

# EQB Monitor

**Weekly announcements and environmental review notices**

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## Announcements

### **Apply now for EQB environmental review planner position**

We are hiring to fill the environmental review planner position. This position carries out the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board's authorities and oversight of the state's Environmental Review Program and manages and assesses the data generated by the program. Application deadline is January 11.

Find more information and apply on the State of Minnesota's [Careers website](#) (Job ID #61709).

**We are hiring!**

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### **New environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) form**

The EQB chair formally approved updates to the EAW form that incorporates climate information. This means all responsible governmental units are required to use the new form for project reviews that began after December 14, 2022. Look for the new EAW form and applicable resources and guidance on the [Climate assessments and environmental review](#) and [Guidance for practitioners and proposers](#) webpages.

## **Environmental Review Program: Ombuds pilot**

The Environmental Quality Board is excited to announce the start of an ombuds pilot to provide guidance and support for navigating the incorporation of climate assessments into environmental documents. Denise Wilson will serve as the Environmental Quality Board ombuds for the duration of this pilot, which will last six months (January to June 2023). Visit the [Ombuds Pilot website](#) to learn more about the EQB's ombuds role and to contact Denise.

## **Environmental Review Program Continuous Improvement**

Starting in January 2023, EQB staff will begin developing a new process for identifying and prioritizing Environmental Review Program improvement initiatives. We will be soliciting public input on improvement areas. For more information about the project and how you can participate, visit the [Continuous Improvement webpage](#).

## REQUIRED PUBLIC 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](#).

#### Loving Earth Memorial Gardens

**Location:** Barnum, Carlton County

**Process:** Petition

**Step:** Responsible governmental unit assigned

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, [Jill Townley](#), 651-259-5168

## Pelican Bay Addition Residential Development

**Location:** Lake Sarah Township, Murray County

**Process:** Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

**Step:** EAW available

**End of comment period:** February 2, 2023

**Project description:** Rupp Construction is proposing a residential development on a 34-acre project site. The Pelican Bay Addition project will develop 29 residential lakeshore lots along the shoreline of Lake Shetek in Murray County, Minnesota. The first phase of construction will include limited grading and site preparation for selling individual lots and construction of the residential road on the project site. Construction will also include development of attendant features for the development including the improvement of an existing private field road to a new public access road and installation of utilities to serve the development, including sanitary sewer connection and a new community well. The project is located within the 1,000 ft Shoreland Overlay District of Lake Shetek.

**Link to public documents:** [Pelican Bay Addition EAW](#)

**Location of public documents:** Murray County Government Center, 2500 28th St, Slayton, MN 56172

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Murray County, [Jean M. Christoffels](#), 507-836-1166

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