



Engineering Services Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: July 14, 2026

**GWS Proposed Waste Transfer Station Facility at
3946/3946A Goshen Industrial Blvd**

Consistency with Augusta, Georgia Solid Waste Management Plan

Consistency Letter Request

File Reference: 26-014 (A)

Department:	Engineering & Environmental Services
Presenter:	Dr. Hameed Malik, Director
Caption:	Discuss and approve the denial of Georgia Waste System (GWS)'s request for a Consistency Letter for the proposed Solid Waste Transfer Station Facility at 3946/3946A Goshen Industrial Boulevard, Augusta, Georgia./ AE
Background:	No solid waste handling facility or expansion to an existing facility can be sited in Augusta, Georgia legal boundaries without a determination that the proposed facility or expansion is consistent with the Augusta, Georgia (City) current Solid Waste Management Plan (PLAN). The procedure that the City follows to demonstrate whether to issue the Consistency letter described under PLAN Section 6.1 (Local Procedures for Demonstrating Facility Consistency with Solid Waste Management Plan). Georgia Waste System (GWS) will be seeking Site land use special exception from Augusta Planning Commission & Augusta Commission after receiving consistency letter. Following its review of GWS's initial submittal dated April 28, 2026, Augusta Engineering and Environmental Services (AE) provided an itemized response on May 2, 2026, requesting additional information necessary to complete its review of the proposed facility's consistency with the Augusta, Georgia SWMP. GWS's submitted response on May 21, 2026.
Analysis:	The information provided in GWS's May 21, 2026 submittal does not fully address the need for the proposed waste transfer station or its potential impact on the existing solid waste management infrastructure, including the Deans Bridge Road Municipal Solid Waste Landfill (DBRLF). Specifically, concerns remain regarding: (i) the impact on disposal capacity; (ii) the impact on the financial viability of the existing solid waste management system; and (iii) the impact on the current solid waste management infrastructure.

Based on the information provided and AE's review under the applicable SWMP criteria, AE does not support issuance of the requested "Consistency Letter" at this time.

Financial Impact:	GWS stated that approximately 3,300 tons of waste per month would be diverted from the Deans Bridge Road Landfill (DBRLF). This reduction in waste received at DBRLF would have negative operational and financial impacts on the landfill.
Alternatives:	Not proposed
Recommendation:	Discuss and approve the denial of Georgia Waste System (GWS)'s request for a Consistency Letter for the proposed Solid Waste Transfer Station Facility at 3946/3946A Goshen Industrial Boulevard, Augusta, Georgia./ AE
Funds are available in the following accounts:	N/A
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	HR/la/sr