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EQB announcements and environmental review notices

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EQB announcements

Climate Action Framework

community
conversation

Join online:
Wednesday, March 16
1-3 p.m.

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A joint meeting of the **Climate Change Subcabinet** and **Environmental Quality Board**

Join EQB at the Climate Action Framework Community Conversation

Wednesday, March 16 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. | [Join the meeting](#)

You're invited to join Minnesota's [Climate Change Subcabinet](#) and Environmental Quality Board for a discussion on our climate future. This two-hour virtual event will highlight the basics of Minnesota's draft [Climate Action Framework](#) with time for discussion and feedback from participants.

Have questions for our panelists? Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), or [LinkedIn](#) and send us a message with a question you'd like to discuss.

[View the event program](#)

Climate Change and Environmental Review Speaker Series

Throughout the Climate Change and Environmental Review Pilot Program, EQB will host a monthly Speaker Series open to anyone that will feature presentations by technical experts about incorporating [climate information](#) into Environmental Assessment Worksheets.

Get to know the MnDOT MICE GHG Calculator

March 24th, 2022

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Join the Minnesota Department of Transportation for overview and demonstration of the Minnesota Infrastructure Carbon Estimator (MICE) tool used to provide calculations for both operations and construction emissions for transportation projects.

[Join us using Webex](#)

Registration open for participation in Climate Change and Environmental Review Pilot Program

EQB is seeking local responsible governmental units (RGUs) and consultants interested in participating in a pilot program that will assess the efficiency and effectiveness of climate information by testing a draft revised Environmental Assessment Worksheet. Participants will benefit from shared learning as well as training provided by technical experts.

Registration is open to all RGUs and consultants, regardless of whether you are actively reviewing a project. This cohort-based program will begin in early 2022. [Register now!](#)

If you are not eligible to register, but would like to receive updates about the Pilot Program, please [sign-up here](#).

Environmental review notices



Environmental review project notices

EQB publishes environmental review notices provided by responsible governmental units. For more information on a project undergoing environmental review, click on the individual project links below. You can also find information about active projects in your community on the [Environmental Review Projects Interactive Map](#).

We need your feedback: Some governmental units are completing environmental review using the draft revised Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) form that includes information about greenhouse gases and climate change. These reviews are noted below with a star (*) in front of the project title. Help us understand the usefulness of the climate change information in these EAWs by completing a [brief survey](#). Your feedback is important to the Environmental Quality Board and will inform decision making on the final EAW form.

Miller Creek Channel and Floodplain Restoration Project

Location: Duluth, St. Louis County

Process: Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)

Step: EAW Available

End of Comment Period: April 14, 2022

Project Description: This project will restore a straightened section of Miller Creek and Miller Creek Tributary 1 to a more stable, meandering channel. Miller Creek is a designated trout stream impaired for lack of coldwater assemblage due to temperature. The project will re-establish natural stream processes, re-connect the creek to its floodplain, and create quality habitat.

Link to Public Documents: [Miller Creek Channel and Floodplain Restoration Project EAW](#)

Location of Public Documents: South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District

office, 4215 Enterprise Circle, Duluth MN 55811

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) and Contact: South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District, [Tim Beaster](#), 218-723-4867

***Big 39 and Little 39 Creek Mitigation Project**

Location: Beaver Bay Township, Lake County

Process: EAW

Step: EAW Available

End of Comment Period: April 14, 2022

Project Description: The proposed project would restore 2,072 linear feet of historically degraded Big 39 Creek and 5,672 linear feet of Little 39 Creek. Once completed, the restoration would reestablish natural stream processes, improve floodplain connectivity, establish a meandered pattern, and provide additional habitat features such as wood and rock structures. The project, located in Beaver Bay Township in Lake County, is proposed by Northshore Mining Company and would mitigate and compensate for the partial loss of function these waterbodies experienced when they were straightened in the 1970s during construction of the Milepost 7 tailings basin.

Link to Public Documents: [Big 39 and Little 39 Creek Mitigation Project EAW](#)

Location of Public Documents: Duluth Public Library, 221 W. First Street, Duluth, MN 55802

RGU and Contact: Department of Natural Resources, [Sara Mielke](#), 651-259-5723

Aggregate Industries Nelson Mine Backwater Project

Location: Cottage Grove, Washington County

Process: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Step: EIS Scoping EAW and Draft Scoping Decision

End of Comment Period: April 14, 2022

Project Description: Aggregate Industries – MWR, Inc. (“Aggregate Industries”) is proposing to move its mine area, which supports the existing Nelson Sand & Gravel Mine Facility, onto an approximately 395-acre parcel of privately owned land that the company leases in the backwaters of the Mississippi River. Although it leases the mining area, Aggregate Industries owns the land where the processing plant infrastructure is located. The planned shift in mine area would take place across an approximately 20 to 25-year period. The project is in the Scoping phase of a State-mandated EIS.

Link to Public Documents: [Aggregate Industries Nelson Mine Backwater Project EIS Scoping EAW and Draft Scoping Decision](#)

Location of Public Documents: Cottage Grove City Hall, 12800 Ravine Parkway, Cottage Grove, MN 55016

Public Meeting Date, Time, Location: March 28, 2022, 7pm, Cottage Grove City Hall, 12800 Ravine Parkway, Cottage Grove, MN 55016

Public Meeting Additional Details: The public meeting will be a public hearing item at the regularly-scheduled March 28 Cottage Grove Planning Commission meeting.

