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HDC Resolution for Ford Area C

Whereas the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency attended the December 1, 2025, Highland District Council (HDC) meeting to discuss engagement for the Ford focused feasibility study on Area C, presented to the HDC board meeting on January 8, 2026, and hosted a community meeting with about 90 people in attendance at the Highland Park Community Center on January 15, 2026; and

Whereas the HDC maintains that environmental stewardship and corporate accountability dictate that Ford Motor Company should be responsible for the total removal of all pollution deposited during their ownership of the property, even if it was not banned at the time; and

Whereas the HDC recognizes the significant community demand for absolute remediation to ensure the long-term health and safety of the Mississippi River ecosystem and the Highland Park neighborhood; and

Whereas the HDC advocates that any remediation strategy falling short of full removal must prioritize maximum site stability and financial accountability, specifically aligning with the rigorous standards proposed in Alternative 4; and

Whereas the Capital Region Watershed District (CRWD) has identified critical gaps in Alternative 4 that must be addressed to ensure the integrity of the site against escalating climate risks; therefore

Be It Resolved that the Highland District Council's board of directors recommends a full clean-up as the primary and preferred solution for Area C.

Be It Further Resolved, that if the MPCA determines full remediation is not feasible, the HDC supports Alternative 4 contingent upon the full inclusion of the following CRWD requirements:

- The slopes on the site proposed for Alternative 4 should be reduced for more certain long-term stability.
- An evaluation of the system's performance under intense, large magnitude rainfall events, including the 500-year storm events, should be completed.
- Require that Ford obtains a surety bond, the terms of which should be approved by the State, guaranteeing its financial commitment.

Approved February 2, 2026

By the Highland District Council Board of Directors

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