



Engineering Services Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: May 26, 2026

Atlantic Waste Services, Inc. Consistency Letter Request

Proposed Three Oaks Solid Waste Transfer Station

927 Molly Pond Road, Augusta, Georgia

File Reference: 26-014 (A)

Department:	Engineering & Environmental Services
Presenter:	Dr. Hameed Malik, Director
Caption:	<p>Consider discussing and conditionally approving Atlantic Waste Services (AWS) request for a “Consistency Letter” related to the construction and operation of a Solid Waste Transfer Station Facility at 927 Molly Pond Road, Augusta, Georgia.</p> <p><u>Propose Condition:</u> All solid waste accepted or collected at the Transfer Station shall be disposed of at the Augusta Deans Bridge Road MSW Landfill. This condition shall also serve as a Zoning Exception requirement for the use of this site as a Transfer Station.</p> <p>Additionally, authorize the Augusta Engineering & Environmental Services Director to provide the requested “Consistency Letter” to AWS. / AE</p>
Background:	<p>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 Consistency letter is described under PLAN Section 6.1 (Local Procedures for Demonstrating Facility Consistency with Solid Waste Management Plan). 927 Molly Pond Road site presently does not meet Augusta, GA zoning requirements for this specific land use. AWS will be seeking a Site land use special exception from Augusta Planning Commission & Augusta Commission after receiving consistency letter. Consistency letter condition shall also be added to “Zoning Exception” conditions if Zoning Exception approved by the Augusta Planning Commission and Augusta Commission.</p>
Analysis:	<p>The Augusta Engineering & Environmental Services Department has reviewed information submitted by Harbin Engineering, PC, representing AWS, along with AWS’s response to AE requests for information regarding the proposed Three Oaks Transfer Station.</p>

AWS has provided assurances that 100% of municipal solid waste received at the transfer station will be disposed of at the Deans Bridge Landfill, under a long-term commitment based on the current 2026 rate structure with future increases limited to the CPI.

Based on this information, the proposed transfer station is expected to have minimal impact on the Augusta Facility and may provide environmental benefits to the Augusta area. Therefore, the Department does not object to Augusta issuing the requested consistency letter.

Financial Impact: With proposed commitment to bring all solid waste to Augusta Facility will yield positive financial impact.

Alternatives: Do not approve.

Recommendation: Consider discussing and conditionally approving Atlantic Waste Services (AWS) request for a “Consistency Letter” related to the construction and operation of a Solid Waste Transfer Station Facility at 927 Molly Pond Road, Augusta, Georgia.

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Funds are available in the following accounts: N/A

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY: HM/sr