

Landfill Expands and MUA Adds Cost-Free Road

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WOODBINE — The county MUA has begun filling a sixth cell at its sanitary landfill here, and built a road to make getting there a bit easier.

And the road is a testament to recycling, and how to get someone else to pick up the tab.

The road is made of remediated soil, which the MUA was paid about \$33,000 to take, according

to John Baron, solid waste program manager, who reported to the board on June 6.

It's a new side road off the haul road that climbs in front of the maintenance building and just behind the new electric generation plant. From that hill, which goes to Cell E, the new dirt road leads directly into the bottom of Cell F, so it can be filled with less distance for trucks to travel, Baron told the board.

There are already 63 acres of landfill that have been finally capped, Baron explained to the Herald. That means they are as high as they can be.

The capping was done consistent with state law. The vertical sides of each of the full cells are permanently capped, but the horizontal surfaces are only temporarily capped.

This is so they can be reopened for future dumping, according to Baron. By capping the side slopes,



Trucks use new dirt road to carry trash down to bottom of new Cell F.



Aerial view of new Cell F ready to be filled at county MUA's sanitary landfill. To the above left is Cell E and the capped fields are above to the right.

rain water is prevented from entering and adding volume to the cell, and methane can be captured for use by the Woodbine Developmental Center or the MUA's new electric generation project.

Cell B, which measured 16 acres, was the first filled, Baron said. The measurements for the other capped cells are: 17 acres for A, 18 acres for C and 12 acres for D.

Cell E, which is 13 acres, is still taking material, but as of June 8, the new area, Cell F, was set to be fully involved.

Don't worry about that road getting buried as the trash mounts up in Cell F.

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According to Baron, as the cell is filled the road will be trucked away to be used elsewhere at the landfill. He said it is used for "cover," since at the close of business daily the MUA has to cover all garbage put into the landfill that day.

The remediated dirt is used for that purpose, and in the morning some is scraped away before new dumping begins.