

Dump Sites Location and its Health Implications within the Polytechnic, Ibadan using Geographical Information System Approach

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ABSTRACT

This study examines the distribution of dump sites within The Polytechnic, Ibadan, Nigeria. IKONOS Satellite imagery was acquired and processed for proper identification of the existing dump sites. Field data were acquired using Global Positioning System (Garmin GPS 72csx). Image and data processing as well as database creation was done using ArcGIS 10.5 (Arcmap 10.5). Legal and illegal dump sites were identified and mapped out and as well as the proximity of the dump sites to roads, residential areas and waterways in the study area were determined. Composite map and spatial analysis map queries were produced. From the result, it shows that eleven (11) legal dump sites and twenty four (24) illegal dump sites were within the study area. World standards on dump sites conformity were considered. From the result in the study area, it shows that there are more illegal dump sites than legal dump sites. Based on proximity of the dump sites to the roads, waterways and built up areas, many of the dump site were very close to buildings where they only not destroy the aesthetic value of the areas but also constitute breeding grounds for vectors like flies, rodents, mosquitoes, which transmit diseases like typhoid fever, malaria, cholera and laser fever which are part of the killer diseases in Nigeria and most of the African countries. Therefore, the study recommends that more legal dump sites should be created and monitored in the study area, most especially in the Northern parts the study area since the population there is high. Also, students as well as staff should be well educated on the risk associated with indiscriminate refuse disposal.

Keywords: Dump, Satellite imagery, World standards, Spatial analysis, Conformity, Vectors

INTRODUCTION

One of the biggest problems that the entire world is facing is disposal of waste. In man's everyday life, he produces waste materials which, if not properly managed, can lead to health and environmental problems. Virtually all aspects of man's productive activities involve the generation of waste ^[1]. Wastes can be classified into three major groups based on their sources and composition namely; solid, liquid and gaseous. Solid waste occupies a geographical space. It does not decompose easily, and also does not evaporate like the gaseous waste. This work is concerned with solid waste. Solid waste can be classified based on composition, source, as well as physico-chemical properties. Waste is defined as any unwanted material that is due for discarding. Waste is any unavailable material arising from an individual, domestic, occupational, and industrial or any human activity (which has no economic value) for disposal ^[2]. Waste can also be defined as any substances which require being disposed of. Among all the wastes (solid, liquid and gas), solid waste is the most popular and most difficult to manage locally because it does not flow, evaporate, diffuse, dissolve or be absorbed into the surrounding unlike liquid and gaseous wastes ^[3]. Wastes come from homes, schools, hospitals, and businesses ^[4].

Dumpsites have been the most organized common methods of waste disposal and remain so in many places in the world^[5]. In developing countries like the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the prevailing practice of municipal solid waste disposal is to dispose of the solid waste in dumpsites^[6; 7; 5; 8].

Thousands of tons of solid waste are generated daily in African countries as stated by^[9, 10]. The classes of solid waste based on the source are: municipal (domestic, institutional and commercial), agricultural, mining and mineral, radioactive and industrial wastes. Among these sources, industrial and municipal wastes contribute largely to the volume of solid wastes. Due to improper solid waste disposal and collection systems, dwellers are facing serious negative environmental impacts in developing countries^[11].

Waste as infuriating as it may sound, also has its own economic benefits. In pursuit of a cleaner and healthier environment, jobs are automatically created, time, energy and land are saved, money is made and natural resources will be preserved for the future generation if the concept of Reduce, Recycle and Reuse is adopted^[12]. Reduce means to decrease the numbers of material use that can increase waste production while Recycle tells about reprocessing of the waste generated to produce brand new material and reuse encourages the continual of wasted material before it is finally discarded.

The problem of waste management is even becoming more complex with the increasing rate of urbanization. The solid waste management issue in Nigerian cities is even more alarming. The volume and range of solid wastes generated daily in Nigeria have been increasing within the last few years and this is mainly due to the high population growth, urbanization, industrialization and general economic growth. About 20 kg of solid waste is generated per capita per annum in Nigeria that is 2.2 million tonnes yearly based on the 1989 estimated population of 110

million; the estimated volume of solid waste generated in selected urban centres in Nigeria was projected to double by the year 2000^[13].

In many Nigerian cities, the volumes of solid wastes have overwhelmed the capacity of urban administrators to manage. Only about 30-50% of generated wastes are collected in most Nigerian cities and recycling of waste is not practiced to a significant level^[14]. The inadequate management of solid waste is causing a lot of problems to the local environment since these wastes are often indiscriminately dumped on open plots of land and particularly along or on streets. As a result, most urban households resort to the haphazard dumping, burn and/or burying solid waste.

Many Waste dumps are located wherever land is available irrespective of safety, health hazards and aesthetic degradation. The waste is often piled as high as possible and sometimes burnt while in other cases, it is periodically leveled and compacted^[15].

The present situation of direct dumping of the waste without proper inspection and separation leaves a serious impact of environmental pollution causing a tremendous growth in health related problems; many cities in developing countries are facing this challenge. In recent years, there has been a phenomenal increase in the volume of wastes generated daily and many urban areas lack effective waste management systems. Zakariyau (2010)^[16] also confirmed that the proliferation of illegal waste collection sites and indiscriminate dumping of refuse at any available space has now become a common scene. Illegal dumping is a nuisance because of the physical dangers, aesthetic distaste, and costs associated with it and it may affect the health and safety of humans and wildlife. Other problems may develop if harmful substances are dumped at the site, these substances may leach into the environment and contaminate the soil and groundwater^[17].

