Transfer Station Fact Sheet

The Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) is siting a new Transfer Station on Colonel Howard Blvd, near the 222 Interchange. This facility aims to serve as a community asset, providing convenient and expanded solid waste services for the growing region while complementing the community's aesthetics.

Who Is LCSWMA?

LCSWMA is a Lancaster County-established governmental authority whose mission is to manage environmentally safe disposal of trash and recyclable materials from homes and businesses. Private haulers collect solid waste at homes and businesses throughout the county and deliver the waste to a LCSWMA facility. LCSWMA handles waste through its Integrated System, which consists of five facilities: a Transfer Station with a free Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility, two waste-to-energy facilities, and a landfill. LCSWMA is recognized nationally for its sustainability and leadership in the solid waste industry.

LCSWMA's Mission:

To manage waste as a resource to protect and benefit our communities.

What Is a Transfer Station?

A Transfer Station is a DEP-regulated facility for the temporary receiving and consolidation of municipal solid waste and recyclables before moving them to processing or disposal sites. It does not involve landfilling, incineration, or long-term storage, but may offer special services like household hazardous waste collection (i.e. paints, cleaners, electronics, etc.) and yard waste drop-off.

What Are the Benefits of Having a Local Transfer Station?

1. CONVENIENCE FOR NEARBY RESIDENTS

- **Convenience:** With a LCSWMA Transfer Station and Small Vehicle Drop-off in northeast Lancaster County, residents and businesses in this thriving area can enjoy easier, more accessible service.
- **HHW:** LCSWMA's HHW Facility provides residents with convenient, safe, and **FREE** disposal of unwanted household hazardous waste materials. The materials accepted at HHW include cleaners, chemicals, paint, pesticides, oil, batteries, and electronics. An HHW Facility helps protect the environment by keeping these materials out of the waste stream.
- **Yard Waste/Wood Waste:** Offering a fast, safe, and easy way to dispose of branches, leaves, and other yard debris at the Transfer Station will help transform your yard waste into nutrient-rich products, giving new life to what was once waste!

2. AESTHETICS THAT ENHANCE SURROUNDINGS

- LCSWMA facilities are designed to enhance neighborhood character, blending with the community's unique style and adding visual appeal.
- LCSWMA is dedicated to keeping its facilities clean, welcoming, and visually attractive.
- LCSWMA adds lush landscaping and natural buffers, weaving the beauty of native plants into every site to create inviting spaces.

3. HELPFUL NEIGHBORS INVESTED IN SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

- **Community Host Fee:** LCSWMA provides direct financial support to host municipalities through annual host fees instead of property taxes.
- **In-Kind Services to Host Municipalities:** From offering litter waivers for neighborhood clean-ups to partnering with local townships on community projects, LCSWMA is eager to find creative ways to leverage its services to support and strengthen the community.
- **Savings:** Having a transfer station sited in northeast Lancaster County could mean neighborhoods in this region see lower trash collection bills. Currently, haulers must travel about 20 miles to the central transfer station, but a local facility would reduce travel and costs, potentially saving residents and businesses money.
- **Park-N-Ride:** LCSWMA plans to dedicate part of the site for a park-n-ride, making it easier for neighbors to carpool and connect along the PA Turnpike.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** LCSWMA is committed to managing waste responsibly, with care and respect for the natural environment. Environmental stewardship goes hand-in-hand with being a good neighbor to the people and wildlife who enjoy outdoor spaces near our facilities.

Tour LCSWMA Sites

To see the facilities for yourself,
visit https://www.lcswma.org/resources/facility-tours/

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