



# CITY OF DANVILLE

## City Manager's Office

March 7, 2024

**RE: Soil from 1100 West Main Street**

Members of the Public,

During the March 5, 2024 City Council Meeting, I announced to the public that the City and IDA would release any documentation the City and Industrial Development Authority (IDA) have regarding the handling of soil at 1100 West Main Street, which is where Caesars is now located. Based on the records, which are included as links in the text below, there is no evidence that any contaminated soil was deposited as backfill in the River Oak Drive community or anywhere else within or outside the city limits.

When the Caesars property was owned by the IDA, grants were received to conduct environmental studies of the property. The IDA contracted to have a [Phase I Environmental Study](#), which is also referred to as an Environmental Site Assessment. The study involves researching the current and historical uses of a property, and based on that research, may recommend further studies. Since it was a textile manufacturing facility, a more detailed study was recommended.

The IDA contracted to have a [Phase II Environmental Study](#), which is used to determine whether there are any hazardous substances on the site. This study included multiple tests throughout the property and found that, in certain areas, hazardous substances existed. The report included recommendations on how to handle redevelopment of the property and what to do with any contaminated soil.

The IDA provided the Phase I and Phase II reports to Caesars, so they could use the information contained in the reports to help with their plan for developing the property. The handling of contaminated soils is heavily regulated. To comply with these regulations, the contractor for Caesars tested the soil on the site. According to the [supporting documentation](#), if the soil was contaminated, it was taken to a properly licensed landfill for disposal.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Larking".

Ken Larking