

## LANCHESTER LANDFILL HISTORY

In August 1984, the Chester County Commissioners established the Chester County Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA). In September 1984, the CCSWA became owner and operator of the Lanchester Landfill, a 600-acre property located in Honey Brook, Salisbury and Caernarvon Townships that includes 160 acres of landfill. The landfill changed its name in 2022 to Lanchester Landfill and Reclamation Center (LLARC).

## LANCHESTER TODAY

- The CCSWA provides an essential public service to 49 Chester County communities, about 450,000 residents and hundreds of businesses throughout the county.
- The Authority is comprised of Chester County citizens appointed by Chester County Commissioners and one representative from Caernarvon Township, Lancaster County, (a host community).
- The CCSWA currently employs 27 full time Operating, Administrative and Management personnel. Salaries and wages represent about 16.0% of the Authority's total Annual Budget for 2026.
- Portions of Lanchester's tipping fee are directed to benefit host communities as well as county and state environmental stewardship programs. From every \$89/ton fee, \$2 goes to the Pennsylvania Recycling Fund, \$4.25 to the Environmental Stewardship Fund, \$3.12 to Chester County, \$4.44 to Caernarvon Township, \$0.70 to both the Borough and Township of Honey Brook and \$0.19 to Salisbury Township.
- Lanchester accepts an average of about 800 tons/day of non-hazardous municipal refuse. About 90% of this waste is generated in Chester County.
- Wastes accepted for disposal are municipal solid waste, asbestos, construction and demolition debris, sludges and other PA Department of Environmental Protection approved non-hazardous residuals.
- Lanchester maintains a public Reclamation Center for recycling. LLARC accepts newsprint, paperboard, mixed paper, aluminum cans, steel cans, glass, #1, #2 and #5 plastic food containers, leaves, waste oil, oil filters, 4' fluorescent bulbs, household rechargeable batteries, lithium batteries, plastic bags, aluminum foil, pie tins, bubble wrap, wood waste for recycling, corrugated cardboard, Styrofoam™, antifreeze, cooking oil, mixed metals, and eyeglasses. Appliances with refrigerant are accepted for a small fee. TVs, computers, peripherals, and some smaller electronics are accepted from Chester County and Caernarvon Township residents at no charge.
- Starting in 2025, Chester County Radio Controlled Club uses the top of the landfill as an airstrip.

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# 2026 LANCHESTER PROJECTS

- High-efficiency reverse osmosis leachate treatment plant construction was completed in 2021 to increase treatment capacity.
- The Authority’s new landfill gas developer, WAGA Energy, plans to start up their new facility in the Fall of 2026. They will take all the landfill gas we produce and convert it to Renewable Natural Gas (RNG). They will then inject the RNG into the interstate natural gas pipeline that goes through our property.
- The Authority will continue the past practice of using goats and sheep as natural, low-cost weed and grass control.
- The Authority is required to use a uniform layer of approved daily cover. The Authority utilizes several different approved daily and intermediate covers on the landfill—such as tarps and Posi-Shell®, a spray-on daily cover, as cost-effective ways to reduce soil use and save landfill space.
- The Authority completed Area E Cell 3A in the fall of 2025 and will start filling in 2026.
- The Authority will be installing the final cap on an additional 10.5 acres of existing landfill in 2026.
- In 2015, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection promoted the natural succession of vegetation on a portion of the North Slope of the landfill by discontinuing annual mowing. The third phase of this project—strategic planting of bushes and grasses to promote a more natural look is planned for 2026. This project is being done at the request of Caernarvon Township, Lancaster County and with the input from a citizens group from the surrounding five municipalities.
- The Authority is working with Coral Reef, a solar developer, to install 3 megawatts of solar panels on the south side of the landfill to partially power WAGA Energy’s RNG facility.
- The Authority received recertification in 2025 by the Wildlife Habitat Council for its wildlife and habitat conservation efforts.
- The Authority extended its Nature Trail in 2023 and the Scenic Overlook in 2022.
- In 2021, the Authority launched its Zero Waste Plan to manage all discarded materials in the Lanchester Service Area with minimum environmental impact and with an overall long-term goal of zero waste.
- The Authority administers the Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program, serving almost 67,000 households and collecting over 5 million pounds of hazardous waste to date.
- The Authority has made progress to establish a permanent household hazardous waste collection facility in 2026.
- The Authority offers tours and interactive and age-appropriate educational presentations.
- The Authority conducts an annual Open House, a compost giveaway day, paper shredding event, and a bicycle and sewing machine donation event.
- The Authority provides continuous technical assistance to municipalities and businesses in waste reduction and recycling.
- Continuing in 2026: CCSWA’s 9-hole disc golf course will be open to the public limited hours, expanding sections of the Lanchester Nature Trail, and promoting recreational use of greenspace for the community.

## CCSWA Total Annual Tonnage 2017—2025



At the current rate of disposal, the Authority predicts that current permitted capacity at Lanchester will be filled by 2033.

## MAINTAINING PUBLIC AWARENESS

- The CCSWA holds monthly public meetings where current projects and developments are discussed.
- The CCSWA conducts educational “Trash Smart” presentations on waste reduction and recycling for community groups, schools, business and professional organizations.



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