



Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comments due on May 16, 2001

610 Business Park

Description: Ryan Companies US, Inc. is proposing to construct a business park in the northwest quadrant of West Broadway (County Road 103) and 93rd Avenue North (County Road 30). The Business Park will contain approximately 655,000 SF of commercial, office, light industrial space on approximately 53 acres.

RGU: City of Brooklyn Park

Contact: Howard Blin, Planning Director, 5200 85th Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443; phone: 763-424-8000; fax: 763-493-8391; e-mail: howardb@ci.brooklyn-park.mn.us

Heart of the City Town Center, Burnsville, MN

Description: Heart of the City is a pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use town center with a traditional compact development pattern. The urban village will include ground floor retail, offices, residential live/work spaces, minimal setbacks, on-street parking, screened off-street parking and transit links. The project is located in Burnsville, Dakota County, Minnesota.

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RGU: City of Burnsville

Contact: John Shardlow, Planning Consultant, 300 First Avenue North, Suite 210, Minneapolis, MN 55401; phone: 612-339-3300; fax: 612-337-5601; e-mail: jshardlow@dsuplan.com

River Ridge Addition – Residential Planned Unit Development

Description: The River Ridge Addition is a proposed residential planned unit development (PUD) in Cohasset, MN, consisting of 16 total lots over 10.46 acres in Phase One and potentially 18 total lots over 5.22 acres in Phase Two. Phase One lots will be used for single family residential purposes.

RGU: City of Cohasset

Contact: Greg Tuttle, Zoning Officer, 305 NW First Ave, Cohasset, MN 55721; phone: 218-328-6225 x16 fax: 218-328-6226; e-mail: gregt@ci.cohasset.mn.us

South Pines IV Subdivision

Description: A 123 acre project consisting of 119 acres of single family residential development with 218 single family homes and 104 townhomes, and 3 acres of parkland. Existing land use is agricultural. Municipal sewer and water will serve the site.

RGU: City of Hastings

Contact: Matthew Weiland, 101 East 4th Street, Hastings, MN 55033. Phone: 651-437-4127, Fax: 651-437-7082, E-mail: mweiland@ci.hastings.mn.us.

Hilde Performing Arts Center

Description: The project is located in Plymouth Creek Park behind the City Hall. The center would replace an existing concrete slab used for assembly and festival purposes and involves the construction of a permanent structure to house the same uses and allow for additional small cultural events throughout the summer months.

RGU: City of Plymouth

Contact: Marie Darling, Senior Planner, 3400 Plymouth Boulevard, Plymouth, MN 55447; phone: 763-509-5457; fax: 763-509-5407; e-mail: mdarling@ci.plymouth.mn.us

EA Available

MAC Trunk Storm Sewer Project

Description: The Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Trunk Storm Sewer project is prepared by MAC for the Minneapolis-St. Paul United States Air Force Reserve (USAFR). It has been prepared in accordance with 32 CFR Part 7061. Compliance with 32 CFP Part 7061 ensures that the proposed action will meet the procedural and substantive environmental regulations set forth by the Council for Environmental Quality in its regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The MAC Trunk Storm Sewer project proposes the construction of three storm water runoff treatment ponds and culvert capacity improvements to convey flows from MAC property. The proposed action under evaluation in the Draft EA is the reconstruction of a storm water drainage outlet within an existing MAC and MnDOT easement on USAFR property. This action is part of Phase 4 of the 4-phase MAC Trunk Storm Sewer project. The construction period for this proposed action on USAFR property is anticipated to begin in late summer 2001.

Comments on the Draft EA should be submitted directly to: Bridget Rief, Project Manager, Metropolitan Airports Commission, 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55450.

The document will be available for review at the Metropolitan Airports Commission office (address above) during regular business hours; the environmental office at the Minneapolis-St. Paul Air Reserve, located at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport; as well as the Environmental Conservation Library and the Legislative Reference Library.

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.

