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## TWO ONTARIO COMMUNITIES TO GET NEEDED WASTE DISPOSAL CAPACITY

Environmental Assessments Approved for Parry Sound and Eastern Ontario Landfills

TORONTO – Residents in two Ontario communities will soon have local, long-term and secure waste disposal solutions, Environment Minister Laurel Broten announced today.

The McGuinty government has approved environmental assessments to expand the McDougall landfill in the District of Parry Sound and the Laflèche landfill in eastern Ontario.

"The municipality of McDougall looked at a number of options and I'm satisfied it selected the most environmentally sound approach," Broten said. "This expansion is good news for the community. It will provide McDougall and area municipalities with landfill capacity for the next 25 years."

Broten imposed several conditions on the McDougall approval, including an annual compliance report and a requirement to get the public's input into the design of the landfill expansion.

The Laflèche landfill in the Township of North Stormont has received environmental assessment approval to increase its annual fill rate from 200,000 tonnes to 300,000 tonnes.

"The Laflèche expansion will allow it to meet an increased demand for waste disposal in eastern Ontario without changing the size of the facility, altering its current operations or changing the site's service area," Broten said.

Both sites must now get approval under the Environmental Protection Act and the Ontario Water Resources Act.

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