

**North East Waste Systems, LLC (NEWS)
North East Waste Systems Transfer Facility**

Fact Sheet

Current Property Use: The property is owned by U.S. ER1, Inc. and will be leased to NEWS for operation of the transfer facility. The parcel is a brownfield dominated by coal mine strippings and is zoned for General Industrial Use. The property is immediately adjacent to the Hazleton Creek Commerce Center (abandoned mine land being reclaimed for commercial development).

Relocation of Transfer Facility

Bill Rinaldi has always demonstrated a steadfast commitment to working transparently with the City of Hazleton and the community to find a new site for relocating the transfer facility, and has secured the necessary local approvals from the Hazleton Zoning Hearing Board.

Waste Transfer Facility Benefits: The transfer facility will provide the City with a modern, well-regulated waste management infrastructure to support both municipal needs and local economic activity. The proposed waste transfer facility represents an environmentally sustainable and economically beneficial project in the City of Hazleton, through the efficient management of solid waste generated in the city and increased local investment.

The proposed facility will provide an efficient outlet to help:

- ✓ reduce illegal dumping
- ✓ improve transportation efficiency
- ✓ support broader sustainability through drop-off recycling per PaDEP regulations and policies



Volume/Types/Source of Wastes to be Accepted: A *maximum* of 500 tons/day of Municipal Solid Waste (household, office, etc.) and Construction/ Demolition Waste. The proposed tonnage is designed for collection of only local waste from the surrounding areas.

Proposed Operating Hours:

- ✓ Waste Acceptance - 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday
- ✓ Waste Transfer/Loadout – 24 hours/day Monday through Saturday
- ✓ Putrescible waste by regulation is required to be removed from the tipping floor within 24 hours of receipt

Transportation: The proposed waste transfer facility is designed to integrate into Hazleton's existing industrial infrastructure without creating significant traffic congestion. By leveraging a high-capacity intersection and optimizing local collection routes, the project minimizes its footprint on city streets.

Optimized Traffic Flow and Volume

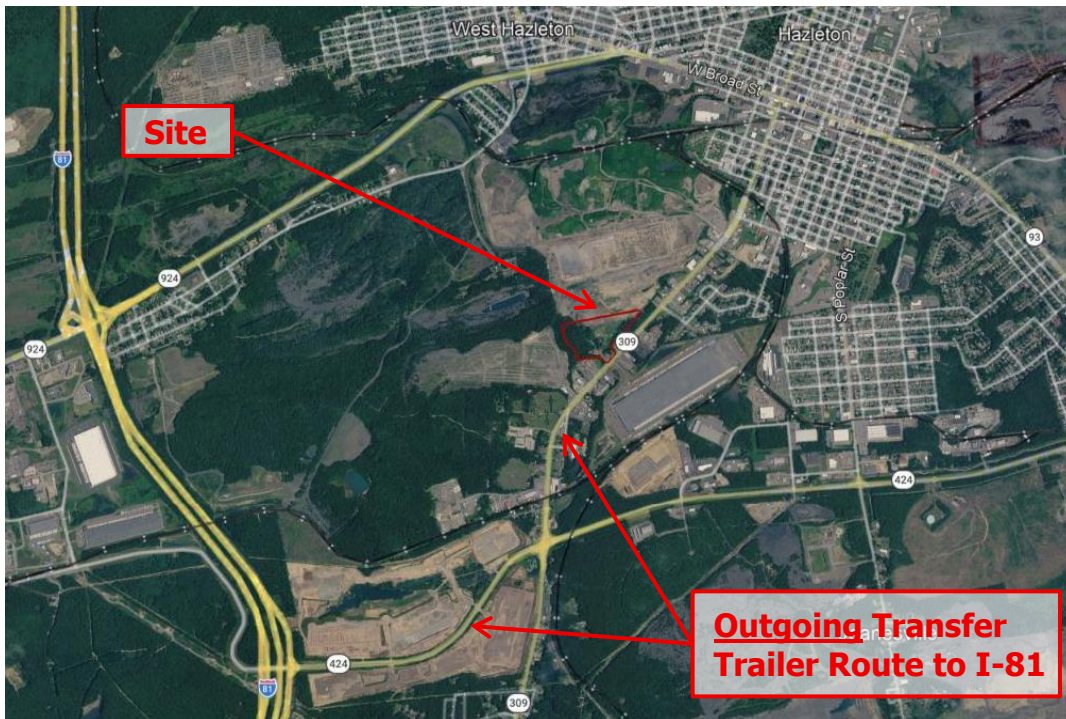
- ✓ **Minimal Impact on Capacity:** The facility is located at an intersection recently upgraded by PennDOT to include a traffic signal and more lanes.
- ✓ **Controlled Access:** The site features a main entrance at the new, upgraded intersection with a traffic signal to ensure safe and orderly vehicle movements.

Collection Efficiency

- ✓ **Fewer Trucks on Local Roads:** Because the facility is local, garbage collection companies can complete their routes with shorter trips and reduced wait times.
- ✓ **High-Capacity Loads:** The facility can process 500 tons of waste using only 40 to 50 trucks per day, significantly reducing the total number of vehicle trips required to manage the city's waste.

Strategic Routing - To protect residential areas and maintain traffic fluidity, the project utilizes a heavy-vehicle bypass strategy:

- 1) **Direct Southbound Exit:** Larger outbound trucks will travel south on South Church Street (State Route 309).
- 2) **Highway Connectivity:** Vehicles will transition directly to Route 424 and onto Interstate 81, keeping heavy transit on state-maintained industrial corridors and away from the city center.



Recycling Education: The proposed NEWS recycling center in Hazleton aims to bridge the gap between industrial infrastructure and public education. The center is envisioned as a hands-on classroom for the **Hazleton Area School District**, utilizing state-standardized environmental guidelines to transform local waste management habits.

Mr. Rinaldi proposes a multi-front approach to recycling education:

- ✓ **Experiential Learning:** Utilizing the transfer facility for K-12 field trips and high school internships to move beyond theory and into practical application.
- ✓ **Early & Constant Integration:** Treating recycling as a fundamental life skill by embedding it into school curricula and community programs from a young age.
- ✓ **Cultural Shifts:** Using peer educators and digital tools to transform recycling from an "optional" task into a standard social norm.
- ✓ **Systemic Support:** Ensuring that education is backed by convenient infrastructure, making it easy for citizens to apply what they've learned.
- ✓ **Yard Waste Integration:** Establishing a dedicated yard waste drop off point.