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[Duluth, MN] - The City of Duluth is accepting public comments during a 30-day public review period running from Monday, February 11th to Wednesday, March 13th, on an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) that was prepared for Essentia Health.

Proposal: Essentia Health is proposing a redevelopment project for its downtown Duluth campus that will result in a replacement hospital bed tower, new surgical suites, and outpatient space and renovations to the existing facilities. The proposed project includes a 920,000 square foot multi-story tower, which would reduce Essentia Health's overall footprint while providing state-of-the-art medical facilities.

The EAW provides information on the environmental impacts of this proposed project; an 18mb electronic copy is available online at:

<http://www.duluthmn.gov/community-planning/medical-district/>

<http://www.duluthmn.gov/community-planning/eaw/>

Additional hard copies of the EAW are available for public review at:

- Duluth Public Library (Reference Department), 520 West Superior Street
- Mount Royal Branch Library, 105 Mount Royal Shopping Circle
- West Duluth Branch Library, 5830 Grand Avenue
- Duluth Planning and Economic Development, 411 West First Street, Room 110

Citizens may also wish to view the project proposer's website: <https://www.essentiahealth.org/vision-northland/>

Notice of the EAW will be published in the Monday, February 11th, 2019 EQB Monitor. The EQB Monitor is a weekly publication of the State of Minnesota announcing environmental review documents, public comment periods, and related other actions throughout Minnesota.

Written comments must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13th, to the attention of Keith Hamre, Director of Planning and Economic Development, 411 West First Street, Room 110, Duluth, MN 55802. Electronic comments may also be sent to [planning@duluthmn.gov](mailto:planning@duluthmn.gov) with "Essentia Health Vision Northland EAW Comments" in the subject line before 4:30 pm on March 13th. If submitting comments electronically, please include your full name and postal mailing address.

The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to receive comments on the EAW on Tuesday, March 12th, at 5:00 p.m., in the 3rd floor Council Chambers of Duluth City Hall, 411 West First Street. The Planning Commission will review the comments received during the comment period and make a determination on the EAW at a special meeting on Tuesday, March 26th, at 5:00 p.m., in the 3rd Floor Council Chambers of Duluth City Hall, 411 West First Street.

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