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Announcement

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](#).

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.

Twin Spruce Farms

Location: Eden Lake Township, Stearns County

Process: Petition

Step: Responsible governmental unit assigned

Responsible governmental unit contact: Pollution Control Agency, [Dan Card](#),
651-757-2261

Proposed W. Lorentz Construction Sioux Quartzite Quarry Project

Location: Amboy Township, Cottonwood County

Process: Petition

Step: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Positive (EAW ordered)

Record of decision date: May 16, 2022

Link to public documents: [Proposed W. Lorentz Construction Sioux Quartzite Quarry Project EAW need decision](#)

Responsible governmental unit contact: Pollution Control Agency, [Charles Peterson](#),
651-757-2856

Maxon East Development

Location: East Gull Lake, Cass County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet

Step: Environmental assessment worksheet available

End of comment period: June 23, 2022

Project description: The Maxson family proposes to construct a residential housing development on 107.5 acres near the south shore of Gull Lake within the City of East Gull Lake, Cass County. Two site plans have been developed for the project and include 140 to 160 housing units, a community center, recreational space, associated water and sewer utilities, and access improvements at County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 77.

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

First public meeting date, time, location: June 2, 2022, 5:30 p.m., East Gull Lake City Hall, 10790 Gull Point Rd. East Gull Lake, MN 56401

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

Cohasset Lumber Mill Site Redevelopment

Location: Cohasset, Itasca County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet

Step: Environmental assessment worksheet available

End of comment period: June 23, 2022

Project description: The Project is located in the City of Cohasset, located along the Mississippi River in Itasca County, MN. The Project Site encompasses 28 parcels not including the road right-of-ways. The Project site (including road right-of-ways) is 47 acres. This includes 1,665 linear feet of Mississippi River shoreline. The Cohasset Lumber Mill Site Redevelopment would consist of a water-oriented themed village that includes retail space, residences, indoor athletic spaces and green spaces, as well as a boat launch and moorings. Other core elements of the development would include commons/green spaces, 36 clustered rental cabins, an indoor recreation complex, and a dry dockage with fuel service.

Link to public documents: [Cohasset Lumber Mill Site Redevelopment environmental assessment worksheet](#)

Location of public documents: City of Cohasset City Hall, 305 NW 1st Avenue, Cohasset, MN 55721

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Cohasset, [Max Peters](#), 218-328-6225

Andersen Corporation North Branch Facility Addition

Location: North Branch, Chisago County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet

Step: Environmental assessment worksheet available

End of comment period: June 23, 2022

Project description: Andersen Corporation proposes to expand the existing Andersen Corporation's manufacturing operations in the City of North Branch. The project site is located along 400th Street and Golden Avenue. The site spans two (2) parcels and consists of approximately 27.16 acres. The development will expand the existing building by 255,000 square feet, construct additional parking spaces, loading docks, and update watermain, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer utilities around the site.

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

Location of public documents: North Branch City Hall, 6408 Elm Street, North Branch, MN 55056

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of North Branch, [Renaë Fry](#), 651-277-5229

***Hennepin Healthcare Purple Parking Ramp Expansion**

Location: Minneapolis, Hennepin County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

Step: Environmental assessment worksheet available

End of comment period: June 23, 2022

Project description: The proposed project would expand the Hennepin Healthcare Purple Parking Ramp in downtown Minneapolis. The project area is bounded by Portland Avenue, Park Avenue, 6th Street South and 7th Street South. The project includes the construction of a 501,743 square foot, multi-level parking ramp with ground level medical/office/support space, and pedestrian skyway and tunnel accesses. There would be approximately 1,000 parking spaces and approximately 84,000 square feet of medical/office/support space.

Link to public documents: [Hennepin Healthcare Purple Parking Ramp Extension EAW](#)

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

CSAH 35 Improvements

Location: Sverdrup Township, 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: [CSAH 35 Improvements EIS need decision](#)

Location of public documents: Otter Tail County, 505 S Court Street, Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Otter Tail County, [Charles Grotte](#), 218-998-8470

Hengel Gravel Pit (Holmberg Pit - May Township)

Location: Pillager, Cass 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 9, 2022

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

Location of public documents: Cass County Court House - ESD Department, 303 Minnesota Ave, Walker, MN 56484

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Cass County, [Jeff Woodford](#), 218-547-7428

Parkwood Knolls

Location: Big Lake, Sherburne County

Process: Alternative urban areawide review

Step: Final order of review

Project description: The Parkwood Knolls AUAR area is located in the City of Big Lake, south of 205th Ave NW, north of U.S. Highway 10, and east of County Road 43 (Figure 1). The AUAR area falls in the NW ¼ of Section 21, T33N, R27W, and corresponds to PIDs 65-121-2415, 65-121-2401, and 65-529-0060. The Lat/Long coordinates for approximate center of the site are 45.340290, -93.710418. Part of the AUAR area is within the Shoreland Overlay District of Preusse Lake (Minnesota DNR Public Waters Wetland 71-63W). The scope of the AUAR will include the 46.93-acre AUAR area and two development scenarios. The final AUAR order was approved by the Big Lake City Council on May 11, 2022.

Link to public documents: [Parkwood Knolls final order of review](#)

Location of public documents: Big Lake City Hall, 160 Lake Street N, Big Lake, MN 55309

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Big Lake, [Lucinda Spanier](#), 763-251-2979

Gonz Lake West

Location: St. Michael, Wright County

Process: Alternative urban areawide review

Step: Revised alternative urban areawide review

End of comment period: June 8, 2022

Project description: The Gonz Lake West Final AUAR includes a section responding to comments on the Draft AUAR and Final Mitigation Plan. The City of St. Michael will consider adoption of the Final AUAR and Mitigation Plan at its City Council meeting on June 14, 2022.

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

Location of public documents: St. Michael City Hall, 11800 Town Center Drive NE, St. Michael, MN 55376

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of St. Michael, [Marc Weigle](#), 763-416-7932

Other general notices

Notices published in this section may be required under Minnesota Statute or Rule.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture--Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

Notice description: University of Minnesota filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 21-NO-34. Notification is for genetically modified WHEAT, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release in the following permit identified as AUTH - 0000216209. The counties identified for release include the following: Dakota-1 site with 2 acres. Project categories include FR (Fungal Resistance) and MG (Marker Gene). For additional information contact Denise Thiede.

Contact: [Denise Thiede](#), Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531

Submit an environmental review notice to the *EQB Monitor*

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