



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING DATE: March 20, 2023
PREPARED BY: Peter Vickerman, Planning Manager
AGENDA ITEM: Gravel Mining Area Alternative Urban Areawide Review adoption

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

On January 16, 2018, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 18-001 adopting the Final AUAR as the revised Environmental Analysis Document for Mitigation for the Gravel Mining Area.

On December 6, 2010, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 10-141 adopting the Final AUAR as the revised Environmental Analysis Document for Mitigation for the Gravel Mining Area.

On June 6, 2005, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 05-096 adopting the Final AUAR as the revised Environmental Analysis Document for Mitigation for the Gravel Mining Area.

On October 7, 1996, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 96-216 adopting the Final AUAR as the revised Environmental Analysis Document for Mitigation for the Gravel Mining Area.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-053 designating the 2023 Update of the 2017 Maple Grove Gravel Mining Area Alternative Urban Areawide Review and Mitigation Plan dated March 13, 2023, as the "Revised Environmental Analysis Document and Plan For Mitigation" in accordance with Minnesota Environmental Quality Board Rules 4410.3610 Subp. 5.

COMMENTS:

As noted above, in 1996, the City Council adopted the original Gravel Mining Area (GMA) AUAR, and in 2005, 2010, and 2018, adopted updates to the AUAR. The AUAR serves as a large area environmental review document for the GMA. In accordance with the Minnesota Environmental Review program rules, the city in earlier 2023 embarked on the preparation of the fourth update to the AUAR.

The 2023 AUAR Update inventories what has developed in the GMA between 2017 and 2023 and shows it in comparison to what was modeled for development in 2017. The overall

findings of the 2023 Update are that development to date in the GMA falls within the intensity parameters modeled in 2017. Upon adoption, this 2023 Update to the AUAR will continue to exempt development proposals from the need to conduct project-specific environmental assessment worksheets of environmental impact statements (except for certain projects that are called out in state law) for the next five years or until an amendment is necessary.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Resolution No. 23-053

Attachment B – 2023 Gravel Mining Area AUAR