



## THE BEECHWOOD ROAD ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE

### HISTORY OF THE SITE AND FACILITY

Located in rural Napanee, in the former Richmond Township, the Richmond Landfill began operations in 1954. The site was originally owned by the Sutcliffe family and was purchased in 1990 by Laidlaw Waste Systems Ltd. The site was purchased in 1997 by Waste Management.

Since taking ownership of the facility, significant steps have been taken to improve the facility and bring it up to Waste Management's standards and commitments to environmental protection and stewardship. Some of these improvements include:

- Installation of additional gas wells
- Upgrading gas well piping system
- Construction of new and expanded sedimentation pond system
- Regrading, topsoil and seeding of entire 16-hectare landfill footprint
- Asphalt paving of haul roads

The landfill facility has a comprehensive Environmental Management Program that ensures a practice of continuous improvement and environmental protection. This program includes routinely reviewing all aspects of our operation, training programs to ensure employees have the necessary skills and knowledge to ensure that safety and environmental protection standards are observed and enforced at all times.

The facility accepts approximately 10,000 tonnes of waste per year from the surrounding community. The facility also has a residential recycling drop-off area (cans, glass, plastic, cardboard and scrap metal). The site also operates a windrow composting facility which accepts leaf and yard material.

On buffer lands around our facility, the Beechwood Road Environmental Centre supports wildlife habitat preservation areas and an outdoor education facility. Our site is certified by the Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC), and is the only waste management company to receive WHC certification.

Waste Management had previously proposed to expand the existing landfill site but was turned down due to concerns about the size of the proposed expansion and concerns about ground water protection.