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Environmental Assessment Advisory Committee Meeting 4

Social Impact Assessment

South Landfill Phase 2

November 2025

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Agenda

1. Introduction and what is a “Social Impact Assessment” ?
2. Study Areas and Assessment Criteria
3. Assessment Methods / Integration with Other Studies
4. Next Steps

Introduction

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Senior Advisor, Environmental and Social Impact Assessment

- 30+ Years of Experience
- Expertise in Several Areas:
  - Environmental and Social Impact Assessment / Impact Management
  - Gender Based Analysis Plus (GBA+),
  - Cumulative Effects Assessment
  - Community Engagement
  - Strategic Environmental Assessment

Social Assessment Project Experience Examples:

- Walker's South Landfill (Niagara Falls), Taro Landfill (Hamilton), West Carleton (Ottawa)
- Renewable Energy
- Nuclear power generation / Nuclear waste disposal
- Mines
- Infrastructure (power, roads, airports, etc.)

What is a Social Impact Assessment (SIA)

A Social Impact Assessment:

- Is a process of describing existing and likely future conditions, analyzing and managing the changes or outcomes of a project.
- Considers both positive and negative outcomes.
- Results in recommendations for mitigation, monitoring and contingency measures

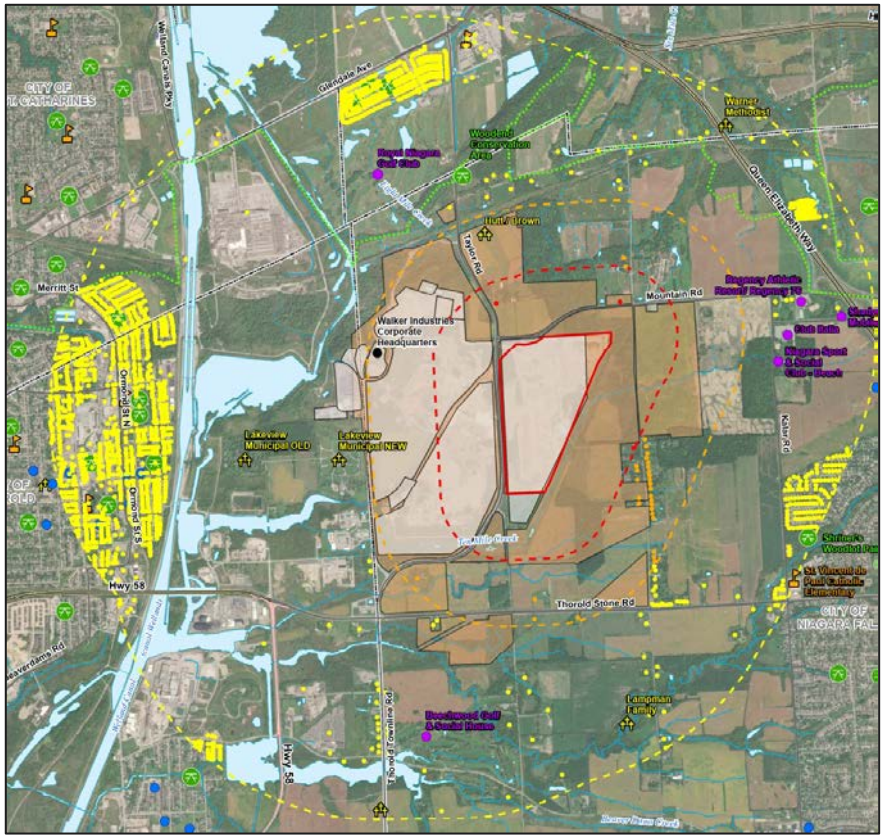
- Is often part of a larger environmental assessment process, undertaken in accordance with provincial or federal legislation (e.g., Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act)
- Is done from the perspective of those likely to be affected by a project.
- Must consider the changes in the biophysical environment (e.g., air quality, noise, ecology, etc.), traffic, land use.

Local Study Area (LSA)

Includes all properties within a two (2) kilometer (km) radius line beyond the Walker Resource Management Campus boundary.

Includes portions of Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, St. Catharines and Thorold.

Extends to areas outside of the 2 km radius to include the White Oaks Conference Resort and Spa



Regional Study Area (RSA)

Includes the municipalities of Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Thorold.

Includes communities within the closest municipalities that might be aware of; use the services available at the Walker Resource Management Campus; visit the LSA and use its amenities; or have an interest in the Walker South Landfill Phase 2 Project.

Assessment Criteria

The Social Impact Assessment Criteria were developed and approved by the MECP during the Term of Reference stage of the Environmental Assessment process.

Assessment Criteria	Indicators
Displacement of Residents from Houses	▪ The number of households/residents (property owners and tenants) to be displaced (i.e., forced relocation) by the project itself regardless of whether their property has been purchased or not ▪ The potential for or likelihood of voluntary out-migration of residents for consideration of the indirect effects on community character and cohesion
Disruption to Use and Enjoyment of Residential Properties	▪ The number of existing residential households and/or future households that are located at specific receptor locations and potentially affected by noise, dust, odour, traffic, agricultural and visual effects; and the potential for and likelihood of changes in the presence of vermin and gulls ▪ The number of existing residential households fronting/backing onto a haul route and potentially affected by changes in project related traffic and traffic noise ▪ Potential for or likelihood of changes in peoples' use of residential property
Disruption to Use and Enjoyment of Public Facilities and Institutions	▪ The number of existing public facilities and institutions that may be affected by nuisance factors such as noise, dust, odour, traffic and visual effects; and the potential for and likelihood of changes in the presence of vermin and gulls ▪ Potential for or likelihood of changes in operations of public facilities and institutions ▪ Potential for or likelihood of changes in use and enjoyment of public facilities and institutions

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Assessment Criteria	Indicators
Loss / Disruption of Recreational Resources	▪ The number/nature of existing recreational resources and/or future features potentially affected by noise, dust, odour, visual effects and changes in project-related traffic; and the potential for and likelihood of changes in the presence of vermin and gulls ▪ Potential for or likelihood of changes in operations of recreational features ▪ Potential for or likelihood of changes in use and enjoyment of recreational resources
Changes to Community Character	▪ Compatibility of landfill operations with the existing and likely future character of the community ▪ Compatibility of the proposed end use with the existing and likely future character of the community
Changes to Community Cohesion	▪ The extent of displacement ▪ The potential for or likelihood of voluntary out-migration ▪ Loss and the extent of disruption of recreational resources, public facilities and institutions, and the use and enjoyment of residential properties

Assessment Methods

Background data, including secondary source information and field mapping, is being collected:

- Field Reconnaissance Mapping;
- Secondary Source Data (e.g., databases, websites, reports)
- Statistics Canada Data (e.g., population, demographics, households, mobility, etc.)
- Case Study and Literature Review (e.g., South Landfill Phase 1 EA and compliance reports, other landfills and relevant studies)

Primary data is being collected through several field studies and questionnaires:

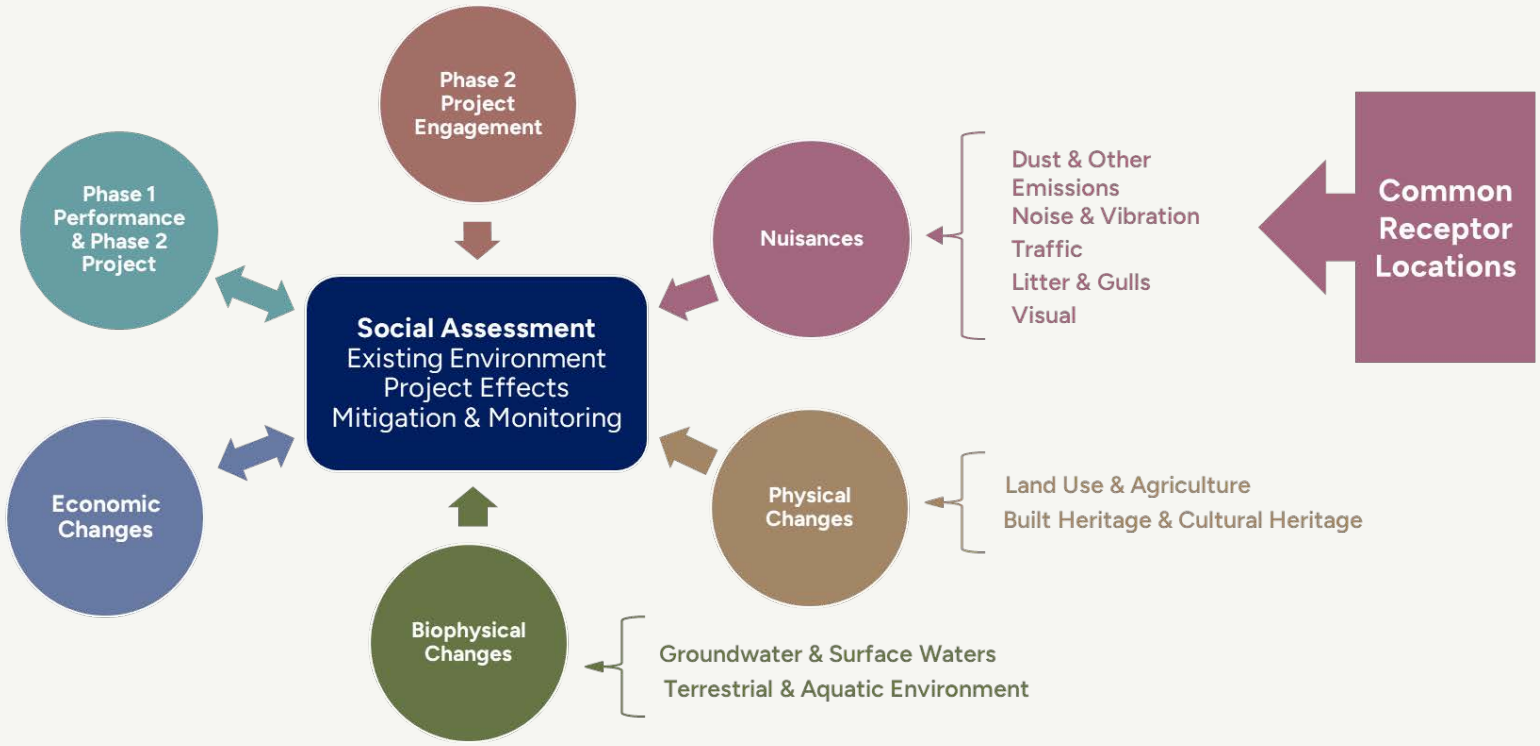
- Recreational Field Survey in the LSA (50 interviews at 10 locations)
- Site Neighbour Questionnaire in the Site Vicinity within the LSA (~ 260 households)
- Public Attitude Research (PAR) via telephone surveys conducted randomly in the RSA and LSA (A sample of 1,224 achieves a margin of error of ± 2.8%, 19 times out of 20)

Assessment Methods

Interviews with Community Knowledge / Data Holders

- Community Facility Operators (e.g., Niagara public works, churches/cemetery operators
- Educational Facility Operators (e.g., Niagara College, school boards, nearby schools and day cares)
- Woodend Conservation Area and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
- Community organizations and clubs (e.g., golf club, social clubs, cycling clubs, Bruce Trail club)
- Municipal Government Officials (e.g., Planning, Public Works, Transportation, Recreation/Parks, Public Health, EMS, Police, Tourism)

Integration with Other Studies



Next Steps – 2026

1. **Complete Analysis of PAR and Recreational Survey Data**
2. **Receive Site Neighbour Surveys and Complete Analysis**
3. **Commence Interviews with Community Data / Knowledge Holders**
   - *Your suggestions who we should be talking to are welcome*
4. **Complete Existing Social Environment Report**
5. **Commence the Detailed Impact Assessment. This will:**
   - integrate results from other studies
   - include analysis of nuisance effects at common receptors
   - include a cumulative effects assessment
   - recommend mitigation and monitoring

Do you have any questions?

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EA Process & Visual and Ecological Studies

Walker South Landfill Phase 2

Welcome

Environmental Assessment Process

→ Detailed Impact Assessment

GHD's role in the Environmental Assessment Process

Planning

– Assist Walker with planning the EA so it is conducted in accordance with *Codes of Practice*, and general best practices

Coordination

– Supporting technical disciplines
– Connecting across disciplines
– Actively look for gaps or issues early to help make sure concerns are addressed

Consultation

– Government Review Team
– General support

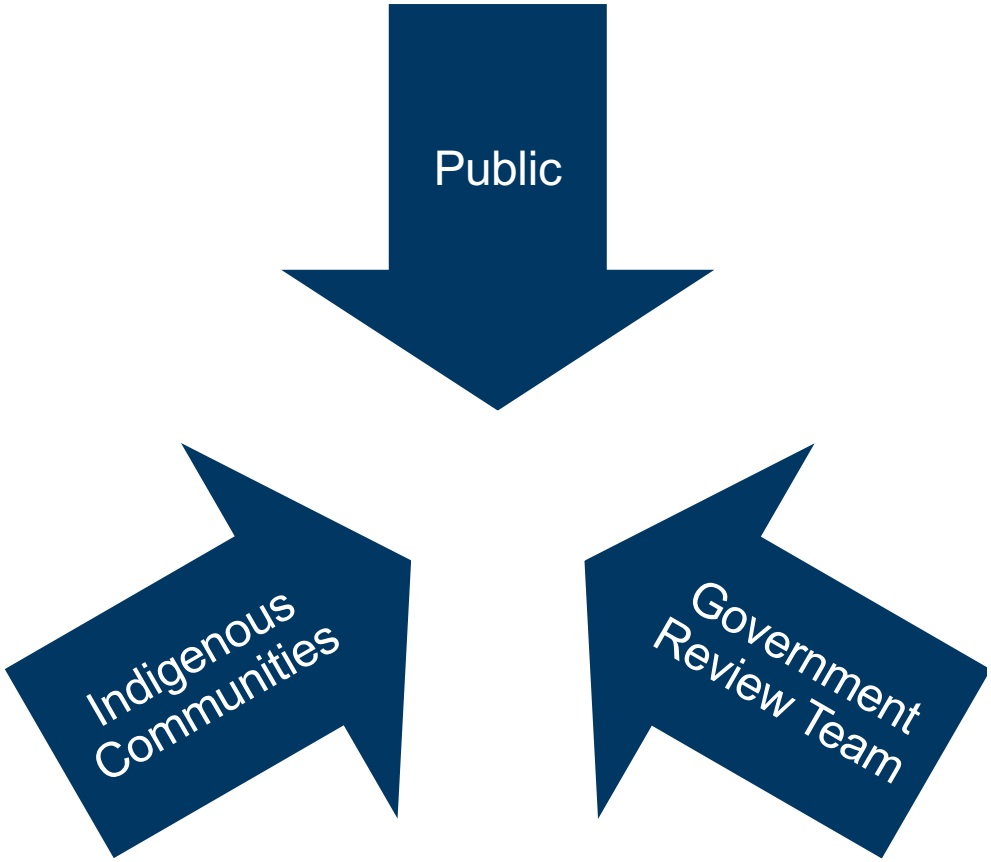
Documentation

– Lead authors of the core EA documents
– Focused on transparent and traceable documentation

Next Step in the EA Process

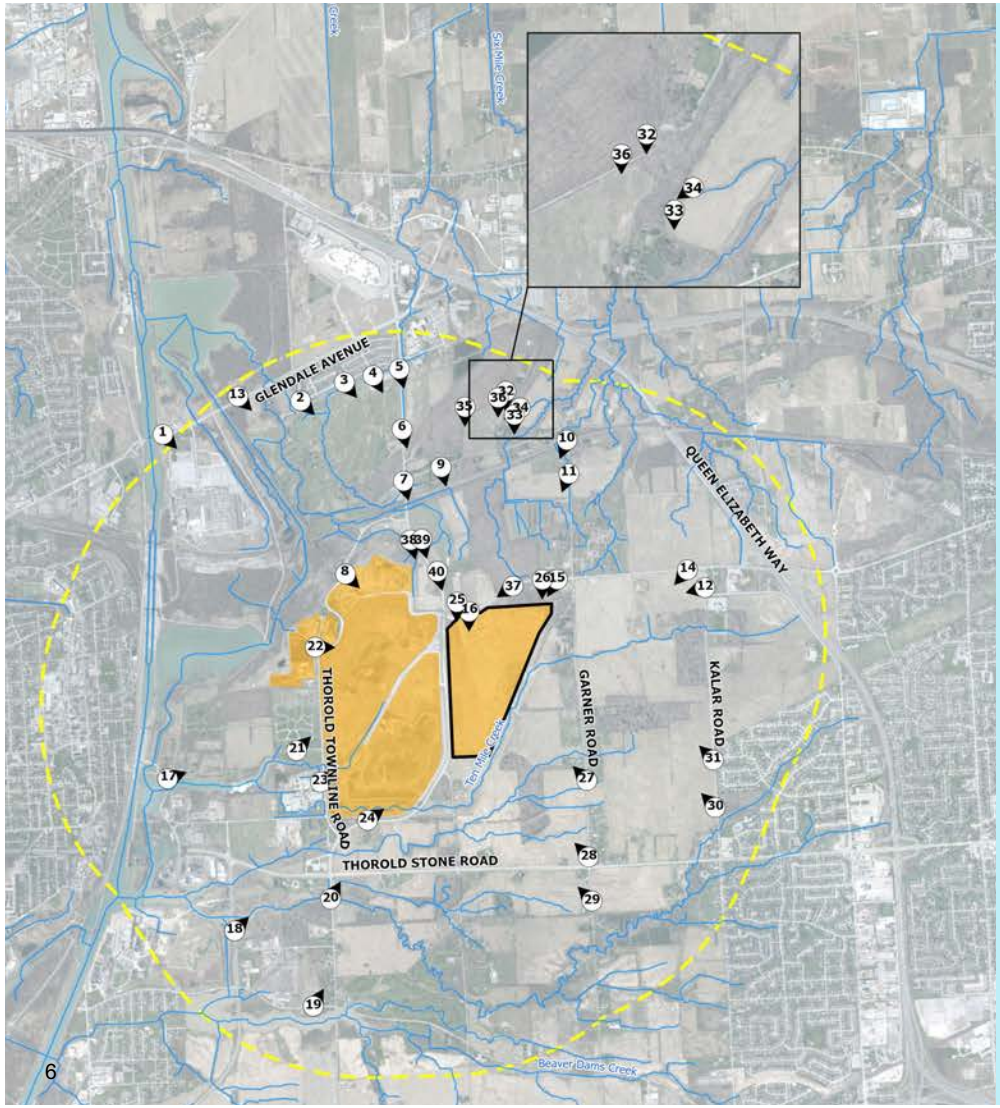
Detailed Impact Assessment

- Based on next level of design detail
- Modelling, for some technical disciplines
- Sharing of information between disciplines
- Re-visiting potential effects
- Re-confirming/updating mitigation measures
- Considering climate change and cumulative effects
- Identifying monitoring requirements
- Identifying opportunities for enhancement
- Further considering end use



Visual

→ Impact Assessment Process



Existing Visual Conditions

Photos taken from 40 locations to:

- Document current views of the site.
- Identify locations from which we may need to mitigate changes to views.

