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## Environmental Assessment Worksheets

*Comment Deadline: August 6, 2014*

## Project Title: Berres Ridge Residential Development

**Project Description:** Berres Ridge is a residential development of 372 single family lots of which 262 lots are RS-3 zoning and 110 lots south of 200th Street are proposed to be RS-4 zoning on a total site area of 151.92 acres north of and adjacent to 202nd Street W (CSAH 50), east of Highview Avenue and west of Hamburg Avenue.

**RGU:** City of Lakeville

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## Project Title: Lakeview Residential Development

**Project Description:** Source Land Capital is proposing to build a residential development on 140± acres on the former Lakeview Golf Course property at 405 North Arm Drive in Orono. The project includes 50+ single family lots with private sewer. The property is not in the MUSA. The EAW is available at [www.ci.orono.mn.us](http://www.ci.orono.mn.us) or Orono City Hall (2750 Kelley Parkway).

**RGU:** City of Orono

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## **Project Title: Building Demolition (214 South Minnesota Avenue)**

**Project Description:** The project involves the demolition of the building at 214 South Minnesota Avenue, St. Peter, MN and the removal of the demolition debris. The structure has been determined to be a "contributing building" within the St. Peter Commercial Historic District as designated by the National Register of Historic Places.

**RGU:** St. Peter Heritage Preservation Commission

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## **Project Title: Upper Lightning Lake Water Level Management Project**

**Project Description:** The public watercourse that connects Upper Lightning Lake to downstream Denton Slough has become filled with narrowleaf/hybrid cattail and sediment. The MDNR Section of Wildlife is proposing to install a pump and lift station at the outlet of Upper Lightning Lake to manage water levels on Upper Lightning Lake, and improve wetland wildlife habitat and water quality.

**RGU:** Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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Division of Ecological and Water Resources  
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Electronic or e-mail comments may be sent to  
[Environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:Environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us) with "Upper Lightning Lake EAW" in the  
If submitting comments electronically, include name and mailing address.  
Fax: 651-296-1811

A copy of the EAW is available for public review at:

- DNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul.
- DNR Northwest Region, 2115 Birchmont Beach Rd NE, Bemidji, MN 56601.
- Minneapolis Central Library, Government Documents, 2nd Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall.
- Fergus Falls Public Library, 205 E Hampden Ave, Fergus Falls, MN 56537.
- Thorson Memorial Library, 117 Central Ave N, Elbow Lake, MN 56531.

The EAW is also posted on the DNR's website at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/index.html> (Click on "Public Input", then select "Upper Lightning Lake EAW" from the scroll-down list under "Environmental Review").

Additional copies may be requested by calling (651) 259-5168.

## Project Title: Blue Earth CSAH 12 Extension Project

**Project Description:** Blue Earth County proposes to construct an extension of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 12 from CSAH 17 (Madison Avenue) to Trunk Highway (TH) 83. The roadway extension would be four lanes from CSAH 17 to Hoffman Road, and three lanes from Hoffman Road to TH 83. The EAW, which documents the purpose and need of the project, alternatives evaluation process, and anticipated social, economic, and environmental impacts, is available on the project website at <http://www.co.blue-earth.mn.us/index.aspx?nid=1065>. Copies of the EAW will also be available for review during business hours at the following locations:

- Blue Earth County Public Works & Parks Department, 35 Map Drive, Mankato, MN
- Blue Earth County Library, 100 East Main Street, Mankato, MN

**RGU:** Blue Earth County

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### EIS Need Decisions

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.

- South Washington Watershed District, Central Draw Storage Facility Overflow Project Phase II-V, June 10, 2014 (April 28, 2014)
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Radio Tower Bay Wetland Restoration, June 17, 2014 (April 28, 2014)
- Buffalo-Red Watershed District, Whiskey Creek Restoration, June 23, 2014 (May 12, 2014)
- Buffalo-Red Watershed District, Buffalo River Restoration near Hawley, MN, June 23, 2014 (May 12, 2014)
- Minnesota Department of Transportation, TH Passing and Turn lane Improvements, June 30, 2014 (May 12, 2014)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Hayfield Wastewater Treatment Facility, June 27, 2014 (May 26, 2014)
- CORRECTION - Merriam Junction Sands Proposed Mining Operation - SEE EIS PREPARATION BELOW

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### EIS Need Decision - POSITIVE DECLARATION

- City of St. Paul, Canadian Pacific Railway (CP) Track Extension Project, June 12, 2014 (March 31, 2014)  
Based on the findings and record in this matter, the City of St. Paul has determined that the proposed Canadian Pacific Rail yard expansion has the potential for significant environmental effects. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is needed.
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## EIS Preparation Notice

# Project Title: Merriam Junction Sands Proposed Mining Operation

On June 3, 2014, the Scott County Board of Commissioners approved the Merriam Junction Sands Proposed Mining Final Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet and the Scoping Decision Document (SDD). The Final SDD has included the verbal and written comments received during the 30 day public review period including comments received at the public meeting. Scott County hereby issues notice of its intent to prepare a draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Merriam Junction Sands proposed mining operation in Sand Creek Township. The Final SDD and work plan are available on the Scott County website.

