

**PUBLIC OFFICIALS QUESTIONNAIRE  
TALLY SHEET**

**LOUDON COUNTY SOLID WASTE  
DISPOSAL COMMISSION PROGRAM**

**FIFTH MONDAY MEETING – NOVEMBER 29, 2004**

1. I am attending tonight's meeting as a	All Respondents	17					
	Loudon County Commissioner	6					
	Lenoir City Council Member	4					
	Loudon City Council Member	1					
	Other Governmental Representatives	6					
			<b>AS</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>DS</b>
2. Tonight's meeting was helpful in understanding the future options and challenges facing the LCSWDC?	All Respondents		9	7	1		
	Loudon County Commissioner		5	1			
	Lenoir/Loudon City Council Members			4	1		
	Other Governmental Representatives		4	2			
			<b>AS</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>DS</b>
3. The LCSWDC should make the best decision possible for the community based on its research without seeking the concurrence of the elected representatives of the Loudon County Commission, Lenoir City Council or the Loudon City Council?	All Respondents		1	6	2	4	4
	Loudon County Commissioner			2	1	1	2
	Lenoir/Loudon City Council Members			3	1		1
	Other Governmental Representatives		1	1		3	1
			<b>AS</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>DS</b>
4. The Matlock Bend Landfill should only be used for Loudon County waste, even if it requires higher tipping fees or additional appropriations from Loudon County, Lenoir City and Loudon City.	All Respondents				2	12	3
	Loudon County Commissioner				1	4	1
	Lenoir/Loudon City Council Members				1	4	
	Other Governmental Representatives					4	2
			<b>AS</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>DS</b>
5. The LCSWDC should strive to continue the operations of the Matlock Bend Landfill as an important community resource even if in doing so may not be the best economic choice for our community in the immediate future?	All Respondents		1	4	2	10	
	Loudon County Commissioner			2		4	
	Lenoir/Loudon City Council Members			2	1	2	
	Other Governmental Representatives		1		1	4	
			<b>AS</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>DS</b>
6. If the Matlock Bend Landfill cannot be operated on a cost supporting basis without increasing the daily tonnage or reducing operational costs, it should be closed (temporarily or permanently) and converted into a transfer station.	All Respondents			6	8	2	1
	Loudon County Commissioner			3	2		1
	Lenoir/Loudon City Council Members			1	3	1	
	Other Governmental Representatives			2	3	1	

			<b>AS</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>DS</b>
7. Assuming that the LCSWDC temporarily closed the Matlock Bend Landfill for ten years and replaced it with a transfer station during that time, it would be politically possible to reopen the landfill operations after ten years of closure if the economics supported resuming the landfill operations at that location.	All Respondents			7	3	6	1
	Loudon County Commissioner			2	2	2	
	Lenoir/Loudon City Council Members			2	1	2	
	Other Governmental Representatives			3		2	1
			<b>AS</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>DS</b>
8. The LCSWDC should substantially reduce each government's current landfill tipping fees by allowing the landfill operator to take in increased out-of-county waste (but from no more than 100 miles away).	All Respondents		1	11	3	1	1
	Loudon County Commissioner			3	3		
	Lenoir/Loudon City Council Members		1	4			
	Other Governmental Representatives			4		1	1
			<b>AS</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>DS</b>
9. The LCSWDC should put more emphasis on decreasing our local government solid waste disposal costs (for example, by reducing our current tipping fees) over the short term (next ten years) as opposed to focusing on our solid waste disposal needs over the long term (10 to 20 years).	All Respondents		1	6	3	5	2
	Loudon County Commissioner			3	1	1	
	Lenoir/Loudon City Council Members		1	2	1	2	
	Other Governmental Representatives			1	1	2	2
		<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>WDC</b>	<b>U</b>
10. Based on what I have learned tonight and my personal knowledge and opinion on this issue, I prefer that the LCSWDC take the following action (RANK First, Second and Third choice) [Ranked as follows – 1 <sup>st</sup> = 3 points; 2 <sup>nd</sup> = 2 points; 3 <sup>rd</sup> = 1 point] [See full question text at end of tally]	All Respondents	24	20	8	19	16	
	Loudon County Commissioner	9	9	5	8	4	
	Lenoir/Loudon City Council Members	10	3	1	5	4	
	Other Governmental Representatives	5	8	2	6	8	
		<b>AS</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>DS</b>	
11. I am pleased with the way the LCSWDC is discharging its responsibilities and approaching its future challenges.	All Respondents		8	6	1	1	
	Loudon County Commissioner		3	2			
	Lenoir/Loudon City Council Members		1	2	1	1	
	Other Governmental Representatives		4	2			

12. Comments or suggestions:

Comment No. 1 (Loudon County Commissioner). Thanks for the work you are doing. Great pre-planning, excellent meeting. Informative

Comment No. 2 (Loudon County Commissioner). Good program and presenters. Thank you!

Comment No. 3 (Loudon County Commissioner). Today: Landfills are in surplus; tipping fees are low. Future: Based on experience, landfill capacities will be short & tipping fees will be very high. Thus, my answer to Question 10: shut down when fees low/restart when fees are high. Would like to know cost of mothballing and temporary closure. Also would like to see economics (cash flows, costs, etc.) for the most promising options.

Comment No. 4 (Lenoir/Loudon City Council Member). Landfill tipping fees must be lowered by 10-20% at the very least, by some method and soon.

Comment No. 5 (Lenoir/Loudon City Council Member). I am opposed to hauling our trash out of county if we can save money and save our space for future operations. However, I would want to look at the viability of each option.

Comment No. 6 (Other governmental representative). If a transfer station is initiated perhaps we would also want a C&D cell left there.

Comment No. 7 (Other government representative). Keep government units informed as you progress – not seeking the concurrence of the government bodies.

Comment No. 8 (Other government representative). Consider long range Class IV needs in light of expected construction in the county.

Comment No. 9 (Other government representative). Need rate reduction for the taxpayer. However, we should look for longevity in our site. I am disappointed in the cost of our contract with the current operator.

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Full Text of Question 10

10. Based on what I have learned tonight and my personal knowledge and opinion on this issue, I prefer that the LCSWDC take the following action (RANK First, Second and Third choice):

\_\_\_\_\_ Option A (Outside Operator) – Continue with an independent operator to keep the landfill open but negotiate a longer term contract that decreases our tipping fees and adequately provides for future closure costs.

\_\_\_\_\_ Option B (Governmental Operator) – Explore whether one of the participating governments can operate and maintain the landfill more economically than the current arrangement and enter a contractual arrangement.

\_\_\_\_\_ Option C (Direct Haul) – Temporarily or permanently close the landfill and negotiate a long term contract to transfer our solid waste out of county at lower costs to the participating governmental entities.

\_\_\_\_\_ Option D (Transfer Station) – Contract for the construction and operation of a transfer station at the Matlock Bend landfill and negotiate a transportation contract at some cost reduction to the participating governments.

\_\_\_\_\_ Make the best decision possible for our community balancing our short-term and long-term solid waste disposal needs.

\_\_\_\_\_ Undecided.