



Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comments due on November 15, 2000

City Bella

Description: The proposed project includes an 18-story building with 235 apartment units over 33,500 square feet of office retail, a five-story 80,000 square foot office building, 60 surface parking spaces and an urban plaza all constructed over 700 underground parking spaces; and a three-story 34 unit apartment building with 60 surface and underground parking spaces.

RGU: City of Richfield

Contact: Julie Urban, Planning and Zoning Administrator, 6700 Portland Ave., Richfield, MN 55423; 612-861-9766

Alliance Dairy

Description: The proposed dairy project is a 1,600 head facility and is being built by a group of area agricultural businessmen and farmers in Waseca County. The project proposal consists of the following structures: four barns, one special needs building, one parlor holding pen, six manure storage basins, one calf compost area and silage bunkers. A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency web site at

ABOUT THE EQB MONITOR

The *EQB Monitor* is a biweekly publication of the Environmental Quality Board that lists descriptions and deadlines for Environmental Assessment Worksheets, Environmental Impact Statements and other notices.

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<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact: John Elling, Project Manager, North and South District, Operations and Planning Section, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-8011

Dassel Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion and Upgrade

Description: The city of Dassel is proposing to convert its existing wastewater stabilization pond system to an aerated pond system and chemical addition for phosphorus removal, sand filtration and disinfection. The effluent is proposed to be applied to the existing spray irrigation fields during the irrigation season. During the period from late fall to early spring, the effluent will be discharged to a wetland that drains to Washington Creek. Washington Creek is a tributary of the Crow River via Lake Arvilla. A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency web site at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact: Craig Affeldt, Project Manager, North and South District, Operations and Planning Section, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-7796

Church Hill Heights

Description: Church Hill Heights, phases two and three, are part of a single-family residential planned unit development in the city of Sauk Rapids. The total planned unit development consists of 97 single-family units on 10,000 square foot lots with city utilities and includes parks, trails and wetlands. A future church and school are part of the original plat, but not part of the planned unit development.

RGU: City of Sauk Rapids

Contact: Dennis Miranowski, City Administrator, 115 2nd Ave. N., Sauk Rapids, MN 56379 320-251-1103

Minneapolis Golf Course West

Description: The proposed project is an 18-hole private golf course. The project is located on a 250-acre parcel in the city of Independence. The course and clubhouse are proposed to be open for use in the spring of 2002. All wetland filling will be mitigated at a 2:1 replacement ratio. The existing site is approximately 58 percent row crop, 14 percent meadow/pasture, 18 percent young woodland and 10 percent wetlands.

RGU: City of Independence

Contact: Marshal Braman, Senior Environmental Specialist, City of Independence, 1920 County Road 90, Independence, MN 55359; 952-479-0527

Econolot/Employee Parking Structure

Description: The Metropolitan Airports Commission proposes to construct a parking structure to provide approximately 10,000 spaces for use by patrons of the Humphrey Terminal, airport employees and Econolot users (2,789 replacement parking spaces and approximately 7,200 new parking spaces). This facility will be located southeast of the Humphrey Terminal. It will consist of six levels and will have exits leading onto East 72nd Street. The proposed project also includes the construction of a new entrance roadway to improve circulation to and from 34th Avenue South as well as an on-site road network to facilitate Humphrey Terminal area circulation.

RGU: Metropolitan Airports Commission

Contact: Nigel Finney, Director, Planning and Environment, 6040 28th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55450; 612-726-8100

Public Notice

Environmental Review Process, Metropolitan Airports Commission Capital Improvement Program, 2001-2007 and Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the Econolot/Employee Parking Structure at MSP

In accordance with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes 1988, Chapter 664, the Metropolitan Airports Commission is required to conduct an Assessment of Environmental Effects for projects in the Commission's seven-year Capital Improvement Program (2001-2007) for airports included in its system.

Assessments for St. Paul Downtown, Flying Cloud, Crystal, Anoka County-Blaine, Lake Elmo and Airlake airports did

not need to be prepared since the Capital Improvement Program and Plan has not changed from the previous year or the changes have only trivial environmental effects. A copy of the Assessment of Environmental Effects relating to construction projects on Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport is available on request to Bob Vorpahl, MAC.

