

Congress Development Company

Community Relations Plan

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Congress Development Company Community Relations Plan

Name of Facility: Congress Development Company Landfill (CDC)

(Also known as or formally known as): Congress Landfill, Hillside Landfill and or Mannheim Landfill

Location (physical address): 4100 West Frontage Road, Hillside, Illinois, 60162

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Plan Objective

This community relations plan has been developed to effectively communicate with community decision-makers, our neighbors and civic organizations regarding Congress Landfill. Through this communication, we are working to improve relations with the local community, neighbors, and strategic civic organizations.

Community Relations Access

The CDC community relations plan can be found on our website, www.congresslandfill.com, and at the Hillside Public Library located at 405 Hillside Avenue.

Overview

The Congress Development Company in Hillside, Illinois, owns the former 55-acre Congress Landfill that accepted waste from Greater Chicago Metropolitan Area homes and businesses from 1980 through 2008. On December 31, 2008 we filed an application that was approved, with the Illinois EPA certifying that the Landfill had been closed in accordance with all of the rules and regulations governing its closure. The site is closed for the acceptance of municipal solid waste. The only material accepted is soil for use in grading the ground surface. All soil meets strict acceptance criteria, and it is not considered waste.

Considerable resources have been invested to ensure that the Congress Landfill complies with all local, state and federal regulations and that odor remain under control. Congress has constructed a wastewater treatment facility, as well as a leachate removal system, which has enhanced our ability to remove leachate and gas from the Landfill. Additionally, the facility has installed a high-temperature enclosed flare that provides more capacity to efficiently burn larger quantities of landfill gas and control odor.

Although the Landfill is now closed, there will continue to be activity at the site. Contractors and landfill staff will continue to run all of the systems and facilities that collect gas and leachate and will continually monitor the Landfill.

Site History

Based upon historical information reviewed, prior to 1853 the site was part of a 160-acre farmstead owned by Marion Covell, who was an early settler of Proviso Township. In 1854, Covell began a small stone quarry on the eastern portion of his farm. Covell continued to expand the quarry and in 1888 started the Proviso Stone and Gravel Company.

In 1920, the Proviso Stone and Gravel Company sold its operations to A.C. O’Laughlin, and the quarry continued to mine for stone resources such as gravel and lime dust. The O’Laughlin Quarry later sold its business to the Consumer’s Company. Quarry operations were expanded and by 1950 the site was sold again to the Vulcan Materials Company.

Between 1960 and 1970, the quarry was acquired by the Hillside Stone Corporation. In August 1976, the quarry was sold to the Commonwealth Edison Company to serve as a fly ash depository. In August 1979, ComEd sold the quarry to the John Sexton Sand and Gravel Corporation. In 1980, Sexton formed a partnership with Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI), commonly known as the Congress Development Company (CDC) for the purpose of developing the quarry into a sanitary landfill. In August 1980, CDC received an operating permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approving disposal of municipal solid waste in the former quarry. The property ceased accepting municipal solid waste in 2008.

Community Concerns

Throughout the years, odor complaints about the landfill from the nearby community have occurred. In 2005, the strength of odor and the number of complaints to the Illinois EPA increased. Concerns about potentially hazardous conditions in nearby buildings were voiced and the Illinois EPA and the Illinois Attorney General’s Office took action. Odors are still a top priority and sometimes occur due to the ongoing site maintenance activities. The CDC staff takes all odor complaints seriously and will always responds to an odor complaint as quickly as possible.