Photos taken from additional locations in response to feedback from the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

Comparing the Alternative Landfill Configuration Options

A

B

C

- Artistic Impressions generated for each of the three options at three locations:
  - #16 – Mountain Road, east of Taylor Road
  - #27 – Garner Road, southeast of the site
  - #40 – Taylor Road, north of the site**
- From the Visual perspective, Option C was the most preferred, due to its lower height.
- Option A selected as the recommended method, but its overall height has been decreased, in part to reduce the visual impact.
- Additional visual mitigation measures will be confirmed in the next step.
- Leachate Management Option A marginally preferred from the visual perspective.

Detailed Visual Impact Assessment

- Collection of additional photos (seeking input)
- Update artistic impressions
- Layer in mitigation measures, as needed, such as berms and vegetative screening
- Assess the net effects to the visual environment

Examples of Visual Mitigation

- Screening
  - Berms
  - Vegetation plantings
  - Fencing
- Operational
  - Placement/storage of equipment
  - Interim cover/seeding

Input, Review, and Knowledge Sharing

- Meeting with the Niagara Escarpment Commission
- The draft Visual Impact Assessment will be an appendix to the draft Environmental Assessment Report.
- Findings of the Visual Impact Assessment will inform the Social Impact Assessment

Ecology

→ **Terrestrial and Aquatic Environment**

Existing Ecological Conditions

Eighteen site visits between 2023-2025. Investigations included:

- Amphibian Call Count Surveys
- Aquatic Habitat Assessment
- Bat Acoustic Monitoring
- Breeding Bird Surveys
- Ecological Land Classification and Botanical Inventory
- Snake Coverboard Surveys
- Significant Wildlife Habitat Screening
- Species at Risk Screening
- Documenting Wetland Communities

Comparing the Alternative Methods

Landfill Configuration Options

– From the Terrestrial and Aquatic perspective, there were no differences in the three options.

Leachate Management Options

– From the Terrestrial and Aquatic perspective, assessment of both options resulted in low net effects.

– Option A, continued use of the municipal wastewater system, was preferred.

Detailed Impact Assessment

- Based on the next stage of design detail and inputs from other technical teams
  - Re-visit potential effects to the terrestrial and aquatic environment
  - Refine proposed mitigation measures
  - Assess the net effects and identify enhancement opportunities for operation phase and at end-use

Examples of Mitigation

- Limit areas of impact/adjust through design
- Construction Environmental Management Plan
- Transplant/salvage vegetation
- Pre-construction survey for invasive/noxious plants
- Compensation

Input and Review

- Ongoing consultation with the Conservation Authority, municipalities, and provincial ministries
- The draft Detailed Impact Assessment will be made available for review along with the draft Environmental Assessment Report

* Thank you

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EA Advisory Committee

Meeting No. 5 – June 15, 2026

Public Information Session #1

Summary Report

Alternative Methods

South Landfill Phase 2 EA

Public Information Session #1 – March 18, 2025

Walker Environmental Group

April 30, 2025

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1 Introduction

This report summarizes Public Information Session #1 – Alternative Methods for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment. The public information session was held in person on March 18, 2025 with a virtual component that was live during the period of March 6, 2025 through March 23, 2025.

Walker Environmental Group Inc. (Walker) is proposing to develop the next phase of its South Landfill to continue to provide waste disposal services at its Niagara Resource Management Campus in Niagara Falls, Ontario. To develop Phase 2 of the South Landfill, Walker has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) process under the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assess the potential effects of the proposed landfill continuance on the environment and surrounding community.

The EA process consists of two steps. Walker prepared a Terms of Reference (ToR) as part of the first step, which was approved on September 10, 2024. As part of the second step, Walker is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) which will be carried out as per the approved ToR. For the EA, Walker is carrying out several consultation activities with review agencies, Indigenous communities, and the public in accordance with the Approved ToR.

2 Objectives of Public Information Session #1

The purpose of Public Information Session #1 – Alternative Methods was to provide interest holders with a direct opportunity to learn about Walker, the project, current landfill operations, provide feedback, and ask questions. With this purpose in mind, the associated objectives were as follows:

- Introduce Walker, its current resource recovery and residual waste disposal (landfill) operations
- Provide an update on the South Landfill Phase 2 EA project
- Inform attendees and gather feedback on:
    - The Final EA Study Area
    - Existing Conditions
- Review the Alternative Methods, the evaluation criteria, and indicators that will be used for evaluation
- Answer questions and address concerns

3 Logistics of Public Information Session #1

The Public Information Session #1 was held in-person as well as virtually to allow more opportunities for community members to review the information and provide feedback. The following sections describe the in-person and virtual sessions.

3.1 In-Person Public Information Session

The in-person Public Information Session #1 was held on March 18, 2025 from 5 pm – 8 pm at Club Italia (2525 Montrose Road, Niagara Falls). This location was selected due to its close proximity to Walker's Niagara Resource Management Campus and the proposed South Landfill Phase 2 site, its accessibility and compliance under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA), and is the right size to accommodate the events purpose.

3.2 Virtual Public Information Session

In order to broaden Walker's reach for gathering community input and accommodate individuals who were unable to attend in-person, a virtual, self-guided information session was made available at www.southlandfillphase2.com from March 6, 2025 to March 23, 2025.

- The project website contained a banner at the top of the site with a Quick Link to the Virtual Information Session.
- The virtual information session mimicked the in-person Public Information Session so that stakeholders who could not attend were able to view the same information as those who attended in-person.
- The virtual session was broken down into fourteen (14) stations, categorizing the information by topic allowing the user to view the information they were most interested in learning about. A sample of the virtual component is included in **Appendix A**.
- A fillable feedback form was included at the bottom of the page. A copy of the questions included in the fillable feedback form is included in **Appendix A**.

4 Notification

Notification of the Public Information Session #1 – Alternative Methods was provided through a variety of means to increase the potential number of attendees. Specifically, notification of the in-person event and virtual component was provided as follows:

- **Newspaper advertisements** in the Niagara Falls Review (Niagara Falls), and the Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake), published on February 27, 2025, with a total reach of 20.2K
- **Direct Mailing and / or emailed** on February 27, 2025 to all identified agencies, Indigenous communities, and interest groups on the project-specific contact database (see **Appendix B**)
- **Canada Post mail-drop** to existing distribution list used by Walker bi-annually to communicate operational updates at the Campus, which includes approximately 560 addresses within an average 2.5-kilometer radius from the site on February 27, 2025
- **Courtesy calls** to community leaders
- **Project Website** was updated on February 27, 2025 to include detailed information about the public information session taking place both in-person and virtually.

Copies of these notices are found in **Appendix C**.

5 Project Team Members in Attendance

Walker's Project Team was well represented at the in-Person Public Information Session #1 to ensure questions and inquiries from participants could be answered directly and by Project Team members with specialist knowledge of the subject matter. Based on community input received to-date, Walker had four (4) Technical Experts attend the event to assist with answering questions from the community members. The following Technical Expert disciplines were present; Air Quality, Groundwater, Agricultural, and Ecology. Key Project Team members in attendance from both Walker and GHD, as well as several Technical Experts, are listed in **Table 1**.

Table 1 Project Team Members in Attendance at Public Information Session #1

Walker	GHD	Technical Experts
Darren Fry, Project Director	Blair Shoniker, Principal and Senior Planner	Lisa Horn, GHD – Ecology Expert
Leticia Koole, Project Support Specialist	Erika Borwn, Waste and Environmental Planner, EA Lead	Sarah Pallet, RWDI – Air Quality Expert
Kaitlynn Valeriano, Communications & Community Outreach Manager	Janet Oswald, Environmental Planner, EA Lead	Anthony Vanderheyden, RWDI – Air Quality Expert
Maddy Schaap, Marketing Communications Coordinator		Dan Mohr, WSP – Groundwater & Surface Water Expert
Shawn Jordan, General Manager – Campus Operations		Sean Colville, Colville Consulting – Agricultural Expert

In addition to the Project Team, ten (10) Walker Staff representing various Resource Management Campus operations were in attendance to answer questions about existing facilities.

6 Information Presented

The format of the in-person Public Information Session #1 – Alternative Methods was an informal drop-in session where individuals could attend anytime during the event hours, view the provided information, and meet individually with Project Team members. InformAration presented was in the form of display boards and other visual aids, which were organized amongst eleven (11) stations around the perimeter of the room. Information presented at each station is summarized in **Table 2**.

Table 2 Summary of Information Presented on Display Boards

Topic / Station	Display Board Title(s)	Description
Welcome	*N/A*	• Purpose of the event • Layout of the venue • Optional sign-in for individuals wanting to be notified of future project milestones
Overview of Walker	*About Walker*	• Information about Walker • Overview of the Niagara Resource Management Campus
What is Being Proposed?	*Niagara's Waste Disposal Solution* *Safe & Reliable Waste Management* *The Future Development of the South Landfill*	• Information on the state of Ontario and Niagara Region's waste disposal capacity • Proposed continuation of the South Landfill (i.e., Phase 2) • Key facility information about Phase 2
EA Process	*An Environmental Planning Process*	• Overview of the EA Process in Ontario • Visual aid of key milestones and public consultation opportunities throughout this EA process
Technical Information	*Designed & Operated to the Highest Standard* *Landfill Liner Model*	• 3D conceptual rendering of the landfill system currently in place at the South Landfill (Phase 1) • 12' Landfill liner zoom on display (to scale) showing the different layers of the landfill liner currently used for South Landfill (Phase 1)
Existing Conditions	*Existing Conditions*	• Explanation of why existing conditions are studied • Identified the range of EA technical studies underway • Draft Existing Conditions Reports made available to view
Final Study Areas	*Study Area*	• Map of the Study area denoting the Site Study Area, Walker Resource Management Campus, & Approximate Local Study Area
Criteria & Indicators	*Evaluation Criteria & Indicators*	• Definition of criteria and indicators & examples provided • Full list of the criteria and indicators
Alternative Methods	*Alternative Methods (Options)* *Landfill Site Configurations South Landfill Phase 2 Options*	• Introductory information about Alternative Methods (Options)

	Leachate Management South Landfill Phase 2 Options	• Identification of two (2) Alternative Methods for consideration; Landfill Site Configurations, and Leachate Management Options • Introductory information to landfill site configurations, an example of the current South Landfill Phase 1 configuration, and three proposed site configurations • Background to leachate management and two options for Phase 2
How to Get Involved	*We Want to Hear from You*	• Project contact information • Methods of engagement • Table with fillable Event Feedback Forms for the Public Information session and information handouts (i.e., project booklet, Walker pamphlets, and contact cards) (Examples of materials are included in **Appendix D**)
Walker in the Community	*Supporting Niagara for over 136 years*	• Walker's involvement in the Niagara community • Community Benefits attributed to Walker's existing Resource Management Campus (i.e. jobs, municipal revenue, volunteer hours, donations)

The virtual open house mimicked the in-person session and included the same display boards. The Alternative Methods boards were further divided into three (3) sections (Alternative Methods, Landfill Site Configurations, and Leachate Management Options) creating a total fourteen (14) sections allowing participants drill down to the information they wanted to learn more about. Participants were given the opportunity to provide written comments directly through the website via an online feedback form.

Copies of the display boards are included in **Appendix D**.

7 Attendance & Summary of Comments Received

A total of fourteen (14) individuals attended the in-person Public Information Session #1 – Alternative Methods. Those in attendance included local residents and property owners, and local businesses. The website saw an increase in activity for the duration of the virtual information session with 191 page views on the project website homepage and a total of 73 page views on the virtual component of the public information session.

A total of approximately fourteen (14) comments (verbal and written) were received through discussions during the in-person Public Information Session #1 – Alternative Methods, which were documented by Project Team members, and via feedback forms provided both at the in-person event and on the virtual open house landing page. Five (5) feedback forms were returned. (See **Appendix E**).

A summary of comments (verbal and written) received have been summarized in **Table 3**.

Table 3 Summary of Comments Received at Public Information Session #1

Discussion Topic	# of Times discussed	Description
Walker as a Neighbour	1	• It was expressed that Walker is a good corporate neighbour. When contacted about illegally dumped garbage near a neighbours residence, Walker's staff picked up within 24 hrs
Landfill Site Configuration B – Maximized Agricultural End Use Option	3	• Maximize agricultural end-use • Maximizes agricultural lands, consider erosion @ 15:1 slope, perpendicular crop rows to minimize erosion control, access ramps & staging
Leachate Management Option A – Continued & Expanded Use of Municipal WWTP	2	• Most cost-effective option to businesses & residents • Prefer use of existing infrastructure & less expensive • Source of revenue (via sewer-use charges) for municipalities • An on-site WWTP may introduce additional odours
Leachate Management Option B – Development of an On-Site WWTP	2	• Inquiry if WWTP capacity would be available to adjacent businesses to use • With housing development in the area Port Weller is unlikely to have capacity • What would on-site treatment potentially include (i.e. technologies)
Water Service	1	• Will there be new / upgraded water service from the City or Region as part of the project?
Alternative Methods	2	• Alternative Methods were well explained & illustrated
Public Information Session	2	• A lot of people to answer any questions
Displacement of Residents	1	• Inquiry about how many property owners / residents would have to be relocated because of the project

Several attendees indicated that they would like to be contacted with South Landfill Phase 2 EA Project Updates and were added to the project-specific contact database for future notifications purposes. One (1) attendee indicated they would like a tour of the Resource Management Campus.

Appendix A

Virtual Component of Public Information Session

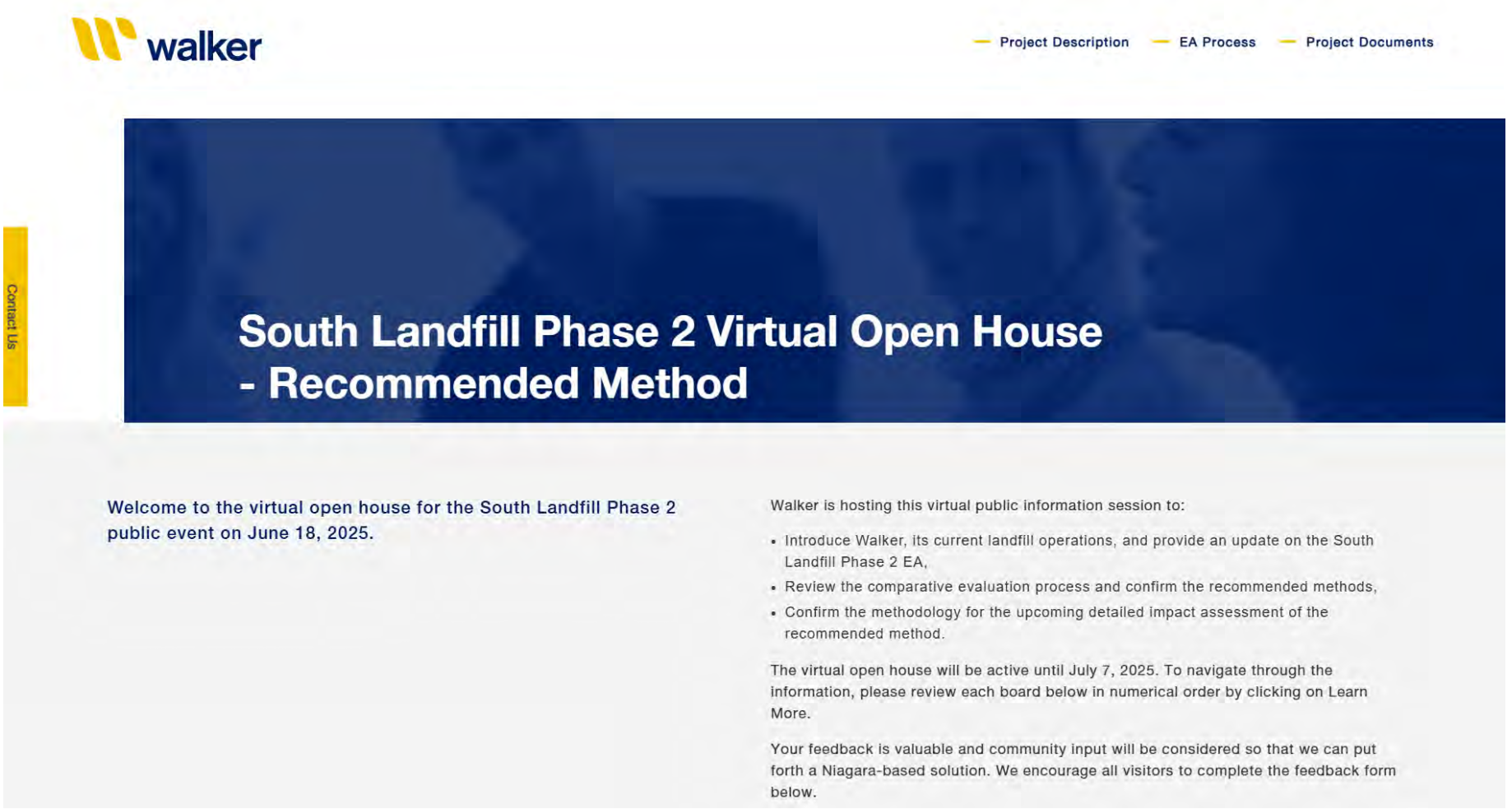
Appendix A

Public Information Session #2 – Recommended Method - Virtual Component

June 18, 2025 – July 7, 2025

The following images are included in this summary to help illustrate the virtual component of Public Information Session #2.

Figure 1: Screenshot of Virtual Open House Intro



Information Boards

The images below illustrate how the Public Information Session #2 – Recommended Method Information Boards were displayed on the website for the virtual component. Each image below portrays a section of the in-person Public Information Session. If the user was interested in a section they could click ‘Learn More’ to open the information boards.

10. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

Technical experts completed a comparative analysis to evaluate which Alternative Methods have more advantages than others (or the least negative effects).

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11. LANDFILL CONFIGURATION ANALYSIS

This table shows the comparative analysis of the three landfill site configurations.

