

EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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Announcements

Apply now to be EQB executive director

We are hiring to fill the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) executive director position. This role provides executive leadership and direction to the board and staff and collaborates with diverse individuals and organizations on water, climate, and other issues to improve environmental quality in Minnesota. Application deadline is December 30. Find more information and apply on the State of Minnesota's [Careers website](#) (Job ID #61055).

We are hiring!

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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

Revised environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) form approved

At the December meeting, Environmental Quality Board members voted unanimously to support the chair in replacing the existing environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) form with the revised version that incorporates climate information. EQB piloted the revised version over the course of 2022. The chair formally approved the EAW form, which means all responsible governmental units (RGUs) are required to use the updated form for projects that begin after December 14, 2022. Projects started before this date that are not already using the updated form may continue with the prior approved form. The updated form can be found on the [EAW process webpage](#) in both PDF and Microsoft Word formats.

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](#).

Allina Health Medical Center Replacement Project

Location: Cambridge, Isanti County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: January 19, 2023

Project description: Allina Health systems has proposed to replace their existing hospital/medical center with a new hospital/medical center on a 57.3 acre site located on the west side of Xylite Street NE, 1/4 mile north of Highway 95, Cambridge, MN. The project will consist of a new 260,000 square foot hospital with future expansion of up to 327,000 square feet and three (3) stories high. In addition, other out-buildings (offices, community uses, etc.) are planned but dependent upon future needs. The overall potential building area is 398,000 square feet total.

Link to public documents: [Allina Health Medical Center Replacement Project](#)

Location of public documents: City of Cambridge, 300 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge, MN 55008

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Cambridge, [Marcia Westover](#), 763-552-3207

Roseau River Restoration Project

Location: Northwest Roseau Unorganized Territory and Pohlitz Township in Roseau County; Caribou Township in Kittson County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: January 19, 2023

Project description: The Roseau River Watershed District (RRWD) in partnership with the Minnesota DNR is proposing the restoration of approximately 45 miles of Roseau River that was channelized in the early 1900s to create State Ditch 51 (SD51). The construction of the ditch system reduced the river length and increased the slopes of the river resulting in a disconnect from its natural floodplain. The “Roseau River Restoration Project” aims to “restore the natural geomorphology and hydrology, reconnect historic oxbows to reestablish natural meandering, reconnect cutoff floodplains and riparian corridors, recreate diverse river features (riffles, runs, bends, pools, etc.), and rebuild corridors between priority habitats. Upon completion, the project will successfully reconnect 13.6 miles of historic oxbows, restore 22.5 miles of river, floodplain, and riparian habitat, and restore 366 acres of aquatic habitats important to many aquatic species.

Link to public documents: [Roseau River Restoration Project](#)

Location of public documents: Roseau River Watershed District Office, 714 6th Street Southwest, Roseau, MN 56751

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Roseau River Watershed District, [Tracy Halstensgard](#), 218-463-0313

Knife River Higgins Pit

Location: Haven Township, Sherburne County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

Step: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) need decision

Project description: Knife River is proposing a 90.62-acre nonmetallic mineral mine on a 155-acre parcel located in Section 15 of Haven Township, Sherburne County. The mine will produce construction sand and gravel.

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Responsible governmental unit decision date: December 8, 2022

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

Location of public documents: Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Dr. NW Suite 100, Elk River, MN 55330

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Sherburne County, [Mitch Glines](#), 763-765-4466

Mankato Motorsports Park Project

Location: Eagle Lake, Blue Earth County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

Step: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) need decision

Project description: The proposed Mankato Motorsports Park will convert approximately 230 acres of agricultural land to a 3-mile track for high-performance vehicles. The Mankato Motorsports Park will construct a bituminous track with concrete edging, run-off areas, sound walls, and berms. Other construction includes car condos, a track clubhouse, and associated bituminous parking lots. The City of Eagle Lake has determined the proposed project does not have the potential for significant environmental effects.

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Responsible governmental unit decision date: December 7, 2022

Link to public documents: [Mankato Motorsports Park Project](#)

Location of public documents: Eagle Lake City Hall, 705 Parkway Avenue, PO BOX 159, Eagle Lake, MN 56024

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Eagle Lake, [Jennifer Bromeland](#), 507-257-3218

W. Lorentz and Sons Aggregate Mine

Location: Fairmont Township, Martin County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

Step: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) need decision

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.

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Responsible governmental unit decision date: December 8, 2022

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

Location of public documents: Martin County Courthouse, 201 Lake Avenue, Room 100, Fairmont, MN 56031

Responsible governmental unit and contact: County of Martin, [Scott Higgins](#), 507-238-3126

Update to Snelling Midway AUAR for MLS Stadium and Mixed-Use Urban Village

Location: Saint Paul, Ramsey County

Process: Alternative urban areawide review (AUAR) update

Step: AUAR update available

End of comment period: January 5, 2023

Project description: An AUAR for the construction of a new MLS stadium for Minnesota United Football Club and the redevelopment of the surrounding area was completed in August of 2016. An update to that AUAR has been completed. The project consists of a 20,000 seat stadium, which has been constructed and is in use, and the redevelopment for mix of residential and commercial uses of the remainder of an approximately 34 acre area bounded by Snelling, University, and Saint Anthony Avenues and Pascal Street in Saint Paul, MN.

Link to public documents: [Snelling-Midway Redevelopment Site](#)

Location of public documents: City Hall Annex - City of Saint Paul, 25 W. Fourth Street, Suite 1400, Saint Paul, MN, 55102

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Saint Paul, [Joshua Williams](#), 651-266-6659

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