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**Millersville Landfill and Resource Recovery Facility  
Cell 9 Proposed Vertical Expansion  
MDE Refuse Disposal Permit Public Informational Meeting**

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# Meeting Agenda

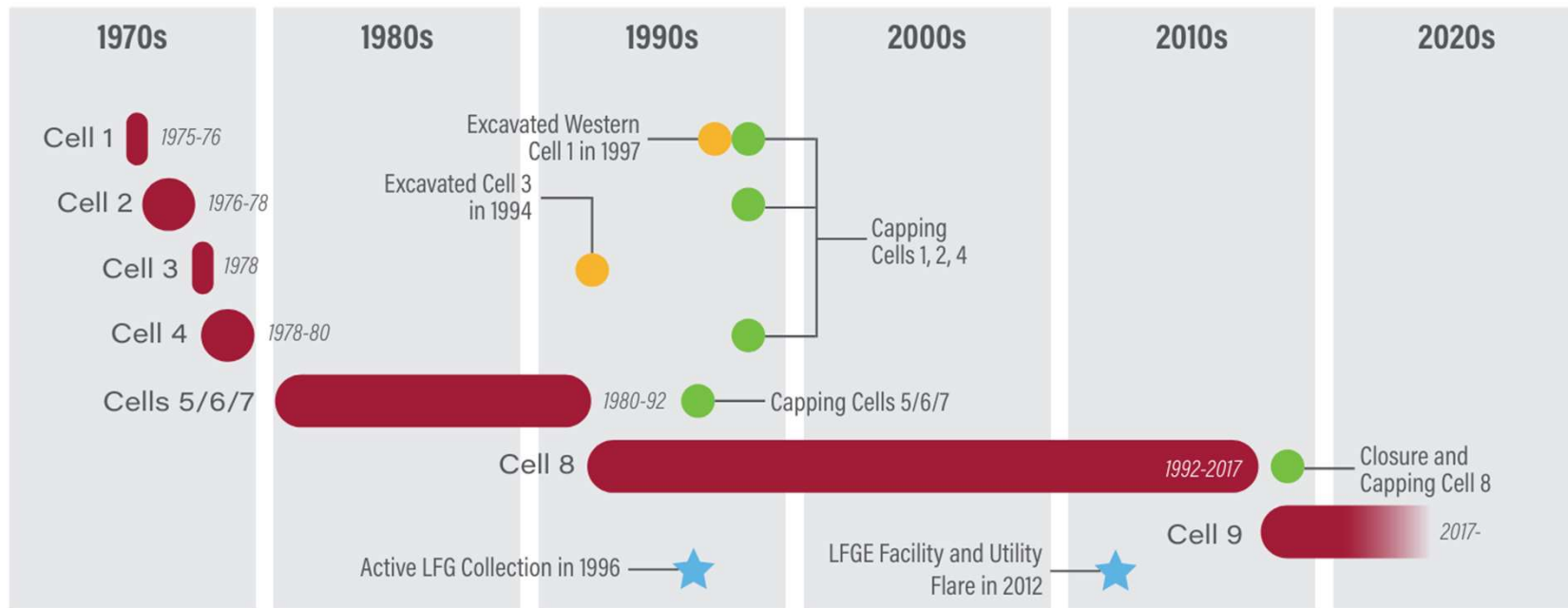
- Introductions
- Brief History of Millersville Landfill
- Cell 9 Background
- Permit Application for Proposed Expansion

# Millersville Landfill and Resource Recovery Facility

- Only municipal solid waste landfill in Anne Arundel County
- Resource Recovery
  - Yard debris composting and mulching
  - Scrap metal and appliance recycling
  - Cardboard baling and recycling
  - Central recycling center for residents
- Municipal Waste Disposal
  - Waste disposal for County residents and businesses



