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Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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Announcements

Environmental Quality Board meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 1 – 4:00 p.m.

Join us virtually for the May 2024 Environmental Quality Board meeting. At this meeting, the Board will hear:

- An update on plans for the 2024 Environmental Congress events.
- A report out on the status of the State Energy Policy and Conservation Quadrennial Report.
- An overview of how the Pollinator Action Framework is being implemented.
- Feedback and next steps on the Mandatory Categories Report.

More information, including the meeting packet and virtual meeting details, can be found on the [Board meeting webpage](#).



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](#).

Bloomington Public Schools Project

Location (city/township; county): Bloomington, Hennepin

Process: Petition

Step: Responsible governmental unit assigned

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Bloomington, [Glen Markegard](#), 952-563-8920

Rich Valley East Industrial Development

This project notice was published in the May 7 *EQB Monitor*, however the link to public documents was incorrect. The correct link is below.

Location (city/township; county): Rosemount; Dakota

Process: Large AUAR

Step: Revised AUAR

End of comment period: May 21, 2024

Project description: The AUAR study area encompasses an area totaling approximately 333 acres on 6 parcels located at County Road 42 and Emery Avenue E in the City of Rosemount, Dakota County, Minnesota. Project Mercury, LLC is proposing to develop the study area from existing farmland to data center or industrial, business park, and commercial uses. Two scenarios are proposed for evaluation in the AUAR. Scenario 1 includes multiple buildings for a total of 2.3 million square feet of proposed data center development. Scenario 2 includes multiple buildings for a total of 1,293,333 square feet of proposed light industrial, 646,667 square feet of business park, and 560,000 square feet of community commercial development. The proposed development within the AUAR study area is anticipated to begin in August 2024.

Link to public documents: [Rich Valley East Industrial Development revised AUAR](#)

Location of public documents: Rosemount City Hall, 2875 145th Street West, Rosemount, MN 55068

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Rosemount, [Anthony Nemcek](#), 651-322-2090

City of Anoka Rum River Channel Restoration Project

Location (city/township; county): Anoka; Anoka

Process: EAW

Step: EIS need decision

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (EIS not ordered)

Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: May 7, 2024

Project description: The Rum River Recreation Channel Restoration Projects include existing maintenance and new dredging operations for approximately 3,750 linear feet of the Rum River from the Anoka Rum River Dam (Anoka Dam) south to the confluence of the Mississippi River. The project will increase emergency response time and improve navigation for recreational boaters by restoring the water depth of the channel. The project location and aerial view are included on Figures 1-3. Sources of the sediment

may exist all the way to Mille Lacs Lake depositing below the Anoka Rum River Dam in the City of Anoka.

Location of public documents: Anoka City Hall, 2015 1st Ave, Anoka, MN 55303

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Anoka, [Ben Nelson](#), 763-576-2785

TH 10 Improvement Project

Location (city/township; county): Wadena; Otter Tail, Wadena

Process: EAW

Step: EIS need decision

Joint federal and state review: Yes

Responsible governmental unit decision: Negative (EIS not ordered)

Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: May 2, 2024

Project description: Improvements to TH 10 in Wadena and Otter Tail Counties from 1.3 miles west of CSAH 75 to 0.4 miles east of Oink Joint Road. Reconstruction of TH 10 to a four-lane highway east and west of Wadena to address existing deficiencies and accommodate future development and redevelopment. Reconfiguration to four lanes within existing urban section and extension of urban section. Traffic control modifications, including construction of a reduced conflict intersection (RCI) at the intersection of Highway 10 & CSAH 75, a roundabout at the intersection of Highway 10 & CSAH 92/11th Street NW, and a roundabout at the intersection of Highway 10 & CSAH 54/Harry Rich Dr.

Link to public documents: [TH 10 Improvement Project EIS need decision](#)

Location of public documents: MnDOT District 3, 7694 Industrial Park Road, Baxter, MN 56425

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Minnesota Department of Transportation - District 3, [Ben Meister](#), 218-828-5798

Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant (TCAAP) AUAR Update

Location (city/township; county): Arden Hills; Ramsey

Process: AUAR update

Step: Revised AUAR

End of comment period: May 29, 2024

Project description: The TCAAP Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) study area is approximately 429 acres located within the broader TCAAP site in Arden Hills,

Minnesota. The AUAR study area is bounded by County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 96 on the south, by US Highway 10 and Interstate 35W (I-35W) on the west, by State of Minnesota property on the north, and by the National Guard's Arden Hills Army Training Site (AHATS) property on the east. The City of Arden Hills adopted the TCAAP Final AUAR and Mitigation Plan on July 28, 2014. Pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 4410.3610, subpart 7, an AUAR and plan for mitigation must be revised every five years until all development in the study area has received final approval. The City of Arden Hills adopted an AUAR Update on August 26, 2019. Since the study area has not been fully developed, the purpose of this document is to provide another update to the TCAAP AUAR pursuant to Minnesota Rules.

Link to public documents: [Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant \(TCAAP\) AUAR Update revised AUAR](#)

Location of public documents: Arden Hills City Hall, 1245 W Highway 96, Arden Hills, MN 55112

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Arden Hills, [Dave Perrault](#), 651-792-7824

[Interstate Business Park](#)

Location (city/township; county): North Branch; Chisago

Process: AUAR update

Step: AUAR update adoption

Responsible governmental unit decision: Adequate

Responsible governmental unit record of decision date: March 26, 2024

Project description: The City of North Branch proposes development within approximately 393 acres located south of 410th Street, east of Interstate 35, west of CSAH 30, and north of Aztec Trail in the north central portion of the city. The ultimate development scenario studied under the AUAR update allows for 286 acres of industrial; 40 acres of business; and 67 acres of residential (4 acres single family; 49 acres medium density; 14 acres high density) land uses. Of the 393 acres within the AUAR Study Area, 335 remain that have not yet been developed.

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

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of North Branch, [Jason Ziemer](#), 651-277-5227

General notices

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

Mississippi Landing Project

Notice description: Part of the negative declaration by the City Council on December 20, 2021, required a Phase I Cultural Resource Study which was completed in 2022 encompassing the Mississippi Landing Development area however, with the proposed improvements into the recently acquired City Park area, the study needed to be expanded into this area. The Addendum to the Cultural Resources Survey confirmed the findings of the Phase I Report that there be a finding of No Historic Properties Affected, no further work is needed and that an Unanticipated Discoveries Plan is in place.

Contact: City of Cottage Grove, [Emily Schmitz](#), 651-458-2874

Fish kill reports

Minnesota Duty Officer reports pertaining to fish kills are summarized in the following table, in accordance with 103G.216, REPORTING FISH KILLS IN PUBLIC WATERS, Subd. 2 Reporting Requirement. These reports were received via the Minnesota Duty Officer prior to the submission deadline for this edition of the EQB Monitor. They represent the raw data/information provided by callers. For more information regarding fish kills in Minnesota see the [Department of Natural Resources](#). Call the Minnesota Duty Officer at 651-649-5451 or 800-422-0798 to report fish kills.

Date	Location	County	Waterbody	Species	Count
5/3/2024	Rochester	Olmsted	Silver Creek	Unknown	100+

Submit a notice to the *EQB Monitor*

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