

Did you know that the Twin Oaks Landfill's \$0 tipping fee went into effect this week?

College Station Council Member, Mark Smith, knows firsthand just how much work went into making this happen for the Cities of Bryan and College Station.

"Today, BVSWMA is an example for other landfills across the state. It is an amazing success story. The two cities benefit enormously. I can't say enough how pleased I am with where BVSWMA ended up," he said.

Smith served as the Director of Public Works for the City of College Station from 1994 to 2010...

"I think back on some of the conflicts during the beginning of it. There were some bad ideas floated out there and in the end, we got the best of all worlds. We got two cities cooperating and benefiting from an enormous success story."

After retiring from the City, Smith went to work elsewhere... he says he still remembers the moment he heard about the Twin Oaks Landfill's grand opening in 2011.

"When I got an email saying they were going to have a ribbon cutting and grand opening of Twin Oaks Landfill, I absolutely made time in my day to go to that celebration. That was really something."

Smith eventually made his way back to the Brazos Valley and after being elected to City Council in 2022, he says he couldn't wait to join the BVSWMA Board.

"I wanted so bad to be on the BVSWMA Board. I wanted to see the success that we had had. I love going to those meetings and getting nothing but positive financial news and good reports on operations. It's been wonderful," Smith said.

Smith says this success has been a long time coming.

"From failing inspections, firing landfill managers, getting things back on track, to get us to the huge success that Twin Oaks is now is very gratifying and it says a lot about those people who work out there."

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