



# Green Group HOLDINGS

Integrating Solutions for the Environment

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Dear Caldwell County Residents,

I want to introduce myself and open a line of communication with you to keep you informed about our plans. My name is Ernest Kaufmann. I am the president of Green Group Holdings, LLC, the company with plans for a multi-million dollar investment in Caldwell County to permit, develop, and operate 130 Environmental Park.

The 130 Environmental Park is a proposed mixed-use development that will be located in northern Caldwell County, east of 130 Toll Road and north of FM 1185. 130 Environmental Park will include a municipal solid waste (MSW) landfill, a facility for processing recyclable materials, and an industrial park, which will attract more businesses, local jobs, and tax revenues to the community.

I've been in the infrastructure development business for more than 20 years. I'm proud that our leadership team has raised the bar for the entire waste management industry through community partnerships and highly-engineered projects like the proposed 130 Environmental Park. Our projects are designed to meet, and often exceed, standards set by the state and federal governments.

Even with state-of-the-art engineering, I know that the idea of a landfill can be unsettling or upsetting, so I want to start a conversation with you, the residents of Caldwell County, so that you better understand what we are proposing and its positive impact on your community.

As the project progresses, my team and I will be available to answer any questions you have. You can call me directly and we will be happy to visit with you at your business or your home, to invite you to the 130 Environmental Park site, or to tour one of the other facilities we have permitted, developed, and/or operate.

On a regular basis, we'll be sending out updates about the project to keep you informed. You're also welcome to participate in the information sessions we will host each week in Caldwell County. Dates, times and locations of these meetings will be published in local newspapers.

As we begin this process, it's important to note that modern landfills are nothing like the unregulated 'dumps' of the past where waste was simply buried without regard to the impact it might have had on the soil, air or water. The proposed 130 Landfill will be a highly-engineered, environmentally-friendly waste management facility, strictly regulated by the state to protect public health, the environment, and wildlife.

Green Group Holdings' leadership team has pioneered similar environmental infrastructure projects elsewhere and is renowned for its environmental stewardship, a commitment to transparency, and for innovative designs that meet and exceed applicable regulations.

Green Group Holdings will offer a Host Agreement for 130 Environmental Park that will be negotiated with Caldwell County to include monetary and non-monetary benefits for the County. As part of the Host Agreement, the project will provide a steady revenue source through a royalty paid on every ton of waste received. Property taxes paid by the facility will provide funding for local services such as public safety, schools, and infrastructure improvements. (over)

No law requires Host Agreements, but Green Group Holdings will voluntarily enter into an agreement so the provisions are legally binding and reflective of Caldwell County's needs. The Host Agreement may include support for community resources like recreation centers or libraries, a maximum size and height of the landfill, and limits on hours of operations.

Residents in communities near other projects we have developed know we are a company that keeps our word to the communities we serve. They can attest that our projects do indeed protect the environment and generate economic benefits for the community. We will exemplify the same integrity in our endeavors here in Caldwell County. In addition to updates on various aspects of the project, you can expect us to provide factual information if or when misinformation about the project surfaces.

Again, please do not hesitate to contact me personally with questions or feedback. We look forward to being a part of your community.

Sincerely,



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*About Green Group Holdings, LLC*

*Green Group Holdings LLC is a development company that specializes in large-scale infrastructure development and environmental permitting and operations for projects such as industrial parks, water supply facilities, transfer stations, recycling facilities, and landfills. With innovative designs and a commitment to transparency, the officials leading Green Group Holdings have set the standard for large-scale environmental permitting and development projects. Learn more at [www.greengroupholdings.com](http://www.greengroupholdings.com).*