

APPLICANT: John Hagen, City of Maple Grove

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Public Notice

REFER TO: 2020-02240-MMG

SECTION:404 - Clean Water Act

1. APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO permanently discharge fill material into 3.5 acres of wetlands and 170 linear feet (595 square feet) of 2 tributaries in order to construct a new roadway connection, referred to as "the 610 Extension", from TH 610 to CSAH 30.

2. SPECIFIC INFORMATION

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12800 Arbor Lake Parkway N. Maple Grove, MN 55369

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located in Sections 4, 5, 7-9, Township 119 North, Range 22 West, Township of Maple Grove, Hennepin County, Minnesota. The approximate UTM coordinates are N 461316.095886, E 4997696.7125. West Limits: Latitude 45.131102, Longitude -93.513494 East Limits: Latitude 45.137641, Longitude -93.462410.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The proposed project involves new road construction along an approximately 4-mile segment of TH 610 from the current TH 610/I-94 interchange to CSAH 30 in the City of Maple Grove, Minnesota. The proposed connection would also transition TH 610 from a limited access highway to a four-lane divided highway west of I-94 with 12 - 14-foot-wide lanes, six- to 30-foot-wide center median, and two- to five-foot-wide shoulders. The project would construct an additional interchange ramp connection at the existing partial access I-94/TH 610 interchange. CSAH 30 would be realigned to form a new intersection at the proposed 610 Extension. The reconstructed portion of CSAH 30 would consist of a two-lane roadway with 12 foot wide through lane, multiple 12-foot-wide turn lanes, 14-foot-wide right turn lane, and six- to 18-foot-wide center median. The reconstructed portion of Lawndale Lane would consist of a two-lane roadway with a 12 to 12.5-foot-wide through lane, 12.5-foot-wide left turn lane, 14-footwide right turn lane, six- to 25-foot-wide center median, and a two- to five-foot-wide shoulder. The applicant also proposes to construct stormwater ponds within the project area and trail facilities along the south side of the 610 Extension from CSAH 30 to the westbound I-94 ramp to the 610 Extension. The multi-use trail along CSAH 30 would be 10 feet wide and offset from CSAH 30 by a 10-foot-wide boulevard, whereas the multi-use trail along Lawndale Lane would be 8 feet wide and offset from Lawndale Lane by a 10-foot-wide boulevard.

QUANTITY, TYPE, AND AREA OF FILL: The proposed project involves a total of 3.5 acres of permanent wetland fill impacts and 170 linear feet (595 square feet) of fill from new culverts at 2 tributary crossings.

WEGETATION IN AFFECTED AREA: 1.22 acres of permanent fill are proposed in fresh (wet) meadow, 2.15 acres of permanent fill are proposed in shallow marsh, 0.63 acres of permanent fill are proposed in shallow, open water, and 0.35 acres of permanent fill are proposed in shrubcarr wetlands.

SOURCE OF FILL MATERIAL: Unknown

SURROUNDING LAND USE: The surrounding area consists of agricultural fields, undeveloped land, wetland, and highway right of way. There is residential development adjacent to the proposed project area. Of the wetlands proposed to be impacted, there are four wetland basins within the project footprint which are classified either as fresh (wet) meadow, shallow marsh, shallow open water and shrub-carr.

DESCRIPTION OF STRUCTURE: The proposed roadway is a four-lane divided road with 12 – 14-foot-wide lanes, a six- to 30-foot-wide center median, and two- to five-foot-wide shoulders as well as a 8 – 10 foot wide multi-use trail offset from the road corridors by a 10' wide boulevard.

DESCRIPTION OF DREDGING OR EXCAVATION: N/A

THE FOLLOWING POTENTIALLY TOXIC MATERIALS COULD BE USED AT THE PROJECT SITE: Fuel, hydraulic fluid, lubricants, coolant and other fluids commonly used by construction equipment would be expected to be present for construction of the project.

THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED BY THE APPLICANT: The applicant would put in place all erosion control BMPs.

MITIGATION: The applicant proposes to fulfill federal compensatory mitigation requirements by purchasing mitigation bank credits (dependent on available credits) from the Minnesota local government road wetland replacement program contingent upon Corps approval.

3. FEDERALLY-LISTED THREATENED OR ENDANGERED WILDLIFE OR PLANTS OR THEIR CRITICAL HABITAT

Hennepin County is within the known or historic range of the following Federally-listed species:

Northern Long-Eared Bat (NLEB): Hibernates in caves and mines – swarming in surrounding wooded areas in autumn. Roosts and forages in upland forests during spring and summer.