# Brief History of Millersville Landfill



# Anne Arundel County Solid Waste Planning



**10-YEAR  
SOLID WASTE  
MANAGEMENT PLAN**  
2024-2033



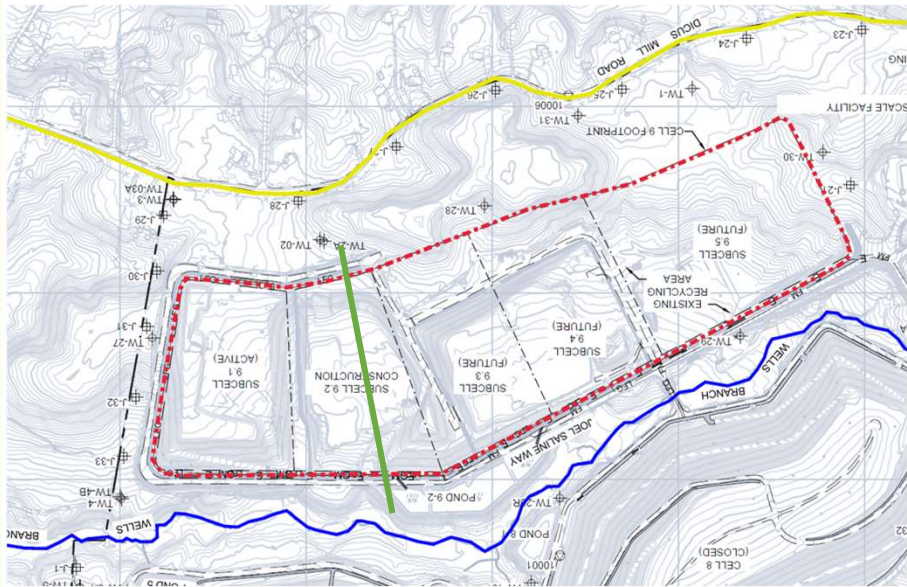
## Plan2040 (GDP)

- Optimize recycling programs
- Maximize the life expectancy of the Millersville Landfill

## 10-Yr Solid Waste Plan

- Increase remaining landfill capacity
  - Operational efficiencies
  - Vertically expand Cell 9
- Study opportunities for the future (in progress)

# Millersville Landfill Cell 9



# Millersville Landfill Cell 9

- Cell 9 is the only active cell and last remaining permitted cell
- Cell 9 permitted capacity is 8.5 million cubic yards
- Divided into 5 subcells
- In 2023, 122,800 tons of solid waste (270,000 cy) placed in Cell 9
- Cell 9 expected to run out of capacity in late 2048



