

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

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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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# **Environmental Assessment Worksheet Guidance Video**

Have questions about Environmental Assessment Worksheets or the Environmental Review process? Well, you're in luck! Check out our brand-new Environmental Assessment Worksheet guidance video here: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=juiYV-tKFp0.</u> Additional guidance can be found at our website: <u>https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/environmental-review-program</u> or by contacting EQB using the contact information at the top of this email.

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## Come work for the Environmental Quality Board!

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# **Environmental Assessment Worksheets**

# Project Title: Replacement of Bridge No. 90747 on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 21 over Valley Branch Creek

### Comment Deadline: April 11,2018

**Project Description:** Washington County, in cooperation with the City of Afton, is preparing plans for the replacement of Bridge #90747 (box culvert) on CSAH 21 (Stagecoach Trail S). The overall goal of the project is to replace the deteriorated culvert, improve the driving surface, and add shoulders to enhance safety.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Washington County Public Works

RGU Contact Person: Allan Brandt Project Manager 11660 Myeron Road Stillwater, MN 55082 651-430-4348 allan.brandt@co.washington.mn.us

## **Project Title: Stussy Quarry Expansion**

## Comment Deadline: April 11, 2018

**Project Description:** The Stussy Quarry is proposing to expand an existing limestone aggregate quarry currently operating under a conditional use permit (CUP) in Dodge County. The expansion is proposed to include excavation to the west of the permitted quarry in two phases which total 57 acres. Phase I consists of 14 acres and Phase II would be 29 acres. The 57 acres to be added to the mining operation is mostly cropland with some wetland areas. The expansion will include the excavation of topsoil, creation of berms, excavation of materials, stockpiling and wetland removal/restoration. Final reclamation of the area may include recreational and/or housing use. The quarry produces rock products such as pit run sand, agricultural lime, Class 2 and 5 limestone aggregate, and drainage limestone rock. The expansion area is proposed in part of the S ½ of the SE ¼, Section 20, T107N-R16W (Mantorville Township) in Dodge County.

The EAW is available for review at the Government Services Building, 721 North Main Street, Mantorville, MN 55955 or at the Dodge County website at <u>www.co.dodge.mn.us</u>. A copy may also be viewed at the Rochester Public Library, Reference Dept., 101 Second Street SE, Rochester, MN 55904.

Written Comments, including name and mailing address, may be directed to: Melissa DeVetter, Dodge County Environmental Services, Government Services Building, 721 North Main Street Mantorville, MN 55955, or emailed to <u>melissa.devetter@co.dodge.mn.us</u>, and received no later than April 11th, 2018. Comments will also be received at the regular Planning Commission meeting held on April 4th, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the County Board Room (conference room B) of the Dodge County Government Services Building located at the address above.

#### Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Dodge County

#### **RGU Contact Person:**

Melissa DeVetter Zoning Administrator Government Services Building, 721 North Main Street, Dept. 123 Mantorville, MN 55955 507-635-6283 <u>melissa.devetter@co.dodge.mn.us</u>

## **Project Title: Calhoun Towers**

#### Comment Deadline: April 11, 2018

**Project Description:** This EAW studies the proposed residential development of 739 new multifamily units, parking, and common outdoor areas at 3430 List Place in the City of Minneapolis. The 22-story Calhoun Tower building with 113 units, exists onsite and will remain as part of the project. The site is located adjacent to the proposed West Lake Street station for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (LRT – Metro Green Line Extension) and the Cedar Lake LRT Regional Trail. The Midtown Greenway ends just to the northeast of the site. The project will be developed over four development phases beginning in 2018 with full project build out by 2025. Copies of the EAW will be available for review at the downtown Minneapolis Central Library located at 300 Nicollet Mall, and in the office of the City's CPED, Land Use, Design and Preservation Section at 250 S. 4th Street, Room 300 Public Service Center.

Public comments on the EAW must be made within the 30-day comment period, which ends at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11th, 2018. It is anticipated that the Zoning and Planning Committee at its regular meeting on May 3rd 2018, or at a subsequent meeting, will receive a report and recommendation from City staff, hear comment from all parties and consider the adequacy of this EAW and the need for an Environmental Impact Statement for this proposal. The City Council will act on the recommendation of this Committee at a subsequent meeting on May 11th, 2018. This EAW and supporting information will also be available for review on the City of Minneapolis web site: <u>http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/planning/cped\_eaw.</u> Copies of this EAW can also be provided to individuals by email. For further information or to submit comments on the EAW, contact Hilary Dvorak, Principal City Planner, at 612-673-2639 or via email hilary.dvorak@minneapolismn.gov.

#### Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Minneapolis

#### **RGU Contact Person:**

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## Project Title: Encore Project, Corcoran, MN

#### Comment Deadline: April 11, 2018

**Project Description:** The Encore Project ("Project") is a new neighborhood for active seniors aged 55 and older. The Project will be located on approximately 216-acres in the City of Corcoran. The neighborhood will be developed with between 393 and 420 detached villa townhomes with a large private amenity center. The

Project includes neighborhood parks and open spaces, trail connections, protected wetlands and a small commercial area. Future Outlots will include light industrial and additional commercial uses.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Corcoran

RGU Contact Person: Kendra Lindahl, AICP City Planner 8200 County Road 116 Corcoran, MN 55304 612-638-0225 klindahl@landform.net

# Project Title: Wayzata Lake Effect

Comment Deadline: April 11, 2018

**Project Description:** The Wayzata Lake Effect project (the proposed project) extends from a stormwater basin east of the Section Foreman House to the inland marina on the west. A meandering continuous boardwalk (the Lake Walk) will extend from a new "Eco Park" near the Section Foreman House on the east end, past the Broadway community docks, to the historic Depot. An Eco Park will be on the east side of the project with a restored shoreline marsh, fishing pier, and environmental education center. Lake Street will be redesigned to be more pedestrian and bicycle friendly with revised urban park/plaza replacing the Broadway Municipal parking lot. As part of a potential future phase, the existing swimming beach will be redesigned and enhanced. A City-owned parcel of land located on the east side of Bushaway Road (the Bushaway Parcel) will be modified as necessary to offset impacts to the lake bottom and lake volume displaced due to the construction of the proposed project. The City will receive written comments relating to the EAW through April 11, 2018. Written comments may be submitted in person at the City of Wayzata, or through the mail to Jeff Thomson, Director of Planning and Building, City of Wayzata, 600 Rice Street East, Wayzata, MN, 55391 or submitted by email to <u>ithomson@wayzata.org</u>. Comments will also be accepted at a public open house in the Wayzata Community Room, 600 Rice Street East, Wayzata, MN, on April 4, 2018, from 5–7 pm.

### Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Wayzata

#### **RGU Contact Person:**

Jeff Thomson Director of Planning and Building 600 Rice Street Wayzata, MN 55391 952-404-5312 jthomson@wayzata.org

## Project Title: I-94 St. Michael to Albertville Project

### Comment Deadline: April 11, 2018

**Project Description:** The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) proposes reconstruction of Interstate 94 (I-94) from west of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 19 in Albertville to Trunk Highway (TH) 241 in St. Michael. The project also includes replacement of the I-94 bridges over CSAH 19; construction of an eastbound collector-distributor road between CSAH 19 and CSAH 37; construction of an additional travel lane on eastbound and westbound I-94 between CSAH 37 and TH 241; reconstruction of the I-94/TH 241 interchange; and construction of stormwater basins.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet are available for public viewing on the MnDOT website at <a href="http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d3/i94/">http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d3/i94/</a> and during business hours at the following locations:

- MnDOT District 3, 3725 12th Street North, St. Cloud
- · Albertville City Hall, 5959 Main Avenue NE, Albertville
- St. Michael City Hall, 11800 Town Center Drive NE, St. Michael
- Great River Regional Library 1300 West St. Germain Street, St. Cloud Great River Regional Library St. Michael, 11800 Town Center Drive NE, St. Michael
- MnDOT Library, 395 John Ireland Boulevard,

St. Paul Comments concerning the project may be given at a public meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael City Hall (11800 Town Center Drive NE, St. Michael).

The public meeting will be held in a non-formal, open house format. Comment forms will be available for people who wish to provide written comments for the public record. The comment deadline for the Environmental Assessment Worksheet is Wednesday, April 11, 2018. To request this document in an alternative format, please contact MnDOT at 651-366-4718. Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may contact the Minnesota Relay service toll-free at

1-800-627-3529 (TTY, Voice or ASCII) or 711.) You may also email your request to <u>ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us</u>.

#### Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Department of Transportation

#### **RGU Contact Person:**

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# Environmental Assessment Worksheets Joint State and Federal EA/EAW

## **Project Title: Pigs Eye Lake Islands**

#### Comment Deadline: April 12, 2018

**Project Description:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District – in close collaboration with the non-federal project sponsor, Ramsey County, Minnesota – has completed a draft feasibility study for the Pigs Eye Islands Continuing Authorities Program Section 204 project. The project documentation is being released for concurrent public review and comment under applicable Federal and State laws:

Federal: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Section 404 of the Clean Water Act State (MN): Minnesota Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Information for review, and comment is the draft Environmental Assessment, Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(1) evaluation, Public Notice, and Minnesota Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) supplement appendix. These documents and all additional appendices are posted at: <u>http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Home/PublicNotices.aspx</u>. A 30-day public review and comment period will begin on March 12, 2018. Comments should be submitted no later than April 12, 2018 at 4:30 pm. All comments will be come an official part of the administrative record and will be available for public examination. Comments will be addressed jointly as applicable, unless the commenter specifies that the comment should be directed to a particular environmental review process or agency. In efforts for efficiency, if your agency is reviewing and providing comments for both the Federal review, and the non-federal review, please submit one set of responses to avoid duplication of comments

#### Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Ramsey County

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