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## Environmental Assessment Worksheets

*Comment Deadline: December 10, 2014*

### **Project Title: Block 37-Parking (207 & 211 Walnut Street Redevelopment)**

**Project Description:** The proposed project would redevelop two residential parcels located in central downtown Chaska between East 2nd Street and East 3rd Street to the south and north, and Walnut Street and Highway 41, to the east and west. The project area encompasses approximately 0.38 acres and could be developed with up to 30 parking spaces and a relocated residential/commercial office building.

**RGU:** City of Chaska

**Contact Person:** Mr. Kevin Ringwald, Development Director  
City of Chaska  
Phone: 952-448-9200  
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### **Project Title: Laura Baker Services Association Campus Renovation**

**Project Description:** Laura Baker Services Association (LBSA) is proposing to demolish the 85 year-old Margaret Graves Hall on their campus in Northfield. The dormitory is not handicapped accessible and is functionally obsolete. LBSA will replace the structure with two new cottages for adults with disabilities.

**RGU:** City of Northfield

**Contact Person:** Scott Tempel, City Planner  
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## **Project Title: Lake Elmo Avenue (County Road 17) Corridor and Utility Improvements**

**Project Description:** Washington County in cooperation with the City of Lake Elmo will install sanitary sewer, upgrade utilities, and reconstruct Lake Elmo Avenue (County Road 17) from Hwy 5 to 30th Street North. The City of Lake Elmo will perform additional related utility and roadway reconstruction work on Laverne Ave N, 36th St N, Upper 33rd St N, and 30th St N. A combined total of approximately 1.5 miles of roadway will be reconstructed in its existing location. Trails and sidewalks will be constructed or reconstructed as part of the project.

**RGU:** Washington County

**Contact Person:** Frank Ticknor, Project Manager  
Washington County  
11660 Myeron Rd North  
Stillwater, MN 55082

## **Project Title: Larson Gravel Pit, Chippewa Falls Township**

**Project Description:** The proposer operates a 40-acre aggregate mining operation permitted in 2012 which involves stripping of black dirt followed by the extraction, crushing, screening, and stock piling of aggregate. The applicant is currently proposing to expand an additional 40 acres located to the west of the existing permitted 40-acre operation.

**RGU:** Pope County

**Contact Person:** David Rush, Director  
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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.

- Minnesota Department of Transportation, TH 75 Highway Realignment, 11-3-14 (9-15-14)
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## Petitions

The following petition has 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.

- Ottertail County, Perham to Pelican Rapids Trail
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## Notices

# MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Notice of Permit Decision in the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for a Route Permit for the Deer River 115 kV Transmission Line Project in Itasca County

PUC Docket No. E015/TL-13-68

In an order issued June 10, 2014, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission determined that the Deer River 115 kV High Voltage Transmission Line Project environmental assessment and record created at the public hearing adequately addressed the issues identified in the scoping decision and the Commission issued a high voltage transmission line route permit to Minnesota Power.

The route permit authorizes Minnesota Power to replace an existing substation and approximately 7.5 miles of an existing 115 kV high voltage transmission line, with a larger substation and shorter segments of new and rebuilt 115 kV high voltage transmission line and a short segment of new double-circuit 230 kV high voltage transmission line in Itasca County.

Further information about the project and the route permit can be found on-line at:

<http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=33156> and on the Commission's website at [www.puc.state.mn.us](http://www.puc.state.mn.us), select "Search eDockets" and enter the year (13) and the docket number (68) and select "Search".

Inquiries about the project should be directed to Commission Staff Analyst, Tricia DeBleekere at [tricia.debleeckere@state.mn.us](mailto:tricia.debleeckere@state.mn.us) or 651-201-2254.

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# Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

OAH Docket No. 60-2002-31743

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
FOR THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

In the Matter of the Appeal of the Order to  
Restore Public Water Wetland 47-341W by  
Patrick Finnegan.

**NOTICE AND ORDER  
FOR HEARING**

TO: PATRICK FINNEGAN and his attorney, John E. Mack, Mack & Daby P.A., 26 Main  
Street, P.O. Box 302, New London, Minnesota, 56273.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

PATRICK FINNEGAN ("RESPONDENT") ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Department of Natural Resources ("the Department" or "DNR") has initiated this action pursuant to Respondent's appeal of the restoration order issued to Respondent requiring the removal of fill placed into a public water wetland without a permit.

**ORDER FOR HEARING**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a contested case hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., at the Office of Administrative Hearings, located at Harold E. Stassen Office Building, State Capitol Complex, 600 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101. **All mail sent to the Administrative Law Judge assigned to this matter should be directed to P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55164-0620.**

**ALLEGATIONS**

1. Public Waters Wetland, Public Waters Identification Number 47-341W ("PWW 47-341W") is a protected public waters wetland located in the NW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 27, and the NE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 28, and the SW1/4 NE1/4 and NW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 28, all of Township 120 North, Range 31 West, in Meeker County, Minnesota.
2. Patrick H. Finnegan of 59563 300th Street, Litchfield, Minnesota, is the owner of record of the real property described in paragraph 1 and has been the owner of record at all times material to this matter.
3. During 2008, Patrick Finnegan, through his own acts and/or those of his agents and without a permit, did excavate and place fill at several locations in the outlet channel of PWW 47-341W in violation of Minn. Stat. §§ 103G.245 and 103G.401, and Minnesota Rules, Parts 6115.0221, 6114.0220, 6115.0190, and 6115.0191.
4. On June 18, 2013, the Department issued an order to restore Public Water Wetland 47 341W by removing all fill to restore the wetland to its pre-violation conditions. The Department's decision is proper for reasons set forth in the June 18, 2013 Restoration Order. The June 18, 2013 Restoration Order is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.
5. By letter dated July 11, 2013, Respondent timely appealed the June 18, 2013 Restoration Order.
6. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 103G.301 and 103G.311, Respondent must pay field inspection costs and hearing costs.

**ISSUES**

Whether the June 18, 2013 Restoration Order is consistent with the applicable Minnesota statutes and rules, specifically Minn. Stat. § 103G.245 and 103G.401, and Minnesota Rules, Parts 6115.0221, 6114.0220, 6115.0190, and 6115.0191?

The relevant laws and rules include, but are not limited to, Minn. Stat. § 103G.245, 103G.301, 103G.311 and 103G.401, and Minnesota Rules, Parts 6115.0221, 6114.0220, 6115.0190, and 6115.0191. For a complete copy of the Notice and Order for Hearing, contact Kim Middendorf, Minnesota Attorney General's Office, 445 Minnesota Street, Ste. 900, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101, phone (651) 757-1279.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2014.

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL  
RESOURCES

/s/ Tom Landwehr  
TOM LANDWEHR  
Commissioner of Natural Resources