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EQB announcements

May Environmental Quality Board meeting

Wednesday, May 18, 1 – 4 p.m.

Join in person or online

At this regular board meeting, the board will welcome new board members, hear subcommittee and program updates, discuss possible approaches to the environment and energy report card, and hear public comment. Please stay for an open house following the meeting to socialize and celebrate the return to in person board meetings. More information about the meeting, including the meeting packet and Webex link, can be found on the [board meeting page](#).



Implementing tools for climate adaptation and planning in Minnesota

Climate Change and Environmental Review Speaker Series

Monday, May 23, 1 – 2 p.m.

[Join online](#)

This speaker session will include a discussion of how responsible governmental units can use Minnesota climate data, resources and tools for environmental assessment worksheets.

Featuring:

- Louise Miltich, Energy Program Director — Minnesota Department of Commerce

- Dr. Kenneth Blumenfeld, Senior Climatologist — Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Ecological and Water Resources' State Climatology Office

Throughout the [Climate Change and Environmental Review Pilot Program](#), EQB is hosting a monthly speaker series open to anyone that will feature presentations by technical experts about incorporating climate information into environmental assessment worksheets.

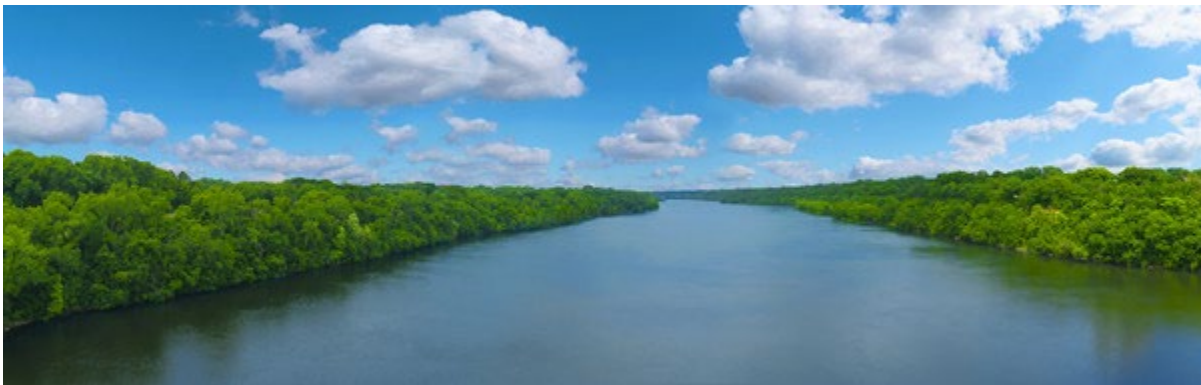
Registration open for participation in Climate Change and Environmental Review Pilot Program

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 Program 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.

Proposed mixed use development for 37 acres of Lake 9 of the Lester Park Golf Course

Location: Duluth, St. Louis County

Process: Petition

Step: Responsible governmental unit assigned

Responsible governmental unit contact: City of Duluth, [Adam Fulton](#), 218-730-5325

***900 Marquette Development**

Location: Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet

Step: Environmental assessment worksheet available

End of comment period: June 16, 2022

Project description: The proposed 900 Marquette Development will be a redevelopment of an approximately 0.87-acre site located at 900 Marquette Avenue and 94 South 10th Street in downtown Minneapolis. The site consists of two parcels, which are currently surface parking lots, plus the public alley between them. The project is anticipated to include approximately 719,000 square feet of office space, 21,000 square feet of retail-restaurant space, and a three-level underground parking ramp with approximately 183 parking spaces.

Link to public documents: [900 Marquette Development environmental assessment worksheet](#)

Location of public documents: Public Service Building, 505 4th Avenue South, Room 320, Minneapolis, MN 55415

First public meeting date, time, location: July 12, 2022, 1:30 p.m., Minneapolis City Hall, 350 South 5th Street, Room 317, Minneapolis, MN 55415

Second public meeting date, time, location: July 21, 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

***Gorman Creek Channel Restoration**

Location: Kellogg, Wabasha County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet

Step: Environmental assessment worksheet available

End of comment period: June 16, 2022

Project description: The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, MNDNR, proposes a stream restoration project on channelized reaches of Gorman Creek, M-033, and a spring tributary, Costello Spring, M-033-014, near Kellogg, in Wabasha County. The project will replace 2,060 feet of unstable, channelized stream with 4,800 feet of sinuous stream channel that would enhance ecological function, improve water quality, and establish stable ecological habitat.

