# Solid Waste Update on Equipment and Operations

September 17, 2024

# New Scale House and Road Update

The road design and stormwater plans are complete.

• The road is crossing a small creek and waiting on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine if any wetland mitigation is needed.

Waiting on SC DES stormwater permits.

 Once these approvals are received, construction of the road, scales and scale house will commence.

# **Brown Goods Compactor**

- Brown Goods Compactor has been installed at the Five Forks Recycling Center.
- Staff are gathering furniture when it comes into landfill so we can use to properly train our staff. We are having a meeting once we have enough furniture to allow all recycle center attendants to operate the new compactor individually.
- This compactor requires being operated every time someone disposes of brown goods. Cannot allow the hopper to fill in order to operate the compactor safely and effectively.



 All residents and contractors in regular vehicles or dump trailers less than 12' unload here.





- All residents and contractors with 14' dump trailers or larger, dump trucks, roll-off trucks or other commercial size vehicles.
- All loads of shingles and concrete.
- Does not matter on the size of load.



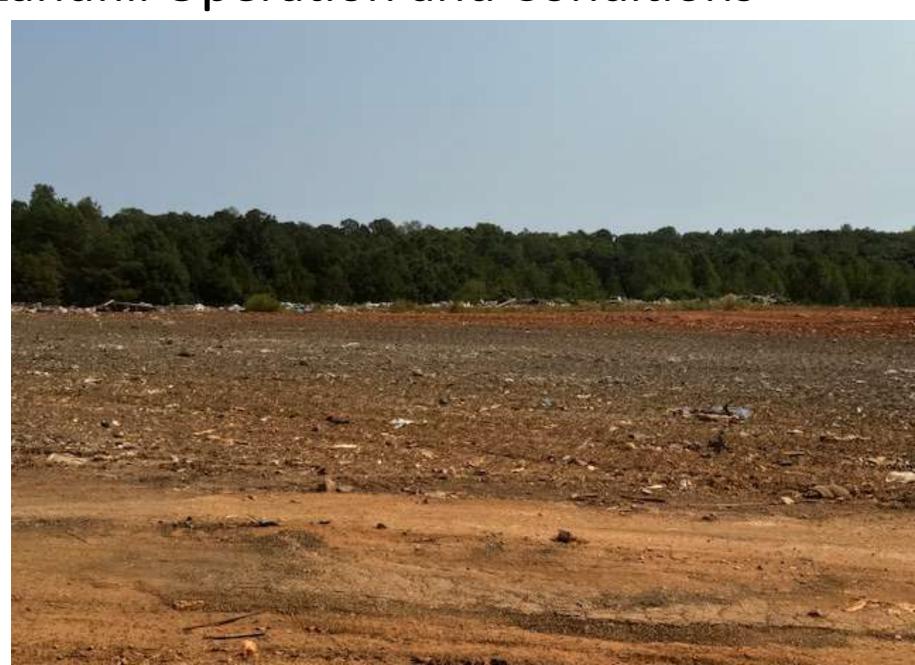




- Customers drive down to the edge of gravel, back load into the cleared area, and unload.
- They leave the unloading area by exiting on the right of the entrance road.



- This is what waste looks like when it is properly compacted.
- This waste was pushed into this location with a dozer and then spread evenly with the compactor and compacted until waste is no longer discernible. This conserves air space.





