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## EQB Announcements

# Environmental Quality Board Meeting: September 9th, 2020

We invite you to join the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) at their next Board meeting on September 9 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the EQB will exclusively convene its September Board meeting virtually through the WebEx platform. Instructions for connecting to WebEx are included on page six of the Board Packet

[Access Link to the August 12,2020 EQB Meeting](#)

The meeting will address one decision objective, then two informational objectives:

- Review and approve final 2020 State Water Plan
- Provide feedback on the progress of the 2020 Pollinator Annual Report and the Civic Engagement Process framework
- Provide an update on the Minnesota Sands, LLC proposed project in Fillmore County

You can also view our full agenda on the [EQB website](#).

Accessibility: This material can be provided in different forms, like large print, braille or on a recording. Please contact EQB staff at least one week prior to the event at [info.EQB@state.mn.us](mailto:info.EQB@state.mn.us) to arrange an accommodation.

## Applications are currently open for Environmental Quality Board Member Positions in Congressional Districts 4 and 5

Applications are currently open for two Public Board Member positions: one each representing the public from Minnesota's Congressional Districts 4 and 5 (CD4 and CD5). [CD4](#) includes part of Washington County and most of Ramsey County, including Saint Paul; and [CD5](#) includes parts of Anoka and Hennepin Counties including Minneapolis. The positions are for a four-year term and are open until filled.

Serving on the [Environmental Quality Board](#) is a unique opportunity to shape environmental issues in Minnesota. Public members of the Board help bring the voices of Minnesotans from around the state into decision making, prompting our government to think in new ways about environmental challenges and solutions.

To apply, visit the [Minnesota Secretary of State's website](#).

### Questions? Contact us:

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# Environmental Assessment Worksheet

## Duffey 2.0 Development

**Comment Deadline:** October 8, 2020

**Project Description:** This EAW studies the proposed Duffey 2.0 development located at 300 6th Avenue North, 608 3rd Street North and 246 7th Avenue north in Minneapolis. The project consists of three properties, two existing warehouse buildings and a surface parking lot, to be converted into a mixed-use development. The development will create 351 residential units with 45,810 square feet of retail/co-working space and 317 parking spaces by re-purposing the existing buildings and constructing a new four-story building on the surface lot. Copies of the EAW will be available for review at the downtown Minneapolis Central Library located at 300 Nicollet Mall. Public comments on the EAW must be made within the 30-day comment period, which ends at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2020. It is anticipated that the BIZ Committee at its regular meeting on Tuesday, November 2, 2020, or at a subsequent meeting, will receive a report and recommendation from City staff and consider the adequacy of this EAW and the need for an Environmental Impact Statement for this proposal. The City Council will act on the recommendation of this Committee at a subsequent meeting on Friday, November 13, 2020. This EAW and supporting information will also be available for review on the City of Minneapolis web site: [http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/planning/cped\\_eaw](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/planning/cped_eaw). Copies of this EAW can also be provided to individuals by email. For further information or to submit comments on the EAW, contact Hilary Dvorak.

**Link to Document:** [http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/planning/cped\\_eaw](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/planning/cped_eaw)

**RGU:** City of Minneapolis

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## Environmental Impact Statement Need Decision

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does not require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The date below is the date of the determination.

## McDonald Segment, Silent Lakes Segment, West Segment of the Perham to Pelican Rapids Regional Trail

**Decision:** Negative (No EIS ordered), August 25, 2020

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

**RGU:** Otter Tail County

**RGU Contact:** Chuck Grotte, 218-998-8475, [CGrotte@co.ottertail.mn.us](mailto:CGrotte@co.ottertail.mn.us)

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## Alternative Urban Areawide Review Update Adoption

### City of Inver Grove Heights Northwest Expansion Area

**Project Description:** The Northwest Expansion AUAR study area is 3,089 acres located within northwest portion of Inver Grove Heights, Dakota County, MN. Pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 4410.3610, subpart 7, an AUAR and plan for mitigation must be revised every five years until all development in the study area has received final approval. Since the study area has not been fully developed, the purpose of the document is to update the Northwest Expansion Area AUAR pursuant to Minnesota Rules.

**Decision Date:** Adopted, August 24th, 2020

**Link to Document:** <http://www.ci.inver-grove-heights.mn.us/336/AUAR>

**RGU:** City of Inver Grove Heights

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