



Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

Update: Refuge Space to People Currently Experiencing Homelessness August 19, 2020

Al Bangoura, Superintendent

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Update Refuge Space to People Currently Experiencing Homelessness

Implementing Resolution 2020-267

- Directives outlined in resolution
 - Currently, an estimated 409 tents at 34 parks
 - Notices, outreach and clearing of encampments due to crime or in safe school zone
 - Permits and parks designated as capable of accommodating encampments
 - Many sites full and permit process underway for most of 11 unpermitted sites
- Shelter availability
 - Working with Hennepin County to expand messaging about availability
- Community Outreach
 - Encampment engagement around permit process and informing people they will not be able to stay at non-permitted and non-designated sites
 - Distributing resource guide from Hennepin County

MPRB work

- Letter to city and county requesting critical services, shelter and housing by 11/1/2020
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Crime & Safety Report

Incidents and Activities Since 8-5-2020

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Elliot Park

On August 12th, the encampment within Elliot Park was successfully disbanded in accordance with Resolution 2020-267.

MP 2020-209160	Aug-11-2020 15:02	POSS METAL KNUCKLES/SWITCHBLAD
MP 2020-208114	Aug-10-2020 12:04	CRISIS INTERVENTION
MP 2020-204403	Aug-06-2020 08:53	AUTOMOBILE THEFT
MP 2020-203715	Aug-05-2020 13:41	RECOVER PROPERTY

Kenwood Park

On August 12th, the encampment within Kenwood Park was successfully disbanded in accordance with 2020-267.

MP 2020-211612	Aug-14-2020 13:12	OTHER THEFT
MP 2020-207675	Aug-09-2020 22:22	THEFT FROM MOTR VEHC



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Peavey Park

On August 10, notice was given at the encampment in Peavey Park. On August 12th, protesters amassed to “defend” the encampment. When a MPRB staff member arrived at Peavey Park, he was attacked by protesters who climbed onto his vehicle and equipment. Disbandment is pending.

MP 2020-209625	Aug-11-2020 22:56	DISCHARGE WEAPON
MP 2020-206015	Aug-07-2020 21:12	FELON POSS-FIREARM
MP 2020-203638	Aug-05-2020 11:39	POSS METAL KNUCKLES/SWITCHBLAD



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Powderhorn Park

On August 14th, the unauthorized encampment at Powderhorn Park was successfully disbanded in accordance with 2020-267. Aggressive and violent protesters arrived throughout the operation. Two arrests were made early during the operation. Superintendent Bangoura and Vice-President Vetaw were present during the entire operation.

Protesters berated staff, spit at staff, threatened staff, unlawfully broke and defied police-tape, chased police officers as we attempted to leave the park, physically assaulted officers (including ripping body cameras from two officers' uniforms and stealing them), and attempted to prevent officers from leaving by physically blocking squads cars.

MP 2020-212457 Aug-15-2020 08:50	DAMAGE TO PROPERTY GRAFFITI
MP 2020-212402 Aug-15-2020 08:21	UNDETERMINED FIRE
MP 2020-211572 Aug-14-2020 12:45	DAMAGE TO MOTOR VEH
MP 2020-210246 Aug-12-2020 18:02	AUTOMOBILE THEFT
MP 2020-207600 Aug-09-2020 19:47	CRISIS INTERVENTION
MP 2020-203754 Aug-05-2020 14:03	OVERDOSE



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Loring Park

Loring Park encampment occupants were given notice of impending disbandment on August 18th.

