

Appendix 2C
Wetland Restoration Plan for Both Projects



Wetland Restoration Plan

Ventura to Farmington A-line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project and Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project

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1.0 GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Northern Natural Gas (Northern) is planning construction of the Ventura to Farmington A-line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project (V2F Project) between 2027 and 2029 in Minnesota and Iowa. The proposed facilities include:

- Approximately 17.88 miles of pipeline extensions

Installation and removal of appurtenant facilities include:

- Disconnect activities for the A-line and J-line at two compressor stations
- Installing temporary compression to evacuate gas from the A-line to an adjacent mainline
- Three temporary compression sites for the installation of the extensions

Additionally, Northern is planning construction of the Northern Lights Expansion Project (NL27 Project) in 2027 in Minnesota. The proposed facilities include:

- Approximately 28.43 miles of pipeline extensions
- Uprate of the Hugo compressor station

Installation and removal of appurtenant facilities include

- Two new receiver facilities that include relocation of existing receivers
- Relocation of one existing receiver
- Nine new valve settings and associated valves and piping, including one new RMV facility
- Expansion of one existing block valve setting
- Removal of one receiver facility and three existing tie-in valve settings

2.0 PURPOSE

The primary purpose of this Wetland Restoration Plan (Plan) is to implement FERC's Wetland and Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures by restoring hydrology, vegetation, and ecological functions to the affected wetland areas disturbed during the V2F and NL27 Project construction. This Plan aligns with FERC's Upland Erosion Control, Revegetation, and Maintenance Plan, ensuring compliance with CFR 18 §380.12 and permit conditions, and establishing performance-based measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts. Northern has adopted FERC's Procedures as its own with the exception of select workspace incursions detailed in Resource Report 1, Section 1.5.6.2, Wetland Crossings.

3.0 METHODS AND FINDINGS

Field surveys were completed in 2025 to locate and verify the presence of wetlands within both Projects Environmental Survey Boundaries (ESBs) using the Routine On-Site Determination Method defined in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Wetland Delineation Manual (USACE 1987), subsequent guidance documents (USACE 1991 and 1992), the Northcentral Northeast Regional Supplement (USACE 2012) and the Midwest Regional Supplement (USACE 2010). Northern completed wetland and waterbody field surveys of 100 percent of the parcels within both Project ESBs.

3.1 Delineated Features

V2F Project

One hundred fifty-eight wetlands were identified within the ESB surveyed for the V2F Project; however, only 39 wetlands will be crossed by the V2F Project. The wetland communities that will be crossed by the V2F Project are classified as seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland, wet meadow/disturbed wet meadow, shallow marsh, shrub-carr, wet to wet-mesic prairie, hardwood swamp, floodplain forest, degraded sedge meadow, and shallow open water. Wetland classifications, including vegetation community profiles and qualitative assessments, are discussed in greater detail within the V2F Wetland and Waterbody Delineation Report.

NL27 Project

One hundred fifty-one wetlands were identified within the ESB surveyed for the NL27 Project; however, only 39 wetlands will be crossed by the NL27 Project. The wetland communities that will be crossed by the NL27 Project are classified as seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland, wet meadow/disturbed wet meadow, shallow marsh, deep marsh, shrub-carr, hardwood swamp, and floodplain forest. Wetland classifications, including vegetation community profiles and qualitative assessments, are discussed in greater detail within the NL27 Wetland and Waterbody Delineation Report.

4.0 PROPOSED IMPACTS

V2F Project

Northern will avoid and minimize wetland impacts on the maximum extent practicable. One hundred fifty-eight wetlands were identified within the V2F Project ESB; Northern designed the V2F Project to avoid 118 wetlands. Additionally, Northern will minimize impacts on an additional 13 wetlands crossed by the V2F Project by crossing via HDD. Twenty-six emergent wetlands will be impacted either by open cut and/or by a TWS, ETWS, TAR or staging area during pipeline construction. Northern will implement the Project Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans to reduce ground disturbance, minimize erosion and sediment run off and promote revegetation within the construction areas. No forested or scrub-shrub wetlands will be crossed by the V2F Project via open cut and/or by a TWS, ETWS, TAR or staging area. All forested/scrub-shrub wetlands or wetland components containing forested and/or scrub-shrub areas crossed by the V2F Project will be done so via HDD.

In wetlands, a ten-foot-wide corridor centered on the pipeline will be cleared at a frequency necessary to maintain an herbaceous state. In addition, trees within 15 feet of the pipeline with roots that will compromise the integrity of the pipeline coating will be selectively removed from the ROW. Northern will not conduct any routine vegetation mowing or clearing in wetlands or riparian environments that are between HDD entry and exit points.

Proposed wetland locations and impacts for the V2F Project are located in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Wetlands Crossed by the V2F Project

Unique Wetland Identifier	MP		Field Determined Wetland Classification ¹	Length of Crossing (feet) ²	Primary Wetland Crossing Method	Area Affected by Construction (acres)	Area Affected by Operation (acres)	
	From	To					Operational Fill	Operational Maintenance ^{3,5}
Lake Mills M500 E-line								
LMA-W12	35.54	35.56	Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	118	TWS/Open-Cut	0.18	0.00	0.13 ⁵
LMA-W13	36.41	36.49	Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	425	TWS/Open-Cut	0.49	0.00	0.39 ⁵
LMA-W14	36.67	36.69	Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	133	TWS/Open-Cut	0.17	0.00	0.14 ⁵
LMA-W20	37.84	37.84	Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	10	HDD	<0.00 ^{8,9}	0.00	0.00
LMA-W21	37.90	37.90	Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	22	HDD	<0.00 ^{8,9}	0.00	0.00 ⁴
LMA-W26	38.82	38.82	Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	30	TWS/Open-Cut	0.05	0.00	0.04 ⁵
LMA-W27	38.86		Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	N/A	TWS	0.01	0.00	<0.00 ^{5,8}
LMA-W31	39.12	39.13	Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	37	TWS/Open-Cut	0.13	0.00	0.04 ⁵
LMA-W34	39.75	39.76	Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	77	TWS/Open-Cut	0.15	0.00	0.09 ⁵

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	From	To					Operational Fill	Operational Maintenance ^{3,5}
LMA-W37	40.19		Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	N/A	Staging area	0.03 ⁶	0.00	0.00 ⁵
LMA-W40	40.31	40.33	Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	114	TWS/Open-Cut	0.16	0.00	0.11 ⁵
LMA-W41	40.66	40.66	Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	26	HDD	<0.00 ^{8,9}	0.00	0.00 ⁴
LMA-W42	40.73	40.73	Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	18	HDD	<0.00 ^{8,9}	0.00	0.00 ⁴
LMA-W44	42.11	42.11	Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	28	HDD	<0.00 ^{8,9}	0.00	0.00 ⁴
Subtotal				1,038		1.37	0.00	0.94
Albert Lea M500 E-line								
ALO-W03	2.04		Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	N/A	TAR	0.04 ⁶	0.00	0.00
ALO-W04	2.14	2.39	Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	1,238	HDD	0.17 ⁹	0.00	0.00 ⁴
ALO-W13	3.45	3.45	Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	11	TWS/Open-Cut	0.02	0.00	0.01 ⁵
ALO-W16	3.60	3.61	Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B, Shrub-carr / PSS1B	53	HDD	0.01 ^{8,9}	0.00	0.00 ⁴
Subtotal				1,302		0.24	0.00	0.01

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	From	To					Operational Fill	Operational Maintenance ^{3,5}
Faribault M500 D-line								
FAR-W02	97.35		Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	N/A	ETWS	0.39 ⁶	0.00	0.00
	97.37	97.38	Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	55	TWS/Open-Cut	0.08	0.00	0.06 ⁵
FAR-W03	97.39	97.39	Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	12	TWS/Open-Cut	0.04	0.00	0.01 ⁵
FAR-W10	97.69		Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	N/A	TWS	0.04	0.00	0.02 ⁵
FAR-W12	97.74	97.76	Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	130	TWS/Open-Cut	0.21	0.00	0.15 ⁵
FAR-W23	97.95	97.98	Degraded Wet Meadow / PEM1Bf	205	TWS/Open-Cut	0.39	0.00	0.22 ⁵
FAR-W31	98.03		Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	N/A	TWS	<0.00 ⁸	0.00	0.00
FAR-W33	98.13		Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	N/A	TWS	<0.00 ⁸	0.00	0.00
FAR-W39	98.31	98.31	Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	20	TWS/Open-Cut	0.04	0.00	0.02 ⁵

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	From	To					Operational Fill	Operational Maintenance ^{3,5}
FAR-W40	98.42		Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B, Shallow marsh / PEM1C, Shallow open water / PUBH	26	TWS/Open-Cut	0.04	0.00	0.03 ⁵
FAR-W63	99.01	99.10	Floodplain forest / PFO1A, Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B, Wet to wet-mesic prairie / PEM1B, Shrub-carr / PSS1C	387	HDD	0.05 ⁹	0.00	0.00 ⁴
FAR-W67	99.96	100.07	Hardwood swamp / PFO1A, Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1B, Shallow marsh / PEM1C, Shrub-carr / PSS1C	518	HDD	0.07 ⁹	0.00	0.00 ⁴
FAR-W69	100.53	100.60	Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	317	HDD	0.04 ⁹	0.00	0.00 ⁴
FAR-W70	100.62	100.62	Shallow Marsh / PEM1Cf	19	HDD	<0.00 ^{8,9}	0.00	0.00 ⁴
FAR-W71	101.39	101.43	Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	293	TWS/Open-Cut	0.47	0.00	0.34 ⁵
FAR-W78	103.08	103.12	Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	200	HDD	0.03 ⁹	0.00	0.00 ⁴

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	From	To					Operational Fill	Operational Maintenance ^{3,5}
FAR-W80	103.63	103.99	Hardwood swamp / PFO1A, Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1B, Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B, Shrub-carr / PSS1C	1,480	HDD	0.20 ⁹	0.00	0.00 ⁴
FAR-W83	104.84	104.87	Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	152	TWS/Open-Cut	0.19	0.00	0.13 ⁵
	104.87		Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	N/A	ETWS	0.04 ⁶	0.00	0.00
Subtotal				3,814		2.32	0.00	0.98
Disconnect Site – Ventura Compressor Station								
VCS-W02	N/A		Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	N/A	TAR/ETWS	0.01 ⁶	0.00	0.00
Disconnect Site – Farmington Compressor Station								
FCS-W01	N/A		Wet meadow / PEM1B	N/A	ETWS	0.19 ⁶	0.00	0.00
Subtotal for the Disconnect Sites				N/A		0.20	0.00	0.00
Temporary Compression Site – La Crosse BL MNB73201 Launcher/ABA 05								
LBL-W01	NA		Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	N/A	ETWS	0.07 ⁶	0.00	0.00
Temporary Compression Site –Lake Mills Compressor Station								
No wetland crossings were identified within Project component ESB								
Temporary Compression Site –Owatonna Compressor Station								
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	From	To					Operational Fill	Operational Maintenance ^{3,5}
Temporary Compression Site – Northfield #1								
NOR-W01	N/A		Degraded wet meadow / PEM1Bf	N/A	ETWS	0.14 ⁶	0.00	0.00
Subtotal for Temporary Compression Sites				N/A		0.21	0.00	0.00
V2F Project Total				5,884		4.34	0.00	1.93

¹ Wetland Classification based on Cowardin, Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats: PFO1A – Palustrine Forested – broad leaved deciduous – temporarily flooded (Hardwood Forest, Floodplain Forest), PSS1C – Palustrine Scrub-Shrub - broad-leaved deciduous - seasonally flooded (Shrub-Carr), PSS1B – Palustrine Scrub-Shrub - broad-leaved deciduous - saturated (Shrub-Carr), PEM1Af - Palustrine Emergent – temporarily flooded - farmed (Seasonally Flooded/Farmed), PEM1B - Palustrine Emergent – seasonally saturated (Wet Meadow / Disturbed wet meadow), PEM1Bf - Palustrine Emergent – seasonally saturated - farmed (Wet Meadow / Disturbed wet meadow / Farmed), PEM1C - Palustrine Emergent – persistent - seasonally flooded (Shallow Marsh), PEM1Cf - Palustrine Emergent – persistent - seasonally flooded - farmed (Shallow Marsh / Farmed), PUBH – Palustrine Unconsolidated Bottom – permanently flooded (Shallow Open Water) – The listed classification represents the wetland community at the crossing locations.

² Wetland crossing lengths of pipeline.

³ Area required to be cleared at a frequency necessary to maintain the ROW in an herbaceous state.

⁴ Wetlands crossed by the Project via HDD. Northern will not conduct maintenance between the entry and exit pits; therefore, no impacts on the wetland will occur during operation.

⁵ Wetland impacts will occur from routine mowing operations; however, the wetland currently consist of a PEM community, therefore no community type conversion will occur.

⁶ Construction related wetland impacts will not include below-ground impacts

⁷ Jurisdiction determination per USACE determination 33 CFR Part 328 on November 13, 1987.

⁸ Impacts are less than 0.01 acre in size

⁹ Impacts will be limited to foot traffic within a six-foot-wide travel lane between the HDD entry and exit points.

NL27 Project

Northern will avoid and minimize wetland impacts on the maximum extent practicable. One hundred fifty-one wetlands were identified within the ESB; Northern designed the NL27 Project to avoid 112 wetlands. Additionally, Northern will minimize impacts on 11 wetlands by crossing via HDD and a portion of four other wetlands that will be partially crossed using HDD. Twenty emergent wetlands, three emergent/forested wetland complexes and one emergent/scrub-shrub wetland will be impacted either by open cut and/or by a TWS, ETWS, TAR during pipeline construction. Northern will implement the Project Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans to reduce ground disturbance, minimize erosion and sediment run off and promote revegetation within the construction areas. Four wetlands (WIL-W02, WIL-W05, WIL-W06 and WIL-W09) containing forested or scrub-shrub wetland type communities will be crossed by the NL27 Project resulting in temporary and permanent type conversion; and one emergent wetland (WDC-W45) will require the placement of permanent fill associated with the construction of the Willmar 3rd branch line downstream tie-in valve setting.

Proposed wetland locations and impacts for the NL27 Project are located in Table 2 below.

Table 2. Wetlands Crossed by the NL27 Project

Unique Wetland Identifier	MP		Field Determined Wetland Classification ¹	Length of Crossing (feet) ²	Primary Wetland Crossing Method	Area Affected by Construction (acres)	Area Affected by Operation (acres)	
	From	To					Operational Fill	Operational Maintenance ^{3,5}
Lake Mills M500 E-line								
LMA-W37	42.56		Shallow Marsh / PEM1Cf	N/A	TWS	<0.00 ⁸	0.00	0.00
LMA-W42	42.56		Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	N/A	TWS	<0.00 ⁸	0.00	<0.00 ^{5,8}
Subtotal				N/A		<0.00	0.00	<0.00
Albert Lea M500 E-line								
ALO-W09	7.07	7.07	Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B, Shallow marsh / PEM1C	11	TWS/Open-Cut	0.02	0.00	<0.00 ^{5,8}
	7.07		Shrub-carr / PSS1C ¹⁰	N/A	N/A	0.00	0.00	0.00
ALO-W14	4.14	4.18	Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	86	TWS/Open-Cut	0.13	0.00	0.09 ⁵
ALO-W26	5.23	5.35	Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B, Shrub-carr / PSS1C	549	HDD	0.08 ⁹	0.00	0.00 ⁴
ALO-W34	3.78	3.78	Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	12	TWS/Open-Cut	0.06	0.00	0.02 ⁵
Subtotal				658		0.29	0.00	0.11
Willmar 3rd Branch Line Upstream								
WIL-W01	3.67	3.68	Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af, Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	61	TWS/Open-Cut	0.10	0.00	0.07 ⁵

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	From	To					Operational Fill	Operational Maintenance ^{3,5}
WIL-W02	3.70	3.73	Hardwood swamp / PFO1A	50	TWS/Open-Cut	0.07	0.00	0.04 ⁵
			Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	72	TWS/Open-Cut	0.16	0.00	0.10 ⁵
WIL-W05 ¹¹	4.03	4.11	Hardwood swamp / PFO1A	193	TWS/Open-Cut	0.18	0.00	0.16 ⁵
			Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	151	TWS/Open-Cut	0.41	0.00	0.22 ⁵
WIL-W06	4.19		Hardwood swamp / PFO1A	N/A	TWS	0.01	0.00	<0.00 ^{5,8}
			Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	N/A	TWS	0.01	0.00	0.01 ⁵
	4.26		Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af, Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	N/A	ETWS	0.03	0.00	<0.00 ^{5,8}
WIL-W09	4.89	4.97	Shallow marsh / PEM1C	222	HDD	0.03 ⁹	0.00	<0.00 ^{5,8}
	5.08	5.10	Shrub-carr / PSS1C	97	TWS/Open-Cut	0.19	0.00	0.12 ⁵
Subtotal				846		1.19	0.00	0.72
Willmar 3rd Branch Line Downstream								
WDC-W07	6.91	6.97	Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	307	TWS/Open-Cut	0.45	0.00	0.32 ⁵
WDC-W09	7.60	7.61	Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	N/A	TAR	0.06 ⁶	0.00	0.00
WDC-W12	7.62	7.63	Degraded wet meadow / PEM1Bd	18	TWS/Open-Cut	0.04	0.00	0.02 ⁵
WDC-W13	7.76	7.78	Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	134	TWS/Open-Cut	0.18	0.00	0.14 ⁵

Unique Wetland Identifier	MP		Field Determined Wetland Classification ¹	Length of Crossing (feet) ²	Primary Wetland Crossing Method	Area Affected by Construction (acres)	Area Affected by Operation (acres)	
	From	To					Operational Fill	Operational Maintenance ^{3,5}
WDC-W16	8.58	8.61	Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	142	TWS/Open-Cut	0.23	0.00	0.16 ⁵
WDC-W23	8.98	9.02	Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	222	TWS/Open-Cut	0.38	0.00	0.26 ⁵
WDC-W24	9.85	9.85	Degraded wet meadow / PEM1Bd, Shallow marsh / PEM1Cd	7	HDD	<0.00 ^{8,9}	0.00	0.00 ⁴
WDC-W34	N/A		Degraded wet meadow / PEM1Bdf	N/A	TAR	0.02 ⁶	0.00	0.00
	9.86	9.86		11	HDD	<0.00 ^{8,9}	0.00	0.00 ⁴
	9.88	9.88		23	HDD	<0.00 ^{8,9}	0.00	0.00 ⁴
WDC-W31	10.28	10.28	Degraded wet meadow / PEM1Bdf	22	HDD	<0.00 ^{8,9}	0.00	0.00 ⁴
WDC-W32	10.30	10.30	Shallow Marsh / PEM1Cd	22	HDD	<0.00 ^{8,9}	0.00	0.00 ⁴
	10.31			N/A	ETWS	0.05	0.00	0.00
WDC-W33	10.59		Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	N/A	TWS/Open-Cut	0.04	0.00	0.00
WDC-W44	11.08		Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	N/A	TWS	<0.00 ⁸	0.00	0.00
WDC-W45	11.14		Degraded wet meadow / PEM1Bd	N/A	TWS	0.02	<0.00 ¹²	0.00 ⁵
Subtotal				908		1.44	<0.00	0.90
Paynesville 2nd Branch Line								
PAY-W08	0.56	0.61	Shallow marsh / PEM1C	223	HDD	0.03 ⁹	0.00	0.00 ⁴
PAY-W03	1.56	1.62	Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	378	TWS/Open-Cut	0.48	0.00	0.39 ⁵

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PAY-W01	1.97	2.36	Shallow marsh / PEM1C, Shrub-carr / PSS1C	1,992	HDD	0.27 ⁹	0.00	0.00 ⁴
Subtotal				2,597		0.78	0.00	0.39
Springfield 2nd Branch Line								
SPR-W11	15.04	15.05	Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	39	TWS/Open-Cut	0.11	0.00	0.05 ⁵
SPR-W12	15.20	15.26	Floodplain forest / PFO1A, Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	277	HDD	0.04 ⁹	0.00	0.00 ⁴
SPR-W14	16.17	16.17	Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af	29	HDD	<0.00 ^{8,9}	0.00	0.00 ⁴
SPR-W13	16.19	16.25	Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	255	HDD	0.04 ⁹	0.00	0.00 ⁴
SPR-W05	17.39	17.51	Floodplain forest / PFO1A, degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	626	HDD	0.09 ⁹	0.00	0.00 ⁴
Subtotal				1,226		0.28	0.00	0.05
Minnesota Interconnect 2nd Branch Line								
MIC-W04	17.82	17.83	Shallow marsh / PEM1C	98	HDD	0.01 ⁹	0.00	0.00 ⁴
MIC-W07	17.94		Wet meadow / PEM1B	N/A	TAR	0.02 ⁶	0.00	0.00
MIC-W01	18.25	18.27	Floodplain forest / PFO1A, Wet meadow / PEM1B	139	HDD	0.02 ⁹	0.00	0.00 ⁴
	18.38	18.41		159	HDD	0.02 ⁹	0.00	0.00 ⁴
Subtotal				396		0.07	0.00	0.00
Alexandria 2nd Branch Line								
ALX-W04	16.71		Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	N/A	ETWS	0.01 ⁶	0.00	0.00
ALX-W03	16.87	16.90	Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	116	TWS/Open-Cut	0.21	0.00	0.15 ⁵

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ALX-W02	17.29	17.40	Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af, Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	561	TWS/Open-Cut	0.97	0.00	0.63 ⁵
ALX-W01	17.48	17.55	Hardwood swamp / PFO1A, Seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland / PEM1Af, Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B, Shrub-carr / PSS1C	379	HDD	0.05 ⁹	0.00	0.00 ⁴
	18.03	18.03	Degraded wet meadow / PEM1B	23	TWS/Open-Cut	0.04	0.00	0.00
	18.04			N/A	TWS	<0.00 ⁸	0.00	0.00
Subtotal				1,079		1.28	0.00	0.78
NL27 Project Total				7,710		5.31	<0.00	2.95

¹ Wetland Classification based on Cowardin, Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats: PFO1A – Palustrine Forested – broad leaved deciduous – temporarily flooded (Hardwood Swamp, Floodplain Forest), PSS1C – Palustrine Scrub-Shrub - broad-leaved deciduous - seasonally flooded (Shrub-Carr), PEM1Af - Palustrine Emergent – temporarily flooded - farmed (Seasonally Flooded Basin/Farmed Wetland), PEM1B - Palustrine Emergent – seasonally saturated (Wet Meadow / Disturbed wet meadow), PEM1Bd - Palustrine Emergent – seasonally saturated - ditched (Wet Meadow / Disturbed wet meadow / Ditched), PEM1Bdf - Palustrine Emergent – seasonally saturated – ditched- farmed (Wet Meadow / Disturbed wet meadow / Ditched / Farmed), PEM1C - Palustrine Emergent – persistent - seasonally flooded (Shallow Marsh), PEM1Cf - Palustrine Emergent – persistent - seasonally flooded - farmed (Shallow Marsh / Farmed), PEM1Cd - Palustrine Emergent – persistent - seasonally flooded - ditched (Shallow Marsh / ditched), PEM1F- Palustrine Emergent – semi permanently flooded (Deep Marsh) – The listed classification represents the wetland community at the crossing locations.

² Wetland crossing lengths of pipeline.

³ Area required to be cleared at a frequency necessary to maintain the ROW in an herbaceous state.

⁴ Wetlands crossed by the Project via HDD. Northern will not conduct maintenance between the entry and exit pits; therefore, no impacts on the wetland will occur during operation.

⁵ Wetland impacts will occur from routine mowing operations; and will be limited to a ten-foot-wide corridor centered above the proposed pipeline in order to maintain a state of emergent vegetation for safety purposes. Trees within 15 feet of the pipeline with roots that could compromise the integrity of the pipeline coating will be selectively cut and removed.

⁶ Construction related wetland impacts will not include below-ground impacts

⁷ Jurisdiction determination per USACE determination 33 CFR Part 328 on November 13, 1987.

⁸ Impacts are less than 0.01 acre in size

⁹ Impacts will be limited to foot traffic within a six-foot-wide travel lane between the HDD entry and exit points

¹⁰ Portion of wetland complex not crossed by Project centerline or workspace

¹¹ Listed as Minnesota Public Water Basin/Wetland per the Minnesota Public Waters Index.

¹² Permanent fill placement totaling 0.003 (145 square feet) will be required within wetland.

5.0 MINIMIZATION MEASURES

Northern will minimize impacts to wetlands during construction by following its Wetland and Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures (Procedures) and implementing the following minimization measures:

- Temporary impacts to wetlands will be minimized by placement of construction mats over the travel lanes.
- Northern will limit the width of the temporary workspace in the wetlands to between 50 to 75 feet with the exception identified in Tables 1.5-5 and 1.5-6 in Resource Report 1.
- Northern will utilize construction mats to minimize impacts from construction equipment working in wetlands. The upper one foot of topsoil from the wetlands will be segregated, except in areas of standing water, and will be used during restoration.
- Temporary erosion control measures will be placed in the wetlands immediately after initial disturbance in accordance with Northern’s Procedures. Erosion control measures will be maintained in working conditions throughout construction.
- Construction equipment in the wetlands will be limited to that essential for clearing the ROW, excavating the trench, installing the pipeline, backfilling the trench and restoring the construction ROW.