Generally, open dumps provide breeding ground for pests, create health hazard, pollute the air, soil and sometimes ground and surface water as well as deteriorate the beauty of the area [15]. Some constituents of dump sites contribute majorly to most health related hazard which consequently leads to an abrupt of diseases and increasing mortality rate. Nigeria is faced with outbreaks of many diseases these days, most especially the one caused by pests and rodents that feeds on available dump site.

GIS is a computer system for capturing, storing, checking, integrating, manipulating, analyzing and displaying data related to positions on the Earth's surface. Typically, a Geographical Information System is used for handling maps of one kind or another. These might be represented as several different layers where each layer holds data about a particular kind of feature. Each feature is linked to a position on the graphical image on a map and a record in an attribute table. GIS allows us to view, understand, question, interpret, and visualize data in many ways that reveal relationships, patterns, and trends in the form of maps, globes, reports, and charts [18]. The role of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in solid waste management is

very large as many aspects of its planning and operations are highly dependent on spatial data.

In general, GIS plays a key role in maintaining account data to facilitate collection operations; customer service; analyzing optimal locations for transfer stations; planning routes for vehicles transporting waste from user to landfills; locating new landfills and monitoring the landfill. GIS is a tool that not only reduces time and cost of the site selection, but also provide a digital data bank for future monitoring program of the site [19]. The situation in The Polytechnic, Ibadan, is not different from other urban areas in Nigerian where due to poor waste management, illegal open waste dumps are found dotting the campus without any consideration to the aesthetic and health hazards due to such practice. These dumps were found indiscriminately irrespective of the presence of infrastructural facilities in such locations which are normally endangered. Therefore, this study is aimed at using Geographical Information System as an effective tool to specially examine the dump sites within The Polytechnic, Ibadan, and called for a sanitized environment that gives zero tolerate to hazard survival.

MATERIALS & METHODS

Description of the Study Area

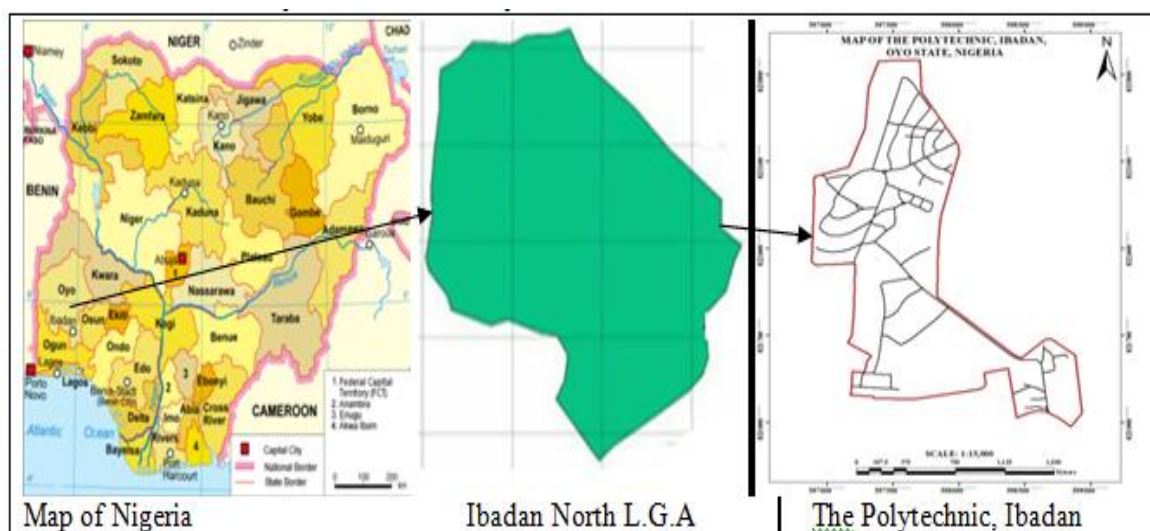


Figure 1: showing study area
Source: Authors' compiled (2021)

The Polytechnic, Ibadan is located along Sango-Eleyele road and also an institution of higher learning in Ibadan in Oyo State, South West Nigeria. It was founded in 1970. It lies between Latitudes $7^{\circ} 25' 33''N$ and $7^{\circ} 27' 10''N$ and Longitudes $3^{\circ} 53' 35''E$ and $3^{\circ} 52' 52''E$. The study area covers landed area of about 245 hectares. The institution was established to provide an alternative higher education to universities, particularly in technical skill acquisition. The study area runs mainly National Diploma (ND) and Higher National Diploma (HND) programmes on full-time and part-time basis. It shares boundary with the University of Ibadan.

Material used for the study

For the purpose of this study, the following materials were used; Handheld Global Positioning System (Garmin 72csx GPS) for determining the spatial coordinates of existing dump sites, Downloaded Georeferenced IKONOS Imagery for showing the exact location of dump sites, and GIS software (ArcGIS 10.5 version) for image processing/graphic design.

