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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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Minnesota Environmental Review Program Video

Want to learn more about the Minnesota Environmental Review Program and process? You can watch our Minnesota Environmental Review Program video on YouTube here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CKN4aMtXtkQ>. This is just one of the Environmental Review guidance videos EQB has available. Check out the others on our website:
<https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/environmental-review-program>.

EQB staff are available to answer questions about Environmental Review at Env.Review@state.mn.us or 651-757-2873.

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Come work for the Environmental Quality Board!

The EQB is seeking an energetic and experienced candidate to lead the environmental review program. The person will work closely with local government, state agencies, citizens and project proposers in implementing environmental review and will lead the Board through critical program updates. Visit MN jobs website, job ID#20589

Environmental Assessment Worksheets**Project Title: Kingsbury Bay - Grassy Point Habitat Restoration Project**

Comment Deadline: April 18, 2018

Project Description: The Kingsbury Bay – Grassy Point project sites are located at the upper end of the Duluth-Superior Port, St Louis River Estuary. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources proposes to mitigate latent contaminated sediments, legacy wood waste, and excessive sedimentation, thereby restoring 240 acres of fish and wildlife habitat within a part of the St Louis River Area of Concern (AOC). Detrimental materials will be removed, contained on-site, or capped in-place. Areas with excess sedimentation will be deepened and the clean materials transported and reused for capping, shallowing, or softening shorelines. Shallow sheltered bay habitats that support productive estuarine marshes of Lake Superior will be restored.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR) will accept written comments on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet during the public review and comment period, which concludes on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. Written comments should be submitted to: Kate Fairman, EAW Project Manager; EWR Environmental Policy and Review Unit; Department of Natural Resources; 500 Lafayette Road; St. Paul, MN 55155-4025. Electronic or email comments may be sent to Environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us with “Kingsbury – Grassy Point EAW” in the subject line. If submitting comments electronically, include name and mailing address. Written comments may also be sent by fax to (651) 296-1811. A copy of the EAW is available for public review at:

- MNDNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155
- MNDNR Northeast Region Headquarters, 1201 East Highway 2, Grand Rapids, MN 55744
- Hennepin County – Minneapolis Central Library, Government Documents, Second Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401-1992
- Duluth Public Library, 520 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802
- Superior Public Library, 1530 Tower Avenue, Superior WI 54880. The EAW is also posted on MNDNR's website at: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/kingsbury-grassy/index.html>. Additional copies may be requested by calling 651-259-5082.

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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.

- Minnesota Department of Transportation, NLX Passenger Rail Project from Minneapolis to Duluth, Minnesota, 3-2-18 (4-24-17)
- Minnesota DNR, Star of The North Walking Trail, 3-6-18 (1-1-18)