RGU and Contact: City of Cottage Grove, [Emily Schmitz](#), 651-458-2874

East Gateway Redevelopment

Location: Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Process: Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR)

Step: Draft Order for Review

End of Comment Period: April 14, 2022

Project Description: The AUAR study area encompasses 24 parcels on approximately 12 acres in the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. The study area is bounded to the north by University Avenue Southeast, Oak Street Southeast and Ontario Street Southeast to the west, Delaware Street Southeast to the south, and Huron Boulevard Southeast to the east. The study area currently includes residential and commercial property and a stormwater basin. Two development scenarios are proposed for evaluation in the AUAR. Scenario 1 represents the density of the development proposed within the AUAR study area. Scenario 2 represents a higher density development based on the City's Transit 30 Built Form district, which calls for building heights of 10 to 30 stories. All buildings in Scenario 2 are assumed to be 20 stories, except those that are proposed to be more than 20 stories in Scenario 1; these are assumed to be 30 stories in Scenario 2.

Link to Public Documents: [East Gateway Redevelopment Draft Order for Review](#)

Location of Public Documents: Public Service Building, 505 4th Avenue South, #320, Minneapolis, MN 55415

RGU and Contact: City of Minneapolis, [Hilary Dvorak](#), 612-673-2639

Adelmann Farm Industrial Park

Location: Lakeville, Dakota County

Process: AUAR

Step: Draft Order for Review

End of Comment Period: April 14, 2022

Project Description: The AUAR study area encompasses 115.6 acres on two existing tax parcels, located north of 225th Street and west of Flagstaff Avenue in Lakeville, Dakota County, Minnesota. Three development scenarios are proposed to be evaluated in the AUAR; Scenario 1, Scenario 2, and Scenario 3. Scenario 1 includes six buildings for a total of 997,400 square feet of proposed industrial development, Figure 1. Scenario 2 includes seven buildings for a total of 1,259,400 square feet of proposed industrial development, Figure 2. Scenario 3 includes three buildings for a total of 563,000 square

feet of proposed industrial development.

Link to Public Documents: [Adelmann Farm Industrial Park Draft Order for Review](#)

Location of Public Documents: Lakeville City Hall, 20195 Holyoke Ave, Lakeville, MN 55044

RGU and Contact: City of Lakeville, [Kati Bachmeyer](#), 952-985-4425

Southern Shakopee

Location: Shakopee, Scott County

Process: AUAR

Step: AUAR Adoption

RGU Decision: Adequate

Record of Decision Date: March 1, 2022

Link to Public Documents: [Southern Shakopee AUAR Adoption](#)

Location of Public Documents: Shakopee City Hall, 485 Gorman Street, Shakopee, MN 55379

RGU and Contact: City of Shakopee, [Michael Kerski](#), 952-233-9346

South Loop District

Location: Bloomington, Hennepin County

Process: AUAR

Step: AUAR Update Available

End of Comment Period: March 29, 2022

Project Description: An update to the South Loop District Alternative Urban Areawide Review, AUAR, has been prepared for review in accordance with Minnesota Rules 4410.3610. The AUAR was originally adopted in April 2002 and was updated in 2009, 2012, and 2017. The current AUAR update includes minor revisions to the development scenario to reflect up-to-date 2040 development forecasts and infrastructure modelling. The updated AUAR documents are available for public review and comment from March 15 through March 29, 2022 at: www.blm.mn/auar or paper copies are available at: Bloomington City Hall, Community Development Department, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN; Penn-Lake Library, 8800 Penn Avenue S., Bloomington, MN; Oxboro Library, 8801 Portland Avenue S., Bloomington, MN. Written comments may be submitted to Julie Farnham, Senior Planner, at: 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431 or at jfarnham@bloomingtonmn.gov.

Link to Public Documents: [South Loop District AUAR Update](#)

Location of Public Documents: City of Bloomington - Community Development Department, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431

Public Meeting Date, Time, Location: March 22, 2022, 6:30pm, Virtual (online)

Public Meeting Virtual Link: [Informational Meeting](#)

Public Meeting Additional Details: Participants must register online to receive meeting

access link.

RGU and Contact: City of Bloomington, [Julie Farnham](#), 952-563-4739

Cottage Grove Business Park

Location: Cottage Grove, Washington County

Process: AUAR

Step: AUAR Update Adoption

RGU Decision: Adequate

Record of Decision Date: March 2, 2022

Link to Public Documents: [Cottage Grove Business Park AUAR Update Adoption](#)

Location of Public Documents: Cottage Grove City Hall, 12800 Ravine Parkway South, Cottage Grove, MN 55016

RGU and Contact: City of Cottage Grove, [Jennifer Levitt](#), 651-458-2800

General Notices

Notices published in this section may be required under Minnesota Statute or Rule.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

Notice Description: Bayer Crop Science filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 22-NO-06. Notification is for genetically modified CANOLA, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application AUTH - 0000204874. The counties identified for release include the following: Benton- 3 sites with 20 acres/site, Freeborn-1 site with 20 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance) and MG (Marker Gene). For additional information contact Denise Thiede.

Contact: [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531

Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

Notice Description: KWS Seeds, LLC filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 22-NO-07. Notification is for genetically modified CORN, pending USDA-APHIS

Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application AUTH - 0000206803. The counties identified for release include the following: Dakota-3 sites with 10 acres/site and 1 site with 20 acres; Goodhue-2 sites with 10 acres/site. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Properties), FR (Fungal Resistance), IR (Insect Resistance), and MG (Marker Genes). For additional information contact Denise Thiede. **Contact:** [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531

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To submit a notice for publication:

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Questions? Contact EQB by phone at 651-757-2873 or email us at EQB.Monitor@state.mn.us.

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