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Agenda : Department of General Services (208)

16-CGL	Randi	Drewry	Support
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Clifton Park Baptist Church is committed to serving with excellence as we continually strive to improve. Our mission is to provide essential resources while enhancing our programs and partnerships to fill existing gaps and connect people with the services they need. We focus on health and skills development to help our community members advance in their lives. Our goal is to help them become self-sufficient and eventually reduce their reliance on our services. We partner five local schools using a grant through the county to serve about 300 produce boxes per month for their families in need. Over the years we have taken several surveys that help us to learn what the needs for the community are. We have learned that many of our community members are suffering with health issues and are experiencing loneliness. This drives us to work on things such as healthy eating habits, physical activities, and group connections to build community and health. Outside of essential needs, we focus on health and skills building. With the partnerships of local organizations we currently offer nine English classes, zumba classes, sewing classes, entrepreneurship classes, computer classes, and pinata classes. To make sure that we are responding to the current needs of the community we conduct surveys every six months plus weekly conversation/networking times. We grow our own food using 40 aeroponic towers, a small outdoor traditional food garden, and recently received a hydroponic farm housed inside of a shipping container. This unit needs some maintenance and to add solar before we are able to run the farm. This will be to add capacity to what we can offer at the food distributions and we will create an after school program to have the local youth participate in different growing methods. This unit can grow almost 8,000 food growing plants. This would help our church to pump out more local fresh foods that can nourish our community members. Most community members who are experiencing food insecurities are also nutrient insecure. The farm is the gift that keeps on giving, especially with solar to make it off the grid. It only uses 5 gallons of water per day.

24-CGL	Lamont	Roach	Support
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Reference: Capital Grant Agreement – NoXcuse Boxing Club (Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2023 (LHI– Chapter 102, Acts of 2023) DGS Item 23-614, (SL-174-230-038) Notice has been provided by Comptroller Brooke Lierman that the NoXcuse Boxing Club capital grant agreement is scheduled for consideration and approval at the December 17th meeting of the Maryland Board of Public Works. We respectfully submit this statement in support of the recommended grant. The recommendation seeks approval of a \$150,000 Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2023 (DGS Item 23-614) to support repairs and renovations at the NoXcuse Boxing Club facility in Prince George's County. The grant will fund the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvements, and capital equipping of the facility. This project addresses critical infrastructure and safety needs, including a failed heating system, lack of insulation, unsafe electrical conditions, inadequate flooring, outdated and damaged training equipment, and the absence of a bathroom with running water. These improvements are essential to providing a safe, functional, and climate-controlled environment for youth athletes. The NoXcuse Boxing Club is sustained by dedicated trainers who volunteer their time and personally cover facility-related expenses to ensure local youth have a safe place to train. This grant will enable the organization to continue serving the community by enhancing safety, modernizing equipment, and creating conditions that support athletic development, discipline, confidence, and opportunity. Thank you for considering this recommendation in support of the NoXcuse Boxing Club. This investment will empower trainers and dedicated community members to further uplift and inspire youth as they pursue their goals and aspirations. Thank you, Lamont Roach Sr Team

NoXcuse lamontroach@gmail.com

25-CGL

Wendle

Billips

Support

Our church, originally known as Pleasant Hill AME, has served the Belltown community since 1881 and is deeply tied to Maryland's African American heritage. This region, along with other historically Black communities such as Bare Hills and Campfield, was part of the Underground Railroad—a network of safe havens for enslaved Americans seeking freedom. Preserving this history is vital to Maryland's cultural legacy. Today, we face a critical challenge: the historic gravesite on our property has suffered decades of neglect. This cemetery holds the stories of generations who shaped our community and contributed to the African American experience in Maryland. We aim to restore and maintain this sacred space as a landmark for future generations. Our restoration plan includes:

- Tombstone treatment

and resetting • Historical research and grave identification • Marker inventory and assessment • Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) for unmarked graves • Shrub removal, fence installation, and ongoing maintenance Your investment will ensure the integrity of African American history and preserve a site of cultural significance for Maryland. Together, we can safeguard a vital piece of Maryland's history for generations to come. Thank you for your consideration.

63-LL

Neal

Sheehan

Oppose

Department of Natural Resources - Landfill extension - This landfill should be closed safely and properly.

63-LL

Robert

Dyer

Oppose

Department of Natural Resources - 35 LL RS - I want to see the entire operation closed within five years, not eight—specifically, a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year closure plan. This landfill was already supposed to be closed. The current discharge permit should be denied, and returned to the previous permit regulations. Closing it safely is critical. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment to drinking water standards must be required—in perpetuity, to protect our environment, and the people who live nearby Thank you! This is the time to speak up and close the landfill, safely!

63-LL

Alan

Whatley

Oppose

Department of Natural Resources - I propose the complete closure of this landfill within five years, not eight. Specifically, I recommend a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year closure plan. This landfill was already scheduled for closure. The current discharge permit should be denied and returned to the previous permit regulations. The safe closure of this landfill is of utmost importance. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment must be mandated to meet drinking water standards indefinitely. This measure is crucial for safeguarding our environment and the well-being of the nearby community.

63-LL

Barbara

Nypaver

Oppose

Department of Natural Resources - 63-LL RS - This landfill should be closed within five years, not eight—specifically, a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year closure plan. This landfill was already supposed to be closed. The current discharge permit should be denied, and returned to the previous permit regulations. Closing it safely is critical. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment to drinking water standards must be required—in perpetuity, to protect our environment, and the people who live nearby. This landfill hasn't met discharge limits now, so how will they do it in the future. There are other properties that are discharging toxic chemicals and sediment into the Gunpowder at present, it needs to be reduced. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Barbara Nypaver

63-LL

Julie

Rose

Oppose

Department of Natural Resources - Action 63-LL represents a compromise that allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total. We are prepared to accept this path forward only if strong safeguards are clearly required

63-LL

Renee

Vanderstelt

Support

Action 63-LL represents a compromise that allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total. We are prepared to accept this path forward only if strong safeguards are clearly required. First, all discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or eliminated entirely. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment. Second, the lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment. Thank you. Renee Vanderstelt

63-LL

Brian

Connolly

Neutral

Department of Natural Resources - Action 63-LL represents a compromise that allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total. We are prepared to accept this path forward only if strong safeguards are clearly required. First, all discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or eliminated entirely. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment. Second, the lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment. Thank you.

63-LL

Sherri

Morgan

Neutral

Department of Natural Resources - Action 63-LL is a compromise that allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period. I'm prepared to accept this path forward only if strong and specific safeguards are put into place. First, all discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or eliminated entirely. With funding dedicated for monitoring and treating, if discharges are not eliminated. Second, I support a comprehensive study paid for by the lessee to the DNR and the BPW that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment.

63-LL

Debbie

Kight

Oppose

Department of Natural Resources - 63-LL I want to see the entire operation closed within five years, not eight—specifically, a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year closure plan. This landfill was already supposed to be closed. The current discharge permit should be denied, and returned to the previous permit regulations. Data sheets of what's being dumped should be publicly available. Closing it safely is critical. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment must be to drinking water standards, to protect our environment, and the people who live nearby—in perpetuity. Thank you Debbie Kight

63-LL

Mary

Smith

Support

Department of Natural Resources - Landfill closure -Please close the landfill safely

63-LL

Patricia

Gavrilis

Support

Department of Natural Resources - I would support this as written as long as discharge is monitored and treated with a goal toward total elimination. Second condition is a full reporting of the environmental impact of the lessee's operation to DNR and DPW at their expense.

63-LL

Sue

Thompson

Support

Department of Natural Resources - Please support Action 63-LL because it represents a compromise that allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total. We are prepared to accept this path forward only if strong safeguards are clearly required. First, all discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or eliminated entirely. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment. Second, the lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment. Thank you.

63-LL

Melissa

Lockwood

Oppose

Department of Natural Resources - I want to see the entire operation closed within five years, not eight—specifically, a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year closure plan. This landfill was already supposed to be closed. The current discharge permit should be denied, and returned to the previous permit regulations. Closing it safely is critical. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment to drinking water standards must be required—in perpetuity, to protect our environment, and the people who live nearby

63-LL

Carl R.

Gold

Support

Department of Natural Resources - Compromise is the art of the possible. Waste has to go somewhere until we figure out how to minimize consumption. The Gunpowder provides crucial habitat plus water for an enormous area. Trying to fix the mistakes of the past is difficult. While a complete immediate shutdown is the best environmental solution I can agree that it is not the best practical solution. A hard time capped agreement with perpetual (as least until we destroy ourselves) monitoring and required amelioration is acceptable. It appears this action will do this.

63-LL

Lydia

Wickenheiser

Neutral

Department of Natural Resources - accept this path forward only if strong safeguards are clearly required. First, all discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or eliminated entirely. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment. Second, the lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment.

63-LL

Joseph

Perreault

Support

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63-LL

J.B.

Jennings

Neutral

Department of Natural Resources - To the Board of Public Works, Governor Moore, Comptroller Lierman, and Treasurer Davis: As the Board of Public Works prepares to update the lease for Days Cove Rubble Landfill, I strongly urge the Board to include a “no discharge” amendment, which the people of Baltimore County have fought for this interim period. The Gunpowder River Keepers has information on their efforts here:

<https://gunpowderriverkeeper.org/comment-period-extended-to-october-22nd-2025-5pm-for-the-days-cove-rubble-landfill-discharge-permit/>. On September 16, community members and leaders spoke at length regarding our concerns over the impact of additional leachate discharge and the ongoing environmental impacts as a result of past violations from Days Cove Rubble Landfill. For some violations:

<https://marylandmatters.org/2025/10/03/baltimore-county-residents-fight-landfills-request-to-double-runoff-into-watershed/> The Baltimore County Council acted swiftly by opposing additional leachate discharge and creating a resolution to close the landfill. This amendment will take their work one step further, by adding in protections to nearby waterways, communities, and the broader environmental health of Baltimore County and the Chesapeake Bay. As the Board considers this matter on Wednesday, I respectfully ask that you prioritize long-term environmental protection and public confidence by making a no-discharge requirement a condition of the new lease. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration to this request, on behalf of the residents of Baltimore County. Should questions arise, I am available for further discussion. Best Regards Senator J.B. Jennings

63-LL

Susan

Bath

Support

Department of Natural Resources - Action 63-LL represents a compromise that allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total. We are prepared to accept this path forward only if strong safeguards are clearly required. First, all discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or eliminated entirely. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment. Second, the lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. These conditions are

essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment. Thank you

63-LL

Sarah

Pressley

Oppose

Department of Natural Resources - I want to see the entire operation closed within five years, not eight—specifically, a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year closure plan. This landfill was already supposed to be closed. The current discharge permit should be denied, and returned to the previous permit regulations. Closing it safely is critical. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment must be to drinking water standards, to protect our environment, and the people who live nearby.

63-LL

David

Marks

Oppose

Department of Natural Resources - Support only with an amendment to require no discharges and an environmental study.

63-LL

Ginger

Brooks

Neutral

Department of Natural Resources - Support only if (1) require no discharges; and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes.

63-LL

Kathy

Kadow

Neutral

Department of Natural Resources - 63-LL (1) require no discharges; and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes. ➔ If the Board of Public Works fails to adopt either amendment, it should deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides this discharge language and the environmental study.

63-LL

Kathy

O'Sullivan

Support

I ask that you require no discharges, as well as require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes. If the Board of Public Works fails to adopt either amendment, it should deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides this discharge language and the environmental study.

63-LL	Ashley	Tinney	Oppose
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Department of Natural Resources - I want to see the entire operation closed within five years, not eight—specifically, a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year closure plan. This landfill was already supposed to be closed. The current discharge permit should be denied, and returned to the previous permit regulations. Closing it safely is critical. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment must be to drinking water standards, to protect our environment, and the people who live nearby, including my children and all the neighborhood children who play & swim in the Gunpowder River.

63-LL	Mary	Muth	Neutral
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1. Require no discharge
2. Require lessee pay for & provide a study to the Dept of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impact of the landfill to state lands, waterways & surrounding homes.
3. If the BPW fails to adopt either amendment, it should deny the lease approval or defer decision until the lease provides this discharge language and the environmental study.

63-LL	Edward	Tinney	Oppose
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I believe the current discharge permit should be denied and returned the the previous permit regulations. I would like to see the facility closed within five years, not eight. There should also be a long-term leachate monitoring protocol in place to ensure discharges meet drinking water standards to protect our rivers, the Bay, and all those who live nearby.

63-LL	Anne	Howell	Oppose
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No!

63-LL

Joyce

Bowers

Oppose

I oppose renewing any lease with Days Cove. They have been in violation of their current lease by their own admission. So to give them the opportunity to contaminate our Chesapeake Bay again and again would be the definition of insane.

63-LL

Mark

Hauf

Support

We ask that you require NO discharges. We also ask that you request the lessee pays for and provides for a study to both the DNR and BPW, on the impact that the landfill has on our waterways and on homes in the neighborhood.

63-LL

Lisa

Hauf

Support

1. Request lessee is required to have NO DISCHARGES from site. 2. Request lessee be required to have study done on the landfills impact on waterways and neighboring homes and copy both the DNR and BPW on the results.

63-LL

Charles

Baublitz

Oppose

Days Cove Landfill and rubble lease renewal - (1) require no discharges; and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes. .

63-LL

Thomas

Miraglia

Support

Stop MD land used for dumping trash

63-LL

Matthew

Powers

Oppose

The landfill is past its lifespan currently. The current extension as written should be denied. Only a maximum of two years operating extension should be granted followed by a multi year, up to three years closure plan should be granted, not 8 years as written. I have lived on the Gunpowder River for around 30 years. Growing up I spent countless hours boating,

swimming, and fishing in the river. Now I am raising two daughters to hopefully enjoy the same river activities that I enjoyed, however that is only possible if the landfill is closed and monitored properly ensuring leaching and contamination does not ruin this precious natural resource. Do the right thing and close the landfill properly by denying this extension and altering the plan to a max of two more operating years and ensure an extensive closure and monitoring plan is in place.

63-LL

Sarah

Kestner

Oppose

I want to see the entire operation closed within five years, not eight—specifically, a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year closure plan. This landfill was already supposed to be closed. The current discharge permit should be denied, and returned to the previous permit regulations. Closing it safely is critical. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment to drinking water standards must be required—in perpetuity, to protect our environment, and the people who live nearby

63-LL

Kim

Ragan

Oppose

In regard to the Days Cove Rubble Landfill, we ask that you: (1) require no discharges (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes. Failure to complete these requests would be an injustice to the communities, residents, and the environment we live in.

63-LL

Tina

Allio

Oppose

The amount of asbestos, oil and paint along with other contaminants being dumped daily is unexceptionable!

63-LL

Angela

Budzynski

Oppose

➡ The Board of Public Works to adapt (1) require no discharges; and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes.

63-LL

Mandy

Hughes

Oppose

I want to see the entire operation closed within five years, not eight—specifically, a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year closure plan. This landfill was already supposed to be closed. The current discharge permit should be denied, and returned to the previous permit regulations. Closing it safely is critical. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment to drinking water standards must be required—in perpetuity, to protect our environment, and the people who live nearby

63-LL

Christopher

Huffman

Neutral

that I ask the BPW to: (1) require no discharges; and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes. ➔ If the Board of Public Works fails to adopt either amendment, it should deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides this discharge language and the environmental study.

