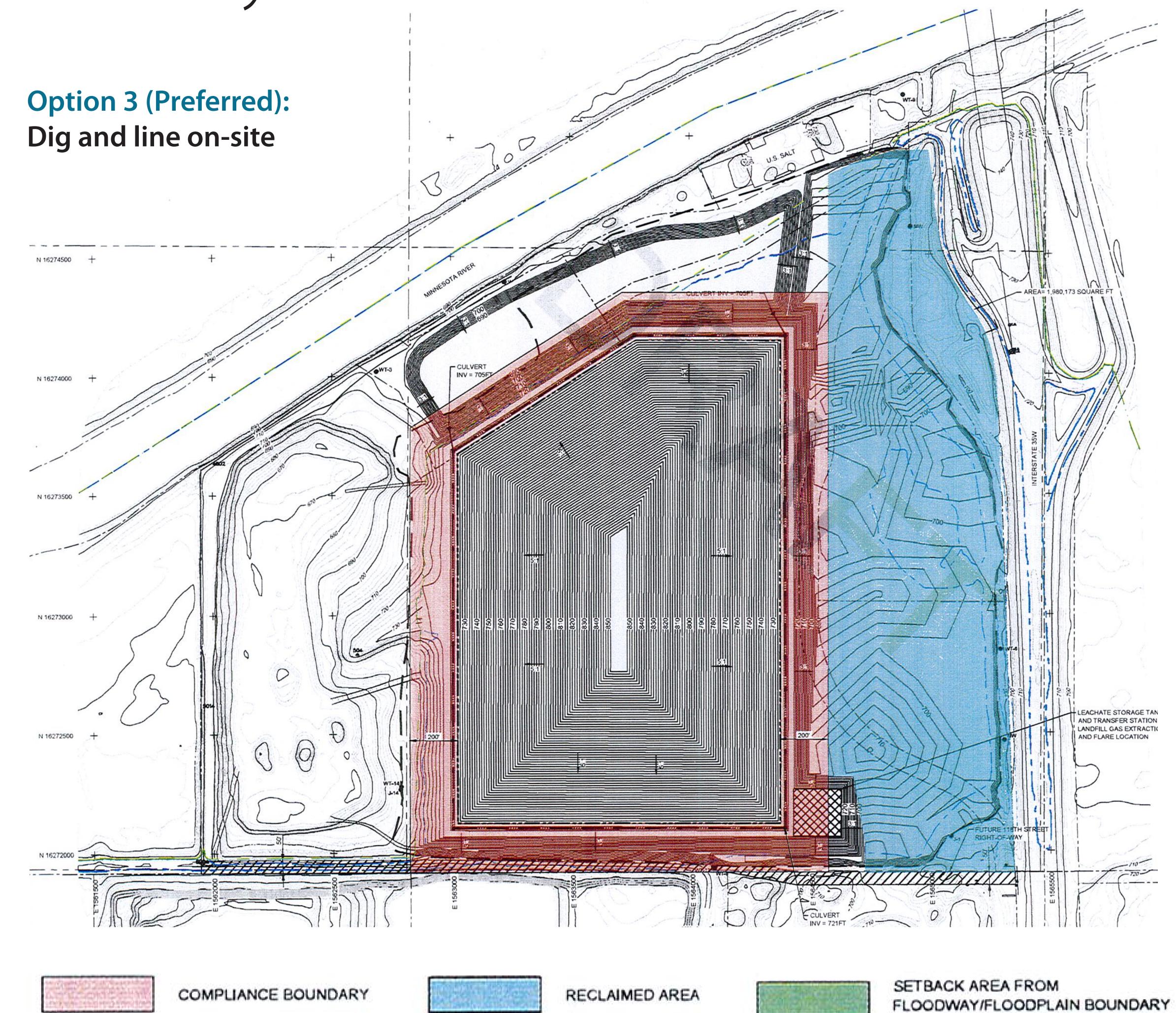


Option 5:
Move all waste to a Burnsville Landfill

What to do with the closed Freeway Landfill?



