

A STUDY ON LAND SELECTION AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR CLOSED SYSTEM DISPOSAL FACILITIES

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ABSTRACT

Closed System Disposal Facilities(herein after called “CSDF”)is intercepted by covering facilities and seepage control facilities from outside environment, and has the following features.

①Scattering of waste and diffusion of a bad smell can be prevented. ②Neither the quantity of seepage water nor reclamation work is influenced by the weather. ③This image is better than a conventional opened-type landfill site (herein after called “OPLS”) because it hides waste from outside. ④It is easier to obtain the consent of residents about the construction of a landfill site. ⑤It can use for the storage facilities for recycling.

On the basis of these, the authors studied methods of land selection of CSDF and the practical regional developments which are based on the features of CSDF and OPLS in terms of cost reductions of whole landfill systems.

Keywords : Land Selection, Regional Development, Closed System Disposal Facilities

INTRODUCTION

In recent years, a number of regional development projects have been under way in Japan for such intermediate processing facilities of waste as incineration facilities and recycling facilities for the measure against dioxin, economic and efficiency at the waste disposal.

However, there have been few intensive and extensive projects with landfills. In addition, an increasing number of local governments are sharing and managing more than one landfill as a result of recent

mergers of cities and towns promoted under a government incentive.

Under these circumstances, it is becoming more important to select an optimal development pattern when a local government is to plan the construction of regional landfill. A development pattern refers to a form of development of a landfill based on considerations of regional conditions specific to each local government. The selection of a development pattern is to determine the number of facilities to be built, the scale, and the basic structure of a landfill

(OPLS or CSDF).

Once a development pattern is selected, the site for the landfill needs to be determined. Conventionally, land selection is based on the development of an OPLS. Therefore it is required now to select a site for a CSDF as well, this type of facility, having a number of advantages over the OPLS, is increasingly employed on various scales and under a variety of local conditions.

Focusing on the cost reduction issue for landfill systems as a whole, the authors had conducted research on the method of selection for optimal development pattern under a regional development project and the land selection approach applicable to the CSDF, as well as the OPLS.

1. A STUDY OF THE METHOD TO SELECT AN OPTIMAL DEVELOPMENT PATTERN AND ITS CASE STUDY UNDER A REGIONAL LANDFILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

This study discusses a classification and evaluation method of regional landfill development patterns. It was considered with regional and evaluative conditions in a case study for some model areas.

(1) CLASSIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS

The regional landfill development patterns can be classified as centralized and decentralized types. In a centralized pattern, a single landfill is developed, while in a decentralized pattern, multiple landfills are constructed.

A total of 10 patterns are obtained when landfills are classified further by basic structure (Table 1).

(2) EVALUATION ITEMS

When landfills are developed at extended regions, evaluation items are required to reflect specific regional conditions for selecting an optimal development pattern with consideration of economic, efficiency, and environmental preservation.

Evaluation items are determined by regional characteristics of a local government or an extended association of local governments, locational conditions, and social conditions. In this study, economy and efficiency are set as direct cost reduction factors and for indirect cost reduction factors, living environment, natural environment, safety, consensus building, and others are fixed (Table2).

Table 1 Classification of development patterns

	No.	Classification
Centralized (A single facility)	1	OPLS
	2	CSDF
	3	OP-CS combined disposal facilities
Decentralized (multiple facilities)	4	OPLS
	5	CSDF
	6	OP-CS combined disposal facilities
	7	OPLS + CSDF
	8	OPLS + OP-CS combined disposal facilities
	9	CSDF + OP-CS combined disposal facilities
	10	OPLS + CSDF + OP-CS combined facilities

