



May 19, 2015

Parties on the EAW Distribution List  
Other Interested Parties

RE: Chambers' Grove Aquatic Habitat Enhancement project  
Environmental Assessment Worksheet  
EQB Monitor Notice

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) has prepared the attached Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) to describe the environmental effects associated with the proposed Chambers' Grove Aquatic Habitat Enhancement project in St. Louis County, Minnesota. The production of this document is mandatory. The MDNR is the Responsible Governmental Unit for the environmental review of this project.

The MDNR intends to use natural channel design techniques to enhance spawning habitat for Lake Superior migratory fish species, particularly lake sturgeon, by constructing three riffle features about 1.4 miles below the Fond du Lac Dam on the St. Louis River in Duluth, Minnesota. Project will include removing an engineered retaining wall along the shoreline and naturalizing the bank with vegetation. Designs will include access features planned by the City of Duluth. This project supports the Lower St. Louis River Area of Concern Remedial Action Plan.

A 30-day public review and comment period will begin on May 25, 2015 with the publication of the notice of availability of this EAW in the EQB Monitor. The DNR invites public comments on the EAW during the public review period from May 25, 2015 to June 24, 2015 at 4:30 pm. A copy of the EAW is available for public review at:

- DNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul.
- DNR Northeast Region, 1201 East Highway 2, Grand Rapids.
- Minneapolis Central Library, Government Documents, 2nd Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall.
- Duluth Public Library, 520 W. Superior St., Duluth.

The EAW is also posted on the MDNR's website. The URL will be <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/chambers-grove/index.html>

Written comments should be submitted to Ronald Wieland, EAW Project Manager, Environmental Policy and Review Unit, Division of Ecological and Water Resources, Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN, 55155-4025.

Electronic or e-mail comments may be sent to [Environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:Environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us) with "Chambers' Grove EAW" in the subject line. If submitting comments electronically, include name and mailing address. Written comments may also be sent by fax to (651) 296-1811. Additional copies may be requested by calling (651) 259-5157. //s