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Ford Plant Ideas

One idea that my mom and I came up with was a community garden. Another idea was a soup kitchen. These two ideas linked in my mind, and I thought that it would be a cool idea if we turned the Ford Plant site into a huge community garden next to a soup kitchen. Families could apply for a plot of the garden and plant flowers, vegetables, or whatever they wanted there. Then, when everything was grown, they could give a portion of their crop to the soup kitchen. The soup kitchen would use the fresh vegetables and herbs that people donated from the garden and use them to make nutritious homemade meals for poor or homeless families. The kitchen could be run by volunteers from the community. Middle schoolers and high schoolers could earn service or confirmation hours there, people could volunteer with their families, or anyone could sign up to work for a night. If we wanted to go above and beyond, there could be a second floor to the soup kitchen equipped with beds. That way, struggling homeless people could have a place to stay during the harsh Minnesota winters. I think that a community garden/soup kitchen would really help draw everyone closer and do a little more good in this world.

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Ford Plant Property Usage

I think that the 125 acres of land should include a few things. Including a Fountain (They can remove and add a Christmas tree), nice stone pathways throughout the whole area, LOTS of lighting (street lamps, nice signs, etc.) Lots of greenery (Flower beds, fern bushes, trees etc.) And nice benches throughout the village. I think that they should make a strip mall on one side and apartment buildings on the other, but the apartment buildings smaller (so they aren't too annoying and disruptive). In the strip mall they should provide a small space so that small businesses can get a head start in their career. Fields, drinking fountains, and accessible parking are a must as well as a good convenience store (Target preferably). Another thing that I think the Ford lot should include is a task force (in other words a police station). Although Highland isn't know to be a "shady" area, a police force is must in this new area. The possibilities are endless with this amount of land, a new stadium? A public pool? New restaurants? A strip mall? ANOTHER McDonalds? Who knows, maybe no cars will be allowed in this area.

I would like to expand the baseball field then I would like to make a kid friendly park. It would also be a good idea to make more apartment buildings for old people, young people and people from other countries. Then you could have a swimming pool, a zoo. I think the highland area should be the place where they should be an outdoor place. They could add more food places, but not fast food but real

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I would turn the ford plant area into a rec center. I think it would be a good place for people to go and have a good time while playing basketball and volleyball and various other sports and games. It would be a great atmosphere for people of all ages to enjoy. It would be a place where there would be soccer and baseball fields outside. And during the winter it could be an outdoor hockey rink. Inside there would be a nice elderly center inside where the elderly can roam free and there would be an hourly game of BINGO. This would be a great idea because it is a place for all ages to go and enjoy themselves for free.

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Ideas for Ford Plant

One idea for the Ford Plant is a animal shelter. We don't have much in the Village that helps out the community so that's why I think a animal shelter would be good. It would also help get people in the idea of getting a dog and adopting a dog from a shelter because it's close. It would also help because it when people get dogs they walk them so it would give the idea to exercise more.

Another idea I think that would be cool in the Ford Plant is a open space where people could make big works of art and put them there because we don't have much art in the village area. It would also have picnic areas around it and lots of grass around it so people could just have a picnic there or walk there dogs there.

It would also be cool if there was a dog park. Having a dog park and a animal shelter right next to each other would be nice because people could walk the dog there looking at to the dog park and see how it reacts. Once people adopt the dog from the shelter they know they have a place to bring it that's close.

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Ford Plant Reconstruction Ideas

For the new 125 acres that is going to be remodeled, I think this area is going to make our neighborhood a more welcoming, updated, adventurous place to live.

Personally, I think the area should be made into a place with park space and rec center per say. I would love to see more buildings that support sports. Like having an indoor swimming pool, hockey arena, volleyball court, and outside could have a football field, soccer field, and baseball/softball fields. Also, a YMCA type building would be enjoyable for many people.

For the natureous people, there could be bike trails across the whole section. Along with picnic tables, parks for children, and maybe some sort of pond. I think these types of ideas; park and sports, would help make the community a place where anyone of all ages could come and spend time together. It'd be a place to have a fun get together with friends or celebrate a special event in the park.

