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BROWARD COUNTY
PLANNING COUNCIL**

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AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 45

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**Correspondence from Interested Parties Received between
8:01 a.m., October 27, 2022 and 5:00 p.m., January 18, 2024**

- **Exhibit A - Email correspondence from Sonia Nieves dated October 27, 2022, received October 27, 2022 - Opposed**
- **Exhibit B - Email correspondence from Carlos Sanchez dated October 27, 2022, received October 27, 2022 - Opposed**
- **Exhibit C - Email correspondence from Angel Sanchez dated October 27, 2022, received October 28, 2022 - Opposed**
- **Exhibit D - Email correspondence from Belvyn Sagon dated October 27, 2022, received October 28, 2022 - Opposed**
- **Exhibit E - Email correspondence from Raquel Goodger dated October 28, 2022, received October 28, 2022 - Opposed**
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- **Exhibit M - Email correspondence from Charles Blicke dated January 10, 2024, received January 10, 2024 - Opposed**
- **Exhibit N - Email correspondence from Vithika Sahu dated January 11, 2024, received January 11, 2024 - Opposed**
- **Exhibit O - Email correspondence from Barbara Duvauchelle dated January 14, 2024, received January 16, 2024 - Opposed**
- **Exhibit P - Email correspondence from Phililp Worley dated January 16, 2024, received January 16, 2024 - Opposed**

- **Exhibit Q - Email correspondence from Gail Woodbury dated January 16, 2024, received January 17, 2024 - Opposed**
- **Exhibit R - Email correspondence from Rodney Christenson dated January 17, 2024, received January 18, 2024 - Opposed**

EXHIBIT A

From: [Sonia Nieves](#)
To: [Planning Council](#)
Subject: Monarch Hill Landfill
Date: Thursday, October 27, 2022 8:40:30 AM

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Hello,

I am a resident of the Coco Lakes community and I am very concerned about the possible expansion of the Monarch Hill Landfill for many reasons. This will be a health hazard for all of our community and we need to protect our environment.

I am certain that there are other ways to solve the issue of waste in this area.

We have seen how the landfill height has increased over the years and it is of biggest concern that Waste Management was allowed to purchase more land. Moreover, the Land Use Plan (LUPA) will increase additional ongoing groundwater contamination and the landfill gas collection will result in additional odor, that may increase respiratory and many other illnesses for the most vulnerable residents.

We need to protect our community and the environment. The health of all our citizen is of utmost importance and no law suit or settlement will be a substitute for our lives in this beautiful community of Coconut Creek.

Sincerely,
Sonia Nieves
3474 Coco Lake Dr.
Coconut Creek, FL 33073

EXHIBIT B

From: [carlos sanchez](#)
To: [Planning Council](#)
Subject: Monarch Hill Landfill
Date: Thursday, October 27, 2022 5:17:11 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

At our community we learned about a project that will expand the Monarch Landfill near our area. I am an elderly person with health issues and I am deeply concerned about this project. It will be detrimental to the quality of life to all of us that live in Coco Lakes.

As time passes, it will provide a negative impact to our environment at Coconut Creek and the health of every citizen. The smell and contamination of the land will be forever changed.

This project needs to be stopped before things get worst.

Cordially,

Carlos Sanchez

EXHIBIT C

From: [Angel Sanchez](#)
To: [Planning Council](#)
Subject: Monarch Hill Landfill
Date: Thursday, October 27, 2022 6:56:00 PM

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Hello,

I have lived in Coco Lake for the past 23 years. Recently, I have noticed that the Monarch landfill has been expanding at an alarming rate. Landfills will always be a health hazard for communities. We must control and minimize as much damage as possible to the environment. I urge the city planning counsel to research and enact more sustainable practices.

It is concerning that Waste Management was allowed to purchase more land. The Land Use Plan (LUPA) will increase groundwater contamination and gas collection. With the air and aquifers contaminated this will increase the rate of respiratory illness and health problems in the community. Living in this community most of my life It pains me to think about the damage that has already been done to my health in the coming years.

