

Hawkins Point Landfill

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Secretary's Agenda

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE  
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

Submission of a request by the Office of Environmental Programs for grants in the amount of \$3.5 million to Baltimore City from the Water Quality Loan Act of 1974, as amended by Chapter 306 of the Acts of 1982, for the acquisition of land in conjunction with the provision of a sanitary landfill at Hawkins Point.

This law provides, among other things, State grants to local governments to assist in the acquisition of land for solid waste disposal facilities, subject to approval by the Board of Public Works. The Board may approve a State grant not to exceed 87½ percent of the eligible cost of a project if the Board finds that the project is of a regional nature or that the immediate initiation is critical to the public health.

In satisfaction of these legal requirements, the proposed 143½ acre sanitary landfill is an integral part of the regional solid waste management program contemplated by the Northeast Maryland Regional Solid Waste Management Agreement to which Baltimore City, Baltimore, Harford and Anne Arundel Counties and the Maryland Environmental Service are parties. The landfill will receive residue and waste which cannot be processed at the existing and planned recovery facilities in the region. In addition, the landfill will serve as a backup in the event of operational problems at the resource recovery facilities. It will also receive commercial and industrial non-hazardous waste not directed to the facilities. The planned Southwest Resource Recovery Facility is expected to be operational at about the same time that the existing Baltimore City sanitary landfill at Woodberry Quarry is depleted of capacity. Given the time involved in design, construction, and State regulatory permitting, the immediate commencement of land acquisition for the landfill is essential.

Most of the property to be acquired is at present owned by W. R. Grace Company and has been appraised at a total estimated cost of \$7.4 million. A condemnation ordinance has been passed by the City Council for acquisition of the landfill site.

Baltimore City will also be acquiring by purchase land owned by residents of the Hawkins Point community which straddles the proposed sanitary landfill as well as the Maryland Environmental Service hazardous waste landfill. Acquisition of this property will remove an inconsistent residential land use from an area otherwise primarily dedicated to waste disposal and industrial uses and, as such, is viewed as an integral part of the waste facility plans for the entire Hawkins Point area.

scribed in the MES site inventory conducted by the agency as part of its hazardous waste management program.

Acquisition of the property and relocation of the residents will be accomplished in accordance with the State Relocation Law. Appraisals will be made through the State Department of Transportation. The purchase and relocation will be executed by Baltimore City. The acquisition cost of the community properties is estimated at \$1.5 million, with \$2.0 million allocated toward the cost of acquisition of the landfill site itself.

The Office of Environmental Programs recommends that the \$3.5 million grant be awarded to Baltimore City for these purposes. The actual disbursement of the Water Quality Loan Act funds shall be subject to the sale of the necessary bonds at the next State General Obligation Bond Sale, and upon settlement or initiation of condemnation of the site for the landfill.