If you were to add homes and apartments to this new space, it would cause more traffic around the village than it already has. Going along the lines of traffic, if you added stores and restaurants, they would become a huge attraction (which is great for businesses and people) but it might become to busy and a chaotic place. These are just my opinions. But as a teenager, living in the highland area, I love hanging out with my friends and absolutely love sports. It would be amazing to have a pool for swimmer like me, and I bet anyone else that is apart of a sport, would also love a place to live out that activity.

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If I had 125 acres of land to use, I would make a park with playground equipment, and sand in one corner, for the children. In that playground, it would have all the equipment any playground would have for the younger kids. The rest of the area would be free space to run around. If people wanted to play fetch with their dogs, or soccer with their friends that area would be for them. It would most likely be for everyone who wants to play, or relax. I would put sidewalks around the area if people want to walk around. This part of the park would also be welcome for those who wish to walk their dog or just simply walk, or bike. I could also put a mixed - used building in another corner. If people need an apartment, or a place to work, the mixed - used building would help them. That area could be used for exercise, fun, or anything else.

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Ford Plant

I think there are many things that could be done with the vacant land in the Ford Plant location. One idea I have for this area is to turn it into a park and residential area. This way, there can be a soccer field for teenagers and youths while there can be benches and picnic areas for elders. Also, creating some green space for everybody would be a good environmental idea. There also should be a strip mall full of locally-owned shops in a semicircle around the park. This idea would include and entertain community members of all ages. Above the strip mall, there should be apartments. People who want to move into the area but can't afford a house or don't want to pay high taxes would be prime residents for this apartment complex. In conclusion, I think there should really be something for everyone so we can build our community and make it a better place to live.

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Ideas for the Ford Plant

I think that the Ford Plant could turn into many great things for the community.

With 125 acres, there are so many possibilities! My idea is this:

- One portion of the land can be a strip mall with a better movie theatre, possibly a small water park, stores and restaurants, etc.
- Another portion of it can be a park with plenty of bike paths and picnic tables.
- Around the park, there could be apartment buildings and condos.
- At the bottom of some apartments, there could be boutiques and such.

Overall, the space could turn into an expansion of Highland Village. Also, since we are losing our Barnes&Noble, I would like one in the new space.

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Ford Site Development

One idea to put into the Ford Site Development is a beneficial park. Most of the land could be a park that everyone could use. It could include a huge park for kids and trails for everyone to walk or run through. Another thing the park could include are bike trails which can connect to the Mississippi trails. This could be useful because the people that ride on the Mississippi trails can continue to bike through the park trails. Another part of the park could be set aside for a dog park. This would be nice because those who own dogs can have a separate section to have their dog run around and play with other dogs. Besides just the park, they could build an amphitheater that can be attached to a building where there is an indoor theater. The building could have fine arts classes where children to adults could learn to act and have performances. All of these ideas would still show the beautiful scenery of the Mississippi River.

The food plant area should have shops and stores in a square and then have a grassy field like area in the middle with picnic table and tent like things with a park in the middle of the field. The road can go along the inside of the shops square right next to them going around the field park area. There should be large sidewalk on the side of the road and a bike lane in the road.

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Something they could do with the 125 acres of the Ford Plant is an outdoor mall. It could have local merchants and different stores that we don't have in the area. In the middle big park that has all different things for families. In the winter big Christmas tree and ice rink. Have different shops and activities that would appeal and honor a diverse population. It would almost be like Central Park in Minnesota. It would make money because people wouldn't have to travel that far to go to the store.

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What I think should happen with the Ford plant is a man-made lake. You could swim there and fish. There would be walking paths so that everyone could enjoy the lake. There could be gardens that you could learn about how to be healthy and good eating habits. And in the winter it could be a ice skating rink. The city could charge money for parking and they could have concessions for food money. This would creat a better place to live for people of all ages.

Ford Site Development plan

I think the Ford site should have a green area with fire pits, picnic benches, and volleyball courts. By the green area there should also be a skate park open all day. To bring in revenue there could be a band shell and surrey bikes for people who want to rent them. There should be a walking and biking path around and through the park to encourage exercise.

