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EQB Announcements

EQB Board Meeting – April 15, 2020

We invite you to join the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) at their next Board meeting on April 15 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and [Executive Order 20-20](#), the Environmental Quality Board (EQB or Board) meeting will convene the April Board meeting virtually through the WebEx platform. Instructions for connecting to WebEx are included on page five of [the Board packet](#).

[Access Link to the April, 15 2020 Board Meeting](#)

The April 15, 2020 EQB meeting will address three informational objectives:

- Discuss recommendations for implementing the strategies identified in the 2019 *Emerald Ash Borer in Minnesota*
- Continue discussing Minnesota's strategies to protect pollinators by learning about Minnesota Department of Agriculture's approach to pest management and actions to address the effects of pesticides on pollinators.
- Reflect on the 2019 Environmental Congress and generate ideas to inform the next Congress in the 2021-2022 biennium.

You can also view our full agenda on the [EQB Website](#)

Accessibility: This material can be provided in different forms, like large print, braille, or on a recording. Please contact EQB staff at least one week prior to the event at info.EQB@state.mn.us to arrange an accommodation.

COVID-19 Update

Environmental Quality Board staff are working remotely until further notice due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Staff are available by [email](#), phone, or via the hotline at 651.757.2873. For general environmental review questions or if you are an RGU with specific questions related to environmental review rules and regulations during the pandemic, please email Env.Review@state.mn.us.

For more information on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), please visit the State of Minnesota's [COVID-19 Portal](#).

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Nolte Family Irrigation Project

Comment Deadline: May 6, 2020

Project Description: Mr. Timothy Nolte proposes to convert 303 acres of formerly privately owned and managed timberland to irrigated agriculture for livestock grazing and commodity/staple crop production. The land is currently used as non-irrigated crop and livestock grazing land. The conversion would consist of the removal of remaining standing timber and associated stumps, land cultivation and the operation of three groundwater-supplied center pivot irrigation systems.

Link to Document: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/timnolte/index.html>

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Department of Natural Resources

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Project Title: Twin Lakes Station

Comment Deadline: May 6, 2020

Project Description: Dan Regan with Launch Properties and Logan Schmidt with Dominion have been collaborating on a mixed-use redevelopment proposal for the property located at 1705, 1717, 1743, and 1755 County Road C in Roseville, MN. The redevelopment plan consists of 277 units of senior affordable housing, 228 units of family affordable housing, and seven smaller commercial buildings encompassing 55,000 SF.

Link to Document: <http://www.cityofroseville.com/TwinLakesEAW>

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Roseville

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Environmental Impact Statement Need Decision

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

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, **York Avenue Sanitary Sewer Extension** 3-27-20 (2-3-20)
Link to Document: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/projects-under-mpca-review>
RGU Contact: Jenna Ness, Planner Principal, 651-757-2276, jenna.ness@state.mn.us
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Joint Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet - Environmental Impact Statement Need Decision

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

- Metropolitan Council, **METRO Gold Line BRT Project**, 3-25-20 (10-7-19)
Link to Document: <https://www.metrotransit.org/gold-line-ea>
RGU Contact: Chelsa Johnson, Environmental Lead, 602-370-3622, chelsa.johnson@metrotransit.org
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Alternative Urban Areawide Review Adoption

Project Title: Capstone 500

Project Description: The City of St. Michael City Council adopted the Capstone 500 Final AUAR on March 24, 2020.

Link to Document: No link provided. Contact the RGU.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of St. Michael

RGU Contact: Marc Weigle, Community Development Director, 763-416-7932, mweigle@ci.st-michael.mn.us

Alternative Urban Areawide Review Update

Project Title: City of Cottage Grove 2020 AUAR Update

Comment Deadline: April 20, 2020

Project Description: The East Ravine is a planned growth and development district in Cottage Grove that consists of roughly 3,800 acres of newly developed residential subdivisions, undeveloped land, agricultural fields, rural residential homesteads, local parks, community parks, trail corridors, and a regional park that are generally located within a half mile north of 70th Street, east of County Road 19, and west of Lamar and Kimbro Avenues. The initial AUAR was adopted in 2006, and this 2020 plan is the fulfillment of the statutorily required five-year update. Planned land uses in the East Ravine are Single Family Residential, Multiple Family Residential, High Density Residential, Mixed Use, Commercial, and Parks and Open Space.

Link to

Document: https://www.cottagegovernm.gov/departments/community_development/planning/2020_east_ravine_auar_and_mitigation_plan_update.php

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Cottage Grove

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Notices

Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number **20-NO-17**. Notification is for genetically modified **SOYBEAN**, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic soybean, referenced as Application Number **20-014-107rm**. The counties identified for release include the following: **Blue Earth-1 location with 195 acres**. Project categories include **FR (Fungal Resistance)**, **HT (Herbicide Tolerance)**, **IR (Insect Resistance)**, **MG (Marker Gene)**, **OO (Other)** and **PQ (Product Quality)**.

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number **20-NO-18**. Notification is for genetically modified **SOYBEAN**, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic soybean, referenced as Application Number **20-014-108rm**. The counties identified for release include the following: **Blue Earth-1 location with 195 acres**. Project categories include **AP (Agronomic Performance)**, **FR (Fungal Resistance)**, **HT (Herbicide Tolerance)**, **IR (Insect Resistance)**, **MG (Marker Gene)**, **OO (Other)** and **PQ (Product Quality)**.

Monsanto Company filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number **20-NO-19**. Notification is for genetically modified **CORN**, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic corn, referenced as Application Number **20-035-103rm**. The counties identified for release include the following: **Blue Earth-1 location with 10 acres; Fillmore-1 location with 10 acres; Lincoln-1 location with 10 acres; Nobles-1 location with 10 acres; Swift-1 location with 10**

acres. Project categories include **AP (Agronomic Performance)**, **HT (Herbicide Tolerance)**, **IR (Insect Resistance)** and **OO (Other)**.

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number **20-NO-20**. Notification is for genetically modified **SOYBEAN**, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic soybean, referenced as Application Number **20-038-105rm**. The counties identified for release include the following: **Blue Earth-1 location with 195 acres**. Project categories include **FR (Fungal Resistance)**, **HT (Herbicide Tolerance)**, **IR (Insect Resistance)**, **MG (Marker Gene)**, **OO (Other)** and **PQ (Product Quality)**.

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