With Winston Park Elementary and Tradewinds park so close to Monarch Hill, who knows how many families and children will also be affected? No settlement or lawsuit will make up for the damage to the residents of Coconut Creek. Please consider not allowing Waste management to expand the landfill. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Angel Sanchez

3474 Coco Lake Dr.

Coconut Creek, FL 33073

EXHIBIT D

From: [Bevlyn Sagon](#)
To: [Planning Council](#)
Subject: Monarch Landfill expansion
Date: Thursday, October 27, 2022 8:45:38 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I am a resident of coconut creek and I have grave concerns about the planned expansion of the Monarch Landfill. I live in the Sub Development of Winston Park called sorbet, which is several miles west and north of the landfill. So, one would assume that since it's not in my backyard I would not be affected by the putrid stench and the unlikely potential pollutants in the air surrounding my community. However, I would like to inform you that nothing ruins the fresh early morning breeze like the stench from the landfill. At various times throughout the day, on many occasions, we are reminded that our beautiful community hosts a landfill. Can you imagine how disturbed I am that you are considering granting permission to waste management to expand it? I implore you all to please reconsider the health and mental wellness of the residents of coconut creek and surrounding areas who will feel the impact. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bevlyn Sagon

EXHIBIT E

From: raquel0526@aol.com
To: [Planning Council](#)
Subject: Monarch Landfill Expansion
Date: Friday, October 28, 2022 1:57:37 PM

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Good afternoon Council members,

My name is Raquel Goodger and I am a resident of Coconut Creek.

As recent as this Monday 10/24/22 I visited the Promenade of Coconut Creek to enjoy a movie and to my surprise as I parked my car in front of the cinema the most pungent smell from the Monarch landfill welcomed me. Oh dear so the next day I decided to leave my city and went north to Deerfield DB theatre in Deerfield and it was the same experience.

I have a huge concern about the health and well being of not just my family but everyone who choose Coconut Creek as their home. I, like most choose to raise children, grandchildren and hopefully great grandchildren here in this city. We hope not to be prisoners in our houses and apartments, but would love to enjoy the outdoors as well sans that stench.

While I do understand there may need to be some changes in our City & County in all kinds of capacities, but to what extent and detriment of the people in our communities? That should take precedence over any other factors when decisions like these are being made over any other factors. These kind of decisions have a long lasting impact, not just years but decades and decades. My family wants to be here for decades to come and I hope the decision makers want to be here as long and longer. Is this the legacy we want to leave? This city is beautiful, getting a little smelly but beautiful. Let's clear/clean the air and keep it beautiful not make it worse.

Going outdoors to visit a park, movies, and grocery shopping should not be unpleasant because of that smell. I mean I go to Costco I smell it, on my way to visit the elderly in Wynmoor I smell it and most recently the Promenade.

Please reconsider the expansion and I do pray wisdom will prevail to stop the expansion fully and another solution be given in lieu of expansion and current stench.

Thank you for your time.

Raquel Goodger
954-635-0992
4971 Egret Place

EXHIBIT F

From: [Dana Karp](#)
To: [Planning Council](#)
Subject: Monarch Landfill Expansion
Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 12:30:34 PM

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Hi there,

I know there was just a meeting on this, but I am a new resident of Coconut Creek and I am absolutely disappointed by the horrific stench coming from the Monarch Landfill. The thought of it being expanded has me devastated. I can't even walk outside due to the unbearable smell. Please don't make me regret purchasing my first home here.

I am opposed to Waste Management's proposal to expand the dump by another 24.2 acres along the south side of Wiles Road.

Thanks,
Dana Karp

EXHIBIT G

From: [Renee McPherson-Watson](#)
To: [Planning Council](#)
Subject: Monarch Landfill Expansion
Date: Thursday, December 8, 2022 12:25:59 PM

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Good morning Council,

My name is Dr. Renee McPherson-Watson and I have been a proud resident of Coconut Creek since 2002. It has recently come to my attention that there is consideration regarding expansion of the Monarch Landfill. I have grave concerns as there are adverse environmental, social and health impacts of landfills.

Environmental Impact of Landfills

- The most pressing environmental concern regarding landfills is their release of methane gas. As the organic mass in landfills decompose methane gas is released. [Methane is 84 times more effective at absorbing the sun's heat than carbon dioxide](#), making it one of the most potent greenhouse gases and a huge contributor to climate change.
- [Along with methane, landfills also produce carbon dioxide and water vapor, and trace amounts of oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen, and non methane organic compounds](#). These gases can also contribute to climate change and create smog if left uncontrolled.
- The creation of landfills typically means destroying natural habitats for wildlife. The average landfill size is [600 acres](#). With over 3,000 active landfills in the United States, as much as 1,800,000 acres of habitat have been lost.
- While landfills are required to have plastic or clay lining by federal regulation, [these liners tend to have leaks](#). This can result in leachate, a liquid produced by landfill sites, contaminating nearby water sources, further damaging ecosystems.
- [Leachate can contain high levels of ammonia](#). When ammonia makes its way into ecosystems it is nitrified to produce nitrate. This nitrate can then cause eutrophication, or a lack of oxygen due to increased growth of plant life, in nearby water sources. Eutrophication creates "dead zones" where animals cannot survive due to lack of oxygen. Along with ammonia, leachate contains toxins such as mercury due to the presence of hazardous materials in landfills.

