council with their concerns. Would you suggest the group from Crown Hill make a presentation to Council? Is this necessary as the vote at County level only involves the Mayor and Deputy Mayor?

As the Mayor of Springwater, do you have any concerns with the potential site on 528 & 540 Penetanguishene Road? How can the concerns of the residents in Ward 5 have their voices heard?

Our concerns are many. We are concerned with the risks to our water resources, traffic & road safety along Penetanguishene Road through our community, the outdated intersection of CR93 & HWY 11 and the impact the Facility will have on the rich cultural heritage of our community.

Again, we invite you to drive down Penetanguishene Road and see the wave of blue!

Looking forward to your reply,  
Respectfully submitted



Robert & Patricia Richards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]





Two "Wave of Blue" mailboxes  
on Pendagishere Rd. Many more  
may be seen in the community of  
Crown Hill.

A very successful Info awareness  
campaign!



Stephanie Mack  
Special Projects Supervisor  
November 6, 2015

Subject : Short List Site - #528 & 540 Penetanguishene Rd, Springwater

We have provided additional information about the short list site along Penetanguishene Rd – CR93 which is located in Springwater Township.

## CULTURAL

The Penetanguishene Road was recognized as a road of Historical Significance in 2014 by the County of Simcoe. In the Fall of 2015, Historical signs were installed on the road from Kempendfeldt (Barrie) to Wyebridge honouring the history of the road & its residents. The signs are a tourist attraction. One sign is located at the St James Cemetery (1852) and will be overlooking the Facility.

In 1905, and registered on 15 Feb 1907, is By-Law #464 Township of Vespra – to close and sell the original road allowance between the Lots 9 to 12 on the W. Side of Penetanguishene Rd. Also registered on 15 Feb 1907, a by-law #827 of the County of Simcoe, confirming ByLaw #464. There was a road to Little Lake just west of Penetanguishene Road within the two parcels of land. It is suggested that an archeological investigation of the site would discover artifacts of historical significance.

The St. James Cemetery (1852) is the resting place of our area Pioneers. It is also the resting place of the former Premier of Ontario, Mr. E.C. Drury. The Church and Cemetery share the Lot Line with #540 Penetanguishene Road.



## TECHNICAL

Located in the township of Springwater, if emergency services were needed on site, the closest Fire response is located on Snow Valley Road with OPP response coming from Wasaga Beach .

The topography of the site will create problems in the design of the MMF & OPF facility & on site garage.

The Facilities would be built in the lower valley of two significant hills: Historically known as No.10 Hill to the north (#540) and Oakland Hill to the south with Willow Creek metres from the lot line (#528).

Water & spring melt runs down from the elevated ground into the Willow Creek. The MMF & OPF& Garage facility would create a significant risk to the Willow Creek Sub watershed.

The building's tall sack design, might be level with the ridge(Georgian Drive to the south & HWY 11 & 400 to the North) with prevailing winds directing waste towards Georgian Drive. Georgian Drive has significant residential growth with small business and the institutions of RVH & Georgian College as their addresses.

Odour from an existing Asphalt plant on neighbouring Napoleon Road can be noticed as far away as Shanty Bay to the south and Simoro Golf Course to the north , depending on the conditions.



## ENVIROMENTAL

This particular site is located within metres of Willow Creek and Little Lake. Willow Creek is listed with the NVCA as the Willow Creek Subwatershed. Health Check list data is from 2013 – before the construction of the Napoleon Warehouse and the upgrades & development on HWY 11 & 400 & Duckworth Street. Newspaper reports suggest that Little Lake is at risk and unhealthy at this time.

Stewardship of this resource should be a priority to County Council.

The City of Barrie maintains artesian wells located on the Penetanguishene Road. There is an easement ( int. 193619) attached to these two properties involving these wells and the water line to move the water.

There is also a well located on #540.

Source water protection should be top priority to the County!

