Acadia voters trash landfill proposition

Acadia voters rejected a proposal to build a new landfill in the parish on Tuesday, defeating the measure by a margin of 47%, or 64,957 votes, against 38%, or 53,778 votes. The vote was 470,735 to 310,730.

The proposal was backed by local officials, including the Lafayette Parish Police Jury, which approved the project last year. The proposed landfill would have been located near the town of Youngsville, near Lake Charles.

Supporters of the landfill argued that it would provide a safe and efficient disposal site for the parish's waste. Opponents said that the landfill would threaten the health and safety of nearby residents and would devalue their property values.

One opponent of the landfill was Jonathan Guidry, a member of the Lafayette Parish Police Jury. "This is not what we need, this is not what we want," Guidry said.

The defeat of the landfill proposal is the latest in a series of setbacks for parish officials, who have faced resistance to several other projects in recent years.

"We're not going to give up," Guidry said. "We're going to keep fighting for what's best for our community."