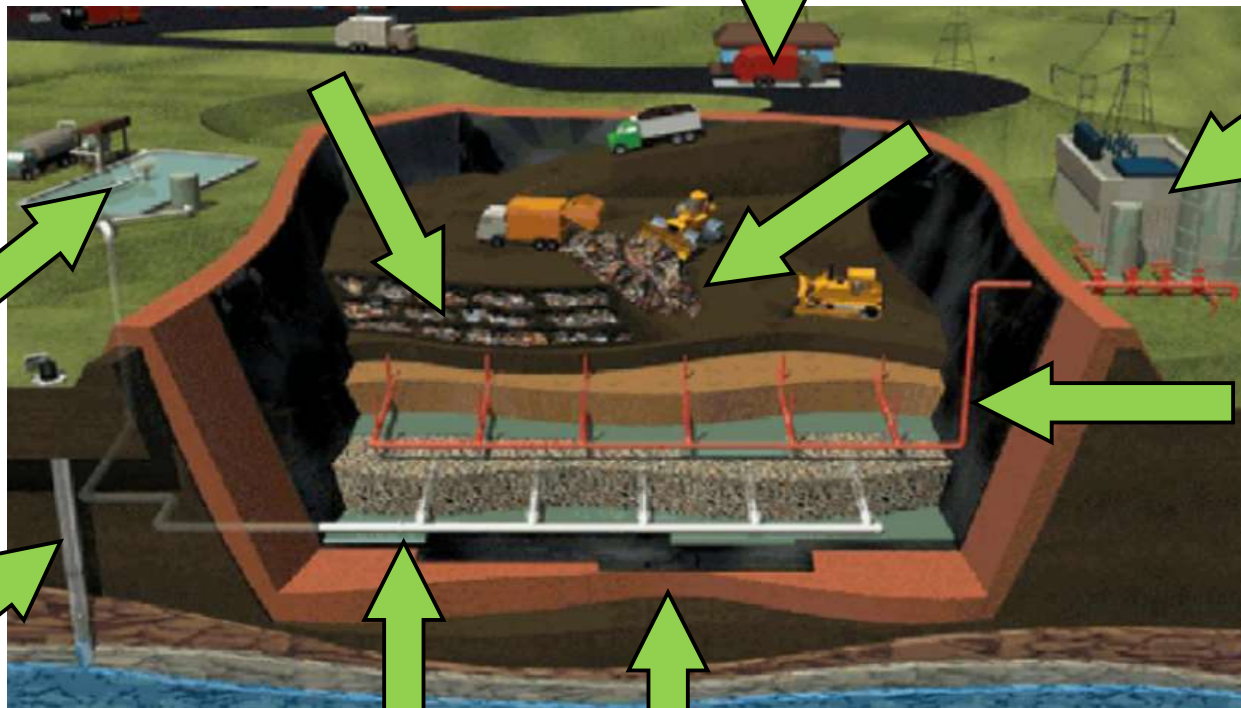
Landfilling in Subcell 9.1, construction of Subcell 9.2, 2021

# Basis of Design = Environmental Protection

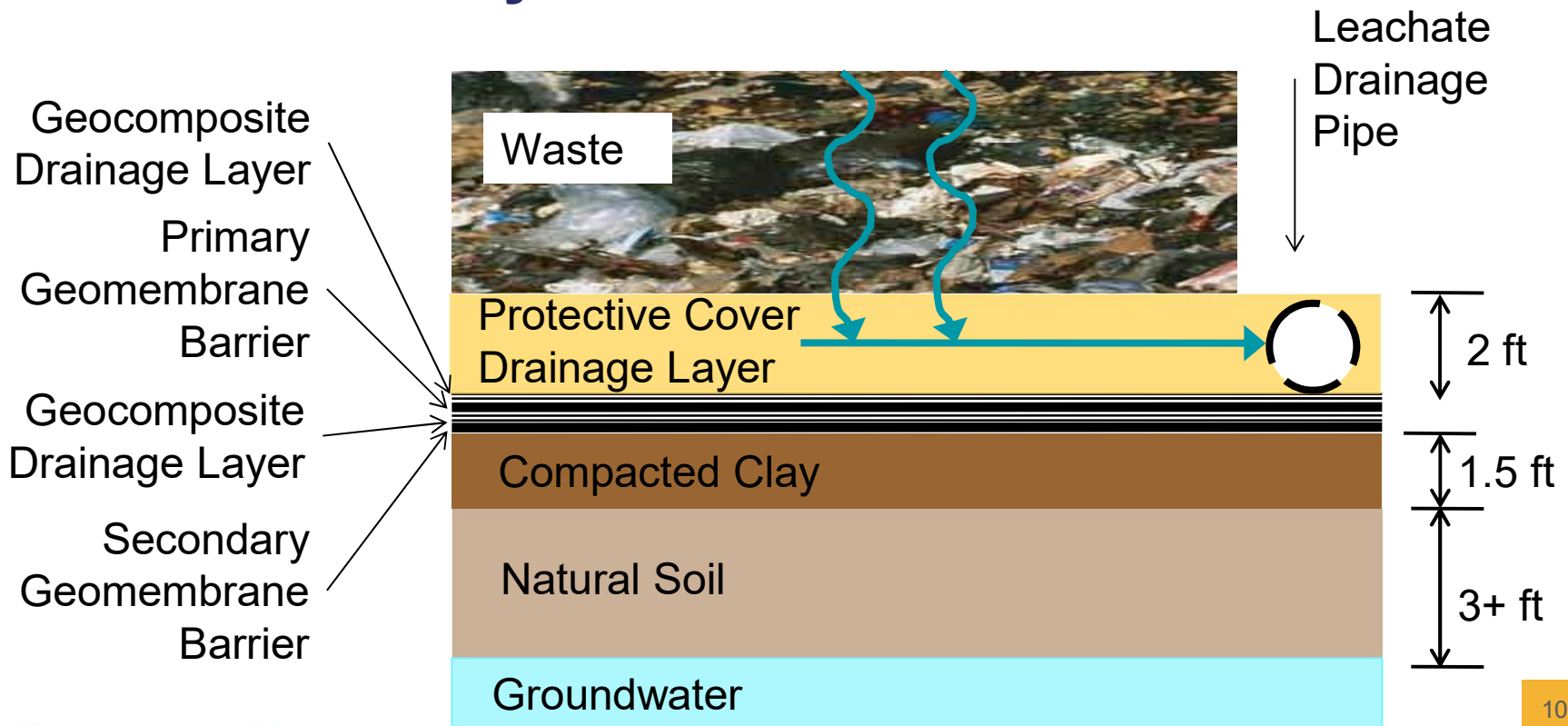
- Landfills are designed and operated to control:
  - Leakage of leachate to soil, groundwater, or surface water
  - Migration of gas to subsurface
  - Emission of gas to the atmosphere
- Leachate is controlled by the landfill liners and leachate collection system
- Gas is controlled by the landfill liner and gas management system
- Cover system serves to minimize leachate generation and gas emissions



