



## Environmental Assessment Worksheets

*Comments due on March 21, 2001*

### Century South Residential Development

Description: Lyman Development Company proposes to develop 388 residential units, including 148 single family and 240 multi-family homes (48 twin homes, 72 garden townhomes and 120 villa homes) on 109.7 acres of land located in Marshan Township. This property is in the process of annexation into city of Hastings, consistent with Hastings Comprehensive Plan. Additional project activities will include the construction of roads and utility services.

RGU: City of Hastings

Contact: Matthew Weiland, City Planner, 101 4th St. E., Hastings, MN 55033-1944; 651-437-7082

### Geneva Golf Club and Geneva Estates North

Description: This is a nine hole golf course, with 69 single-family residential units. This will be an addition to an already existing 18 hole golf course and housing complex known as the Geneva Golf Club. A 2,800 foot road will be built to township specifications.

RGU: Douglas County

Contact: Roland Kronberg, 305 8th Ave. W.,

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Alexandria, MN 56308; 320-762-3864

## AUAR Available

### Hassan Business Park

Description: A 51-acre business park is being proposed in Hassan Township, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Under current zoning maximum build-out could include up to 857,300 square feet of warehouse/office over the next several years. The proposed development is adjacent to the Rogers Industrial Park and is on agricultural cropland.

RGU: Hassan Township

Contact: Gary Morrison, Township Administrator, 25000 Hassan Pkwy., Rogers, MN 55374; 763-428-4100

## 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

- Paving E. 82nd St. and Alta Avenue, City of Inver Grove Heights
- Bauerly portable asphalt plant, Stearns County
- Wolff/Clark feedlot expansion, Carver County

## EAW Need Decision

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

- Minnesota Department of Transportation, 7th Street Station in Minneapolis, petition denied

## EIS Need Decisions

The responsible governmental units noted below have determined the following projects do not require preparation of an EIS.

- St. Michael City Council, Frankfort Parkway, February 6, 2001 (November 27, 2000)
- City of Sartell, Avalon Village (Ken Croat Subdivision), January 22, 2001 (November 13, 2000)
- City of Sartell, Pine Cone Road South Expansion, January 22, 2001 (December 11, 2000)

## EIS Need Decision-Positive Declaration (Correction)

### Pristine Bay

Whereas, Carlson companies has proposed a seven-lot plat in Turtle Bay on Lake Darling, and

Whereas, Douglas County required the preparation of an EAW prior to considering that plat, and

Whereas, the EAW was prepared and indicates that the proposed plat and the use of the subdivided land thereafter would have the potential for significant environmental effects on:

- Water quality of Lake Darling due to boat traffic in Turtle Bay
- Emergent vegetation which would be destroyed by boat traffic and docks in Turtle Bay
- Submerged vegetation which would be uprooted and destroyed by boat traffic and docks in Turtle Bay
- Fish and wildlife habitats which would be lost forever due to the topographical changes to the plat are and due to the boat traffic and docks in Turtle Bay
- Fish spawning areas which will be destroyed by the boat traffic and docks in Turtle Bay
- Unreported archaeological properties and other cultural resources might be present
- Wetlands must be delineated and surveyed
- Research must be done about the Least Darter and Pugnose Shiner as indicated in the EAW

- All of the above mentioned items compounded by the cumulative impacts of other development in and around Turtle Bay on Similar environmentally sensitive areas
- Other concerns identified in the EAW and other concerns set forth by the various individuals and entities who submitted comments during the EAW comment period.

The scoping review meeting shall be held on February 21, 2001 at 2:00 p.m.

## EA Available (Correction)

### Sauk Rapids Bridge Project

Description: The proposed action is the reconstruction of old Trunk Highway 15, including bridge replacement, from CSAH 1 in St. Cloud to new TH 15 in Sauk Rapids. The Sauk Rapids Bridge would be realigned from the intersection of CSAH 1 and 9th Avenue North in St. Cloud to connect with 2nd Street North in Sauk Rapids. The new bridge would include a four-lane divided roadway with 12-foot wide pedestrian/bicycle facilities on both sides. The Benton Drive improvements will include a four-lane divided highway with raised median and turn lanes from 5th Street North through the TH 15 interchange. Other improvements will be made for traffic circulation in downtown Sauk Rapids. A no-build alternative as well as the proposed action are evaluated in the EA.

The document will be available for review at the following places during regular business hours, as well as at the Environmental Conservation Library and the Legislative Reference Library.

