



June 10, 2022

East Phillips Improvement Coalition
2433 Bloomington Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Commissioners:

I am writing to ask that the Hiawatha Master Plan be brought forward again and I urge you to vote in favor of the plan. I also request that the pollution problem be addressed immediately.

Lake Hiawatha is the nearest lake to our primarily BIPOC neighborhood. It is a place where we can enjoy everything a lake has to offer on a hot summer day. However, the pollution that inflicts Lake Hiawatha makes it unsafe to visit far too many days per summer.

Our community is home to many Native tribes, and it is past time that MPRB listened to the urgent message from our Native leaders to care for our earth in a responsible way. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board should be doing everything in their power to fix the immense pollution that has affected Lake Hiawatha for far too long, supporting the Hiawatha Master Plan is one step in this direction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Santiago". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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