

EQB Monitor

EQB announcements and Environmental review notices

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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 plan.

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 [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](#).

MBE's Proposed Gravel Pit Project

Location: Buffalo Township, Wright County

Process: Citizen Petition

Step: Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) Need Decision

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

Record of Decision Date: November 30, 2021

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

RGU and Contact: Wright County, [Scott Deckert](#), 763-684-2320

Eveleth Manual Training School

Location: Eveleth, St. Louis County

Process: EAW

Step: EAW Available

End of Comment Period: March 10, 2022

Project Description: The Manual Training School (MTS) located in Eveleth, Minnesota (City) was utilized from 1914 to 1998 as the first building in Minnesota dedicated for

use by manual arts training. After the building was deemed unsafe, Independent School District No. 2909, Rock Ridge Public Schools (ISD 2909) is proposing its demolition.

Link to Public Documents: [Eveleth Manual Training School EAW](#)

Location of Public Documents: Eveleth City Hall, 413 Pierce Street, Eveleth, MN 55734

RGU and Contact: City of Eveleth, [Jackie Monahan-Junek](#), 218-744-7444

Canterbury Park Eastern Development

Location: Shakopee, Scott County

Process: EAW

Step: EAW Available

End of Comment Period: March 10, 2022

Project Description: The Project, located within Canterbury Park but under separate ownership, is an amphitheater which will provide fixed seating for approximately 11,000 spectators and lawn seating for approximately 8,000 spectators. The amphitheater is a semi-circular bowl design with the stage constructed approximately 20 feet below the ground elevation and the first row of seating being approximately 5 feet below the stage. Audience seating elevates from the first row and is divided into several sections consisting of seats, boxes and open lawn that will rise to an elevation of approximately 43 feet above the ground elevation. Concession areas and beer gardens will be available. New streets and parking lots within Canterbury Park and south of the amphitheater are also included in the Project Amphitheater events will be coordinated with Canterbury Park to accommodate parking and traffic circulation.

Link to Public Documents: [Canterbury Park Eastern Development EAW](#)

Location of Public Documents: Shakopee City Hall, 485 Gorman St, Shakopee, MN 55379

RGU and Contact: City of Shakopee, [Michael Kerski](#), 952-233-9346

Beaumont Bluffs Residential Development

Location: Jordan, Scott County

Process: EAW

Step: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Need Decision

RGU Decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Record of Decision Date: January 24, 2022

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

Location of Public Documents: Jordan City Hall, 210 East First St, Jordan, MN 55352

RGU and Contact: City of Jordan, [Tom Nikunen](#), 952-492-7934

Ruddle Property

Location: Lakeville, Dakota County

Process: Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR)

Step: Draft Order for Review

End of Comment Period: March 10, 2022

Project Description: The AUAR study area encompasses 91.37 acres, including 12 existing tax parcels, located west of County Road 9 (Dodd Boulevard) in Lakeville, Dakota County, Minnesota. Two development scenarios, are proposed to be evaluated in the AUAR. Scenario 1 includes three buildings for a total of 1,130,800 square feet of proposed industrial development. Scenario 2 includes seven buildings for a total of 1,200,000 square feet of proposed industrial development.

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

Location of Public Documents: Lakeville City Hall, 20195 Holyoke Ave, Lakeville, MN 55044

RGU and Contact: City of Lakeville, [Kati Bachmeyer](#), 952-985-4425

Southern Shakopee

Location: Shakopee, Scott County

Process: AUAR

Step: Revised AUAR

End of Comment Period: February 23, 2022

Project Description: The City of Shakopee is conducting an Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) for a portion of the city to be served with municipal infrastructure and is expected to develop rapidly. The AUAR area is approximately 435 acres south of Valley View Road and west of Mystic Lake Drive. Both development scenarios are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan designation of Suburban Residential. The Final AUAR and Response to Comments is ready for review with an anticipated City Council adoption on March 1, 2022.

Link to Public Documents: [Southern Shakopee Revised AUAR](#)

Location of Public Documents: Shakopee City Hall, 485 Gorman St., Shakopee, MN 55379

RGU and Contact: City of Shakopee, [Michael Kerski](#), 952-233-9346

Elko New Market

Location: Elko New Market, Scott County

Process: AUAR

Step: AUAR Update

End of Comment Period: February 23, 2022

Project Description: An AUAR was completed in 2015 for the proposed action. This document is an update to the 2015 AUAR, as required every five years until all of the development in the area has concluded (per Minnesota Rules 4410.3610 Subpart 7). The action covered by this AUAR includes proposed development on the east side of the City of Elko New Market and east of Interstate 35 (I-35). The 265-acre environmental study area includes a proposed industrial project, the Ryan Companies Development "Park I-35," which is planned for subarea parcels subject to an orderly annexation agreement and totaling 127 acres.

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

Location of Public Documents: Hennepin County Library - Minneapolis Central Government Documents - 2nd Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 54401-1992

RGU and Contact: City of Elko New Market, [Tom Terry](#), 952-461-2777

Cottage Grove Business Park

Location: Cottage Grove, Washington County

Process: AUAR

Step: AUAR Update

End of Comment Period: February 23, 2022

Project Description: The City of Cottage Grove is updating the 2018 Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) for their existing business park and an expansion area to the south. The AUAR update is analyzing one of the scenarios in the original 2018 AUAR and an updated scenario based on several proposed development projects within the expansion area to the south that are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The City Council is anticipated to adopt the AUAR Update on March 2, 2022.

Link to Public Documents: [Cottage Grove Business Park AUAR Update](#)

Location of Public Documents: Cottage Grove City Hall, 12800 Ravine Parkway South, Cottage Grove, MN 55016

RGU and Contact: City of Cottage Grove, [Jennifer Levitt](#), 651-458-2800

General Notice

Notices published in this section may be required under Minnesota Statute or Rule.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

Notice Description: Bayer Crop Science filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification # 22-NO-04. Notification is for genetically modified SOYBEAN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for release in Application AUTH - 0000203090. The counties identified for release include the following: Clay-1 site with 5 acres, Goodhue-1 site with 25 acres, Redwood-1 site with 10 acres, Rice 2 sites with 50 acres, Steele-1 site with 25 acres, and Waseca 2 sites with 50 acres. Project categories include NR (Nematode Resistance). For additional information contact Denise Thiede.

Contact: [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531

Submit an environmental review notice to the *Monitor*

The *EQB Monitor* is published every Tuesday at 12:00 pm. Submissions to the [EQB Monitor](#) are due by 4:00 pm on the Tuesday one week prior to the intended publication date. Please see the [EQB Monitor schedule](#) for more details.

To submit a notice for publication:

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

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