

# ICONIC LANDMARK GETS NEW NAME

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## Waste Management unveils Monarch Hill Renewable Energy Park

**POMPANO BEACH, FL – May 12, 2011** – Waste Management has renamed its 500-acre campus in unincorporated Broward County Monarch Hill Renewable Energy Park.

Formally named Central Disposal landfill, the facility opened in 1965 as one of the first waste facilities in South Florida owned and developed by Wayne Huizenga. Today, Waste Management is a publically-traded Fortune 200 company.

“To say the world has changed since we opened here 46 years ago is an understatement. The nation has moved from a culture of ‘throw it away’ to one that reduces, reuses and recycles its waste and in the case of this campus, is using that waste to create clean, renewable energy,” said Dawn McCormick, Community Affairs Manager for Waste Management. “We are now so much more than a landfill, and we felt it was time to recognize that in a new name and celebrate it with our local students during our Earth Day event.”

Monarch Hill Renewable Energy Park is located on the property adjacent to the Florida Turnpike just north of Sample Road. The campus includes a waste-to-energy facility that processes up to 2,250 tons per day of municipal solid waste into 68 megawatts of electricity, which is enough to power nearly 40,000 homes, and Monarch Hill landfill which takes in approximately 3,500 tons of waste per day. Here methane gas is produced and used as fuel to generate nearly 11 megawatts of electricity or enough to power an additional 9,000 homes.

As the largest environmental services and recycling company in North America, Waste Management has been recognized nationally for its commitment to environmental sustainability and was recently recognized by the Ethisphere Institute as one of the World’s Most Ethical Companies. The company is committed to the highest standards of environmental responsibility and has invested millions of dollars into Monarch Hill Renewable Energy Park’s innovative environmental control systems.

“Since 1965 we have served the disposal needs of residential, municipal and commercial customers in Broward County and surrounding communities,” said McCormick. “While we have a history here, it is the future that is our focus. We have a great environmental and renewable energy story to tell and the new name captures the essence of our efforts in South Florida.”



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A new monument sign will be erected at the intersection of Powerline Road and Wiles Road. Along both roads Waste Management recently planted more than 500 new native Oak trees, Royal Palms and Bismarck Palms, as well as 200 butterfly attracting vines along its perimeter walls, as part of its site beautification efforts.

**ABOUT WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Waste Management, Inc., based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Through its subsidiaries, the company provides collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. It is also a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. The company's customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. To learn more information about Waste Management visit [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com) or [www.thinkgreen.com](http://www.thinkgreen.com).

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