

HB 631 -- HISTORIC LANDFILLS IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY

SPONSOR: Bailey

This bill requires St. Louis County to compile and keep a list of historic landfills in the county and make the list available to the public. Before July 1, 2022, the county must establish a procedure to determine whether any reclamation or remediation of an historic landfill has been accomplished safely before issuing a land use permit for the property. The procedure must be developed in consultation with the residents and stakeholders as required in the bill and be protective of the health of residents and people working near the landfill. All information and testimony provided in the development of the procedure is part of the official record.

Before issuing a land use permit for an historic landfill property, the county must hold public hearings to allow for public comment that allows ample time for evidence of residents' concerns. All information and testimony provided during the public comment period is part of the official record and the county must use the information to determine if additional testing is necessary. If additional testing is necessary, the county must perform the testing and remediation prior to issuing the land use permit.

Prior to issuing a land use permit, the county must assess the environmental status of the neighborhoods surrounding the landfill and make available to the public any information gathered indicating conditions that may contribute to negative health outcomes of residents.

This bill is similar to HB 2225 (2020).