Final Consent Order

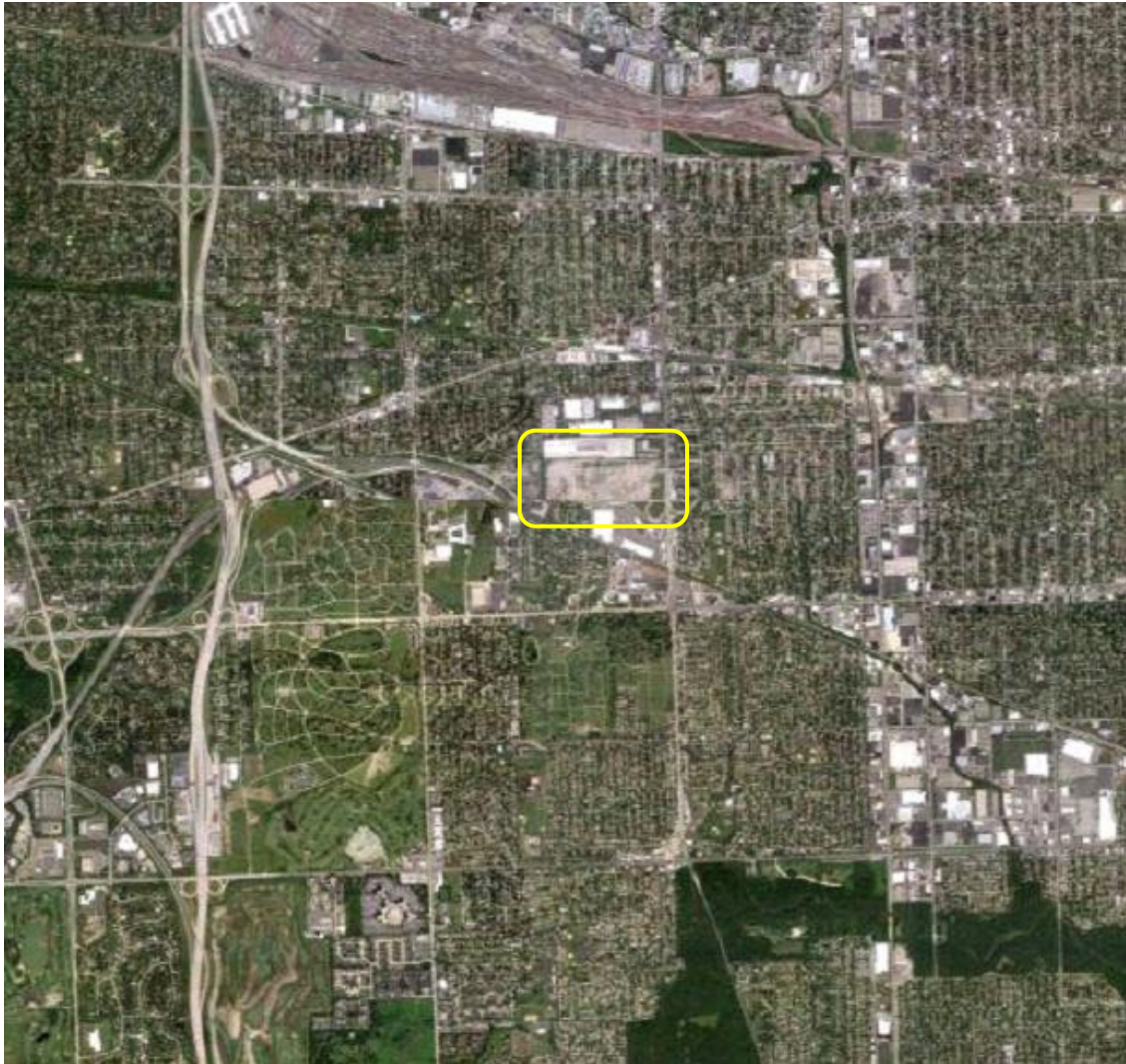
Since January 2006, CDC, Illinois EPA, and Attorney General's Office have been working to address issues at the site including odors and the facility's landfill gas and leachate collection system. The result has been three previous settlement agreements that addressed specific work requirements and the current Final Consent Order between the State of Illinois and the CDC. The Final Consent Order addresses longer term concerns and the final capping and closure of the landfill.

Going Forward – Community Relations Plan (CRP)

As part of the Final Consent Order, per section V.C.4, Congress is required to develop a Community Relations Plan (CRP). This document is the Congress Development Company's CRP and may be revised as needed. The Congress CRP is the facility's guide for keeping the community updated on activities at Congress Landfill.

Site Location

Below are two overhead maps showing the Congress Development Company and its proximity to nearby Hillside and Bellwood residents and businesses. CDC is located within the yellow box:



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U.S. Geological Survey - Map Data ©2011



Aerial photograph taken April 12, 2016 by Cooper Aerial Surveys

Congress Development Company Community Relations Plan

Step #1: Communicate facility facts

We provide information to the public about our Congress Landfill operations, responsible landfill practices and environmental safeguards on our web site, www.congresslandfill.com. It includes information about our operations, and it includes contact information and frequently asked questions.

Attachment # 1 to this Community Relations Plan is the current Fact Sheet as of 12/1/2016.

Step # 2: Communicate key points to community leaders.

We have highlighted five items that we want every elected/government official and our neighbors to know about our facility.

Attachment #2 is the talking points/key messages for CDC.

Step #3: Continue open communications with local elected officials.

We have identified local elected officials and communicate with them about our operations and plans. See **Attachment #4** for the list of these officials.

Step #4: Maintain relationships with local residents. The following are simple methods of interacting with our neighbors and the public at-large:

- A. **Newsletters** – The Congress Public Relations Department will develop and distribute an annual community newsletter to communicate with our neighbors about operations at our facility. The newsletter will be distributed by email, available at the Hillside Public Library and will be posted on our website at www.congresslandfill.com/resources. Additional information on newsletters can be found in **Attachment #3**.
- B. **Open House / Tours** – We offer open houses to the public so that they can learn how we protect the environment at Congress Landfill. To schedule a tour, visit www.congresslandfill.com/contact-us/
- C. **Community Outreach** – We are open to opportunities to attend events at local clubs, organizations, and schools.

