

## **The Landfill Link**

### **INFORMATION GUIDELINES FOR YOUR VISIT AND FOR “TALKING TRASH”**

#### **General questions**

1. What have you seen today that surprised you?
2. What have you seen today that really excited you?
3. Was anything particularly beautiful or disgusting? Tell why.
4. Make notes of the most outrageous facts you have learned through the Urban Park Rangers. Have fun with it!
5. Use your senses to describe the Landfill.

#### **About the park**

1. What does Fresh Kills Landfill look like now? Note the types of land (hills, meadows, etc) and water on the site.
2. What plans does the Parks Department have for the land?
3. What plans does the Parks Department have for the water?
4. Do you like what they have planned? Why or why not?
5. Would you add anything to their plans for the park?

#### **About waste management**

1. What types of machines, if any, did you see? Describe them.
2. How much waste passed through this landfill?
3. How did the Department of Sanitation make the “mounds”?
4. What lives in the mounds?
5. Where do the methane gasses go?
6. What does our trash go now?
7. Where is our recycling being done?

#### **About the wildlife**

1. What kind of birds, mammals and reptiles did you see?
2. Depending on the season, were there any nests?
3. What animals lived at Fresh Kills when the landfill was active?
4. What animals are expected to return? Have they?
5. What animals are new to the area?