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Held on Thursday, April 16, 2015, taken at the Town Of Riga Hall, 6460 East Buffalo Road, Churchville, New York, 14428, commencing at 7:00 p.m., before Leah C. Didsbury, a Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of New York.



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APPEARANCES :

Peg Steffan, Chair of the Mill Seat Landfill
Citizens' Advisory Board

Michael Garland, Director of Environmental
Services for Monroe County

James Fumia, Senior Deputy County Attorney

Russell Rutkowski, Solid Waste Engineer

Tom Goodwin, Planning Engineer

Michelle Virts, Department of Environmental
Services

Patrick Collins, Department of Environmental
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Bob Ottley, Town of Riga Supervisor

Cindy Jessop, Town of Riga Councilwoman

Debbie Campanella, Town of Riga Councilwoman



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4 Jim Fodge, Town of Riga Councilman

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6 Brad O'Brocta, Town of Riga Councilman

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8 Barbara Robinson, Mill Seat Landfill Citizens'
9 Advisory Board

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11 Ken Kuter, Mill Seat Landfill Citizens'
12 Advisory Board

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14 Jeff Richardson, Senior District Manager of
15 Waste Management of New York, LLC

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17 Nicole Fornof, Community Relations
18 Representative

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20 Kevin Voorhees, Barton and Loguidice

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22 Lluann Meyer, Barton and Loguidice

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24 Lisa Hochreiter

25 Al Turcotte



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MS. STEFFAN: Good evening, everyone and welcome. If we could have people take their seats, please, so we can begin.

My name is Peg Steffan and I am the chair of the Mill Seat Landfill Citizens' Advisory Board. I will be presiding over this evening's public hearing regarding the proposed Mill Seat Landfill Expansion. Because we have a Stenographer preparing a transcript of this meeting, I will be reading most of my comments.

After I finish with these opening remarks, representatives from Monroe County, Waste Management of New York, LLC and Barton and Loguidice will give further information on the proposal as well as provide information on how to submit written comments regarding the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comments on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for



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2 the proposed landfill expansion at the Mill
3 Seat Landfill. Notice of this meeting has
4 been published in the March 27th, 2015
5 Rochester Business Journal, the April 1st,
6 2015 edition of The Daily Record, the March
7 29th, 2015 Edition of the Suburban News both
8 South and West, and the DEC's Environmental
9 Notice Bulletin on April 1st, 2015. Copies
10 of the published notice entitled: Notice of
11 Completion of Draft Supplemental Environmental
12 Impact Statement and Notice of SEQRA Hearing
13 and Public Comment Period are available for
14 you at this meeting.

15 Starting at 4:00 p.m., earlier today,
16 you've had an opportunity to meet with the
17 representatives from Monroe County, Waste
18 Management of New York, LLC and their
19 consultants at an information session.
20 Tonight's meeting is an opportunity for you
21 to provide comments regarding the Draft
22 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.
23 You can either provide those comments here
24 verbally tonight or you may submit your
25 comments in writing to Monroe County by May



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3 Anyone interested in commenting here
4 this evening will need to fill out a speaker
5 card. Speaker cards are available on the
6 table in the entryway. Please fill out the
7 card and give it to one of our
8 representatives who will bring it to me. I
9 will be calling on everyone who fills out a
10 card here tonight and give them an
11 opportunity to speak. I will call your name
12 when it's your turn to speak. I think for
13 purposes of making sure that everyone can
14 hear you, I will have all speakers come down
15 to the microphone which is located at the
16 podium at the front of the room. The
17 individual sitting here at the table is our
18 Stenographer -- well, she's way over there --
19 for this evening. When you make your
20 comments, I would ask that you please state
21 your full name, give your address, and speak
22 slowly so that she can make an accurate
23 record. We want to make sure that
24 everyone's comments here are accurately
25 recorded.



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2 Please note, again, the purpose of
3 tonight's meeting is to hear from you. This
4 is not a question and answer session and it
5 is not a debate. It is an opportunity to
6 receive your comments on the Draft
7 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.
8 We want to ensure that everyone has an
9 opportunity to speak, so please be concise in
10 your comments in consideration of your
11 neighbors.

12 Before I begin receiving public
13 comments, I would like to introduce Mike
14 Garland, who is the Monroe County Director of
15 Environmental Services. Mike will introduce
16 the other representatives that are here this
17 evening.

18 MR. GARLAND: Good evening, folks.
19 Thank you, Peg. Again, I'm Mike Garland.
20 I'm the Director of Environmental Services
21 for Monroe County. Welcome to this evening's
22 public hearing.