Table 2 Evaluation items

		Evaluation items
Direct cost reduction factor	Economy	Construction costs
		Maintenance and management cost
		Construction costs + maintenance management cost
Indirect cost reduction factor	Efficiency	Efficiency in maintenance management
	Living environment	Maintainability of the living environment
	Natural environment	Maintainability of the natural environment
	Safety	Risks of potential pollution and disasters
	Consensus building	Ease of consensus building for landfill
	Others	Smoothness of development
		Disaster debris
		Measure for returning benefits to community
		Combination with existing facility

Table 3-1 Evaluation criteria

Evaluation items	Evaluation details	Evaluation criteria						Explanations	
		Basic structure (OPLS/CSDF)		Landfill system (Centralized/ Decentralized)		Facilities 3 or more facilities			
Economy	construction cost	(1) Economy in construction cost by basic structure(OPLS/CSDF)		A	B	C	-	OPLS /CSDF	The OPLS is given higher marks when the OPLS and CSDF are of equal scale.
		(2) Economy in construction cost by centralized/decentralized landfill		-	-	A	B	C	Centralized /decentralized
	Maintenance management cost	(3) Economy in maintenance management cost by basic structure(OPLS/CSDF) and by centralized/decentralized landfill		C	B	A	B	C	OPLS /CSDF
		(4) Superiority of a centralized/decentralized landfill by population (the scale of the landfill)		-	-	A	C	Centralized /decentralized	The centralized landfill system is given higher marks because it has a greater advantage of scales.
	construction cost + maintenance management cost rainfall	(5) Economy by amount of rainfall		-	-	B	B	C	In case of a small population, the centralized landfill system is given higher marks because it requires only a smaller scale of landfill, thus lower cost for maintenance management of facilities such as water treatment which dilutes the advantage of the decentralized landfill system. In case of a large population, the decentralized landfill system is given higher marks because it can reduce the scale and maintenance management cost of each landfill.
		(6) Size of the area covered by waste collection services		-	-	C	A	A	In case of a heavy rainfall area, the CSDF is given higher marks because it can accept larger amount of rainfall without enlarging the size of water treatment facility, thus economy in construction cost and in maintenance management cost comparing with the OPLS which requires larger size of facility to accept it. In case of a low rainfall area, the difference of the size of required water treatment facility between the OPLS and CSDF is smaller, thus the OPLS is given slightly higher marks as its construction cost is lower than the CSDF.
	Efficiency in maintenance management	(7) Ease of direct transportation to the landfill		-	-	A	B	C	The larger the area, the greater distance to an intermediate processing facility, thus a decentralized landfill system having multiple intermediate processing facilities is given higher marks as it enables effective transportation. The smaller the area, the shorter distance to an intermediate processing facility, thus a centralized landfill system is given higher marks as there is little advantage of decentralization.
		(8) Operational efficiency affected by snowfall		A	A	A	-	-	Irrelevant to the size of areas, decentralization of multiple facilities is given higher marks because the distance of direct transportation becomes shorter.

