

Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act Notice of Decision

Local Government Unit:	City of Mankato	County: Blue Earth
Applicant Name:	CenterPoint Energy Natural Gas Operations Johnson, ERM	Applicant Representative: Nicole
Project Name:	Mankato Hydrogen Energy Plant Project	LGU Project No. (if any):
	WTLD-0010-25	
Date Complete Application Received by LGU:	October 22, 2025	
Date of LGU Decision:	December 10, 2025	
Date this Notice was sent:	December 10, 2025	

WCA Decision Type - check all that apply

☒ Wetland Boundary/Type ☐ Exemption MN Rules 8420.0420 Subpart: ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 7 ☐ 9 MN Statutes 103G.2241 Subdivision: : ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 6 ☐ 9	☐ Sequencing ☒ No-Loss (8420.0415) Part: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ H	☐ Replacement Plan ☐ Bank Plan (not credit purchase)
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Replacement Plan Impacts (replacement plan decisions only)

Total WCA Wetland Impact Area:
Wetland Replacement Type: ☐ Project Specific Credits - Number of Credits:
☐ Bank Credits – Number of Credits:
Bank Account Number(s):

Technical Evaluation Panel Findings and Recommendations (attach if any)

☒ Approve ☐ Approve w/Conditions ☐ Deny ☐ No TEP Recommendation
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LGU Decision

☐ Approved with Conditions (specify below) ¹ List Conditions:	☒ Approved ¹	☐ Denied
Decision-Maker for this Application: ☐ Staff ☐ Governing Board/Council ☒ Other: Staff in consultation with the TEP		
Decision is valid for: ☒ 5 years (default) ☐ Other (specify):		

¹ *Wetland Replacement Plan approval is not valid until BWSR confirms the withdrawal of any required wetland bank credits. For project-specific replacement a financial assurance per MN Rule 8420.0522, Subp. 9 and evidence that all required forms have been recorded on the title of the property on which the replacement wetland is located must be provided to the LGU for the approval to be valid.*

LGU Findings – Attach document(s) and/or insert narrative providing the basis for the LGU decision¹.

☐ Attachment(s) (specify):

☒ Summary: The City of Mankato TEP reviewed the request for delineation concurrence and a no-loss at their meeting on November 19, 2025, when a site visit was conducted. The initial delineation report contained only 2 wetlands, however during the site visit it was determined that there was an additional wetland located in the southwest corner of the subject site. On December 5, 2025 updated delineation information depicting the additional wetland was submitted. Based on this revised submission, the City of Mankato, in conjunction with the TEP, find concurrence that there are three wetlands on the subject site. Wetland wbea001e, a Type 3 wetland is .37 acres and is located adjacent to the southern boundary of the property. Wetland wbea002e, a Type 3 wetland, is .02 acres and is located centrally on the site adjacent to an existing parking lot. Wetland wbea003s, the wetland added based on the TEP inspection, is a Type 6 wetland consisting of .35 acres. The applicant has also requested a no-loss under Minnesota Rule 8420.0415 Subpart a, "an activity that will not impact a wetland." The applicant's submission information demonstrates a "Solar array" location that is outside of any of the three wetland areas, and the narrative provided indicates that there will be no activity in the wetland areas. Therefore, the LGU finds that the no-loss request achieves the applicable criteria.

¹ Findings must consider any TEP recommendations.

Attached Project Documents

☒ Site Location Map ☐ Project Plan(s)/Descriptions/Reports (specify):

Appeals of LGU Decisions

If you wish to appeal this decision, you must provide a written request within 30 calendar days of the date you received the notice. All appeals must be submitted to the Board of Water and Soil Resources Executive Director along with a check payable to BWSR for \$500 *unless* the LGU has adopted a local appeal process as identified below. The check must be sent by mail and the written request to appeal can be submitted by mail or e-mail. The appeal should include a copy of this notice, name and contact information of appellant(s) and their representatives (if applicable), a statement clarifying the intent to appeal and supporting information as to why the decision is in error. Send to:

Appeals & Regulatory Compliance Coordinator
Minnesota Board of Water & Soils Resources
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, MN 55155
travis.germundson@state.mn.us

Does the LGU have a local appeal process applicable to this decision?

☒ Yes¹ ☐ No

¹If yes, all appeals must first be considered via the local appeals process.

Local Appeals Submittal Requirements (LGU must describe how to appeal, submittal requirements, fees, etc. as applicable)

Within 45 days of the decision an application for appeal must be filed with the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, address as follows: Board of Adjustments and Appeals, attention: Zoning Administrator, 10 Civic Center Plaza, PO Box 3368, Mankato, MN 56002-3368.

