



Township of Monroe

County of Middlesex

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Subject: BFI/Republic Landfill

Dear Residents,

I am writing to update you on our current progress toward resolution of the leachate disposal problem at the Landfill. As all of you are aware, nearly one year has passed since the Landfill operator, BFI/Republic, ceased discharging leachate into the sanitary sewer system that runs through your neighborhood with laterals to homes. In August and September 2020, that leachate generated from the Landfill caused a number of odor incidents in Inwood Estates, including inside homes. After far too many months of waiting for the operator and the regulatory agencies to study the issue, and develop a safe solution, the Township is moving forward to design and construct a dedicated force main.

Unlike a sanitary sewer line, the dedicated force main involves no laterals to any home and, therefore, there will be no potential physical pathway for the leachate to reach anyone's home. A solid, double encased pipe will be constructed to run directly from the Landfill to an existing sewerage pumping station, and then directly to a county treatment facility.

Based on advice from the Township's environmental consultant, this dedicated force main is the safest approach to remove leachate from the Landfill. Our consultant's report, which you can find on the Township's BFI webpage at www.monroetwp.com and click on "BFI Landfill," analyzes flaws in BFI/Republic's proposal to reintroduce leachate back into the sanitary sewer system. As I have said many times, I cannot allow the risk that our residents will again be exposed to leachate through the sanitary sewer, especially when a safer alternative is available and feasible.

At my request, the Township Council has already approved the funding for the construction of the force main and an engineering contract for its design. The design is progressing swiftly and we anticipate its completion in early October. The Township will accept public bids from contractors, with the goal of awarding a contract and commencing installation of the force main in November. We continue to communicate with BFI/Republic regularly to ensure that this force main effectively

connects to their internal leachate collection system, for a safe disposal directly to our pumping station.

I will communicate with Inwood Estates residents, and all residents, at *every phase* of this project until it is completed. We all look forward to the day, in the coming months, when the Landfill's leachate is safely, efficiently, and quietly disposed through the force main, and the trucking operation finally comes to an end in Inwood Estates. I encourage all of you to reach out to me, or other Township officials, with any questions or concerns throughout this project. As I have said before, we are all aware that this Landfill may require some additional study, beyond the urgent leachate disposal issue, and the Township's environmental consultant will pursue that work.

Thank you all for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
Stephen Dalina

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Dalina". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the beginning.

Mayor, Township of Monroe, Middlesex County