# Developing a Financially Viable 340 kW LFG Power Project



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#### MRSWA

- Created in 1995
- 4 Members
- Non-Profit
- 5-Member Board
- Budget/Fees





#### **Administration Building**



## Dual Stream Material Recovery Facility



### **Closed Landfill**



#### Landfill Gas System



#### **MRSWA LFG Project Development**

- Motivation
- Methodology





#### **Our Moving Message**



#### **MRSWA and GkW**

- Entered into a revenue sharing agreement
- Project costs and risks borne by GkW
- Both parties benefit through cooperation
- Challenge: Small (340 kW) & low power value





#### Value Power (\$/MWHr)

# 200820092010\$53.56\$33.64\$38.33

#### (PJM LMP for AEP Zone)





#### **Keys to Financial Viability**

 Reduce capital costs without compromising safety, reliability, compliance, or aesthetics





#### **Controlling Capital Costs**

- Small project team
- In-house design and construction
- Utilizing local sources of materials and talent
- "Alternative" sources of equipment supply





#### **Project Timeline**

- Contract finalized January, 2009
- Permits obtained January, 2009 October, 2009
- Ground breaking November, 2009
- Ribbon-cutting October, 2010





#### **Process Summary**

- 265 kW Waukesha generator set (Curtis Engines)
- 75 kW generator set (Talon Power)
- Minimal gas treatment

















