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MEDIA ADVISORY

Future Of Hartung Quarry Subject Of Public Meeting Thursday At Mount Mary College

Ald. Bohl Says Public Input Critical As Quarry Nears End of Its Life As Landfill

The future of a 16-acre landfill known as the **Hartung Quarry** will be the subject of discussion during a public town hall meeting to be hosted by Ald. Jim Bohl on **Thursday, December 15, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in Bergstrom Hall at Mount Mary College, located at 2900 N. Menomonee River Parkway (enter from N. 92nd St.). The public and media are invited to attend.**

Ald. Bohl said a neighborhood driven site plan for the quarry, along with development issues, will be among the topics of discussion.

The landfill -- located on land south of W. Keefe Ave. between N. 99th St. and the Menomonee River Parkway, partly in the City of Wauwatosa, partly in the City of Milwaukee -- is not considered to be a toxic site, but there are some problems with methane gases. However, those gases are not expected to affect how the space will be used. While the possibility exists for some development along portions of the perimeter, the landfill itself is expected to remain an open space, which could come in the form of a park, a nature preserve, or for low-maintenance recreational uses.

The Hartung Quarry began to be used as a landfill in 1964 for such things as discarded furniture and appliances, wood fragments and leaves. From the early 1970s until the present, the landfill has accepted only what is called "clean" fill, including concrete, asphalt and soil from city projects or taken by residents to the Self-Help Centers. It's expected to stop accepting materials around the end of 2006.