

Q93 This box is for you to share any other feedback about Solid Waste Management in Benton County you would like the BCTT Workgroup to consider.

Answered: 18 Skipped: 89

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I have already written this in a couple of other comments but I will write it again here: - This is an incredibly confusing and poorly designed survey and I imagine there is a very small percentage of Benton County residents who will be able to effectively communicate how they feel about this process in this manner. - I recommend completely scrapping whatever results you get from this surveymonkey and starting over again - Community outreach and engagement is vital to this project and this is not the way to to reach community members I care deeply about this process and have ideas to share but this doesn't feel like the right outlet to collect that information. I'm hopeful that there are more ways to connect in the future that are more accessible to the community.	3/22/2023 2:20 PM
2	This was so long and comprehensive that I wasn't able to finish it. It would have been more user friendly to have a more condensed survey. I also didn't even know about the survey until it was forwarded to me by a friend yesterday. Better publicity would have been helpful.	3/22/2023 12:09 PM
3	I respect the time and energy that has been put into this workgroup, but I do not believe it has been used productively.	3/22/2023 10:11 AM
4	I know not everyone likes the landfill but unless we stop creating trash, and everyone else in the country does too, we need landfills. They are better than burning the trash and an existing landfill here is better than a new landfill being opened somewhere else.	3/22/2023 9:12 AM
5	Coffin Butte Landfill is a good community partner. Not everybody lives in Corvallis and not everybody think that there is a problem. They are not the bad guy.	3/22/2023 9:07 AM
6	Expand what types of solid waste can go into black bins. More hazardous waste days, reduction of cost at landfill to users	3/22/2023 8:25 AM
7	Again, please give us clear and transparent answers about where our recycled waste is going and how that can be improved. The County itself needs to step up on its own carbon emission goals before shifting the focus to things like Coffin Butte, etc. Where is Benton County at in meeting its own upcoming deadline for carbon emission reductions?	3/21/2023 5:02 PM
8	Stop the influx of trash from ousted Benton and immediate adjacent counties. Tell Republic NO on the expansion. Drive a better deal with more economical options for residential trash/recycling/yard debris. If Republic won't pay, recruit a provider that wants the job.	3/21/2023 4:25 PM
9	Please consider stopping trash from counties other than Benton to be dumped at Coffin Butte	3/21/2023 4:00 PM
10	This survey is too long!	3/20/2023 9:45 PM
11	> Use the 15 years remaining of landfill life to transition to modern post-landfill waste management. <> Benton County should stop being the 'sin eater' for the region, taking all the region's garbage and its associated long-term problems in exchange for inadequate short-term cash. <> Benton County should collaborate with other waste generators in the region to devise a strategy for sustainable waste management. <> It's apparent that Benton County has not been dealing with the issues being engendered by the landfill, and has instead devoted its energy to denying those issues exist and suppressing evidence to the contrary. Benton County needs to begin facing the ramifications of hosting a regional landfill, which first of all means to begin collecting data not spoon-fed to them from Republic Services. <> Benton County has values to operate from, such as those enshrined in its 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative, but those values seem to vanish whenever solid waste management issues come up. It's counter to those values, for example, to uplift some residents at the expense of others. <> Benton County needs to realize that Republic Services will never work with them to create significant reductions in waste generation, especially as part of a regional initiative. Benton	3/20/2023 4:22 PM

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13	<p>This open table process was overthrown by a small number of community members that do not represent the broader opinions of the county. Decisions at this scale, like the ones suggested in the recommendations, are left to qualified professionals for a reason.</p>	3/20/2023 9:15 AM
14	<p>It is pretty clear that "Solid Waste Management in Benton County" is broken and needs to be fixed. The BCTT was / is a hopeful first step in getting on track. However, it is only a first step and much more needs to be done. The recommendations provide some "next steps" and I am hopeful that the County will follow through.</p>	3/20/2023 9:04 AM
15	<p>The development of a responsible SMMP will be a difficult task. In my opinion, the BCTT process has been weighed down by information that is subjective in many cases. Determining the future of Coffin Butte has impacts outside Benton County which should be considered. The environment does not see the imaginary lines drawn by counties. We should be considering what is really best for our future, not just inside those lines.</p>	3/17/2023 9:58 AM
16	<p>So many things to think about! Benton County seems to be shouldering most/all? of the responsibility for hosting a regional landfill. In that sense is BC justly compensated? How does our landfill compare to other regions, states, vendors, providers? I imagine we are above average in terms of having a viable and responsibly run landfill in the first place but I feel as though there are many intangible and long-term effects that we may eventually come to regret. I apologize for sounding idealistic but the major problem is not due to the operations but is due to the fact that we don't have a circular economy along with a host of other positive recycling processes. We have too much packaging and too many plastic containers. It's just way too easy to toss stuff...how can we change that mindset? Thank you for asking!!</p>	3/16/2023 10:23 PM
17	<p>If inflow is limited to the abutting counties the current facilities will have a longer useful life, with less toxins present to develop future issues. The facility should not be allowed to transport toxins that are dumped into the Corvallis water treatment facility and then diluted, end up in the river. I am concerned that the city will be held liable at some point for the discharge. At the very least, the landfill needs to fund extensive treatment facilities at the Corvallis waste water plant to deal with their "contributions".</p>	3/16/2023 2:50 PM
18	<p>the landfill was no secret when those folks bought their homes. we live in a republic not a democracy - most of these recommendations seem inspired by the latter, which is not our reality.</p>	3/16/2023 2:44 PM