

**Town of Westminister
Board of Health
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The Westminister Board of Health will hold a public hearing pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 111, § 150A and 150A½ and 310 CMR 16.00 to consider a request for a major modification to the existing Site Assignment at the Fitchburg/Westminister Sanitary Landfill, located at 101 Fitchburg Road, Westminister, MA, 01473 (Landfill). The applicants are Resource Control, Inc. a subsidiary of Waste Management of Massachusetts, Inc., 26 Patriot Place, Suite 300, Foxborough, MA, 02035 and the City of Fitchburg, 718 Main Street, Fitchburg, MA, 01420.

The public hearing will take place at 4 p.m. on September 20, 2021 at gymnasium at the Meetinghouse School, 8 South Street, Westminister, Massachusetts. To the extent feasible, the public hearing will also be available to be accessed remotely by videoconference or telephone. Updates on remote access will be available in advance of the public hearing at www.bdlaw.com/boh-hearing-info.

The Landfill is currently subject to a Westminister Board of Health site assignment and a solid waste permit authorization to operate (ATO) issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. The Landfill is located on approximately 223.8 acres of adjoining parcels of land, of which 94.8 acres have been used for solid waste disposal. The Landfill will continue to receive the same waste material types currently permitted for acceptance, including municipal solid waste, industrial waste, ash, soil, sludge, asbestos containing material, and special wastes. Operation is authorized at a maximum daily waste acceptance rate of 1,725 tons/day, 312 days per year. The applicant is seeking to modify the existing site assignment for the Fitchburg/Westminister Sanitary Landfill for the purpose of increasing the maximum height from 1,080 feet to approximately 1,158 feet above mean sea level and increasing the total site assigned area from approximately 188.7 acres to 190.51 acres. The proposed increase of approximately 1.81 acres in site assigned area is to accommodate the existing stormwater basin 2A, proposed stormwater basin 9, and the existing City of Fitchburg solid waste and recycling center. The existing waste disposal footprint will be increased by approximately 2.5 acres and is located entirely within the current site assigned area. The proposed change will not alter the current permitted hours of operation under the facility ATO which are Monday – Friday (6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) and Saturday (7 a.m. to 1 p.m.), the permitted waste acceptance rates, or conflict with any conditions under the current Site Assignment.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (the Department) has issued a Report in which it determines that the above described place is a suitable place for the proposed facility. Copies of the Department's Report on Suitability and the site suitability criteria (310 CMR 16.00) are available for copying and examination, along with the application by accessing the following web site: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/> Scroll down on the first screen and in the "Site Name/Location Name" box type "FITCHBURG WESTMINSTER SLF" and then click on the "Search" box at the bottom of the page. Next click on the FITCHBURG WESTMINSTER SLF (SW38) record below the "Application Documents" heading and the Permit Application and supporting documents will appear in blue links. Click on

one link at a time to access each separate document. The application is also available during regular business hours at the Westminster Board of Health Office, 11 South Street, Westminster, MA 01473; the Fitchburg Board of Health Office, 166 Boulder Drive, Suite 108, Fitchburg, MA 01420; and the Leominster Board of Health Office, 25 West Street, Suite 11, Leominster, MA 01453, as well as at the Princeton Public Library, 2 Town Hall Drive, Princeton, MA 01541 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Tuesday) and 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday); the Leominster Public Library, 30 West Street, Leominster, MA 01453 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Monday through Thursday), 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Friday), and 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Saturday); the Fitchburg Public Library, 610 Main Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Monday through Thursday), 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Friday), and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Saturday); the Forbush Memorial Library, 118 Main Street, Westminster, MA 01473 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Tuesday through Wednesday), 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Thursday through Friday), and 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Saturday).

Written comments will be accepted by the Westminster Board of Health in advance of the public hearing when delivered to the Board of Health by electronic mail (aloree@westminster-ma.gov and epenney@westminster-ma.gov) or at the address listed above for receipt no later than Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 5 p.m. Any person wishing to intervene or participate in the public hearing pursuant to 310 CMR 16.20(9) must submit to the Westminster Board of Health a written petition for leave to intervene or participate by electronic mail (aloree@westminster-ma.gov and epenney@westminster-ma.gov) or at the address listed above for receipt no later than Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 5 p.m. Copies of the site suitability criteria (310 CMR 16.00) are available at:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/recycle/regulations/> or at the Westminster Board of Health office.