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CRRA Launches Improvements to Hartford Landfill Removal of Fence, Planting of Grasses to Enhance Appearance

HARTFORD, Conn. – In response to local concerns, the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority is taking steps to improve the appearance of the Hartford solid waste landfill.

Earlier this year, CRRA began a landscaping project designed to turn the landfill's west slope into a grassy area. And on July 28, the CRRA Board of Directors approved a contract to remove the screen fence shielding the west slope from Interstate-91.

CRRA was able to begin the improvements because the west side of the landfill has reached its capacity. In 2004, CRRA decided not to pursue a vertical expansion of the landfill, meaning that when the south and east slopes are filled to capacity the landfill will be closed. Currently, CRRA projects that capacity to be filled in about 12 to 14 months. The ash section of the landfill has about 36 months' worth of capacity remaining.

The landscaping improvements include placing and grading additional soil and topsoil, construction of additional drainage facilities and planting a mixture of grasses on the slope. R. L. Rogers & Sons, Inc., was the low bidder for the job and received a contract for \$218,504.

The same firm was the low bidder for the fence removal project, which will include removing and disposing of the 30-foot-high steel poles and the fabric barrier, as well as grading and planting of grasses on the disturbed areas. Cost of the project is \$128,800.

"We want to be good corporate neighbors, so in addition to making sure our facilities are run properly we're doing everything we can to make sure they look their best as well," said Peter W. Egan, CRRA director of environmental affairs and development.

The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority is a quasi-public agency whose mission is to work for – and in – the best interests of the municipalities of the state of Connecticut. CRRA's new board of directors and new management team develop and implement environmentally sound solutions and best practices for solid waste disposal and recycling management on behalf of municipalities. CRRA also runs environmental and recycling educational programs through its Visitors Center and Trash Museum in Hartford and Children's Garbage Museum in Stratford. For more information about CRRA and its activities, visit <http://www.crra.org>.