

## **CITY OF TONTITOWN PLANNING OFFICE**

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## AGENDA ITEM

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## **REZONING REQUEST**

1041 Arbor Acres Road Parcel #s: a portion of 830-38365-000

SUMMARY: Request to rezone a portion of their property (8.6 acres) from RMH (Residential-Mobile Home Park) to C2 (General Commercial) CURRENT ZONING: <u>R-MH</u> - Residential Mobile Home Park PROPOSED ZONING: <u>C2</u> – General Commercial CITY WARD: 3- Don Doudna & Tommy Granata INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICE AREAS (not a guarantee of service availability): Water: Washington Water Authority, existing 4-inch Electric: Ozarks Electric Sewer/Septic: Tontitown Sewer Phone: AT&T Natural Gas: Black Hills Energy

#### **PROJECT SYNOPSIS:**

This property is owned by Eco Vista, and located within the City Limits of Tontitown. It takes access from Arbor Acres Road. There is one (1) existing commercial building and several accessory uses on site.

The applicant cannot expand a non-conforming use, so must ask to rezone in order to add the proposed Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) facility. City Staff felt that C2 was the most appropriate zone for the proposed use.

The requested rezoning only involves the portion of the parcel that is used for Hauling Company operations. None of the Landfill portion is part of this request. At this time, the CNG facility will only be for Waste Management trucks, and not sold to the general public. This could change in the future. Any additions would need to have additional review and approval.

#### **APPROVAL CRITERIA:**

Not all of the criteria must be given equal consideration by the Planning Commission or City Council in reaching a decision. The criteria to be considered shall include but not be limited to the following:

#### (1) Consistency of the proposal with the comprehensive plan.

*STAFF ANALYSIS:* The current Future Land Use Plan shows this area as Low Density Residential. The City is in the process of updating the Future Land Use map and one of the issues that will be addressed is the appropriateness of the category for the existing land fill area. The draft Future Land Use map does show this area to be Landfill.

#### (2) Consistency of the proposal with the purpose of these regulations.

"The regulations are intended to provide for orderly growth and development; for protection of the character and stability of residential, commercial, industrial, recreational, and environmentally sensitive areas of the city; for protection of property from blight and undue depreciation; for efficiency and economy in the process of development for the appropriate and best use of land; for the use and occupancy of buildings; for healthful and convenient distribution of population; for good civic design and arrangement; and for adequate public utilities and facilities."

STAFF ANALYSIS: Allowing a use related to the existing business that will not expand the boundary, or cause any additional traffic impact will not impact the orderly growth and development of the surrounding area.

# (3) Compatibility of the proposal with the zoning, uses and character of the surrounding area.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The requested use is a residential use; all surrounding properties are also zoned for residential.

North-zoned R2 East-zoned R-MH South-zoned R-MH West-zoned R-MH

All areas surrounding that are zoned R-MH are existing landfill uses. The use is grandfathered. The property zoned R2 will not be impacted more than they currently are impacted by the existing use on this site. They may even see a slight reduction in impact as CNG trucks can be less intrusive than traditional diesel trucks.

# (4) Suitability of the subject property for the uses to which it has been restricted without the proposed zoning map amendment.

*STAFF ANALYSIS:* The likelihood that the current grandfathered use discontinues is fairly minimal. This is a well-established use. The site cannot actually be used for the current zoning as no housing is allowed on closed (or open) landfill sites.

(5) Extent to which approval of the proposed rezoning will detrimentally affect nearby property including, but not limited to, any impact on property value, traffic, drainage, visual impairment, odor, noise, light, vibration, hours of use/operation, and any restriction to the normal and customary use of the affected property.

*STAFF ANALYSIS:* This proposed rezoning should not detrimentally affect nearby property. The use is existing, and the addition of the CNG facility will not change the nature of the existing use.

# (6) Length of time the subject property has remained vacant as zoned, as well as its zoning at the time of purchase by the applicant; and

*STAFF ANALYSIS:* This property has operated as a Landfill use and Hauling company for many years. It has never been used as R-MH.

(7) Impact of the proposed development on community facilities and services, including those related to utilities, streets drainage, parks, open space, fire, police, and emergency medical services.

STAFF ANALYSIS: This impact will be the same as the current use of the property. There is no expected increase on services related to utilities, streets, drainage, fire or police protection.