TO ALLOW FOR POTENTIAL FUTURE

REMEDIAL ACTIVITIES

Cleaning up Freeway Landfill: a time-sensitive problem

Kraemer Quarry currently helps to protect groundwater and the river

Kraemer Quarry, located south and west of Freeway Landfill, pumps out 10 million gallons of groundwater per day. Because this lowers the water table, it decreases the amount of groundwater in contact with landfill waste. This reduces the level of contamination entering groundwater and the river.

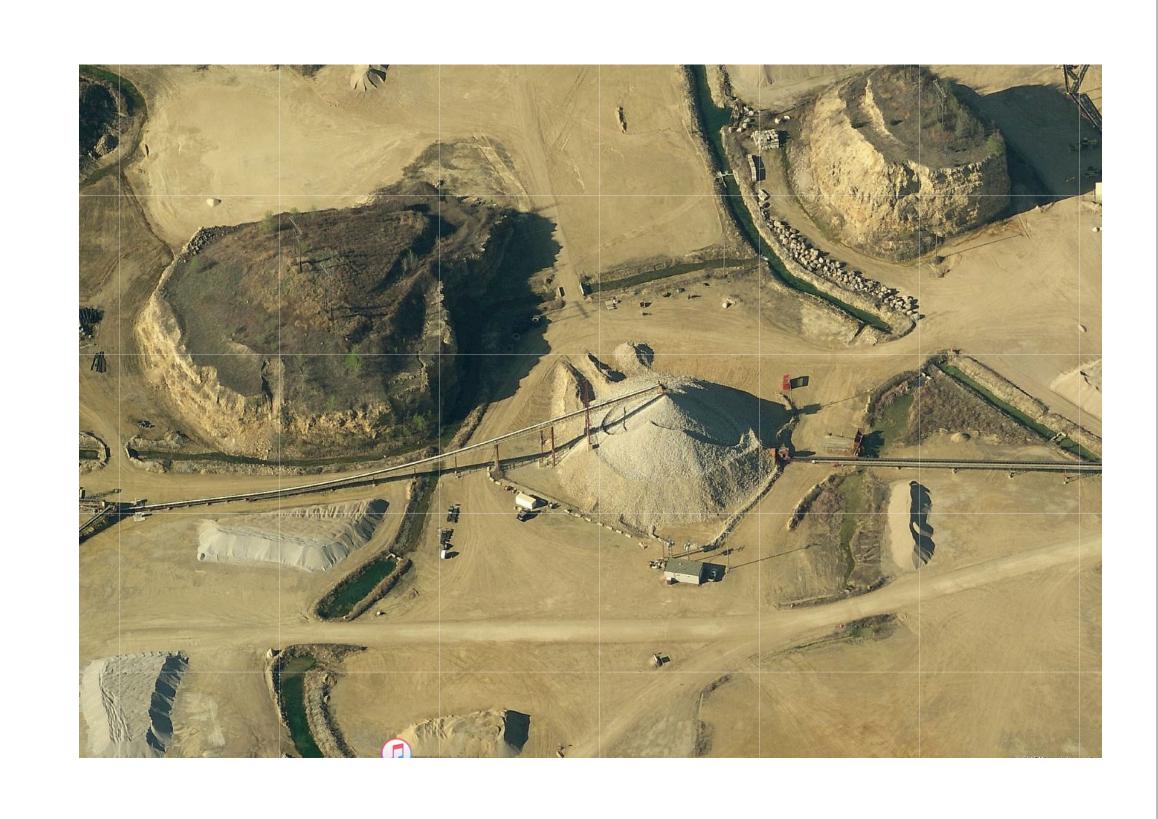
When Kraemer Quarry stops pumping, the water table will rise

Eventually, Kraemer Quarry will finish its work at this site, and the groundwater pumping will also stop. As a result, the water table will rise and the quarry will become a lake. If no cleanup action is taken, Freeway Landfill waste will be sitting directly in groundwater in the area shaded red below.

