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How much effort was put into looking at alternative options/sites and comparing options instead of only relying on this as the single solution.	Christina Legris
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How much money does Mike get paid for living near the dump?	Anonymous Attendee
While Mike did give a good response endorsement, he doesn't live at this site. Low odor? Not pleasant for homeowners	Anonymous Attendee
I would love to hear from a residential neighbor, not just a commercial neighbor. I am very concerned about the property values dropping in my neighborhood in McFarland.	Darcy Gilbertson
Is Mike provided with any compensation for the location of the landfill being so close to his home?	Anonymous Attendee
In re: compensation for impacts (e.g., pests, litter) -- am I correct in understanding that this is reactive, rather than proactive?	Jacob Wright
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would you please give the website where information is posted?	Anonymous Attendee
How much is the compensation? With the new cells could the neighbors of Secret Places see some compensation?	Anonymous Attendee
Has this site been identified in any City of Madison or Dane County Master Planning or Comprehensive Planning. What do those plans show for future use or development in or around this site?	Shaun O'Hearn
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Perhaps you missed this question:	Lance Green
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Many have complained that they smell the current landfill several times a week at times. Won't they smell it even more frequently with it closer to McFarland? What further efforts can be made to mitigate odors and what is the likelihood of those mitigation efforts succeeding?	Supervisor Miles
Site considerations: everyone is now aware that Yahara Hills is being considered, but are other sites being considered, or were other sites considered?	Supervisor Miles
Provide any data available as to the impact on neighboring or nearby (within a mile or so) property values.	Supervisor Miles
Doesn't the landfill attract pests?	Supervisor Miles
There are private wells north of Sigglekow Rd in the remaining pockets of Blooming Grove. Can a landfill be developed that close to private wells? What is the risk to groundwater?	Supervisor Miles
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What advances are being made regarding odor control and pest control ? Traffic is already awful at at this intersection. What is plan regarding traffic safety	Wendy Ray
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How many other sites in Dane County have been evaluated for creation of additional landfill space?	Steve Verburg

Why can't the landfill be expanded to the north as opposed to the south. As we are all aware, the neighborhoods to the south often experience the foul odor of the existing landfill. If at all possible, land in areas of low population density should be considered rather than high population density areas. If the landfill is generating revenue, why can't land be purchased to the north?

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To be clear...These are things that are going to be there or things that would need separate funding and implementation?

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Any chance for a windmill on the site?

Kathryn Pensack

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All this is really cool!

I agree with Nancy, it's very exciting to see so much value being created out of what we usually think of as waste! And to see all of that being kept out of the environment, too!

How will it affect traffic on Sigglekow Rd and Hwy MN?

Will the traffic study be completed and published before, rather than after, the project goes forward?

Nancy Saiz

Michael Friend

Sarah Voss

Larry Foy

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Has a feasibility study been completed by DNR yet? Will this take place prior to purchase?

Other than simple maps, very little information has been released to the public regarding the new landfill - the aspect of the project that most affects local citizens. When will information be provided regarding the landfill size, infrastructure, traffic patterns, and other details needed to evaluate the true impact on the local community? Will the public be able to provide input regarding this information before the project goes forward?

Larry Foy

Does the current Dane County Landfill take waste from communities outside of Dane County?

How will smell from compost site be mitigated for homes nearby?

Why is this project being considered for a location so close to residential areas. The odor from the existing landfill is often unbearable already. We don't need further air and water pollution, especially so close.

Sarah Voss

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David Soumis

What other sites are being considered?

It has been stated that there is also a landfill possibility. Please discuss.

How will the proposed Yahara site impact homes within 1-2 mile radius of site, including property values, noise/air/water pollution? Will neighboring property owners be compensated for this loss?

There is mention of a green "buffer" between golf course and proposed site. What buffer will be offered to property owners?

How would the biogases produced by the landfill and digester be transported for processing? Via pipelines? Via trucks? Via some other means? Used onsite?

Golf will remain thru 2045, what about thereafter?

In the "Sustainability Campus" presentation to the parks commission, it's stated that the Yahara Hills site will save space for a digester. According to the EPA, the following items can be processed in a digester: animal manures; food scraps; fats, oils, and greases; industrial organic residuals; and sewage sludge.

Would any of these materials be trucked into the Yahara Hills Landfill for processing?

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