

Long-Term Waste Disposal, Strategic Planning and Future Options

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Overview

Solid Waste Fund

Southeast Landfill

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Solid Waste Fund: Services

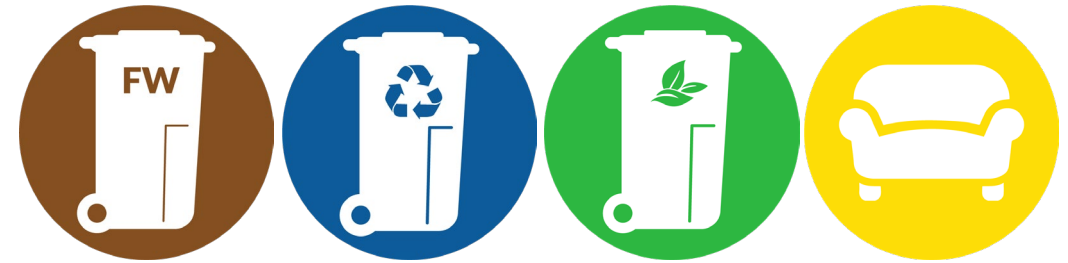
- Residential Collections (Garbage, Recycling, Yard Waste, Bulk)
- Southeast Landfill
- 4 Drop-Off Stations
- Environmental Collection Center (HHW)
- Dead Animal Collection
- Pedestrian Street Cans
- Code Compliance Transfer (Solid Waste Violations)

Fort Worth offers many solid waste services to residents.



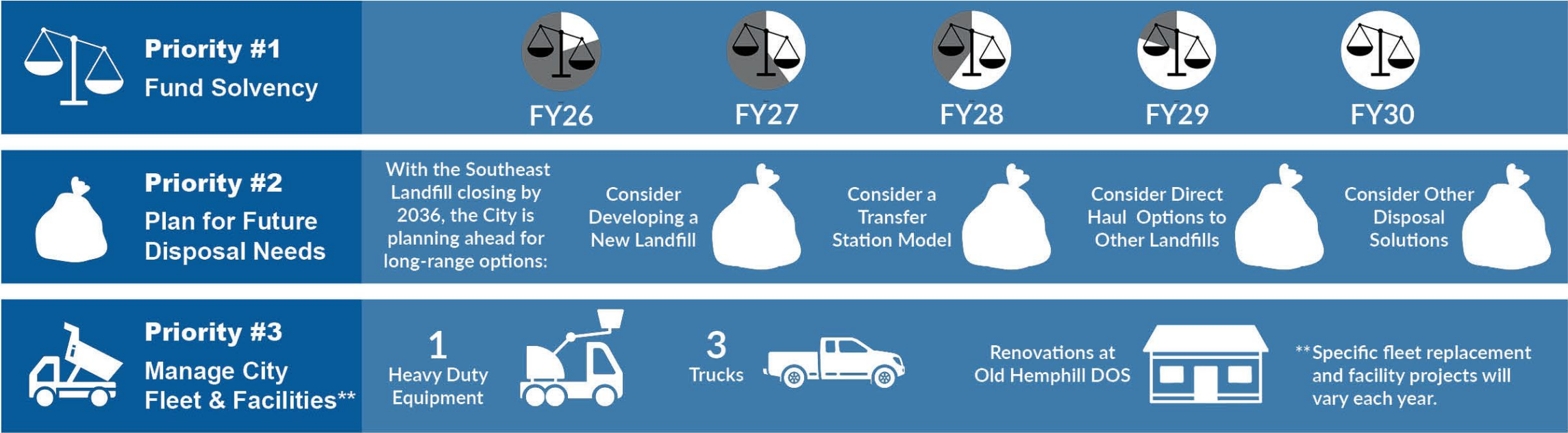
Solid Waste Fund: Guiding Principles

1. Offer exceptional customer service (applicable to all staff & contractors).
2. Provide the best service at the best value for Fort Worth residents.
3. Create and maintain a clean and attractive City.
4. Preserve landfill life and increase diversion.



Guiding principles for solid waste services remain consistent.

Solid Waste Fund: FY26 Budget Priorities



FY26 Adopted Budget includes the first solid waste rate increase since 2006 (~20 years).

Southeast Landfill

Southeast Landfill was permitted in 1976.

Closure is expected by 2036 (~11 years).