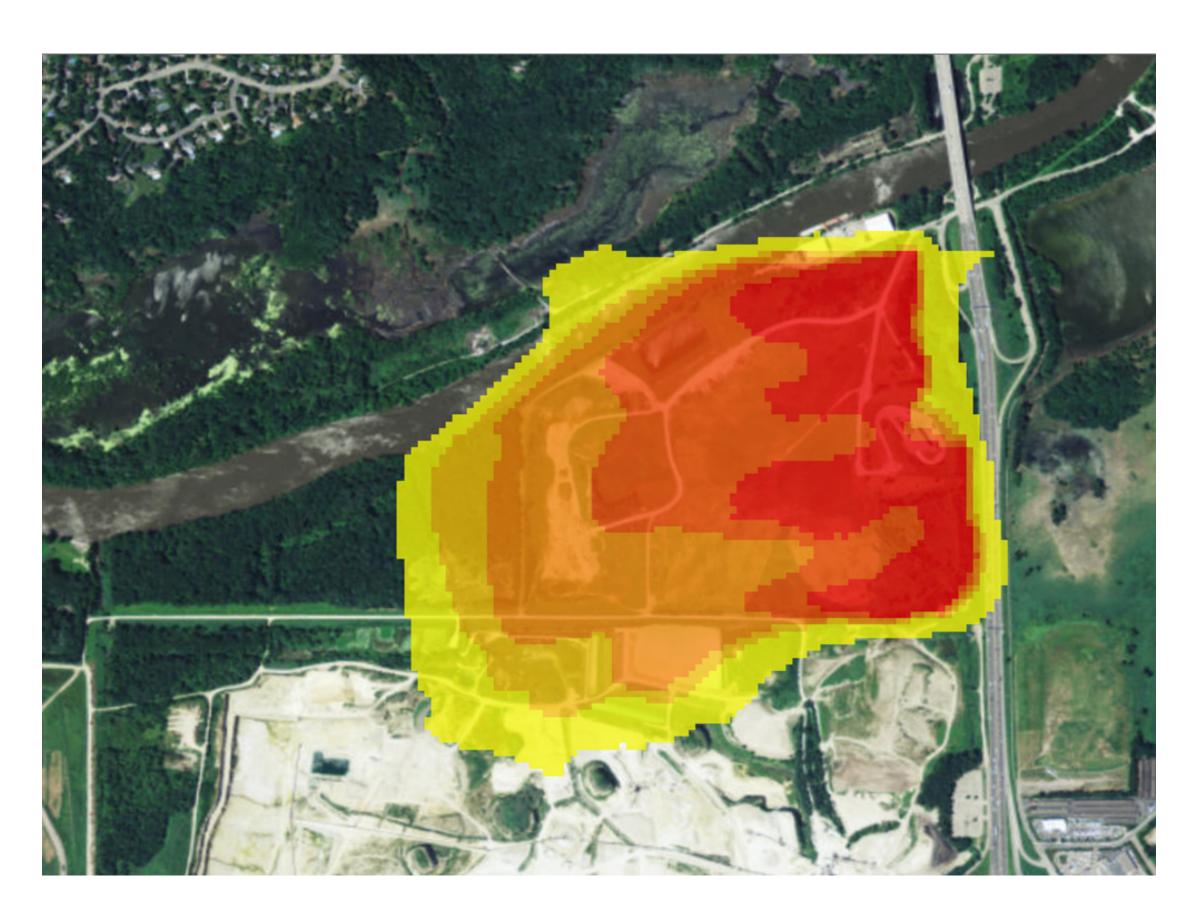
Contamination will spread to the surrounding area

If no action is taken and the water table reaches waste and pollution in the landfill, groundwater will be contaminated with pollutants such as heavy metals, medical waste products, and VOCs. These contaminants will also spread away from the landfill, and some will enter the Minnesota River and the quarry lake.

Cobalt, for example, could be expected to contaminate the area shaded below, including a stretch of the Minnesota River and the future quarry lake.







Groundwater flow at the Freeway Landfill site

Past

Before the landfill existed, the site was a wetland area. Groundwater flowed mainly to the Minnesota River.