Northern will control the introduction and spread of noxious weeds and invasive plants into wetlands as described in its Noxious Weed Control Plan. In addition, Northern will implement the following minimization measures:

- Northern will utilize signage, conduct environmental training and notify the contractor of the presence of the noxious weeds, locations of the wetlands and the appropriate control measures that must be taken during construction in these areas.
- Prior to excavation activities, silt fence will be installed at the boundaries of the area containing noxious weeds. The silt fence will be removed as part of final clean up. Soil excavated from the noxious weeds area will not be stored outside of the invasive plants area.
- Cleaning stations will be established at the boundaries of the noxious weed area. Equipment traveling out of the noxious weed area will be cleaned free of soil and plant debris prior to proceeding into an area without invasive plants. Water from the cleaning stations will be collected and transported off-site to an appropriate disposal facility. Equipment entering and exiting the noxious weed area will be inspected, and a recorded log of the inspections will be maintained.
- A layer of geotextile fabric or a functional equivalent will be placed under the construction mats, as needed, to further limit contact with the noxious weeds. In areas where noxious weeds are completely covered by geotextile fabric, cleaning stations may not be required during construction. Equipment used to remove the mats following construction will be cleaned and inspected prior to leaving the noxious weeds area.

6.0 RECLAMATION AND RESTORATION

Construction and restoration activities within wetlands in the V2F and NL27 Projects will follow Northern’s Procedures. Northern also will implement the following restoration measures:

- If necessary, trench breakers will be used at the wetland boundaries to seal the trench bottom and to maintain the original wetland hydrology. Additionally, permanent slope breakers will be installed across the construction ROW at the base of slopes greater than five percent where the base of the slope is less than 50 feet from the wetland, or as needed to prevent sediment transport into the wetland.
- Following construction, the disturbed wetland will be returned to pre-construction elevations to the extent possible using the segregated topsoil.
- If necessary, disturbed wetland areas will be temporarily seeded during fall of 2027 for all components except the V2F Faribault M500 D-line, which will be seeded in fall of 2028 with annual ryegrass, at a rate of 40 pounds per acre (unless standing water is present).
- Wetland revegetation will be considered successful when the vegetation has reached at least 80 percent of either the cover documented for the wetland prior to construction, or at least 80 percent of the cover in adjacent wetland areas that were not disturbed by construction. Successful revegetation will be determined in accordance with the criteria listed in section VI.D.5 of Northern's Procedures.
- Northern's environmental inspection team will monitor wetland revegetation until revegetation is successful. Northern will hire a qualified third-party biologist to evaluate wetland revegetation once a year until wetland revegetation fulfills the standards in its Procedures. The results of the annual evaluation will be filed with FERC. During the spring/summer of 2028 or 2029, Northern will review the status of the natural revegetation. If wetland vegetation is not successfully germinating by summer 2028 or 2029, Northern will complete a supplemental seeding within the Project wetlands. Northern will apply seed based on wetland plant species, which were observed during the pre-construction delineation and/or by the parameters listed below.
- Northern has consulted with the NRCS and Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) the Project is located in, regarding approved seed mixes, planting densities and application rates. The seed mixes recommended by the NRCS and SWCDs for wetland restoration will be consistent with the Minnesota Agronomy Technical Note #31 – Herbaceous Vegetation Establishment Guide, Standard 657 – Wetland Restoration: Herbaceous Seeding Specifications.
- Following construction, if over seeding of wetlands is required, Northern will actively seed wetlands with a wet mesic seed mix which contain plants that are beneficial to pollinators and monarchs. If required, Northern will utilize a seed mix comparable to the BWSR seed mix #34 -371 for wetlands in the central and north portion of the state, and a seed mix comparable to the BWSR seed mix # 34-271 for the wetlands located in the southern portion of the state.
- If wetland overseeding is required at the V2F Ventura or Lake Mills compressor stations, Northern will utilize a Iowa DOT recommended seed mix per guidance located at <https://ia.iowadot.gov/erl/current/US/content/9010.htm>.
- Seeding will be completed via broadcast seeder at the vendor-advised rate. The ground may be scarified prior to planting supplement wetland seed to alleviate any compaction that may

have occurred due to timber mat placement. The applicable state seed mix can be found in Attachment A of this plan.

- During the three years following construction, Northern will report on the status of the wetland revegetation efforts as part of its regular quarterly reporting.

7.0 MITIGATION

The NL27 Alexandria 2nd branch line and the Willmar upstream 3rd branch line are the only two components requiring mitigation under the Utility Regional General Permit.

NL27 Project - Alexandria 2nd Branch Line

The NL27 Project will result in temporary impacts to 0.95 acre of emergent wetland ALX-W02, classified as seasonally flooded basin/farmed wetland (PEM1Af) and degraded wet meadow (PEM1B), associated with construction and operation of the Alexandria 2nd branch line.

Temporary impacts will be restored following construction in accordance with Northern's reclamation and restoration measures, described in Section 6. Impacted areas will be overseeded with a seed mix comparable to BWSR Mix #34-371. Based on the temporary nature of impacts and proposed restoration, compensatory mitigation is not anticipated.

Because temporary impacts exceed 0.5 acre, Northern will submit a Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) to the USACE for authorization. Northern will comply with all restoration and mitigation conditions specified in the USACE authorization letter and will provide copies of agency correspondence to FERC in a supplemental submittal.

NL27 Project - Willmar 3rd Branch Line Upstream

Construction of the NL27 Project – Willmar 3rd branch line upstream will require conversion of approximately 0.45 acre of forested and scrub-shrub wetlands to emergent vegetation to facilitate pipeline installation via open-cut methods. Wetlands affected include WIL-W02, WIL-W05, portions of WIL-W09, and temporary workspace within WIL-W06.

Of the total wetland type conversion area, 0.17 acre of forested wetland and 0.02 acre of scrub-shrub wetland will be permanently maintained as emergent vegetation within the pipeline easement.

Because the activity involves temporary impacts exceeding 0.5 acre and wetland type conversion greater than 400 square feet, Northern will submit a PCN to the USACE for authorization. Northern anticipates the USACE will require the purchase of wetland bank credits within Bank Service Area (BSA) – 9, which covers the majority of Scott County, Minnesota. Northern will comply with all restoration and mitigation conditions included in the USACE authorization and will provide agency correspondence to FERC in a supplemental submittal.

The wetland seed mix used in restoration will be based on the BWSR seed mix listed in Section 7 for the southern portion of the state.

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Appendix 2D

Agency Correspondence

Wetland Agency Correspondence V2F

Lillie, Jessica

From: Kaster, Anthony
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 12:32 PM
To: rachel.wehner@co.freeborn.mn.us; devin.ryan@state.mn.us
Cc: Plucker, Terry (Northern Natural Gas); Knabe, Susan; Noland, Nathan; Lillie, Jessica
Subject: Northern Natural Gas - Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project Lake Mills M500 E-Line - Freeborn County, MN

All

On behalf of Northern Natural Gas (Northern), I am submitting the Joint Application Form for the Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project – Lake Mills M500 E-Line. It is Northern's understanding the Project qualifies for a No-Loss under the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act. Additionally, it is Northern's understanding the Project meets the criteria for coverage under the Utilities Regional General Permit from the USACE St. Paul District without the need for preconstruction notification.

Devin, I am copying you on this application while Alyssa Core is on leave.

Please use the link below to download the application. Let me know if you have any difficulty downloading the document.

 [V2F Lake Mills M500 E-Line WCA No-Loss Application.pdf](#)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the Project further, feel free to contact me.

Tony

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RE: Northern Natural Gas - Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project – Lake Mills M500 E-Line, Freeborn County, Minnesota – WCA No Loss Application

Dear Ms. Wehner:

Northern Natural Gas (Northern) is proposing to construct Lake Mills M500 E-line (Project) (see Project Overview Map, attached). Northern's pipeline system and the new facilities are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and is responsible for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and with applicable state and local wetland regulations such as the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act (WCA). Northern is required to review proposed actions and determine whether such actions may affect a waterbody or wetland under the jurisdiction of the WCA or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Northern has secured the services of Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) to assist with wetland delineation and permitting for the proposed Albert Lea M500 E-line (Project).

Project Description

Northern's proposed Project includes construction of the following components associated with Northern's natural gas system within Freeborn County:

Project Facilities

Facility	Pipeline Diameter and Type	Approximate Length	MP	County	State	Associated WCA LGU
Lake Mills M500 E-line	36-inch-diameter extension	8.29 miles	34.20 to 42.46	Freeborn	MN	Freeborn County

A project overview figure showing the locations of the Project components is attached to this cover letter.

In 2025, wetland delineations and waterbodies surveys were conducted for the environmental survey boundary (ESB) for each of the Project components. Stantec has completed field surveys of 100% of the parcels within the Project ESB.

Forty-eight wetlands, eight waterways, and two waterbodies were identified within the ESB surveyed for the Freeborn County portion of the Project; however, Northern designed the Project to only cross fourteen wetlands and five waterbodies. As proposed, the Project will result in a total of 1.37 acres of temporary wetland impact. The Project will result in no permanent fill or conversion of wetland.

The duration of the Project will be approximately seven months; tree clearing is scheduled to be completed early 2027. Pipeline construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2027, or as soon as all required permits are obtained.

The Project qualifies for a no-loss from state wetland permitting under WCA Chapter 8420.0415, A & H. Northern is requesting a No-Loss Notice of Decision. According to WCA, a replacement plan will not be required for the Project as permanent wetland impacts will not occur. Wetland mitigation credits will not be required for Project wetland impacts.

Based on the scope of the Project and the proposed wetland impacts, the Project qualifies for coverage under the Utility Regional General Permit without the need for preconstruction notification. Northern is providing this notification as a courtesy.

I appreciate your attention to this notification and request a review of the attached information. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me (402-398-7226 or Terry.Plucker@nngco.com) or Tony Kaster of Stantec (612-297-8654 or Anthony.Kaster@stantec.com).

Sincerely,



Terry Plucker
Northern Natural Gas
Manager – Construction Environmental
Compliance

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Project Overview Figures
Wetland Delineation Report

cc: Sue Knabe, Stantec

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**JOINT
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Project Name and/or Number: Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project – Lake Mills M500 E-Line

PART ONE: Applicant Information

If applicant is an entity (company, government entity, partnership, etc.), an authorized contact person must be identified. If the applicant is using an agent (consultant, lawyer, or other third party) and has authorized them to act on their behalf, the agent's contact information must also be provided.

Applicant/Landowner Name: Northern Natural Gas – Terry Plucker

Mailing Address: 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, NE, 68124

Phone: 402-389-7226

E-mail Address: Terry.plucker@nngco.com

Authorized Contact (do not complete if same as above):

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Agent Name: Stantec – Tony Kaster

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Phone: 612-297-8654

E-mail Address: anthony.kaster@stantec.com

PART TWO: Site Location Information

County: Freeborn

City/Township: Pickerel Lake Twp, Manchester Twp

Parcel ID and/or Address: Multiple

Legal Description (Section, Township, Range): S 2, 3, 10, 11, 14, 15, 22, 27, 28, 33, T 102N, R 32W; S 23, 26, 35, T 103N, R 22W

Lat/Long (decimal degrees): 43.5937364, -93.4697123 to 43.7025082, -93.4197865

Attach a map showing the location of the site in relation to local streets, roads, highways.

Approximate size of site (acres) or if a linear project, length (feet): 8.29 miles

If you know that your proposal will require an individual Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you must provide the names and addresses of all property owners adjacent to the project site. This information may be provided by attaching a list to your application or by using block 25 of the Application for Department of the Army permit which can be obtained at:

http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Portals/57/docs/regulatory/RegulatoryDocs/engform_4345_2012oct.pdf

PART THREE: General Project/Site Information

If this application is related to a delineation approval, exemption determination, jurisdictional determination, or other correspondence submitted **prior to** this application then describe that here and provide the Corps of Engineers project number.

Describe the project that is being proposed, the project purpose and need, and schedule for implementation and completion. The project description must fully describe the nature and scope of the proposed activity including a description of all project elements that effect aquatic resources (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) and must also include plans and cross section or profile drawings showing the location, character, and dimensions of all proposed activities and aquatic resource impacts.

The purpose of this Project is to enhance the safety, reliability, security, and operational efficiency of Northern's pipeline system by abandoning in-place approximately 131.11 miles of the A-line from Ventura, Iowa, to Farmington, Minnesota and extending its E- and D-lines, consisting of approximately 17.88 miles of pipeline in Freeborn, Steele, and Dakota counties, Minnesota.

Northern is proposing to construct and operate an approximately 8.29-mile extension of its E-line in Freeborn County, Minnesota, as part of the Project. The proposed extension will be tied in below ground at the current terminus of the E-line on the north side of 165th Street in Section 33, Township 102 North, Range 22 West (Section 33, T102N, R22W), Freeborn County, Minnesota. Northern also will remove a hot tap fitting on its existing 30-inch-diameter D-line and tie over from the M500 E-line to the M500 D-line at the take off to remove the existing connection. The valve setting at this location also will be removed. The terminus of the proposed extension will continue belowground into the south end of the NL27 Lake Mills M500 E-line on the north side of County Highway 14 in Section 23, T103N, R22W, Freeborn County, Minnesota.

To minimize methane venting to the atmosphere during tie-in activities, Northern will utilize temporary compression to evacuate gas from the D- and E-lines to adjacent mainlines prior to the tie-ins. The location for the temporary compression is the Lake Mills compressor station, located south of 465th Street, Sections 32 and 33, T100N, R22W, Worth County, Iowa.

The Lake Mills M500 E-line will generally be installed parallel, utilizing a 25-foot-offset, to existing Northern pipelines. The pipeline will be installed within a 100-foot-wide nominal construction corridor¹. In addition to the construction corridor, Northern will utilize ETWS, existing driveways and farm roads, temporary access roads, and staging areas during construction.

¹ The construction corridor also is referred to as TWS as depicted on the alignment sheets and other drawings.

PART FOUR: Aquatic Resource Impact² Summary

If your proposed project involves a direct or indirect impact to an aquatic resource (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) identify each impact in the table below. Include all anticipated impacts, including those expected to be temporary. Attach an overhead view map, aerial photo, and/or drawing showing all of the aquatic resources in the project area and the location(s) of the proposed impacts. Label each aquatic resource on the map with a reference number or letter and identify the impacts in the following table.

Aquatic Resource ID (as noted on overhead view)	Aquatic Resource Type (wetland, lake, tributary etc.)	Type of Impact (fill, excavate, drain, or remove vegetation)	Duration of Impact Permanent (P) or Temporary (T) ¹	Size of Impact ²	Overall Size of Aquatic Resource ³	Existing Plant Community Type(s) in Impact Area ⁴	County, Major Watershed #, and Bank Service Area # of Impact Area ⁵
LMA-S01	Tributary	None (HDD)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Intermittent	Freeborn Cty, Major Watershed 49, BSA 8
LMA-W12	Wetland	TWS/Open-Cut	T	0.18	N/A	Seasonally Flooded Basin	
LMA-W13	Wetland	None (HDD)	N/A	0.49	N/A	Seasonally Flooded Basin	
LMA-W14	Wetland	TWS/Open-Cut	T	0.17	N/A	Seasonally Flooded Basin	
LMA-W20	Wetland	None (HDD)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Seasonally Flooded Basin	
LMA-S03	Tributary	None (HDD)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Perennial	
LMA-W21	Wetland	None (HDD)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Wet Meadow	
LMA-S04	Tributary	None (HDD)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Intermittent	
LMA-W26	Wetland	TWS/Open-Cut	T	0.05	N/A	Seasonally Flooded Basin	
LMA-W27	Wetland	TWS	T	0.01	N/A	Wet Meadow	
LMA-W31	Wetland	TWS/Open-Cut	T	0.13	N/A	Seasonally Flooded Basin	
LMA-W34	Wetland	TWS/Open-Cut	T	0.15	N/A	Seasonally Flooded Basin	
LMA-W37	Wetland	SA	T	0.03	N/A	Seasonally Flooded Basin	
LMA-W40	Wetland	TWS/Open-Cut	T	0.16	N/A	Wet Meadow	
LMA-W41	Wetland	None (HDD)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Wet Meadow	
LMA-W42	Wetland	None (HDD)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Wet Meadow	
LMA-S07	Tributary	None (HDD)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Perennial	
LMA-S08	Tributary	None (HDD)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Perennial	
LMA-W44	Wetland	None (HDD)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Wet Meadow	

¹If impacts are temporary; enter the duration of the impacts in days next to the "T". For example, a project with a temporary access fill that would be removed after 220 days would be entered "T (220)".

²Impacts less than 0.01 acre should be reported in square feet. Impacts 0.01 acre or greater should be reported as acres and rounded to the nearest 0.01 acre. Tributary impacts must be reported in linear feet of impact and an area of impact by indicating first the linear feet of impact along the flowline of the stream followed by the area impact in parentheses). For example, a project that impacts 50 feet of a stream that is 6 feet wide would be reported as 50 ft (300 square feet).

³This is generally only applicable if you are applying for a de minimis exemption under MN Rules 8420.0420 Subp. 8, otherwise enter "N/A".

⁴Use *Wetland Plants and Plant Community Types of Minnesota and Wisconsin* 3rd Ed. as modified in MN Rules 8420.0405 Subp. 2.

² The term "impact" as used in this joint application form is a generic term used for disclosure purposes to identify activities that may require approval from one or more regulatory agencies. For purposes of this form it is not meant to indicate whether or not those activities may require mitigation/replacement.

⁵Refer to Major Watershed and Bank Service Area maps in MN Rules 8420.0522 Subp. 7.

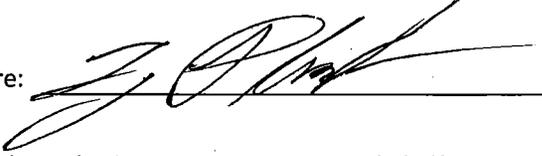
If any of the above identified impacts have already occurred, identify which impacts they are and the circumstances associated with each:

PART FIVE: Applicant Signature

Check here if you are requesting a pre-application consultation with the Corps and LGU based on the information you have provided. Regulatory entities will not initiate a formal application review if this box is checked.

By signature below, I attest that the information in this application is complete and accurate. I further attest that I possess the authority to undertake the work described herein.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. P. ...', written over a horizontal line.

Date:

2/4/2026

I hereby authorize Stantec to act on my behalf as my agent in the processing of this application and to furnish, upon request, supplemental information in support of this application.

Attachment B

Supporting Information for Applications Involving Exemptions, No Loss Determinations, and Activities Not Requiring Mitigation

Complete this part *if* you maintain that the identified aquatic resource impacts in Part Four do not require wetland replacement/compensatory mitigation OR *if* you are seeking verification that the proposed water resource impacts are either exempt from replacement or are not under CWA/WCA jurisdiction.

Identify the specific exemption or no-loss provision for which you believe your project or site qualifies:

M.R. 8420.0415 A – Activity that will not impact a wetland

M.R. 8420.0415 H – Temporary impact

Provide a detailed explanation of how your project or site qualifies for the above. Be specific and provide and refer to attachments and exhibits that support your contention. Applicants should refer to rules (e.g. WCA rules), guidance documents (e.g. BWSR guidance, Corps guidance letters/public notices), and permit conditions (e.g. Corps General Permit conditions) to determine the necessary information to support the application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the WCA LGU and Corps Project Manager prior to submitting an application if they are unsure of what type of information to provide:

No-Loss A

Wetland impacts will be avoided where possible by utilizing horizontal directional drilling (HDD). The HDD method avoids impacts on sensitive resources by installing the pipeline at a substantial depth beneath the resources. The HDD method utilizes specialized drilling equipment to create a borehole profile that can vary from vertical to horizontal depending on site-specific conditions. Specifically, HDD allows for trenchless construction across a waterbody or other feature and is used to minimize impacts on water quality or to the feature being crossed from construction activities. Only foot traffic (one 6-foot wide or two 3-foot wide travel lanes) will occur within the wetlands. The aquatic resources identified in Part Four where HDD will be utilized will not result in impacts to wetlands. This work qualifies for No-Loss A – Activity that will not impact a wetland.

No-Loss H

Where HDD construction is not practicable, wetlands will be temporarily impacted by either by open cut pipeline construction, and/or by a temporary work space (TWS), extra temporary work space (ETWS), temporary access road (TAR) or staging area during pipeline construction. To minimize temporary wetland impacts Northern will implement the Project Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans to reduce ground disturbance, minimize erosion and sediment run off and promote revegetation within the construction areas. No forested or scrub-shrub wetlands will be impacted by the Project. All forested/scrub-shrub wetlands or wetland components containing forested and/or scrub-shrub areas will be crossed via HDD.

Soil compaction will be minimized by limiting equipment operation in wetlands and installing temporary equipment mats, as necessary. To prevent soil mixing in unsaturated wetlands, up to 12 inches of topsoil will be removed from directly over the trench and stockpiled for restoration as close as feasible to its original horizon. Northern also will attempt to segregate wetland topsoil or vegetative mass in mucky or inundated wetlands to replenish the native seed bank during restoration.

Northern will install trench plugs at the entrance and exit of the pipeline trench through the wetland. Any confining layers that are breached during construction will be restored during backfilling. Northern will restore contours to pre-construction levels and remove temporary erosion control measures. After the completion of construction of the Project components, wetland areas will generally be allowed to revegetate naturally. Northern will monitor vegetation within wetlands annually for three years or until vegetation has been considered successful. Northern will restore wetlands to their pre-existing condition.

Wetland impacts will be temporary and will be rectified by repairing, rehabilitating, and restoring the affected wetlands. The physical characteristics of the affected wetlands, including ground elevations, contours, inlet dimensions, outlet dimensions, substrate, plant communities, and hydrologic regime will be restored to pre-project conditions. The project will be completed and physical characteristics of the wetland restored within six months of the start of activity. This work qualifies for No-Loss H – Temporary impact.

