

**Post-Audit Review 15-08:
Landfill Sustainability**

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To: Mayor Andy Berke
City Council Members

Subject: Post-Audit Review of Landfill Sustainability (Report #15-08)

Dear Mayor Berke and City Council Members:

Attached is a summary report on the status of audit recommendations in our 2016 Landfill Sustainability report. The purpose of this report is to confirm whether, and to what degree, management has implemented the recommendations made in the original audit.

The original audit concluded:

1. Consideration should be given to scaling back the operations of the landfill and hauling the City's municipal solid waste to another landfill;
2. There was need for a review of compliance with the City Code relative to the tipping fee exemption for non-profits corporations; and,
3. There was need to create an annual application form and approval process for the tipping fee exemption.

The audit had three recommendations to improve efficiency and effectiveness of the landfill operations as well as address issues observed in the tipping fee exemption for non-profit corporations. At the time of this Post-Audit Review, all three recommendations were implemented or resolved.

This Post-Audit Review consisted principally of inquiries of City personnel and examinations of various supporting documentation. It was substantially less in scope than an audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. The evidence obtained provided a reasonable basis for our conclusions; however, had an audit been performed, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you and our conclusions may have been modified.

Sincerely,

Stan Sewell, CPA, CGFM, CFE
City Auditor

Attachment

cc: Audit Committee Members
 Stacy Richardson, Chief of Staff
 Maura Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer
 Daisy Madison, Chief Financial Officer
 Justin Holland, Public Works Administrator
 Ricky Colston, Director of City-Wide Services



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RECOMMENDATIONS FULLY IMPLEMENTED OR RESOLVED (3)

Recommendation	Actions Taken
1 We recommended Public Works consider scaling back the operations of the landfill and consider hauling the City's municipal solid waste to another landfill.	The Public Works Department scaled back the operations of the landfill and now hauls the City's municipal solid waste to the Bradley County Landfill.
2 We recommended the Public Works Department initiate a review to ensure compliance with <i>City Code</i> .	To resolve the issue, the City Council rescinded the waiver of fees for non-profits to use the landfill. Management has taken steps to ensure non-profit organizations are charged in the future.
3 We recommended the Public Works Department create an annual application form and approval process for the tipping fee exemption.	To resolve the issue, the City Council rescinded the waiver of fees for non-profits to use the landfill.

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