Social Impact of Landfills

- Large landfills, on average, [decrease the value of the land adjacent to it by 12.9%](#). Smaller landfills depress land values less, with around a 2.5% reduction, but still have an impact.
- Landfills bring hazards such as odor, smoke, noise, bugs, and water supply contamination

Health Impact of Landfills

- Emissions from landfills [pose a threat to the health](#) of those who live and work around landfills. A study in New York found that there is a 12% increased risk of congenital malformations in children born to families that lived within a mile of a hazardous waste landfill site.
- Results of studies have shown a strong association between Hydrogen Sulphide (used as a surrogate for all pollutants co-emitted from the landfills) and deaths caused by lung cancer, as well as deaths and hospitalizations for respiratory diseases. The results were especially prominent in children.

Due to the potential for all these dangerous, deleterious and hazardous effects on both the environment, community and human life I strongly implore the Council to consider and weigh these concerns when considering expansion of the landfill.

Respectfully yours,

Renee McPherson-Watson

Live, Laugh, Love

EXHIBIT H

From: [erick martinez](#)
To: [Planning Council](#)
Subject: Expansion of Landfill Coconut Creek
Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 11:52:03 AM

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Hello,

I was sending this email to express my concerns about the expansion of the landfill in Coconut Creek. As a resident of the area we already experience certain days where we can smell it when there is high winds, and expanding this landfill would only make the issue worse. This is a health concern to residents of the area which includes people of all ages and we would appreciate not moving forward with this.

Best,

Erick Martinez

EXHIBIT I

From: [Diana](#)
To: [Planning Council](#)
Subject: Mt Trashmore amendment
Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 4:14:57 PM

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My name is Diana Klinghagen. I own a home in the Township, Coconut Creek. Please vote NO on the Mt Trashmore amendment. We already have problems with the smell of this trash dump. Sent from my iPhone

EXHIBIT J

From: [Bonnie Shapiro](#)
To: [Planning Council](#)
Subject: MT. TRASHMORE
Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 7:43:26 PM

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This trash expansion must be stopped!
The dust and pollution already is detrimental. I am a Township resident since 1986.

Bonnie Shapiro
United Realty Group
(954) 298-6263

EXHIBIT K

From: [Sheryl Mele](#)
To: [Planning Council](#)
Subject: Monarch hill landfill
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 3:44:31 AM

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To whom it may concern:

I am a homeowner in Township Coconut Creek, Florida and I am opposed to the expansion of the Monarch Hill Landfill.

Spin it anyway you want it does not benefit the surrounding neighborhood. From a superficial aspect it's an embarrassment to the local residents and an eye sore from all angles. WM and whatever political outlets that support WM are the only ones benefiting from the Landfill. Anything they try to push on us as a positive is another money making source for WM

Please consider my granddaughter and her classmates before agreeing to expand the landfill in our children's back yard.

God bless America

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EXHIBIT L

From: [WENDY KRISTOL](#)
To: [Planning Council](#)
Subject: Expansion of Mt. Trashmore
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 5:38:06 AM

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Is there any truth to the rumors that a part of Miami pays to have their trash dumped in this location ? I have heard from various sources of this and just wanted to know the validity of what I have heard. Also what building are you in at the in location of the meeting? Thank you for having a meeting for this.

Wendy Kristol
Resident of The Township

EXHIBIT M

From: cblickle1@comcast.net
To: [Planning Council](#)
Subject: Expansion of Monarch Hill Landfill
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 11:17:15 AM

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Dear Commissioners and Council,

I wish to express my strong desires not to let them expand any further at the Monarch Hill Landfill.

I have lived in nearby Coconut Creek for approximately 12 years. I have lived in Broward County since 1960.

This landfill has already been allowed to expand way beyond what was originally planned.

