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Environmental review 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 Project on Brown Cottonwood Judicial Ditch 24

Location: Bashaw and Stately Townships, Brown County; Delton and Selma Townships, Cottonwood County

Process: Citizen Petition

Step: Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) Assigned

RGU and Contact: Joint Drainage Authority of Cottonwood and Brown Counties, [Donna Torkelson](#), 507-831-1342

Victoria Shores Residential Development

Location: Roseville, Ramsey County

Process: Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)

Step: EAW Available

End of Comment Period: November 4, 2021

Project Description: The proposed Victoria Shores Residential Development project would entail the development of approximately 6.75 acres within the city of Roseville, MN. The proposed project is located generally at the intersection of Victoria Street and Orchard Lane, and includes frontage on the southwest shore of Lake Owasso. The project proposes the development of eight single-family units on three vacant lots, including creation of four riparian lots with private-use docks, with the remaining four lots utilizing a joint-use dock.

Link to Public Documents: [Victoria Shores Residential Development EAW](#)

Location of Public Documents: Roseville City Hall, 2660 Civic Center Drive, Roseville, MN 55113

RGU and Contact: City of Roseville, [Janice Gundlach](#), 651-792-7071

325 Blake Road Development

Location: Hopkins, Hennepin County

Process: EAW

Step: EAW Available

End of Comment Period: November 4, 2021

Project Description: The 325 Blake Road Development project is the redevelopment of a portion of an approximately 17-acre former industrial parcel at the intersection of Lake Street NE and Blake Road N in Hopkins. The proposed project is a transit-oriented, mixed-use development that will include residential, commercial, recreational opportunities associated with the Minnehaha Creek, and regional stormwater management.

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

Location of Public Documents: City of Hopkins, 1010 1st Street South, Hopkins, MN 55343

RGU and Contact: City of Hopkins, [Kersten Elverum](#), 952-548-6340

Northern Con-Agg - Boen Pit

Location: Luverne Township, Rock County

Process: EAW

Step: EAW Available

End of Comment Period: November 4, 2021

Project Description: Northern Con-Agg, LLP proposes mining the gravel resources on the Tor Boen property, located in the W 1/2 of Sec. 1 of Luverne Twp. The mine is to approximately 92 acres in size. The gravel from the site will be conveyed by belt conveyors to an adjacent site, located to the north for processing. Mining onsite is to be done over a period of approximately 15 to 20 years and will be done in 3 phases so only a portion of the mining area will be disturbed at any given time. The first step is to remove the overburden above the gravel using excavation equipment. Berms will be constructed on the west side of the property providing visual and sound screening. Gravel will be removed by use of hydraulic dredging equipment, to approximately 30 to 35 feet below the surface. Reclamation will be performed as phases are completed with slopes at minimum of 18 percent, with a minimum of 4 inches of topsoil and revegetated as per MnDNR's "Handbook for Reclaiming Sand and Gravel Pits in Minnesota."

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

Location of Public Documents: Rock County Land Management Office, 311 W. Gabrielson Road, Suite 5, Luverne, MN 56156

RGU and Contact: Rock County, [Eric Hartman](#), 507-283-8862

Nelson Slough Improvement Project

Location: Strandquist, Minnesota/Lincoln and East Park Townships, Marshall County

Process: EAW

Step: EAW Available

End of Comment Period: November 4, 2021

Project Description: The Nelson Slough Improvement Project proposes stabilizing several miles of Judicial Ditch 19 (JD 19) and improving structures within Nelson Slough, including replacement of the 50-year-old outlet structure and increasing the height of the embankments. Installing rock drop structures and flattening channel side slopes in strategic locations would improve slope stability and alleviate severe channel erosion that has occurred immediately upstream and downstream of the site. Upon completion, the proposed project would reduce potential flood damage to adjacent agricultural lands and public transportation infrastructure. The project would also provide more control over impoundment water levels, improving wildlife habitat at Nelson Slough.

Link to Public Documents: [Nelson Slough Improvement Project](#)

Location of Public Documents: Karlstad Library, 104 1st Street S, Karlstad, MN 56732

RGU and Contact: Department of Natural Resources, [Sara Mielke](#), 651-259-5723

North Shore Camping Co.

Location: Beaver Bay, Lake County

Process: EAW

Step: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Need Decision

RGU Decision: Negative (no EIS ordered)

Record of Decision Date: September 7, 2021

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

Location of Public Documents: Beaver Bay City Hall, 711 MacDonald Ave, Beaver Bay, MN 55601

RGU and Contact: City of Beaver Bay, [Tim Anderson](#), 218-226-3251

Rich Valley Golf Club

Location: Rosemount, Dakota County

Process: Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR)

Step: AUAR Adoption

RGU Decision: Adequate

Record of Decision Date: September 21, 2021

Project Description: The City completed an AUAR for the Rich Valley Golf Club study area in Rosemount, MN. Comments were received from the 10-day comment period and no objections were filed.

