

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET

Project Name: Roseau River Restoration Project

Project Description: The Roseau River Watershed District (RRWD) in partnership with the Minnesota DNR is proposing the restoration of approximately 45 miles of Roseau River that was channelized in the early 1900s to create State Ditch 51 (SD51). The construction of the ditch system reduced the river length and increased the slopes of the river resulting in a disconnect from its natural floodplain. The “Roseau River Restoration Project” aims to “restore the natural geomorphology and hydrology, reconnect historic oxbows to reestablish natural meandering, reconnect cutoff floodplains and riparian corridors, recreate diverse river features (riffles, runs, bends, pools, etc.), and rebuild corridors between priority habitats. Upon completion, the project will successfully reconnect 13.6 miles of historic oxbows, restore 22.5 miles of river, floodplain, and riparian habitat, and restore 366 acres of aquatic habitats important to many aquatic species.

The Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) (link below) will be published in the EQB Monitor (<https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/subjects/eqb-monitor>) on December 20th, 2022, activating a 30-day comment period. The comment period will end on January 19th, 2023. Please submit comments on the EAW to the RGU at rrwd@mncable.net.

[Roseau River Restoration Project \(click here to download\)](#)