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[MPC Comment] Landfill on Martin Mill

1 message

Leila Lott <leila@estatesolutionsoftn.com>

Tue, Jul 10, 2018 at 10:52 AM

Reply-To: leila@estatesolutionsoftn.com

To: commission@knoxmpc.org

Members of MPC-

Regarding: Proposed Landfill [6121 Martin Mill Pike](#) 4-I-18-UR

My name is Leila Lott and our property borders the proposed landfill in South Knoxville.

In 2004 we purchased 67 acres of serene woodland full of wildlife with a creek and multiple springs. Wildflowers, birds, fish, frogs, and other animals use this quiet land with us. This land has provided us and many others with a beautiful refuge to those in need of a calm retreat. We would like to keep our land and the surrounding land in the same healthy condition it currently possesses.

Of course, our major concerns are the contamination of Knob Creek and the many springs that border this landfill site. Two of these springs have been removed from the map that Blount Excavating submitted to MPC. These springs can easily be seen on the KGIS map that was used in their paperwork.

The dump trucks that are using this proposed landfill travel on Martin Mill Pike which is a designated bike trail. There are also two school zones using Martin Mill as well. The narrow curvy roads cannot safely accommodate these dump trucks. The constant dumping and road usage is extremely dangerous. I happened to get behind one of these dump trucks on Martin Mill and twice the truck went over into the oncoming lane.

The noise that these trucks create is disturbing and upsetting to us and our neighbors. When the trucks dump their load they bang the dump bed to remove all remaining items. It sounds like gunfire.

We know that our property values will be negatively impacted should this landfill be allowed. It seems that the reduction in property tax revenue alone would make this a bad choice for our community.

The air pollution and settling dust along Martin Mill is an eyesore and a health hazard.

South Knoxville is quickly becoming a wonderful destination with new growth, trails, parks and many other opportunities for outdoor activities. This landfill is not in harmony with the exciting direction we feel South Knoxville is striving for. There is no need for this particular landfill in South Knoxville when other landfills are available. Sincerely,

Leila Lott



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[MPC Comment] STOP THE MARTIN MILL C&D LANDFILL UOR 4-1-18-UR

1 message

George Lott <george@perfectideasllc.com>

Tue, Jul 10, 2018 at 10:59 AM

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Dear Honorable Commissioners,

My name is George Lott and I live with my wife Leila Lott at 1710 Brown Road and we own a 65 acre registered farm addressed at 1500 Brown Road. Our farm is adjacent to the subject property and situated due west and down hill. Knob Creek runs through the subject property and continues through our property for another 1/2 mile before it continues on through 3 other farms and several smaller residential lots before crossing Maryville Pike and emptying into Ft. Loudon at IC King Park. We purchased our property back in 2004 and have enjoyed the quiet and private use of our property as a horse and small livestock farm. We have taken much pride in maintaining a clean property that is very environmentally friendly. We use no pesticides or herbicides in order to help maintain a clean aquatic environment for the abundant aquatic life, our animals that frequently drink from it and for our children, grandchildren, and neighborhood families to play in and enjoy. It is truly our piece of heaven. When the dumping and grading started around 4 years ago, we asked our neighbor what was going on and he explained that he was filling in a low area of his property to make it more user friendly for raising his cattle. That sounded reasonable to us and we were fine with this until we became aware of their intent to make get a C&D classification and start accepting fill from multiple locations. As a licensed General Contractor I frequently go to and utilize the existing landfills in the metro area, and there is plenty of fill space available for decades to come. Additionally, as a frequent user of the landfills, I also personally witness on a regular basis, other users dumping illegal materials in the landfills with no landfill employee ever stopping them or even aware that this is happening. This type of operation should never be allowed, especially in the middle of a community that is filled with farms, children and their families living in harmony with their land. Please take a moment to put yourselves in our place and imagine having built your home to raise your family and animals and to share it with your neighbors, expecting to pass this along to your children, and then something so against the progress of the community and what it stands for to then be rammed down your throats, for the benefit of one family and a company is based outside of Knox County. Please do what is right for the benefit of the majority, and do NOT allow this illegal dumping to continue and please do NOT allow it to become legal to the degradation of the South Knox community and way of life.

Thanks,

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PETITION TO DENY
UOR 4-I-18-UR
C&D LANDFILL

6121 MARTIN MILL PIKE

Petition to Deny UOR 4-I-18-UR – C&D Landfill

Reasons to Deny (Letter: June 28, 2018)

- Land-Use Considerations
- Environmental and Safety Considerations
- Regulatory Compliance History

The facts overwhelmingly support UOR denial.

Petition to Deny UOR 4-I-18-UR – C&D Landfill

Land-Use Considerations

NO NEED! - Over 100 years of permitted C&D space

One mile from City Limit – inherently inappropriate

Inconsistent with....current development – Urban Redevelopment, Ecotourism – not industrial landfilling

.... current use - residential corridor – over 2 miles

.... current use - parks, schools, libraries – 1 mile

.... current planning - John Sevier Corridor Plan

Inappropriate road conditions and sighting

Proposed variances undermine Rule purpose

Final contours inconsistent with natural topography

Landfilling at this location is inconsistent with **all** current land-use, development, and economic growth objectives in South Knoxville.

Petition to Deny UOR 4-I-18-UR – C&D Landfill

Environmental & Safety Concerns

50% of TDEC-permitted C&Ds have GW contamination

History of illegal fills in South Knoxville – \$\$ HAZARD \$\$

Karst terrain and groundwater

Adjacent Private water supplies

Surface water (Knob Creek) condition and location

Environmental Assessment – Knox County Supplemental Rule

Groundwater Monitoring – Knox County Supplemental Rule

Other Supplemental Rules, air quality and dust

Buffers and sighting distance

Uncontrolled, unmonitored landfills are disasters waiting to happen.
BZA variances should not be granted for averting environmental protections.

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Past / Current Regulatory Compliance

Began out of compliance with Construction Stormwater Rules

Began out of compliance with Knox County Ordinance

Obtained the wrong Stormwater permit – multiple source sites

Filled beyond the capacity of Construction Stormwater Permit

Continued to fill beyond the capacity and vs Knox Rules

Finally Received Industrial Stormwater Permit May 2018

Remains in operation vs Knox County Ordinance

Continuous history of Non-compliance and illegal operation

Operation constitutes a continuous and ongoing deceit of the Knox County Rules. Operator clearly unwilling to play by the rules.

Petition to Deny UOR 4-I-18-UR – C&D Landfill

Deny this Request

- Land-Use Considerations
- Environmental and Safety Considerations
- **Non-Compliant** Regulatory History

Illegal and Unsound on all accounts

An affront to government and community

Stop **ALL** landfilling and stabilize site