Method of data acquisition

All existing dump sites were visited to ascertain their location. For the purpose

of this study, both legal and illegal dump sites were considered from the study area. Handheld GPS Garmin 72csx GNSS receiver was used to acquire the spatial location coordinates (x, y) of existing dump sites. All the parameters such as the projection of the coordinate system were set in World Geodetic Survey (WGS), 1984, Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) Zone 31N, Minna Datum.

Image Digitizing and Data Processing

Study area was clipped out from the IKONOS image. Data set projection was done in World Geodetic Survey (WGS), 1984, Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) Zone 31N. Shape files and database were created in ArcMap 10.5 for the following features; buildings consisting of (staff quarters, lecture/classroom, security house etc), boundary, roads, rivers, and dump sites. Onscreen digitizing was done for all the created shapefiles from the imagery. The coordinates of the dumpsites obtained during the field survey were imported into the GIS software as text file, then converted to shape file to show the spatial distribution on the digital maps as well as the satellite imageries.

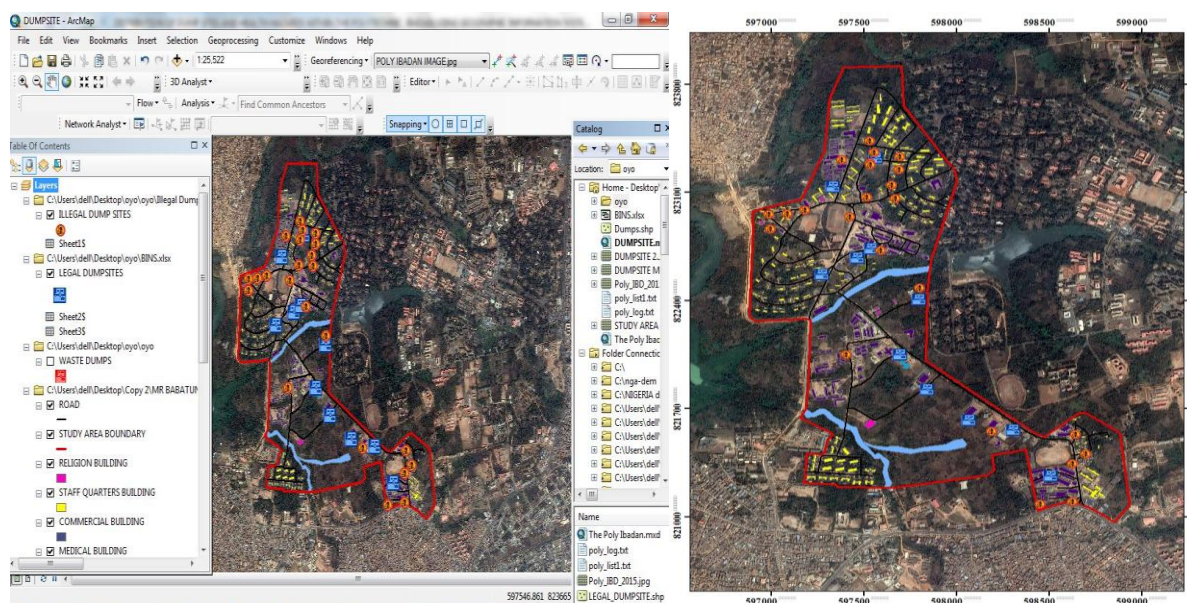


Figure 2: image and data processing in ArcGIS 10.5

Database Creation

Database was created using Arc catalogue in ArcGIS 10.5 to create a Geodatabase file for the study where the feature dataset and feature classes were created. Point feature were used to represent dump sites, Line features to represent roads, and waterways, while polygon feature was used to represent all existing buildings within the study area. From the database created, all the existing buildings were categorized according to their usage in the study area such as staff quarters, hostels, classrooms etc.

RESULT

The results of this study are presented in form of tables, maps and map queries. Figure 3 presents the composite map for the study showing the spatial location of legal and illegal dump sites.

Figure 4 shows the 100m, 300m and 160m buffer zone of dump sites to the roads, staff quarters and waterways. Figure 5 and 6 presents the spatial query analysis for legal dump sites and illegal dump sites. Figure 7 describes the category and percentage of both the legal and illegal dump sites. Figure 8, 9 and 10 presents the buffering analysis of both legal and illegal dump sites to the roads, residential (staff quarters) and waterways. Table 1 is the attribute table created that presents the status and the location description and the spatial coordinates of the legal and illegal dump sites. Thirty-five (35) dump sites (legal and illegal) were within the study area. Table 2 presents the number of legal to illegal dump sites within the study area and table 3 presents the criteria based on the proximity of dump sites to the existing features.

