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## EQB Announcements

### 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 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=151335922389>

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## Petitions

The following petition has been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW). The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of government to review the petition and decide on the need for an EAW.

- Waseca County, Waseca County Ditch No. 48
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## Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following projects do 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.

- South Washington Watershed District, Afton Alps Trout Brook Stream Restoration EIS Need Decision, 2-13-18 (1-1-18)
  - Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Lamont Swine, LLC, 2-12-18 (12-11-17)
  - Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Walters Recycling and Refuse, Inc., 2-13-18 (12-11-17)
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## Environmental Assessment Worksheets

### Project Title: Northland Lindstrom

**Comment Deadline:** March 28, 2018

**Project Description:** Northland Lindstrom is a three story residential apartment mixed use complex on 2.69 acres south of US Highway 8 and east of South Lindstrom Lake in Lindstrom, Minnesota. In addition to the 105 apartment units, the new site will have a lakeside restaurant with one large dock system, replacing a bistro, a commercial marina with gasoline service, and two single family homes currently in use on the site. The EAW may be viewed at City Hall or at the Chisago Lakes Area Library. It also can be downloaded from the Lindstrom Planners website at <https://tinyurl.com/NorthlandEAW>. The Planning Commission will be reviewing this EAW at their March 7, 2018 meeting. The comment period will end on March 28, 2018.

**Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU):** City Administrator

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# Environmental Assessment Worksheet Joint State and Federal EA/EAW

## Project Title: Lake Elmo Airport Runway 14/32 Relocation/Extension & Associated Improvements

**Comment Deadline:** April 19, 2018 by 5:00 p.m. CDT

**Project Description:** The Metropolitan Airports Commission has prepared a draft federal Environmental Assessment / state Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EA/EAW) for proposed airfield improvements at the Lake Elmo Airport (FAA identifier 21D). The proposed project falls within a mandatory EAW category under Minnesota Administrative Rule 4410, Section 4300, which declares that a State EAW is required “for construction of a paved, new airport runway.”

The EA/EAW has been prepared under the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), which requires the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and other state agencies to consider the environmental effects of its actions. Because the project will utilize federal funding, it also requires a federal EA under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). According to Minnesota Rule 4410.1300, the project proposer may circulate a federal EA in place of the state EAW form, provided the EA addresses each of the environmental effects identified in the EAW form. The draft EA/EAW fulfills the informational requirements of the EAW and contains the Minnesota EAW content, as provided in Minnesota Rule 4410.1200.

The draft EA/EAW identifies a preferred alternative and evaluates the effects of this alternative on the surrounding natural, social, and economic environments. The proposed action consists of the following components:

- Relocate Runway 14/32 by shifting 615 feet to the northeast and extend to 3,500 feet, including grading, clearing, and runway lighting.
- Extinguish existing prescriptive easement for 30th Street North and seek, as appropriate, a land release from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to allow realignment of 30th Street North around the new Runway 32 Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) to reconnect with the existing Neal Avenue North intersection.
- Relocate the Airport perimeter fence to reflect the new Runway 32 RPZ.
- Remove the existing north side taxiway and compass calibration pad and construct a new cross-field taxiway to serve the new Runway 14 end, including taxiway lighting and/or reflectors.
- Convert existing Runway 14/32 to a partial parallel taxiway and remove the portion of the existing parallel taxiway south of the Runway 04 threshold.
- Reconstruct Runway 4/22 and extend to 2,750 feet, including necessary lighting and taxiway connectors.
- Construct other taxiways and engine run-up pads as needed to support the relocated Runway 14/32 and extended Runway 04/22, including connector taxiways and a full-length parallel taxiway on the north side of the relocated Runway 14/32, and install taxiway lighting and/or reflectors.
- Relocate the compass calibration pad adjacent to the new partial parallel taxiway (converted Runway 14/32).
- Establish non-precision GPS-based instrument approach procedures to all runway ends not already equipped.
- Provide Runway 14/32 lighting systems with the relocated runway.
- Install medium intensity runway edge lights (MIRL) on Runway 4/22, precision approach path indicators (PAPIs) on the Runway 4, 14, and 22 ends, and runway end identifier lights (REIL) on each end of Runway 4/22.
- Remove approximately 20 acres of on-Airport trees and individual off-Airport trees as necessary to clear trees that penetrate FAA Threshold Siting Surfaces (TSS)/Part 77 approach and transitional surfaces.
- Install obstruction lighting on fixed base operator (FBO) and hangar buildings in the United States Standard for Terminal Instrument Procedures (TERPS) departure surface areas beyond Runway 4, 14, and 22 ends.
- Construct an on-Airport access road connecting the north and west building areas.
- Voluntarily explore creation of Rusty Patched Bumble Bee/pollinator habitat on Airport property southwest of proposed 30th Street North realignment.

Agencies listed on the current Minnesota EQB distribution list have been notified regarding availability of electronic EA/EAW documents on the project website. The electronic EA/EAW documents are available on the project website at <https://metroairports.org/General-Aviation/Lake-Elmo-Environmental-Assessment/Documents-and-Links.aspx>. Hard copies are available for review at the Lake Elmo City Hall, Lake Elmo Public Library, and the Baytown Community Center. Hard copies are available upon request.

The MAC will hold the public hearing on:

Wednesday, April 4, 2017  
6:00 p.m. Open House  
6:30 p.m. Staff Presentation  
7:00 p.m. Public Hearing  
Oak-Land Middle School Auditorium  
820 Manning Avenue North  
Lake Elmo, MN 55042

Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on April 19, 2018. Written comments can be submitted via email to [ContactLakeElmoAirportEA@mspmac.org](mailto:ContactLakeElmoAirportEA@mspmac.org), submitted in-person at the Public Hearing, or mailed to:

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## Notices

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

**Project Description:** Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-09. 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 18-018-101n. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-1 location with 80 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Properties), FR (Fungal Resistance), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), OO (Other), and PQ (Product Quality).

**Project Description:** Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-10. 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 18-016-102n. The counties identified for release include the following: Freeborn-2 locations with 10 acres per location. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Properties), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), and MG (Marker Gene).

**Project Description:** Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-11. 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 18-018-103rm. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-2 locations with up to 25 acres per location; Brown-1 location with 25 acres, Fillmore-1 location with 4.5 acres, and Swift-1 location with 15 acres. Project categories include AP (Agronomic Properties), HT (Herbicide Tolerance), MG (Marker Gene), and OO (Other).

**Project Description:** NuSeed Americas filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-12. Notification is for genetically modified CANOLA, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic canola, referenced as Application Number 18-031-102n. The counties identified for release include the following: Red Lake-1 location; Wilken-1 location. Project categories include MG (Marker Gene), and PQ (Product Quality).

**Project Description:** Rutgers University filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-13. Notification is for genetically modified WHEAT, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic wheat, referenced as Application Number 18-102-104rm. The counties identified for release include the following: Dakota – 1 location, <1 acre. Project categories include FR (Fungal Resistance).

**Project Description:** Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-14. 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 18-030-103n. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-1 location with 80 acres. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), and OO (Other).

**Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU):** Minnesota Department of Agriculture; Plant Protection Division

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