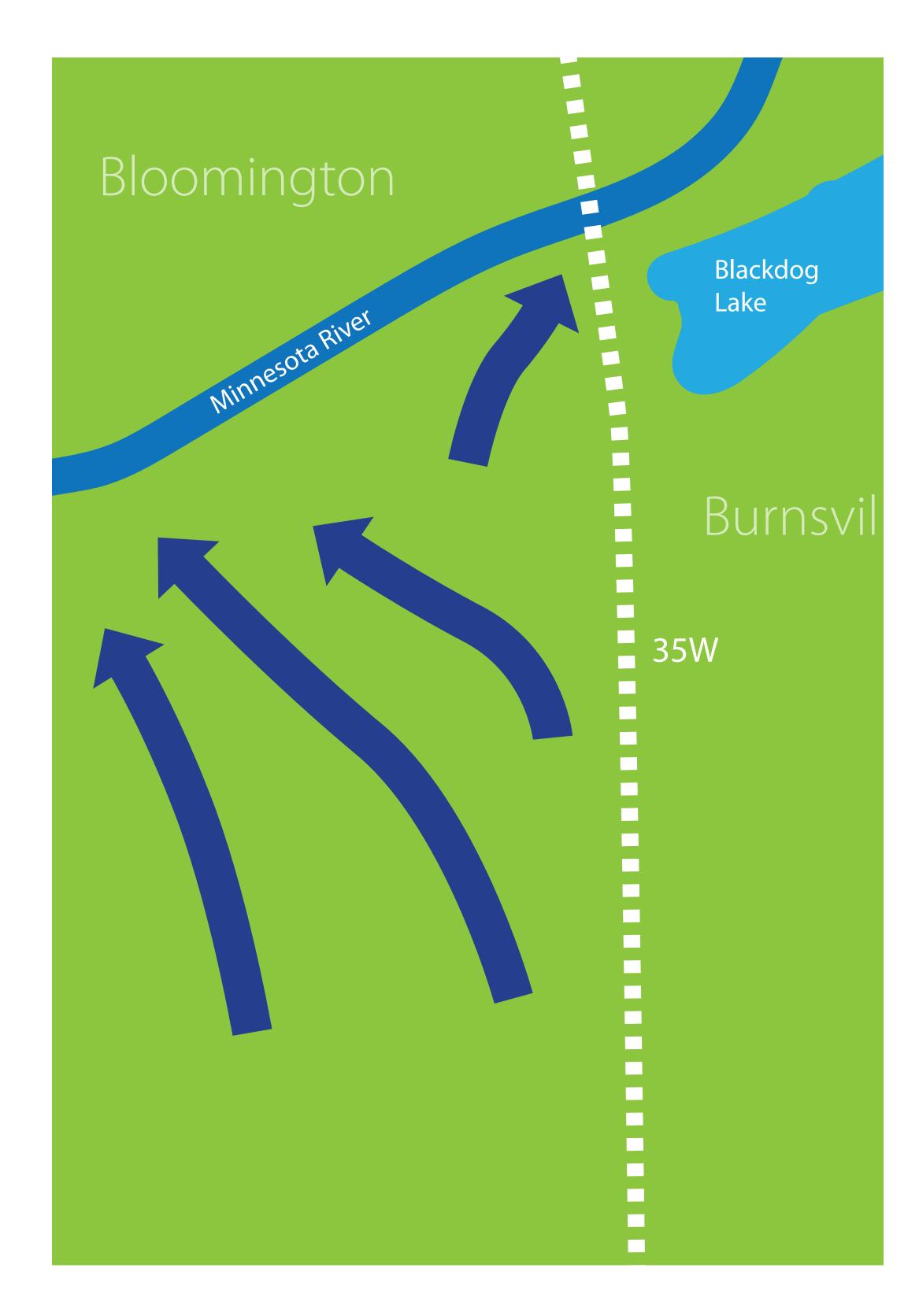
Under today's regulations, placing a landfill on such a site would not be allowed.

