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EQB Announcements

2019 Minnesota Environmental Congress - Sold Out; Livestream Available!

The 2019 Environmental Congress is sold out. However, Minnesotans across the state can view the Plenary and the Leadership Forum via the web. The Environmental Quality Board will provide a livestream link on the [Environmental Congress webpage](#). Please tune into the livestream at the following times:

- 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. – Plenary
- 1:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m. – Leadership Forum with Governor Walz and members of his cabinet. Contribute questions for cabinet members, and vote for your favorite questions.

For further information, please see our [event program](#) and [webpage](#).

Citizen Board Member Opening - 4th Congressional District

Applications are now open for an EQB Citizen Board Member in the 4th Congressional District. The 4th Congressional District includes St. Paul and surrounding suburbs such as Woodbury, Maplewood, Roseville, New Brighton, White Bear Lake, and Stillwater.

The position is for a four-year term starting January 1, 2020. The position is open until filled. For details and to apply: <https://commissionsandappointments.sos.state.mn.us/agency/details/107>

Citizen Environmental Review Survey

The Environmental Quality Board, which oversees the state's Environmental Review program, is undergoing a continuous improvement project to monitor and improve the effectiveness of Environmental Review. Minnesota citizens who have participated in the Environmental Review process during this calendar year are asked to consider taking 10 minutes to complete the survey at the link below. Engagement in the process may include: reviewed a document, attended a public meeting, wrote a comment, contacted staff, etc.
<http://survey.mn.gov/s.asp?k=156822169253>

2020 State Water Plan: Survey

The 2020 State Water Plan is a project of Minnesota State Government to present a clear vision for water action in the coming decade in the face of climate change. The purpose of this survey is to gather input from you, the residents of Minnesota, about how to address the impacts of climate change on waters in your community and across the State. Take the Survey and provide your input by clicking here: (<http://survey.mn.gov/s.asp?k=157315792614>)

Correction

Last week's *Monitor* included the incorrect link for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet.

Interstate Island Avian Habitat Restoration Project

- **Link to document:** <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/interstate-island/index.html>
 - **Comment Deadline:** December 26, 2019
 - **RGU:** Department of Natural Resources (651-259-5082
Environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us)
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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Wessel Residential Development

Comment Deadline: January 2, 2020

Project Description: The Wessel Project ("project") is a 551 unit development at the northwest corner of Hackamore Road and County Road 116 of Corcoran, MN, located on 270.35 acres. The project includes single-family homes, villas and attached townhomes. The project will include a neighborhood park and public trails. The EAW, which assesses the potential environmental impacts of the project, will be available to view electronically at www.ci.corcoran.mn.us and during business hours at Corcoran City Hall, 8200 County Road 116, Corcoran, MN 55340.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Corcoran

RGU Contact Person:

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Project Title: Lena Lake Campground

Comment Deadline: January 2, 2020

Project Description: This project includes the conversion of an approximately 112.6-acre parcel to a 160-site, seasonal recreational vehicle resort. This property contains approximately 1,105 feet of shoreline along Lena Lake. Proposed features of this resort include a bath house, boat rentals, electrical, water, sewer, roads, walking paths, lake access and recreational features such as an outdoor pool, playground and volleyball courts.

The EAW worksheet can be found on the Morrison County website:
https://www.co.morrison.mn.us/vertical/sites/%7BC8FCCAFF-AECD-45DC-91B1-016A998EB4A8%7D/uploads/EAW_Packet_Hardy_Lena_Lake_Resort_20191121.pdf

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Morrison County

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Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

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.

- Scott County, County Highway 42 Improvements Project, 9-17-19 (7-8-19)
RGU contact: Tony Winiecki, 952-496-8346, twiniecki@co.scott.mn.us
Link to document: <https://www.scottcountymn.gov/1712/CH-42-from-CH-17-to-CH-83-Reconstruction>
- City of Minneapolis, North Loop Green Project, 11-8-19 (8-12-19)
RGU contact: Hilary Dvorak, 612-673-2639, hilary.dvorak@minneapolismn.gov
Link to document: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/planning/WCMS1P-152386>

Notices

Notice of Permit Decision in the Matter of the Application of Xcel and ITC Midwest for a Route Permit for the Huntley Wilmarth 345-kV Transmission Line Project

Public Utilities Commission Docket No. E002, ET6675/TL-17-185

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in an Order issued August 5, 2019 and errata issued August 21 and September 10, 2019, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission: (i) found that the environmental impact statement prepared by the Department of Commerce met the requirements of Minnesota Rules, part 7850.2500 and .2700; and (ii) issued a route permit for the Huntley Wilmarth 345-kV HVTL Project, authorizing Xcel Energy and ITC Midwest to construct and operate the project in the southern Mankato area.

Questions about this project may be directed to:

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Notice of Permit Decision and Transfer in the Matter of the Application of Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 and Xcel Energy for a Route Permit for the Blazing Star 2 115-kV HVTL

Public Utilities Commission Docket No. E002/TL-17-700

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in Orders dated March 20, 2019 and July 8, 2019 the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission: (i) found that the environmental assessment prepared by the Department of Commerce met the requirements of Minnesota Rules, part 7850.3700 and .3900; and (ii) issued a route permit for the Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 115-kV HVTL Project. The Orders authorized Xcel Energy to construct and operate the project located in Lincoln County, Minnesota.

Questions about this project may be directed to:

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