



Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission

June 3, 2025 MPC MEETING

Title

6 Patton Rd | Special Use Permit | request for a solid waste transfer station in the I-L Zoning District | 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 by MPC prior to consideration by City Council:

1. A clear enumeration of materials to be collected and held, the nature of all containment structures and handling procedures, as well as procedures in the event of an emergency.
2. A Wetland buffering plan, an enhanced stormwater runoff management plan, and performance-based conditions for aesthetic concerns related to odor, particulate debris, and pest control.

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Financial Impact

Review Comments

Attachments