

MEDIA RELEASE

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Montrose Alternative Urban Areawide Review Update – Environmental Review

Montrose, MN – The City of Montrose has completed an Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) Update for the proposed development of approximately 5,300 developable acres surrounding the City of Montrose. It is proposed to include low, medium, and high-density residential, industrial, and commercial development. The project includes construction of roads, homes, businesses, trails, parks, ponds, and utilities such as storm water, wastewater, and water supply piping. This AUAR also analyzes the impacts of approximately 1,700 acres of development that exists or is in a various stage of approval and 100 acres of railroad right-of-way, for a total analysis area of approximately 7,100 acres.

Pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 4410.3610, subpart 7, regardless of any significant changes, an AUAR and plan for mitigation must be revised every five years until all development in the study area has received final approval. The City of Montrose adopted the Montrose Final AUAR and Mitigation Plan in 2008, and an update to the Montrose Final AUAR and Mitigation Plan was published in 2018.

As part of the planning and design phase of project development, an AUAR Update has been prepared and will be available for public and agency review beginning Tuesday, May 2, 2023. The AUAR Update documents the purpose and need of the project along with the anticipated social, economic, and environmental effects. An electronic copy of the AUAR Update and Appendices is available for review on the City's website at: www.montrose-mn.com.

The deadline for submitting comments is Tuesday, May 16, 2023. All comments should be directed to: Jessica Bonniwell, City Administrator, PO Box 25, Montrose, MN 55363 or via e-mail at: jbonniwell@montrose-mn.com

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