

Prior to 1853 the Congress Landfill site was part of a 160-acre farmstead owned by Mario Covell, an early settler of Proviso Township. In 1854, Covell began a small stone quarry on the eastern portion of his farm. Covell continued to expand the quarry and in 1888 started the Proviso Stone and Gravel Company.

In 1920, A.C. O'Laughlin, purchased the land and the quarry continued to mine for stone resources. Between 1950 and 1979 the site had multiple owners, all who continued to mine the quarry.

In 1979, John Sexton Sand and Gravel Corporation bought the site and formed a partnership with Brown-ing-Ferris Industries (BFI), commonly known as the Congress Development Company (CDC) to develop the quarry into a sanitary landfill.

The landfill began operations in 1980. The property ceased accepting municipal solid waste and was certified closed in 2008.

# Neighbor to Neighbor



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## Our Commitment

Congress Landfill is committed to being a good neighbor in our community.

We are committed to operating with environmental practices and policies that are good for our customers, local businesses and residents. Our local team of environmental managers, engineers and scientists ensures that the long-term management of the landfill materials is regenerative to the planet.

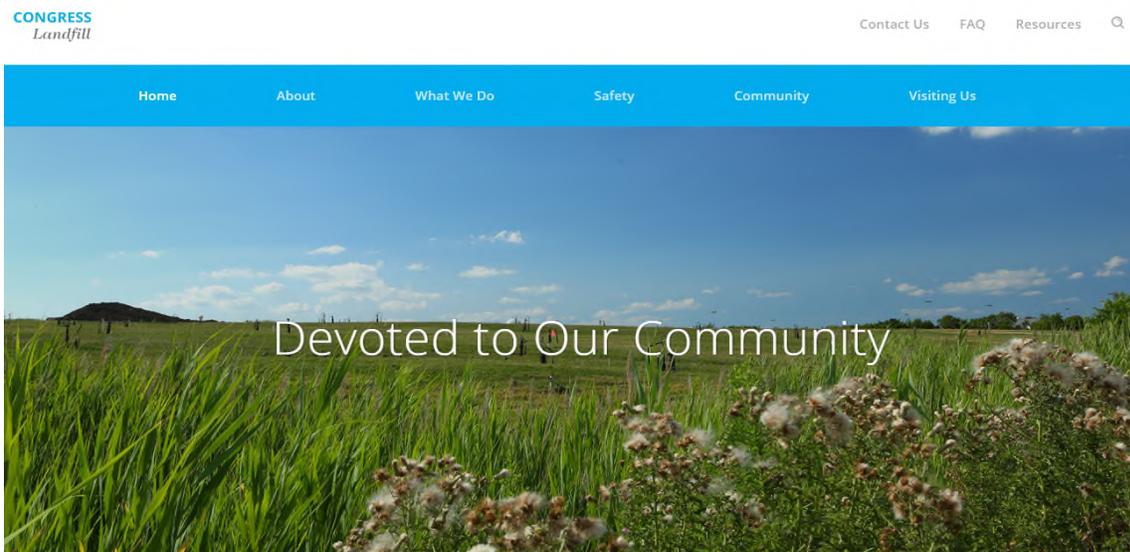
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## New Web Site Now Live

In November we launched an updated website to provide information about Congress Landfill and to keep you updated on what's happening at the site.

Congress Landfill served businesses and municipalities throughout the Chicago Metropolitan Area from 1980-2008. Today, the Landfill no longer accepts waste and is a certified closed site. The Congress Landfill team continues to invest in the site and responsibly operate the Landfill.

