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Flint Hills Resources Celebrates Arbor Day by Planting 5,000th Tree in Dakota County

Rosemount, Minn. – Flint Hills Resources is celebrating Arbor Day today after recently planting its 5,000th tree in Dakota County. Since 2008, Flint Hills Resources has planted hundreds of trees each year at various locations around Dakota County. The donated trees – mostly pines and hardwoods – are native to Minnesota. Flint Hills selects the locations of the trees based on proximity to parks, neighborhoods, and natural migratory flyway areas for birds. The most recent trees were planted near the Flint Hills Recreation Complex in Rosemount, which is located on land that Flint Hills Resources donated to the City of Rosemount in 2007. [Click here](#) for a downloadable photo of Flint Hills employees planting a tree.

“Whether it’s planting trees, restoring the nearby Pine Bend Bluffs, or helping to support our local bluebird population, it’s important to us that we do everything we can to promote and protect the natural environment that surrounds our facility,” said Geoff Glasrud, vice president and manufacturing manager at the Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery. “We are appreciative of our many dedicated employees and community partners who help make these efforts a reality.”

In addition to its tree-planting program, Flint Hills Resources has partnered with Friends of the Mississippi River since 2000 to restore 1,650 acres of natural riverfront property in an area known as the Pine Bend Bluffs in Inver Grove Heights. This area is regularly used to educate area students about the environment and the importance of restoring and preserving natural habitats. [Click here](#) to watch a video about the Pine Bend Bluffs Restoration Project. Flint Hills Resources’ volunteer staff members also regularly monitor specially-designed bluebird nesting structures at the Pine Bend refinery, where more than 50 young bluebirds successfully leave their nests each year.

About Flint Hills Resources

Flint Hills Resources, LLC, through its subsidiaries, is a leading refining, chemicals and biofuels company, with operations primarily in Texas and the Midwest. Its manufacturing capability is built upon six decades of refining experience, and the company has expanded its operations through capital projects and acquisitions worth more than \$13 billion since 2002. The company is based in Wichita, Kansas, and its more than 5,000 employees strive to create value for customers and society.

The Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery produces transportation fuels used throughout the Midwest, including most of Minnesota’s gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel, as well as other products people rely on such as propane and asphalt. Located 17 miles southeast of Minneapolis, Pine

Bend has a capacity of 339,000 barrels per day and is among the cleanest, most efficient, and safest oil refineries in the country. Flint Hills Resources directly and indirectly supports more than 4,000 Minnesota jobs and has invested nearly \$1.7 billion on upgrades and improvements to its Minnesota facilities since 2010. With 1,300 full-time employees, the Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery is one of the largest employers in Dakota County. More information about the company is available at pinebendrefinery.com.

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