LEARN MORE →

12. RECOMMENDED LANDFILL CONFIGURATION

Option A is the recommended landfill configuration based on community input and recommendations.

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13. LEACHATE MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS

This table shows the comparative analysis of the two leachate management options.

LEARN MORE →

14. RECOMMENDED LEACHATE MANAGEMENT

Option A is the recommended leachate management method based on community input and recommendations.

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15. NEXT STEPS

Learn about our next steps and the Detailed Impact Assessment.

LEARN MORE →

16. STAY ENGAGED

Your feedback is valuable and community input will be considered so that we can put forth a Niagara-based solution.

LEARN MORE →

17. SUPPORTING NIAGARA FOR OVER 137 YEARS

Walker has a long history of being an active community partner and providing local jobs to the Niagara Region.

LEARN MORE →

Feedback Form

Share your feedback!

Your feedback is very important to us, and we appreciate you taking the time to provide us with your comments.

LANDFILL SITE CONFIGURATION METHOD

Was the Comparative Analysis process used to select a Recommended Method easy to understand?

- ○ Yes
- ○ Somewhat
- ○ No

Please tell us why:

Do you agree with the selected Recommended Method?

- ○ Yes
- ○ Somewhat
- ○ No

Please tell us why:

Do you have any comments you would like to provide on the recommended landfill configuration?

LEACHATE MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDED METHOD

Was the Comparative Analysis process used to select a Recommended Method easy to understand? (Please select one option)

- ○ Yes
- ○ Somewhat
- ○ No

Please tell us why:

Answer here...

Do you agree with the selected Recommended Method?

- ○ Yes
- ○ Somewhat
- ○ No

Please tell us why:

Do you have any comments you would like to provide on the recommended leachate management method?

GENERAL FEEDBACK

Was the virtual information session helpful in describing the South Landfill Phase 2 project, the Environmental Assessment process and the Recommended Methods?

- ○ Yes
- ○ Somewhat
- ○ No

Please tell us why:

Was the information presented easy to understand and the appropriate level of detail?

- ○ Yes
- ○ Somewhat
- ○ No

Please tell us why:

Would you like to be contacted for future project updates?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

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Appendix B

Contact List

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Appendix C

Notices

Gretzky winery under fire after national criticism of #99

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sales," he said, referencing the backlash Gretzky faced after being named honourary captain of Team Canada.

Gretzky, who was born and raised in Brantford, Ont., is a dual citizen of Canada and the United States.

He, along with his wife, Janet, attended Trump's inauguration in January and was photographed at the U.S. president's election victory party at Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort.

In one photo with Larry Glick, executive vice-president of the Trump Organization, he can be seen wearing a white and gold "Make America Great Again" hat.

"It rubbed me the wrong way. I think it rubbed a lot of people the wrong way," McGuinness said, adding that Peller should rebrand to avoid financial losses.

Fellow resident Steve Long pointed to the former Trump International Hotel and Tower in Toronto, which saw a sharp decline in reservations following Trump's first election win in 2016 before eventually rebranding to distance itself from Trump's name, now going by the St. Regis Toronto.

Steve Long's sign calling for a boycott of Wayne Gretzky's winery stands in front of the establishment. SUPPLIED

However, some like Peter Anthony commented offering a different perspective, raising how many tourists stop at the winery's "prime location" without being aware of the name on the marquee.

"Who cares what Gretzky does? His name sells," commented Blair Cowanetti.

Long has been spreading the hashtag #NotSoGreatOne to rally support against the winery's association with Gretzky and argued the issue is not just about hockey — it's about character.

"You have to have skill, you have to have character and if one of those falls off the rails, you're not 'the Great One' anymore," Long said.

By supporting controversial political figures, Long said Gretzky is undermining the positive image he built in Canada and contradicting the values many people in the community hold dear.

Gretzky should be replaced by someone who defends Canada rather than aligning with Trump, Maria Magisano commented.

But Gretzky publicly sharing his "American conservative views" is nothing new, commented Katie Wiens.

"I remember the winery's opening when he made pro-Trump comments," she said in her comment.

It's unreasonable to expect him to represent Canada in all aspects of his life, commented Archie Spagnolo, who pointed out how Trump has always been a business-focused figure who speaks without a filter.

She said Gretzky — like other celebrities — won't change that.

McGuinness, who passes the winery daily, said he feels compelled to "avert his eyes" when seeing Gretzky's name, which reminds him of the hockey player's perceived support of Trump.

Others refuse to go there, like Denise Cotter — who commented that a difference of opinion is one thing, but supporting a leader who wants to end democracy in our country is unacceptable.

Unlike his now-closed Toronto restaurant, the winery is "the biggest and largest financial footprint that Wayne Gretzky has in Canada," Long said.

Long said changing the winery's name would send a strong message and remove one of the last significant ties to Gretzky's brand in Canada.

But some residents caution a rebrand could have negative effects on the town's economy and the winery's tourism appeal.

"If they (America) want to retort with a full-on 'Blame Canada' movement, the repercussions will far outweigh who's name is on a bottle of wine," Frank Liotta commented. "Wouldn't fare well for our very tourist-driven border town."

He also warned a rebrand could harm employment.

"Good, hard-working (and local) Canadians will lose their jobs," he commented.

Wiens said most visitors don't even visit because of his name, anyway.

"It's just a more modern, inviting winery to bring family and friends and partners to, with a younger vibe compared to the more traditional wineries," she said.

Several attempts to reach CEO Paul Dubkowski or president Patrick O'Brien from Andrew Peller Ltd. through the Wayne Gretzky winery and other means were unsuccessful before press time.

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Upcoming Public Information Session

South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment

Walker Environmental Group

Walker Environmental Group (Walker) initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the *Environmental Assessment Act* as part of the planning process for the next phase of its South Landfill (Phase 2).

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Walker is hosting a public information session to:

- Introduce Walker, its current landfill operations, and provide an update on the South Landfill Phase 2 EA
- Inform attendees and gather feedback on:
  - the Final EA Study Area
  - Existing Conditions
- Review the Alternative Methods, the evaluation criteria, and indicators that will be used for evaluation.

The public information session will take place in-person on Tuesday, March 18 from 5-8pm at Club Italia, 2525 Montrose Rd, Niagara Falls, ON L2H 0T9.

A virtual component will be accessible online from Thursday, March 6 to Friday, March 21 at **www.southlandfillphase2.com**.

Walker is committed to providing safe, reliable and affordable waste management solutions at its Niagara Resource Management Campus.

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Appendix D

Display Boards & Materials

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Welcome
to the
South Landfill
Phase 2
Public Event

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About Walker

Part of the Community for 136+ Years

At Walker, we strive to build a sustainable future by working alongside the communities we operate in. With this core vision, Walker has successfully operated in Niagara for over 136 years. Walker is a fifth-generation, Niagara based family-owned company with over 1,200 employees across North America.

Our Innovative Campus

Walker's Niagara Falls location has transformed into an integrated Resource Management Campus and is an important part of the region's waste management infrastructure. We have safely managed Niagara's waste for over 40 years.

Committed to Resource Recovery

We are continuously innovating and investing in solutions to recover and repurpose landfill-bound waste into sustainable materials and products to reduce society's environmental impact.

Learn more about Walker's Resource Management Campus:

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Supporting Niagara
for over 136 years

Walker has a long history of being an active community partner

Jobs & Employment

- Supporting approximately **500 jobs in Niagara** through our current waste management & resource recovery operations

Community Giving

- Donations and giving totalling over **$1.4 million annually** to charities, community groups, and infrastructure in communities where Walker operates

Volunteering

- Providing employees **2 paid volunteer days** per year to support local community initiatives

Awareness & Education

- Supporting educational activities by participating in **community events, giving tours and presentations, and through partnerships**

Learn more about Walker's community partnerships:

South Landfill Phase 2

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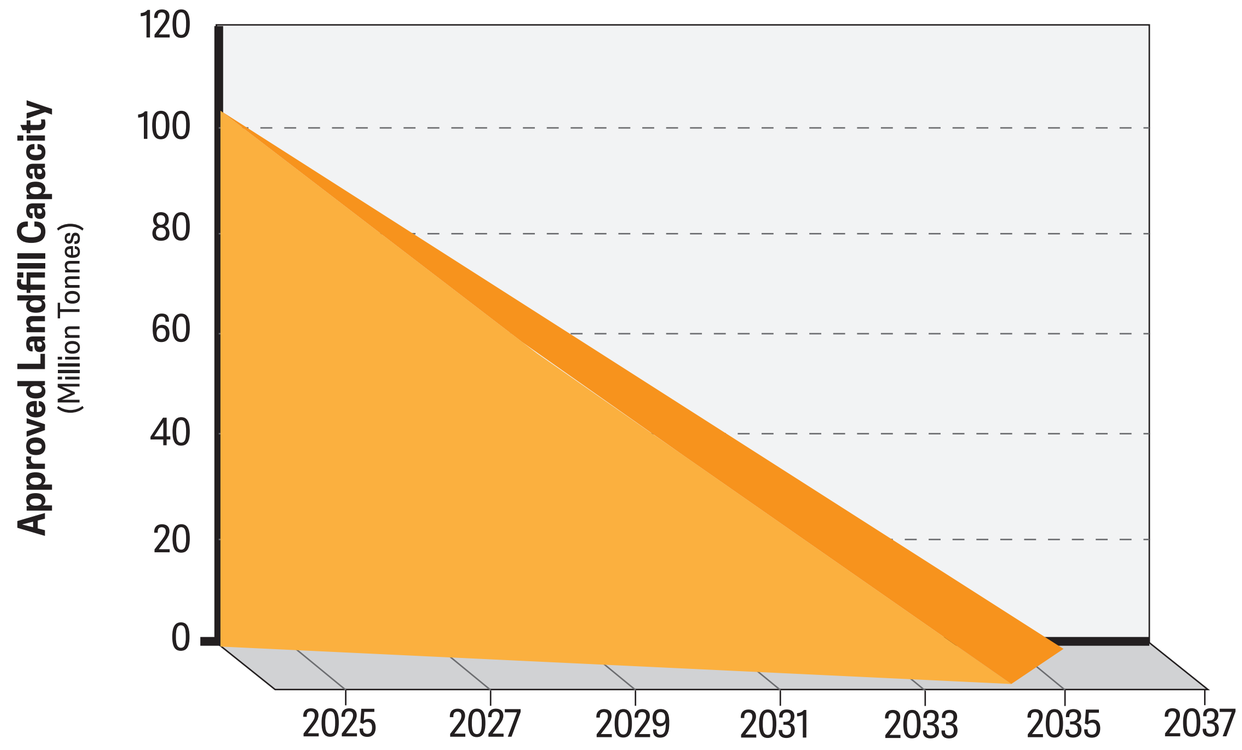
South Landfill Phase 2

Niagara's Waste Disposal Solution

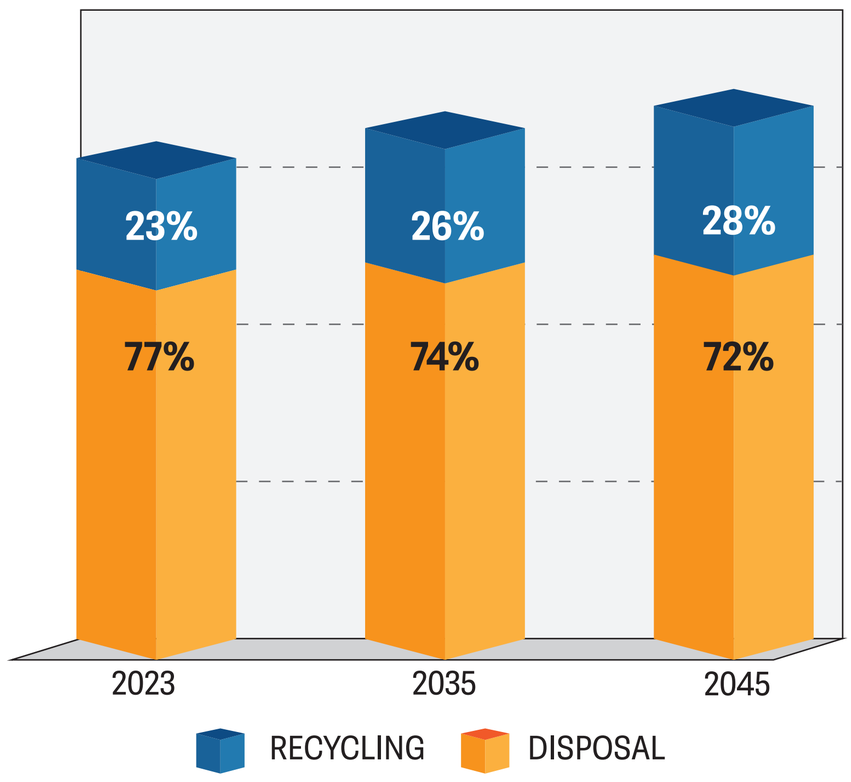
Ontario is expected to run out of landfill capacity by 2035

- Existing landfills are quickly filling up
- Population & waste generation are increasing
- It takes up to 10 years to develop new landfill capacity

ONTARIO'S REMAINING LANDFILL CAPACITY



ONTARIO'S RECYCLING & DISPOSAL RATES

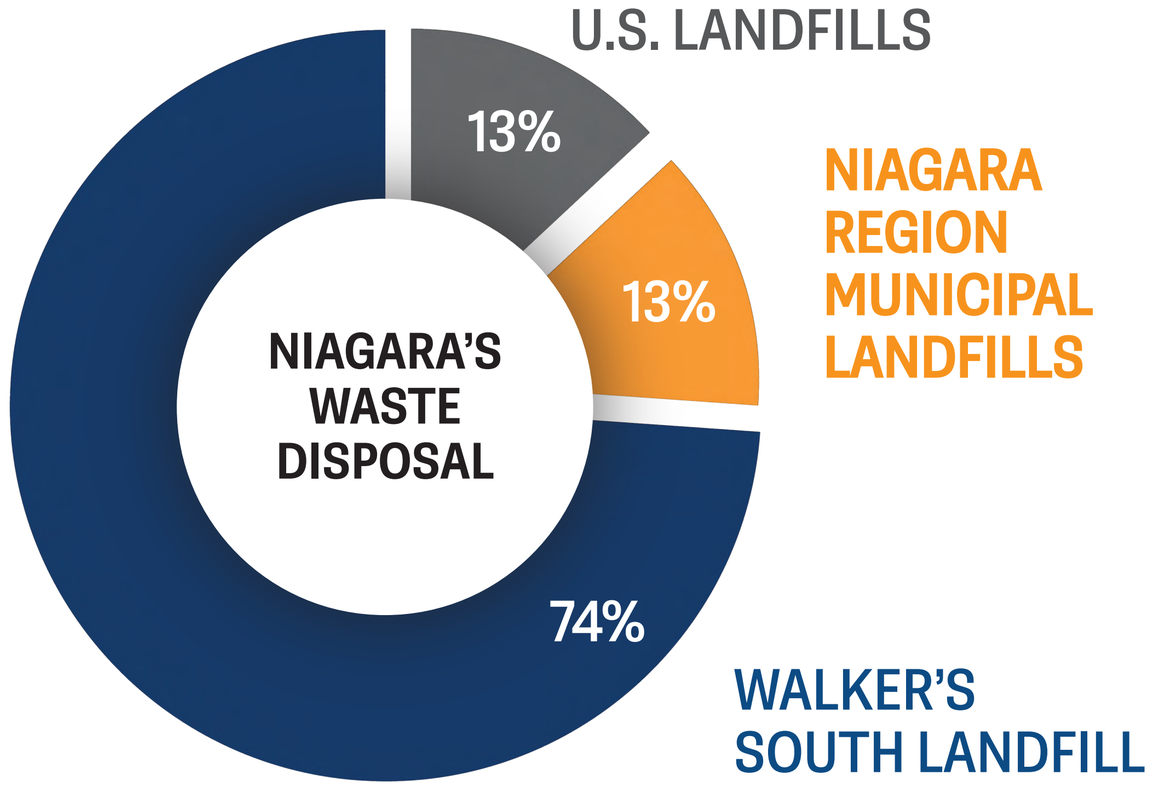


Despite recycling efforts, there will still be materials requiring safe disposal

- Even with increased recycling and Green Bin composting, landfills are still needed to safely manage residual waste

Niagara is no exception, additional disposal capacity is needed

- Over 2/3 of Niagara's waste is currently managed at the South Landfill, which is expected to reach capacity by 2030



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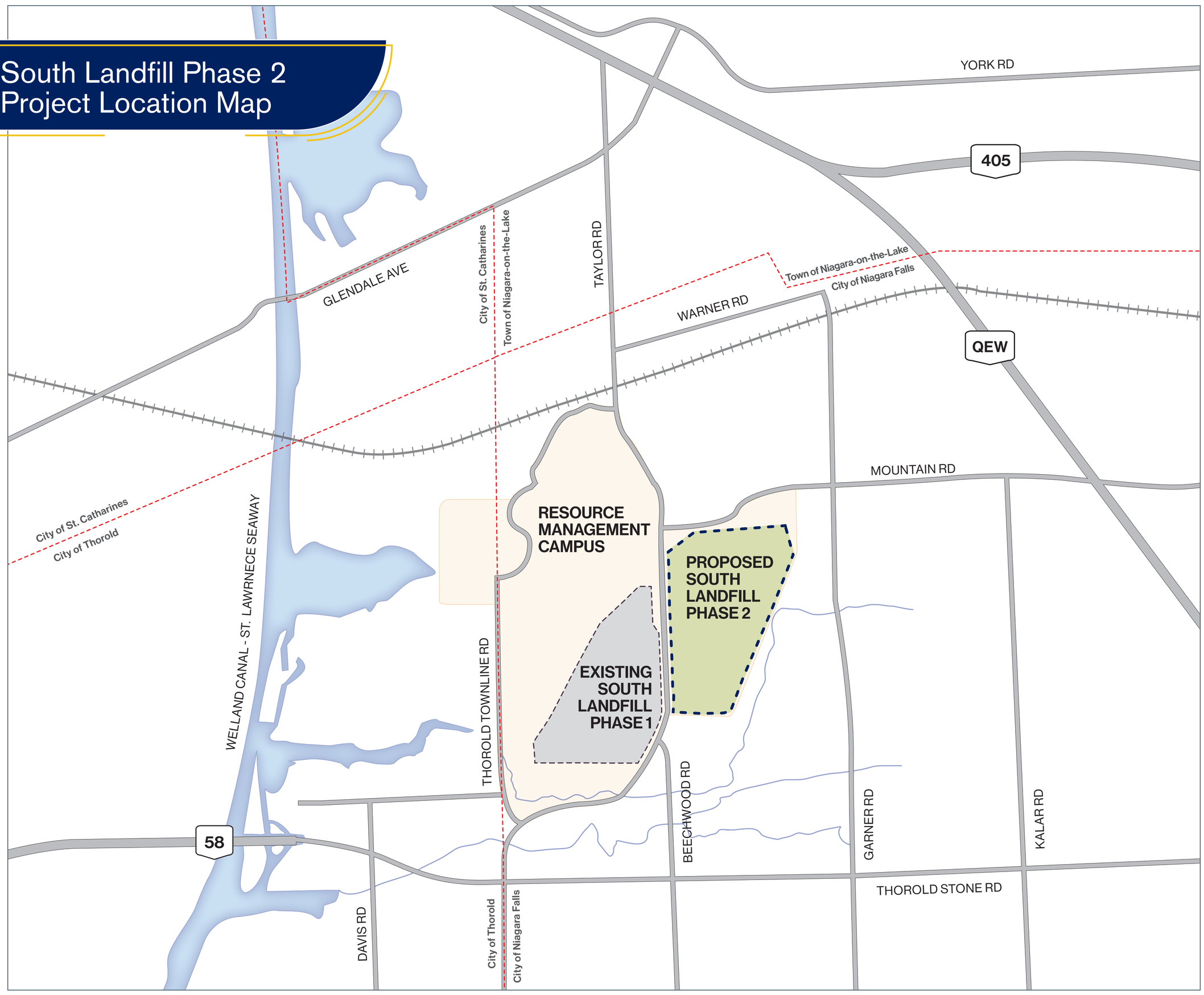
Safe & Reliable Waste Management

The existing phase of Walker's South Landfill on Taylor Road in Niagara Falls is soon approaching **capacity**, with approximately **5 years remaining**.

