

**Presentation to
Lebanon City
Council Sept. 24**



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Who We Are

Benton Clean & Strong is a coalition of local residents, families, business owners, and leaders dedicated to keeping Benton County affordable, sustainable, and rooted in our shared values.

Our coalition formed with a clear purpose: to secure a smart, long-term plan for managing waste, protecting the environment, and strengthening our local economy. With nearby landfills closing, Benton County stands at a crossroads. The proposed Coffin Butte Landfill expansion offers a responsible way forward: keeping services local, generating renewable energy, protecting jobs, and investing in our future.





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Why the Coffin Butte Expansion matters

Groundbreaking Clean Energy for Local Homes

Coffin Butte powers more than 4,000 homes each year with renewable electricity—captured from landfill gas and converted on-site. As one of the region's largest contributors to clean energy, it reduces fossil fuel dependence and helps Oregon meet its climate goals.

Avoid Higher Costs for Families & Services

Expanding Coffin Butte helps Benton County keep control of how we manage waste—locally, responsibly, and affordably. Planning ahead means lower costs for families, schools, hospitals, and small businesses, and fewer environmental impacts from long-distance hauling.

Local Control Matters

Expansion ensures we can keep waste management local—protecting community oversight, reducing emissions from long-distance hauling, and ensuring stable, predictable service for Benton County residents and customers.

Environmental Standards Are Met and Exceeded

Coffin Butte is subject to strict federal, state, and local oversight. The facility undergoes regular inspections and consistently meets or exceeds environmental standards. It captures harmful methane emissions and reinvests in technology to improve sustainability, safety, and long-term performance.

Testimonials

"I believe the consequence for not expanding would become a much bigger problem than any negatives that modest expansion would bring." —

Jan Napack, Ward 1 Corvallis
City Council

"For me, this is about keeping costs down for our hardworking families and providing good-paying jobs - and making sure Linn and Benton counties stay strong for years to come. We owe it to our citizens to make smart choices for the future and for our region. I urge my colleagues to support this expansion and do what's best for the people we serve." — Mayor
Alex Johnson II, Albany

"Expanding Coffin Butte won't solve our waste challenges forever, but it will give us valuable time to prepare for the future. Local capacity now means we can plan responsibly instead of rushing into costly, short-term fixes." — Jay Simpkins, Former Benton County Solid Waste Advisory Committee Member & Former Disposal Site Advisory Committee Member
2006-2021

Polling on the Coffin Butte Landfill Expansion

From July 16-22, DHM Research conducted a poll of 300 Benton County voters about the Coffin Butte Landfill. margin of error +/- 5.7%

54%

Support Benton County approving an expansion of the Coffin Butte Landfill

63%

Of respondents have lived in Benton County for over 10 years

Over 1,700

Voters said they support Coffin Butte Landfill expanding in a voter survey