There is a bi-annual migration of Snapping Turtles across Penetanguishene Road...from the wetlands on the Springwater side to the Creek in Oro Township. Neighbours continue to watch and transport the turtles across the road to safer ground on the other side

## ECONOMIC & SOCIAL

The transportation system in the area of the MMF & OPF site is stressed and need of an upgrade. This is the responsibility of the MTO.

To build an industrial site at this location with knowledge of the inadequacies of the current infrastructure, of which the County has no ability to change, is totally unacceptable to the residents of the community.

At the corner of Penetanguishene Road & HWY 11 there is currently a MTO car park, on active Church & Cemetery with two driveways, one surplus Church building being used as a recreation facility, one tourist attraction & farmers market (using two entrances off CR93), a ramp to HWY11/ 400 S, a ramp to exit off HWY11S – Northbound CR93 only, exit



off HWY11S – CR93 Southbound and Northbound , exit off HWY 11N to CR93, entrance to Napoleon RD – shared with Asphalt plant & Napoleon retail store & factory & warehouse, entrance to side road - Gore Rd , Exit from Napoleon warehouse on to CR93 and on ramp to HWY 11N off CR93. Seriously, all this at one intersection !! The intersection of CR93 & HWY 11 needs to be updated but that is a MTO responsibility.

The design of this intersection and the blind corner makes it very dangerous on a good day.

Southbound on Penetanguishene Road off HWY 11N requires traffic to stop and make a left hand turn. Traffic off HWY11S requires traffic to stop and make a right turn. A new exit from Napoleon allows the trucks to enter Penetanguishene Road north or south bound but the road is too narrow and the trucks cross both lines of traffic to exit their location when travelling north while gearing up the No. 10 Hill. Its a mess.

The safety of drivers & passengers is at risk when driving this road.

The MMR & OPR & Garage will create more truck & automobile traffic through this dangerous intersection and along Penetanguishene Road through the community of Crown Hill to the north.

HWY 400 extension does NOT connect with HWY 11. Trucks coming from north Simcoe county , ieCollingwood, Stayner etc. will not be able to take 400Hwy extension directly to the HWY 11 interchange . Exits at Horseshoe Valley (traffic lights) and Forbes Road (4way stop) will be used with trucks travelling to the site through Dalston & Crown Hill (60km speed limit) communities.

This section of CR93 is shared with School buses, at least 14 day going and to and from high schools & elementary schools in Barrie, Dalston & Shanty Bay , customers local small businesses, postal workers, and Farm equipment. We already experience heavy commuter traffic from new subdivisions and residential growth along CR93 and those travelling to work at the institutions of Georgian College & the Hospital.



Emergency responders use this stretch of road as an ambulance route to the local Hospital.

The MMR & OPR & Garage facility of this size and potential will have an impact on the traffic through this area. The employee vehicles , fleet vehicles, service & delivery vehicles and customer trucks will be adding to the dangerous and heavy road use our community already experiences.

The MMR & OPR & Garage will be within WALKING distance of a number of sensitive receptors. There are family homes, a golf course, a historic Church & Cemetery with historic signage, a vineyard & winery, a seasonal family based tourist attraction & farmers market , an equestrian center and family farms. The industrial use of the MMR & OPR & Garage will influence social & cultural changes in our community.

Development in this area is complicated for residents.

Penetanguishene Road – CR 93 divides the area in two, with Oro Township to the east and Springwater to the west : Different municipal councils, different civil servants , different building inspectors , different by-laws but one rural community. Add to the mix MTO and County roads!

This short list site is has the smallest buffer to lessen the impact on its residents , visitors and businesses in the community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert & Patricia Richards  
632 Penetanguishene Road

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cc.Jim Wilson, MPP, Mayor Bill French, Deputy Mayor Don Allen,  
Councillor Jack Hanna



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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Subject: Organic Waste Depot  
Springwater Township  
Wondervalley Site

From: Charles and Elizabeth Style  
916 Penetanguishene Road  
Barrie, Ontario  
L4M 4Y8

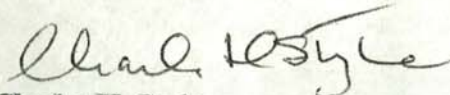
I am a resident of the Township of Springwater and reside at 916 Penetanguishene Road, Barrie, Ontario, L4M 4Y8. I am concerned about the proposed Organic Waste Management Infrastructure Project at 540/528 Penetanguishene Road Springwater.

