

## For Immediate Release

April 19, 2002

|                       |                              |                                       |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Contact: John Hofland | Steve Sullivan               | Jane Vanderpoel                       |
| Flint Hills Resources | Dakota County Parks Director | Dakota County Communications Director |
| (651) 438-1331        | (651) 438-4660               | (651) 438-4423                        |

### **Flint Hills Resources to Fund Interpretive Trail in Lebanon Hills Regional Park**

*Rosemount, MN* – Flint Hills Resources, LP (formerly Koch Petroleum Group), and Dakota County unveiled plans today to develop an interpretive trail in Lebanon Hills Regional Park.

The mile-long trail, which will be funded by Flint Hills Resources, will include interpretive signs that allow visitors to take a self-guided tour year round. The signs will include information about habitats and other features along the trail, and will be updated to reflect changes in seasons. Construction of the trail is expected to begin this summer, with the trail opening in early 2003.

Lebanon Hills Regional Park is the busiest park in the Dakota County park system and draws visitors statewide. Ninety percent of residents in Dakota County live within 10 miles of the park.

“Lebanon Hills Regional Park is a very valuable part of Dakota County. We are pleased to be able to support this exciting educational and recreational project for the county and its residents,” said Flint Hills Resources President Dave Robertson.

“With our new visitor center and trailhead opening next year, this was an unmet need that will offer park visitors a wonderful opportunity to learn even more about what is around them as they walk through the new trail, whether it is in cold weather or warm weather months,” said Donald Maher, chairman of the Dakota County Commission. “We welcome this partnership with Flint Hills Resources in providing an even better experience for our park visitors.”

The contribution continues Flint Hills Resources’ tradition of supporting park and recreation projects in communities around the Pine Bend refinery. Flint Hills Resources previously has provided funding for the construction of trails in Rosemount and Inver Grove Heights, as well as donated land for a riverfront park in Hastings.

The plans for the trail and Flint Hills Resources’ contribution were announced today at the company’s fourth annual Community Partners Luncheon held at the Science Museum in St. Paul.

*Flint Hills Resources, LP is a leading provider of transportation fuels used in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Flint Hills Resources’ Pine Bend refinery has a 280,000 barrel-per-day capacity and employs approximately 750 people full-time. Flint Hills Resources is headquartered in Wichita, Kansas and also has a refining complex in Corpus Christi, Texas, as well as associated capabilities such as refined products marketing, chemicals trading, Canadian oilsands development, and other crude oil supply activities. More information about the company is available at [www.fhr.com](http://www.fhr.com).*