

EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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Announcements

Environmental Review Implementation Subcommittee meeting

Wednesday, June 12, 1 – 4 p.m. Join us in person or virtually for the June 2024 Environmental Review Implementation Subcommittee (ERIS) meeting. The subcommittee will hear details about the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Environmental Review Draft Workplan, data gathering for the FY25 Data Management Plan, and an update on the 2024 Mandatory Categories Report. More information about the meeting, including the meeting packet and virtual meeting information, can be found on the [ERIS meeting webpage](#).

Public input on the EQB Strategic Plan

We want to hear from you! The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) has been working to update the organization's strategic plan to guide our activities for the next five years. Starting with the existing strategic plan, adopted in 2018, our goal was to draft a plan that helps us align our capacity and aspirations, and which provides guidance to the Board, EQB staff, and all our partners about our role and the work we plan to take on. Now is your opportunity to chime in and share your thoughts and ideas by taking [this online survey](#).

Deadline: 6/14/2024



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](#).

Bloomington Schools Project

Location: Bloomington

Process: Petition

Step: EAW need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: EAW Not Required

Responsible governmental unit decision date: Jun 6, 2024

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Bloomington, [Glen Markegard](#), 952-563-8920

Farmington Technology Park AUAR

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

Process: Large AUAR

Step: Draft order for review

End of comment period: July 11, 2024

Project description: The AUAR study area encompasses an area totaling approximately 347 acres on 3 parcels in the City of Farmington, Dakota County, Minnesota. Tract Management Company, LP is proposing to redevelop the study area from existing agriculture and golf course use to data center uses. Two scenarios are proposed for evaluation in the AUAR. Scenario 1 includes multiple buildings for a total of 2.53 million square feet of proposed light industrial development. Scenario 2 consists of up to 675 residential units, 100,000 square feet of commercial space, and agricultural land. The proposed development within the AUAR study area is anticipated to start in 2026.

[Farmington Technology Park AUAR 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

Central High School Redevelopment Project

Location (city/township; county): Duluth; St. Louis

Process: Large AUAR

Step: AUAR adoption

Responsible governmental unit decision: Adequate

Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: June 3, 2024

Project description: The City of Duluth is preparing an AUAR for an approximately 80-acre area on the site of the former Central High School near Central Entrance and H. Courtney Drive in the City of Duluth, St. Louis County, Minnesota. Two development scenarios will be evaluated as part of the AUAR which include a business park scenario consistent with the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan, and a mixed residential and commercial use scenario.

[Central High School Redevelopment Project project link provided by RGU](#)

Location of public documents: City Hall, 411 West First Street, Duluth, MN 55802

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Duluth, [Kyle Deming](#), 218-730-5580

[Rosemount Industrial AUAR Update](#)

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

Process: AUAR update

Step: Revised AUAR

End of comment period: July 11, 2024

Project description: The Rosemount Industrial Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) study area encompasses approximately 235.2 acres of land located northwest of the intersection 145th Street East and Blaine Avenue in Rosemount, Minnesota. This report is intended to serve as an update to the 2023 AUAR, as the project has been acquired from Scannell Properties, LLC, by Project Shamrock. An additional scenario, Scenario 2, has been added to the development scenario. Scenario 2 includes up to four (4) million square feet of data center or technology park. Scenario 2 may consist of up to two-story buildings.

[Rosemount Industrial AUAR Update project link provided by RGU](#)

Location of public documents: Rosemount City Hall, 2875 145th Street West, Rosemount, MN 55068

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Rosemount, [Anthony Nemcek](#), 651-423-4411

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.

Date	Location	County	Waterbody	Species	Count
5/29/2024	Victoria	Carver	East Auburn Lake	Crappies, Catfish, Panfish	100
5/31/2024	Clear Lake	Sherburne	Camp Lake	Sunfish	50+
6/3/2024	Lindstrom	Chisago	South Lindstrom Lake	Crappie, Sunfish	100
6/4/2024	Pine City	Pine	Pokegama Lake	Freshwater Drum, Sturgeon	25+

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