※ Evaluation and standard value : A=1.0, B=0.7, C=0.3

Table 3-2 Evaluation criteria

Evaluation items	Evaluation details	Evaluation criteria									
		Basic structure (OPLS/CSDF)		Landfill system (Centralized/ Decentralized)		CSDF /CSDP		OPLS /CSDF		OPLS /CSDF	
A single facility or more facilities Dual facilities		A single facility or more facilities Dual facilities		3 or more facilities		3 or more facilities		3 or more facilities		3 or more facilities	
Living environment	(9) Degree of impact of landscape changes	C	B	A	C	B	A	OPLS /CSDF	OPLS /CSDF	The CSDF is given higher marks because it can preserve landscape with its covering facilities and is free from crow damage.	
	(10) Maintainability of the living environment affected by crow damage and waste dispersion	C	B	A	C	B	A	OPLS /CSDF	OPLS /CSDF	The centralized landfill system is given lower marks because it causes a substantial landscape change due to its size.	
	(11) Maintainability of the living environment along roadways used by waste-carrying vehicles	-	-	C	B	A	A	OPLS /CSDF	OPLS /CSDF	The OPLS is given lower marks because it is subject to damage from crows, harmful insects, animals and also because the system can better preserve the environment.	
	(12) Effects on the utilization of neighboring land	C	B	A	C	B	A	OPLS /CSDF	OPLS /CSDF	No evaluation has been made because in case of the OPLS, maintainability of the living environment along roadways is dependent on the number of vehicles to carry covering soil, thus the centralized landfill system is given lower marks because waste-carrying traffic concentrates on a specific road.	
	(13) Degree of impact of changes in the natural environment	C	B	A	C	B	A	OPLS /CSDF	OPLS /CSDF	The OPLS is given lower marks because uncovered waste and larger amount of treated water cause a substantial landscape change, thus it brings a poorer image of landfill compared with the centralized landfill system is given lower marks because the larger each landfill is, the more substantial impact it has on the utilization of neighboring land.	
	(14) Effects on downstream areas of change in treated water discharge	C	B	A	C	B	A	OPLS /CSDF	OPLS /CSDF	The CSDF is given higher marks because it is free from damage from crows, harmful insects and animals, thus more capable of preserving the natural environment.	
	Natural environment	The decentralized landfill system is given higher marks because the smaller each landfill is, the less damage it suffers from crows, harmful insects and animals.									
		The centralized landfill system is given higher marks because it can control the generation of leachate, thus affecting its downstream waters.									
		The decentralized landfill system is given higher marks because it can control overflows of retained water. In case of a gale-force wind, the OPLS is given slightly lower marks due to the seriousness of damage it suffers such as waste dispersion and breakage of seepage control work while the CSDF is still not free from damage such as breakage of the roof. In case of an earthquake, both the OPLS and CSDF are given low marks due to the damage they suffer on seepage control work and on their foundation base while additional damage is expected on the roof in case of the CSDF. Overall, the CSDF is given higher marks in this evaluation item.									
		The decentralized landfill system is given higher marks because the degree of a disaster or risk is diluted.									
Safety	(15) Degree of disasters and risks caused by torrential rainfalls, earthquakes, and other events	C	B	A	C	B	A	OPLS /CSDF	OPLS /CSDF	In case of a torrential rainfall, the CSDF is given higher marks because it can control overflows of retained water. In case of a gale-force wind, the OPLS is given slightly lower marks due to the seriousness of damage it suffers such as waste dispersion and breakage of seepage control work while the CSDF is still not free from damage such as breakage of the roof. In case of an earthquake, both the OPLS and CSDF are given low marks due to the damage they suffer on seepage control work and on their foundation base while additional damage is expected on the roof in case of the CSDF. Overall, the CSDF is given higher marks in this evaluation item.	
	(16) Degree of risks and underground water pollution caused by water leakage	C	B	A	C	B	A	OPLS /CSDF	OPLS /CSDF	The CSDF is given higher marks because it can reduce pollution in underground water by controlling the amount of sprinkled water.	
	East of consensus building for development	(17) Ease of consensus building by basic structure		Few urbanized areas (up to 100 people/km ²)		B		B		OPLS /CSDF	
		Moderate number of urbanized areas (100 ~ 1000 people/km ²)		C		B		-		Ease of consensus building, the OPLS is given lower marks where there are many urbanized areas or in a community where there is strong resistance to a regional landfill.	
	Consensus building	(18) Ease of consensus building and land acquisition by basic structure		Many urbanized areas(1000km ² or more)		C		C		OPLS /CSDF	
		Few urbanized areas (up to 100 people/km ²)		-		-		A		Centralized /decentralized	
	Indirect cost reduction factor	Moderate number of urbanized areas (100 ~ 1000 people/km ²)		-		B		C		Centralized /decentralized	
		Many urbanized areas(1000km ² or more)		-		-		C		The centralized landfill system is given higher marks because the more urbanized areas, the more difficult to manage building lots in these areas, however, both centralized and decentralized landfill systems are given lower marks in areas with more than 1,000 people/km ²	

