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## Hearing scheduled for proposed landfill

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A public hearing on a proposed landfill in San Jacinto County, one that has drawn opposition from municipalities and residents in the area, will be held Sept. 28.

The hearing can be accessed through the internet or by telephone.

According to the notice issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the hearing is part of the overall process for the application, which was filed Aug. 28, 2019, by Peach Creek Co., will allow formal comments and informal discussion, typical for this type of hearing.

Only the formal comments will receive responses from the TCEQ, the notice states. A preliminary decision regarding the permit will be released following a review of the application.



Van Weldon, owner of Wood Duck Farms, shows the area where a proposed landfill will be placed should a permit for a new solid waste disposal area be approved by the TCEQ. The landfill abuts his property.

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### LANDFILL

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The landfill has drawn quite a bit of opposition; on June 21, the Cleveland City Council approved a resolution opposing the application; while the landfill would be located in San Jacinto County, it is upstream from Cleveland.

The site of the landfill is seven miles northwest of the intersection of Highway 59 and State Highway 105. In its resolution, the Cleveland City Council believes it is inevitable the landfill will leak, which will lead to soil contamination in the area and pollution to nearby streams, rivers and tributaries.

as well, citing the inevitable contamination that would occur to the surrounding soil and ground water, and the possibility of methane gas flares, which could lead to fires.

A letter signed by Shepherd Mayor Charles Minton states the landfill would be detrimental to the health and livelihood of area residents, particularly since it will be located within 100 feet of a flood plain.

Additionally, area residents have attended several meetings of the San Jacinto County Commissioners' Court in protest of the landfill over the last several months. Among the complaints registered include the possibility of contamination of ground and surface water,

The Houston Regional Group of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club also has registered its opposition to the landfill, having sent a five-page letter in July citing numerous potential problems.

Chief among them is the landfill threatens local farms, the Sam Houston National Forest and numerous creeks and tributaries of the San Jacinto River, as well as offers threats to local wildlife and the forest ecosystem.

A map of the landfill location can be found at <https://arcg.is/08jO4L>.

The meeting will start at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, and can be reached at <https://www.gotomeeting.com/webinar/join-webinar>. The webinar ID is 695-776-027.

to the meeting to register for the meeting and to obtain information for participating telephonically. Members of the public who wish to only listen to the meeting may call toll free (914) 614-3221 and enter access code 365-674-558.

Members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments anytime during the public meeting or by mail before the close of the public comment period to the Office of the Chief Clerk, TCEQ, Mail Code MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or electronically at <https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>.

If you need more information about the permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. General information can be found at our Web site at [www.tceq.texas.gov](http://www.tceq.texas.gov).

The permit application is available for viewing and copying at the Shepherd Public Library, 30 N. Liberty St., in Shepherd, and may be viewed online at <https://peachcreekep.com/resources/>. Information may also be obtained from PC-II LLC at the address stated above or by calling Jeffery Hobby, Project Manager, at (601) 362-3333.