63-LL

Mary

Triandafilou

Support

Action 63-LL is a compromise that allows the landfill to operate for 5 more years plus 3 years to close and cap the site. PLEASE ENSURE THAT THESE SAFEGUARDS ARE ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED: All discharge from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity. This requires a dedicated and enforceable funding commitment. Also, the lessee must fund and deliver to DNR and the Board of Public Works a comprehensive study of the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands waterways, and surrounding communities. These two conditions are absolutely necessary to ensure that the landfill is closed responsibly, protecting public health and the health of the environment for future generations. Thank you for your attention to this important cause.

63-LL

Pamela

Sicca

Oppose

I want to see the entire operation closed within five years, not eight—specifically, a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year closure plan. This landfill was already supposed to be closed. The current discharge permit should be denied, and returned to the previous permit regulations. Closing it safely is critical. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment to drinking water standards must be required—in perpetuity, to protect our environment, and the people who live nearby

63-LL

Gail

Addis

Oppose

I want to see the entire operation closed within five years, not eight—specifically, a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year closure plan. This landfill was already supposed to be closed. The current discharge permit should be denied, and returned to the previous permit regulations. Closing it safely is critical. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment to drinking water standards must be required—in perpetuity, to protect our environment, and the people who live nearby

63-LL

Angela

Huebschman

Oppose

Days Cove Rubble Landfill. But there is a catch—from what we can tell, the lease requires a closure of the landfill within seven years. That is a huge win. Please require: (1) require no discharges; and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes. ➔ If the Board of Public Works fails to adopt either amendment, it should deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides this discharge language and the environmental study.

63-LL

Jim

Martin

Support

Action 63-LL represents a compromise that permits the landfill to operate for five additional years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total. We are prepared to accept this path forward only if strong safeguards are clearly required and enforced. First, all discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity, or eliminated entirely. This safeguard demands a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment to ensure accountability and long-term

protection. Second, the lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works. This study must examine the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not simply closed, but closed responsibly—with enduring protections for public health, the environment, and the integrity of our shared natural resources. Thank you.

63-LL	Robert	Ermer	Oppose
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The permit should include the condition of no discharge into the Gunpowder and require the owner to fund inspection and full cleanup of the site after it is closed

63-LL	Melinda	Fowl	Support
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Action 63-LL represents a compromise that allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total. We are prepared to accept this path forward only if TWO strong safeguards are clearly required. 1) First, all discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or eliminated entirely. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment. 2) Second, the lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly and closed SAFELY, with long-term protection for public health and the Chesapeake waterways and land. Thank you.

63-LL	Bill	Kight	Oppose
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Please do not allow days cove landfill to discharge leachate. It is cancer causing contaminant. There is no proper way it can be diverted to safe drinking water, especially at the landfill level. Please before people die and this makes the media please reconsider approving or supporting anything.

63-LL

Thomas

Hawkins

Oppose

Lease renewal suggestions (1) require no discharges; and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes.

63-LL

Amy

Lamp

Neutral

Action 63-LL represents a compromise that allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total. We are prepared to accept this path forward only if strong safeguards are clearly required. First, all discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or eliminated entirely. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment. Second, the lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment.

63-LL

William

Sersen

Oppose

Days Cove distribution - Please don't allow any more run off in to the gunpowder

63-LL

Michelle

Sallin

Oppose

I want to see the entire operation closed within five years, not eight—specifically, a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year closure plan. This landfill was already supposed to be closed. The current discharge permit should be denied, and returned to the previous permit regulations. Closing it safely is critical. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment to drinking water standards must be required—in perpetuity, to protect our environment, and the people who live nearby

63-LL

Melissa

Caudill

Neutral

Action 63-LL represents a compromise that allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total. This is an acceptable path forward providing strong safeguards are clearly required and enforced. These safeguards are as follows: 1) Discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or eliminated entirely. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment. 2) Lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly with considerations and long-term protections for not only the environment but public health. Thank you.

63-LL	Ralph	Comegna	Oppose
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Days Cove Landfill - I want to see the entire operation closed within five years, not eight—specifically, a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year closure plan. This landfill was already supposed to be closed. The current discharge permit should be denied, and returned to the previous permit regulations. Closing it safely is critical. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment to drinking water standards must be required—in perpetuity, to protect our environment, and the people who live nearby

63-LL	John	Gaffney	Oppose
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Hello. The decision to shut down Days Cove landfill is a good one, but I would like to see it closed sooner than five years. In addition, extreme safety precautions must be taken in order to do it properly and without causing further harm to the environment. This landfill has the potential to ruin aquatic resources if not shut down properly. Please do the right thing and shut this landfill down within 2 years and with caution for the environment. Thank you.

63-LL	Ralph	Comegna	Oppose
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regulations. Closing it safely is critical. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment to drinking water standards must be required—in perpetuity, to protect our environment, and the people who live nearby

63-LL

Janeen

Armstrong

Oppose

Approve new lease only if lease requires no discharge and requirement for lessee to pay for and provide a study to DNR and BPW regarding the impacts of the landfill on the state lands, waterways and surrounding homes

63-LL

Maureen

Long

Neutral

I am concerned about the Days Cove landfill. My understanding is that you can amend the renewal of the lease to (1) require no discharges; and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes. I request that you add these items to the lease renewal.

63-LL

Shannon

Boyle

Support

The Gunpowder River is a local treasure that I value above most other characteristics of the greater Baltimore area. It has provided solace in times of stress and joy in times of celebration. It is special and should be protected by the citizens and government of Maryland. Action 63-LL represents a compromise that allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total. We are prepared to accept this path forward only if strong safeguards are clearly required. First, all discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or eliminated entirely. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment. Second, the lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment. Thank you.

63-LL

Barb

Willig

Oppose

Action 63-LL represents a compromise that allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total. We are prepared to accept this path forward only if strong safeguards are clearly required. First, all discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or eliminated entirely. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment. Second, the lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment. Thank you.

63-LL

Jeremy

Wachtel

Support

I am a resident just around the corner from Days Cove, living in Rumsey Island, so I feel I am automatically invested in what happens with Days Cove Rubble Landfill. I understand that a compromise must be made, but I am concerned that the compromise will in turn compromise the health of residents near me and up the Bird River, the families with children that are moving in, as well as the health and safety of the water, waterways, and the biodiversity that exists. Action 63-LL represents a compromise. It allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total. I am prepared to accept this path forward only if strong safeguards are clearly required that help protect the people and the water in the area. First, all discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or eliminated entirely, and any and all testing results must be posted and available for individuals to view for free. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment. Without it, how will we know the true safety of the water we and our kids swim in, the fish that are caught and eaten, the safety of this amazing place we get to call home. Second, the lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. It is vital that we understand the impacts of actions, even those that were done before we had any say or influence. We cannot learn from history if we don't have any information from which to study. Having a

comprehensive and honest study will show whether those decisions were harmful or not, and we as a community and society, our officials we've elected to govern, and hopefully current and upcoming business owners can continue to make decisions based upon what is real, not what is imagined or what is ignored. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment. Thank you, from a concerned resident and citizen.

63-LL

Damian

Welsh

Support

I support the landfill being required to pay for environmental tests/extra barriers for protecting water quality. They should not only be required to take measures to protect the water and environment but also have ways to bring animals back to the area. Such as creating safe spots for oysters, creating artificial reefs, bird houses, etc. protections like that.

63-LL

June

Fauver

Support

(1) require no discharges; and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes.

63-LL

Marie

LaPorte

Oppose

DNR should not allow the continued operations of this facility until the water treatment issue is resolved. Extending the permit for any period of time without addressing water quality is harmful to Marylanders and the environment. This permit renewal would allow a significant increase in the discharge of landfill leachate into the Bird and Gunpowder River system. Recent public disclosures regarding the volume and toxicity of these discharges (and the plans to expand them) have heightened community concern and demand for transparency and accountability. The Gunpowder and Bird Rivers sustain fish, crabs, and other wildlife, while supporting recreation, tourism, and local livelihoods throughout the greater Baltimore region. Yet, the communities along these rivers already shoulder a disproportionate environmental burden, living alongside multiple landfills and a Superfund site. Our waterways and our residents have endured enough. The people of this watershed deserve better than increased pollution and weaker safeguards for any period of time.

63-LL

Katherine

Neale

Oppose

I want to make sure the landfill materials are treated so they won't leach pollution into the Gunpowder River and the Chesapeake Bay.

63-LL

Kimberly

Sgambati

Neutral

In support if: (1) require no discharges; and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes. → If the Board of Public Works fails to adopt either amendment, it should deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides this discharge language and the environmental study.

63-LL

Liz

Entwistle

Support

Action 63-LL is a compromise that allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total. I support this path forward ONLY IF these safeguards are clearly required to ensure responsible closure: 1. All discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or eliminated entirely. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment. 2. The lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities.

63-LL

Kathy

Lambrow

Support

Action 63-LL represents a compromise that allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total. The Community and interested environmental organizations are prepared to accept this path forward only if strong safeguards are clearly required. First, all discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or eliminated entirely. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment. Second, the lessee must fund

and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment. The health of our rivers, the Chesapeake Bay and the entire State's wellbeing is dependent upon your responsible actions. Thank you.

63-LL	Mary	Gallion	Support
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Vote yes but ONLY if 1-require NO discharges and 2-require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the DNR and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands, waterways and surrounding homes. If you fail to adopt either amendment, you should deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides the discharge language and environmental study!

63-LL	William	Gallion	Support
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Vote yes but ONLY if 1-require NO discharges and 2-require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the DNR and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands, waterways and surrounding homes. If you fail to adopt either amendment, you should deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides the discharge language and environmental study!

63-LL	Adam	Mapel	Support
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Vote yes but ONLY if 1-require NO discharges and 2-require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the DNR and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands, waterways and surrounding homes. If you fail to adopt either amendment, you should deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides the discharge language and environmental study!

63-LL	Patricia	Alemi	Oppose
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Enough trash in our area without providing proper safety measures for our community.

63-LL

Josh

Sines

Oppose

I want to see the entire operation closed within five years, not eight—specifically, a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year closure plan. This landfill was already supposed to be closed. The current discharge permit should be denied, and returned to the previous permit regulations. Closing it safely is critical. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment to drinking water standards must be required—in perpetuity, to protect our environment, and the people who live nearby In the lease it should say the operator can not discharge into the Bird/Gunpowder River. Leachate should be hauled offsite like what they used to do before 2022

63-LL

Holly

Chavis

Oppose

(1) require no discharges; and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes.

63-LL

Thomas

Haine

Neutral

Regarding the proposed extension and modification of the Days Cove Landfill discharge permit, I'm concerned about the environmental impact of its discharge into the Gunpowder watershed. There is substantial risk of harm to water quality and aquatic life from increased ammonia, arsenic, and low dissolved oxygen levels, among other issues. Still, action 63-LL represents a compromise that allows the landfill, which provides an important service, to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period. This is a reasonable strategy if and only if strong safeguards are clearly required. First, all discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or eliminated entirely. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment. Second, the lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment. Thank you.

63-LL

John

Kraus

Support

(1) require no discharges; and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding home

63-LL

Diane

Ulrich

Oppose

Agenda item 63LL I want to see the entire operation closed within five years, not eight—specifically, a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year closure plan. This landfill was already supposed to be closed. The current discharge permit should be denied, and returned to the previous permit regulations. Closing it safely is critical. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment to drinking water standards must be required—in perpetuity, to protect our environment, and the people who live nearby Thank you!

63-LL

Renee

Riley-Adams

Oppose

I want to see the entire operation closed within five years, not eight—specifically, a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year closure plan. This landfill was already supposed to be closed. The current discharge permit should be denied, and returned to the previous permit regulations. Closing it safely is critical. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment to drinking water standards must be required—in perpetuity, to protect our environment, and the people who live nearby

63-LL

William

McAvoy

Support

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cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment. Published 12-2-25: “Today we made a commitment to the Chesapeake Bay and a commitment to the people of Maryland and our neighboring states,” said Gov. Moore. “The revised Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement will make our rivers and streams cleaner. It will bolster Maryland’s seafood, tourism, and recreational businesses. Most importantly, it will ensure we protect the precious heirloom that is the Chesapeake Bay so we can pass it down to the next generations in a better condition than we received it.” Time to put words to actions. Enough poisoning of the Chesapeake Bay. Thank you.

63-LL

Kelly

White

Neutral

To Whom It May Concern, Action 63-LL represents a compromise that allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total. As a citizen of Maryland, I believe this proposal should be accepted only if strong safeguards are clearly in place. First, all discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or eliminated entirely. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment. Second, the lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment. Thank you for your time.

63-LL

Mark

Brager

Support

Require No discharge by lessee

63-LL

John

Hagan

Support

Action 63-LL represents a compromise that allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total. We are prepared to accept this path forward only if strong safeguards are clearly required.

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63-LL	Donna	Powell	Neutral
1. Require no discharges 2. Require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Dept of Natural Resources. If the Board of Public Works fails to adopt either amendment it should deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides this discharge language and the environmental study.			

63-LL	karen	herwig	Neutral
Asking the following be included: (1) require no discharges; and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes.			

63-LL	Stephen	Hamilton	Support
Action 63-LL represents a compromise that allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total. We are prepared to accept this path forward only if strong safeguards are clearly required. First, all discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or eliminated entirely. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment. Second, the lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just			

closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment. Thank you.

63-LL

Jen

Cookus

Neutral

Action 63-LL reflects a compromise that permits the landfill to operate for an additional five years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process overall. We are willing to accept this course only if robust, enforceable safeguards are explicitly required. First, all site discharges must either be eliminated or monitored and treated in perpetuity by an independent third party, supported by a dedicated and legally binding funding mechanism. Second, the lessee must finance and complete a comprehensive environmental impact study for submission to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works. This study must evaluate the landfill's historic, cumulative, and projected impacts on state lands, waterways, and neighboring communities. These conditions are critical to ensure the landfill is not merely closed, but closed responsibly—with enduring protections for public health and the environment. Thank you.

63-LL

Cynthia

Smith

Oppose

Do not let the Bird, Gunpowder Rivers, and the bay take on the discharge from Days Cove.

63-LL

John

O'Brien

Oppose

The Dave Cove landfill should be closed as soon as possible. The company has had enough time to pollute the river that feeds into the bay. Any discharge should be treated for public safety and be required immediately to continue the operations. Allowing Dave Cove to operate as it currently functions is incomprehensible from an environmental safety perspective.

63-LL

David

Himlin

Oppose

Deny - I am opposed to the lease renewal including the discharge permit at the Days Cove Rubble Landfill. The owner has previously violated the current discharge permit multiple

times & if the MDE is truly committed to the health of the bay they will not only deny the permit but also deny the lease.

