

Solid Waste Roadmap

Landfill Capacity Policy



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Background

December 2014: Council Resolution 14-4589

“The capacity of existing permitted landfills can serve the needs of the region for at least 100 years”

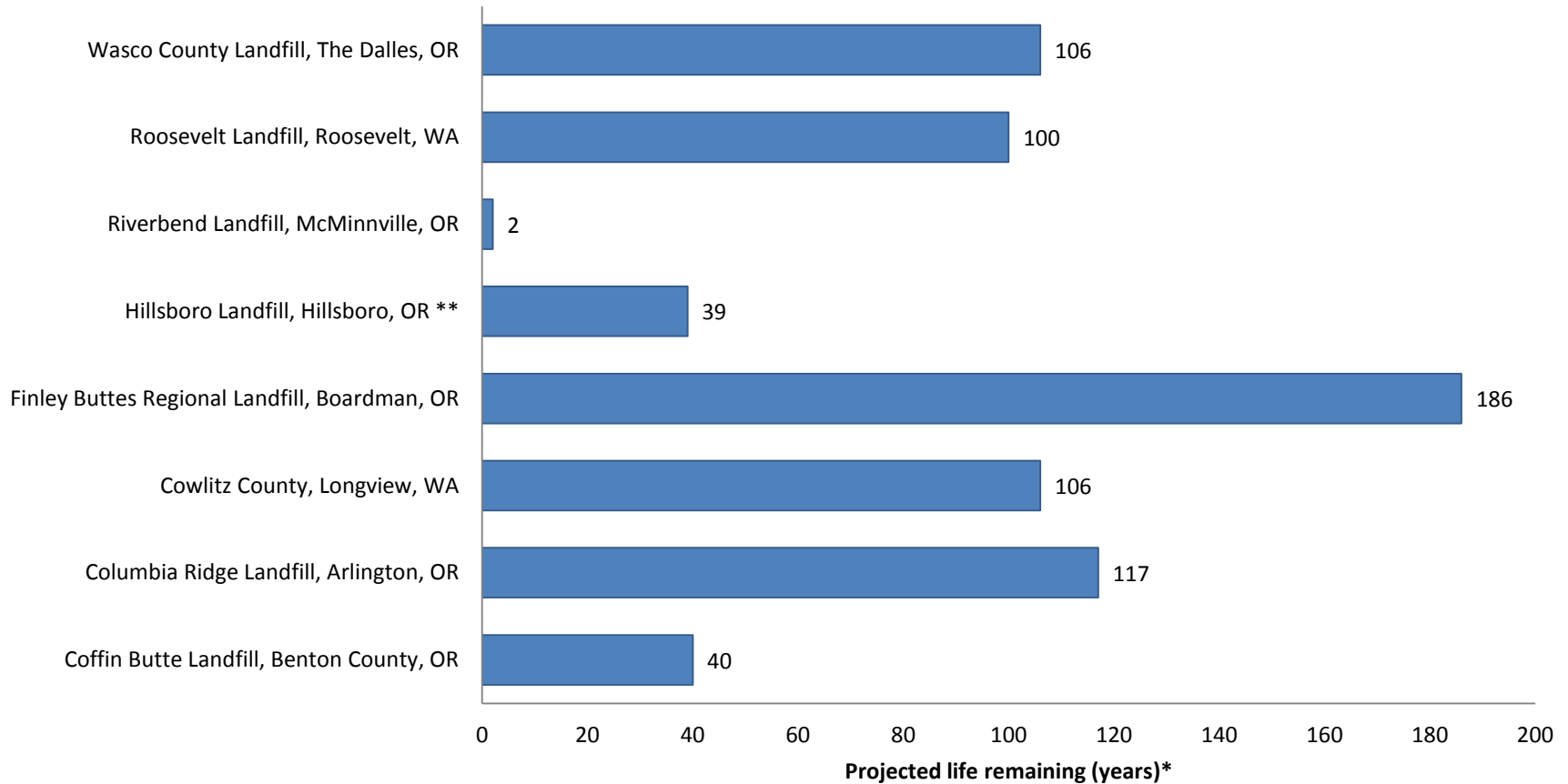
“Metro Council finds that to conserve limited land resources in and around the Metro region, and encourage waste reduction rather than accommodate growth in waste disposal capacity”

“Staff shall develop a Landfill Capacity Policy to evaluate the disposal capacity of waste at new, existing or expanded landfills”

Map of area landfills



Landfill Capacity Data



*According to Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), 2015 and Washington State Department of Ecology, 2015

**Not currently authorized as a putrescible waste landfill

Three Council Work Sessions

- Developed a scope of work
- Determined an approach to capacity
- Discussed the likely impacts
- Met with Stakeholders

Preferred Approach to Landfill Capacity

“From [date] forward, waste from the Metro region shall not be sent to any landfill that amends its Oregon DEQ approved Site Development Plan for the purpose of permitting greater capacity.”

Ordinance 17-1401

- Would amend Metro Code to add definitions
 - **Limited capacity landfill:** A landfill that has sought a site development plan amendment for expansion of the landfill capacity from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, and has not received approval from the Department by May 25, 2017, or the equivalent determination in another state.
 - **New landfill:** A landfill that receives its initial permission from DEQ to receive solid waste on or after May 25, 2017, or the equivalent determination in another state.

Ordinance 17-1401

- Would prohibit disposal of waste generated in the Metro region in a “limited capacity landfill” or “new landfill”
- Applies to Metro region waste from both public and private solid waste facilities
- Includes all waste types: wet, dry and special

Ordinance 17-1401

Implementation Timeline

If adopted, the ordinance has two important dates:

- “Effective date” is the date of Metro Council adoption
- “Implementation date” is January 1, 2020.

Questions?

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