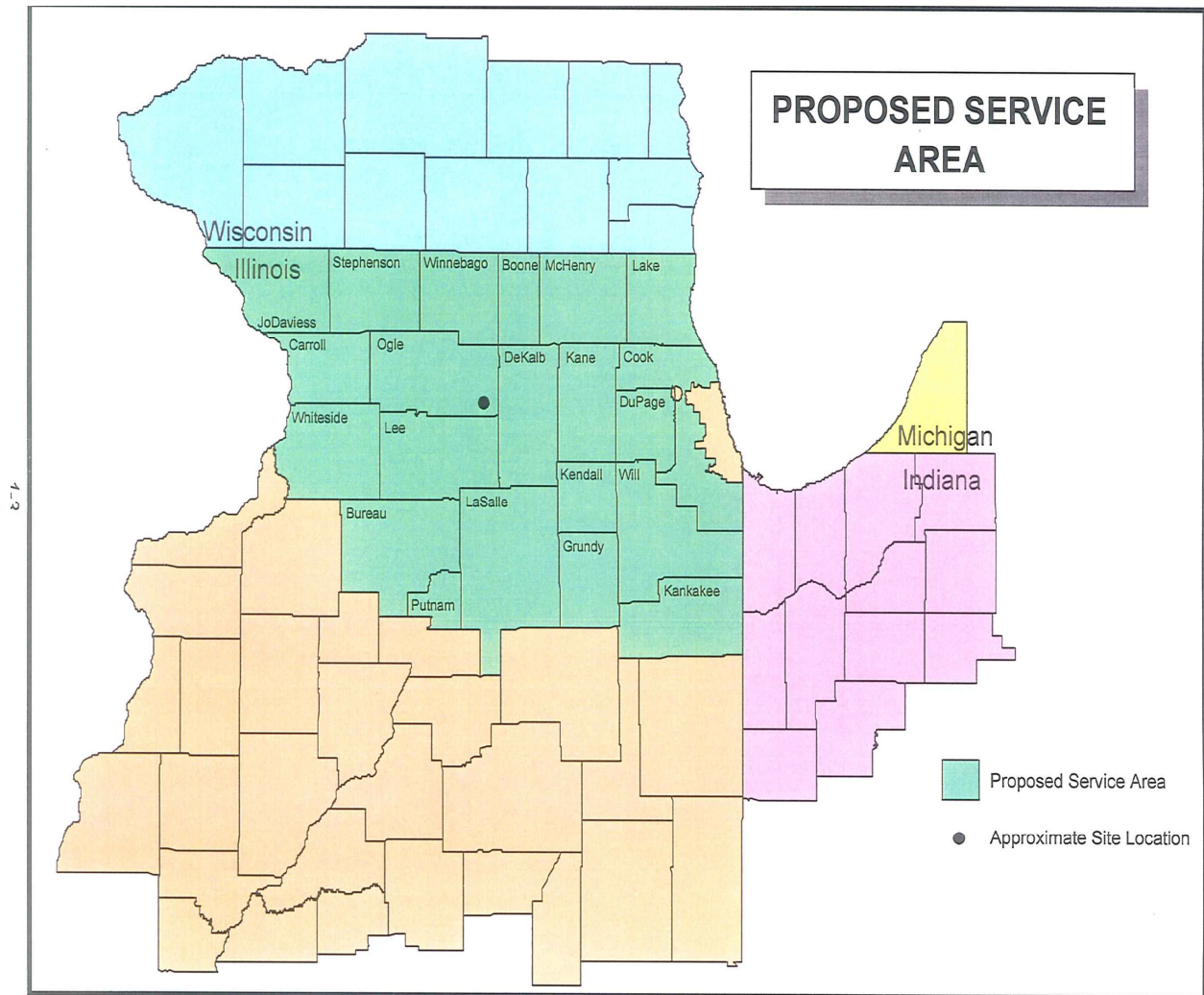


To: David Plyman
From: Kathy Cooper
Date: March 28, 2012
Re: Expansion of the service area for Rochelle Municipal Landfill No. 2

The City Council's approval of an expansion of the landfill in 2007 was subject to a number of Special Conditions, one of which sets specific limits on the origin of generated waste for disposal in the municipal landfill, as shown in green on the map below. Special Condition 36 states, "The expansion shall not accept any waste generated outside the service area defined in the siting application, except as specifically approved otherwise by the City Council in writing."



On September 22, 2011, the City received a request from Rochelle Waste Disposal to allow it to accept waste from outside the service area. The request addressed economic issues associated with the expansion and the operator requested that the City Council consider expanding the service area in accordance with Special Condition 36. A copy of the request accompanies this memorandum. The Public Works Committee met on September 26, 2011, and Clyde Gelderloos and Tom Hilbert further explained the reasons for the request. The Committee recommended that the City Manager take the steps needed to grant the request and allow the operator to accept waste from outside the service area in accordance with Special Condition 36.

To ensure that other interested parties were informed of the request, the city staff met with Ogle County and Creston officials to discuss the expansion of the service area and other concerns associated with the landfill. At the request of Creston and Ogle County, the City first addressed with the operator the issue of how the host fee paid to Ogle County and divided between the County, the City and Creston, was to be calculated. Mr. Lichty's March 15, 2012 letter to the City Manager is the operator's response to that issue. I have talked with Ben Roe, Ogle County State's Attorney and Steve Rypkema, Ogle County Solid Waste Coordinator, and Ogle County is satisfied with Rochelle Waste Disposal's response, as are the Chair and Vice-Chair of the County Board Solid Waste Committee. I also discussed the response with Mayor Tom Byro of the Village of Creston, and he appreciated Rochelle's help in resolving the differing opinions on the method and terms for calculating the County's host fee.

The Operator has also made the commitment to install the radiation detector and observation platform, as required in Special Conditions 9 and 10.

I recommend that the Council consider approving Rochelle Waste Disposal's request to allow it to accept waste from outside the service area. Please put this on the April 9, 2012 agenda.