



Detroit City Council

MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative Policy Division

FROM: Fred Durhal III, Council Member, Co-Chair

DATE: January 25, 2024

RE: Addressing Concerns on Contaminated Demolition Sites in Nardin Park

In light of recent developments and community concerns regarding the potential health risks from contaminated soil at demolition sites in Nardin Park, this memo seeks to address these issues directly. The concerns have been heightened by reports of soil contamination across Detroit from a June 2022 Detroit News article, affecting approximately 200 sites following property demolitions.

Specific Concerns for Nardin Park:

- The need for clarity on whether any of the contaminated sites identified by federal inspectors are located within Nardin Park.
- Understanding the specific contaminants involved and their potential health impacts on our community.
- Information on the measures taken to ensure the safety and health of Nardin Park residents.

Request:

- 1. Identification of Contaminated Sites in Nardin Park:**
 - Requesting a detailed list of demolition sites within Nardin Park that are suspected of contamination.
 - Disclosure of any reports or findings specific to these sites.
- 2. Health and Safety Measures:**
 - Outline of immediate steps taken by the City and health officials to assess and mitigate any potential health risks to residents.
 - Information on any ongoing or planned health monitoring or support for residents in affected areas.
- 3. Soil Testing and Remediation Efforts:**
 - Specifics on soil testing protocols being used for Nardin Park sites, including types of contaminants tested.

- Details on the remediation process for contaminated sites and timeframes for these activities.

Please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns - Esmat Ishag-Osman, Ph.D., Esmat.ishagosman@detroitmi.gov

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