Monarch Butterfly: Candidate species

Rusty Patched Bumble Bee (RPBB): RPBB need areas that provide nectar and pollen from flowers, nesting sites (underground and abandoned rodent cavities or clumps of grasses), and overwintering sites for hibernating queens (undisturbed soil).

This application is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by the Federal Highways Administration. Any comments it may have concerning Federally-listed threatened or endangered wildlife or plants or their critical habitat will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

4. JURISDICTION

This application is being reviewed in accordance with the practices for documenting Corps jurisdiction under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

5. STATE SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Valid Section 404 permits cannot be issued for any activity unless water quality certification for the activity is granted or waived pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The Section 401 authority for this project is MPCA. A Department of the Army permit will not be granted until the MPCA has issued or waived Section 401 WQC certification and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) neighboring jurisdiction process is completed. Corps Section 404 Clean Water Act decisions may not be finalized until after the USEPA completes this process.

The MPCA has indicated that this public notice serves as its public notice of the application for Section 401 water quality certification under Minnesota Rules Part 7001 Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S. Code 1341 (a)(1)). The MPCA has indicated that if, at a later date, it makes a preliminary anti-degradation determination regarding Section 401 Water Quality Certification, it will at that time plan to issue an additional public notice under Minnesota Rules Part 7001.

Any comments relative to MPCA's Section 401 Certification for the activity proposed in this public notice may be sent to:

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Resource Management and Assistance Division Attention: 401 Certification 520 Lafayette Road North St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194 401Certification.PCA@state.mn.us

6. HISTORICAL/ARCHAEOLOGICAL

This public notice is being sent to the National Park Service and the State Archaeologist for their comments. The Corps will review information on known cultural resources and/or historic properties within and adjacent to the project area. The Corps will also consider the potential effects of the project on any properties that have yet to be identified. The results of this review and the Corps' determination of effect will be coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Officer independent of this public notice. Any adverse effects on historic properties will be resolved prior to the Corps authorization, or approval, of the work in connection with this project.

The latest version of the National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and no listed properties (known to be eligible for inclusion, or included in the Register) are located within, or adjacent to the project area.

This application is being coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office by the Federal Highways Administration. Any comments it may have concerning cultural resources and/or historic properties will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.



7. PUBLIC HEARING REQUESTS

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, in detail, the reasons for holding a public hearing. A request may be denied if substantive reasons for holding a hearing are not provided or if there is otherwise no valid interest to be served.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects. Among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Environmental and other documents will be available for review in the St. Paul District Office.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

REPLIES/COMMENTS

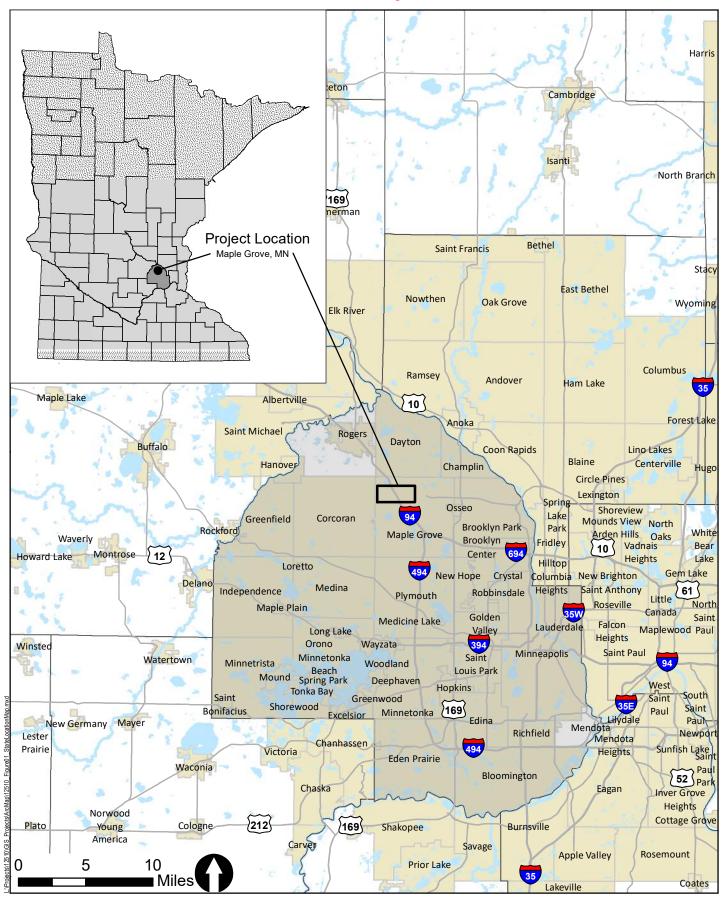
Interested parties are invited to submit to this office written facts, arguments, or objections by the expiration date indicated above. These statements should bear upon the suitability of the location and the adequacy of the project and should, if appropriate, suggest any changes believed to be desirable. Comments received may be forwarded to the applicant.

