



CITY OF FRIDLEY, MINNESOTA CANCER CLUSTER INVESTIGATION

This ongoing investigation is focused on locations of closed dumps (landfills) and their connection to cancers in the City of Fridley. Most old dumps contain volatile organic compounds (VOCs). These carcinogenic chemicals have been found in groundwater throughout the area.

Pig farms were often used by Municipal agencies and private haulers for waste disposal. Garbage was fed to the pigs and the remaining trash was either burned or buried. Prior to the 1950s, many pig farms dotted the Fridley area.

Sand and gravel pits were also used as dumpsites. After the soil was mined, the pits were filled with trash. Many of these pits contain carcinogenic chemicals as there were few regulations on waste disposal until 1980. Our investigation has revealed filled sand and gravel pits are also located in the area.

Closed Dumpsites

(compiled from government documents)

Columbia/City of Fridley Dumpsite

69th Avenue & Rice Creek Boulevard

No information found on years of operation

Electronic Precision Dump

East of 73rd Avenue NE & Able Street

No information found on years of operation

FMC Superfund Site

Naval Industrial Reserve Ordnance Plant
(prior owner)

18 acres on East River Road now used by
Piston Poppers

Industrial wastes dumped into pits from
1945 through 1960s

Gardena Avenue Dump

Northwest of Gardena Avenue & Arthur Street
Municipal dump during 1940s and 1950s

Moore Lake Dump

Northwest edge of Moore Lake

Municipal dump operated by Larson Pig Farm
during 1940s

Garbage was fed to the pigs and remaining
trash was buried

Springbrook Nature Center

100 85th Avenue NW

Roofing contractor's dumpsite prior to 1970

Fridley Suspected Dumpsites

Locations listed were formerly pig farms, sand and gravel pits or ponds (now filled). Residents also provided information on areas where dumping of wastes and/or 55-gallon drums took place.

Camp Lockeslea - Girl Scout camp,
East River Road & 69th Avenue

Commons Park, 555 61st Avenue

Cummins Power Generation (formerly Onan Corp.)
1400 73rd Avenue NE

Fridley Community Center, 6085 7th Street NE

Fridley Middle School, 6100 W. Moore Lake Drive

Fridley High School, 6000 W. Moore Lake Drive

Medtronic Inc., 7000 Central Avenue NE

Medtronic World Headquarters,
710 Medtronic Parkway

Northwest of Monroe Street NE & 45th Avenue NE

South of Rice Creek Rd between
Central Avenue NE & Benjamin Street NE

Southwest of Mississippi Street NE & 7th Street NE

Sylvan Hills Park, 240 Sylvan Lane NE

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