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Saint Paul City Councilmembers,

We are writing to express our support of Resolution 22-69 sponsored by Councilmembers Prince and Yang which will support efforts from the MPCA, State Legislature, and other agencies to secure funding opportunities for the remediation and restoration of Pig's Eye Regional Park.

We are a Native-led environmental conservation nonprofit dedicated to the care of our natural places and sacred sites in our traditional homelands here in Imnizaska (Saint Paul). The area of Pig's Eye was originally called Chokáŋ Táŋka in Dakota and was part of the historic Kapọṣia Village landscape; indicative of our connection to this place from time immemorial. As the original caretakers of this land, Indigenous Peoples in Saint Paul, and Lower Phalen Creek Project specifically, are interested in ways we can remediate and restore these lands and waters that have become polluted and neglected as responsibility for the land shifted over the last century. The Battle Creek-Highwood Hills neighborhood, the urban and migratory wildlife, and the land itself deserve a greenspace that is safe, clean, and vibrant for generations to come.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with questions or comments related to this resolution.

Sincerely,

Maggie Lorenz Executive Director