



Remediation of the Former South & Western Landfill and Construction of a Material Recovery Facility

KUHLMAN DRIVE AND SOUTH AVENUE, TOLEDO, OHIO 43609

STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS

The Lucas County Solid Waste Management District is leading remediation activities at the former South & Western Landfill with a \$7 million Ohio Brownfield Remediation Program grant awarded in summer 2022 by the Ohio Department of Development. Lucas County also received a \$4 million U.S. EPA Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling grant to help fund the construction of a \$16 million county-wide, full-service, single-stream, approximately 60,000-square-foot materials recovery facility (MRF). The MRF is anticipated to process up to 30,000 tons of residential curbside recycling materials generated in the county each year.

PROPERTY HISTORY & OWNERSHIP

Lucas County purchased three properties for this project along South Avenue and Kuhlman Drive. This area was a historic unregulated landfill formerly known as the South & Western Dump, where municipal solid waste was placed from 1950-1957.

REDEVELOPMENT PLANS

Site preparation, landfill capping, and building construction work will begin in February 2024 with the MRF being operational in 2026. The property will be remediated through the Ohio Voluntary Action Program. Lucas County has engineering and building design support from Verdantas, Tetra Tech, and Balcones to establish a safe and successful facility.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Remediation specifications are currently being prepared. Land and utility-related construction activities are expected to begin in 2024 and finish in late 2025. Licensed professionals will complete the remediation. An Ohio Voluntary Action Program Certified Professional from Verdantas will oversee the work. The building will be designed by licensed architects and recycling facility experts. Lucas County will hire a building construction contractor through a competitive bidding process.

Planned activities include:

Site Preparation

Initial work at the property will be to clear trees to prepare for site remediation activities and is expected to take place in February – March 2024.

Site Capping/Stabilization/Soil Vapor Management

Site capping and other activities will be initiated following tree clearance and are planned to take place through 2025.

Building Construction

MRF building construction is planned to begin in 2025. The building and land will be owned by Lucas County. The vacant land along South Avenue and Kuhlman Drive will be transformed into a facility to receive, sort, consolidate, and ship an estimated 30,000 tons of recyclables collected from Lucas County residents each year.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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