

BOROUGH OF SAINT CLAIR, SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 6-2025

**A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE BOROUGH OF SAINT CLAIR'S OPPOSITION TO THE
ONGOING OPERATIONS OF THE BRADS LANDFILL AND RECOGNIZING THE
COMMUNITY'S RIGHT TO CLEAN AIR, PURE WATER, AND A SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

- WHEREAS, the Borough of Saint Clair, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, is a Fenceline Community located immediately adjacent to the BRADS Landfill, owned and operated by Waste Connections, situated in Blythe Township, Pennsylvania; and
- WHEREAS, the Borough recognizes its duty to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents and to preserve the integrity of the surrounding environment; and
- WHEREAS, the Borough of Saint Clair has been identified as an Environmental Justice Area under the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Environmental Justice Mapping and Screening Tool (PennEnviroScreen), a state-of-the-art tool that uses more than thirty (30) environmental, health, and socioeconomic indicators to identify communities facing disproportionate environmental burdens and cumulative impacts; and
- WHEREAS, Article I, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, entitled 'Natural resources and the public estate,' provides that:
"The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people."
(Adopted May 18, 1971, P.L.769, J.R.3)
- WHEREAS, the Borough of Saint Clair affirms that this constitutional right extends to all residents and that local government plays an essential role in upholding these protections within its jurisdiction; and
- WHEREAS, the BRADS Landfill's ongoing operations have resulted in continuing hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) emissions, increased heavy truck traffic on community roadways such as Burma Road, and persistent environmental and public health burdens that adversely affect nearby residents, local schools, and businesses; and
- WHEREAS, the Borough of Saint Clair is a small, historic, and residential community with school bus routes, Schuylkill Transportation System (STS) transit routes, and high local traffic volumes along Burma Road, making landfill-related truck activity a direct threat to public safety and community welfare; and
- WHEREAS, these impacts are inconsistent with the Borough's goals for community safety, public health, and quality of life, as well as with the spirit and intent of Article I, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution; and
- WHEREAS, the Borough Council recognizes the cumulative environmental and economic strain placed upon Saint Clair and its residents as a direct result of the landfill's proximity and continued expansion of operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Saint Clair, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

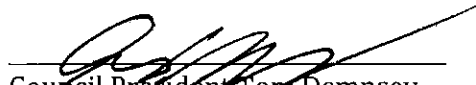
1. 1. Reaffirmation of Opposition: The Borough of Saint Clair hereby reaffirms its opposition to the ongoing operations of the BRADS Landfill and to any future expansion, permit modification, or activity that would further endanger public health, safety, or the environment.
2. 2. Environmental Stewardship: The Borough stands in support of Article I, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution and asserts its commitment to safeguarding clean air, pure water, and a safe environment for present and future generations.
3. 3. Environmental Justice Commitment: The Borough acknowledges its designation as an Environmental Justice Area and demands equitable environmental protections and meaningful public involvement in all decisions affecting the community's health and environment, consistent with Pennsylvania's Environmental Justice Policy.
4. 4. Notification and Advocacy: The Borough Secretary shall forward a certified copy of this Resolution to:
 - The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
 - Schuylkill County Commissioners
 - Blythe Township Board of Supervisors
 - The Pennsylvania Department of Health
 - State and Federal elected representatives serving the Borough of Saint Clair
5. 5. Public Engagement: The Borough encourages residents and neighboring municipalities to remain engaged in environmental review processes, report odor and safety concerns, and participate in DEP public comment and hearing opportunities.
6. 6. Effective Date: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 6th day of November 2025, by the Borough Council of Saint Clair, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.

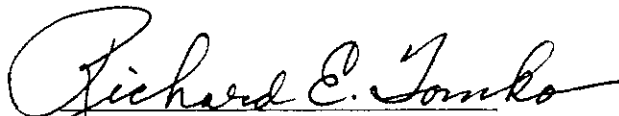
ATTEST:



Borough Manager Roland Price



Council President Tom Dempsey
Saint Clair Borough Council



Mayor Richard E. Tomko