

The *EQB Monitor*

520 Lafayette Road North, Saint Paul, MN 55155 - www.eqb.state.mn.us
EQB.Monitor@state.mn.us - (651) 757-2873

Publication Date: May 28, 2018
Vol. 42, No. 22

Publication Schedule: Mondays at 8:00 AM
Submission Deadline: [View 2018 Schedule](#)
Use the [EQB Monitor Submission Form](#)

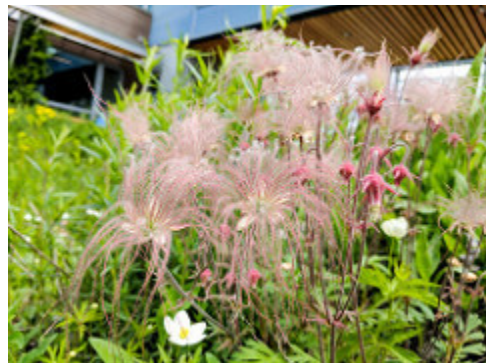
In this publication:

- [EQB Announcements](#)
- [Environmental Assessment Worksheets](#)
- [Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions](#)
- [Notices](#)

The *EQB Monitor* is a weekly publication announcing environmental review documents, public comment periods and other actions of the Environmental Quality Board. For more information on environmental review, please visit the [EQB website](#).

You can manage your subscription to the *EQB Monitor* [here](#). Be sure to add MNEQB@public.govdelivery.com to your address book or safe sender list.

Check the [EQB Calendar](#) for more details on *Monitor* deadlines and Board Meetings. Meeting minutes, agendas and additional notices are also posted on the [EQB Website](#). You can also find us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).



EQB Announcements

Citizen Environmental Review Survey

The Environmental Quality Board, which oversees the state's Environmental Review program, is undergoing a continuous improvement project to monitor and improve the effectiveness of Environmental Review. Minnesota citizens who have participated in the Environmental Review process are asked to consider taking 10 minutes to complete the survey at the link below. Engagement in the process may include: reviewed a document, attended a public meeting, wrote a comment, contacted staff, etc.

<http://survey.mn.gov/s.asp?k=151335922389>

Contact Person:

Kristin Mroz
Environmental Review Program Staff
520 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155
651-757-2873
env.review@state.mn.us

EQB Guidance

Do you have questions about Environmental Review that are not covered by current EQB guidance? Let us know! In 2018 EQB is creating new guidance and updating existing documents, and we are welcoming input through the year. To submit suggestions, email Env.Review@state.mn.us. We hope to hear from you!

Environmental Assessment Worksheets**Project Title: Arden Park Restoration Project**

Comment Deadline: June 29, 2018

Project Description: Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) is proposing restoration of 14.5 acres of urban Minnehaha Creek Corridor within the City of Edina through the removal of a 4-foot high dam in Minnehaha Creek, restoration of approximately 2,000 linear feet of stream channel and approximately 90 acres of regional stormwater watershed treatment. The project also includes replaced and add new trails with improved accessibility and replacement of a park shelter building and playground. Comment period 5/29/18-6/29/18 Project Information and EAW download at: <https://www.edinamn.gov/304/Arden-Park-Restoration-Plan> and <http://minnehahacreek.org/project/arden-park-restoration>

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Edina

RGU Contact Person:

Ross Bintner
7450 Metro Blvd.
Edina, MN 55439
952-903-5713
rbintner@edinamn.gov

Project Title: The Edison at Rice Creek, Shoreview

Comment Deadline: June 27, 2018

Project Description: The Edison at Rice Creek development is proposed on approximately 18.6 acres in the city of Shoreview. The project would consist of up to 370 attached housing units including a combination of rental townhomes and market rate rental apartments. Approximately 120,000 square feet of future commercial space is contemplated for the Outlot on the northern portion of the site. .

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Shoreview

RGU Contact Person:

Kathleen Castle, City Planner
4600 Victoria Street N
Shoreview, MN 55126
651-490-4682
kcastle@shoreviewmn.gov

Project Title: Klemmensen Brothers

Comment Deadline: June 27, 2018

Project Description: Klemmensen Brothers proposes to expand its existing swine finishing feedlot from 720 animal units (2,400 hogs) to 1,440 animal units (4,800 hogs) in Section 27, Lemond Township, Steele County with the installation of one total confinement barn. A copy of the Notice of Availability and the EAW can be found on the MPCA website at the following address: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/eaw> Subpart 29A - Animal Feedlots

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

RGU Contact Person:

Steve Sommer
520 Lafayette Rd N
St. Paul, MN 55155
651-757-2746
steve.sommer@state.mn.us

Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does not require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the Environmental Assessment Worksheet notice was published in the EQB Monitor.