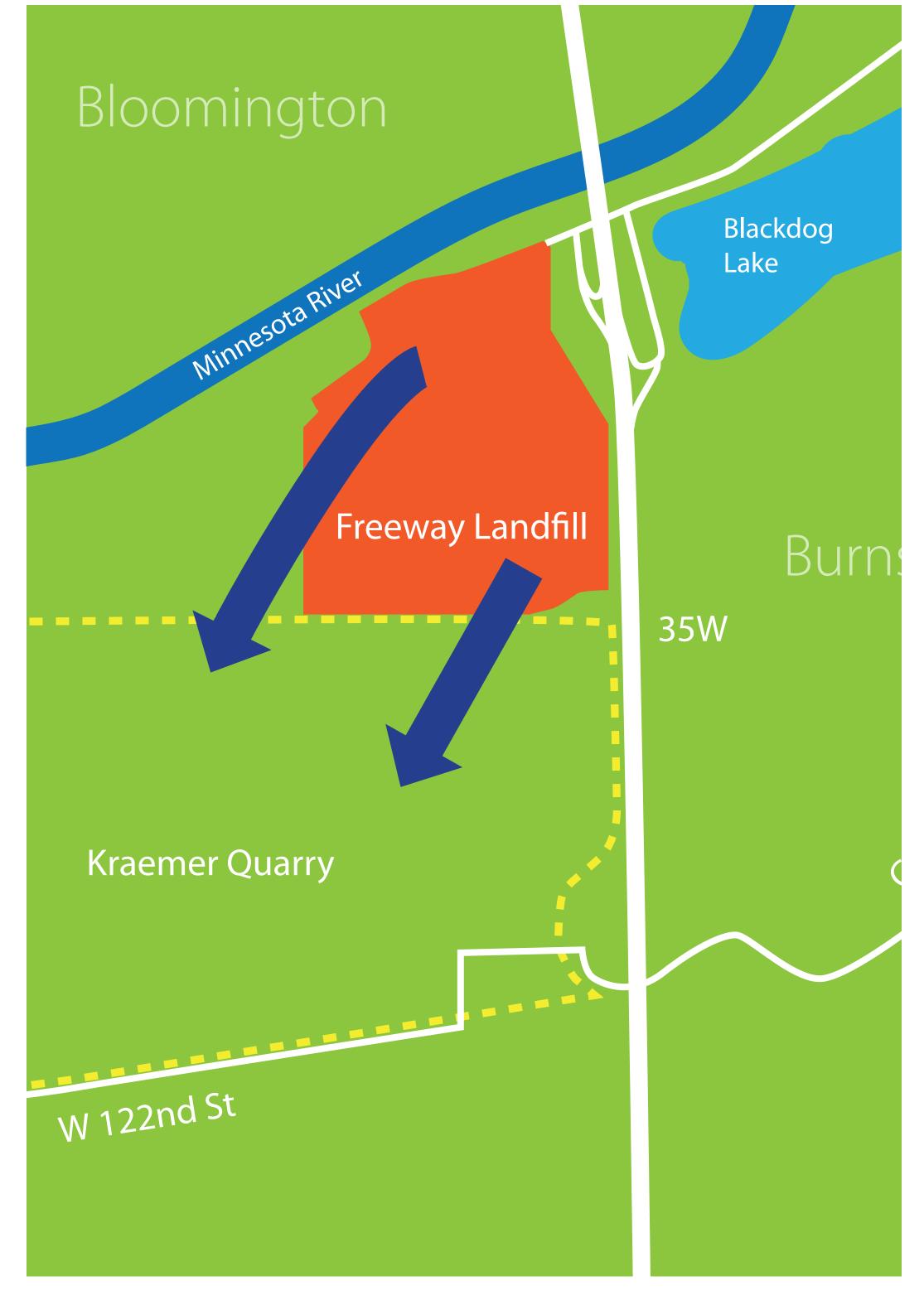
Today

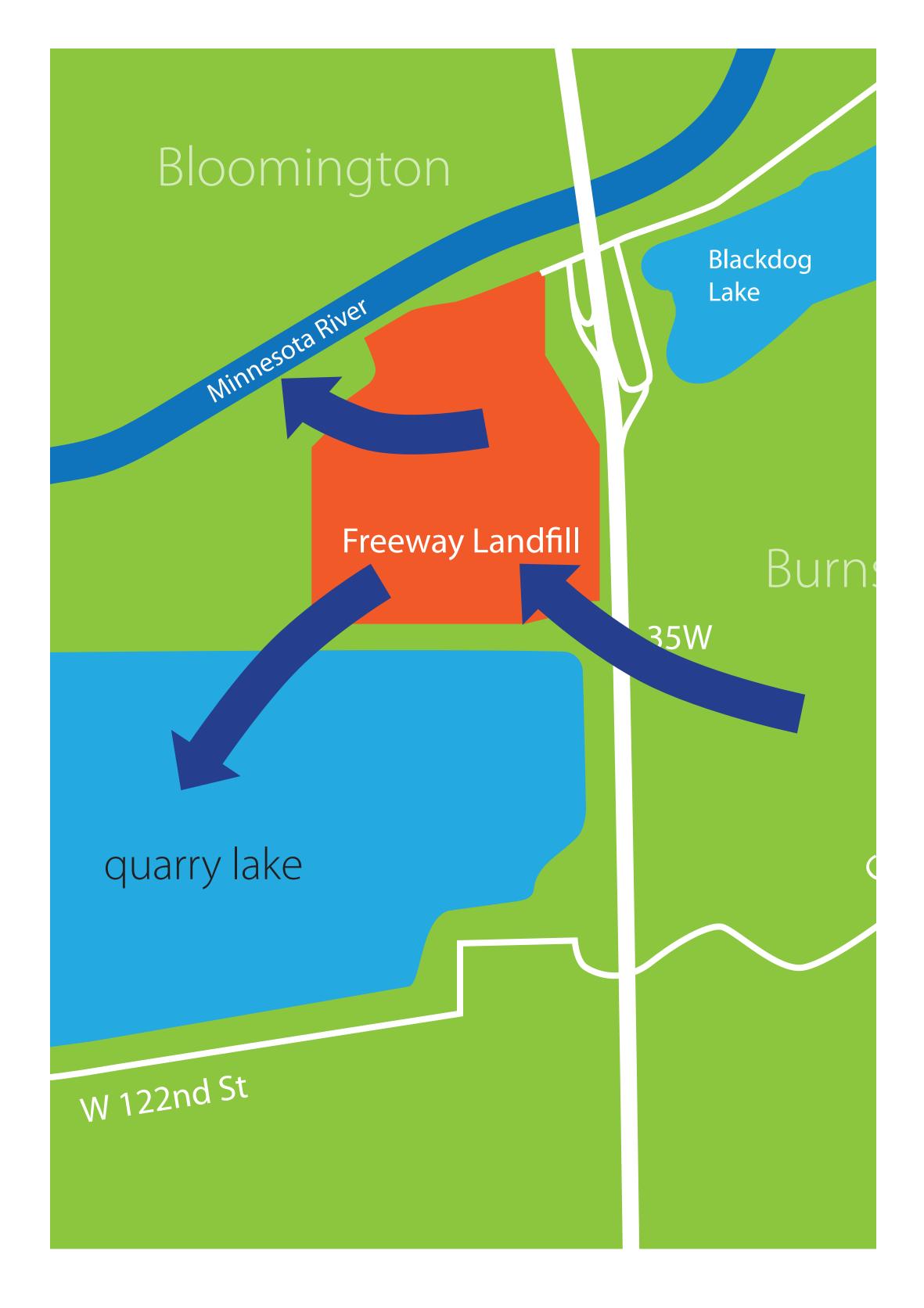
The water table is currently much lower, and groundwater flows toward Kraemer Quarry, which draws 10 million gallons of water per day.