MP 2020-213687	Aug-16-2020 17:46	TERRORISTIC THREATS
MP 2020-213562	Aug-16-2020 14:13	DOMESTIC ASLT - CAUSE HARM
MP 2020-213480	Aug-16-2020 11:45	LOITER W/OPEN BOTTLE
MP 2020-212622	Aug-15-2020 14:24	OVERDOSE
MP 2020-212011	Aug-14-2020 20:35	ASSLT W/DNGRS WEAPON
MP 2020-211199	Aug-13-2020 20:13	LOITER W/OPEN BOTTLE
MP 2020-210506	Aug-12-2020 23:27	ASSAULT - HARM OR ATTEMPT
MP 2020-209879	Aug-12-2020 15:09	DOESNT FIT ANY CRIM
MP 2020-209939	Aug-12-2020 13:36	ASSLT W/DNGRS WEAPON
MP 2020-208935	Aug-11-2020 10:27	CRISIS INTERVENTION
MP 2020-207400	Aug-09-2020 12:38	ENCAMPMENT
MP 2020-205830	Aug-07-2020 19:39	LOITER W/OPEN BOTTLE
MP 2020-205653	Aug-07-2020 18:02	OBSTRUCT LEGAL PROCESS
MP 2020-205283	Aug-07-2020 01:58	THEFT FROM PERSON SNATCH/GRAB
MP 2020-205003	Aug-06-2020 22:55	ASSLT W/DNGRS WEAPON
MP 2020-204913	Aug-06-2020 19:07	CONSUMING IN PUBLIC
MP 2020-204214	Aug-05-2020 22:49	ASSAULT - HARM OR ATTEMPT



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Boom Island

MP 2020-214558	Aug-17-2020 21:40	DOMESTIC ASSAULT/STRANGULATION
MP 2020-212925	Aug-15-2020 21:38	DEPR CUST/PARENT RGT
MP 2020-212491	Aug-15-2020 13:36	DOESNT FIT ANY CRIM
MP 2020-209824	Aug-12-2020 09:13	CSCM - 5TH DEGREE - FONDLING
MP 2020-205400	Aug-07-2020 08:28	PARK BD VIOLATIONS

Logan Park

MP 2020-206549	Aug-08-2020 11:09	OVERDOSE
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Brackett Park

MP 2020-208857	Aug-11-2020 09:34	ASSAULT - HARM OR ATTEMPT
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Lyndale Farmstead

MP 2020-204172 Aug-05-2020 22:04 DOMESTIC ASLT - CAUSE HARM

Annie Young Meadow (Lower Riverside)

MP 2020-208917 Aug-11-2020 11:55 ASSLT W/DNGRS WEAPON

MP 2020-208483 Aug-10-2020 19:36 ASSLT W/DNGRS WEAPON

Minnehaha Park

MP 2020-212172 Aug-14-2020 23:35 ASSLT W/DNGRS WEAPON

MP 2020-210766 Aug-13-2020 13:28 RECOVER PROPERTY



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Other Park Locations

Since August 7th, many small, unauthorized encampments across the park system have been successfully noticed and occupants have left on their own.



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Encampment Permit Process and Open Time Comments

Jennifer Ringold, Deputy Superintendent

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Update Refuge Space to People Currently Experiencing Homelessness Encampment Permits and Public Comments

Open Time on 8/5 MPRB received:

- 141 comments about the homeless encampments.
- 86 comments were received by Customer Service.
- 1,344 comments were received as open time submissions.
- 5 in support of the encampments.
- 123 were opposed to the encampments.
- 27 of the comments were neutral or were sent as observations.
- 2 Customer Service calls and 1,311 forms in opposition of the arrests made upon removal of the Powderhorn site.

Since 8/5 MPRB received:

- 116 comments about the homeless encampments.
- 78 comments were received by Customer Service.
 - Focus of Customer Service inquiries was Bryn Mawr and Powderhorn
- 38 comments were received as open time submissions.
- 25 in support of the encampments.
 - 14 of these were a form letter, following points to highlight:
 - No evictions, no police force/machinery, revoke superintendent's power to remove encampments and demand funding from other agencies to support individuals
- 81 were opposed to the encampments.
- 10 of the comments were neutral or were sent as observations.



