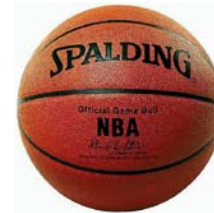


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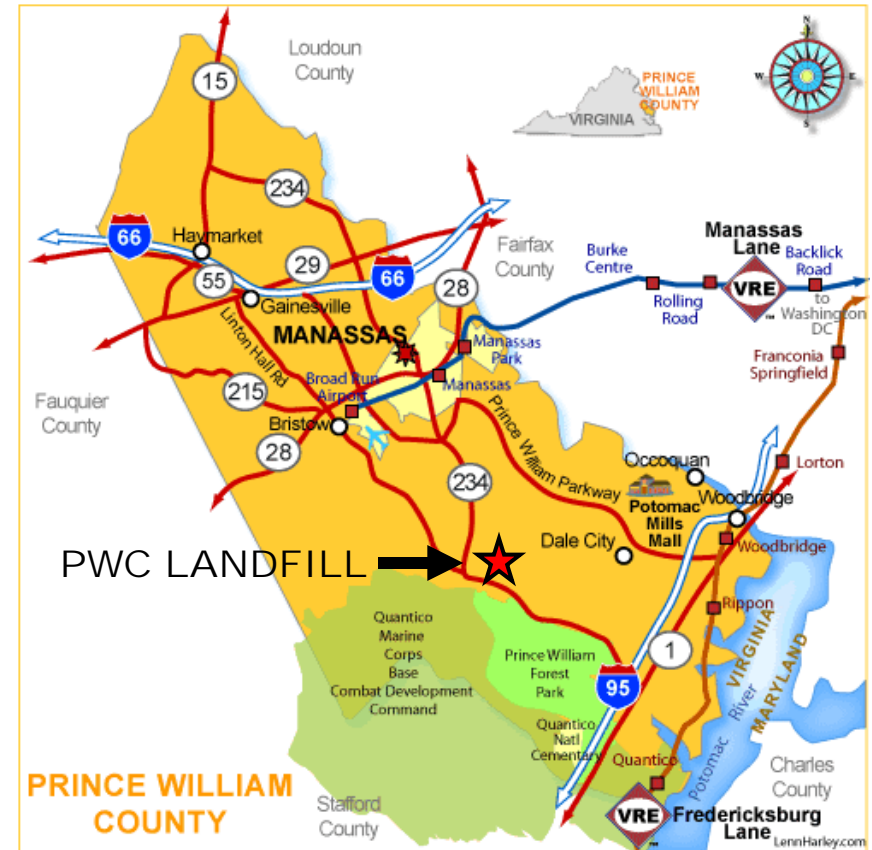


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# About Prince William County, VA

- Population: ~ 400,000
- 338 square miles
- Landfill permitted in 1971
- Landfill receives about 875 tons/day trash
- Solid Waste Division operates landfill, compost facility, recycling programs, and HHW/electronics program
- Trash/recycling collection handled by private firms



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# Too Good To Waste (TGTW) Program Background

- Suggested by citizens advisory committee as a way to reduce waste and manage scavenging
- Started in 1991 with a designated area on a gravel pad
- In 2003 the area was paved and a 1,450 SF steel building added
- County received the Governors Environmental Excellence Award in 1993
- Program is very popular with residents



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# What is the Too Good To Waste Place?

*Place at the landfill where residents can exchange reusable items*



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# Types of Items Exchanged

- Lawn mowers
- Small appliances
- Furniture
- Household items
- Building materials
- Bicycles
- Wheels
- Office furniture



# Facility Rules

- Prince William residents only (use is at own risk)
- Items placed in the facility must have some usable life left in them (no “trash”)
- All items are available on a first come, first served basis
- All items are in “as is” condition
- Items are not intended for resale
- Do not “help” unload incoming materials unless requested to do so
- No mattresses, chemicals, paints, liquids, glass panes, clothing, electronics, or other items deemed unsafe by County personnel



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# Program Challenges

- People that hang out and wait for the “good stuff”
- Have had to call the police on several occasions over the years due to break up fights or disputes
- Problems with people approaching drop-off vehicles to get items before they get to the TGTW place



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# Advice for Others

- Partner with existing thrift and resale stores to get their buy-in
- Locate it in a location where you can monitor it easily
- Prohibit items that are potential hazards (window glass, liquids, HHW, etc.)
- Regularly Clean out items that linger
- Discourage loitering
- Allow plenty of parking area for vehicles
- Post clear facility rules
- Market along with other reuse programs



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