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October 29, 1980

Mr. Fred Jordan  
Building and Zoning Officer  
Washington Township  
Long Valley, N.J.  
07853

Dear Mr. Jordan:

We wish to add our complaints to those of many others concerning the so-called Sanitary Landfill of Chester, New Jersey.

Our property, - home, outbuildings, and land (30 acres) on Parker Road, - lies partly in Chester and partly in Washington Township. It abuts the property of the elder Filiberto. We first suffered pollution from the landfill in 19/2/73 in a very serious way... when dead fish at Hacklebarney caused the inspection of our brook which flows to the park and which was then being directly polluted by the landfill. At the time we had much correspondence with both local and state officials concerning this grievous problem. This correspondence may still be on file. Although measures were eventually taken to correct the severest pollution and test wells were installed, we have ever since had grave concern about the danger of hidden pollution--that of contaminated ground water and the seeping of leachate from the landfill.

We would like to state that landfills are antiquated, a disgrace to modern civilization, causing health hazards and creating a high nuisance value because of flying papers and debris, almost continuous high-level noise, odors, and ugly scars on the landscape. They also seem to be encroaching on boundaries. There is also a secondary, but very important consideration: the devaluation of neighboring property. Our home, a colonial of about 1765, might qualify for the state historic register if we were to research the archives. Originally, when we bought it, it was located in a pleasant agricultural area zoned residential. Its situation today is obviously dubious. As the landfill goes blithely and carelessly on, expanding, reaping profits at others' expense and loss, it seems a legal question could be involved. Can a company so devalue and even pollute neighboring property without any penalty?

We strongly urge the discontinuance of landfill operations and that these be replaced by the recycling of waste materials (many of which can be retrieved at a profit) to avoid all the serious consequences to health, aesthetics, economics, etc. at the earliest possible moment. We certainly hope that in the interval, hopefully very brief, that the landfill is

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obeying the laws outlined for it: the laying down of plastic under any holding pond to contain the leachate being piped to it from various areas in the dump; that this evil-smelling liquid is also aerated and sprayed as a mist over the landfill as required. Also: are the test wells ever tested and results made available to the public?

Very sincerely yours,

*Virginia L. Bostick*

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# Parker Homeowners Association

LONG VALLEY, NEW JERSEY 07853

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October 15, 1980

Director Rodney P. Frelinghuysen  
Board of Chosen Freeholders  
Courthouse  
Morristown, N.J. 07960

Dear Director Frelinghuysen:

We, representing the approximately 600 residents of Parker Acres, wish to bring to your attention the imminent danger to our health, environment, and water supply posed by the expansion of Combe Fill South, on Parker Road in Washington Township.

We are opposed to any enlargement of Combe Fill South because of:

1. possible seepage of toxic wastes, due to lack of a liner to separate refuse from the ground
2. pollution of ground water supply
3. failure to monitor the possible dumping of hazardous substances
4. the maintenance and safety problems on Parker Road, resulting from the increased truck traffic.

We request your immediate action on this situation which threatens the health and safety of your constituents. In addition to our opposition to any expansion of Combe Fill South, we demand some essential improvements to the existing landfill:

1. immediate hiring of a full-time state inspector
2. testing wells located near an active portion of the dump
3. installation of a liner
4. construction of a separate access road to the landfill.

We urge your cooperation in our struggle to preserve the future of Washington Township for ourselves and our children. We eagerly await your reply.

Very truly yours,

*Susan L. Havens*

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President, Parker Homeowners Association

cc: Morristown Daily Record

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