A proposed depot would be located at or near a dangerously sharp corner of Penetanguishene Road as it turns south toward the City of Barrie. Traffic must now negotiate the corner going south, then face the exit from Napoleon's new factory. Napoleon has trucks exiting their facilities now and a work force that must enter the road, crossing two lanes of traffic. It has been suggested that the new solid waste depot would add 85 to 200 trucks a day to this existing problem.

My second concern is the location of several artisan wells located in the valley below the proposed location, two of which are owned by the City of Barrie and are valuable sources of water for the future. Any possible leaking from the facilities would endanger this valuable resource. Willow Creek runs through the valley into Little Lake as well. The proposed depot is on a slope and any leaking would endanger Little Lake or its sources of water.

Finally, the proposed depot would be located on a hill adjacent to Hwy 11. Any tourist or person wishing to use the business facilities in that area in Simcoe County would be greeted by the attractive sight of a waste disposal plant. Is this good for our vacation industry. On busy holiday weekends, travelling through Barrie via this road, Blake and Dunlops streets, is a favourite alternative to Hwy 400 and Hwy 11. It is also an emergency route when these highways are closed due to frequent accidents and storms.

Because of these concerns, I am strongly opposed to this location for the depot.



Charles H. Style  
Resident of Penetanguishene Road  
Resident of Springwater Township  
October 28, 2015  
Copies permitted.

Jan. 12, 2016

To Simcoe County Council Members,

**Re: Solid Waste Management Projects**



This letter is sent in regards of the present and ongoing Solid Waste Management project and strategies undertaken by the County of Simcoe.

As an aside, I would note that the timing of this initiative, which began in 2010, seems coincidental with the events and timing of Site 41. While the outcome of that initiative is well known, it seems curious in retrospect that the possibility of a somewhat less impactful, less environmentally onerous alternative might then have been considered for the site.

Clearly the County began to anticipate the possible eventualities of defeat in this regard and began to plan alternatives strategies. The obvious question remains why Site 41 was not considered for the type of facilities being contemplated here and now? One can only speculate that at the time such a move would have been perceived as a significant step backwards, or forwards depending on which side of the issue you stood. As a constituent however, one strains to reconcile the County's all or nothing approach as it is assumed to act always in the best interests of its constituents.

Given that the impetus for these present day initiatives began in 2010, how could they not have been considered a viable alternative to the full scale land fill option at that time? Moreover the question today is why this site was not considered as a viable option for the present day initiatives? Is it that the publicity associated with Site 41 was so overwhelmingly negative that no politician would ever consider such an endeavor? Whatever the reasons, I am certain a host of justifications for its exclusion could and would be found by those now focused on the short listed sites.

I would like now to focus on the process undertaken by the County in its quest to facilitate and accomplish its stated waste management goals and objectives. I would propose to do this while considering at the same time as a backdrop some of the relevant provincial law, policy and guidelines, such as:

Provincial Policy Statement 2014 issued under Section 3 of the Planning Act 1990

Section 1.1.1 Healthy Liveable and Safe Communities are sustained by: ...

C) avoiding development and land use patterns which may cause environmental or public health and safety concerns.

Environmental Protection Act, S. 4, Prohibition Against Adverse Effect

EPA s. 4 prohibits the discharge of a "contaminant" to the natural environment that causes or may cause an adverse effect.

“Containment” is broadly defined as: any solid, liquid, gas, odor, heat, sound, vibration, radiation or combination of any of them resulting directly or indirectly from human activities that causes or may cause an adverse effect.

“Adverse Effects” is broadly defined as impairment of the quality of the natural environment, for any use that can be made of it. Injury or damage to property or to plant or animal life, harm or material discomfort to any person, an adverse effect on the health of any person, impairment of the safety of any person, rendering any property or plant life unfit for human use, loss of enjoyment of normal use of property and interference with the normal conduct of business.

#### Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA)

Section 9 of the EPA requires that any entity which potentially emits contaminants obtain environmental approvals from the Ministry of the Environment. (ECA) It is also interesting to note that an industry may be found liable under the common law tort of nuisance, notwithstanding the fact that it has complied with applicable regulatory and statutory guidelines. *Barnette v. St Lawrence Cement*, [2008] 3 S.C.R. 392

Furthermore the Ontario Court of Appeal decision in *Ontario (Environment) v. Castonguay Blasting Ltd.*, 2012 ONCA 165 held that the EPA does not require an injury to the natural environment in addition to discharge of a contaminant causing more than trivial harm in any of the enumerated circumstances of “adverse effect”.

“The EPA is, in my view also concerned with uses of the environment that cause harm to people, animals and property. For example, as a conduit for contaminants that cause damage or harm to people, animals or property...

In conclusion, I see no policy for limiting the coverage of the EPA fact situations where serious adverse effects to people, animals and property can be considered only if the environment is also harmed by the impugned activity.”

#### Planning Act Sect 1.2.6.1 “Major Facilities”

“Applicable when an impacting land use is proposed where an existing sensitive land use would be within the impacting land use area of influence or potential influence.”

#### Section 3 Planning Act

“All planning jurisdiction shall protect provincially significant wetlands and that development shall not be permitted within provincially significant wetlands.”

#### P.P.S. Part IV “Vision for Land Use Planning”

“The PPS focuses growth within settlement areas and away from significant or sensitive resources and area which may pose a risk to public health & safety.”



### M.O.E.C.'s Statement of Environmental Values (SEV)

Siting a MMF will be based upon:

- 1) Prevention, reduction and elimination of impacts to the environment.
- 2) Protection and conservation of natural resources and ecologically sensitive areas
- 3) Integration of social, economic and other considerations.
- 4) Provision of opportunities for an open and consultative process

### Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

This Act defines what constitutes illegality as it pertains to decisions made by municipal representatives, boards and employees.

### Millennium Tract

While there exists some residential development adjacent to the tract, its impacts are minimal. The Township of Springwater has restricted any type of development in this area to single residential use, this notwithstanding, many property sizes are in excess of 20 acres. Nottawasaga Water Authority and the Township of Springwater have cited the need for reduced development in this sensitive watershed area.

While the issues, considerations and comments raised in this letter apply, for the most part, equally to the majority of short listed sites, my intention is to focus specifically on site C164/C107, County Owned Millenium/Craighurst Forest Tract (1473/1273 Old Second South, Springwater).

As its title suggests, the tract in question is indeed a site covered by forest, and as evidenced by the engineered generated maps, surrounded by, and I quote:

**"Highly Vulnerable Ground Water Recharge Areas"** and immediately adjacent to a **"Highly Vulnerable Aquifer"** to its east and west. No other site is situated so perilously close to and surrounded by such groundwater concerns. Those of us familiar with the location and terrain can attest to the myriad of natural springs, streams, ponds and marsh lands which comprise much of the area's habitat.

During the spring and portions of the late fall much of the area is flooded and impassable. Two of the three access routes have been closed by the county foresters as they remain permanently flooded and impassable year round, as virtual mud quagmires.

Because of its abundant water source and forest cover, the area plays host to a large and diverse wild life population. The railway underpass, over which Highway 400 travels just south of Horseshoe Valley road provides a wildlife corridor connecting forest tracts east to the Copeland and west to the Ganaraska. The Millennium tract is in fact this corridor. Wildlife species found here (actually seen by the writer) include black bear, grey wolves, coyotes, deer, fisher, martins, mink, squirrel, raccoon, turkey, ducks, geese, owls, hawks and assorted other bird life, toads, large numbers of frogs, fish, turtles,

salamanders, skink and at least 3 different species of snakes, including the Massassaga Rattle snake listed as threatened and another species of snake, the Milk Snake is listed as a "Species at Risk". Both have been seen within the tract and had their presence reported to the MNR in 2014. GPS readings were taken of the location within the tract and were to be forwarded to C.O.S.S.A.R.O for further documentation and listing.