23 The Mill Seat Landfill started out
24 as a county operated facility, but in 2002
25 Waste Management of New York, LLC took on



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2 operation of the Mill Seat Landfill through a
3 life-use lease with Monroe County. As part
4 of this ongoing public-private partnership,
5 Monroe County continues to own the landfill.
6 The landfill permits are issued to Monroe
7 County and the County is the lead agency
8 responsible for ensuring compliance with the
9 State's environmental review process. Waste
10 Management of New York, LLC, in addition to
11 operating and maintaining the landfill, is
12 responsible for financing and building any
13 capital improvements at the landfill facility.

14 Before we get started with the
15 public comment session, we have a brief
16 presentation which will describe the Proposed
17 Mill Seat Landfill Expansion and the
18 environmental review process. I would also
19 like to introduce to you some of the other
20 people that are here with us tonight.

21 For Monroe County we have James
22 Fumia, our Senior Deputy County Attorney;
23 Russell Rutkowski, our Solid Waste Engineer;
24 Tom Goodwin, our Planning Manager; and staff
25 from our Department of Environmental Services



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1 including Michelle Virts and Patrick Collins.

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3 From the Town of Riga we have our
4 Supervisor Bob Ottley; as well as
5 councilwoman Cindy Jessop, councilwoman Debbie
6 Campanella, councilman Jim Fodge and
7 councilman Brad O'Brocta.

8 From Mill Seat Landfill Citizens'
9 Advisory Board, we have our chair Peg Steffan
10 as well as Barbara Robinson and Ken Kuter.

11 From Waste Management of New York,
12 LLC we have Jeff Richardson, Senior District
13 Manager, and the Nicole Fornof, Community
14 Relations Representative.

15 And from Barton and Loguidice we
16 have Kevin Voorhees and Luann Meyer.

17 So thank you, everyone, for coming
18 out tonight. We encourage your input and
19 look forward to hearing from you regarding
20 the documents that you have had an
21 opportunity to review. And with that, I
22 will turn it over to Jeff Richardson for
23 some site specific details. Thank you.

24 MR. RICHARDSON: Thanks, Mike.

25 Again, I'm Jeff Richardson. I just want to



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2 take a moment to summarize why we're here
3 tonight and to explain what we are proposing
4 for this landfill expansion project. And
5 then I will be turning it over to Kevin
6 Voorhees from Barton and Loguidice to explain
7 the project in further detail.

8 As an overview, the current permitted
9 landfill can be described by a few key
10 numbers: 855 acres, this is the total
11 property acreage owned by Monroe County and
12 Waste Management of New York, LLC; 98.6
13 acres, this is the size of the lined
14 disposal area that we refer to as the
15 Permitted Footprint; 1,945 tons per day,
16 which equates to 597,000 tons per year.
17 This is the Permitted Waste Acceptance Rate.
18 In 2018 this is the year that the currently
19 permitted landfill is anticipated to reach
20 capacity under the existing permit.

21 The Proposed Landfill Expansion
22 proposal involves continuing to operate the
23 Mill Seat Landfill with the future phased
24 construction of an additional 118.3 acres of
25 a double composite liner system immediately



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1 south of the existing Mill Seat Landfill.

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3 The proposal also involves the addition of
4 ancillary infrastructure, the abandonment of a
5 portion of O'Brien and Brew Roads, a wetland
6 mitigation area located south of Bovee Road
7 in the Town of Riga, and a stream mitigation
8 area in the Village of Churchville.

9 It is important to note that the
10 majority of the operating procedures will
11 remain unchanged. For example, the following
12 components will not change with Proposed
13 Landfill Expansion: Permitted Waste
14 Acceptance Rate will continue to be 1,945
15 tons per day or 597,000 tons per year. Site
16 operating equipment and methods will remain
17 the same. The final permitted height of the
18 landfill will not change. Hours of operation
19 will remain the same as they are today. The
20 same types of waste materials will continue
21 to be accepted for disposal. The origin of
22 materials will remain unchanged. And most
23 importantly, we will continue with our strong
24 commitment to protect the environment and to
25 be a good neighbor in this community.



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2 Now I would like to turn the
3 presentation over to Kevin Voorhees.

4 MR. VOORHEES: Thanks, Jeff. And
5 hello everyone. I appreciate you being here.
6 I am Kevin Voorhees from Barton and Loguidice
7 Engineers. As Peg has previously mentioned,
8 we are here tonight to receive your comments
9 on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact
10 Statement. The Draft Supplemental
11 Environmental Impact Statement, which we refer
12 to as the DSEIS, is a multi-chapter and
13 multi-volume document that describes the
14 environmental setting, identifies potentially
15 significant environmental impacts associated
16 with the proposed action, and describes
17 mitigation measures to reduce the significance
18 of those potential impacts.

