



Town of Sturbridge — Board of Health



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Informational Meeting on health concerns about the Southbridge Landfill

Place: Sturbridge Town Hall 308 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566

When: Monday November 30, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.

Please join the Sturbridge Board of Health for a public citizen forum regarding the danger the Southbridge Landfill and its proposed expansion pose to the tri-community area.

Casella has requested permission to expand Southbridge Landfill's disposal area by more than **32 acres** by building new landfill cells on top of full, closed landfill cells and building new landfill cells on undeveloped land. Using the numbers provided by Casella, if allowed this expansion would result in more than **4,461,000 additional tons** of waste being buried in the Towns of Southbridge and Charlton over the next 11 years.

Town and state officials representing Southbridge, Charlton and Sturbridge, environmental professionals monitoring the site at the Mass DEP and other state agencies and residents are all encouraged to attend. There will be an opportunity for residents to submit oral or written comments.

Linda Cocalis, chair of the Sturbridge Board of Health will summarize the history of odor and other nuisances, and the range of chemicals found in gas, surface water, groundwater and home well testing. Kirstie Pecci, staff attorney at MASSPIRG, will present a brief overview of Casella's proposal and the procedure required to expand the site.

This meeting is an opportunity to let decision makers hear that you expect them to protect the public health, the environment and the value of your home. This is your chance to speak up for better waste disposal systems in our state.