



Borough of Hillsdale

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Dear Fellow Residents,

In the last two and one half years since Waste Management stopped operating their transfer station on Patterson Street, driving downtown in Hillsdale has been much easier. It has also smelled a lot better. That may change, as Waste Management has an application before the New Jersey DEP to renew their permit to operate the transfer station. Even though they may not start up right away, the renewal will give them the opportunity to start up at any time. This will bring back the daily parade of garbage trucks into the facility and large tractor trailers hauling garbage out. After they abandoned the buildings and lots, which are now an eyesore, we do not want them back.

As you may know, we have made our opposition clear to the DEP. We have also reached out to our state elected officials for help in getting this permit renewal denied. The Borough Council recently authorized hiring a special legal counsel with experience in this area to help us fight this renewal. Despite all these efforts, we know that Waste Management has a lot of power in Trenton and we will have to fight hard to succeed.

Besides the increased traffic in Hillsdale and the Township of Washington, the renewal will limit the Borough's ability to improve this area of town. We are currently exploring an economic redevelopment plan for this area which will be seriously jeopardized by their renewal.

We expect that there will be a local public hearing with the DEP before the permit decision is officially made. To help us get attention on this issue, we are requesting that all interested parties sign the online petition objecting to the renewal. Please do so now, as we expect that the DEP may take action shortly. The petition can be found at:

<https://www.gopetition.com/petitions/say-no-to-waste-management.html>

We will keep you advised of the status of the renewal and will let you know about the hearing when it is scheduled. We will need everyone's help to get this permit denied..

Respectfully,

Doug Frank
Mayor