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

Location of Public Documents: City of Rosemount City Hall, 2875 145th St West, Rosemount MN 55068

RGU and Contact: City of Rosemount, [Anthony Nemcek](#), 651-322-2090

Brooklyn Park Gateway

Location: Brooklyn Park, Hennepin County

Process: AUAR Update

Step: AUAR Update Adoption

RGU Decision: Adequate

Record of Decision Date: September 13, 2021

Project Description: The Brooklyn Park Gateway Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) examines 125.0 acres of land in Brooklyn Park to analyze the impacts and mitigation measures necessary to accommodate a mixed-use development. The City of Brooklyn Park adopted the Brooklyn Park Gateway Final AUAR and Mitigation Plan on January 26, 2016. The study area is generally situated in the southwest quadrant of the Trunk Highway 610 and US Highway 169 interchange, with the western and southern study area boundaries defined by Jefferson Highway North and 93rd Avenue N (CR 30) respectively.

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

Location of Public Documents: Hennepin County Public Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN

RGU and Contact: City of Brooklyn Park, [Todd Larson](#), 763-424-8000

Louise Solar Project

Location: Adams and Lodi Townships, Mower County

Process: Alternative Review

Notice Title: Notice of Environmental Assessment Availability, Public Hearings and Comment Period

Notice Description: On February 11-12, 2021, Louise Solar Project, LLC (Applicant) submitted applications to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to construct and operate a 50-megawatt (MW) solar energy generating system in Mower County. In order to construct the Louise Solar Project, the Applicant must be granted a certificate of need and a site permit from the Commission. The proposed project area is comprised of approximately 613 acres of agricultural land located in Lodi and Adams Townships in Mower County, of which the final project design is expected to occupy approximately 325 acres. Minnesota Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis issued an environmental assessment on the project on September 27, 2021.

Project Description: In addition to the photovoltaic solar panels mounted on a linear axis tracking system, the proposed project would consist of inverters, step-up transformers, electrical cables and conduits, electrical cabinets, access roads, a 34.5/161- kilovolt (kV) step-up substation with metering and switching gear, security fencing, below-ground or above-ground electrical collection and communication lines, an operation and maintenance facility, parking lot, up to four weather stations, a 161-kV overhead transmission line (under 1,000 feet in length), a supervisory control and data acquisition system, and temporary laydown areas. The project would interconnect at the existing ITC Midwest Adams Substation in the project area. The Commission accepted the certificate of need and site permit applications in May 2021. This means the Applicant submitted all the information required to begin the review process.

Link to Public

Documents: <https://apps.commerce.state.mn.us/eera/web/project/14235>

Location of Public Documents: Grand Meadow Public Library, 125 Grand Ave East, Grand Meadow, MN

First Public Meeting Date, Time, Location: October 12, 2021, 6:00 PM, LeRoy Community Center, Main Street, Le Roy, MN 55951

Second Public Meeting Date, Time, Location: October 13, 2021, 6:00 PM, remotely

Second Public Meeting Virtual Link: minnesota.webex.com

Second Public Meeting Additional Details:

Telephone: 1-800-374-0221, Conference ID: 5654078

Internet (Video Only – No Audio): minnesota.webex.com, Event Number: 2491 957 6303, Password: MNPUC

The public hearing is an opportunity for the public to ask questions and submit recommendations for the Commission's consideration in reaching its decision. After the public hearing and comment period, Administrative Law Judge Barbara Case will prepare a report including findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a recommendation for the Commission. The Commission will review all the information in the record, including comments submitted by the public and anticipates final decisions on the applications by spring of 2022.

The Public Comment Period for the project will remain open until October 27, 2021 at 4:30 PM. Comments may be submitted via:

Online: Visit mn.gov/puc select *Comment* and follow the prompts.

Email: publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us

U.S. Mail: Public Advisor – Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101

Information on the application review process and documents related to the proposed project including materials from the public hearings; the certificate of need and site permit applications; and the environmental assessment are available on the Department of Commerce website at or the Commission's website at mn.gov/puc, select eDockets, enter the year (20) and the docket number (646 or 647), and select Search.

RGU and Contact: Public Utilities Commission, [Cezar Panait](https://www.puc.state.mn.us), 651-201-2207

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