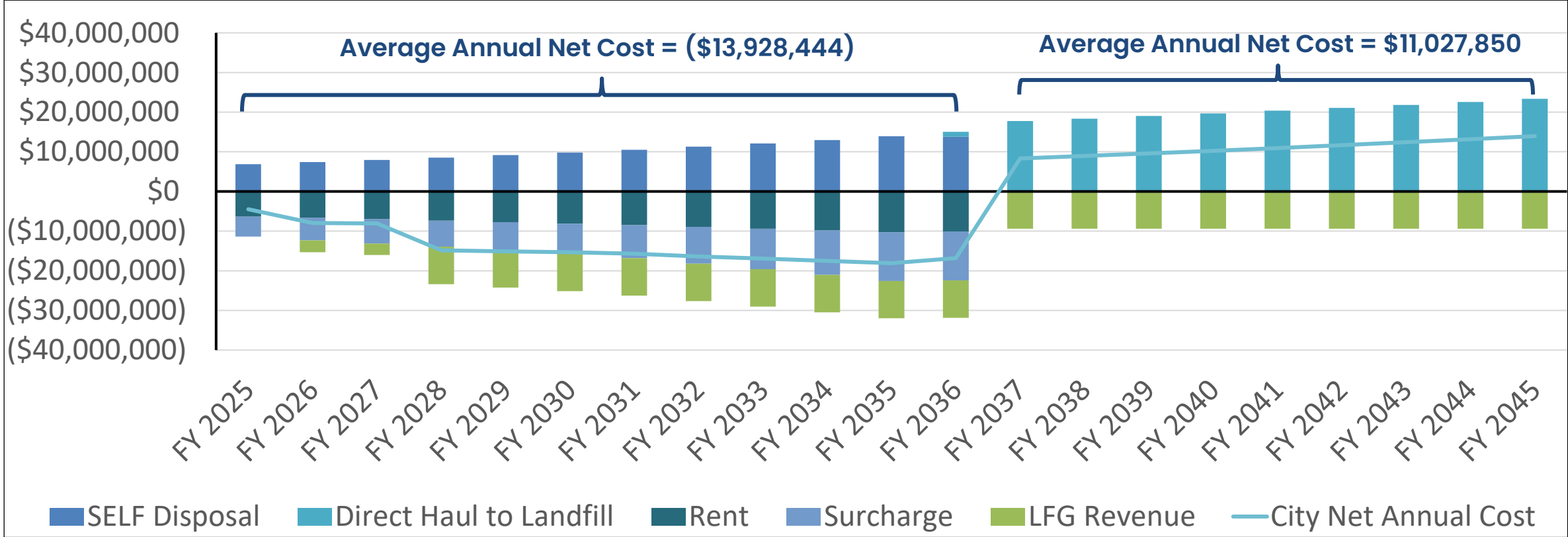
Republic Services will operate the Southeast Landfill through end of useful life and will provide closure and post-closure care.

Future material recovery facilities, transfer stations, landfills, and other disposal strategies or combinations of disposal strategies will be considered.

There are many options for the future, and staff are developing long-range plans.



Southeast Landfill: Closure Modeling



Once the Southeast Landfill closes in 2036, then respective revenues (rent/royalties, surcharges) also end – strategic planning includes this foresight (new RNG royalties).

Long-Range Planning: Objectives

- Close gap between solid waste rates and costs to provide solid waste services with incremental increases to allow for predictable household budgeting.
- Define long-range collection and disposal strategies (e.g., transfer stations, landfill, recycling centers, etc.)
- Develop capital plan to support long-range strategies and funding for implementation.

Long-range planning prioritizes strategic fund solvency with future disposal options.

Long-Range Planning: Process

1. Develop interdepartmental workgroup to support plan development.
2. Engage with Burns & McDonnell for additional technical guidance and support.
3. Incorporate dialogue with community stakeholders and solid waste service providers.
4. Consider regional efforts and outreach to other city and county partners in the western region of the North Central Texas Council of Governments service area.
5. Define strategies to include material recovery facilities, transfer stations, landfills, etc.

Many strategies and combinations of strategies will be considered.

Long-Range Planning: Work Groups

**Multi-
Department
Workgroup**

**Rate Payer &
Community
Input**

**Solid Waste
Service
Providers**

**Other Cities,
Counties &
Region/State
Partners**

Planning for the future means everyone working together.

Timeline & Next Steps

Timeline: Staff estimate approximately 6 months (November 2025 – April 2026) for this planning process.

Next Steps:

1. Approve M&C to increase professional services contract authority with Burns & McDonnell to support long-range solid waste planning efforts.
2. Complete planning objectives to define long-range solid waste strategies.
3. Provide an update to City Council in Spring 2026.