

EQB Monitor

EQB announcements and Environmental review notices

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EQB announcements

Board establishes Subcommittee for Pilot Program Implementation and approves 2021 Annual Pollinator Report

At the November 2021 Environmental Quality Board (EQB) meeting, the EQB passed a resolution to establish a subcommittee for a [pilot program](#) to steer implementation of the draft revised Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW). The purpose of the pilot program is to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of climate information included on the draft revised EAW. The Board also approved the [2021 Minnesota State Agency Pollinator report](#), which highlights goals, challenges, and actions for pollinator protection. The full resolutions, meeting packet, and meeting recording can be found on the [November 2021 Board meeting webpage](#).

Subcommittee on Pilot Program Implementation meeting, November 30, 2021 from 2:00-4:00 pm

The first meeting of the Subcommittee for Pilot Program Implementation (SPPI) will be held virtually On November 30, 2021 from 2:00-4:00pm. This meeting is open to the public. Additional information about the SPPI, as well as meeting materials with links for virtual participation, can be found on the [Subcommittee's webpage](#).

Accessibility: This material can be provided in different forms, like large print, braille, or on a recording. Please contact EQB staff at least one week prior to the event at info.eqb@state.mn.us to arrange an accommodation.

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

A [Pilot Program](#) that will assess the efficiency and effectiveness of climate information included on a draft revised Environmental Assessment Worksheet will begin in early 2022. Registration is open to all state and local responsible governmental units and consultants, regardless of whether you are actively reviewing a project. Registered participants will benefit from shared learning as well as training provided by technical experts and will receive email updates, as information is available. [Register now!](#)

Apply now to be a Board member at EQB!

The application is open for four EQB Public Board Member positions – one each representing Minnesota’s 1st, 2nd, 7th, and 8th congressional districts. 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 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](#).

Proposed Loon Lake Resort Expansion

Location: Vergas, Otter Tail County

Process: Citizen Petition

Step: Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) Assigned

RGU and Contact: Otter Tail County, [Leland Rogness](#), 218-770-7066

Proposed Heartland Greenway Project

Location: Southwest Minnesota

Process: Citizen Petition

Step: Petition on Hold

Notice Description: On November 22, 2021 EQB received notice from the Public Utilities Commission (the designated RGU) that no permit applications had been submitted for this project. Per the requirements in Minn. R. 4410.1100 Subp. 9, the petition will remain in effect for one year from the date on which it was filed with the EQB (November 9, 2021). During that time, a prohibition on final governmental decisions (Minn. R. 4410.3100) remains in effect for any proposed project for which the nature and location is substantially similar to the project identified in the petition.

RGU and Contact: Public Utilities Commission, [Bret Eknes](#), 651-201-2236

Proposed Midwest Carbon Express Project

Location: Central and Southwest Minnesota

Process: Citizen Petition

Step: Petition on Hold

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RGU and Contact: Public Utilities Commission, [Bret Eknes](#), 651-201-2236

Blue Stem North Residential Development

Location: Eden Prairie, Hennepin County

Process: Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)

Step: EAW Available

End of Comment Period: December 23, 2021

Project Description: The Blue Stem North residential development is proposed on 15.3 acres of vacant upland in an area known as the Golden Triangle in northeastern Eden Prairie. The project is adjacent to the Southwest LRT Golden Triangle Station. The proposed project would include three buildings ranging from 4 to 6 stories with a total of 425 housing units and structured parking along with complimentary interior and exterior amenity spaces. Approximately 11.3 acres of the 15.3 total is planned as open space, which will include trails, wetlands and buffers, woodlands, and a stormwater pond.

Link to Public Documents: No link to documents provided. See RGU contact information below.

Location of Public Documents: City of Eden Prairie, 8080 Mitchell Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344

RGU and Contact: City of Eden Prairie, [Julie Klima](#), 952-949-8489

Lake Shamineau High Water Outlet Project

Location: Scandia Valley Township, Morrison County and Fawn Lake Township, Todd County

Process: EAW

Step: EAW Available

End of Comment Period: December 23, 2021

Project Description: Lake Shamineau's water level has risen to a high of approximately 2.9 feet above the Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL) in recent years and is presently more than 1 foot above the OHWL, resulting in flood damages to properties and infrastructure and causing severe shoreline erosion. To alleviate damage, the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID) proposes to construct an outlet structure, pump station, and underground pipe as well as ditch excavation to restore the lake's water levels closer to the OHWL. The proposed project will include Scandia Valley Township of Morrison County and Fawn Lake Township of Todd County. The project corridor is located along the southwest shoreline of Lake Shamineau and the ditches along Aztec Road, US Highway 10, County Road 203, Atlantic Road, and Pulaski Road.

Link to Public Documents: No link to documents provided. See RGU contact information below.

Location of Public Documents: Morrison County Land Services, 213 1st Avenue SE, Little Falls, MN 56345

RGU and Contact: Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District, [Rick Rosar](#), 612-709-6402

Munger Landing Sediment Remediation

Location: Duluth, St. Louis County

Process: EAW

Step: EAW Available

End of Comment Period: December 23, 2021

Project Description: The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, will conduct an environmental cleanup at Munger Landing in the St. Louis River Area of Concern. The project consists of dredging approximately 100,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment, temporarily storing and dewatering the sediments offsite, disposing of the dewatered sediments at a certified offsite landfill, placing a residual cover of clean sediment over the dredged area, and revegetating the site post construction.

Link to Public Documents: [Munger Landing Sediment Remediation EAW](#)

Location of Public Documents: Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road, Saint Paul, MN 55155

RGU and Contact: Pollution Control Agency, [Patrice Jensen](#), 651-757-2465

Pelican Rapids Dam Modification and Fish Passage Installation Project

Location: Pelican Rapids, Otter Tail County

Process: EAW

Step: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Need Decision

RGU Decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Record of Decision Date: November 9, 2021

Link to Public Documents: No link to documents provided. See RGU contact information below.

Location of Public Documents: City Hall, 315 North Broadway PO Box 350, Pelican Rapids, MN 56572

RGU and Contact: City of Pelican Rapids, [Don Solga](#), 218-863-7076

Submit an environmental review notice to the *Monitor*

The *EQB Monitor* is published every Tuesday at 12:00 pm. Submissions to the [EQB Monitor](#) are due by 4:00 pm on the Tuesday one week prior to the intended publication date. Please see the [EQB Monitor schedule](#) for more details.

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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