19 The proposed action includes an
20 expansion of the Permitted Footprint and
21 associated support facilities. Overall, the
22 proposed landfill expansion is expected to
23 include the phased construction of 118.3
24 acres of additional double composite lined
25 landfill directly south of the Permitted



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2 Footprint. It will include an overlay of
3 39.2 acres on the existing Permitted
4 Footprint and approximately 30 acres of
5 disturbance associated with the additional
6 support facilities for operation of the
7 Proposed Landfill Expansion. These support
8 facilities include storm water management
9 structures, access roads, landfill gas
10 collection and control infrastructure and
11 leachate conveyance structure. Other
12 components of the Proposed Action are final
13 cover design modifications to the Permitted
14 Footprint; the proposed wetland impacts and
15 mitigation; the proposed RG-6 Tail impact and
16 mitigation; extension of the Landfill Lease
17 Agreement between the County and Waste
18 Management of New York; abandonment of a
19 portion of O'Brien Road, which includes the
20 O'Brien Road wetland restoration; abandonment
21 of a portion of Brew Road; County and Town
22 of Riga approvals of land transfers; and
23 receipt of noise easements.

24 The DSEIS is the principal document
25 that describes the technical and environmental



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2 information related to the proposed site and
3 that assesses potential impacts and mitigation
4 measures associated with the proposed action.

5 The Draft Supplemental Environmental
6 Impact Statement includes a discussion of the
7 project's background, purpose, public needs
8 and benefits, as well as social and economic
9 considerations. This document has been
10 prepared in accordance with the requirements
11 set forth by the State Environmental Quality
12 Review Act and its implementing regulations.
13 The State Environmental Quality Review Act is
14 also referred to as SEQRA. Potentially
15 significant environmental impacts associated
16 with the proposed action, which were not
17 addressed in previous SEQRA analyses prepared
18 for the Mill Seat Landfill, are not addressed
19 in this Draft Supplement Environmental Impact
20 Statement. Potential significant impacts and
21 mitigation measures described in the DSEIS
22 include any that may be anticipated within 30
23 years after final closure of the Proposed
24 Landfill Expansion, which is the minimum post
25 closure monitoring period required by the



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2 State's solid waste regulations. These State
3 solid waste regulations are referred to as 6
4 NYCRR Part 360. A public scoping process
5 was previously undertaken for the proposed
6 action in May of 2013, which resulted in a
7 final scoping document that identified the
8 following potential environmental impacts to
9 be addressed in the Draft Supplemental
10 Environmental Impact Statement.

11 As I read through this list, I will
12 also be identifying the applicable section of
13 the DSEIS. Land use and Agricultural
14 resources are addressed in Section 3.1 of the
15 DSEIS. Geologic resources are addressed in
16 Section 3.2. Groundwater resources are
17 addressed in Section 3.3. Surface Water
18 resources are addressed in Section 3.4.
19 Storm water resources are addressed in
20 Section 3.5. Ecological resources are
21 addressed in Section 3.6. Critical
22 Environmental Area is addressed in Section
23 3.7. Air resources are addressed in Section
24 3.8. Visual and Aesthetic resources are
25 addressed in Section 3.9. Historic and



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2 Cultural resources are addressed in Section
3 3.10. Transportation and Traffic are
4 addressed in 3.11. Odor is addressed in
5 Section 3.12. And Noise is addressed in
6 Section 3.13 of the DSEIS.

7 The public has an opportunity to
8 comment on this Draft Supplemental
9 Environmental Impact Statement either at
10 tonight's public hearing or in writing during
11 the public comment period through May 1,
12 2015.

13 Copies of the Executive Summary from
14 the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact
15 Statement are available on the table located
16 in the foyer or they are available online.
17 And it's been available on the Monroe County
18 website as well as the following physical
19 locations all since April 1st, 2015. And
20 the list of those locations where it's
21 available in paper form are as follows: The
22 Monroe County Department of Environmental
23 Services located at 7100 CityPlace, 50 West
24 Main Street, Rochester, New York, zip is
25 14614; the Monroe County Mill Seat Landfill



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2 located at 303 Brew Road in Bergen, New
3 York, 14416; right here in the Town of Riga
4 Town Hall located at 6460 East Buffalo Road
5 in Churchville, New York, 14428; it's also
6 available at the Central Library of Rochester
7 and Monroe County, 115 South Avenue in
8 Rochester, New York, 14604; at the Newman
9 Riga Library located at 1 Village Park in
10 Churchville, New York, 14428. And the
11 Environmental Impact Statement documents are
12 also available at the Byron-Bergen Public
13 Library located at 13 South Lake Avenue,
14 Bergen, New York, 14416.

15 The Draft Supplemental Environmental
16 Impact Statement will remain available at
17 these locations for review through the end of
18 the public comment period.

19 The County, as SEQRA Lead Agency,
20 will address all relevant and substantive
21 comments received during the public comment
22 period and incorporate these responses to
23 comments into the Final Supplemental
24 Environmental Impact Statement.