63-LL

Mary

Taylor

Oppose

I am writing as a concerned Baltimore County resident to urge you to amend or defer approval of Item 63-LL, the proposed new lease for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill in Gunpowder Falls State Park, scheduled for your December 17, 2025 meeting. While the seven-year closure provision (five years operational through 12/31/2030, plus three years for capping and post-closure) may seem positive, it risks becoming a loophole, as extensions have prolonged operations in the past despite prior leases since 1992. This isn't really a win, it is kicking the can down the road. The lease might require closure in seven years, but in year six, they'll likely seek another extension. If approval proceeds anyway, require two critical protections: (1) explicit no-discharge language prohibiting any releases into nearby state waterways, and (2) a comprehensive environmental impact study on effects to state lands, waterways, and surrounding homes, fully funded and submitted by Days Cove Reclamation Company to the Department of Natural Resources and Board prior to execution. Without these safeguards, our communities and vital Chesapeake Bay tributaries remain at risk from leachate pollution and sediment, as evidenced by the landfill's recent permit violations and requests to double wastewater discharges (from 12,500 to 25,000 gallons daily) into the Bird River and Gunpowder River watershed. Please deny approval or defer until these amendments are secured. Mary A Taylor Essex, Baltimore County

63-LL

Michael

Panopoulos

Support

Thank you for the extended Days Cove Rubble Landfill review and the proposed Action 63-LL settlement. This is a step forward in the right direction, however, there are two specific issues that need to be included to assure the five year extension as well as the three year capping and closure are supported by environmentally protective monitoring with defined guardrails during the eight year process. First, all discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or eliminated entirely. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment. Second, the lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on

state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment.

63-LL

Jennifer

Huovinen

Oppose

I want to see the entire operation closed within five years, not eight—specifically, a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year closure plan. This landfill was already supposed to be closed. The current discharge permit should be denied, and returned to the previous permit regulations. Closing it safely is critical. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment must be to drinking water standards, to protect our environment, and the people who live nearby—in perpetuity. There must be no more discharge! We also want the lessee to pay for and provide a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes.

63-LL

Gregg

Zahora

Oppose

We need it closed in 2 years, they must test the waters for pollution, they must take waste water to the nearest wastewater treatment plant

63-LL

Amy

Young

Support

I have proudly lived in Baltimore County for 16 years. I raised two sons in that time and they spent most of their childhood playing in our local streams and at Hammerman Beach. Earlier this year, I was appalled to hear of the significant discharge being allowed to continue at Days Cove Rubble Landfill. Action 63-LL represents a compromise that allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total. We are prepared to accept this path forward only if strong safeguards are clearly required. First, all discharges from the site MUST be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or eliminated entirely. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment. Second, the lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. These conditions are essential to

ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment.

63-LL

Beau

Quaerna

Neutral

Days Cove Rubble Landfill Lease - Support approving lease ONLY IF: 1. The lease requires NO discharge allowed into waterways 2. Lessee pays for and provides a study to MD DNR and BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes. This study must include the impacts from all past, current, and future discharge into our Chesapeake bay tributary.

63-LL

Richard

Williams

Support

Although I am in favor of renewing the lease for the Days Coe Rubble Landfill, I also agree with the requirement that the landfill be closed within 7 years. Please also include the following requirements: (1) require no discharges; and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes. If the Board of Public Works fails to adopt either amendment, it should deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides this discharge language and the environmental study.

63-LL

Mark

Thompson

Neutral

Days Cove Rubble Landfill - Please ensure that all appropriate steps are taken to control and limit ANY and ALL run-off that might leach into the adjacent waterway. The position of this landfill along the waters of the Gunpowder River and Chesapeake Bay clearly necessitates the highest level of monitoring and safety to avoid contamination of the environment.

63-LL

Angela

Goodman

Oppose

You are granting a lease when they have not held up what is required in their current lease regarding discharge. And to reward them for already discharging more pollutants than they are allowed, they are requesting to just increase the amount allowed, further polluting our Maryland waterways. I would only agree with this lease extension if it (1) require no

discharges; and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes. If the Board of Public Works fails to adopt either amendment, it should deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides this discharge language and the environmental study. Seriously, what are you all thinking?

63-LL	Anthony	Viverito	Support
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Hereby asking BPW to (1) require no discharges; and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes.

63-LL	Vera	Reiner	Support
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My name is Vera Reiner, and I live at 7410 Greenbank Road, Baltimore, MD 21220. My family have been original waterfront owners in Oliver Beach since 1936 when I was 6 years old. I know the waters of the Gunpowder watershed as well as the roads of Baltimore. My family of 5 generations regularly use the waters in and around Days Cove. As a long time resident, I have actively engaged with community and watershed groups as well as Commissions and Advisory Boards. As such, I was a member of the Gunpowder State Park Advisory Commission, so I was in the room in the 1980s and 1990s when acquisition and land use plans were being deliberated with promises that sludge, mining and/or landfill operations would have very limited lifespans, specifically any landfill would be closed by 2000. I am deeply gratified to finally hear the words of closure again but again I read of an extension. Though I checked in support of this agenda item, I strongly urge you to stick to the 2015 10-year lease agreement that advised closure to start 2026 and end by 2028. Otherwise, as we know extensions and extra time can be requested and granted. The history I recount today is a testament to multiple extensions each with future promises of closure. It's time, past time to return this beautiful area of the Gunpowder State Park at Days Cove to DNR. Respectfully, Vera Reiner (Proudly Served with Committee Members: Louise Matzinger, Ronald L. Black, Wilbur G. Brosnan, Clarence E. Clemons, Ajax Eastman, Magdalene B. Fennell, John H. Gontrum, Edwin Gould, Elizabeth Hartline, Martin Larrabee, Martha Lynch, Vera Reiner, C. Robert Schepleng, Dennis A. Yost)

63-LL

Chris

Shaughness

Neutral

I recently learned of the issues concerning the Days Cove Landfill site and the proposed plan to keep it in operation for another eight years. I understand there is a compromise proposed to keep it in operation for five years followed by a three-year closure plan. I strongly encourage the implementation of safeguards by monitoring the discharges from the site in perpetuity by an independent third party which will require permanent funding, and the funding of a study of the environmental impacts on surrounding areas. Closing this site is important but it must be done responsibly. Thank you.

63-LL

Charles

Alexander

Oppose

Re: Days Cove Rubble Landfill Treating the discharge is crucial. Closing it safely is critical. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment to drinking water standards must be required—in perpetuity, to protect our environment, and the people who live nearby. No one wants pollution from this landfill setting back environmental advances.

63-LL

Tom

Brookes

Oppose

Lease on Days Cove Landfill - No discharging and pay for a Study of the effects to the Environment

63-LL

Marsha

McLaughlin

Oppose

Days Cove Rubble Landfill - I support the Oliver Beach community's position: I want to see the entire landfill operation closed within five years, not eight—specifically, a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year closure plan. This landfill was already supposed to be closed. The current discharge permit should be denied and returned to the previous permit regulations. Closing it safely is critical. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment to drinking water standards must be required—in perpetuity, to protect the Chesapeake Bay, air and water quality, and public health, particularly the people who live nearby

63-LL

Joe

Ottomano

Oppose

This landfill should be closed within the next five years, not 8. The permit should only be approved for NO DISCHARGE The lessee should be required to monitor environmental harm caused by previous discharge

63-LL	Jeff	Sprinkle	Support
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Please ensure this landfill is closed responsibly and continues to be monitored continuously

63-LL	Mike	Waltz	Support
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63-LL	Bonnie	Clarke	Support
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closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment. Thank you.

63-LL

david

abbasi

Oppose

It is imperative that the lease require no discharges of the leachate from the landfill and require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes. If the Board of Public Works fails to adopt either amendment, it should deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides this discharge language and the environmental study.

63-LL

Katherine

Martin

Support

My name is Katherine Jean Reiner Martin. My family and I, are 5 generations on the Gunpowder River in Oliver Beach starting in 1936. Though I selected Approve for this Agenda item it is in only support of 1 part The Closure - I emphatically urge you to stick to the 2015 10-year lease agreement and promptly move to close Days Cove Rubble landfill within the 3 year time frame stated in the 2015 lease. The waters and the communities of the tidal Bird and Gunpowder Rivers are asked unfairly to bear the burden of others waste by-product with 3 upstream landfills within 5 miles of each other along the Rt 40 and Rt 7 corridors. A pending new MDE permit by Days Cove Rubble Landfill is asking to allow even more leachate that is not to drinking water standards. Eventually whatever one does upstream tumbles and multiples to downstream neighbors, - sand and gravel being worth more than natural wildness - money before nature - filling holes with someone's trash being worth more than clean water - money before health Our communities have labored hard for decades to push for the best science to inform the best laws and regulations. Despite our efforts, extensions continue to be made and new leases or permits allowed without considering long term aggregate consequences that the river and its inhabitants now face. It's time to honor this land and waters in and around Day's Cove and fulfill the promises made in the DNR secretary's office in the late 1980s before the original permit was granted, to a group that included my Mom, Vera Reiner, who served on the Gunpowder State Park Advisory Committee, that Days Cove Rubble Landfill would be closed and off state park property by the year 2000. Well, 25 years late, it's time to do that, to let the land and the waters heal in order

for every creature who should be enjoying the land of pleasant living at the Day's Cove wilderness area of our fabulous Gunpowder State Park, finally have that chance, to ENJOY it's wildness, its beauty. I strongly urge you to adhere to the 2015 lease agreement and promptly working to close this landfill with funding and protections in perpetuity from its leachate. Respectfully, Katherine Jean Reiner Martin Oliver Beach, MD Baltimore County CEQ member MD Water Monitoring Council Community Science Committee Global Ministry EarthKeeper

63-LL

Mary

Slafkosky

Oppose

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63-LL

David

Hash

Support

I support the proposed lease provided that Lessee incorporates strong safeguards, monitoring, and treatment in perpetuity and undertakes environmental impact studies to make sure the surrounding waterways remain unaffected. Further, I support the position of the Gunpowder River Conservancy on this matter...David Hash

63-LL

Pamela

Popiolkowski

Support

My name is Pamela Popiolkowski (daughter of Katherine Jean Reiner Martin and granddaughter of Vera and Ray Reiner). I am part of a family of 5 generations living on the Gunpowder River in Oliver Beach starting in 1936. Though I selected "Support" for this agenda

item it is in only support of 1 part The Closure - I emphatically urge you to stick to the 2015 10-year lease agreement and promptly move to close Days Cove Rubble landfill within the 3 year time frame stated in the 2015 lease. The waters and the communities of the tidal Bird and Gunpowder Rivers are asked unfairly to bear the burden of others waste by-product with 3 upstream landfills within 5 miles of each other along the Rt 40 and Rt 7 corridors. A pending new MDE permit by Days Cove Rubble Landfill is asking to allow even more leachate that is not to drinking water standards. Eventually whatever one does upstream tumbles and multiples to downstream neighbors. Our communities have labored hard for decades to push for the best science to inform the best laws and regulations. Despite our efforts, extensions continue to be made and new leases or permits allowed without considering long term aggregate consequences that the river and its inhabitants now face. It's time to honor this land and waters in and around Day's Cove and fulfill the promises made in the DNR secretary's office in the late 1980s before the original permit was granted, to a group that included my grandmother, Vera Reiner, who served on the Gunpowder State Park Advisory Committee, that Days Cove Rubble Landfill would be closed and off state park property by the year 2000. Well, 25 years late, it's time to do that, to let the land and the waters heal in order for every creature who should be enjoying the land of pleasant living at the Day's Cove wilderness area of our fabulous Gunpowder State Park, finally have that chance, to ENJOY it's wildness, its beauty. I strongly urge you to adhere to the 2015 lease agreement and promptly working to close this landfill with funding and protections in perpetuity from its leachate.

Respectfully, Pamela Popiolkowski

63-LL	Jane	Stapleton	Oppose
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I want to see the entire operation closed within five years, not eight—specifically, a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year closure plan. This landfill was already supposed to be closed. The current discharge permit should be denied, and returned to the previous permit regulations. Closing it safely is critical. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment to drinking water standards must be required—in perpetuity, to protect our environment, and the people who live nearby Thank you! This is the time to speak up and close the landfill, safely!

63-LL	Morgan	Gable	Support
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I support, but I am asking for the BPW to: (1) require no discharges; and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes. If the Board of Public Works fails to adopt either amendment, it should deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides this discharge language and the environmental study. Thank you for your attention to this important matter!

63-LL

Adreon

Hubbard

Support

As an MD Master Naturalist volunteer and avid canoeist, I support Action 63-LL, a compromise that allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total, on condition that the following strong safeguards be clearly required: 1. Discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or eliminated entirely. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment. 2. The lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment. Thank you.

63-LL

Debbie

Krueger

Oppose

Why am I sending money in to save the bay foundation when the toxic is being dumped into our rivers that go to the bay. This need to stop and be shut down. No discharge and the lessee pays for and provides a study of the department of natural resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes.

63-LL

Lindsay

Crone

Neutral

Gunpowder Valley Conservancy supports Action 63-LL, provided that the final approval includes the following enforceable conditions. First, the closure plans must require the monitoring and treatment of landfill leachate, in perpetuity, to drinking water standards, or the complete cessation of discharge. This monitoring and treatment must be conducted or

verified by a third party and supported by a dedicated funding commitment. Second, the lessee must be required to fund and provide a comprehensive environmental impact study to Maryland Department of Natural Resources and Board of Public Works. That study must evaluate the historic, cumulative, and future impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding residences. We commend the decision to move toward closing the landfill and recognize the proposed five-year operating lease as a compromise in response to strong community calls for immediate closure. However, closure alone is not enough. This landfill must be closed safely and responsibly, with long-term, enforceable protections for water quality, public health, and the surrounding environment. If the Board of Public Works does not adopt these conditions, it should deny approval of the lease or defer action until the lease includes discharge requirements and the environmental study described above. Thank you.

63-LL	Carolyn	McGilton	Oppose
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(1) require no discharges; and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes.

63-LL	john	berry	Oppose
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Approval of the Lease and Permit requested by Day's Cove Rubble Landfill to discharge into the Bird River - ANY discharge into the river will pollute it. The operator should continue the current practice of hauling the effluent away. The permit application allows small amounts of named pollutants, but unnamed pollutants could be present and allowed in any amount.

63-LL	David	Fisher	Support
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If the Board of Public Works fails to adopt either amendment, it should deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides this discharge language and the environmental study.

63-LL	Susan	Stevens	Oppose
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Dear Sir : I want to see the leased landfill at Days Cove - the entire operation closed within five years, not eight—specifically, a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year closure plan. This landfill was already supposed to be closed. The current discharge permit should be denied, and returned to the previous permit regulations. Closing it safely is critical. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment to drinking water standards must be required—in perpetuity, to protect our environment, and the people who live nearby

63-LL

Brian

Martin

Support

My name is Brian Martin. My family and I, are 5 generations on the Gunpowder River in Oliver Beach starting in 1936. Though I selected Approve for this Agenda item it is in only support of 1 part The Closure - I emphatically urge you to stick to the 2015 10-year lease agreement and promptly move to close Days Cove Rubble landfill within the 3 year time frame stated in the 2015 lease. The waters and the communities of the tidal Bird and Gunpowder Rivers are asked unfairly to bear the burden of others waste by-product with 3 upstream landfills within 5 miles of each other along the Rt 40 and Rt 7 corridors. A pending new MDE permit by Days Cove Rubble Landfill is asking to allow even more leachate that is not to drinking water standards. Eventually whatever one does upstream tumbles and multiplies to downstream neighbors, - sand and gravel being worth more than natural wildness - money before nature - filling holes with someone's trash being worth more than clean water - money before health Our communities have labored hard for decades to push for the best science to inform the best laws and regulations. Despite our efforts, extensions continue to be made and new leases or permits allowed without considering long term aggregate consequences that the river and its inhabitants now face. It's time to honor this land and waters in and around Day's Cove and fulfill the promises made in the DNR secretary's office in the late 1980s before the original permit was granted, to a group that included my Grandmother, Vera Reiner, who served on the Gunpowder State Park Advisory Committee, that Days Cove Rubble Landfill would be closed and off state park property by the year 2000. Well, 25 years late, it's time to do that, to let the land and the waters heal in order for every creature who should be enjoying the land of pleasant living at the Day's Cove wilderness area of our fabulous Gunpowder State Park, finally have that chance, to ENJOY it's wildness, its beauty. I strongly urge you to adhere to the 2015 lease agreement and promptly working to close this landfill with funding and protections in perpetuity from its leachate.