As the Niagara region continues to grow, planning for long-term waste disposal capacity is increasingly important. Despite recycling and green bin composting efforts, **Niagara requires landfill space** to safely manage non-recyclable materials.

Using existing waste management infrastructure, Walker is proposing to **continue to operate the South Landfill** by developing **Phase 2** on the eastern portion of our Resource Management Campus, as shown below.

South Landfill Phase 2 Project Location Map



South Landfill Phase 2

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The Future Development of the South Landfill

Walker is proposing the future development of its South Landfill, **a state-of-the-art engineered landfill**, designed with exceptional safety and environmental controls.

Image showing the construction of several layers of the engineered landfill liner

Key Facility Information

- 1.1 million tonnes of solid, non-hazardous waste per year
- 18 million m^3 total capacity
- 20 years of safe disposal
- ~500 jobs supported in Niagara

Did you know?

Walker harnesses the renewable energy generated from its Niagara landfill

Walker harnesses enough renewable energy from its landfill to power ~16,000 homes annually.

Phase 2 is estimated to produce an additional 10,000 homes worth of green energy.

South Landfill Phase 2

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An Environmental Planning Process

The South Landfill Phase 2 project must undergo a **rigorous planning and decision making process** called an Environmental Assessment (EA).

This process is **regulated by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)** through the *Environmental Assessment Act* which is designed to protect, conserve, and wisely manage Ontario's environment.

A Two-Step Process

Step 1

Terms of Reference (TOR)

This is the initial step in the EA process. It is a document that serves as the roadmap for what will be studied in the EA and outlines the public consultation that will take place.

Step 2

Environmental Assessment (EA)

This is where the scientific studies occur. These studies identify the effects of the project, both positive and negative, and proposed mitigation measures where needed.

EA Process

Learn more about the EA process:

Designed & Operated to the highest standard

Key Features

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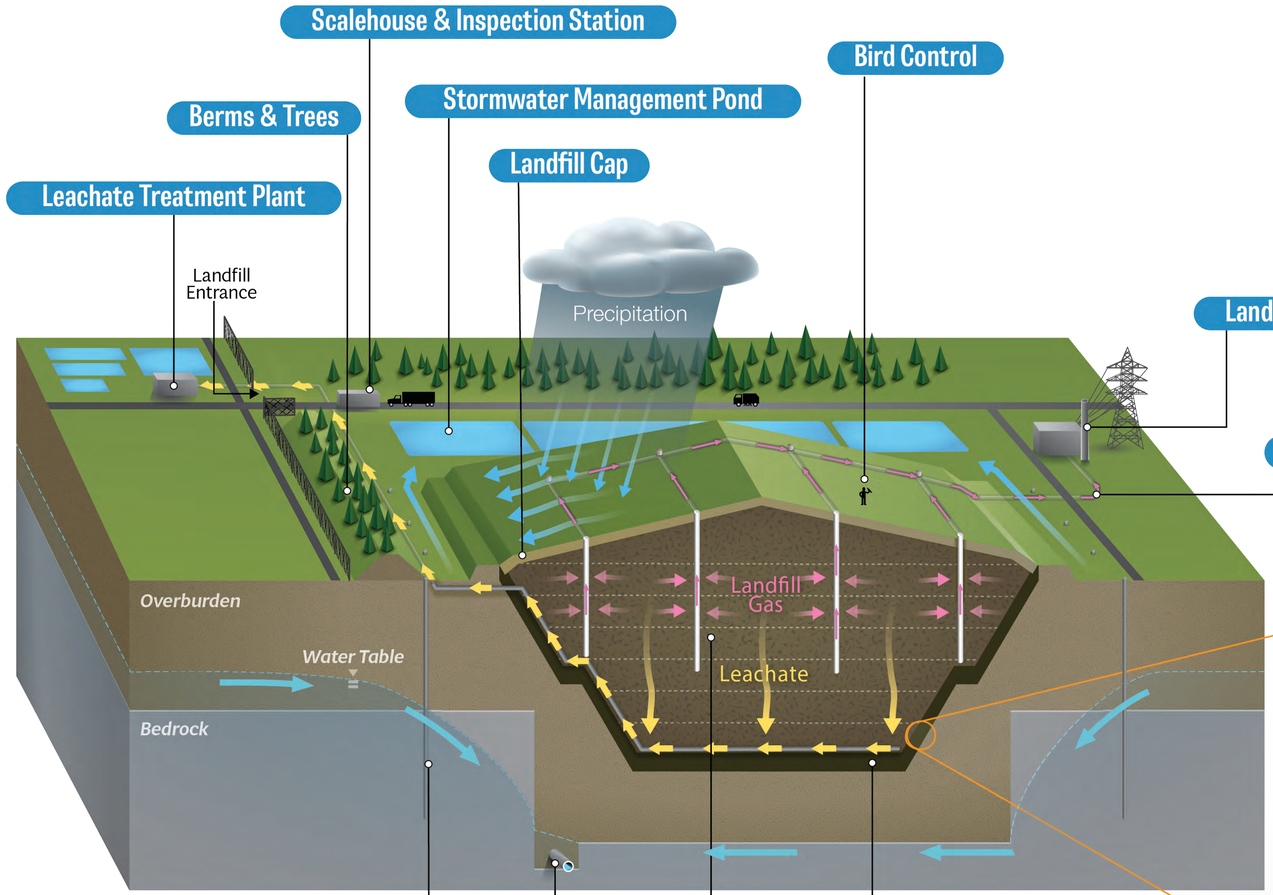

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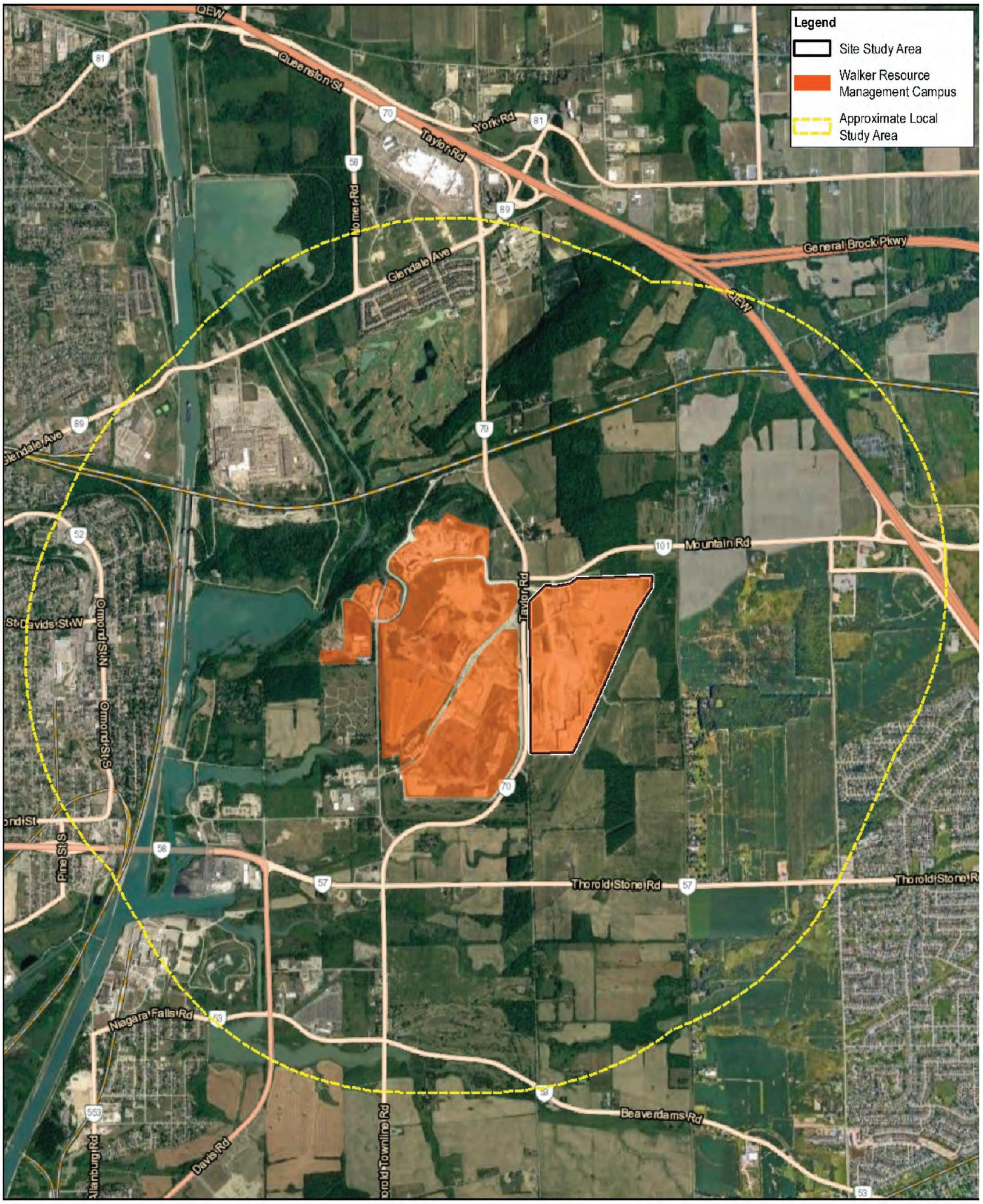
Existing Conditions

To ensure South Landfill Phase 2 can be developed safely, existing environmental conditions are being studied to understand what changes could be expected.

Range of Technical Studies Underway

- Agriculture
- Air Quality
- Archaeology
- Cultural Heritage
- Ecology
- Economic
- Land Use
- Noise & Vibration
- Social
- Surface Water & Groundwater
- Traffic
- Visual

Study Area



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SOUTH LANDFILL PHASE 2 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
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PRELIMINARY STUDY AREA

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FIGURE 6.1

Evaluation Criteria & Indicators

The Evaluation Criteria & Indicators are used by technical experts and scientists to identify potential effects on the environment. They help evaluate how existing conditions may or may not change.

What are Criteria and Indicators?

Criteria

Identifies **areas of interest** that will be evaluated.

Indicators

Identifies **what** will be studied.

A full list of criteria and indicators is provided on the next board.

Example

"I'm concerned about water quality."

Criteria

Effect on groundwater quality.

Effect on groundwater flow.

Indicator

- Predicted effects to groundwater quality at property boundaries and off-site
- Predicted effects to groundwater flow at property boundaries and off-site

Evaluation Criteria and Indicators

Criteria		Indicators
Geology & Hydrogeology	▪ Effect on groundwater quality	▪ Predicted effects to groundwater quality at property boundaries and off-site
	▪ Effect on groundwater flow	▪ Predicted effects to groundwater flow at property boundaries and off-site
Surface Water Resources	▪ Effect on surface water quality	▪ Predicted effects on surface water quality on-site and off-site
	▪ Effect on surface water quantity	▪ Predicted change in drainage areas and land use ▪ Predicted occurrence and degree of off-site effects
Atmospheric Environment	▪ Effect of air quality on off-site receptors	▪ Predicted off-site point of impingement concentrations (µg/m^3) of indicator compounds ▪ Number of off-site receptors potentially affected (residential properties, public facilities, businesses, and institutions) ▪ Frequency of any exceedance of applicable standards, limits, or guidelines at identified receptors
	▪ Effect of odours on off-site receptors	▪ Predicted off-site odour concentrations (µg/m^3 and odour units) ▪ Number of off-site receptors potentially affected (residential properties, public facilities, businesses and institutions) ▪ Frequency of any exceedance of applicable standards, limits, or guidelines at identified receptors
	▪ Effect of noise on off-site receptors	▪ Predicted off-site noise level ▪ Number of off-site receptors potentially affected (residential properties, public facilities, businesses, and institutions) ▪ Predicted sound from traffic
Terrestrial & Aquatic Environment	▪ Effect on terrestrial ecosystems	▪ Predicted impact on vegetation communities ▪ Predicted impact on wildlife habitat ▪ Predicted impact on vegetation and wildlife including rare, threatened or endangered species
	▪ Effect on aquatic ecosystems	▪ Predicted impact on aquatic habitat ▪ Predicted impact on aquatic biota
	▪ Effect on culturally significant species to Indigenous peoples, and rare (vulnerable), threatened or endangered species of flora or fauna or their habitat	▪ Predicted impact on culturally significant, rare, threatened, or endangered flora and fauna species and their habitat
	▪ Effect on wetlands	▪ Predicted impact on wetlands
	▪ Effect on wildlife habitat, populations, corridors or movement	▪ Predicted impact on wildlife habitat, populations, corridors or movement
	▪ Effect on fish or their habitat, spawning, movement or environmental conditions (e.g., water temperature, turbidity, etc.)	▪ Predicted impact on fish, fish habitat, spawning behaviour, movement or environmental conditions
	▪ Effect on locally important or valued ecosystems or vegetation	▪ Predicted impact on locally important or valued ecosystems or vegetation
Land Use	▪ Effect on existing and proposed planned future land uses and associated infrastructure	▪ Current and planned future land use ▪ Proximity to off-site sensitive land uses(e.g., dwellings, churches, parks) and features (e.g., wetlands, woodlots, etc.)
	▪ Effect on views of the facility	▪ Predicted changes in views of the facility from the surrounding area ▪ Visibility of project features from selected receptor locations ▪ Level of visual contrast of project features from selected receptor locations
Transportation	▪ Effect on traffic	▪ Operational Level of Service at intersections around the Campus
	▪ Road Safety and Geometry	▪ Traffic collision assessment ▪ Vertical and horizontal sightlines

Criteria		Indicators
Social	▪ Displacement of Residents from Houses	▪ The number of households/residents (property owners and tenants) to be displaced (i.e., forced relocation) by the project itself regardless of whether their property has been purchased or not ▪ The potential for or likelihood of voluntary out-migration of residents for consideration of the indirect effects on community character and cohesion
	▪ Disruption to use and enjoyment of residential properties	▪ The number of existing residential households and / or future households that are located at specific receptor locations and potentially affected by noise, dust, odour, traffic, agricultural and visual effects; and the potential for and likelihood of changes in the presence of vermin and gulls ▪ The number of existing residential households fronting/backing onto a haul route and potentially affected by changes in project related traffic and traffic noise ▪ Potential for or likelihood of changes in peoples' use of residential property
	▪ Disruption to use and enjoyment of public facilities and institutions	▪ The number of existing public facilities and institutions that may be affected by nuisance factors such as noise, dust, odour, traffic and visual effects; and the potential for and likelihood of changes in the presence of vermin and gulls ▪ Potential for or likelihood of changes in operations of public facilities and institutions ▪ Potential for or likelihood of changes in use and enjoyment of public facilities and institutions
	▪ Loss / Disruption of Recreational Resources	▪ The number/nature of existing recreational resources and/or future features potentially affected by noise, dust, odour, visual effects and changes in project-related traffic; and the potential for the likelihood of changes in the presence of vermin and gulls ▪ Potential for or likelihood of changes in operations of recreational features ▪ Potential for or likelihood of changes in use and enjoyment of recreational resources
	▪ Changes to community character	▪ Compatibility of landfill operations with the existing and likely future character of the community ▪ Compatibility of the proposed end use with the existing and likely future character of the community
	▪ Changes to community cohesion	▪ The extent of displacement ▪ The potential for or likelihood of voluntary out-migration ▪ Loss and the extent of disruption of recreational resources, public facilities and institutions, and the use and enjoyment of residential properties
Agriculture	▪ Effects on existing Agricultural Land Base	▪ CLI Soil Capability classification ▪ Soil suitability classification ▪ Climate ▪ Level of Fragmentation ▪ Proximity to non-farm land uses
	▪ Effects on Agri Food Network	▪ Type(s) and proximity of agricultural operations ▪ Type(s) and proximity of agricultural related facilities ▪ Predicted impacts on surrounding agricultural operations & agricultural related facilities
Economic	▪ Effect on local economy	▪ Impact on businesses ▪ Disruption/displacement of businesses (including tourism and farms) ▪ Business opportunities ▪ Labour market impacts ▪ Impact on direct, indirect, and induced employment ▪ GDP Impacts ▪ Impacts on direct, indirect and induced GDP ▪ Retention of economic benefits within local economy
	▪ Effect on Real Estate	▪ Property value impacts
	▪ Effect on public finance	▪ Impact on municipal revenue ▪ Impacts on municipal cost ▪ Impact on assessment base
	▪ Cost of services	▪ Impact on customer cost of waste services
Cultural Heritage Resources	▪ Effect on archaeological resources and areas of archaeological potential	▪ Number and type of archaeological sites affected ▪ Area (ha) of archaeological potential (i.e., areas with the likelihood to contain archaeological resources)
	▪ Effect on known or potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes	▪ Number of known and potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes displaced or disrupted

Alternative Methods (Options)

Alternative Methods (Options) are different ways the project can be built.

