

Waste Management to present landfill expansion plans to Plainfield supervisors

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Waste Management applied in February 2020 to change the zoning designation of 211 acres next to the Grand Central Sanitary Landfill in Plainfield Township so landfill operations can be expanded.

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A garbage hauler wants to expand its Slate Belt landfill so it can continue dumping for 20 more years.

[Waste Management](#) has submitted a zoning amendment/rezoning request to Plainfield Township for 211 acres adjacent to the [Grand Central Sanitary Landfill](#).

The company is scheduled to give a 15-minute presentation to the township's board of Supervisors at a March 11 meeting at 7 p.m. at the [Plainfield Township Fire Company Banquet Facility](#) at 6480 Sullivan Trail.

The application seeks to rezone the land for use as solid waste processing and disposal. The land is currently zoned for forest and farm use.

The property is on the east side of Pen Argyl Road across the street from the current landfill. The property borders Delabole Road to the southeast and Bocce Club Road to the north.

There will not be any official action taken concerning the application at the March 11 meeting, according to township manager Tom Petrucci, but supervisors will eventually decide whether to rezone the land.

"The Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors has the exclusive final authority on zoning amendment/rezoning requests," Petrucci wrote in an email.

Waste Management's initial plans said 81 acres would serve as new landfill area, 52 acres would be used for support activities and 192 acres of woods and wetlands would remain untouched by the expansion project.

The current landfill has about eight more years of permitted availability to accept trash based on current inbound trash tonnage, according to Waste Management representatives. The \$42 million expansion would extend that by 20 years.

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission will review the application. The expansion also requires Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection permits.

In addition to the March 11 presentation, Waste Management has scheduled three public information meetings to discuss the project and answer questions.

Meetings are scheduled for 6 p.m. March 18 at the Plainfield Township Fire Hall; 1 p.m. March 19 at the Wind Gap Fire Social Hall; and 6 p.m. March 19 at Lookout Fire Company's new social hall in Pen Argyl.

Information about plan can be found at the site's Website at grandcentrallandfill.com and on the company's [Facebook page](#).

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