63-LL

Amy

Young

Oppose

Please advise this is an updated response to the one I submitted this morning. I accidentally selected the wrong category (Department of Natural Resources) and position. I meant to say that I OPPOSE the position because of the need for an amendment to ensure that the discharge from the site is monitored and treated by an independent party in perpetuity (or stopped altogether). I have lived in Baltimore County for 16 years. In that time I have raised two sons who spent most of their childhood playing in our local streams and at Hammerman Beach. Days Cove Rubble Landfill should not be allowed to continue polluting our waterways. Action 63-LL represents a compromise that allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total. We are prepared to accept this path forward only if strong safeguards are clearly required. First, all discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or eliminated entirely. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment. Second, the lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment.

63-LL

Jane

Silvestri

Neutral

Approval should be contingent upon these amendments: 1. Require no discharges. 2. Lessee provides (and pays for) a study to DNR and the BPW on impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways as well as surrounding homes. If BPW fails to adopt either of the above amendments, approval should be denied or delayed until the lease provides this discharge language and the environmental study.

63-LL

Jack

Whisted

Oppose

vote no to save our river PLEASE - The Gunpowder and birds rivers have been inundated with illegal discharges of sediment runoff for 4 years the water body can not endure additional pollution killing more fish and SAV in these rivers. that effluent from this facility would wipe

out all life and make these waters un-swimmable and unfishable. Please revise the lease to state effluents must be trucked off site.

63-LL

Neal

Sheehan

Oppose

1.The BPW should require a redline amendment to the lease that the leasee should pay and provide a study to Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the BPW on historic, cumulative, and future, environmental impacts of the landfill to the state lands and waterways and surrounding residences (namely groundwater resources used for drinking water). 2. The BPW should require a redline amendment to the lease by MDNR stating "No Discharges", 3. If BPW fails to require either or both of these protective amendments to protect state lands, waterways and community environmental, aesthetic, property interests, the BPW should deny the approval of the lease, or in the alternative, defer a decision until the lease provides an environmental study and no discharge language.

63-LL

Sarah

Bunk

Oppose

Action 63-LL represents a compromise that allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total. We are prepared to accept this path forward ONLY if strong safeguards are clearly required.

1.The BPW should require a redline amendment to the lease that the leasee should pay and provide a study to Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the BPW on historic, cumulative, and future, environmental impacts of the landfill to the state lands and waterways and surrounding residences (namely groundwater resources used for drinking water). 2. The BPW should require a redline amendment to the lease by MDNR stating "No Discharges"; 3. If BPW fails to require either or both of these protective amendments to protect state lands, waterways and community environmental, aesthetic, property interests, the BPW should deny the approval of the lease, or in the alternative, defer a decision until the lease provides an environmental study and no discharge language.

63-LL

Dorothy

Stoltz

Neutral

Action 63-LL represents a compromise that allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total.

We are prepared to accept this path forward only if strong safeguards are clearly required. First, all discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or eliminated entirely. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment. Second, the lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment. Thank you.

63-LL

Tim

Martin

Oppose

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63-LL

Mary

Taylor

Oppose

Subject: Urgent: Request Amendments to Days Cove Rubble Landfill Lease (Item 63-LL) Before Wednesday Vote Dear Board of Public Works Members (Governor Wes Moore, Comptroller Brooke Lierman, Treasurer Dereck Davis), I am writing as a concerned Baltimore County resident to urge you to amend or defer approval of Item 63-LL, the proposed new lease for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill in Gunpowder Falls State Park, scheduled for your December 17, 2025 meeting. While the seven-year closure provision (five years operational through 12/31/2030, plus three years for capping and post-closure) may seem positive, it risks becoming a loophole, as extensions have prolonged operations in the past despite prior leases since 1992. This isn't really a win, it's kicking the can down the road. The lease might require closure in seven years, but in year six, they'll likely seek another extension. If approval proceeds anyway, require two critical protections: (1) explicit no-discharge language prohibiting any releases into nearby state waterways, and (2) a comprehensive environmental impact study on effects to state lands, waterways, and surrounding homes, fully funded and submitted by Days Cove Reclamation Company to the Department of Natural Resources and

Board prior to execution. Without these safeguards, our communities and vital Chesapeake Bay tributaries remain at risk from leachate pollution and sediment, as evidenced by the landfill's recent permit violations and requests to double wastewater discharges (from 12,500 to 25,000 gallons daily) into the Bird River and Gunpowder River watershed. Please deny approval or defer until these amendments are secured. Mary A. Taylor Essex, MD 21221

63-LL Willy Palmer Oppose

Please block the rubble landfill

63-LL Braeden Bayne Oppose

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63-LL Joseph Baybrick Oppose

The BPW should require an amendment to the lease by MDNR stating "No Discharges." The leasee should pay for a study on historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill to the state lands and waterways and surrounding residences (namely groundwater resources used for drinking water).

63-LL Matt Collins Oppose

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63-LL	Chris	Sybert	Oppose
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Completely against this!!

63-LL	Sara	Hayden	Neutral
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I want to see the entire operation closed within five years, not eight—specifically, a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year closure plan. This landfill was already supposed to be closed. The current discharge permit should be denied, and returned to the previous permit regulations. Closing it safely is critical. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment must be to drinking water standards, to protect our environment, and the people who live nearby—in perpetuity.

63-LL	Cliff	Layman	Oppose
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Seems like a ridiculous spot to have a dump, right next to the waterways. We need dumps, just not in a area where the ground water has a higher chance be impacted negatively.

63-LL	Patty	Martinez	Support
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Close the landfill safley

63-LL	John	Higgins	Oppose
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Land fill will present an environmental issue for the bay - The community must consider the long term effect of run off.

63-LL

Gary

Rettberg

Oppose

1.The BPW should require a redline amendment to the lease that the leasee should pay and provide a study to Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the BPW on historic, cumulative, and future, environmental impacts of the landfill to the state lands and waterways and surrounding residences (namely groundwater resources used for drinking water). 2. The BPW should require a redline amendment to the lease by MDNR stating "No Discharges" 3. If BPW fails to require either or both of these protective amendments to protect state lands, waterways and community environmental, aesthetic, property interests, the BPW should deny the approval of the lease, or in the alternative, defer a decision until the lease provides an environmental study and no discharge language.

63-LL

Steven

Kline

Support

Landfill closure - It is about time for this landfill to finally close after multiple decades of hearing earth moving equipment and the odors asso. with this operation.

63-LL

Sophie

Troy

Support

I agree that this entire operation should be closed but would prefer that it is done within five years, not eight: a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year (or shorter) closure plan. The discharge permit should ensure that regulations are in place to safeguard water quality on the Gunpowder, and protect the wildlife that depends on it, and the people who live nearby. Long-term leachate from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party or eliminated entirely.

63-LL

Judyth

Zahora

Oppose

Board of Public Works—re a new lease for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill - The Board of Public Works re decision on this lease on Wednesday. If passed include amendments to (1) require no discharges; and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the historic, cumulative, and future, environmental impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding residences (namely groundwater resources used for drinking water). If the Board of Public

Works fails to adopt either amendment, then it must deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides this discharge language and the environmental study.

63-LL

Michael

Fine

Oppose

I am writing as a deeply concerned resident whose family and neighbors live along and depend on the Gunpowder River. This river runs directly past our community and is where we swim, boat, fish, and crab. It is central to our quality of life and the health of our local ecosystem. We have learned that the Board of Public Works is poised to approve a new lease for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill, with action expected this Wednesday. While the apparent requirement to close the landfill within seven years is a positive step, the proposed increase in discharge into the Gunpowder River is alarming and unacceptable. The Gunpowder River is already overpolluted. Allowing additional discharge from a landfill into these waters puts public health, wildlife, and downstream communities at serious risk. Once damage is done to the river, it cannot simply be undone. Our families should not have to worry about whether the water our children swim in or the seafood we harvest is safe. I respectfully urge you and the Board of Public Works to take the following actions before approving any lease: Require absolutely no discharges into the Gunpowder River or connected waterways. Require the lessee to fully fund and provide an independent environmental impact study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that evaluates impacts to state lands, waterways, and surrounding homes. If these protections cannot be guaranteed, the Board should deny approval of the lease or defer any decision until these requirements are clearly included and enforceable. This decision will have lasting consequences for our river, our environment, and our community. I ask you to stand with residents and prioritize public health, environmental protection, and long-term stewardship of Maryland's waterways. Thank you for your time and for taking this concern seriously.

63-LL

Nicole

Carter

Oppose

The BPW should require a redline amendment to the lease that the lessee should pay and provide a study to Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the BPW on historic, cumulative, and future, environmental impacts of the landfill to the state lands and waterways and surrounding residences (namely groundwater resources used for drinking water). 2. The BPW should require a redline amendment to the lease by MDNR stating "No

Discharges" 3. If BPW fails to require either or both of these protective amendments to protect state lands, waterways and community environmental, aesthetic, property interests, the BPW should deny the approval of the lease, or in the alternative, defer a decision until the lease provides an environmental study and no discharge language.

63-LL	Rosemarie	Friskey	Oppose
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Stop the discharge into Bird and Gunpowder Rivers from Days Cove. Protect our neighborhood and waterways. (Harewood Park)

63-LL	Benjamin	Tipper	Oppose
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The government should not be letting our waterways get polluted. Protect our planet, our drinking water, and our people, that's your job. The BPW should require a redline amendment to the lease that the leasee should pay and provide a study to Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the BPW on historic, cumulative, and future, environmental impacts of the landfill to the state lands and waterways and surrounding residences (namely groundwater resources used for drinking water). 2. The BPW should require a redline amendment to the lease by MDNR stating "No Discharges" 3. If BPW fails to require either or both of these protective amendments to protect state lands, waterways and community environmental, aesthetic, property interests, the BPW should deny the approval of the lease, or in the alternative, defer a decision until the lease provides an environmental study and no discharge language.

63-LL	Candice	Kaminski	Oppose
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Action 63-LL represents a compromise that allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total. We are prepared to accept this path forward only if strong safeguards are clearly required. First, all discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or eliminated entirely. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment. Second, the lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and

surrounding communities. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment. Thank you.

63-LL

Keith

Pritchett

Oppose

Action 63-LL represents a compromise that allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total. We are prepared to accept this path forward only if strong safeguards are clearly required. First, all discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or eliminated entirely. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment. Second, the lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment. Thank you.

63-LL

Pamela

Dehmer

Oppose

The Board of Public Works should require a redline amendment to the lease that the lessee should pay and provide a study to Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on future environmental impacts of the landfill to the state lands and waterways and surrounding residences(namely groundwater resources used for drinking water.) The BPW should require a redline amendment to the lease by MDNR stating "No Discharges";. If BPW fails to require either or both of these amendments to protect state lands, waterways, environment and property interests the BPW should deny the approval of the lease.

63-LL

Gretchen

Smith

Neutral

As a neighbor of the Bird River I ask that, in regard to renewing the lease on the DCR Landfill, please make sure to 1) ensure that there are no discharges; and 2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes. If either of the

amendments are not adopted, I ask that the lease renewal be denied or delayed until the discharge language and environmental study are in place. Thank you for helping to protect our waterways!

63-LL

Jan

Miller

Oppose

The landfill was to have already been closed, and it did NOT meet its deadline. The only way I would agree to ANY extension is if: 1. A performance bonds is secured to guarantee all new deadlines are met, as required. The amount of the bond should cover all projected remediation costs and damages for 10 years beyond closing. 2. The current discharge permit is immediately denied and returned to previous permit regulations. If the above stipulations are met, then I would consider permitting a lease extension for combined total of five years (2-year operation and 3-year closing), with no extensions or renewals, and the entire operation closed. It would consist of four components: 1. A two-year operating lease, with current discharge permit denied and previous permit regulation followed. All operations have ceased at end of two years. 2. At the beginning of third year, there would be a three-year closing plan lease. At the beginning of the closing plan lease, if stricter discharge regulations are in place, they should be incorporated into and followed during the closing plan lease. 3. A performance bond is secured to insure during the course of the five-year lease(s) there should be monthly leachate monitoring and treatment must be to drinking water standards. 4. During the full term of the three-year closing plan lease, all monitoring results and reports must be made available to the public and organizations concerned with health and safety of neighbors and environment, on a monthly basis. Ironically, decades ago I took the pieces of my degrading 18' sidewalk to the landfill. It was then I learned of the 'rubble' pile. The back of my car had relatively small pieces as it trudged up the hill. Backed up to the 'curb' and began hurling the pieces into the other rubble. While the immediate area seemed barren, the view was majestic. The vibrant green tree tops, deep blue water and positive solitude. I welcomed opportunity of having 'small vehicle' and multiple trips to rubble pile, insuring I took camera to capture the beauty there. Little did I realize the devastation that was occurring. Sincerely,
Jan Miller

63-LL

Francesca

MCLIN

Oppose

This landfill was already supposed to be closed. The current discharge permit should be denied, and returned to the previous permit regulations. I want to see the entire operation closed within five years, not eight - I want to see a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year closure plan. Also, closing it safely is critical. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment to drinking water standards must be required—in perpetuity, to protect our environment, and the people who live nearby

63-LL robert pellegrini Oppose

I am opposed for the following reasons. 1. The BPW should require a redline amendment to the lease that the leasee should pay and provide a study to Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the BPW on historic, cumulative, and future, environmental impacts of the landfill to the state lands and waterways and surrounding residences (namely groundwater resources used for drinking water). 2. The BPW should require a redline amendment to the lease by MDNR stating "No Discharges" 3. If BPW fails to require either or both of these protective amendments to protect state lands, waterways and community environmental, aesthetic, property interests, the BPW should deny the approval of the lease, or in the alternative, defer a decision until the lease provides an environmental study and no discharge language.

63-LL Kernell Ries Oppose

The BPW should require the lease to state that no discharges are allowed and that the lessee will be responsible for covering the costs for any remediation required in the case of any discharges.

63-LL James Merritt Oppose

Please don't let the organization that is running Days Cove to continue to pollute our waterways. That area already has a "higher than normal" cancer rate. We need to start doing things differently. You all say you are pro-environment and protect the citizens of Maryland. Now is your chance to prove it!

63-LL

Ralph

Heimlich

Support

I want to protect clean water in Days Cove. I want to see the entire operation closed within five years, not eight—specifically, a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year closure plan. This landfill was already supposed to be closed. The current discharge permit should be denied, and returned to the previous permit regulations.

