

Public Notice

An Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) has been released for the Big Lake Flood Risk Reduction Project. The Bois de Sioux Watershed District and its consultant prepared the EAW. The EAW describes the purpose and need for the project and anticipated environmental impacts.

The Bois de Sioux Watershed District (BdSWD) proposes to install a water control structure on the west end of Big Lake to manage water levels and provide flood risk reduction for the City of Herman, while potentially enhancing natural resources within Big Lake. The purpose of the project is to provide additional flood storage, resulting in downstream flow reduction and flood risk reduction for the City of Herman, agricultural lands, farmsteads, and roads. A draft operation and maintenance plan has been developed that outlines how the project will be operated to accomplish project goals.

The EAW is available for public inspection at BdSWD Office located at 704 Hwy 75 South in Wheaton, MN, Monday - Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. The EAW is also available for viewing and download on the BdSWD's website at www.bdswd.com. Interested parties may file written comments or questions through Thursday, March 4, 2021. Comments should be submitted to bdswd@runestone.net or mailed to Jamie Beyer, BdSWD, 704 Hwy 75 South, Wheaton, MN 56296.