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Who We Are

Benton Clean & Strong is a coalition of Benton County residents, local leaders, businesses, and community organizations committed to protecting our quality of life. We believe waste management decisions should be guided by transparency, local input, and long-term thinking.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why is the Coffin Butte Landfill expansion being proposed?

The expansion will ensure Benton County maintains local control over waste management—keeping services close to home, affordable, and under local oversight rather than relying on distant landfills.

2. What local benefits does the landfill provide?

- **Clean energy generation:** Powers over 4,000 homes each year with renewable electricity from landfill gas.
- **Public funding:** Contributes nearly \$6 million annually to Benton County's general fund—supporting schools, roads, public safety, and other essential services.

3. Will the expansion raise costs for residents or schools?

Without expansion, waste may need to be hauled to distant facilities, driving up transportation costs and straining local budgets. Keeping services local helps keep costs stable for families, schools, and small businesses.

4. How does Coffin Butte perform in terms of environmental protection?

The facility is regulated by federal, state, and local agencies, undergoes regular inspections, and uses advanced systems to capture methane, manage leachate, and reduce emissions—all while investing in long-term sustainability.

5. Will expansion mean more waste from outside Benton County?

The primary purpose is to ensure Benton County can manage its own waste locally, reducing long-haul trucking and avoiding reliance on facilities across the state.

Our Mission

We work to elevate Benton County voices in the conversation about the Coffin Butte Landfill expansion—making sure the community's priorities around affordability, environmental responsibility, and local control are at the center of the decision-making process.

6. Will this expansion harm the environment?

No. The expansion supports continued investment in environmental technologies that generate clean energy and reduce emissions, ensuring operations remain modern, regulated, and sustainable.

7. How does Coffin Butte impact our local economy?

Coffin Butte helps fund the critical services our community relies on—like schools, public safety, and road maintenance—contributing nearly \$6 million annually to Benton County's budget. It is our county's second-largest source of local revenue after property taxes.

8. How can the public get involved?

Join Benton Clean & Strong to stay informed, share your perspective, and ensure your voice is heard. We host community discussions, share accurate information, and connect residents with opportunities to participate in the decision-making process.

9. What happens if Coffin Butte reaches capacity without expansion?

Benton County may have to send waste to other counties—leading to more truck traffic, higher emissions, and increased costs for residents and public institutions like schools and hospitals.

10. How does this project support Benton County's long-term goals?

The expansion aligns with community priorities: sustainability, infrastructure planning, and resilience. It preserves local decision-making, supports clean energy, and provides a stable foundation for population growth—without shifting rising costs onto families and small businesses.