

5.04: Review Concept Plan and Mandatory Environmental Review for Pearson Farm Residential Development

City Planner Anderson presented the staff report, noting the City received a Concept Plan for the potential future residential development currently named Pearson Farm. If approved, it could result in approximately 350 new housing units on City services. Due to its scale and size, the project will be subject to an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW).

City Planner Anderson noted the EAW process takes 2-3 months to review and could result in an Environment Impact Statement (EIS). He said the Board will have significant role in the EAW review and will include support of a planning consultant who focuses on EAWs. He asked if the Board had any comments otherwise prior to the review and stated this will be a complex process including navigation with the public. He added the Environment Quality Board is looking for volunteers for their review panel on how this process can be improved and to let him know if any Board Members are interested in being involved.

Board Member Trossen inquired about the developer.

City Planner Anderson said the developer is Capstone Homes and the property owner is Paul Pearson. He said Capstone Homes is located in Ramsey and has experience in the City with closing out the Brookfield project. He said Capstone Homes have proven to be a good developer and that the proposed 350 units will be phased over a number of years.

Chairperson Stodola asked what type of housing the developer proposes.

City Planner Anderson said although they have not received a formal application the project would include both single- and multi-family homes with multi-family on the north and south portions and single-family in between with a community building and small neighborhood parks.

Board Member Covart inquired about road improvements.

City Planner Anderson said road improvements are planned for Bunker Lake Boulevard and Puma Street with a proposed second connection to Alpine Drive.

Informational; no action required.