

June 5, 2025

Colleen O'Dell  
Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board  
2117 W River Road  
Minneapolis, MN 55411

RE: Response Action Plan/Construction Contingency Plan – **Addendum #1**  
Soo Line Community Garden  
2845 Garfield Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
MPCA Brownfields Site ID: BF002779

Dear Ms. O'Dell:

On behalf of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB), Braun Intertec Corporation has prepared this Response Action Plan/Construction Contingency Plan (RAP/CCP) Addendum #1 for the Soo Line Community Garden located at 2845 Garfield Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota (Site). A Site location map is included as Figure 1.

## **Background**

The Site consists of 1.54 acres of land and is located on two parcels, Parcel Identification Numbers (PINs) 34-029-24-33-0005 and a portion of 34-029-24-33-0001. The majority of the Site is currently used as a community garden for growing various crops, native pollinator plants, and a small tree orchard (Figure 2).

Environmental remediation of the community garden area, including soil response actions, is proposed in order to address exposure risk to the identified polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) impacts in the shallow soil and permit the continued use of the Site as a garden and recreational space. Braun Intertec previously prepared a RAP/CCP titled Response Action Plan/Construction Contingency Plan , Soo Line Community Garden, 2845 Garfield Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, MPCA Brownfields Site ID: BF002779 dated August 30, 2024 (2024 RAP). The 2024 RAP was approved by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) in a letter dated October 17, 2024.

This 2024 RAP included a summary of the project background, description and summary of the known

soil impacts at the Site to date, potential risks to human health and the environment by the known contamination, and a description of the Site improvements.

The proposed approach to addressing soil impacts at the Site have been revised since the 2024 RAP, this RAP Addendum #1 presents the revised approach to addressing impacted soil exposure at the Site.

## **RAP Addendum #1**

The plan for the community gardens will now include the use of raised garden beds on the northern portion of the Site, and will leave the southern portions of the Site undisturbed. The current updated Site plans are included as Appendix A. Garden activities will be restricted to the raised beds. On March 5, 2025, Braun Intertec confirmed the new approach with Rebeca Ryser, the MPCA project manager for this Site. The revised approach is outlined below per the email with Rebeccas Ryser:

- The above grade vegetation and structures, in the planned raised garden bed areas, will be removed. Above ground vegetation and structures can be disposed of as appropriate, and do not require special handling, unless unexpected conditions are encountered.
- Soil at the site within the planned raise garden beds will be minimally graded to allow placement of landscaping fabric beneath the planned garden beds and associated walkways.
- Once graded, landscaping fabric will be placed beneath all planned raised garden beds and walkways.
- The landscape fabric will provide a visual barrier to future occupants of the site, signage will be placed on the Site informing users that the fabric liner must not be disturbed or penetrated without written MPCA approval.
- A 6-inch thick minimum of clean cover materials (aggregate, soil, wood chips, or similar) will be placed on top of the landscape fabric barrier.
- Raised garden beds of at least 18 inches deep will then be placed on top of the clean cover, creating a minimum of 24 inches of separation from the gardeners and the landscape liner within the gardening areas.
- Due to the soil impacts, soil from the Site cannot be used at another property, if excess soils are generated, these soils will be disposed of at an industrial landfill per the 2024 RAP.
- The areas outside of the raise garden beds and associated walkways will be left undisturbed, signage will be placed on the site notifying users of the community garden that the areas outside of the raise garden beds/walkways are not to be entered or disturbed without MPCA approval.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Keefer at 952.995.2493 or [mkeefer@braunintertec.com](mailto:mkeefer@braunintertec.com).

