



Lessons learned and recommendations based on the 4.5-yr project experience



- Difficulty to collect data from private companies
- ELFM projects are often considered as confidential
- Recovery of raw materials from landfills is not the only driver to start an ELFM project

#### **Drivers:**

- Reclaiming land (e.g., redevelopment project in a high land pressure area)
- Environmental risk (e.g., flooding risk, pollution)
- Health issues
- Landscape visual impact
- Regaining void space (in case of a landfill still in operation)
- Infrastructure projects
- Recreative areas
- Biodiversity/biomass
- Green Energy



#### **Most profitable drivers:**

- Recovery of land (especially in areas characterized by high land value)
- Implementation of redevelopment projects
- Onoz site value of lime and ashes low value of the land
- Lingreville environmental risks, visual aspects (wastes in the see)
- Le Marais environmental risks protection of the drinking water quality – infrastructure project



The benchmark identified a series of reasons explaining why the existing initiatives were not economically successful:

- Not assessing the presence of asbestos
- ➤ Bad estimation of volume due to soil irregularities and unexpected buried volumes of waste materials.
- Bad estimation of waste composition
- Overestimation of the selling prices of metals and other materials.
- The percentage of "fine" materials was generally higher than expected (more than 40%).



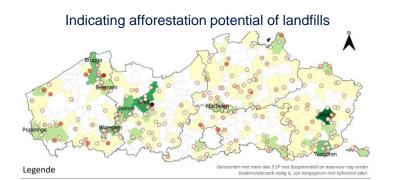
#### RAWFILL's solutions:

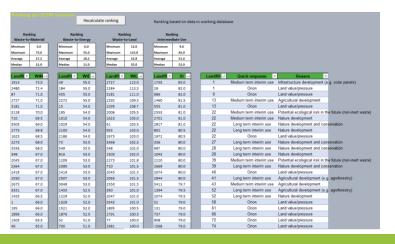
- ➤ ELIF included the possibility to integrate asbestos quantities into the description of the waste mass.
- HADESS methodology (multi-methods geophysical imaging combined with targeted sampling) can improve the estimation of waste volumes.
- RAWFILL provides a standard methodology to describe the waste composition more precisely.
- ➤ It is necessary to assess better the quality of metals and other materials in order to evaluate the profitability of the valorization. This data is now included in the business model.

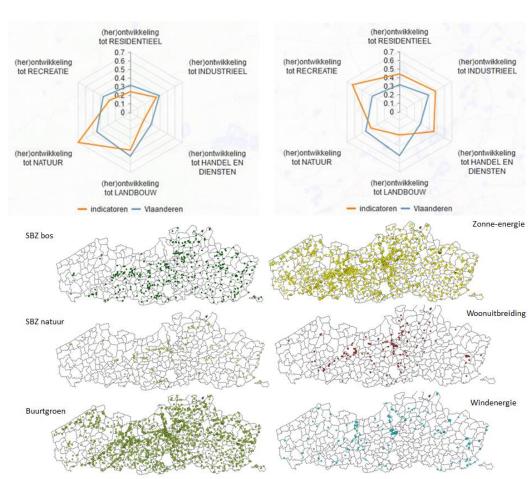
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#### **Step 1:** prospection







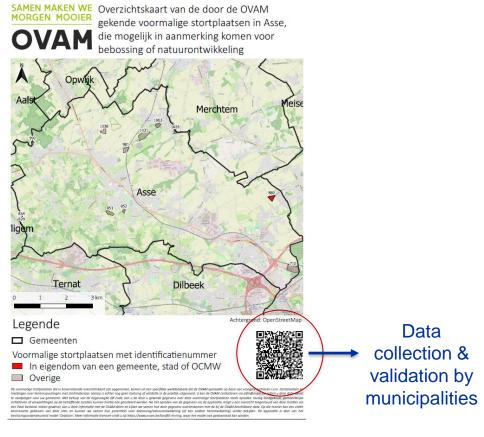
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**Step 2:** Letter send from the office of our minister, with Cedalion QR code and a map of the landfills









Afforestation potential of landfills?



