



Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comments due on April 4, 2001

Backwoods Crossing & The Backwoods (Future)

Description: The proposed project is a 49 lot single family residential development on a 187.8 acre parcel in Section 32, Twp 34, Rg 27W, Orrock Township, Sherburne County, Minnesota. The minimum lot size is 2.5 acres with individual wells on-site septic systems and public roadways.

RGU: Sherburne County Zoning

Contact: Lynn Waytashek, Sherburne County Assistant Zoning Administrator, 13880 Highway 10, Elk River, MN 55330; 763-241-2900.

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 the Hastings Comprehensive Plan. Additional project activities will include the construction of roads and utility services.

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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Submittal deadline: March 12, 2001

RGU: City of Hastings

Contact: Matthew Weiland, City Planner, 101 4th St. E., Hastings, MN 55033-1944; 651-437-4127.

Construct New I-94/CSAH 75 Interchange in St. Cloud

Description: The proposed interchange would be located south of downtown St. Cloud at the current CSAH 75 bridge over I-94, about two miles southeast of the existing CSAH 75/I-94 interchange and about four miles northwest of the Trunk Highway (TH) 24/I-94 interchange in Clearwater. To afford an opportunity for all interested persons and agencies to comment on the EA and the proposed project, a public hearing will be held on Thursday, March 22, 2001 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Saint Augusta City Hall, 1914 – 250th Street, St. Augusta, MN. The hearing will have an open house format. Project staff will be present to answer questions. Layouts of the proposed improvements and the EA will be available for public review. Oral or written comments on the EA may be submitted at the hearing.

RGU: MN DOT

Contact: Terry Humbert, P.E., Project Manager, MN/DOT District 3 – St. Cloud, 3725 – 12th Street North, St. Cloud, MN 56302; 320-654-5520

Petitions Filed

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

- Deer management program, City of St. Louis Park
- Viking Resort, Otter Tail 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.

- Deer management program, City of St. Louis Park, Denied
- Off Highway Vehicle System Plan for Aitkin County, DNR, Denied
- Big Sugarbush Lake Development, Becker County Board of Commissioners, Discretionary Environmental Assessment Worksheet, EAW ordered.

EIS Need Decision

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*.

- Hibbing Municipal Golf Course at Carey Lake, Hibbing City Council, February 8, 2001 (December 11, 2000)
- Marturano Woods, city of Zimmerman, February 13, 2001 (January 8, 2000)
- Minneapolis Golf Club, City of Independence, February 15, 2001 (October 16, 2000)

Information Document Available

Due to the existing and forecasted land use growth, the St. Cloud Area Planning Organization's [2020 Transportation Plan](#) has identified the need for increased roadway and bridge crossing capacity, and improved north/south system continuity across the Sauk River in the northwest St. Cloud Metropolitan Area. The Information Document recommends that a series of three Environmental Assessments be prepared to analyze social, economic, environmental and transportation aspects of three proposed projects that can help identify needs.

Specific comments are requested regarding the alignments under consideration for each project, as well as the social, economic, environmental and transportation issues that should be analyzed as part of the State and federal

environmental review process.

As noted in the Information Document, the tentative start dates for each of the respective studies are as follows:

- 8th Street Bridge/Pinecone Road Bridge EA: April, 2001
- 44th Avenue Extension EA: August, 2002
- St. Cloud/Waite Park Bridge EA: May, 2003

Please provide your written comments by Friday March 23, 2001 to: West Metro Sub-Area Steering Committee, Scott M. Mareck, AICP, St. Cloud Area Planning Organization, 1040 County Road 4, St. Cloud, MN 56303.

Public Notice of Request for Proposals – Forest Resources Council

The DNR is soliciting Requests for Proposals to monitor the application of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council's timber harvesting and forest management guidelines on public and private forest land in Minnesota. For purposes of this project, forest landowner categories are DNR/Forestry, private industrial, nonindustrial private forest, county, US Forest Service, and American Indian land. The selected harvest sites will be located throughout then forested regions of Minnesota.

To request a full RFP, please contact: Sally Ruckmar, DNR/Division of Forestry, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4044; 651-296-5963

Reclamation Project Planned for One Lake – DNR Section of Fisheries

Hanska Lake, Brown County (T108, R31;32, Sec Various).

The DNR Section of Fisheries is planning to reclaim Hanska Lake late this winter. The project involves the application of rotenone, a federal and state registered pesticide, to eliminate black bullheads from the lake. The goal of this project is to kill a remainder of bullhead which have taken refuge in a 10 acre area containing oxygenated seepage water. The rest of the lake is experiencing a winterkill during which most of the fish have died. The seepage area only, will be treated through the ice. Target concentrations are 150ppb. Comments or questions concerning these projects should be addressed to

Norm Haukos, Region 4 Fisheries Project Coordinator, 261 Highway 15 S, New Ulm, MN 56073.

Development Project – DNR Division of Wildlife - Lake Christina

The DNR, Division of Wildlife, proposes to treat the inlets to Lake Christina, Douglas County with the fish toxicant Rotenone for the purpose of removing undesirable fish. The proposed action is tentatively scheduled for late winter 2001.

Comments or questions on this project, or general information about any of these projects, should be addressed to Mr. Ray Norrgard, Wetland Wildlife Program Leader, DNR – Wildlife, Box 7, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4007.

Matching Grant Funding to Outdoor Shooting Ranges Open to Public

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. 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 Ripley, Nelson Hall, 15011 State Highway 115, Little Falls, MN 56345; 651-776-3966 or e-mail 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. 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.



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