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EQB announcements



Join us for the February Environmental Quality Board Meeting

We invite you to join the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) from 1:00-4:00 pm on February 16, 2022.

The EQB will hear an update from the Subcommittee for Pilot Program Implementation, discuss a proposal about a potential collaboration with the freshwater Society and consider a resolution to adopt the EQB's biennial work pan.

Visit the February Board meeting page for more information.

Climate Change and Environmental Review Speaker Series

Throughout the Climate Change and Environmental Review Pilot Program, EQB will host a <u>monthly Speaker Series open to anyone</u> that will feature presentations by technical experts about incorporating climate information into Environmental Assessment Worksheets.

Greenhouse Gas Assessment

February 24th, 2022 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Allison Serakos, Environmental Scientist; and Rachael Shetka, Senior Environmental Specialist of Barr Engineering, will walk through example Green House Gas (GHG) calculations and will discuss the use of guidance developed for the draft revised EAW form.

Join Us Using Webex

Meeting Materials:

- Example Project from the Final Recommendations Technical Assessment Memorandum (pg. 4, section 2.2)
- Revised Draft EAW
- Guidance Document

Registration open for participation in Climate Change and Environmental Review Pilot Program

EQB is seeking local responsible governmental units (RGUs) and consultants interested in participating in a pilot program that will assess the efficiency and effectiveness of climate information by testing a draft revised Environmental Assessment Worksheet. Participants will benefit from shared learning as well as training provided by technical experts. Registration is open to all RGUs and consultants, regardless of whether you are actively reviewing a project. This cohort-based program will begin in early 2022. Register now!

If you are not eligible to register, but would like to receive updates about the Pilot Program, please sign-up here.

Environmental review notices



Environmental review project notices

EQB publishes environmental review notices provided by responsible governmental units. For more information on a project undergoing environmental review, click on the individual project links below. You can also find information about active projects in your community on the Environmental Review Projects Interactive Map.

Proposed Lorentz-Schleininger Gravel Mine Project

Location: Fairmont Township, Martin County

Process: Citizen Petition

Step: Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) Need Decision

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) Decision: Positive (EAW ordered)

Record of Decision Date: February 1, 2022

Link to Public Documents: No link to documents provided. See RGU contact

information below.

RGU and Contact: Martin County, Scott Higgins, 507-238-3126

Proposed Mile Post 7 Tailings Basin Progression (two petitions)

Location: Beaver Bay Township, Lake County

Process: Citizen Petition **Step:** EAW Need Decision

RGU Decision: Negative (no EAW ordered) **Record of Decision Date:** February 4, 2022

Link to Public Documents: No link to documents provided. See RGU contact

information below.

RGU and Contact: Department of Natural Resources, Bill Johnson, 651-259-5126

Klein Nursery Mixed-Use Development at 4040 33rd Street South

Location: St. Cloud, Stearns County

Process: EAW

Step: EAW Available

End of Comment Period: March 17, 2022

Project Description: The applicant (K&B Properties) intends to develop a mixed-use project across the 42 acre site consisting of 22.9 acres of multi-family housing and 19.1 acres of commercial development. The 33rd Street South frontage is envisioned to include a 60,000 sf retail building, a 40,000 sf office building, and several smaller retail buildings. Additional space has been provided for a 90,000 sf recreational facility and 45,000 sf assisted living facility. The concept plan depicts four separate apartment buildings on the southern portion of the site abutting Neenah Creek Regional Park. **Link to Public Documents:** No link to documents provided. See RGU contact information below.

Location of Public Documents: St. Cloud City Hall - Planning Office, 400 2nd Street

South, St. Cloud, MN 56301

RGU and Contact: City of St. Cloud, Matt Glaesman, 320-650-3110

Loram / Scannell Medina Industrial

Location: Medina, Hennepin County

Process: EAW

Step: EAW Available

End of Comment Period: March 17, 2022

Project Description: The Loram / Scannell Medina Industrial project is located south of

MN 55 and east of Arrowhead Drive (CR 118) in Medina. The site consists of two

parcels and approximately 25 acres agricultural land. There are no existing buildings or

structures within the site. The proposed development consists of approximately 10 acres of office/warehouse uses and would include new water service, sewer, stormwater, streets, and utilities. All of these new services would be extensions to existing infrastructure or upgrading existing systems to support the new development.

Link to Public Documents: Loram / Scrannell Medina Industrial EAW

Location of Public Documents: City of Medina, 2052 County Road 24, Medina, MN

55340

RGU and Contact: City of Medina, <u>Dusty Finke</u>, 763-473-8846

Former Mississippi Dunes Golf Course

Location: Cottage Grove, Washington County

Process: EAW

Step: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Need Decision

RGU Decision: Negative (no EIS ordered) **Record of Decision Date:** February 2, 2022

Link to Public Documents: Former Mississippi Dunes Golf Course EIS Need Decision Location of Public Documents: City of Cottage Grove, 12800 Ravine Parkway South,

Cottage Grove, MN 55016

RGU and Contact: City of Cottage Grove, Emily Schmitz, 651-458-2800

Gonz Lake West

Location: St. Michael, Wright County

Process: Large Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR)

Step: Draft Order for Review

End of Comment Period: March 17, 2022

Project Description: The Gonz Lake West AUAR area covers 199.56 acres and the review will address two scenarios: (1) 262 detached and 168 attached residential units; and (2) 353 detached residential units. This Draft Order is issued to initiate scoping required under MN Rules 4410.3610, Subp. 5a because a specific development project proposed in the AUAR area exceeds an EIS threshold and covers at least 50% of the AUAR area.

Link to Public Documents: No link to documents provided. See RGU contact information below.

Location of Public Documents: St. Michael City Hall, 11800 Town Center Drive NE, St.

Michael, MN 55376

RGU and Contact: City of St. Michael, Marc Weigle, 763-497-2041

Adelmann Family Property

Location: Elko New Market, Scott County

Process: AUAR
Step: Revised AUAR

End of Comment Period: March 2, 2022

Project Description: The Adelmann Family Property is located along County State Aid Highway 2 (260th Street East) and I-35, east of Elko New Market in Scott County. The property is comprised of six parcels totaling 242.5 acres which define the AUAR Study Area. Proposed future land uses within the AUAR Study Area include business/limited industrial park, commercial, medium density residential, and public road right-of-way.

Non-developed acreage will remain as wetlands, wooded/forested, and brush/grassland. Phased development is proposed to occur over several years, beginning with portions of the property located adjacent to the CSAH 2 (260th Street East) corridor. Public comments were received and responded to.

Link to Public Documents: Adelmann Family Property Revised AUAR

Location of Public Documents: City of Elko New Market, 601 Main Street, Elko New

Market, MN 55054

RGU and Contact: City of Elko New Market, Renee Christianson, 952-431-2777

Submit an environmental review notice to the *Monitor*

The *EQB Monitor* is published every Tuesday at 12:00 pm. Submissions to the <u>EQB Monitor</u> are due by 4:00 pm on the Tuesday one week prior to the intended publication date. Please see the <u>EQB Monitor schedule</u> for more details.

To submit a notice for publication:

Use the EQB Monitor submission form

Questions? Contact EQB by phone at 651-757-2873 or email us at EQB.Monitor@state.mn.us.

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