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Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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Announcements

Climate Change and Environmental Review Speaker Series: next Speaker Session to be held in August

The next and final installment of the Climate Change and Environmental Review Speaker Session will be held in August. If you were unable to attend past events, you can [view full recordings and presentations](#) on the EQB 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](#).

We need your feedback: Some governmental units are completing environmental review using the draft revised environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) form that includes information about greenhouse gases and climate change. These reviews are noted below with a star (*) in front of the project title. Help us understand the usefulness of the climate change information in these EAWs by completing a [brief survey](#). Your feedback is important to the Environmental Quality Board and will inform decision making on the final EAW form.

Glenwood Gravel Pit Expansion Project

Location: Glenwood Township, Pope County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet

Step: Environmental assessment worksheet available

End of comment period: August 4, 2022

Project description: Hancock Concrete Products, LLC is proposing to expand the existing Glenwood Gravel Pit in Glenwood Township, Pope County, located north of State Highway 28, and east of the City of Glenwood. The expansion area will include approximately 40 acres adjacent to an existing gravel pit, an active mining operation; hence a mandatory EAW is required under Minnesota Rules 4410.4300, Subpart 12, Item B. The Facility extracts, stores, and distributes crushed stone for use in concrete operations at other facilities. Operation activities include aggregate extraction, washing and staging of gravel, crushing and recycling of concrete, and a series of ponds.

Link to public documents: [Glenwood Gravel Pit Expansion Project EAW](#)

Location of public documents: Pope County Land & Resource Management, 130 East Minnesota Ave. Suite 113, Glenwood, MN 56334

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Pope County, [David Green](#), 320-634-7791

Pine Bend Solar Farm

Location: Rosemount, Dakota County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet

Step: Environmental impact statement (EIS) need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Record of decision date: June 21, 2022

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

Location of public documents: Robert Trail Library, 14395 S Robert Trail, Rosemount, MN 55068

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Rosemount, [Anthony Nemcek](#), 651-322-2090

Knife River Naaktgeboren Mining Expansion

Location: Silver Creek Township, Wright County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet

Step: Environmental impact statement (EIS) need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Responsible governmental unit decision date: June 21, 2022

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

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

Hillcrest Golf Course Redevelopment Study Area

Location: St. Paul, Ramsey County

Process: Alternative urban areawide review

Step: Final order of review

Project description: The AUAR study area is the former Hillcrest Golf Course located in northeastern St. Paul along the border with the City of Maplewood. The study area encompasses 113 acres, which are included in the draft Hillcrest Master Plan (Hillcrest MP). The Hillcrest MP is currently under review by the City of St. Paul. The St. Paul Port Authority (SPPA) is proposing to develop the former Hillcrest Golf Course into a mixed residential, light industrial, and commercial development. Three development scenarios have been evaluated in this AUAR. All three scenarios have similar land uses but contemplate different development intensities or block lengths.

Link to public documents: [Hillcrest Golf Course Redevelopment Study Area final order of review](#)

Location of public documents: City of St. Paul, 25 W 4th Street - 14th Floor, St. Paul, MN 55102

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of St. Paul, [Bill Dermody](#), 651-266-6617

Hillcrest Golf Course Redevelopment Study Area

Location: St. Paul, Ramsey County

Process: Alternative urban areawide review

Step: Draft alternative urban areawide review

End of comment period: August 4, 2022

Project description: The AUAR study area is the former Hillcrest Golf Course located in northeastern St. Paul along the border with the City of Maplewood. The study area encompasses 113 acres, which are included in the draft Hillcrest Master Plan (Hillcrest MP). The Hillcrest MP is currently under review by the City of St. Paul. The St. Paul Port Authority (SPPA) is proposing to develop the former Hillcrest Golf Course into a mixed residential, light industrial, and commercial development. Three development scenarios have been evaluated in this AUAR. All three scenarios have similar land uses but contemplate different development intensities or block lengths.

Link to public documents: [Hillcrest Golf Course Redevelopment Study Area draft alternative urban areawide review](#)

Location of public documents: City of St. Paul, 25 W 4th Street - 14th Floor, St. Paul, MN 55102

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of St. Paul, [Bill Dermody](#), 651-266-6617

*East Gateway Redevelopment

Location: Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Process: Alternative urban areawide review

Step: Draft alternative urban areawide review

End of comment review: August 4, 2022

Project description: The AUAR study area encompasses 24 parcels on approximately 12 acres in the city of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. The study area is bounded to the north by University Avenue Southeast, Oak Street Southeast and Ontario Street Southeast to the west, Delaware Street Southeast to the south, and Huron Boulevard Southeast to the east. The study area currently includes residential and commercial property and a stormwater basin. Two development scenarios are proposed for evaluation in the AUAR. Scenario 1 represents the density of the development proposed within the AUAR study area. Scenario 2 represents a higher density development based on the City's Transit 30 Built Form district, which calls for building heights of 10 to 30 stories. All buildings in Scenario 2 are assumed to be 20 stories, except those that are proposed to be more than 20 stories in Scenario 1; these are assumed to be 30 stories in Scenario 2.

Link to public documents: [East Gateway Redevelopment draft alternative urban areawide review](#)

Location of public documents: Hennepin County Library - Central, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401

First public meeting date, time, location: October 11, 2022, 1:30 p.m., Minneapolis City Hall, 350 South 5th Street, Room 317, Minneapolis, MN 55415

Second public meeting date, time, location: October 20, 2022, 9:30 a.m., Minneapolis City Hall, 350 South 5th Street, Room 317, Minneapolis, MN 55415

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Minneapolis, [Hilary Dvorak](#), 612-673-2639

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