



# Cowlitz County

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## News Release

### Headquarters Landfill Update May 30, 2017

The County takes its municipal waste management obligations seriously. Since acquiring Headquarters Landfill in 2014, the County has completed important environmental and operational improvements and upgrades that were a potential issue in the past.

The County actively manages its responsibilities for both financial and environmental performance of the landfill, and therefore, in response to an unsolicited offer, with expectation of other offers, the County is evaluating whether a change in operation or ownership would be advantageous to the County, communities and residents over the long term.

Although the County did not seek offers for the Landfill, an unsolicited serious inquiry from a large company revealed that there may be untapped value in the landfill that could substantially benefit the county, while maintain the commitment to pricing and service to the citizens of the county.

The unsolicited inquiry is attractive enough that the County will review in detail this inquiry, as well as any other that seem likely to arise. Therefore, given the magnitude of interest shown in the Landfill, the County is in the process of considering whether and how it should respond in consideration of potential benefits to the citizens of the County.

The Board of Commissioners will hold an initial public discussion on June 6, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.