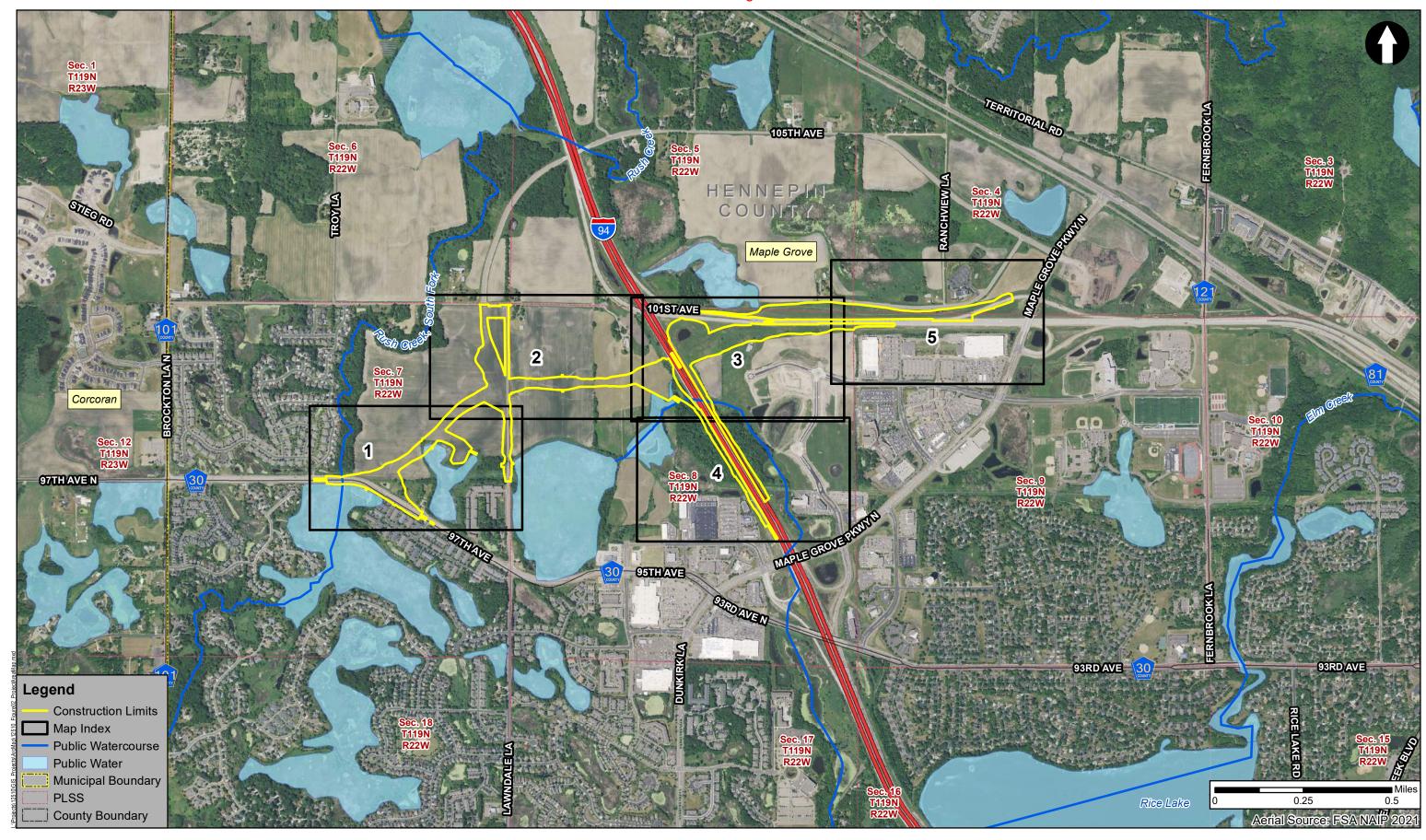
Replies may be sent to Matt Groshek, Project Manager at matthew.m.groshek@usace.army.mil.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT, contact <u>Matt Groshek</u> at the Brookfield office at 651-290-5732 or matthew.m.groshek@usace.army.mil.

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Enclosures: Project Figures





Project Area Map

