



November 8, 2004

**EQB Monitor**

# ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

*Comments due on December 8 2004*

## Steeplechase of Eagan

Description: Steeplechase of Eagan will involve the construction of 109 single family and townhouse residential units on a 38-acre site. Past land uses have resulted in the placement of demolition debris and animal waste. The wetlands will be improved, the accumulated waste and debris will be removed, and the soil contamination will be remediated prior to construction of homes.

RGU: City of Eagan

Contact: Michael J. Ridley, AICP, City Planner, 3820 Pilot Knob Road, Eagan, Minnesota 55122; 651-675-5685, Fax: 651-675-5694, Email: [mridley@cityofeagan.com](mailto:mridley@cityofeagan.com)

## Lake Mary Villas

Description: The project consists of constructing a 50 unit Planned Unit Development (PUD) on a 31.5 acre parcel located in Lake Mary Township, Douglas County, Minnesota. The project will include grading, bituminous streets, public sewer system, private community water system, a swimming pool and associated structures, stormwater collection and treatment facilities, and residential dwelling construction. A controlled access lot with a centralized dock and 50 mooring sites is also proposed.

RGU: Douglas County

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Contact: Darren Hungness, Environmental Analyst, 305 – 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., Alexandria, Minnesota 56308; 320-762-2903.

## CAMPUS PARK II

Description: Campus Park II, a 31 acre multi-family development lying southwest of Rice Lake Road, between Blackman and Pecan Avenues in Duluth, Minnesota. The project consists of multifamily apartments or townhomes, to be developed in multiple phases. Phase one consists of 90-100 units to accommodate approximately 450 students.

Additional phases will consist of market rate apartments and townhomes and/or additional student units.

The review and comment on this document will close on December 8, 2004. Interested persons may view this EAW document at the Duluth Public Library for in-library review.

The Duluth City Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on this EAW on Tuesday, December 14, 2004, beginning at 5 p.m. in the third floor Council Chambers of Duluth City Hall.

Comments concerning the scope and accuracy of the EAW should be addressed to: James E. Mohn, Senior Planner

RGU: Duluth City

Contact: James E. Mohn, Senior Planner, Duluth City Planning Commission, Department of Planning & Development, Room 402 City Hall, 411 West First Street, Duluth, MN 55802, E-mail: [jmohn@ci.duluth.mn.us](mailto:jmohn@ci.duluth.mn.us).

## Jeffers Pond

Description: Jeffers Pond is a proposed development situated on 336 acres of land located in the southwest quadrant of the intersection of CSAH 42 and CSAH 21 in the City of Prior Lake. The project includes a total of 693 residential units consisting of 179 unattached units (single family, duplex and triplex buildings) and 514 attached units (4 or more units per building). The project also includes approximately 25 acres of mixed use commercial land, a 12 acre elementary school site, a fire station site, a transit station site, parks and trails, while maintaining existing woodlands.



RGU: City of Prior Lake

Contact: Jane Kansier, Planning Director, City of Prior Lake, 16200 Eagle Creek Avenue, Prior Lake, Minnesota 55372, 952-447-9810, Fax: 952-447-4245.

### Mayo Creek First Addition

Description: Mayo creek First Addition is a proposed development to be located on approximately 90 acres in Loon Lake Township about one mile west of Pequot Lakes, Minnesota. The proposed project is a plat of 28 residential lots with the potential for three additional lots on the parcel if suitable land access can be acquired. An additional eight residential lots were platted on an adjacent 30.5 acre parcel in 2003.

RGU: Cass County

Contact: Paul Fairbanks, Director, Environmental Services, 300 Minnesota Ave., Box 3000, Walker, Minnesota 56484; 218-547-7241, Fax: 218-547-2440.

### Monticello Retail Site

Description: The City of Monticello has prepared an EAW for the proposed Monticello Retail Site located on 48 acres south of CSAH 75, north of I-94, and west of CSAH 18 in Monticello, Minnesota. The land is currently used as agricultural land and mowed field with an existing beverage distribution business.

RGU: City of Monticello

Contact: Jeff O'Neill, Deputy Administrator, 505 Walnut Street, Suite 1, Monticello, Minnesota 55362; 763-295-2711, Fax: 763-295-4404.

### Helgeson Granite Quarry

Description: Bauerly Bros., Incorporated proposes to develop a 20.5 acre rock quarry in Sauk Rapids Township, Benton County for the production of granite aggregates. Operations include blasting, and temporary crushing and washing operations. Each of these operations is estimated to operate two to three times annually for 15-30 working days/set.