Step #5: Work with the news media.

We will establish a productive relationship with local reporters at the Hillside and Proviso newspapers and include these individuals in our communications to the public.

Step #6: Keep CDC staff engaged

The Congress Environmental Manager is the key contact of our facility and he will keep CDC employees involved. The CDC staff is a vital resource. We need our people informed about our efforts to inform and educate the public and elected officials.

Step #7: Maintain a web site.

Congress has a web site, www.congresslandfill.com, which serves as a community information resource.

Step #8: Establish an odor complaint protocol.

We have established odor complaint protocol. We respond to all odor complaints within 8 hours and visit the location of the odor complaint. We log the name, time, and address of the location, along with attempt to contact the individual who files the odor complaint. The community can register odor complaints 24/7 by calling our odor complaint hotline:

(708) 202-4320

This phone number is posted on signs at the facility, our website, and will be communicated to all key local government contacts along with being listed in local newspapers semi-annually.

A copy of our odor complaint form is attached below.

**CONGRESS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LANDFILL ODOR
COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION FORM**

Date: _____ Tracking Number: _____

Time of Complaint: _____

Complainant

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Vector to Landfill: _____

Complainant Odor Description: _____

Weather at Time of Call

Temperature: _____ °F	Wind
Barometric Pressure: _____ in	Direction: _____
Precipitation: _____	Speed: _____ mph
Humidity: _____ %	Gusts: _____ mph

Time of Inspection: _____
Name of Inspector : _____

Weather at Time of Investigation

Temperature: _____ °F	Wind
Barometric Pressure: _____ in	Direction: _____
Precipitation: _____	Speed: _____ mph
Humidity: _____ %	Gusts: _____ mph

Did an investigation of the source of odors occur? Yes / No
If no investigation occurred explain why: _____

Results of investigation: _____

Corrective Actions: _____

Additional Notes: _____

**Congress Development Company
Community Relations Plan
Attachment #1**

Congress Development Company Fact Sheet

Geographic Information:

Located in Hillside, IL approximately 18 miles west of downtown Chicago

Original site started as a limestone quarry in the 1850s

Situated on approximately 75 acres at the northwest corner of Mannheim Road and I-290

Permitted waste area covers approximately 55 acres

Onsite Personnel:

Environmental Manager/Site Manager

Administrative Assistant

2 gas technicians

2 pump technicians

1 heavy equipment operator

1 heavy equipment operator/mechanic

Onsite Processing Equipment

Leachate pre-treatment plant

Removes impurities prior to discharge into sanitary sewer

2 primary enclosed flares and 1 backup candlestick flare

Burns gas extracted from landfill

Heavy equipment/leachate pump repair shop

4 generators to provide auxiliary power during outages

Current Status:

Discontinued receiving municipal solid waste in February 2008

Ongoing gas and leachate collection system maintenance

Continuing to accept clean soil for the filling and grading of slopes for proper drainage during settlement until final contour is attained

Construction of two 500,000 gallon storage tanks

Construction of pump house with auxiliary power generator

Construction of water feature along with landscaping improvements

Upgrades to further improvement treatment plant efficiency

Contact Us:

contact@congresslandfill.com

Odor Hotline: 708-202-4320

General Telephone Number: 708-544-5195

Attention: Congress Environmental Manager

Congress Development Company

Community Relations Plan Attachment #2

Key Messages

Here are five key points that we would like every elected/governmental official to know about Congress:

1. We are a safe, responsible facility that cooperates with the Illinois EPA and all government regulators.
2. We do not accept municipal solid waste; however, we do accept clean soil.
3. We have invested considerable resources to ensure that the closed Congress Landfill complies with all local, state, and federal regulations.
4. We will continue to invest considerable resources to keep odors under control.
5. We will take odor complaints seriously and respond quickly to address complaints received as outlined in our odor response protocol.

**Congress Development Company
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Attachment #3**

Newsletters

“Neighbor to Neighbor” Community Newsletter

Purpose: Our newsletter will provide information to our neighbors, and area businesses to update them on progress regarding the Congress Development Company. The newsletter will inform, educate, and respond to questions and community concerns.

Distribution: Congress will distribute the newsletter by email or by U.S. Mail. The community database will be the mailing list. Congress will build the email database and make this document available in local public places such as libraries or village halls. The audience will include local government, Congress employees, the EPA, and interested residents.

Development: Congress will develop the newsletter. Key personnel will have an opportunity to review the newsletter prior to distribution.

**Congress Development Company
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Community Database
Attachment #4**

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MEDIA PROTOCOL

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