- Expansion at Minnehaha Academy, City of Minneapolis
- Interchange at I-494 and Penn Avenue South, MnDOT
- Improvements of West 76th Street, City of Richfield

- Maday feedlot expansion, Martin County
- Fish's Island Lake development, Itasca 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.

- Carver County Board of Commissioners, Wolff/Clark Feedlot Expansion, Exempt
- Paving 82nd Street East and Alta Avenue, Exempt
- County of Otter Tail, Viking Resort, Withdrawn
- Avalon Development (Timber Crest at Lakeville), ordering preparation of an EAW

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*.

- NPC West Development project, April 2, 2001 (February 5, 2001).
- Brevik Estates, Cass County, March 23, 2001 (December 25, 2000).
- Nightingale Knoll, Oak Grove City Council, March 28, 2001 ().
- Centre Pointe Business Park (Veritas), Roseville City Council, March 26, 2001 (February 5, 2001)
- Alliance Dairy Feedlot, MN Pollution Control Agency, March 27, 2001 (October 16, 2000)
- Dassel Waste Water Treatment Facility Expansion and Upgrade, Meeker County, MN Pollution Control Agency, March 24, 2001 (October 16, 2000)
- MN Trunk Highway 336 near the City of Moorhead, MnDOT, March 22, 2001 (July 24, 2000)

Draft AUAR Available

Isanti Centennial Complex Industrial Park

Description: The City is in the process of proposing the development of Isanti Centennial Complex Industrial Park.

This is a 55-acre development site west of TH 65 on the north side of the city. For a copy of the AUAR or its related documents, please contact Irene J. Bauer.

RGU: City of Isanti

Contact: Irene J. Bauer, County Road 5 & 1st Avenue, Isanti, MN 55040; phone: 763-444-5512 x14; fax: 763-444-5560

Notice of Intent to Terminate EIS Process – Pristine Bay

Douglas County is considering terminating the EIS process for the proposed Pristine Bay subdivision on Lake Darling in Douglas County, Minnesota. Due to modifications in the proposed project, the primary reasons for the EIS ordering no longer apply. The modified project does not meet or exceed mandatory EAW or EIS criteria. The modifications in the proposed project including the following:

- a. Carlson will grant a 50-foot permanent conservation easement along the lakeshore of the development, subject to a reservation of the right to use a portion of that easement as a path that will provide homeowners from the Pristine Bay development access to the Baywood development. However, this path shall only encroach on the 50-foot easement, if at all, directly east of lots one and two.
- b. The development will be subject to permanent restrictive covenants and/or a development agreement that will, among other things, prevent the filling of any portion of the wetlands on the development site and prevent the future subdivision of any of the lots. The County will be a party to such agreement and these conditions will not be able to be modified without the express permission of the County.
- c. All structures at the development will be subject to setbacks as set forth in the sketch provided by Carlson with a minimum setback on all lots of 100 feet.
- d. The DNR will pay \$50,000 to Carlson Company for the conservation easement.
- e. The County will pay the costs incurred by the County of the currently ordered EIS up until the date of the final settlement with the anticipation that no further EIS costs will be incurred thereafter. In addition, the County will not charge a filing fee for

any revised plat that is filed on this development or for the variance needed by Baywood. The EIS is hereby suspended until final settlement of this matter, at which point, if all terms of the settlement are met by all parties, the need for an EIS will be reassessed as set forth in paragraph g below.

- f. Further, the County will support the granting of a variance by the Board of Adjustment to allow the Baywood development to have 7 additional boat slips on their docks to be used solely by the residents of Pristine Bay, should they so choose.
- g. When all of the settlement conditions are met, the County will then reevaluate the need for an EIS on this revised project by examining the original EAW. If this settlement is agreed to, the County will then issue a negative declaration on the need for an EIS and the plat will be presented for approval as revised.

