

And the trash will keep coming

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Editor

With all of the gripes – Route 41, the mushroom/compost industry, and SECCRA – that London Grove Township's supervisors have about their township, the one that should be solved for the betterment of the region is the SECCRA landfill expansion. All that is required is three votes from the five supervisors to allow SECCRA's expansion plan to move forward.

Economically and environmentally it is logical for the landfill to expand where it is instead of moving to a new location. There are landfill cells already at that location. If there is room to expand (and there is), it should be allowed.

London Grove supervisors state the expansion proposal is too high, but at its highest point it is the same height (above sea level) than the other landfill cells on the property. It is taller in height from ground level, (140 feet for the expansion cell as opposed to 90 feet for the current cells), but there is a slope in the land at the expansion's site.

The supervisors also denied the expansion because the setbacks to neighboring properties were too close. SECCRA owns all the neighboring properties.

Many people drive by the landfill everyday, which borders on Route 41, and do not even know it is there. The large stand of trees along Route 41 masks the landfill cells close behind.

The supervisors also cite storm water and hydrology issues. SECCRA is the only entity in the area that uses sediment control and infiltration basins before the water goes into the tributary. Storm water run-off from Routes 41 and 926, plus area farms and housing developments, enter the tributary untreated.

It only makes sense for SECCRA to maximize the site where it currently is located. Everyone should thank London Grove for hosting this service for the region.