**Step 3:** Municipalities can access Cedalion GIS data online by means of the OVAM online platform for local authorities

Cedalion GIS data on municipal data platform



#### Descriptive document with more information about Cedalion and the field application

#### Kenmerken van de voormalige stortplaats

Op basis van beschikbare dossierinformatie werden de onderstaande kenmerken van de voormalige stortplaatsen opgenomen in de Cedalion dataset of inventaris. Deze inventaris is gebaseerd op het beslissingsondersteunend model Cedalion, dat ontwikkeld is in kader van het Europees Interreg project RAWFILL. Meer informatie over dit project vindt u hier, het beslissingsondersteunend model

In deze databank ontbreekt echter nog heel wat informatie. Daarom werd binnen RAWFILL ook een applicatie ontwikkeld waarmee bepaalde informatie over de stortplaatsen op een eenvoudige manier opgeladen kan worden via onderstaande QR code. Zo kunnen gemeenten deze databank aanvullen, updaten of corrigeren op basis van terreinkennis en/of documentatie die zij beschikbaar



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Een stap-voor-stap handleiding voor het gebruik van deze QR code vindt u hier (deze handleiding is opgesteld in kader van het bebossingsproject waarvoor we de gemeenten contacteerden begin maart 2021). Het DLM ID komt overeen met het cedal\_id (zie algemene info in dit document). De naam van de stortplaats kan u zelf vrij kiezen.

In de veldapplicatie wordt voor criterium 6 – Omgeving gevraagd om te duiden wat het actueel en potentieel landgebruik is op de stortlocatie. Dit wordt gevraagd in de vorm van ja/nee vragen voor de verschillende landgebruiken. Om hiervan reeds een algemene inschatting te geven, heeft VITO met behulp van het Ruimtemodel Vlaanderen de huidige en toekomstige bestemming op de stortplaatsen uit onze dataset bepaald. Daarom wordt hier gewerkt met het percentueel aandee van het stort dat onder een bepaald landgebruik of bestemming valt. Informatie uit de praktijk die via de applicatie verzameld kan worden, blijft hier echter zeer belangrijk en kan de informatie uit het Ruimtemodel dan ook overruler

Kenmerken van stortplaats en terrein

Cedal id:

Stort\_opp: oppervlakte van het stort (ha) Diepte\_mv: diepte van het stort onder het maaiveld (m)

Hoogte\_mv: ophoging van het stort boven het maaiveld (m)

volume van het stort (m3)

type afdeklaag van het stort (geomembraan, minerale afdeklaag of grond) Terrein: kenmerken van het terrein (gras, braak, struikgewas, bomen of andere) hellingsgraad op het terrein (vlak, minder dan 15° of meer dan 15°) Helling:

Erosie: indicatie van erosie (geen, zwak of ernstig)

aanwezigheid van verharde wegen rondom de stortplaatslocatie (ja of nee) Toegang1

toegankeliikheid voor zwaar vervoer (ia of nee)

Afforestation potential of landfills?



#### **Lessons learned:**

- Increase of interest in redevelopment of landfills if a certain advantage is offered (in this case a free preliminary soil investigation)
- If afforestation is not an option, local authorities are triggered to consider alternatives for redevelopment
- Increasing awareness
- Importance of a clear communication on the purpose of the QR and the specifications of the application
- Local authorities often preferred other ways of sharing their data (in the way in which they have it available)



#### Desk study and prior information collection

- Desk study is required prior to the geophysical investigations in order to select the most suitable geophysical methods to characterize the selected landfill.
  - Historical study
  - Geological map
  - Satellite image analysis :
    - to detect the main landfilling activities on site;
    - to predetermine the landfill lateral extension;
    - to identify different layers of waste deposits;
    - to detect the potential presence of unexploded WWII bombs.



#### Desk study and prior information collection

- > Site visit:
  - to identify potential disturbances/noise sources on the landfill (e.g. fences, metallic objects on the surface)
  - to check the accessibility (vegetation, etc.)
  - to verify the presence of a geomembrane



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Landfill structure	Lateral extent										
	Cover Layer thickness										
	Vertical extent										
	Buried utilities										
Landfill characterisation	Waste zonation										
	Leachate content										
Environmental conditions	Host material										
	Groundwater table										
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#### Two steps:

- > Step 1: a quick survey of the landfill conducted using geophysical mapping methods (electromagnetic induction or magnetic) to identify the lateral zonation of waste.
- ➤ Step 2: to investigate identified zones in more detail, profiling methods (such as electrical resistivity tomography or induced polarization) providing better vertical resolution can be applied.

### **Waste sampling**



- Every detected geophysical anomaly should be sampled in order to provide a detailed correlation analysis.
- On municipal solid waste landfills, sampling data from boreholes are not necessarily well correlated with geophysical data.
- Boreholes provide high-resolution images very locally (punctual information)
  - not representative of the heterogeneity found in these landfills.
  - ➤ too small borehole diameter might not provide representative samples since waste items with a larger diameter could be "pushed to the side".
  - > be used to detect interfaces between distinct waste facies.



