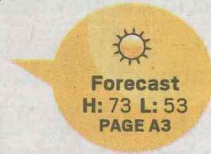



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# Board authorizes Sunday cleanup work at former Visteon property

**By Sean Delaney**  
For *The Macomb Daily*

The Shelby Township Board of Trustees on Sept. 2 approved a request that will allow Ford Motor Company to perform remediation work on Sundays to complete the cleanup of the former Visteon site at 23 Mile and Mound roads “as quickly as possible.”

“The last word we had from Ford was that they anticipated starting the cleanup sometime this fall,” said Planning and Zoning Director Glenn Wynn. “As part of that process, they’re requesting permission from the township to modify our construction work hours to include work on Sunday.”

According to Wynn, section 5.09 of the township’s zoning ordinance limits construction activities be-

tween the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., with no work on Sunday.

“Ford is requesting approval to modify the allowable construction hours specified in section 5.09 of the zoning ordinance,” Wynn said. “Ford would like to work on Sundays to complete the cleanup work as quickly as possible.”

According to Shelby Township attorney Rob Huth, Ford received approval from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for a site remediation plan June 27. Among other things, the plan includes the following cleanup activities:

- Groundwater injections will begin in mid-August on the Indiana Metal property.
- Permeable Reactive Barriers installation along the eastern-most property

boundary adjacent to Ford Park and site preparation work will begin in September. Installation of the two PRBs will take place in October.

“Ford has committed to working with our Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department to minimize any disruption of scheduled activities at Ford Field,” Wynn said.

The 205-acre parcel on the southeast corner of Mound and 23 Mile roads was home to Ford’s Utica Trim Plant for many years and later spun off to Visteon. The facility was phased out in 2008 and

2009, and eventually closed.

Another company, Indiana Metals, purchased the site in 2011 and was in the process of demolishing buildings when health-threatening chemicals TCE and TCA were found in the groundwater during tests.

While township officials initially feared the problem could threaten homes in the nearby Central Park Manor subdivision as well as the township’s baseball fields near 23 Mile Road and Van Dyke, tests did not show the pollution spreading.

As part of a settlement with the township, Ford Motor Company later



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The former Visteon property, which today consists of fenced-in scrub brush and rubble.

agreed to clean up pollutants and pay \$50,000 to the township to offset costs of the litigation.

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TODAY



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Sunny and nice

MONDAY



75  
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Sunny and

TUESDAY



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An afternoon

WEDNESDAY



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THURSDAY



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Mostly cloudy.