

The Forks of the Patuxent Improvement Association, Inc

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Dear Odenton, Gambrills, and Crofton Neighbors,

The intent of this letter is to update Forks of the Patuxent and surrounding area neighbors on the status of the proposed Chesapeake Terrace rubble landfill in Odenton, MD. Many residents already know about this proposed landfill, but some have recently moved into the area, some may be looking to purchase a new home, and others may have thought the battle was over. No matter the circumstance, please take the time to read this letter and share the information with others.

National Waste Managers (NWM) has been seeking approval for the proposed Chesapeake Terrace rubble landfill on their approximate 482 acres along Patuxent Road for over 30 years. In 1993, NWM was granted a Special Exception by the Anne Arundel County Board of Appeals for a rubble landfill and surface mining operation subject to certain conditions. One condition is that the entrance must be from Conway Road just East of the Two Rivers community and that NWM own the land for the access road.

The Forks of the Patuxent Improvement Association (FOTPIA) has been fighting this Special Exception approval for over 20 years. Despite many objections and appeals by FOTPIA over the years, NWM has been granted several time extensions, the most recent one was in October, 2018 that is the subject of an appeal in NWM v. FOTPIA.

There is an oral argument scheduled on September 3rd, 2020 at 9:00am with the Court of Special Appeals, NWM vs. FOTPIA. This is based on a NWM appeal of a Circuit Court ruling to remand the case back to the Board of Appeals for additional evidence. This will be a virtual argument (with the attorneys for both sides arguing their positions) but may be accessed by the public to listen live by clicking on the live webcast link or view on the oral argument archive link.

<https://www.mdcourts.gov/cosappeals/webcasts>

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In addition to requiring zoning approval from AA County, NWM must gain approval from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). As the legal case continues, NWM has been pursuing MDE permit approval, which requires NWM to complete Phases I-V. MDE approved NWM's Phase II application in June of 2020 and Phase III was recently submitted for review.

This remains a highly active case. The existence of another rubble landfill in our area could affect the local residents of the Forks of the Patuxent, Piney Orchard, Wilsontown, Two Rivers, Woodwardville and surrounding communities. There are concerns about public health, traffic, noise, flooding, environmental impact, the Bay, and much more. We will need your voice when the time comes for public testimony.

Please visit www.fotpia.org for more details of the proposed landfill and to keep track of any updates. You can also follow FOTPIA on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/fotpia/> and @fotpia. Please reach out with any questions!

Sincerely,

FOTPIA Board of Directors

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