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EQB Announcement

Changes are coming to the EQB Monitor in 2021

EQB staff will be introducing a series of updates to the *EQB Monitor* throughout 2021. The updates will streamline and setup a user-friendly Monitor Submission process that will make environmental review project related data more easily accessible for everyone.

Starting January 5, 2021, the *EQB Monitor* publication date changes to Tuesdays at Noon. A Tuesday publication date allows for more flexibility in the submission timeline.

The 2021 *EQB Monitor* schedule is now available online: [https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/2021-
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Environmental Assessment Worksheet

City of Thief River Falls Oxbow Restoration and Stormwater Treatment Project

Comment Deadline: January 27, 2021

Project Description: The City of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, is proposing to restore an oxbow of the Red Lake River in the SE ¼ of Section 33 T154N, R43W within the city limits of Thief River Falls. The Project would include removing sediment in the eastern portion of the existing oxbow and installing a sediment removal system to reduce the sediment contained in stormwater entering the basin.

Link to Document: [https://www.citytrf.net/home/news/city-thief-river-falls-oxbow-restoration-
stormwater-treatment-project](https://www.citytrf.net/home/news/city-thief-river-falls-oxbow-restoration-
stormwater-treatment-project)

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Thief River Falls

RGU Contact: Wayne Johnson, 218-681-3809, wjohnson@citytrf.net

Environmental Impact Statement Need Decision

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Establishment of Nelson Lake Outlet

Decision: Negative, December 9, 2020

Link to Document: No link to electronic copies of the documents was provided. For copies of the documents, see RGU contact information below.

RGU: Otter Tail County

RGU Contact: Kevin Fellbaum, 218-998-8492, kfellbau@co.ottertail.mn.us

Final Alternative Urban Areawide Review

Opus Study Area

Comment Deadline: January 12, 2021

Project Description: The Opus Study Area is approximately 580 acres located in the southeastern corner of the City of Minnetonka that is general bounded by TH 62 and the City of Eden Prairie to the south, TH 169 and the City of Edina to the east, Smetana Road and the City of Hopkins to the north, and Shady Oak Road (Hennepin County Road 61) and the western edge of Section 36 to the west. The Opus AUAR includes the review of two development scenarios. Scenario 1 is generally consistent with the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Scenario 2 reflects land use development that is more intense than Scenario 1 and that would be supported by the construction of the Opus Station of the Green Line Light Rail Transit (LRT). The draft AUAR was published in the October 26 *EQB Monitor*. This is the Final AUAR document for the 10-day comment period. See the full AUAR for a description of each scenario's type and intensity of development.

Public Meeting Dates: January 21, 2021 and February 8, 2021

Public Meeting Times: 6:30pm (both dates)

Public Meeting Locations (online): <https://www.minnetonkamn.gov/home>

Link to Document: <https://www.minnetonkamn.gov/services/projects/development-studies/opus-auar-study>

RGU: City of Minnetonka

RGU Contact: Rob Hanson, 952-939-8234, rhanson@minnetonkamn.gov

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