※ Evaluation and standard value : A=1.0, B=0.7, C=0.3

Table 3-3 Evaluation criteria

Evaluation items	Evaluation details	Evaluation criteria									
		Basic structure (OPLS/CSDF)		Landfill system (Centralized/ Decentralized)		OPLS		CSDF		Combined Dual facilities	
Smoothness of development	(19) Smoothness of development by centralized/decentralized landfill system	-	-	C	A	Centralized /decentralized	In case of an existing landfill is developed alternately or in rotation with new landfills, the decentralized landfill system is given higher marks because it is advantageous in effect of investment and in timing of development. The decentralized landfill system is given higher marks in a community that is more in favor of a decentralized one for its historical background such as integration of administrative regions or corporate disposal of waste among regions. The centralized landfill system is given higher marks in a community that is more in favor of a centralized landfill system.				
Disaster debris	(20) Ease of acceptance and disposal of disaster debris	-	-	A	C	OPLS /CSDF	In case disaster debris needs to be kept temporarily, the CSDF is given higher marks because its covering facilities keep it from being exposed to the natural environment, thus enables other activities in the same landfill even on a rainy day.				
Measure for returning benefits to community	(21) Effectiveness of measures for returning benefits to the community by basic structures	C	A	B	-	OPLS /CSDF	Although the centralized landfill system is more advantageous both in carrying and disposing disaster debris, the decentralized landfill system is given higher marks because it can reduce the amount of debris for each landfill and facilitate its acceptance.				
Combination with existing facility	Existing landfill with substantial remaining waste disposable capacity	C	B	A	-	-	If an effective development policy for returning benefits by utilizing the vestige site is suggested in advance, the type of basic structure which is specified in the policy is given higher marks in any cases. If no specific policy is suggested in advance, the OPL-CS combined development pattern is given higher marks because it allows a broader choice in the utilization of the vestige site as the facility can be used both for indoor and outdoor.				
	Combination by division of waste	B	B	A	-	-	The CSDF is given higher marks because division of waste enables efficient and long-lasting use of landfill and it also dilutes the risk of landfill while there is little advantage in division of waste in the case of the OPLS.				
Combination with existing facility sharing	Existing landfill with 5 to 10 years of remaining service period	B	B	A	-	-	The OPLS is given intermediate marks because division of waste is a stage for proper use of landfill in the next generation. The CSDF is given higher marks because division of waste enables efficient and long-lasting use of landfill and it also dilutes the risk of landfill.				
	Existing landfill with up to 5 years of remaining service period	B	B	A	-	-	The CSDF is given higher marks because it requires a smaller scale of additional facilities to be combined with existing landfill compared with the case of the OPLS.				
Combination with existing facility sharing	Share of basic facilities is possible	B	B	A	-	-	The OPLS is given higher marks because it does not require operational changes in disposal system while the CSDF is given slightly lower marks due to some operational changes it needs.				
	Only the share of supplementary facility	A	B	B	-	-	Both the OPLS and the CSDF are given low marks because there is no advantage of combination with existing landfill.				
Combination with existing facility sharing	No sharing of facilities	C	C	C	-	-	OPLS /CSDF	The OPLS is given higher marks because division of waste enables efficient and long-lasting use of landfill and it also dilutes the risk of landfill. The CSDF is given intermediate marks because there is little advantage of efficient or long-lasting use of landfill while division of waste still enables safe and controlled management of the landfill by changing its management methods.			
	Existing landfill with substantial remaining waste disposable capacity	A	B	B	-	-	The OPLS is given lower marks because it requires a larger scale of additional facilities to be combined with existing landfill, thus impractical. In case of the CSDF, the scale of additional facilities it requires is smaller, thus rather practical and given relatively higher marks.				
Combination with existing facility sharing	Combination by division of waste	A	B	B	-	-	The CSDF is given higher marks because it does not require operational changes in disposal system while the OPLS is given slightly lower marks due to some operational changes it needs.				
	Share of basic facilities is possible	C	B	B	-	-	Both the OPLS and the CSDF are given low marks because there is no advantage of combination with existing landfill.				
Combination with existing facility sharing	Only the share of supplementary facility	B	B	A	-	-	The CSDF is given higher marks because it does not require operational changes it needs.				
	No sharing of facilities	C	C	C	-	-	Both the OPLS and the CSDF are given low marks because there is no advantage of combination with existing landfill.				
In case the existing landfill is CSDF											
(22) Combination with existing landfill											
Others											
Indirect cost reduction factor											

