

2021 Urban Forest Management Division Lorton Landfill Summary:

Staff from the Urban Forest Management Division (UFMD) met on site with the SDID Site Inspector and Waste Management on June 16, 2021, to perform a courtesy review of the site. There have not yet been any updates by the Project Arborist during the 2021 growing season since he left Land Design and this role had been vacated. In late June 2021, it was communicated to UFMD that the past Project Arborist had just been re-contracted by Waste Management and is expected to produce an updated report in July 2021. Based on this site visit, as well as past deficiencies, it appears that several items will need to be addressed. These items include the following.

- Plant only during the appropriate planting seasons. Once the Project Arborist provides his updated report, the landscape contractor will need to assemble the fall, 2021 planting list including trees, shrubs and any native seed mix that will require replacement. This planting shall occur in October and finish the fall planting season early to mid-December depending on weather conditions.
- Begin the planting replacement for the dead and dying trees, shrubs, and native seed mixes in the fall 2021. This is species dependent, broadleaf evergreens should not be planted until the spring of 2022. Any additional dead or dying trees not planted in Fall of 2021, will be planted in Spring of 2022.
- Remove all support stakes and arbor-tie straps that have been on trees for one year or greater.
- Remove remaining deer protection guards that could girdle trees.
- Provide an update on the status of the non-native invasive management taking place that remains.
- Dead trees in the tree preservation areas along the perimeter road that pose an undue risk shall be removed.
- The Project Arborist will need to provide a report of the current conditions, landscape plan, and the list of plants to be planted in the fall 2021 planting season, as well as the current number of plants installed.

Based on the most recent report from the Project Arborist dated March 10, 2021, it states that "All planting for the fall of 2020 have been completed. This completes all planting as required by the Landscape Site Plan Revision (1883-SPV-002-C-1) as revised through September 4, 2013, and approved by Fairfax County DPWES on September 16, 2013."