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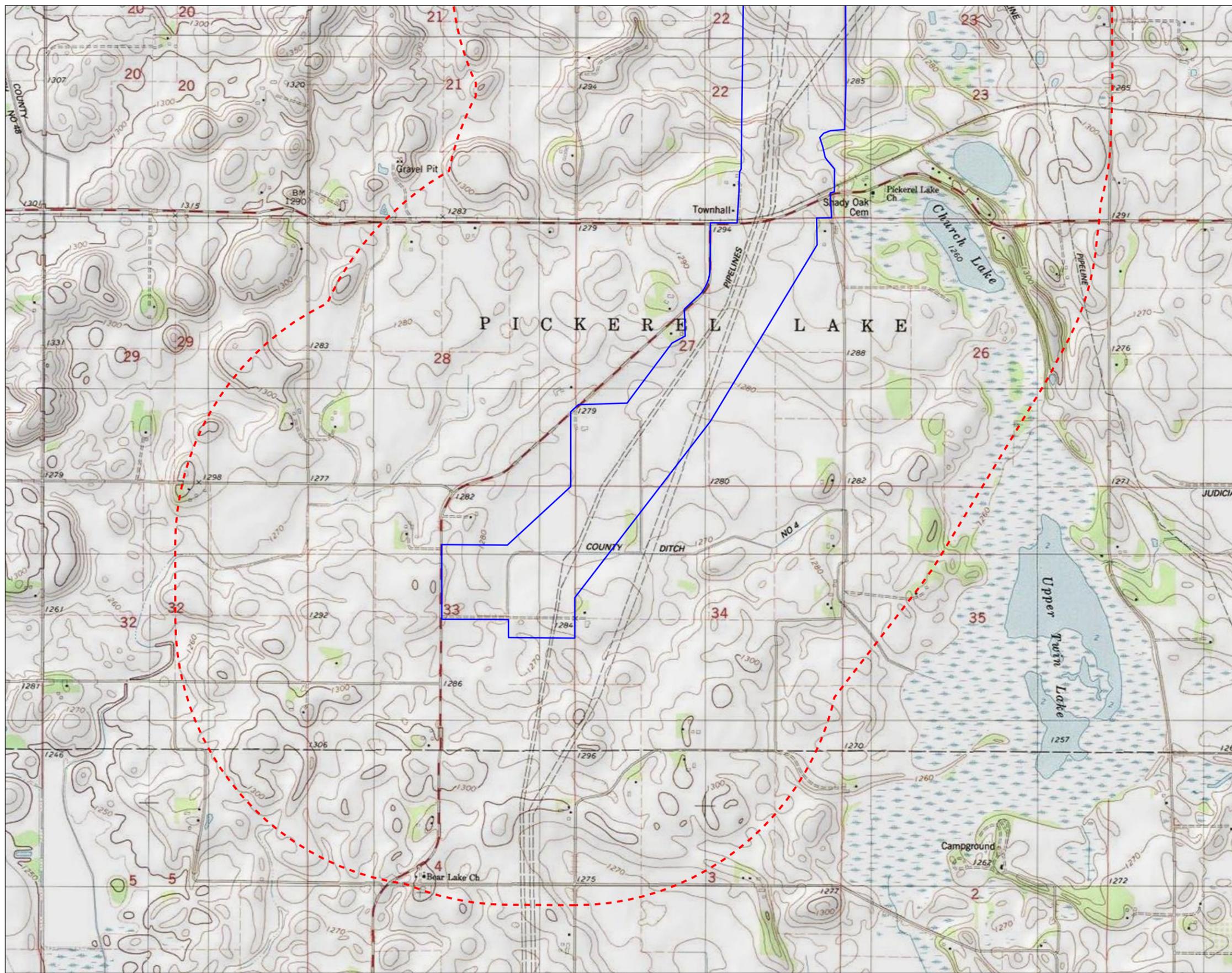
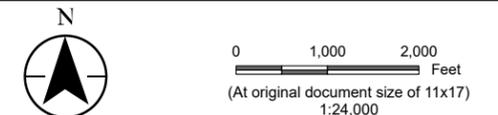


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 Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment & Capacity Replacement Project
 Project Location Freeborn County, Minnesota Prepared by JM on 2025-10-24
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 Environmental Survey Boundary
 1-Mile Buffer



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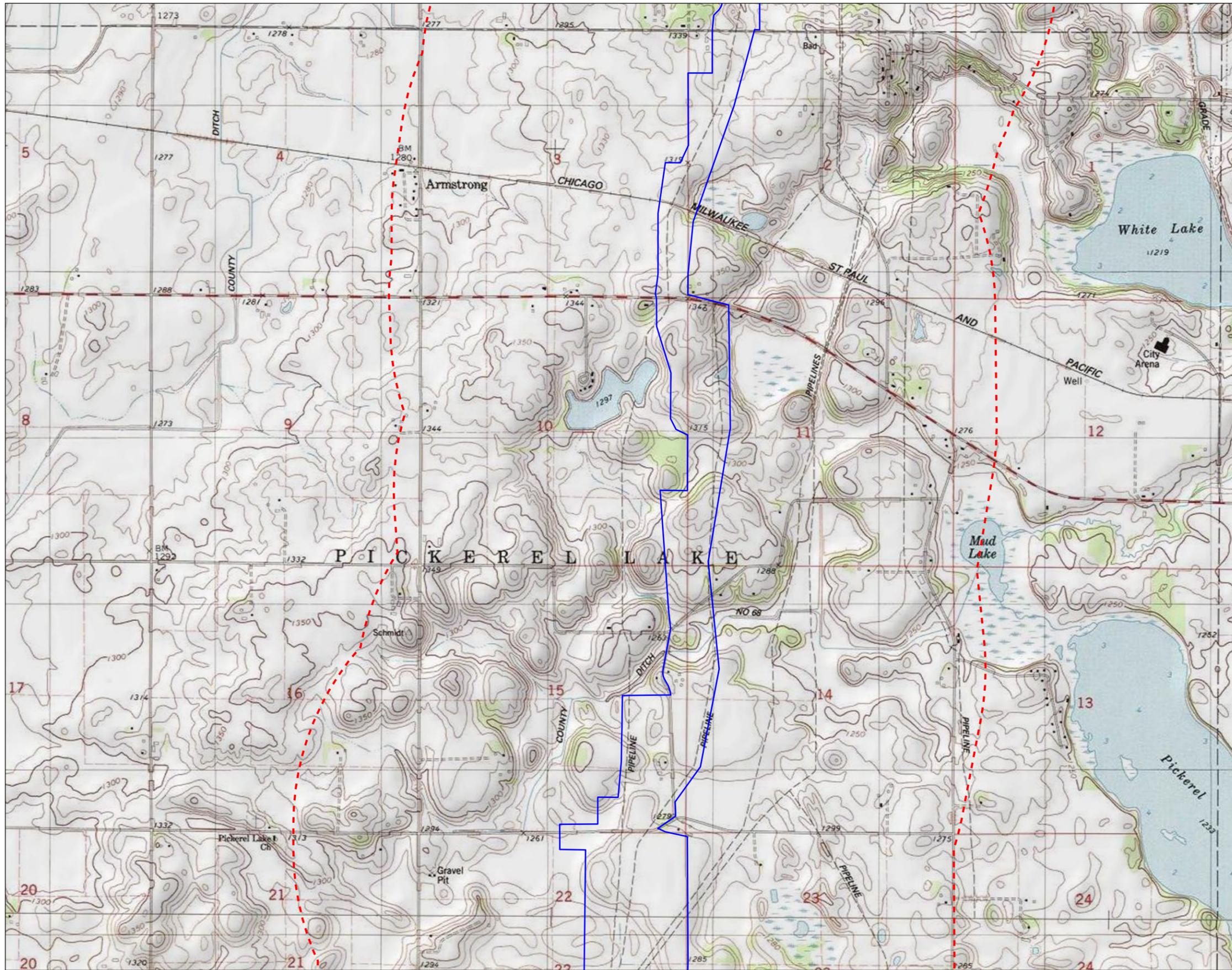


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Project Location
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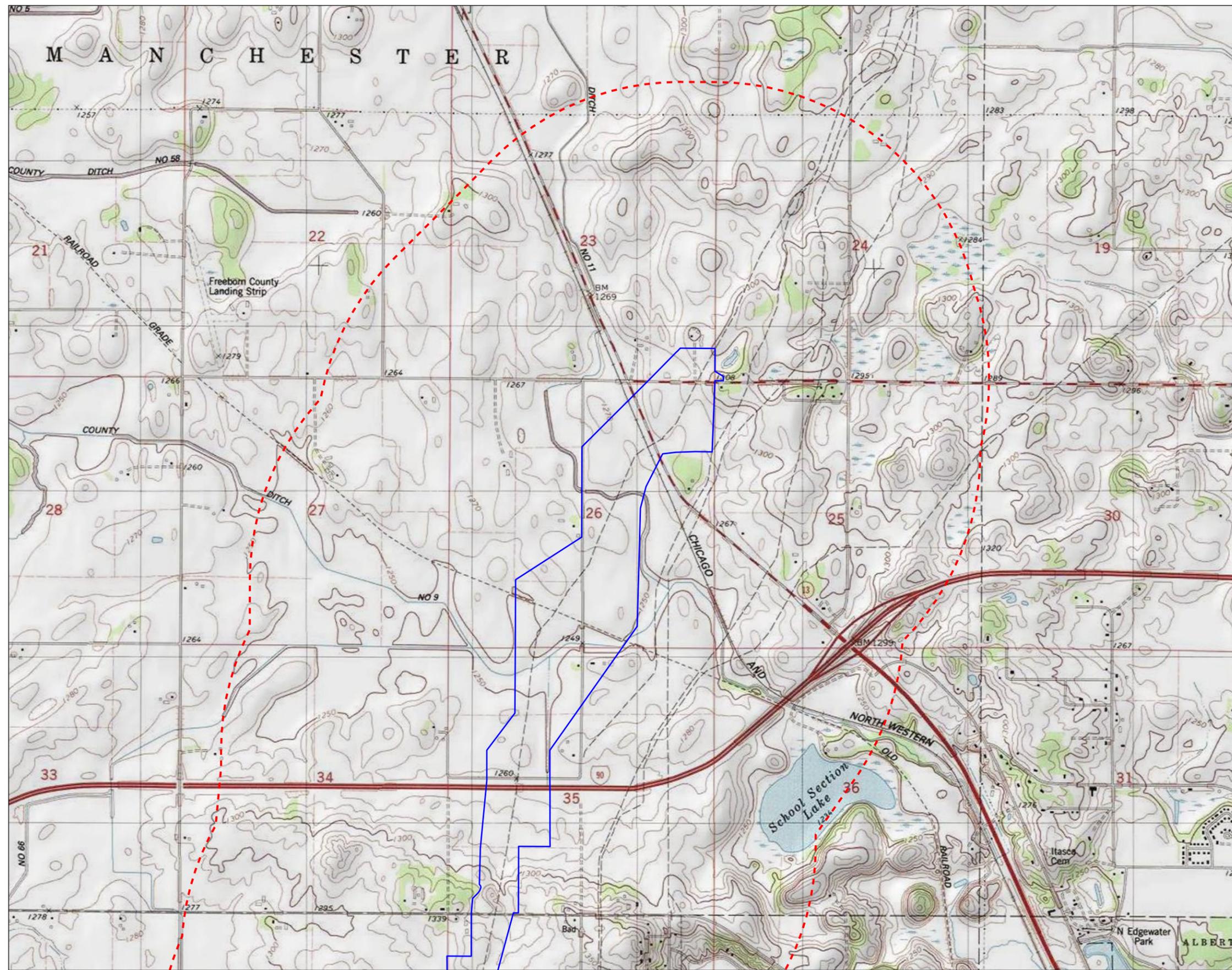
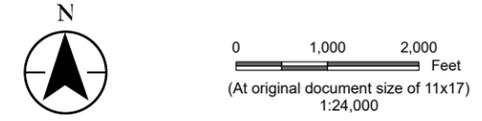


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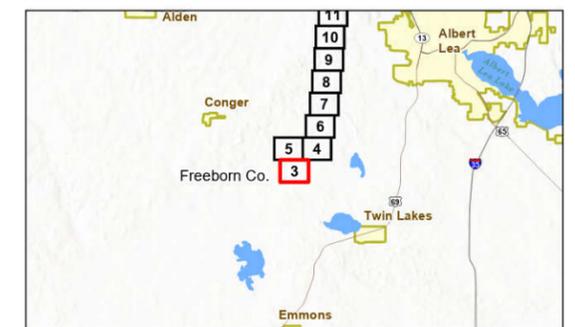
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- Existing Access Road
- Temporary Workspace
- Extra Temporary Workspace
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- Temporary Access Road
- Proposed Pipeline
- Existing Pipeline
- Mile Post
- HDD
- Field Delineated Waterway
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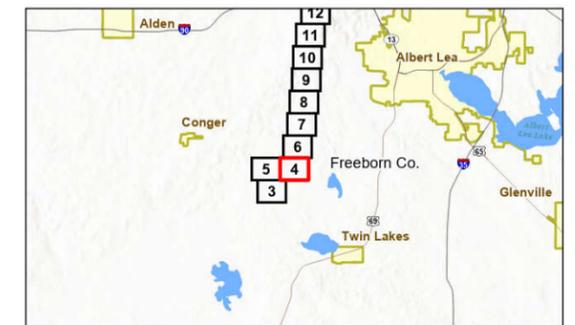
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- Field Delineated Wetlands**
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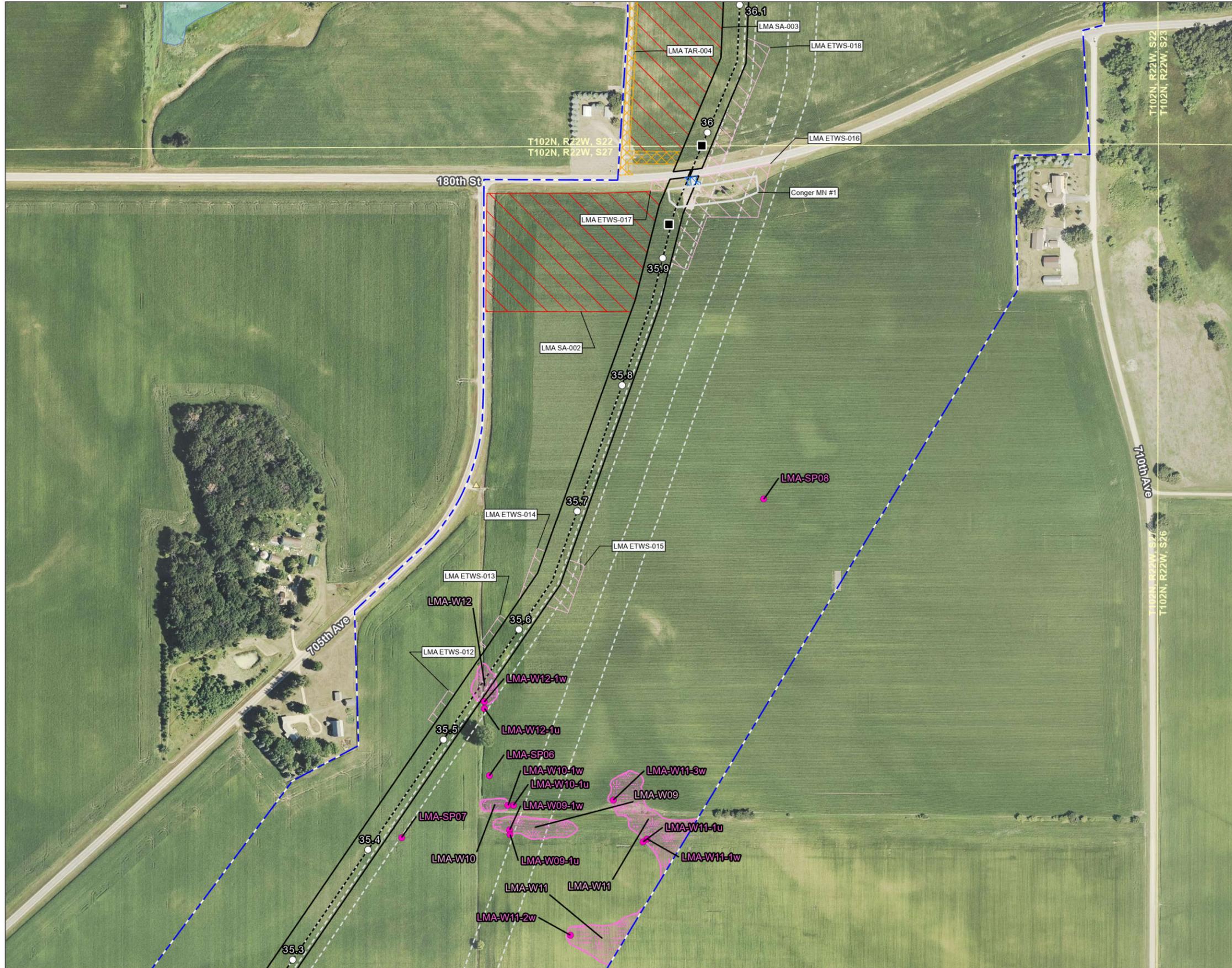


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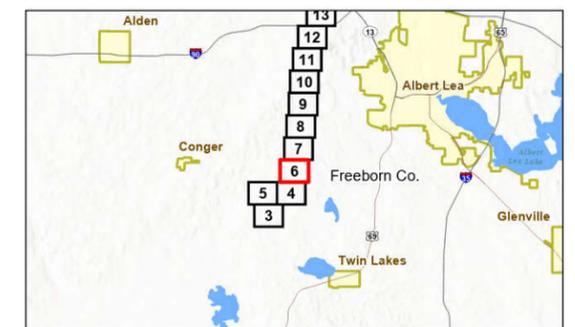
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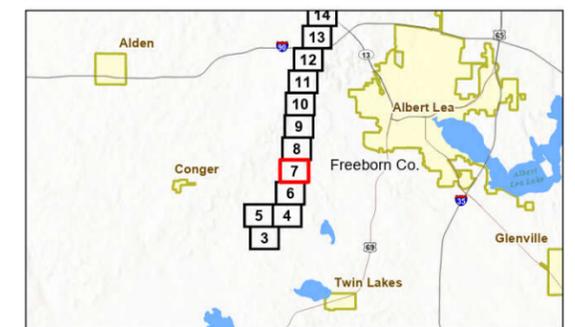
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- Sample Point
- Upland Drainage Feature
- Field Delineated Wetlands
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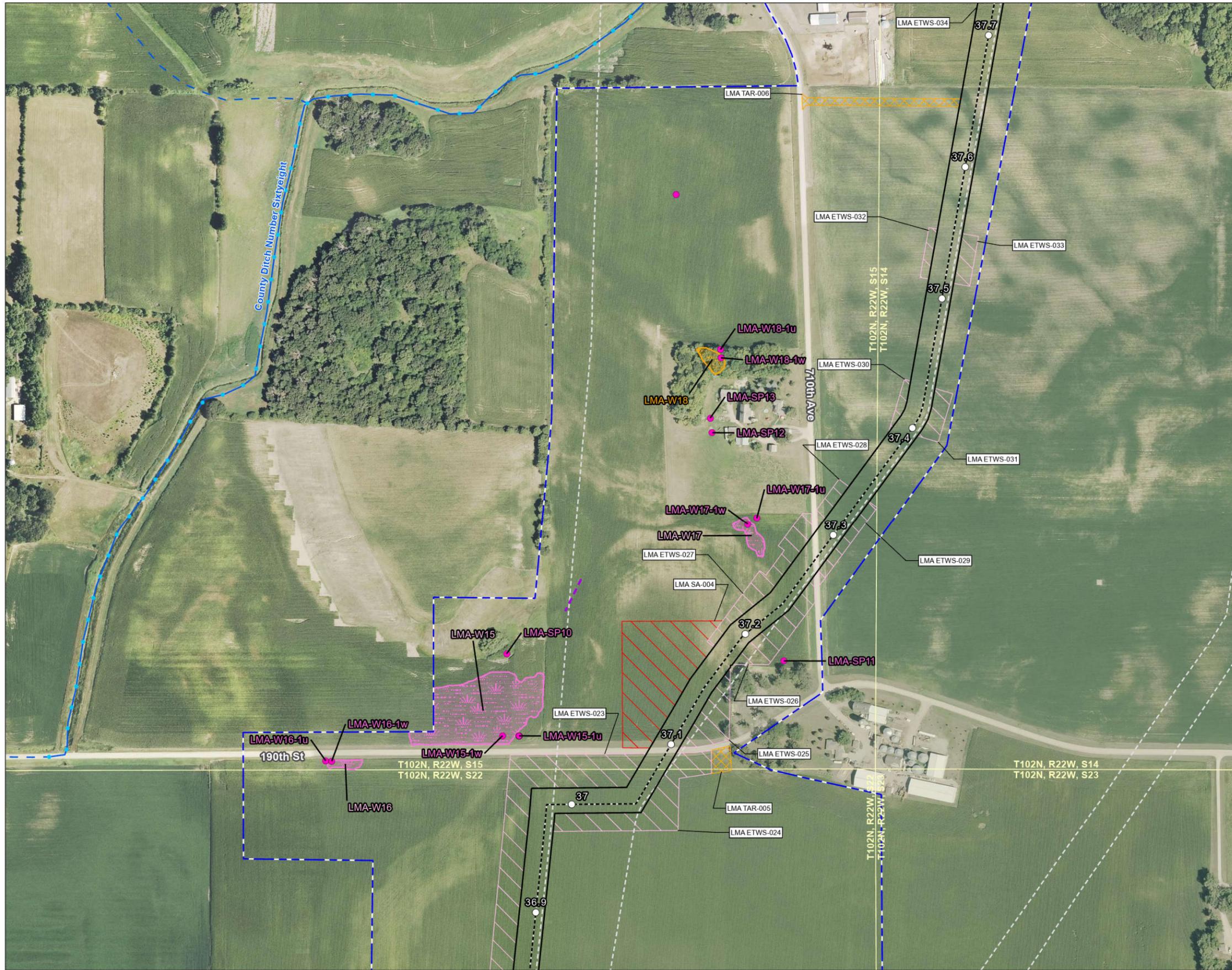


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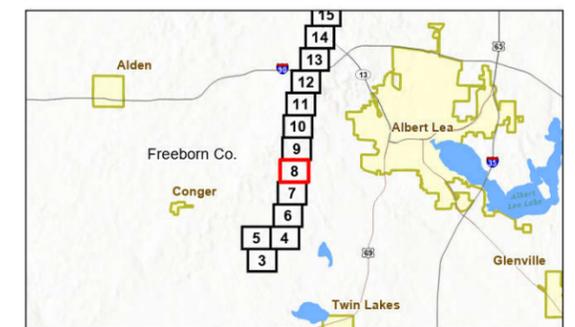
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- Mile Post
- Sample Point
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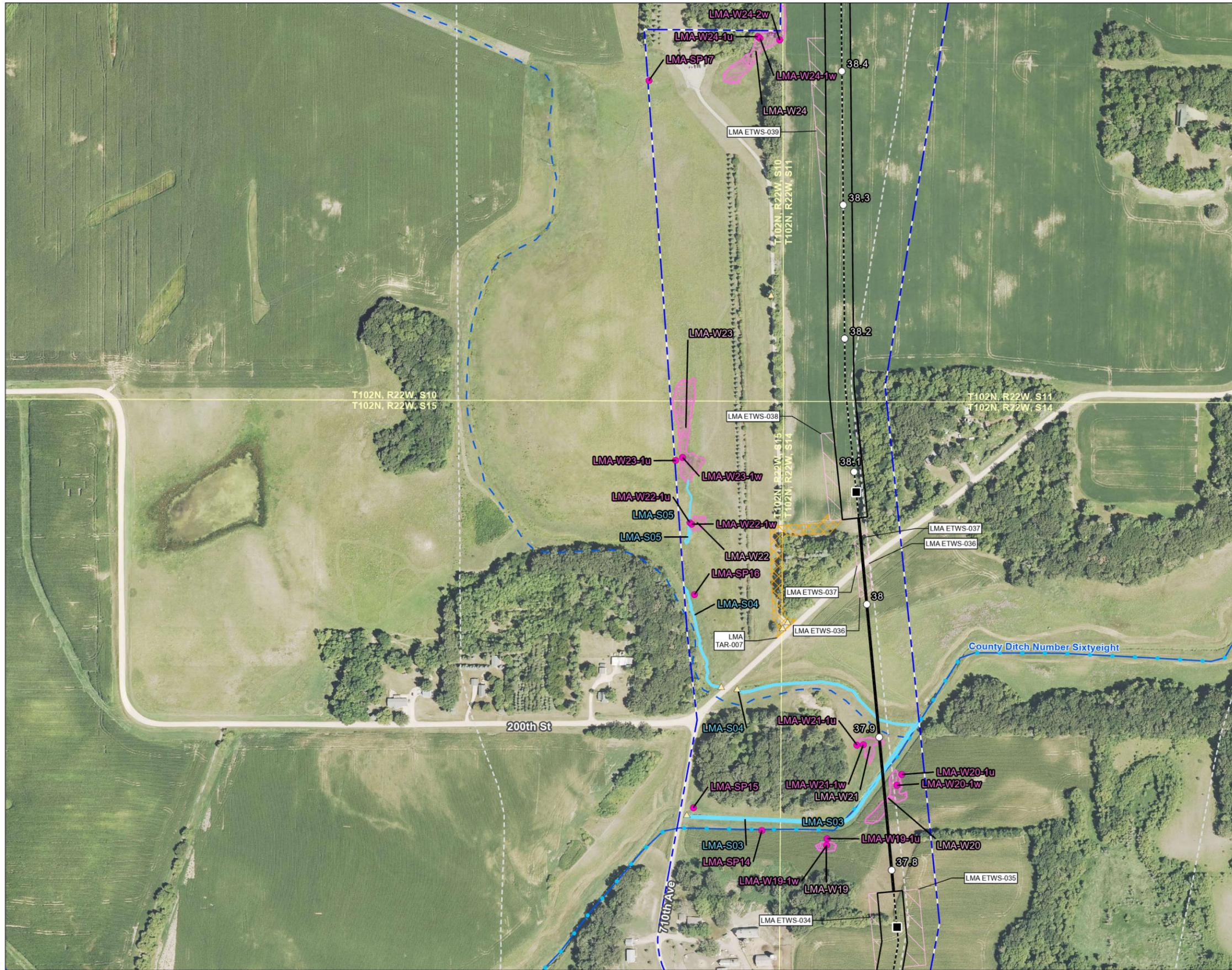


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Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment & Capacity Replacement Project

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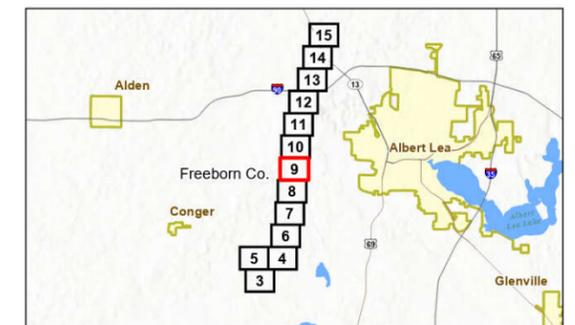
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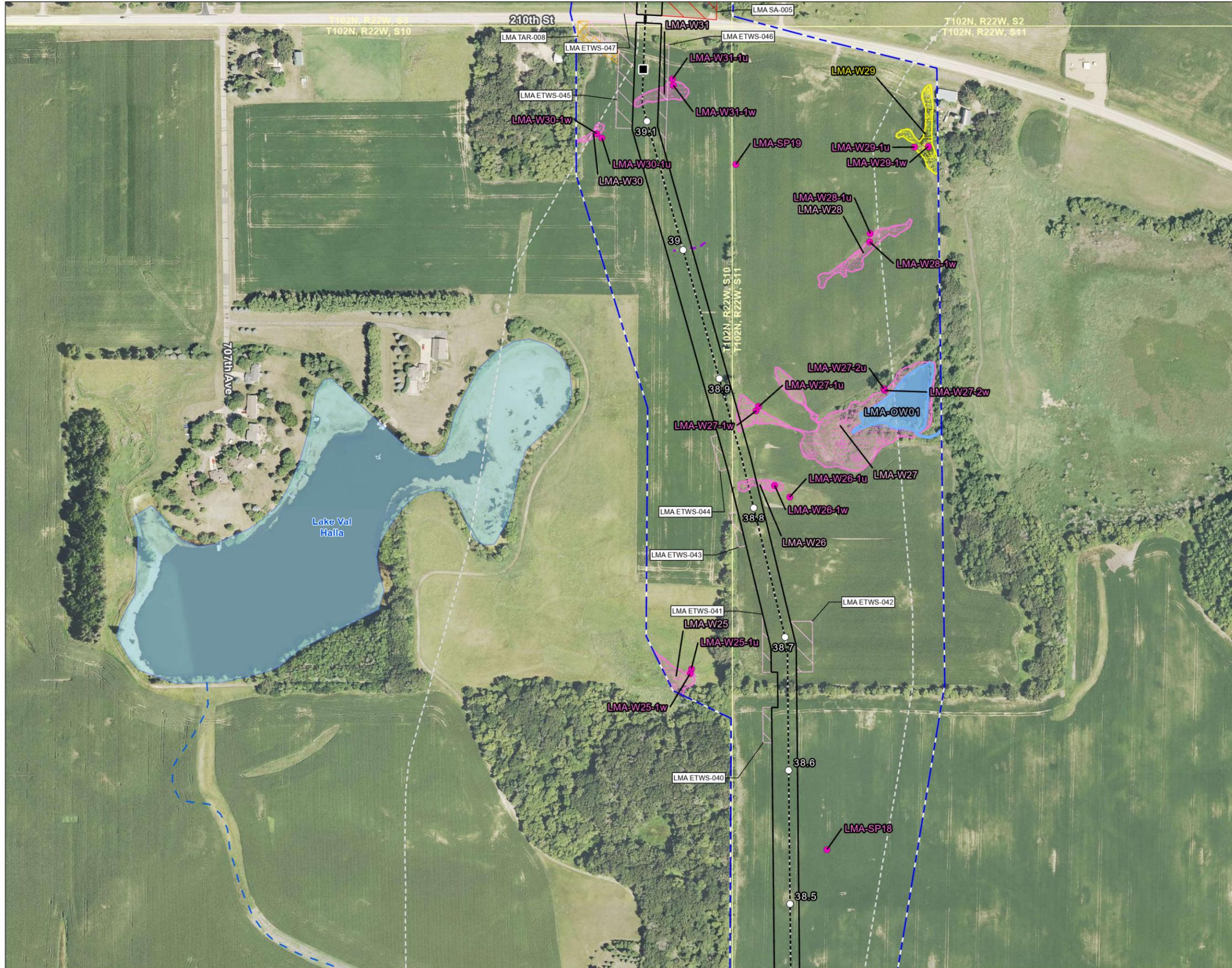