An Environmental Assessment Worksheet has also been prepared for the construction of a new parking structure to serve patrons of the new Humphrey Terminal (which replaces the existing HHH) and to replace the Econolot/Employee parking spaces lost due to construction of the replacement terminal.

Comments concerning the Capital Improvement Program Assessments and the EAW can be given at a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, November 6, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 3040, Mezzanine Level, Lindbergh Terminal, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, or in writing to the CIP File, Metropolitan Airports Commission, 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55450. The comment period ends on Wednesday, November 15, 2000.

Petitions Filed

The following petitions have been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an EAW. The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of government to review the petition and decide on the need for an EAW.

- Menard's Home Center, City of Dundas
- Michael Altenburg Feedlot Expansion, MPCA

EAW Need Decisions

The noted responsible government units have made a decision regarding the need for an EAW in response to a citizen petition.

- Chaska City Council, SuperTarget project, petition denied
- Pope County, Pope County Ditch 29, EAW ordered

EIS Need Decisions

The responsible governmental units noted have determined the following projects do not require preparation of an EIS. The dates given are, respectively; the date of the

determination and the date the EAW notice was published in the *EQB Monitor*.

- The Reserve, Plymouth City Council, September 26, 2000 (August 7, 2000)
- Gleason Property Residential Development, October 2, 2000 (August 21, 2000)
- St. Francis Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion Phase I, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, September 25, 2000 (July 24, 2000)
- Chaska and Aurora Investments, City of Chaska, September 25, 2000 (July 24, 2000)
- New Haven Quarry project, New Haven Township board, September 26, 2000 (July 24, 2000)
- Palmer Lake Water Quality and Trail Improvement project, City of Brooklyn Center, September 25, 2000 (August 21, 2000)

AUAR Available

Southeast Minneapolis Industrial/Bridal Veil Area

This AUAR studies and plans for the potential redevelopment of the area known as Southeast Minneapolis Industrial Bridal Veil Area, approximately 700 acres straddling the Minneapolis/St. Paul boundary, and bounded on the south by University Avenue; on the west by 15th Avenue Southeast; on the north by Rollins Avenue, Elm Street and the Burlington Northern right-of-way; and on the east by Highway 280.

RGU: City of Minneapolis

Contact: J. Michael Orange, City Planner, Room 210 City Hall, 350 S. 5th St., Minneapolis, MN 55415-1385; 612-673-2347

Final EIS Available

Norman Pointe Office Development

A Final Environmental Impact Statement has been prepared for the proposed Norman Pointe Office Development in the city of Bloomington at 5501, 5503 and 5701 Green Valley Drive. The document is available at City Hall in the Planning Division at 2215 West Old Shakopee Road for review. On October 2, 2000, the City Council authorized submittal of the FEIS to the Environmental Quality Board for publication in

the October 16, 2000 *EQB Monitor*. Written comments on the FEIS will be accepted until Wednesday, November 1, 2000 and can be addressed to Bob Hawbaker, Senior Planner, City of Bloomington, 2215 West Old Shakopee Rd., Bloomington, MN 55431; 612-563-8922; fax 612-563-8949 or email bhawbaker@ci.bloomington.mn.us

Hennepin Conservation District Public Notice of Request for Proposals Natural Resource Inventory

The Hennepin Conservation District wishes to establish a list of qualified firms willing to perform natural resource inventories and prepare necessary reports utilizing the Minnesota Land Cover Classification System. The inventory will be performed under the direction of the HCD project leader.

To establish this list, the HCD seeks proposals from qualified and experienced firms. The HCD project leader will evaluate the proposals and the HCD reserves the right to select or reject any or all proposals when deemed to be in the best interest of the HCD. The HCD reserves the right to request additional information in support of the proposal. The HCD is not obligated to respond to any proposals submitted nor is it legally bound in any manner whatsoever by the submission of a proposal.