The Approved Terms of Reference identifies Alternative Methods (Options) that will be evaluated during the Environmental Assessment.

It also identifies the options that were evaluated and determined not viable. Options no longer being considered include:

- Landfill Location
- Incineration
- Export to the USA
- Site Entrance
- Haul Route

There are two (2) Alternative Methods being considered for further evaluation.

Alternative Methods for Consideration

1 Landfill Site Configurations

Site Configurations *are different concepts of the design for the landfill.*

Concepts being explored include:

- Peak elevation & height
- Slopes / Contours of the final cover

2 Leachate Management Options

Leachate *is water (typically precipitation) that comes into contact with waste.*

Options being explored include:

- Continued use of existing municipal waste water treatment infrastructure
- Development of a waste water treatment plant on Walker's campus.

Site Configurations - Reference

Site Configurations are different concepts of the design for the landfill. The configurations being explored include elements such as height, slope and capacity.

Site Configuration Considerations

Maximum Height

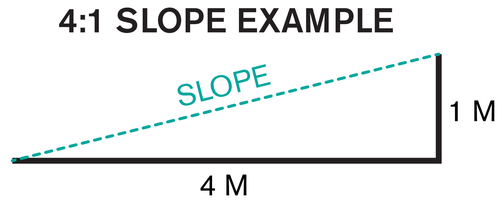
The maximum height identifies the highest point of the landfill.

masl = meters above sea level

Slope Steepness

The slope identifies how steep or flat the sides & top of the landfill will be.

4:1 SLOPE EXAMPLE

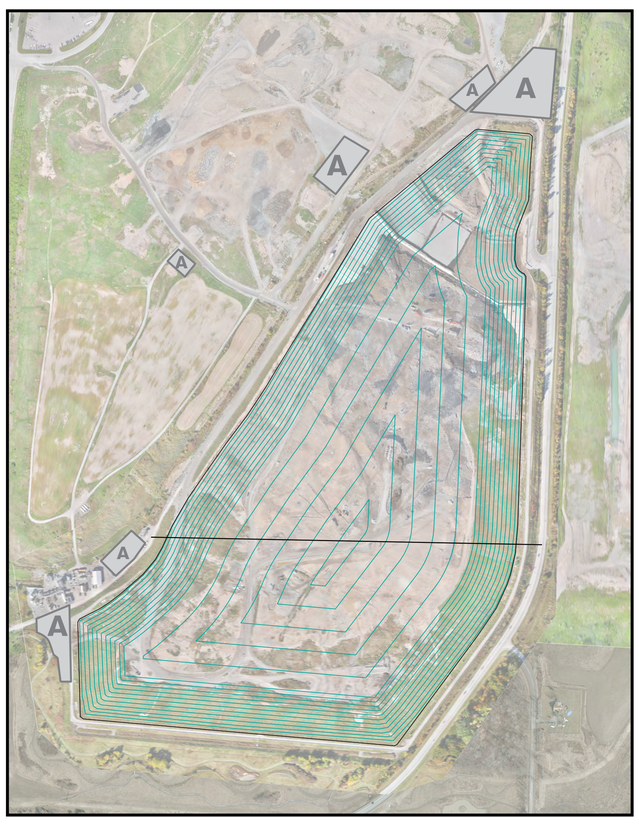


Landfill Capacity

The landfill capacity is the total amount of waste the landfill can accept before it is closed.

To help compare South Landfill Phase 2 site configuration options, below is the current South Landfill Phase 1 configuration.

Example - Current South Landfill Phase 1



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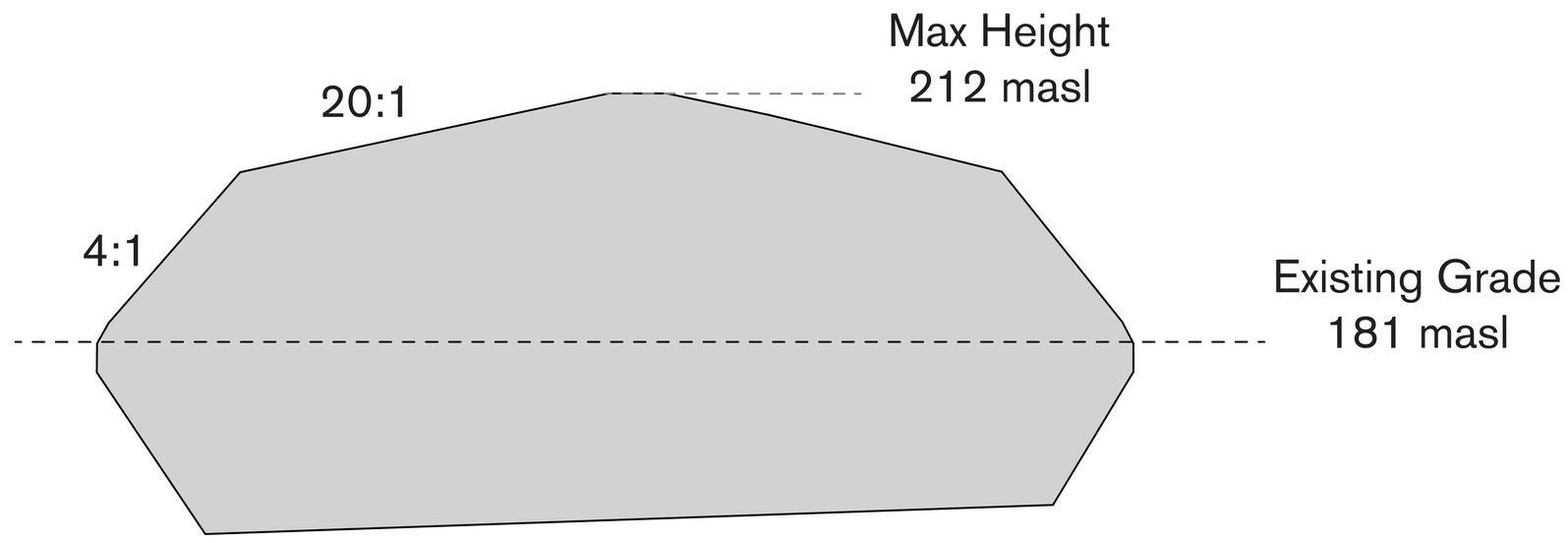


Landfill Capacity: 17,700,000 m^3 **Agricultural End Use Area:** 76.0 acres (30.8 ha)

1 Landfill Site Configurations

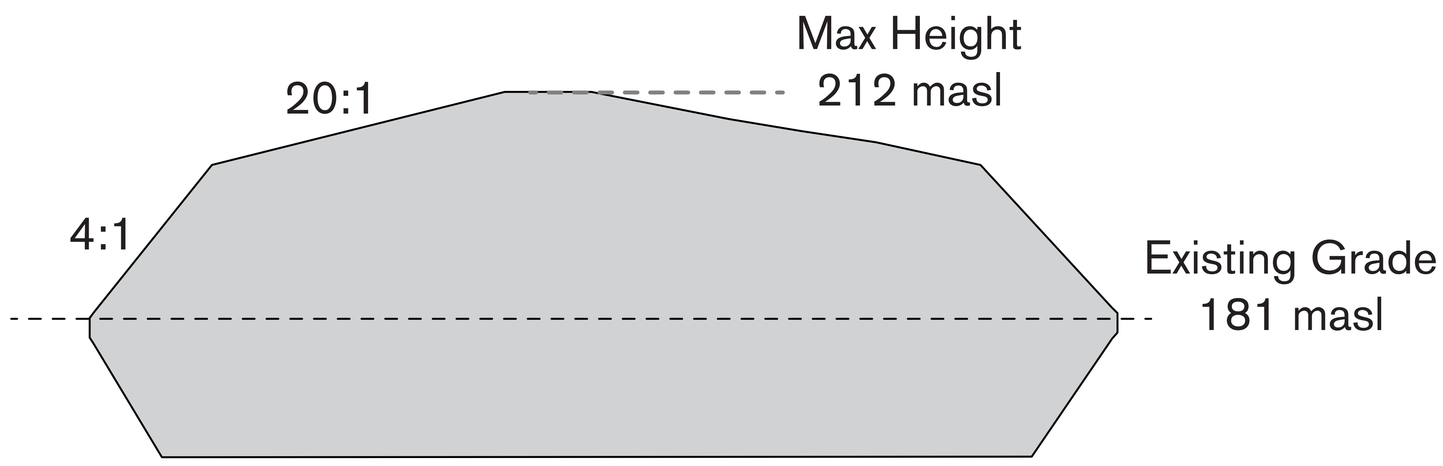
South Landfill Phase 2 Options

Three Landfill Site Configuration options are presented below showing different concepts for height, slope/contour, waste capacity, and area available for agricultural end use.

masl = meters above sea level

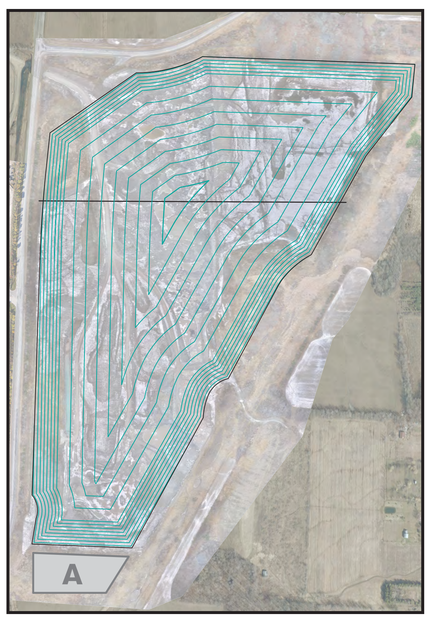
Option A

Same Height & Slopes As Current South Landfill Phase 1

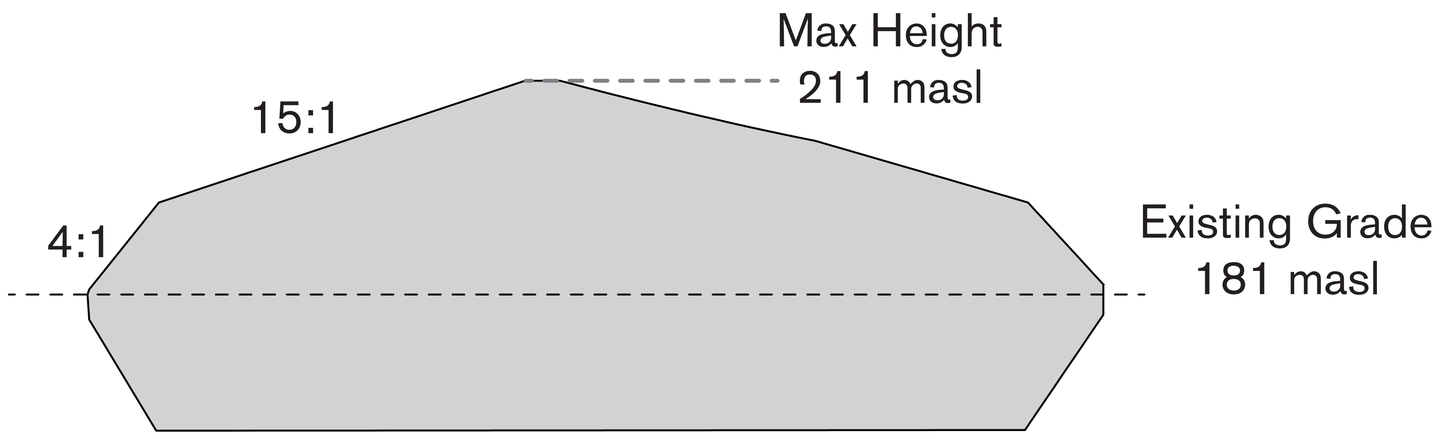


Landfill Capacity: 20,205,000 m³ **Agricultural End Use Area:** 90.6 acres (36.7 ha)

Option B

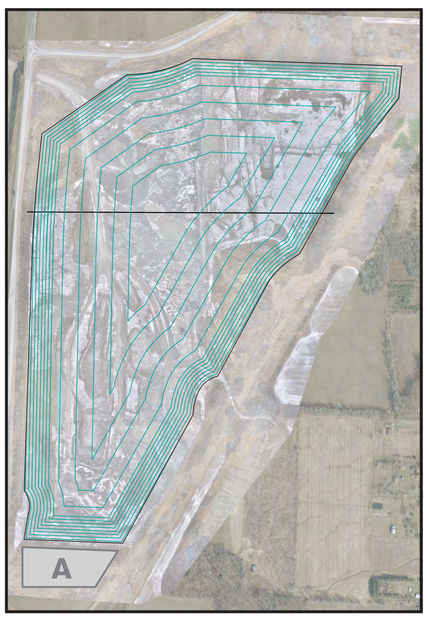


Maximized Agricultural End Use Option



Landfill Capacity: 18,277,400 m³ **Agricultural End Use Area:** 130.0 acres (51.4 ha)

Option C



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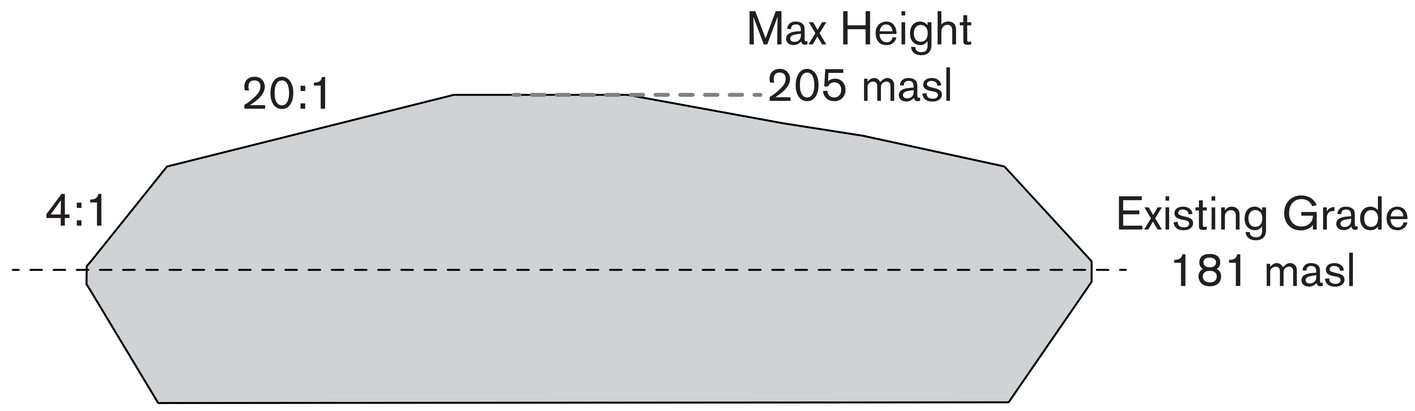

Landfill Capacity: 17,893,000 m³ **Agricultural End Use Area:** 111.0 acres (45.0 ha)

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Leachate Management - Reference

There are two leachate treatment options being explored.

Leachate is water (typically precipitation) that comes into contact with waste. The water is contained within the landfill liner and pumped out of the landfill for treatment.

Things to consider when evaluating Leachate Treatment Options

Economic / Financial Impacts

Social Impacts

Environmental Impacts
(Visual, Odour, Water Quality, Noise)

Leachate Treatment Options will be evaluated using the **Criteria and Indicators**.

2 Leachate Management
South Landfill Phase 2 Options

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Continued & Expanded Use of the Municipal Wastewater Treatment System

- Current form of treatment for South Landfill Phase 1.
- Would utilize unused capacity in the municipal system (if available).
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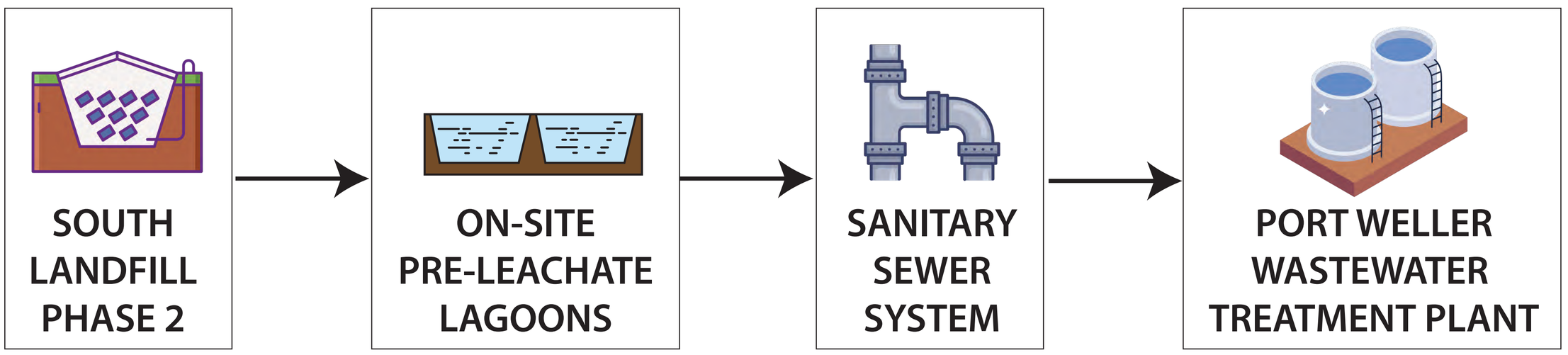
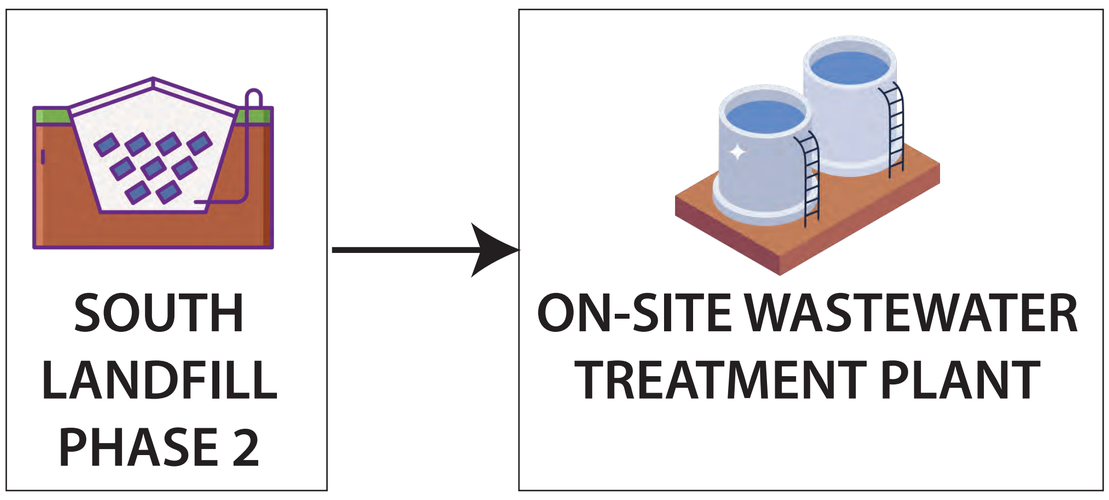


Option B

Development of an On-Site Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Development of a treatment plant at the Walker Resource Management Campus.
- Feasibility of this option requires further analysis.



