

# MEMO



**To:** Mayor Dwain Hahs and Members of the Board of Aldermen  
**From:** Rodney Bollinger, Director of Administrative Services   
**Date:** December 22, 2025  
**Re:** Jackson Sanitary Landfill - Post-Closure Assessment Memorandum and Early Release Certification Report

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The thirty (30) year post-closure period for the Jackson Sanitary Landfill expires on November 1, 2026. The City hired the environmental engineering firm of Burns & McDonnell to provide a thorough assessment on the land to determine what options are available for future use.

The enclosed Post-Closure Assessment Memorandum and Early Release Certification Report was prepared in accordance with applicable post-closure care requirements and regulatory guidance.

The purpose of this submittal is to document current site conditions, evaluate the status and performance of required post-closure care components, and establish the basis for early release from post-closure care. The assessment includes a comprehensive review of historical site documentation, inspection observations, environmental monitoring data, and institutional controls associated with the landfill's post-closure obligations.

Based on the findings summarized in the report, the landfill meets the regulatory criteria for early release from post-closure care.

The complete Post-Closure Assessment Memorandum and Early Release Certification Report exceeds 170 pages and is therefore not included with this packet. Instead, the enclosed seven-page Post-Closure Assessment Memorandum provides a concise summary of the full report. A complete copy of the report is available upon request.

The finalized report will be submitted to the MDNR following execution by the consulting engineer, Republic Services, and City staff. A motion to accept the report is scheduled for consideration at the January 20 regular meeting.

At this time, City staff recommends taking steps to mitigate future environmental liability associated with the property by modifying the landfill's permitted boundary to reflect its prematurely closed condition. Specifically, the permitted landfill footprint would be reduced from 100.2 acres to 14.4 acres, allowing the remaining 85.8 acres to be made available for outright sale.

If approved by the Board, staff recommends re-engaging Burns & McDonnell to prepare and submit a Closed Landfill Permit Boundary Modification to the appropriate regulatory agencies. Their proposal letter is attached. If agreeable, a motion approving this task order will appear on the agenda of January 20 regular meeting.

Please review the enclosed materials and advise if additional information or clarification is needed. City staff will be available during the meeting to answer questions and provide further detail as requested.