

THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW– BUT SHOULD

Cumberland County Landfill Alert (CCLA)

Introduction

- Appreciation
- We know there are many concerned citizens here tonight who want to speak at this hearing. So we will stay within the time allowed or perhaps a little less.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY LANDFILL ALERT (CCLA)

Group of concerned citizens started in 2018 who are united in their opposition to the proposed Green Ridge plans to site a mega, multi-State, landfill in eastern Cumberland County. CCLA was incorporated as a Virginia Nonstock, Non-Profit Corporation in 2020.

Mission to preserve the history, clean air and water, safe roadways, the rural way of life, culture and the long established local community in Cumberland County.

Over 5K concerned residents have signed our petition to stop the proposed landfill – all with very valid reasons for signing.

CCLA MAJOR CONCERNS

- Water contamination, esp private wells.
- Traffic issues
- Environmental Justice
- Noise & air pollution
- Resident risks – health, property values, etc.
- Ever-changing and contradictory information from Green Ridge
- Environmental damage, including wetlands.
- Wildlife habitat damage
- Un-welcome guests - wildlife attracted to landfills- rats, seagulls, etc.

CCLA Actions Over the Last 7 Years

- Meetings with DEQ Personnel to include Director Rolband
- Meetings with the stakeholders.
- No monitoring by the County of compliance of the Amended Host Agreement and/or CUP to the many revisions submitted to the DEQ by Green Ridge.
- Board members lacked transparency in keeping the residents up-to-date with the progress of the project, even after numerous requests at Board meetings

7 years (cont)

- Numerous changes submitted to DEQ by Green Ridge in attempts to obtain the necessary permits – to no avail.
- Improvements made in the County without income from the operation of the proposed landfill.

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No Expiration, Notice of Termination. This CUP shall not expire or terminate, except as provided herein and has no time limitation in connection with the construction and operation of the Landfill. If after approval of this CUP but prior to the operation of the Facility, Permittee chooses not to develop the Project and provides County notice of such intent (the “Notice of Early Termination”), this CUP shall be terminated and of no force and effect.

PERMITS

- Item 9, Facility Access, Daily Disposal
 - Use of Pinegrove Road
 - Timeframe for separate entrance from route 60
 - VDOT approval?

What about County liability?

- Has the officials looked at all possible liability issues on the part of the County – not only the present but also the future.
- Is a surety bond sufficient to cover closure costs?
- What about health and welfare of the citizens?

CLOSING

- Thank you Planning Commission members, for the opportunity to speak before you this evening.