- St. Cloud Regional Public Library, 405 St. Germain
- St. Cloud City Hall, 400 2nd St. S.
- Sauk Rapids City Hall, 115 North 2nd Ave.
- Benton County Highway Department, 321 6th Ave., Foley
- Stearns County Highway Department, 455 28th Ave., Waite Park
- St. Cloud Area Planning Organization, 1040 County Road 4

An open house and public hearing to receive comments on the EA will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2001 at the Whitney Center, 1527 Northway Dr., St. Cloud from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Written comments should be submitted to Andrew Sander, Project Manager, Benton County Highway Department, PO Box 247, Foley, MN 56329; 320-968-5051

The comment period on the Sauk Rapids Bridge EA closes on March 7, 2001. Request for Comments

## Comments Sought on Planned Rules Governing Applications for a Site Permit for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System

**Subject of Rule.** The Environmental Quality Board requests comments on its planned adoption of rules governing the review of site permit applications for Large Wind Energy Conversion Systems. A Large Wind Energy Conversion System or LWECS means any combination of wind energy conversion systems with a combined nameplate capacity of 5,000 kilowatts or more. The rules will address the following: (1) criteria that the board shall use to designate LWECS sites; (2) contents of a site permit application for LWECS including turbine type and design; engineering and operational design analysis; cost analysis; and environmental analysis of the proposed site; (3) site permit conditions for LWECS construction, operation, maintenance and site restoration; (4) procedures that the board will follow in acting on an application for a LWECS; including procedures for notification to the public of the application and for participation by the public in the permit process; (5) requirements for environmental review of the LWECS; (6) procedures for revocation or suspension of a site permit when violations of the permit or other requirements occur; (7) payment of fees for the necessary and reasonable costs of the board in acting on a permit application.

**Persons Affected.** The rules would affect persons, businesses, developers, and other organizations that undertake the development of Large Wind Energy Conversion Systems with a combined nameplate capacity of 5,000 kilowatts or more; and citizens, local governments and organizations concerned about the environmental impacts of LWECS projects and the use of the wind resource.

**Statutory Authority.** *Minnesota Statutes* section 116C.695 authorizes the board to adopt rules governing the consideration of an application for a site permit for an LWECS.

**Public Comment.** Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on this planned rule in writing or orally until 4:30 p.m. on April 6, 2001. The board has not yet prepared a draft of the planned rules. Persons interested in obtaining a copy of the proposed rules when they are

available, should contact Mr. Hartman at the address below or check the EQB web site at:  
[www.mnplan.state.mn.us/eqb/wind](http://www.mnplan.state.mn.us/eqb/wind)

Written or oral comments, questions, and requests for more information on this planned rule should be addressed to Larry Hartman, Environmental Quality Board, 300 Centennial Building, 658 Cedar St. St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-5089 or 1-800-657-3794; 651-296-3698; TTY 800-627-3529; email: [larry.hartman@state.mn.us](mailto:larry.hartman@state.mn.us).

Comments submitted in response to this notice will not be included in the formal rulemaking record when a proceeding to adopt a rule is started.

## Reclamation Project Planned for Heron Lake – DNR Division of Wildlife

The DNR Division of Wildlife is planning to use a combination of temporary dewatering and the application of rotenone, a federal and state registered pesticide, to remove unwanted fish from Heron Lake in Jackson County, and its two primary tributaries, Lone Tree Creek in Jackson County, and Okabena Creek in Jackson and Nobles Counties. Recent oxygen testing reveals that Heron Lake has undergone a natural winter kill due to low water levels and heavy snow pack. However, oxygen concentrations in the Lone Tree and Okabena tributaries remain high enough to support undesirable fish populations. Rotenone will be applied to these 2 tributaries to eradicate these problem populations. Rotenone will be applied to these 2 tributaries to eradicate these problem populations. Endangered or threatened species are not present in these waters. Comments on this project should be sent to Randy Markl, Area Wildlife Manager, Rt. 2 Box 245, Windom, MN 56101.

## Scoping Decision Document Available

The Scoping Decision Document for the proposed reconstruction of 32.8 km (20.4 miles) of Trunk Highway 53 from County Road 307 north of Virginia to the south city limits of Cook in St. Louis County, Minnesota.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation has prepared this Scoping Decision Document. The document describes the selected four build alternatives, the no build alternative, and the social, economical and environmental issues to be analyzed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement that Mn/DOT will prepare.

A Scoping Document/Draft Scoping Decision Document was circulated on March 6, 2000. Comments were requested from agencies on the MEQB list, as well as from other interested people, agencies and local units of government. A public scoping meeting was held on March 22, 2000 in Virginia, Minnesota. A summary of the comments that were received on this project during the scoping period and the Mn/DOT responses are included in Appendix A of this document.