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Ford Plant

I would like the 125 acres of space to be filled with a strip mall and a restaurant space. I can imagine it in a rectangular or circular shape and than tables and umbrellas in the middle. Their would be living spaces or apartments above the stores and restaurants. This would bring in lots of money and costumers. This whole space would be family friendly, great and enjoyable for all ages, and very convenient especially for younger people who can not drive to go to. The extra space can be used for parking areas along with bike paths and side walks. I think this idea will use the space wisely, bring in money and succeeding most peoples hopes and needs.

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Ford Plant Development Ideas

This paper may be completely biased because of my age but I think that the Ford Plant should focus on the ages around the teenage years. I think that the Highland Park lacks areas for teens to hang out with other friends of theirs. I think that if some of the following things were addressed the teens would be able to expand the groups of their friends and meet lots of kids from other different schools. I think that first off all the places should cost money but not to much so that it isn't affordable to the kids. The places would need to have a cost so that the city can make a profit but they shouldn't be more than \$10.00. I think that it would be very important to have areas designated to sports fields. I would want the basic kinds of sports like baseball, basketball, soccer, etc. But I would also want other kinds of sports parks like skate parks, frisbee golf courses, ultimate frisbee courses. I think that if the city chose to go down this path the Ford plant would be used a lot and be a great success.

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What to do with the Ford Plant.

I think we should make the old Ford Plant into an area that applies to all people. I cannot possibly think of an example for every type of person but I think I can come up with a few ideas that applies to people my age. Here are a few examples:

As a 13 year old girl, I know that I would love to see more shopping in Highland. I know there are already many, many stores but, I am talking about clothing stores. Sure, we have a Turn Style but, I think some people will agree with me that it would be nice to have another clothing store for shopping.

Talking to my sisters, they said they wanted a toy store. Highland used to have a Creative Kid's Stuff but, that moved. We should get another one for the small children who live in the Highland area.

Lastly, I think we should have a Dick's Sporting Goods or Sheels or Sports Authority. We already have a shoe store coming in but it is important to have the right equipment for sports.

The stores listed above should be placed behind the Lunds parking lot as to add on the the strip mall area. Behind that, there should be a dog park because the only one in St. Paul is bay the airport and that was never a good idea. Also, we should use the river so we can have drinking fountains and those miniature ones seen at Maddox park for the dogs. We should also build one houses near the existing ones as to keep everything in their zones because if the building is in the wrong place ere is a change no one will go to it.

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Ford Plant Reconstruction

I think the area where the Ford Plant used to be should be turned into an area that everyone can use. It should have green space to relax, do homework, or for children to play on. It should have biking and walking paths for exercise and there should also be a place you can rent the bikes there. On the paths there could be small, non chain restaurants. Fountains can always make it look more appealing. Add statues of famous or historic people so as people pass they can stop and learn about them. Also it should be a safe area for people to live, condos with more excess ability would be good for older people. These could have excess able parking. And for visitors it could be paid parking. Public sport courts could make it easier for everyone to practice sports. This would be a great place to have an area reserved for public ice rinks in the winter. People could buy food, rent skates and sports equipment, and have fun with friends and family. Public restrooms would make it more convenient for people. A dog park if anyone needs to exercise their dogs. Gardens for people look at, And finally I think there should be a pavilion for public gatherings along with other areas for families to have picnics or barbecues.

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I think we should turn the area that was the Ford Plant into green space. We live in a world that doesn't seem to have enough space and time for nature, and I think that's something that needs to be changed. A beautiful park is the perfect solution to this. The space could be divided into different outdoor activities, such as a dog park, a community garden, a picnic area, an amphitheater, and a playground for the little ones. It would be good for all ages. The elderly people could take a stroll on designated paths or just sit in the sunshine. Parents could bring their children to the playground or their dogs to the dog park, and families could have a picnic lunch. I know everyone is worried about bringing in revenue for the community, but really, aren't there enough restaurants and stores in Highland Park, anyways? If you're *that* worried, just put a couple of food stands in the park. I think a park is the perfect thing to do with the old Ford Plant.