Living here we get an awful odor after rainfalls and the wind coming from the NE. I also get a black residue on all my outdoor furnishings. I also get a black residue on both of our cars.

I take lots of walks. I spend time over in Tradewinds Park. I can just imagine what I am inhaling that is coming from the landfill.

It will hurt the values of our homes. It must be doing something to our water table.

I was really upset when I read an article that said that they were allowing garbage to be sent over from the Bahamas (a foreign country) to be dumped in this landfill.

It has to stop!

Please DO NOT ALLOW them to expand the landfill!

Sincerely,

Charles Blicke

4000 NW 23rd CT

Cocconut Creek, FL 33066



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EXHIBIT N

From: [Vithika Sahu](#)
To: [Planning Council](#)
Subject: Regarding Mount Trashmore
Date: Thursday, January 11, 2024 9:12:15 AM

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Good morning Board Members,

We live near The Township and would like to request you to please reconsider expansion of Mt.Trashmore.We sometimes do smell the stink/odor while sitting in our patios or going out for a walk.

If the council goes ahead with the expansion, we are worried that this would negatively impact our health and ecosystem.

Thank you for listening to our concerns.

Regards
Vithika Sahu

EXHIBIT O

From: [Barbara D](#)
To: [Planning Council](#)
Subject: Plan Amendment PC 22-5 / Mt. Trashmore Expansion
Date: Sunday, January 14, 2024 1:10:17 PM

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Please allow this to serve as my vehement objection to your proposed amendment to expand Mt. Trashmore. We do not want this in our backyard any more than you would.

Barbara Duvauchelle
4789 NW 22nd Street
Coconut Creek, FL 33063
bduva78@gmail.com

EXHIBIT P

From: [Mike Worley](#)
To: [Planning Council](#)
Subject: Monarch Landfill. Vote No Expansion
Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 1:00:32 PM

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> Commissioners,

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> As a resident of Coconut Creek I strongly oppose the expansion of the landfill located less than a mile from my home. As we know now our groundwater is being contaminated with various chemicals the most concerning are the PFAS which has shown to be in ultra high concentrations in my town.

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> We are constantly battling big business, Waste Management, regarding the way the landfill operates and its expansion. The commission has a duty to protect and serve its citizens and act in their best interest. It is not in our best interest to have the largest landfill in the country located in Coconut Creek. It is your duty to put our health above the profits of Waste Management and all those involved with making a profit from using our city as a dumping ground.

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> Do the job you are elected to do and vote no.

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> Best,

> Phillip Worley

EXHIBIT Q

From: [GAIL WOODBURY](#)
To: [Planning Council](#)
Subject: Proposed Amendment impacting the Monarch Hill Landfill
Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 5:12:20 PM

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As a homeowner in the Township Estates in Coconut Creek, there are times when I can smell the Monarch Hill landfill from my backyard. This directly impacts the value of my home and probably affects my health. I'm against the proposed amendment to the Broward County Land Use Plan which would expand the landfill. It should be closed down-not expanded. There are many undeveloped areas west of my home which should be considered for a new landfill and Monarch Hill should be closed immediately.

Gail E Woodbury
4140 NW 22 Street
Coconut Creek
Sent from my iPhone

EXHIBIT R

From: [Rod Christenson](#)
To: [Planning Council](#)
Subject: Monarch Hill. PC22-5
Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 7:26:00 PM

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I am Rodney Christenson from 5730 NW 40th Terrace, Coconut Creek, FL 33073.

I am in a single family home, which we purchased in 2002.

At the time of purchase, it was thought that the Monarch Landfill would be concluded very soon, at about its then-current size.

We were under the facts that a new landfill would be in southwest Broward, where more of the county growth was happening, to even things out and not have the whole county dumping in our backyard.

The truck traffic is extremely heavy as we are commuting, slowing us down, and many times there is a smell.

I feel this will unduly keep our property values lower, as many people would not want to live right next to the landfill. It is really an eyesore. We also liked this area as we were told by many different people that when it was to be done soon, that bike trails would be installed, and we bike, so we were looking forward to that. Well, 22 years later it is still being made larger with no end in sight and no bike trails in sight either.

I hope our part of the county could catch a break for a change and another area of the county, for a change, could take some of the garbage.

It is not fair that we get so much from everywhere, as the hundreds of semis a day arrive with more junk from everywhere else.

Please give us some consideration. Thank you,
Rodney Christenson