



## Looking to the Future of Middle Point Landfill

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**MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (Jan. 30, 2020).** In a presentation to the Rutherford County Commission Public Works Committee last Wednesday, I had the great honor to share the capabilities of the Republic Services family, and information about Republic's Middle Point Landfill subsidiary. Because long-term solid waste solutions are such an important issue in Rutherford County, I wanted to share highlights of that presentation with you.

Many people associate Republic Services only with the Middle Point Landfill, so this was an opportunity to discuss our national role. Through subsidiaries, the Republic Services family has more than 36,000 employees, 190 active landfills, 91 recycling centers and 75 renewable energy projects, we feel that we can be a valuable partner as county leaders work to address long-term solid waste disposal issues while being mindful of costs to the taxpayer.

Members of the County Commission and Mayor Bill Ketron have spent the last year exploring various options and I understand that there may be a desire for a plan that includes more aggressive recycling, composting and even some waste-to-fuel programs.

I am proud of the work we have done in recycling and composting in other areas of the country, and we can bring that expertise to Middle Tennessee. Our team has been looking at potential partners that might be a good fit for Middle Point Landfill and Rutherford County, particularly in landfill gas-to-energy and converting waste to jet fuel.

On one of my earliest visits, I heard from some officials that we needed to increase our visibility and participation in the community. I'm proud to report that we have increased our commitment to Rutherford County, including our support for Rutherford County Schools, Chamber of Commerce, Oaklands Mansion and others.

We have also been in discussions with Middle Tennessee State University about a possible partnership that would include education, research and outreach.

All this is on top of our role as an employer and taxpayer in Rutherford County. Middle Point Landfill employees 36 full-time staff and another 40 on-site contractors, and the local hauling division employs 85 individuals who serve the community. When you look at host fee payments, free disposal to county residents and other spending, we have an annual economic impact on the county of about \$7.5 million.

The bottom line of the presentation is that we have worked very hard to be a responsible operator, a good neighbor and an active community member in Rutherford County. We continue to offer our expertise to the Mayor, Commission and other county leaders as the community works toward a long-term solid waste solution that is environmentally sound and fiscally responsible.

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