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# EQB MONITOR

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: November 19, 2008

**Project Title:** NMCWD Nine Mile Creek Stabilization Project: Hopkins

**Description:** The North Fork of Nine Mile Creek suffers from streambank erosion. The proposed streambank improvement project involves channel realignment to a more stable meandering form, bank reshaping to shallower slopes, bank revegetation, channel toe stabilization and grade control, water quality improvement projects, and the construction of a multi-use trail.

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## Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area Mountain Bike Trail System

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposes to build approximately 40 miles of mountain bike trail entirely within the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area in Crow Wing County, MN. These 12"-to-60" wide, natural-surface trails will be built to accommodate beginner, intermediate, and advanced skill levels.

The MDNR will accept written comments on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet during the public review and comment period, which concludes Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

Written comments should be submitted to Matthew Langan, EAW Project Manager, Environmental Policy and Review Unit, Division of Ecological Resources, Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55155-4025. Electronic or e-mail comments may be sent to [environmental.review@dnr.state.mn.us](mailto:environmental.review@dnr.state.mn.us) with "Cuyuna EAW" in the subject line. If submitting comments electronically, please include your name and mailing address.

Public review copies of the EAW are available at the following locations:

- MDNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55155;
- MDNR Regional Headquarters, 2115 Birchmont Beach Road NE, Bemidji, MN 56601;
- Minneapolis Public Library, Government Documents, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55401;
- Ironton Public Library, 309 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Ironton, MN 56455;
- Brainerd Public Library, 416 S 5<sup>th</sup> St., Brainerd, MN 56401;
- Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library, 101 1<sup>st</sup> St. SE, Crosby, MN 56441; and
- Kitchigami Regional Library, 212 Park Ave., P.O. Box 14, Pine River, MN 56474.

The EAW is also posted on the MDNR's website at [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us). (Click on "Public Input", then select "Cuyuna EAW" from the scroll-down list under "Environmental Review"). Additional copies may be requested by calling (651) 259-5115.

## EAW NEED DECISIONS

The noted responsible governmental unit has made a decision regarding the need for an EAW in response to a citizen petition.

- Mower County, "Robbins Block" Project, EAW ordered.

## EIS NEED DECISIONS

The responsible governmental unit has determined the following projects do not require preparation of an EIS. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the EAW notice was published in the *EQB Monitor*.

- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, St. Louise River Lake Sturgeon Spawning Habitat Enhancement Project, October 8, 2008 (August 25, 2008)

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Evers Dairy Expansion Project, October 6, 2008 (July 28, 2008)

## PETITION FILED

The following petitions have been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an EAW. The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of government to review the petition and decide on the need for an EAW.

- Mower County, “Robbins Block” project

## AUAR UPDATE ADOPTED

### RESOLUTION APPROVING THE OXBOW COMMONS UPDATED ALTERNATIVE URBAN AREA-WIDE REVIEW

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2002, the Brooklyn Park City Council approved Resolution #2002-141 approving the Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) for Oxbow Commons/Muir Park Village/97<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the environmental review has since expired per Minnesota Rules 4410.3610 Subpart 7 (A) where portions of the original project have not received final approval;

WHEREAS, updated AUARs were mailed to recipients listed on the Environmental Quality Board’s distribution list on August 21, 2008; and

WHEREAS, no objections to the Final AUAR were filed with the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Brooklyn Park that:

1. The Updated AUAR for Oxbow Commons is hereby adopted.
2. The environmental review for these properties is hereby completed.

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Council Member Meyer and duly seconded by Council Member Gearin.

The following voted in favor of the resolution: Gates, Gearin, Lampi, Mata, Meyer, and Trepanier.

The following voted against: None.

The following was absent: Lunde.

Where upon the resolution was adopted.

ADOPTED: September 22, 2008

## NOTICES

### **Public Meeting Notice – East Central Regional Landscape Committee Minnesota Forest Resources Council**

The East Central Regional Landscape Committee of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) will meet on Friday, October 24, 2008, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve located at 2660 Fawn Lake Drive NE near Bethel, Minnesota.

For more information, please contact Lindberg Ekola at (320) 256-8300 or go to the calendar on the MFRC website at <http://www.frc.state.mn.us>.

### **Metropolitan Airports Commission/ Assessment of Environmental Effects of the 2009-2015 Capital Improvement Program for MSP and Reliever Airports**

Minnesota Statutes 1988, Chapter 664, requires the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) to prepare an Assessment of Environmental Effects (AOEE) for projects in the Commission's seven-year Capital Improvement Program (2009-2015) for airports included in its system.

An EAW, EA or EIS has been previously prepared and public hearing held for each MSP and reliever airport project in the 2009-2015 CIP that requires an EAW under Chapter 664. An assessment of the cumulative environmental effects of CIP projects at each affected airport in the system is presented in the AOEE.

A copy of the AOEE can be downloaded on the Internet at: [www.macnoise.com/pdfs/MAC-2009-AOEE-10-20-08.pdf](http://www.macnoise.com/pdfs/MAC-2009-AOEE-10-20-08.pdf)

Additionally, a copy of the AOEE can be obtained by contacting Chad Leque, Metropolitan Airports Commission, 6040 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55450; 612-725-6326. Comments concerning the AOEE can be given at a Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in room 3048, Mezzanine level, Lindbergh Terminal, Minneapolis -St. Paul International Airport, or in writing to Chad Leque at 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55450. Comments on the AOEE must be received by the close of business on Thursday, November 20, 2008. Persons planning to attend the public hearing should call Chad Leque at 612-725-6326 for security checkpoint information.