



Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission

July 15, 2025 MPC MEETING

Title

Special Use Permit | Solid Waste Transfer Station in I-L zoning | 6 Patton Rd | 25-001297-ZA

Description

The Petitioner requests approval of a Special Use pursuant to Section 3.10 of the Savannah Zoning Ordinance to establish a Solid Waste Transfer Station (Sec. 8.5.13). A solid waste transfer station functions as a logistical hub within a municipal waste management network. These facilities receive refuse from smaller, local collection vehicles. Upon arrival, waste is typically unloaded within a purpose-built industrial structure, where it may undergo initial sorting for specific materials. Per the Petitioner, the proposed 23,600 square foot structure would be specifically designed to contain polluted liquids (leachate). Following sorting, the waste is typically consolidated and compacted before being reloaded onto larger capacity transport vehicles for transfer to a designated processing or disposal location.

The Special Use process includes review by the Planning Commission and Savannah City Council.

Recommendation

Due to the environmentally sensitive context, MPC Staff recommends denial of the request to establish a solid waste transfer facility at 6 Patton Road.

However, if the Commission is inclined to support the request, the following should be provided and approved prior to consideration by City Council:

1. A General Operations Plan containing a clear enumeration of materials to be collected and held, the nature of all containment structures and handling procedures, as well as standard procedures in the event of a leak or emergency.
2. General Development Plan demonstrating inclusion of on site bio- and phytoremediation features to mitigate the impact of any escaping leachate as well as enhanced stormwater runoff management.

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Financial Impact

Review Comments

Attachments