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EQB Announcements

Governor's Task Force on Wild Rice

The first meeting of the [Governor's Task Force on Wild Rice](#) will take place on September 27, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Blandin Foundation in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. All Task Force meetings are open to the public.

Blandin Foundation
Stender Community Room
100 North Pokegama Avenue
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
[Map & Directions](#)

Meeting agendas and minutes will be posted on the [Environmental Quality Board](#) website.

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: St. John's Catholic Church Demolition

Comment Deadline: October 24, 2018

Project Description: The St. John's Catholic Church in Virginia, MN, constructed in 1924, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. The building is unsafe and not usable in its current condition. For safety and to reduce operating costs, the church is proposed for demolition. After demolition, the area would be used as parking and a school playground. The City will receive written comments relating to the EAW through October 24, 2018. Written comments may be submitted in person at the City of Virginia, or through the mail to Britt See-Benes, City Administrator, City of Virginia, 327 1st Street South, Virginia, MN, 55792 or submitted by email to britts@virginiamn.us.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Virginia

RGU Contact Person:

Britt See-Benes
City Administrator
327 1st Street South
Virginia, MN 55792
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Project Title: Tiller Corporation Mining and Reclamation Project, Sunrise Township, Chisago County

Comment Deadline: October 24, 3018

Project Description: Tiller corporation currently owns and operates an existing nonmetallic mineral mining and processing facility that operates under permits issued by Chisago County. The proposed project will expand the mining and processing to an adjacent 31.5-acre site. The EAW analyzes the impacts of the proposed project and cumulative impacts of the combined mining area.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Chisago County

RGU Contact Person:

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Project Title: Towns Edge Development

Comment Deadline: October 24, 2018

Project Description: Graphic Homes, Inc. is proposing a residential development on 165 acres in the City of North Branch. The project includes 265 single family lots, 20 transitional lots, 10 rural residential lots, 26 townhome units, and 50 detached townhomes, totaling 371 housing units. A lot for a future municipal park is also included in the site. The project will include extending utilities to serve the development.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of North Branch

RGU Contact Person:

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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.

- MnDOT, Highway 23 Bridge Replacement and Deer Creek Restoration Project, 9-14-18 (7-23-18)
 - City of Grant, Mahtomedi Ice Arena EIS Need Decision, 9-10-18 (6-4-18)
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Alternative Urban Areawide Review Revisions

Project Title: Launch Park Final AUAR and Mitigation Plan - Notice of Availability

Objection Deadline: October 8, 2018

Project Description: As the designated Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU), the City of Lakeville has prepared a Final Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) and mitigation plan for the Launch Park project. The AUAR was sent to review agencies and the comment period ended July 25, 2018. The City of Lakeville has included the agency comments and the City's responses to these comments into the Final AUAR and Mitigation Plan, which is available at www.lakevillemn.gov. The ten day objection period on this final document ends October 8, 2018.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Lakeville

RGU Contact Person:

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ER Guidance and Updates

Quick Reference: Alternative Urban Areawide Review

The Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) process is a hybrid of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) review processes. Responsible Governmental Units (RGU) can use an AUAR as a planning tool to understand how different development scenarios will affect the environment of their community before the development occurs. Learn more about the process in our [Quick Reference Guide](#).