Table 1: Attributes table of dump sites within the study area

OBJECTID	SHAPE	Location Description	Dumpsite Status	Easting	Northing
1	Point	NAEES Hall	Legal	598512	821323
2	Point	ICT Centre	Legal	598309	821624
3	Point	1000 Capacity	Legal	598074	821690
4	Point	Faculty of Environmental Stu	Legal	597843	821888
5	Point	Health Centre Middle Belt	Legal	597697	822114
6	Point	DPP Office	Legal	597279	822636
7	Point	Architectural Department	Legal	597472	822749
8	Point	Biology Department	Legal	597547	822801
9	Point	Sport Office	Legal	597330	823206
10	Point	Senior Staff Quarters N/Cam	Legal	597561	823389
11	Point	Sewage	Legal	597801	822469
12	Point	Poly Guest House	Illegal	597532	823504
13	Point	Geology Department	Illegal	597382	823383
14	Point	Senior Staff Quarters N/Cam	Illegal	597695	823400
15	Point	Senior Staff Quarters N/Cam	Illegal	597684	823317
16	Point	Senior Staff Quarters N/Cam	Illegal	597650	823223
17	Point	Ramat Hostel	Illegal	597177	823056
18	Point	Ore-Ofe Food Canteen	Illegal	597083	823039
19	Point	Apete Small Gate	Illegal	596986	823028
20	Point	Industrial Liason Office	Illegal	596990	822935
21	Point	250 Capacity Hall	Illegal	597587	822796
22	Point	Sewage	Illegal	597799	822553
23	Point	Poly Nursery School	Illegal	597400	822122
24	Point	Conference Centre	Illegal	598188	821625
25	Point	South Quarters	Illegal	598640	821601
26	Point	South Quarters	Illegal	598695	821483
27	Point	South Footbal Pitch	Illegal	598623	821416
28	Point	Beside Poly Main Gate	Illegal	598626	821175
29	Point	Mechanical Engineering Depa	Illegal	598449	821152
30	Point	North Football Pitch	Illegal	597427	823016
31	Point	Senior Staff Quarters N/Cam	Illegal	597672	823136
32	Point	Senior Staff Quarters N/Cam	Illegal	597516	823146
33	Point	Senior Staff Quarters N/Cam	Illegal	597538	823353
34	Point	Senior Staff Quarters N/Cam	Illegal	597533	823375
35	Point	Senior Staff Quarters N/Cam	Illegal	597557	823432

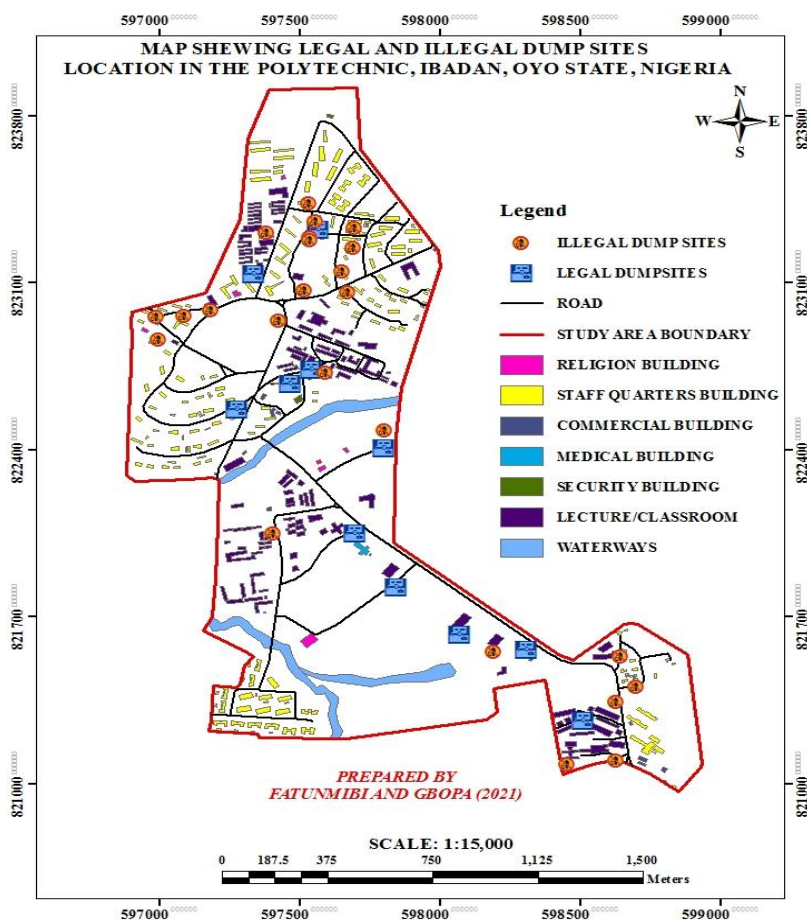


Figure 3: Location of Legal and illegal dumpsite within the study area.

