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EQB Announcements

Emerging Environmental Leaders program seeking applicants for 2021 cohort

The program elevates young people's voices in protecting Minnesota's environment

Apply now for the spring 2021 cohort of the Emerging Environmental Leaders program, a partnership between the



Minnesota Environmental Quality Board and the University of Minnesota Institute on the Environment. Applications will be accepted on or before **Sunday, March 7, 2021**.

The program engages diverse young Minnesotans ages 18-24 to learn about environmental issues in Minnesota, help grow a broader network of young people interested in the environment, and share their ideas, perspectives, and solutions with Minnesota's state government leadership. The spring 2021 cohort will plan and facilitate a joint meeting of the governor's Climate Change Subcabinet and the Environmental Quality Board to bring youth voices forward on climate change and other environmental issues.

Learn more and apply at bit.ly/EEL21.

To stay up to date on this project, please [sign up](#) for the Emerging Environmental Leaders email list.



Public Survey on Pollinator Protection in Minnesota

The Interagency Pollinator Protection Team (IPPT) wants to thank everyone that have already responded and shared the [Pollinator Survey](#). The IPPT will use your feedback to shape future pollinator annual reports, to identify new opportunities for action and to engage with Minnesotans to advance pollinator protection in our state.

The survey will be open until March 12. Help us continue to spread the word!

If you find it more convenient, you can send written feedback on the 2020 Minnesota State Agency Pollinator Annual Report directly to the State Pollinator Coordinator, Rebeca Gutierrez-Moreno by email at rebeca.gutierrez@state.mn.us.

We appreciate your participation!

Notice of Request for Public Feedback on Draft Recommendations

[Integrating climate change information into environmental review](#)

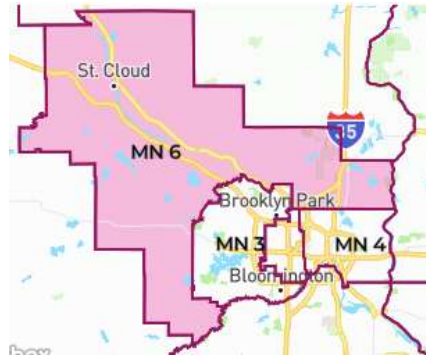
The EQB is considering changes to the Environmental Review Program to address climate change. The EQB Environmental Review Implementation Subcommittee seeks your feedback on draft recommendations through **Wednesday, March 31, 2021**. Please let us know if you support the draft recommendations as proposed or suggest changes that would result in your support.

Please submit your input:

- Send an email to Env.Review@state.mn.us with subject line CLIMATE
- Mail your feedback to EQB, 520 Lafayette Rd N, St. Paul, MN 55155



EQB will be holding listening sessions this spring to hear from the public. To stay up-to-date on this project, visit the EQB website: [Climate Change and Environmental Review Engagement](#).



Apply now to be an Environmental Quality Board member

The application is open for a Public Board Member position representing Minnesota's Congressional District 6. This district spans parts of Benton, Carver, Sherburne, Stearns, Wright, Anoka and Washington counties, including cities such as Saint Cloud, Big Lake, Hugo, and

Waconia.

Serving on the Environmental Quality Board is a unique opportunity to shape environmental issues in Minnesota. Public Board Members bring the voices of Minnesotans from around the state into decision making, helping the Board think in new ways about environmental challenges and solutions.

To learn more, visit the Environmental Quality Board's [Join the Board](#) page. The position is open until filled, and begins in January 2022.

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Fields of Winslow Cove

Comment Deadline: April 1, 2021

Project Description: The Fields of Winslow residential development is located on 235.8 acres on either side of Prairie Road, generally located to the north of 149th Avenue NW and to the south of 153rd Avenue NW. The project would include a total of 385 residential homes including 315 single-family homes and 70 villa units, as well as open space, buffers, trails, woodlands, wetlands, and stormwater basins. Development would also include the installation of municipal sewer and water, grading of the sites, and stormwater management.

Link to Document: <https://www.andovermn.gov/498/Environmental-Assessment-Worksheet-EAW>

Public Meeting Date: April 6, 2021

Public Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.

Public Meeting Location Name and Address: Andover City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Blvd., Andover, MN 55304

Link to Public Meeting Online: <https://www.andovermn.gov>

RGU: City of Andover

RGU Contact: Peter Hellegers, 763-767-5147, p.hellegers@andovermn.gov

Owatonna Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion

Comment Deadline: May 3, 2021

Project Description: The city of Owatonna owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility permitted for an average wet weather flow of 5.0 million gallons per day that continuously discharges to the Straight River. The wastewater treatment facility has been operating either over or very near its rated capacity the last several years. The city of Owatonna proposes to expand the wastewater treatment facility within the existing property to treat an average wet weather flow of 9.1 million gallons per day and discharge at the same location.

Link to Document: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/projects-under-mpca-review>

RGU: Pollution Control Agency

RGU Contact: Kim Grosenheider, 651-757-2170, kim.grosenheider@state.mn.us

Lakeshore Park Residential Development

Comment Deadline: April 1, 2021

Project Description: Lakeshore Park Residential Development is proposed on 67.53 acres of land in northeastern Wright County. The project will include 124 detached single-family homes, 92 attached townhomes, parkland, stormwater basins, and wetlands. Site development will include installation of streets, municipal sewer and water, and mass grading.

Link to Document: <https://www.ci.st-michael.mn.us/>

Public Meeting Date: March 3, 2021

Public Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.

Public Meeting Location Name and Address: Planning Commission, virtual meeting. No link provided. See RGU contact information below.

RGU: City of St. Michael

RGU Contact: Marc Weigle, 763-416-7932, mweigle@ci.st-michael.mn.us

Environmental Impact Statement Need Decision

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does not require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement.

City of Thief River Falls Oxbow Restoration and Stormwater Treatment

Decision: Negative, February 19, 2021

Link to Document: <https://www.citytrf.net/>

RGU: City of Thief River Falls

RGU Contact: Wayne Johnson, 218-681-3809, wjohnson@citytrf.net

General Notice

Frazee to Erie Transmission Line Project

Notice of Environmental Assessment Scoping Decision In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy and Otter Tail Power Company for a Route Permit for the Frazee to Erie 115kv Transmission Line Project in Becker and Otter Tail Counties Docket Nos. ET2,E017/TL-20-423 The Department of Commerce issued the Scoping Decision for the environmental assessment ("EA") to be prepared for the Frazee to Erie Transmission Line project in Becker and Otter Tail Counties. Energy Environmental Review and Analysis ("EERA") staff will prepare the EA, which will address the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project. The Scoping Decision identifies the issues that will be studied in the EA, as well as those issues that will not be addressed. The Scoping Decision and other relevant documents are available on the State of Minnesota eDockets system:

<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter year "20" and number "423") or the EERA website: <https://mn.gov/eera/web/project/13968/>

For additional information contact Andrew Levi, Minnesota Department of Commerce, 651-539-1840, andrew.levi@state.mn.us

Links to environmental review documents were provided by the RGU. In the event that the link does not work, you may contact the RGU directly to request either a paper or electronic copy of the documents. If you are not able to connect with the RGU, please email EQB staff at Env.Review@state.mn.us, call 651.757.2873, or visit our [website](#).
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