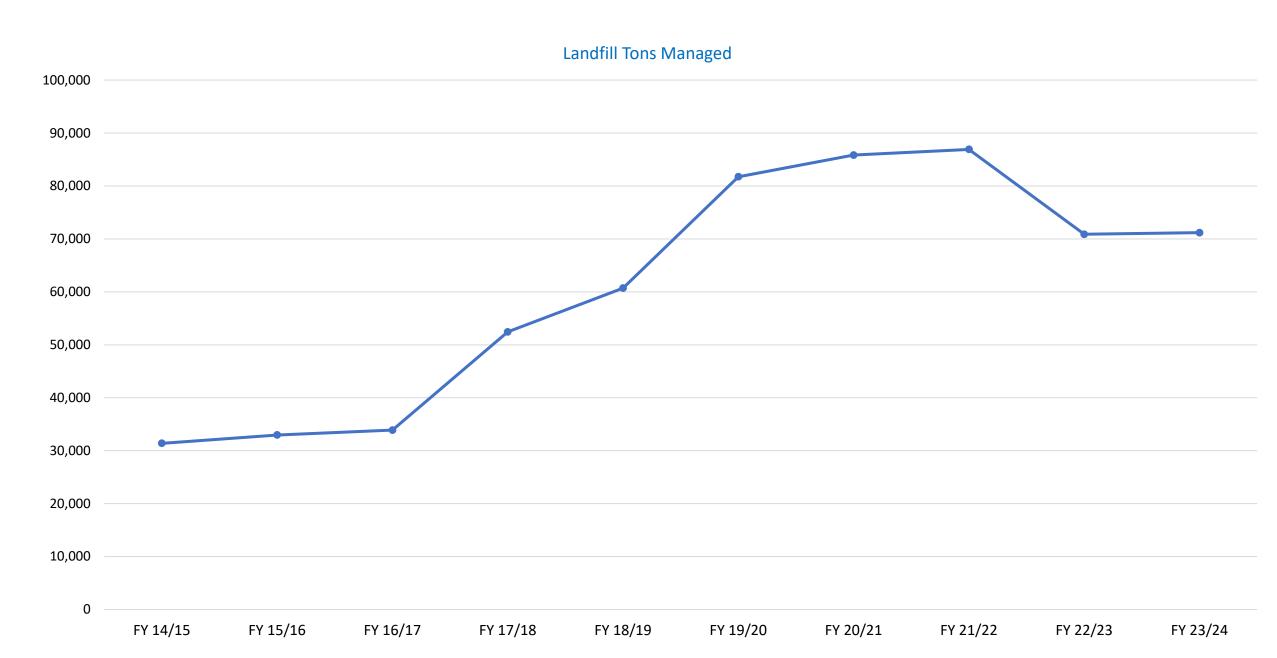


- This is what waste looks like when the compactor is down and only able to use the dozer to push and try to compact the waste.
- The waste is semi-compacted but is not crushed due to machine not having the capability to chop/shred waste. Air space is lost due to the lower compaction rate.

- Landfill conditions are never ideal.
- This pic shows the dusty, dry conditions of the last two months with less than 4" of rain.
- (CAT 963 borrowed from Road Dept. to cut new haul road and cover landfill.)



# Landfill Total Tons Managed Last 10 Years



# Current equipment

- 2016 Bomag Compactor (12,390 hours)
- 2008 CAT Track Loader (7,385 hours)
  - New loader ordered and supposed to arrive Nov/Dec 2024
- 2018 John Deere Dozer (5,269 hours)
- 2019 Komatsu Haul Truck (4,165 hours)
- 2019 Hyundai Excavator (3,291 hours)
- 2006 Komatsu Wheel Loader (12,400 hours)
- 2008 Morbark Horizontal Wood Grinder (2,800 hours)
- 1984 John Deere Scraper Pan (unsure on hours)
- 2004 F750 Water Truck
- 2024 Kubota Tractor and Bushhog

# **Equipment Replacement and Rental**

# Replacement

- Equipment may require special ordering.
  - The CAT 973 is special order only and is built in France. Takes 5-6 months to build and another 3-4 weeks to arrive once it is shipped and goes through Customs.
- Time frames can be as quick as 2 months or as long as a 1.5 years.

# Renting

- Companies require any equipment placed into a landfill to have a Waste Handling package. Most rental companies do not have this available on their equipment.
- Rentals are extremely expensive for landfill equipment.
  - Compactor rental costs range from the \$30,000-\$40,000 per month and transportation/freight can be over \$20,000 each way. A one month rental can easily be over \$70,000 and a two month rental over \$100,000.
- Typically, not budgeted for due to the extreme costs.

# September is SWANA Safety Awareness Month

- 1. No mobile phone usage while outside of vehicle.
- 2. Wait for Landfill Monitor, Landfill Operator, or Transfer Station Operator to signal before proceeding and maintain eye contact with operator while in motion.
- 3. Operators may ask haulers to wait until area for unloading is clear of waste or other haulers.
- 4. Back slowly and cautiously into tipping area.
- 5. Potential Puncture Hazards: Feet and Tires. Closed toe shoes required; Puncture resistant footwear recommended. Not responsible for tire damage.
- 6. High vis safety shirts or safety vests are required for commercial customers and is recommended for residents while outside of vehicle at the <u>Transfer Station</u> and <u>Landfill</u>.
- 7. Be extremely cautious backing up at, unloading at, and walking around tipping "wall" or on the tipping area. Be aware of tripping hazards and equipment that may be pushing waste. Make sure operator can see you. If you cannot see the operator, the operator may not be able to see you.
- 8. Watch for moving or flying debris.