25 Once the Final Supplemental



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2 Environmental Impact Statement is prepared and
3 accepted by the County, a Statement of
4 Findings will be prepared that relies upon
5 information contained in the Final
6 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.
7 This SEQRA Statement of Findings will balance
8 environmental, social and economic
9 considerations with regard to the proposed
10 action. The adoption of a Statement of
11 Findings will represent the County's final
12 step in the SEQRA process for the proposed
13 action.

14 In addition to its completion of the
15 SEQRA process, the County will need to obtain
16 permits from the New York State Department of
17 Environmental Conservation and the United
18 States Army Corps of Engineers before it can
19 proceed with the proposed action. Those
20 regulatory agencies have their own regulatory
21 requirements that govern their review and
22 consideration of permit applications. Both
23 of those agencies will, however, provide
24 opportunities for public review and comment
25 as part of their permit review processes.



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2 And now at this point, I would like
3 to turn the meeting back over to Peg.

4 MS. STEFFAN: Thank you. My goal
5 tonight is to receive comments on the Draft
6 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for
7 the proposed Mill Seat Landfill Expansion.
8 You may provide verbal and written comments
9 on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact
10 Statement tonight and you may submit your
11 written comments until May 1st.

12 If you do not have written comments
13 ready tonight, you may mail them to Michael
14 Garland, Monroe County Department of
15 Environmental Services, 50 West Main Street,
16 Suite 7100, Rochester, New York, 14614-1228.

17 Just a reminder that all comments
18 must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 1st.
19 The address for sending written comments is
20 also available in the back of the room,
21 should you need it.

22 Please note, again, the purpose of
23 tonight's meeting is to hear from you. This
24 is not a question and answer session and
25 it's not a debate. It's an opportunity to



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3 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.
4 We want to ensure that everyone has an
5 opportunity to speak, so please be concise in
6 your comments and in consideration of your
7 neighbors.

8 I have cards here to call on
9 speakers. Again, I would ask that you come
10 up to the microphone, give your full name
11 and your address. If you're representing a
12 group, please identify the group that you're
13 representing.

14 Our first speaker tonight is Lisa
15 Hochreiter. Lisa, when you come up, would
16 you spell your name for the Stenographer as
17 well.

18 MS. HOCHREITER: My name is Lisa
19 Hochreiter, H-O-C-H-R-E-I-T-E-R. I reside at
20 7 Edgewood Lane in the Town of Riga.

21 Reading though this I noticed some
22 things about Hotel Creek monitoring, but I
23 didn't really see anything what happens if
24 there is a problem. Like what are the
25 guidelines if something changes in the creek?



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2 How do we know? How do the neighbors know
3 if there is a problem?

4 And the other question I have is the
5 taxes -- the taxes assessment at where I
6 live -- I just got a letter from the Town
7 that my County taxes are going up another
8 \$10,000. So I don't understand. I live
9 really close to the landfill. Why are my
10 taxes going up and I am so close where
11 people in the Town of Riga that live on the
12 other side of the town, you know, I am not
13 sure what the -- why they chose to have it
14 that way? If you're closer, I don't think
15 you should have as much tax.

16 And I don't want the County landfill
17 to expand in my opinion. I work in the
18 medical field and I feel that there are
19 other resources available before you start
20 expanding the landfill. And that's all I
21 have tonight.

22 MS. STEFFAN: Great. Thank you.
23 Thank you very much.

24 Is there anyone else who would like
25 to add comments to this meeting at this



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2 time? And, again, we will include your
3 comments in the Draft Supplemental
4 Environmental Impact Statement.

5 MR. TURCOTTE: I didn't fill out a
6 card.

7 MS. STEFFAN: I know you didn't, but
8 I know who you are. Make sure that you
9 give your name and spell it for the
10 secretary, please.

11 MR. TURCOTTE: My name is Al
12 Turcotte, T-U-R-C-O-T-T-E. I live at 1000
13 Johnson Road, Riga. The only question I
14 have is how are the trucks going to come in
15 there? Are they going to change to a
16 different route or are they still going to
17 get off at Exit 2 and come down North Brew
18 Road around into the new part of the
19 landfill? Thank you.

20 MS. STEFFAN: Thank you. Is there
21 anyone else that would like to add any
22 comments to the meeting?

23 I will tell you that the whole team
24 will be here afterwards to help answer any
25 questions that you have just like they were



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1 here before the meeting. So the whole
2 project team will be here after this formal
3 hearing. And they will be available
4 following our adjournment, which I would say
5 is now. If there is no other comments to
6 be made, then the meeting is adjourned.
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8 Thank you all for coming.