Preference should be given to trenches and trial pits

### Waste sampling



- Trenches and trial pits
  - incorporate a larger volume than boreholes
  - a limited depth of investigation
  - ➤ Temperature measurement (useful parameter for biodegradation process)

#### Elaboration of a business model



- key to assess if the landfill is suitable to launch profitable ELFM project.
- should take into account not only the material, energy and land recovery but should also assess the economic values of social and environmental benefits.
- Prices were difficult to obtain as private companies involved in ELFM project are not keen to share their substantial financial revenues.
- Main expenditure items are staff costs, waste transportation and treatment costs.

#### Elaboration of a business model



- It is only valid for a short time span and should be updated regularly based on the current market price
- Main revenues highly depend on the excavated material quality and quantity
- If ELFM project not profitable → the development of an interimuse
- Business model template is available on the RAWFILL website.





	Impacts during the ELFM operations	Impacts after the completion of the ELFM project
Land		<ul> <li>(+) Increase of the land value surrounding the site.</li> <li>(+) Limitation of the urban sprawl on greenfield.</li> <li>(+) Limitation of greenfield use for new redevelopment project.</li> <li>(+) Creation of a protected natural area (in some cases).</li> </ul>

# Preliminary assessment of the environmental and social impact for RAWFILL landfill pilot sites



	Impacts during the ELFM operations	Impacts after the completion of the ELFM project
Soil	(-) Risk of soil contamination.	(+) No more risk of soil contamination.
Air	<ul> <li>(-) Risk of explosion or fire.</li> <li>(-) Emission of dust during excavation.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>(+) No more landfill gas emission.</li> <li>(+) Improvement of the air quality.</li> </ul>
Water	<ul> <li>(-) Risk of surface and groundwater contamination.</li> <li>(-) Risk of leakage.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>(+) No more risk of leakage of contaminants directly to the groundwater and the surface water</li> <li>(+) Improvement of the groundwater quality.</li> </ul>





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Landscape	(-) Negative visual impact.	<ul> <li>(+) Reduced prominent shape of the landfill → less or no disruptive landscape.</li> <li>(+) Restoration of a natural dune complex.</li> <li>(+) Reshaping of the site and slope stabilization.</li> </ul>
<b>Biodiver</b> sity	(-) Disturbance of the fauna and flora.	<ul> <li>(+) Diversification and increasing of the biodiversity on site.</li> <li>(+) Eradication of invasive species (e.g. the Japanese Knotweed).</li> </ul>





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Climate	<ul> <li>(-) Generation of CO<sub>2</sub>     during the ELFM     operations (excavation,     waste transport, etc.).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>(+) Avoids methane emissions → Reduction of the greenhouse effect.</li> <li>(+) Revalorization of the metal content and other materials recovered from the landfill → Avoid CO<sub>2</sub> production.</li> <li>(+) Valorization of the combustible fraction → substitution of fossil fuels.</li> </ul>

# Long-term effect of the RAWFILL project



- no country has currently specific national/regional frameworks or legislation that encourage ELFM projects.
  - Only the region of Flanders (Belgium) has enacted specific regulations: environmental permit code for ELFM projects, exemption of waste taxes, specific calls for brownfields with landfills.
- Need to continue the implementation of an interregional policy platform for the exchange of experience and a long-term perspective for a NWE or EU-wide consensus/strategy on ELFM.

LFM – not prohibited, not promoted

# Long-term effect of the RAWFILL project



 At the moment, no specific rules were enacted at the EU level and member states apply various legislative frameworks to facilitate ELFM. Due to the fact that most ELFM projects are at the level of a pilot, nor the need nor the experience of a comprehensive legislation is in place.

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# Long-term effect of the RAWFILL project



#### **Greendeal in Wallonia**

- Like most of the NWE regions, there was no legal framework for ELFM project in Wallonia.
- Inspired by the Green deal from the Netherlands.
- A first Greendeal was signed in Wallonia to launch a ELFM project at Onoz site (one of the RAWFILL pilot sites).
- Serves as leverage for other ELFM initiatives in Wallonia.

# LFM, when?



- LFM yes, but not only for material recovery
- LFM allows the increase of the LF capacity for waste storage
- LFM will reduce the environmental risks for environment (drinking water, etc..)
- LFM will allow the development of new projects on the recovered land
- LFM will reduce the costs of post management activities of a landfill
- LFM is one of the options for the dynamic management of landfills
- LFM is difficult to develop without an adapted legislation in the field of waste and landfills
- LFM depends on local conditions
- If needed, the aeration of a landfill should be activated before starting an LFM project
- Interim use options are available, while waiting the right moment for LFM activities

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# Thank you!