Once a species is listed as extirpated, threatened or endangered, it receives species protection (ESA, s.9) and general habitat protection (ESA, s.10). These protections prohibit any person from killing, harm, harassing or capturing a living member of the species, and from damaging or destroying its habitat. In this context, unless the species is subject to a species-specific habitat regulation, "habitat", means an area upon which the species depends, directly or indirectly, to carry on its life process.

This millennial track was replanted with 10,000 trees in 2000 and 4,000 trees in 2012. In an effort coordinated by the North Simcoe Anglers and Hunters Conservation Club, the site was planted by concerned citizens from the following clubs: Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers, Tiny Township Lions Club, Port McNicoll Lions Club, Tiny Trails Lions Club, Georgian Bay Metis Harvesters, Georgian Bay Bassmasters and 1<sup>st</sup> Wye Marsh Boy Scouts, as well as a number of local high school volunteers. The volunteers planted a variety of species on the property, including endangered Butternut trees. The planting was intended to help protect the forest from extensive storm damage in the future and increase diversity to aid in the transition of the forest tract back to a mixed hardwood forest. It is incredulous that a council would choose to undo the hard work and future hopes of its' citizens just a mere 3 years later. What type of an example does this set for future citizens, especially our youth?

### Roadway

The identified facility site within the track as noted on the engineered map will require the construction of a significant roadway from Old Second Road South in order to enter and exit the site. It is submitted that while not necessarily public, this route will in fact be a roadway and not simply a driveway. As such, it is submitted that all attendant issues, concerns, permit, etc relevant to the construction of a new, county road must be considered.

Old Second Road South was a dirt road from the railway tracks north to Horseshoe Valley Road until sometime in 2008 or 2009 when the road was topped with a gravel slurry mix. This topping provides, at best a thin mantle or crust of hard surface and is easily damaged. This rural, gravel covered dirt strip was never designed or intended to withstand the rigors of what locals consider "regular traffic", let alone the tremendous burden of what is now being contemplated. The road is bordered on both sides by ditches and swampy marshland along its length. All surface water and run off is directed to those drainages. These drainages border most, if not all of the residences or, as referred to by the County as "sensitive receptors". All these "sensitive receptors" rely on wells for their water, potable and otherwise. Because there are no sewers or other man made drainage options other than the ditches previously noted, it would seem likely that the roadway to the facility over which, on a daily basis, 200 garbage laden trucks



will pass one way, and over which those same 200 empty trucks will pass the other, will be serviced by simple drainage ditches. This would amount to approximately 1 truck passing by every 4 minutes.

These traffic figures came from the County's consultants and if believed, constitute a significant environmental concern in their own right. The runoff from these trucks onto the roadway and into the ditches will carry with it all manner of pollutants, salts, oils and chemicals which will not be filtered and instead introduced directly into the environment. It is submitted that a facility such as the one being contemplated, (which leads to a whole other later discussion) requires a far more urbanized road design. Such a design would require a more sophisticated storm water and road runoff management system.

Old Second Road South is also busy with existing private vehicles, including 10 school buses per day. This road also acts as a detour for the neighboring Highway 400 when the highway is closed or backed up.

### Railway

Old Second Road South is bisected by the CPR/CN mainline railway. When I reviewed the engineered maps provided by the County consultants, I found it rather incredulous that this feature (railway crossing) was not mentioned. In fact, it is almost impossible to discern the railways' existence on the site map, as the engineers have highlighted the site's boundaries virtually over top of the railway line. This railway line is the main route linking Southern Ontario to the North and vice versa. There are upwards of 10 trains that pass through on a daily basis and as this section of track also includes a track crossing section, where the trains frequently come to a complete stop while they wait for another train to pass them. The trains often stop for more than 10 minutes, blocking all traffic on Old Second South. Just east of the crossing on Old Second South however, there is a double set of tracks and the trains stop for what can be hours, and this is where the facility access road would be sited.

