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Dumfries landfill sale not yet accomplished

Council was told sale was final

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The 83-acre Potomac Landfill will continue business as usual in Dumfries — at least for now.

Last week, Town Engineer Lee Lansing told the Dumfries Town Council the industrial landfill had been sold. But Robert Davis, president of the corporation that operates the business, said there has been no sale.

Davis said that after reading the minutes of the monthly meeting he called Lansing to tell him the landfill had not been sold.

"They had a contract on it, for \$4 million, but we turned it down," Davis said. "We've actually had four offers within the last 90 days, but we did not sell the landfill."

Lansing said he had been called by "a man presenting himself as the buyer. He asked a lot of questions on the limitations of zoning on that property."

The landfill, which lies adjacent

to the Grayson Village mobile home park, is zoned for residential dwellings. Davis operates the landfill under a special use permit.

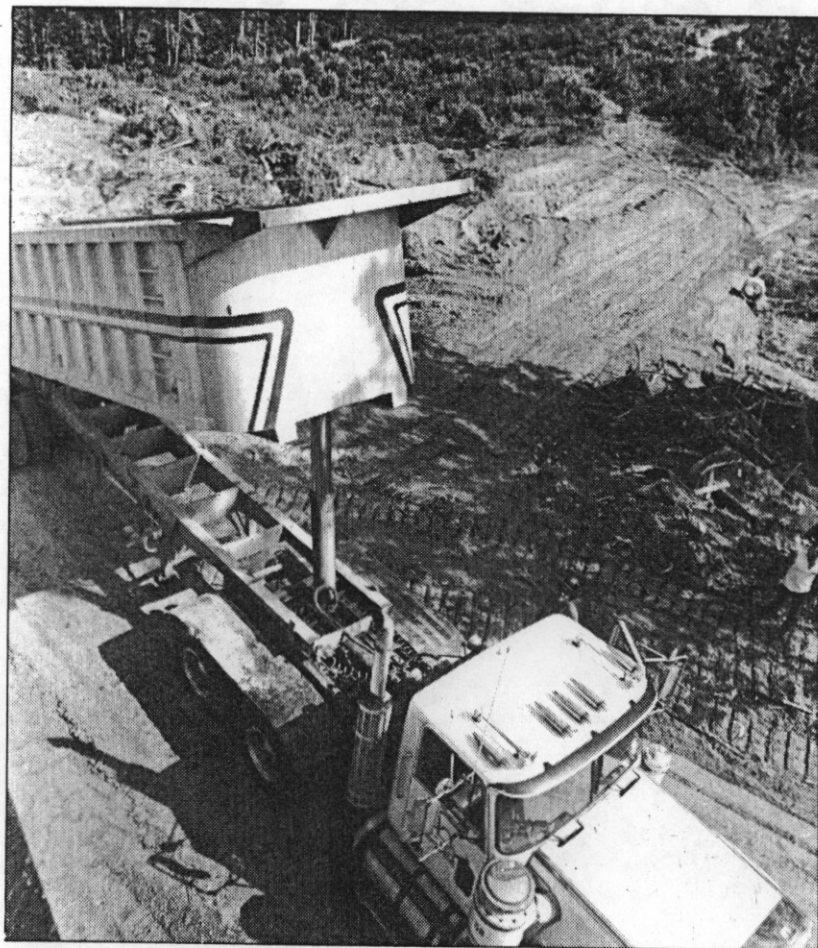
Davis said he expects to sell the landfill within the next 60 days, if he is offered \$5 million. Last month, the businessman had said he planned to continue operating the landfill for several years before closing it and creating an industrial park.

When opportunity knocks, however, there is no time to waste, Davis said Thursday.

"We would sell it for the right price," he said.

The landfill is owned by J.V. Elrod, 85, a retired attorney for the federal government who lives in Sarasota, Fla., Davis said.

The two men initially proposed to build townhouses on the land, but the Town Council turned down the request. A subsequent request for a special use permit to operate a landfill was approved.



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Part of the 83-acre Potomac Landfill site in Dumfries.

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