

EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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Announcements

Share your ideas to help pollinators!



The Interagency Pollinator Protection Team (IPPT) is developing an action framework to help pollinators in Minnesota. The framework is a set of recommended actions to help pollinators over the long term. These recommendations will include state-led actions and actions members of the public can do.

Visit our [engagement platform](#) where you can share your ideas for action with the IPPT, and vote for the ideas you think should be prioritized.

The IPPT will consider the ideas submitted by August 31 and release a draft of the framework by December 1.

For more information on the pollinator action framework or the public engagement platform, please contact Rebeca Gutierrez-Moreno (rebeca.gutierrez-moreno@state.mn.us, 651-757-2268)

Climate Change and Environmental Review Speaker Series: Correction

Due to scheduling conflicts, there **will not be** an August Climate Change and Environmental Review Speaker Session. If you were unable to attend past events, you can view full recordings and presentations on EQB's [Climate Change and Environmental Review Pilot Program website](#).

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 began 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](#).

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](#).

MBE Sand and Gravel Mine

Location: Buffalo Township, Wright County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

Step: Environmental assessment worksheet available

End of comment period: August 18, 2022

Project description: The MBE Sand and Gravel Mine is proposed on 35.7 acres of land in Buffalo Township, Wright County along Highway 25 north of Buffalo, Minnesota. The proposed operation will include sand and gravel mining, a small or intermittent wash plant, concrete/asphalt crushing and recycling, stormwater management, and berms adjacent to property boundaries.

Link to public documents: [MBE Sand and Gravel Mine EAW](#)

Location of public documents: Wright County Planning and Zoning, 3650 Braddock Ave NE, Suite 1600, Buffalo, MN 55313

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Wright County, [Edward Pettit](#), 763-682-7331

Epitome Energy Soybean Processing Facility

Location: Crookston, Polk County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

Step: Environmental assessment worksheet available

End of comment period: August 18, 2022

Project description: Epitome Energy, LLC proposes to construct a rail served soybean crush and extraction facility in Crookston, MN (Project). At full production capacity, the Project will process up to 42 million bushels of soybeans per year procured from soybean growers in the Crookston region. The Project will produce up to 450 million pounds of crude oil, just under one million tons of soybean meal, and 65,000 tons of soybean hulls. The Project includes 21 aboveground storage tanks for over 3.6 million gallons of storage.

Link to public documents: [Epitome Energy Soybean Processing Facility EAW](#)

Location of public documents: Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Ave. N., St. Paul, MN 55155

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Pollution Control Agency, [Charles Peterson](#), 651-272-5937

Maxson East Development

Location: East Gull Lake, Cass County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

Step: Environmental impact statement (EIS) need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Record of decision date: July 5, 2022

Link to public documents: No link to documents provided. See responsible governmental unit contact information below.

Location of public documents: East Gull Lake City Hall, 10790 Gull Point Rd, East Gull Lake, MN 56401

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Gull Lake, [Laura Christensen](#), 218-828-9279

Otter and Campbell Lakes Restoration

Location: McLeod, Meeker, and Renville Counties

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

Step: Environmental impact statement (EIS) need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Record of decision date: June 28, 2022

Link to public documents: No link to documents provided. See responsible governmental unit contact information below.

Location of public documents: Hutchinson City Hall, 111 Hassan St SE, Hutchinson, MN 55350

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Hutchinson, [Kent Exner](#), 320-234-4241

Ruddle Property

Location: Lakeville, Dakota County

Process: Alternative urban areawide review (AUAR)

Step: Draft AUAR

End of comment period: August 18, 2022

Project description: The AUAR study area encompasses 12 tax parcels on approximately 91.37 acres west of County Road 9 (Dodd Boulevard) in the city of Lakeville; entirely within Dakota County, Minnesota. The subject property is currently undeveloped agricultural land. Two development scenarios are proposed for evaluation, Scenario 1 and Scenario 2 as described below and both include light industrial land uses. The proposed development within the AUAR study area is anticipated to start as early as late summer 2022 and will be constructed over one or multiple phases over the next 2-5 years, depending on the market.

Link to public documents: [Ruddle Property Draft AUAR](#)

Location of public documents: Lakeville City Hall, 20195 Holyoke Ave, Lakeville, MN 55044

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Lakeville, [Kati Bachmayer](#), 952-985-4425

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