9 (Whereupon, the Public Hearing
10 adjourned at 7:25 p.m.)
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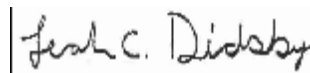
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2 APPEARANCES: (CONT'D.)
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6 Brad O'Brocta, Town of Riga Councilman
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8 Barbara Robinson, Mill Seat Landfill Citizens'
9 Advisory Board
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11 Ken Kuter, Mill Seat Landfill Citizens'
12 Advisory Board
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14 Jeff Richardson, Senior District Manager of
15 Waste Management of New York, LLC
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17 Nicole Fornof, Community Relations
18 Representative
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20 Kevin Voorhees, Barton and Loguidice
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22 Lluann Meyer, Barton and Loguidice
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6 MS. STEFFAN: Good evening, everyone
7 and welcome. If we could have people take
8 their seats, please, so we can begin.
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10 My name is Peg Steffan and I am the
11 chair of the Mill Seat Landfill Citizens'
12 Advisory Board. I will be presiding over
13 this evening's public hearing regarding the
14 proposed Mill Seat Landfill Expansion.
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16 Because we have a Stenographer preparing a
17 transcript of this meeting, I will be reading
18 most of my comments.
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20 After I finish with these opening
21 remarks, representatives from Monroe County,
22 Waste Management of New York, LLC and Barton
23 and Loguidice will give further information
24 on the proposal as well as provide
25 information on how to submit written comments
26 regarding the Draft Supplemental Environmental
27 Impact Statement.
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29 The purpose of this public hearing
30 is to receive public comments on the Draft
31 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for
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2 the proposed landfill expansion at the Mill
3 Seat Landfill. Notice of this meeting has
4 been published in the March 27th, 2015
5 Rochester Business Journal, the April 1st,
6 2015 edition of The Daily Record, the March
7 29th, 2015 Edition of the Suburban News both
8 South and West, and the DEC's Environmental
9 Notice Bulletin on April 1st, 2015. Copies
10 of the published notice entitled: Notice of
11 Completion of Draft Supplemental Environmental
12 Impact Statement and Notice of SEQRA Hearing
13 and Public Comment Period are available for
14 you at this meeting.

15 Starting at 4:00 p.m., earlier today,
16 you've had an opportunity to meet with the
17 representatives from Monroe County, Waste
18 Management of New York, LLC and their
19 consultants at an information session.
20 Tonight's meeting is an opportunity for you
21 to provide comments regarding the Draft
22 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.
23 You can either provide those comments here
24 verbally tonight or you may submit your
25 comments in writing to Monroe County by May

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2 1st, 2015.

3 Anyone interested in commenting here
4 this evening will need to fill out a speaker
5 card. Speaker cards are available on the
6 table in the entryway. Please fill out the
7 card and give it to one of our
8 representatives who will bring it to me. I
9 will be calling on everyone who fills out a
10 card here tonight and give them an
11 opportunity to speak. I will call your name
12 when it's your turn to speak. I think for
13 purposes of making sure that everyone can
14 hear you, I will have all speakers come down
15 to the microphone which is located at the
16 podium at the front of the room. The
17 individual sitting here at the table is our
18 Stenographer -- well, she's way over there --
19 for this evening. When you make your
20 comments, I would ask that you please state
21 your full name, give your address, and speak
22 slowly so that she can make an accurate
23 record. We want to make sure that
24 everyone's comments here are accurately
25 recorded.

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2 Please note, again, the purpose of
3 tonight's meeting is to hear from you. This
4 is not a question and answer session and it
5 is not a debate. It is an opportunity to
6 receive your comments on the Draft
7 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.
8 We want to ensure that everyone has an
9 opportunity to speak, so please be concise in
10 your comments in consideration of your
11 neighbors.

12 Before I begin receiving public
13 comments, I would like to introduce Mike
14 Garland, who is the Monroe County Director of
15 Environmental Services. Mike will introduce
16 the other representatives that are here this
17 evening.

18 MR. GARLAND: Good evening, folks.
19 Thank you, Peg. Again, I'm Mike Garland.
20 I'm the Director of Environmental Services
21 for Monroe County. Welcome to this evening's
22 public hearing.

23 The Mill Seat Landfill started out
24 as a county operated facility, but in 2002
25 Waste Management of New York, LLC took on

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2 operation of the Mill Seat Landfill through a
3 life-use lease with Monroe County. As part
4 of this ongoing public-private partnership,
5 Monroe County continues to own the landfill.
6 The landfill permits are issued to Monroe
7 County and the County is the lead agency
8 responsible for ensuring compliance with the
9 State's environmental review process. Waste
10 Management of New York, LLC, in addition to
11 operating and maintaining the landfill, is
12 responsible for financing and building any
13 capital improvements at the landfill facility.

14 Before we get started with the
15 public comment session, we have a brief
16 presentation which will describe the Proposed
17 Mill Seat Landfill Expansion and the
18 environmental review process. I would also
19 like to introduce to you some of the other
20 people that are here with us tonight.

