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Shell Rock River Watershed District Announces Availability of Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) For the Proposed Fountain Lake Restoration Project – East Main Bay and North Bay

Public comments may be submitted regarding the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) which has been prepared for the Proposed Fountain Lake Restoration Project – East Main Bay and North Bay in Albert Lea, Minnesota. The preparation of this EAW was discretionary at the Responsible Governmental Unit's (RGU) discretion.

The Shell Rock River Watershed District is proposing dredging accumulated sediment from approximately 143.2 acres within East Main Bay and North Bay of Fountain Lake in Albert Lea, MN. Approximately 650,000 cubic yards of deposited sediments are proposed for removal through hydraulic dredging.

The public comment period for this project is open for thirty (30) days and will run from Tuesday, March 19, 2024, until Thursday, April 18, 2024. Comments must address the potential for significant environmental effects, adequacy of information available, type, extent, and reversibility of environmental effects and extent to which environmental effects are subject to mitigation by ongoing public regulatory authority.

Comments must be submitted in writing via mail or email by 4:30 pm, Thursday, April 18, 2024. Submit comments to: Andy Henschel, Administrator, Shell Rock River Watershed District, 305 South First Avenue, Albert Lea, MN 56007, andy.henschel@co.freeborn.mn.us.

Copies of the EAW are available for review during regular business hours at: Shell Rock River Watershed District, 305 South First Avenue, Albert Lea, MN 56007.

The EAW will also be posted during the 30-day comment period on the following website:
https://www.shellrock.org/index.asp?SEC=3522B121-F991-4907-ABFA-887D789778FD&DE=5C04CABC-3AAD-4D4A-A41A-CF9F152519A4&Type=B_PR