# Landfill Mining

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## **Potential Benefits**

- Airspace Recovery
  - Airspace = Future revenue
- Reduce Environmental Risks
  - Ground water contamination
- Recovered Material Revenue
  - Paper, plastic, metal, etc.

### **Assumptions & Risk Factors**

### Processing Capacity

Workforce & equipment

### Landfill Composition

- Core sample material consistency
- Unknowns (wood, metal, Tetra Pak)

#### Material Condition

- Contamination and market potential
- Material Price Volatility



## **Benefits Analysis**

Landfill Mining	Original	Current	
Airspace & Benefits	Analysis*	Analysis**	_
Recovered Airspace	25,308,896	8,708,207	Value based on landfill disposal fees
Reclaimed Land Value	781,035	-	
Avoided Post-Closure	7,736,456	-	
Avoided Closure	3,296,234	-	
Subtotal Additional Benefits	\$ 37,122,621	\$ 8,708,207	_
*Project 69% complete after 10 years			
**Project 52% complete after 10 years			

#### **Current Assumptions**

- Airspace value is a function of material diverted and airspace revenue potential
- Land value is applicable if a land purchase is avoided
- Closure/post-closure costs are only avoided if landfill never closes

## **Material Sales Analysis**

Landfill Mining	Landfill	Sellable	Original Proforma	
Commodity Assumptions	Composition	Material	Total Revenue	
Cardboard	18.0%	60.0%	\$	1,296,771
Mixed Paper	7.7%	5.0%	\$	30,818
Mixed Metal	5.0%	50.0%	\$	520,309
Aluminum Metal	2.0%	50.0%	\$	1,560,927
Concrete	3.0%	90.0%	\$	43,696
Rolled Paper - Tetra Pak	-	-	\$	960,000
Bulky Recoverable Materials	-	-	\$	9,819,600
Soil	-	-	\$	537,699
			\$	14,769,821

#### **Current Assumptions**

- UTA landfill composition research is reliable
- Market wants clean material; 30-50% of material will be degraded
- Tetra Pak & bulky materials are complete unknowns
- Original pro forma revenue = **\$44/ton**; Actual FY 15/16 revenue = **\$22/ton**

## Final Pro Forma

Landfill Mining Pro Forma	Original			Current
10 Year Totals	Analysis*		Analysis**	
Revenue & Benefits				
Material Sales		14,769,821		1,193,478
Airspace & Benefits		37,122,621		8,708,207
Subtotal Fund Revenues	\$	51,892,442	\$	9,901,685
Expenditures				
Personal Services		11,184,029		7,100,207
Materials & Supplies		1,539,026		993,345
Debt Service - Equipment*		5,536,995		3,324,809
Equipment Lease		1,536,160		1,340,000
Fuel & Maintenance		8,950,424		5,503,817
Outside Contract Services		1,343,567		1,343,567
Operational Transfers		4,588,454		3,306,678
Miscellaneous		398,108		994,544
Franchise Fee		738,491		59,674
Subtotal Fund Expenditures	\$	35,815,254	\$	23,966,639
Net Benefit / (Loss)	\$	16,077,188	\$	(14,064,954)
*Drainet 60% complete after 10 years				

<sup>\*</sup>Project 69% complete after 10 years

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## **Additional Risks & Challenges**

- Equipment Failure/Replacement
- Environmental Risk
- Health & Safety
- Workforce Loss
- Material Testing & Storage
- Inventory & Logistics

### **Options & Recommendation**

- Option 1: Eliminate landfill mining
  - Reduce O&M within 6 months
  - Equipment analysis/reduction (department wide)
- Option 2: Proceed with landfill mining

## Questions?