



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING DATE: May 16, 2022
PREPARED BY: Peter Vickerman, Planning Manager
AGENDA ITEM: Rush Hollow Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

The draft EAW was published in the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board Monitor on April 4, 2022

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Motion to approve a Resolution No. 22-095 making a negative declaration on the need for an Environmental Impact Statement along with the Record of Decision.

COMMENTS:

The Rush Hollow proposal requires an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) due to the number of units proposed in the development.

The purpose of an EAW is to do a review of the potential impacts of a project and determine if an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), a more thorough environmental review, is required.

The EAW process solicits review from a variety of state and regional agencies, many of who provided commentary on the proposal.

As part of this process, a response to these various comments has been provided which is included in Record of Decision attachment.

Ultimately, no agencies commented that an EIS is required and so staff recommends that a resolution be prepared making a negative declaration on the need for and EIS along with the Record of Decision.

Approving any resolution related to this EAW does not affect the city's review of the actual development proposal. It is no way commits the city to any specific development proposal.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Resolution No. 22-095

Attachment B: Draft EAW

Attachment C: Response to comments and findings of fact