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Attend public information sessions

Was the information session helpful in describing the South Landfill Phase 2 project, the Environmental Assessment process and the Alternative Methods (Options) being considered?

(Please select one option)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Somewhat
- ☐ No

Please tell us why: _____

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Was the information presented easy to understand and the appropriate level of detail provided?

(Please select one option)

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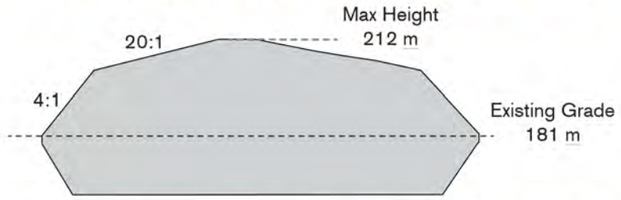

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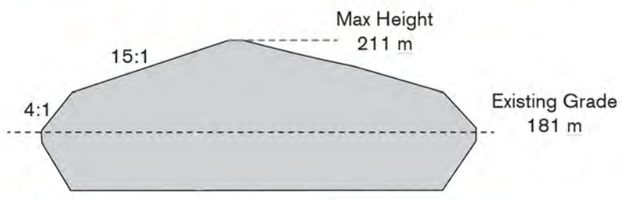
Option B

Maximized Agricultural End Use Option



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Option C

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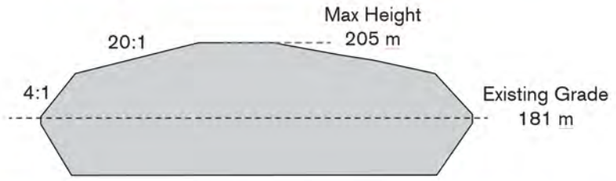

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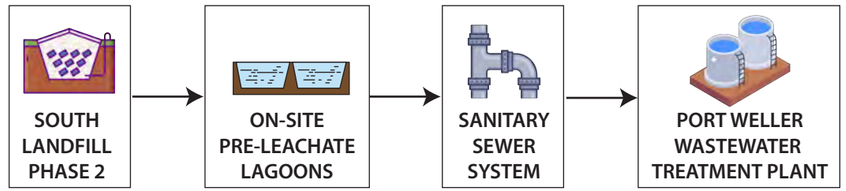

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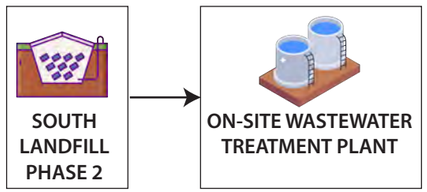

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Please tell us why: _____

South Landfill Phase 2
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Safe & Reliable Waste Management

As the Niagara region continues to grow, planning for long-term waste disposal capacity is increasingly important. Despite recycling and green bin composting efforts, landfill space is still needed for non-recyclable materials.

More than a landfill

Walker's Resource Management Campus in Niagara is a dynamic operation that efficiently manages waste and sustainably recovers resources.

For over 40 years, Walker has played a key role in helping the community manage waste through safe disposal services. As the existing phase of the South Landfill in Niagara Falls reaches final capacity, we are proposing to develop the next phase of the landfill to continue to provide waste management for local residents and businesses.

Phase 2 of the South Landfill will provide additional disposal capacity over a 20-year period, supply renewable energy for the community by turning landfill gas into energy, and continue to be a major employer in the region.

Phase 2:

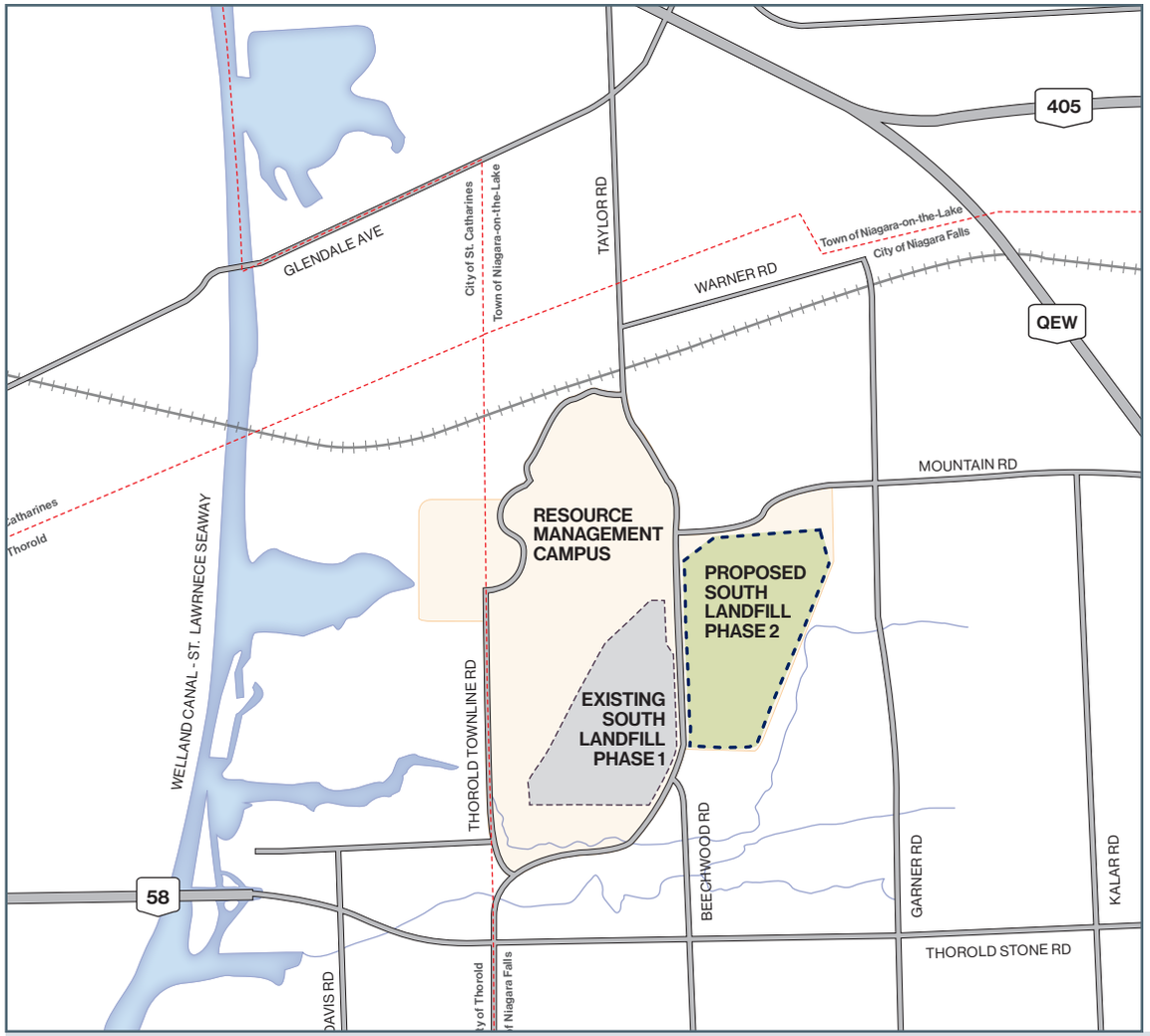
The Future Development of the South Landfill

The South Landfill is a state-of-the-art, engineered landfill designed with exceptional safety and environmental controls that accepts only solid non-hazardous waste.

If approved, Phase 2 of the South Landfill would be developed on lands owned by Walker, located immediately east of current landfill operations. This site would allow for daily operations to seamlessly transition into a new adjacent fill area. Existing infrastructure such as the site entrance would not change.

Did you know?

- Our landfill produces enough renewable energy to power the equivalent of 25,000 homes
- Walker delivers landfill gas to the nearby GM Plant, where it is used to generate renewable electricity & heat, reducing their carbon footprint by 70%.



Phase 2 Key Facility Information

- 1.1 million tonnes of waste per year
- 18 million m³ total capacity
- 20 years of safe disposal
- ~500 jobs supported in Niagara
- Enough energy to power the equivalent of 10,000 homes

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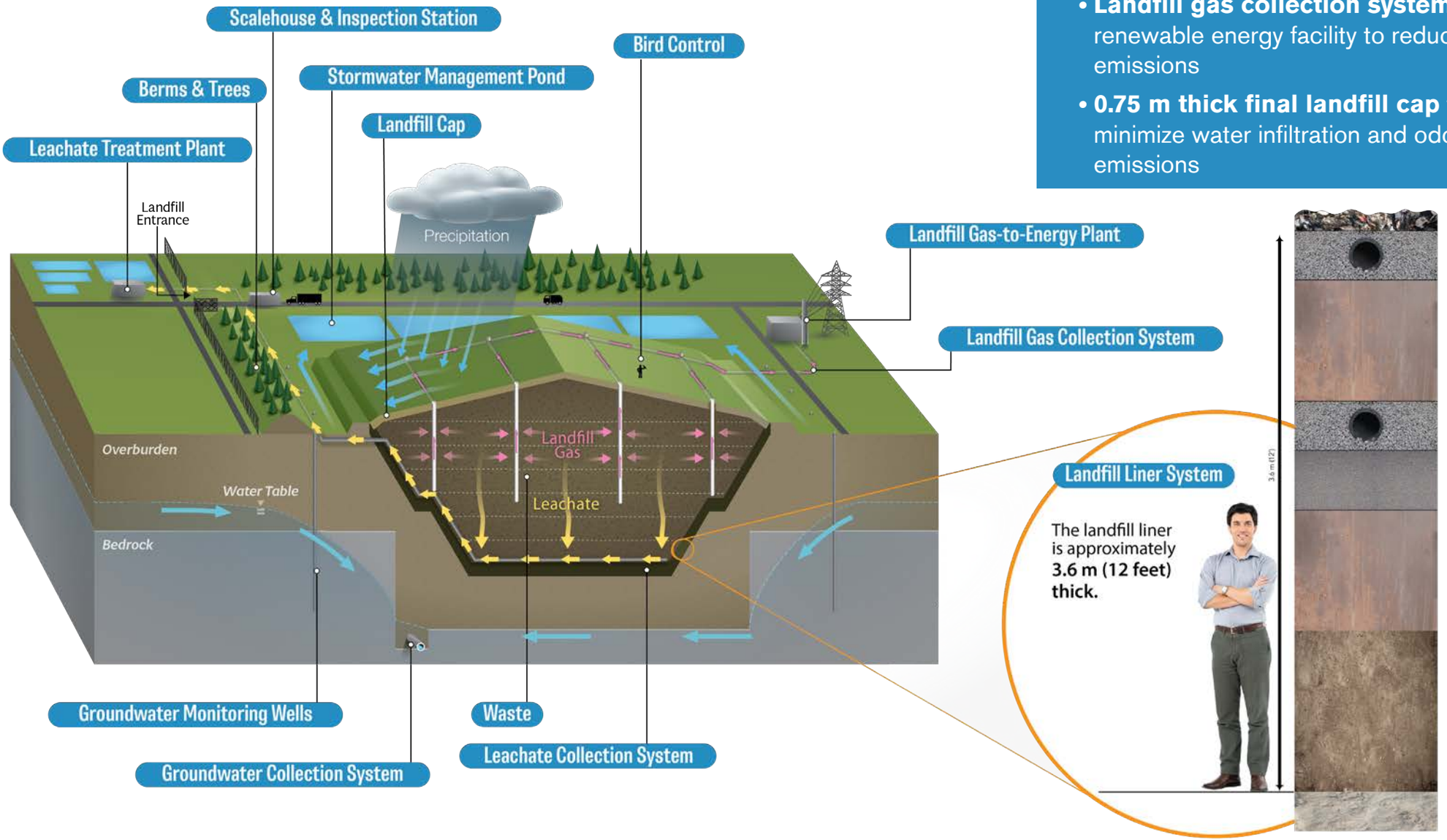

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A plannning process that

Incorporates Your Input

Before Phase 2 can be built, it will undergo a rigorous planning and decision-making process called an Environmental Assessment.

This process is **regulated by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP)** through the *Environmental Assessment Act*, which is designed to protect, conserve, and wisely manage Ontario's environment.

A Two-Step Process

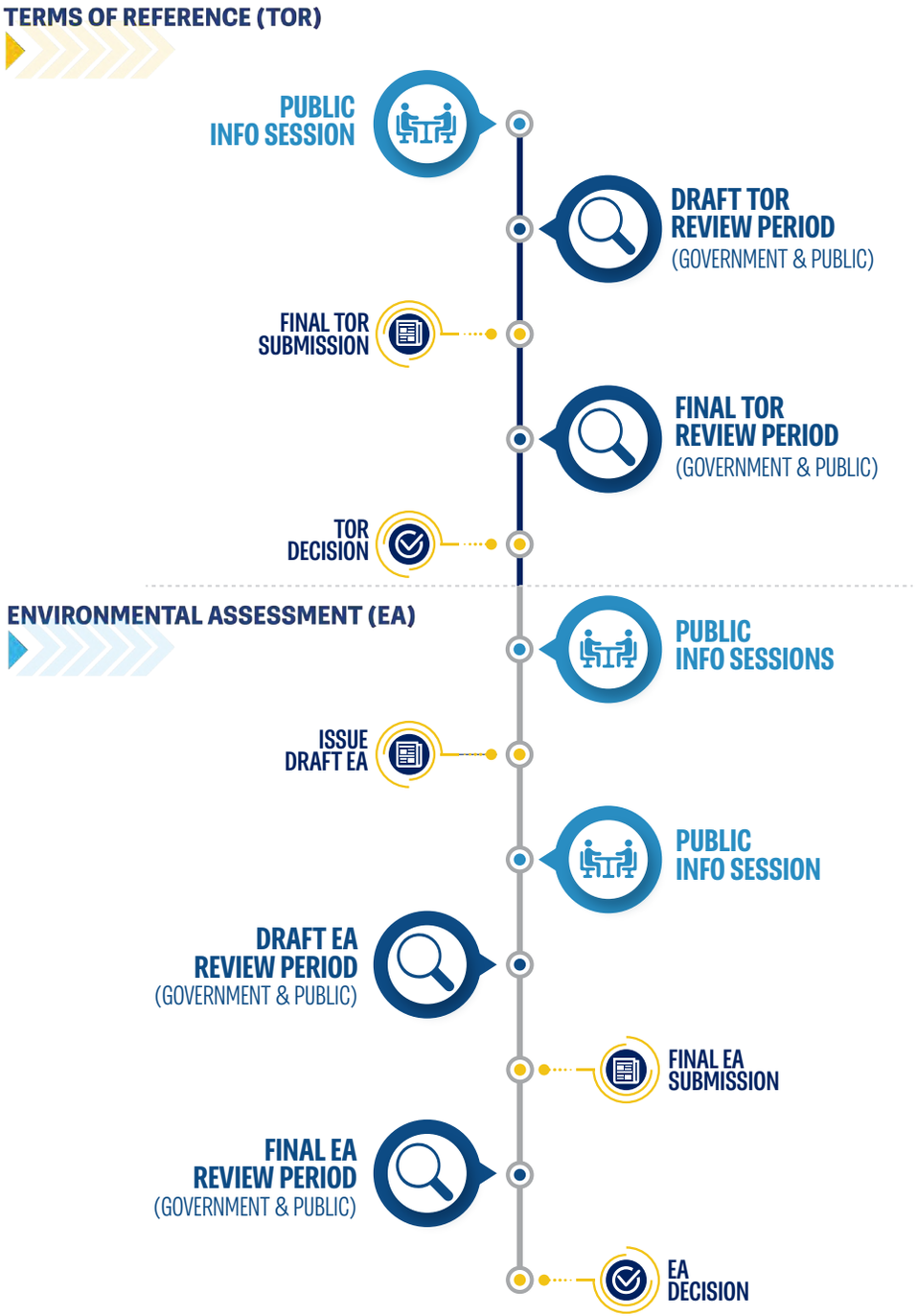
Step 1 - Terms of Reference (TOR)

This is the initial step in the EA process. It is a document that serves as the roadmap for what will be studied in the EA and outlines the public consultation that will take place.

Step 2 - Environmental Assessment (EA)

This is where the scientific studies occur. These studies identify the effects of the project, both positive and negative, and proposed mitigation measures where needed.

The Environmental Assessment Process



Why Walker?

Walker partners with communities to provide responsible solutions, finds innovative ways to recover resources from waste, and keep our people safe through our commitment to health and safety.

