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Dear Neighbor:

Early this month you will see activity at General Motors' Linden Road Landfill as contractors clear a two-acre space in the interior of the 40-acre site and truck in about 30,000 cubic yards of topsoil and fill dirt. The soil materials will be stockpiled on part of the cleared area for later use in improvements of the site. Most of the soil will come from the site of the new GMSPO World Headquarters, which opened at Hill Road and I-475 this summer. The clearance and stockpiling project should be completed this fall.

More importantly, we are pleased to inform you that prospects appear promising for a productive future for the landfill site. Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is well along the way to approving a Remedial Action Plan (RAP) to develop the site for a productive end use. The goal, of both GM and the MDEQ, is to remediate the property into a safe, productive resource benefiting both local residents and the broader community.

The Linden Road Landfill remediation plan envisions clearance and grading of the 40-acre fenced site, placement of a soil cover, drainage and stormwater management, access control, and an ongoing maintenance program. The most beneficial reuse of the property could include commercial or office use on the Linden Road frontage and low-impact recreation/parkland use such as soccer fields on interior acreage. The property is currently zoned for residential/recreational use. Commercial/office use of frontage area would be consistent with adjacent uses, but would require rezoning.

Various state and local agency reviews and approvals will be required before the selected end use is implemented. At some point, a public hearing may be appropriate and MDEQ will publish a notice asking for public comment on the remediation plan.

Copies of previous communications with the landfill's neighbors, dating to November 1990, are available from our office. Periodic letters detailed the landfill's background and reported progress on extensive site investigations and other activities. Investigations during the past two years provided additional support for the remediation plan, which was submitted to the MDEQ in January 1996.

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Remediation and development of the landfill site has been a long and complicated process, and much hard work remains. We have been looking for a technically sound, long-term solution that would eliminate any environmental concerns and, at the same time, enhance the value of property in the area and benefit the local community. The remediation plan for the landfill site, we believe, meets this goal.

Thank you for your continuing patience and the support many of you have expressed during the past several years. As in the past, if you have questions or would like more detailed information, please contact Dan Dolan, Delphi Public Affairs, at 257-7723.

Sincerely,

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