

ATTACHMENT 1

Example of 2-Page Survey

Part 1. Montgomery Public Meeting Survey

Survey for Potential Enhancements to the State Solid Waste Program

1) Please rank what you consider to be the top 3 factors in siting a **new** landfill (1 being most important).

- Distance from solid waste collection areas to your home
- Condition of existing site (stability, soils, etc.)
- Adjacent land use
- Adjacent land value
- Approval of local residents
- Proximity to water sources (wells, rivers, lakes, etc.)
- Impacts of waste hauling vehicles (noise, traffic, road damage, etc.)
- Aesthetics (visual, odor, etc.)
- Other (specify) _____

2) Please rank your top 3 concerns regarding **existing** landfills (1 being greatest concern).

- Changes to landscape
- Noise
- Sanitary conditions (loose trash, air quality, insects, vermin, etc.)
- Traffic
- Reduction in property value
- Impacts to water quality
- Loss of wildlife habitat
- Loss of productive farmland
- Aesthetics (visual, odor, etc.)
- Other (specify) _____

3) Where do you get your information regarding landfill issues (check all that apply)?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> Local community leaders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> Family members |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Television | <input type="checkbox"/> Friends and neighbors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Mailed cards and newsletters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Websites | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | |

4) How should public opinion and technical recommendations be balanced in siting new landfills (Check only one)?

- Public opinion should be the only consideration
- Public opinion should be the most important factor
- Public opinion should be considered equally with scientific or technical recommendations
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Should the "90 day" default acceptance clause in the current landfill permitting process be removed?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

If yes, please suggest an alternative idea:

5) How should we manage out-of-state solid waste (Check all that apply)?

- Out-of-state solid waste should never be accepted into Alabama
- Only solid waste from neighboring states (MS, FL, GA, TN) should be accepted in Alabama
- Out-of-state waste should be regulated differently than in-state solid waste
- The state should charge additional fees for out-of-state solid waste
- Other (specify): _____

6) Please rank what you consider to be the best 3 alternatives to landfilling solid waste (1 being best).

- Incineration
- Waste-to-energy conversion
- Beneficial reuse
- Recycling
- Composting and mulching
- Other (specify) _____

7) Please rank what you consider to be the top 3 methods for paying for alternatives to solid waste landfilling (1 being most appropriate).

- Increase in tipping fees at landfills
- Tax levied by state
- Fees on producers/manufacturers of materials most commonly disposed of in solid waste landfills
- Profits associated with resale of products derived from alternative use (energy, recyclables, beneficial reuse)
- Other (specify) _____

Demographic Information

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Zip code: _____ Age: _____ Gender _____ Ethnicity _____

Please check the line that best estimates your total household income:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under \$15,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60,000 - \$74,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000 - \$29,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 - \$89,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,000 - \$44,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$90,000 or above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$45,000 - \$59,999 | |

What was the last grade of school you had the opportunity to complete?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade school or less (0-8) | <input type="checkbox"/> Some college or trade school (13-15) |
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Part 2. Survey used at Post-Montgomery Public Meetings

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- Yes No I don't know

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5) Do you participate in beneficial reuse/waste reduction in your home or business (check all that apply)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Recycle plastic | <input type="checkbox"/> Compost |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recycle paper/cardboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Use reusable packaging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recycle metals | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consciously buy products with less packaging and/or made from recycled/recyclable materials? | |

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8) Do you think power companies should be required to purchase electricity generated by alternative waste management technologies (e.g., waste to energy conversion; use of landfill gas) at market prices and sell this energy to consumers at market prices?

- Yes No I don't know

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