Sincerely,

Braun Intertec Corporation

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Keefer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark D. Keefer, PG

Director, Principal Scientist

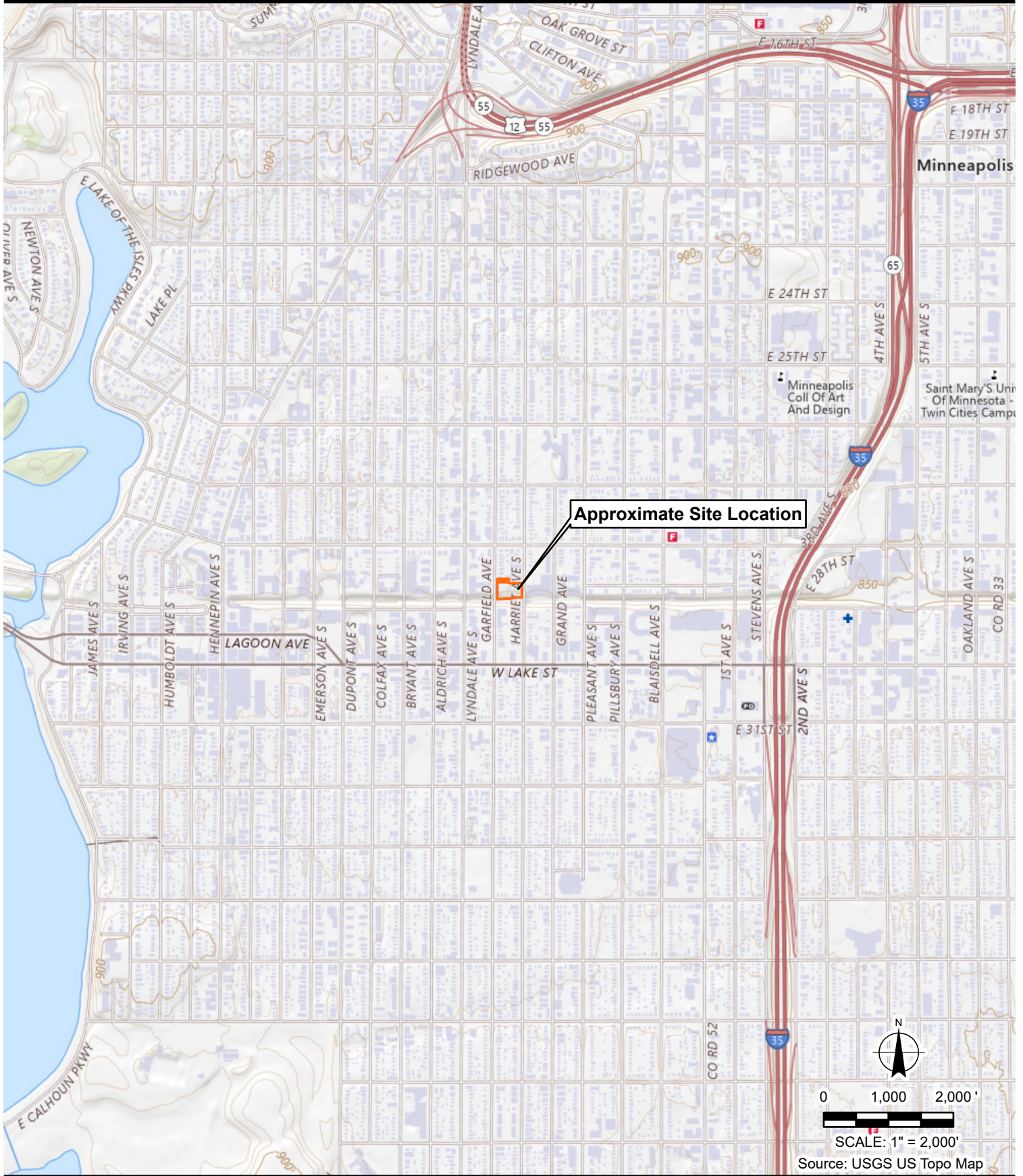
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Figure 1: Site Location

