

EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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EQB Announcements

Board approves 2022 Annual Pollinator Report

At the November 2022 Environmental Quality Board meeting, the board passed a resolution to approve the 2022 Minnesota State Agency Pollinator report, support cross-agency collaboration on the development of the Pollinator Action Framework and other strategic work to protect pollinators. The signed resolution, meeting packet, and meeting recording can be found on the [November 2022 board meeting webpage](#).

Just launched by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources!

The **Minnesota Conservation Explorer** is a tool to enhance the delivery of Minnesota's Natural Heritage Data and to automate the Natural Heritage Review process. This is a tool for the public to view and create maps of Natural Heritage Data for the purpose of conservation planning. Users can also submit a proposed project and request an automated assessment of potential impacts to Minnesota's rare features.



[Go to the Minnesota Conservation Explorer](#)

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](#).

Proposed subdivision development on Whitefish Chain of Lakes

Project Location: Timothy Township, Crow Wing County

Process: Petition

Step: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (no EAW ordered)

Responsible governmental unit decision date: November 8, 2022

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

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Crow Wing County, [Jacob Frie](#), 218-824-1124

Riverside Flats

Location: Melrose, Stearns County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: December 22, 2022

Project description: The developer is proposing construction of a 29 unit apartment building with 5,105 square feet of main floor retail within the City of Melrose. The project is located on 1.31 acres located in downtown Melrose on Mill Pond of the Sauk River.

Link to public documents: [Riverside Flats EAW](#)

Location of public documents: City of Melrose City Hall, 221 First St NE, Melrose, MN 56352

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Melrose, [Colleen Winter](#), 320-256-1958

Ruddle Property

Location: Lakeville, Dakota County

Process: Alternative urban areawide review (AUAR)

Step: AUAR adoption

Responsible governmental unit decision: Adequate

Responsible governmental unit decision date: November 7, 2022

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

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

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

General notices

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

Notice of Power Plant Siting Act Annual Hearing

Notice description: Under Minnesota Statute § 216E.07, the Commission is required to hold an annual public hearing to afford interested persons an opportunity to be heard regarding any matters relating to the siting of large electric generating power plants and

routing of high-voltage transmission lines. The hearing will also cover and discuss the siting and routing of wind and pipeline projects under Minn. Stat. §§ 216F and 216G, respectively. Interested persons will have the opportunity to: (1) ask questions of agency staff; and (2) offer oral and written comments into the record. In addition, written comments may be submitted during the comment period following the hearing using the methods described in this notice. The hearing will end when all attendees have had the opportunity to comment, and all other business has been concluded. Please note that no comments or questions on specific projects or dockets will be considered at the annual hearing.

Public meeting date, time, location: December 5, 2022, 6 p.m., virtual

Public meeting virtual link: [Join online](#)

Public meeting additional details: To attend the meeting following the directions included in the meeting Notice (see the meeting link).

Link to additional information: [Power Plant Siting Act Annual Hearing additional information](#)

Contact: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, [Craig Janezich](#), 651-201-2203

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.

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