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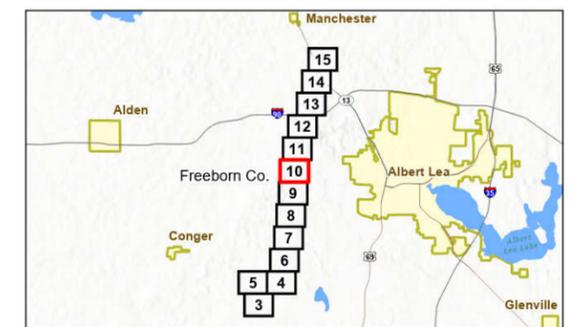
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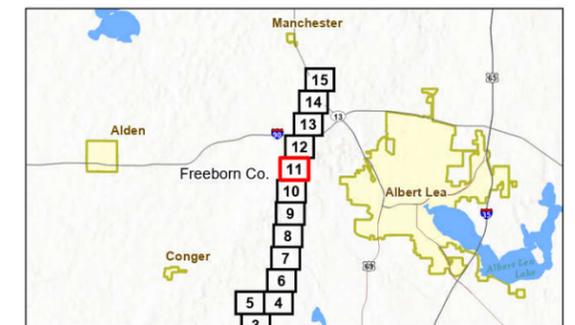
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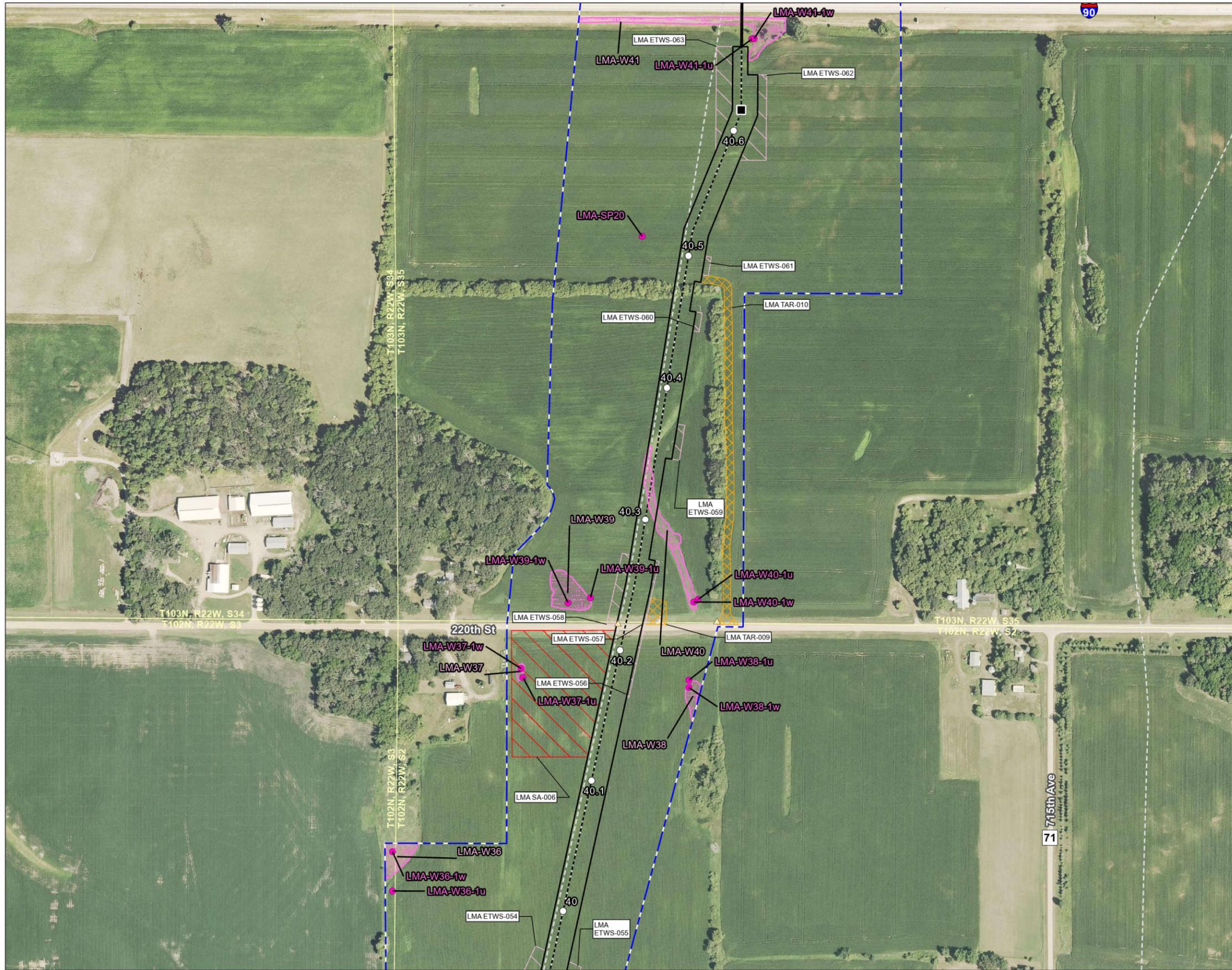


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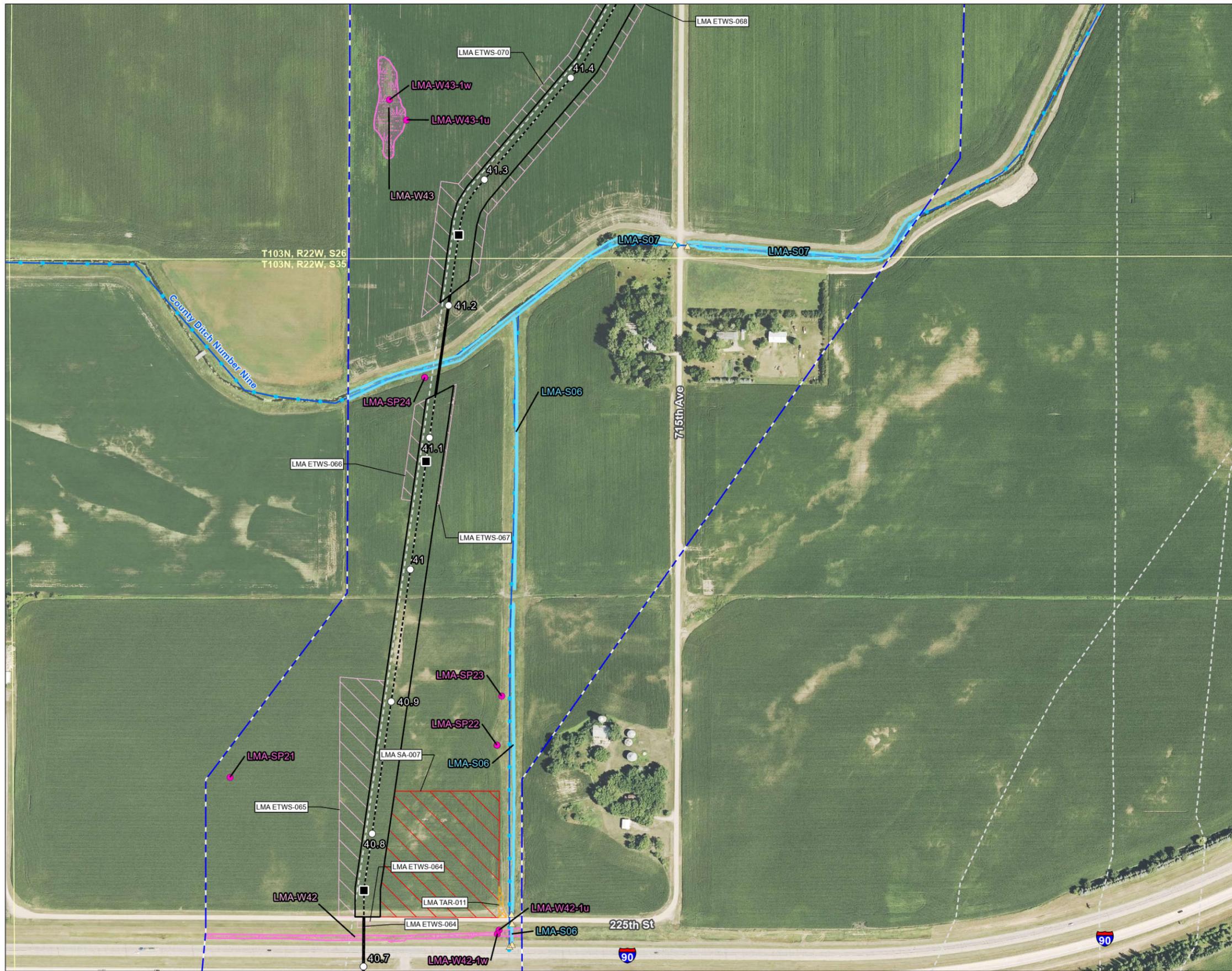


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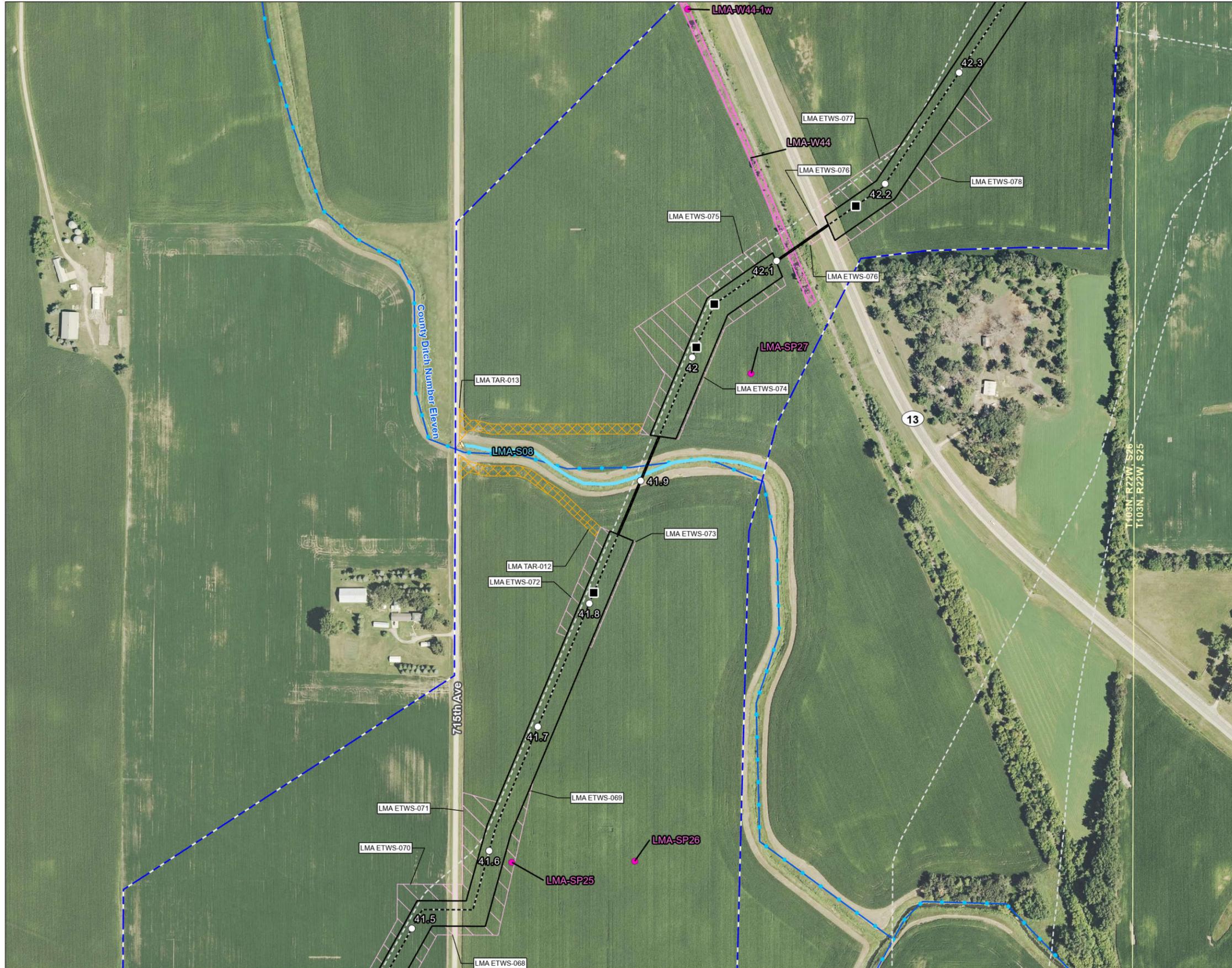


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**WETLAND
DELINEATION
REPORT**

For filing purposes, the
wetland delineation
report is included in
Appendix 2B

Lillie, Jessica

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Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 12:32 PM
To: Eric.gulbransen@mn.nacdnet.net; devin.ryan@state.mn.us
Cc: Plucker, Terry (Northern Natural Gas); Knabe, Susan; Noland, Nathan; Lillie, Jessica
Subject: Northern Natural Gas - Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project – Albert Lea M500 E-Line - Steele County, MN

All,

On behalf of Northern Natural Gas (Northern), I am submitting the Joint Application Form for the Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project Albert Lea M500 E-Line. It is Northern's understanding the Project qualifies for a No-Loss under the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act. Additionally, it is Northern's understanding the Project meets the criteria for coverage under the Utilities Regional General Permit from the USACE St. Paul District without the need for preconstruction notification.

Devin, I am copying you on this application while Alyssa Core is on leave.

Please use the link below to download the application. Let me know if you have any difficulty downloading the document.

 [V2F Albert Lea M500 E-Line WCA No-Loss Application.pdf](#)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the Project further, feel free to contact me.

Tony

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RE: Northern Natural Gas - Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project – Albert Lea M500 E-Line, Steele County, Minnesota – WCA No Loss Application

Dear Mr. Gulbransen:

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A project overview figure showing the locations of the Project components is attached to this cover letter.

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The duration of the Project will be approximately seven months; tree clearing is scheduled to be completed early 2027. Pipeline construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2027, or as soon as all required permits are obtained.

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Sincerely,



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Northern Natural Gas
Manager – Construction Environmental
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Enclosures: Joint Application Form

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Project Overview Figures
Wetland Delineation Report

cc: Sue Knabe, Stantec

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**JOINT
APPLICATION
FORM**

Project Name and/or Number: Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project – Albert Lea M500 E-Line

PART ONE: Applicant Information

If applicant is an entity (company, government entity, partnership, etc.), an authorized contact person must be identified. If the applicant is using an agent (consultant, lawyer, or other third party) and has authorized them to act on their behalf, the agent's contact information must also be provided.

Applicant/Landowner Name: Northern Natural Gas – Terry Plucker

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Agent Name: Stantec – Tony Kaster

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Phone: 612-297-8654

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PART TWO: Site Location Information

County: Steele

City/Township: Berlin Twp

Parcel ID and/or Address: Multiple

Legal Description (Section, Township, Range): S 19, 29, 30, 31, 32, T 105N, R 21W

Lat/Long (decimal degrees): 43.8484086, -93.3975210 to 43.8788295, -93.3907301

Attach a map showing the location of the site in relation to local streets, roads, highways.

Approximate size of site (acres) or if a linear project, length (feet): 2.09 miles

If you know that your proposal will require an individual Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you must provide the names and addresses of all property owners adjacent to the project site. This information may be provided by attaching a list to your application or by using block 25 of the Application for Department of the Army permit which can be obtained at:

http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Portals/57/docs/regulatory/RegulatoryDocs/engform_4345_2012oct.pdf

PART THREE: General Project/Site Information

If this application is related to a delineation approval, exemption determination, jurisdictional determination, or other correspondence submitted *prior to* this application then describe that here and provide the Corps of Engineers project number.

Describe the project that is being proposed, the project purpose and need, and schedule for implementation and completion. The project description must fully describe the nature and scope of the proposed activity including a description of all project elements that effect aquatic resources (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) and must also include plans and cross section or profile drawings showing the location, character, and dimensions of all proposed activities and aquatic resource impacts.

The purpose of this Project is to enhance the safety, reliability, security, and operational efficiency of Northern's pipeline system by abandoning in-place approximately 131.11 miles of the A-line from Ventura, Iowa, to Farmington, Minnesota and

extending its E- and D-lines, consisting of approximately 17.88 miles of pipeline in Freeborn, Steele, and Dakota counties, Minnesota.

Northern proposes to construct and operate an approximately 2.09-mile extension of its E-line in Steele County, Minnesota. The proposed extension will be tied in below ground at the current terminus of the E-line on the north side of SW 168th Street in Section 31, T105N, R21W, Steele County, Minnesota. Northern also will remove a hot tap fitting on its existing 30-inch-diameter D-line and tie over from the M500 E-line to the M500 D-line at the take off to remove the existing connection. The terminus of the proposed extension will continue belowground into the south end of the NL27 Albert Lea M500 E-line on the north side of State Highway 30, in Section 19, T105N, R21W, Steele County, Minnesota.

To minimize methane venting to the atmosphere during tie-in activities, Northern will utilize temporary compression to evacuate gas from the D- and E-lines to adjacent mainlines prior to the tie-ins. The location for the temporary compression is the Owatonna compressor station, located south of Southwest 88th Street/County Highway 7, Section 29, T106N, R21W, Steele County, Minnesota.

The Albert Lea M500 E-line will generally be installed parallel, utilizing a 25-foot-offset, to existing Northern pipelines. The pipeline will be installed within a 100-foot-wide nominal construction corridor. In addition to the construction corridor, Northern will utilize extra temporary workspace (ETWS), existing driveways and farm roads, temporary access roads, and staging areas during construction.

PART FOUR: Aquatic Resource Impact¹ Summary

If your proposed project involves a direct or indirect impact to an aquatic resource (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) identify each impact in the table below. Include all anticipated impacts, including those expected to be temporary. Attach an overhead view map, aerial photo, and/or drawing showing all of the aquatic resources in the project area and the location(s) of the proposed impacts. Label each aquatic resource on the map with a reference number or letter and identify the impacts in the following table.

Aquatic Resource ID (as noted on overhead view)	Aquatic Resource Type (wetland, lake, tributary etc.)	Type of Impact (fill, excavate, drain, or remove vegetation)	Duration of Impact Permanent (P) or Temporary (T) ¹	Size of Impact ²	Overall Size of Aquatic Resource ³	Existing Plant Community Type(s) in Impact Area ⁴	County, Major Watershed #, and Bank Service Area # of Impact Area ⁵
ALO-W03	Wetland	Temp access road	T	0.04	N/A	Seasonally Flooded Basin	Steele Cty, Major Watershed 32, BSA 9
ALO-W04	Wetland	None (HDD)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Wet Meadow / Shallow Marsh	
ALO-S01	Tributary	None (HDD)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Intermittent Waterbody	
ALO-W13	Wetland	TWS/Open-Cut	T	0.02	N/A	Seasonally Flooded Basin	
ALO-W16	Wetland	None (HDD)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Wet Meadow / Shrub-Carr	

¹If impacts are temporary; enter the duration of the impacts in days next to the “T”. For example, a project with a temporary access fill that would be removed after 220 days would be entered “T (220)”.

²Impacts less than 0.01 acre should be reported in square feet. Impacts 0.01 acre or greater should be reported as acres and rounded to the nearest 0.01 acre. Tributary impacts must be reported in linear feet of impact and an area of impact by indicating first the linear feet of impact along the flowline of the stream followed by the area impact in parentheses). For example, a project that impacts 50 feet of a stream that is 6 feet wide would be reported as 50 ft (300 square feet).

³This is generally only applicable if you are applying for a de minimis exemption under MN Rules 8420.0420 Subp. 8, otherwise enter “N/A”.

⁴Use *Wetland Plants and Plant Community Types of Minnesota and Wisconsin* 3rd Ed. as modified in MN Rules 8420.0405 Subp. 2.

⁵Refer to Major Watershed and Bank Service Area maps in MN Rules 8420.0522 Subp. 7.

If any of the above identified impacts have already occurred, identify which impacts they are and the circumstances associated with each:

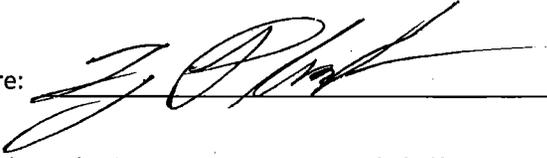
¹ The term “impact” as used in this joint application form is a generic term used for disclosure purposes to identify activities that may require approval from one or more regulatory agencies. For purposes of this form it is not meant to indicate whether or not those activities may require mitigation/replacement.

PART FIVE: Applicant Signature

Check here if you are requesting a pre-application consultation with the Corps and LGU based on the information you have provided. Regulatory entities will not initiate a formal application review if this box is checked.

By signature below, I attest that the information in this application is complete and accurate. I further attest that I possess the authority to undertake the work described herein.

Signature: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. P. ...', written over a horizontal line.

Date: _____

2/4/2026

I hereby authorize Stantec to act on my behalf as my agent in the processing of this application and to furnish, upon request, supplemental information in support of this application.

Attachment B

Supporting Information for Applications Involving Exemptions, No Loss Determinations, and Activities Not Requiring Mitigation

Complete this part *if* you maintain that the identified aquatic resource impacts in Part Four do not require wetland replacement/compensatory mitigation OR *if* you are seeking verification that the proposed water resource impacts are either exempt from replacement or are not under CWA/WCA jurisdiction.

Identify the specific exemption or no-loss provision for which you believe your project or site qualifies:

M.R. 8420.0415 A – Activity that will not impact a wetland

M.R. 8420.0415 H – Temporary impact

Provide a detailed explanation of how your project or site qualifies for the above. Be specific and provide and refer to attachments and exhibits that support your contention. Applicants should refer to rules (e.g. WCA rules), guidance documents (e.g. BWSR guidance, Corps guidance letters/public notices), and permit conditions (e.g. Corps General Permit conditions) to determine the necessary information to support the application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the WCA LGU and Corps Project Manager prior to submitting an application if they are unsure of what type of information to provide:

No-Loss A

Wetland impacts will be avoided where possible by utilizing horizontal directional drilling (HDD). The HDD method avoids impacts on sensitive resources by installing the pipeline at a substantial depth beneath the resources. The HDD method utilizes specialized drilling equipment to create a borehole profile that can vary from vertical to horizontal depending on site-specific conditions. Specifically, HDD allows for trenchless construction across a waterbody or other feature and is used to minimize impacts on water quality or to the feature being crossed from construction activities. Only foot traffic (one 6-foot wide or two 3-foot wide travel lanes) will occur within the wetlands. The aquatic resources identified in Part Four where HDD will be utilized will not result in impacts to wetlands. This work qualifies for No-Loss A – Activity that will not impact a wetland.

No-Loss H

Where HDD construction is not practicable, wetlands will be temporarily impacted by either by open cut pipeline construction, and/or by a temporary work space (TWS), ETWS, temporary access road (TAR) or staging area during pipeline construction. To minimize temporary wetland impacts Northern will implement the Project Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans to reduce ground disturbance, minimize erosion and sediment run off and promote revegetation within the construction areas. No forested or scrub-shrub wetlands will be crossed by the Project via open cut and/or by a TWS, ETWS, TAR or staging area. All forested/scrub-shrub wetlands or wetland components containing forested and/or scrub-shrub areas will be crossed via HDD.