INDUSTRY EXPERTS
Four decades of landfill & resource recovery expertise

RESPONSIBLE OPERATORS
Extensive environmental monitoring & controls

FUTURE-ORIENTED
Committed to community & future generations

INNOVATORS
Safe and reliable landfill design & engineering

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We offer tours of our Resource Management Campus. Are you interested in a tour to learn more about how we safely manage waste & recover resources?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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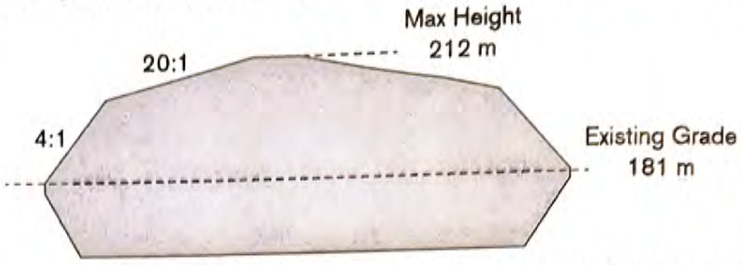

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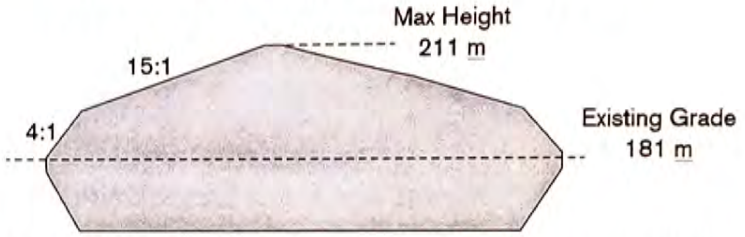

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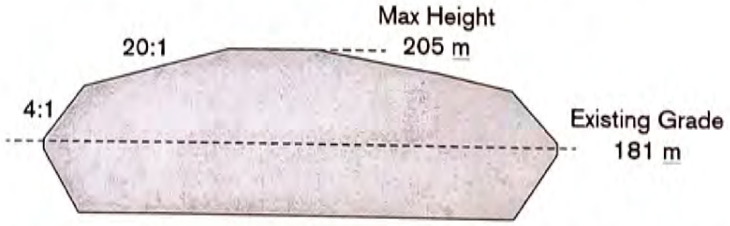
Average Agricultural End Use Option



Landfill Capacity: 17,893,000 m³ Agricultural End Use Area: 450,216 m²

(Please select one option)

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Please tell us why: _____

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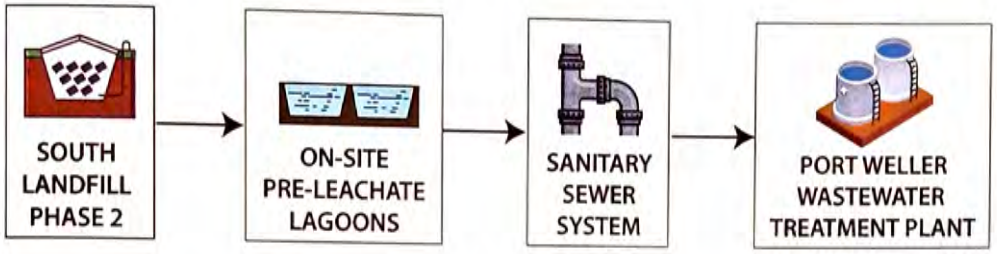

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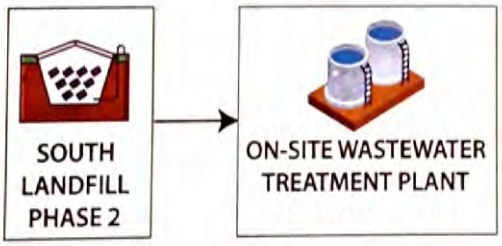

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Please tell us why: Is this available for adjacent owners to use? new/upgraded

- Is water service from the City or Region part of the project?

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(Please select one option)

- [x] Yes
- [ ] Somewhat
- [ ] No

Please tell us why: _____

Was the information presented easy to understand and the appropriate level of detail provided?

(Please select one option)

- [x] Yes
- [ ] Somewhat
- [ ] No

Please tell us why: _____

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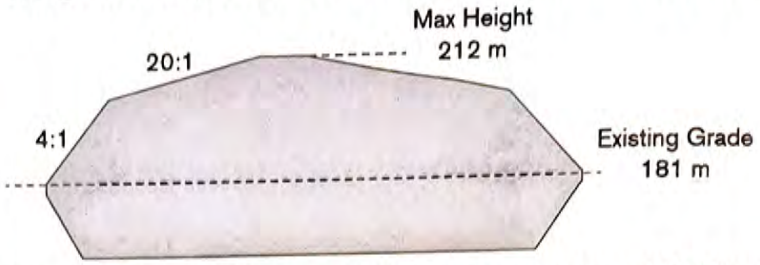

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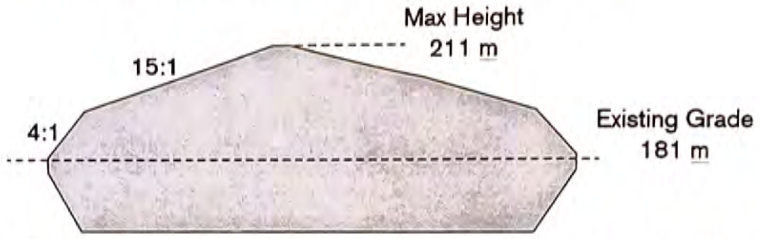

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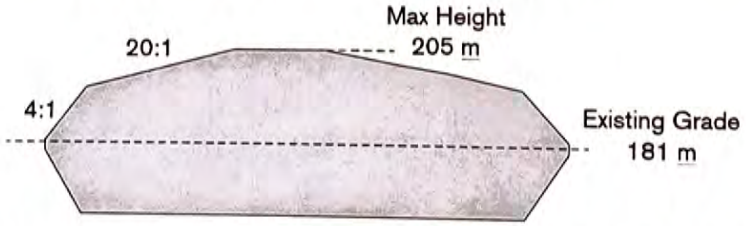

Landfill Capacity: 17,893,000 m³ Agricultural End Use Area: 450,216 m²

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Please tell us why: maximizes end use

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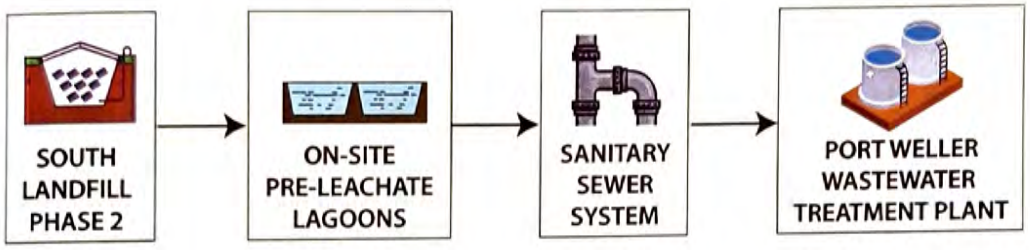

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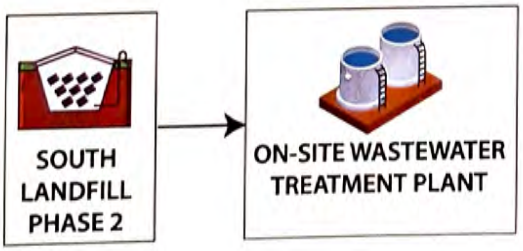

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(Please select one option)

- [x] Yes
- [ ] Somewhat
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Please tell us why: the Alternative methods were well explained

Was the information presented easy to understand and the appropriate level of detail provided?

(Please select one option)

- [x] Yes
- [ ] Somewhat
- [ ] No

Please tell us why: there were plenty of people to answer any questions

Would you like to be kept informed and contacted for future project updates?

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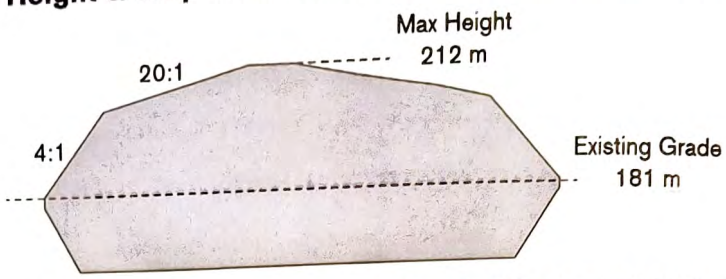

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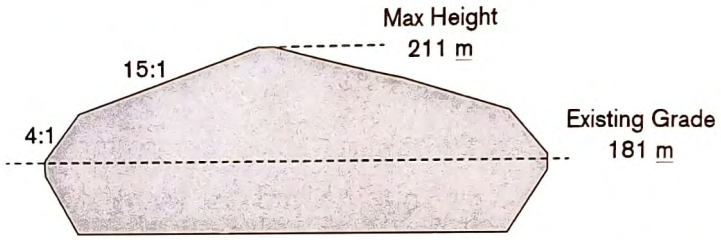

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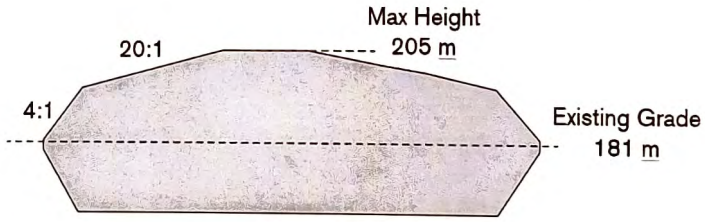

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Please tell us why: MAXIMIZE AGRICULTURAL LANDS.
- CONSIDER EROSION @ 15:1 SLOPE
- PERPENDICULAR ROWS, EROSION CONTROL
- ACCESS RAMPS & STAGING.

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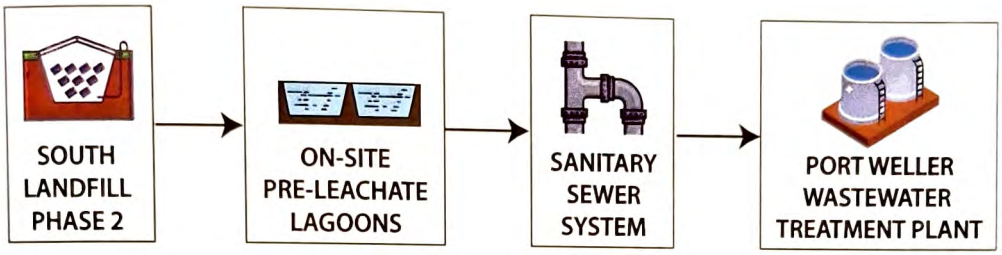

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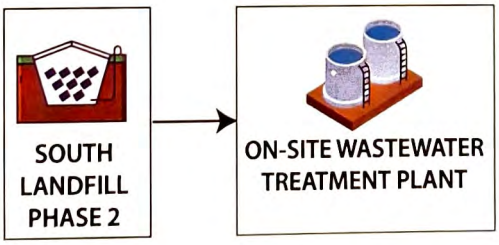

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- MOST COST EFFECTIVE OPTIONS TO BUSINESSES & RESIDENTS.

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(Please select one option)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Somewhat
- ☐ No

Please tell us why: _____

Was the information presented easy to understand and the appropriate level of detail provided?

(Please select one option)

- ☐ Yes
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Please tell us why: _____

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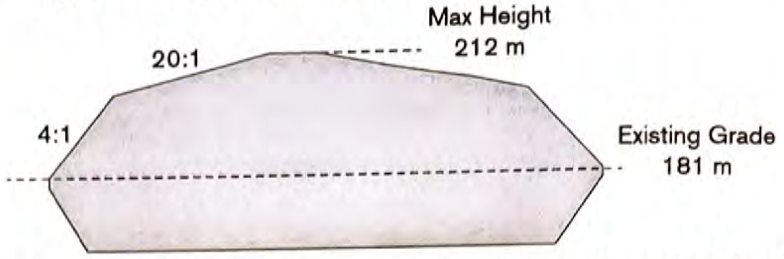

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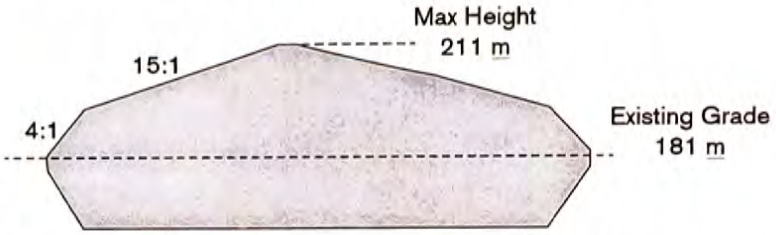

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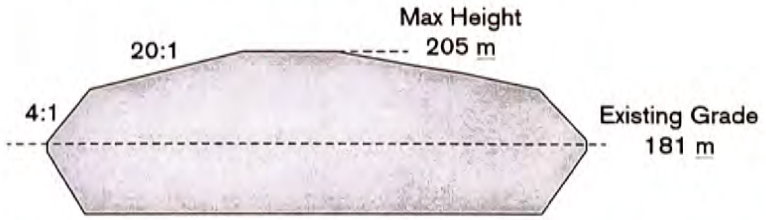

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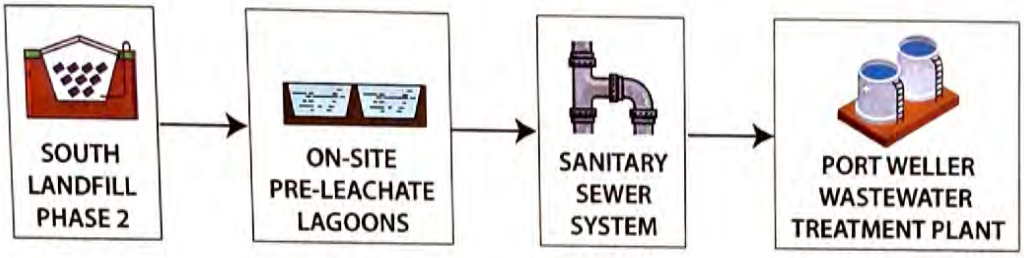

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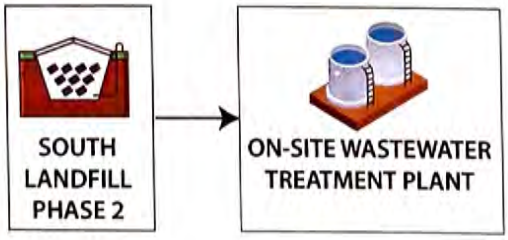

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Please tell us why:

Option A is using existing infrastructure & less expensive
An ON-SITE Waste Water treatment Plant
MAY introduce additional odours.

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(Please select one option)

- [x] Yes
- [ ] Somewhat
- [ ] No

Please tell us why: Very well explained & illustrated

Was the information presented easy to understand and the appropriate level of detail provided?

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- [ ] No

Please tell us why: a lot of people on hand to answer our questions

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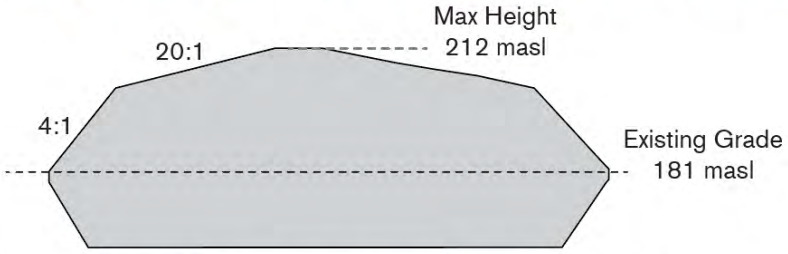

Landfill Capacity: 20,205,000 m³ Agricultural End Use Area: 90.6 acres (36.7 ha)

Option B

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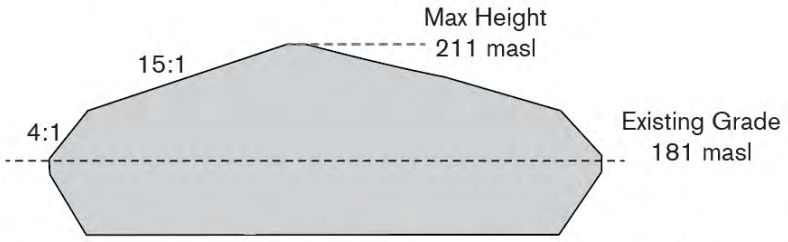

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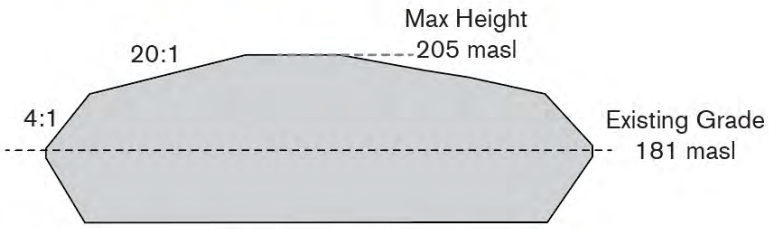
Option C

Average Agricultural End Use Option



Landfill Capacity: 17,893,000 m³ Agricultural End Use Area: 111.0 acres (45.0 ha)

(Please select one option)

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Please tell us why:

Maximizes use of the space given capacity issues. Allows for greater agricultural end use options.

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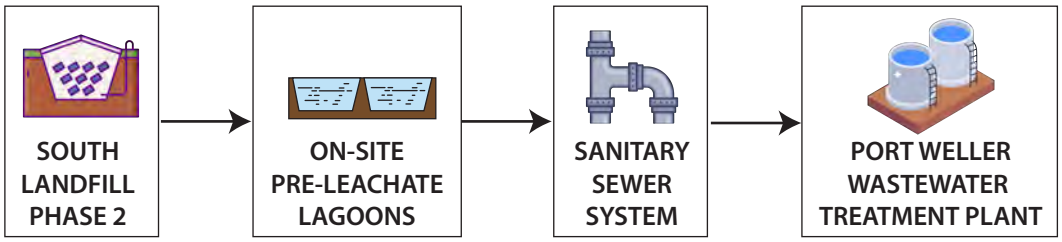

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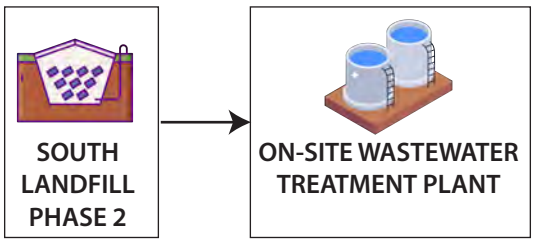

(Please select one option)

- [x] Option A - Continued & Expanded Use of the Municipal Wastewater Treatment System
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Please tell us why:

Should utilize existing or unused capacity if it exists. Alternative would be costly and would raise disposal costs to residents and businesses.

Was the information session helpful in describing the South Landfill Phase 2 project, the Environmental Assessment process and the Alternative Methods (Options) being considered?

(Please select one option)

- [x] Yes
- [ ] Somewhat
- [ ] No

Please tell us why: _____

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Please tell us why: _____

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Summary Report

Recommended Method

South Landfill Phase 2 EA

Public Information Session #2 – June 18, 2025

Walker Environmental Group

July 30, 2025

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Walker Environmental Group Inc. (Walker) is proposing to develop the next phase of its South Landfill to continue to provide waste disposal services at its Niagara Resource Management Campus in Niagara Falls, Ontario. To develop Phase 2 of the South Landfill, Walker has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) process under the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assess the potential effects of the proposed landfill continuance on the environment and surrounding community.

The EA process consists of two steps. Walker prepared a Terms of Reference (ToR) as part of the first step, which was approved on September 10, 2024. As part of the second step, Walker is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) which will be carried out as per the approved ToR. For the EA, Walker is carrying out several consultation activities with review agencies, Indigenous communities, and the public in accordance with the Approved ToR.

