



# Pig's Eye Dump Engagement Summary

April 2025

## Overview

In 2022, the MN Legislature established the Pig's Eye Dump Task Force, a multi-agency task force led by the MN Pollution Control Agency, charged with developing a plan to clean up and restore Pig's Eye Dump. This area served as an unregulated dumping ground for municipal, commercial, and industrial waste from 1956 to 1972. Although some cleanup efforts were made in the early 2000s, significant environmental concerns remain at the site. Meetings of the task force are open to the public and will continue every two months until January 2026.

To assist task force members in developing the plan, the Pig's Eye Dump project team has conducted public outreach to educate about the dump and gather input on their vision for the future of the site. In 2024, the project team focused on raising public awareness of Pig's Eye Dump Task Force through attending pop-ups and hosting events to facilitate deeper stakeholder conversations. In 2025, a survey was created to gather public input on the future of the Pig's Eye Dump site. It featured a 10-minute video and outlined potential uses for the site along with the steps needed to achieve them.

### Engagement snapshot



359

Survey responses



250+

engagements at 3 pop ups



1 Tour

at Pig's Eye Dump site with 15 community members



3 meetings

with 14 community members



30+

social media toolkits shared with stakeholders



Pop up at Wakan Tipi Pollinator Festival

## **Key Takeaways**

#### 2024 Engagement Activities

- People envisioned the future of Pig's Eye Dump having:
  - Increased accessibility and awareness of the park
  - A focus on biodiversity
  - Site history preserved
  - Opportunities for youth involvement
  - A full remediation and restoration of the site

#### 2025 Future Use Survey

- People who took the survey are most comfortable with the future use of the site being restored as a natural area
  with the waste being fully removed and the excavated area not being backfilled. Examples include a future use as
  lake/wetlands, wildlife sanctuary conservation area, wildlife viewing, pollinator habitat, and walking trails.
- People who took the survey are least comfortable with an industrial or commercial future use and having most
  of the waste remain as it currently is.
- Of the 134 people who participated in the survey by providing specific comments
  - 46% mentioned a strong preference for restoring the site with a focus on restoring wildlife, habitat, and wetlands to a natural state.
  - o 17% wanted to see a complete removal of the waste.
  - o 10% were interested in passive recreation opportunities like walking trails, birdwatching, and kayaking.
  - Some comments also mentioned clean water being a top priority, wanting to see Native communities' input being considered, and the site being difficult to access.
  - A few comments shared preference for keeping overall costs low, preference towards a more limited cleanup due to feasibility, or preference to leave the dump as is.
- The demographics of survey participants were not representative of the nearby neighborhood demographics.
  - 89% of survey respondents identified as White, which is much higher than the 29.5% White population in the surrounding neighborhood.
  - Over half of survey respondents (54%) reported being over 55 years old, whereas only 20.4% of the neighborhood's residents are in that age group.
- When comparing responses by age group:
  - The future uses that received the highest comfortability rating among all age groups were passive use park and natural area.
  - All age groups were least comfortable with industrial/commercial future use paired with targeted waste relocation and filter.

## Engagement activities (2024)

#### Pop Ups

Project staff attended three community events throughout the year to share information on the site history, task force efforts, how to attend meetings, and other opportunities to stay involved. Pop-ups were hosted at the following events:

- Art in the Hollow in St. Paul's Swede Hollow neighborhood on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024
- Wakan Tipi Pollinator Festival in Lake Phalen on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- On the Road Again in South Saint Paul on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

#### Pig's Eye Dump Tour

Community tour of Pig's Eye Park and Dump site that was open to the public and discuss the site's future. Partnered with Pig's Eye Park Friends to host the tour during their usually scheduled weekly walking time, with them as tour guides.

#### Virtual Community Meeting

A virtual meeting was held at night for community members to join. The project team shared an overview and background information on Pig's Eye Dump, the task force, engagement plan, and discussed the future of the site and attendees' visions. Attendees shared that they would like to see:

- Increased accessibility and awareness of the park
- A focus on biodiversity
- · Restoring the site as a wetland

#### In-Person Community Coffee Discussion

Provided background information on Pig's Eye Dump and facilitated a discussion on the future of the site. Attendees shared their visions for the dump at a neutral location away from the MPCA. **Attendees shared that they would like to see:** 

- Site history preserved
- Opportunities for youth involvement
- Full remediation and restoration of the site



In-Person Community Coffee Discussion



Pig's Eye Dump Tour

## Future Use Survey (2025)

While the survey was open from March 4<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, it received 359 total responses with 134 open ended responses.

The survey was advertised through the following methods:

Outreach Method	Description	Reach
MPCA	Promoted via the MPCA website, social media, and	GovDelivery – 1,315 subscribers
Communications	GovDelivery.	Instagram – 3k+ followers
		Facebook – 11k+ followers
		X – 1k+ followers
Social Media Toolkit	A social media toolkit, including a graphic, social media text,	Shared with 2 community
Community	and newsletter content, was provided to community	organizations
Organizations	organizations to help share the survey. A list of recipients	
	and examples are available in the appendix.	
Pig's Eye Dump Task	Task force members were encouraged to share the survey	Shared with 10 agencies
Force Members	on their organization's platforms how they see fit.	
MPCA	Survey was shared directly with the EJAG.	15 members
Environmental		
Justice Advisory		
Group (EJAG)		
Flyering	Project staff distributed flyers in the Battle Creek	100+ houses flyered
	neighborhood near Pig's Eye Dump, providing residents	
	with information about the task force and how to	
	participate in the survey. A map of the area is included in	
	the appendix.	
Virtual Community	A virtual meeting was held at night for community	2 attendees
Meeting	members to join and ask questions about the survey and	
	share their vision for Pig's Eye Dump.	

#### What we've heard

The online survey asked how comfortable people were with potential future uses for each remediation option. Future uses included active recreation use, passive recreation use, natural area, and industrial/commercial use. Users rated their comfortability through the following scale:

- 5 very comfortable
- 4 somewhat comfortable
- 3 neutral
- 2 Not particularly comfortable
- 1 Not at all comfortable

The figures on the following pages show the comfortability rating for the four future uses for each remediation option and the overall average of each rating. Additionally, participants provided insights into their ratings, which are summarized below. Maps and tables showing the full ratings and comments are shown in the appendix.

### Targeted Waste Relocation and Filter

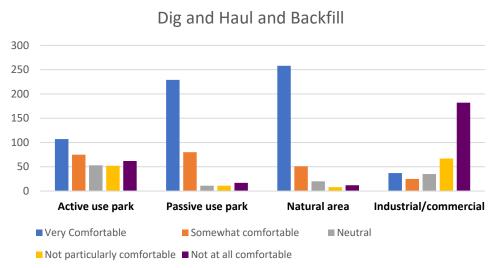
Use Type	Average Comfortability		Targe	eted Waste Relo	cation and Fi	ilter
	Rating	300				
	5 – very comfortable	250				
	4 – somewhat comfortable 3 – neutral	200				
	2 – Not particularly	150				
	comfortable	100				
	1 – Not at all comfortable	50				
Active use park	2.30	0				
Passive use park	3.52	0	Active use park	Passive use park	Natural area	Industrial/commercial
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commercial	1.78		Not particularly comfo	rtable Not at all comfo	rtable	

The figures above show comfortability ratings for each future use if the site was remediated using the targeted waste relocation and filter method. Respondents were:

- Most comfortable with passive use park
- Most uncomfortable with industrial/commercial uses
- The industrial/commercial future use paired with targeted waste relocation and filter received the lowest average comfortability rating across all remediation options

## Dig and Haul and Backfill

Use Type	Average Comfortability Rating 5 - very comfortable 4 - somewhat comfortable 3 - neutral 2 - Not particularly comfortable
	1 – Not at all comfortable
Active use park	3.32
Passive use park	4.42
Natural area	4.53
Industrial/ commercial	2.04