In accordance with Minnesota Rules 4410.2100, Subpart 11, Douglas County is announcing its intent to terminate the EIS process. **Written comments on this decision will be accepted and must be received by April 30, 2001** at: Land and Resource Management, Douglas County, 305 8th Avenue West, Alexandria, MN 56308 ATTN: Roland Kronberg, Director

Final EIS Adequacy Decision

The MnDOT issues this determination of adequacy pursuant to MN Rules 4410.2800, completing the environmental review performed to evaluate potential impacts of the construction and operation of Minnesota Trunk Highway 23 in Stearns County, Minnesota.

The preferred alternative for this project will provide a four-lane highway with controlled access from 0.50 miles west of the junction TH 22 in the City of Richmond to the existing four-lane section of TH 23 near Interstate Highway 94, east of Rockville. The existing corridor will be used for most of the length of the project. East of Richmond the highway will be built on a new location for a distance of slightly more than one mile, and will be on new alignment for a bypass of the City of Rockville for a distance of approximately 4.5 miles. The project will also involve new and/or additional bridges throughout this section of TH 23. The preferred alternative is described more fully in the final EIS. A notice of availability of the final EIS was published in the EQB Monitor on February 5, 2001.

The MnDOT, as the RGU for all work on Minnesota Trunk Highway system, has determined that the final EIS is adequate.

Notice of Intent to Monitor Timber Harvesting Guideline Application

The DNR is soliciting Requests for Proposals (RFP) 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; phone: 651-296-5963; fax: 651-296-5954 or e-mail: sally.ruckmar@dnr.state.mn.us

Proposals are due no later than 4:00 p.m., Monday April 9, 2001.

Draft on Coastal Nonpoint Pollution out for Public Review

Minnesota's draft document for the Lake Superior Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program is out for public review from March 12 through **April 27**. These dates include a two-week extension to the original public-comment period. The document is available on MPCA's web site at: www.pca.state.mn.us/water/basins/superior/coastalnp.html. Approximately 300 pages long, it can be downloaded in sections or in its entirety. Upon request, it is also available in print, on compact disk (CD) and in alternative formats.

Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program is designed to reduce nonpoint pollution (polluted runoff) in Lake Superior Basin. It is part of both Minnesota's Lake Superior Basin Plan and Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program.

In July 1999, Minnesota became part of a national coastal management program, through the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, which requires participating states to develop a coastal nonpoint pollution program. Upon acceptance into the national program, Minnesota agreed to develop the Lake Superior Coastal Nonpoint Pollution

Control Program. The draft document describes the state's program, which consists primarily of existing enforceable policies and voluntary programs that deal with nonpoint pollution in the Lake Superior Basin. The program document will be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, showing that Minnesota's policies and programs meet the federal guidelines, and requesting that Minnesota's Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program be approved.

The draft document was prepared by the Minnesota DNR, MPCA, and the Board of Water and Soil Resources. It follows federal guidelines in focusing on six sources of nonpoint pollution: agriculture, forestry, urban areas, marinas and recreational boating, hydromodification and wetlands

Please direct requests, questions, and comments to the DNR and MPCA at coastal.nonpoint@pca.state.mn.us, or contact Karen Plass, DNR, 1568 Hwy. 2, Two Harbors, MN 55616; 218-834-6368 or 888-646-6367 or Joel Peterson, MPCA, 525 Lake Ave. South, Duluth, MN 55802; 218-723-4898 or 800-657-3864.

Notifications of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
01-NO-038	Betaseed	Sugar beet	Herbicide tolerance	Dakota, Scott, Norman, Polk (2), Wilkin, Traverse, Clay, Kandiyohi, Renville (2), Chippewa
01-NO-039	Interstate Payco Seed	Sugar beet	Herbicide tolerance	Dakota, Scott, Wilkin, Clay, Grant, Traverse
01-NO-040	Syngenta	Corn	Herbicide tolerance	Goodhue
01-NO-041	USDA-ARS	Wheat	Disease resistance and herbicide tolerance	Ramsey

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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