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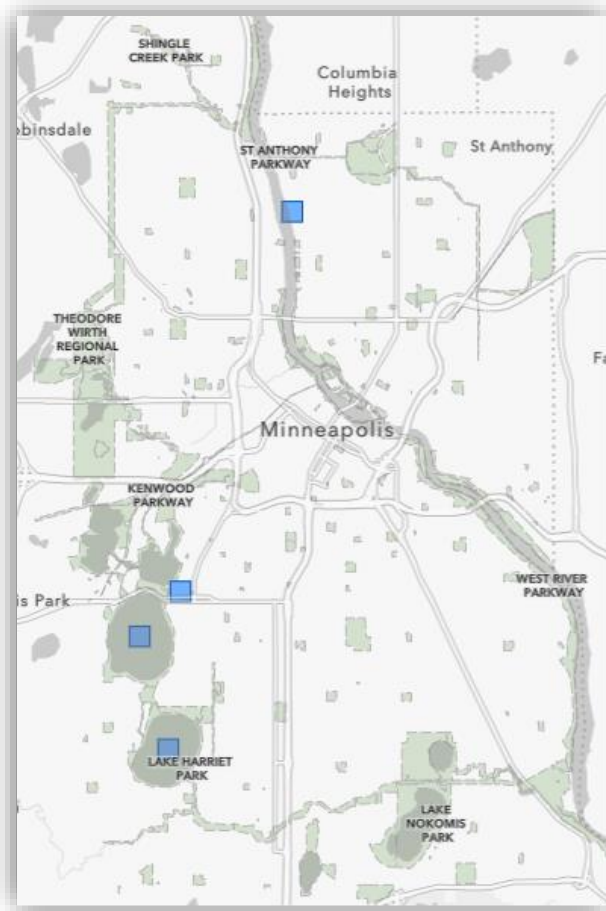
Temporary Encampment Permit Update

- Four Active Permits – Boom, The Mall, Lake Harriet, and Marshall Terrace Parks
- One Permit in Waiting – William Berry Park
- Established deadline to apply for a temporary permit of August 17 for parks capable of accommodating encampments*
 - Applications for 8 sites under review (Riverside, Riverside/Annie Young Meadow, Beltrami, Logan, Lake Nokomis, Minnehaha Falls, Lyndale Farmstead, and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Parks)
 - No application received for Bryn Mawr Meadows

*Except Franklin Steele and BF Nelson Parks – revised deadlines



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Active Temporary Permitted Encampments

1. Lake Harriet (SW)
2. Marshall Terrace (NE/SE)
3. The Mall (SW)
4. Boom Island (NE)



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Overview of Current Encampments

