



West Anchorage Snow Disposal Project

Project Management and Engineering No. 19-01

Project Fact Sheet

Overview

The Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) is considering a new disposal site for the snow collected in West Anchorage during winter months. Currently, the project team is gathering data and establishing site selection criteria for the future site.

Purpose and Need

Purpose: Identify and select a future location for the disposal of snow in the MOA.

Need: The existing location is leased from the State of Alaska and is located on land owned by the Anchorage International Airport. The current site no longer meets contracting requirements.

West Anchorage Snow Disposal Project Area Map



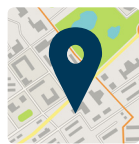
Site Selection

The project team has developed a preliminary list of requirements and criteria for the future snow disposal site. The public is invited to provide feedback on the requirements for the future site.

Potential locations will need to meet site selection criteria.



Size: 14+ acres



Centrally located



24/7 operations



Lighting and sound operations enabled



Minimized impacts to residents



Economically viable



Commercial vehicle access



Zoning/permitting appropriate

Municipal and federal permitting and approvals will be required once the final site is selected.

Site Selection Study and Potential Locations

The MOA is working with a local firm to conduct a site selection study. As part of the information-gathering process for the study, two potential locations have been identified: Connor's Bog and Strawberry Bog. The public is invited to provide suggestions for other potential sites for consideration as part of the site selection study. There are advantages and disadvantages to both of the identified potential locations:

Connor's Bog



Strawberry Bog



Advantages:

- No changes in current snow removal truck traffic flow due to the proximity to the existing snow disposal site and established access through the nearby KLEOP Station.
- Part of the project's budget will be put towards improving access to the existing utilized parkland.
- Acquisition costs are not an issue because Connor's Bog is on MOA-owned land.
- This location is park space with very limited to no utilization.
- Able to handle the area's heaviest snow years.

Disadvantages:

- A small amount of wetlands will be depleted.
- The snow pile could have a negative aesthetic impact during the spring melting season. This could be partially mitigated with trees and berms.

Advantages:

- Not near any utilized parkland.
- Aesthetic impacts could be minimized by hiding the majority of the snow pile from view.
- Able to handle the area's heaviest snow years.
- Acquisition costs are not an issue because Strawberry Bog is on MOA-owned land.

Disadvantages:

- Hauling operations to access site will have an increase in traffic congestion and truck volume on Northwood Street.
- A small amount of wetlands will be depleted.

Schedule & Next Steps

MOA is hosting an Online Open House from March 24, 2020, through April 24, 2020, where you can learn more about the project and the next steps.



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PROJECT SCHEDULE	2019	2020	2021	2022
Data Collection				
Site Selection				
Permitting / Field Work				
Design				
Construction				
Public Involvement				

This schedule is subject to funding availability.

We Are Here

Indicates Public Open House

We Want to Hear From You!

Thank you for taking the time to visit this Online Open House to be introduced to the West Anchorage Snow Disposal Project.

All public comments received will be considered by the project team and included as part of the site selection criteria.

There are several ways to leave a comment:

1. Download a PDF version of the Comment Form from the project website at www.westanchoragesnow.com and send your comments to us via email or US mail.

Mail:

West Anchorage Snow Disposal Project
 c/o HDR, Inc.
 2525 C Street, Suite 500
 Anchorage, AK 99503

2. Email the project team: info@westanchoragesnow.com

For more information regarding this project, visit www.westanchoragesnow.com. You may also sign up for our project email list to have project updates sent right to your inbox.

Please send your comments and feedback by April 24, 2020. All comments received will be considered by the project team and included as part of the site selection study. Please visit the project website at www.westanchoragesnow.com to participate in the Online Open House or sign up for the project distribution list.