#### **TECHNICAL INFORMATION:**

#### **Utilities:**

Water: Washington Water Authority, existing 4" line-This line cannot serve as a fire protection line. The applicant is proposing to install a tank and dry hydrant to meet fire fighting capacity. **Electric:** Ozarks Electric-submitted general comments. Any relocation, extension, or easements needed will be the owner's expense. Utility Easements must be dedicated for existing lines.

**Sewer/Septic:** Sewer-there is an existing Private Force Main that pumps to the lift station across from S. Pianalto Road. This is shown to be under the proposed CNG pumps. The applicant is aware of the location. As it is a private line, the Public Works Director has no comments.

Phone: AT&T-No concerns were submitted for the requested rezoning.Natural Gas: Black Hills Energy-No concerns were submitted for the requested rezoning.

#### Streets:

This property access Arbor Acres Road at the existing entrance. No additional entrances are proposed.

#### Fire:

An additional hydrant is required. The applicant is providing a water tank and dry hydrant to meet this requirement. A knox box will be required for locking gates and the existing building. The Fire Marshal also requested an emergency shut off be located at the existing building. This has been added.

#### Police:

No concerns were submitted for the requested rezoning.

**NEIGHBOR COMMENTS:** All neighboring properties within 200 feet of the property boundary were notified by certified mail of this project. Staff has received no written comments. Several calls inquiring about the Public Hearing sign that was placed were received. Once the project was explained, there were no remaining concerns.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Waste Management Hauling Company Rezoning Request to change the zoning of a portion of 830-38365-000 from R-MH zoning to C2 zoning.

#### CONDITIONS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

- 1. This rezoning request must be ratified by the City Council.
- 2. The Large-Scale Development request must be approved. All technical plan and engineering comments must be addressed with the Large-Scale Development plan.



August 7, 2018

Ms. Courtney McNair Planning Official City of Tontitown 201 East Henri De Tonti Tontitown, Arkansas 72770

## Subject:Submittal of Rezoning ApplicationWaste Management Hauling Company

Dear Ms. McNair,

Waste Management of Arkansas, Inc. (WM) is pleased to submit the Rezoning Application for the compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling facility for the hauling company in Tontitown, Arkansas. The Waste Management Hauling Company (WMHC) is seeking to rezone 8.6-acres from Residential-Mobile Home to General Commercial (C-2), in order to construct a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fueling Facility to support the hauling company operations.

In accordance with Title XV of the City of Tontitown Code of Ordinances, Chapter 153.283, this submittal letter addresses the City of Tontitown's criteria for approval.

#### Consistency of the proposal with the comprehensive plan.

The 8.6-acre area to be rezoned is currently zoned Residential-Mobile Home and is located within the landfill property boundary, which has operated as a landfill since approximately 1979. WMHC is requesting to construct a CNG fueling facility, as such, the City of Tontitown asked that the property be rezoned to General Commercial.

#### Consistency of the proposal with the purpose of the regulations.

The 8.6-acre area to be rezoned is currently zoned Residential-Mobile Home. This area is located within the landfill property boundary, which has operated as a landfill since approximately 1979.

## Compatibility of the proposal with the zoning, uses and character of the surrounding area.

Properties to the west, south and east of the subject area are zoned Residential-Mobile Home and contain the Eco-Vista Landfill, which has operated since approximately 1979. Property to the north, across Arbor Acres Avenue, is zoned Residential (R-2) and the adjacent lot is currently vacant or used for agricultural uses.

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## Suitability of the subject property for the uses to which it has been restricted without the proposed zoning map amendment.

The Eco-Vista Landfill has operated at this location since approximately 1979. WMHC is requesting to construct a CNG fueling facility, as such, the City of Tontitown asked that the property be rezoned to General Commercial.

# Extent to which approval of the proposed rezoning will detrimentally affect nearby property including, but not limited to, any impact on property value, traffic, drainage, visual impairment, odor, noise, light, vibration, hours of use/operation, and any restriction to the normal and customary use of the affected property.

