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back and forth to that site and those are very hilly roads."

"We think there are better sites," Pete Feldman said. "Just down (Interstate Hwy.) 35 there's the New Market site with only one house within half a mile of the place."

"The county finds it very politically favorable to take a voluntary site," said Berg. "They would not have to go through condemnation proceedings. They would not have to operate the landfill. It would be privately operated for profit."

Robert Schmidt, chairman of the task force that will recommend a site to the county board, said the Credit River site has not been given any priority.

"We are investigating all the sites," he said, "to see how they comply with criteria that have been previously set, such as does it pollute water or air, surrounding territory, does it take out any prime land and all of these things."

"The next step is going before the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency where there will be public hearings, and there are four other steps before it even comes back to us."

Schmidt said the fact that the Credit River site has been volunteered doesn't make any difference, that it will be considered under the same criteria as the four other potential sites in Scott County.

Anthony Worm, chairman of the

Scott County Board, said the board has made no decisions on a landfill site and won't until after Schmidt's task force makes a report.

Berg said the balloting will include approximately 300 residents who live in a 6-square mile area of Credit River Township.

If the residents vote in favor of secession, Berg says the committee will begin the legal process required to implement such a move.

If the residents decide they want out of Scott County they can go about it two ways. They can attempt to become a part of neighboring Dakota County or attempt to form a new county.

To form a new county the committee would need a petition signed by at least 5,000 Scott County voters, forcing a vote in the next general election — November 1982.

There's a catch to that. State statutes require that any new county must have an area of at least 400 square miles, no less than 2,000 inhabitants and an assessed valuation of no less than \$4 million.

So to form a new county, the residents of Credit River Township would have to convince residents outside their 6-mile area to join them.

There is no minimum area or value requirement for joining another county, but then the voters of that county would have to vote as well.

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