

Residents protest Caldwell County landfill

Residents say it is not needed

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AUSTIN (KXAN) - Caldwell County residents gathered Thursday evening to organize their fight against a proposed landfill that they say poses a hazard that they don't need.

The Green Group Holdings company wants to develop the landfill on 250 acres near U.S. Highway 183 and SH 130, some five miles north of Lockhart.

Residents argue that the proposed location is just 15 minutes from the Creedmoor Dump run by Texas Disposal System, and trash generated by Lockhart alone would take 900 years to fill the new site.



"It all boils down to money," said resident Frank Sughrue. "If you dig a hole you can fill it. We don't need it."

The residents say the Green Group has a checkered past with previous projects and that the new landfill would be a hazard to ground and drinking water.

"This could affect 12 million people who drink from the Wilcox Aquifer Recharge Zone," resident Alicia Thornton said. "Also, agriculture and animal use. It's of deep concern to our county and others, (including) Comal and Bexar Counties."

The purpose of the Thursday meeting was to combine facts and arguments into one coordinated strategy for when residents face off against the Green Group on Dec. 9 at the Caldwell County Commissioners Court.

That meeting starts at 9 a.m., but residents vow to be there at 8:30 a.m., ready to fight the project tooth and nail.