



WM Middle Tennessee Environmental Center

April 10th, 2008

What this Facility is not

- We are NOT a second operating Landfill in Marshall County
- WM Middle Tennessee Environmental Center is a replacement for Cedar Ridge Landfill once it reaches capacity

We ARE going to be a State-of-the-Art Facility

- Middle Tennessee Environmental Center will be the most advanced, environmentally secure, site in the State of Tennessee
- The Center will provide Marshall County a beneficial re-use for 100% of every ton of solid waste received

Richland Creek

- The Facility operation will be hundreds of feet away from Richland Creek

Wetlands

- The Facility operation will be hundreds of feet away from Richland Creek
- Approximately 50 acres along Richland Creek will be developed into a Wetlands, with the potential to be a Wildlife Habitat
- Southern Services – Nashville, TN

Modern Landfill

- Only the 2nd completely modern Sub-title D Site in the State
- No inherited problems
- Fully lined
- The cost to permit, construct, operate and properly maintain a modern landfill is why each County does not operate its own facility

Gas to Energy

- Long- term beneficial re-use
- Alternative fuel source to natural gas
- The benefits provided extends beyond the active life of the site through:
 - Alternative to natural gas
 - Gas to electricity production
 - GREEN Energy Source

Recycling Center

- This facility will separate recyclables from non – recyclables.
- The recyclables will be processed for re-use back into the economic cycle
- Other materials will become part of the Gas to Energy Production Cycle
- Achieving 100% Beneficial Re-use
- Environmental Education Center

Why this Site?

- Interstate Access – 1 mile
- Area is Designated for Industrial Growth
 - Existing Re-use Industry
- Next to Industrial Park – Gas to Energy
- Less than 30 homes within one mile of the site's perimeter
- Allows WM the privilege of offering the most comprehensive benefits package directly to every family in Marshall County

Benefits

- WM is committed to keeping the entrance roadways clean through continued operation our Street Sweeper
- WM is committed Litter Patrol – 1 mile in each direction of the entrance
- WM is committed to provide a direct economic benefit to each family in Marshall County AND a direct environmental benefit to the entire Marshall County Community

Direct Family Benefits

- Disposal of the City of Chapel Hill's residential waste at NO COST
- Disposal of the City of Lewisburg's residential waste at NO COST
- A free 90-gallon cart, per home, with Collection and Disposal for the residences of Cornersville at NO COST
- A free 90-gallon cart per home and one time per week curbside collection and disposal for the more than 5,000 households in the unincorporated areas of the County at NO COST

Direct Community Benefits

- 100 % of Marshall County's residential waste delivered to the Environmental Center will be sorted into recyclables and non-recyclables
- The recyclables will be processed for re-use back into the economic cycle
- Non-recyclables will become part of the Gas to Energy Production Cycle
- 100% of Marshall County's residential waste will provide a beneficial re-use

Marshall County

- Marshall County Convenience Centers converted to Recycling and Bulk Waste Centers and operated by the Marshall County Solid Waste Department
 - Host Fee fixed at \$1.35 per ton with half supporting the Solid Waste Department's programs and half subsidizing the proposed benefits
- How does this compare?

Current Benefit

- Convenience Center Operations
- Free disposal to County
- Half of \$1.13 per ton benefit for waste outside of Marshall County
- Estimated Economic Benefit

\$950,000 Annually

New Benefit

- Residential disposal to Cities of Lewisburg and Chapel Hill at no cost
- Curbside collection of residential waste to Town of Cornersville and Unincorporated residences at no cost
- Half of \$1.35 per ton benefit for waste outside the County to support local recycling efforts
- Convenience Centers converted to Recycling and Bulk Waste Centers
- Estimated Economic Benefit

\$1,700,000 Annually

Summary

- **WM Middle Tennessee Environmental Center offers:**
 - **Recycling**
 - **Wetlands/Wildlife Habitat**
 - **Gas to Energy**
 - **Environmental Education Center**
- **Benefits to Marshall County**
 - **Each Family will benefit directly from reduced cost, or no cost services**
 - **Estimated \$1,700,000 in annual benefits**
 - **100% of Marshall County's residential waste will provide a beneficial re-use**

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Offers Benefits to County and Every Residential Household

MARSHSALL COUNTY- LEWISBURG, TENNESSEE – April 10th, 2008 –

Waste Management has been providing waste collection, disposal and recycling services to the community for nearly 17 years, and the company is eager to continue and expand its contribution to Marshall County. The presence of a Waste Management landfill in Marshall County is essential to providing that contribution, because it not only allows for minimized hauling and disposal costs for local businesses and residents, it also provides the economic engine that provides for tangible benefits to the county and directly to Marshall County citizens.

