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EQB Announcements

Become a part of the EQB Team

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) is seeking a highly-motivated candidate for an Environmental Review Program Administrator position. The position is responsible for analyzing environmental review issues, developing staff recommendations, providing technical assistance, and liaising with EQB member agencies and external groups. The successful candidate works well independently in a fast paced environment, has experience understanding regulatory requirements and the ability to communicate complex topics to a wide variety of audiences. The EQB is made up of the heads of nine state agencies and eight members of the public that have responsibility for oversight of the State's Environmental Review Program. To learn more about this opportunity and to apply, visit: https://mn.gov/mmb/careers/searchfor-jobs/ (enter Job ID 46163).



Pollinator Week Kick-off Media Event Wednesday, June 16, 2:00 p.m. | Spring Lake Park Reserve, Dakota County

The Environmental Quality Board will kick off Pollinator Week at Spring Lake Park Reserve with a media event on June 16 at 2:00 p.m. Pollinator Week (June 21-27, 2021) is an annual event celebrated internationally in support of pollinator protection.

At the event, state leaders will give remarks highlighting interagency pollinator work directed under Executive Order 19-28. Following the remarks, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a bumble bee survey led by Dakota County Parks. Representatives of Dakota County Parks will also be on hand to share information about the park and their pollinator efforts.

<u>Spring Lake Park Reserve</u> is located about 25 minutes south of St. Paul and overlooks the Mississippi River. The event will be outdoors and will follow COVID-19 protocols. Members of the public are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Faith Krogstad at faith.krogstad@state.mn.us.

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Twelvemile Dairy

Comment Deadline: July 8, 2021

Project Description: Riverview, LLP proposes to build a 12,000 animal unit Jersey dairy feedlot in Section 32 of Dollymount Township in Traverse County. Cows will be housed in a cross-ventilated, total confinement, free-stall barn. Clay-lined basins with impermeable covers will collect and store manure and wastewater. Liquid manure will be transferred to area farmers for use as fertilizer on cropland.

Link to Document: https://www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/projects-under-mpca-review

Location of Document: Pollution Control Agency

Location Address: 520 Lafayette Rd N, St. Paul, MN 55155

RGU: Pollution Control Agency

RGU Contact: Jenna Ness, 651-757-2276, jenna.ness@state.mn.us

Dakota County – Minnesota River Greenway, Fort Snelling State Park Segment Project

Comment Deadline: July 8, 2021

Project Description: Dakota County, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, is proposing to construct approximately 3.7 miles of the Minnesota River Greenway, from the existing trailhead near the Trunk Highway 77 (Cedar Avenue) Bridge in Burnsville to the existing trailhead at CSAH 26 (Lone Oak Road) in Eagan. The proposed trail corridor is primarily located in Eagan within in an unimproved area of Fort Snelling State Park, south of the Minnesota River and within the Minnesota River floodplain. The trail will consist of a 10-foot wide paved surface with two-foot vegetated shoulders. Portions of the trail will be located on raised boardwalks. A new pedestrian bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad track will be constructed. As the RGU, Dakota County has prepared an EAW for the proposed project. Comments will be accepted through July 8th, 2021 and should be submitted to Josh Kinney, Dakota County Project Manager.

Link to Document: <u>Dakota County – Minnesota River Greenway, Fort Snelling State Park</u> Segment Project EAW

Location of Document: Dakota County, Capital Projects Management Department **Location Address:** Administration Center, 1590 Highway 55 Hastings, MN 55033

RGU: Dakota County

RGU Contact: Josh Kinney, 952-891-7016, Josh.Kinney@co.dakota.mn.us

Pilgrim Point Shores Residential Development Project

Comment Deadline: July 8, 2021

Project Description: Pilgrim Point Shores is a combined lot and block/PUD residential subdivision located on approximately 35.5 acres on the east shore of Lake Ida in Douglas County. Initial activities will include roadway construction, public sanitary sewer installation, and construction of permanent stormwater management facilities, followed by individual lot construction. No public water supply is available—private wells will be used. Twenty-eight riparian lots, four non-riparian lots, and fourteen single-family townhome lots will be developed.

Link to Document: www.co.douglas.mn.us/news

Location of Document: Douglas County Land & Resource Management

Location Address: 305 8 Ave W, Alexandria, MN 56308

RGU: Douglas County

RGU Contact: David Rush, 320-762-3863, daveru@co.douglas.mn.us

Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental units have determined the following projects do not require preparation of Environmental Impact Statements (EISs).

Owatonna Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion

Decision: Negative, May 27, 2021

Link to Documents: https://www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/projects-under-mpca-review

Location of Document: Pollution Control Agency

Location Address: 520 Lafayette Rd N, St. Paul, MN 55155

RGU: Pollution Control Agency

RGU Contact: Kim Grosenheider, 651-757-2170, kim.grosenheider@state.mn.us

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery – Redwood Falls

Decision: Negative, May 28, 2021

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

Location of Documents: Marshall-Lyon County Library Location Address: 201 C Street, Marshall, MN 56258 RGU: Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs

RGU Contact: David Swantek, 651-332-0946, david.swantek@state.mn.us

Federal Environmental Assessment

Hybrid Trunk Highway 13: Savage to Burnsville and Dakota Avenue Improvements

Comment Deadline: July 8, 2021

Project Description: The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is providing notice of the Hybrid Environmental Assessment for the Trunk Highway (TH) 13 corridor improvements between Dakota Avenue in Savage and Nicollet Avenue in Burnsville, and reconstruction of the Dakota Avenue intersection. The Hybrid Environmental Assessment provides a hybrid approach to document the environmental review for TH 13 corridor and the funded improvements near the Dakota Avenue intersection. The social, economic, and environmental impacts were analyzed and evaluated for the entire length of the TH 13 corridor, and then separately for the improvements at TH 13 and Dakota Avenue. The Dakota Avenue intersection improvements is the first programmed project in this corridor and is scheduled to be constructed in 2022.

Link to Document: http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy13savageburnsville/

Locations of Document: Savage City Hall; Burnsville City Hall; Scott County Public Library **Location Addresses:** 6000 McColl Drive, Savage; 100 Civic Center Pkwy, Burnsville; 13090 Alabama Ave, Savage

Public Meeting Date: June 28, 2021 **Public Meeting Time:** 5:30 p.m.

Public Meeting Time: McColl Pond Environmental Learning and Event Center **First Public Meeting Address:** 13550 Dakota Ave S, Savage, MN 55378

RGU: Department of Transportation

RGU Contact: Carolyn Adamson, 651-440-4219, carolyn.adamson@state.mn.us

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