The crossing on Old Second South is a rural one and is regulated by standard level, rural crossing gates. Approaching from the south is dangerous as there is a blind bend and a downhill slope to the road just as it approaches the crossing. Consequently the crossing has been the site of previous tragedy and as such remains an ongoing concern. Add to that risk, another crossing over those tracks by the 400 trucks visits daily in the light as well as the dark and through all other inclement weather conditions, not the least of which has to be the extreme snowstorms and squalls for which this location is well known.

Access to the proposed site as noted would require another railway crossing in addition to the existing track crossing on Old Second South. Without actuarial evidence however it is difficult to quantify such added risk. That said however, one could rely on common sense and infer that a significant risk pattern emerges, or failing that, one could get an actuarial report that confirms it.

In considering such risk it is submitted that one must not only consider the danger to truck and train occupants, but given the various cargo loads of both vehicles one would have to consider as well large

scale evacuation scenarios. How this feature was not considered when this site was being vetted? Clearly, not an omission, it must therefore have been entirely by design.

This provides perhaps an appropriate Segway into the next and what I would consider to be, for reasons forthcoming, to be the most controversial portion of this letter.

Referring back to the MOECC's Statement of Environmental Values (SEV) upon which the siting of a MMF will be based; I would respectfully submit that for reasons already mentioned, any further consideration of the site in question would fly directly in the face of the first two criteria which state that the siting of the MMF will be based upon:

1. Prevention, reduction and elimination of impacts to the environment.
2. Protection and conservation of natural resources and ecologically sensitive areas

The third criterion, Integration of social, economic and other considerations is as vague as it is general and, I suspect, will afford those seeking to rely on it, the appropriate latitude to do so.

In my experience however, I find that this cuts both ways. That said I would expect and I would caution all others to expect that we will hear the term "mitigate" in all its variant forms, a lot. Here too is where I suspect we will hear "for the greater good" etc. A term which experience has also taught me requires a great deal of further scrutiny and analysis. After all how many council members who will vote on these objectives own property within a kilometer of the chosen site? Clearly the depreciated value of real property to which the eventual site will be tied constitutes "an economic interest". Conflicts of interest, actual or perceived may arise. In *Verdun v. Rupnau (1980)*, 30 O.R. (2<sup>nd</sup>) 675, the Divisional Court provides insight on the correct interpretation methodology in which to approach the Municipal Conflicts of Interest Act. R.S.O. 1990, c. M. 50 ("MCIA") the court concluded that:

"In our view the interpretation of the MCIA requires a court to apply the modern approach to statutory interpretation adopted by the Supreme Court of Canada in *Bell Express Vu Limited Partnership v. Rex*, 2002 SCC. 42 (CanLii), [2002] 2 S.C.R. 559 at para 26. The words of the statute are to be read in context and "in their grammatical and ordinary sense harmoniously with the scheme of the Act, the object of the Act and the intention of Parliament. The principle that penal statutes are to be strictly construed applies only where there is ambiguity about the meaning of a statutory provision".

One of the notes on the consultants' chart which identified and ranked the features of the millennium site along with the rest stated as a caveat, that "most sensitive receptors are seasonal, not occupied year round". In this context does "most" refer to those most acutely affected? Because the 26 or so homes located on Old Second, up to and including those on or at the intersection of Story Road, all rely on wells for their water, potable or otherwise. These are not seasonal occupiers and would be those most affected. If however, "most" equates to sheer numbers then reference is made to the large number of tourists and recreational users known to frequent the area. So what the note says in this



context is that the detrimental effects of the facility will only be experienced by those when they are here and of course, breathing.

We are left with the final criterion:

- 4) Provision of opportunities for an open and consultative process.

#### Public Consultation Process

As a part of its strategy in determining a site or sites for the MMF or OPF facilities the County hosted a number of public information sessions. This as outlined above and as found in Clause 4 of its' procedural mandate.