Copies of the Request for Proposals (RFP) and the HCD inventory requirements may be obtained from the HCD Project Leader David Thill at the following address: Hennepin Conservation District, 10801 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 240, Minnetonka, MN 55305: 612 544-8572

All proposals and supporting documentation are due at the above address by 4:00 p.m., on October 12, 2000. One original copy of the proposal is required.

Questions relative to the RFP must be in writing and sent to the HCD project leader at the above address. All responses will be in writing.

Public invited to comment on scoping document for Urban Development GEIS

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board is seeking public review and comments on the draft scoping document for a Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Urban

Development. The document may be viewed online at www.mnplan.state.mn.us/eqb/urbangeis. For a printed copy, call Andrea Dick at 651-297-1257. Comments must be received by November 15, 2000.

Public meetings with discussion and comment on draft scoping document are scheduled for the following times and locations:

- Twin Cities, November 2 from 7:30 -9:00 a.m., St. Paul, Commodore Club, Hosted by Citizens League
- Brainerd, October 24 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Brainerd, Central Lakes College Cafeteria
- Duluth, October 18, 7:00 p.m., Hermantown Community Center, In conjunction with policy meeting of the Duluth/Superior Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Rochester, October 30, 7:00 p.m., Olmsted County Government Center, In conjunction with the meeting of the Rochester Olmsted Council of Governments

The draft scoping document contains the consensus recommendations of the Urban Development GEIS Steering Committee regarding the topics that should be addressed in the GEIS and the specific research questions that should be investigated. The steering committee is a panel of citizens appointed by the EQB chair to advise the board on the scope and contents of the study, which is being prepared at the direction of the 1999 Legislature. Its purpose is to support better policy-making on urban development and to help resolve the growing controversies surrounding growth and growth management.

For additional information, contact Mark Haveman, Urban GEIS Project Manager, 651-296-4096.

Public Hearing and Comment Period Extended

Hiawatha Light Rail Transit Project

The public hearing scheduled to reconvene on September 13, 2000 then rescheduled to September 28, 2000 has been rescheduled for October 18, 2000. Its purpose is to announce the design/build contractor's cost for adding the realignment so that the public can comment on the actual cost. The hearing will reconvene Wednesday, October 18, 2000, Brian Coyle Center, 420 15th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota; 7:00 p.m.

Public Meeting Notice Minnesota Forest Resources Council

The Minnesota Forest Resources Council will meet on Tuesday, October 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Eagle Bluff Environmental Center, 1991 Brightsdale Road, Lanesboro, Minnesota. The business meeting will include an update of the Special Assessment Project, the proposed 2002-03 Sustainable Forest Resources Act implementation budget, Minnesota's statewide Forest Resource Inventory program, as well as statewide timber harvest monitoring programs.

For more information please contact Amie Brown at 651-603-0109 or go to the calendar on the MFRC website at <http://www.frc.state.mn.us>

Unified Plan Announced to Protect, Conserve Water Throughout Minnesota

Minnesota is implementing a unified plan to protect and conserve water throughout the state. The plan, *Minnesota Watermarks*, ignores political boundaries. Instead, it is organized as the water flows into seven major water basins. Developed under the leadership of the Environmental Quality Board and its Water Resources Committee with interagency teams, it reflects the unique environmental conditions of each water basin, as well as statewide conditions.

The 10-year program is described in a report, *Minnesota Watermarks: Gauging the Flow of Progress 2000-2010*. It was mandated by the Legislature and is a major component of Governor Jesse Ventura's Water Management Unification Initiative. It will be used by the administration to evaluate programs and guide strategies.

Highlights of the report include: a statewide section that provides a framework of goals, objectives and measurable indicators; locally developed basin sections that provide an overview of unique environmental conditions and pressures and suggestions for measurable indicators; and maps and graphics to illustrate the state of our water resources. The document may be viewed online at www.mnplan.state.mn.us/eqb/water. For a printed copy, call Andrea Dick at 651-297-1257.

Notification of Release of Genetically Modified Organism

| File Number | Company | Crop | Project | County |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 00-NO-060 | Novartis | Corn | Herbicide tolerance | Goodhue |

For more information contact Mary Hanks, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 90 W. Plato Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55107, 651-296-1277.



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