21 For Monroe County we have James
22 Fumia, our Senior Deputy County Attorney;
23 Russell Rutkowski, our Solid Waste Engineer;
24 Tom Goodwin, our Planning Manager; and staff
25 from our Department of Environmental Services



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1 including Michelle Virts and Patrick Collins.
 2 From the Town of Riga we have our
 3 Supervisor Bob Ottley; as well as
 4 councilwoman Cindy Jessop, councilwoman Debbie
 5 Campanella, councilman Jim Fodge and
 6 councilman Brad O'Brocta.
 7 From Mill Seat Landfill Citizens'
 8 Advisory Board, we have our chair Peg Steffan
 9 as well as Barbara Robinson and Ken Kuter.
 10 From Waste Management of New York,
 11 LLC we have Jeff Richardson, Senior District
 12 Manager, and the Nicole Fornof, Community
 13 Relations Representative.
 14 And from Barton and Loguidice we
 15 have Kevin Voorhees and Luann Meyer.
 16 So thank you, everyone, for coming
 17 out tonight. We encourage your input and
 18 look forward to hearing from you regarding
 19 the documents that you have had an
 20 opportunity to review. And with that, I
 21 will turn it over to Jeff Richardson for
 22 some site specific details. Thank you.
 23 MR. RICHARDSON: Thanks, Mike.
 24 Again, I'm Jeff Richardson. I just want to
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1 take a moment to summarize why we're here
 2 tonight and to explain what we are proposing
 3 for this landfill expansion project. And
 4 then I will be turning it over to Kevin
 5 Voorhees from Barton and Loguidice to explain
 6 the project in further detail.
 7 As an overview, the current permitted
 8 landfill can be described by a few key
 9 numbers: 855 acres, this is the total
 10 property acreage owned by Monroe County and
 11 Waste Management of New York, LLC; 98.6
 12 acres, this is the size of the lined
 13 disposal area that we refer to as the
 14 Permitted Footprint; 1,945 tons per day,
 15 which equates to 597,000 tons per year.
 16 This is the Permitted Waste Acceptance Rate.
 17 In 2018 this is the year that the currently
 18 permitted landfill is anticipated to reach
 19 capacity under the existing permit.
 20 The Proposed Landfill Expansion
 21 proposal involves continuing to operate the
 22 Mill Seat Landfill with the future phased
 23 construction of an additional 118.3 acres of
 24 a double composite liner system immediately
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1 south of the existing Mill Seat Landfill.
 2 The proposal also involves the addition of
 3 ancillary infrastructure, the abandonment of a
 4 portion of O'Brien and Brew Roads, a wetland
 5 mitigation area located south of Bovee Road
 6 in the Town of Riga, and a stream mitigation
 7 area in the Village of Churchville.
 8 It is important to note that the
 9 majority of the operating procedures will
 10 remain unchanged. For example, the following
 11 components will not change with Proposed
 12 Landfill Expansion: Permitted Waste
 13 Acceptance Rate will continue to be 1,945
 14 tons per day or 597,000 tons per year. Site
 15 operating equipment and methods will remain
 16 the same. The final permitted height of the
 17 landfill will not change. Hours of operation
 18 will remain the same as they are today. The
 19 same types of waste materials will continue
 20 to be accepted for disposal. The origin of
 21 materials will remain unchanged. And most
 22 importantly, we will continue with our strong
 23 commitment to protect the environment and to
 24 be a good neighbor in this community.
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1 Now I would like to turn the
 2 presentation over to Kevin Voorhees.
 3 MR. VOORHEES: Thanks, Jeff. And
 4 hello everyone. I appreciate you being here.
 5 I am Kevin Voorhees from Barton and Loguidice
 6 Engineers. As Peg has previously mentioned,
 7 we are here tonight to receive your comments
 8 on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact
 9 Statement. The Draft Supplemental
 10 Environmental Impact Statement, which we refer
 11 to as the DSEIS, is a multi-chapter and
 12 multi-volume document that describes the
 13 environmental setting, identifies potentially
 14 significant environmental impacts associated
 15 with the proposed action, and describes
 16 mitigation measures to reduce the significance
 17 of those potential impacts.
 18 The proposed action includes an
 19 expansion of the Permitted Footprint and
 20 associated support facilities. Overall, the
 21 proposed landfill expansion is expected to
 22 include the phased construction of 118.3
 23 acres of additional double composite lined
 24 landfill directly south of the Permitted
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2 Footprint. It will include an overlay of
3 39.2 acres on the existing Permitted
4 Footprint and approximately 30 acres of
5 disturbance associated with the additional
6 support facilities for operation of the
7 Proposed Landfill Expansion. These support
8 facilities include storm water management
9 structures, access roads, landfill gas
10 collection and control infrastructure and
11 leachate conveyance structure. Other
12 components of the Proposed Action are final
13 cover design modifications to the Permitted
14 Footprint; the proposed wetland impacts and
15 mitigation; the proposed RG-6 Tail impact and
16 mitigation; extension of the Landfill Lease
17 Agreement between the County and Waste
18 Management of New York; abandonment of a
19 portion of O'Brien Road, which includes the
20 O'Brien Road wetland restoration; abandonment
21 of a portion of Brew Road; County and Town
22 of Riga approvals of land transfers; and
23 receipt of noise easements.
24 The DSEIS is the principal document
25 that describes the technical and environmental

