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Huron group complains company was overlooked

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HURON - A local conservative group criticized Erie County officials over the county's ongoing efforts to develop gas at the Erie County Landfill.

The group, [Grassroots American Values](#), says Erie County should have contracted with a local company, Engi Systems of Huron, to collect and deliver the gas. Instead, the group notes Erie County has chosen to keep up of the gas and tried to develop it with private and government partners.

[Grassroots American Values](#), based in Huron, is best known for its battles with local public libraries over sexual materials. The group's Web site discusses the group's efforts to "stop Ohio librarians from providing obscenity

In a Sept. 18 letter to Erie County commissioners, the group said Erie County has spent \$320,000 so far on the project and has nothing to show for it. It asked why Erie County is insisting on a "wholly governmental ownership system."

Commissioners issued a letter Thursday replying that Engineered Process Systems has no experience in landfills and refused to work with a partner with experience.

The commissioners' letter says county officials are disappointed it hasn't developed a project after 10 years of continued effort until they succeed.

"It is only a matter of time until the right opportunity arrives," the letter says.

A Web site describes Engineered Process Cooling Systems as a working alliance between mechanical contract company and engineering firm Theys Associates. Engineered Process Systems official Mike Spacek could not be reached Thursday for comment.