

# ONTARIO COUNTY LANDFILL Planning for the Future

## Exploring a Strategic & Responsible Path Forward

Ontario County's landfill is nearing the end of its operational lease and its permitted fill capacity.

By the end of the 2028 calendar year, the current public-private partnership agreement with Casella Waste Systems will expire. This necessitates crucial decisions regarding the landfill's future and ongoing solid waste management for Ontario County.

## Comprehensive Landfill Study

The Ontario County Board of Supervisors commissioned a comprehensive study to understand:

- Historic and current landfill operational data,
- New waste management processes and potential costs if the landfill is closed, and
- Potential additional landfill site uses, whether the landfill is closed or remains open

*The full report is available at [o landfillfuture.com](http://o landfillfuture.com)*



## In recent years, the closure of landfills across the U.S. has made it more challenging and costly for many communities to find waste disposal options.

Because Ontario County has had its own landfill, residents have experienced significantly lower waste management costs than many municipalities nationally. Since 2005, recycling services have been extended to residents and businesses at low to no cost. Should the landfill be closed, it is anticipated that waste management costs will increase for Ontario County households and businesses.

## Obtain More Info & Stay Informed

As the Ontario County Board of Supervisors considers the complexities of responsible waste management for our community's future, it is important for you to understand the many aspects of this issue as well.

Learn more and view the final Landfill Alternatives Analysis report at [o landfillfuture.com](http://o landfillfuture.com). This website is solely dedicated to sharing information about the County landfill and the future of waste management in Ontario County.



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## Landfill Use In Ontario County

### FAST FACTS

- **1974:** The year Ontario County's landfill first started operations
- **916,000:** Tons per year the landfill is permitted to accept
- **700,000:** The approximate tons of waste per year currently managed at the landfill
- **100,000:** Tons of waste Ontario County residents generate annually, with the remainder coming from other NY counties and locations in MA and RI
- **81 Million:** The kilowatt-hours of landfill gas converted to energy in 2023
- **\$6.7 Million:** The annual financial benefit to County stakeholders via
  - Lease payments
  - Excess tonnage payments
  - Host community fee
  - Free disposal
  - Free recyclables processing
  - Other benefits
- Landfill revenue is NOT used to fund basic county operations and services

## Potential Future Landfill Site Uses

Decisions about the future of the County landfill present an opportunity to also consider additional uses for the landfill site including:

### ORGANICS PROCESSING

such as an Anaerobic Digester and a Composting Facility, both of which could help remove waste from the landfill while assisting businesses and institutions in meeting New York State food scrap recycling obligations.

### RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES

such as solar and wind farms and Battery Energy Storage Systems have the potential to produce sustainable energy while preserving natural resources.

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