WMHC is requesting to construct a CNG fueling facility. The CNG will phase out the diesel fuel currently used by the hauling company trucks. CNG is a cleaner burning fuel than diesel fuel, produces the fewest emissions of other fuels and contains less pollutants. CNG storage is in sealed containers, which eliminates any evaporative sources, and reduces the odors associated with diesel fuel. Once the diesel fuel is phased out, the facility will no longer receive fuel deliveries, reducing the large tanker trucks on the roads in the vicinity of the hauling company. Additionally, trucks fueled by CNG are quieter, which will reduce the noise from the hauling company and throughout the City of Tontitown from waste collection vehicles.

The CNG fueling facility will be constructed for the existing hauling company on the property. There is no anticipated impact on property value. There are no traffic pattern changes proposed. General traffic access to the hauling company will continue to be restricted from Highway 412, to South Klenc Road, to Kelly Road, to Dowell Road and to Arbor Acres Road. There are no proposed changes in traffic volumes, other than those arising out of business fluctuations. There are no changes proposed to the hours of use or operation of the hauling company. There are no planned changes to signage at the property. No new signs will be placed/built/constructed without approvals from the City. Technical information will be addressed in the Large Scale Development application.

WM has always focused on its road frontage appearance. The facility maintains (and will continue to maintain) a white farm-style PVC fence along its northern boundary (outside the right-of-way). Between the Arbor Acres paved road and the fence, a mowed grass area will be maintained. The fence and grass area will be in all areas except those with steep terrain. The facility has maintained and will continue to maintain visual screening along Arbor Acres with trees and shrubbery. A landscape plan will be included in the Large Scale Development application for the project.

# Length of time the subject property has remained vacant as zoned, as well as its zoning at the time of purchase by the applicant; and

The Eco-Vista Landfill has operated at this location since approximately 1979. The property has always been zoned Residential-Mobile Home since it was annexed by the City.

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Impact of the proposed development on community facilities and services, including those related to utilities, streets drainage, parks, open space, fire, police, and emergency medical services.

Water and sewer is available and both are connected to the existing property. The existing waterline serving the property is a 2" waterline, off of a 4" watermain along Arbor Acres Road (Washington Water Authority).

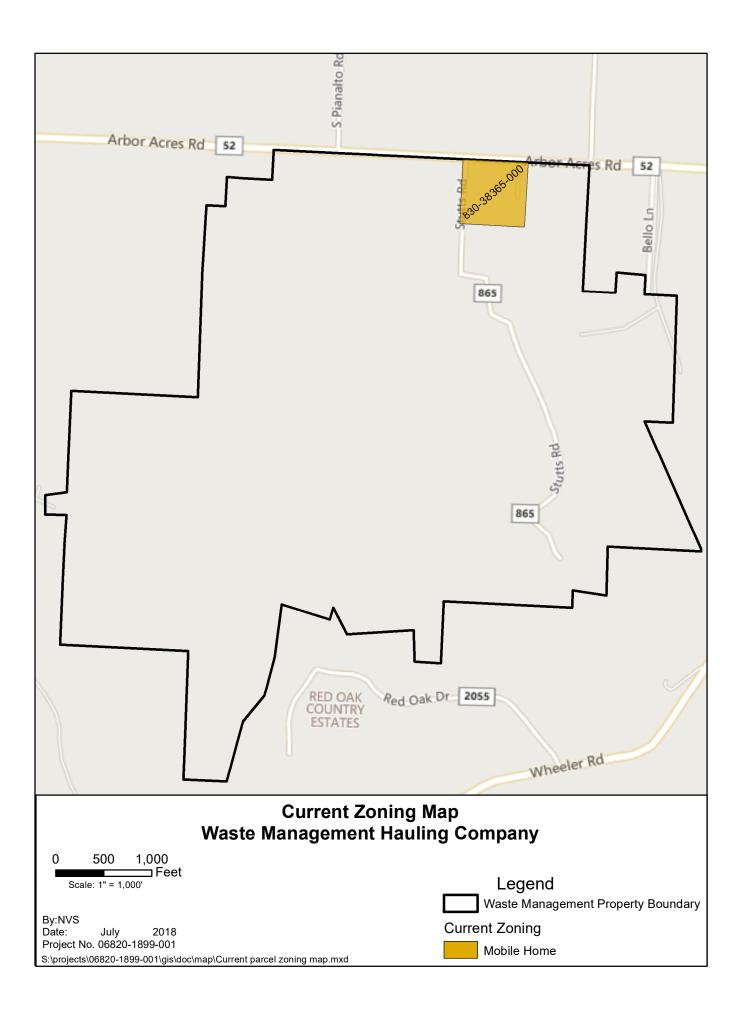
The existing sewer line serving the property is a 12" PVC gravity sewer line leading to the South Pianalto Road sewer pump station. The CNG pipeline serving the property is located along Arbor Acres Avenue. The project will have minimal impact on community facilities.

