

The EQB Monitor

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EQB Announcements

Apply to be a member of the Environmental Quality Board

Applications are open for Board Members from the **3rd Congressional District**. You can find more details about being a board member and information on how to apply at the <u>Minnesota Secretary of State's website</u>. To find out what Congressional District you are located in, view the Secretary of State's <u>Congressional Maps</u>. EQB's mission is to enhance Minnesota's environmental quality for current and future generations by leading interagency work to

advance meaningful public engagement and facilitate informed decision-making on critical environmental issues.

EQB Board Meeting - August 15, 2018

The EQB will hold its monthly meeting on August 15, 2018. The proposed meeting agenda and additional information, including details for the live webcast, can be found on the <u>EQB website</u>.

Agenda:

- 1) EQB Energy and Environment Report Card: Land Indicators
- 2) Mandatory Categories Rulemaking Update

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Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does not require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the Environmental Assessment Worksheet notice was published in the EQB Monitor.

- Lake County Forestry and Land Department, Split Rock Wilds Mountain Bike Trail, 7-24-18 (5-7-18)
- City of Hanover, Crow River Heights West Future Additions, 6-19-18 (4-30-18)

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Lake Andrew Development

Comment Deadline: September 5, 2018

Project Description: The project will involve the construction of 52 detached, single-family townhomes, with an additional 10 lake lots to be developed separately, 4 single residence lots, and the associated site grading, roadway, stormwater basins, and utility improvements. The project is located within the shoreland district of Lake Andrew in Alexandria, Minnesota.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Alexandria

RGU Contact Person:

Michael Weber City Planner/Community Development Director City of Alexandria, 704 Broadway

Project Title: Meadows North Development

Comment Deadline: September 5, 2018

Project Description: Paxmar proposes a mixed-use development on 76 acres in the City of North Branch. The project includes 128 single family home lots, 25 villa home lots, 38 twin homes (19 twin home lots), two 4-story assisted living facilities totaling 200 units, two 3-story apartment buildings totaling 200 units, a convenience store, a proposed municipal park, and a regional stormwater pond. The project will include extending utilities to serve the development.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of North Branch

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ER Guidance and Updates

Citizen's Guide to Commenting on Environmental Review Projects

Citizens can participate in the environmental review process in a number of ways, including commenting on the environmental impacts of projects. To better understand the role of comments in the Environmental Review Process and how to effectively comment on a process, check out our Citizen's Guide: Commenting on Environmental Review Projects.

EQB Staff provide a number of written guidance documents and informational videos all available on the EQB website, https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/, under Environmental Review. EQB staff are also available to answer questions about Environmental Review at Env.Review@state.mn.us or 651-757-2873.