

Ongoing Community Involvement in the Front Range Landfill

The Town of Erie Landfill Task Force (LTF) brought together diverse perspectives and interests from community members, Town of Erie staff, and Waste Connections to collaborate on a vision for the future of the Front Range Landfill (FRL). During the task force process, all parties expressed an interest in the Town and Waste Connections continuing to engage community members around community-facing FRL topics. This could take the form of a formal committee, working group, and/or ad-hoc community gathering. The objectives would be to discuss how to implement the LTF recommendations, identify and work through current and future community issues, and agree on best practices and tactics to engage and keep informed the broader community.

The following items may fall under the purview of this group or process. Ongoing engagement and coordination builds upon the partnerships and relationships fostered during the LTF process, supports Waste Connections' commitment to being a good neighbor, and helps to minimize disinformation and promote correct information.

Phasing

- Prioritize the LTF recommendations for implementation.
- Develop a phasing plan to implement the LTF recommendations, consistent with Waste Connections' plans to close certain sections of the FRL.

Funding

- Identify the costs of implementing recommendations.
- Identify grants and other funding sources to implement community benefits at the FRL.

Collaboration

- Develop ways for community members to share comments and questions about the FRL.
- Coordinate to provide educational opportunities about FRL operations for local businesses, schools, neighborhood associations, and other organizations (e.g., presentations, field trips, and in-person engagement opportunities).

Implementation

- Message updates about recommendation implementation through Town channels.
- Identify opportunities for community involvement in the implementation process (e.g., public contests to name trails, incorporating local artists' work on structures).