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Citizen Petition

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.

Petition Title: Improvements to Renville County Ditch No. 77 in Limbo Creek
Responsible Government Unit (RGU): Renville County Drainage Authority

Environmental Assessment Worksheet

70th & France Redevelopment

Comment Deadline: November 25, 2020

Project Description: Mortenson and Orion Investments, in partnership with US Bank, is proposing a new mixed-use development on the US Bank block at 70th Street and France Avenue in Edina, Minnesota. The 5.7-acre site will include a new bank building, which will be constructed prior to demolition of the existing facility, and three other buildings that include office, retail, and residential uses.

Link to Document: No link to electronic copies of the documents was provided. For copies of the documents, see RGU contact information below.

RGU: City of Edina

RGU Contact: Cary Teague, 952-826-0369, cteague@EdinaMN.gov

Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental units have determined the following projects do not require preparation of Environmental Impact Statements (EISs). The dates below are the dates of the determinations.

Barrick Family Farms, LLP – Lockhart 25

Decision: Negative (no EIS ordered), October 12, 2020

Link to Document: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/eaw>

RGU: Pollution Control Agency

RGU Contact: Kevin Kain, 651-757-2482, kevin.kain@state.mn.us

Adam Aggen Farms – Section 29

Decision: Negative (no EIS ordered), October 12, 2020

Link to Document: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/projects-under-mpca-review>

RGU: Pollution Control Agency

RGU Contact: Kevin Kain, 651-757-2482, kevin.kain@state.mn.us

Alternative Urban Areawide Review Draft

Opus Study Area

Comment Deadline: November 25, 2020

Description: The Opus Study Area is approximately 580 acres located in the southeastern corner of the City of Minnetonka that is general bounded by TH 62 and the City of Eden Prairie to the south, TH 169 and the City of Edina to the east, Smetana Road and the City of Hopkins to the north, and Shady Oak Road (Hennepin County Road 61) and the western edge of Section 36 to the west. The Opus AUAR includes the review of two development scenarios. Scenario 1 is generally consistent with the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Scenario 2 reflects land use development that is more intense than Scenario 1 and that would be supported by the construction of the Opus Station of the Green Line Light Rail Transit (LRT). See the full AUAR for a description of each scenario's type and intensity of development. Additional information regarding the project can be found on the City's project webpage at: <https://www.minnetonkamn.gov/services/projects/development-studies/opus-aUAR-study>

Link to Document: <https://wsbeng.sharefile.com/d-s31f8a309d0b4326b>

RGU: City of Minnetonka

RGU Contact: Rob Hanson, 952-939-8234, rhanson@minnetonkamn.gov

Alternative Urban Areawide Review Update

City of Cottage Grove East Ravine

Comment Deadline: November 9, 2020

Description: The Cottage Grove City Council has approved a comment response packet to those comments received in regards to the 2020 East Ravine AUAR update. The ten day required comment period on this response will end on November 9. The comment response packet can be found at www.cottagegrovemn.gov.

Link to Document: <http://www.cottagegrovemn.gov/2020EastRavineAUAR>

RGU: City of Cottage Grove

RGU Contact: John M. Burbank, 651-458-2825, jburbank@cottagegrovemn.gov

Alternative Urban Areawide Review Update Adoption

Henry Area Update

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. Two scenarios, one in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan, were reviewed in the AUAR update.

Record of Decision Date: October 13, 2020 (Resolution No. 2020-89)

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

RGU: City of Rogers

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

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