

EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

Volume 46, Number 34

August 23, 2022

Announcements

Subcommittee for Pilot Program Implementation meeting

Join us for the [Subcommittee for Pilot Program Implementation \(SPPI\)](#) meeting on August 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. At this meeting, SPPI members will discuss Climate Change and Environmental Review Pilot Program implementation activities and early takeaways from feedback received to date on the draft revised EAW form and make recommendations to EQB staff. Members of the public are invited to provide comment at the meeting. More information about this virtual meeting, including the meeting packet and opportunities to participate, can be found on the [meeting page](#).

Share your ideas to help pollinators!



The Interagency Pollinator Protection Team (IPPT) is developing an action framework to help pollinators in Minnesota. The framework is a set of recommended actions to help pollinators over the long term. These recommendations will include state-led actions and actions members of the public can do.

Visit our [engagement platform](#) where you can share your ideas for action with the IPPT, and vote for the ideas you think should be prioritized.

The IPPT will consider the ideas submitted by August 31 and release a draft of the framework by December 1.

For more information on the pollinator action framework or the public engagement platform, please contact [Rebeca Gutierrez-Moreno](#) (phone, 651-757-2268).

Required public 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.

*Otsego West Wastewater Treatment Facility - Liquid Phase 1

Location: Otsego, Wright County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: September 22, 2022

Project description: The City of Otsego owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility, the West Wastewater Treatment Facility, permitted for an average wet weather flow of 0.72 million gallons per day that continuously discharges to an unnamed creek (locally known as Otsego Creek). The wastewater treatment facility is approaching its rated capacity. The City of Otsego proposes to expand the wastewater treatment facility within the existing property boundary to treat an average wet weather flow of 1.75 million gallons per day and discharge at the same location.

Link to public documents: [Otsego West Wastewater Treatment Facility EAW](#)

Location of public documents: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul MN 55155

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, [Steve Sommer](#), 651-757-2746

***Tenant Farmer's House Removal, Charles A. Lindbergh State Park**

Location: Little Falls, Morrison County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: September 22, 2022

Project description: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is planning the demolition of the Tenant Farmer's House located within Charles A. Lindbergh State Park, in Little Falls, Minnesota. The house is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Charles A. Lindbergh State Park and Lindbergh House Historic District. The house served as the residence for the tenant farmers on the Lindbergh property until the 1930s and as the state park manager's residence from the mid-20th century until the 1980s; it has been vacant since 1986. It is now in a state of disrepair, is considered to be nonrepairable, and is deemed a public safety hazard. The proposed project would include demolition and removal of the house. The foundation may remain onsite as an interpretive feature. Reconstruction of the house is not planned at this time.

Link to public documents: [Tenant Farmers House Removal EAW](#)

Location of public documents: Kitchigami Regional Library, 212 Park Avenue, PO Box 84, Pine River, MN 56474

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Department of Natural Resources, [Kathy Metzker](#), 651-259-5694

The Bluffs

Location: Shoreview, Ramsey County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: September 22, 2022

Project description: The Bluffs project is a proposed development that consists of 160 multifamily units and 19 single-family lots located between Snail Lake and Highway 96 West, just west of Snail Lake Boulevard in Shoreview, Ramsey County, Minnesota. The 18.6-acre site consists of existing institutional use and right-of-way that will be vacated. There are existing buildings on site that will be demolished.

Link to public documents: [The Bluffs EAW](#)

Location of public documents: City of Shoreview City Hall, 4600 Victoria Street North, Shoreview, MN 55126

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Shoreview, [Niki Hill](#), 651-490-4658

Corcoran Farms Business Park

Location: Corcoran, Hennepin County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

Step: Environmental impact statement (EIS) need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Responsible governmental unit decision date: August 11, 2022

Link to public documents: [Corcoran Farms Business Park EIS need decision](#)

Location of public documents: Corcoran City Hall, 8200 County Road 116, Corcoran, MN 55330

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Corcoran, [Kendra Lindahl](#), 612-638-0225

Kelzer Property

Location: Chaska, Carver County

Process: Alternative urban areawide review

Step: Final order of review

Project description: The AUAR study area encompasses an area totaling approximately 72.3 acres on two parcels in the City of Chaska, Carver County, Minnesota. CloudHQ is proposing to redevelop the study area from existing agriculture to industrial uses. Redevelopment of the study area would include new infrastructure, including water service, sewer, stormwater, streets, and utilities, and most of the new services would be extensions to existing infrastructure or upgrading existing systems to support the new land uses.

