

Supplemental Documents C

Supplemental Documents C are shared for the GLPC Members to help understand the history and underlying reasons why the Deep South Solid Waste Authority exists

Background & History for City of Valdosta and Lowndes County Solid Waste Plans

- Evergreen Landfill was purchased from The Deep South Solid Waste Authority in 2001. The City of Valdosta and Lowndes County are members and contribute the most and receive the most benefit because they generate most of the volume into the landfill.
- The Authority and Evergreen Landfill, as part of the purchase, entered into a long term 50 year disposal agreement to economically benefit its Members and provide secure volumes for the landfill's significant investment to develop infrastructure for the future.
- The intent of these agreements are to provide for the long term and environmentally safe disposal needs of the members, and provide for waste within the Authority boundaries to be directed to Evergreen Landfill.
- All participating members provide for this by directing their waste to Evergreen Landfill through franchise agreements or waste collection agreements.
- The City and County have a long standing Solid Waste Management Plan providing for their waste to be delivered to Evergreen Landfill

Old City Landfill Mining Operation

- The City of Valdosta's old unlined landfill became part of Evergreen Landfill.
- This landfill must be monitored and maintained by Evergreen Landfill.
- The old landfill will eventually be excavated and disposed of in lined areas of Evergreen landfill.
- All tons are needed to help fund this environmental improvement to the community.

Impacts of waste being transferred out of the County

- Landfills are volume based businesses with high fixed monetary costs. These costs are spread over all incoming tons. The more tons there are, the lower the tonnage rate is for all Members.
- When tons leave the system, costs go up for remaining Members to make up for the gap.
- Evergreen Landfill pays royalties fees to the City of Valdosta and Lowndes County as well as the other Authority Members.

Authority Member Disposal Rates

- Authority disposal rates are provided only to Members that directly deliver waste to the Landfill or Members that directly contract with an Agent to deliver their waste on the Members behalf.
- The current Lowndes County Franchise System does not qualify collectors as a direct agent of the Member under the Authority Agreements.
- Lowndes County haulers at Evergreen Landfill have volume based rates and are typically in the range of \$30-\$35 per ton.