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# Dumfries landfill buyer will pay for road project

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A Reston millionaire and his partners have acquired a controversial Dumfries landfill for \$4 million, donating \$30,000 to improve a dusty entrance road that has sparked complaints from nearby residents.

A company formed by Jack Crippen, whose family owned much of the land that became Reston in the 1960s, bought the 83-acre landfill from Florida developer J.V. Elrod in late September, according to Elrod's local agent and attorney.

Potomac Landfill Inc. bought the county's only industrial landfill Sept. 28 from Elrod, a Grove City, Fla., entrepreneur who owns about 20 Northern Virginia properties, the agent, Robert L. Davis, said.

Crippen, majority stockholder in the new company, has owned and operated a similar construction-debris dump near Great Falls for more than 13 years, according to Martina Crippen-Davis, his daughter.

"We do own both landfills, but it's not something we want to advertise," said Ms. Crippen-Davis, treasurer of Potomac Landfill.

She referred questions to her father, whom was out of town this morning.

The landfill, which lies next to Grayson Village Mobile Home Park, is in a residential zone and operates under a special-use permit. It is on the northwestern edge

of Dumfries, adjacent to Interstate 95.

Crippen gave \$30,000 to the town to pave Greentree Lane, the road serving both the landfill and the mobile home park, Town Clerk Rhetta Ladd said today. The paving project, which has not yet begun, is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Grayson Village residents have complained for years about noise and dust from trucks entering the landfill.

"We're working with the town in every way we can to help them," Ms. Crippen-Davis said.

Unlike Davis, president of the corporation that formerly operated the Dumfries site, Crippen and his partners are experienced in running construction-debris landfills, she said.

"He [Davis] saw right away that 'Gee, I'm in a little over my head,'" she said. "It's very easy to happen."

William W. May, the Manassas lawyer and retired Prince William General District Court judge who represents Elrod here, declined to reveal the terms of the sale.

Davis, a Montclair resident, said Elrod paid him a "very handsome" sum from the profits of the sale but declined to specify the amount.

In July, Davis said he planned to continue operating the landfill for several years before closing it and creating an industrial park.

# High court rules town landfill legal

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The Virginia Supreme Court this week denied an appeal by the town of Dumfries to stop a Battery Hill debris landfill operation, which the town claimed was illegal.

The town said that a permit issued by a former town official earlier was "illegal," even though a Prince William County judge ruled that the permit was valid. A Supreme Court judge upheld that decision.

Robert J. Davis, who owns the 83-acre site with J.V. Elrod, said they have been waiting for the Supreme Court's decision before making any further decisions on development of the property.

Now, Mr. Davis said, they plan to pave the access road into the property and continue with the landfill.

The site is now zoned for single family dwellings, but Mr. Davis said they may try to get it rezoned for light industry.

Residents of Grayson Village Mobile Home Park, near the road leading to the site, say the large trucks cause noise and dust. They say that nearly 30 trucks a day sometimes pass by.

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