

Coffin Butte Landfill recently withdrew its Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application, which would have allowed it to continue to perform routine disposal operations in another zoned portion of the existing property. We made the decision to withdraw the application so we could do more listening and better understand community perspectives. As we engage with our neighbors and community, we are also taking the opportunity to address any misconceptions about Coffin Butte whenever possible.

Myth vs. Fact

How the proposed expansion at Coffin Butte will impact Economics

MYTH

Denying a proposed expansion will not impact Benton County revenues.

The proposed expansion will have a negative impact on property values.

FACT

Coffin Butte's operations provide the second largest source of discretionary revenue into Benton County's coffers, after property taxes, according to the 2021-2023 Biennium Budget. In 2020, Benton County signed a 20-year franchise agreement that guarantees the County a minimum of at least \$2 million annually from landfill operations. That franchise fee increases to \$3.5 million in 2024.

The proposed expansion would not have increased disposal activity at the site; it merely assures continuity of operations. Further, there is no conclusive data that suggests landfills have either a positive or negative impact on property values.