63-LL

Sarah

Anderson

Oppose

I want to see the entire operation closed within five years, not eight—specifically, a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year closure plan. This landfill was already supposed to be closed. The current discharge permit should be denied, and returned to the previous permit regulations. Closing it safely is critical. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment must be to drinking water standards, in perpetuity, to protect our environment, and the people who live nearby. Ideally, this facility should be closed immediately. However, the above proposal provides a fair arrangement.

63-LL

Gena

Krieger

Oppose

I respectfully urge the Board of Public Works (BPW) to require the following protections before considering approval of Item 63-LL: 1. Environmental Impact Study Requirement The BPW should require a redline amendment to the lease mandating that the lessee fund and submit a comprehensive environmental impact study to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the BPW. This study should evaluate the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on State-owned lands and waterways, as well as on surrounding residential communities—particularly impacts to groundwater resources used for drinking water. 2. No Discharge Provision The BPW should require a redline amendment to the lease, proposed by MDNR, explicitly stating that there shall be no discharges to State lands or waterways. 3. Denial or Deferral Absent Protections If the BPW does not require one or both of these essential protective amendments, I respectfully request that the BPW deny approval of the lease. In the alternative, the BPW should defer any decision until the lease includes both a comprehensive environmental study and enforceable no-discharge language.

63-LL

Ben

Larson

Oppose

I live in Towson and am concerned about the proposed renewal of the lease for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill. I think the state should require that there's good analysis on the potential impacts of the renewal, or require no discharges. Without these assurances to protect waterways and drinking water and other public resources, please deny the lease renewal.

63-LL	Jacqueline	Frank	Oppose
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I want to see the Gunpowder protected for my generation and those to come. The lease for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill needs to be terminated sooner than 8 years, preferably closed in 3, and measures adopted now to treat discharge. It was supposed to be closed by now.

63-LL	Marcia	Watson	Support
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I support the plan expressed in Action 63-LL to allow the landfill to continue to operate for five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total, if the following additional stipulations are made: First, all discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or until it can be shown that discharges have been eliminated entirely. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment. Second, the lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive environmental impact to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, wildlife (including aquatic organisms) and surrounding human communities. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment.

63-LL	Nancy	Post	Oppose
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It is of paramount importance to safeguard our waterways and the variety of God-given life they support! 1. The BPW should require a red line amendment to the lease that the lessee should pay and provide a study to Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the BPW on historic, cumulative, and future, environmental impacts of the landfill to the state lands and waterways and surrounding residences (namely groundwater resources used for drinking water). 2. The BPW should require a red line amendment to the lease by MDNR stating "No Discharges" 3. If BPW fails to require either or both of these protective

amendments to protect state lands, waterways and community environmental, aesthetic, property interests, the BPW should deny the approval of the lease, or in the alternative, defer a decision until the lease provides an environmental study and no discharge language.

63-LL

Jessica

Thomas

Oppose

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63-LL

John

Kantorski

Support

Please (1) require no discharges; and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes. If you fail to adopt either amendment, you should deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides this discharge language and the environmental study.

63-LL

Nancy E

Tag

Oppose

The BPW should require a red-line amendment to the lease by MDNR stating "No Discharges" And they should seriously consider the impact of the lease and water quality to the community.

63-LL

Dion

Guthrie

Oppose

Against renewal of license for Dave Cove - It is severely damaging our water ways especially the Gunpowder River

63-LL

Katherine

Pettway

Oppose

I want to see the entire operation closed within five years, not eight—specifically, a two-year operating lease followed by a three-year closure plan. This landfill was already supposed to be closed. The current discharge permit should be denied, and returned to the previous permit regulations. The operator continues to violate the policies, adding to pollution! Closing it safely is critical. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment must be to drinking water standards, to protect our environment, and the people who live nearby—in perpetuity. We swim, fish, crab and boat in this river. We live along the river. We don't want to see any more pollution in our river! Please close this landfill!

63-LL

Rachel

DeSantis

Oppose

The current proposed lease renewal does not address a number of historical violations of Days Cove. Days Cove, from April 2023 to February 2025, exceeded its permit limits for 20 times for leachate discharge into the river. The proposed renewal must (1) require no discharges (prior to 2023 the landfill had transported leachate and pollution offsite to a treatment plan, this practice should resume if Days Cove is to be operational again); and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes. Residents of the Gunpowder and Bird Rivers and community organizations have expressed significant opposition to further discharge and despite this Days Cover has requested to double its output into the community. DNR/MDE needs to stop this pollution and support our community. Additionally, the lease renewal extends the operations of Days Cove for another 5 years. Per the existing lease Days Cove should be beginning a 3-yr period to wind down operations. Has Days Cove begun this process already or are they expecting to get a perpetual renewal to operate? I am concerned by extending another 5 years things will continue to renew and our community will continue to be plagued with this pollution. I recommend that: 1) the renewal time be reduced from 5 years to 2 years with a 3 year wind down, 2) the renewal require that Days Cove no longer discharges any leachate and pollution into the surrounding environment and 3) that the lessee (Days Cove) pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands, waterways, and surrounding homes and is responsible (liable) for any remediation efforts needed and found.

63-LL

Christopher

Pettway

Oppose

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63-LL

Patrick

Hook

Oppose

The Hawthorne Community is opposed to any new lease agreement regarding the Days Cove Reclamation Center. In its current form, it does not address the discharge of leachate into the Gunpowder River, which also feeds into Middle River and its tributaries. These waterways surround the Hawthorne peninsula and we feel it is not environmentally safe for our marine life, grasses and natural habitat. The reclamation center has illegally discharged leachate into our waterways on over 20 occasions in year 2024 alone, without any repercussions, fines or accountability, and simply cannot be allowed to continue under a new lease. We would like to see the lease amended with language that would deny any permit or allowances of the discharge of leachate from the facility. The facility has proven they cannot act in good faith to protect our waterways. We would also like to have an amendment added to the lease that would have the lessee pay for, and provide environmental studies to DNR and BPW on cumulative, historic, and future environmental impacts to state lands, waterways, surrounding residences, and communities. We feel that this would provide data needed in helping preserve the environmental needs, allowing any actions needed in addressing concerns or issues. We do support the eventual closure of the landfill in the time frame allotted. We'd like to add that the fact that no punitive action was taken in regards the landfill illegally discharging leachate into the Gunpowder River is beyond unacceptable. Clearly in violation and as to why our MDE did not address this in the proper manner needs to be explained. Thank you for your consideration. Patrick Hook President Hawthorne Civic Assoc.

63-LL

Rachael

Moore

Oppose

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63-LL

Matthew

Lonsdale

Oppose

Days Cove landfill has consistently violated their MDE permit, apparently the fines are simply a cost of doing business to them, and are not actually sufficiently punitive to drive behavioral changes. Further, this landfill was supposed to have been closed years ago - how many times are we going to kick the can down the road? I'd prefer to see the site shut down immediately, with strict regulations regarding the capping and monitoring of discharge. If the lease is to be approved, the lease MUST include independent third party monitoring of their effluent discharge; since the site operators have shown they can not be trusted. Additionally, the operators should be required to fund a comprehensive third party study to examine their historical, current, and future environmental impacts.

63-LL

Mary Lynn

Le Gardeur

Oppose

Amended to say no Discharges!

63-LL

Michele

Silwick

Neutral

The Board of Public Works to (1) require no discharges; and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes. If the Board of Public Works fails to adopt either amendment, it should deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides this discharge language and the environmental study.

63-LL

George

Fanshaw

Oppose

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63-LL

Margaret

Johnson

Oppose

The BPW should deny the approval of the lease!!! Please do not allow any toxic discharge into our river, our bay!!!

63-LL

Richard

Knox

Oppose

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63-LL

Amy

Roueche

Oppose

I have concerns about the Days Cove Rubble Landfill discharge permit. Increases in discharge may increase pollution and have detrimental effects to the nearby waterways. These waterways provide many recreational opportunities for state residents. Construction waste

can have many substances that are known to cause grave health effects for humans and wildlife. I respectfully request that there be no discharges from Days Cove and that Days Cove, in conjunction with DNR and BPW, conduct analysis into the health and environmental impacts of the landfill on the lands and waterways surrounding it.

63-LL Barbara Risacher Oppose

lease to the landfill on byrd and Gunpowder River - The landfill has been violating its discharge permit and polluting the water

63-LL Deb Gahs Support

Support ONLY if both amendments pass 1. Require no discharges 2. Lessee pays for and provides study.

63-LL David Huber Oppose

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63-LL Marlene Lang Oppose

I live in Rumsey Island and already the landfill is making my water having a smell. It is awful for the people that fish in the area and the waterways is something that should be taken care of.

63-LL

Dante

Trasatti

Oppose

Action 63-LL is not a true compromise. It allows the landfill to continue operating for five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year extension of risk to our community. I cannot support this proposal unless strict, enforceable protections are explicitly required. First, all discharges from the landfill must be independently monitored and treated in perpetuity—or eliminated entirely. Anything less is unacceptable. This monitoring must be conducted by a truly independent third party and backed by a permanent, enforceable funding mechanism. Future residents should not inherit the cost of today's decisions. Second, the lessee must be legally required to fund and deliver a comprehensive environmental impact study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works. This study must address the full historic, cumulative, and future impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and neighboring communities. Without this, we are being asked to accept risk without facts. If these conditions are not guaranteed in writing, then this action is not responsible governance—it is postponement. Closure must mean accountability, protection, and transparency, not another eight years of exposure followed by crossed fingers. For these reasons, I oppose Action 63-LL as written. Thank you.

63-LL

Heidi

Trasatti

Oppose

Action 63-LL is not a compromise—it is an eight-year extension of risk to this community. Allowing the landfill to operate for five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period, is only acceptable if strict, enforceable protections are clearly required. As written, it does not meet that standard. First, all discharges from the landfill must be independently monitored and treated in perpetuity—or eliminated entirely. This oversight must be conducted by a truly independent third party and backed by a permanent, enforceable funding mechanism. Anything less shifts long-term environmental and financial risk onto the public. Second, the lessee must be legally required to fund and deliver a comprehensive environmental impact study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works. This study must examine the historic, cumulative, and future impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. Decisions of this magnitude cannot be made without full transparency and verified data. Without these guarantees in writing, Action 63-LL is not responsible governance—it is delay without accountability. Closure must mean protection, transparency, and long-term responsibility, not another eight years of exposure followed by hope. For these reasons, I oppose Action 63-LL as written. Thank you.

63-LL Kelly Ernstberger Support

Pls require closure in 7 yrs and no discharges

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Pls require no discharges and that the lessee pays for a study furnished to the DNR and BPW on the impacts of the landfill. If neither amendment is adopted then pls require the lease decision deferral until the lease includes these requirements

63-LL Aaron Reeb Oppose

I oppose - I don't not agree with landfill renewal and run off renewal

63-LL Amanda Adams Oppose

No discharge , lessee must pay

63-LL Hannah Saladino Oppose

For the closure of the site - No more toxins should be released into Maryland waterways

63-LL Matt Ferenschak Oppose

No discharges should be allowed.

63-LL KIRSTEN BURGER Oppose

Landfill must prove it will not harm surrounding area, including aquifers supplying well water.

63-LL Katherine Sterling Neutral

The Board of Public Works is posed to act on this lease on Wednesday. BPW I ask you to: (1) require no discharges; and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes. → If the Board of Public Works fails to adopt either amendment, it should deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides this discharge language and the environmental study. You may fill out this form here, referencing 63-LL

63-LL	Andrea	Taylorson-Collins	Oppose
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63-LL	Mark	Rau	Oppose
Maryland and Baltimore County are supposed to be leaders for environmental standards. Please vote against so we can continue to lead			

63-LL	S Dwight	Hanna	Support
Action 63-LL represents a compromise that allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total. We are prepared to accept this path forward only if strong safeguards are clearly required. First, all discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party in perpetuity or eliminated entirely. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment. Second, the lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic,			

cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment. Thank you.

63-LL	Gregg	Zahora	Oppose
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The landfill needs to be held accountable for the over 100 violations. It isn't showing the desire to work within the regulations regarding pollution. It should be shut down!

63-LL	Chad	Crowe	Support
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63-LL	Page	Crosby	Support
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surrounding communities. These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment.

63-LL Meghan Clary Oppose

Where will the landfill be?

63-LL Catherine Cox Oppose

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63-LL Susan Arnold Oppose

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63-LL Zachary Clary Support

We need clean air

63-LL

Meghan

Clary

Support

Clean air!!!!

66-LL

Pamela

Shaw

Oppose

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Public Comments Received via Email



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Concerns about the Days Cove Rubble Landfill 63-LL

1 message

Sara Hayden <sararhayden@gmail.com>

Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 12:55 PM

To: email.bpw@maryland.gov, john.gontrum@maryland.gov, jkille@treasurer.state.md.us, "manny.welsh@maryland.gov" <manny.welsh@maryland.gov>

To whom it may concern,

As a local resident, I ask that you require no discharges; and require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes.

If the Board of Public Works fails to adopt either amendment, it should deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides this discharge language and the environmental study.

Thank you,
Sara Hayden



email bpw -BPW- <email.bpw@maryland.gov>

Fwd: Days Cove landfill -no more , no more

1 message

Chris Denbleyker -MDE- <chris.denbleyker@maryland.gov>
 To: email bpw -BPW- <email.bpw@maryland.gov>

Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 1:47 PM

I am forwarding this email along to the DPW since that is the correct recipient for this type of email regarding Days Cove and the pending lease renewable.

This email does not constitute my support or opposition, or that of my employer's support or opposition, to the pending Days Cove lease renewal.

Thank you,
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From: **jack whisted** <jackwhisted@hotmail.com>
 Date: Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 1:08 PM
 Subject: Days Cove landfill -no more , no more
 To: wendy.scott-napier@maryland.gov <wendy.scott-napier@maryland.gov>, brooke@marylandtaxes.gov <brooke@marylandtaxes.gov>
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Dear Ms. Lierman, Ms. Scott, and members of the Board of Estimates.

I urge you to reject the proposed lease of the Days Cove rubble landfill.

My name is Jack Whisted . I have lived in Joppatowne for 52 years ,on the the Gunpowder River. I have never in my 52 years living in this community and enjoying my God given rights to use and protect the earth, as directied in Genisis 1:27-30. Right now, the waters surrounding the park in my neighborhood are essentially brown and deviod of SAV in other words - dead. This is due to a variety of pollutants, including the potential discharge from Days Cove will just make it worse with no recoruse to recover.

We have already seen the devistation the muddy polluted waters do to our river. Let me say that again, our river , not yours but our river can not endure further agrevation cause by these polluttants proposed to enter theses waters by actions proposed within this lease

My question is this. Is the lease money the county will recieve worth more that clean waters to recreate in?

We have sued the developers of our 4 year plight and would also consider law suite agianst you all , named speratly !

More recently, for the last five years or so, we have been fighting the developer, DR HORTON, of Ridgely's Reserve, again in Harford County. This has been an ongoing disaster for the river. Any hard rain causes such a large, orange sediment plume to flow downriver that it blocks the sunlight killing off most of the aquatic vegetation. Without submerged aquatic vegetation there is no breeding sanctuary for crabs and fish. This has been, and continues to be, a disaster for our waters.

