

# EQB Monitor

EQB announcements and Environmental review notices

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## ***EQB announcements***



### **Climate Change and Environmental Review Speaker Series**

Throughout the Climate Change and Environmental Review Pilot Program, EQB will host a [monthly Speaker Series open to anyone](#) 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](#).

## Trout Brook Stream Restoration - Phase III

**Location:** Denmark Township, Washington County

**Process:** Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)

**Step:** EAW Available

**End of Comment Period:** March 24, 2022

**Project Description:** The South Washington Watershed District (SWWD) proposes to continue the ecological and hydraulic restoration of Trout Brook through Afton Alps Ski Area and Afton State Park in cooperation with Great River Greening (GRG), the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Vail Resorts Management Company (Vail). The Phase III Trout Brook Stream Restoration Project will include remeandering portions of the channel, reconnecting the stream with its natural floodplain, and installing rock and woody riffles to enhance trout habitat and reduce incision, erosion, and sedimentation. One culvert will be replaced to allow for longitudinal connectivity.

**Link to Public Documents:** [Trout Brook Stream Restoration - Phase III EAW](#)

**Location of Public Documents:** South Washington Watershed District, 2302 Tower Drive Woodbury, MN 55125

**Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) and Contact:** South Washington Watershed District, [Matt Moore](#), 651-714-3729

## Lower Otter Tail River Restoration Project

**Location:** Breckenridge, Sunnyside, Foxhome, and Bradford Township in Wilkin County; and Orwell Township in Otter Tail County

**Process:** EAW

**Step:** EAW Available

**End of Comment Period:** March 24, 2022

**Project Description:** The Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD) proposes to complete a stream restoration of the Lower Otter Tail River to improve water quality, reduce sedimentation, reduce flooding, and improve habitat within the Otter Tail River Watershed. This project will include channel remeandering and floodplain expansion of a previously straightened reach and the installation of features such as rock riffles, expanded buffer strips, side inlets, grade control structures, and other sediment control best management practices.

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

**Location of Public Documents:** Buffalo-Red River Watershed District, 1303 4th Avenue NE Barnesville, MN 56514

**RGU and Contact:** Buffalo-Red River Watershed District, [Kristine Altrichter](#), 218-789-3100

## Avalon Estates Development Project

**Location:** Big Lake, Sherburne County

**Process:** EAW

**Step:** Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Need Decision

**RGU Decision:** Negative (no EIS ordered)

**Record of Decision Date:** February 9, 2022

**Link to Public Documents:** [Avalon Estates Development Project EIS Need Decision](#)

**Location of Public Documents:** Great River Regional Library, 1300 W. St. Germain Street, St. Cloud, MN 56301-3667

**RGU and Contact:** City of Big Lake, [Lucinda Spanier](#), 763-251-2977

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