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# EQB Announcement

## Applications are currently open for Environmental Quality Board Member Positions in Congressional Districts 4 and 5

Applications are currently open for two Public Board Member positions: one each representing the public from Minnesota's Congressional Districts 4 and 5 (CD4 and CD5). [CD4](#) includes part of Washington County and most of Ramsey County, including Saint Paul; and [CD5](#) includes parts of Anoka and Hennepin Counties including Minneapolis. The positions are for a four-year term and are open until filled.

Serving on the [Environmental Quality Board](#) is a unique opportunity to shape environmental issues in Minnesota. Public members of the Board help bring the voices of Minnesotans from around the state into decision making, prompting our government to think in new ways about environmental challenges and solutions.

To apply, visit the [Minnesota Secretary of State's website](#).

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## Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

### Whiskey Creek Enhancement Project

**Project Description:** In an attempt to improve water quality, reduce sedimentation, reduce flooding, and improve habitat, the Buffalo-Red River Watershed District proposes to complete channel restoration using natural channel design principles, install expanded buffer strips along Whiskey Creek, and install side culvert inlets and other sediment control BMPs within the Whiskey Creek Watershed. After completing the EAW process, the Buffalo-Red River Watershed District has issued an order determining there is no need for an EIS on the project.

**RGU:** Buffalo-Red River Watershed District

**RGU Contact:** Kathy Fenger, 218-354-7710, [kfenger@brrwd.org](mailto:kfenger@brrwd.org)

**Date of Determination:** July 14, 2020

**Determination:** Negative (No EIS required)

**Link to Document:** <http://www.brrwd.org/project-post/whiskey-creek-enhancement/>

## Hunter Hills Residential Development

**Project Description:** Hunter Hills Residential Development is proposed on 208.15 acres of land in the western part of the City of Otsego, Wright County, Minnesota. The project will consist of up to 590 residential units, including about 454 single-family detached homes and 136 multi-family attached twin homes and townhomes. Site development will include installation of municipal sewer and water, mass grading, and stormwater management features. The project will convert about 170 acres of cropland, 17 acres of trees and grass, and 1 acre of wetland to streets, homes, lawns, landscaping, and stormwater basins.

**RGU:** City of Otsego

**RGU Contact:** Daniel Licht, 763-441-4414, [ddl@planningco.com](mailto:ddl@planningco.com)

**Date of Determination:** July 13, 2020

**Determination:** Negative (No EIS required)

**Link to Document:** <https://www.ci.otsego.mn.us/publicnotice>

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## Alternative Urban Areawide Review Update

### Henry Area AUAR Update

**Comment Deadline:** August 10, 2020

**Project Description:** The Henry Area is approximately 135 acres located in the west-central portion of the City of Rogers. The study area is bounded by I-94, the City of Dayton, Henry's Woods Park, and Vevea Lane. The existing land use is farmstead, agricultural, single family, and wetlands. The City of Rogers adopted the Henry Area Alternative Urban Areawide Review and Mitigation Plan on June 24, 2014, (original AUAR, Resolution 2014-58). Pursuant to Minnesota Rules 4410.3610 Subp. 7, for the AUAR to remain valid as the environmental review document for the area, the document needs to be updated every five years until all development in the study area has received final approval. Since undeveloped areas still remain in the study area and the AUAR has expired, the purpose of this document is to update the AUAR pursuant to Minnesota Rules. One scenario, in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan, has been reviewed in the AUAR as well as in this update. Comments on this AUAR update will be received through August 10, 2020. The original Henry Area AUAR document and a copy of this update are available on the City's webpage at <https://www.rogersmn.gov/planning-publications>.

**Link to Document:** <https://www.rogersmn.gov/planning-publications>

**RGU:** City of Rogers

**RGU Contact:** Steve Stahmer, 763-428-2253, [sstahmer@rogersmn.gov](mailto:sstahmer@rogersmn.gov)

## Notice

### Cancellation - Notice of Public Hearing - Three Waters Wind Farm

In the Matter of the Application of Three Waters Wind Farm, LLC for a Certificate of Need and a Site Permit for the 201 MW Three Waters Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Jackson County, Minnesota.

The two public hearings scheduled for July 28, 2020 have been cancelled due to a transfer in ownership of the project developer. A new hearing date and notice will be issued at a later date.

(See *EQB Monitor* publication from 7/20/2020 for the original notice).

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