

3.2.1 Bass Island

Facility Name: Bass Island

A.K.A.: Johnson Disposal site

Location: 3949 Newtown Road; 7286, 7290, 7294 Church Street
West of Newtown Rd, South of Little Miami River

Parcel(s): 50003100034, 50003100033, 50003100032, 50003100031, 50003100030,
50003100029, 50003100028, 50003100027, 50003100026, 50003100002
(possibly others)

Lat, Long: 39.137810 -84.358669

Region: Anderson Township

Owner: The Board of Park Commission Hamilton County

Operation (yrs): Approximately 1960s (based on aerial photos)



FACILITY OVERVIEW

Hamilton County Public Health records for this landfill are limited. Therefore, the exact location of disposal is unknown. The property was owned by Earnest Johnson from 1964 through 1976. A letter, dated May 1969, was sent in response to a complaint indicating that the disposal site was operating without a license. A letter sent to Earnest Johnson at this same time indicated the site would likely not meet the requirements to be a sanitary landfill, specifically noting that the site was located in the flood plain.

The site also appeared on lists and maps of historical dump sites in Hamilton County. On the following page are several ODOT aerals showing filling in the general area marked on the map above.

FIGURE 3.2.1-B (1963)



FIGURE 3.2.1-B (1964)



FIGURE 3.2.1-B (1965)



FIGURE 3.2.1-B (1970)



SITE INSPECTIONS

An attempt to inspect the site was made on December 4, 2025. However, the area was inaccessible due to a construction project occurring to improve the river access adjacent to the former fill area. The site was inspected by HCPH on February 22, 2023. No violations or nuisance conditions were observed on the site. There are various areas with some partially exposed tires and metal. These may be remnants from the filling or could be deposited during flood events since this area is in the flood plain of the adjacent Little Miami River.

SITE PRESENT DAY

The property is currently a wooded buffer area located between the Little Miami Golf Center and the Little Miami River. There are several unmarked hiking trails that originate from the parking lot on Newtown Road and pass through the area. The area is currently closed for construction of improved parking and river access.