RGU: Sauk Rapids Joint Planning Board

Contact: Todd Schultz, Community Development Director, 115 Second Ave. N., Sauk Rapids, Minnesota 56379; 320-258-5315, Fax: 320-251-0422, Email: [tschultz@ci.sauk-rapids.mn.us](mailto:tschultz@ci.sauk-rapids.mn.us).

### Xylite Street Environmental Assessment (S.P. 218-080-01)

Description: The proposed improvements include extending Xylite Street South as an urban three-lane minor arterial roadway from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE to 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, a distance

of approximately 0.9 miles. The proposed roadway will accommodate 12-foot travel lanes in each direction, a 12-foot shared center left turn lane, and 4-foot paved shoulders with curb and gutter.

RGU: City of Cambridge

Contact: David Carlberg, Community Development Director, City of Cambridge, 300 Third Avenue NE, Cambridge, MN 55008. Phone: (763) 552-3203

### Richards Asphalt Solid Waste Transfer Facility

Description: Waste Management of Minnesota is proposing to increase the amount of material handled at the Richards Asphalt Solid Waste Transfer Facility (Facility), located in Scott County, Savage, Minnesota. The Facility is currently permitted to transfer up to 99,000 tons per year of recyclables and municipal solid waste (MSW), and 75 tons per day of yard waste. The project proposal will allow the transfer of 180,000 tons per year of recyclables and MSW and 20,000 tons per year of yard waste. In addition to the Environmental Assessment Worksheet, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's draft Solid Waste Permit will also be available for public comment concurrently, beginning November 8, 2004. The contact person for the Solid Waste Permit is Geoff Strack at (651) 296-7416.

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: Dana Vanderbosch, Project Manager, Environmental Review and Operations Section, Regional Division, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-297-1796

### Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Rosemount Interceptor

Description: Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) proposes to construct an interceptor to convey wastewater from the city of Rosemount to the Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The proposed interceptor will be parallel to the proposed Empire WWTP outfall which was discussed in a separate EAW. The Empire WWTP EAW had a negative declaration date of November 11, 2002.

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: Kelly Garvey, Project Manager, Operations and Environmental Review Section, Regional Environmental Management Division, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-296-7796.

## 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.

- Joe Miller Gravel, Castle Rock Township
- Pheasant Ridge Shooting Preserve and Range, Brunswick Township
- Clear Creek Development Project, City of Detroit Lakes
- North Shore Villas Residential Project, Pope County
- Kellner Transfer Station, High Forest Township
- Twin Lakes Redevelopment, City of Roseville

## EAW NEED DECISIONS

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

- High Forest Township, Kellner Transfer Station, denied.
- Hopkins City Council, Advance Development Office Project, (Parker Office Bldg.), denied.

## EIS NEED DECISIONS

The responsible governmental unit has determined the following projects do not require preparations 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.

- Hunter's Pass Estates (The Cove's of Hunters Lake), City of Albertville, October 21, 2004 (August 15, 2004)
- Proposed Prior Lake Outlet and Channel Improvement Project, Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District Board of Managers, October 12, 2004 (August 2, 2004)
- West Prairie Point Subdivision, St. Cloud City Council, October 18, 2004 (August 16, 2004)
- Willmar Regional Treatment Center, Department of Administration, October 19, 2004 (August 30, 2004)
- Parkwood Development Project, City of Rockford, October 26, 2004 (August 16, 2004)

## UPDATED AUAR AVAILABLE

### Update of the Maple Grove Gravel Mining Area Alternative Urban Areawide Review and Mitigation Plan

Description: The City of Maple Grove is updating the Maple Grove Gravel Mining Area Alternative Urban Areawide Review approved in October 1996. The AUAR Update summarizes development activity and implementation of mitigation measures in the Gravel Mining Area since 1996. The AUAR Update addresses anticipated development, describes changes in potentially significant environmental impacts and mitigation measures, and includes a revised mitigation plan.

Please note the City of Maple Grove is requesting a 30-day comment period, not the ten-day period provided in the EQB Rules. Hence the comment period should end on December 8, 2004.

RGU: City of Maple Grove

Contact: Bob Waibel, Community Development Director, P.O. Box 1180, Maple Grove, Minnesota 55311; 763-494-6040, Fax: 763-494-6420, Email: [bwaibel@ci.mpale-grove.mn.us](mailto:bwaibel@ci.mpale-grove.mn.us).

