



January 16, 2026

Wiley C. Bracey
District Engineer, US Army Corp of Engineers, Charleston District
1949 Industrial Park Road, Room 140
Conway, South Carolina 29526

Re: SAC 2025-00032, Horry County Solid Waste Authority

Dear Wiley,

On behalf of the approximate 425,000 residents and 18 million annual visitors of Horry County, I am writing this letter of support for the Horry County Solid Waste Authority (HCSWA) permit application SAC-2025-00032 to construct three (3) new landfill cells at the current landfill location on Highway 90 in Horry County.

State law mandates that local governments fulfill various core functions for the residents of their respective jurisdictions. We easily think of Public Safety, Courts, Detention Centers, Public Works, Libraries, Planning, and Code Enforcement. We also recognize the local government responsibility for our infrastructure components such as road networks as well as water and sewer that are critical to the daily needs of the community and growth, vitality for our next generations. Horry County is the fastest growing county in one of the fastest growing states in our nation. That growth as well as the normal daily needs of our citizens places a challenging burden on local governments to maintain existing infrastructure in good condition and plan for future capacity needs of the community. New roads are being constructed, and existing roads are being improved to meet the needs of our community.

Waste management is an equally critical infrastructure component within our community and local government responsibility. Our South Carolina State Government places the responsibility of waste management on the shoulders of our county governments. Horry County created the Horry County Solid Waste Authority in 1992 as a cooperative with our local municipalities to collaboratively address solid waste disposal for our mutual needs.

Landfills are an equally critical component of infrastructure needed for our community. Landfills are, however, very different from other infrastructure in the fact they have a finite capacity. Roads and waterline can be repaired, improved, or replaced as needed to extend their life for the community needs. Our landfill can extend its life only by expanding its protected footprint for more capacity. Waste diversion, recycling, and repurposing are critical requirements of waste disposal, and I am grateful to share that HCSWA prioritizes and excels in those programs. HCSWA's diligence in managing the various

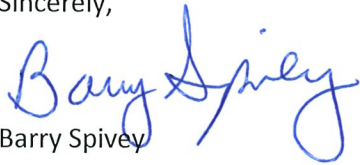
waste products reflects exceptional stewardship of both efficient, effective use of the landfill's limited capacity, and our environmental responsibility.

The current landfill site is situated in the geographic center of the primary population base of our county as well as in close proximity to the coastal municipalities and unincorporated tourist destinations. Approximately 87% of our population live in the eastern one/half of Horry County. This location near our population base and where waste is generated is vitally important as it minimizes the transport time and minimizes the wider environmental impact from the large trucks needed to transport waste to the disposal destination. The existing site has established protections for monitoring stormwater collection and discharge as well as collection of methane and other decomposition gases which are burned to produce energy or to reduce odors.

We are hopeful that future technology will advance waste disposal in ways that will allow for greater reuse or conversion of waste into safe, usable products. But until that time, our community must address the disposal needs in the most efficient, effective, responsible manner. In my opinion, expanding onsite is the appropriate disposal alternative giving our community its best protection and least environmental impacts.

I live in this community as do my family and grandchildren. I am confident the expansion on site is the best alternative for my family and my community.

Sincerely,



Barry Spivey
County Administrator

CC: Horry County Council
Horry County Legislative Delegation
David Gilreath, Assistant County Administrator – Infrastructure & Regulation