

Port of Albany Transfer Station Fact Sheet—Prepared March 23, 2021

Project Overview

Waste Management of New York, Inc. (WM) is the operator of the existing transfer station located at 100 Boat Street at the Port of Albany. The facility has continually operated since the 1990's and is permitted by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to accept construction & demolition debris, dry commercial waste, and recyclables. Waste Management has requested from NYSDEC a modification of the transfer station's existing permit to add municipal solid waste (MSW) to the list of the acceptable materials. Waste Management believes this operation will support an important community service with little to no environmental impact.

Aerial Image Port of Albany Transfer Station operated by Waste Management of New York, Inc., 100 Boat Street.



Waste Management Facts

- Our environmental services include collections, recycling, disposal and renewable energy.
- WM operates 12 transfer stations and 4 landfills in New York State.
- WM has the largest heavy-duty truck fleet powered by natural gas in North America.
- WM has been an active business member in the City of Albany for over 30 years.

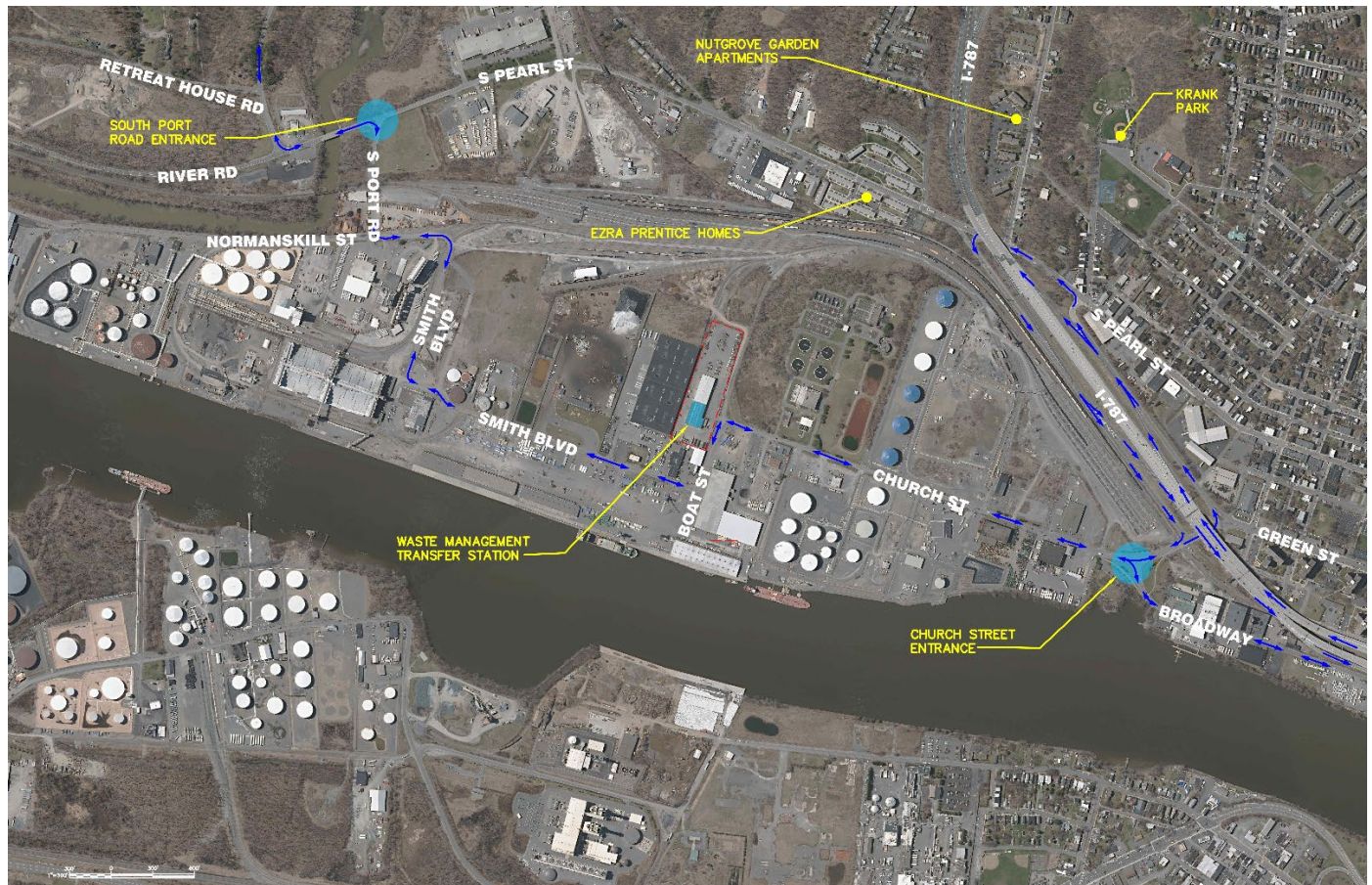
Project Facts

To address questions and potential concerns that the planned change may cause, the following facts regarding the operation are provided:

Permitted Volume - There will be no change to the permitted facility volume of 749 tons/day.