**RGU:** Scott County

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## EIS Scoping Booklet and Draft Scoping Decision Document Available

*Comment Deadline: August 6, 2014*

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

**Project Description:** The Scoping Booklet and Draft Scoping Decision Document will describe the purpose and need for development of high-speed passenger rail service between the Twin Cities and Rochester. The booklet will also provide information on alternatives that will be carried into a Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Zip Rail study area includes an approximately 100-mile corridor between Rochester and the Twin Cities and is being examined for potential high speed rail service. The study area includes Dakota, Dodge, Goodhue, Hennepin, Olmsted, Ramsey and Rice counties and various termini, or end points, in the Twin Cities and Rochester area. There is no continuous existing railroad connection between the Twin Cities and Rochester, so many of the potential corridors would create new or "greenfield" transportation routes.

### Documents Available for Public Review

Copies of the Scoping Booklet and Draft Scoping Decision Document will be available for public review at the following locations:

- **Project website** – [www.goziprail.org](http://www.goziprail.org)
- **Byron City Hall** – 680 Byron Main Court NE, Byron
- **Byron City Hall** – 680 Byron Main Court NE, Byron

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- **Byron City Hall** – 680 Byron Main Court NE, Byron
- **Cannon Falls Library** – 306 West Mill Street, Cannon Falls
- **Dennison City Hall** – 37622 Goodhue Avenue, Dennison
- **Dodge Center Public Library** – 13 1st Avenue NW, Dodge Center
- **Dodge County, Planning and Zoning** – 22 6th Street East, Dept. 123, Mantorville
- **Farmington Community Library** – 508 Third Street, Farmington
- **Galaxie Library** – 14955 Galaxie Avenue, Apple Valley
- **Goodhue County Government Center** – 509 West 5th Street, Red Wing
- **Hampton City Hall** – 5265 238th Street E, Hampton
- **Hennepin County Government Center** – 300 6th Street S, Minneapolis
- **Heritage Library** – 20085 Heritage Dr., Lakeville
- **Inver Grove Heights City Hall** – 8150 Barbara Avenue, Inver Grove Heights
- **Kasson Public Library** – 16 1st Avenue NW, Kasson
- **Kenyon Public Library** – 709 2nd Street, Kenyon
- **Metropolitan Council** – 390 Robert Street N, St. Paul
- **Minneapolis Central Library** - 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis
- **Olmsted County, Rochester-Olmsted Planning Department** – 2122 Campus Drive SE, Suite 100, Rochester
- **Olmsted County Government Center** – 151 4th Street SE, Rochester
- **Oronoco City Hall** – 115 2nd Street NW, Oronoco
- **Pleasant Hill Library** – 1490 South Frontage Road, Hastings
- **Ramsey County Government Center** – 15 West Kellogg Blvd, St. Paul
- **Randolph City Hall** – 4365 292nd Street E, Randolph
- **Robert Trail Library** – 14395 S Robert Trail, Rosemount
- **Rochester Public Library** – 101 2nd Street SE, Rochester
- **Rosemount City Hall** – 2875 145th Street W, Rosemount
- **Rice County Government Services Building** – 320 3rd Street N.W., Faribault
- **St. Paul Central Library** – 90 4th Street W, St. Paul
- **South St. Paul Library** – 106 3rd Avenue N, South St. Paul
- **Van Horn Public Library** – 115 3rd Street SE, Pine Island
- **Vermillion City Hall** – 105 Main Street E, Vermillion
- **Wentworth Library** – 199 E Wentworth Avenue, West St. Paul
- **Wescott Library** – 1340 Wescott Road, Eagan
- **West Concord Public Library** – 180 Main Street, West Concord
- **Zumbrota Public Library** – 100 West Avenue, Zumbrota
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**Comment Period and Instructions for Commenting**

Comments on the Scoping Booklet and Draft Scoping Decision Document may be submitted via e-mail, regular mail, or in person at one of the upcoming public meetings, as listed below:

**Tuesday, July 29**

Rochester Community and Technical College  
 Heintz Center  
 Commons Area  
 1926 College View Road East, Rochester  
 5:00pm-7:00pm

**Wednesday, July 30**

Inver Grove Community Center  
 Community Room 2  
 8055 Barbara Ave, Inver Grove Heights  
 5:00pm-7:00pm

**Thursday, July 31**

Kenyon-Wanamingo High School  
 Commons Area and Auditorium  
 400 6th Street, Kenyon  
 5:00pm-7:00pm

To request an ASL or foreign language interpreter for the public meetings call 651-366-4720.\*

To request other reasonable accommodations for the public meetings call 651-366-4718.\*

Or email requests to [ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us](mailto:ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us).\*

\*Please submit request at least seven days prior to the public meeting.

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).