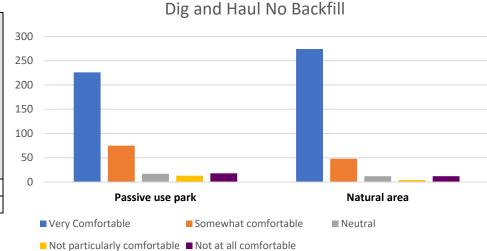


The figures above show comfortability ratings for each future use if the site was remediated using the dig and haul and backfill method. Respondents were:

- Most comfortable with natural area
- Most uncomfortable with industrial/commercial uses

#### Dig and Haul No Backfill

Use Type	Average Comfortability Rating 5 - very comfortable 4 - somewhat comfortable 3 - neutral 2 - Not particularly comfortable 1 - Not at all comfortable
Passive use park	4.37
Natural area	4.62

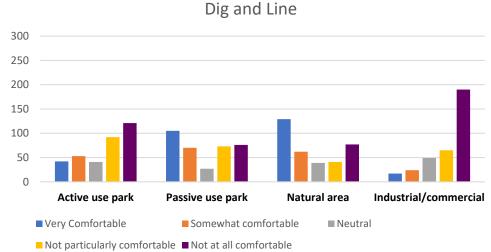


The figures above show comfortability ratings for each future use if the site was remediated using the dig and haul no backfill method. Respondents were:

- Most comfortable with natural area
- The natural area future use paired with dig and haul no backfill had the highest comfortability across all remediation options

### Dig and Line

Use Type	Average
	Comfortability
	Rating
	5 – very comfortable
	4 – somewhat
	comfortable
	3 – neutral
	2 – Not particularly
	comfortable
	1 – Not at all
	comfortable
Active use park	2.44
Passive use park	3.16
Natural area	3.36
Industrial/	1.88
commercial	



The figures above show comfortability ratings for each future use if the site was remediated using the Dig and haul no backfill method. Respondents were:

- Most comfortable with natural area
- Least comfortable with industrial/commercial uses

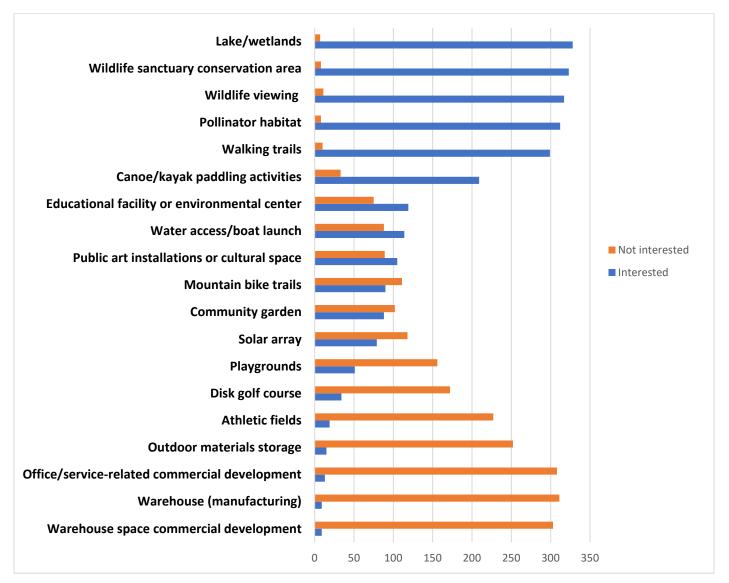
#### Additional feedback on ratings

Alongside their comfort ratings, 134 respondents shared additional thoughts. The key themes from these open-ended comments are summarized below:

- Restoration and preservation of wetlands and wildlife: 46% of comments expressed a strong preference for
  restoring the site to its natural state, with a focus on preserving wildlife, habitat, and wetlands. People
  emphasized the site's ecological importance and sensitive location within an industrial area.
- Full removal of waste: 17% of comments emphasized that they want to see a complete clean up of the waste to prevent future contamination and avoid long-term environmental damage. People shared concerns about the sites proximity to water and would prefer a long-term solution for the benefit of environmental and public health.
- Desire for passive recreation: 10% of comments were interested in restoring Pig's Eye to its natural state with
  passive recreation opportunities like walking trails, birdwatching, and kayaking while preserving its ecological
  value. Some suggest incorporating educational elements about the site's history and environmental impact.
- Clean water: Several respondents expressed that prioritizing water quality protection should be a top priority.
   People shared concerns about pollution leaching into the Mississippi River and groundwater and the negative impacts to local communities and ecosystems.
- Native representation and Dakota site of significance: People acknowledged that Pig's Eye Dump is located at a Dakota site of significance and would like to see Native communities' input be heavily considered in the planning process.
- Access to the site: Respondents noted that the location of Pig's Eye Dump is difficult to access due to the surrounding industrial area. They suggested that it would be better utilized as a natural area or for low-impact recreation.
- A few people shared preference for keeping overall costs low, preference towards targeted waste relocation due to feasibility, or preference to leave the dump as is.

#### **Future** uses

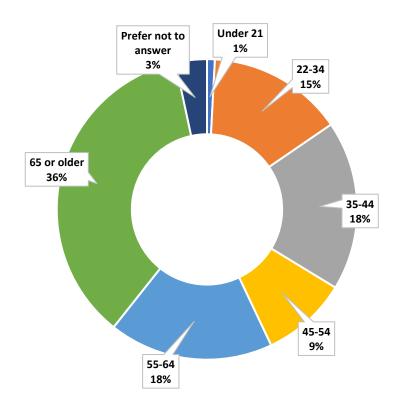
Respondents identified which types of future uses they are or are not interested in seeing in the future. The table below shows futures uses ranked by most interested to least interested.



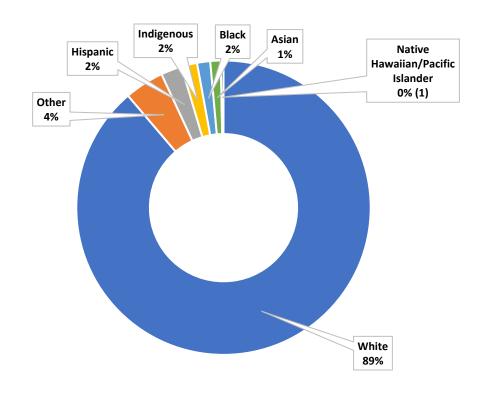
Other ideas people mentioned <u>they are</u> interested in seeing:	Other uses people mentioned <u>they are not</u> interested in seeing:
<ul> <li>✓ Land management and cultural space operated by Dakota people</li> <li>✓ Historical and educational signage</li> <li>✓ Cameras to capture wildlife and eagle nesting</li> <li>✓ Campground facilities</li> <li>✓ Trails for users with disabilities</li> <li>✓ Dog park</li> <li>✓ Bathrooms</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Motorized boats</li> <li>Housing</li> <li>Facilities that contribute to pollution</li> <li>Fitness courses</li> <li>Dog park</li> </ul>

## **Survey Demographics**

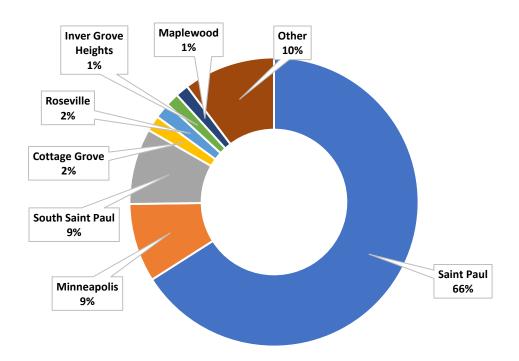
## Age:



#### Race:

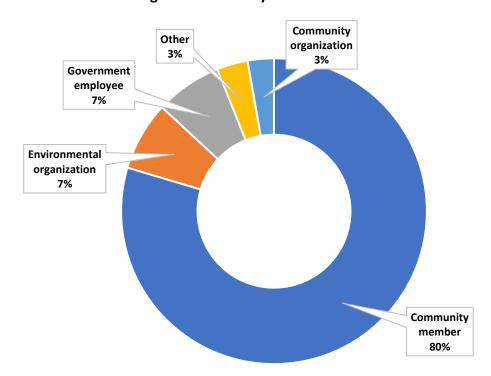


#### Where do you live? (Optional: 100 responses)



Other locations include: Shoreview, North Saint Paul, White Bear Lake, Arden Hills, Mounds View, Kettle River, Oakdale, St. Louis Park, Afton, Bloomington, Lindstrom, Little Canada, Mahtomedi, New Brighton, New Hope, Newport, Oakdale, Plymouth, Ramsey, Red Wing, and River Falls.