Figure 2: Site Diagram

Attachment A: Site Plans

## **Figure 1: Site Location**



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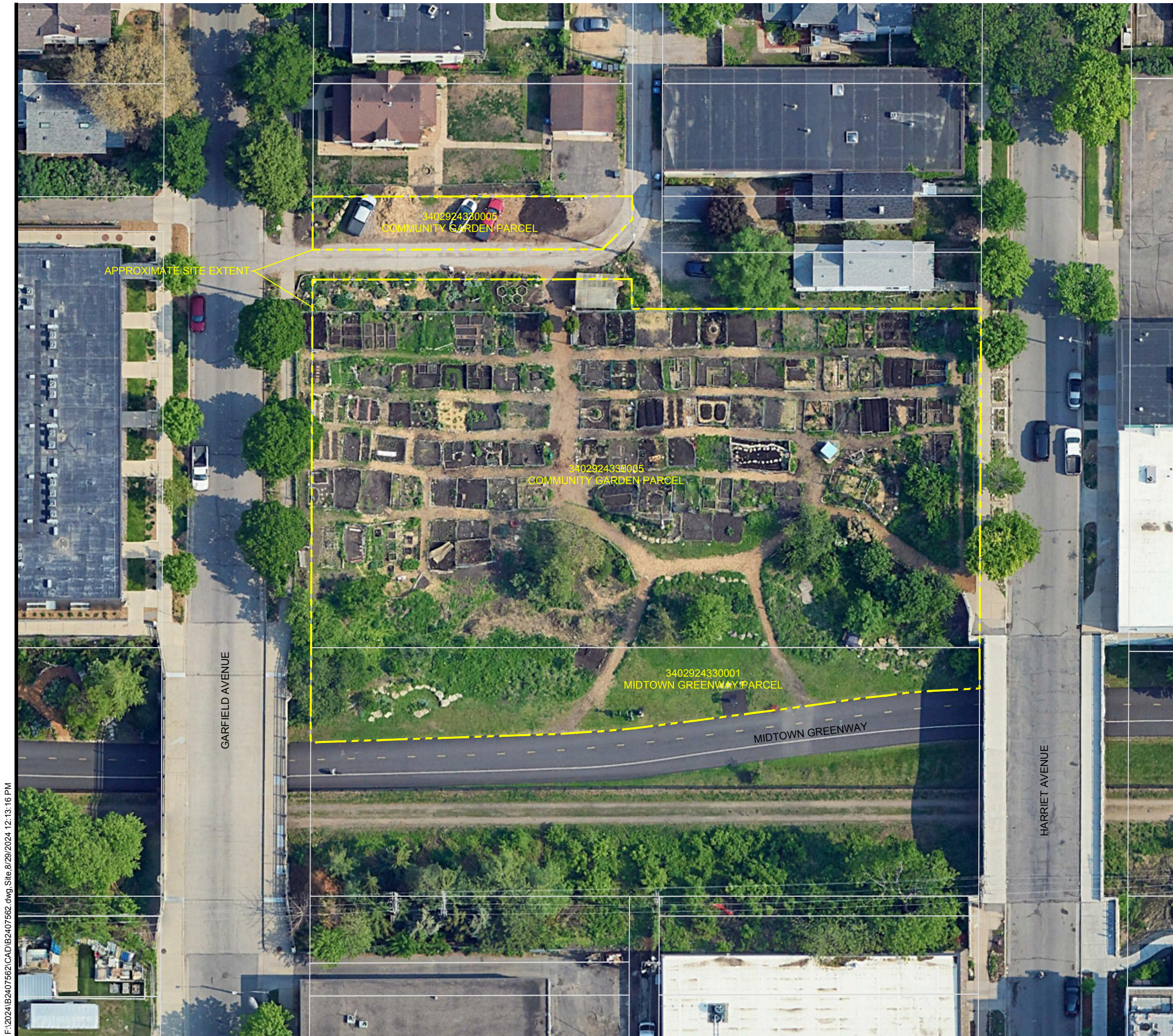
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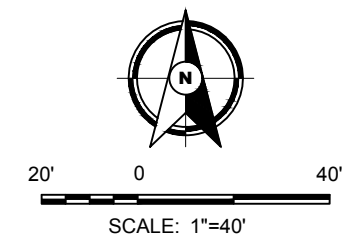
Site Location Map

Figure 1

## Figure 2: Site Diagram



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Figure 2