Soil compaction will be minimized by limiting equipment operation in wetlands and installing temporary equipment mats, as necessary. To prevent soil mixing in unsaturated wetlands, up to 12 inches of topsoil will be removed from directly over the trench and stockpiled for restoration as close as feasible to its original horizon. Northern also will attempt to segregate wetland topsoil or vegetative mass in mucky or inundated wetlands to replenish the native seed bank during restoration.

Northern will install trench plugs at the entrance and exit of the pipeline trench through the wetland. Any confining layers that are breached during construction will be restored during backfilling. Northern will restore contours to pre-construction levels and remove temporary erosion control measures. After the completion of construction of the Project components, wetland areas will generally be allowed to revegetate naturally. Northern will monitor vegetation within wetlands annually for three years or until vegetation has been considered successful. Northern will restore wetlands to their pre-existing condition

Wetland impacts will be temporary and will be rectified by repairing, rehabilitating, and restoring the affected wetlands. The physical characteristics of the affected wetlands, including ground elevations, contours, inlet dimensions, outlet dimensions, substrate, plant communities, and hydrologic regime will be restored to pre-project conditions. The project will be completed and physical characteristics of the wetland restored within six months of the start of activity. This work qualifies for No-Loss H – Temporary impact.

PROJECT FIGURES

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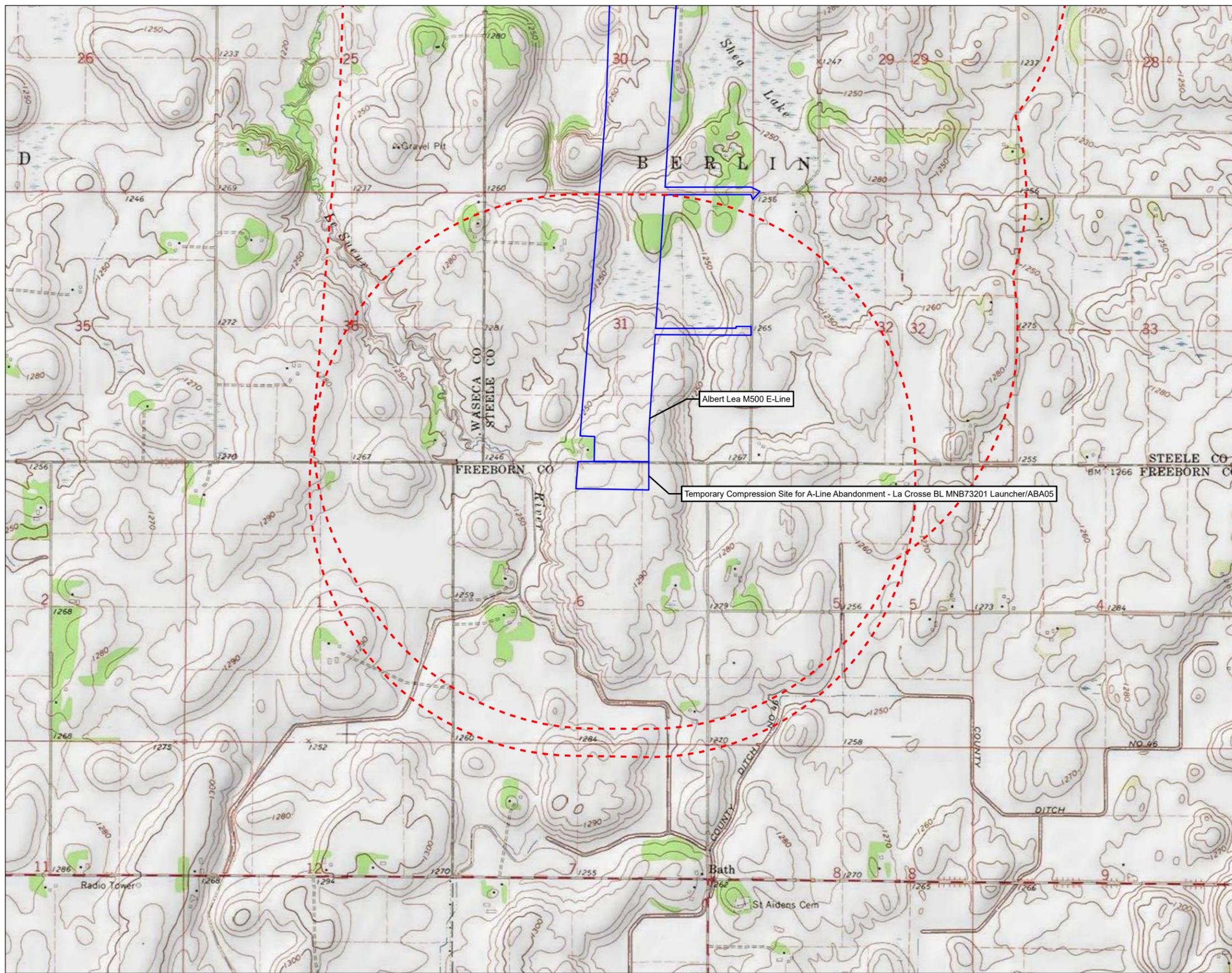
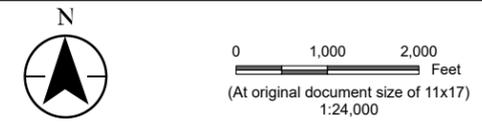


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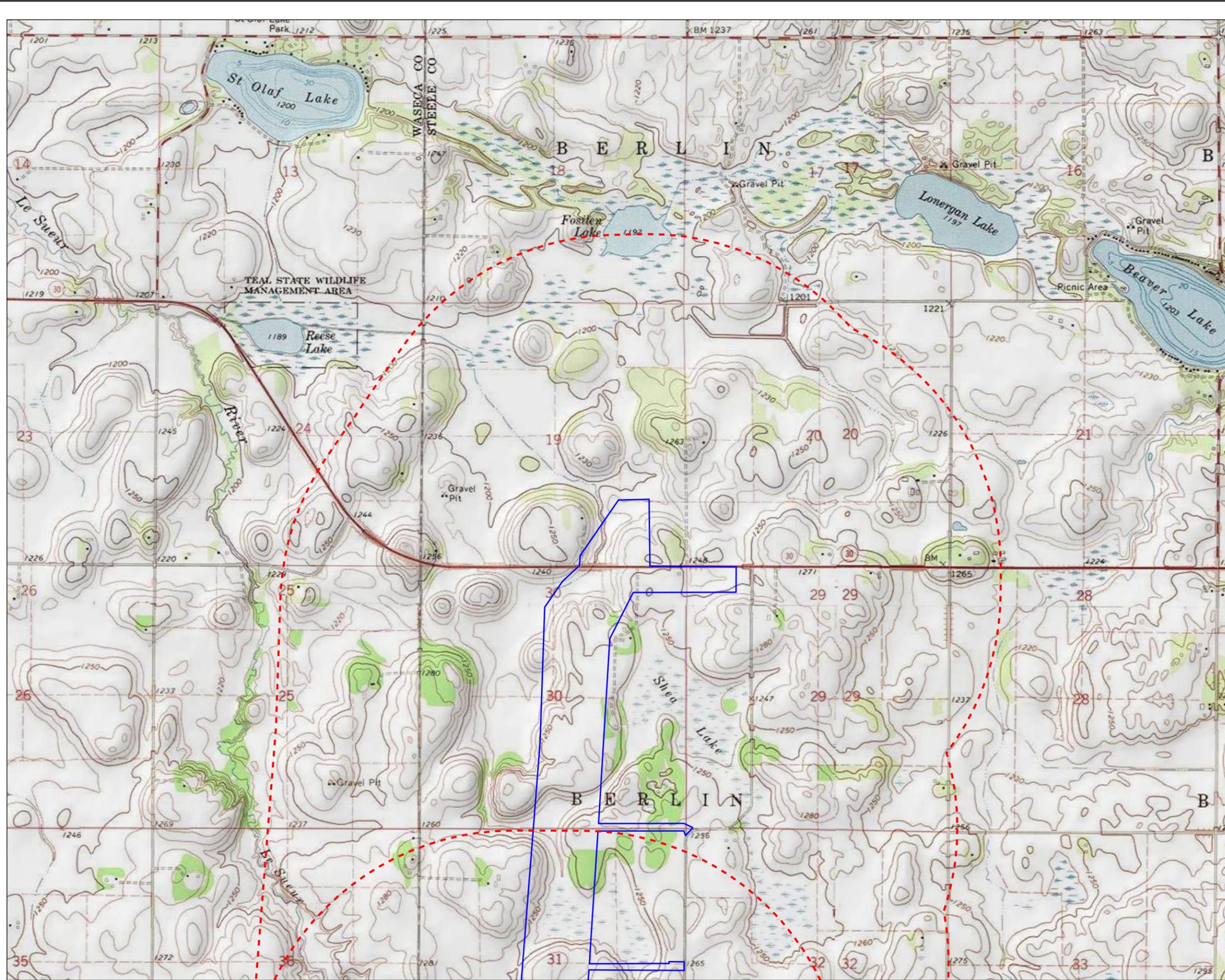


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Project Location
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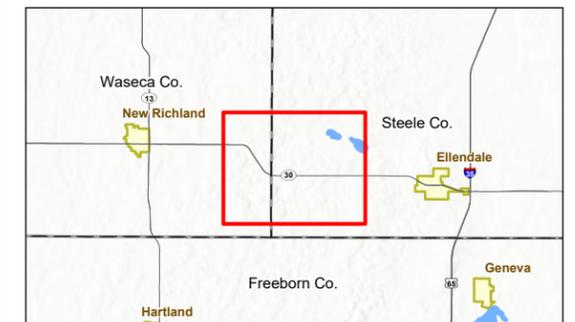
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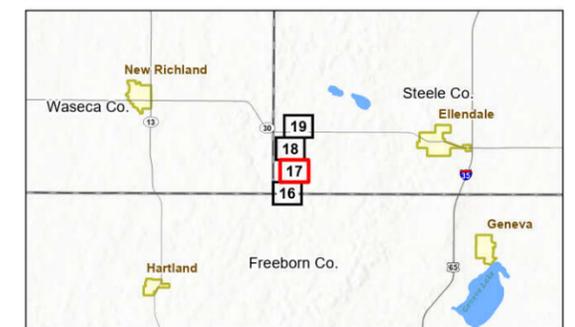
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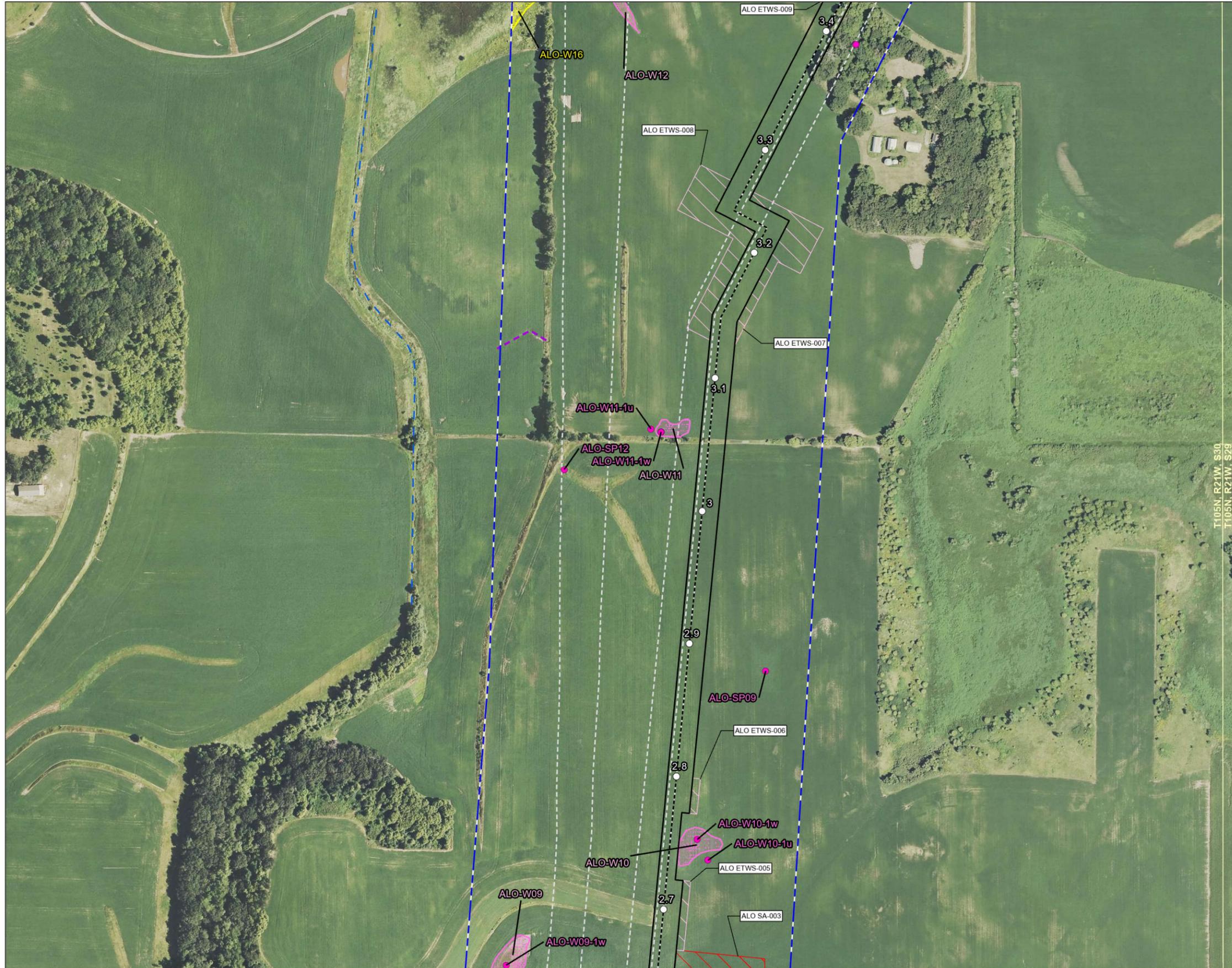


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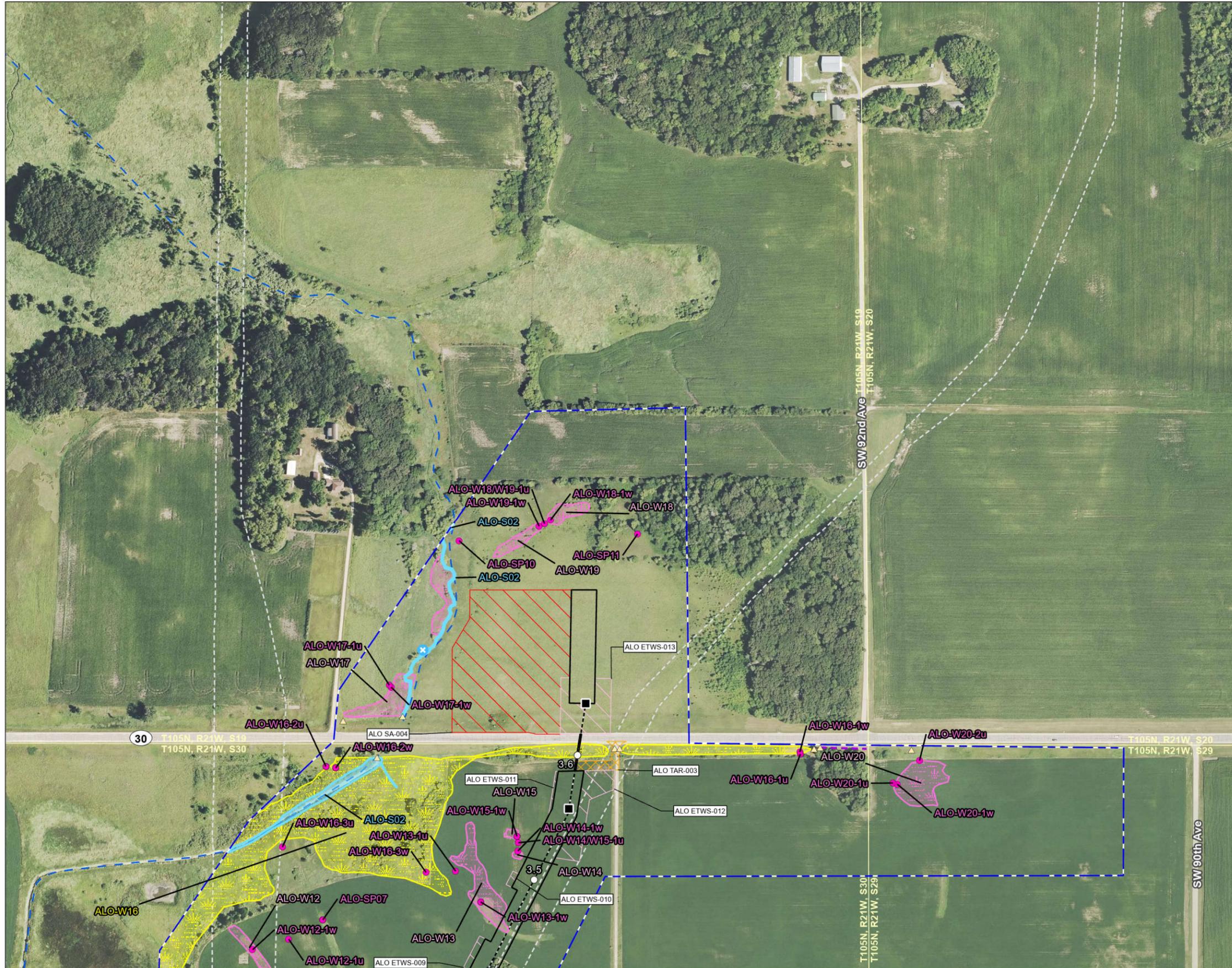
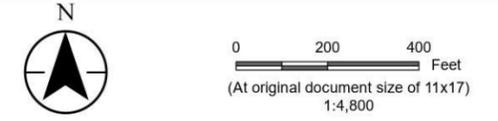


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**WETLAND
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For filing purposes, the
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Lillie, Jessica

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Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 12:32 PM
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Cc: Plucker, Terry (Northern Natural Gas); Knabe, Susan; Noland, Nathan; Lillie, Jessica
Subject: Northern Natural Gas - Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project – Faribault M500 D-Line - Dakota County, MN

All,

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Please use the link below to download the application. Let me know if you have any difficulty downloading the document.

 [V2F Faribault M500 D-Line WCA No-Loss Application.pdf](#)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the Project further, feel free to contact me.

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I appreciate your attention to this notification and request a review of the attached information. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me (402-398-7226 or Terry.Plucker@nngco.com) or Tony Kaster of Stantec (612-297-8654 or Anthony.Kaster@stantec.com).

Sincerely,



Terry Plucker
Northern Natural Gas
Manager – Construction Environmental
Compliance

Northern Natural Gas – Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project
February 17, 2026

Enclosures: Joint Application Form
Project Overview Figures
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cc: Sue Knabe, Stantec

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**JOINT
APPLICATION
FORM**

Project Name and/or Number: Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project – Faribault M500 D-Line

PART ONE: Applicant Information

If applicant is an entity (company, government entity, partnership, etc.), an authorized contact person must be identified. If the applicant is using an agent (consultant, lawyer, or other third party) and has authorized them to act on their behalf, the agent's contact information must also be provided.

Applicant/Landowner Name: Northern Natural Gas – Terry Plucker

Mailing Address: 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, NE, 68124

Phone: 402-389-7226

E-mail Address: Terry.plucker@nngco.com

Authorized Contact (do not complete if same as above):

Mailing Address:

Phone:

E-mail Address:

Agent Name: Stantec – Tony Kaster

Mailing Address: One Carlson Parkway, Suite 100, Plymouth, MN 55447

Phone: 612-297-8654

E-mail Address: anthony.kaster@stantec.com

PART TWO: Site Location Information

County: Dakota

City/Township: Greenvale Twp, Eureka Twp

Parcel ID and/or Address: Multiple

Legal Description (Section, Township, Range): S 3, 10, 15, 16, T 112N, R 20W; S 13, 14, 23, 26, 27, 34, T 113N, R 20W

Lat/Long (decimal degrees): 44.5038826, -93.2226498 to 44.6000491, -93.1768558

Attach a map showing the location of the site in relation to local streets, roads, highways.

Approximate size of site (acres) or if a linear project, length (feet): 7.5 miles

If you know that your proposal will require an individual Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you must provide the names and addresses of all property owners adjacent to the project site. This information may be provided by attaching a list to your application or by using block 25 of the Application for Department of the Army permit which can be obtained at:

http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Portals/57/docs/regulatory/RegulatoryDocs/engform_4345_2012oct.pdf

PART THREE: General Project/Site Information

If this application is related to a delineation approval, exemption determination, jurisdictional determination, or other correspondence submitted *prior to* this application then describe that here and provide the Corps of Engineers project number.

Describe the project that is being proposed, the project purpose and need, and schedule for implementation and completion. The project description must fully describe the nature and scope of the proposed activity including a description of all project elements that effect aquatic resources (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) and must also include plans and cross section or profile drawings showing the location, character, and dimensions of all proposed activities and aquatic resource impacts.

The purpose of this Project is to enhance the safety, reliability, security, and operational efficiency of Northern's pipeline system by abandoning in-place approximately 131.11 miles of the A-line from Ventura, Iowa, to Farmington, Minnesota and

extending its E- and D-lines, consisting of approximately 17.88 miles of pipeline in Freeborn, Steele, and Dakota counties, Minnesota.

Northern proposes to construct and operate a non-contiguous 7.50-mile extension of its 30-inch-diameter D-line. The proposed extension will be tied in below ground at the current terminus of the D-line on the south side of 307th Street/County Road 90, in Section 16, T112N, R20W, Dakota County, Minnesota. The valve setting at this location also will be removed. The downstream tie-in at the terminus will be completed below grade to a non-contiguous portion of the D-line, located on the west side of Essex Avenue/County Road 27, in Section 14, T113N, R20W, Dakota County, Minnesota.

The Faribault M500 D-line will be installed parallel, utilizing a 25-foot-offset, to existing Northern pipelines with the exception of MP 104.53 to the end (MP 104.87) where the existing 24-inch-diameter D-line will be removed and replaced with new 30-inch-diameter D-line in the same trench. The pipeline will be installed within a 100-foot-wide nominal construction corridor. In addition to the construction corridor, Northern will utilize extra temporary workspace (ETWS), existing driveways and farm roads, temporary access roads, and staging areas during construction.

To minimize methane venting to the atmosphere during tie-in activities, Northern will utilize temporary compression to evacuate gas from the D- and C-lines to adjacent mainlines prior to the tie-ins. The location for the temporary compression is the Northfield #1 (included in a separate application), located north of 330th Street West, in Section 28, T112N, R20W, Dakota County, Minnesota. Northern also will utilize a line stop in addition to the temporary compression; the line stop is located in Section 14, T113N, R20W, Dakota County, Minnesota. Northern also will remove a hot tap fitting from its existing 30-inch-diameter M500 C-line and tie over from the M500 C-line at the take off to remove the existing connection.

PART FOUR: Aquatic Resource Impact¹ Summary

If your proposed project involves a direct or indirect impact to an aquatic resource (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) identify each impact in the table below. Include all anticipated impacts, including those expected to be temporary. Attach an overhead view map, aerial photo, and/or drawing showing all of the aquatic resources in the project area and the location(s) of the proposed impacts. Label each aquatic resource on the map with a reference number or letter and identify the impacts in the following table.

Aquatic Resource ID (as noted on overhead view)	Aquatic Resource Type (wetland, lake, tributary etc.)	Type of Impact (fill, excavate, drain, or remove vegetation)	Duration of Impact Permanent (P) or Temporary (T) ¹	Size of Impact ²	Overall Size of Aquatic Resource ³	Existing Plant Community Type(s) in Impact Area ⁴	County, Major Watershed #, and Bank Service Area # of Impact Area ⁵
FAR-W02	Wetland	TWS/Open-Cut	T	0.08	N/A	Seasonally Flooded Basin	Dakota Cty, Major Watershed 39, BSA 8
		ETWS	T	0.39			
FAR-W03	Wetland	TWS/Open-Cut	T	0.04	N/A	Wet Meadow	
FAR-W10	Wetland	TWS/Open-Cut	T	0.04	N/A	Seasonally Flooded Basin	
FAR-W12	Wetland	TWS/Open-Cut	T	0.21	N/A	Seasonally Flooded Basin	
FAR-W23	Wetland	TWS/Open-Cut	T	0.39	N/A	Wet Meadow	
FAR-W33	Wetland	TWS/Open-Cut	T	<0.01	N/A	Seasonally Flooded Basin	
FAR-W39	Wetland	TWS/Open-Cut	T	0.04	N/A	Wet Meadow	
FAR-W40	Wetland	TWS/Open-Cut	T	0.04	N/A	Wet Meadow / Shallow Marsh	
FAR-W63	Wetland	None (HDD)	N/A	0.05	N/A	Floodplain Forest / Wet Meadow / Wet to Wet Mesic Prairie / Shrub-Carr	
FAR-S02	Tributary	None (HDD)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Perennial	
FAR-W67	Wetland	None (HDD)	N/A	0.07	N/A	Hardwood Swamp / Seasonally Flooded Basin / Shallow Marsh / Shrub-Carr	
FAR-W69	Wetland	None (HDD)	N/A	0.04	N/A	Wet Meadow	
FAR-W70	Wetland	None (HDD)	N/A	<0.01	N/A	Shallow Marsh	
FAR-W71	Wetland	TWS/Open-Cut	T	0.47	N/A	Seasonally Flooded Basin	
FAR-W78	Wetland	None (HDD)	N/A	0.03	N/A	Wet Meadow	
FAR S05	Tributary	None (HDD)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Intermittent Waterbody	Dakota Cty, Major Watershed 38, BSA 8
FAR-W80	Wetland	None (HDD)	N/A	0.20	N/A	Hardwood Swamp / Seasonally	

¹ The term “impact” as used in this joint application form is a generic term used for disclosure purposes to identify activities that may require approval from one or more regulatory agencies. For purposes of this form it is not meant to indicate whether or not those activities may require mitigation/replacement.

