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COVID-19 Update

Environmental Quality Board staff are working remotely until further notice due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Staff are available via [email](#), phone, or via the hotline at 651.757.2873. For environmental review questions, please email Env.Review@state.mn.us or call the hotline.

For more information on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), please visit the [Department of Health website](#).

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.

- City of Plymouth, Crossroads Commons
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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Central Commons

Comment Deadline: April 29, 2020

Project Description: The Central Commons mixed-use development is proposed on approximately 35.3 acres of primarily vacant land. The project proposes construction of a grocery store, convenience store with associated fuel pumps, three retail buildings, a hotel, and an apartment complex. Approximately 13 acres of undeveloped area is also planned, which will include landscaping, buffers, trees, wetlands, and stormwater basins.

Link to Document: <https://www.ci.stillwater.mn.us/centralcommons>

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Stillwater

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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.

- Cass County, **Anderson Brothers Gravel Pit**, 3-9-20 (1-21-20)
Link to Document: No link provided. Contact the RGU.
RGU Contact: Jessica Manifold, Deputy Director, 218-547-7428, jessica.manifold@co.cass.mn.us
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Notices

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

Monsanto Company filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number **20-NO-14**. Notification is for genetically modified **SUGAR BEET**, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic sugar beet, referenced as Application Number **20-065-101n**. The counties identified for release include the following: **Benton-2 locations with 20 acres per location; and Freeborn-1 location with 10 acres**. Project categories include **HT (Herbicide Tolerance)**.

J.R. Simplot Company filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number **20-NO-15**. Notification is for genetically modified **POTATO**, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic potato, referenced as Application

Number **20-072-105n**. The counties identified for release include the following: **Lake of the Woods-1 locations with 2 acres**. Project categories include **HT (Herbicide Tolerance)**.

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