Jeremy Barrick, Assistant Superintendent of Environmental Stewardship

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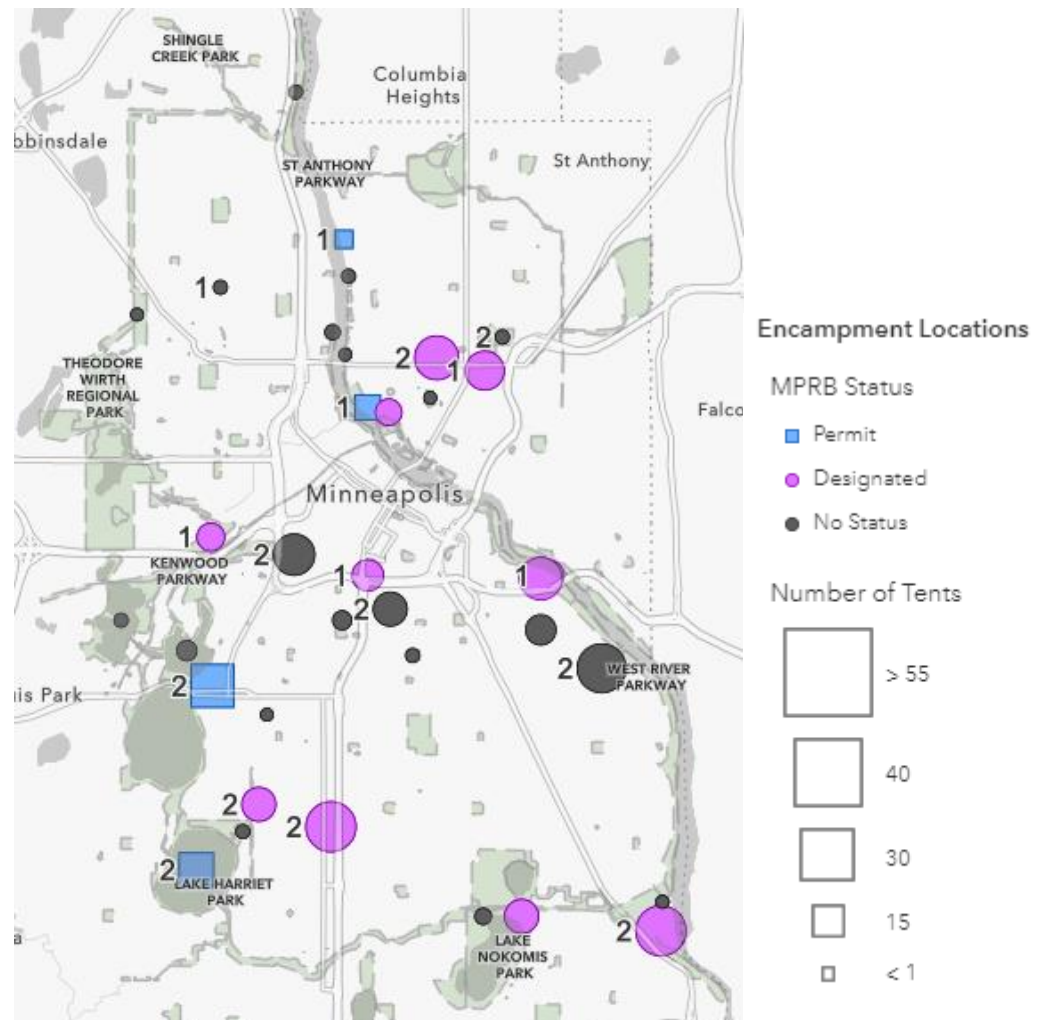


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Locations of Encampments

Encampment Location	Estimated Number of Tents as of EOD 8/18/20
Annie Young	15
Beltrami	22
BF Nelson	12
Boom Island	11
Brackett	30
Bryant Square	1
Bryn Mawr Meadows	13
Cedar Lake	2
E Minnehaha Creek (Cedar & 49th)	4
Edgewater	2
Franklin Steele	16
Jordan	2
Lk Harriet	18
Lk Nokomis	18
Lk of the Isles	7
Logan	26
Loring	24
Lyndale Farmstead	18
Lyndale Park	2
Marshall Terrace	5
Matthews	15
Minnehaha Falls	31
Minnehaha Falls Wabun	1
MLK	31
N Mississippi	2
Northeast Park	2
Peavey	18
Riverside	25
Saint Anthony Park	1
Sheridan Memorial	1
Stewart	2
The Mall	25
Theodore Wirth	1
Washburn Fair Oaks	6
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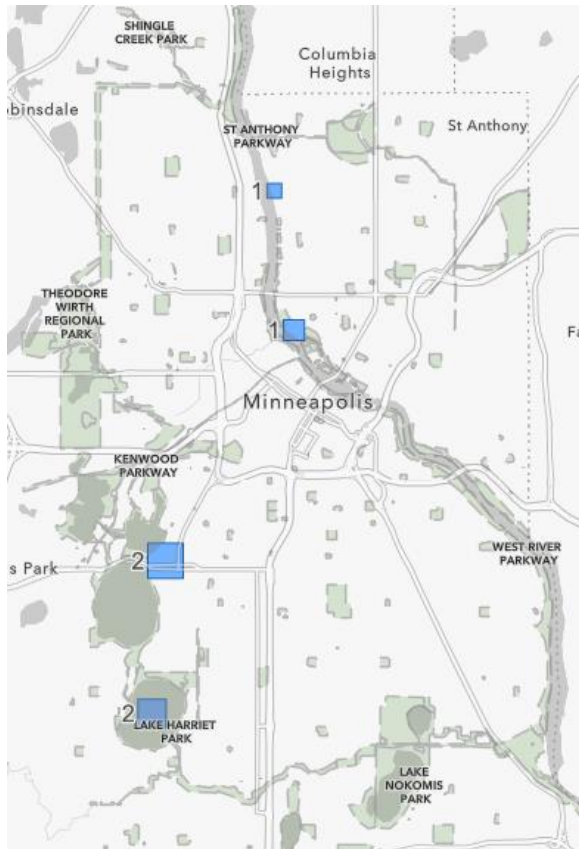




