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## Environmental Assessment Worksheets

*Comment Deadline: September 17, 2014*

### Project Title: Parkside North

**Project Description:** Parkside North is a mixed use neighborhood comprised of commercial, single-family detached, medium-density attached and multi-story apartments on 135 acres at Lexington Avenue and 125th Avenue North in the city of Blaine. Park trails, trees and sidewalks, wetlands, new water quality ponds and a new man-made open water pond of over 6 acres will provide additional drainage and recreational enhancements.

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### Project Title: Troy Phillips Swine Facility

**Project Description:** Troy Phillips is proposing to construct a new swine finishing facility in Section 29 of McPherson Township in Blue Earth County. The proposed facility will consist of the construction of two barns that will have a maximum physical capacity of 2,400 finishing hogs in each barn. The facility will have a total of 1,440 animal units<sup>[1]</sup> housed on-site. The proposed barns will be total confinement, power-ventilated buildings. Manure will be stored in reinforced concrete pits located beneath each of the barns.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency website, at the following: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>. Written comments on the EAW should be submitted to Charles Peterson. A copy of the EAW may also be obtained by contacting Beth Tegdesch at 651-757-2100.

In addition to the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW), the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System (NPDES/SDS) Permit for the project will also be available for public comment beginning August 18, 2014. The contact person for the NPDES/SDS Permit is Sara Isebrand at 507-344-5263.

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### **EIS Need Decision**

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does not require preparation of an EIS. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the EAW notice was published in the EQB Monitor.

- Sherburne County, Knife River Prom Mining Expansion, August 5, 2014 (June 9, 2014)
- City of Woodbury, City Place, July 30, 2014 (June 23, 2014)

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### **EIS Scoping Booklet and Draft Scoping Decision Document Available**

## **Project Title: Rochester - Twin Cities Passenger Rail Corridor Investment Plan and Tier 1 EIS (Zip Rail)**

### **Notice to Extend Comment Deadline on Scoping Booklet and Draft Scoping Decision Document**

#### **Comment Extension Deadline: August 22, 2014**

In response to public interest, the Minnesota Department of Transportation has extended the comment period on the Zip Rail Scoping and Draft Scoping Decision Document to August 22. The project notice appeared in the EQB Monitor on July 7.

The Scoping Booklet and Draft Scoping Decision Document describe the purpose and need for development of high-speed passenger rail service between the Twin Cities and Rochester and the alternatives that will be carried into a Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement.

**Documents Available for Public Review:** Copies of the Scoping Booklet and Draft Scoping Decision Document have been placed for public review at libraries and governmental locations throughout the corridor. The list of locations to view a hard copy is listed at [www.goziprail.org](http://www.goziprail.org).

To request a document in an alternative format call 651-366-4718 or email your request to [ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us](mailto:ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us).

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### Final AUAR Adopted

## Project Title: Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant (TCAAP) Redevelopment Project - Adoption of Final AUAR

The City of Arden Hills has prepared a Final Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) under the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act for the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant (TCAAP) Redevelopment Project. The Final AUAR was sent to review agencies, and no objections were raised. The City of Arden Hills adopted the TCAAP Final AUAR on July 28, 2014. The Final AUAR is available at the following website: <http://mn-ardenhills.civicplus.com/index.aspx?NID=336>

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