

PUBLIC NOTICE

US Army Corps of Engineers ® Rock Island District

Applicant: Clinton Landfill, Inc. Date

Date: September 7, 2021 Expires: October 7, 2021

CEMVR-OD-P-2019-0367 Section 404

Joint Public Notice US Army Corps of Engineers Illinois Department of Natural Resources

1. **Applicant:** Clinton Landfill Inc., Ronald Welk, 4700 North Sterling Avenue, Peoria, Illinois 61615.

Agent: Weaver Consultants Group, Carl Dawes, 1316 Bond Street Suite 108, Naperville, Illinois 60563.

- 2. **Project Location**: The proposed project is located at the Clinton Landfill Inc., facility at 9550 Heritage Road, Clinton, Illinois. The project is in DeWitt County, Section 11, Township 19 North, Range 2 East. Datum NAD-83. UTM Zone 15. Latitude: 40.113777, Longitude: -88.950890.
- 3. **Project Description and Purpose**. The applicant is proposing to fill approximately 3,346 linear feet of intermittent stream and approximately .01 acre of emergent wetland located directly to the east of the current landfill. The unnamed tributary will be rerouted into another north-south drainage feature located immediately west of the existing landfill. Clinton Landfill Inc. proposes to move forward with construction of the remaining landfill cells at the facility. This will be done by clearing and excavating the eastern cells. Material used during the construction of the landfill expansion will include erosion control materials (i.e. silt fence, control blanket, filter strips, wattles, etc.), construction equipment (i.e. trenchers, excavators, etc.) and haul vehicles. Monitoring wells will be installed in accordance with requirements and designs approved by the IL EPA. A total of three stormwater detention/sediment capture basins are associated with the landfill cell development. The primary purpose of the project is to provide for the solid waste disposal needs of DeWitt County and surrounding areas. It is anticipated that the currently operated waste disposal unit will reach its usable solid waste disposal capacity sometime in 2022.
- 4. Avoidance and Minimization Statement. The applicant has provided an alternatives analysis for this project. Multiple alternatives, which include avoidance and minimization measures, will be considered including a no action alternative. The alternatives analysis will be limited to a range of reasonable alternatives that meet the purpose and need for the proposed project which is to provide for the solid waste disposal needs of DeWitt County and surrounding areas. As the permanent impacts to this project exceed 300 linear feet (loss of stream), compensatory mitigation is required. The applicant proposes to preserve and enhance approximately 100 acres of high-quality forest habitat which includes stream buffer enhancements such as invasive species removal and in-stream improvements on approximately 3,300 linear feet of stream.

5. Agency Review.

a. <u>Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers</u>. The Department of the Army application is being processed under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

b. State of Illinois.

- (1) The project plans have been submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for review.
- (2) The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources (IDNR/OWR) is a participant in the joint application process and requires that IDNR/OWR permits be obtained for construction within floodways; construction and other activities within public bodies of water; and construction, operation and maintenance of dams pursuant to the State of Illinois Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act (615 ILCS 5).
- (3) Inquiries concerning IDNR/OWR jurisdiction and/or review of the activity should be directed to the Office of Water Resources at dnr.dwrm@illinois.gov or 217/782-3863. Information on the IDNR/OWR regulatory and other programs can be found at http://dnr.state.il.us/owr.
- 6. **Historical/Archaeological**. The District Archaeologist consulted with the Illinois geographic information systems archeological site and survey databases online. Several previous cultural resource surveys have been completed on the permit area. In addition, there are a large number of resources identified in the overall vicinity. Based on the previous surveys (11839 and 12304) none of the sites in the permit area were eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. And, in some cases the previously identified sites were not able to be relocated even after extensive survey work. As such there will be **no historic properties affected** by the issuance of the permit because "the nature, scope, and magnitude of the work, and/or structures to be permitted are such that there is little likelihood that a historic property exists or may be affected" (33 CFR Part 325, Appendix C.3.b). Additional coordination will be conducted with the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office and any Tribes under separate cover letters if requested.
- 7. **Endangered Species**. District staff have performed a preliminary review of this application for the potential impact on threatened or endangered species pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended. The following threatened or endangered species are listed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) on the IPaC website as occurring in DeWitt County, Illinois: Indiana bat (Myotis sodalis); Northern long-eared bat (Myotis septentrionalis), Rusty patched bumble bee (Bombus affinis) and Eastern prairie fringed orchid (Platanthera leucophaea). The proposed project is being coordinated with the FWS through this public notice. Any comments concerning Federally-listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat will be considered in the final assessment of the proposed project. The Corps has made the initial determination of **No Effect** for the Eastern prairie fringed orchid and **May Affect but Not Likely to Adversely Affect** the Indiana bat, Northern long-eared bat and Rusty patched bumble bee.
- 8. **Public Interest Review**. The decision whether to issue the Corps permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization

of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

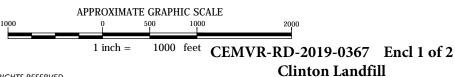
- 9. Who Should Reply. The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. These statements should be submitted on or before the expiration date specified at the top of page 1. These statements should bear upon the adequacy of plans and suitability of locations and should, if appropriate, suggest any changes considered desirable.
- 10. **Public Hearing Requests**. Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. A request may be denied if substantive reasons for holding a hearing are not provided.
- 11. **Reply to the Corps of Engineers**. Comments concerning the Corps permit should be addressed to the District Engineer, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, ATTN: RD-E (Wendy Frohlich), Clock Tower Building Post Office Box 2004, Rock Island, Illinois 61204-2004. For additional information contact Mrs. Wendy Frohlich at 309-794-5674 or email: wendy.m.frohlich@usace.army.mil.

Attach Plan Mr. Trevor E. Popkin, Chief, Eastern Branch Regulatory Division

1 of 2 Project Area 2 of 2 Site Plan



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PROPERTY LAYOUT MAP

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