



## Environmental Assessment Worksheets

*Comments due by February 7, 2001*

### Sether Hog Feedlot Expansion

Description: Irvin J. Sether proposes to build and operate one 2,000-head (600 animal unit) wean-to-finish barn on each of the three sites in Jackson County. The entire project totals 1,800 animal unit. Manure would be stored in deep pits beneath the barns and spread on cropland once per year as fertilizer.

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: William Lynott, Project Manager, South District, Operations and Planning Section, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-7794

### Marturano Woods

Description: Woodland Development Company has submitted a preliminary plat for Marturano Woods, a 185 unit single-family residential subdivision of 93.62 acres residentially zoned property located within the city of Zimmerman.

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The property is generally located in the N1/2 of SE1/4 and the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of section 18, T34N, R26W. Proposed improvements include grading and filling in order to extend existing municipal services including sanitary sewer and water, bituminous streets with concrete curb, and storm sewer facilities with retention ponds. Proposed streets will connect to existing county highways and storm water will be discharged in accordance with the city's storm water drainage plan.

RGU: City of Zimmerman

Contact: Randy Piasecki, 13028 Fremont Ave., Zimmerman, MN 55398; 763-856-4666

## 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.

- Four citizen petitions for the proposed OHV System Plan, referencing Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Pine, southern Carlton, Wadena, southern Cass, Crow Wing and Aitkin Counties, Department of Natural Resources
- Metro Plains project, City of Mound

## EIS Need Decisions

The responsible governmental units 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*.

- Department of Natural Resources, Demolition of Clough Township Hall project, December 14, 2000 (October 30, 2000)
- Minnesota Environmental Quality Board, Cascade Creek Gas Turbine Facility Addition proposed by Rochester Public Utilities, December

21, 2000 (October 27, 2000)

- Henrietta Township, Television and FM Radio Transmission Facility (KDKK-FM and KSAX-TV), December 19, 2000 (November 13, 2000)
- Metropolitan Airports Commission, Construction of a new parking structure, NEW Humphrey Terminal, December 18, 2000 (October 16, 2000)
- City of Richfield, City Bella, December 11, 2000 (October 16, 2000)

## AUAR Available

### East TH 610

Description: The East Th 610 AUAR includes property that has been identified as a site for a regional shopping center in Maple Grove, Minnesota. The shopping center property and other land (1,684 acres) within the AUAR boundary is undeveloped except for scattered single family homes.

Two scenarios are analyzed in the AUAR. Scenario one consists of planned land uses and infrastructure staging as designated in the 2020 Comprehensive Plan. Scenario two includes the following:

- A 1,250,000 square foot regional shopping center and staging of infrastructure before 2006.
- A total of 100,000 square feet of office and 50,000 square feet of retail development peripheral to the regional shopping center by 2006.
- An additional 150,000 square feet of office and 200,000 square feet of retail development peripheral to the regional shopping center by 2020.
- A mixed use designation for a 59 acre parcel located at the southwest corner of 101st Avenue North and Fernbrook Avenue (CSAH 121) presently designated as Mixed Low-Medium Density Residential, and
- The 2020 Comprehensive Plan land use designation of the remaining properties within the study area.

RGU: City of Maple Grove

Contact: Bob Waibel, Community Development Director, Government Center/Public Safety Facility, 12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway, PO Box 1180, Maple Grove, MN 55369; 763-494-6047; email: bwaibel@ci.maple-grove.mn.us

### West TH 610

Description: The West Th 610 AUAR includes property that has been identified for a regional shopping center in Maple Grove, Minnesota. The shopping center property and other land (1,302 acres) within the AUAR boundary is undeveloped except for scattered single family homes.