※ Evaluation and standard value : A=1.0, B=0.7, C=0.3

Table 4 Comparative evaluation of development patterns

Basic data of the target area																	
Name of the		Name of the		Population density (People/km ²)		Annual rainfall (mm/year)											
Population		Area(km ²)		(Amount of snowfall(1:Area with little snowfall, 2:Low-snowfall area, 7:Heavy-snowfall area))													
depth of snow (cm/year)																	
Existing landfill		Basic structure of the existing landfill(1:OPLS, 2:CSDF, 3:No existing landfill)		Remaining service period(year)		Range of facilities to be shared(1:Basic facilities, 2:Supplementary facilities)											
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(3) AN EVALUATION METHOD OF DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS

To evaluate the development patterns, the evaluation items were categorized into 7 evaluation criteria as shown in Table 3. In addition, giving priority to these criteria in consideration of regional characteristics enhances reliability of the selection of an optimal development pattern.

Each development pattern is marked by criteria and evaluation items. Development patterns can be evaluated and compared quantitatively by totaling point with given weights. (Table 4).

(4) CASE STUDY OF AN OPTIMAL DEVELOPMENT PATTERN SELECTION FOR MODEL AREAS

Seventeen model areas have been selected and surveyed on a comparative evaluation for a case study of optimal development pattern selection. The model areas have been selected by referring to population, area size, as well as these areas' multiple priorities (Table 5).

The comparative evaluation of development patterns as shown in Table 4 has been discussed in three cases where the ratio of the point of the direct cost reduction factor (economy and efficiency) is approximately equal to the indirect cost reduction factor (maintainability of environment, etc), and each ratio of these.

Table 5 Selected model areas

	area population(people)				
	up to 5,000	50,000 ~ 100,000	100,000 ~ 200,000	200,000 or more	
are size(km ²)	up to 400	Q assoc. N assoc. O city P assoc.	M city	J city K city L city	
	400 ~ 1,000	I assoc. H assoc.	F assoc. G assoc.	E city	
	1,000 or more	—	D assoc. B assoc. C assoc.	A assoc.	

In summary, these properties for optimal development patterns in this case study are shown below.

- ① A single facility is given higher marks for smaller areas and multiple facilities higher marks for larger areas.
- ② Higher marks in the case are given for a single facility with consideration of the economy and efficiency and multiple facilities with consideration of maintainability of environment. (When maintainability of environment is considered, the number of facilities is large. When economy and efficiency are considered, the number of facilities is small.)
- ③ OPLS is given higher marks when construction cost's point is high.
- ④ Evaluation of CSDF is given higher marks than half the number of evaluation items. Therefore, development patterns which include CSDF have higher marks.

This case study is one of the examples and also it is a method of evaluation for qualitative development images. The evaluation items, criteria and points are reflected by the opinions of participants and residents. It is possible to select development patterns economically and for their maintainability at the areas. It suggests extremely objective development patterns by practicing of the selection method. It is easy to advance an agreement form of construction promotion by evaluation items reflecting the opinions of residents and practicing criteria.