Landfills are active construction zones and are extremely dangerous areas.

#### **PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT**

#### STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF OCONEE

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

IN RE: Meeting Schedule

BEFORE ME the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State and County above named, This day personally came before me, Hal Welch, who being first duly sworn according to law, says that he is the General Manager of THE JOURNAL, a newspaper published Tuesday through Saturday in Seneca, SC and distributed in Oconee County, Pickens County and the Pendleton area of Anderson County and the notice (of which the annexed is a true copy) was inserted in said papers on 01/04/2024 the rate charged therefore is not in excess of the regular rates charged private individuals for similar insertions.

Hal Welch General Manager

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11:00 am@ www.Lockerfox.com Storage Sense reserves the right to refuse any bid or rescind any purchase until the winning bidder takes possession of the property.
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ander unit #O13: Yandel Vivanco unit #O16; Chris Martin unit #P29. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

The City of Walhalla's Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 5:30 PM to hear the following items: A request for a Special Exception to allow the placement of a manufactured home at Austin Drive (TMS# 500-06-02-018), zoned General Residential (GR) A request for a variance to allow a manufactured home with a different roof pitch then the permitted roof pitch to be placed at Austin Drive (TMS# 500-06-02-018), zoned General Residential (GR) The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers located at 206 N. Church Street, Walhalla. Please contact the Community Develop-ment Department at 864-638-4343 for more information

NOTICE OF APPLICATION Notice is hereby given that Yoshi intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and On Premises consumption of Beer & Wine at 1510 Blue Ridge Blvd., Ste. 108, Seneca, SC 29672. To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be postmarked no later than January 13, 2023.

For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information:
(1) The name, address and tele-

phone number of the person filing the protest;
(2) The specific reasons why the

application should be denied; That the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant);

That the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and,

(5) The name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed.

Protests must be mailed to: S.C. Department of Revenue, ABL SEC-TION, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, SC

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF OCONEE IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS SUMMONS, LIS PENDENS AND NOTICES C/A NO. 2023-CP-37-00262

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SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer upon the Plaintiff's attorney at his office located at 336

Old Chapin Road, Lexington, S.C. 29072 or to otherwise appear and defend the action pursuant to applicable court rules within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint or otherwise appear and defend withotherwise appear and defend within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDE(S), AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LE-GAL DISABILITY: YOU ARE FUR-THER SUMMONED AND NOTI-FIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for

such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff's attorney. LIS PENDENS: NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN that an action has been commenced and is now pending in this Court upon Complaint of the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendants to have the Court declare Plaintiff holds marketable, fee simple title to real property located in Oconee County, and any interest that may have been claimed by the above-named Defendants was extinguished by the tax sale conducted by the Delinquent Tax Collector of Oconee County. The real property which is the subject of this action is described as follows: All that certain piece, parcel, or lot of land lying and being situate in the State of South Carolina, County of Oconee, designated as Lots 8 and 9, as shown and more fully described on a plat thereof recorded in Plat Book Page 62, records of Oconee County, South Carolina.

Tax Map Number: 500-17-02-002 Property Address: 221 Thompson Avenue, Walhalla, SC 29691

NOTICE OF FILING: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lis Pendens, Summons and Complaint in this action were filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Common Pleas for Oconee County, South Carolina on April 6,

NOTICE OF ORDER APPOINT-ING GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NO-TICE that an Order appointing Kelley Yarborough Woody, Esq., P.O. Box 6432, Columbia, SC 29260, as Guardian ad Litem Nisi for unknown party defendants who may be minors, incompetent or imprisoned person, or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe, was filed and re-corded with the Clerk of Court for Oconee County on December 8, 2023 NOTICE OF ORDER

APPOINTING ATTORNEY: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an Order appointing Kelley Yarborough Woody, Esq., P.O. Box 6432,

Columbia, SC 29260, as Attorney for unknown party defendants who may be in the Military Service of the United States of America who may be entitled to benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. §501 et seq, being a class designated as John Doe, was filed and recorded with the Clerk of Court for Oconee County on December 8, 2023. MP Morris Law Firm, P.A. Michael P. Morris, SC Bar #73560, 336 Old Chapin Rd., Lexington, S.C. 29072

Phone: 803-851-1076 Fax: 803-851-1978. Attorney for Plaintiff

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Sec. 2-61. - Access to and conduct at county meetings, facilities and property.

