

ADOPTING FINAL ORDER – AUAR FARMINGTON TECHNOLOGY PARK

AUGUST 5, 2024



RESOLUTION 2024-71 ADOPTING A FINAL ORDER OF
DECISION FOR AN AUAR FOR THE FARMINGTON
TECHNOLOGY PARK PROJECT



Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) Process

Looks at potential environmental impacts of anticipated development in a geographically defined area.

What is an AUAR

- State environmental review document regulated by MN Rules
- Hybrid of an EAW and EIS
- Studies the effects different development scenarios may have on the environment and community infrastructure
- Identifies future studies or approvals that will be required of individual developments as they come in
- Updated every 5 years

Purpose

- Used as a planning tool
- Identify the potential for cumulative impacts of anticipated development within an area
- Identify mitigation measures for potential impacts
- Informs future permitting, planning, and zoning decisions
- ***Does not approve or deny a project***



Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) Process

Topics covered in an AUAR

- Land Use and Cover Types
- Required Permits/Approvals
- Geology and Grading
- Water Resources
- Wildlife and Habitat
- Contamination
- Greenhouse Gas/Climate Impacts
- Water and Sewer Infrastructure
- Transportation
- Historic Properties
- Visual
- Air and Noise
- Cumulative Potential Effects
- Mitigation Plan

ALTERNATIVE URBAN AREAWIDE REVIEW (AUAR)

Regulated by
Minnesota
Rules 4410

AUAR Action Steps – per MN Rules 4410

RGU Adopts Order to Prepare AUAR  **TODAY – Order AUAR**

Draft AUAR & Mitigation Plan Developed

RGU reviews and distributes Draft AUAR & Mitigation Plan for public and agency review

Draft AUAR & Mitigation Plan available for 30-day public and agency review

RGU revises Draft AUAR & Mitigation Plan as necessary based on comments from public and agencies

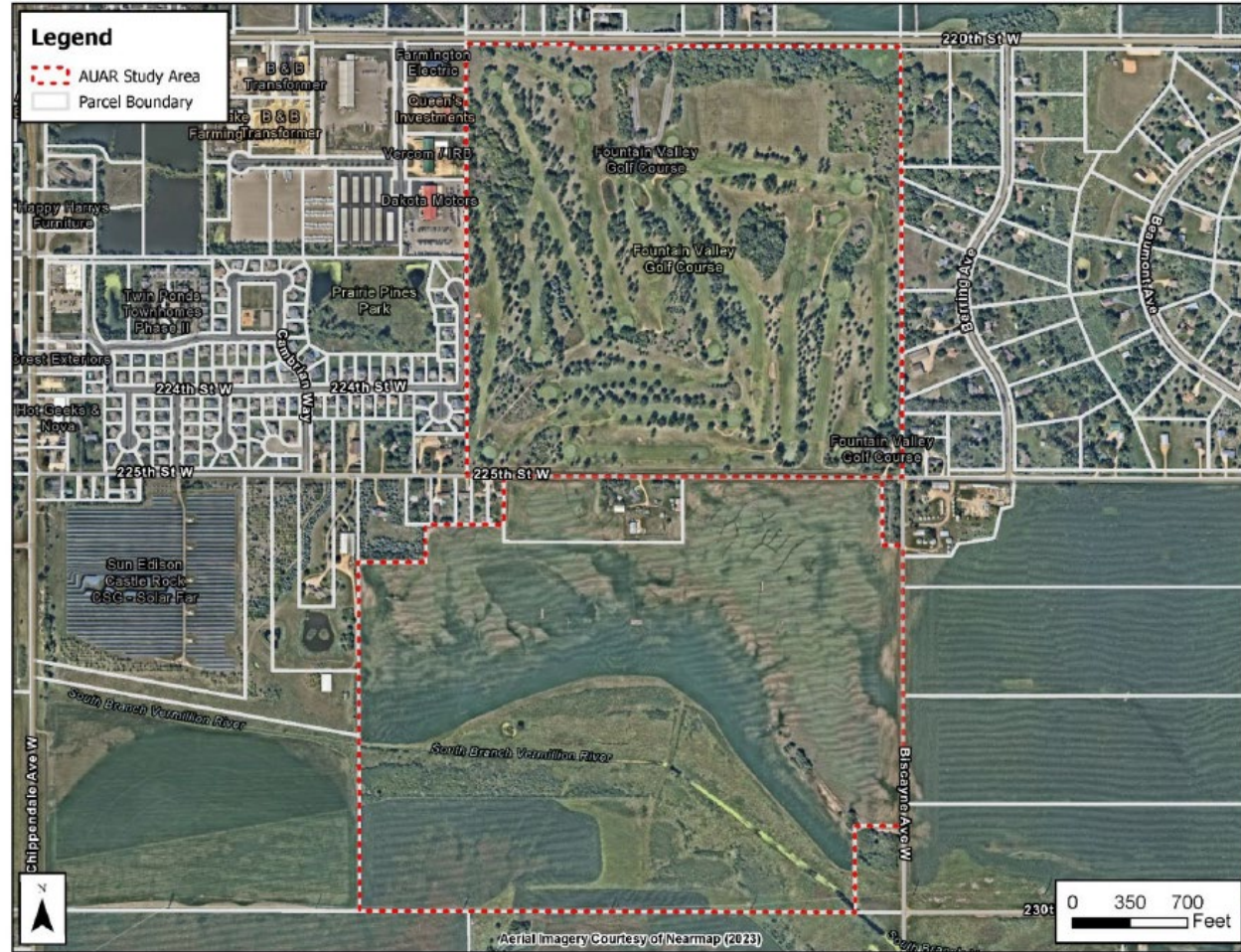
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If no objections, RGU Adopts Final AUAR and Mitigation Plan

FARMINGTON TECHNOLOGY PARK

- Study Area – 3 parcels/ 347 acres
- N/S Sides of 255th St. W
- Will analyze potential impacts and identify mitigation measures associated with technology park and mix of residential & commercial uses.

Figure 2. AUAR Study Area



STEPS & REQUEST


- **PREVIOUS STEPS**

Scoping Document prepared and distributed – comment period ended on July 11, 2024
comments receive incorporated into Final Order

- **REQUEST**

RGU makes finding that Scoping Document is adequate and adopt the Final Order – *adopt Resolution 2024-71*

- **NEXT STEPS**

AUAR Action
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REQUEST OF CITY COUNCIL

After reviewing the Scoping Document – City Council is asked to:

Approve Resolution 2024-71 Adopting a Final Order and Record of Decision for an Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) for the Farmington Technology Park Project.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS







