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### **Board Awards \$13 Million in Contracts for Projects at the South Wake Landfill**

Providing Wake County's more than one million residents with convenient, easy-to-use locations for dropping off waste and recycling is important to keeping our community litter-free. That is why the Wake County Board of Commissioners today during its regular meeting awarded two contracts totaling \$13 million for projects that will improve customer service at the South Wake Landfill.

#### **Waste and Recycling Facility Improvements**

The commissioners awarded a \$7.9 million contract to Harrod and Associates Constructors of Raleigh for the renovation of the convenience center, multi-material facility and household hazardous waste center at this site.

The project includes the following expansion and improvement items:

- Constructing a new seven bay convenience center;
- Constructing a new covered household hazardous waste drop off and storage facility;
- Expanding the multi-material canopy and dock area;
- Improving traffic circulation by constructing separate routes for customer and operator vehicles;
- Constructing an oyster shell collection area; and
- Constructing a centrally-located operator office area and a field office building for community educational purposes, as well as staff use.

The facility will remain open to customers throughout construction, which is expected to begin in April, with work currently scheduled for completion in July 2018, weather permitting. Funding for this project is made possible by the \$20 annual household recycling fee, as well as grants received.

#### **Partial Closure of the South Wake Landfill**

A \$5.1 million contract was awarded to Shamrock Environmental Corporation of Browns Summit for the partial closure of Phase 1 of the landfill.

To handle landfill gases and odors, Wake County developed a plan to close the lined areas of the landfill in phases. The landfill has been divided into five

phases, with some of those areas subdivided into smaller phases. Phase 1A and 1B have reached the point of capacity where the county can now pursue partially closing Phase 1. The closure involves construction of a final cover liner system, as well as rerouting, optimizing and reinstalling the [landfill gas-to-energy collection system](#). A geotextile membrane will be used to cap the waste and minimize disturbance. Stormwater collection and erosion control improvements are also included in the project.

The project is expected to begin in April of this year, with work currently scheduled for completion by April 2018, weather permitting. Funding for the project comes from the \$32 tipping fee charged to companies that bring municipal waste to the landfill.

### **About the South Wake Landfill**

The South Wake Landfill accepts solid waste from municipalities throughout Wake County. In addition to the landfill, the site on Old Smithfield Road in Apex also houses a convenience center for waste and recycling drop off, a household hazardous waste center and a multi-material recycling facility for residents and businesses to drop off items not allowed in landfills.

Opened in 2008, the South Wake Landfill was originally designed with a minimum 25-year lifespan. Due to a reduced amount of waste coming to the facility, the landfill is now projected to last more than 35 years.

The Wake County Solid Waste Management Division provides waste disposal and recycling services to residents and businesses in Wake County. The division manages 17 waste facilities including a landfill, waste transfer station, residential waste and recycling convenience centers, household hazardous waste and multi-material recycling drop-off facilities. To learn more, visit [www.wakegov.com/recycling](http://www.wakegov.com/recycling).

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