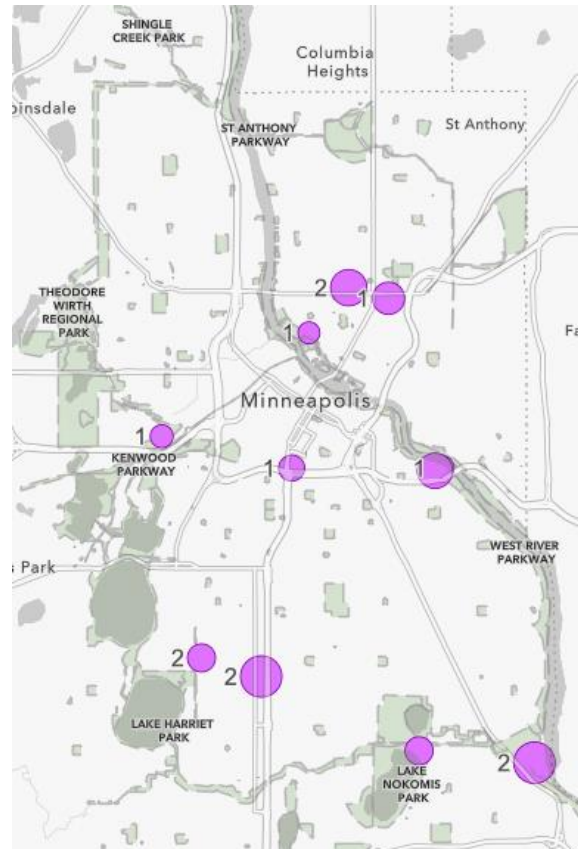
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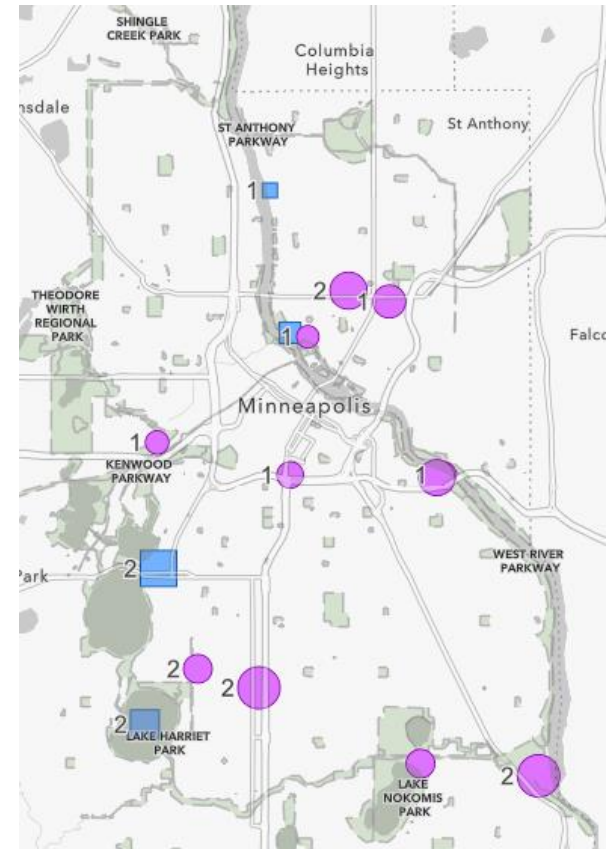
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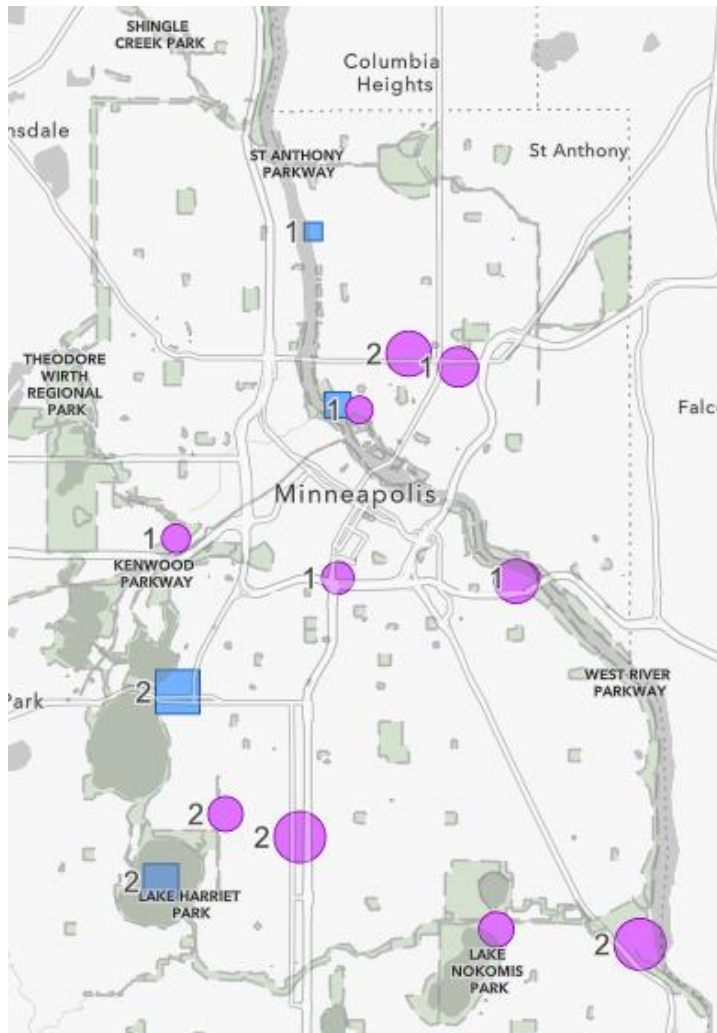


