

The Ross Group of Companies is a collection of family-owned, future-focused companies offering incineration, transportation, waste treatment and field services for over 70 years. The Ross Group is a proud member of the Eaton Township and Lorain County communities, and we take seriously our role as a contributor, employer and responsible neighbor.

Because Ross is committed to continuing our long history of contributing to the community, our neighbors and our employees, we want you to know about our plans. Ross is seeking the necessary permits and approvals to expand the footprint of our Giles Road operations. These permits and approvals will allow us to build a new treatment area and develop new technologies, including a monofill.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE COMMON QUESTIONS WE GET ABOUT OUR PLANNED EXPANSION:

**Q: WHAT IS A MONOFILL?**

A monofill is a type of landfill that only contains waste from a single operation. In this case, the waste disposed of in the monofill will be limited to inert incineration residuals from our current Giles Road incineration process.

**Q: WHAT HAPPENS TO THESE RESIDUALS CURRENTLY?**

Today, we transport residuals, materials remaining after incineration, to other facilities in the U.S. Relying on other companies leaves Ross vulnerable to possible disruptions in the business of those companies. Building our own monofill means we will be able to control all aspects of our process, which, in turn supports the long-term viability of Ross.

**Q: WILL THE COMMUNITY HAVE A CHANCE TO SEE PLANS, ASK QUESTIONS, MAKE COMMENTS?**

Yes. Ross is committed to continuing our long history of contributing to this community, our neighbors and our employees. That's why we want you to know about our plans and will share details throughout the permit application process. We have always maintained regular, open communications with our neighbors, community leaders, and our elected officials, and will continue to honor that commitment through this expansion process.

The permitting and construction will be carefully guided by various government and regulatory bodies, with formal public comment periods. And, we welcome your comments and questions at any time. Visit [rossenvironmental.com/monofill](http://rossenvironmental.com/monofill) for information and to submit your questions.

**Q: HOW WILL THIS AFFECT THE NEIGHBORING COMMUNITY?**

This proposed expansion will bring a positive economic impact to the region. The permit approvals we are seeking to expand our facility footprint and develop new technologies will allow Ross to grow in ways we simply can't with the current permits we have for our site. That expansion improves the long-term viability of Ross and allows us to continue to be a strong corporate citizen.

**Q: HOW WILL THE CONSTRUCTION AFFECT GILES ROAD?**

We don't anticipate that Giles Road will be closed for regular traffic at any point. We are committed to being a good neighbor and that includes not creating any traffic problems for our neighbors.

**Q: HOW SAFE IS THE MONOFILL?**

Ross has a proud history of safety and compliance in everything we do, and that commitment will continue through the construction and operation of the monofill. This project is being planned with safety as our top priority and completed with full regulatory oversight from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), and in compliance with regulations established by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), as well as any applicable state and local zoning and building regulations.



## HOW LONG WILL THIS PROCESS TAKE?

Our neighbors can feel confident that every step of the planned expansion is guided and regulated by various agencies and authorized bodies, from the Eaton Township Trustees and the Board of Zoning Appeals to the Ohio EPA and US EPA.

That means that there are many prescribed review periods, deadlines and checkpoints. As with most construction projects there are multiple variables, such as labor, weather, resources and reviews. This is a general estimate and we will let the community know if the timeline changes significantly.

## MONOFILL APPROVAL AND CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE:

### Late 2021/Early 2022

Wrap up various studies of the soil and the site

### Early 2022

Ross plans to submit a zoning change application to Eaton Township

### Summer 2022

Design the construction and engineering plan for the monofill

### Mid 2022

Submit permit modification applications to the Ohio EPA, which will take several months to approve the application. Public hearings and public comment periods occur during this period

### Beyond 2022

Monofill construction takes place in multiple phases; the earliest the first phase could take place is likely the summer of 2023

## ROSS GROUP OF COMPANIES AT-A-GLANCE

### OUR HISTORY

**1949** – Company founded as Robert Ross Industrial Disposal

**1967** – Community involvement begins with donation of tanker truck to Eaton Township Fire Department

**1981** – Ohio EPA issues Ross Incineration Services an Ohio hazardous waste permit

**1984** – Ross Foundation founded – grants of nearly \$2 million have been made to the local community since its inception

**1988** – U.S. EPA grants RCRA Part B operating permit to Ross Incineration Services

**1992** – Company launches annual collection of household hazardous waste at Eaton Township Dumpster Days

**2001** – Maureen & William Cromling II assume full ownership of the Ross companies

**2002** – Ross invests over \$11 million in state-of-the-art air pollution control system

**2003** – Ohio EPA issues Ross Incineration Services a RCRA Part B permit

**2005** – Ross Incineration Services receives SHARP Certification

**2006** – William (Bill) Cromling III named President of Ross Transportation Services

**2009** – Ross Transportation Services receives SHARP Certification

**2010** – Ross Incineration Services and Ross Environmental Services, Inc. become ISO 14001 Certified

**2010** – Ross Transportation Services receives National Safety Achievement Award for Exceptional Safety in the Workplace from the National Safety Council

**2011** – Jon Cromling named Vice President, Property & Land Development

**2011** – Ross Incineration Services earned its ISO 45001:2008 (formerly known as OSHAS 18001) safety and health management system certification

**2016** – Third-generation owners Bill Cromling III and Jon Cromling take over leadership of the Ross Group of Companies

**2017** – Jim Larson is named President and CEO of Ross Environmental Services

**2019** – The Ross companies celebrate 70 years in business

### MORE ABOUT US

- Ross Incineration Services – leaders in waste handling and incineration
- Ross Transportation Services – hazardous and non-hazardous waste transportation
- Ross Environmental Services – manages customer waste, main point of contact for all Ross Group customers
- More than 280 full-time and part-time employees
- Over \$2 million contributed to the local community, including \$1 million contributed to Midview Local School District and \$37,000 in scholarships to area students
- Employee safety a focus – through 2021, over 7 years without a Lost Time Accident for Ross Incineration Services; over 14 years without a Lost Time Accident; and almost 7 million safe driving miles for Ross Transportation Services
- Collected and safely disposed of more than 136,000 gallons of household hazardous waste through Eaton Township Dumpster Days



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