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Ideas for old Ford Plant

- There could just be strip malls and apartments. This might be a popular idea because it could possibly bring lots more revenues for the area. On the other hand people could argue that there are already enough stores in Highland.
- There could be just parks, fields and trails and no shops at all. This would be popular to the people who think we already have enough shops in Highland. I think it's a good idea because we have no good public fields in the area.
- Another thing we could do is a combination of the two. This compromise might settle these two sides.

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Ideas for Ford Plant

One of my ideas for the reconstruction of the Ford Plant on Highland to make it better is this: remaking the plant into apartment buildings. The Highland Village is a small shopping district with practically no houses or apartments until a few blocks over from Lunds. That's why I think it would be a neat idea to change that site into apartment buildings. It would be nice and modern buildings. There could be two or three buildings surrounding a large pooppp for every certain amount of yards. Grass could be laid down and flowers planted. The run down Ford Plant that's been vacated for years has some real potential to be turned into something amazing. This is what I think the Ford Plant should be turned into: from run down car dealership to some nice, picturesque living quarters.

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I would love to fill the Ford Plant's 125 acres of space to a family friendly community where everyone can enjoy. The railroads should be split into two, one area for a bike path, and the other for a transit that has a station by Ford Parkway. Then have busses that transport to the Hiwiatha Station. Next we move the Ford Little League fields over and make their current place a green space or dog park where everyone can play. Next we put a big pond in the middle and a walking path around it with the bike path connected. We have an underground creek from the gold corse so we lead that to the pond and open a pathway that goes to the falls. Next, we take lots by River Road and make million dollar houses that the city could make profit on. They have a good vein and this will be the place to live. Next, we have four mixed use buildings with shops on the bottom and apartments on top. This will make room for the recent college grads to live. The rest is made green space because we have to remember the the families that live around the plant. Example: me.

I would like to fill the 125 acres of the Ford plant with green space, a pool and possibly a gazebo for entertainers to rent. The green space could have bike paths, soccer fields, and just a food place to play ultimate frisbee or have picnics. The pool would be nice because in the summer when it gets hot a public pool with cheap admission would cool people down and boost the economy. Also, the pool and public green space would be in the perfect location and make the village a little more earth friendly. The place entertainers could rent would entertain the people there and also boost the economy.

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Ford Plant

I think we should make the ford plant into something that all ages of people can use.

Like a part and in the winter a ice skating rink. Also some more apartments and more stores. We need a better baby store and clothing store. We need more fancy restaurants.

We don't have any. That's what I think we should do. We should also have another strip mall. We need to bring more money in m

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I think with the room that they have at the ford plain is a sports field and make a new sports stadium. Then people who are into sports don't have to drive as far and they also get another chance to play with other people. Either in my option I would like a sports place when I can practice and play at or a bike/walk prayer where people could go for a walk go for bike or just to walk around and admire that great river that stretches over 4000 miles. And the last idea for the ford plain is to make a paintball or a game for kids so they can do something if they are bored or just a game for them to do with friends or family.

125 acres of Ford plant ideas

125 acres is a lot of space...so what are they going to do with all of it? Well, 125 acres is large enough to fit 94 and a half football fields, so there is a lot that can be done with that space. One idea of how to use that space is to have many multi-use buildings. These structures have stores on the bottom level and apartments above. This would not only make great business, but it would also save space. Another thing they could do with the space is make a large park with plenty of trees and a playground. This would tempt more people to come outside and get some fresh air, while also providing a great hangout area. A third idea is to turn the train tracks into a nice walking and biking path, complete with lighting, benches, and water fountains. As far as I know, there is not a walking or biking path around there besides by the Mississippi River. This would give people the opportunity to safely exercise. A final idea is to build several restaurants and have an outdoor picnic area near them. Even though it is brutally cold during the winter in Minnesota, civilians still enjoy eating outside in the nice months of spring, fall, and summer. To tie all of these areas together, there could be walking and biking paths throughout. The Ford plant, which is now a barren wasteland, could be transformed into a chic new hangout spot for people of all ages.

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I think that there should be an amusement park there. The reason I think that is because there isn't really any amusement parks around except for valley fair and the amusement park at Mall of America. But the problem is that there's going to be kids screaming. Well say, a neighbor would be taking a nap. But it would be very fun. ☺