Waste Management has identified a potential site for a new landfill along Pulaski Highway and is initiating dialog and exploring the process of that could lead to the required approvals and permits to begin construction.

As North America's leading provider of comprehensive waste services, Waste Management delivers services that directly support good health and safety of the community, and the company works to be a valued partner with the communities it serves.

"Waste Management has provided valuable services and benefits here in Marshall County over the years," stated Robert Cheney, "And, we are looking forward to expanding that contribution in the

future. Our goal is that we serve Marshall County in such a way as to make our relationship here one of the most positive and beneficial host county arrangements in Tennessee.”

To achieve this goal, the company has presented a preliminary outline of benefits that will be provided if the company is granted approval on permit application process for the new site. The proposed benefits include:

- Eliminating waste disposal fees for the City of Lewisburg
- Eliminating waste disposal fees for Chapel Hill
- Initiating **no cost** waste collection and disposal for residents in the Town of Cornersville
- Provide one 90-gallon cart and weekly waste collection for the approximately 5,400 Marshall County residents who do not currently have curbside collection at no charge
- Sort all incoming Marshall County residential waste to remove recyclables for appropriate processing
- Expand recycling capabilities at our four area convenience centers
- Half of \$1.35 per ton host benefit generated by waste from outside the county to support local recycling efforts
- Estimated economic benefit of approximately \$1.7 million annually

All of these will be in addition to the local benefits that come with the new landfill. These include:

- State-of-the-art environmental protection, including:
 - Comprehensive systems to monitor and protect the water and air around the site
 - A landfill gas to energy plant that produces electricity from waste
 - A Litter Patrol covering the highway for one mile in each direction of the entrance
- Expanded support for local green initiatives, including the construction of an on-site Environmental Education Center where visitors can learn how to reduce their environmental impact on the planet
- A large, positive economic benefit through jobs, taxes, the local purchase of goods and services, and direct payments to the County through the new Host Community Agreement

In addition, the new site will include a state-of-the-art Gas to Energy system providing for net energy production from the site as well as an approximately fifty-acre wetland complex along one side of the proposed site.

“We’re a company that has staked its future on being ‘green,’ and believe no company leverages the experience, resources or commitment that we do to ensuring environmentally responsible operations,” added Cheney, “We look forward to discussing all of the details of this project openly with officials and the community.”

Waste Management, based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Our subsidiaries provide collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. We are also a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. Our customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America.

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WM Pulaski Highway Site - press release

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Waste Management Working to Continue Community Partnership

MARSHSALL COUNTY- LEWISBURG, TENNESSEE – April 7th, 2008 – Faced with dwindling capacity at its Cedar Ridge Landfill in Lewisburg and the long permitting and construction requirements, Waste Management of Tennessee has begun the process of siting a new landfill in Marshall County. The company, which has been providing waste collection, disposal and recycling services to the community for nearly 17 years, is in the final stages of adding a new cell to its Cedar Ridge facility, although no further expansion will be possible after that. Even with that added capacity however, the landfill is within about eight years of closure and, depending on waste volumes, that period could be even shorter. The lead-time for siting, permitting and construction of a new landfill can be up to five years, so there is some urgency in replacing the disposal capacity.

“Both our business customers and residents benefit from having a nearby WM disposal facility,” said the company’s area Community Relations Manager Terri Douglas. “Today, residents of Marshall County are receiving free waste collection, with the advantages provided by our four local convenience centers. In addition, the landfill has a major positive economic impact in this rural community through jobs, taxes, the local purchase of goods and services, and direct payments to the county as a result of our Host Community Agreement. Altogether, these

contributions amount to more than \$750,000 per year for the county, and we're committed to continue providing these benefits."

The suggestion to seek a new site in the county originally came from the Marshall County Solid Waste Committee. In responding to this request, Waste Management has identified an ideal site along Pulaski Highway near Cornersville. The location is in close proximity to I-65, and the surrounding area is buffered by industrial zoned land. The company has begun initial efforts to acquire the necessary legal approvals and permits to build the new landfill, and is working closely with both county officials and community members to respond to information requests.

"We're proud that our job is one that contributes to the health and safety and economic well-being of the community," said Douglas. "But we also pride ourselves on aiming higher than that; our goal is to be the industry leader in environmental protection, and to be a recognized partner in making Marshall County a better place to live and work. We understand that some members of the community are concerned over potential environmental impacts of a new landfill, and we're working to respond those concerns. We're a company that has staked its future on being 'green,' and believe no company leverages the experience, resources or commitment that we do to ensure environmentally responsible operation."

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