

Environmental Assessment and Planning Underway for Continued Operations at Yukon Facility

Consultants evaluating future landfill operations in a more isolated and sheltered area of MAX property.

Over the last few months, environmental and geotechnical experts have been studying a portion of MAX's Yukon property that is being evaluated as a potential suitable location for continued disposal operations once Landfill 6 is closed.

Environmental General Manager Carl Spadaro says that even though Landfill 6 operations will continue past 2020, the permitting process for developing another disposal cell can take years.

The initial property assessments, which include soil, groundwater and bedrock testing, must be done well in advance of the permitting process.

Location More Isolated from the Yukon Community

"Considerations are preliminary, but the new location will be well suited for our continued operation after Landfill 6 is closed," says Max President Bob Shawver. "The new location is more isolated and sheltered than any prior operating area located on the Yukon site, which has been operating since 1963."

Shawver says that investing in a new landfill will allow MAX to continue upgrading and modernizing the facility. "These upgrades will not only improve future operating standards, but also benefit maintenance for the entire site," he says. "Through our



Field technician Jake Barnhart of Civil and Environmental Consultants collects samples of groundwater from test wells in the northern plot of MAX property. The location is being considered for future disposal operations.

continued operations, we will be able to support growth and improvements for the local community and the regional economy. And as an environmental company we will always conduct our operations to exceed all regulatory, safety, and industry standards."

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Earth Day Event Increases Recycling Options for Local Residents

More than 60 local residents brought unwanted tires and electronic equipment for recycling during the facility's annual Earth Day collection event in April. As is customary, MAX coordinated with Westmoreland Cleanways for the electronics recycling and

contracted with Liberty Tire for the collection and recycling of tires. "The event offers an alternative for local residents who find it difficult to schedule and transport these materials directly to recycling centers," says Environmental General Manager Carl Spadaro.



Yukon employees Matthew Bryan (in excavator), Jason Oblack (center) and Rich Bendis help residents unload tires and electronics during the MAX Earth Day recycling event in April.

Residents, Businesses Team up for Fourth Annual Yukon Spring Cleanup

Thanks to the Slovene National Benefit Society Lodge 729 "Silverstars" for organizing another successful Great American Cleanup event for Yukon this spring, and for hosting lunch for the volunteers. MAX was among a number of

local businesses and organizations represented at the cleanup, including the Yukon Fire Department, Yukon Lions Club, Yukon Market, and Highway Pizza and BBQ.

Tires collected during the cleanup were taken to MAX for recycling.



Rose Govi (right) works with volunteers Larry Krance and MAX employee Lori Blashaw during the 4th Annual Yukon Spring Cleanup.

MAX Donation Adds to Lions' Playground Funds

Yukon Club revitalizing park, planning summer festival.

With some help from MAX's recent donation, the Yukon Lions Club raised enough money to install the first phase of new playground equipment at the Yukon ballfield.

Lion member Donnie Maughan, who has been leading the charge for the project, says that the Club had raised more than \$6,000 for the playground over the last two years by hosting spaghetti dinners, hoagie sales and other events. Together with the donation by MAX, the group has sufficient funding to install a swing set and a play gym with slides and climbing equipment. "We plan to add more equipment, but this gives us a good start," says Maughan. The remains of former playground equipment had been removed a few years ago for safety reasons. Club members

say the playground is just one of many revitalization projects planned for property, which is situated along Sewickley Creek on the northeast side of town. Among plans for the park are improvements to the ballfields and to fishing areas along the stream bank, which is now home to a new canoe/kayak launch area thanks to help from the Sewickley Creek Watershed Association. The area is stocked with trout by the Yukon Lick Run Hunt Club.

"It's nice to see the renewed interest in the Club and ballfields," says MAX employee and Lion member Matthew Bryan. "I have fond memories of playing there as a child."

While baseball and softball teams still regularly use the field, members say that the ballfield and park is nowhere near the thriving hub of activity it was once. "This park has



Yukon Lions Club President Charlie Baker (left) accepts a donation from MAX President Bob Shawver for new playground equipment.

been a community asset over three generations, and we want to carry that forward," says Club president Charles (Charlie) Baker. Luckily, Club membership, now 26 strong, has grown along with the members' to-do list. Baker says that Club meetings are held at the ballfield clubhouse on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m., and anyone interested in learning more or considering joining is welcome to attend.

Members say plans are underway for a Yukon community day event to take place on August 11.

Landfill 6 Improvements Work Completed

Procedures in place to prevent nuisance issues.

Work required to improve Landfill 6 operations under a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) permit has been completed. The work entailed installing new

leachate drainage lines, a million-gallon wastewater storage tank, and a lined perimeter trench.

"These projects, which have taken over a year to complete, improve the management of leachate generated by our landfill operations. We appreciate the

patience shown by our neighbors as we have completed this work," says MAX Vice President Bill Follett.

In the meantime, MAX continues to ask residents with any concerns about Yukon operations to call the **24-7 Hotline** number at **(724) 240-3008**.

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Requests for Public Input Coming

Public input will be sought before, during and after initial application materials would be sent to DEP for waste disposal development, says Shawver. "This will be an open and transparent process and we want to hear from our neighbors."

Local residents will soon receive notice of a Public Availability Session where MAX will provide information on the recent environmental studies and the proposed extent of operations.

MAX will also listen to comments and questions from residents and request input on considerations such as the location of information repositories for public viewing

of project documents and the structure and content of a pre-application public meeting to be scheduled by MAX before the end of the year.

Anyone with questions about the project should contact Bob Shawver at rshawver@maxenvironmental.com or call the hotline number at **(724) 240-3008**.

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