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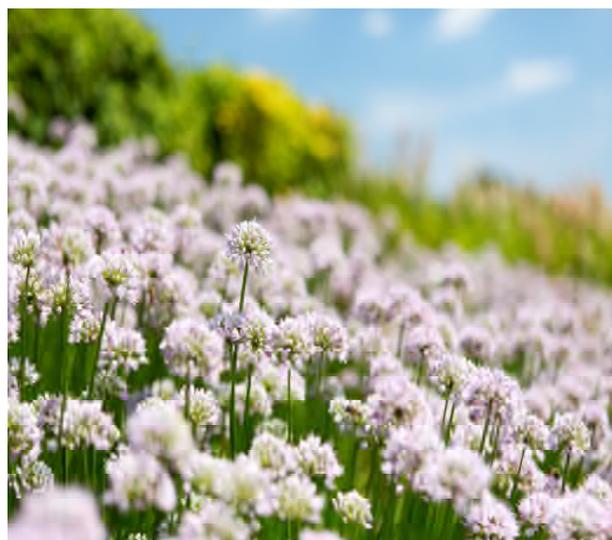


## Environmental Initiatives

Congress Landfill is operated in a manner that protects public health and the environment. Although no waste is accepted at Congress, we work closely with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to ensure that we meet all state and federal regulations. There are many environmental protection systems at Congress Landfill.

**Air Quality:** Landfill gas is collected through a system of 145 extraction wells. This gas is piped to an on-site flare system where it is safely destroyed. The landfill's surface and exterior gas probes are also regularly monitored to ensure the landfill gas system is operating properly.

**Water:** Protection of all water sources is a priority at Congress Landfill. The Landfill is designed with a highly engineered composite liner final cover system designed to minimize the infiltration of liquids into the Landfill. Liquids that are within the Landfill are collected and pre-treated on-site at our wastewater treatment facility. Once pre-treated, the liquids are discharged to Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, the largest wastewater treatment facility in the world. In addition, Congress Landfill assesses groundwater with 53 individual groundwater monitoring wells and storm water in our on-site surface pond. We routinely test each well and the surface pond to verify groundwater and storm water safety.



## Safety at Congress Landfill

At the Congress Landfill, keeping our community and our workers safe is the most important thing we do. Safety is a priority throughout our operations.

Our focus on safety means we protect the community in multiple ways:

### **Built Strong:**

Our on-site employees have over 95 years of combined waste management experience.

### **Protects Groundwater and Surface Water:**

Congress Landfill assesses groundwater with 53 individual groundwater monitoring wells placed around the site. Each well is routinely tested to verify the groundwater's safety.

### **Protects the Air:**

Our landfill team routinely monitors the 145 landfill gas wells to verify the landfill gas collection system is operating properly.



On-site Leachate Storage Tanks

### **Monitored Continuously:**

Sophisticated safety equipment and trained personnel continuously monitor the Landfill and ensure it is running appropriately.

### **Inspected Regularly:**

Congress is inspected twice a year by the Illinois EPA and annually by the Cook County Department of Environmental Control.

### **Overseen Continuously:**

Congress uses a sophisticated data management software that allows its operators to monitor both the gas collection system and leachate storage system right from their smart phones. This ensures that our personnel are informed about our infrastructure operation 24-hours a day.

## Congress in a Managed State



Employee checking a landfill gas well at Congress Landfill. The 145 on-site landfill gas wells help control odors.

Congress landfill is a closed landfill, meaning it no longer accepts waste. The site is still maintained, which includes groundwater monitoring, leachate management and landfill gas system operations. Now that the Landfill no longer accepts waste, a final landfill capping system that consists of an engineered soil liner, cover soils, and a vegetation layer has been installed and is being maintained. The site will be maintained until at least 2058, which includes continued groundwater monitoring, leachate management and compliance reporting until which time the IEPA approves the site for final closure.

## Recycling Best Practices



Follow three simple steps before placing your recyclables in a container:

1. Make sure your recyclables are **EMPTY** of their contents.
2. Make sure your recyclables are **CLEAN** of any residue.
3. Make sure your recyclables are **DRY** before placing them in a recycling container.

**Empty. Clean. Dry.**

Be sure your recyclables are empty, clean & dry before you toss them in the blue container.

### Mailing List:

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