Future

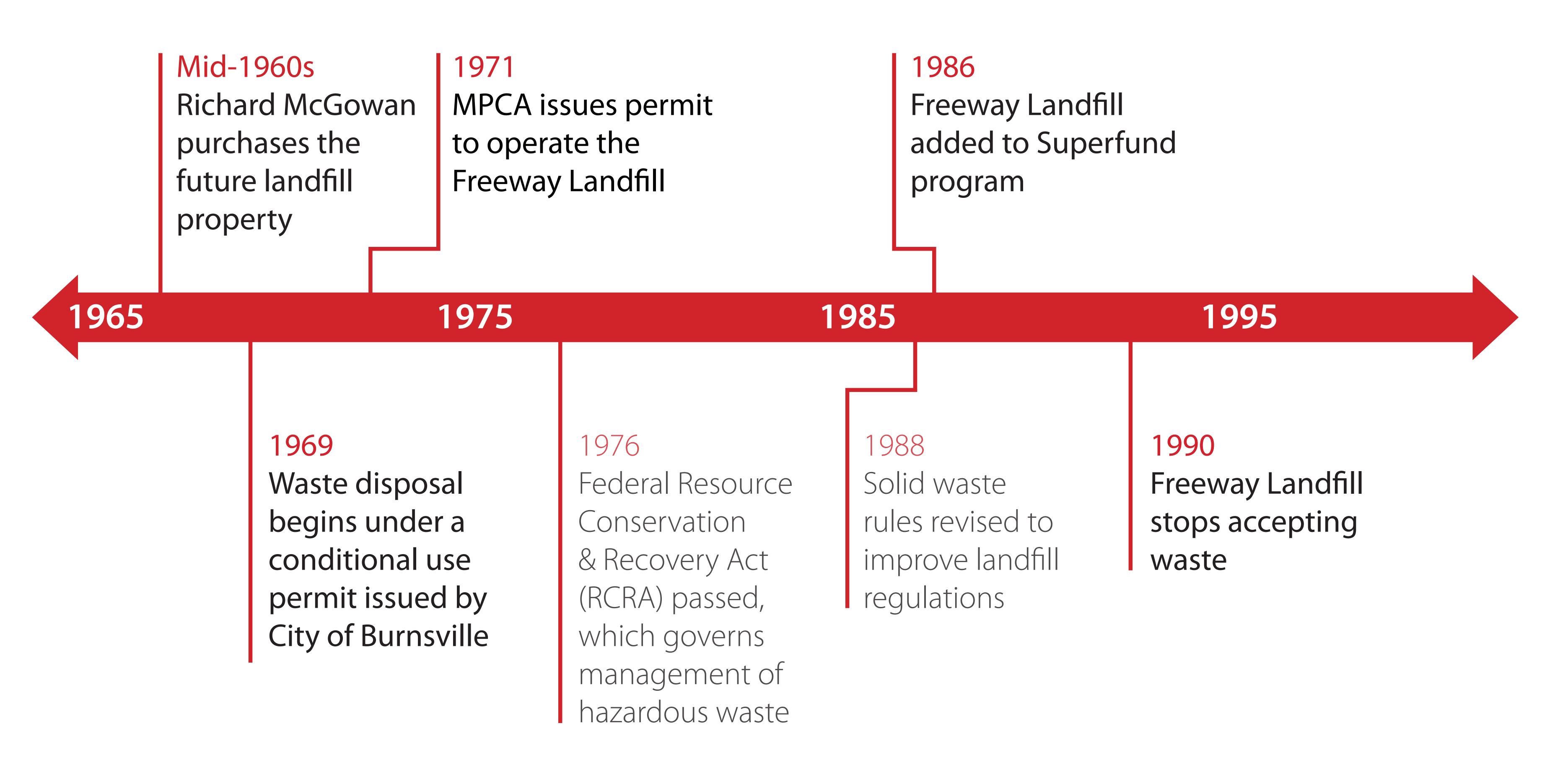
When Kraemer Quarry stops pumping, the groundwater will flow toward the Minnesota River and the future quarry lake. This will put both the river and the lake at risk of contamination.







History of the Freeway Landfill





Cleanup options for Freeway Landfill

	Description	Protects groundwater?	Protects surface water?	Recovers or destroys landfill gas?	Estimated cost
Noaction	 Take no action except installing a new monitoring system 				\$300K
Cover in Place	 Cover the top of the landfill to comply with current standards Install a gas collection system 	Some protection	Some protection		\$29M
Dig & Line: On-Site Recommended	 Dig up waste and completely enclose it in a protective liner in the same location Install systems to collect gas and leachate 				\$64.4M
Dig & Line: On-Site/Expand into Freeway Quarry	 Dig up waste and completely enclose it in a protective liner, extending the landfill area to the west Install systems to collect gas and leachate 				\$71.4M
Relocate Waste Off-Site to Burnsville Landfill	 Move waste to a permitted, lined facility at another location 				\$135.5M