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**Subject:** Re: No Net Loss of Parkland - re: 21-324 and 21-62

Dear City Councilmembers,

We'd like to add our agreement to the attached email.

As 48-year residents of the St. Paul East Side-affected area of Highwood, we concur with Kiki Sonnen's appeal to your sense of fairness:

***"Now is the time to bring environmental justice to the East Side."***

No one could have put it better. As she wrote: ***"Now is the time to say to the Water Department No, you can't dump sludge soil on 6 more acres of parkland. Now is the time for the Water Department to remove its existing piles of sludge dump from the 3 acres of parkland taken by nefarious means years ago. Now is the time to tell the Wood Chipper it's time to clean up its dump and move off of parkland.***

***Now is the time to save the woodlot and the active Eagle nest on parkland that the Water Department wants to take.***

***Now is the time to establish a welcoming entrance to Pig's Eye Regional Park at this site. Now is the time to reclaim parkland from the Wood Chipper Dump and the Water Department Dump. Now is the time to transform the abused land back into native plants and natural landscaping.***

***It's time to Heal. It's time to stop dumping on the East Side."***

Paul and Jean Wulterkens

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On Tue, Apr 20, 2021 at 12:24 PM Kiki Sonnen <[kikisonnen@gmail.com](mailto:kikisonnen@gmail.com)> wrote:

Letter to St Paul City Councilmembers

From Kiki Sonnen - 1758 Hewitt Ave, St Paul

651-331-9560

April 20, 2021

Dear Councilmembers,

Please add this letter and attachment to the Public Hearing File.

I am writing again to say I support the St Paul City Charter. The Charter specifies there is to be no net loss of parkland, no diversion or disposal of parkland. The Charter specifies parkland can be diverted by 2/3 of the Council ONLY if it is in the best interest of the public to do so. How is it in the public's interest of the Eastside and the city residents to have parkland used for dumping?

Some say well, there's already the Wood Chipper dump down there. What difference does it make to put another dump there?

The difference is that we are now at a pivot point of making changes to overcome the mistakes of the past.

Now is the time to bring environmental justice to the East Side.

Now is the time to say to the Water Department No, you can't dump sludge soil on 6 more acres of parkland. Now is the time for Water Department to remove its existing piles of sludge dump from the 3 acres of parkland taken by nefarious means years ago. Now is the time to tell the Wood Chipper it's time to clean up its dump and move off of parkland.

Now is the time to save the woodlot and the active Eagle nest on parkland that the Water Department wants to take.

Now is the time to establish a welcoming entrance to Pig's Eye Regional Park at this site. Now is the time to reclaim parkland from the Wood Chipper Dump and the Water Department Dump. Now is the time to transform the abused land back into native plants and natural landscaping.

It's time to Heal. It's time to stop dumping on the East Side. Time to stop dumping on our Environment.

Sincerely,  
Kiki Sonnen