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As a resident of Burnsville I speak for not only myself but for a lot of other concerned residents about this project. We moved in in 2005. We need that the landfill was not far away but at that time there wasn't a garbage mountain that was visible from anywhere near us. Now there is a visible mountain which yes is covered in grass and looks like a hill. However. When we sit and watch our daughters softball games and invite relatives and friends to watch. Everyone talks about how horrible it is to sit and stare at a giant garbage dump so close to the city. It doesn't make me proud to live in Burnsville and that makes me sad because we have always loved Burnsville but the landfill is defiantly what Burnsville is becoming known for. I also want to mention that we saw plans years ago to see the landfill turned into a golfcourse. The rock quarry filled with water. The whole area was supposed to be this beautiful park along the river and my wife and I where so excited. Because before that we were going to move since we felt like we were so close to the dump. But we stayed knowing that this was all going to change into an awesome area to live. But it didn't. Now we are stuck in this house due to finances and are super disappointed as many, many, many residents of Burnsville are. There isn't one resident in Burnsville who agrees with this project. This project will ruin house values in Burnsville and people like me who used to be proud of Burnsville will move. House values will go down and I'm already talking to a lawyer trying to find out what we and other people in our city can do to join together to stop this. I don't only come to you with this problem though either. I have a great idea for shutting this one down and an alternative landfill which I guarantee will be the solution to this problem. There is a landfill in Rosemount that isn't to far from the (I think it's called the flint hills or pine bend refinery) petroleum refinery. The whole area (all of the land) out by the refinery is perfect for a landfill. No one lives near there or wants to be anywhere near it. I think you should send out a survey. I promise there isn't one resident in Burnsville that supports this project. We all want it gone. One more thing. I am a coach for the Burnsville High mountain bike team and an avid cyclist. Why would I bring this up?? Well. I have another idea that I've talked to a lot of people (parents) on our team, and other people in the cycling community about the idea of turning the landfill and rock quarry into a mountain biking Mecca. Something better than Cuyuna right here in the twin cities. If you look at cuyuna and see the revenue that is coming into Crosby Minnesota and the people that are attracted to that area because of biking? It's crazy. Or look far south at Bentonville Arkansas. They have invested a lot of money into installing mountain bike courses everywhere. Now there are tons of people(good people) moving there just because of it. What I am trying to say is that cyclist are always good people. Especially mountain biking cyclist. This would be a great thing for our city. Something to be proud of. Not ashamed of like the landfill. I have many more ideas and would like to discuss this with someone over the phone. I hope this helps and really hope I'm one of the final nails in that coffin for the landfill project. Now let's literally bury it!!