In case you are not aware, the Gunpowder River is, or rather was, a source of some of the best and largest crabs in the Bay. Usually by late Summer and early Fall, crabbers will come all the way from Crisfield to harvest "our" crabs. Prior to all of the pollution, it was well worth the trip. Without clean waters and submerged vegetation to help the fish and crabs replace their population every year, it is no longer a viable fishery.

The Days Cove problem, is ridiculous and obserd request. Deadly serious in reality. Who would have guessed that the two agencies most responsible for protecting the waters were actively campaigning to increase pollution in them? You won't see any of that lease money, just the money the developer will line your pockets to approve. We certainly don't hope that cullusion is involved but know this if it is it will be discovered and lead to futher legal actions by the very same group sueing developer who has destroyed our river for the past 4 years

For obvious reasons, the operator wants to right to discharge more industrial waste into the waters and save the trucking cost to remove from the site . That is dipicable ! For unheard of the Maryland Department of Environment has proposed to allow this. What is gained by allowing more discharge, less monitoring of the discharge and essentially, destroying the fish sanctuary? Who needs extra arsenic in their waters? Why do we need more PFA's? Who needs the swimming beach at Hammerman to be shut down more often than not during the Summer?

Days Cove is just across the County line in Baltimore County. The Gunpowder River, specifically the Little Gunpowder River is that county line. The problem is that these waters are tidal. A change of tides or even a persistent wind means waters wash back and forth across county lines as the winds blow or the tides flow.

Now, the property is state owned, by the Department of Natural Resources. As I once understood this, DNR is supposed to protect natural resources. Seemingly, the Days Cove lease is DNR selling out for a little money. MDE is also supposed to protect natural resources. I am not sure what their interest in this is, but for whatever reason, they to seem to be taking an anti-environmental stance on this Days Cove property unlike joining into a law suit against developer in Harford County. MDE needs better guideanc enasd management to at least be consistent.

By not allowing this lease, you can do what the other agencies are supposed to be doing. Save the river. Save the Bay. Stop the lease.

Respectfully,

Jack Whisted
Seinior Engineer for EN Engineering
Co chair of Mad about Mud
52 year residence of Gunpowder river

Let the truth of Love be lighted- Let the love of truth shine clear

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Christopher DenBleyker, REHS

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Urgent: Protect the Gunpowder River – Oppose Increased Discharge from Days Cove Rubble Landfill

1 message

Michael Fine <michael.fine13@gmail.com>
To: email.bpw@maryland.gov

Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 10:49 AM

Dear BPW,

I am writing as a deeply concerned resident whose family and neighbors live along and depend on the Gunpowder River. This river runs directly past our community and is where we swim, boat, fish, and crab. It is central to our quality of life and the health of our local ecosystem.

We have learned that the Board of Public Works is poised to approve a new lease for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill, with action expected this Wednesday. While the apparent requirement to close the landfill within seven years is a positive step, the proposed increase in discharge into the Gunpowder River is alarming and unacceptable.

The Gunpowder River is already overpolluted. Allowing additional discharge from a landfill into these waters puts public health, wildlife, and downstream communities at serious risk. Once damage is done to the river, it cannot simply be undone. Our families should not have to worry about whether the water our children swim in or the seafood we harvest is safe.

I respectfully urge you and the Board of Public Works to take the following actions before approving any lease:

- 1. Require absolutely no discharges into the Gunpowder River or connected waterways.**
- 2. Require the lessee to fully fund and provide an independent environmental impact study** to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that evaluates impacts to state lands, waterways, and surrounding homes.

If these protections cannot be guaranteed, the Board should deny approval of the lease or defer any decision until these requirements are clearly included and enforceable.

This decision will have lasting consequences for our river, our environment, and our community. I ask you to stand with residents and prioritize public health, environmental protection, and long-term stewardship of Maryland's waterways.

Thank you for your time and for taking this concern seriously. I would appreciate confirmation that my comments have been received and considered.

Michael D Fine

6804 Harewood Park Dr

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Request Amendments to Days Cove Rubble Landfill Lease (Item 63-LL) Before Wednesday Vote

1 message

Mary Taylor <butsie13@icloud.com>

Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 9:39 AM

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Cc: Joshua Sines <Jsjs2424@gmail.com>, jb.jennings@senate.state.md.us, gunpowderriverkeeper@gmail.com

Dear Board of Public Works Members (Governor Wes Moore, Comptroller Brooke Lierman, Treasurer Dereck Davis),

I am writing as a concerned Baltimore County resident to urge you to amend or defer approval of Item 63-LL, the proposed new lease for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill in Gunpowder Falls State Park, scheduled for your December 17, 2025 meeting.

While the seven-year closure provision (five years operational through 12/31/2030, plus three years for capping and post-closure) may seem positive, it risks becoming a loophole, as extensions have prolonged operations in the past despite prior leases since 1992.

This isn't really a win, it's kicking the can down the road. The lease might require closure in seven years, but in year six, they'll likely seek another extension.

If approval proceeds anyway, require two critical protections:

(1) explicit no-discharge language prohibiting any releases into nearby state waterways, and

(2) a comprehensive environmental impact study on effects to state lands, waterways, and surrounding homes, fully funded and submitted by Days Cove Reclamation Company to the Department of Natural Resources and Board prior to execution.

Without these safeguards, our communities and vital Chesapeake Bay tributaries remain at risk from leachate pollution and sediment, as evidenced by the landfill's recent permit violations and requests to double wastewater discharges (from 12,500 to 25,000 gallons daily) into the Bird River and Gunpowder River watershed.

Please deny approval or defer until these amendments are secured.

I also submitted comments via your form: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4umvYM1JsUmlUWTfAnai6H1eGovKeK1Anz_OohaOtEZURUJRU0Q2WVRBRIRJNThWN1IHQURGQktlSC4u.

Thank you for protecting Maryland's environment.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Taylor
Essex, Baltimore County, MD



email bpw -BPW- <email.bpw@maryland.gov>

ACTION 63-LL DAYS COVE RUBBLE LANDFILL

1 message

Kristen Sanders <ksamazinggrace@outlook.com>

Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 12:15 PM

To: "email.bpw@maryland.gov" <email.bpw@maryland.gov>, "john.gontrom@maryland.gov" <john.gontrom@maryland.gov>, "rmatthewsbrown@marylandtaxes.gov" <rmatthewsbrown@marylandtaxes.gov>, "jkille@treasurer.state.md.us" <jkille@treasurer.state.md.us>, "manny.walsh@maryland.gov" <manny.walsh@maryland.gov>

Dear Board of Public Works:

We are writing about the Days Cove Rubble Landfill. Action 63-LL represents a compromise that allows the landfill to continue operating five more years, followed by a three-year closure and capping period—an eight-year process in total. We are prepared to accept this path forward **only if strong safeguards are clearly required.**

First, all discharges from the site must be monitored and treated by an independent third party **in perpetuity or** eliminated entirely. This will require a dedicated, enforceable funding commitment.

Second, the lessee must fund and deliver a comprehensive study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works that examines the historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill on state lands, waterways, and surrounding communities.

These conditions are essential to ensure the landfill is not just closed—but closed responsibly, with long-term protection for public health and the environment.

Thank you,
The Sanders family



email bpw -BPW- <email.bpw@maryland.gov>

Days Cove Rubble Landfill

1 message

Lynn Lanham <lynn.lanham18@gmail.com>
To: email.bpw@maryland.gov

Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 9:38 AM

As a resident of Baltimore County and a person concerned about issues that affect the Chesapeake Bay's health please (1) require no discharges; and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the historic, cumulative, and future, environmental impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding residences (namely groundwater resources used for drinking water).

If the Board of Public Works fails to adopt either amendment, it should deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides this discharge language and the environmental study.



email bpw -BPW- <email.bpw@maryland.gov>

Urgent Action Needed - Days Cove Rubble Landfill

1 message

jmrohner@verizon.net <jmrohner@verizon.net>
Reply-To: "jmrohner@verizon.net" <jmrohner@verizon.net>
To: "email.bpw@maryland.gov" <email.bpw@maryland.gov>, "john.gontrum@maryland.gov" <john.gontrum@maryland.gov>, "rmatthewsbrown@marylandtaxes.gov" <rmatthewsbrown@marylandtaxes.gov>, "jkille@treasurer.state.md.us" <jkille@treasurer.state.md.us>, "manny.welsh@maryland.gov" <manny.welsh@maryland.gov>

Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 12:07 PM

It is my understanding that you are poised to approve a new lease for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill, tomorrow.

As a taxpaying member who lives nearby, I am asking you to:

- 1) require no discharges
- 2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes.

If the Board of Public Works fails to adopt either amendment, it should deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides this discharge language and the environmental study.

Thank you for your time,
A concerned citizen,
Janet Rohner



email bpw -BPW- <email.bpw@maryland.gov>

Days Cove Rubble Landfill - 63LL

1 message

Roy Voltmer <rvolt2000@comcast.net>

Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 10:04 AM

To: email.bpw@maryland.gov, john.gontrum@maryland.gov, rmatthewsbrown@marylandtaxes.gov, manny.welsh@maryland.gov

Cc: Councilman David Marks <council5@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Dear BPW Committee Member,

At your meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, regarding the subject, I respectfully ask that you make the following amendments;

- 1) require no discharges; and
- 2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes.

If the Board of Public Works fails to adopt either amendment, please deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides the discharge language and the environmental study.

Respectfully,

Roy Voltmer

2510 Cider Mill Rd.

Parkville, MD 21234



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Days cove Landfill

1 message

Gretchen Smith <gretchen.smith@verizon.net>

Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 10:24 AM

To: "email.bpw@maryland.gov" <email.bpw@maryland.gov>, "john.gontrum@maryland.gov" <john.gontrum@maryland.gov>, "rmatthewsbrown@marylandtaxes.gov" <rmatthewsbrown@marylandtaxes.gov>, "jkille@treasurer.state.md.us" <jkille@treasurer.state.md.us>, "manny.welsh@maryland.gov" <manny.welsh@maryland.gov>

As a neighbor of the Bird River I ask that, in regard to renewing the lease on the DCR Landfill, please make sure to 1)

require no discharges; and 2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes.

Thank you for helping to protect our waterways!

From: Patrick Polvinale <ppolvinale@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 7:28 AM
Subject: Days Cove Rubble Landfill
To: <email.bpw@maryland.gov>, <john.gontrum@maryland.gov>, <rmatthewsbrown@marylandtaxes.gov>, <jkille@treasurer.state.md.us>, manny.welsh@maryland.gov <manny.welsh@maryland.gov>

The Board of Public Works is poised to approve a new lease for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill with the condition the landfill closes within seven years. Before approving this request please consider the following:

(1) require no discharges into the Gunpowder and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes.

If the Board of Public Works fails to adopt either amendment, it should deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides this discharge language and the environmental study.

Thank you for considering these amendments,

Patrick Polvinale
Perry Hall, MD
Frequently enjoys time on the Gunpowder!

From: Roy Voltmer <rvolt2000@comcast.net>
Date: Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 10:04 AM
Subject: Days Cove Rubble Landfill - 63LL
To: <email.bpw@maryland.gov>, <john.gontrum@maryland.gov>, <rmatthewsbrown@marylandtaxes.gov>, <manny.welsh@maryland.gov>
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If the Board of Public Works fails to adopt either amendment, please deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides the discharge language and the environmental study.

Respectfully,

Roy Voltmer
2510 Cider Mill Rd.
Parkville, MD 21234

From: David S Marks <dmarks@baltimorecountymd.gov>
Date: Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 7:53 AM
Subject: Amendments needed to 63-LL
To: email.bpw@maryland.gov <email.bpw@maryland.gov>
Cc: rmatthewsbrown@marylandtaxes.gov <rmatthewsbrown@marylandtaxes.gov>, john.gontrum@maryland.gov <john.gontrum@maryland.gov>, manny.welsh@maryland.gov <manny.welsh@maryland.gov>, jkille@treasurer.state.md.us <jkille@treasurer.state.md.us>

I am to urge the Board of Public Works to either amend the proposed lease for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill (63-LL on tomorrow's agenda) or defer or oppose the permit altogether.

If amended, please require NO DISCHARGE at the site and a full study, paid for by the lessee, of impacts to the surrounding environment and community.

Hundreds of Baltimore Countians have written or spoken against plans by this private company to discharge into eastern Baltimore County waterways. The environmental record of the landfill is poor and must be considered. We are appreciative that apparently that the Board is requiring a plan to close the landfill in seven years.

I am attaching a resolution passed unanimously by the Baltimore County Council that opposed the discharge and supported a closure of this facility.

Thank you for your consideration. Please take these steps tomorrow.

Baltimore County Councilman David Marks

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 16

Resolution No. 49-25

All Councilmembers

By the County Council, October 6, 2025

A RESOLUTION of the Baltimore County Council urging the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to deny the wastewater permit requested by Days Cove Reclamation Company, which operates a rubble landfill on State-owned property at 6425 Days Cove Road, to double its daily wastewater discharge and to initiate a plan to close the site.

WHEREAS, the Days Cove Rubble Landfill (the Landfill) – an 83-acre landfill located within the Gunpowder Falls State Park in White Marsh and situated adjacent to the Eastern Sanitary Landfill – has recently applied for a permit to discharge up to 25,000 gallons of treated leachate each day into the Bird River, a tributary of the Gunpowder River; and

WHEREAS, leachate – also known as “trash juice” – is the term for the wastewater created by stormwater running through a landfill and collecting chemicals, toxins, and other liquids, which must be treated before being discharged into surface water; and

WHEREAS, while MDE issued a permit in 2013 allowing the Landfill to discharge up to 12,000 gallons of treated leachate daily, the Landfill had, until 2023, hauled the wastewater offsite – usually to the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant – for disposal; and

WHEREAS, beginning in April 2023, the Landfill began collecting and treating its leachate at an on-site plant, sending it through ponds and a flooded mining pit, before finally discharging it to the Bird River; and

WHEREAS, the MDE Fact Sheet on the Landfill's permit states that "from commencement of discharge in April 2023 through February 2025, the [Landfill] has exceeded its permit limits [of 12,000 daily gallons] a total of 20 times" with "14 of the 20 exceedances occurring in the first five months of discharge, indicating that there was a learning curve to optimize treatment following the startup of discharge"; and

WHEREAS, the Fact Sheet goes on to state that "the Water and Science Administration Compliance Program took enforcement action for a total of 16 permit exceedances occurring throughout 2023 which resulted in a penalty of \$15,000"; and

WHEREAS, at a hearing on the permit application that occurred on September 16th at the Perry Hall Library, nearly 200 members of the public and elected officials voiced their concern and opposition to the permit application; and

WHEREAS, in light of the amended wastewater permit application recently submitted by the Landfill to MDE, the Council supports the scheduling of a second public hearing in order to facilitate additional public input; and

WHEREAS, with the Bird and Gunpowder Rivers becoming more polluted every year, now is not the time to allow the Landfill to double the amount of wastewater they can dump in our waters; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Baltimore County Council urges MDE to deny the wastewater permit for Days Cove Reclamation Company and the Days Cove Rubble Landfill and to initiate a plan to close the site; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Governor of Maryland; the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Environment; the Baltimore County

delegation to the Maryland General Assembly; and the Baltimore County Executive; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage by the County Council.



Sierra Club Maryland Chapter
P.O. Box 278
Riverdale, MD 20738
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December 16, 2025

The Sierra Club Maryland Chapter and its members join thousands of other community members, many environmental organizations, and both Harford and Baltimore County leadership with concerns regarding the new Days Cove rubble landfill permit 63-LL.

