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Borough President James S. Oddo
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The Honorable Joseph Borelli
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Mr. John Felicetti, Co-Chair
Brookfield Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
c/o Staten Island Community Board 3
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Re: Brookfield Landfill Transfer

Dear Borough President Oddo, Councilmember Borelli, and Mr. Felicetti:

Thank you for your January 11th letter concerning the future management of leachate monitoring and the status of transferring the Brookfield Avenue Landfill (BAL) from DEP to DPR. Both agencies share your excitement to have this former landfill opened as parkland as soon as possible. It is not expected that leachate operations will impact the schedule to open Brookfield as a park. Below is an update on other items related to this transfer.

The Environmental Easement (E.E.), which is a prerequisite for reclassification, has been recorded and transmitted to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). NYSDEC is currently reviewing the reclassification of the landfill from a Class-2 (significant threat to the public health or environment) site to a Class-4 (site properly closed- requires continued management) site which will enable the site to be used as park.

While NYSDEC is reviewing this reclassification, DEP and DPR are conducting frequent transition meetings to ensure a smooth transfer of the site to DPR, following the approved reclassification. The reclassification is expected to take place before the end of the calendar year.

After reclassification of the site, the plan is to transfer BAL to DPR with entire responsibilities of Operation, Maintenance and Environmental Monitoring (OM&M), currently managed by DEP. This includes the management of leachate monitoring. The existing two contracts (service contract for OM&M and Management Consultant contract for the oversight), which are currently managed by DEP, will be also be transferred to DPR. These contracts are sufficient for a minimal-level maintenance of the site, but not for the level of personnel that would be required to open the site for regular park public use. Additional DPR staff will need to be hired to maintain BAL at an acceptable level for public park use.



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In addition to OM&M and Management Consultant contracts, security is another critical component of on-going site management. Security presently provided at the site is through a DEP contract. Ongoing site security needs are being assessed by DPR. DEP will maintain their security contract until DPR has a new security plan in place.

An additional item being discussed in relation to this transfer is the Eltingville Pumping Station, a piece of critical DEP infrastructure on site that DEP will continue to need access to. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is being drafted between DEP and DPR regarding the on-going site coordination related to Eltingville Pumping Station and will be completed soon.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Nicholas Molinari, Chief of Planning and Neighborhood Development, at (212) 360-3413 or Nicholas.Molinari@parks.nyc.gov.

Respectfully Yours,

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