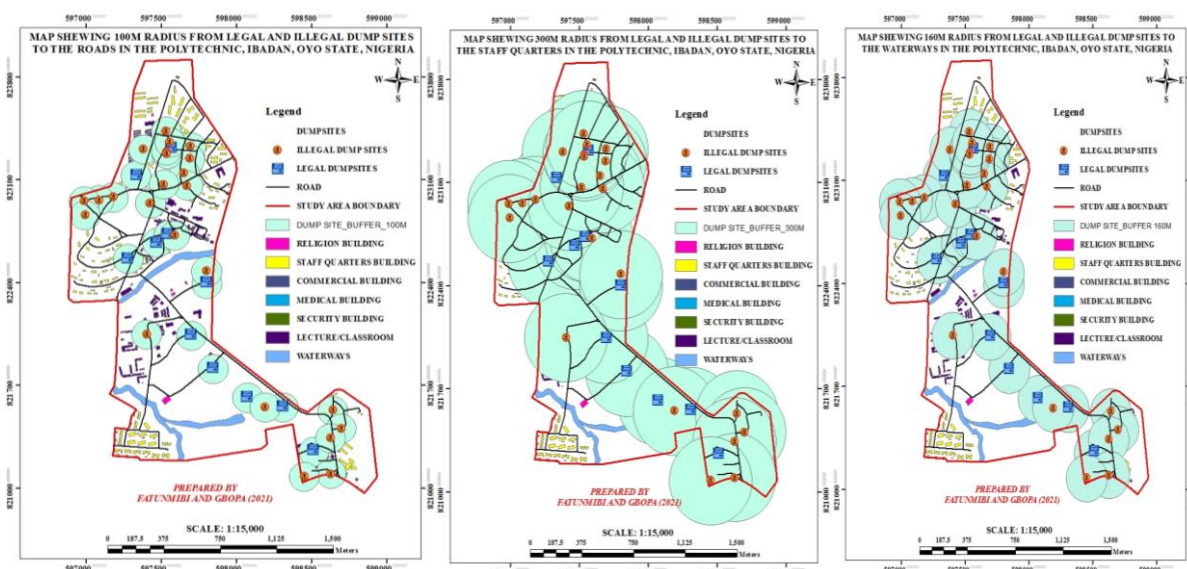


Figure 4: 100m, 300m, 160m buffer zone of Legal and illegal dumpsite within the study area.

Geospatial Analysis

The spatial analysis employed through query was to know the status of dump sites and the spatial location within the study area (figure 5 and 6). Buffering operation and proximity analysis was also done in the ArcGIS 10.5 environment. A

buffer of 100m was used to determine the proximity of the dump sites to the road since the suitable distance by Environmental Protection Agency (landfill manual, 2006) to the road is between 100m-500m, 300m distance was used to the built up area and 160m to the waterways (see figure 8-10).

Spatial search/Query analysis

Queries are performed through the attribute data created (table 1). This is done to know the legal and illegal dump sites and their total number in the study area and also

to determine the radius of dump sites to the existing features.

