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Kent County Department of Public Works to construct new transfer station for residents, waste haulers

Larger transfer station will make drop-off safer, more efficient

Grand Rapids, MI – Kent County residents and waste haulers will soon have a safer facility to drop off recycling and other waste.

The **Kent County Board of Public Works** voted during its Dec. 15 meeting to construct a new North Kent Transfer Station at 2908 10 Mile Road in Plainfield Township. The current transfer station at that site opened in 1992 and, due to population and business growth in northern Kent County, needs to be replaced with a larger transfer station facility that will meet recycling and disposal needs.

“Because the site has become much busier since it opened, and transactions have nearly doubled in the last few years, we are looking forward to a safer and more efficient way for residents and haulers to properly dispose of materials,” said **Dar Baas**, director of the **Kent County Department of Public Works** (DPW). “Increasing the ease and safety of waste drop-off will help in our ambitious goal of reducing landfill waste.”

Kent County’s transfer station is used to hold municipal solid waste before the materials go to their final destination. A larger facility will allow residents and commercial haulers to more easily segregate demolition and construction waste, recycling and bulky items from municipal waste.

Ultimately, that will allow for more efficiency when repurposing materials and diverting them from a landfill. This falls in line with the DPW’s goal of reducing landfill waste by 90% by 2030. The transfer station is part of Kent County’s plans to build a more integrated waste management system, including the proposed [future Sustainable Business Park](#).

The Board of Public Works approved a \$15.9 million budget for the new transfer station and construction is slated to be completed in the spring of 2024. The DPW has been planning for this expansion for several years and the project will not incur any debt.

The Kent County Department of Public Works provides municipal solid waste disposal services to ensure the effective removal, storage, and disposal of residential and commercial solid waste through various facilities and programs, including Waste-to-Energy, Recycling and Education Center, North Kent Transfer Station, and South Kent Landfill.

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