As the County invested significant time, effort and money into facilitating these meetings, it no doubt feels its obligations in this regard were satisfied, and can now proceed in good conscience. I attended the first and last of these sessions and came away from each of them frustrated by what I considered to be an attempt to muzzle and stifle any questions which would have led to the discovery of any information detrimental to the cause.

Personally, I felt the process was tantamount to a thinly veiled attempt at propaganda. I have not been party to such a process before, but what I expected and what I experienced were quite distinct. I expected the County to outline the details and considerations of this project, which they did quite handily. They presented a very linear approach and stuck to a very linear script. What I did not expect however from the County, "our representatives in office", was the nature of their complete and unapologetic one sided approach led by the Ward of the County. His role there seemed to be that of damage control monitor, cutting off questions, changing direction and generally stonewalling any attempts to clarify answers that were beyond the comfort zone of the session mandate. The County's approach completely downplayed discussion regarding the negative aspects of the projects. It was as though such negative effects were either obvious to all or needed no further discussion, or that it was simply the panels' objective to outline only the positive aspects of the initiative. Whatever the reasoning, the approach from what should have been an objective body, was anything but.

I was approached by several people after attending the aforementioned sessions. It was quickly determined that I was not alone in my perception of the County's posture at these meetings. I spoke to people who had attended every session and others, who had attended some, but not all. Consensus was that the County, which had indicated from the outset, that it would include and consider and address previously outlined concerns in a going forward fashion as it moved through this process, did not. While concerns and comments were made verbally via email and mail, none of this was reflected or acknowledged by the County in its subsequent sessions. As a consequence I felt that a more complete review of the process was required. What I found contained in the various documents provided to me by the County was rather disturbing and further confirmed my previous noted perceptions. I would

respectfully submit than an omission, any material omission by the County in its presentations to the public is not only misleading and reprehensible, but possibly actionable.

Below are some examples of those omissions, and while I can attest only to the fact that they were not raised at the 2 sessions I attended I would be surprised, pleasantly, to hear that they had been brought forward in any of the other 8 sessions held.

1. At both sessions I had attended it was noted that co-location of the MMF and OPF was being recommended. Reasons for same were provided and in a word, were 100 % economic. What I discovered however was that Counsel had previously considered the issue of co-location at length and upon their review of the information had dismissed and rejected the idea based upon such considerations as differing site requirements, approval complexities and continuity of services concerns. None of this was discussed publicly.
2. The County proudly advanced the notion that it had secured outside funding from the CIF and that a \$1.3 million dollar benefit would accrue to the constituents of the County in regards to these projects.

What was NOT disclosed at the 2 public information sessions I attended, were the conditions upon which the grant was made and are as follows:

"Funding for MMF was secured contingent on the potential for the facility to be jointly utilized by other municipal jurisdictions on a cost recovery basis and design of the facility to allow for potential future expansion to accommodate a full Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)."

"Provision in the facility Environmental Compliance Approval to permit transfer of Blue box materials from other municipalities across Ontario, to be done on a cost recovery basis."

"Design of the facility to allow for its potential future expansion to accommodate a full MRF operation and involvement of CIF staff in the design."

In short, it was not disclosed that we would become the facilitator of others' waste. Furthermore no mention of the possibility of another facility being co-located on the site, namely a full MRF operation, was made.

Huge omissions in my mind, and not surprisingly raised for public consumption.

Clearly once an existing site was up and running it would be far easier to incorporate a further contaminating source. This omission is material and should have been raised as a potentiality for any of the sites in question.

3. The County also has a future project to locate and construct a truck servicing facility. The engineers report mirrors the counsels' recommendations in that there would be an obvious benefit to co-locate this facility with the transfer facility.



This was not disclosed at either session. Any discussion of trucks, truck traffic and its concern was immediately moderated. The fact that 200 trucks would visit the site was not presented, but had to be teased from the engineers who then reluctantly provided this information.

However, and as alarming as that number is, what the engineer provided was a figure based only upon the "MMF facility operating at capacity". As noted previously, what we didn't know was that "capacity" included waste from all over Ontario. Furthermore, the truck traffic did not include the undisclosed potential for truck repair and service facility traffic, full MPF site operations and the possible co-location of the OPF site.

