

BEFORE THE
STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF FEASIBILITY REPORT AND
PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT DECISIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to sections 289.24 and 289.25, Wis. Stats., that the Department of Natural Resources (department) has determined that the feasibility report submitted by the Vernon County Solid Waste Department and the environmental impact statement process for the proposed Vernon County Landfill Eastern Expansion are complete. The proposed solid waste disposal facility is located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, Township 13North, Range 4 West, Town of Viroqua, Vernon County, Wisconsin.

The proposed Eastern Expansion of Vernon County Landfill would be a contiguous expansion east of the currently permitted Phase III of the Vernon County Landfill. The proposed Eastern Expansion would have a horizontal footprint of approximately 4.0 acres with a 5.0-acre vertical overlay above the currently permitted landfill. The proposed Eastern Expansion would provide approximately 427,355 cubic yards of additional capacity for nonhazardous commercial solid waste, residential solid waste, construction and demolition waste, contaminated soil and nonhazardous industrial solid waste. The proposed Eastern Expansion is expected to provide approximately 15 years of site life based on the Vernon County Landfill estimated filling rate.

A solid waste landfill feasibility determination is an integrated analysis action under s. NR 150.20 (2) (a) 7, Wis. Adm. Code. The department has completed an environmental analysis for the proposal and has made a preliminary determination that an environmental impact statement is not needed under section 1.11, Wis. Stats. Pursuant to sections 289.25(3) and 1.11, Wis. Stats., written comments by any person concerning the proposed solid waste disposal facility and the environmental analysis are invited. All written comments must be submitted within 30 days after the date of posting this notice on the department internet website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waste/Comment.html> to Mark Peters, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, 1027 West Saint Paul Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233 or addressed to Mark.Peters@wisconsin.gov by e-mail.

A public hearing concerning the feasibility report may be requested in writing by any county, village, city or town, the applicant, or any 6 or more persons. The request shall indicate the interests of the municipality or persons who file the request and state the reasons why the hearing was requested. The hearing shall be conducted as an informational hearing utilizing the procedures in s. NR 2.135, Wis. Adm. Code unless the request filed indicates pursuant to section 289.27(1), Wis. Stats., that the hearing is to be treated as a contested case, as provided under section 227.42, Wis. Stats., and that:

1. A substantial interest of the person requesting the treatment of the hearing as contested case is injured in fact or threatened with injury by the department's action or inaction on the matter;
2. The injury to the person requesting the treatment of the hearing as a contested case is different in kind or degree from injury to the general public caused by the department's action or inaction on the matter; and
3. There is a dispute of material fact.

All hearing requests shall be filed with the department within 30 days after the publication date of this notice, either by delivery to the Office of the Secretary of the Department at 101 South Webster Street, Madison, WI 53703 or by mailing to the Secretary, Department of Natural Resources by certified mail at the following address: P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707.

Copies of the complete feasibility report and the environmental analysis are available for public review at the following locations:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Fitchburg Service Center
3911 Fish Hatchery Road
Fitchburg, WI 53711
Contact: Colin Maus

Mr. Jerry Pedretti
Walworth County Clerk
400 Courthouse Square, Suite 108
Viroqua, WI 54665

Mr. Nathan Campbell
Town of Viroqua Clerk
E7560A County Road BB
Viroqua, WI 54665

Ms. Trina Erickson- Director
McIntosh Memorial Library
205 South Rock Avenue
Viroqua, WI 54665

Dated at Fitchburg, Wisconsin this 17th day of August, 2026.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
for the Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bridget Kelly', with a large, stylized initial 'B'.

Bridget Kelly
Waste and Materials Management Program Supervisor
South Central Region