- (a) Purpose. The county council has determined that it is necessary to regulate access to county facilities, grounds and property in order to ensure the safety and security of the public who visit these areas or the county employees who serve them. The conduct of persons who visit county facilities and/or who have contact with county employees must also be regulated to preserve public order, peace and safety. The regulation of access and conduct must be balanced with the right of the public to have reasonable access to public facilities and to receive friendly, professional service from county employees. These regulations apply to all county facilities and meetings, as defined below, for and over which county council exercises control and regulation, and to the extent, only, not pre-empted by state or federal law.
- (b) Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Facility means any building, structure, or real property owned, leased, rented, operated or occupied by the county or one of its departments, offices or agencies.

Meeting means any assemblage of persons for the purpose of conducting county governmental business, operations or functions or any assemblage of persons within a county governmental facility. The term "meeting" includes, but is not limited to, county council meetings, county board and committee and staff meetings, trials, hearings and other proceedings conducted in the courts of general sessions and common pleas, family court, master-in-equity, probate court and magistrate's court; and other meetings by entities duly authorized by the county council.

#### (c) Prohibited acts. It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (1) Utter loud, obscene, profane, threatening, disruptive or abusive language or to engage in any disorderly or disruptive conduct that impedes, disrupts or disturbs the orderly proceedings of any meeting, or operations of any department or function of the county government, including, without limitation, speaking when not explicitly recognized and authorized to do so by the presiding official in such meeting.
- (2) Bring, carry, or otherwise introduce any firearm, knife with blade longer than two inches or other dangerous weapon, concealed or not concealed, into any facility or meeting. This prohibition does not apply to law enforcement personnel or any other person whose official, governmental duties require them to carry such firearm, knife, or other weapon.
- (3) Engage in partisan political activity, including speech, in any meeting not authorized and called for the purpose of partisan political activity and explicitly authorized for such purpose in the facility in which such activity is to be conducted, or refusing to cease such activity when

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the presiding official of the meeting in question has ruled that the activity in question is partisan political activity and has directed that such activity stop.

- (4) Interfere with, impede, hinder or obstruct any county governmental official or employee in the performance of his duties, whether or not on county government property.
- (5) Enter any area of a county government facility, grounds or property when such entry is prohibited by signs, or obstructed or enclosed by gates, fencing or other physical barriers. Such areas include rooms if clearly marked with signs to prohibit unauthorized entry.
- (6) Enter by vehicle any area of a county governmental facility, grounds or property when such area is prohibited by signs or markings or are obstructed by physical barriers; or park a vehicle in such restricted areas; or park in a manner to block, partially block or impede the passage of traffic in driveways; or park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or in a fire zone; or park in any area not designated as a parking space; or park in a handicapped parking space without proper placarding or license plate; or park in a reserved parking space without authorization.
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- (9) Obstruct or impede passage within a building, grounds or other property of any county governmental facility.
- (10) Enter, without legal cause or good excuse, a county governmental facility, grounds or property after having been warned not to do so; or, having entered such property, fail and refuse without legal cause or good excuse to leave immediately upon being ordered or requested to do so by an official, employee, agent or representative responsible for premises.
- (11) Damage, deface, injure or attempt to damage, deface or injure a county governmental property, whether real property or otherwise.
- (12) Enter or attempt to enter any restricted or nonpublic ingress point or any restricted access area, or bypass or attempt to bypass the designated public entrance or security checkpoint of a facility without authorization or permission.
- (13) Perform any act which circumvents, disables or interferes with or attempts to circumvent, disable or interfere with a facility's security system, alarm system, camera system, door lock or other intrusion prevention or detection device. This includes, without limitation, opening, blocking open, or otherwise disabling an alarmed or locked door or other opening that would allow the entry of an unauthorized person into a facility or restricted access area of the facility.
- (14) Exit or attempt to exit a facility through an unauthorized egress point or alarmed door.

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(d) *Penalty for violation of section*. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished in accordance with section 1-7. In addition, vehicles that are improperly parked on any county property, facility, or other premises may be towed at the owner's expense.

(Ord. No. 2003-04, §§ 1-4, 4-15-2003; Ord. No. 2012-06, § 1, 4-3-2012)

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