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## Wildlife Report for Riverbend Landfill

Purpose: To determine the presence of nuisance wildlife in and around Riverbend Landfill.

Method: On January 31, 2012 we set 46 live traps (model 1045 Havaheart) each baited with two cans of cat food. The area is mapped out and traps were numbered 1-46. Trap placement was broad and covered the entire area. A higher density of traps were placed in areas with evidence of animal activity.

Monitoring: Traps were checked daily and bait was replaced as needed. Every animal caught in a trap was documented with the corresponding trap # and location. After checking the traps from 2/1/2012 – 2/11/2012 we caught a total of four opossum, three skunks and 18 cats. The cats were all released on site. The skunks and opossum were euthanized. We clearly identified fewer than ten cats who routinely made their way into traps.

Conclusion: At this time there is not a problem with nuisance wildlife living on the property of Riverbend Landfill. The areas with the most activity were closest to the highway (north side) and on the portion of property bordering Mulkey's RV Park. These animals were caught on our outer ring of traps away from interior traps. This leads us to believe that the point of entry was outside the landfill, furthermore we saw no evidence of wildlife living at Riverbend Landfill. There was not a single skunk or opossum caught in a trap within the perimeter fencing or inside of the road circling the landfill. We reported no activity along traps set within the entire fence-line throughout the North, East and South sides of the property. Activity was lower than levels consistent with foraging wildlife over such a broad area.

The main reasons for such low animal activity are as follows:

- Physical barriers to entry (fences)
- Limited ground cover around property
- Food sources aren't readily available

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## Wildlife Report for Riverbend Landfill

Purpose: To determine the presence of nuisance wildlife in and around Riverbend Landfill.

Method: On October 10, 2012 we set 25 live traps (model 1045 Havaheart) each baited with a minimum of two cans of cat food. The area is mapped out and traps were numbered 1-25. Trap placement was broad and covered the entire area. A higher density of traps were placed in areas with evidence of animal activity.

Monitoring: Traps were checked daily and bait was replaced as needed. Every animal caught in a trap was documented with the corresponding trap # and location. After checking the traps from October 11, 2012 – October 27, 2012 we caught a total of 22 skunks, 7 opossum and 4 cats. The cats were all released on site. The skunks and opossum were euthanized. We clearly identified only 3 cats, only one was caught twice.

Conclusion: At this time there is not a problem with nuisance wildlife living on the property of Riverbend Landfill. Nuisance wildlife attempting to enter the landfill has been drastically reduced. The areas with the most activity were closest to the highway (north side), on the southside along compromised barriers and on the portion of property bordering Mulkey's RV Park. Furthermore traps closest to Mulkey's RV Park had the highest concentration of catches. These animals were caught on our outer ring of traps away from interior traps. This leads us to believe that the general point of entry was outside the landfill, furthermore we saw no evidence of wildlife living at Riverbend Landfill. There was not a single skunk or opossum caught in a trap within uncompromised perimeter fencing or inside of the road circling the landfill. We reported no activity along traps set within an intact fence-line throughout the North, East and South sides of the property. Activity was lower than levels consistent with foraging wildlife over such a broad area.

Suggestions for limiting access from nuisance wildlife:

- Repair physical barriers (fences) that have been compromised in key areas
- Reduce ground cover (grasses and other vegetation)

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