To summarize, the millennium site among 5 others was short listed for both the MMF and OPF sites. That is to say that these sites are then automatically a consideration for the location and co-location of:

- A. MMF Facility – 200 trucks a day each way (in and out)
  - B. OPF Facility – unknown truck traffic
  - C. Truck Repair Facility – unknown truck traffic
  - D. MPF Site – unknown truck traffic
4. When I first heard of the search criteria used to identify the list of potential sites for the MMF, I was immediately suspicious of the 15 kilometer centroid radius. In my experience, anytime one side of an issue purports to define and limit such a specific search parameter it is for the express purpose of including or excluding certain results. While it is not within my capacity at this time to launch into a review of the initial 500 proposed sites, what I did learn was troubling nonetheless.

What I found was that while the cities of Barrie and Orillia were excluded from potential site consideration, their boundaries were nonetheless considered relevant in determining the "centroid" and subsequent 15 kilometer radius. It was always a mystery to me how this area was identified as being the centroid of garbage generation in the County. What was assumed by me and most others canvased was that Barrie and Orillia were not included because they ran their own waste management programs.

Based upon the CIF funding conditions however it becomes clear how and why those centers were thereafter included. The 15 kilometer radius as suspected was manufactured utilizing the proximity of 2 centers outside the site location boundaries. This was not disclosed in public consultations.

In closing I would also most respectfully submit that the County's strategy with respect to the lone privately held site is flawed. If in fact the County had the same intentions of ensuring the viability of this site, as it did with the 6 remaining County owned tracts, it would have acted differently. That is to say, from a legal perspective it would have obtained an option to purchase the property instead of a simple right of first refusal. The distinction between the two is stark and well known to those in charge. One option is active and affords control, while the other is passive and reactionary. To me this suggests the possibility that the private site was used as a straw man. This despite the fact that it was hands down

the least objectionable site on the list. I would submit that the County rectify this situation immediately and negotiate an option on the property forthwith.

When one considers the totality of the information withheld from the public, at meetings where expectations were that it would not be, it seems incumbent that the County consider holding another public session where these issues could be addressed. These and other questions surrounding the BFI options and site 11 considerations could also be advanced, as there is very little information about them in any of the reports provided to me by the County.

In closing, I would take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your time and considerations of the matters outlined herein.



Peter Stephan, 1198 Old Second South, Barrie

Read and endorsed by:



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Copy of letter sent to Mayor Bill French and  
Mayor Harry Hughes

November 30, 2015.



Dear Mayor:

On behalf of the members of the Crown Hill Women's Institute, I am writing to express our concerns regarding the possibility of having a new Compost & Garbage sorting facility for all the waste in Simcoe County located in our community. The private properties of 428 and 540 Penetanguishene Road are one of the proposed sites on the short list.

We are concerned with the risks to our precious water resources- Willow Creek, Little Lake, and the artesian wells located nearby. We are concerned with the increase in noise, air and light pollution this facility will generate. We are concerned for the safety of our children riding school buses, customers of small businesses, emergency responders, postal workers delivering mail and farm tractors sharing the road with increased truck and automobile traffic entering and exiting the proposed site.

We are concerned with the safety of the already stressed County Road 93 and Highway 11 intersection. These highways have seen increased activity



in the last years with commuters to and from the City of Barrie, Georgian College and Royal Victoria Hospital. The sharp curve in the highway to the north of this site creates unsafe sight lines. The exiting of big rig trucks from a nearby business already brings traffic to a stop to enable them to exit onto the roadway.

As taxpayers, we are concerned that you would consider a site that is not owned by the County of Simcoe when several other sites are already in your possession. At what cost would you consider this site?

We would ask that you consider the impact to the cultural heritage of the Penetanguishene Road (War of 1812) and St. James Cemetery (1852) which attract visitors to our area.

The members of our branch are hoping to receive your reply addressing the concerns we have mentioned above.

Yours truly.

*Jeanette Garrett*  
*Secretary: Crown Hill W.I.*