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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](#).

Hermantown Data Center

Location: Hermantown

Process: Petition

Step: Responsible governmental unit assigned

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Hermantown, [Eric Johnson](#), 218-729-3600

[Bailey Farm Business Park](#)

Location (city/township; county): Newport; Washington

Process: EAW

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: December 1, 2025

Project description: The proposed Bailey Farm Business Park project includes the development of one approximately 36-acre site within the City of Newport, MN. The project proposes construction of two industrial buildings, one multifamily apartment complex, and one commercial building along with associated parking and public & private bituminous access routes.

Location of public documents: Newport City Hall, 2060 1st Avenue, Newport, MN 55055

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Newport, [Jill Thiesfeld](#), 651-459-5677

[Voyageur Heights Apartment Project](#)

Location (city/township; county): Brainerd; Crow Wing

Process: EAW

Step: EAW available

End of comment period: December 1, 2025

Project description: The Voyageur Heights Apartments project (hereafter referred to as "Project") is proposed on 49 acres and will be constructed in two phases. The Project includes five buildings with 38 units per building for a total of 190 multifamily housing units along with complimentary interior and exterior amenity spaces, and park/open space areas with public amenities. The main entrance will be from Greenwood Street.

[Voyageur Heights Apartment Project project link provided by RGU](#)

Location of public documents: Brainerd City Hall, 501 Laurel Street, Brainerd, MN 56401

First public meeting date, time, location: December 1, 2025, 7:30 p.m., Brainerd City Hall – Council Chambers, 501 Laurel Street, Brainerd, MN 56401

First public meeting virtual link: [Join online meeting](#)

First public meeting additional details: City Council will hold the public meeting for the EAW, review the document, and ask questions of staff.

Second public meeting date, time, location: December 15, 2025, 7:30 p.m., Brainerd City Hall – Council Chambers, 501 Laurel Street, Brainerd, MN 56401

Second public meeting additional details: City Council considers "Findings" document and makes one of the following recommendations: 1. Negative Declaration: EAW is adequate, and no EIS is required. 2. Positive Declaration: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required. 3. Additional information is reasonably available and needed to make a final declaration -process is extended up to 30 days.

Responsible governmental unit and contact: City of Brainerd, [James Kramvik](#), 218-454-3408

[Elk River Landfill North Development Area](#)

Location (city/township; county): Livonia Township; Sherburne

Process: EIS

Step: EIS Scoping EAW and Draft Scoping Decision

End of comment period: December 1, 2025

Project description: Elk River Landfill (ERL) is an existing municipal solid waste (MSW), industrial waste, and construction and demolition (C&D) waste landfill five miles north of the City of Elk River, adjacent to U.S. Highway 169 in Sherburne County, Minnesota. In approximately three years, ERL will reach its permitted (SW-74) capacity. Elk River Landfill, Inc. proposes a northward expansion of the landfill (Project) into Livonia Township, where Martin Marietta Corporation has sand and gravel mining operations. The Project will involve an expansion of MSW capacity by approximately 26.67 million cubic yards over a 162.36-acre area (MSW Waste Limit), which includes a 7.21-acre overlap of previously permitted and filled C&D disposal cells. ERL will continue to accept C&D waste in the C&D permitted cells until those cells reach capacity. C&D and industrial wastes may be accepted in the NDA as permitted by the Industrial Solid Waste Management Plan. (ISWMP).

Location of public documents: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 504 Fairgrounds Road, Marshall, MN 56258

Public meeting date, time, location: November 19, 2025, 5:30 p.m., Zimmerman Fire Department, 26140 136th Street NW, Zimmerman, MN 55398

Responsible governmental unit and contact: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, [Chris Green](#), 507-476-4258

[Cottage Grove East Ravine AUAR and Mitigation Plan Update](#)

Location (city/township; county): Cottage Grove; Washington

Process: AUAR update

Step: Revised AUAR

End of comment period: November 12, 2025

Project description: This 2025 update to the East Ravine AUAR and Mitigation Plan covers a 3,988-acre area north of 70th St, east of County Rd 19, and west of Lamar/Kimbro Aves. The proposed development aligns with the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, aiming for full build-out per future land use. It includes mostly single-family homes with some medium /high-density housing to support lifecycle needs. Two commercial nodes are planned: one in Cedarhurst at 70th & Keats with a neighborhood focus. A key goal is creating a safe, efficient, and connected local and collector street system.

[Cottage Grove East Ravine AUAR and Mitigation Plan Update project link provided by RGU](#)

Location of public documents: Cottage Grove City Hall, 12800 Ravine Parkway South, Cottage Grove, MN 55016

Responsible governmental unit and 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.

No fish kill reports were received since the last publication .

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