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Date	Action	Notes and Documents
1963	Pawtucket's Incinerator is built	
1982	The City ceases operation of the Pawtucket Incinerator/Landfill (Grotto Avenue)	
1984	Grotto Avenue site is open to waste disposal	
1993	City leases Grotto Avenue site for a Municipal Transfer Station	
April 2001	RI Department of Environmental Management (DEM) creates landfill closure program and promulgates rules and regulations.	This required the City to develop and get approval of a landfill closure and remediation plan.
January 2003	The City's environmental consultant, Fuss & O'Neill, investigated the Grotto Avenue site.	
March 2008	The City, through Fuss & O'Neill, submit a remedial action work plan and closure plan for the Grotto Avenue Landfill to DEM	
June 2009	DEM approves the City's work and closure plan	
2010	Previous discussions by prior administration regarding transfers station vendor selection, access road, tonnage	Pending supporting documents
May 2011	Evaluation of the Blackstone Valley Regional Transfer Station	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Request for qualifications. Bryant University is selected.</li> <li>- Fuss &amp; O'Neill evaluate the recommendations</li> <li>- <a href="#">Report</a></li> </ul>
May 2012	City enters into contract with private vendor for waste transfer station (Waste Haulers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- See Council approved <a href="#">contract</a></li> <li>- Provisions for an access road and additional tonnage</li> <li>- Additional Council communications or action <a href="#">Feb 29, 2012</a>, <a href="#">April 19, 2012</a>, <a href="#">Oct 15, 2012</a>, <a href="#">Oct 17, 2012</a>, <a href="#">Nov 1, 2012</a>, <a href="#">Nov 1, 2012</a></li> </ul>
May 2012	Waste Haulers contracts with an engineering firm for the design of the access road.	
January 2013	DPW and Waste Haulers commit to daily reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Response from DPW</a></li> </ul>
April 2013	Councilor Rudd requests response from Waste Haulers, zoning, DEM regarding complaints from residents (oil disposal, out of state vehicles, status of the building, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Response from MTG</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Response from Zoning</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Response from Legal</a></li> <li>-</li> </ul>

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June 2013	City launches rat/rodent control program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Zoning/DPW monitor complaints of rodents and sets bait stations</li> </ul>
August 2013	Transfer Station structural repairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Request for proposals issued in January 2013</li> <li>- Contract awarded to MAS Building &amp; Bridge in February 2013</li> <li>- Construction completed in August 2013</li> <li>- Final construction cost: \$65,660</li> </ul>
April 2014	Waste Haulers explores building the access road at Grotto Ave site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Learns of environmental issues with the site, issues with DEM approval due to the hazardous waste site and wet lands.</li> <li>- Significant issues with building a bridge on the land.</li> </ul>
May 2014	Mayor and DPW Director (Lance Hill) meet with Councilor Rudd regarding the transfer station agreement and proposed alternatives	
Fall 2014	In response to issues with the access road proposal, Waste Haulers proposes exploring other sites in Pawtucket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Commits to paying for the cost to relocate and building an indoor facility, cleaning any onsite litter at Concord Street. Demolishing the existing transfer building, and capping the Grotto Ave site.</li> <li>- <a href="#">Waste Haulers Communication to DPW Director (L.Hill)</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Communication to Council Oct 15, 2014</a></li> </ul>
June 2015	DPW Director (Lance Hill) requests and update on the access road from Link Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">June 26, 2015</a></li> <li>- In response, Link updates him on the issues with the access road proposal</li> <li>- <a href="#">Legal response to questions regarding Link Environmental name change</a></li> </ul>
July 30, 2015	Mayor's communication to Council regarding Link Environmental's letter and the access road issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">July 30, 2015</a></li> <li>- Meeting scheduled with councilor and neighborhood association</li> </ul>

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<p>August 2015</p>	<p>Communication to Council responding to questions regarding liquidated damages</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">August 14, 2015 Finance Response</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">August 15, 2015 Legal Response</a></li> </ul>
<p>September 8, 2015</p>	<p>Meeting with Councilor Rudd and Waste Haulers</p>	
<p>October 20, 2015</p>	<p>Link Environmental meets with Fairlawn neighborhood association and neighbors regarding the proposal for the new site</p>	
<p>March 2016</p>	<p>Transfer Station structural repairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Request for proposals for an I-beam replacement issued in January 2016</li> <li>- Contract awarded to Stillwater Construction in January 2016</li> <li>- Construction completed in March 2016</li> <li>- Final construction cost: \$24,913</li> </ul>
<p>March 2017</p>	<p>Council requests update on contract</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">DPW Director (Bill Ankner) response</a></li> </ul>
<p>April 2017</p>	<p>Link Environmental signs a contract extension with the City of Pawtucket</p>	
<p>August 2017</p>	<p>Link Environmental submits development plan review to the Planning Commission to begin the approval process</p>	

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August 2017	Link Environmental submits application for dimensional variance with the Zoning Board	
September 2017	The Planning Department meets with DEM to review state approval process	
September 2017	Planning Department review of the transfer station plan	- Notice to the abutters, neighborhood association, city councilors, City of Providence planning department, and DEM regarding the proposal.
October 2017	Planning Department meets with members of the Fairlawn neighborhood association to review the proposal and answer any questions	
October 17, 2017	Planning Commission holds its first public meeting on the proposal.	- Link Environmental presents and Commission hears testimony from the public
October 30, 2017	Zoning Board Meeting	- Board continues the Link Environmental variance matter
TBD	Link Environmental submits proposal to DEM	- Approx. 4-7-month process - Public Information Session in Pawtucket - Public hearing at DEM - Written public comment period
November 3, 2017 November 16, 2017 November 30, 2017	City updates City Council on the process	- <a href="#">Communication</a> - <a href="#">Communication</a> - <a href="#">Communication</a>

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November 28, 2017	City and Link Environmental meet with FACT Members	
December 1, 2017	City Solicitor Response to Council	- <a href="#">Letter</a>
December 6, 2017	City Council approves a resolution for no further action to be taken on the transfer station proposal	- <a href="#">Resolution</a>
January 9, 2017	City forms a community stakeholder group to work with the Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership (Bryant) to explore all of the options for the transfer station.	- <a href="#">Press Release</a>
January 9, 2018	City sends a letter to Fairlawn residents regarding the facility and process moving forward	- <a href="#">Letter</a>
January 24, 2018	Responses to City Council	- <a href="#">Letter regarding vendor payments</a> - <a href="#">Link Environmental response</a> - <a href="#">Communication with Secretary of State</a>