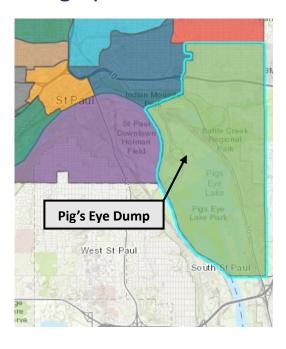
## Which of the following best describes you?



## Battle Creek-Highwood Neighborhood Demographics

The map to the right shows the location of the Battle Creek-Highwood neighborhood where Pig's Eye Dump is located. The demographics for the neighborhood are shown below, along with comparisons between the survey response demographics and those of the neighborhood.

Age		Sex	
Under 5	8.1%	Male	52.5%
5-9	9.1%	Female	47.5%
10-14	7.0%		
15-17	4.8%	Race	
18-24	9.6%	White	29.5%
25-34	17.2%	Of Color	70.5%
35-44	13.5%	Black or African American	30.0%
45-54	10.3%	American Indian or Alaskan Native	N/A
55-64	9.7%	Asian or Pacific Islander	25.6%
65-74	7.1%	Hispanic or Latino	11.1%
75-84	2.8%	Two or more races	3.5%
85 and older	0.8%	Other	N/A



Language		Poverty	
English only	54.1%	With income below poverty	15.3%
Language other than English	45.9%	With income 100-149 of poverty	14.1%
Speaks English less than "very well"	23.3%	With income 150-199 of poverty	13.1%
		With income 200 of poverty or higher	57.6%

#### **Takeaways**

The survey collected information on participant's age and race. Below are comparisons of the data collected by survey participants and the demographics of the Battle Creek-Highwood Neighborhood.

- Race: 89% of survey respondents identified as White, which is much higher than the 29.5% White population in the surrounding neighborhood.
- Age: Over half of survey respondents (54%) reported being over 55 years old, whereas only 20.4% of the neighborhood's residents are in that age group.

## Results by Age Group

The data below shows how each age group responded to the survey and their average comfortability ratings. Key takeaways are highlighted both overall and by the individual age group.

- 5 very comfortable
- 4 somewhat comfortable
- 3 neutral
- 2 Not particularly comfortable
- 1 Not at all comfortable

## Key Takeaways

- Overall, the future uses that received the highest comfortability rating among all age groups were passive use park and natural area.
- All age groups were least comfortable with industrial/commercial future use paired with targeted waste relocation and filter.

#### Under 21

Three people under the age of 21 responded to the survey.

	Targeted Waste Relocation and Filter	Dig and Haul and Backfill	Dig and Haul No Backfill	Dig and Line
Use Type	Average Rating	Average Rating	Average Rating	Average Rating
Active use park	1.667	3.33	-	2.667
Passive use park	3	5	4.33	3.667
Natural area	2.667	5	4.667	3.33
Industrial/commercial	2	1.667	-	2

#### **Takeaways**

#### Respondents were:

- Most comfortable with passive use park and natural area if it was remediated using dig and haul and backfill.
- Least comfortable with an active use park if it was remediated using targeted waste relocation and filter and Industrial/commercial use if it was remediated using dig and haul and backfill.

#### 22-34

52 people between the ages of 22 and 34 responded to the survey.

	Targeted Waste Relocation and Filter	Dig and Haul and Backfill	Dig and Haul No Backfill	Dig and Line
Use Type	Average Rating	Average Rating	Average Rating	Average Rating
Active use park	2.29	3.35	-	2.54
Passive use park	3.60	4.46	4.49	3.23
Natural area	3.54	4.75	4.88	3.43
Industrial/commercial	1.79	1.88	-	1.85

#### **Takeaways**

#### Respondents were:

- Most comfortable with a natural area future use if the site was remediated using dig and haul no backfill.
- Least comfortable with the site having industrial/commercial use if it was remediated using targeted waste relocation and filter.

#### 35-44

65 people between the ages of 35 and 44 responded to the survey.

	Targeted Waste Relocation and Filter	Dig and Haul and Backfill	Dig and Haul No Backfill	Dig and Line
Use Type	Average Rating	Average Rating	Average Rating	Average Rating
Active use park	2.39	3.81	-	2.68
Passive use park	3.19	4.52	4.43	3.05
Natural area	3.08	4.55	4.65	3.19
Industrial/commercial	1.92	2.32	-	2.03

#### **Takeaways**

#### Respondents were:

- Most comfortable with a natural area future use if the site was remediated using dig and haul no backfill.
- Least comfortable with the site having industrial/commercial use if it was remediated using targeted waste relocation and filter.

#### 45-54

33 people between the ages of 45 and 54 responded to the survey.

	Targeted Waste Relocation and Filter	Dig and Haul and Backfill	Dig and Haul No Backfill	Dig and Line
Use Type	Average Rating	Average Rating	Average Rating	Average Rating
Active use park	2.43	3.30	-	2.36
Passive use park	3.73	4.55	4.45	3.23
Natural area	3.67	4.60	4.68	3.23
Industrial/commercial	1.60	2.13	-	1.90

#### **Takeaways**

#### Respondents were:

- Most comfortable with a natural area future use if it was remediated using dig and haul no backfill.
- Least comfortable with the site having industrial/commercial use if it was remediated using targeted waste relocation and filter.

#### 55-64

63 people between the ages of 55 and 64 responded to the survey.

	Targeted Waste Relocation and Filter	Dig and Haul and Backfill	Dig and Haul No Backfill	Dig and Line
Use Type	Average Rating	Average Rating	Average Rating	Average Rating
Active use park	2.21	3.34	-	2.38
Passive use park	3.66	4.54	4.46	3.30
Natural area	3.56	4.74	4.67	3.64
Industrial/commercial	1.62	1.92	-	1.69

#### **Takeaways**

#### Respondents were:

- Most comfortable with a natural area future use if it was remediated using dig and haul no backfill.
- Least comfortable with the site having industrial/commercial use if it was remediated using targeted waste relocation and filter.

#### 65 and older

128 people over the age of 65 responded to the survey.

	Targeted Waste Relocation and Filter	Dig and Haul and Backfill	Dig and Haul No Backfill	Dig and Line
Use Type	Average Rating	Average Rating	Average Rating	Average Rating
Active use park	2.25	3.11	-	2.30
Passive use park	3.57	4.30	4.25	3.08
Natural area	3.34	4.38	4.52	3.33
Industrial/commercial	1.80	1.99	-	1.84

#### **Takeaways**

#### Respondents were:

- Most comfortable with a natural area future use if it was remediated using dig and haul no backfill.
- Least comfortable with the site having industrial/commercial use if it was remediated using targeted waste relocation and filter.

## **Appendix**

#### Social Media Toolkit Distribution

Below is a list of community organizations the Social Media Toolkit was sent to advertise the survey.