In 2015, the State made a commitment to begin closing the Days Cove Landfill facility located within the Gunpowder Falls State Park after the completion of its 10-year contract. Despite this commitment and numerous water discharge violations associated with the landfill's leachate, the State is considering continuing operations for an additional five years before commencing closure of the facility. Further, the proposed permit does not address key water quality issues that are continuing to pollute the Bird and Gunpowder Rivers, harming wildlife and humans.

Sierra Club opposes a new permit unless the following conditions are met:

- The Board of Public Works (BPW) should require a mandatory amendment to the lease by Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) stating "No Discharges". Days Cove previously utilized the Back River Water Treatment Plant to treat its leachate and could do so once again.
- Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment to drinking water standards must be required—in perpetuity, to protect our environment and the people who live nearby.
- BPW should require an amendment to the lease that the leasee should pay for a study provided to DNR and the BPW on historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill to the state lands and waterways and surrounding residences, including groundwater resources used for drinking water.
- The State should permit operations for no more than two additional years, followed by a three year closure plan beginning in December of 2027. Such a plan will help ensure the facility winds down and closes within five years. DNR

should provide annual updates to the community at local hearings on steps taken to move towards closure plans.

Many community members including our Sierra Club members have been impacted by the ongoing pollution in the rivers that feed into the Bay. Residents who once trapped Maryland's famous blue crabs, fished, and swam in these rivers report visible and concerning changes to this area of the watershed.

Our waterways and our residents have endured enough. The people of this watershed deserve better than increased pollution and weaker safeguards. We share a deep commitment to safeguarding the waterways, natural habitats, and public health that make this area a vital part of Maryland's environment, economy, and way of life.

Josh Tulkin
State Director
Sierra Club Maryland Chapter

Marie LaPorte
Biodiversity and Natural Places Chair
Sierra Club Maryland Chapter

On Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 2:59 PM Gunpowder Riverkeeper <gunpowderriverkeeper@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear BPW Officials,

Gunpowder Riverkeeper® is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that protects water quality, sensitive species, and community interests in the traditionally overburdened Bird, Bush, Middle, and Gunpowder River watersheds

Re: 63-LL Days Cove Landfill Lease

1. The BPW should require a redline amendment to the lease that the lessee should pay for and provide a study to Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the BPW on historic, cumulative, and future environmental impacts of the landfill to the state lands and waterways and surrounding residences (namely groundwater resources used for drinking water).
2. The BPW should require a redline amendment to the lease by MDNR stating "No Discharges"
3. If BPW fails to require either or both of these protective amendments to protect state lands; waterways; and community environmental, aesthetic, property interests; the BPW should deny the approval of the lease, or in the alternative, defer a decision until the lease provides an environmental study and no discharge language.

Attached is the letter Gunpowder RIVERKEEPER® sent to Maryland Department of the Environment regarding Days Cove Rubble Landfill's application for a new discharge permit.

For context, the landfill is not obligated to discharge directly from this site: it previously trucked wastewater to the Back River treatment plant for processing.

The landfill's history of noncompliance with the MDE permit it has been issued does not warrant a relaxation of the permit's conditions, but rather a more stringent permit: with weekly or continuous monitoring of effluent discharge to protect critical downstream habitat.

The landfill has already operated on state property longer than it was agreed upon by any of the decision makers at the time of approval. Now is not the time to delay the closing of this site further. Steps need to be taken now to ensure no further environmental damage is done.

Below are links to the Gunpowder RIVERKEEPER® website posts relating to Days Cove Advocacy:

Days Cove Rubble Landfill is Seeking a New Discharge Permit: <https://gunpowderriverkeeper.org/days-cove-rubble-landfill-is-seeking-a-new-discharge-permit/>

Update: Comment Period Extended for the MDE Days Cove Rubble Landfill Discharge Permit:<https://gunpowderriverkeeper.org/please-join-us-september-16th-at-530-pm-for-the-mde-hearing-on-the-days-cove-rubble-landfill-discharge-permit-at-perry-hall-library-9685-honeygo-boulevard-perry-hall-md-21128/>

Comment Period Extended to October 22nd 2025 5pm for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill Discharge Permit: <https://gunpowderriverkeeper.org/comment-period-extended-to-october-22nd-2025-5pm-for-the-days-cove-rubble-landfill-discharge-permit/>

Local News Outlets Continue to Cover the Past, Present, and Future of the Days Cove Rubble Landfill: <https://gunpowderriverkeeper.org/local-news-outlets-continue-to-cover-the-past-present-and-future-of-the-days-cove-rubble-landfill/>

Harford County Council and County Executive Both Oppose Relaxed Days Cove Rubble Landfill Permit Proposal: <https://gunpowderriverkeeper.org/harford-county-council-and-county-executive-both-oppose-relaxed-days-cove-rubble-landfill-permit-proposal/>

Gunpowder RIVERKEEPER supports the community opposition to this landfill's operation and respectfully enters a comment in opposition to the lease renewal 63-LL. And thanks to the BPW for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Theaux M. Le Gardeur

Theaux M. Le Gardeur

Gunpowder RIVERKEEPER

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October 22, 2025

~Via Email and regular mail

Maryland Department of the Environment, Water and Science Administration
Attn.: Paul Hlavinka, Chief, Industrial Stormwater Permits Division
1800 Washington Blvd.
Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1708

RE: Days Cove Rubble Landfill Leachate Plant
State Discharge Permit No. 12DP3782
NPDES Permit No. MD0071587

Chief Hlavinka,

Gunpowder Riverkeeper desires to provide public comments on NPDES Permit MD0071587 (the Permit) for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill (Landfill), located at 6425 Days Cove Road, White Marsh, MD 21162. In July 2025, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) published a tentative determination to issue the Draft Permit (Draft Permit). Gunpowder Riverkeeper is a nonprofit environmental and public health membership organization charged with protecting, conserving, and restoring the Gunpowder, Little Gunpowder, Bird, and Bush River watersheds. Gunpowder Riverkeeper has numerous members who reside, work, and recreate in the Gunpowder and Bird watersheds and have aesthetic, environmental, commercial, and property interests related to the water quality within these watersheds. In addition to previously submitted comments, Gunpowder Riverkeeper enters the following comments into the record in opposition to the issuance of the Draft Permit and incorporates all references to documents as if they were fully presented before the MDE. Additionally, Gunpowder Riverkeeper also submits an area map of Days Cove (Attachment A), Monitoring results in the Receiving Water, (Attachment B) and EPA certified lab results (Attachment C) and buoy data (Attachment D) that further characterize the receiving waters for MDE's consideration.

COMMENT 1: THE DRAFT PERMIT SHOULD NOT BE ISSUED BECAUSE BOTH THE NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DETERMINATION AND THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DID NOT CONTAIN THE PROPOSED DOUBLING OF THE ALLOWABLE EFFLUENT FLOW IN VIOLATION OF STATE LAW

Pursuant to Maryland Regulation, Sec. 26.08.04.01-2(B)(2)(b)(i), the tentative determination on the issuance of a discharge permit is required to contain the volume of the proposed discharge. The notice of tentative determination published on July 9 and 16 incorrectly provided that the Draft Permit would allow for a discharge of an average of 12,500 gallons per day (GPD) of effluent flow and not the proposed maximum allowable flow of 25,000 GPD. According to page 17 of the Draft Fact Sheet for the Draft Permit, the permittee anticipates average flow to increase to 25,000 GPD. Further, pursuant to Sec. 26.08.04.01-2(B)(6)(b)(ii), the notice of public hearing for the discharge permit must also include the volume of the proposed discharge. Here, the notice of public hearing published on July 29 and August 5, again incorrectly provided that the Draft Permit would allow for a discharge of an average of 12,500 GPD of effluent flow and not the proposed maximum allowable flow of 25,000 GPD. The doubling of the maximum allowable

flow is a substantial change to the Permit, which will result in increased environmental impacts (see page 24 of the Draft Fact Sheet indicating the significant impact on nitrogen load based on the doubling of allowable flow), and the failure of MDE to publish this legally required information prohibited objectors from fully participating in the permitting process.

Although MDE extended the initial public comment period, given that the notices meant to inform objectors about the scope of the Draft Permit were faulty and failed to fully inform the public of the potential for environmental impacts caused by a doubling of the allowable flow, we feel it is imperative for MDE to comply with the legal requirements related to public notice and hold an additional hearing. This request is in addition to the request for an additional hearing made by Gunpowder Riverkeeper via email to MDE on October 10th, 2025.

COMMENT 2: THE DRAFT PERMIT SHOULD NOT BE ISSUED BECAUSE IT WILL ALLOW THE LANDFILL TO DISCHARGE TREATED LEACHATE WITHIN THE CRITICAL AREA.

The Draft Permit should not be issued because it allows discharge of treated leachate via swale located within Maryland's Critical Area into the Use II waterways namely, the Days Cove Pond, the Bird, and Gunpowder Rivers, that combined with the Little Gunpowder Falls, form the Gunpowder tidal basin that is host to 26 species of finfish and Blue Crabs, that use this area as a spawning area and nursery ground. Additionally, these waters are protected for Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) and recreational use (fishing and swimming) waters.

COMMENT 3: THE DRAFT PERMIT SHOULD NOT BE ISSUED BECAUSE THE DRAFT PERMIT CONDITIONS ARE WEAKER THAN THE PREVIOUS PERMIT AND VIOLATE THE CLEAN WATER ACT'S PROHIBITION ON BACKSLIDING.

The Clean Water Act (CWA) section 402(o) expressly prohibits backsliding or relaxing effluent limitations in a renewed or modified NPDES permit. Further, CWA section 402(o)(1) prohibits the relaxation of effluent limitations if relaxation of an effluent limitation is based on state standards, such as water quality standards or treatment standards. The Gunpowder Riverkeeper opposes the Draft Permit because, as explained herein, the conditions of the Draft Permit are weaker than the current Permit, and thus violate the Clean Water Act's prohibition on backsliding of permit conditions. As explained more fully below, the Draft Permit backslides by allowing the use of effluent water for dust control and irrigation, by increasing the maximum allowable effluent flow and the associated negative environmental impacts from the increased flow, including but not limited to an increased discharge of Total Nitrogen, the potential impacts to Endangered Aquatic Species, and the modifications to water quality monitoring.

COMMENT 4: THE DRAFT PERMIT SHOULD NOT BE ISSUED BECAUSE THE DOUBLING OF THE ALLOWABLE EFFLUENT FLOW WILL HAVE NEGATIVE

ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER QUALITY IMPACTS ON THE RECEIVING WATER BODIES.

The Draft Permit should not be issued because the biological and physico-chemical conditions, including impairment status of the receiving waterbodies, have not been fully vetted. According to the Revised Draft permit, Section I. Special Conditions Page 1 A.1, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements, the permit requires the applicant to alert MDE when it's average annual effluent flow exceeds 25,000 gallons/day. This requirement is "hindsight" in that the annual average flow cannot be calculated until after the close of the calendar year. On page 5 ¶1 of the Draft Fact Sheet, the process flow description indicates that there is an effluent magnetic flow meter. It is assumed that the flow is continuously monitored and recorded. If not it should be required. An additional semiannual report should be required so that an estimated projection of the current calendar year's effluent flow can be made and reported. This will alert MDE sooner, provide additional data on the yearly timing of plant flows and help WWTP staff plan for seasonal variations of permit conditions. MDE should require reporting on a shorter time frame than the specified 5 months, as the calculations are not so complex as to require 5 months for their calculation and reporting.

COMMENT 5: THE DRAFT PERMIT SHOULD NOT BE ISSUED WITH THE INCLUSION OF THE USE OF EFFLUENT WATER FOR DUST CONTROL AND IRRIGATION.

The Draft Permit (Item IX, Page 26) allows the Landfill to use effluent water for dust control and irrigation of vegetation. The Draft Permit allows the use of water for alternative purposes, and this water is not counted against monthly discharge limits, and the Draft Permit's Nitrogen limitation does not apply to this water used for alternative purposes. Alternative uses should be prohibited unless the water is treated to drinking water standards. MDE should further require that all discharges, applied as dust suppressants, be counted towards the total nitrogen volume of the permit. This will prevent run-off of non-compliant effluent from entering unpermitted receiving waters. The log requirement should be expanded to include information on the location where the effluent was applied or the entity to whom it was transferred, in addition to the presently required volume data.

COMMENT 6: THE DRAFT PERMIT SHOULD NOT BE ISSUED BECAUSE THE DISCHARGE IS LIKELY TO HARM ENDANGERED SPECIES.

According to the EPA Echo database, the receiving waterbodies (Gunpowder and Bird River segments) were listed as hosting Endangered Aquatic Species (likely Atlantic Sturgeon). The Draft Permit neither addresses the presence of Endangered Aquatic Species nor the impact of the Landfill's discharge on the Species. MDE has an obligation to ensure the Draft Permit does not result in a take of any Endangered Aquatic Species; therefore, the Draft Permit should not be issued.

COMMENT 7: THE DRAFT PERMIT SHOULD NOT BE ISSUED BECAUSE OF THE HISTORY OF NONCOMPLIANCE OF THE LANDFILL.

On April 3, 2024, MDE initiated an enforcement action against the Landfill for discharge violations for the reporting periods ranging from April 2023 through December 2023. The violations included the following pollutants: α -Terpineol, DO difference, pH, Total Copper, Ammonia Nitrogen, Zinc, and failure to monitor Trivalent Arsenic. As a result, MDE imposed financial penalties for twenty-six (26) violations for the above-described period. Although the Landfill promised to take remedial measures to prevent future discharge violations, there have been violations since the MDE enforcement action.

In the DMR reporting periods from January 1, 2024, through April 11, 2025, the Landfill has violated Trivalent Arsenic and BOD effluent limitations. According to the available EPA data, the Landfill had 123 days of violations from January 1, 2024, through April 11, 2025. We strongly request MDE initiate an investigation and enforcement action for the 2024 Permit violations. Based on the facility's compliance history, MDE should only issue a stronger, revised permit with an enforceable consent decree to address past, current and future violations.

COMMENT 8: THE DRAFT PERMIT SHOULD NOT BE ISSUED AS IT VIOLATES THE BAY TMDL.

According to the EPA Echo database, the Gunpowder and Bird Rivers are not fully supporting ecological function and the water quality is currently impaired by nutrients. The Nitrogen and Phosphorus loadings for the Gunpowder and Bird Rivers are subject to the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. According to the Draft Fact Sheet, the proposed increase in flow to 25,000 GPD is projected to generate 2,648 lbs/year; however, the Total Nitrogen TMDL allocation for the Landfill is only 366.42 lbs/year. The allowable Total Nitrogen loading is based on unused loads from Noxcell Corp, Harford County RRF – Joppa Waste and Days Cove Rubble Landfill – Lateral Expansion. These allocations run counter to MDE's mission of reducing pollution in the Chesapeake watershed and should not be used to provide additional capacity for increased pollutant loading into the receiving waters. The Draft Permit provides that the Landfill "will need to utilize alternative uses" when the Total Nitrogen limit is reached, but it provides no further indication of how this will be accomplished. This plan suggests MDE's approval of the Landfill violating the limit for Total Nitrogen and thereby the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, and then coming up with a solution to address 7 times the allowable allocation of Total Nitrogen post-exceedance. To allow a permittee to discharge significantly more Total Nitrogen due to an increase in flow in comparison to the current Permit is a clear example of backsliding in violation of the CWA. Further, given the Landfill's history of non-compliance outlined above, it is unlikely this permit provision will be complied with, and it should not be included in a final permit for the Landfill.