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2 information related to the proposed site and
3 that assesses potential impacts and mitigation
4 measures associated with the proposed action.
5 The Draft Supplemental Environmental
6 Impact Statement includes a discussion of the
7 project's background, purpose, public needs
8 and benefits, as well as social and economic
9 considerations. This document has been
10 prepared in accordance with the requirements
11 set forth by the State Environmental Quality
12 Review Act and its implementing regulations.
13 The State Environmental Quality Review Act is
14 also referred to as SEQRA. Potentially
15 significant environmental impacts associated
16 with the proposed action, which were not
17 addressed in previous SEQRA analyses prepared
18 for the Mill Seat Landfill, are not addressed
19 in this Draft Supplement Environmental Impact
20 Statement. Potential significant impacts and
21 mitigation measures described in the DSEIS
22 include any that may be anticipated within 30
23 years after final closure of the Proposed
24 Landfill Expansion, which is the minimum post
25 closure monitoring period required by the

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2 State's solid waste regulations. These State
3 solid waste regulations are referred to as 6
4 NYCRR Part 360. A public scoping process
5 was previously undertaken for the proposed
6 action in May of 2013, which resulted in a
7 final scoping document that identified the
8 following potential environmental impacts to
9 be addressed in the Draft Supplemental
10 Environmental Impact Statement.
11 As I read through this list, I will
12 also be identifying the applicable section of
13 the DSEIS. Land use and Agricultural
14 resources are addressed in Section 3.1 of the
15 DSEIS. Geologic resources are addressed in
16 Section 3.2. Groundwater resources are
17 addressed in Section 3.3. Surface Water
18 resources are addressed in Section 3.4.
19 Storm water resources are addressed in
20 Section 3.5. Ecological resources are
21 addressed in Section 3.6. Critical
22 Environmental Area is addressed in Section
23 3.7. Air resources are addressed in Section
24 3.8. Visual and Aesthetic resources are
25 addressed in Section 3.9. Historic and

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2 Cultural resources are addressed in Section
3 3.10. Transportation and Traffic are
4 addressed in 3.11. Odor is addressed in
5 Section 3.12. And Noise is addressed in
6 Section 3.13 of the DSEIS.
7 The public has an opportunity to
8 comment on this Draft Supplemental
9 Environmental Impact Statement either at
10 tonight's public hearing or in writing during
11 the public comment period through May 1,
12 2015.
13 Copies of the Executive Summary from
14 the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact
15 Statement are available on the table located
16 in the foyer or they are available online.
17 And it's been available on the Monroe County
18 website as well as the following physical
19 locations all since April 1st, 2015. And
20 the list of those locations where it's
21 available in paper form are as follows: The
22 Monroe County Department of Environmental
23 Services located at 7100 CityPlace, 50 West
24 Main Street, Rochester, New York, zip is
25 14614; the Monroe County Mill Seat Landfill



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2 located at 303 Brew Road in Bergen, New
3 York, 14416; right here in the Town of Riga
4 Town Hall located at 6460 East Buffalo Road
5 in Churchville, New York, 14428; it's also
6 available at the Central Library of Rochester
7 and Monroe County, 115 South Avenue in
8 Rochester, New York, 14604; at the Newman
9 Riga Library located at 1 Village Park in
10 Churchville, New York, 14428. And the
11 Environmental Impact Statement documents are
12 also available at the Byron-Bergen Public
13 Library located at 13 South Lake Avenue,
14 Bergen, New York, 14416.

15 The Draft Supplemental Environmental
16 Impact Statement will remain available at
17 these locations for review through the end of
18 the public comment period.

19 The County, as SEQRA Lead Agency,
20 will address all relevant and substantive
21 comments received during the public comment
22 period and incorporate these responses to
23 comments into the Final Supplemental
24 Environmental Impact Statement.

25 Once the Final Supplemental

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2 Environmental Impact Statement is prepared and
3 accepted by the County, a Statement of
4 Findings will be prepared that relies upon
5 information contained in the Final
6 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.
7 This SEQRA Statement of Findings will balance
8 environmental, social and economic
9 considerations with regard to the proposed
10 action. The adoption of a Statement of
11 Findings will represent the County's final
12 step in the SEQRA process for the proposed
13 action.

14 In addition to its completion of the
15 SEQRA process, the County will need to obtain
16 permits from the New York State Department of
17 Environmental Conservation and the United
18 States Army Corps of Engineers before it can
19 proceed with the proposed action. Those
20 regulatory agencies have their own regulatory
21 requirements that govern their review and
22 consideration of permit applications. Both
23 of those agencies will, however, provide
24 opportunities for public review and comment
25 as part of their permit review processes.