For information regarding this proposed project, please contact Brian Larson, P.E., Project Manager, Mn/DOT-District 11, 1123 Mesaba Ave., Duluth, MN 55811; 218-723-4960 extension 3222.

## Matching Grant Funding to Outdoor Shooting Ranges Open to the Public throughout Minnesota-Applications Available

The Minnesota DNR will be conducting a sign up period, for the purpose of providing matching grant funding to outdoor shooting ranges open to the public throughout Minnesota. Funding is anticipated to be provided by the legislature to groups meeting specific criteria which are then invited to participate in a Legislative Commission on Minnesota's Resources-funded range improvement project. Each participating group will be required to provide an equal amount of matching funds to develop or renovate their facilities, with a focus on addressing public safety, access, and environmental concerns such as sound abatement and lead contamination.

Applications are available and questions answered regarding these projects by the Minnesota DNR's Division of Enforcement, through May 15, 2001. Electronic copies of all forms and information may be obtained on-line at [www.dnr.mn.state.us/omb/financeassistance/shooting.html](http://www.dnr.mn.state.us/omb/financeassistance/shooting.html). Queries about the LCMR project or this message may be directed to Chuck Niska, Shooting Range Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Enforcement, Safety Training Unit, Camp Riley, Nelson Hall, 15011 State Highway 115, Little Falls, MN 56345; 651-776-3966 or e-mail [chuck.niska@dnr.state.mn.us](mailto:chuck.niska@dnr.state.mn.us)

**Program Purpose:** To improve the safe operation, access and environmental condition of outdoor recreational shooting ranges throughout Minnesota.

**How it Works:** Provides matching grants to local entities operating shooting ranges that are open for the public's use. Grant applications are being accepted through April 1, 2001

**Eligible Applicants:** Local shooting groups.

**Eligible Projects:** All aspects of new or rehabilitative activities on outdoor shooting range development activities except those described below. Work might include building backstops, side berms, trap and skeet houses, conducting access improvement, utility improvements and addressing environmental concerns.

**Ineligible Projects:** Land acquisitions, building of meeting facilities, archery and some trap thrower replacement. For-profit organizations are also ineligible to participate. Indoor facilities will also likely not be considered.

**Minimum Requirements:** Facilities must be open for public use, including hosting Hunter Education Programs. The facilities receiving a grant must also be open to use by the public through membership, fee use, or other means.

**Program Funding:** Grants are typically for 50 percent of total eligible project costs. The remaining local matching amount may only be of a cash match in nature. Total project costs matched by the state may not exceed 50 percent of actual costs.

**Grant Awards:** The Department of Natural Resources and an Advisory Committee will review and rank each application. Recommended projects will be ranked and reviewed as necessary. Successful applicants will be notified of their status and how to proceed in April 2002.

**Reimbursement Amount:** Total grant amount per recipient group may not exceed \$20,000, unless approved.

**Project Period:** Funded projects can commence after a grant contract is completed between the State and the grant recipient. All components of each project must be completed by December 31, 2002.

**To Apply:** To receive an application, a prospective recipient should contact the Minnesota DNR Division of Enforcement's Camp Ripley Office, in writing or by phone, at 800-366-8917, or, visit the DNR web site at: [www.dnr.state.mn.us/omb/financialassistance/shooting.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/omb/financialassistance/shooting.html). The completed application must be at Camp Ripley by the close of business on May 15, 2001.

**Further Information:** Chuck Niska, Shooting Range Coordinator, DNR, Division of Enforcement, Camp Ripley, Nelson Hall, 15011 State Highway 115, Little Falls, MN 56345.

## Notifications of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
01-NO-009	Monsanto	Corn	Insect resistance	Lac Qui Parle (2), Brown, Faribault, Redwood, Cottonwood
01-NO-010	Monsanto	Corn	Herbicide tolerance	Steele, Renville
01-NO-011	Monsanto	Corn	Insect resistance	Olmsted, Renville, Blue Earth, Jackson, Wabasha, Redwood (2), Dakota (3)
01-NO-012	Monsanto	Wheat	Herbicide tolerance	Dakota
01-NO-013	Monsanto	Corn	Insect resistance	Brown, Goodhue
01-NO-014	Monsanto	Corn	Insect resistance	Goodhue
01-NO-015	Monsanto	Corn	Insect resistance	Goodhue
01-NO-016	Monsanto	Corn	Insect resistance	Goodhue
01-NO-017	Monsanto	Corn	Insect resistance	Redwood (2), Dakota (3)

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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