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We have lived in Soap Creek Valley since 1988, purchased our property 1987. We live 3 miles from the landfill. When built our house ourselves, it took a year of hard work. But our life's work has been the 10 acres we created an amazing garden . Several species of trees, ponds, rock gardens, unusual plantings.

I have so many days now I cannot work in my garden, the air is too toxic. Approximately 15 years ago we noticed an increase in the odor of the landfill, we call those days "Dump Days". Now I even smell it in town ! Last Wednesday 1/ 21 / 2026 I was by Garfield school you could smell it there.

I gave testimony on the very first zoom meetings of landfill expansion. I have asthma and COPD. In the last 15 years I have had more Chest Congestion needed to use inhalers, trips to doctors, even given interavenous steroids to control my reaction to the air I breath. I have had to purchase a nebulizer to have for breathing issues. It has gotten worse, these last 15 years, I now face the expense of hiring help to keep up with our garden since the air on so many days is toxic. I shudder to think what is in store due to the expansion.

We have reported the times we smell the smell. How ever the website doesn't work well, and past years it took so many tries to get one report made it was ridiculous.

We have seen the landfill on fire, we have watched it grow into a size that was never suppose to occur , we have watched the trash pile up along the roads, we have watched traffic wreck our roads.

There is so little oversight by the county and Republic. Republic have not been good neighbors they have not followed the DEQ regulations. Our health is suffering, and soon Corvallis will suffer too. If the stink has now reached Corvallis with the expansion soon the citizens especially children will be forced to stay inside so not to breath this toxic stew. Please deny the expansion for the health of our County and its children, if you don't have your health nothing else matters.

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