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FLINT HILLS RESOURCES TO DONATE LAND FOR PROPOSED ROSEMOUNT OUTDOOR RECREATION COMPLEX

ROSEMOUNT, Minn. – The City of Rosemount’s search for land for a much-needed outdoor recreation complex is over. The City announced today that Flint Hills Resources will donate 57 acres of land – located on the east side of the Akron Avenue and County Road 38 intersection – for the proposed recreation complex.

At the start of 2007, land had not yet been purchased for the complex. The Rosemount City Council named the project one of its top priorities.

“Flint Hills Resources is a proud member of the Rosemount community and we want to actively participate in supporting the needs of our neighbors. We are very excited about partnering with the City to support this project and provide additional recreational opportunities for the growing population of Rosemount,” said Jeff Wilkes, refinery manager and vice president of Minnesota operations for Flint Hills Resources.

The need for an outdoor recreation complex was included in the City of Rosemount’s 2002 *Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan*, due to growth underway in the City’s population and expected demand for recreational facilities.

An important goal of the City has been to provide additional facilities in a manner that has the least financial impact on residents.

“Because of the price of land and increasing construction costs, providing high quality amenities to a community is getting to be very expensive. The tremendous generosity of Flint Hills Resources in donating this land removes a significant burden for Rosemount taxpayers in

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achieving the goal we've held so long," said Mayor Bill Droste. "We hope our residents recognize that our efforts to partner with Rosemount's corporate citizens are resulting in benefits for the whole community."

In the coming months, the City of Rosemount will be developing a site plan and cost estimates. Once that work is completed, the City will have further discussions about the project with the community. Although the outdoor recreation complex has not yet been designed, it will most likely provide facilities for soccer, softball, baseball, football, lacrosse and tennis enthusiasts of all ages.

"We have seen a tremendous increase in participation over the last number of years, and we have also seen our requests for facilities increase. Now we are one step closer to developing a recreation complex to help us serve our participants better," said Dan Shaw, president, Rosemount Area Athletic Association.

Flint Hills Resources LP is a leading provider of transportation fuels used in the Upper Midwest. Flint Hills' Pine Bend refinery has a crude oil processing capacity of approximately 280,000 barrels per day and employs about 800 people full-time. Flint Hills Resources is headquartered in Wichita, Kansas and also has refineries in Corpus Christi, Texas and North Pole, Alaska, as well as a chemical facility in Joliet, Illinois. More information about the company is available at www.fhr.com.

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