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Project Name: Xcel Energy Hiawatha 115 kV Transmission Line Project

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Impact: Hiawatha West, the substation location favored by Xcel that is at the Hiawatha end of the line does not take into account recent development of the site by the community, including landscaping and planting trees and vegetation specifically designed to reduce the possbility of further arsenic contamination from disturbing the soil. Building a substation at this site not only destroys the work done by the community to "de-industrialize" the location, but it also reverses and negates the efforts taken to control contaminates coming from the site.

The dimissal of alernative sites seems to be summed up with the phrase "the space is not large enough to accomodate a low or high profile substation design." This is insufficient information. Specifics must by provided. I wear a size 11 shoe, but it is insufficent to claim that shoes sized 7 and 10 1/2 "don't fit". I could wear a 10 1/2, but it pinches a little. Xcel needs to provide details for the sites not considered "viable".

Mitigation: In order to preserve the strides taken by the community to reclaim the site as a green zone, the Hiawatha substation should be located at proposed substation site G-4 where no community development action has taken place (to

my knowledge). The claim is that the site is not big enough for a substation, but it's easy to write off alternative sites when the Hiawatha West site looks so simple.

Alterations to substation plans that would allow alternative sites to be considered need to be incorporated into the analysis.

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This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

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