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Sustainability Top Priority for Redevelopment of Saint Paul Ford Site

Saint Paul, Minnesota (May 2, 2011) – While the city has been focused on doing everything it can to keep the Saint Paul Ford Plant open, it has simultaneously been preparing for its closure, scheduled to take place later this year. The City of Saint Paul, together with Ford, the community, and stakeholders, are charting a path for redevelopment of the 160-acre site. That work has resulted in numerous reports that will ultimately lead to a redevelopment framework to guide future developers of the site. The latest reports focus on sustainability and were presented to the Ford Site Planning Task Force at a public meeting today.

“These reports provide the foundation for Saint Paul to work with Ford and developers to pursue and implement a high level of sustainability at the Ford site, making it a national model of brownfield redevelopment that benefits both the environment and community,” said Mayor Chris Coleman.

The technical reports describe many green design options for buildings, sites, and infrastructure and will guide future redevelopment. Through a grant from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the City of Saint Paul and consultants examined green design and building tools for potential use at the Ford site redevelopment and determined how they can be applied in a way that saves money and resources, while meeting sustainability goals.

"At McGough, we have always considered sustainability a key component of the urban planning process. These reports will guide the Ford site redevelopment to realize its full potential as a healthy community and add to Saint Paul's great 'livable city' reputation" said Ken Potts, Director of Sustainability at McGough.

The two reports, “Roadmap to Sustainability for the Saint Paul Ford Site” prepared by a team of green building, renewable energy and urban design consultants, and “Sustainable Stormwater Feasibility Report for the Ford Plant Site,” prepared by Barr Engineering, can be found online at <http://www.stpaul.gov/DocumentView.aspx?DID=16428> and <http://www.stpaul.gov/DocumentView.aspx?DID=12751>, respectively.

Previous reports related to redevelopment of the Ford site include:

- Phase I Planning - Five Redevelopment Scenarios for the Ford Site
- Ford Site Green Manufacturing Reuse Study
- Ford Site Open Space Guidelines

City of Saint Paul Ford Plant planning website: <http://www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?NID=1318>.

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