						Flooded Basin / Wet Meadow / Shrub-Carr
FAR-W83	Wetland	TWS/Open-cut	T	0.19	N/A	Seasonally Flooded Basin
		ETWS	T	0.04		

¹If impacts are temporary; enter the duration of the impacts in days next to the "T". For example, a project with a temporary access fill that would be removed after 220 days would be entered "T (220)".

²Impacts less than 0.01 acre should be reported in square feet. Impacts 0.01 acre or greater should be reported as acres and rounded to the nearest 0.01 acre. Tributary impacts must be reported in linear feet of impact and an area of impact by indicating first the linear feet of impact along the flowline of the stream followed by the area impact in parentheses). For example, a project that impacts 50 feet of a stream that is 6 feet wide would be reported as 50 ft (300 square feet).

³This is generally only applicable if you are applying for a de minimis exemption under MN Rules 8420.0420 Subp. 8, otherwise enter "N/A".

⁴Use *Wetland Plants and Plant Community Types of Minnesota and Wisconsin* 3rd Ed. as modified in MN Rules 8420.0405 Subp. 2.

⁵Refer to Major Watershed and Bank Service Area maps in MN Rules 8420.0522 Subp. 7.

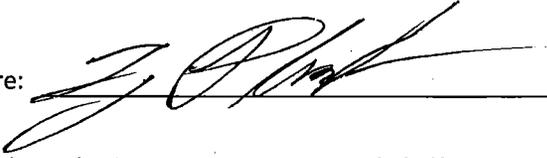
If any of the above identified impacts have already occurred, identify which impacts they are and the circumstances associated with each:

PART FIVE: Applicant Signature

Check here if you are requesting a pre-application consultation with the Corps and LGU based on the information you have provided. Regulatory entities will not initiate a formal application review if this box is checked.

By signature below, I attest that the information in this application is complete and accurate. I further attest that I possess the authority to undertake the work described herein.

Signature: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. P. ...', written over a horizontal line.

Date: _____

2/4/2026

I hereby authorize Stantec to act on my behalf as my agent in the processing of this application and to furnish, upon request, supplemental information in support of this application.

Attachment B

Supporting Information for Applications Involving Exemptions, No Loss Determinations, and Activities Not Requiring Mitigation

Complete this part *if* you maintain that the identified aquatic resource impacts in Part Four do not require wetland replacement/compensatory mitigation OR *if* you are seeking verification that the proposed water resource impacts are either exempt from replacement or are not under CWA/WCA jurisdiction.

Identify the specific exemption or no-loss provision for which you believe your project or site qualifies:

M.R. 8420.0415 A – Activity that will not impact a wetland

M.R. 8420.0415 H – Temporary impact

Provide a detailed explanation of how your project or site qualifies for the above. Be specific and provide and refer to attachments and exhibits that support your contention. Applicants should refer to rules (e.g. WCA rules), guidance documents (e.g. BWSR guidance, Corps guidance letters/public notices), and permit conditions (e.g. Corps General Permit conditions) to determine the necessary information to support the application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the WCA LGU and Corps Project Manager prior to submitting an application if they are unsure of what type of information to provide:

No-Loss A

Wetland impacts will be avoided where possible by utilizing horizontal directional drilling (HDD). The HDD method avoids impacts on sensitive resources by installing the pipeline at a substantial depth beneath the resources. The HDD method utilizes specialized drilling equipment to create a borehole profile that can vary from vertical to horizontal depending on site-specific conditions. Specifically, HDD allows for trenchless construction across a waterbody or other feature and is used to minimize impacts on water quality or to the feature being crossed from construction activities. Only foot traffic (one 6-foot wide or two 3-foot wide travel lanes) will occur within the wetlands. The aquatic resources identified in Part Four where HDD will be utilized will not result in impacts to wetlands. This work qualifies for No-Loss A – Activity that will not impact a wetland.

No-Loss H

Where HDD construction is not practicable, wetlands will be temporarily impacted by either by open cut pipeline construction, and/or by a temporary work space (TWS), extra temporary work space (ETWS), temporary access road (TAR) or staging area during pipeline construction. To minimize temporary wetland impacts Northern will implement the Project Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans to reduce ground disturbance, minimize erosion and sediment run off and promote revegetation within the construction areas. No forested or scrub-shrub wetlands will be crossed by the Project via open cut and/or by a TWS, ETWS, TAR or staging area. All forested/scrub-shrub wetlands or wetland components containing forested and/or scrub-shrub areas will be crossed via HDD

Soil compaction will be minimized by limiting equipment operation in wetlands and installing temporary equipment mats, as necessary. To prevent soil mixing in unsaturated wetlands, up to 12 inches of topsoil will be removed from directly over the trench and stockpiled for restoration as close as feasible to its original horizon. Northern also will attempt to segregate wetland topsoil or vegetative mass in mucky or inundated wetlands to replenish the native seed bank during restoration.

Northern will install trench plugs at the entrance and exit of the pipeline trench through the wetland. Any confining layers that are breached during construction will be restored during backfilling. Northern will restore contours to pre-construction levels and remove temporary erosion control measures. After the completion of construction of the Project components, wetland areas will generally be allowed to revegetate naturally. Northern will monitor vegetation within wetlands annually

for three years or until vegetation has been considered successful. Northern will restore wetlands to their pre-existing condition

Wetland impacts will be temporary and will be rectified by repairing, rehabilitating, and restoring the affected wetlands. The physical characteristics of the affected wetlands, including ground elevations, contours, inlet dimensions, outlet dimensions, substrate, plant communities, and hydrologic regime will be restored to pre-project conditions. The project will be completed and physical characteristics of the wetland restored within six months of the start of activity. This work qualifies for No-Loss H – Temporary impact.

PROJECT FIGURES

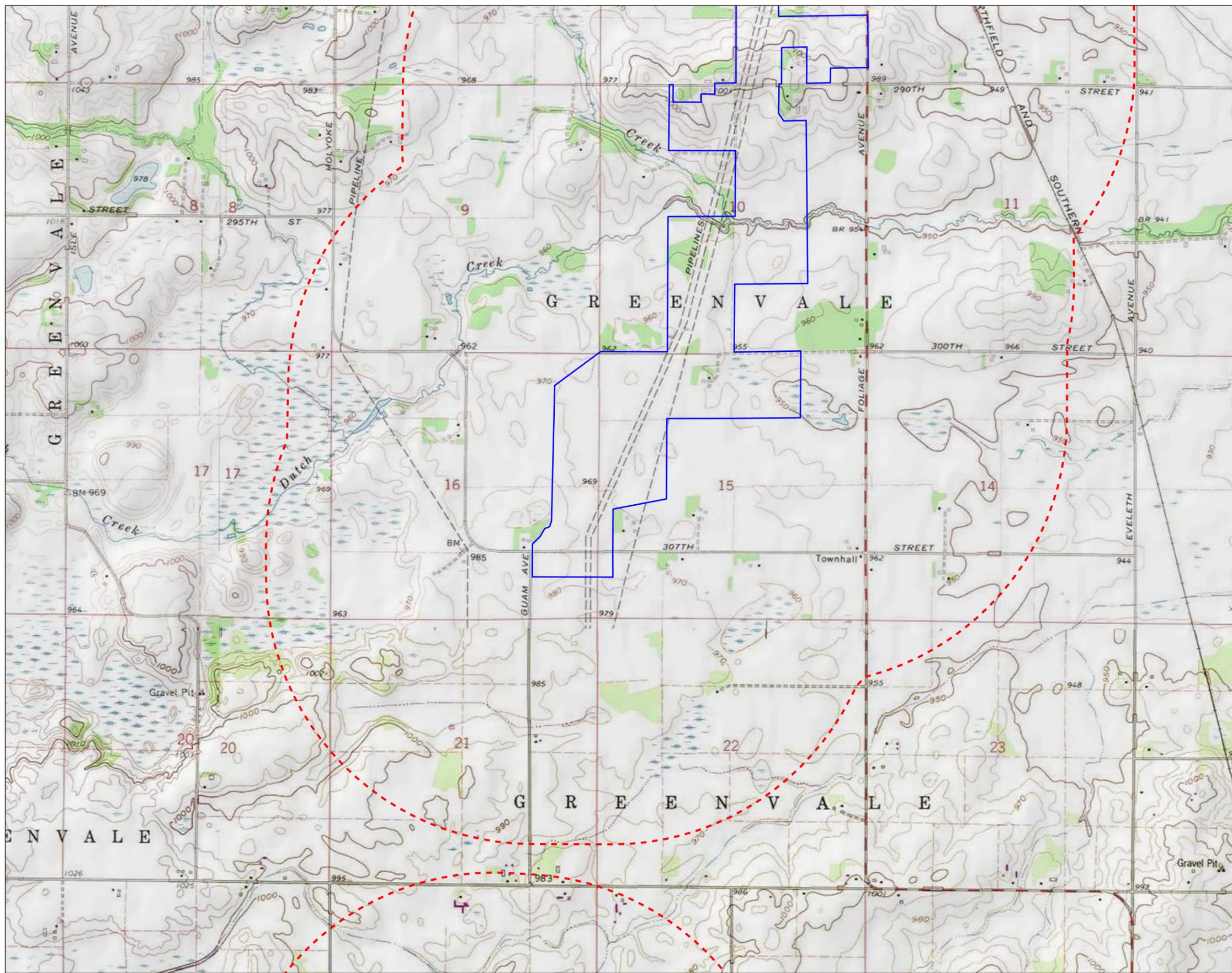
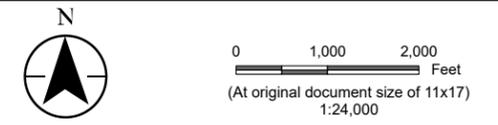


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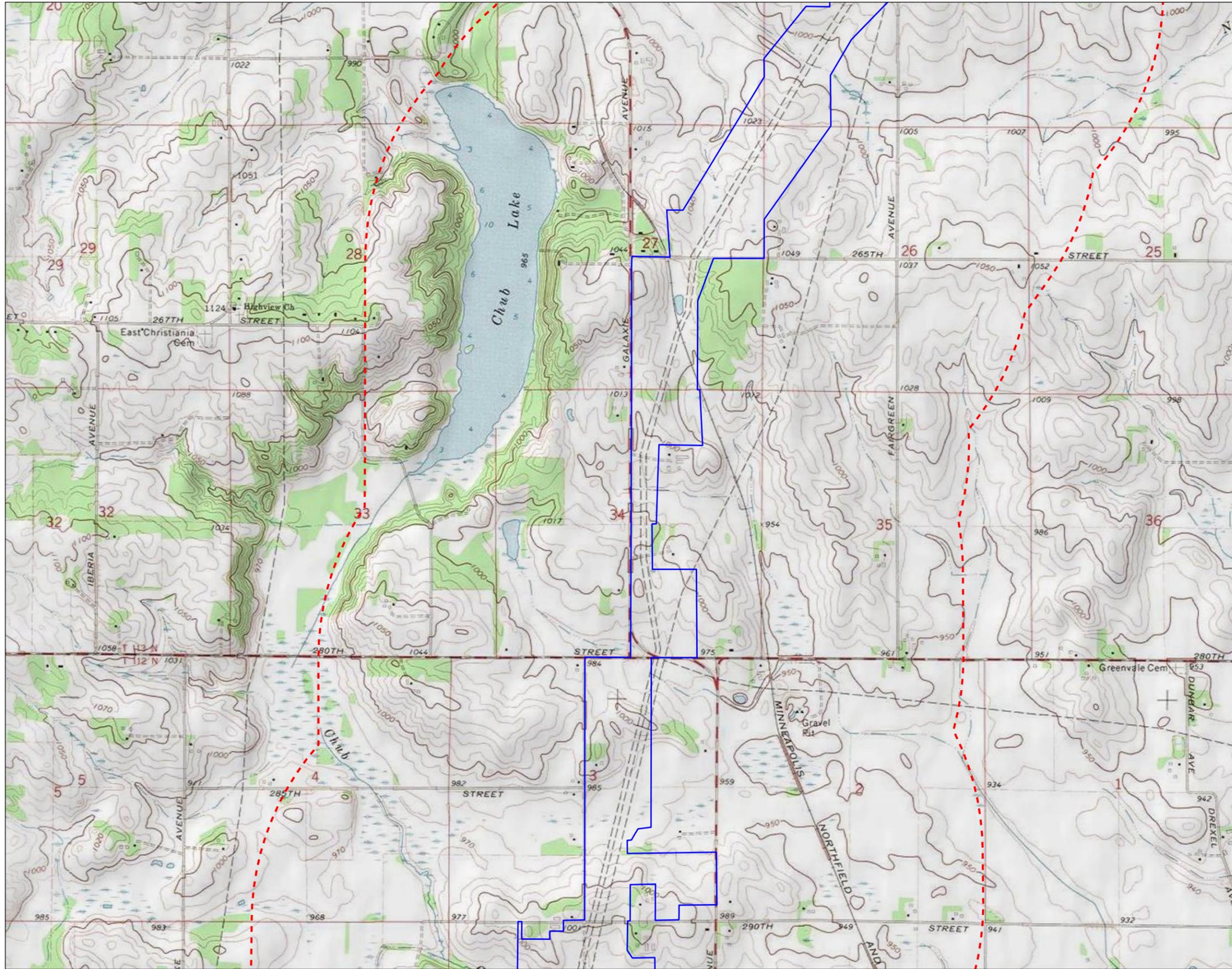


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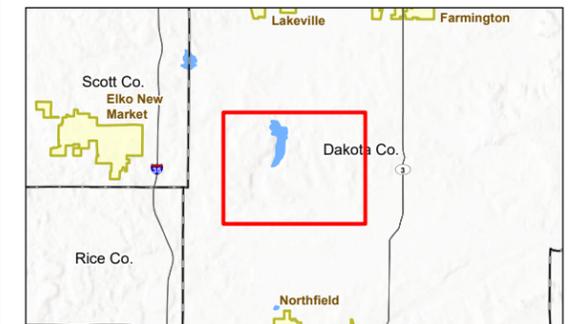
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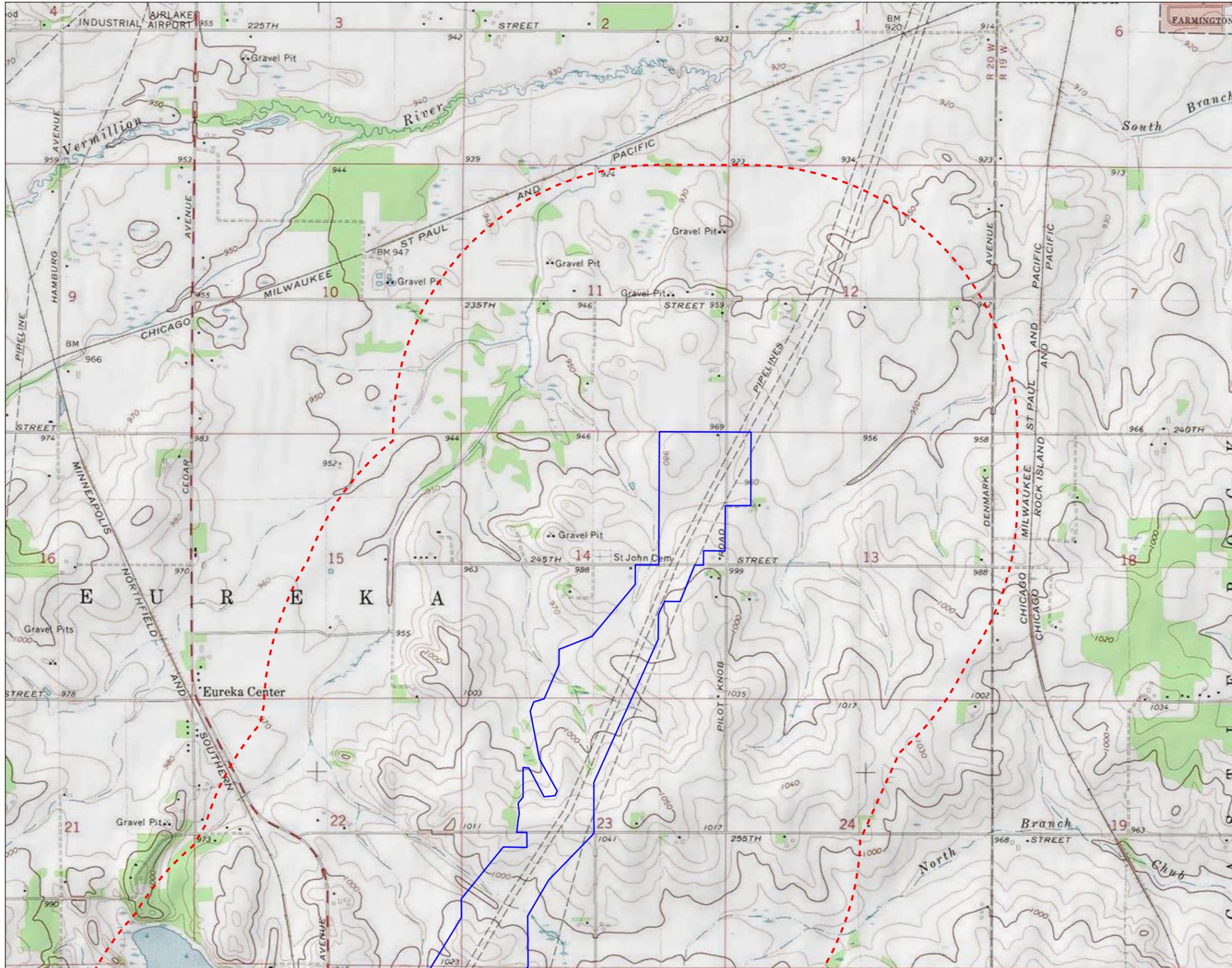
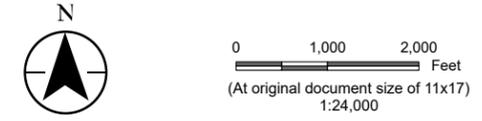
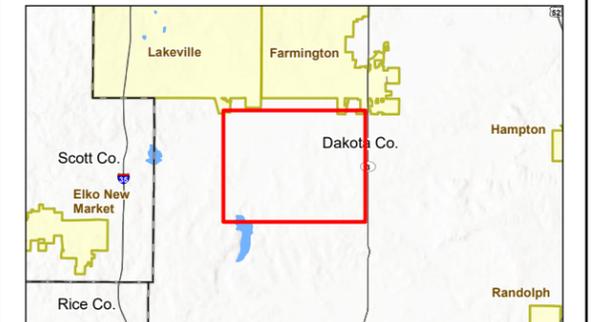


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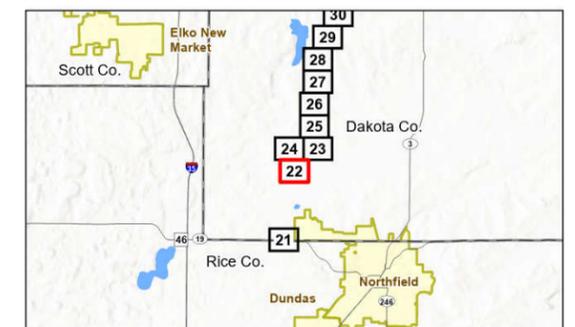
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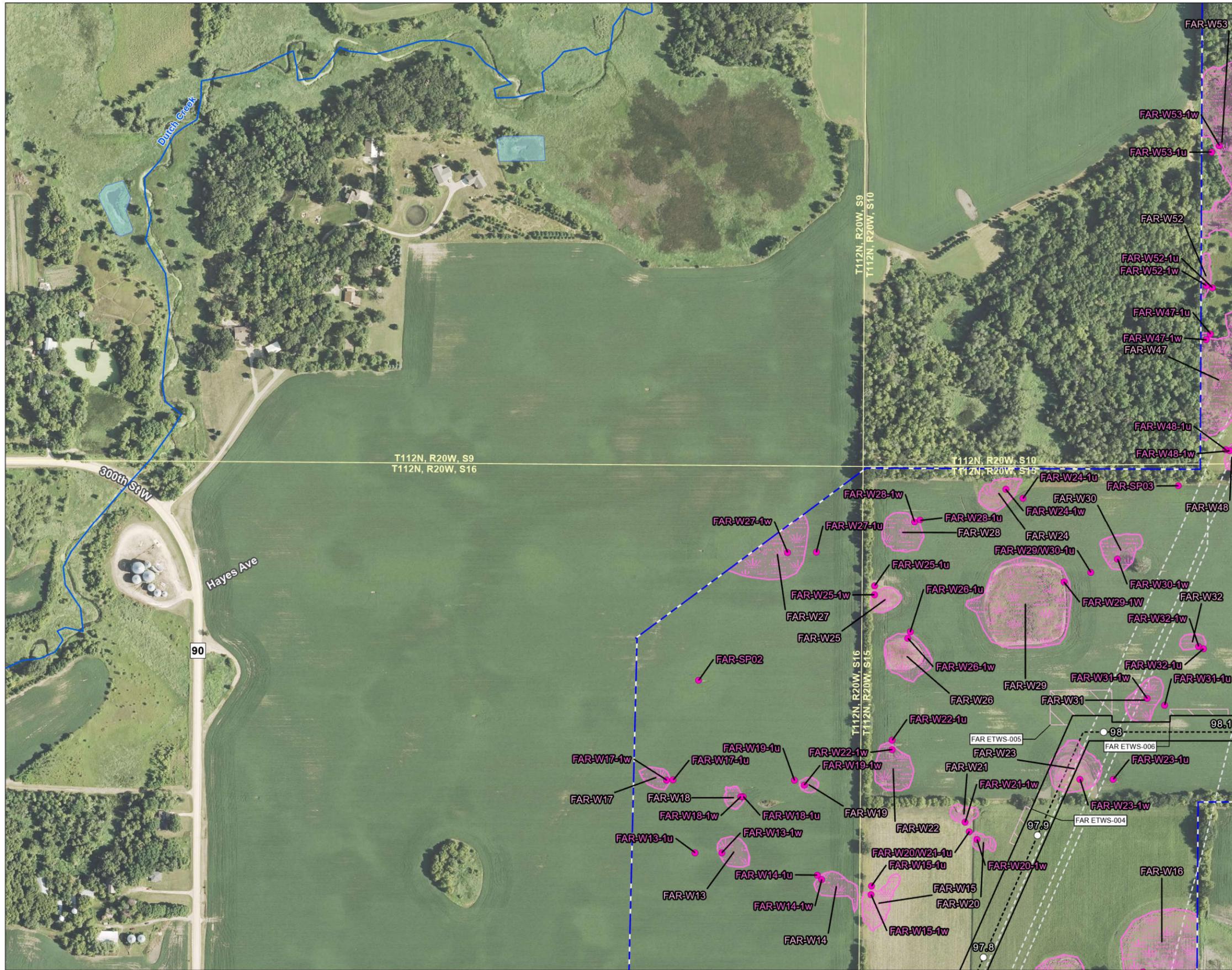
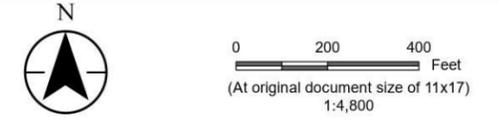
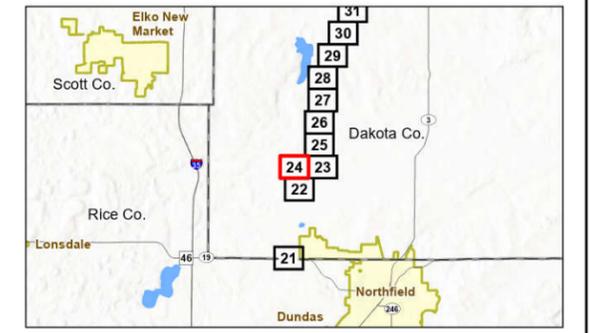


