

EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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EQB Announcements

Environmental Quality Board meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 from 1 – 4 p.m.

We invite you to join the Environmental Quality Board for our Environmental Quality Board meeting. Please visit the [meeting webpage](#) to view the meeting packet, which including information about attending the meeting, accessibility, public comment, and meeting documents.

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](#).

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.

Proposed Heartland Greenway

Location: Southwest Minnesota

Process: Petition

Step: Petition on hold

Notice description: On November 1, 2022, EQB received notice from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the designated responsible governmental unit) that no permit applications had been submitted for this project. Per the requirements in MR 4410.1100 Subp. 9, the petition will remain in effect for one year from the date on which it was filed with the EQB (October 21, 2022). During that time, a prohibition on final governmental decisions (MR 4410.3100) remains in effect for any proposed project for which the nature and location is substantially similar to the project identified in the petition.

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, [Bret Eknes](#), 651-201-2236

Shirley's Park and Country Retreat

A notice was published in the November 1, 2022 *EQB Monitor* for the Shirley's Park and Country Retreat Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW). Brown County is requesting the EAW be withdrawn from consideration at this time. For questions, please contact [Robert Santaella](#) (507-233-6642).

*CSAH 37 Improvement Project

Location: Walker and Shingobee Township, Cass County

Process: Environmental assessment worksheet (EAW)

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: December 8, 2022

Project description: Cass County is proposing the construction of CSAH 37 between TH 34 and TH 200/371 to provide an east-west link for travelers south of the City of Walker. The project would use a portion of the existing CSAH 50 roadway before it realigns to the northeast creating a new roadway, and then intersecting with TH 200/371 at the existing Ah-Gwah-Ching Road intersection.

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

Location of public documents: Walker Public Library, 100 Highland Avenue NW, Walker, MN 56484

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Cass County, [Darrick Anderson](#), 218-547-5201

Lake Wilhelm North

Location: St. Michael, Wright County

Process: Alternative urban areawide review (AUAR)

Step: Draft order of review

End of comment period: December 8, 2022

Project description: The Lake Wilhelm North AUAR will assess effects of one development scenario for 147.63 acres of land located on the north side of Lake Wilhelm in the City of St. Michael. The AUAR Development Scenario includes 285 detached single-family units and 40 attached multi-family units (325 total units). It is consistent with the owner's plan for the area and the current Comprehensive Plan.

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, St. Michael, MN 55376

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

Everton Avenue Neighborhood Study Area

Location: Hugo, Washington County

Process: Alternative urban areawide review (AUAR) update

Step: AUAR update adoption

Responsible governmental unit decision: Adequate

Responsible governmental unit decision date: October 17, 2022

Link to public documents: [Everton Avenue Neighborhood Study Area AUAR update](#)

Location of public documents: City of Hugo, 14669 Fitzgerald Ave. N, Hugo, MN 55038

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Hugo, [Rachel Juba](#), 651-762-6304

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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