Table 2: Dump sites in the Study Area

Dumpsite status	Number of locations
Legal	11
Illegal	24
Total	35

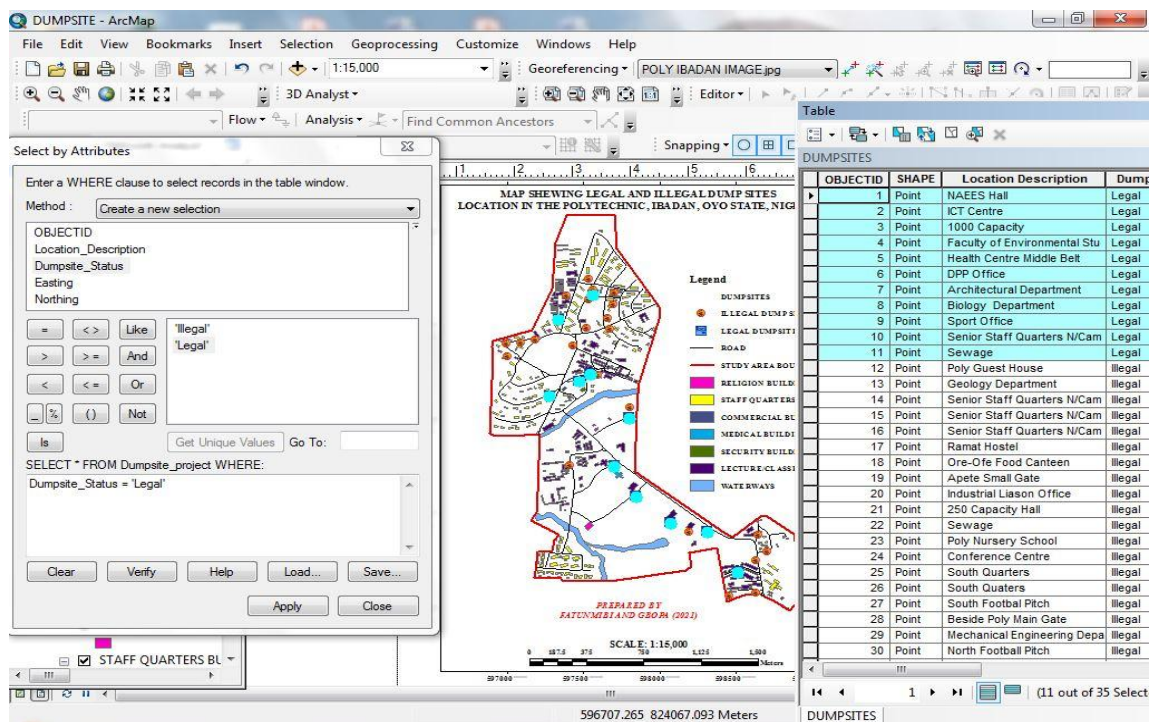


Figure 5: Query showing Legal dumpsite within the study area

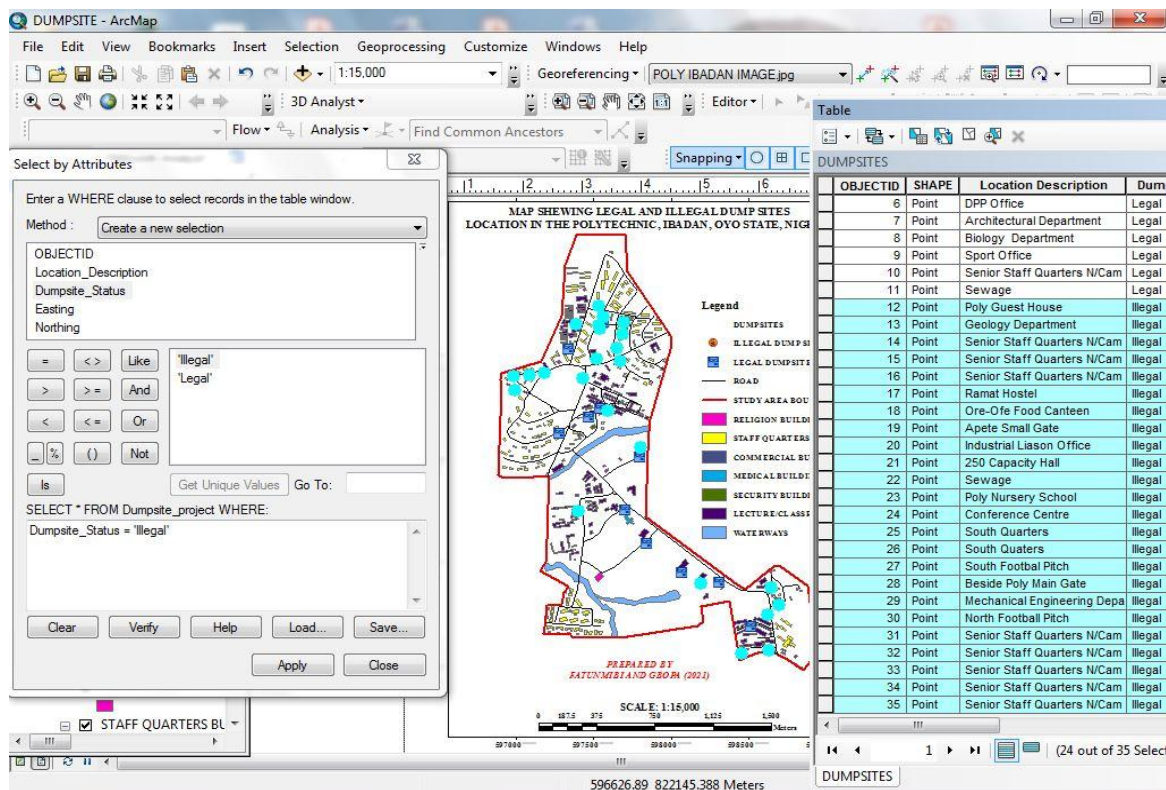


Figure 6: Query showing Illegal dumpsite within the study area

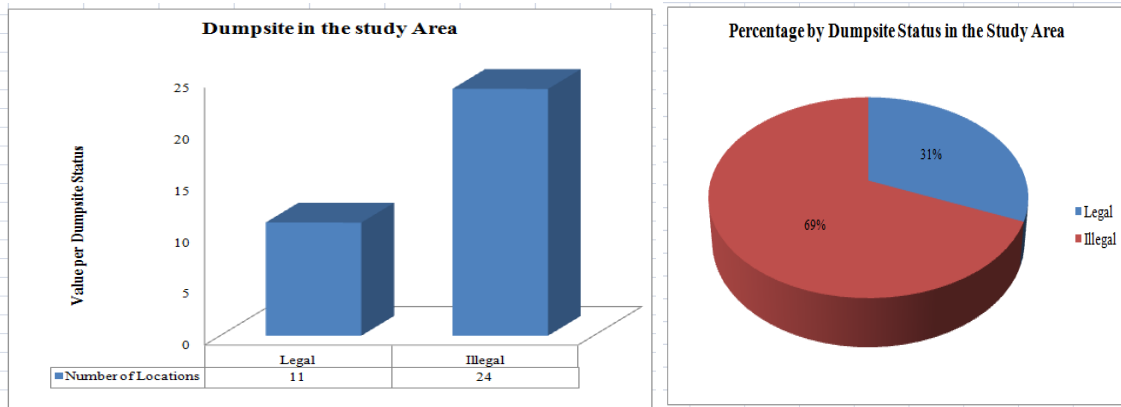


Figure 7: Category and Percentage of legal and illegal dumpsite within the study area

Table 3: Factor criteria table formulated from Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Criteria	Suitable
Distance to residential area	300m
Distance to road	100-500m
Distance to water body	160-480
Slope	0 ⁰ -5 ⁰

Source: Landfill Manual, 2006 [20].

Based on the criteria listed in the table 3 above, queries were performed to verify the conformity of the dumps to the standard.

