

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Smiths Creek Landfill will hold a public hearing on the proposed Wastewater Improvements and Renewable Energy Installation project for the purpose of receiving comments from the public and stakeholders in accordance with guidelines established under State of Michigan – Department of Environmental Quality – Clean Water State Revolving Loan Funds (CWSRF) Program.

The hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m. on June 10, 2009 at the following location: Conference Room A of the St. Clair County Administration Building, 200 Grand River, Port Huron, MI 48060.

The purpose of the proposed project is to: provide a safe and effective means for landfill leachate treatment and disposal through the construction of a force main to transport leachate from the landfill to existing lagoons at the St. Clair County International Airport for pretreatment and discharge to the City of Port Huron Wastewater Treatment Plant, installation of a landfill gas-to-energy facility and expanded landfill gas collection system to use landfill gas to generate renewable energy, and to secure funding for the septage bioreactor project.

Project construction will involve: Installation of a pump station within the property boundary of the landfill, installation of approximately 21,000 feet of wastewater force main along the north side of Smiths Creek Rd. in the existing road right-of-way, lining the existing lagoons at the St. Clair County International Airport with an impervious material, construction of a approximately 2,300 feet of sewer gravity, construction of an expanded landfill gas collection system and landfill gas-to-energy facility, and construction of infrastructure required to support the septage bioreactor project.

Impacts of the proposed project include: Increased vehicular traffic on Smiths Creek Road during construction of the force main and minimal soil erosion due to land disturbance during force main construction.

No costs will be assessed to individual users for this project. The proposed project will be paid for using existing landfill tipping fees and any monies from the sale of renewable energy to the grid.

Copies of the plan detailing the proposed project are available for inspection at the following location(s):

Smiths Creek Landfill
6779 Smiths Creek Rd.
Smiths Creek, Michigan 48074

Administration Building, Suite 203
200 Grand River
Port Huron, Michigan 48060

Written comments will be received before the public hearing record is closed on June 10, 2009 and the responses to the comments will be provided in the final project plan. Written comments should be sent to:

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