Two scenarios are analyzed in the AUAR. Scenario one consists of planned land uses and infrastructure staging as designated in the 2020 Comprehensive Plan. Scenario two includes the following:

- A 1,426,000 square foot regional shopping center on properties presently designated for Mixed Use and Low-Medium Density Residential and Park in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and staging of infrastructure before 2005.
- 540,000 square feet of peripheral retail development and the staging of infrastructure before 2005, and.
- Development of the remaining properties according to the land use designation and infrastructure staging of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan

RGU: City of Maple Grove

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## Final EIS Adequacy Decisions

### Norman Pointe Office Development

A resolution approving the adequacy decision for the proposed Norman Pointe Office Development in the city of Bloomington at 5501, 5503 and 5701 Green Valley Drive was adopted by the Bloomington City Council. The resolution was adopted on December 19, 2000 and a copy is available at City Hall in the City Clerk's office at 2215 West Old Shakopee Road. 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 were originally accepted until Wednesday, November 1, 2000. The comment period was extended to November 29, 2000 to allow area residents additional time to comment.

## Mall of America Expansion-Met Center Site

Following completion and distribution of the Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet, Scoping Decision Document, Draft EIS and Final EIS for the project and consideration of all written comments received on these documents, the Bloomington City Council (as the Responsible Governmental Unit for the project) passed Resolution Number 2000-158 on December 18, 2000 finding the Mall of America Expansion-Met Center Site Final EIS to be adequate. At the request of the city of Bloomington, the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board also considered the adequacy of the Final EIS at their December 21, 2000 meeting. The MEQB found the EIS to be adequate.

## Notice

On December 5, 2000 the Shakopee City Council accepted the revised AUAR for Shakopee Crossings. In doing so, the City Council ordered that certain amendments be made to the document, and copies of these amendments are being sent to the reviewing agencies. Shakopee Crossings is a proposed commercial and multi-family residential development on about 31.5 acres of land that is located both east and west of the recently relocated CSAH 18, immediately south of STH 169.

## Federal Draft EIS Available

### BWCAW Fuel Treatment Draft Environmental Impact Statement

The Superior National Forest has released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement that documents the analysis of several ways to address the increased risk of a wildfire exiting the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, threatening public safety and damaging structures. All alternatives include the current management direction for fire suppression and prevention.

The Forest Service-preferred alternative is Alternative B which emphasizes prescribed burning in High and Moderate Risk Blowdown Areas. Approximately 77,000 acres would be treated, including 11 percent State and less than one percent County land. The proposed prescribed burn units would be strategically placed and located next to natural barriers such as lakes, streams and swamps to effectively reduce the rate of fire spread and reduce the risk of a wildfire escaping the wilderness. Implementation would require some use of motorized and mechanized tools within the BWCAW.

The July 4th storm resulted in extensive blowdown areas of uprooted and broken-off trees, increasing the amount of fuel for wildfire to burn from 5-10 times pre-storm amounts. Wildfires in the blowdown have the potential to start more easily and grow quickly under a wider range of conditions and become difficult to control more quickly than wildfire outside of the blowdown. On the Superior National Forest, the majority of the blown down trees are within a 4 to 12-mile wide and 30-mile long swath inside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

The Forest Service is the lead agency and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is a cooperating agency on this project. The DNR, St. Louis, Cook and Lake counties manage land within the BWCAW boundaries. In order to achieve the best arrangement of prescribed burn units to minimize the risk of a fire spreading to areas outside the BWCAW, it may be necessary to treat State and County land. These agencies have been consulted and will provide direction and approval regarding fuel treatment on their lands. Tribal leaders have also been consulted regarding the proposed fuel treatment.

A series of four public meetings are planned at various locations where interested individuals can find out more about the proposed project and analysis. Meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. At the beginning of each public meeting, the project team will present an overview of the Draft EIS. Team members will be available to answer questions afterwards during the open house portion of the meeting.

Public meetings:

- January 17, 2001, Cook County School, 101 W. 5th St., Grand Marais, Minnesota
- January 18, 2001, Holiday Inn SunSpree, 400 N. Pioneer Rd., Ely, Minnesota
- January 23, 2001, Holiday Inn Downtown, 200 West First St., Duluth, Minnesota
- January 25, 2001, Earle Brown Center, University of Minnesota, 1890 Buford Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota

Written comments may be directed to BWCAW Fuels Treatment Draft EIS, Superior National Forest, 8901 Grand Ave. Pl., Duluth, MN 55808-1102

The public comment period for the DEIS ends on February 20, 2001. For more information call Joyce Thompson, 218-626-4317 or check the web site at: [www.fs.fed.us/r9/superior](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/superior)



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