

Department of Waste & Renewables

2021 Budget Highlights September 10, 2020





About Us

Operate as an **enterprise fund** to provide environmentally-sound and sustainable waste management and renewable energy solutions for current Dane County residents and future generations.

What we do:

- 1 Active Landfill & 1 Closed Landfill
 - Accepts 250,000 tons/yr
- 2 Landfill Gas Facilities
 - Electricity (Verona)
 - RNG (Rodefeld)
- C&D Recycling Facility
- Clean Sweep
- Community Outreach & Education
- Various Recycling Programs
 - Logs, Tires, Shingles, Bikes



2021 Capital Budget

- ~\$3.5 million
- Last horizontal cell construction occurring this year. No major cell construction or closure in 2021.
- Operational changes are extending the life of equipment. No major equipment purchases for landfill in 2021.
- Office remodel to centralize W&R staff near the landfill.
- Equipment purchases requested for the RNG plant to increase efficiencies and reduce operating costs.



Operating Budget

- RNG Plant/Methane:
 - \$11.3 million in expenses
 - \$14.1 million in revenue
 - Operations transitioning to County
- Landfill/C&D
 - \$12.5 million in revenues & expenses
 - Flat tonnage projections
 - Decrease in C&D tonnages
 - \$2 tipping fee increase (4%) first increase in 7 years
- Other Impacts of COVID:
 - Increased admin fees for credit card transactions
 - Virtual education (less travel)



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for the hard work and dedication that has allowed us to continue providing waste and recycling services to our communities.



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Why our work matters

2021 Challenges

 As an essential service we have to continue to protect our staff who are critical to providing uninterrupted waste management services to our communities.



Source: timesofIsrael.com

• Uncertainty: slower growth or decline in waste intake rates due to future economic slowdown possible



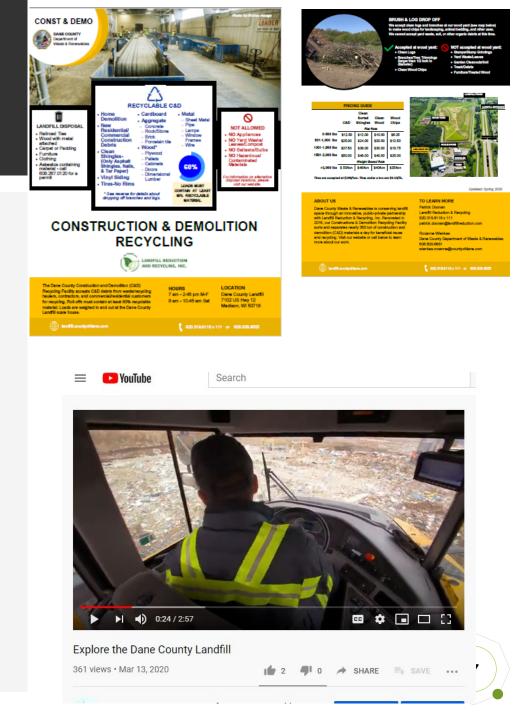
Unmet Needs

- Estimate 10 years of site life remaining at Rodefeld
- Permitting a new site can take 10 years.
- Our vision for a new site:
 - More than a landfill
 - Intentional about planning a campus to meet the future needs of waste management
 - Organics management
 - Circular economies
 - Recreational and multi-use space



2020 Successes (during the pandemic)

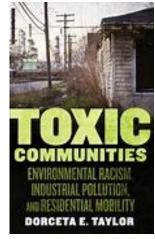
- Healthy and safe work environment for our staff. Uninterrupted waste services, RNG operations, and construction events.
- Greater awareness from public for the work our staff performs
- Initiated the vertical expansion project
- Internal training program and safety initiatives
- Solid waste education and outreach: Updated web site and virtual tours
 - Educational flyers
 - Partnership with MCM and progress on Trash Lab



Our work on Equity and Inclusion

- Mandatory E&I training for all staff on June 26, 2020
 - Connected to our mission and industry history of environmental injustice
- Hosted a Boys and Girls Club Intern
- Continue participation on CDL Intern program
- Multi lingual resources and educational tools
- Increased usage of symbols on signage









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