- Wakan Tipi Awanyankapi
- Urban Roots
- University of Minnesota Long Term Ecological Research Group
- Great River Passage Conservancy
- Pig's Eye Park Friends
- Friends of the Mississippi River
- Hazel Park Congregational United Church of Christ
- Earth Club Harding High School
- Southeast Community Organization
- West Side Community Organization
- Payne-Phalen District Five Planning Council
- Dayton's Bluff Community Council
- Greater East Side
- East Side Neighborhood Development Company
- North East Neighborhood Development Coorporation
- East African Empowerment Center
- Neighbors Inc
- American Indian Family Center
- Hmong American Partnership
- CLUES Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio
- Latino Economic Development Center
- HACER Hispanic Advocacy and Community Emplorement Through Research
- League of Minnesota Cities

#### Survey Advertisements from Community Organizations

#### Washington County's Environmental eUpdate



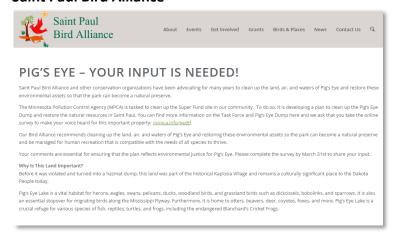
#### **Wakan Tipi Instagram**



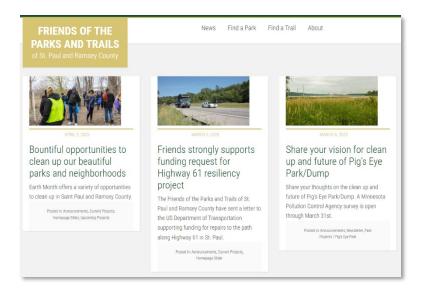
#### **Great River Passage Instagram**



#### Saint Paul Bird Alliance



#### Friends of the Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County

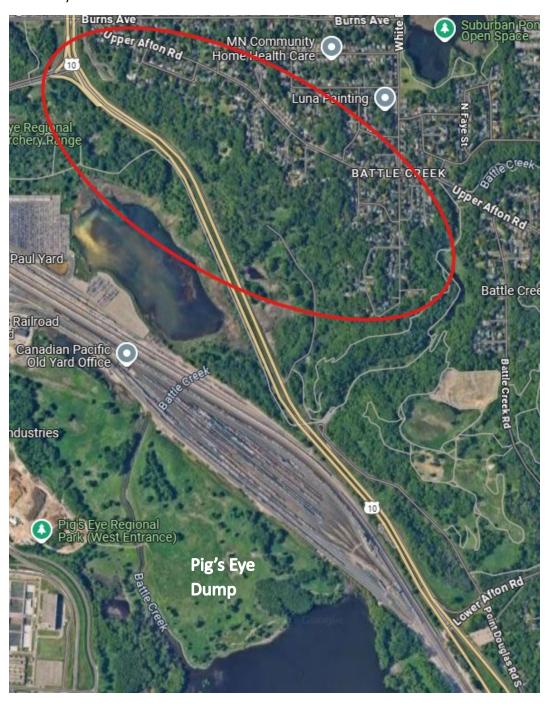


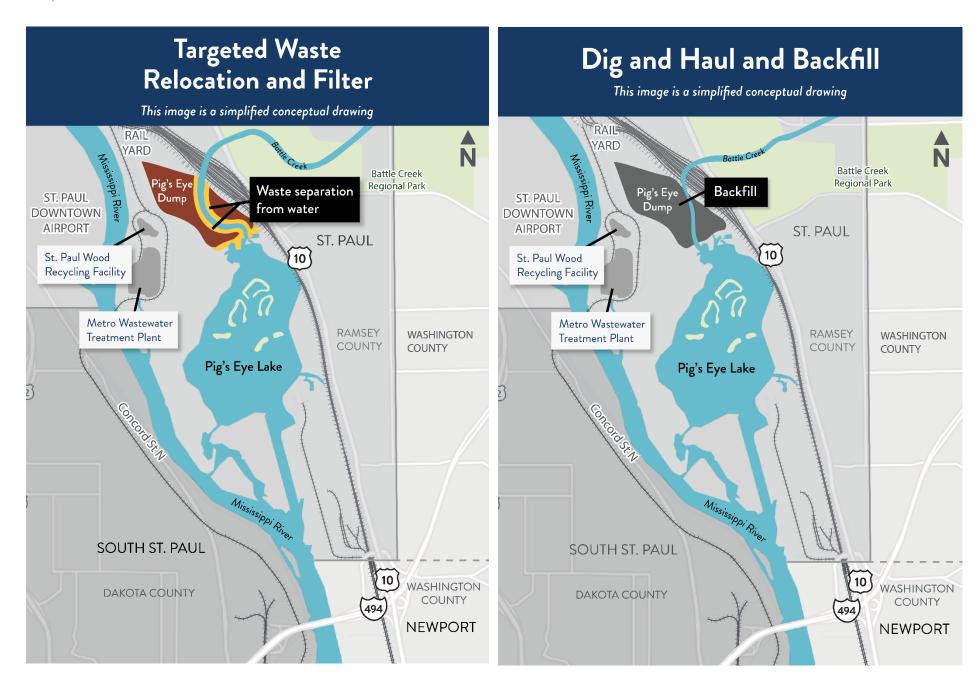
#### **SouthEast Community Organization**



## Flyering Map

The map below shows the neighborhood north of Pig's Eye Dump where the project team distributed flyers to advertise the survey.





## Dig and Haul No Backfill "New Pig's Eye Lake" This image is a simplified conceptual drawing RAIL A YARD Mississippi River Battle Cree Battle Creek Regional Park New Pig's ST. PAUL 10 Eye Lake **DOWNTOWN** ST. PAUL **AIRPORT** St. Paul Wood Recycling Facility Metro Wastewater **RAMSEY** WASHINGTON Treatment Plant COUNTY COUNTY Pig's Eye Lake Mississippi River SOUTH ST. PAUL WASHINGTON **DAKOTA COUNTY** COUNTY **NEWPORT**

## Dig and Line "New Pig's Eye Landfill" This image is a simplified conceptual drawing RAIL YARD Mississippi River Battle Creek New Pig's Regional Park ST. PAUL Eye Landfill DOWNTOWN ST. PAUL AIRPORT St. Paul Wood Recycling Facility Metro Wastewater **RAMSEY** WASHINGTON Treatment Plant COUNTY COUNTY Pig's Eye Lake Mississippi River SOUTH ST. PAUL Battle Creek Park Rail yard Hwy 10 Battle Mississippi Metro

Eye Landfill

Landfill liner

Plant

River

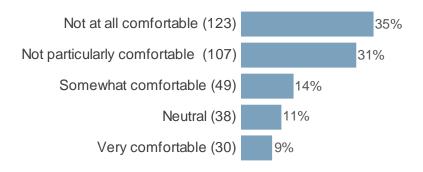
#### **Full Survey Results**

## Pigs eye community opinion form 25

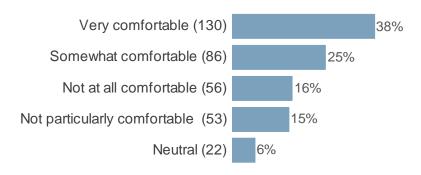
This report was generated on 03/31/25. Overall 359 respondents completed this questionnaire. The report has been filtered to show the responses for 'All Respondents'. A total of 359 cases fall into this category.