Link to public documents: [Kelzer Property final order of review](#)

Location of public documents: Chaska City Hall, 1 City Hall Plaza, Chaska, MN 55318

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Chaska, [Elizabeth Hanson](#), 952-448-9200

Kelzer Property

Location: Chaska, Carver County

Process: Alternative urban areawide review (AUAR)

Step: Draft AUAR

End of comment period: September 22, 2022

Project description: The AUAR study area encompasses an area totaling approximately 72.3 acres on two parcels in the City of Chaska, Carver County, Minnesota. CloudHQ is proposing to redevelop the study area from existing agriculture to industrial uses. Redevelopment of the study area would include new infrastructure, including water service, sewer, stormwater, streets, and utilities, and most of the new services would be extensions to existing infrastructure or upgrading existing systems to support the new land uses.

Link to public documents: No link to documents provided. See responsible governmental unit contact information below.

Location of public documents: Chaska City Hall, 1 City Hall Plaza, Chaska, MN 55318

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Chaska, [Elizabeth Hanson](#), 952-448-9200

Duluth Loop 115kv Transmission Line Project

Location: Duluth, St. Louis County

Process: Alternative review

Notice title: Notice of Environmental Assessment Availability, Public Hearings, and Comment Period

Notice description: The Honorable James E. LaFave, Administrative Law Judge with the Office of Administrative Hearings, will preside over the public hearings and after a comment period, will provide the Commission with findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a recommendation. The purpose of the public hearings is to receive public input on the proposed project, the Environmental Assessment, and the draft route permit. Interested persons will have the opportunity to: (1) ask questions of the applicant and agency staff; (2) offer verbal and written comments on the merits of the proposed project; and (3) suggest possible conditions to be considered for inclusion in the route permit. Members of the public may participate without the necessity of intervening as a party. Representation by legal counsel is permitted but not required. The hearings will end when all attendees have had the opportunity to comment and all other business has been concluded, or 9:00pm.

Project description: Minnesota Power is proposing to construct the Duluth Loop Reliability Project, which will include: (1) construction of about 14 miles of new 115 kV transmission line between the Ridgeview, Haines Road, and Hilltop Substations; (2) construction of a new approximately one-mile extension connecting an existing 230 kV

transmission line to the Arrowhead Substation; (3) upgrades to the Ridgeview, Hilltop, Haines Road, and Arrowhead substations; and (4) reconfiguration, rebuild, and upgrade to existing transmission lines and communications infrastructure in the Project area. Minnesota Power intends to construct, own, and maintain the Duluth Loop 115 kV and 230 kV Transmission Line Project. In order to construct the Duluth Loop Reliability Project, the Applicant must be granted both a certificate of need and a route permit from the Commission.

Link to public documents: [Duluth Loop 115kv Transmission Line Project alternative review](#)

Location of public documents: Duluth Public Library, 520 W Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802

First public meeting date, time, location: September 19, 2022, 2:00 p.m., AAD Shrine Meeting & Event Center, 5152 Miller Trunk Hwy, Hermantown, MN 55811

First public meeting additional details: <https://g.page/AADshrine?share>

Second public meeting date, time, location: September 19, 2022, 6:00 p.m., AAD Shrine Meeting & Event Center, 5152 Miller Trunk Hwy, Hermantown, MN 55811

Second public meeting additional details: <https://g.page/AADshrine?share>

Third public meeting date, time, location: September 20, 2022, 6:00 p.m., remote-access

Third public meeting virtual link: minnesota.webex.com, Event number (access code): 2484 010 7207, Event password: MNPUC

Third public meeting additional details: Telephone: 1-855-282-6330, Telephone Access Code: 2484 010 7207

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Public Utilities Commission, [Cezar Panait](#), 651-201-2207

Submit an environmental review notice to the *EQB Monitor*

The *EQB Monitor* is published every Tuesday at 12:00 p.m. 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.

To submit a notice for publication:

[Use the EQB Monitor submission form](#)

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

The *EQB Monitor* is a weekly publication announcing environmental review documents, public comment periods and other actions of the Environmental Quality Board. For more information on environmental review, please visit the [EQB website](#) or contact us at env.review@state.mn.us.



Environmental Quality Board | eqb.state.mn.us

Email us: Env.review@state.mn.us | Call: 651-757-2873



SUBSCRIBER SERVICES:

[Manage Subscriptions](#) | [Unsubscribe](#) | [Help](#)



This email was sent to Email Address using GovDelivery Communications Cloud on behalf of: Minnesota Environmental Quality Board - 520 Lafayette Road North, Saint Paul, MN 55155