Permitted & Designated



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Permitted Encampments & Parks Designated as Capable of Accommodating Encampments

- 1. Lake Harriet (SW) – Permitted (full)**
- 2. Marshall Terrace (NE/SE) – Permitted (full)**
- 3. The Mall (SW) – Permitted (full)**
- 4. Boom Island – Permitted (NE/SE) (full)**
5. Riverside (S) (full)
6. Riverside/Annie Young (S) (full)
7. BF Nelson (NE/SE)
8. Franklin Steele (SW) (full)
9. Minnehaha Falls (S) (full)
10. Lyndale Farmstead (SW) (full)
11. MLK (MPRB Property) (SW) (full)
12. Bryn Mawr (SW)
13. Beltrami (NE/SE) (full)
14. Logan (NE/SE) (full)
15. Lk Nokomis (depending on location) (S)



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Financial Update Encampments

Juli Wiseman, Finance Director

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Update Refuge Space to People Currently Experiencing Homelessness Encampment Financial Status

Revenue	Actual As of 7/31
Temporary Easement	94,800
MN Emergency Response Funds*	78,000
Total Revenues	172,800
Expenses	
Wages & Fringe	63,875
Materials & Supplies	11,458
Biffs & Washing Stations	34,000
Site Restoration	46,604
Total Expenses	155,937
Revenue Less Expenses	16,863

*Request for \$89,354 for balance of estimated costs through 8/30/20



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Questions?

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