



Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comments due on February 21, 2001

Plateau Estates

Description: A phased residential development to be within the city of Rochester consisting of approximately 250 unattached and around 128 attached units on approximately 208 acres of cropland in Haverhill Township, including the construction of road and stormwater facilities and the installation of municipal utilities and landscaping. Approximately 70 acres will remain open space. The site is located north of CSAH 22 (East Circle Drive) west of the Emerald Hills Development.

RGU: Rochester Common Council

Contact: Brent Svenby, Planner, 2122 Campus Dr. SE., Rochester, MN 55904; 507-285-8232

Heritage Square Residential Development

Description: This project proposes to construct 38 unattached and 454 attached residential units on a 66-acre parcel in Shakopee, Minnesota. The site has been in agricultural production. No wetlands are located within the site.

RGU: City of Shakopee

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Contact: R. Michael Leek, Community Development Director, 129 Holmes St., Shakopee, MN 55379; 952-233-3800

Pro-Corn LLC Plant Expansion

Description: Pro-Corn proposes to expand its existing ethanol production from 22.5 million gallons per year to 50 million gallons per year. Current plant production of 79,366 tons per year of distillers dried grain with solubles, which is used as animal feed, would increase to 175,112 tons per year. The proposed expansion would result in increases in air emissions and wastewater discharges. A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency web site at the following:

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

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact: Barbara Conti, Project Manager, Metro District, Operations and Planning Section, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-6703

North Ottawa Impoundment Flood Control Project

Description: Construction of an impoundment of 1920 acres of cropland to provide flood water retention, migratory bird habitat, streamflow augmentation and water quality benefits in the headwaters of the Rabbit River, a tributary to the Red River of the North.

RGU: Department of Natural Resources

Contact: Donald Buckhout, Environmental Planner, 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155-4010; 651-296-8212

Typo Creek Estates-Residential Subdivision

Description: The proposed 2001 project consists of 54 single-family residential lots and one parking lot on 211.07 acres in Linwood Township. The project would consist of constructing 6,620 L.F. of new township road and overlaying 8,300 L.F. of existing gravel township roads. The project proposes to fill 0.73 acres of the 67 acres of wetland onsite. Wetland

replacement will be performed onsite.

RGU: Linwood Township

Contact: Judy Hanna, Township Clerk, 22817 Typo Creek Dr. NE., Stacy, MN 55079; 651-462-2812

Clamshell Beach Resort Planned Unit Development

Description: The proposer is requesting to create a planned unit development on the proposed 15-acre site, which currently is the site of a family resort. The PUD will consist of 23 unattached units and a main lodge with 16 units. The main lodge will also contain a swimming pool, spa and banquet/meeting room.

RGU: Crow Wing County

Contact: Dean Williams, Zoning Administrator, 200 4th St., Brainerd, MN 56401; 218-824-1125

Federal EA Available

St. Cloud Regional Airport Year 2000 Airport Expansion and Rehabilitation

Description: The proposed action at the St. Cloud Regional Airport involves the following:

1. Runway 13/31 pavement rehabilitation, strengthening and expansion to 7,000 feet by 150 feet. The new runway will be designed for Airport Reference Code C-III 141,000-161,000 pound dual wheel type landing gear aircraft. Items associated with the pavement rehabilitation and strengthening include:

- Runway shoulder paving 25' each side of full strength pavement (center 150')
- High Intensity Runway Lights located 85' from centerline in the paved shoulder
- CenterLine and TouchDown Zone lights
- Runway blast pads 200' by 200' off each runway end
- Marking for a precision instrument approach
- Relocation of Localizer Antenna for Runway 31 ILS

2. Establishment of an Instrument Landing System to Runway 13 including:

- "Localizer Antenna" located off the Runway 31 threshold

- "Glide Slope Antenna" located east of the Runway 13 threshold
 - Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System with Runway Alignment Indicator Lights located northwest of the Runway 13 threshold
3. Runway 13/31 parallel taxiway extension to 7,000' by 60'. The extended runway design is identical to the statement in item one. The following items are associated with the taxiway project:
- Shoulder paving 20' each side of full strength pavement (center 60')
 - Medium Intensity Taxiway Lights located 40' from centerline in paved shoulder
4. Low Maintenance Road closure and relocation

RGU: City of St. Cloud

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.