Notice Distribution (include name)

Required on all notices:

☒ SWCD TEP Member: Jake Fritz, via email jake.fritz@blueearthswcd.org ☒ BWSR TEP Member: Alyssa Core, Alyssa.core@state.mn.us

☒ LGU TEP Member (if different than LGU contact): Cory Bienfang, cbienfang@mankatomn.gov

☒ DNR Representative: Erynn Jenzen via email erynn.jenzen@state.mn.us

☐ Watershed District or Watershed Mgmt. Org.:

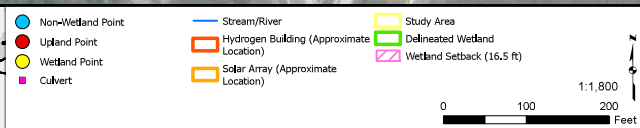
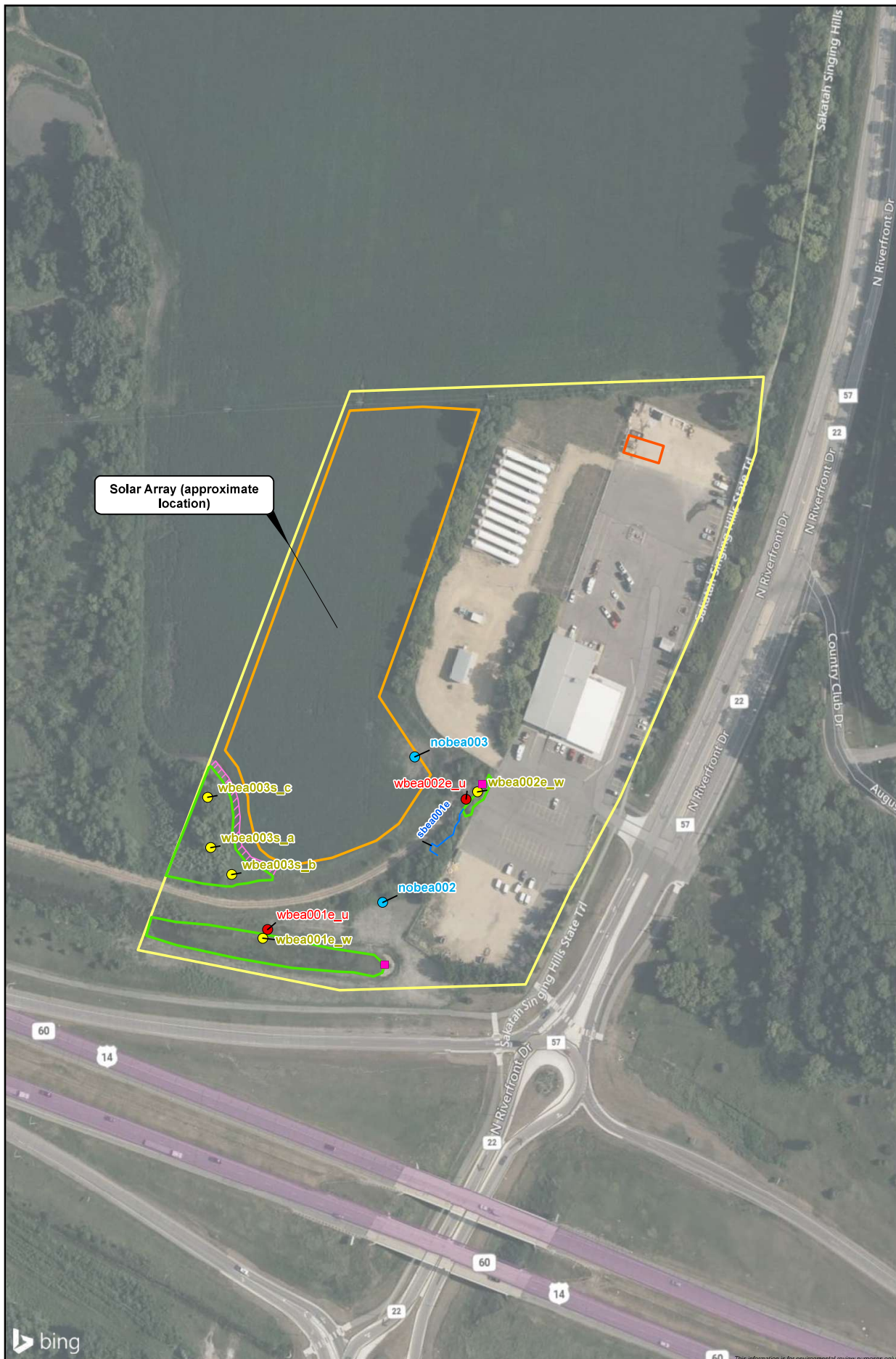
☐ Applicant:	☒ Agent/Consultant: Nicole Johnson, ERM
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Optional or As Applicable:

☒ Corps of Engineers: David Studenski via email: david.a.studenski@usace.army.mil	
☐ BWSR Wetland Mitigation Coordinator (required for bank plan applications only):	
☐ Members of the Public (notice only):	☐ Other:

Signature: <i>Mark Konz via electronic signature</i>  <i>By Molly Westman</i>	Date: December 10, 2025
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This notice and accompanying application materials may be sent electronically or by mail. The LGU may opt to send a summary of the application to members of the public upon request per 8420.0255, Subp. 3.



CenterPoint Energy

Figure 6
Field Survey Data Map
 Mankato Hydrogen Energy Plant Project
 Mankato, Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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