

TALLADEGA COUNTY

Company wants to expand landfill

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The Talladega County Commission will hold a public hearing to discuss the possibility of recommending approval of expanding Waste Corporation's solid waste landfill from 25.12 acres to 104.88 acres.

The hearing will be Jan. 14, 2008, at 5 p.m. at the courthouse in Talladega, according to a public notice.

"Waste Corporation of Alabama operates the landfill, and as the hearing notice specifies, they want to increase the size of it," county administrator Wayne Hall said.

The landfill is located at 13737 Plant Road, west of the Alpine community. "The public is invited to express any comments before the commission meeting," Hall said.

He said representatives from Waste Corporation likely would be attending the meeting to answer questions.

The hearing notice said the commission mainly will be considering six issues associated with expanding the landfill:

- O The consistency of the proposal with the county's solid waste management need as identified in its plan;
- O The relationship of the proposal to local planned or existing development or the absence thereof to major transportation arteries and to existing state primary and secondary roads;
- O The location of a proposed facility in relationship to existing industries that generate large volumes of solid waste or the relationship to the areas projected for development of industries that will generate solid waste;
- O Costs and availability of public services, facilities and improvements required to support a proposed facility and protect public health, safety and the environment;
- O The impact of a proposed facility on public safety and provisions made to minimize the

impact on public health and safety;

O The social and economic impacts of a proposed facility on the affected community, including changes in property values and social or community perception.

Hall said Waste Corporation of Alabama needed the commission to recommend approval of its application to move forward with its expansion, but there were several other agencies that would have to approve the plan, too.

The landfill facility would still have a service area for Bibb, Calhoun, Clay, Chilton, Cleburne, Etowah, Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair, Talladega and Tallapoosa counties and would continue to accept an average daily volume of up to 750 tons.