## Overview of Typical Landfill Operations and Control Systems



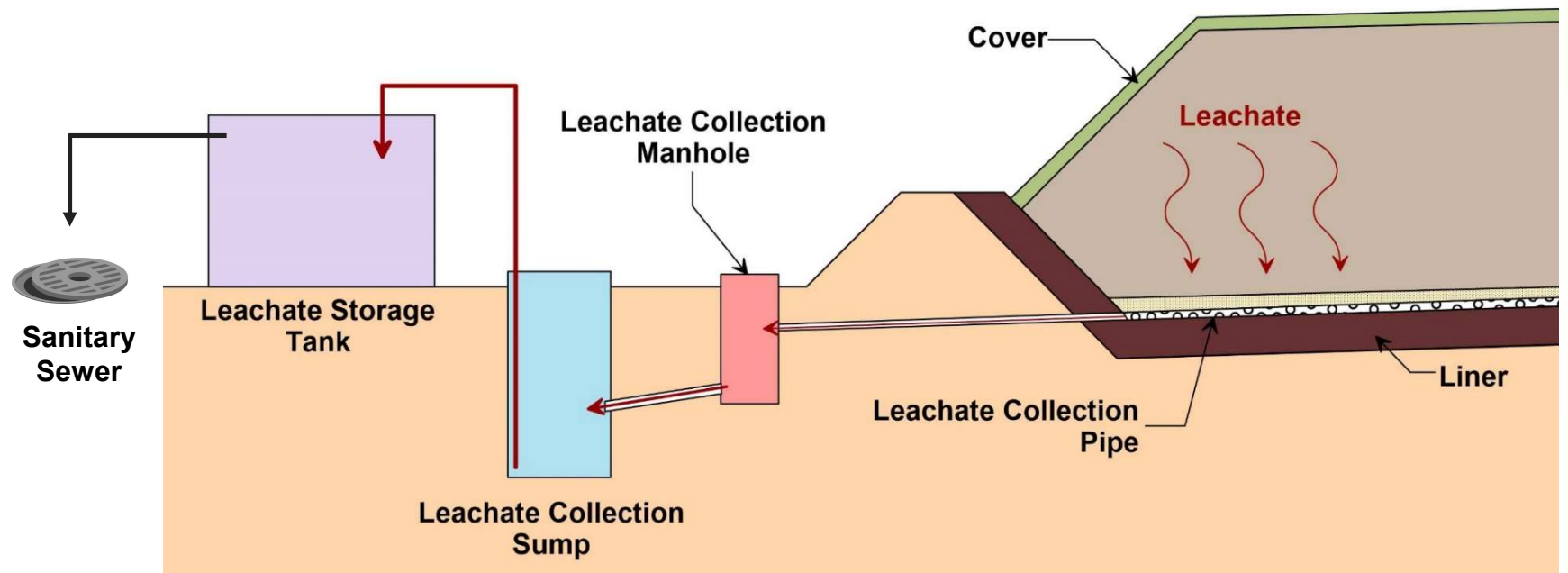
# Landfill Liner System



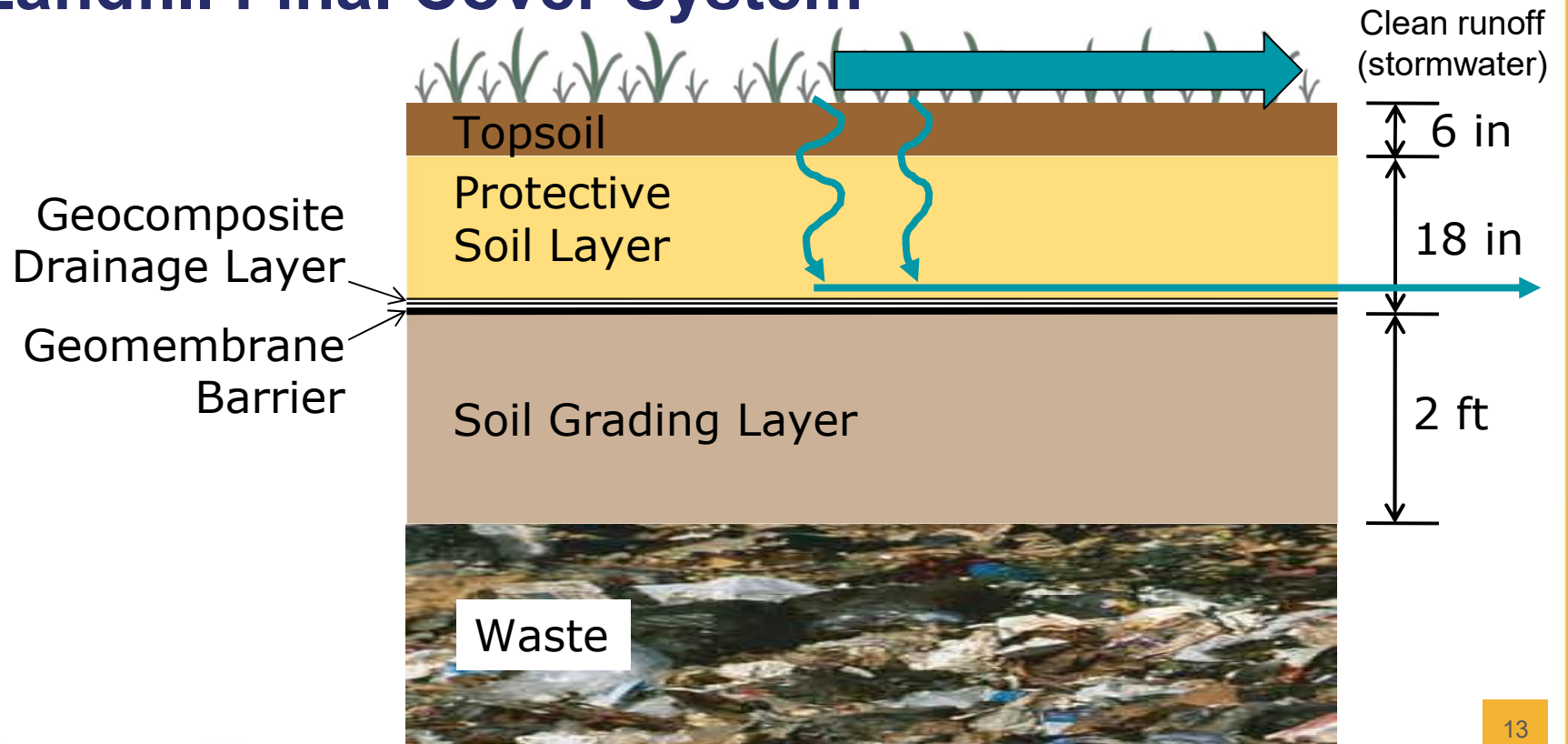
# Liner System Construction Overview



# Leachate Management System



# Landfill Final Cover System



# Landfill Gas Control

- Helps prevent odors
- Protects air quality
- Helps control greenhouse gas emissions
- Renewable energy production from methane gas



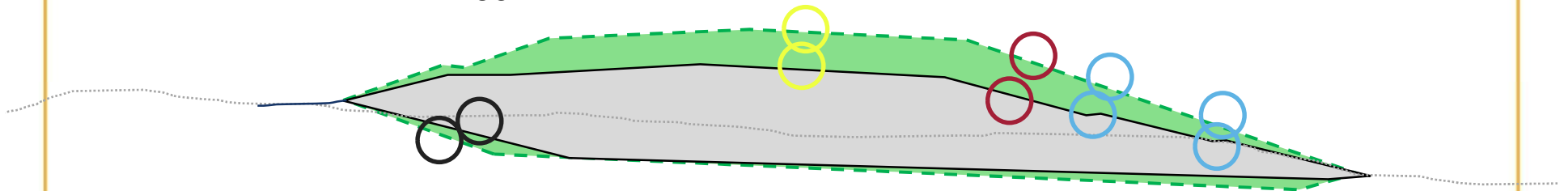
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# Environmental Monitoring

- Groundwater monitoring well network
- Gas migration monitoring well network
- Surface water monitoring
- Routine monitoring performed
- Reports submitted to MDE

# Proposed Vertical Expansion

- Steepen sideslopes
  - 3.5:1 to 3:1
- Stormwater benches
  - Tack on
- Increase vertical height
  - 244 ft-msl to 285 ft-msl
- Steepen interior slopes
  - 4:1 to 3:1
- Alternative Closure Cover
  - Closure Turf
- Extend life to ~2060



~50% increase in capacity; no change to permitted landfill disposal boundary



# Evaluation of Cell 9 Expansion Design

- Liner System
  - ✓ Is the liner strong enough?
  - ✓ Will the ground sink?
  - ✓ Will the landfill be stable?
- Leachate Management System
  - ✓ Are the pipes and tanks big enough?
  - ✓ Are the collection pipes strong enough?
- Landfill Gas Collection System
  - ✓ Do we have enough gas collection wells?
  - ✓ Are the pipes big enough?

# Evaluation of Cell 9 Expansion Design


- Final Cover System
  - ✓ Will the landfill be stable?
  - ✓ Is the final cover strong enough?
- Stormwater Management System
  - ✓ Are the ponds big enough to hold all the water?
  - ✓ Will the landfill cover be eroded or damaged?

# Closing Summary

- Expansion will provide additional landfill capacity through ~2060
- Environmental quality at the site will be protected
- Permit application available to view:
  - Odenton Branch, Anne Arundel County Public Library
  - Severn Branch, Anne Arundel County Public Library
  - MDE website

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**PHASE I REPORT**  
**CELL 9 VERTICAL EXPANSION**  
**APPLICATION FOR PERMIT MODIFICATION**  
**MDE REFUSE DISPOSAL PERMIT 2022-WMF-0240**  
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**389 BURNS CROSSING ROAD**  
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## Questions and Discussion



For more information: <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/land/solidwaste/pages/index.aspx>  
<https://www.aacounty.org/public-works/news/cell-9-volume-enhancements>



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