- Seventh Street Commuter Rail Station, Northstar Corridor, Minnesota Department of Transportation
- Residential Development, JMS Homes, City of Edina

EAW Need Decisions

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

- City Council of Inver Grove Heights, South St. Paul Airport Development, petition denied
- Becker County Board of Commissioners, Big Sugarbush Lake Development, discretionary EAW ordered
- City of Grant, Bellaire Transfer Station, voluntary EAW

EIS Need Decisions

The responsible governmental units noted below 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*.

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Steele County Landfill Expansion, January 3, 2001 (September 18, 2000)
- Sauk Rapids City Council, Church Hill Heights, Phases two and three, January 8, 2001 (October 16, 2000)
- St. Michael City Council, Fields of St. Michael, January 9, 2001 (October 30, 2000)

Notice of Information Document Availability

West Metro Sub-Area Information Document

Description: This Information Document provides cursory social, economic, environmental and transportation analysis for a broad range of road and bridge improvement alternatives that have been considered to address forecasted capacity and system continuity deficiencies across the Sauk River in the West St. Cloud Metropolitan area. Based on this analysis, it is recommended that three independent road and bridge projects be reviewed in three Environmental Assessments. The Information Document is now available for review.

RGU: Stearns County

Contact: Scott Mareck, AICP, Transportation Planner/GIS Coordinator, St. Cloud Area Planning Organization, 1040 County Road 4, St. Cloud, MN 56303; 320-252-7568; fax 320-252-6557; email: apo@cloudnet.com

Public Meeting: A public information meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 15, 2001 at the Waite Park City Hall, 19 13th Ave. N., Waite Park, MN 56387

EAW Hearing for Proposed Bassett Creek Nature Preserve Moved to February 6

At its January 2 meeting, the Golden Valley City Council voted to move the public hearing on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the proposed Bassett Creek Nature Preserve from January 16 to February 6. General Mills, which is the proponent for the proposed project, requested that the hearing be rescheduled to provide more staff review time for the EAW and more opportunity to prepare for the public hearing.

General Mills is proposing to create a nature preserve on approximately 27 acres of land located on the southeast corner of Highway 55 and Highway 169 interchange in Golden Valley. The project includes restoration of native vegetation, restoration of the alignment of Bassett Creek to its historic locations, and installations of trails, interpretive signing, etc. General Mills voluntarily prepared an EAW for the proposed project to provide the city, which is the Responsible Governmental Unit, with basic facts to determine if further environmental review is needed before the project goes forward.

The City Council authorized distribution of the EAW November 21, 2000 and directed that a notice be published in the *EQB Monitor*. A 30-day public comment period began December 11, 2000 and will end at 4:30 p.m. January 10, 2001. The RGU also distributed the EAW to various governmental agencies as required by the EQB. During the public comment period, the RGU took written comments from the general public and other interested groups.

After the January 10 deadline, the RGU issues either a negative declaration stating that further environmental review is not necessary, or it decides that further environmental review is needed in the form of an Environmental Impact Statement. This determination must be made no sooner than three working days after the 30-day comment period has expired and no later than 30-days after the comment period is up. The rescheduled hearing date of February 6 falls within the 30-day period. After the decision is made, the RGU issues a notice of the decision, and the decision is also published in the *EQB Monitor*.

Copies of the EAW are available for review at Golden Valley's City Hall and Public Safety Buildings, 7800 Golden Valley Rd., Golden Valley's city web site www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us and the Golden Valley Branch of the Hennepin County Library, 830 Winnetka Ave. N.

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