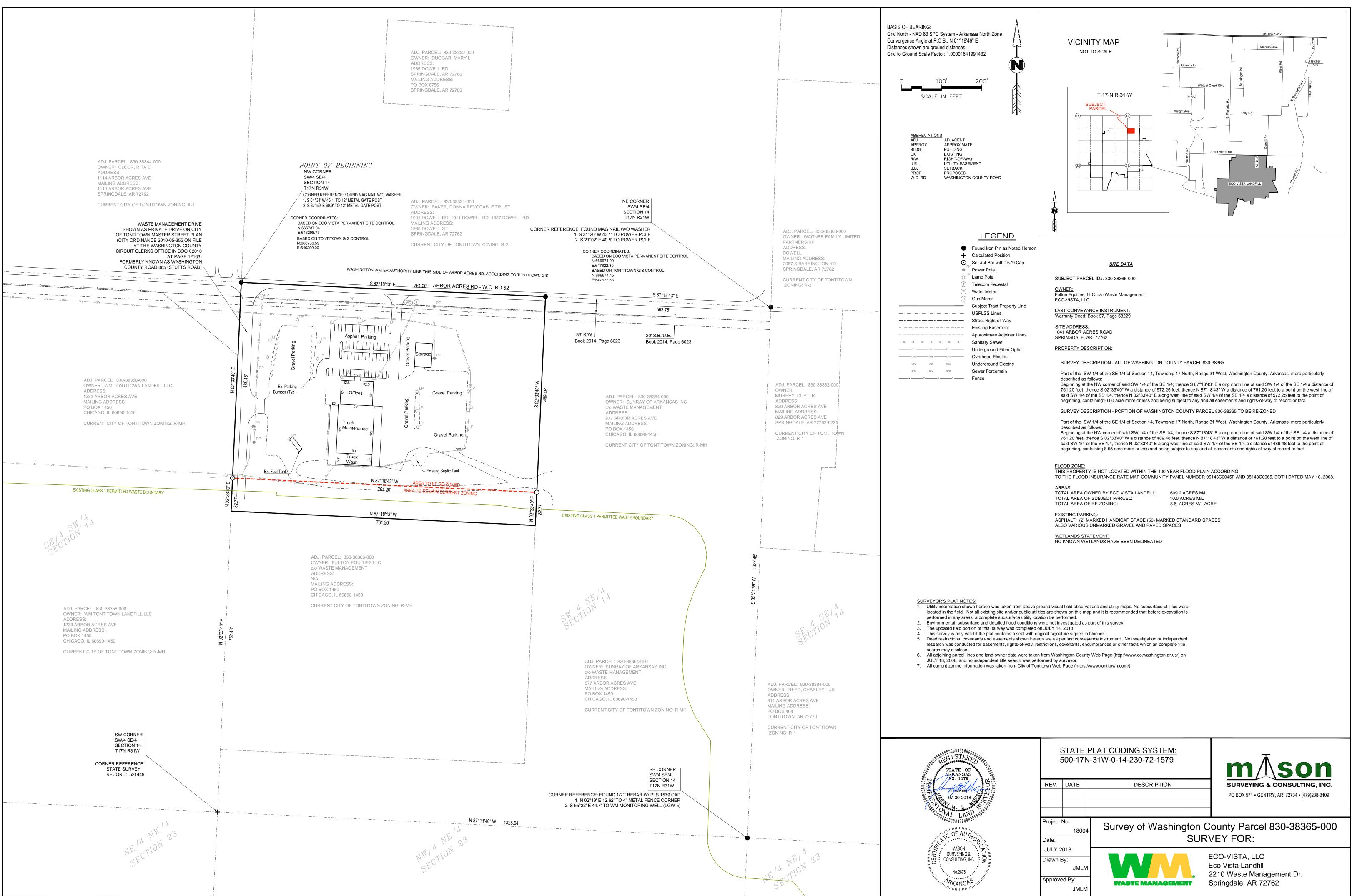
Should you have any questions, please call or email me at 501-487-6158 or via email at dconrad@wm.com.

