

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

MONMOUTH COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING,
AUGUST 8, 2024 AT 7:00 PM

MEETING OF THE MONMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
AUGUST 22, 2024 AT 1:30 PM

Monmouth County Solid Waste Advisory Council Public Hearing,
Howell Township Municipal Building, 4579 US 9, Howell, NJ, August 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Monmouth County Commissioners Public Hearing,
Monmouth County Hall of Records, 1 E. Main Street, Freehold, NJ, August 22, 2024 at 1:30 pm.

Resource Recycling, LLC (“Applicant”) owns and operates what the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”) designates as a Class B Recycling Facility that processes approximately 68,640 tons of brush, tree parts, tree stumps and wood per year, collects topsoil and fill dirt, and sells these products to local landscapers and contractors (the “Facility”). The Facility is located at Block 5, Lot 4, more commonly known as 34 Randolph Road, Howell, New Jersey 07731 (the “Property”), which is also owned by Applicant.

Applicant has submitted a request for inclusion (“2024 RFI”) into the Monmouth County Solid Waste Management Plan (“MCSWMP”) to construct a new solid waste transfer station (“Transfer Station”) on the Property (the “Project”). The Transfer Station will enable Applicant to receive and process Type 13 waste (appliances, furniture, etc.) and Type 13C waste (construction debris) exclusively from Monmouth County. Once the Project is completed and the Transfer Station is operational, existing Class B operations on the Property (e.g., brush and stump collecting and processing) will be reduced by approximately 50%, and the Applicant will cease the collection and processing of topsoil and fill dirt.

Applicant initially filed an RFI to include the Project into the MCSWMP on August 19, 2015 (“2015 RFI”), which the Monmouth County Solid Waste Advisory Council (“SWAC”) considered at public meetings held on May 18, 2017 and January 25, 2018. A hearing on the 2015 RFI by the then Board of Chosen Freeholders was initially scheduled for 2018, but was adjourned and never rescheduled. On August 20, 2020, Applicant initiated an action in New Jersey Superior Court titled, *Resource Engineering, LLC v. Monmouth County Bd of Freeholders, et al.*, Docket No. MON-L-002495-20 seeking, among other things, to compel the County Commissioners to vote on the 2015 RFI (the “Litigation”). The Applicant has since submitted the 2024 RFI, which revises and updates that 2015 RFI to conform to the terms of a settlement agreement reached in the Litigation between Applicant and host community, Howell Township, which were approved following a public hearing by Resolution of the Howell Township Council on January 16, 2024. SWAC and the Monmouth County Commissioners will consider and hold a vote on whether to amend the MCSWMP to include the Project, as described in the 2024 RFI, at the public meetings taking place at dates and times set forth in this notice.

The Project contemplates that the Transfer Station will be approximately 36,000 square feet and fully enclosed. Applicant will also construct 8,000 square feet of office space as part of the Project,

which Applicant will use solely for its operations. The Project will accept a maximum of 1,500 tons of material per day, and generate an average of 80 truck trips per day, which is an increase of 30 from the current average of 50 truck trips per day. All trucks carrying Type 13 and Type 13C solid waste will load and unload inside the Transfer Station. The Project will be open Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 3 p.m., and for a half-day on Saturday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Access to and from the Project will be achieved primarily through use of State Route 9, County Road 547, and Interstate 195. Truck traffic will be required to exit left out of the Project so that trucks reach County Road 547 quickly, and then may proceed out of Howell expeditiously and with as little burden to local roads as possible. To improve traffic flow in the vicinity of the Project, Applicant will construct in connection with the Project a new traffic signal at the corner of Squankum Road and Randolph Road in Howell Township.

A complete copy of the 2024 RFI may be examined by scheduling an appointment with the Monmouth County Solid Waste Coordinator, through e-mail at william.johnson@co.monmouth.nj.us or by telephone at 732-683-8686. In addition, the 2024 RFI will be posted on the Monmouth County website at <https://www.visitmonmouth.com/Page.aspx?Id=186> and will be available at the Howell Township Municipal Clerk's office.

Comments regarding the 2024 RFI may be submitted in the following manner: (1) on August 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. during the meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Council; (2) on August 22, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. during the meeting of the Monmouth County Commissioners; (3) in writing to the office of the Monmouth County Solid Waste Coordinator at 6000 Asbury Ave. Tinton Falls, NJ 07753; and/or (4) via e-mail to THE Monmouth County Solid Waste Coordinator at william.johnson@co.monmouth.nj.us.