

What's Happening with the Proposed Expansion?

In October 2021, Coffin Butte Landfill applied for a conditional use permit (CUP) – a regulatory step required under Benton County's development code – to be able to perform routine landfill operations on another previously zoned portion of the existing property.

This new disposal area would have included all the environmental safeguards currently in place sitewide, such as a sophisticated composite liner system to protect groundwater, landfill gas collection and control systems, liquids management infrastructure and other advanced monitoring and management capabilities.

Why is the CUP needed?

While there are 15 years of permitted disposal space at Coffin Butte Landfill, **the on-site quarry will not be ready to accept waste in time to ensure continuity of waste disposal services.** The CUP proposal would have allowed Coffin Butte to continue serving the community for an additional 12 years. Engineering and construction can take several years to properly prepare the quarry for disposal. Alternatively, **without the CUP, Coffin Butte could run out of air space in less than four years. That would mean the County's waste would have no outlet, creating a multitude of challenges and added costs for residents and businesses alike.**

In response to concerns some members of the community raised about the initial CUP application, we made the decision to withdraw our proposal so that we can further engage the community, listen and better understand their perspectives. We are committed to providing space for open dialogue to hear what our neighbors have to say as we work to incorporate feedback into an updated CUP application, which we expect to file at the appropriate time.

KEY FACTS



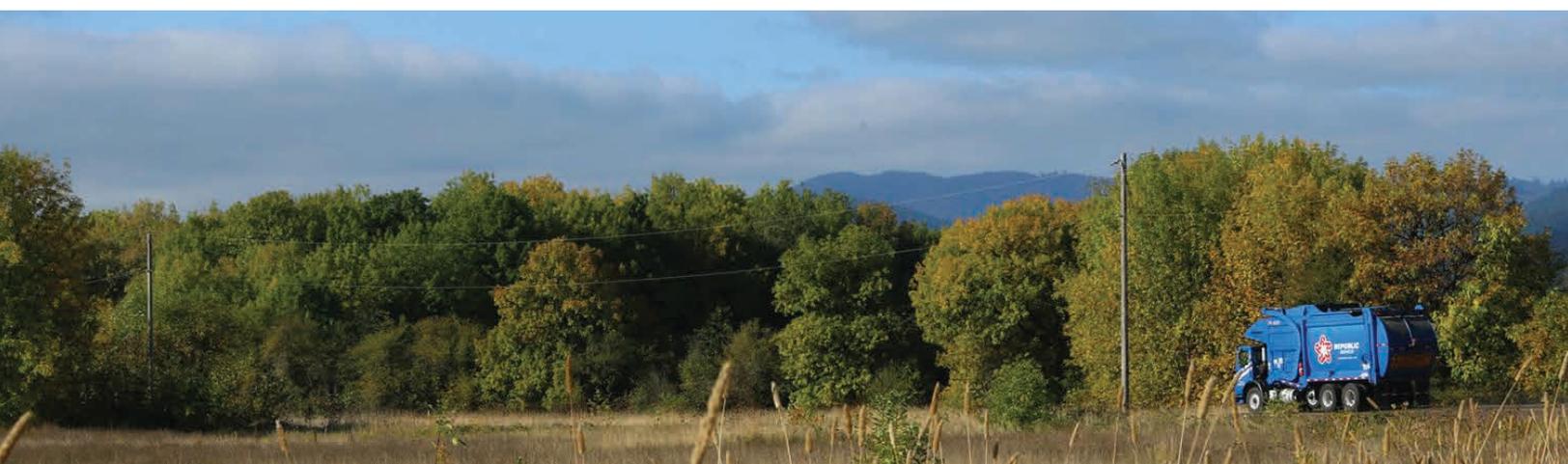
**CUP application
withdrawn in
March 2022**



**Participating in
a community
assessment process,
organized by the
County and led by an
independent facilitator**



**Actively listening
to neighbors and
community leaders**



Coffin Butte's Proposed Expansion: Learn the Facts

ISSUE

STATUS

A landfill expansion is not necessary. There are other options.

- Utilize the permitted quarry space
- Restrict out-of-county waste
- Reset the County's tonnage cap to preserve airspace

- Coffin Butte Landfill currently has approximately 4 years of remaining life.
- The permitted quarry space is an active quarry and will not be available for disposal for years.
- Restricting out-of-county waste is financially untenable. Combining out-of-county waste with Benton County's helps keep rates affordable.
- Coffin Butte Landfill is open to resetting the annual tonnage cap.

Expanding Coffin Butte Landfill would require closure of Coffin Butte Road.

- Residents were concerned that Coffin Butte Road would close with a CUP in place, and we heard them.
- We are committed to ongoing dialogue and exploring solutions with stakeholders.

Expansion would bring more waste, which means more odor and increased traffic.

- Additional landfill space would not mean more daily waste and associated concerns.
- Instead, additional landfill space would mean business as usual, and Coffin Butte could remain a community asset for years to come.
- We will continue operating the site to control the potential for off-site odors. This means continued investment in our landfill gas collection and control infrastructure, applying daily cover and conducting odor patrols in the community.
- Coffin Butte Landfill would continue to comply with the annual tonnage cap.

A landfill expansion would raise concerns about wildlife habitats and environmental protections

- The existing wildlife habitat neighboring the Landfill would remain in place and untouched by a landfill expansion.



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