2. THE LAND SELECTION METHOD FOR CSDF

Conventional land selection has practiced by basis on the hypothesis of OPLS development. However, the features of OPLS and CSDF are different, so in the case of CSDF development, it has been considered that evaluation items and point by the features are important. Also five proposed sites have been selected in the model areas. Five proposed sites have been practiced for optimal evaluation by different type of landfills by the evaluation items and point. It has considered the land futures by each type of landfill.

(1) The Landfill's Land Selection Flow

A general land selection flow is shown in Figure 1.

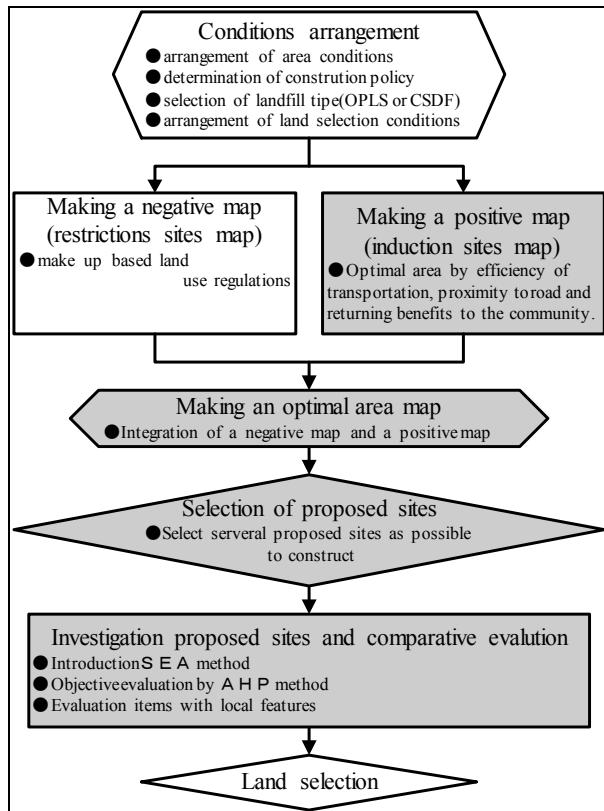


Figure 1 The Landfill's Land Selection Flow

The leading site conditions for making positive map, there are items shown in Table 6 on each type of landfill. The area of leading site for CSDF is larger than OPLS.

(2) Evaluation items and priorities

Table 7 shows the evaluation items of proposed sites and the points considered in OPLS and CSDF. Some of the criteria and points are common between OPLS and CSDF, some are different in importance and some show some opposite results in their evaluation. Also, it should be noted that the evaluation shown is an example. A real case needs to be reviewed. CSDF and OPLS are evaluated individually by these evaluation tables.

Table 6 Examples of site leading conditions for CSDF and OPLS

Types	Leading a site conditions	
	OPLS	CSDF
OPLS	① Transportation efficiency is highly areas from intermediate processing facilities and the source of incidence.	① Transportation efficiency is highly areas from intermediate processing facilities and the source of incidence. ② Proximity to road areas with highly environmental preservation and good images of scenery. ③ Leading a site area by useful covering equipment(landfill sites or precedence sites)
CSDF		• Proximity to urban district areas (indoor sports facilities, recycling facilities, emergency refuge places, public lending warehouses) • Farmland areas (warehouses of agriculture) • Industry areas and near urban district areas (material warehouses)

Table 7 Examples of evaluation items and points for OPLS and CSDF

	Evaluation items	Basic structure (priorities)			
		OPLS	CSDF		
Efficiency	Ease of acquisition cover soil	5	3	4	2
	Distance of access road		2		2
Economy	Construction costs		15		15
	Infrastructure construction costs		10		10
	Maintenance management costs	35	5	35	5
	Efficiency of waste collection services		5		5
Sites features	Efficiency of landfill		3		2
	Efficiency of ultimate land	14	3	13	3
	Irrigation situation		8		8
Natural conditions	Ground strength		2		4
	Groundwater level	14	2		4
	Seclusion from active fault		5	18	5
	Ground stability		5		5
Environment conditions	Land use situation		4		2
	Deposit cultural assets	32	2	30	1
	Residence distribution		19		20
	Facilities distribution		5		5
	Induction sites				
Total			100		100

(3) A case study of land selection at model areas

A case study was surveyed at model areas as shown in Figure 2.

