

Re-Closure Work Reaches Final Stage



Sloped fields overlie former impoundment areas at the MAX Bulger site where re-closure work has been completed under an agreement with the PA Department of Environmental Protection.

The project involves raising the surface grade of two impoundment areas, capping the fill and planting vegetation in one area at a time.

“The re-closure decreases the amount of leachate created by reducing the amount of rainwater and snowmelt percolating through the surface,” explained MAX Vice President Bill Follett. “While the volume of leachate will be significantly reduced over time, collection systems for routing leachate to the on-site wastewater treatment facility will remain in place. We will also continue to monitor groundwater wells around the impoundments.”

About 10 acres of the impoundment areas remain to be re-closed. The work is expected to be completed within the next two or three years.



Wishing you a joyous and safe holiday season and a happy New Year!

Continued Improvements on Tap for 2018 under New Ownership

A message from MAX President Bob Shawver

With the New Year comes the approach of MAX's first-year anniversary under new ownership. February 1, 2018 will mark one year since the change of ownership. New leadership has been added and considerable improvements have already been made at MAX—changes that in my view are all pre-requisites for the company achieving excellence in the environmental business.

Over the last year alone, we have invested more than \$500,000 in the Bulger facility, largely focused on improving environmental performance. Among these efforts were improvements to the wastewater treatment plant. In the coming year we will be evaluating options to modernize and further improve the treatment plant so that future operations not just meet, but exceed all requirements. We have also completed the closure of the five acre Phase 5 parcel of Impoundment 1. While this may be a good start, to continue improving we know we have a lot of work. We have many other plans in the works. Our neighbors will soon be able to see that many of these improvements will provide the added benefit of enhancing the safe management of the materials already placed at the site during its long 60-year history.

As a business resident of the community, we understand the importance of being a good neighbor and citizen. We have begun some local outreach efforts and are developing a program to participate within the community in ways that are meaningful and important to the residents. We look forward to future reporting to you on our progress here as well. Moreover, I look forward to meeting and listening to more members of the community in the coming months. Since I came on board in February, most of the matters I have heard raised have related to experiences or conditions from years past. This is why our future work is so important to gaining the trust and support of the community.

In closing, I want to leave you a few personal thoughts. I have been involved in the environmental industry nationwide for over 30 years.

Throughout my career, the positions I have held have always been focused on “protecting the environment.” At MAX we will always put the highest priority on excellence in regulatory compliance and will do our best to be good neighbors and address any community concerns. I enjoy getting to know residents and am available anytime to meet, answer questions, and hear concerns. In the meantime, I wish you a joyous and safe holiday season and a happy New Year.

Evaluations Continue for Landfill 3 and Waste Treatment Project

Environmental and engineering evaluations are continuing for a new residual waste landfill and waste treatment operation at the Bulger facility. The evaluations are being completed in preparation for an application to be filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

Information about the proposed projects, as well as the Bulger facility in general, may be found on MAX's website at maxenvironmental.com by selecting “Our Facilities” > “Bulger Facility.” We will bring you updates on our proposed projects via the MAX Messenger as well as via postings on our website. In addition,

hard copies of any final application materials and related documents will be made available at the information repository at the Heritage Public Library.

For questions, please contact Carl Spadaro, MAX Environmental General Manager, at (412) 445-9789 or cspadaro@maxenvironmental.com.

Temporary Truck Route Change

Due to the continuing construction work on the Southern Beltway, MAX has changed its access route to our Bulger facility. A short-lived alternate route through Midway had to be changed due to bridge weight restrictions. The new route takes trucks hauling waste and supplies to the Bulger facility through Burgettstown and along Joffre Bulger Road into Bulger then to Bulger Candor Road to the facility. MAX worked with state and Burgettstown Borough officials to ensure the necessary bonds were posted for this route, which will continue for the foreseeable future.

E-Waste Collection Added to Tire Recycling Event



Les Immel, Bill Follett and Camille Schantz of MAX helped residents unload unwanted tires at the April recycling event.

In April, MAX collected about 150 tires and 2,250 pounds of unwanted electronic items from community residents for recycling. The collection event was held in recognition of Earth Day. While MAX has been holding annual tire collection events for several years, the addition of the electronic waste collection began this year in partnership with Westmoreland Cleanways & Recycling. Environmental General Manager Carl Spadaro says that MAX is considering offering the collection of unwanted electronics twice per year. If feasible, the additional collection events will likely occur in the fall, beginning in 2018.

Supporting Those Who Help Build a Better World



Congratulations to Heritage Public Library summer reading program winners Lily Myers (left) and Caleb Turk, shown here receiving their prizes—Kindle Fire tablets—from Library Director Mary Duranti. The tablets were purchased with funds from Max Environmental.

MAX was among many proud supporters of the Heritage Public Library 2017 summer reading program. The theme of this year's summer reading program was "Build a Better World," and the sessions were jam-packed with hand-on educational activities, fun and, of course, lots of reading.

"The enthusiasm we saw in not only the kids but all the volunteers and parents was amazing," said Camille Schantz, Bulger office manager for MAX Environmental and volunteer for one of the summer sessions. "The library and all its volunteers and supporters are such a positive force in the community, and we are proud to be a part of it."



Summer reading students show off their wiggly friends as they learn about vermicomposting and prepare their kits for home with the help of MAX volunteers.

Note Our New Corporate Address

We've moved our corporate office.
Note our new address shown below.

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