

Survey of Closed Landfills and Tank Farms

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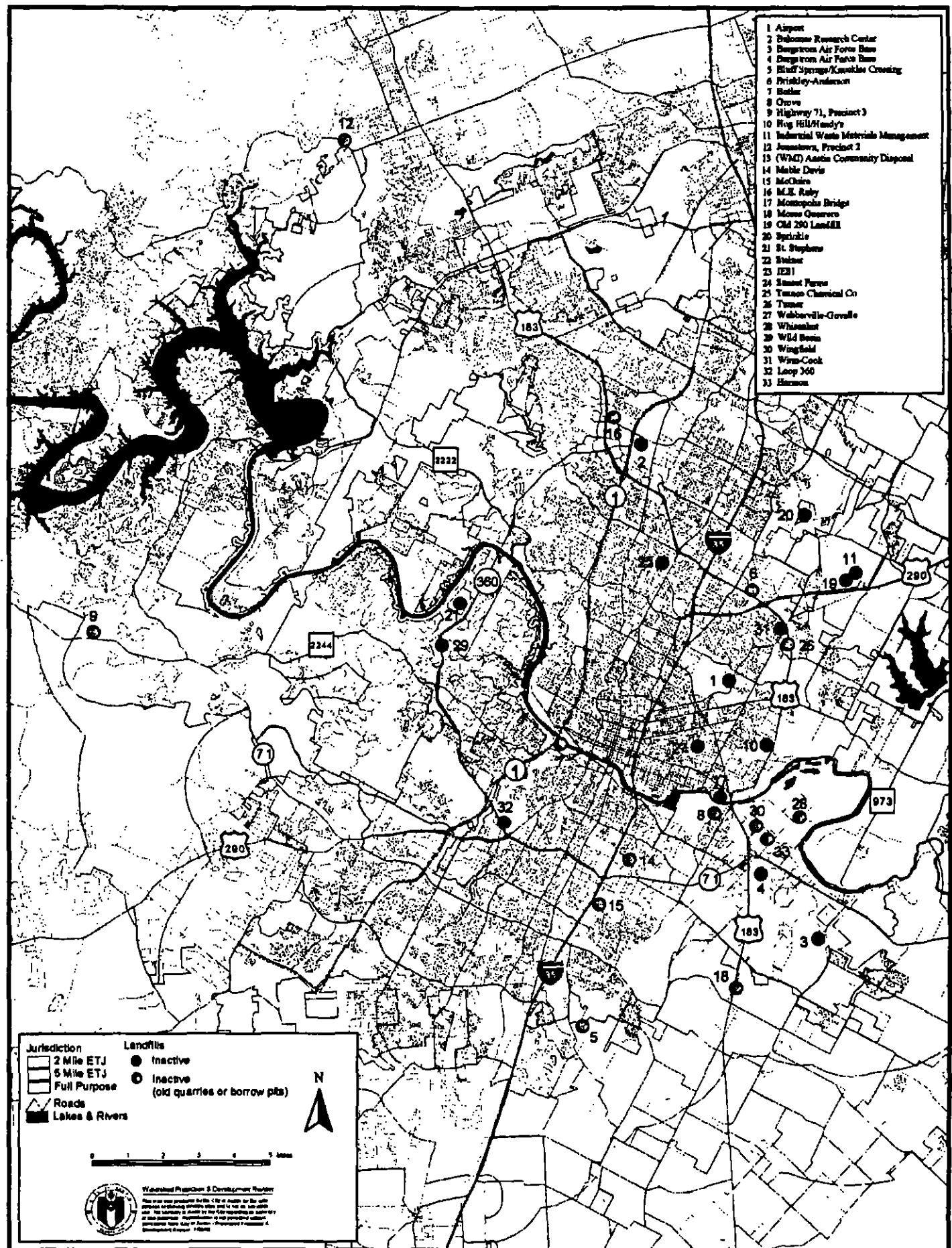
- To conduct an environmental survey of closed landfills and tank farms in Austin, and to report back to the Council with the status of each.

Tank Farms

- The East Austin Tank Farms are the only known closed tank farms in Austin.
- Cleanup of contamination by the former operators is continuing.
- State approval for the final remediation plan is expected in the next 60-90 days.
- Active cleanup should be completed in the near future.

Closed Landfills Survey

- Geomatrix Consultants, Inc. was hired to evaluate closed landfills in Austin and update the 1984 URM report, *Landfills in the Vicinity of Austin, Texas*.
- Twenty nine sites were surveyed and the results submitted in the report *2004 Supplemental Assessment, Landfills in the Vicinity of Austin, Texas*.



Objectives of Landfill Survey

- Update currently available environmental information.
- Make recommendations for any needed actions.
- Provide information for future land use planning.

Summary & Findings

From Executive Summary “...none of our findings indicate an obvious and imminent threat to public safety.”

- 12 landfills with no issues
 - 3 City owned, 9 privately owned
- 5 landfills with issues, but corrective action underway
 - 3 City owned, 2 privately owned
- 7 landfills needing additional investigation
 - All privately owned
- 2 landfills needing corrective action
 - 1 City owned, 1 privately owned
- 4 sites that are not landfills, but are illegal dump sites
 - 1 City owned, 3 privately owned

■Note: Mabel Davis counted in 2 categories, giving total of 30 sites.

Next Steps

- Forward a copy of report to TCEQ.
- Notify property owners of findings for their property.
- Further evaluate City-owned sites (2) for possible corrective action.
- COA Code Enforcement Division has been notified of sites with illegal dumping and is communicating with property owners.
- Continued periodic inspections and monitoring where needed.
- Post report on City of Austin web site.