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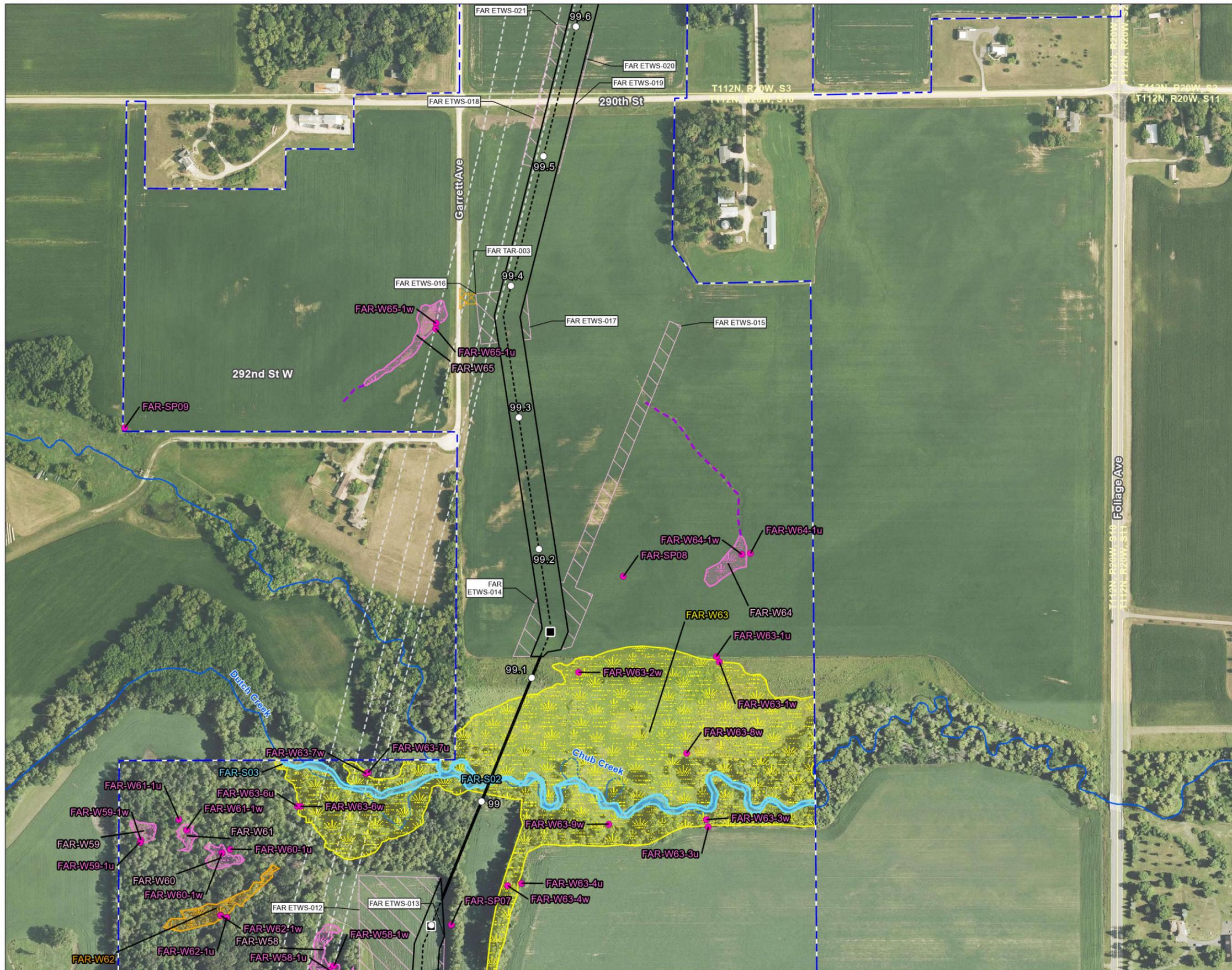
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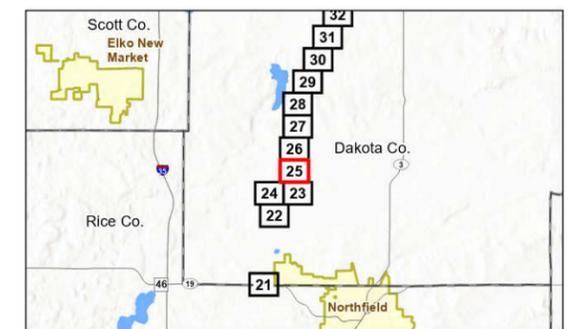
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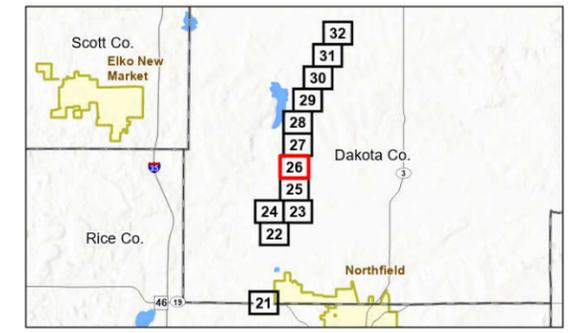
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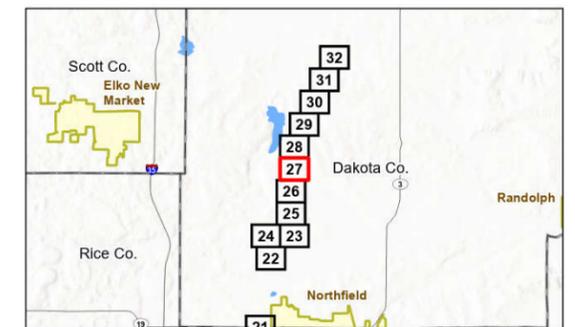
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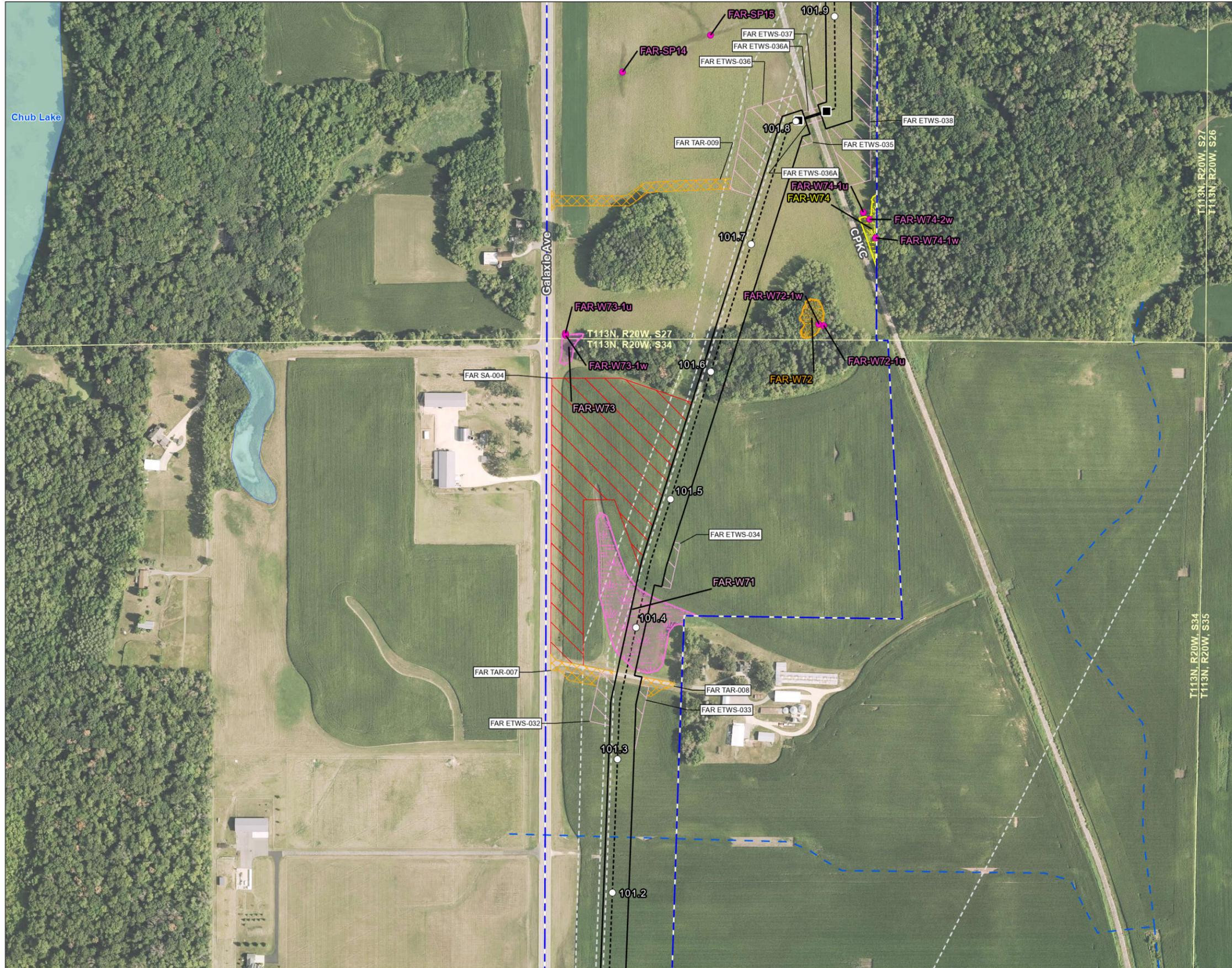


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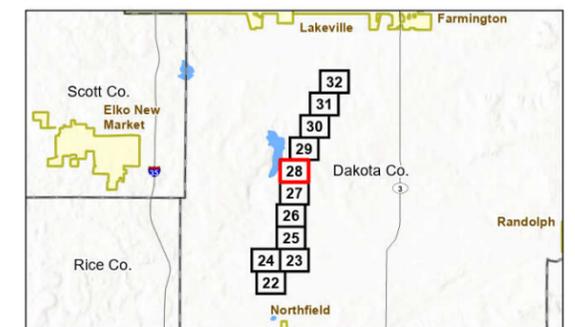
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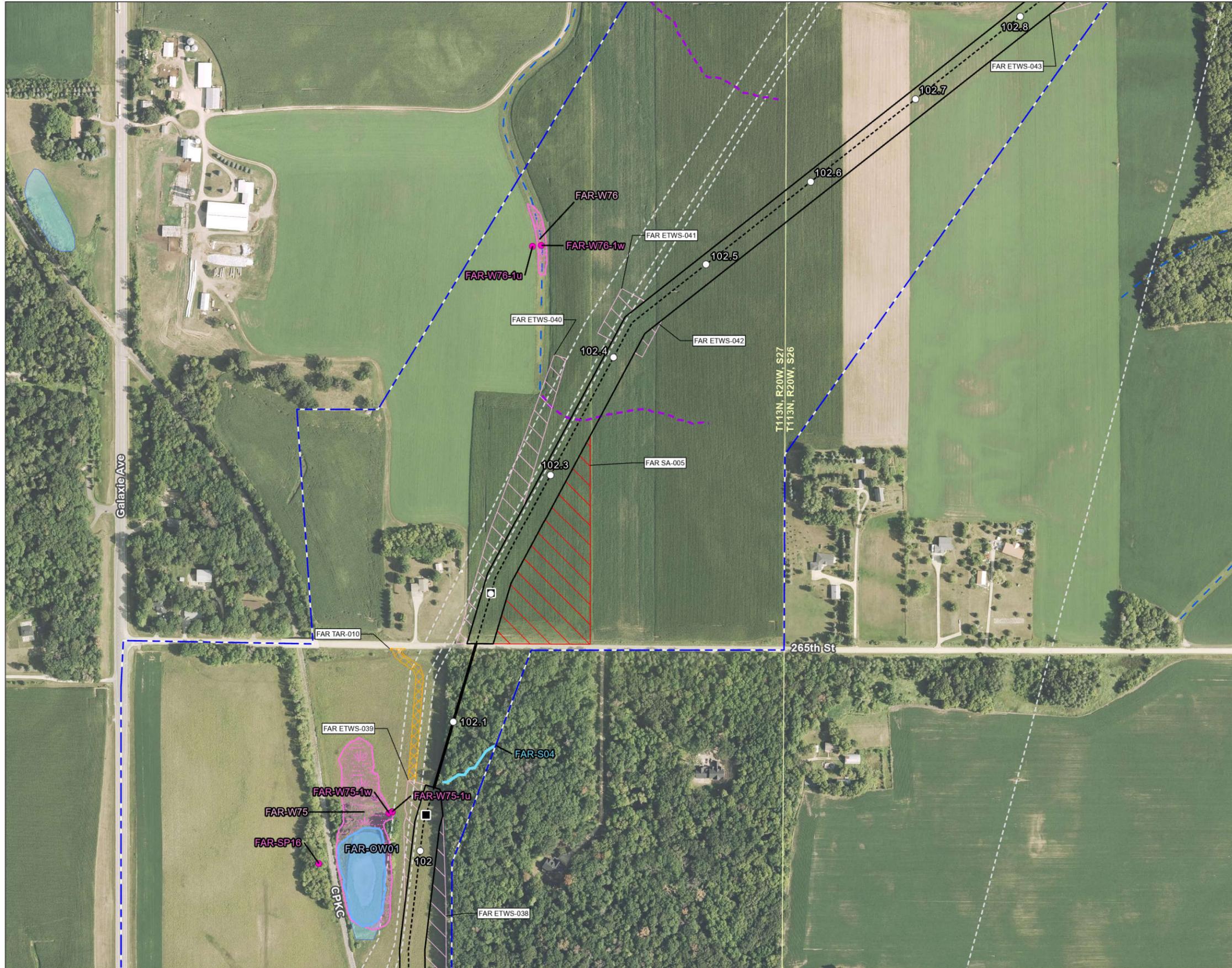


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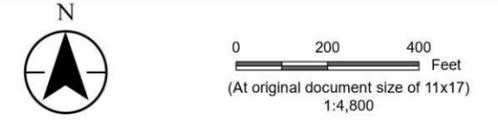
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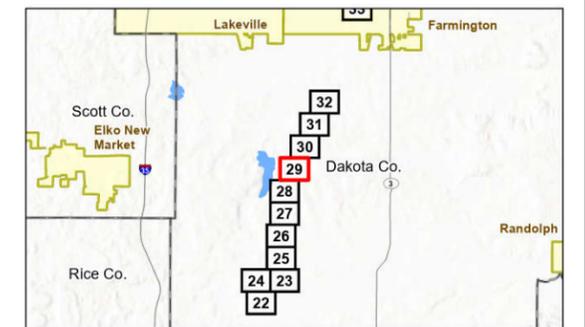
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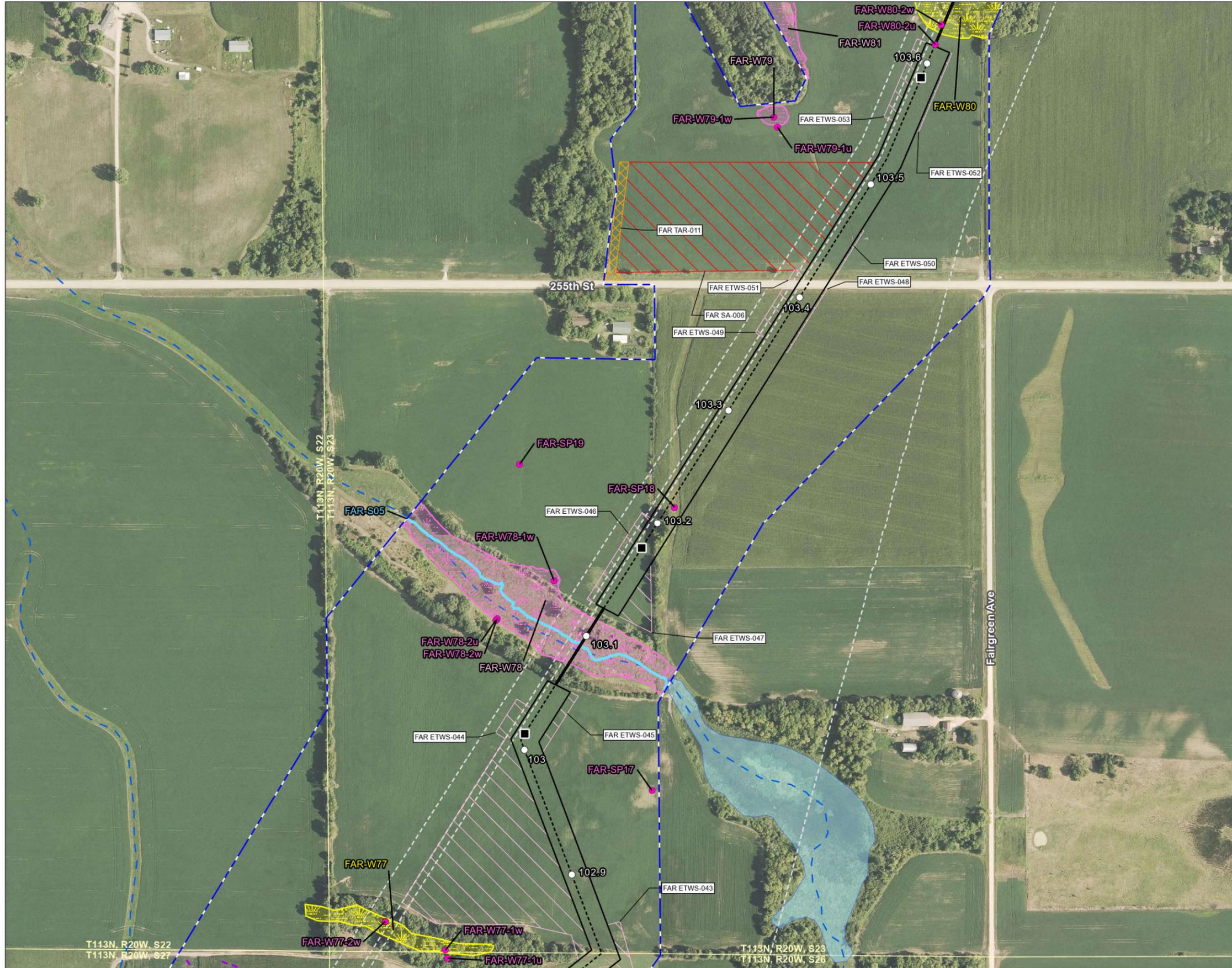


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Northern Natural Gas
Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment & Capacity
Replacement Project

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Project Location
Dakota County, Minnesota

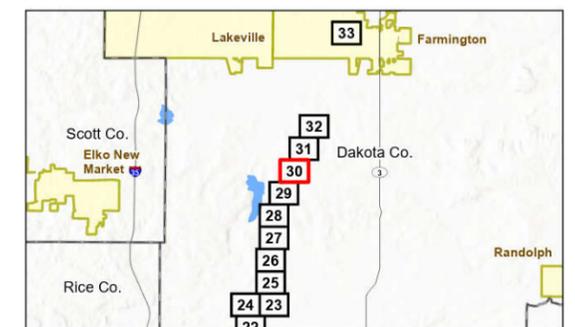
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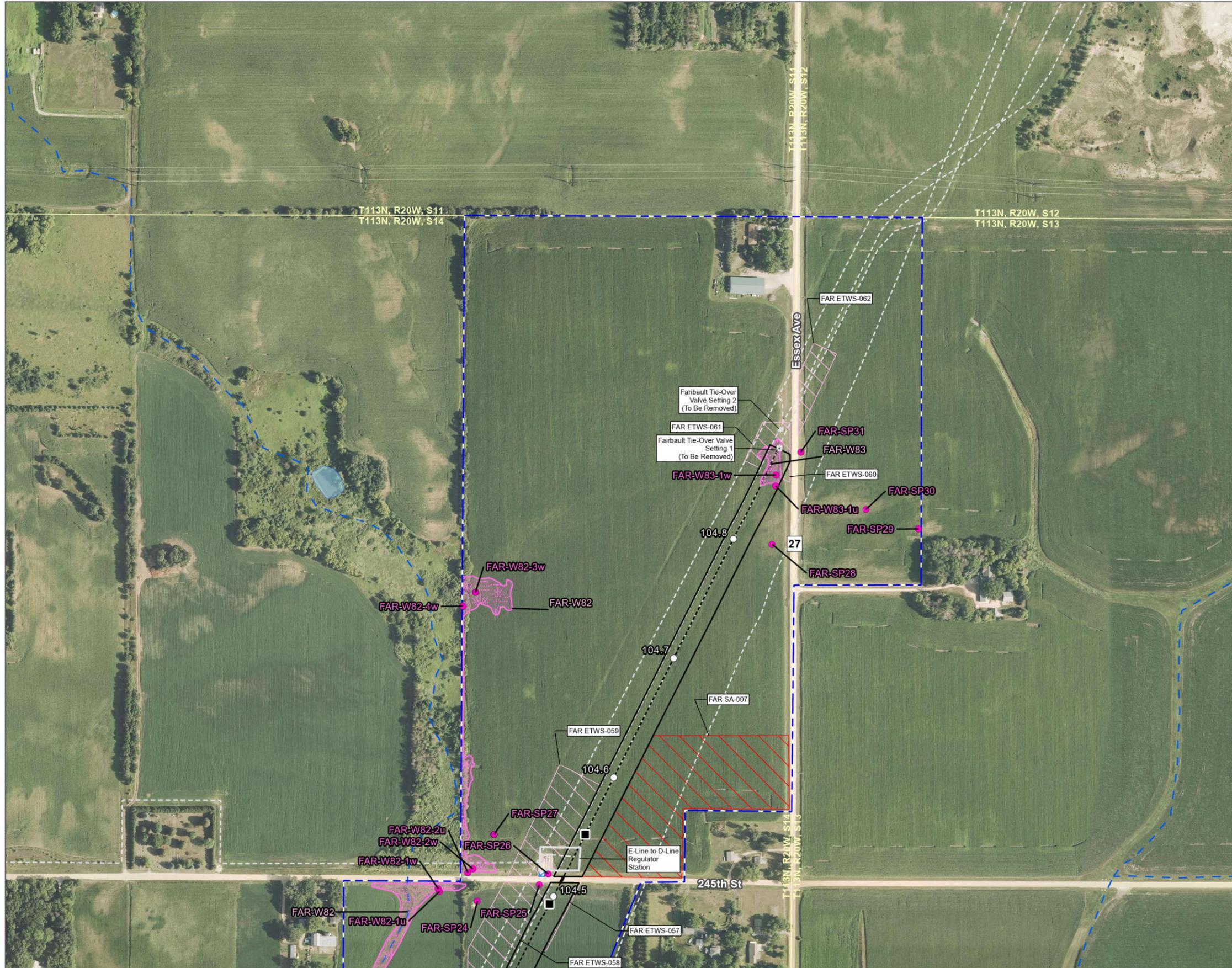


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Northern Natural Gas
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Project Location
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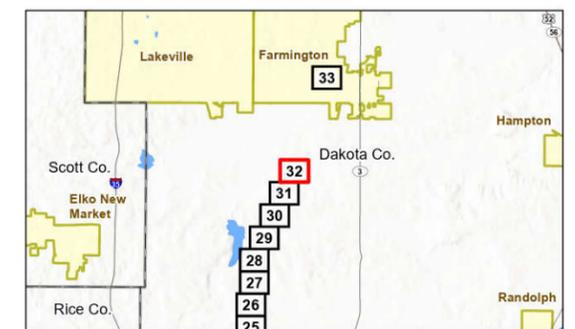
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From: Kaster, Anthony
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 12:32 PM
To: Eric.gulbransen@mn.nacdnet.net; devin.ryan@state.mn.us
Cc: Plucker, Terry (Northern Natural Gas); Knabe, Susan; Noland, Nathan; Lillie, Jessica
Subject: Northern Natural Gas - Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project – Temporary Compression Site - Steele County, MN

All,

On behalf of Northern Natural Gas (Northern), I am submitting the Joint Application Form for the Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project Temporary Compression Site Owatonna Compressor Station. It is Northern's understanding the Project qualifies for a No-Loss under the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act. Additionally, it is Northern's understanding the Project meets the criteria for coverage under the Utilities Regional General Permit from the USACE St. Paul District without the need for preconstruction notification.

Devin, I am copying you on this application while Alyssa Core is on leave.

Please use the link below to download the application. Let me know if you have any difficulty downloading the document.

 [V2F Owatonna Compressor Station WCA No-Loss Application.pdf](#)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the Project further, feel free to contact me.

Tony

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RE: Northern Natural Gas - Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project – Temporary Compression Site at the Owatonna Compressor Station, Steele County, Minnesota – WCA No Loss Application

Dear Mr. Gulbransen:

Northern Natural Gas (Northern) is proposing a Temporary Compression Site at the Owatonna Compressor Station (Project) (see Project Overview Map, attached). Northern's pipeline system and the new facilities are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and is responsible for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and with applicable state and local wetland regulations such as the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act (WCA). Northern is required to review proposed actions and determine whether such actions may affect a waterbody or wetland under the jurisdiction of the WCA or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Northern has secured the services of Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) to assist with wetland delineation and permitting for the proposed temporary compression site (Project).

Project Description

Northern's proposed Project includes construction of the following components associated with Northern's natural gas system within Steele County:

Project Facilities

Facility	Pipeline Diameter and Type	Approximate Area	MP	County	State	Associated WCA LGU
Temporary Compression Site - Owatonna Compressor Station	Temporary Compression Site	4.33 acres	N/A	Steele	MN	Steele County

A project overview figure showing the locations of the Project components is attached to this cover letter.

In 2025, wetland delineations and waterbodies surveys were conducted for the environmental survey boundary (ESB) for each of the Project components. Stantec has completed field surveys of 100% of the parcels within the Project ESB.

No wetlands or waterbodies were identified within the ESB surveyed for the Steele County portion of the Project. As proposed, the Project will not impact any wetlands.

The duration of the Project will be approximately seven months; tree clearing is scheduled to be completed early 2027. Pipeline construction and temporary compression work will be completed in 2027, or as soon as all required permits are obtained.