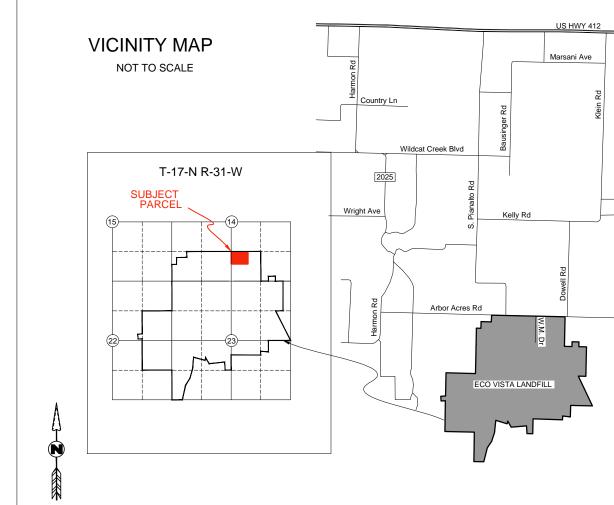
Sincerely, Waste Management of Arkansas, Inc.

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David K. Conrad Engineering Manager









### Rezoning Application – Narrative Waste Management Hauling Company

Per the <u>Tontitown Rezoning Application & Checklist</u> the following narrative is being submitted for review.

## A. State the current zoning designation and proposed zoning designation. An explanation of the proposed zoning change including current owner information and any proposed sales.

- Current Zoning = Residential-Mobile Home (R-MH)
- Proposed Zoning = General Commercial (C-2)
- Current Owner = Waste Management of Arkansas, Inc.
- The Waste Management Hauling Company (WMHC) property is currently zoned Residential-Mobile Home. WMHC is requesting to construct a compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling facility, as such, the City asked that the property to be rezoned to General Commercial.

#### B. Reason (need) for requesting the zoning change.

• WMHC property is currently zoned Residential-Mobile Home. WMHC is requesting to construct a CNG fueling facility, as such, the City asked that the property to be rezoned to General Commercial.

#### C. Statement of how the property will relate to surrounding properties:

- 1. Use.
- The property will be used as a CNG fueling facility for the hauling company.

#### 2. Traffic.

- There are no traffic pattern changes proposed. There are no proposed changes in traffic volumes, other than those arising out of business fluctuations.
- Prior to February 5, 2014 the Arbor Acres Road Right-of-Way (R/W) adjoining WM property was a total of 60-feet (30-feet on each side of the centerline). On February 5, 2014, WM granted an additional 6-feet of R/W on the southside of Arbor Acres Road to facilitate the City's plans for a 72-foot Arbor Acres R/W.
- General traffic access to the hauling company will continue to be restricted from Highway 412, to South Klenc Road, to Kelly Road, to Dowell Road and to Arbor Acres Road.

#### 3. Signage.

• There are no planned changes to signage at the hauling company. No new signs will be placed/built/constructed without approvals from the City.

#### 4. Appearance.

• WM has always focused on its road frontage appearance. The facility maintains (and will continue to maintain) a white farm-style PVC fence along its northern boundary (outside the right-of-way). Between the Arbor Acres paved road and

the fence, a mowed grass area will be maintained. The fence and grass area will be in all areas except those with steep terrain. The facility has maintained and will continue to maintain visual screening along Arbor Acres with trees and shrubbery.

- D. Availability of water and sewer (state size of lines). If direct water and/or sewer is not available, state how lines will be accessed and connected. This information is available from the Water Department at (479) 361-2996 or download from the City of Tontitown's G.I.S. site.
  - Water and sewer is available and both are connected to the existing property.
  - The waterline serving the property is a 2" waterline, off of a 4" watermain along Arbor Acres Road (Washington Water Authority).
  - The sewer line serving the property is a 12" PVC gravity sewer line leading to the South Pianalto Road sewer pump station.
  - The CNG pipeline serving the property is located along Arbor Acres Avenue.
- E. Waiver of Rights and Remedies, also known as the Private Property Protection Act MUST be completed with legal description and signed by the property owner.
  - See Attached Waiver of Rights and Remedies.