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2 And now at this point, I would like
3 to turn the meeting back over to Peg.

4 MS. STEFFAN: Thank you. My goal
5 tonight is to receive comments on the Draft
6 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for
7 the proposed Mill Seat Landfill Expansion.
8 You may provide verbal and written comments
9 on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact
10 Statement tonight and you may submit your
11 written comments until May 1st.

12 If you do not have written comments
13 ready tonight, you may mail them to Michael
14 Garland, Monroe County Department of
15 Environmental Services, 50 West Main Street,
16 Suite 7100, Rochester, New York, 14614-1228.

17 Just a reminder that all comments
18 must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 1st.
19 The address for sending written comments is
20 also available in the back of the room,
21 should you need it.

22 Please note, again, the purpose of
23 tonight's meeting is to hear from you. This
24 is not a question and answer session and
25 it's not a debate. It's an opportunity to

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2 receive your comments on the Draft
3 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.
4 We want to ensure that everyone has an
5 opportunity to speak, so please be concise in
6 your comments and in consideration of your
7 neighbors.

8 I have cards here to call on
9 speakers. Again, I would ask that you come
10 up to the microphone, give your full name
11 and your address. If you're representing a
12 group, please identify the group that you're
13 representing.

14 Our first speaker tonight is Lisa
15 Hochreiter. Lisa, when you come up, would
16 you spell your name for the Stenographer as
17 well.

18 MS. HOCHREITER: My name is Lisa
19 Hochreiter, H-O-C-H-R-E-I-T-E-R. I reside at
20 7 Edgewood Lane in the Town of Riga.

21 Reading though this I noticed some
22 things about Hotel Creek monitoring, but I
23 didn't really see anything what happens if
24 there is a problem. Like what are the
25 guidelines if something changes in the creek?



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2 How do we know? How do the neighbors know
3 if there is a problem?
4 And the other question I have is the
5 taxes -- the taxes assessment at where I
6 live -- I just got a letter from the Town
7 that my County taxes are going up another
8 \$10,000. So I don't understand. I live
9 really close to the landfill. Why are my
10 taxes going up and I am so close where
11 people in the Town of Riga that live on the
12 other side of the town, you know, I am not
13 sure what the -- why they chose to have it
14 that way? If you're closer, I don't think
15 you should have as much tax.
16 And I don't want the County landfill
17 to expand in my opinion. I work in the
18 medical field and I feel that there are
19 other resources available before you start
20 expanding the landfill. And that's all I
21 have tonight.
22 MS. STEFFAN: Great. Thank you.
23 Thank you very much.
24 Is there anyone else who would like
25 to add comments to this meeting at this

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2 time? And, again, we will include your
3 comments in the Draft Supplemental
4 Environmental Impact Statement.
5 MR. TURCOTTE: I didn't fill out a
6 card.
7 MS. STEFFAN: I know you didn't, but
8 I know who you are. Make sure that you
9 give your name and spell it for the
10 secretary, please.
11 MR. TURCOTTE: My name is Al
12 Turcotte, T-U-R-C-O-T-E. I live at 1000
13 Johnson Road, Riga. The only question I
14 have is how are the trucks going to come in
15 there? Are they going to change to a
16 different route or are they still going to
17 get off at Exit 2 and come down North Brew
18 Road around into the new part of the
19 landfill? Thank you.
20 MS. STEFFAN: Thank you. Is there
21 anyone else that would like to add any
22 comments to the meeting?
23 I will tell you that the whole team
24 will be here afterwards to help answer any
25 questions that you have just like they were

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2 here before the meeting. So the whole
3 project team will be here after this formal
4 hearing. And they will be available
5 following our adjournment, which I would say
6 is now. If there is no other comments to
7 be made, then the meeting is adjourned.
8 Thank you all for coming.
9 (Whereupon, the Public Hearing
10 adjourned at 7:25 p.m.)
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2 CERTIFICATE
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4 I, LEAH C. DIDSBURY, being a
5 Shorthand Reporter in the County of Monroe,
6 State of New York, do hereby certify that I
7 reported in Stenotype Shorthand the Public
8 Hearing of the Proposed Mill Seat Land Fill
9 Expansion held on the 16th day of April,
10 2015, that the foregoing pages were prepared
11 under my direction and control, and
12 constitute a true, accurate, and correct
13 record of those Stenotype Shorthand notes.
14 I further certify that I am neither
15 attorney nor counsel for any of the parties,
16 nor a relative or employee of any attorney
17 or counsel connected with the action, nor
18 financially interested in the outcome of the
19 action.
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23 LEAH C. DIDSBURY
24 Shorthand Reporter
25 Dated: April 23, 2015



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