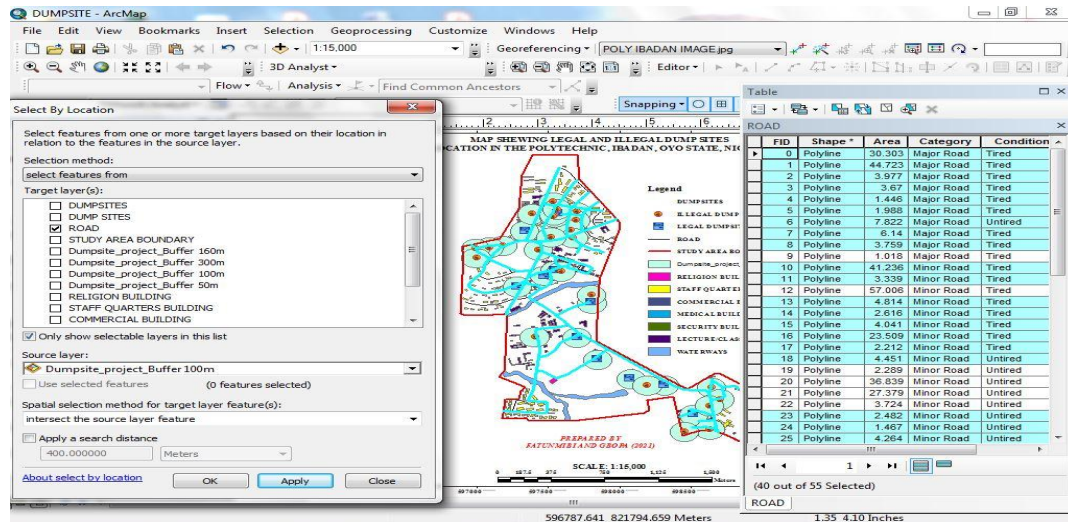


Figure 8: 100 meters buffering of dump sites to roads using selection by location

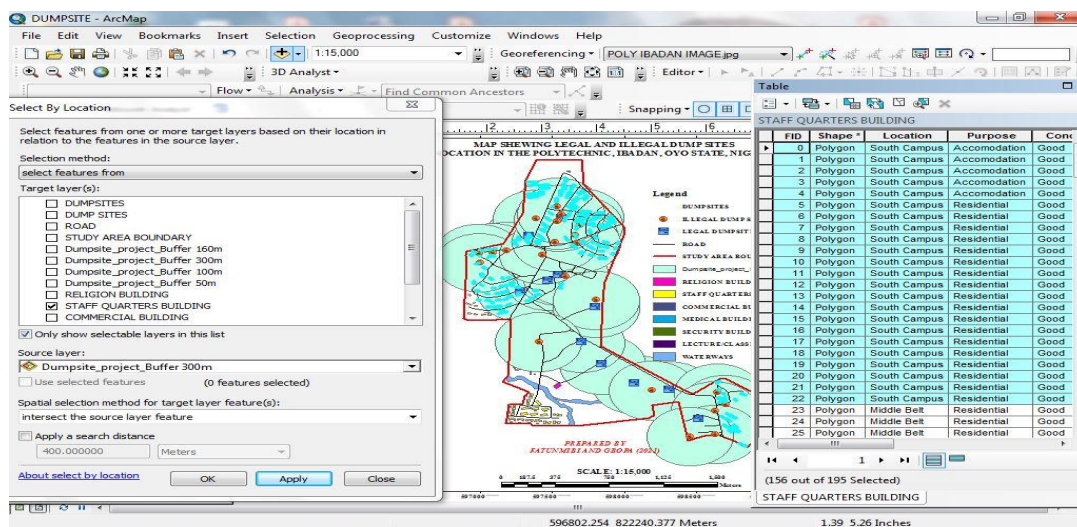


Figure 9: 300 meters buffering of dump sites to Staff Quarters using selection by location

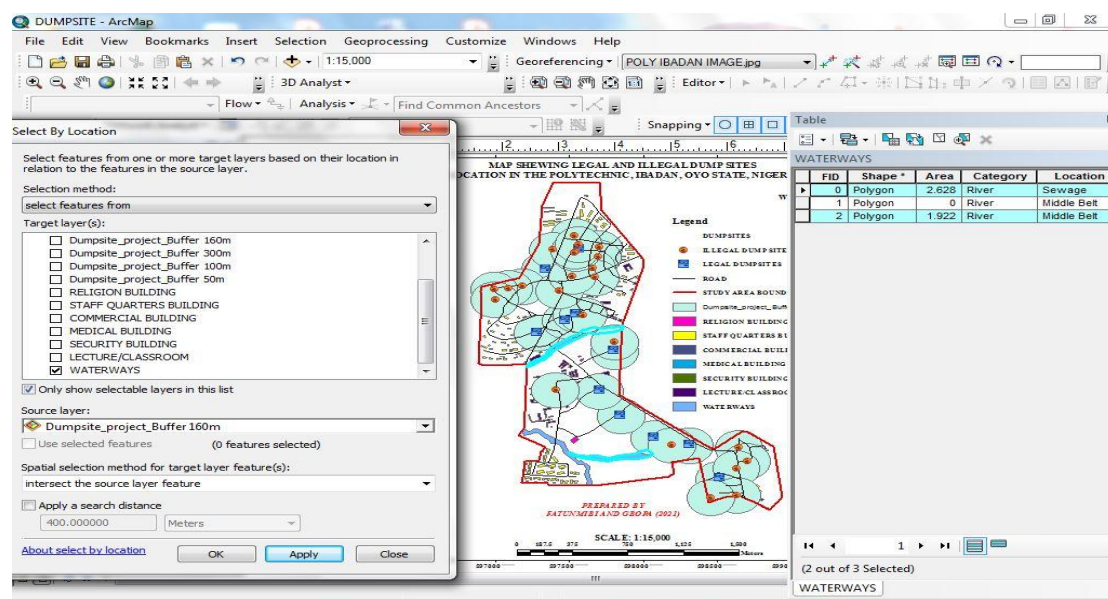


Figure 10: 160 meters buffering of dump sites to waterways using selection by location