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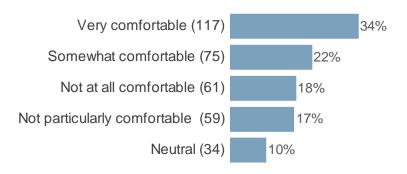
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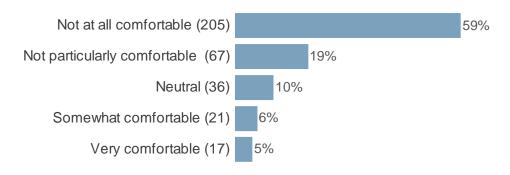
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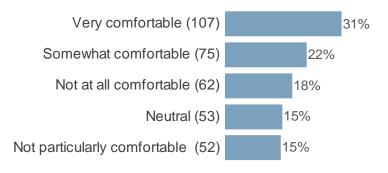
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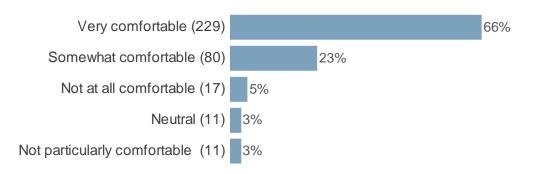
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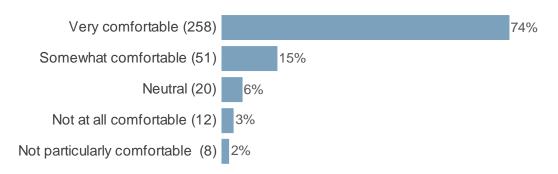
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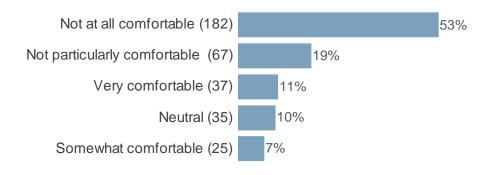
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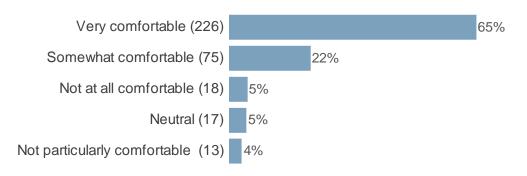
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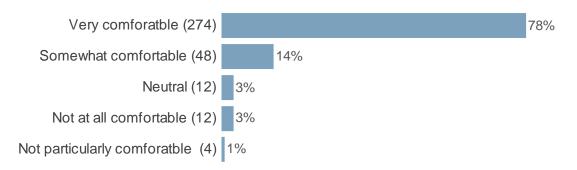
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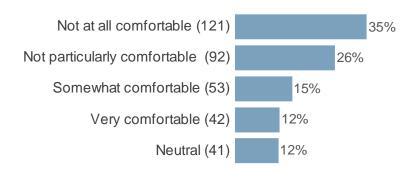
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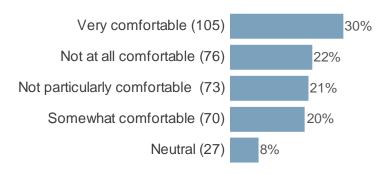
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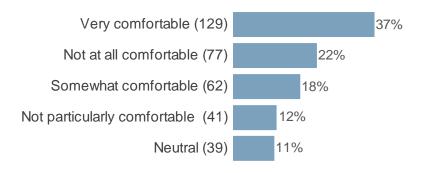
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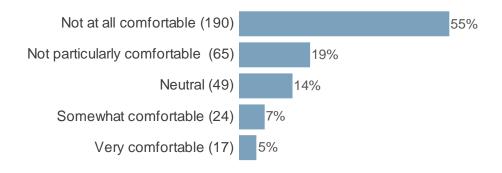
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Please rank how comfortable/uncomfortable you are with each possible future use if the site is remediated through <u>Dig and Line</u>. (Industrial/commercial use (ex. solar, buildings, etc.))



We don't need anymore industrial development polluting the east side! We already have a disproportionate burden of industrial pollution and activity creating unsafe environments for residents.

Include Native Americans perspective. This is very important.

I strongly support keeping the area predominantly natural, acting as a wetland to support local wildlife

I would like the pollution removed and it revert to natural habitat (as much as possible) but help wildlife flourish

I know this site is important to the Dakota tribe, and their input should be heavily considered for how to move forward.

We can't afford expensive options. The first option is good enough.

Dig and haul - no backfill seems to make the most sense to me, considering both costs and future flexibility for use of the land

I would like to see the all of the waste removed. It doesn't matter to me wether the area is backfilled or not.

In this current program slashing environment, the targeted waste and filter solution seems most possible.

Would like to see the site used for floodwater management and natural wetlands. This doesn't preclude other uses, but believe this use must be included at this location for this location.

Based on proximity to the river, lack of current usage, and comparative difficulty to access, it seems most important to have a space to rebuild vital wetland/native wild space, but I could be swayed based on data about equity needs for active/passive parks in this area in the city.

We need to preserve/return land to as natural a state as possible. The location is so connected to the river that removing existing and reducing future pollutants is critical

Replace removed trash with clean fill to support wildlife that is there now, and where there are wet areas now its OK to keep them wet.

Reaching out to indigenous groups to get opinions and ideas could be valuable.

I strongly believe all waste needs to be removed.

This park and lake is a hidden treasure / let's please take care of it!

I think it is important to consider the City of Saint Paul's Pig's Eye Lake Park when deciding what to do with the dump. This park is adjacent to the dump and the two would be even more connected based on which plan is implemented. Right now there is limited access to Pig's Eye Park, and this might be an opportunity to expand access for use, or to at least connect the ecological benefits of both.

I'm concerned about the huge expense of options 2-4. Option 1 makes use of the area with minimal cost, which is such an improvement over the current almost inaccessibility of the property

I do not want to see this site used for industrial/commercial use, period.

I'd find solar the only reasonable industrial use for the area. I don't think playgrounds should be considered as an active use unless the area and entrance were drastically redone.

I feel the most appropriate state of Pig's Eye is as a natural area for wildlife to live in and people to visit mindfully; while I wouldn't be wholly opposed to active use activities if they bring more support to the cleanup effort, I think the whole area should be a wetland. I'm strongly in favor of New Pig's Eye Lake for the benefit to wildlife.

Please remove contaminated soil

Most of the surrounding area is odorous/dusty/noisy industrial, railroads, and wastewater treatment. Costly attempts to create a pristine park for the general public will generate more public dissatifaction and lead to even higher costs. The Federal government under Trump and his Republican successors cannot be counted on as a funding partner. Neither will highly taxed St Paul residents want to foot the bill for a park that the vast majority could never even find, let alone use.

If public funding is used for cleanup, I want to see the public benefit from the clean up and be able to use the site. Some clean energy generation on the site may be possible with public park access to help offset costs, but I would be disappointed if it was developed to create a tax base. I would also like park space to be designed around natural habitat areas so it is less of a lawn.

Let's start with the lowest cost option to reduce waste entering the lake and have a research time period to have a recommendation for a better optiom

I'm mainly interested in having the natural area restored and protected.

I strongly prefer a natural area and restored wildlife habitat.

Thank you all for addressing this landfill, and working hard to find a solution to try and restore our land and groundwater. There are a variety of options for citizens to choose and vote on. The plan that stuck out to me is the dig and hall, no backfill. The others seem more like a temporary fix that we will need to readdress in the future. Let's spend the money now and fix the problem entirely. Let's restore our groundwater!

Prioritize habitat - few spaces exist for habitat preservation. East St. Paul already has too much industry and waste, fewer recreation and natural areas. There are already adequate mountain biking facilities, no more are needed.

I wouldn't like to have additional industrial/commercial use at the site due to possibility of release of any remaining pollution or addition to it.

Offset civilization's impact on open space, human health, and environmental health by avoiding any increase in the urban footprint, i.e., avoid any increase in the developed footprint. Dig and Haul - No Backfill accomplishes this best. Also, leave no hazmat within the river gorge, regardless of how well it's sealed off. Remove ALL potential for problems having to be remediated by future generations. Remove the problems, don't just encapsulate them. Thirty years is short-term thinking.

Hard to decide whether to go back to wetland or have people enjoy it as a recreational use such as hiking and cycling. I am comfortable with either. Prefer that if boats allowed, no motors

People who live down river from this site would appreciate it getting cleaned up and left natural so as to help eliminate future downstream and groundwater contamination.

What would the lining be made of for Dig and Line Option - is it safe and can you ensure it is a non-leachable hazard?

Kids like to eat dirt and dig as deep as they can, so I would be a bit wary of use cases that would allow a kid to be involved in contaminant

Prefer the nature model.