## NOTICES

### EQB Notice Of Public Hearing: Cannon Falls Energy Center

Wednesday, December 1, 2004, 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Public Meeting Room, City Hall, 306 Mill Street West, Cannon Falls, Minnesota; EQB Docket No. 04-85-PPS-Cannon Falls EC

**Please Take Notice** that the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) will hold a Public Hearing on an application by Invenergy Cannon Falls, LLC to construct and operate a natural gas-fuel, simple-cycle electric generating facility capable of producing 357 megawatts. The proposed plant is to be located at the Business Park North district of Cannon Falls, Minnesota. The natural gas pipeline and HVTL will be permitted through separate processes.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2004, in the City of Cannon Falls' public meeting room located at city hall. The hearing will convene at 3:00 pm and an evening session will be held commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Administrative Law Judge Katherine Sheehy will preside at the hearing. Judge Sheehy's address is Office of Administrative Hearings, 100 Washington Square, Suite 1700, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401 2138, phone 612-341-7602.

**Environmental Assessment.** The EQB has prepared an Environmental Assessment on the proposed project. The EA addresses the potential impacts of the proposed project. Copies of the environmental assessment, permit application and other materials can be obtained from the EQB web site: <http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=7679> or by contacting the project manager, Bill Storm (bill.storm@state.mn.us) 300 Centennial Bldg., 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-9535, Fax: 651-296-3698 (TTY relay service 800-627-3529). Copies of the environmental assessment and permit application are also available for public review at the Cannon Falls City Hall.

**Conduct of Hearing.** The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Power Plant Siting Act, Minn. Stat. §§ 116C.51 to 116C.69, and the rules of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board, Minn. Rules parts 4400.2000 to 4400.2950, for projects of the size and type proposed here.

The EQB staff will be present at the hearing and make a brief presentation about the project and introduce into the record a number of documents relating to the project, including the application, the Environmental Assessment, and certain procedural documents. Representatives of the applicant will be present to offer evidence and to answer questions. Members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions of EQB staff and Invenergy representatives, to make statements, and to offer written comments and material into the record at both the afternoon and evening sessions. Members of the public are not required to file any papers in advance of the hearing in order to participate.

The record will remain open for at least ten days after the close of the hearing for interested persons to submit written comments to the Administrative Law Judge. Judge Sheehy will determine at the hearing a date for the comment period to end. Comments must be submitted directly to Judge Sheehy at the address above.

**Purpose of Hearing.** The purpose of the public hearing is to compile the record for the EQB to consider in making a final decision on the permit requested. Upon closure of the public comment period, Judge Sheehy will write a report and make a recommendation to the EQB on the granting of the site permit and on any appropriate permit conditions. It is anticipated that the application will come before the EQB for a final decision on the permit at its January, 2006, Board meeting.

**Public Utilities Commission Proceeding.** Invenergy has committed all of the electricity generated to Xcel Energy through the bidding process approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) in that utility's resource planning process. An electric power plant selected in a bidding process approved by the MPUC is exempt from the certificate of need process (Minn. Stat. § 216B.2422, Subd.

5). Invenergy, therefore, will not be required to file for a CON from the MPUC for the Cannon Falls Energy Center.

For additional information contact Bill Storm of the EQB staff at 658 Cedar Street, 300 Centennial Building, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155, phone 651.296.9535, e-mail at [Bill.Storm@state.mn.us](mailto:Bill.Storm@state.mn.us)

### **State Of Minnesota, Environmental Quality Board, Notice Of Annual Hearing, November 17, 2004**

**Notice Is Hereby Given** that the staff of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board will hold the annual public hearing on the Energy Facility Permitting Program at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon and at 7:00 p.m. in the evening on November 17, 2004, in Conference Room 302 of the Centennial Office Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. Metered parking is available on Cedar Street and on the orange level in the ramp on the east side of the building. Only the east entrance to the building will be open for the evening session.

The annual hearing is intended to advise the public of matters relating to the siting of large electric power generating plants and routing of high voltage transmission lines and to afford interested persons an opportunity to be heard regarding any aspects of the EQB's activities, duties, or policies pursuant to the Power Plant Siting Act, Minnesota Statutes sections 116C.51-.69, or its Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Rules, Minnesota Rules chapter 4400.

The EQB has prepared an Agenda for the meeting. The Agenda is identical for the afternoon and evening sessions. The Agenda is available on the EQB webpage at: <http://www.eqb.state.mn.us>.

At the hearing the public will be afforded an opportunity to be heard through the presentation of oral or written statements. Written statements may also be submitted for inclusion in the annual hearing record by delivery to the EQB's offices in St. Paul by the close of business on December 6, 2004. Comments may be submitted electronically. The EQB staff will prepare a written report regarding the matters discussed at the annual hearing within sixty days after the close of the hearing. This report will be provided to EQB Board members and will appear on the webpage.