2 Objectives of Public Information Session #2

The purpose of the Public Information Session #2 – Recommended Method was to provide interest holders with a direct opportunity to learn about Walker, the project, current landfill operations, provide feedback, and ask questions. With this purpose in mind, the associated objectives were as follows:

- Introduce Walker, its current landfill operations, and provide an update on the South Landfill Phase 2 EA
- Review the comparative evaluation process and confirm the recommended method
- Confirm the methodology for the upcoming detailed impact assessment of the recommended method
- Answer questions and address concerns

3 Logistics of Public Information Session #2

The Public Information Session #2 was held in-person as well as virtually to allow more opportunities for community members to review the information and provide feedback. The following sections describe the in-person and virtual sessions.

3.1 In-Person Public Information Session

The in-person Public Information Session #2 was held on June 18, 2025 from 5 pm – 8 pm at Club Italia (2525 Montrose Road, Niagara Falls). This location was selected due to its close proximity to Walker's Niagara Resource Management Campus and the proposed South Landfill Phase 2 site, its accessibility and compliance under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA), and is the right size to accommodate the events purpose.

3.2 Virtual Public Information Session

In order to broaden Walker's reach for gathering community input and accommodate individuals who were unable to attend the in-person, a virtual, self-guided information session was made available at www.southlandfillphase2.com from June 18, 2025 to July 7, 2025.

- The project website contained a banner at the top of the site with a Quick Link to the Virtual Information Session.
- The Virtual Information Session mimicked the in-person Public Information Session so that stakeholders who could not attend were able to view the same information as those who attended in-person.
- The Virtual Session was broken down into seventeen (17) stations, categorizing the information by topic allowing the user to view the information they were most interested in learning about. A sample of the virtual component is included in **Appendix A**.
- A fillable feedback form was included at the bottom of the page. A copy of the questions included in the fillable feedback form is included in **Appendix A**.

4 Notification

Notification of the Public Information Session #2 – Recommended Method was provided through a variety of means to increase the potential number of attendees. Specifically, notification of the in-person event and virtual component was provided as follows:

- **Newspaper advertisements** in the Niagara Falls Review (Niagara Falls), The Lake Report (Niagara-on-the-Lake), published on June 5, with a total reach of 20.5K
- **Direct Mailing and / or emailed** on June 5, 2025 to all identified agencies, Indigenous communities, and interest groups on the project-specific contact database (see **Appendix B**)

- **Canada Post mail-drop** to existing distribution list used by Walker bi-annually to communicate operational updates at the Campus, which includes approximately 560 addresses within an average 2.5-kilometer radius from the site on June 5, 2025
- **Courtesy calls** to community leaders
- **Project Website** was updated on June 5, 2025 to include detailed information about the public information session taking place both in-person and virtually.

Copies of these notices are found in **Appendix C**.

5 Project Team Members in Attendance

Walker's Project Team was well represented at the in-Person Public Information Session #2 to ensure questions and inquiries from participants could be answered directly and by Project Team members with specialist knowledge of the subject matter. Key Project Team members in attendance from both Walker and GHD are listed in **Table 1**.

Table 1 Project Team Members in Attendance at Public Information Session #2

Walker	GHD
Darren Fry, Project Director	Blair Shoniker, Principal and Senior Planner
Leticia Koole, Project Support Specialist	Erika Brown, Waste and Environmental Planner, EA Lead
Kaitlynn Valeriano, Communications & Community Outreach Manager	Janet Oswald, Environmental Planner, EA Lead

In addition to the Project Team, seven (7) Walker Staff representing various Resource Management Campus operations were in attendance to answer questions about existing facilities.

6 Information Presented

The format of the in-person Public Information Session #2 – Recommended Method was an informal drop-in session where individuals could attend anytime during the event hours, view the provided information, and meet individually with Project Team members. Information presented was in the form of display boards and other visual aids, which were organized amongst ten (10) stations around the perimeter of the room. Information presented at each station is summarized in **Table 2**.

Table 2 Summary of Information Presented on Display Boards

Topic / Station	Display Board Title(s)	Description
Welcome	*N/A*	• Purpose of the event

Topic / Station	Display Board Title(s)	Description
		• Layout of the venue • Optional sign-in for individuals wanting to be notified of future project milestones
Overview of Walker	*About Walker*	• Information about Walker • Overview of the Niagara Resource Management Campus
What is Being Proposed?	*Niagara's Waste Disposal Solution* *Safe & Reliable Waste Management* *The Future Development of the South Landfill*	• Information on the state of Ontario and Niagara Region's waste disposal capacity • Proposed continuation of the South Landfill (i.e., Phase 2) • Key facility information about Phase 2
EA Process	*An Environmental Planning Process*	• Overview of the EA Process in Ontario • Visual aid of key milestones and public consultation opportunities throughout this EA process
Technical Information	*Designed & Operated to the Highest Standard* *Landfill Liner Model*	• 3D conceptual rendering of the landfill system currently in place at the South Landfill (Phase 1) • 12' Landfill liner zoom on display (to scale) showing the different layers of the landfill liner currently used for South Landfill (Phase 1)
Alternative Methods	*Alternative Methods (Options)* *Landfill Site Configurations South Landfill Phase 2 Options* *Leachate Management South Landfill Phase 2 Options*	• Introductory information about Alternative Methods (Options) • Identification of two (2) Alternative Methods for consideration; Landfill Site Configurations, and Leachate Management Options • Introductory information to landfill site configurations, an example of the current South Landfill Phase 1 configuration, and three proposed site configurations • Background to leachate management and two options for Phase 2
Comparative Evaluation & Recommended Method	*Comparative Analysis Landfill Configuration* *Comparative Analysis Recommended Landfill Configuration* *Leachate Management Comparative Analysis Recommended Leachate Management Option*	• Explanation of what a comparative analysis is with a few examples to show how it is used • A summary of the comparative analysis by the Natural, Built, Social, Economic, and Cultural Environments for both Landfill Site Configuration and Leachate Management • Identification of the Recommended Landfill Configuration and why it was recommended • Identification of the Recommended Leachate Management Option and why it was recommended
Detailed Impact Assessment	*Next Steps & Detailed Impact Assessment Methodology*	• Overview of what happens next; consultation on recommended method, develop a Facility Characteristics Report, and Commence the Detailed Impact Assessment • Explanation of what a Detailed Impact Assessment is and why it is important
How to Get Involved	*We Want to Hear from You*	• Project contact information • Methods of engagement • Table with fillable Event Feedback Forms for the Public Information session and information handouts (i.e., project booklet, Walker pamphlets, and contact cards)
Walker in the Community	*Supporting Niagara for over 136 years*	• Walker's involvement in the Niagara community • Community Benefits attributed to Walker's existing Resource Management Campus (i.e. jobs, municipal revenue, volunteer hours, donations)

The virtual open house included the same display boards presented at the in-person and allowed participants to provide written comments directly through the website via an online feedback form.

Copies of the display boards are included in **Appendix D**.

7 Attendance & Summary of Comments Received

A total of eight (8) individuals attended the in-person Public Information Session #2 – Recommended Method. Those in attendance included local residents and property owners, and local businesses. The website saw an increase in activity for the duration of the virtual information session with 72 page views on the project website homepage and a total of 29 page views on the virtual component of the public information session.

There were several verbal comments received through discussions during the in-person Public Information Session #2 – Recommended Method, which were documented by Project Team members, and via feedback forms provided both at the in-person event and on the virtual open house landing page. No (0) feedback forms were returned. A sample of the feedback form provided can be found in **Appendix E**.

A summary of comments (verbal and written) received have been summarized in **Table 3**. Overall, there were no comments or concerns raised through the public or virtual information sessions that were held regarding the recommended methods for the landfill and leachate options.

Table 3 Summary of Comments Received at Public Information Session #2

Discussion Topic	# of Times discussed	Description
Tour of Niagara Campus	1	• Interest was expressed to come for a tour of Walker's Niagara Resource Management Campus
Recommended Leachate Management Option	2	• General agreement for the recommended Leachate Management Option of continued and expanded use of the Municipal Wastewater Treatment System
Recommended Landfill Configuration Option	1	• General agreement for the recommended landfill configuration – Option A - Same height & slopes as current South Landfill Phase 1

Several attendees indicated that they would like to be contacted with South Landfill Phase 2 EA Project Updates and were added to the project-specific contact database for future notifications purposes. One (1) attendee indicated they would like a tour of the Resource Management Campus.

Appendix A

Virtual Component of Public Information Session

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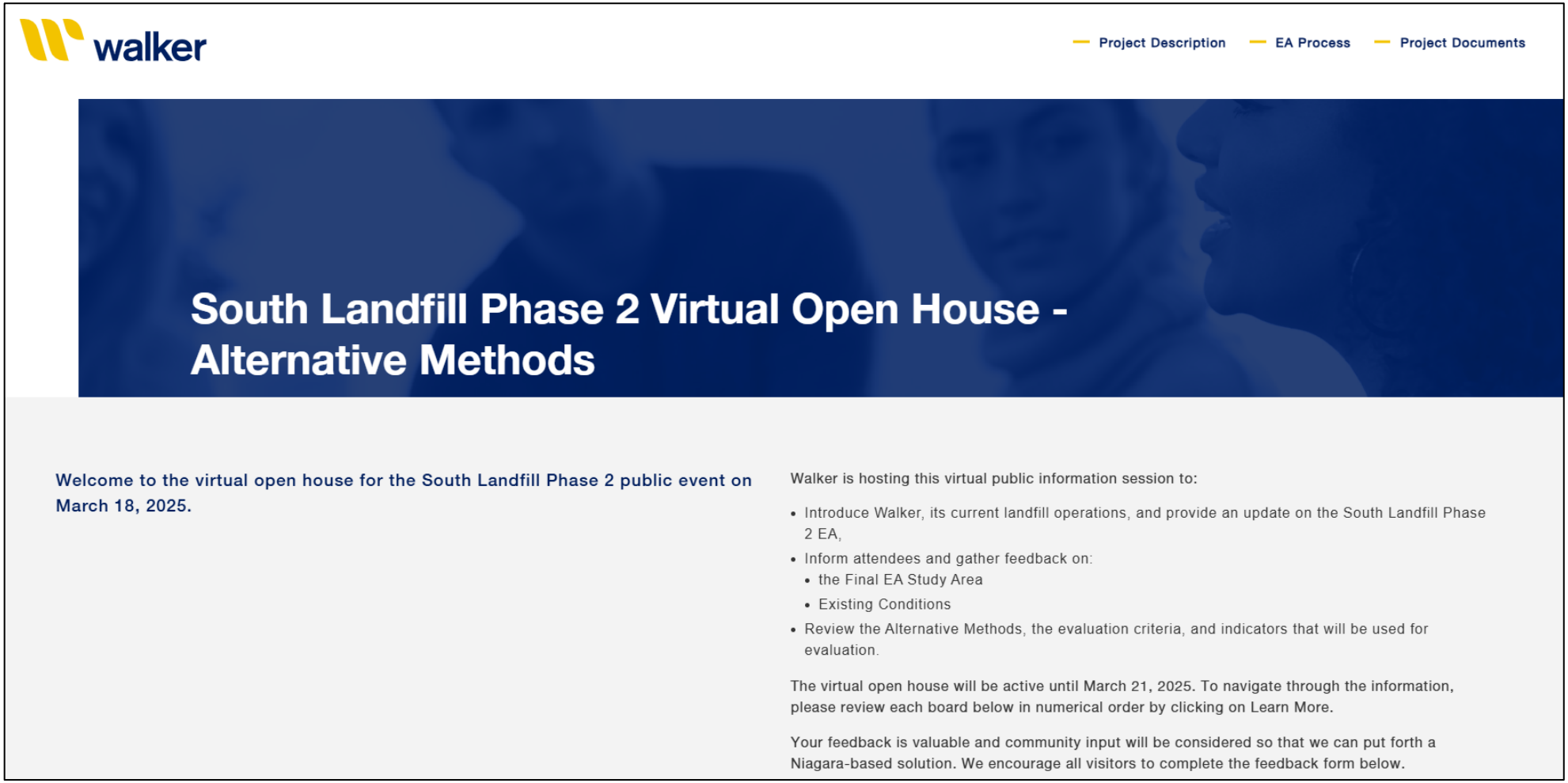
Public Information Session – Alternative Methods - Virtual Component

March 6, 2025 – March 23, 2025

The following images are included in this summary to help illustrate the virtual component of Public Information Session #1.

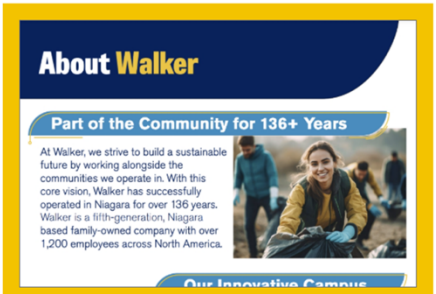
Figure 1: Screenshot of Virtual Open House Intro



Information Boards

The images below illustrate how the Public Information Session #1 – Alternative Methods Information Boards were displayed on the website for the virtual component. Each image below portrays a section of the in-person Public Information Session. If the user was interested in a specific section they could click 'Learn More' to open the information boards.

Information Boards



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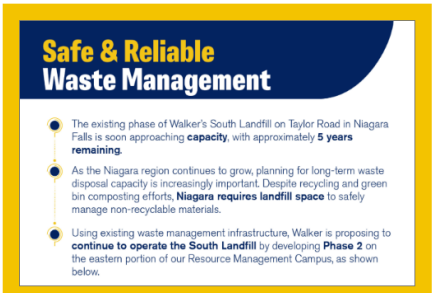
2. SUPPORTING NIAGARA FOR OVER 136 YEARS

LEARN MORE

3. ADDITIONAL LANDFILL CAPACITY

LEARN MORE



4. THE PROPOSAL

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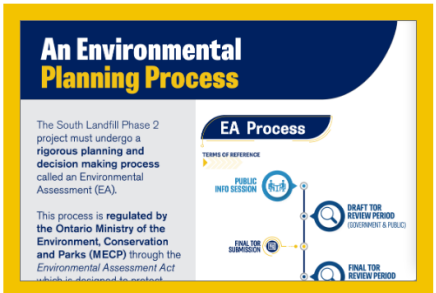
5. SOUTH LANDFILL PHASE 2

LEARN MORE



6. THE PLANNING PROCESS

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7. CURRENT SOUTH LANDFILL PHASE 1

This 3D model illustrates how Walker's current South Landfill Phase 1 is designed and engineered to protect the environment.

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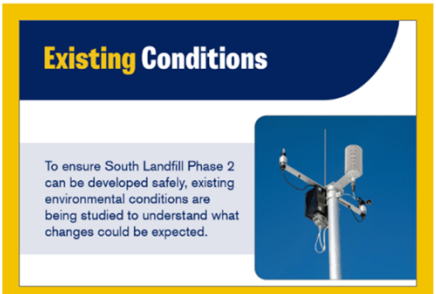

8. EXISTING CONDITIONS

Creating a baseline of the existing environmental conditions at the project site help determine what could change. Click Learn More to view the Existing Conditions Reports.

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9. STUDY AREA

This map illustrates the general study area around the project site. Please see the Existing Conditions Reports (Board #8) for the study areas for each study.

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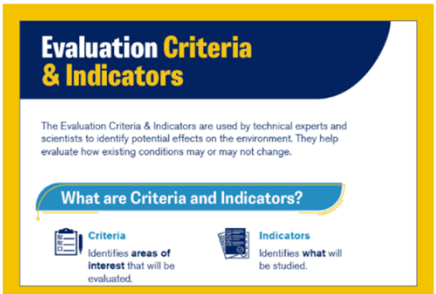

10. EVALUATION CRITERIA & INDICATORS

Criteria and indicators are used by experts to identify how conditions may or may not change. Click Learn More to view the full list of Criteria and Indicators.

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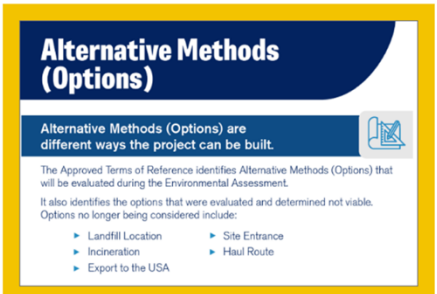

11. ALTERNATIVE METHODS

Alternative Methods, or Options, are different ways the project can be built. The options being evaluated are presented on the attached boards.

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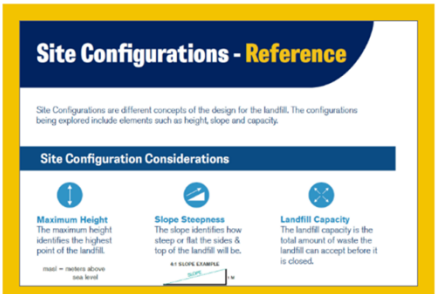

12. SITE CONFIGURATIONS

The first board includes important information to assist in your review of the landfill site configuration options being presented and provides an example of the current operating South Landfill Phase 1. Three (3) landfill site configuration options for Phase 2 are presented on the second board. The options provide a range of height, slopes/contours, capacity and area available for agricultural end use for consideration.

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13. LEACHATE MANAGEMENT

The first board presents important information to assist in your review of the leachate management options being presented. Two (2) leachate management options are presented on the second board.

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14. STAY ENGAGED

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Feedback Form

Share your feedback!

Your feedback is very important to us, and we appreciate you taking the time to provide us with your comments.

QUESTION 1

Was the Open House helpful in describing the South Landfill Phase 2 project, the Environmental Assessment process and the Alternative Methods (Options) being considered? ***(Please select one option)***

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ Somewhat
- ◯ No

Please tell us why:

Answer here...

QUESTION 2

Was the information presented easy to understand and the appropriate level of detail provided? ***(Please select one option)***

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ Somewhat
- ◯ No

Please tell us why:

Answer here...

QUESTION 3

Which Landfill Site Configurations option do you prefer and why? ***(Please select one option)***

- ◯ Option A – Same Height & Slopes As Current South Landfill Phase 1
- ◯ Option B – Maximized Agricultural End Use Option
- ◯ Option C – Average Agricultural End Use Option

Please tell us why:

Answer here...

QUESTION 4

Which Leachate Management option do you prefer and why? *(Please select one option)*

- ○ Option A – Continued & Expanded Use of the Municipal Wastewater Treatment System
- ○ Option B – Development of an On-Site Wastewater Treatment Plant

Please tell us why:

Answer here...

QUESTION 5

Do you have any information, input, or questions about the project you would like to share with us?

Answer here...

QUESTION 6

Would you like to be contacted with responses to your questions? If yes, please provide an email address or phone number.

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

QUESTION 7

Would you like to be contacted for future project updates?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

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