The targeted waste relocation and filter approach should be used as an interim first step to minimize the amount of ongoing contamination of surface waters.

What about archeological considerations? Do any of the proposals include archeological or historical evidence and evaluations?

It seems you are presenting a cost-benefit analysis. That needs to include the liklihood of obtaining funding for the different options. It also needs to be more clear on the resulting natural, non-human restoration that will occur as acresult of the human efforts. This is very complex. My opinion is that it is a rare wetland in the Twin Cities Metro area. The vision needs to be to take the next steps needed to nourish a return to its natural state. Then build structures that allow people to walk, bike and bird watch above the restored area.above

More industrial planning seems like the wrong move if the idea is to reduce the amount of pollution going to the river. A buffer could be really beneficial if we want to continue to preserve our river, which would mean having plenty of space for a wetland or at least more natural plantings.

Who is responsible for the original dumping? Video doesn't say...

This land is needed as a natural area, supporting wildlife and water quality.

As the original stewards of the land, Dakota representation should be at the table of the Pigs Eye task force

The higher amount of \$\$ should be spent for public use and not industrial/commercial use.

How do you intend for people to get on site? Road crosses three railroad tracks and is extremely busy with large hauling trucks that seem dangerous for park visitors. Very small parking lot as well?

it would be useful to consider which option provides more ecological services such as cleaning water, preventing erosion and others. Consider the monetary value in your calculations

I am more amenable to the "dig and haul no back fill" or the "Dig and Line" options. The "cheapest" option's effectiveness seems questionable, thus throwing good money after bad. The "dig and line" option, although not the best, seems more apt to contain the waste. As for the possibility of future industrial use; this area floods. That is what it is meant to do. Keeping the area for recreational (paddle sport access, hiking, biking, bird watching, etc) is the better option all around. The Mississippi has lost enough of its spongy wetlands. Also, there is plenty of space for solar collection over the vast mount of parking lots in the area. Parking and solar go well together.

I really think the Dig and Haul No Backfill option makes the most sense. It is not a good area for a landfill. This option has the major additional win of adding additional wetlands to the area, which with a warming planet we are seeing shrink in general. Lastly, it seems like a bonus that it's much less expensive than the backfill option.

Area's location on the river as current open space lends itself best to passive recreation or natural area Any installation must be floodable and have minimal post flood costs.

Targeted and Dig and line options still has toxic dump in flood plan. Let Mother Nature have the space as we all know, water wins. Thank you.

It would be wise to respectfully ask the Indigenous community for their input on how best to proceed, nd to include them at every step of implementation in the ways they wish to be involved.

I recently completed a student design project for Pig's Eye Lake as part of an MLA studio at University of Minnesota. My proposed design was most similar to option 4, and incorporated mycelium filters between properly capped mounds to address biofilm and heavy metal contamination in Battle Creek, and permeable reactive barriers of activated charcoal soaked in Pb and Lye surrounding capped mounds to filter groundwater seepage of PFA's. Happy to discuss more if at all helpful- durbi050@umn.edu

This area is already a valuable resource, and limited renovations are necessary for this area to be of passive use.

Focusing on cleaning and keeping the site clean with preventative planning should be the top priority for this area.

Reducing emissions and creating a cleaner natural environment would be best if that land is being protected. It would be wrong to clean up the toxic waste only to replace it with industrial waste again.

Minimum cost as to not effect low income communities or raise taxes

No industrial

Because of the site's flooding history, only passive recreation or restoration to a natural area is sensible on this site.

I strongly prefer digging out the landfill (no preference for filled/not filled) and returning it to a natural area.

Amidst a literal global climate crisis... storing waste in a wetland area that drains directly into a river (which impacts how many communities downstream?), despite how "safe" the liner is, is not what I'd like to see \$570 million spent on. Nor would expanding industry/commerce in an already suffering ecosystem. If it's going to be our responsibility to clean up our parents' mess, let our money go to restoring the wetland/floodplain so that the habitat can heal. It's not just for our sake in the MSP metro; it's for every family, human and non-human, downstream of this vital arterial water source, today and for future generations. Let's make sure we include them in these considerations.

I prefer pigs eye lake plan. also would like to see industry pay for it.

Concerned about long term viability of 'dig and line' for environment - future failure of lining 50-100 years from now impacting river, wildlife, etc. Better to remove the waste now.

I strongly advocate for the dig and haul options (either backfill or no backfill), and to prioritize restoring natural areas over other uses.

I prefer the returning of the area to wetland habitat. Ideally, these lands would be returned to the original stewards, the Dakota people.

Clean up best possible!

I'd love to see it as a wetland in this historical floodplain wetland. I think along with passive recreation trails around the area, it could serve as a great educational resource. Go into the history of the site, the downstream affects of the pollution, and now the ecological services and benefits a wetland provides.

I support whichever method of remediation is the most thorough, longest lasting, and poses the least risk to people and wildlife that may recreate in the area in the future.

should remain a wetland, let nature take its course

I think the waste should all be removed. Hard to tell what will happen in the future, high water, etc., or if it will funded to maintain in perpetuity. I don't think you should bring in backfill. That introduces another soil, which may have its own issues. We need wetlands. They could be great habitat. The Twin Cities doesn't have alot of wetland areas

I feel this toxic waste needs to be removed and relocated much further from a water source. There is no world where toxic waste and water are safe together. I am most worries about water quality and aquatic life, I don't really care what the land gets used for after as long as scientists deem it safe.

Make sure the site cannot leak contaminants into the surronding water ever again.

Areas within the greater metro where one can peacefully enjoy bird watching and photography without speeding bicycles or scooters interfering are few. The Mississippi river flyway is an excellent spot to view many types of birds, as well as other flora and fauna. Migrating song, wading and raptors all use the area for a home and travel route. Many species are rare or endangered. It would be nice having a place of peace and guiet adjacent to busy city life.

This is an inappropriate location for a landfill of any kind. Any reuse/development of the property must be compatible with frequent flooding.

First, a hard decision to balance the need for sound management of waste & the need to cover the associated costs. Second, a concern for who/how a decision is made for the use/benefactors of such an outlay of costs.

I see no concern for any of this as long as nobody is eating fish or drinking the water. Prefer cheaper option, since the groundwater and surface water in Pool 2 area will never be clean regardless of remediation techniques.

I would like to see this area cleaned up and returned to a natural area

I would prefer wetland or light use area to help restore the health of the river and water systems

What companirs dumped here and why are they not paying to clean it up?????

Whoever is responsible for the waste, shiuld pay to clean it up.

When considering plan options, if the goal is to attract wild life back to their habitat then the job must be done to ensure optimal health for the whole ecosystem. If the job is done cheaply with the possibility of harm to people and the ecosystem, then it would be best to not invite humans and wildlife back to a site that is still potentially contaminated. Their needs to be more accountability to the industries who create these messes; the people are tired of picking up the bill.

Prefer restoration to nature and wildlife protection with minimal or no human use.

Anything less than complete cleanup is not acceptable regardless of the land plan use. We live close to the site and bike and walk through there regularly.

Mostly uncomfortable on industrial/commercial use because I would ultimately want to promote wildlife habitat and limit impervious surfaces next to the river. If that's the only option, something like solar would be the only thing I'd be comfy with because it helps address green energy needs.

State Critical Area plans and Saint Paul Great River Passage plans call for this area to serve as Natural Area with passive use trails and water access to view and enjoy wildlife. More than half a century of public planning have gone into these efforts. Using valuable wetland habitat in a National Park for a dump, industrial uses, or activities that require wetland filling and wildlife habitat loss are in direct conflict with park plans for this resource.

I wonder about the proximity of the rails and how that would affect the active use in any of the scenarios.

The two dig and haul are the only options that make sense to me. I'd love a pollinator area with trees and plants to attract pollinators and the birds that need them.

Removing pollutants is the number one thing.

Adjacent land use should be put into the decision - especially use of the are and Pigs Eye Scientific & Natural Area to the south. Expanding habitat for wildlife use of river bottoms such as heron rookery.