- City of Minneapolis, Malcolm Yards Mixed Use Residential, 5-14-18 (3-5-18)
- City of Minneapolis, Calhoun Towers, 5-14-18 (3-12-18)
- City of Wayzata, Wayzata Lake Effect Project, 5-1-18 (3-12-18)
- The Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County, Supplemental Environmental Assessment/Amended Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (LRT) (METRO Green Line Extension) Project 5-16-18 (3-5-18)
- Ramsey County, Pig's Eye Lake Island 5-24-18 (3-12-18)

Notices

Notice of Environmental Assessment Scoping and Public Information Meeting for the Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 Project in Lincoln County

Public Utilities Commission (Commission) – Notice of Environmental Assessment Scoping and Public Information Meeting on the high voltage transmission line (HVTL) route permit application for the Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 HVTL project in Lincoln County, Commission Docket No. IP-6985/TL-17-701. The Commission is providing notice that it will hold an Environmental Assessment Scoping and Public Information Meeting on the proposed Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 HVTL project at 6 PM on June 12, 2018 at the Hendricks Public School Gymnasium, 200 Lincoln Street, Hendricks, MN 56136.

Blazing Star Wind Farm 2, LLC has filed a route permit application to build an approximately 7.5-mile 115 kilovolt (kV) HVTL and associated facilities to interconnect the proposed Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 to the electric grid. A separate site permit application has been filed with the Commission for the 200 megawatt Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 large wind energy conversion

system (LWECS). The proposed LWECS would be comprised of 57 to 100 wind turbines ranging from 2 to 3.5 megawatts in size and associated facilities. The LWECS is being reviewed under a separate Site Permit process, Commission Docket No. WS-17-700.

Comments on the Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 HVTL project will be received by various methods until June 22, 2018, as noticed. Documents related to this docket can be obtained for the project at the Commission's website at mn.gov/puc, select search eDockets, enter year (17) and the docket number (701), select search. Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Public Utilities Commission RGU Contact Person: Tricia DeBleeckere 121 7th Place E., STE 350 St. Paul, MN 55101 651-201-2254 Tricia.debleeckere@state.mn.us

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

RGU Contact Person:

Tricia DeBleeckere
Facilities Analyst
121 7th Place E., STE 350
St. Paul, MN 55101
651-201-2254
Tricia.DeBleeckere@state.mn.us

Notice of Environmental Assessment (EA): The City of Chaska - Proposed Xcel Energy 1.5 Mile 115 kV Electric Transmission Line

Environmental Assessment: The City of Chaska has issued an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed project. The EA analyzes the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project as well as possible mitigative measures.

Electronic versions of the EA, maps of the proposed project, and other documents relevant to this matter are available for viewing on the State of Minnesota eDockets system: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> in the Docket Number fields (Under **Year** select "18" and under **Number** enter "90").

The EA is also available at the locations noted below:

Carver County Library – Chaska Branch
3 City Hall Plaza
Chaska, MN 55318

Chanhassen Library
7711 Keber Blvd.
Chanhassen, MN 55317

Project Description: Xcel Energy, Inc. proposes to construct a 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line, approximately 1.5 miles in length on 18 structures, in Carver County, Minnesota from the intersection of Lyman Boulevard and Audubon Road in Chanhassen to the Lake Hazeltine Substation located on the south side of Columbia Court North in Chaska, Minnesota. The project provides electricity to the Lake Hazeltine Substation. The City of Chaska indicates in the EA that the project is needed to serve as the electric transmission source for the City of Chaska's recently constructed Lake Hazeltine Substation.

The project will be constructed and centered in a wide right-of-way (easement) from 25 foot to 77.8 foot wide. Weathered Steel structures, ranging in height from 80 to 110 feet, will be used for the transmission line. Xcel Energy anticipates beginning construction of the project in summer 2018.

If you have questions, comments or would like further information about this project, please contact:

Elizabeth Hanson, City Planner
City of Chaska
One City Hall Plaza Chaska, MN 55318
952-448-9200
EHanson@chaskamn.com

Brian Sullivan, Senior Siting and Land Rights Agent
Xcel Energy, Inc.
414 Nicollet Mall, 414-06
Minneapolis, MN 55401
612-330-5925
Brian.E.Sullivan@xcelenergy.com

Information about the project may also be obtained by contacting Eugene Kotz II of Xcel Energy at 612-330-5625, Eugene.Kotz@xcelenergy.com, Xcel Energy, 414 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401.

This document can be made available in alternative formats (i.e., large print or audio) by calling 651-296-0391 (voice). Persons with hearing or speech disabilities may call us through Minnesota Relay at 1-800-627-3529 or by dialing 711.