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Subject: Pig's Eye Lake Island Building Project

Think Before You Click: This email originated **outside** our organization.

We are opposed to the Pig's Eye Island Building Project and the use of navigation channel dredgings to construct them. We ask that the city intervene and halt the construction of the islands.

We are residents of Highwood Hills, and our home falls within the protected zone of the Mississippi River Valley. We are located about 1,000 feet from the lake's shoreline. We received no written notice about the plan until an announcement appeared in the paper that the project was moving forward. Reports related to this project state that the dredgings contain PFAS that exceed the number of PFAS already in the lake and are hazardous to health. We have a well that is 200 feet deep and is now contaminated with PFAS. We were notified that we will need a whole house filtration to control the hazards to our health.

We do not need additional contaminants in our lake. Assurances from experts that the PFAS will flow downriver is unnerving. Similar assurances were given about the Lake Elmo plume that was expected to stabilize and not continue to flow west to the river but it did continue to expand and reached the river.

This is a large project. The islands extend over half the lake's 600 plus acres.

The rationale for the project is not improvement of water quality. It is designed to create habitat. The lake is surrounded by a significant amount of marshland and swamp. We do not want to see the lake turn into a swamp, especially as we are on the cusp of planning improvements to the northern area of the lake, with an emphasis on containing the contamination in the soil there.

The MPCA's Focused Feasibility Study (2018) recommended these remedial actions for the Pig's Eye Superfund Site:

- 1) reduce migration of PFAS
- 2) remove impacted sediments.

If these are the expert opinions on controlling PFAS in Pig's Eye, why are we dumping additional PFAS sediment into the lake in gross amounts.

Again, we object to the island building project as homeowners negatively affected by their construction.

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