



## The Truth about Grand Central Landfill

The Grand Central Landfill team takes great pride in the work performed to protect the environment and our community. Recently, we've come across some shared information in the community that doesn't include all of the facts.

WM believes in being a good neighbor and implements the most state-of-the-art technologies to make certain that the waste we dispose is managed properly.

**We want to ensure that our community has the facts.**

**What we are hearing:** Grand Central Landfill didn't want to provide Plainfield Township free trash and recycling. **This is not accurate.**

In 2005, Grand Central negotiated its Host Agreement with Plainfield Township. At the time, J.P. Mascaro held the contract for the municipality and thus, an accurate value of services was undeterminable. Because of this, the Township Supervisors at the time suggested the extra royalty fee help subsidize the residents trash bill. The \$1 per ton fee was discussed as per the February 9, 2005 meeting minutes to be assigned to provide free trash for the Township. The funds are currently infused with the Township's General Fund. To review copies of the meeting minutes about the host

agreement and free trash, refer to our website. [www.grandcentrallandfill.com](http://www.grandcentrallandfill.com)

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Fee schedule:

Existing Act 101 Host Municipal Fee	\$1.00 per ton
Additional Fee for Township	\$1.00 per ton
Township Business Privilege Tax	\$0.45 per ton
Additional amount due upon Southern Expansion Approval by PA DEP, and Which approval is not appealed by Plainfield Township	\$0.50 per ton
Additional amount due commencing On October 1, 2008 (Presuming Southern Expansion Approval by PaDEP, and Provided the approval is not appealed By Plainfield Township	\$0.15 per ton
TOTAL FEES/TAX AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2008	\$3.10 per ton

Solicitor Backenstoe indicated that the additional \$1.00 per ton fee would be used to provide free garbage pick-up for the Township.

Tim Frankenfield indicated that he would like to see the Fire Company get a portion of the fees.

Solicitor Backenstoe indicated that the Board would need to discuss this.

Matt Glennon felt that the Board should hire an accounting service to see how the money should be spent. He would like to see funding from this agreement to be used for Open Space Farmland Preservation.

**What you can do:** As a Plainfield Township resident, you can urge your elected officials to reopen the host agreement during the re-zoning and conditional use process to see if the service can be included in the revised agreement.

What we are hearing: WM is going to build a sludge processing facility if the re-zoning is approved for the expansion of Grand Central Landfill. This is not accurate.

We recognize the community's concern about the sludge plant and thus the reason we decided to terminate the project with Synagro. The rezoning of neighboring property is to support our core business, which is providing affordable and environmentally responsible waste disposal service for the region. Grand Central Landfill's land development process would need to go through a Conditional Use review with the Township (many opportunities for public input), which is an additional and significant component for the local Land Development process. This means our approval would be conditioned on certain terms that we agree to with the Township. Grand Central representatives have publicly stated that WM would have no issue with including a condition that would restrict the facility from pursuing a biosolids-based development project on the landfill property and we would be willing to adhere to that condition as part of the local approval.

The Grand Central Landfill team values the collaboration with the community and works effortlessly to ensure open communication. Residents are strongly encouraged to join the team for a tour of the facility.

#### Upcoming Tours:

June 20, 2023 – 5 PM

August 15, 2023 – 5:30 PM

September 30, 2023 – 11 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM

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