

# EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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## Announcements

**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 ([rebeca.gutierrez-moreno@state.mn.us](mailto:rebeca.gutierrez-moreno@state.mn.us), 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.

## Royal Oaks Farm Development

**Location:** Rochester Township, Olmsted County

**Process:** Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

**Step:** Environmental assessment worksheet available

**End of comment period:** September 8, 2022

**Project description:** Royal Oaks Farm is a proposed 4-phase, 84 lots, low density suburban residential development on 315.4 - acres located on the southwest fringe of Rochester that will be served by shared private wells and individual septic treatment systems with access to 40th Street SW, County Road 117, on the South.

**Link to public documents:** [Royal Oaks Farm Development EAW](#)

**Location of public documents:** Township Cooperative Planning Association, 4111 11th Ave SW, Room 10, Rochester, MN 55902

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Rochester Township, [Roger Ihrke](#), 507-529-0774

## W. Lorentz and Sons Aggregate Mine

**Location:** Fairmont Township, Martin County

**Process:** Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

**Step:** Environmental assessment worksheet available

**End of comment period:** September 8, 2022

**Project description:** W. Lorentz and Sons Construction, Inc. is proposing establishment of a new non-metallic mineral mining operation located at Parcel ID 050240300 in Fairmont Township, Martin County, Minnesota. The project will include stripping the topsoil, constructing berms for stormwater control, extraction, and hauling of aggregate materials, primarily construction sand and gravel. Reclamation will take place upon mining completion.

**Link to public documents:** [W. Lorentz and Sons Aggregate Mine EAW](#)

**Location of public documents:** Martin County Coordinator's Office, 201 Lake Avenue, Room 100, Fairmont, MN 56031

**Public meeting date, time, location:** August 15, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Martin County Courthouse, 201 Lake Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Martin County, [Scott Higgins](#), 507-238-3124

## **\*900 Marquette Development**

**Location:** Minneapolis, 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:** July 21, 2022

**Link to public documents:** [900 Marquette Development EIS need decision](#)

**Location of public documents:** Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** City of Minneapolis, [Hilary Dvorak](#), 612-673-2639

## **Anderson Corporation North Branch Facility Addition**

**Location:** North Branch, Chisago County

**Process:** Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

**Step:** Environmental impact statement need decision

**Responsible governmental unit decision:** Negative (no EIS ordered)

**Responsible governmental unit decision date:** July 26, 2022

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

**Location of public documents:** City of North Branch, 6408 Elm Street, North Branch, MN 55056

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** City of North Branch, [Renae Fry](#), 651-277-5229

## **\*Hennepin Healthcare Purple Parking Ramp Expansion**

**Location:** Minneapolis, 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:** July 21, 2022

**Link to public documents:** [Hennepin Healthcare Purple Parking Ramp Expansion](#)

**Location of public documents:** Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** City of Minneapolis, [Hilary Dvorak](#), 612-673-2639

## \*Kingsbury Bay Watershed Sediment Reduction Project

**Location:** Duluth, St. Louis 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:** July 26, 2022

**Link to public documents:** [Kingsbury Bay Watershed Sediment Reduction Project EIS need decision](#)

**Location of public documents:** Duluth Public Library, 520 W. Superior St., Duluth, MN 55802

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Department of Natural Resources, [Becky Horton](#), 651-259-5122

## Submit an environmental review notice to the *EQB Monitor*

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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](mailto: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](mailto:env.review@state.mn.us).



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