Link to public documents: [Gorman Creek Channel Restoration environmental assessment worksheet](#)

Location of public documents: Wabasha Public Library, 168 Alleghany Avenue, Wabasha, MN 55981

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Department of Natural Resources, [Kathy Metzker](#), 651-259-5694

***Kingsbury Bay Watershed Sediment Reduction Project**

Location: Duluth, St. Louis County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet

Step: Environmental assessment worksheet available

End of comment period: June 16, 2022

Project description: The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources proposes to reduce erosion and improve stream connectivity in priority areas of the Kingsbury Creek and 68th Avenue West Creek watersheds in Duluth, Minnesota. The project will stabilize a total of 2,620 linear feet of stream, improve aquatic habitat, and address stormwater and culvert concerns.

Link to public documents: [Kingsbury Bay Watershed Sediment Reduction Project environmental assessment worksheet](#)

Location of public documents: Duluth Public Library, 105 Mt. Royal Shopping Cir, Duluth, MN 55803

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Department of Natural Resources, [Becky Horton](#), 651-259-5122

Polar Industrial

Location: White Bear Township, Ramsey County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet

Step: Environmental assessment worksheet available

End of comment period: June 16, 2022

Project description: The Polar Industrial project is proposed on approximately 51 acres of land in the southwest portion of White Bear Township, Ramsey County. The project will include three new commercial office and warehouse buildings, and parking lots. Site development will include installation of municipal utilities, mass grading and stormwater management practices.

Link to public documents: [Polar Industrial environmental assessment worksheet](#)

Location of public documents: White Bear Township Administration Office, 1281 Hammond Rd, White Bear Township, MN 55110

Responsible governmental unit and contact: White Bear Township, [Evan Monson](#), 651-726-7979

I-494: Trunk Highway 169 to Trunk Highway 5 - Comment Period Extended

Location: Bloomington and Richfield, Hennepin County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet

Step: Environmental assessment worksheet available

Joint federal and state review

End of comment period: June 12, 2022

Project description: The Minnesota Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, is providing notice of the Environmental Assessment for the I-494 corridor between TH 169 and TH 5. A legal notice published in April 2022 asked the public to submit their formal comments via email. Due to email technical difficulties, we are requesting you resubmit your email comments by June 12th, 2022. The 30-day public comment period is extended until June 12, 2022. The public can review and make comments on the Environmental Assessment during this time. Public comments on the I-494 Environmental Assessment can be submitted via:

Email: i494airport169.dot@state.mn.us; Voicemail: 651-234-7770; Online:

<https://dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i494-airport-hwy169/contacts.html>; Mail:

Andrew Lutaya, Project Manager, at the Minnesota Department of Transportation, 1500 West County Road B2, Roseville, MN 55113

Link to public documents: [I-494: Trunk Highway 169 to Trunk Highway 5 environmental assessment worksheet](#)

Location of public documents: Minnesota Department of Transportation - Metro District, 1500 West County Road B2, Roseville, MN 55113

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Department of Transportation, [Andrew Lutaya](#), 651-234-7563

Knife River Honer Aggregate Mine

Location: Saint Augusta, Stearns County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet

Step: Environmental impact statement (EIS) need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Record of decision date: May 3, 2022

Link to public documents: [Knife River Honer Aggregate Mine EIS need decision](#)

Location of public documents: City of Saint Augusta City Hall, 1914 250th Street, Saint Augusta, MN 56301

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Saint Augusta, [Bill McCabe](#), 320-654-0387

Lower Ottetail River Restoration Project

Location: Breckenridge, Sunnyside, Foxhome, and Bradford Township in Wilkin County; and Orwell Township in Otter Tail County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet

Step: Environmental impact statement (EIS) need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Record of decision date: May 10, 2022

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

Location of public documents: Buffalo-Red River Watershed District, 1303 4th Ave NE, Barnesville, MN 56514

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Buffalo-Red River Watershed District, [Kristine Altrichter](#), 218-789-3100

Loram/Scannell Industrial

Location: Medina, Hennepin County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet

Step: Environmental impact statement (EIS) need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Record of decision date: April 5, 2022

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

Location of public documents: City of Medina, 2052 County RD 24, Medina, MN 55340

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Medina, [Dusty Finke](#), 763-473-8846

Hillcrest Golf Course Redevelopment Student

Location: St. Paul, Ramsey County

Process: Alternative urban areawide review (AUAR)

Step: Draft 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 approximately 113 acres, which are included in the draft Hillcrest Master Plan, Hillcrest MP. which is currently under review by the St. Paul City Council. 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 order of review](#)

Location of public documents: City of St. Paul City Hall, 25 W. 45th St, 14th Floor, St. Paul, MN 55102

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

Submit an environmental review notice to the *EQB Monitor*

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To submit a notice for publication:

[Use the EQB Monitor submission form](#)

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

The *EQB Monitor* is a weekly publication announcing environmental review documents, public comment periods and other actions of the Environmental Quality Board. For more information on environmental review, please visit the [EQB website](#) or contact us at env.review@state.mn.us.

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