

## Rock Hill C&D Reclamation / Yard Waste Processing

- 1- Winter 2003** • Griffin Brothers recognized need for new C&D facilities in York County.
  - A. Need confirmed by Joyce Engineering Study, developers, The Herald, & C&D haulers
- 2- March 2004** • Received Demonstration of Need (DON) from SC DHEC for C&D landfill at 2560 Vernsdale Road, Rock Hill • Southway Industrial Park
  - A. County Manager, Al Greene, was notified of DON
    1. County did not respond to DHEC, Rock Hill, or Griffin Brothers
- 3- August 2004** • Received Letter of Consistency (LOC) from SC DHEC stating site is consistent with the County's Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)
  - A. County Manager, Al Greene, was notified of LOC
    1. County did not respond to DHEC, Rock Hill, or Griffin Brothers
- 4- September - December 2004** • Extensive work with Rock Hill staff about our business plans and about how our business operates. Staff and City Councilman visits our site to see for themselves.
  - A. Existing MH zoning permits a C&D landfill with a ZBA, but City decides to put our facility through a Planned Unit Development (PUD) rezone.
    1. PUD gives Rock Hill better control over all aspects of the site plan and operations.
    2. The PUD process was very expensive and time consuming for Griffin Brothers but it better assured the maximum benefit to the citizens of Rock Hill and York County.
- 5- January 2005** • Made application for PUD zoning for a Compost & Building Materials Recycling Facility. (*Facility description later becomes point of contention with opposition.*)
- 6- March 2005** • Letter to neighbors fully explained all aspects of the proposed operations and invited them to a neighborhood meeting.
  - A. Letter to neighbors fully described the yard waste program with the City.
  - B. C&D landfill portion of this facility was defined by saying: *Any other construction materials not reprocessed will be deposited on-site in the properly permitted areas.*
    1. Rock Hill asked us to fully describe the process in lieu of using the word landfill in order to reduce the confusion between Sanitary and C&D landfills. Sanitary is not a permitted use under PUD zoning.
      - a. Sanitary landfill is universally known as a household garbage landfill or MSW landfill.
      - b. Rock Hill Planning Director confirmed with SC DHEC that Sanitary Landfill is a term used for a MSW landfill NOT a C&D landfill.
- 7- April 2005** • Public Hearing and Planning Board Vote
  - A. Planning Board approved PUD by a 4 to 1 vote.
  - B. Neighbors express concern at Public Hearing and submit petition. The petition recognized it was a landfill and gave buffer suggestions. Some suggestions were adopted.
  - C. The Herald covered the story and recognized the site included a C&D landfill.
- 8- May 2005** • City Council approved PUC by a 6 to 1 vote.
  - A. Council approves the Yard Waste Agreement.
    1. Annual projected savings of more than \$411,000 for the City which equates to over \$25 million in savings for the City over the 60-year life of the facility
- 9- August 2005** • Submitted Solid Waste application to SC DHEC
  - A. A tremendous amount of due diligence had to be done in order to submit the application.
- 10- December 2005** • DHEC is satisfied with application.

- A. DHEC considers issuing permit without hearing due to minimal public inquiries.
- 11- Winter 2005** • Phantom group, *Concerned Citizens of Rock Hill* (CCR), spreads misinformation.
- A. Two mass mailers, 'Stop the Dump' roadside signs, and opposition fliers on utility poles appear around our site.
- 12- January 2006** • CCR mailer gets the attention of Rep Bessie Moody-Lawrence.
- A. Local SC Senators and Representatives send resolution to DHEC asking for a 120 day stay and asked DHEC to coordinate two hearings before having the official public hearing.
- 13- January 2006** • Presented our plans to Student Improvement Council for South Pointe High School and Saluda Trail Middle School.
- 14- February 2006** • Community Meeting hosted by DHEC.
- A. Nobody at the meeting claimed to be associated with CCR. Nobody knew anyone who was a part of CCR.
- 15- March 2006** • Rep. Bessie Moody-Lawrence attends Council meeting to request the County oppose our facility.
- A. Councilman Chappell states he wishes he could do something but the County does not have a legal right to get involved.
1. Chappell implores those in opposition to continue the fight.
- 16- March 2006** • Community Meeting hosted by DHEC.
- A. Once again, there is nobody claiming to be a party of CCR.
- 17- May 2006** • DHEC Public Hearing
- A. Christi Cox, her mother, Annie Williams, and Ernie Wilkerson (from C&D landfill industry) take the public lead in opposing our facility.
- B. DHEC permit approval or denial should be made within 120 days from this public hearing.
- 18- June 1, 2006** • Christi Cox and law partner propose Buddy Clawson site to DHEC as an alternative landfill for our facility.
- 19- Summer 2006** • Opposition group constantly inquire with DHEC to question every aspect of our permit and start working with certain Council members on SWMP changes.
- 20- Fall 2006** • DHEC hires attorney who specializes in zoning to review our PUD application.
- 21- November 2006** • DHEC states zoning was properly done and proceeds with permit issuance.
- 22- Winter 2006** • DHEC references work backlog and other issues for delay in permit issuance.
- 23- January 2007** • DHEC promises to issue permit by January 4th
- A. DHEC gets request from Senator Wes Hayes (or his office) to delay permit issuance until he is apprised of permit situation.
- 24- January 8, 2007** • County Council uses extraordinary means via an 'Emergency Ordinance' to create a 60-day moratorium on landfill permits.
- 25- January 2007** • Griffin Brothers and Rock Hill sue County stating the moratorium is not binding.
- A. Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) is issued which prevents County Council from making changes to SWMP that may effect our permit application.
- 26- February 15, 2007** • TRO is released with Judge Hayes stating it is 'DHEC and DHEC alone' that has the right to issue solid waste permits.
- 27- February 22, 2007** • DHEC issues permit for our site.
- 28- February 28, 2007** • County Council adopts new SWMP with last second changes that do not allow any new landfill PLUS adds provisions that make operating a new landfill unprofitable
- A. County hires outside attorney, Jimmy Chandler, to persue an appeal to our DHEC permit
- 29- March 8, 2007** • York County appeals our permit. • [www.griffinbrothers.com/rockhill](http://www.griffinbrothers.com/rockhill) for details.