COMMENT 9: THE DRAFT PERMIT SHOULD NOT BE ISSUED BECAUSE OF THE FOLLOWING ISSUES IN THE DRAFT FACT SHEET:

Information in this Draft Fact Sheet on Table 1, page 1 indicates that the Cove is classified as tidal. Recent sampling has indicated a dissolved oxygen concentration of 5 mg/l at the surface and a benthic concentration of approximately 2.5 mg/l. Gunpowder Riverkeeper's own

monitoring see Attachment B for Table and Attachment A for the Map recorded a Dissolved Oxygen of 1.91 mg/l at the bottom at site F.

Accordingly, the “tidal” determination of the boundary for the receiving waters (COMAR 26.08.02.08) was made administratively, so clearly, MDE should not use the lack of tidal flushing in the immediate receiving waters (“Old Mining Pit”) as a rationale for capturing sediment from the outfall.

MDE also goes too far here in characterizing the receiving waters at 10 Parts Per Thousand (PPT) Salinity while the buoy MDE references at ¶7 on page 22, is 8,584 feet from the receiving water and so roundly fails to inform localized permit conditions. For instance, from the Buoy data please see Attachment D, the average monthly salinity mean to date (excepting January) in 2025 is 2.7 PPT and shows a graphically represented historical mean since 1986 under 3.5 PPT.

Given the distance, and discrepancy above with salinity levels, the station may not be an accurate indication of other tidal water quality conditions in the receiving waterbody or Days Cove, such as pH, Dissolved Oxygen, Turbidity and Conductivity so MDE should require the applicant to properly characterize the receiving waterbody to inform the permit conditions.

Additionally because the toxicity of ammonia depends on the temperature and pH of the effluent, these parameters (temperature & pH) should be continuously monitored and recorded in the influent stream to the WWTP so that process changes can be made to meet permit conditions. This can be easily done instrumentally and should not prove burdensome to operations staff. The permit should call for this instrumentation.

According to Gunpowder Riverkeeper’s EPA certified sampling results from the receiving waters (see attachment C) the results show that the Phosphorus sample indicated .11mg/L which exceeds the EPA standard Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) in flowing waters for Phosphorus of <.1mg/L. These levels show that no additional phosphorus should be discharged from the facility.

It is important to note that on the last line of the table, review and acceptance dates are identical. The proposed permit with notes and conditions runs 22 pages with the Draft Fact Sheet running 27 pages. It seems unlikely that a thorough review by the accepting officer could be completed on the same day as the original review completion.

According to the Draft Fact Sheet, Section V, Page 5, ¶6, it is indicated that biomonitoring studies have been conducted in the past at this facility in 2023 and 2024. The 2023 study resulted in a finding of toxicity. It is assumed that these studies were conducted under a specialized Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE). At least 150 days (approximately 5 months) are allowed for the design, implementation, and reporting of results of the studies required by the Evaluation.

Riverkeeper is seeking information as to what specific conditions under which MDE is required or may elect to notify the applicant that a TRE is required and what the status of the permit conditions during that time? For instance, are MDE enforcement actions prohibited while the

Evaluation is conducted? If a specific permit condition is found to be the cause of toxicity, is that the only condition that may be excepted from enforcement action during the study?

The following comments are in reference to Section VIII, Page 22 of the Draft Fact Sheet: ¶3 – BOD – This paragraph calls for the applicant to take action and determine potential impacts of BOD discharge by modeling downstream impacts. While Special Condition S makes reference to a potential to depress the D. O. below 0.5 mg/l, it does not specifically identify the conditions under which the modeling should be undertaken. These conditions should be included in the permit. This particular application calls for modeling analysis submittal before the renewal date of the permit. As the permit can be continued for a period of five years MDE should re-examine the time frame in which the analysis of the modeling is required. At maximum the permittee can take up to five years to submit the modeling analysis. If the permit is administratively extended, it may be years longer.

¶4 – Dissolved Oxygen – This paragraph establishes a 5.0 mg/l minimum water quality standard, expressly establishes a specific sampling location and sampling frequencies for cooler and warmest months of the year. Recent sampling has indicated that during the warm months the immediate receiving waters may become stratified. During those months the designated sampling point should be depth-sampled and the DO concentration reported for that site be calculated as the average of a surface sample and a benthic sample, as near to the bottom as reasonably possible. This will provide a more realistic assessment of the DO concentration for that site.

¶5 The WWTP process equipment for which the applicant has requested to optionally bypass (the UF filtration and the RO unit) is currently installed on site and is operationally available. The permit should call for the reinstallation of those unit processes. In this light, MDE should specify in the permit that the unit processes of UF filtration and RO may not be removed from the treatment process stream, or dismantled, and further kept operationally ready (including the mag meter and the by-pass); and be required to bring into service in the treatment stream, within a reasonable time frame.

Additionally, the facility has also reported Benchmark Threshold exceedances of 1,230% for Total suspended solids and 760% for Iron. These numbers could indicate potential problems at the site from instances because stormwater pollutant concentrations exceed levels that could adversely affect receiving water quality.

According to the draft permit, Page 8 G. Flow Monitoring ¶1 – As noted in the Draft Fact Sheet Page 5 ¶1 the WWTP has a magnetic flow meter at the 002 effluent outfall. On Page 14 ¶5 of the permit MDE requires monitoring equipment maintenance. Given these two facts, the applicant should not be permitted to estimate effluent flows at any time.

COMMENT 10: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF NEGATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, THE DRAFT PERMIT SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:

1. A no discharge alternative for the facility

2. Biomonitoring so plant performance can be assured
3. That leachate is treated to a drinking water standards
4. Weekly grab samples, (instead of monthly)
5. Quarterly inspections
6. That the discharge not occur in a swale in the critical area
7. PCB monitoring of discharges
8. Monitoring of iron
9. Require the permittee to classify and take meaningful permit measures to protect Endangered Species in the area of discharge so that a "take" will not occur.

In conclusion, Gunpowder Riverkeeper asserts that if the Draft Permit is issued the aesthetic, environmental, commercial, and property interests of the members of Gunpowder Riverkeeper will be irreparably harmed. We respectfully suggest that MDE hold another hearing on this matter as we requested via email on October 10th, without further delay. I am available at 410-967-3526 for any questions related to this matter and would be happy to schedule a meeting at your convenience to discuss these concerns.

Sincerely,



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Days Cove Rubble Landfill lease renewal

1 message

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Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 2:38 PM

Good afternoon,

As a resident of Harewood Park I am concerned about the health of the rivers that border my neighborhood. I understand that the Days Cove Rubble Landfill lease is being considered for renewal but will be closed within seven years.

I am writing to ask that in the new lease you require no discharges and require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes.

I am also requesting that if the Board of Public Works fails to adopt either amendment, it should deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides this discharge language and the environmental study.

Thank you,
Barbara Cook



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Days Cove Rubble Landfill Lease Renewal - BPW 12/17 Agenda

1 message

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Hello,

I am emailing today to express my disappointment with the lease renewal proposal for Days Cove. I have completed a public comment using the online form but wanted to send a personal message as well since Days Cove has a history of violations, has asked to double their leachate pollution output into our community environment, and now is looking to extend their operation to buy more time for another renewal in the hopes the community forgets or stops paying attention.

Do not let this happen.

The current proposed lease renewal does not address a number of historical violations of Days Cove. Days Cove, from April 2023 to February 2025, exceeded its permit limits 20 times for leachate discharge into the river. These are the times it has reported since they self monitor. We can assume the actual violation number to be higher. The proposed renewal must (1) require no discharges (prior to 2023 the landfill had transported leachate and pollution offsite to a treatment plan, this practice should resume if Days Cove is to be operational again); and (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes. Residents of the Gunpowder and Bird Rivers and community organizations have expressed significant opposition to further discharge and despite this Days Cover has requested to double its output into the community. DNR/MDE needs to stop this pollution and support our community.

Additionally, the lease renewal extends the operations of Days Cove for another 5 years. Per the existing lease Days Cove should be beginning a 3-yr period to wind down operations. Has Days Cove begun this process already or are they expecting to get a perpetual renewal to operate? Days Cove this year submitted a request to MDE asking to double their leachate output into the environment. Why would a landfill need to double their leachate output in their last year of operation prior to wind down per their current lease? Because they were never expecting to stop their operation. They intend to continue it, expand, and pollute even more. At a recent public hearing in September for their MDE request to double their discharge output Days Cove's representative was asked to comment on their proposal and plans. They had no comment. Not only is Days Cove not sharing with the public their plans for future discharge growth/pollution they are also hiding any indication of their plans to continue to operate indefinitely. I am concerned that by extending another 5 years things will continue to renew and our community will continue to be plagued with this pollution.

I recommend that: **1) the renewal time be reduced from 5 years to 2 years with a 3 year wind down, 2) the renewal require that Days Cove no longer discharges any leachate and pollution into the surrounding environment and 3) that the lessee (Days Cove) pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands, waterways, and surrounding homes and is responsible (liable) for any remediation efforts needed and found.**

Please protect our community. I am a resident of Harewood Park which is right near Days Cove. I paddleboard in their waters, my nieces swim and my dog plays in this river. [Help us.](#)

Rachel DeSantis



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Days Cove Lease Renewal

1 message

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Hello

I am writing to respectfully express my opposition to the proposed renewal of the Days Cove Rubble Landfill lease and the continuation of discharge activities associated with this site. My concerns are grounded in environmental protection, public health, and the long-term stewardship responsibilities entrusted to state agencies.

Any proposal to continue or extend discharge activities at the Days Cove site warrants careful and rigorous scrutiny. The central question is whether such actions are consistent with Maryland's stated environmental goals, including the protection of sensitive waterways, aquatic ecosystems, and downstream communities. Expanding or prolonging discharge, particularly with reduced oversight or extended timelines, raises significant concerns about cumulative impacts on water quality, including the presence of heavy metals, PFAS, and other contaminants of concern. Given their persistence and documented risks to aquatic life and human health, these substances require a precautionary and highly protective regulatory approach.

Although Days Cove is located in Baltimore County, its environmental impacts extend directly into Harford County. The Little Gunpowder River serves as the county boundary, yet it is a tidal waterway. Tidal action, storm events, and prevailing winds allow water, along with any contaminants it carries, to move freely across jurisdictional lines. As a result, discharges at Days Cove could affect Harford County waterways, including downstream habitats, recreational areas, and private well users. These interconnected systems do not recognize political boundaries, and decisions made at one site can have far-reaching regional consequences.

The property is owned by the State of Maryland and managed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), whose mission is to conserve and enhance the state's natural resources for present and future generations. Similarly, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is charged with safeguarding Maryland's water quality. For this reason, decisions related to Days Cove must reflect a precautionary, science-based approach that prioritizes environmental protection and public trust resources.

This landfill was previously expected to close, and continued operation—particularly with ongoing discharge—represents a significant departure from those expectations. The current discharge permit should be denied, and regulatory oversight should return to prior, more protective conditions. A timely and responsible closure plan is essential. I strongly support a closure framework that limits continued operation to no more than two years, followed by a clearly defined three-year closure and capping plan, rather than an extended eight-year timeline.

Closing the landfill responsibly is as important as closing it promptly. Long-term leachate monitoring and treatment to drinking water standards must be required in perpetuity to protect surrounding waterways

and nearby communities. While Action 63-LL offers a compromise that allows limited continued operation followed by closure, acceptance of this approach must be contingent upon strong, enforceable safeguards.

At a minimum, the following conditions should be required:

1. Independent, third-party monitoring and treatment of all discharges in perpetuity—or complete elimination of discharges supported by a dedicated and enforceable funding mechanism.
2. A comprehensive environmental impact study, funded by the lessee and submitted to the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Public Works, examining historic, cumulative, and future impacts of the landfill on state lands, Harford and Baltimore County waterways, and surrounding communities.

These measures are essential to ensure the landfill is not only closed, but closed in a manner that protects the Gunpowder River system, the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and the residents who depend on these waters for recreation, drinking water, and quality of life.

Maryland has long demonstrated leadership in environmental stewardship. I respectfully urge you to deny the lease renewal and the current discharge permit, and to commit to a closure plan that reflects the State's responsibility to protect shared waterways and neighboring communities, particularly those in Harford County that will continue to experience downstream impacts.

Thank you for your consideration and continued commitment to protecting Maryland's natural resources.

Respectfully,

Nolanda Robert



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Days Cove Rubble Landfill (63-LL)

1 message

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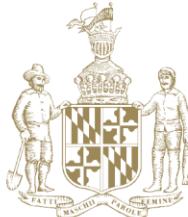
Dear board members,

As a resident of [1944 Sue creek Drive Essex Md.](#) I oppose the action to allow Days Cove Rubble Landfill (63-LL) to discharge in Baltimore County's waterways. Just as we are making progress and still must address the waste facility. This will only set us back further.

Sincerely ,

Michael Alonso

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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 7A
BALTIMORE COUNTY

December 16, 2025

Sent Via Electronic Mail

The Honorable Wes Moore
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Dear Governor Moore,

When the Board of Public Works reviews the lease for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill this week, we exhort you to take immediate action to protect the health of our communities and the environment by including a mandatory “no discharge” clause in the new lease agreement. This is a critical step to prevent further environmental harm, as local residents have consistently spoken out against the dangers of additional leachate discharge. Their efforts underscore widespread opposition to the continuation of this harmful practice.

The landfill has a deeply troubling history of violations and environmental negligence that have put our watersheds, ecosystems, and communities at risk. By including a “no discharge” requirement in the new lease, the Board can set a firm standard for future operations that prioritizes ecological health, public safety, and community trust.

We strongly believe that this measure is essential for the protection of Baltimore County’s natural resources, the health of our residents, and the broader environmental integrity of the Chesapeake Bay. We respectfully ask that you take this opportunity to make a meaningful difference for the future of our region by ensuring that no additional discharge is permitted under the new lease terms.

Thank you for your attention to this concern. We hope you will act to secure a safer future for Baltimore County and its residents.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Szeliga".

Delegate Kathy Szeliga
District 7A

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ryan Nawrocki".

Delegate Ryan Nawrocki
District 7A



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BPW Request -- Days Cove Rubble Landfill

1 message

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Attention Board of Public Works.

I have learned that the Board of Public Works—which includes the Governor, Comptroller, and Treasurer—is poised to approve a new lease for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill.

I would like to formally request:

1. To require no discharges.
2. Require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes.

On behalf of the surrounding communities, we strongly ask the requests to be considered.

We value the integrity of the surrounding communities and hope for positive feedback.

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Sent from my mobile device. Please excuse my brevity.



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Days Cove Rubble Landfill Lease Conditions

1 message

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In regards to the approval of the new lease for the Days Cove Rubble Landfill:

I ask that you...

- (1) require no discharges; and
- (2) require that the lessee pays for and provides a study to the Department of Natural Resources and the BPW on the impacts of the landfill to state lands and waterways and surrounding homes.

If the Board of Public Works fails to adopt either amendment, it should deny the approval of the lease or defer a decision until the lease provides this discharge language and the environmental study.

Sincerely,

Nancy Parker (concerned neighbor)