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EQB Announcement

EQB 2020 Spring Project Updates

In these times of social distancing, EQB remains committed to engaging Minnesotans on pressing environmental issues. COVID-19 has brought unique challenges to Minnesota communities and institutions. Despite this, EQB's work is charging ahead. We have a number

of exciting projects underway that we look forward to discussing with Minnesotans in the coming months. Read our [spring memo](#) for highlights on current projects:

<https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/eqb-spring-2020-project-updates>

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Whiskey Creek Enhancement Project

Comment Deadline: June 25, 2020

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. An EAW has been prepared and is available for review on the BRRWD website (www.brrwd.org). Written comments concerning the EAW will be received until June 25, 2020. The comments shall address the accuracy and completeness of the material contained in the EAW, potential impacts that may warrant further investigation before the project is commenced, and the need for an Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed project.

Link to Document: https://houstoneng-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/p/buhler/EfP7ypnmdDxLuZozd-KRjpsBPHqK1QmMsiUmlHlq_xGw-A?e=A

RGU: Buffalo-Red River Watershed District

RGU Contact: Kathy Fenger, 218-354-7710, kfenger@brrwd.org

Hunter Hills Residential Development

Comment Deadline: June 25, 2020

Project Description: Hunter Hills Residential Development is proposed on 208.15 acres of land in northeastern Wright County. The project will consist of up to 590 residential units, including about 454 single-family detached homes and 136 multi-family attached homes. Site development will include installation of municipal sewer and water, mass grading, and stormwater management features.

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

RGU: City of Otsego

RGU Contact: Daniel Licht, 763-441-4414, ddl@planningco.com

Alternative Urban Areawide Review Update Adoption

I-35E Corridor AUAR Update

Project Description: The City of Lino Lakes adopted the I-35E Corridor AUAR Update. The study area is approximately 4,500 acres and is located in the northeastern portion of the City of Lino Lakes. Three scenarios were evaluated within the Update.

Link to Document: https://linolakes.us/vertical/Sites/%7B92EFCBF5-B800-4B28-AD6A-B8C3B7009FB0%7D/uploads/015144-000_Lino_Lake_AUAR_Update_2020_Final.pdf

RGU: City of Lino Lakes

RGU Contact: Michael Grochala, 651-982-2427, MGrochala@linolakes.us

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