Don't like the idea of any industrial or commercial space on this land. If "the people" are paying to undo the past sins of commerce, this land should be kept for the "the people" in the form of a park or natural area.

1) I visited Pigs Eye with my toddler a few years ago, because I had heard that it was being turned into a park. I didn't realize it was a dumping ground and potentially unsafe. Signs should be posted warning people of the contamination. 2) If you are going to ask people to rate their comfort, more health information should be provided prior to doing so. Is it safe for a toddler to dig in the soil, as children do, if you do the targeted waste removal and filter option? Inadequate information was provided for people to have informed consent.

Clean it up make it natural and let Mother Earth repair herself. No cost it too great to fix our environment.

Keep industrial away from the parks. As much access as we have to the river, so much space is taken up by private industrys. People and plants.

Pigs Eye Island and Lake need to be as wild as it can be. We don'tneed access everywhere, all the time for everyone.

Clean up Pig's Eye once & for all

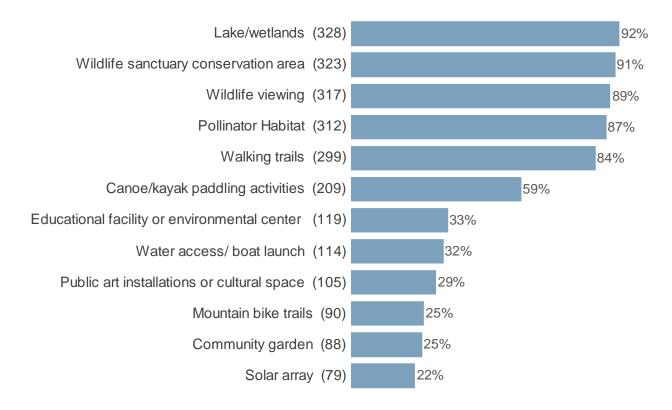
My wife and I are expecting twins and would love to see this park cared for and maintained!

I think dig haul and no backfill is the best option because it restores the land to the previous state.

Although dumping the waste elsewhere seems like the best choice for Pigs Eye, I don't like it being made someone else's waste problem. Isn't there an option to safely dispose of the waste without putting it in a different landfill?

keeping this space natural and usable for wildlife and nature loving humans would be the best outcome. The river, its inhabitants--and all of us--need clean wetlands. This seems like a perfect opportunity to gain rather than lose a wetland resource.

#### Which of the following uses would you be interested in seeing at the Pig's Eye site?



## Other uses you would **like to see** at the Pig's Eye site:

Educational experience for guided tours on clean up project once complete. Could be used as a great case study for others.

Expansion of EWS wood storage and processing facility.

Turner back to lake

Several eagles nesting areas with camera

### Other uses you would like to see at the Pig's Eye site:

None, leave as is, do not spend any more taxpayer dollars on this low risk site. Any more time/money spent on this site is a complete waste of taxpayer resources

Do everything to protect the heron rookery!!

Landback

Land management and cultural space operated by Dakota people

Note: the boat launch I would like to see is for canoes, kayaks and other non motorized watercraft only, certainly not motor boats. This is a sacred space and everything should be done to restore the habitat of plants and animals to the natural area.

Green space

Paved bike trails.

Natural playground

As long as there is a Native voice we are safe and lucky

Wakan Tipi need access to it.

education facility with space that can be rented for community events/weddings/parties; camp ground/cabins - would love camping a close drive from St. Paul

I believe this was a special area for native Americans. Would be curious about input from that group.

Some land with trails set aside for users with disabilities.

Special attention to the heron rookery and to the bald and golden eagle population in this corridor would be good.

Outdoor stage or amphitheater?

Trails could possibly accommodate both walking and biking (not mountain biking); snowshoeing, cross-country skiing; N/A to me, but some might appreciate a dog park

Paddle boarding. Water dports.

campgrounds for tents and RVs with park

The less '

Historical signs, tick warnings, fishing rules and limits at both ends. Boats put in at existing S. end (old) exisitng launch with signs, roadside parking. Connect bike path with signs to park not in park.

To preserve nature please! A

Dog park with water access

By checking the box for Educational facility, I am meaning that it would be interesting to have information about the history of the site, but I do not want a large facility taking up space at the site. A bathroom would also be a good addition.

Contextual signage about the history of the area and other educational information.

amenities such as parking and toilets

Floodwater mediation, state of the art present-day and future water quality protection

Please stop polluting our environment.

No Dogs allowed -

Train station with pedestrian crossing to regional airport.

Depending on the remediation plan, could methan be used to generate for an urban farming facility

### Other uses you would like to see at the Pig's Eye site:

I can envision limited hiking and maybe biking, but not dog walking or intensive recreational activities.

The ruver is too shallow there fir a boat launch. The land is too unique and valuable to continue with industrial use. It may take awhile to maje such a major transition. But, at age 75, I remember when the Minneapolis riverfront was train tracks. Keep moving towards the vision. The, suddenly, it emetges in full bloom. When the time is right. At this time, place more emphasis on the birding that it already happening, e.g. through the Audobon Society. They have deep knowledge about this land. It needs to be documented abd passed on.

Return it to its natural state prior to European contact

It would be helpful to know how large an area you're talking about (acres).

Diverse and well managed prairie

Can we encapsulate the dump site and send the plume to the nearby waste water treatment plant? Recognize that both Battle Creek and Beaver creek flow through the dump site next to the DNR headquarters offers a great opportunity for them to showcase the space. Working with the gorilla in the room (H20 treatment plant) future needs which will require a parkland taking ,can we give them the dump site?

Offerings of recognition of harms & active expression of remediaion, reparation, with regard to all our relatives whose home this once was.

This area could really use better access. Whether that be parking spaces, or alternative routes into the area.

Would like to keep this area as natural as possible. Cleaning up without adding too much infrastructure installed for recreation, industrial, etc. Minimal additions should be considered (trails, boardwalks, seating, maybe trash bags for dog waste)

More tree's more diverse ecosystem conifers or hardwoods cedars and conifers would thrive in this area

Public space thats safe and not contaminated

Accessible birding boardwalks, trails, and viewing platforms.

Cultural space\* if only to improve relations with the Dakota and Ojibwe

solar is the future riverboat gambling to relieve taxes in St. Paul

Restoration of natvie habitats

#LandBack

Bird habitat, other insect habitat, turtle logs.

no commercial use. parkland, nature trails, some picnicing

I would like the uses to not cause further harm to the rivers ecosystem or the possibility to introduce new contaminates. Everyone loved Scotchguard before we learned what it was doing to our water.

art if it is by indigenous artists

There is a great need for wildlife to have its own space in the Twin Cities, there is already enough multiuse recreational spaces.

Fat biking in winter.

nature trails, fishing piers, birding observation platform, nesting boxes and platforms, educational kiosks, habitat restoration, naturalist guided walks, restroom, trail connections to neighborhoods, tours of fish hatchery,

Picnic areas

Wildlife use eg h heronnrookery

## Other uses you would like to see at the Pig's Eye site:

Dog park

Nothing else

Nature preserve - no hunting, no trapping

State involved SNA or WMA establishment. State Park potential as well.

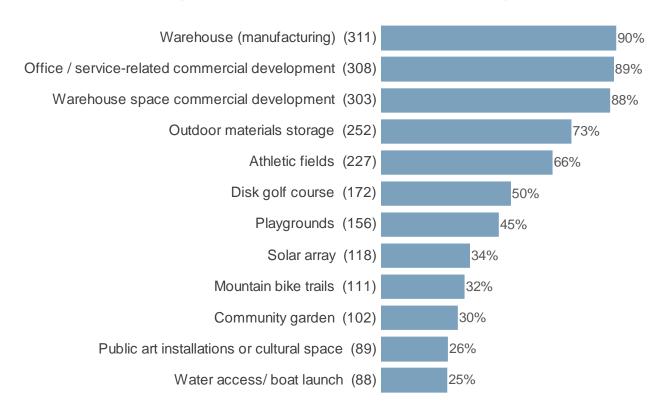
Safe, easy parking

I would be ok with some kind of educational nature center that imposes minimal building on the land.