Direct all inquiries regarding the annual hearing to: Alan Mitchell, Manager, Energy Facility Permitting Program, Environmental Quality Board, 300 Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55155, phone: 651-296-3714, Email: [Alan.Mitchell@state.mn.us](mailto:Alan.Mitchell@state.mn.us)

### **Reclamation Project Planned For Wetland - DNR Division Of Fish & Wildlife**

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife is planning a rotenone treatment on an un-named wetland in Grant County in a

Wildlife Management Area, Protected Waters Inventory number 26-217. The legal description of this wetland is T 127, R 43, Sect. 33. This project may involve the application of rotenone, a federally and state registered pesticide to eliminate less desirable fish species. Endangered or threatened species are not present in the wetland. Project goals include removing undesirable fish species, primarily carp and bullheads, to improve water quality and wildlife habitat in this wetland for wildlife and waterfowl.

This wetland will be drawn down prior to winter freeze-up, however, if there is remaining water under the ice in late winter a small amount of chemical will be used to eliminate any remaining fish. If necessary, the chemical application would occur in January or February of 2005. Rotenone distribution will be done through the ice with a hand pump and by drip station if necessary. Target treatment concentration is 4 - 5 ppm of 2.5 % liquid synergized rotenone. Benefits of the project will be improved water quality, re-establishment of desirable aquatic vegetation, reduction of plankton algae, and improved habitat for wildlife and waterfowl.

For general information about any of these projects, contact Area Wildlife Manager, Kevin Kotts at 320-634-0342 or Nicole Hansel-Welch, Shallow Lakes Program, 218-833-8626.

### **Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program**

Notice is hereby given that the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the COG Conference Room, One North 2nd Street, #232, Fargo, North Dakota.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an early opportunity for public involvement in the project identification and development of the 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP coordinates and schedules transportation and transit projects (i.e., highway, street, bikeway, pedestrian, transit, safety, enhancements and other transportation related improvements) in the metropolitan area over the next three years, thereby making these projects eligible for federal assistance.

The public comments received will be communicated to appropriate local governing bodies for consideration prior to their adoption of three year project candidate priority lists. In turn, these lists will be submitted to the respective State DOTs of North Dakota and Minnesota for use in their project selection process. With this information, the Council anticipates preparing a draft 2006-2008 TIP by April and a final TIP by June for inclusion into the State Transportation Improvement Program process. Copies of each jurisdiction's proposed project list can be reviewed at the COG Office

starting November 9, 2004, and will be presented at the public meeting.

The public is invited to attend the public meeting on November 16th; or submit written comments to Metro COG no later than 5:00 p.m., November 19, 2004, at Case Plaza, Suite 232, One North Second Street, Fargo, ND 58102 (e-mail: metrocog@fmmetrocog.org). Contact Brian Gibson, Transportation Planner, at 701.232.3242 (Ext. 35) if additional information is required.

### **Peace Haven EIS Public Information Meeting**

The Crow Wing County Planning Department is holding a public informational meeting on the Draft EIS for the new Peace Haven at Inglewood residential 22 lot cluster development proposed to include a community septic system on about 60 acres, which includes over 70% open space.

The meeting will be held on November 9, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at the Crow Wing County Courthouse which is located at 326 Laurel Street in Brainerd, Minnesota. Comments on the Draft EIS public informational meeting must be received by November 23, 2004 by the Crow Wing County Planning and Zoning Office located at 200 So. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Brainerd, Minnesota.

The Peace Haven site is located south of Peace Road and wet of Inglewood Drive just north of the City of Baxter. Copies of the Draft EIS can be viewed at the Brainerd City Library, 416 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Brainerd, Minnesota or by contacting Bonnie Finnerty at 218-824-1125.

### **Termination of EIS Process**

#### **Myers Extractive Use Expansion**

In accordance with the Minnesota Rules 4410.2100, Subp. 11B and to inform you that our department has received written notice from the project proposers that they are hereby terminating the EIS process thereby canceling the project as set forth in the EAW because of the potential costs relating to the completion of the EIS.

The Itasca County Board accepted their written notice on October 12, 2004. Upon publication in the EQB Monitor, interested persons shall have ten days to send their written comments to my department at the above address.

If you have any questions please contact Don Dewey, Zoning/Sanitation Administrator, 123 N.E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Grand Rapids, Minnesota 55744; 218-327-2857, Fax: 218-327-7331.



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