



## Caldwell County neighbors protest proposed landfill

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With the creation of the tolled State Highway 130, many had hoped that Caldwell County would see rapid economic development.

Neighbors who live near Farm Road 1185 say a proposed landfill isn't the type of growth they had in mind.



"My husband and I represent the young professionals coming out of Austin that are looking for places to raise their families," Kaylon Robinson said.

Robinson and her husband moved to Lytton Springs in 2011. She says a proposed landfill on this land could have them looking for another place to settle.

"We would have never chosen our home and our area if we would have known there was going to be a dump here," she said. "If this dump comes through you will lose us."

Green Group Holdings is working to obtain the permits needed from the state to build what they are calling the 130 Environmental Park, a 250-acre landfill on a 1,200-acre tract of land along the new toll road and U.S. 183.

Green Group Holdings says the project will exceed state requirements for landfills and will feature an industrial park that will bring jobs to the area.

"This thing is going to be extremely negative for our community," neighbor Jimmy Bertram said. "We're setting up for our children. Let's not set it up with a dump. Let's not ruin the county."

On Monday, commissioners heard for several people asking for the county's help to stop the project. The county leaders agreed to begin work on an ordinance to stop future landfills, but said it's too late for them to stop this project.

Neighbors who live near the site say they'll continue to fight the proposal at the state level.