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No surprises in environmental analysis – mixed-use planning to advance at former Ford Site in Saint Paul

Representatives from Ford Land, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency presented environmental conditions and plans for the site at a community meeting

SAINT PAUL – At a public meeting tonight, representatives from Ford Land and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) explained environmental conditions and remediation plans for the 135 acre redevelopment area and former site of Ford’s Twin Cities Assembly Plant. The MPCA is overseeing the environmental work, being led by property owner Ford Motor Company.

“We recognize the strong partner we have in Ford and appreciate the diligence they are putting forth to meet the vision for the full range of land uses on this site, including housing, office space and parkland.” said Mayor Chris Coleman, “The development opportunity this site presents is rare, and we look forward to seeing this reemerge as a connected, livable community.”

Ford Land has determined that they will be completing remediation work on the site to allow for a mix of uses.

“We believe that our plan for next steps fits with what the City was anticipating throughout their planning processes and will allow for high-value use of this land in the future,” said Rob Cory, Director of Global Real Estate Services at Ford Land.

The City continues to advance key studies to guide redevelopment of the site, including studies on energy, the real estate market, and traffic. A Jobs Strategy Report, available for download at stpaul.gov/FordJobsStrategy, has also been recently completed. The report outlines various industries targeted as employers and other jobs-related goals and strategies for the site.

Public meetings on a draft zoning and public realm plan will likely take place this fall to allow for public review and input.

A video of tonight's community meeting presentation will be made available at stpaul.gov/FordMeetings in the coming days.