

Record of Decision Attachment 1

Public Comments Received

Chambers' Grove

Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project

Environmental Assessment Worksheet

Public Review Period

May 25 – June 24, 2015

Wieland, Ronald (DNR)

From: Mike Schrage <MikeSchrage@FDLREZ.COM>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2015 10:32 AM
To: *Review, Environmental (DNR)
Subject: Chambers Grove EAW

Neat project. I look forward to its completion.

Consider placement of one or more fishing platforms in a way they can also serve as fish viewing platforms. Kinda neat to see those big sturgeon in shallow water.

Mike Schrage
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From: [Frantz, Kate \(DNR\)](#)
To: [Wieland, Ronald \(DNR\)](#)
Subject: FW: MPCA Comment Letter - Chamber's Grove Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project
Date: Thursday, June 25, 2015 2:27:41 PM
Attachments: [RE Chambers' Grove Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project.msg](#)

From: Molloy, Kevin (MPCA)
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 1:03 PM
To: Frantz, Kate (DNR)
Subject: RE: MPCA Comment Letter - Chamber's Grove Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project

Hi Kate, just wanted to let you know that, as explained to Patrice in my attached email, I consider the omission of the applicable (more restrictive) Minn. R. 7052 WQ standards in this EAW to be my oversight. Will be sure that doesn't happen again during my pre-publication review of EAWs for the rest of the projects!

From: Frantz, Kate (DNR)
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 3:12 PM
To: Tegdesch, Elizabeth (MPCA)
Cc: Jensen, Patrice (MPCA); Card, Dan (MPCA); Molloy, Kevin (MPCA); Wieland, Ronald (DNR)
Subject: RE: MPCA Comment Letter - Chamber's Grove Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project

Hello Beth,

This email is to acknowledge receipt of the comment letter from Patrice Jensen regarding the Chamber's Grove Aquatic Enhancement Project EAW.

Thank you for your comments.

Kate Frantz

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From: Tegdesch, Elizabeth (MPCA)
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 3:10 PM
To: Frantz, Kate (DNR)
Cc: Jensen, Patrice (MPCA); Card, Dan (MPCA); Molloy, Kevin (MPCA)
Subject: MPCA Comment Letter - Chamber's Grove Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project

Attached are the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's comments on the Chamber's Grove Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project Environmental Assessment Worksheet. A paper copy will follow by U.S. mail.

Please acknowledge receipt of this comment letter to Patrice Jensen at Patrice.jensen@state.mn.us.

Thank you.

<< File: Chamber's Grove Aquatic Habitat Enhancement.pdf >>

From: [Molloy, Kevin \(MPCA\)](#)
To: [Jensen, Patrice \(MPCA\)](#); [Desotelle, Diane \(MPCA\)](#); [Breneman, Dan \(MPCA\)](#); [Dexter, James \(MPCA\)](#); [Kennedy, Mike \(MPCA\)](#)
Subject: RE: Chambers' Grove Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 6:42:00 PM
Attachments: [RE Review Request Chambers Grove Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project - Agency Review - Due May 1st .msg](#)

Hi Patrice, recall that I put together WQ-related comments on the previous (pre-publication) draft EAWs for this project and, per your suggestion, sent those directly to DNR staff back in February and again in April. The attached email contains those comments. My review of this final, published EAW, led me to conclude that the DNR staff did a good job including, or at least addressing, most of those suggestions, in some instances using my text verbatim.

That said, I do have one additional comment, which relates to my own oversight. When I provided the WQ standards to list in the EAW (see Item 11a.i.), I regrettably forgot to add an additional sentence or two identifying that the more restrictive Lake Superior Basin WQ standards in Minn. R. ch. 7052 (for certain parameters) also apply to this project. For Class 2B waters (this project), those are listed in the table at 7052.0100, Subpart 5 <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=7052.0100>. For example, the more restrictive applicable total mercury standard of 0.0013 ug/L (more conventionally referred as 1.3 ng/L) is listed here, not in 7050.

So their ER record will be accurate, I advise pointing this out to them in your comment letter. Perhaps a comment that says something like the following will do the trick: "In addition to the MPCA WQ standards already responsibly identified in the EAW at Item 11.a.i., the more restrictive WQ standards for the parameters listed at Minn. R. 7052.0100, Subp 5, also apply to this waterbody."

That's all on my end.

Kevin

From: Jensen, Patrice (MPCA)
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 11:58 AM
To: Molloy, Kevin (MPCA); Desotelle, Diane (MPCA); Breneman, Dan (MPCA); Dexter, James (MPCA); Kennedy, Mike (MPCA)
Subject: RE: Chambers' Grove Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project

Hi – I hadn't heard from anyone regarding the Chamber's Grove EAW. If you have any comments, please send those to me by Wednesday, June 17th. My management has requested that I give them a two-week lag time for review; unfortunately, comments are due to the DNR by the 24th, so I'm not going to be able to give them two weeks. Guess I'll miss out on my end of the month bonus. ☹

Again, it is posted on my s:drive. Thanks!

From: Jensen, Patrice (MPCA)
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2015 3:33 PM
To: Molloy, Kevin (MPCA); Desotelle, Diane (MPCA); Breneman, Dan (MPCA); Estabrooks, Tom (MPCA); Dexter, James (MPCA)
Cc: Neuschler, Catherine (MPCA); French, Nelson (MPCA); Carey, Patrick (MPCA); Duncanson, Duane

(MPCA)

Subject: Chambers' Grove Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project

Hi all – We received the Chambers' Grove EAW from the DNR. I have downloaded it to my s:drive. If you have trouble viewing it, please let me know; I don't have any hard copies available. **Please send your comments to me by June 12, 2015.** I will need time to gather everyone's comments and let management review these before we send a comment letter to the DNR.

If you aren't the person who should be reviewing this document, please let me know. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Tom/Pat – I wasn't sure if Tom is still assigned to this project. If not, please let me know who would be working on this. Thanks!

Thank you.

Patrice Jensen

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June 24, 2015

Mr. Ronald Wieland
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RE: EAW – Chambers' Gove Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project
T48 R15 S7 NE-NE, Duluth/Fond du Lac, St. Louis County
SHPO Number: 2015-2059

Dear Mr. Wieland:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the above project. Per Item No. 14 in the EAW, we understand that this project is also a federal undertaking. We look forward to consulting with the federal agency, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and implementing federal regulations at 36 CFR 800 regarding possible impacts to cultural resources.

Please contact me at (651) 259-3455 or kelly.graggjohnson@mnhs.org with any questions regarding our review

Sincerely,



Kelly Gragg-Johnson
Review and Compliance Specialist

cc: John Lindgren, MN DNR, SLR AOC Coordinator