

CHAPTER 2026-201

House Bill No. 4039

An act relating to the solid waste disposal facility in Broward County; defining the term “Monarch Hill Landfill”; requiring a feasibility study and public hearing before any expansion of the Monarch Hill Landfill; providing requirements for the study and public hearing; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Monarch Hill Landfill; Expansion Requirements in Broward County.

(1) Definition.—As used in this section, the term “Monarch Hill Landfill” refers to the solid waste disposal facility located in Broward County, currently operated under permits issued by the Department of Environmental Protection.

(2) Feasibility Study Requirement.—Before issuing or approving any application, zoning change, permit, or development order that would allow for the physical expansion of the Monarch Hill Landfill, Broward County must commission a feasibility study, to be conducted by an independent third-party entity with expertise in environmental engineering, solid waste management, and public health impacts. The feasibility study must include, but need not be limited to:

(a) Assessment of the environmental and public health impacts of the proposed expansion.

(b) Analysis of alternative waste management solutions, including waste-to-energy technologies.

(c) Evaluation of potential impacts to surrounding communities, including odor, traffic, noise, and groundwater contamination.

(d) Consideration of the cumulative impact of existing operations and the proposed expansion.

(3) Public Hearing Requirement.—At least one public hearing must be held in Broward County, within a 5-mile radius of the Monarch Hill Landfill, before the final approval of any proposed expansion. The hearing must meet all of the following requirements:

(a) Be publicly noticed at least 30 days in advance through local media, the county’s website, and direct notice to property owners within a 2-mile radius of the Monarch Hill Landfill.

(b) Allow for meaningful public input, including written and oral testimony.

(c) Include a presentation of the findings of the feasibility study.

(4) Conditions on Expansion Approval and Permitting.—Approval of an application, zoning change, permit, or development order that would allow for the physical expansion of the Monarch Hill Landfill may not proceed until the feasibility study and public hearing required in this section have been completed and publicly disclosed.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2026.

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