

EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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EQB Board member appointments

We are excited to share the Governor's appointment of two new EQB Public Board Members. Angela Smith will be joining the board to represent Congressional District 5, and Ed Brands will be joining us to represent Congressional District 7. Additionally, current Board Member Nick Martin has been reappointed to represent Congressional District 4. We look forward to hearing the new perspectives they'll bring to the Board.

EQB planning surveys to collect additional ER data

We recently updated the data management plan for the environmental review program. Within the update, new information/metrics are identified as necessary to collect for us to better understand the implementation of the program and be able to assess the effectiveness of the program. In order to collect this information, the EQB is planning to survey the RGU contacts for EAW projects that are noticed in the *EQB Monitor*. With this project we want to better understand the amount of time an EAW takes to complete; the interactions between RGUs and project proposers; engagement efforts; and other information. We plan for these to be simple and take no more than 5-10 minutes to complete. The information we can gain from these surveys will improve the understanding of how the program is being implemented by RGUs and help the EQB determine if improvements to the program could benefit program participants.

More information will be provided as we get closer to the survey launch.



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](#).

[Garrison Bay Development](#)

Location (city/township; county): Garrison; Crow Wing

Process: EAW

Step: EIS need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (EIS not ordered)

Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: June 19, 2024

Project description: Yale Holdings, LLC is proposing a mixed-use development along Trunk Highway (TH) 169 within the City of Garrison, MN. This proposed development is on approximately 122 acres and includes up to 189 single family homes (aka cottages), 86 condos, and a hotel/lodge with 144 rooms. Construction will also include stormwater infrastructure, internal roads, and utilities.

Location of public documents: Garrison City Hall, 27065 Central Street, Garrison, MN 56450

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Garrison, [Mike Pederson](#), 320-335-5059

[Shakopee Gravel Redevelopment](#)

Location (city/township; county): Shakopee; Scott

Process: EAW

Step: EIS need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (EIS not ordered)

Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: June 25, 2024

Project description: A residential and mixed-use development is proposed on approximately 146 acres southwest of the intersection of Mystic Lake Dr. (County Highway 83) and 17th Ave E (County Highway 16), in Shakopee, Minnesota. This proposed development is located at the site of a sand and gravel pit and includes 223 single family homes, 98 attached townhomes, up to 534 apartment units, 174,300 square feet of mixed commercial uses, and approximately 24 acres of open space. Construction will also include a water treatment plant owned and operated by the Shakopee Public Utilities Commission, stormwater infrastructure, internal roads, and utilities.

Location of public documents: City of Shakopee, 485 Gorman Street, Shakopee, MN 55379

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Shakopee, [Michael Kerski](#), 952-233-9346

[West Transit Village](#)

Location (city/township; county): Rochester; Olmsted

Process: EAW

Step: EIS need decision

Joint federal and state review: Yes

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (EIS not ordered)

Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: June 25, 2024

Project description: The West Transit Village (WTV) project is north of 2nd Street SW and east of Avalon Cove Court NW in Rochester, Olmsted County, MN. The site consists of two parcels and approximately 15 acres with an existing surface parking lot. The WTV project proposes to replace the surface lot with a new transit plaza consisting of a public

park-and-ride lot, a Mayo Clinic employee parking ramp, and mixed-use developments. The project is located at the westernmost stop of the proposed Rochester Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) (the Link BRT) project.

Location of public documents: City of Rochester Community Development Department, 4001 West River Pkwy NW, Rochester, MN 55901

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Rochester Community Development Department, [Elliot Mohler](#), 507-328-2941

Farmington West Industrial

Location (city/township; county): Farmington; Dakota

Process: Large AUAR

Step: Draft AUAR

End of comment period: August 1, 2024

Project description: The AUAR study area encompasses an area totaling approximately 329 acres on six parcels in the City of Farmington, Dakota County, Minnesota. Project Bengal, LLC is proposing to develop the study area from existing farmland to a technology park or industrial uses.

[Farmington West Industrial project link provided by RGU](#)

Location of public documents: Farmington City Hall, 430 Third Street, Farmington, MN 55024

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Farmington, [Tony Wippler](#), 651-280-6822

Fish kill reports

Minnesota Duty Officer reports pertaining to fish kills are summarized in the following table, in accordance with 103G.216, REPORTING FISH KILLS IN PUBLIC WATERS, Subd. 2 Reporting Requirement. These reports were received via the Minnesota Duty Officer prior to the submission deadline for this edition of the EQB Monitor. They represent the raw data/information provided by callers. For more information regarding fish kills in Minnesota see the [Department of Natural Resources](#). Call the Minnesota Duty Officer at 651-649-5451 or 800-422-0798 to report fish kills.

No fish kill reports were received since the last publication.

Submit a notice to the *EQB Monitor*

The *EQB Monitor* is a weekly publication announcing environmental review documents, public comment periods and other actions of the Environmental Quality Board. The *EQB Monitor* is published every Tuesday at noon. Submissions to the [EQB Monitor](#) are due by 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday one week prior to the intended publication date. Please see the [EQB Monitor schedule](#) for more details.

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