How to Redevelop the Freeway Dump Site?

The Third and Best Option: On-Site Remediation

After decades of inaction and rejecting good policy, the MPCA has recently insisted that Dig and Haul or Dig and Line are the only solutions to deal with the buried waste at the former Freeway Dump site along Highway 35W in Burnsville before any development can occur.

However, there is a third option. According to recent MPCA guidelines, on-site remediation is a legitimate and accepted way forward for preparing a former landfill site for development. And it's been successfully executed at various sites with various challenges throughout the Twin Cities for decades. These include the Bass Lake dump site in St. Louis Park, Kaposia Landing on the Mississippi River in St. Paul, Midway Stadium in St. Paul, and the New Brighton Exchange.

The Freeway team is ready and willing to immediately execute the following necessary on-site design, construction, and ongoing actions to achieve a successful development that doesn't cost the taxpayers money and can be executed more quickly.

- ✓ Landfill Gas (LFG) Management and Building Vapor Protection Designs
- ☑ Geotechnical Assessment for Structure Stabilization

- ✓ Selective Waste Removal and Consolidation

- ☑ Environmentally Protective Utility and Infrastructure Controls
- Construction and Ongoing Erosion and Stormwater Management
- ✓ Ongoing Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring and Annual Agency Reporting
- ☑ Institutional Controls and Legal Protections

At this point the only thing standing in the way of development on this site is the MPCA, whose obstinance in the face of the most current science and facts can no longer be justified.