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**The Draft Site Design Plan to transform Chevy in the Hole into a park-like green space called Chevy Commons will be presented at a public meeting April 10, 2014**

Flint, Michigan – The City of Flint and Genesee County Land Bank will host a **public presentation** of the Site Design Plan for Chevy Commons [formerly Chevy in the Hole (CITH)]. The meeting will be held from **5:30 to 7:00 pm April 10, 2014** at the Genesee County Community Action Resource Department (GCCARD), 601 N. Saginaw Street, Suite 1B. The meeting will include a formal presentation of the Site Design Plan and descriptions of site safety, environmental conditions, funding, and construction phasing. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session, as well as time for one on one interaction with the Design Team.

“CITH is a truly unique and potentially valuable amenity and must be creatively addressed to help transform Flint.”

- *Imagine Flint; Master Plan for a Sustainable Flint, p. 76.*

This site design plan provides a “blueprint” to convert approximately 60-acres of the city-owned, former automobile manufacturing facility, into a natural area called *Chevy Commons*. The space will be redeveloped in phases to include open grasslands, woodlands, and wetlands interlaced with trails that will link to the surrounding institutions, neighborhoods, and regional trail network. The design detailed in the plan will serve as a guide for the development of phases as funding becomes available. The design is faithful to the goals and strategies identified by the City Master Plan.

The plan calls for the site to be capped with an attractive low-maintenance natural landscape intended to minimize maintenance and storm water management costs. Details on the first three proposed phases are included in the design plan.

The design work is funded by a USEPA Brownfield Grant, managed by the Genesee County Land Bank. The grant and other direct funding by the USEPA has enabled the City and Genesee County Land Bank to address immediate safety and environmental contamination concerns on the site and build the first phases of the green cap. The site design was prepared by landscape architects, engineers and environmental professionals with the guidance of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the USEPA to create a safe place for the public to enjoy.

Chevy in the Hole is the home of the 1936/37 Sit-Down Strike. Automobile manufacturing operations began at the property in 1904 and the last factory buildings were demolished in 2004 by Delphi.

For questions regarding this press release or the structure or schedule of the public meeting, contact the Genesee County Land Bank. Christina Kelly is directing this work and can be reached at (810) 257-3088, Ext. 527 or at [ckelly@thelandbank.org](mailto:ckelly@thelandbank.org).

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