**RGU:** Minnesota Department of Transportation

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 Planning Director – Passenger Rail Office  
 Minnesota Department of Transportation  
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 St. Paul, MN 55155

**Email comments to:** [info@goziprail.org](mailto:info@goziprail.org)

**Voicemail:** 651-366-3195

**Written comments should be sent to:** Minnesota Department of Transportation  
 Passenger Rail Office  
 ATTN: Zip Rail  
 395 John Ireland Boulevard, MS 470  
 St. Paul, MN 55155

## Petitions Received

The following petitions have been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an EAW. The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of government to review the petition and decide on the need for an EAW.

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Afton Wastewater Collection and Treatment System
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## AUAR Update Available

### Project Title: Inver Grove Heights Northwest Expansion Area AUAR June 2014 Update

*Comment Deadline: July 21, 2014*

**Project Description:** The Inver Grove Heights Northwest Expansion Area Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) is located on 3,140 acres in the northwest portion of the City. The AUAR was adopted by City Council in February 2006 and updated in 2007. An AUAR Update Addendum has been prepared to address updates in the proposed land use and development scenario.

This addendum along with the full AUAR can be reviewed on the City website ([www.invergroveheights.org](http://www.invergroveheights.org)) or at City Offices located at 8150 Barbara Avenue, Inver Grove Heights.

Comments on the AUAR Update should be submitted to Heather Botten, Associate Planner at 651-450-2569 or [hbotten@invergroveheights.org](mailto:hbotten@invergroveheights.org).

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## Draft EA/EAW

*Comment Deadline: August 20, 2014*

### Project Title: Duluth-Sky Harbor Airport Runway 32 Approach Obstruction Removal

**Project Description:** The DAA proposes to reconstruct the runway at the Duluth-Sky Harbor Airport to provide a runway with an approach clear of trees and obstructions. The project will provide a clear approach surface and put the Airport in sufficient compliance with state and federal rules to allow issuance of a Minnesota Airport License.

The EA/EAW may be accessed electronically on the DAA website at <http://www.duluthairport.com> and is available for public review during regular business hours at the following locations:

- Duluth International Airport at 4701 Grinden Dr, Duluth, MN
- Duluth Public Library at 520 W Superior St, Duluth, MN
- Lafayette Community Recreation Center at 2026 Minnesota Ave, Duluth, MN
- Duluth-Sky Harbor Airport at 5000 Minnesota Ave, Duluth, MN
- Duluth City Hall at 411 W 1st St, Duluth, MN
- SEH – Duluth Office at 418 W Superior St, Suite 200, Duluth MN

The DAA will hold an Open House and Public Hearing to solicit comment on the Draft EA. The Open House will take place on August 7, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., followed by a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. at The Inn on Lake Superior at 350 Canal Park Drive, Duluth, MN.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment –including your personal identifying information –may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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## Notice of Environmental Assessment

# In the Matter of the Applications for a Route Permit for the Odell Wind HVTL Project

PUC Docket Numbers: IP6914/TL-13-591

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) announces the release of the environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Odell Wind HVTL project.

Electronic versions of the EA, the scoping decision, route permit application and other documents relevant to this matter are available on the Minnesota Department of Commerce's website: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=33682>, and on the Department of Commerce eDockets website: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/edockets/searchDocuments.do?method=showeDocketsSearch&searchType=new> (enter the Docket Number Year "13" and Number "591").

The Environmental Assessment is a written document that describes the human and environmental impacts of the transmission line project and methods to mitigate such impacts. Applications for high voltage transmission line route permits under the alternative permitting process require a public hearing upon completion of the EA pursuant to Minn. R. 7850.3800. A portion of the hearing must be held in a county where the proposed project would be located.

A copy of the EA will be placed in the Windom Public Library:

- Windom Public Library, 904 4th Avenue, Windom MN 56101

The public hearing has been noticed separately and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 216E.03, subdivision 6.



If you have any questions about this document or would like more information, please contact the DOC EERA Environmental Review Manager: Richard Davis, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101; Tel: 651.539.1846; e-mail: [richard.davis@state.mn.us](mailto:richard.davis@state.mn.us)

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## Notice

### **Notice of Public Comment on Minnesota Forest Resources Council's Northeast Landscape Forest Resources Plan**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) is seeking comment on the draft Northeast Landscape Forest Resources Plan.

Electronic versions of the draft plan and other relevant documents are available on the MFRC website: <http://mn.gov/frc>

The draft Northeast Landscape Forest Resources Plan provides cross-ownership recommendations for long-term forest sustainability in the Northeast Landscape which covers Carlton, Cook, Lake, and St. Louis counties. Comments on the draft plan are due on Monday August 11, 2014.

If you have any questions about this document or would like more information, please contact Michael Lynch MFRC Landscape Stewardship Forester: 500 Lafayette Rd, St. Paul, MN 55155; (651)259-5290; [Michael.Lynch@state.mn.us](mailto:Michael.Lynch@state.mn.us)