DISCUSSION

From the composite map (figure 3), it shows that a good numbers of illegal dump sites were many in the Northern parts than the middle belt and Southern parts of the institution. From the analysis in the study area, the result shows more illegal dumpsite than legal dumpsite and the result is similar to the result obtained by [21, 22]. Non availability of dump sites in some areas leads to dropping of refuse anywhere along the road, water bodies and everywhere around the built up areas. Then the illegal dumping of refuse is cluster around staff quarters, hostels and some classrooms. The more the students pass by, the more they litter the ground.

The Spatial Distribution of the legal and the illegal dump sites are shown in figure 3 above, while figure 4 revealed that eleven (11) 31.4% out of thirty-five (35) dump sites are legal which are properly managed. Figure 5 shows that eight (24) 68.6% dump sites are not properly managed which are illegal as shown in figure 6 and table 2 and similar to the result obtained by [21, 22].

From the 100meter buffering in figure 7 above, 40 out of 55 (72.7%) routes were selected many of the dump sites were very close to roads where they not only litter the road but constituting nuisance to the

environment. Also from figure 8, with 300m radius from the dump sites to the staff quarters, 156 out of 195 (80%) were selected where they not only destroy the aesthetic value of the areas but also constitute breeding grounds for vectors like mosquitoes, rodents and flies which transmit diseases like malaria, typhoid fever, laser fever and cholera which are part of the highest killer diseases in Nigeria. In some cases, they pollute surface and ground water, hence, exposing inhabitants in the area to the consumption of contaminated water and food which is dangerous to their health. Two (2) waterways are selected; one at the sewage and the other at the middle belt which are the two waterways within the study area.

Health implications of dump site (Legal and Illegal) in the study area

Adequate evacuation of wastes from the dumping site makes the environment to be hygienic and if not evacuated at the right time, constitutes to health hazards. Indiscriminate dump of refuse constitute breeding grounds for vectors like flies, rodents, mosquitoes, which transmit diseases like typhoid fever, malaria, cholera and laser fever which are part of the killer diseases in Nigeria and most of the African countries. When an environment is not

hygienic and clean it poses a lot of harms and negative impacts on human especially outdoor workers, workers producing infectious materials while young children get easily contacted and are most vulnerable to this act of ignorance and dirtiness^[23].

The outcome of indiscriminate disposal of solid wastes expose human to environmental degradation such as in flooding, drainage obstruction, widespread of infectious diseases, cholera, diarrhea^[24], typhoid fever, waterway blockage which leads to infestation of flies, ticks and breeding of mosquitoes that cause malaria and other plagues. Lack of appropriate storage facilities, inadequate waste management and planning, wrong perceptions by residents and non-challant attitudes towards environmental cleaning and sanitation might be a cause of this problem^[25].

For the study area, plastic bottles with and without water, waste food, polythene bags with and without water and pieces of papers are the major wastes dropped inside the container or on bare ground and if all these waste decayed together, they produces toxic gas which is release to the atmosphere and the surroundings. Student's as well as staffs and anyone passing by can easily contacted the above named diseases as they inhale the toxic gases and even those selling food that is being consume within the study area need to be far away from unhygienic area or make their environment hygienic since the percentage of illegal dumpsite is high in the study area.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Geographic Information System has been proven as the best tool to identify location of dump sites within the Polytechnic, Ibadan, Nigeria. Due to the increasing volume of solid waste coupled with poor management stratagem, in The Polytechnics, Ibadan; proliferation of illegal waste dumps has become the order of the day. Although, the distribution identified

illegal dumpsite as having the highest record. From the findings in this study, it shows that major waste found in both legal and illegal dump sites were plastic bottles, waste food, polythene bags and pieces of papers. Hence the following were recommended:

- i. Waste dumps must be adequately planned, monitored and sited away from infrastructural facilities such as buildings, roads etc.
- ii. GIS should be employed as a planning tool for solid waste management. Also, there should be update of the spatial and non-spatial data constantly to support decision making process.
- iii. Waste dumps should be properly protected and constantly evacuated to prevent the breeding of pests, flies and rodents as well as pollution.
- iv. The institution should establish a sanitation monitoring team to inspect the school environment on a regular basis and dealt with the defaulters accordingly.
- v. There should be educative and Enlightenment programs on environmental sanitation to the staffs and as well as the students.
- vi. There should be proper awareness creation about the concept of (Reduce, Recycle and Reuse) through media, symposia, workshop, and institutional curricula such that people be enlightened on the advantages and benefit they will rip.
- vii. More waste drum points should be established in the institution most especially in the classroom, students' hostels, and staff quarters.

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