

**Date:** January 30, 2024

**To:** Parties on the EQB EAW Distribution List and other Interested Parties

**From:** Rebecca Horton, EAW Project Manager, Environmental Review Unit

## **RE: Maple Creek Habitat Enhancement Project**

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is accepting comments through February 29, 2024, on an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for a proposal for a stream habitat enhancement project. The proposer from Trout Unlimited includes habitat enhancement of approximately 3,500 feet of stream along Maple Creek, located within the Choice Wildlife Management Area, in Fillmore County. The purpose of the project is to restore ecological and hydrologic functions of the creek and adjacent floodplain with the project area. An environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) is required for the project.

A 30-day public review and comment period will begin on January 30, 2024, with the publication of the notice of availability of the EAW in the Environmental Quality Board Monitor.

The EAW and its associated attachments and figures will be available for review online on the [project page](#) of the DNR website beginning January 30<sup>th</sup>.

(<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/maple-creek-habitat-enhancement-project.html>)

A hard copy of the EAW is available for public review at the Spring Grove Public Library: 172 West Main Street, Spring Grove, MN 55974. A hard copy may also be requested by calling 651-259-5122.

Comments must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. Thursday, February 29, 2024.

- Mailed comments should be sent to the attention of Becky Horton, Ecological and Water Resources Division, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road N, St. Paul, MN 55155.
- Email comments should be sent to [environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us) with “Maple Creek” in the subject line.

Anyone providing a mailing address or submitting comments via email will receive a copy of the decision document, which includes responses to comments. Because all comments and related information are part of the public record for this environmental review, commenters’ names and email or postal addresses will be published and publicly available as they appear in the materials they submit.