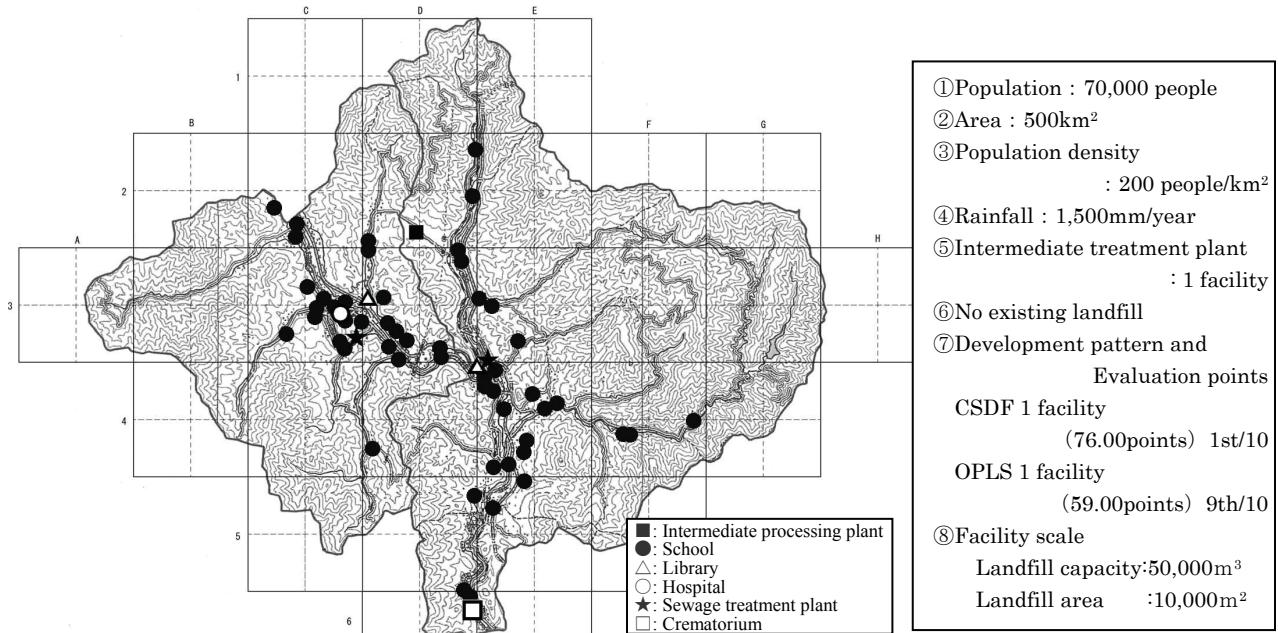


Figure 2 Model areas and conditions

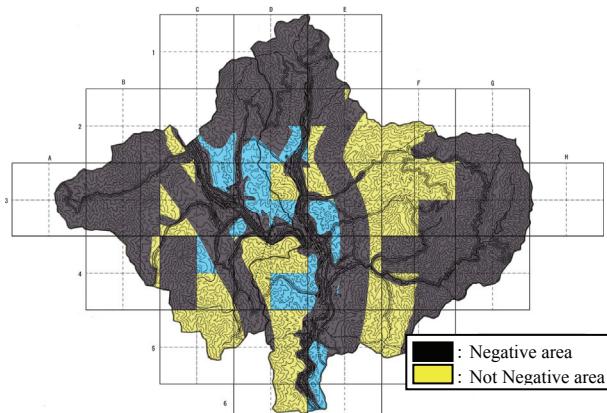


Figure 3 Negative area map

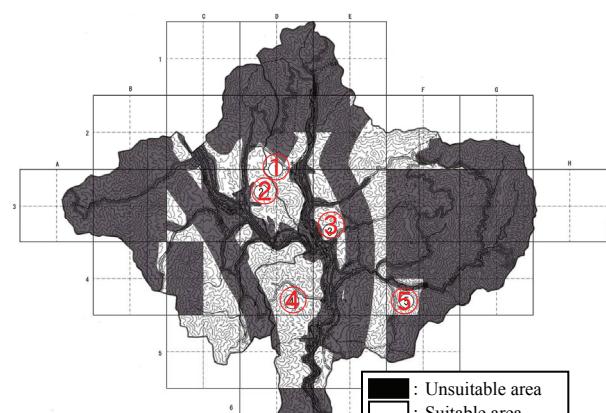


Figure5 Suitable areas map and five proposed site

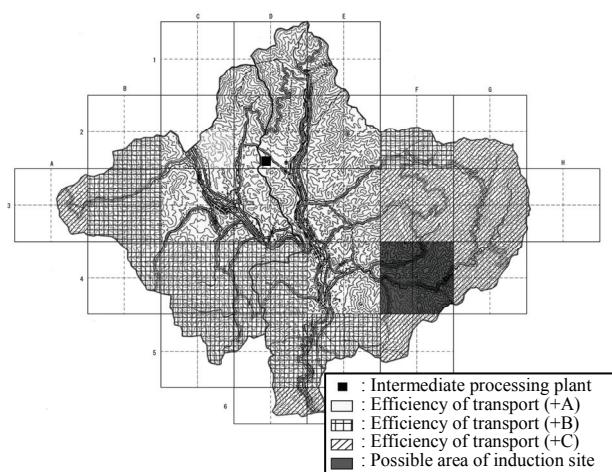


Figure 4 Positive area map

Firstly, the land selection flow was followed as shown in Figure 1. A hypothesis of a negative map (Figure 3) and a positive map (Figure 4) were compiled, then five proposed sites were selected (Figure 5).

(4) Results of proposed sites evaluation in model areas

Table 8 shows results of evaluation for each proposed site by comparative evaluation with various conditions of each proposed and selected site.

According to the results of the evaluation, proposed site № ① (proximity to intermediate processing facilities)is the highest point in CSDF and № ⑤

(although it is remote from urban districts, it is supposed to be leading a site by residents) is the highest point in OPLS.

Table 8 Evaluation result of proposed sites

Ranking	OPLS		CSDF	
	Proposed sites №	Points	Proposed sites №	Points
1	⑤	82.6	①	87.5
2	④	81.1	⑤	87.3
3	③	81.0	④	84.7
4	②	79.2	③	83.3
5	①	79.1	②	78.2

(5) Consideration of the result analysis

The features of evaluation of proposed sites for OPLS and CSDF in this case study are shown below.

- A proposed site №①(proximity to intermediate processing facilities) for each OPLS and CSDF are completely made on opposite evaluations.
- The distance of transportation and road maintenance (infrastructure maintenance) have a great influence on OPLS and CSDF.
- It is advantageous if there is a strong demand for a landfill from community residents.

The three things above can be considered shown below.

- ▶ For development of CSDF, it is expedient of practicing the land selection with consideration of the development of CSDF.
- ▶ Whether the land fill type is OPLS or CSDF, evaluation items and points should be considered with their features and properties of communities. These considerations lead to the land selection.
- ▶ Adopting these methods, hereafter, it is possible to select proposed sites which are able to develop at low costs for safer and higher reliance in CSDF. Also it leads to cost reduction from a synthetic perspective.

CONCLUSIONS

We suggested a method to choose the best pattern from ten development patterns at wide area. In the method of land selection of CSDF, we considered that

setting condition based on feature of CSDF enables to construct reliable CSDF at low cost.

In future, it will be needed to repeat further analysis and case study for using these methods effectively.

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