



Whose My Commissioner?

SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PARK FAQ

What is the sustainable business park, & who does it affect?

Kent County is wanting to build a new facility in Allegan for our waste, as the South Kent Landfill will soon be out of space. Instead of citing another landfill as previously planned, they are interested in building a \$380 million 'sustainable business park (w/ \$100 million being county-funded).' This will affect anyone living in Kent County (Businesses too, & even more so trash bill increase-wise).

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What is organic/municipal solid waste, & why is it relevant now?

Simply put, trash. Municipal solid waste is EVERYTHING in a trash cart; What this new facility would do, is take that 'municipal solid waste' & SQUEEZE it to get the organic juices/products out, that they would then turn into a product to sell (like fertilizer) &/or use the organics to produce natural gas. This would be great, just not in Allegan, on landfill land, wherein haulers would be paying OVER DOUBLE the current rate at South Kent Landfill (not to mention the costs to truck the material, additional overhead etc.). Arrow agrees with the idea, just not with this plan, at this time (due to cost for our customers). There also is concern w/ the primary anchor tenant Anaergia recently declaring bankruptcy despite having other organic & MSW plants; Of note on this topic is that there currently is no other facility in the USA that is successfully/profitably processing organic & MSW in this type of facility (Anaergia facilities included).

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As a concerned Arrow consumer, how can I help?

Constituents/those living within district of Kent County Commissioners WILL make a difference if you choose to take the time to call your Commissioner. There is a QR code to the left here, that will help determine who your area Commissioner is. Then, you can simply navigate to this website: <https://www.accesskent.com/Departments/BOC/members.htm> to view & use the applicable contact information. Let your Commissioner know that like Arrow, you believe in a plan that isn't just burying our trash - However not one that is as costly to the consumer as this one, with little to no "Plan B" if the facility should fail.

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