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Magnolia Park Estates Homeowner Association Rizzetta & Company, Inc. 8529 South Park Circle, Suite 330 Orlando, Florida 32819

TO: Anthony Jeancola on behalf of Magnolia Park Estates Residents:

As Waste Management committed previously, I want to keep Magnolia Park Estates residents updated on activities at our Vista Landfill and continue to make myself available to answer any questions you may have about our site as it further transforms.

Vista currently accepts construction/demolition debris and vard waste. This week the Apopka City Council voted for an agreement that would begin the process of transforming the site into an Environmental Park, which would allow acceptance of a wider variety of waste. As we noted to residents during our Organics presentation earlier this year, Vista was constructed to standards above what is required by the state and federal governments. These protective features will be further customized so that existing liners and buffers are substantially enhanced. They are designed to ensure optimum prevention of air quality impacts and surface and groundwater protection.

More about the Vista Environmental Park's ongoing transition is contained in the attached fact sheet, which we prepared to help keep you well informed. As always, if you want more information or have questions or concerns about Vista, please contact me at 407-886-2920 ext 205.

Sincerely,

Deborah A. Perez District Manager

Waste Management Inc. of Florida

# Waste Management's Vista Landfill

## A comprehensive facility/An enhanced site

Waste Management's Vista Landfill in Apopka, Florida opened in 2008 and will be transformed under a strategy to help serve the City of Apopka's environmental, economic and sustainable development needs for the future.

Beginning in late 2011, the 125-acre operation located on West Keene Road will receive infrastructure improvements and technology to begin processing and recycling organic materials. This will immediately serve the growing demand from major Florida businesses and consumers for sustainable solutions from organics processing.

### New capabilities to serve the city and public

Currently Vista Landfill is a Class III site accepting primarily construction and demolition debris and yard waste. Further environmental-protection features, infrastructure and technology investments will enable Vista Landfill to begin accepting municipal solid waste (household garbage) as a Class I site. In addition, resource recovery within Vista Landfill's ongoing C&D operations will be fostered in the future using new technologies as they become available to pinpoint and extract various valuable materials for potential reuse. Gas-collection systems to convert methane into renewable energy are also part of long-range plans for the facility.

Besides providing a variety of economic benefits to the municipality, Vista Landfill's comprehensive redesign and upgrade will help meet the City's future needs for a comprehensive and environmentally sound infrastructure for solid waste handling. This investment also provides advantages in promoting Apopka to businesses needing access to materials management options for their sustainability programs. When completed, Vista Landfill will serve the needs of the City of Apopka citizens and businesses for decades to come while providing community economic benefits immediately.

### Features of the Vista Landfill facility

Vista Landfill contains a variety of protective features that enable its transition to a Class I site. Protective processes and operations will be further customized so that its performance is state of the art. Features in place or to be enhanced include:

- A state-of-the-art system of liners, gas and liquid collection systems and processes fully protective of the environment and compliant with all federal, state and local regulations
- Monitoring and control systems and operational practices that ensure optimum prevention of surface, groundwater or air quality impacts
- Odor control systems and processes customized to site needs:
  - Daily Cover
- Daily Odor Monitoring
- Monthly Odor Monitoring at Property Line
- Odor Control Chemicals and Misters
- Early Gas Recovery
- Investment in an organics recovery system to serve the growing needs for recycling and reuse of food waste and conversion into beneficial products
- · State-approved buffers along Keene Road and the perimeter of the site
- · Improvements to the entry of the landfill and signage enhancements

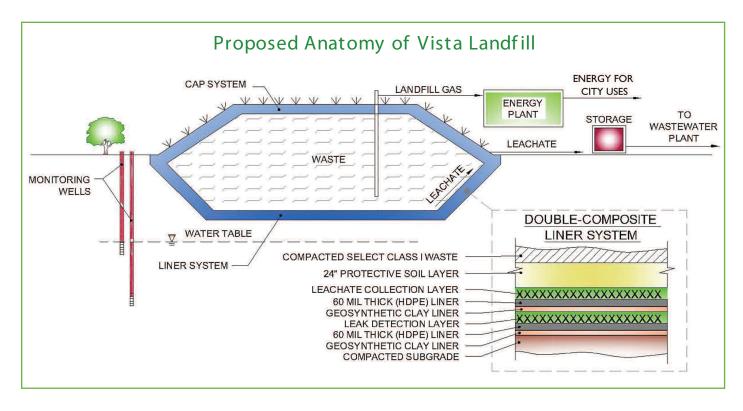
#### Community benefits from Vista Landfill enhancements

- Drop-off center for white goods (appliances) with free disposal for City of Apopka citizens with residency identification
- Donation to City of Apopka of \$1,000,000 to be used in connection with local environmentally related projects
- A \$20 tipping fee for Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) disposal collected by City of Apopka vehicles. This represents about a 50% reduction in current disposal expense for the City or approximately \$500,000 annually
- Host fee of \$2/ton for MSW entering the facility, which should generate \$500,000 in new revenue annually for the City once the conversion of the site is complete



## Our commitment to environmentally responsible operations

Safeguarding the environment is the foundation of Waste Management's business. In a business as highly regulated as ours, protecting the environment, maintaining compliance and innovating to improve operations require unwavering focus, expertise, comprehensive systems and internal checks and balances. We have evolved our systems over decades, with a focus on integrating environmental functions into the core of our business.



#### Location protection assurances

Modern landfill standards, developed under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), apply to our landfills across the country and mandate rigorous siting evaluation, site characterization and scientific engineering design. These standards, called the "RCRA Subtitle D" standards, require a comprehensive permitting process with public notification and comment, as well as extensive regulatory approvals. Modern MSW landfills are highly regulated and protective of the environment through mandatory use of engineered liners and covers, leachate (rainwater that accumulates in waste) collection and treatment systems, landfill gas collection and control systems, and monitoring and reporting. These systems interact to provide overlapping levels of protection as well as dependable monitoring of performance throughout the life of the landfill and after it closes. Groundwater conditions surrounding our facilities are monitored on a routine basis by a comprehensive, regulated network.

#### **About Waste Management**

With more than 75 locations and 4,000 employees serving Florida alone, Waste Management is the largest provider of comprehensive waste and environmental services in North America, as well as North America's largest municipal waste recycler and a leader in waste-based energy technologies. We serve over 20 million customers and hundreds of communities with environmentally sound management of solid wastes and transformation of waste into usable resources. Find out more about Waste Management at www.wm.com