Truck Routing - Truck routing to the site will not change. Under current operations, trucks are routed to the transfer station at the Port of Albany using the entrances at South Port Road and Church Street; avoiding the use of South Pearl Street except for local pick up. See the traffic flow pattern depicted in the aerial image below.

Regional Overview Map Depicting Traffic Flow Pattern Port of Albany Transfer Station.



Truck Traffic - There will be no change to the permitted daily truck traffic.

Rail Access - The facility does not currently use rail nor does this permit modification utilize this method of transportation.

Facility Operation - As an overview of current operation, trucks pull up to the transfer station, weigh in at the scale house, back into one of the bay doors (that are currently left open all day), discharge the truck's material onto the concrete tip floor, weigh back out and exit the facility. Inside the building, the waste is loaded onto tractor-trailers. These trailers are driven to an off-site disposal/recycling facility depending upon the material. Currently some material is permitted to be left overnight on the floor of the building. With the permit modification, WM will install high-speed doors that will be closed during the discharge and loading of material and all material will be required to be completely cleaned off the floor before the end of each day.

Hours of Operations - There are no changes to the hours of operations (M-F 6:00 am-5:00 pm) (Sat 6:00 am-3:00 pm)

Odor Control - As there is potential for some odors when MSW is handled at a transfer station, WM is proposing to install automatic high speed roll up doors to minimize any odors; and if needed utilize an odor neutralizer misting system.

The high-speed doors will remain closed until a truck enters or exits the building. The door will open automatically within seconds of the arrival of the truck at the building to allow vehicle entry with the door closing quickly after the vehicle is inside.

The truck will then discharge its load within the completely enclosed building. The high-speed overhead door would then re-open to allow the emptied truck to exit the facility, closing behind it within seconds.

Vector Management - The facility currently contracts with a licensed exterminator company. This contract will continue. In addition, the installation of the high-speed roll up doors and the daily removal of waste will also minimize any potential for vectors.

Noise - The same equipment currently being used at the transfer station will continue to be used, so no changes in noise should occur. In addition, the high-speed roll up doors will serve to reduce any noise from within the building.

Community Benefits

Environmental Benefits - Overall greenhouse gas emissions will be reduced when this transfer station is utilized for MSW by reduced travel distance for waste haulers and by reduced trips through increased opportunities to consolidate loads at the facility. Local waste vehicles currently need to drive further distances due to the diversion of disposal from the city of Albany's Rapp Road landfill. Utilization of this transfer station will minimize those travel distances. Additionally, MSW transferred at this facility will primarily be disposed of at WM's sanitary landfill facility in Saratoga County NY, which is only 45 miles from the transfer station compared to other commercial disposal facilities servicing the region that are 175 miles and further away. Tractor-trailer haul distances and their subsequent greenhouse gas emissions are therefore reduced when utilizing a shorter haul.

WM is planning, within a couple years of receiving the permit modification, to convert its Albany hauling division's heavy-duty truck fleet to compressed natural gas (CNG). Each CNG truck reduces diesel fuel usage by an average of 8,000 gallons per year. This results in a subsequent reduction of about 14 metric tons per truck of greenhouse gas emissions per year.

This transfer station could also provide the City of Albany an alternative disposal option only 4 miles away from the Department of General Services headquarters. This has the potential to reduce turnaround times for the city's collection vehicles thereby reducing fleet emissions should the city choose to use this facility.

Host Community Benefits - The City of Albany will receive a \$1/ton host community benefit during the operation of the facility. WM also proposes to create an enterprise fund at the same funding level for the benefit of the Ezra Prentice community during the facility's operation.

Project Information

A project website has been established wm.com/albany-transfer-station and will serve as a repository for project information. Public information meeting(s) will be held and meeting notices will be published/disseminated including on the project website.

Public Information Meeting

Two meeting times have been scheduled to offer a choice in meeting times.

Pre-register by going to the website below:

wm.com/albany-transfer-station

Morning Meeting: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, April 29, 2021

Welcome and presentation starting at 10:00 a.m.

Question and answers/comments starting approximately 10:30 a.m.

Evening Meeting: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., April 29, 2021

Welcome and presentation starting at 7:00 p.m.

Question and answer/comment period starting approximately 7:30 p.m.

Comments can be submitted via the project website wm.com/albany-transfer-station
or by reaching out to the contacts listed below.

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