

**THE PORT WASHINGTON LANDFILL CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
RECORDS**

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Inclusive Dates: 1983-2004; **Bulk Dates:** 1989-2000

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PORT WASHINGTON LANDFILL CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

INTRODUCTION:

The Port Washington landfill is located adjacent to Hempstead Harbor on a 129-acre property owned by the Town of North Hempstead. The area, which was once the site of sand and gravel mining operations, was first used as a landfill in 1974 for the disposal of incinerator ash and refuse from commercial and residential sources. Between 1979 and 1981 several explosions occurred in homes west of the landfill and the source was traced to methane gas leaking underground from the landfill. In 1983, a 43-acre area on the western portion of the property, known as the L-4 Landfill, was listed as a Superfund Site by the United States Environmental Protection (EPA) and given national priority for a clean-up program. In that same year the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation also listed the L-4 Landfill on the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites and the Town of North Hempstead established the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on Solid Waste.

The EPA's plan for the cleanup of the site was undertaken in several phases: Landfill Gas Extraction, completed in 1999; Landfill Capping, completed in 1997; Groundwater Treatment and Containment System, completed in 2000. The mission of the CAC was to monitor the process and progress of the Landfill clean-up and to represent the interests of the citizens of Port Washington. Committee members represented various government and community groups including at times: the Guggenheim School PTA, the League of Women Voters, the New Salem Civic Association, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Port Washington Board of Education, the Port Washington Water District, Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington, and the Town of North Hempstead.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The records of the Port Washington Landfill Citizens Advisory Committee include correspondence, minutes, reports, landfill monitoring data, printed matter, and photographs reflecting the work of the committee. Although the Committee was founded in 1983, the earliest archived meeting agendas are from 1990 and the earliest minutes from 1991. The files contain reports, work plans, site plans and models produced by engineers to map out the work to be done. They cover various stages of the work and include reports on gas migration, groundwater treatment systems, capping and closure, monitoring plans, and Morewood Properties development.

The collection also includes several reports from the New York State Department of Health on environmental hazards and several documents relating to waste management from the Town of North Hempstead Solid Waste Management Authority.

ORGANIZATION:

The collection is arranged into three series:

- Series I: Administrative files**
- Series II: Subject Files**
- Series III: Photographs**

RELATED COLLECTIONS:

Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS:**Series I: Administrative Files, 1983- 2004 (13 folders)**

Administrative files include background information collected by the Committee, minutes, agendas, and meeting notices, and general correspondence. The minutes in particular (although some meetings are missing), show the work of the committee and the scope of their planning, their review process, and their influence and involvement in each step of the clean-up program.

Series II: Subjects, 1983-2004 (34 folders & 3 volumes)

Subject files are arranged alphabetically and are primarily made up of reports, site plans, and action plans related to the stages of the Landfill clean-up project. These reports were provided by engineers hired by the Town of North Hempstead, and sometimes reviewed by consultants hired by the CAC. The files also contain correspondence and monitoring data for several years from the gas monitoring wells and from air sampling. Please note that although the files reflect the headings assigned them by the CAC, there is overlap among the subjects as they all relate to the same process.

Series III: Photographs, 1990 (1 oversized folder)

These photographs of Port Washington Landfill are 4x6-inch snapshots that have been taped together to form panoramic views of the site.

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- 4 Clippings and printed matter, 1993-2004
- 5 Correspondence – General, 1991-2000
- 6 Minutes and meeting notices, 1990-1991
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- 1 Chloride Monitoring Plan: L4 Landfill Remedial Action Program Report, 1998
- 2 Gas migration control system- Rehabilitation, ca. 1993-1995
- 3 Gas migration control system – LFG Header extension: Site plan, 12/1997 & Remedial Action Final Close Out Report, 3/2000
- 4 Groundwater – Engineering Design Report: Field L4 Groundwater Treatment System, 7/1996
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	Volume	Town of North Hempstead – Landfill Gas Monitoring Wells (LFG): Graphs Showing Laboratory Results of Air Samples from LFG Wells for the Year 1990 (ca. 350 pp.)
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	3	Public Health Assessment (NY State Department of Health) – Draft and comments, 5/1994
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	5	Salem School – Environmental testing, 2004
	6	Town of North Hempstead - re: Permit to construct a Solid Waste Management Facility (L-5), 1983
	7	Town of North Hempstead Solid Waste Management Authority, 1992-1995
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	9	Town of North Hempstead Solid Waste Management Plan, including information on proposed transfer station, 1992

Series 3: Photographs (located in the map case in Reference office)

Photographs of Port Washington Landfill, 4/19/1990

Note: There are approximately sixty 4x6-inch color snapshots that have been taped together to form panoramic views. Some are damaged by the tape and by having been folded.