**Farmers Market** 

Senior housing

### Which of the following uses do you **not want** to see at the Pig's Eye site?



## Other uses you do not want to see at the Pig's Eye site:

This land should be given back to the people, not sold off to private industrial users.

Do nothing. You must do this and remove the garbage. Doing nothing is dislike by me

Anything. Nothing. Just a lake

No commercial or industrial uses.

nuclear testing

as above, please no \*motorized\* boat launch. no outdoor materials storage if it diminishes visually the experience of the natural area for humans and wildlife, but it it's indoors then could be ok.

Given the level of contamination, high use areas make me feel uncomfortable

### Other uses you do not want to see at the Pig's Eye site:

#### A park

It doesn't seem to need any buildings at all to be used in a fun environmental way. Disc golf is fun for all and cheap and gets people outside

I don't want it to revert to another landfill

Do not want it to become a magnet for drug/illegal activity. It needs to be a safe and clean public space

#### No housing

The noise and vibration from the ever-larger planes going out of the airport and the national guard base increases the movement of all pollutants (Pig's Eye and otherwise). Doing expensive remediation at Pig's Eye without involving and working with the airport on its current and future environmental impacts would be counterproductive. Enlisting the support/assessing the needs of the barge people moving up and down the river would be important, too, especially if more drought creates low water conditions. Just saying.

Any type of manufacturing, recycling, processing, industrial uses that would increase the potential for additional pollution (air, water, ground water, noise) in the area.

#### Landfill

#### Fitness courses

Strong no on office/service/commercial development at this site. Too difficult to protect from extreme storms. Connect the development of this site to the city's climate action plan.

Any new construction or activities that degrade the natural ecosystem.

Treat as rusty-patched Critical Area with improvement, no degradation. Remove sludge pile, reduce and rotate wood chipping to other parks. Its remote and a flood plain so no homeless tent camps for everyone's safety - they are at dump area in north end today with no park use allowed.

#### Biking, or motor driven

#### A place for more dumping

No commercial activity in the river bottom area. It's all flood plains!

#### Landfill

nothing commercial - we need places that are just for relaxing

The more people that you introduce to this site who lack an understanding of its complex history and the ongoing industrial nature of the surrounding area, the more complaints you will generate that politicians will resort to silence by spending more public dollars.

Heavy industry, light industry, anything which would contribute to urban density or industrial density, anything which would continue or increase potential water quality problems. All hazmat OUT of proximity to the main stem of the river

#### Motor boats. Snowmobiles

No Dog Park AND No Dogs allowed anywhere on-site whether on leash or off leash.

Vast paved parking lots. Vendors. If used for recreation, provide toilets and resting places

Soil is too wet for gardening. More important bis planting to feed migrating birds.

#### Dog running

fenced off area with signs saying contaminated area that is not useful to anyone

I am not sure a community garden on top of so much contaminants is a good idea. As for industrial use, this area is an excellent wetland much needed for flood water absorption and water filtering: resources often undervalued for short term industrial gain.

### Other uses you do not want to see at the Pig's Eye site:

In general I do not want to see more commercial infrastructure - solar array is the exception. We need more green spaces and wetlands.

It would be terrible for it to become another landfill. #notbetter.

No kind of manufacturing or business offices.

No loud manufacturing it's already very loud from the train yard also the smell that comes from the water treatment plant in terrible

Soil and area will remain contaminated from battle creek across the road

I do not want any industrial or commercial use.

no or extremally little buildings of any sort

More contamination

I am opposed to water access/boat launch only for motorized boats. Canoe/kayak would be fine.

what are other flood prone choices?

no commercial building

No Dog Parks.

I would like the uses to not cause further harm to the rivers ecosystem or the possibility to introduce new contaminates. Everyone loved Scotchguard before we learned what it was doing to our water.

Industrial

It's so close to the industrial use train yard and car transfer lot, it's an important river corridor for wildlife.

Again, increased impervious surfaces or industrial uses such as the materials storage and train yards that are already such a component of the area.

Dump site for excavation material, dump site for construction debris, filling wetlands, commercial wood shredding, non-essential lighting, activities that threaten nesting of birds, pollution

Nothing commercial, period. "The people" are paying and they should get something useful or at least environmentally beneficial out of it.

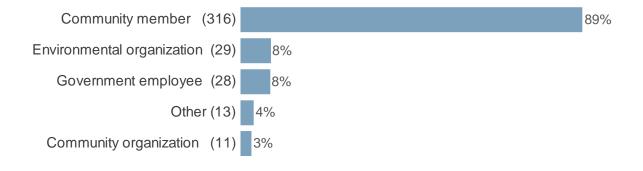
No apartments please

The community was told this was being restored - which means PARK, not commercial space.

Clean up Pig's Eye once and for all. Keep it as a Nature preserve

Industrial or business

## Which of the following best describes you?



### Please specify:

concerned citizen

I worked for the MPCA at the time of the first remediation action at Pig's Eye Dump in public affairs and the state Superfund program. This is one of most difficult cleanup challenges the state can undertake. Good luck and God speed.

Environmental advocate

district council board member

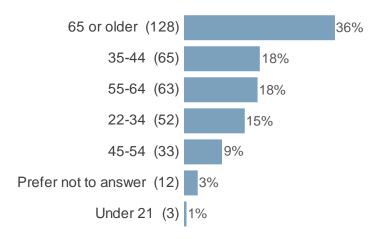
Concerned citizens

Small business owner

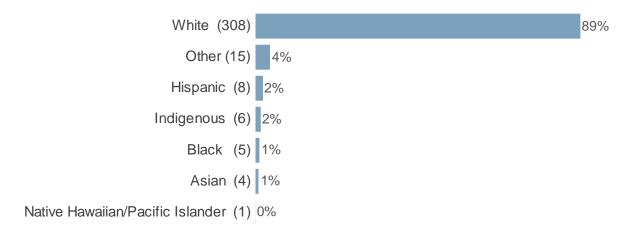
retired age 86

healthcare worker and St. Paul citizen

## Age:



Race: (biological, an indication of the heritage with which you were born)



## Please specify:

prefer not to answer	lowan and Minnesotan	post-racial
Prefer not to answer	Prefer not to answer.	Middle Eastern
AMERICAN!!!	mixed	No comment

## What city do you live in?

Saint Paul	Saint Paul		
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Minneapolis	St. Paul		
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Saint Paul	ST. PAUL		
SAINT PAUL	St. Paul		
Shoreview	Saint Paul, Burlington Rd right beside Pigs Eye		
Mounds View	Saint Paul		
St Paul	Saint paul		
Shoreview	St. Paul		
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St Paul	Saint Paul		
Woodbury	Saint Paul		
St. Paul	St Paul		
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MENDOTA HEIGHTS	Saint Paul		
Roseville	Birchwood		
SAINT PAUL	Minneapolis		
St. Paul	Bloomington		
Maplewood	St Paul		
St. Paul	St. Paul		
Roseville	St paul		
Saint Paul	Inver Grove Heights		
New Brighton	St. Paul		
North St Paul	South St Paul		
St Paul	Ssp		
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Mounds View	South St Paul		
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## What city do you live in?

Saint Paul	Saint Paul
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South Saint Paul	St. Paul
SSP	Saint Paul (Highwood Hills neighborhood)
SOUTH ST PAUL	Saint Paul
South St Paul	St. Paul
Saint Paul	St Paul
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South St Paul	Saint Paul
St. Paul	St Paul
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Newport	St.paul
St. Paul	Saint Paul
St. Paul	River Falls
St Paul	Inver Grove Heights
St Paul	South St. Paul
St. Paul	Saint Paul