The Project qualifies for a no-loss from state wetland permitting under WCA Chapter 8420.0415, A. Northern is requesting a No-Loss Notice of Decision. According to WCA, a replacement plan will not be required for the Project as permanent wetland impacts will not occur. Wetland mitigation credits will not be required for Project wetland impacts.

Based on the scope of the Project and the proposed wetland impacts, the Project qualifies for coverage under the Utility Regional General Permit without the need for preconstruction notification. Northern is providing this notification as a courtesy.

I appreciate your attention to this notification and request a review of the attached information. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me (402-398-7226 or Terry.Plucker@nngco.com) or Tony Kaster of Stantec (612-297-8654 or Anthony.Kaster@stantec.com).

Sincerely,



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February 17, 2026

Project Overview Figures
Wetland Delineation Report

cc: Sue Knabe, Stantec

Northern Natural Gas – Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project
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**JOINT
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Project Name and/or Number: Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project – Temporary Compression Site Owatonna Compressor Station

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Applicant/Landowner Name: Northern Natural Gas – Terry Plucker

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Authorized Contact (do not complete if same as above):

Mailing Address:

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E-mail Address:

Agent Name: Stantec – Tony Kaster

Mailing Address: One Carlson Parkway, Suite 100, Plymouth, MN 55447

Phone: 612-297-8654

E-mail Address: anthony.kaster@stantec.com

PART TWO: Site Location Information

County: Steele

City/Township: Lemond Township

Parcel ID and/or Address: 06-029-4101

Legal Description (Section, Township, Range): S 29, T 106N, R 21W

Lat/Long (decimal degrees): 43.9622693, -93.3785181

Attach a map showing the location of the site in relation to local streets, roads, highways.

Approximate size of site (acres) or if a linear project, length (feet): 4.33 acres

If you know that your proposal will require an individual Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you must provide the names and addresses of all property owners adjacent to the project site. This information may be provided by attaching a list to your application or by using block 25 of the Application for Department of the Army permit which can be obtained at:

http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Portals/57/docs/regulatory/RegulatoryDocs/engform_4345_2012oct.pdf

PART THREE: General Project/Site Information

If this application is related to a delineation approval, exemption determination, jurisdictional determination, or other correspondence submitted *prior to* this application then describe that here and provide the Corps of Engineers project number.

Describe the project that is being proposed, the project purpose and need, and schedule for implementation and completion. The project description must fully describe the nature and scope of the proposed activity including a description of all project elements that effect aquatic resources (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) and must also include plans and cross section or profile drawings showing the location, character, and dimensions of all proposed activities and aquatic resource impacts.

The purpose of this Project is to enhance the safety, reliability, security, and operational efficiency of Northern's pipeline system by abandoning in-place approximately 131.11 miles of the A-line from Ventura, Iowa, to

Farmington, Minnesota and extending its E- and D-lines, consisting of approximately 17.88 miles of pipeline in Freeborn, Steele, and Dakota counties, Minnesota.

To minimize methane venting to the atmosphere during tie-in activities with the Albert Lea M500 E-Line, Northern will utilize temporary compression to evacuate gas from the D- and E-lines to adjacent mainlines prior to the tie-ins. The location for the temporary compression is the Owatonna compressor station, located south of Southwest 88th Street/County Highway 7, Section 29, T106N, R21W, Steele County, Minnesota. Northern will utilize the workspace at this project component for parking temporary compression trailers.

PART FOUR: Aquatic Resource Impact¹ Summary

If your proposed project involves a direct or indirect impact to an aquatic resource (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) identify each impact in the table below. Include all anticipated impacts, including those expected to be temporary. Attach an overhead view map, aerial photo, and/or drawing showing all of the aquatic resources in the project area and the location(s) of the proposed impacts. Label each aquatic resource on the map with a reference number or letter and identify the impacts in the following table.

Aquatic Resource ID (as noted on overhead view)	Aquatic Resource Type (wetland, lake, tributary etc.)	Type of Impact (fill, excavate, drain, or remove vegetation)	Duration of Impact Permanent (P) or Temporary (T) ¹	Size of Impact ²	Overall Size of Aquatic Resource ³	Existing Plant Community Type(s) in Impact Area ⁴	County, Major Watershed #, and Bank Service Area # of Impact Area ⁵
No Wetland Impacts Proposed							Steele Cty, Major Watershed 32, BSA 9

¹If impacts are temporary; enter the duration of the impacts in days next to the "T". For example, a project with a temporary access fill that would be removed after 220 days would be entered "T (220)".

²Impacts less than 0.01 acre should be reported in square feet. Impacts 0.01 acre or greater should be reported as acres and rounded to the nearest 0.01 acre. Tributary impacts must be reported in linear feet of impact and an area of impact by indicating first the linear feet of impact along the flowline of the stream followed by the area impact in parentheses). For example, a project that impacts 50 feet of a stream that is 6 feet wide would be reported as 50 ft (300 square feet).

³This is generally only applicable if you are applying for a de minimis exemption under MN Rules 8420.0420 Subp. 8, otherwise enter "N/A".

⁴Use *Wetland Plants and Plant Community Types of Minnesota and Wisconsin* 3rd Ed. as modified in MN Rules 8420.0405 Subp. 2.

⁵Refer to Major Watershed and Bank Service Area maps in MN Rules 8420.0522 Subp. 7.

If any of the above identified impacts have already occurred, identify which impacts they are and the circumstances associated with each:

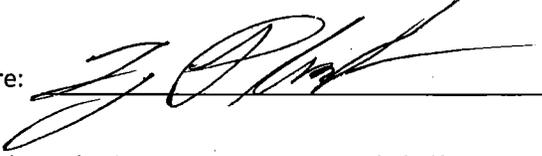
¹ The term "impact" as used in this joint application form is a generic term used for disclosure purposes to identify activities that may require approval from one or more regulatory agencies. For purposes of this form it is not meant to indicate whether or not those activities may require mitigation/replacement.

PART FIVE: Applicant Signature

Check here if you are requesting a pre-application consultation with the Corps and LGU based on the information you have provided. Regulatory entities will not initiate a formal application review if this box is checked.

By signature below, I attest that the information in this application is complete and accurate. I further attest that I possess the authority to undertake the work described herein.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. P. ...', written over a horizontal line.

Date:

2/4/2026

I hereby authorize Stantec to act on my behalf as my agent in the processing of this application and to furnish, upon request, supplemental information in support of this application.

Project Name and/or Number: Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project – Temporary Compression Site Owatonna Compressor Station

Attachment B

Supporting Information for Applications Involving Exemptions, No Loss Determinations, and Activities Not Requiring Mitigation

Complete this part *if* you maintain that the identified aquatic resource impacts in Part Four do not require wetland replacement/compensatory mitigation OR *if* you are seeking verification that the proposed water resource impacts are either exempt from replacement or are not under CWA/WCA jurisdiction.

Identify the specific exemption or no-loss provision for which you believe your project or site qualifies:

M.R. 8420.0415 A – Activity that will not impact a wetland

Provide a detailed explanation of how your project or site qualifies for the above. Be specific and provide and refer to attachments and exhibits that support your contention. Applicants should refer to rules (e.g. WCA rules), guidance documents (e.g. BWSR guidance, Corps guidance letters/public notices), and permit conditions (e.g. Corps General Permit conditions) to determine the necessary information to support the application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the WCA LGU and Corps Project Manager prior to submitting an application if they are unsure of what type of information to provide:

No-Loss A

No wetlands are present within the project area. No wetlands will be impacted as a result of the project. This work qualifies for No-Loss A – Activity that will not impact a wetland.

PROJECT FIGURES

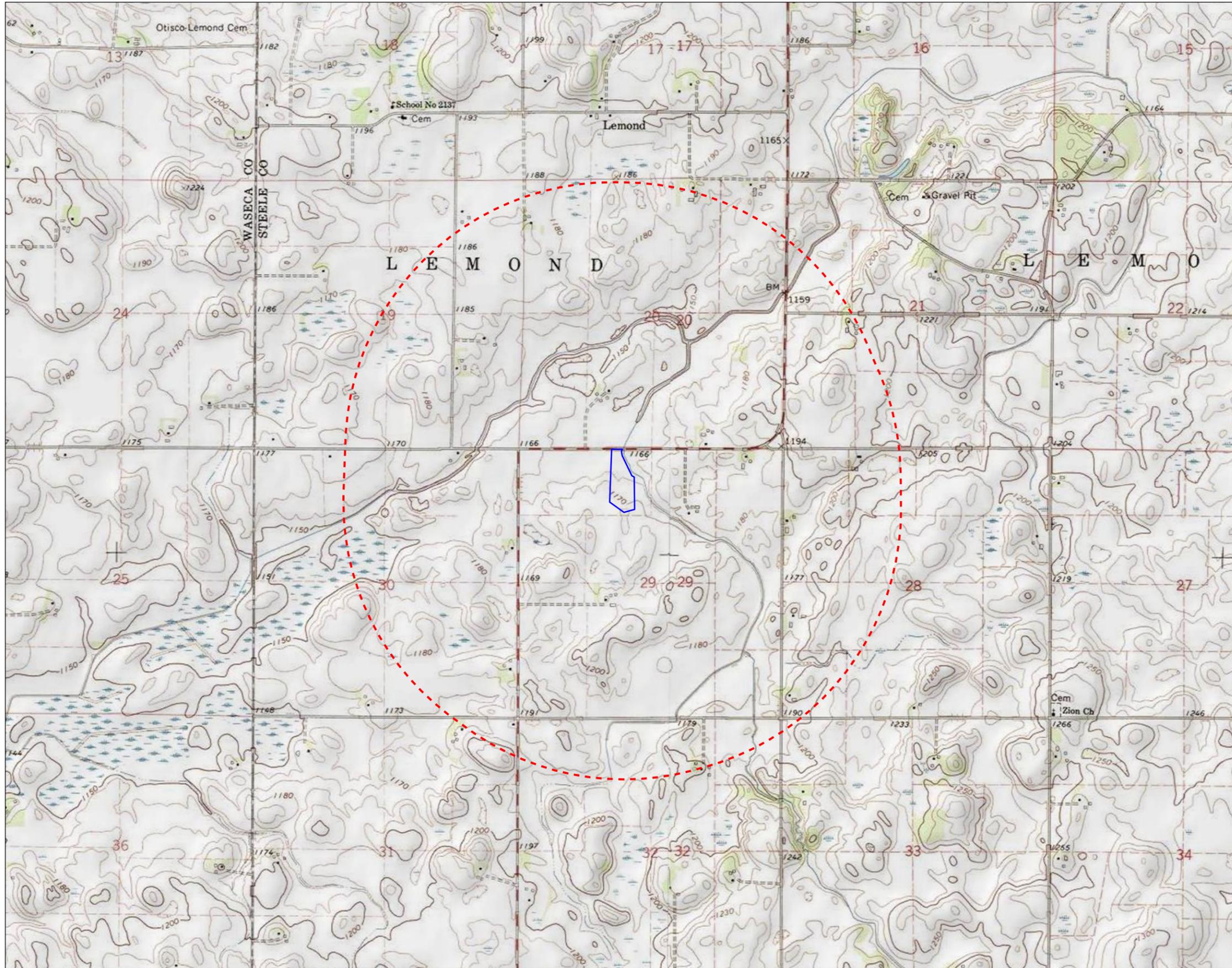


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**Project Location & Topography
V2F - Temporary Compression Site Owatonna
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Project Location
Steele County, Minnesota

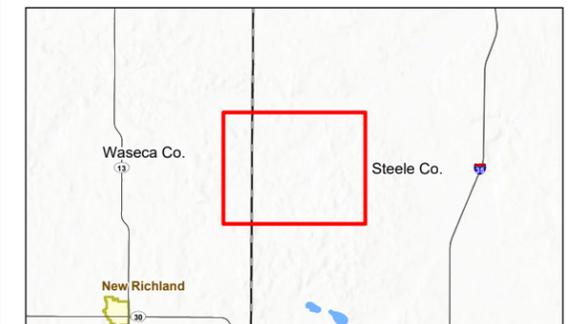
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Cc: Plucker, Terry (Northern Natural Gas); Knabe, Susan; Noland, Nathan; Lillie, Jessica
Subject: Northern Natural Gas - Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project – Temporary Compression Site - Dakota County, MN

All,

On behalf of Northern Natural Gas (Northern), I am submitting the Joint Application Form for the Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project Temporary Compression Site Northfield #1. It is Northern's understanding the Project qualifies for a No-Loss under the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act. Additionally, it is Northern's understanding the Project meets the criteria for coverage under the Utilities Regional General Permit from the USACE – St. Paul District without the need for preconstruction notification.

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If you have any questions or would like to discuss the Project further, feel free to contact me.

Tony

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RE: Northern Natural Gas - Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project – Temporary Compression Site Northfield #1, Dakota County, Minnesota – WCA No Loss Application

Dear Mr. Holmen:

Northern Natural Gas (Northern) is proposing a Temporary Compression Site at the Northfield #1 (Project) (see Project Overview Map, attached). Northern's pipeline system and the new facilities are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and is responsible for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and with applicable state and local wetland regulations such as the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act (WCA). Northern is required to review proposed actions and determine whether such actions may affect a waterbody or wetland under the jurisdiction of the WCA or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Northern has secured the services of Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) to assist with wetland delineation and permitting for the proposed temporary compression site (Project).

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Project Facilities

Facility	Pipeline Diameter and Type	Approximate Area	MP	County	State	Associated WCA LGU
Temporary Compression Site – Northfield #1	Temporary Compression Site	1.55 acres	N/A	Dakota	MN	Greenvale Twp

A project overview figure showing the locations of the Project components is attached to this cover letter.

In 2025 wetland delineations and waterbodies surveys were conducted for the environmental survey boundary (ESB) for each of the Project components. Stantec has completed field surveys of 100% of the parcels within the Project ESB.

One wetland was identified within the ESB surveyed for the Dakota County portion of the Project. Northern designed the Project to only temporarily impact the one wetland. As proposed, the Project will result in a total of 0.14 acre of temporary wetland impact. The Project will result in no permanent fill or conversion of wetland.

The duration of the Project will be approximately seven months; tree clearing is scheduled to be completed early 2027. Pipeline construction and temporary compression is scheduled to begin in spring 2028, or as soon as all required permits are obtained.

The Project qualifies for a no-loss from state wetland permitting under WCA Chapter 8420.0415, A. Northern is requesting a No-Loss Notice of Decision. According to WCA, a replacement plan will not be required for the Project as permanent wetland impacts will not occur. Wetland mitigation credits will not be required for Project wetland impacts.

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Sincerely,



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Northern Natural Gas – Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project
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Northern Natural Gas – Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project
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Project Name and/or Number: Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project – Temporary Compression Site Northfield #1

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Agent Name: Stantec – Tony Kaster

Mailing Address: One Carlson Parkway, Suite 100, Plymouth, MN 55447

Phone: 612-297-8654

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PART TWO: Site Location Information

County: Dakota

City/Township: Greenvale Township

Parcel ID and/or Address: 16-02800-75-015

Legal Description (Section, Township, Range): S 28, T 112N, R 20W

Lat/Long (decimal degrees): 44.4717715, -93.2280717

Attach a map showing the location of the site in relation to local streets, roads, highways.

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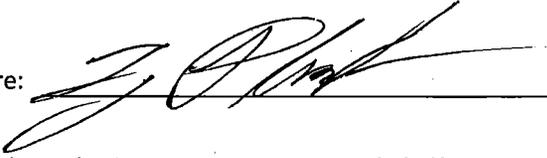
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PROJECT FIGURES

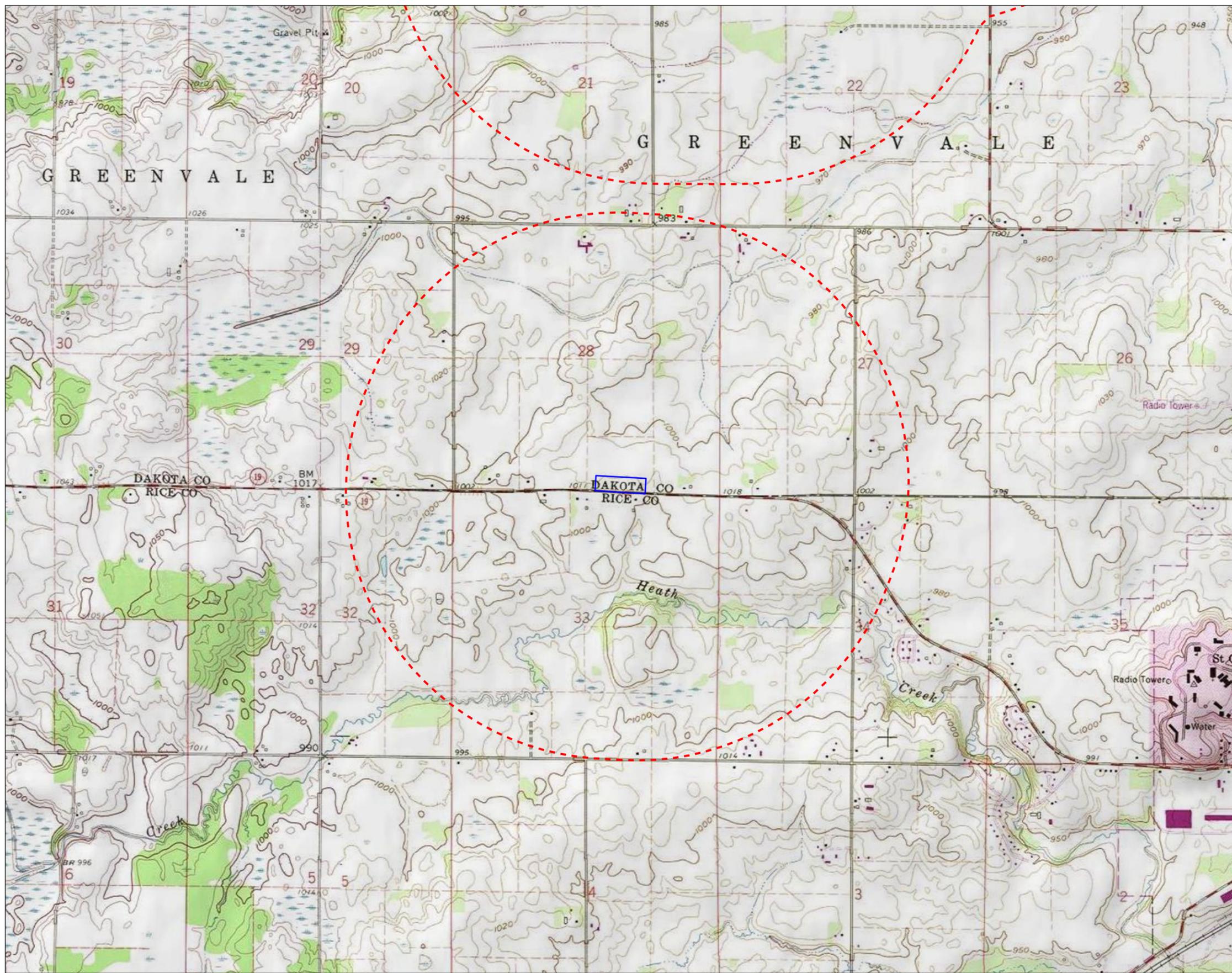
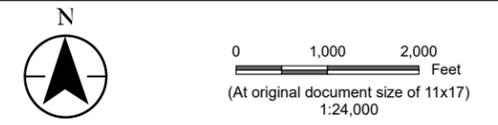
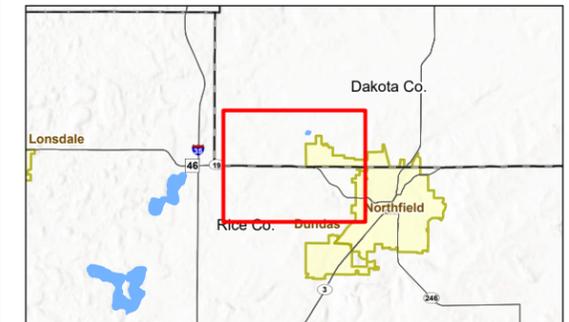


Figure No. **1**
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 Client/Project Northern Natural Gas 172608813
 Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment & Capacity Replacement Project
 Project Location Dakota County, Minnesota Prepared by JM on 2025-10-24
 TR by JL on 2025-10-27
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**Field Collected Data
V2F - Temporary Compression Site Northfield
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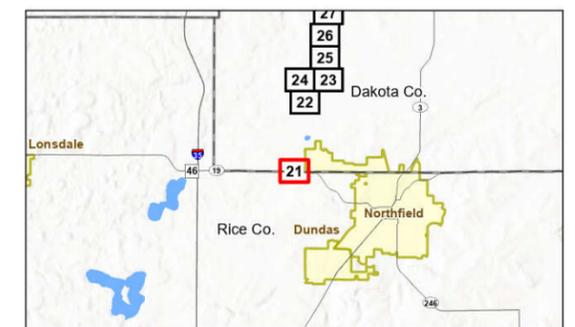
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Cc: Plucker, Terry (Northern Natural Gas); Knabe, Susan; Noland, Nathan; Lillie, Jessica
Subject: Northern Natural Gas - Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project – Temporary Compression Site - Freeborn County, MN

All,

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Devin, I am copying you on this application while Alyssa Core is on leave.

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 [V2F Temporary Compression Site WCA No-Loss Application.pdf](#)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the Project further, feel free to contact me.

Tony

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RE: Northern Natural Gas - Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project – Temporary Compression Site for A-Line Abandonment, Freeborn County, Minnesota – WCA No Loss Application

Dear Ms. Wehner:

Northern Natural Gas (Northern) is proposing a Temporary Compression Site for A-Line Abandonment (Project) (see Project Overview Map, attached). Northern's pipeline system and the new facilities are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and is responsible for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and with applicable state and local wetland regulations such as the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act (WCA). Northern is required to review proposed actions and determine whether such actions may affect a waterbody or wetland under the jurisdiction of the WCA or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Northern has secured the services of Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) to assist with wetland delineation and permitting for the proposed temporary compression site for the A-Line Abandonment, specifically at Northern's existing La Crosse BL MNB73201 launcher/ABA05 facility (Project).

Project Description

Northern's proposed Project includes construction of the following components associated with Northern's natural gas system within Freeborn County:

Project Facilities

Facility	Pipeline Diameter and Type	Approximate Area	MP	County	State	Associated WCA LGU
Temporary Compression Site for A-Line Abandonment - La Crosse BL MNB73201 launcher/ABA05	Temporary Compression Site	1.31 acres	N/A	Freeborn	MN	Freeborn County

A project overview figure showing the locations of the Project components is attached to this cover letter.

In 2025, wetland delineations and waterbodies surveys were conducted for the environmental survey boundary (ESB) for each of the Project components. Stantec has completed field surveys of 100% of the parcels within the Project ESB.

Two wetlands were identified within the ESB surveyed for the Freeborn County portion of the Project; however, Northern designed the Project to only temporarily impact one wetland. As proposed, the Project will result in a total of 0.07 acre of temporary wetland impact. The Project will result in no permanent fill or conversion of wetland.

The duration of the Project will be approximately seven months; tree clearing is scheduled to be completed early 2027. A-line abandonment is scheduled to begin in spring 2029.

The Project qualifies for a no-loss from state wetland permitting under WCA Chapter 8420.0415, A & H. Northern is requesting a No-Loss Notice of Decision. According to WCA, a replacement plan will not be required for the Project as permanent wetland impacts will not occur. Wetland mitigation credits will not be required for Project wetland impacts.

Based on the scope of the Project and the proposed wetland impacts, the Project qualifies for coverage under the Utility Regional General Permit without the need for preconstruction notification. Northern is providing this notification as a courtesy.

I appreciate your attention to this notification and request a review of the attached information. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me (402-398-7226 or Terry.Plucker@nngco.com) or Tony Kaster of Stantec (612-297-8654 or Anthony.Kaster@stantec.com).

Sincerely,

Terry Plucker
 Northern Natural Gas

Northern Natural Gas – Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project
February 17, 2026

Manager – Construction Environmental
Compliance

Enclosures: Joint Application Form
Project Overview Figures
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cc: Sue Knabe, Stantec

Northern Natural Gas – Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project
February 17, 2026

**JOINT
APPLICATION
FORM**

Project Name and/or Number: Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project – Temporary Compression Site for A-Line Abandonment

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If applicant is an entity (company, government entity, partnership, etc.), an authorized contact person must be identified. If the applicant is using an agent (consultant, lawyer, or other third party) and has authorized them to act on their behalf, the agent's contact information must also be provided.

Applicant/Landowner Name: Northern Natural Gas – Terry Plucker

Mailing Address: 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, NE, 68124

Phone: 402-389-7226

E-mail Address: Terry.plucker@nngco.com

Authorized Contact (do not complete if same as above):

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Agent Name: Stantec – Tony Kaster

Mailing Address: One Carlson Parkway, Suite 100, Plymouth, MN 55447

Phone: 612-297-8654

E-mail Address: anthony.kaster@stantec.com

PART TWO: Site Location Information

County: Freeborn

City/Township: Bath Township

Parcel ID and/or Address: 180060030

Legal Description (Section, Township, Range): S 6, T 104N, R 21W

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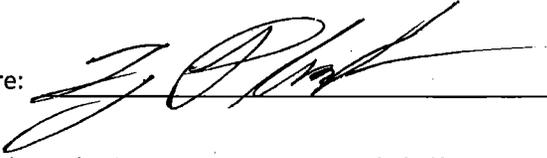
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PROJECT FIGURES

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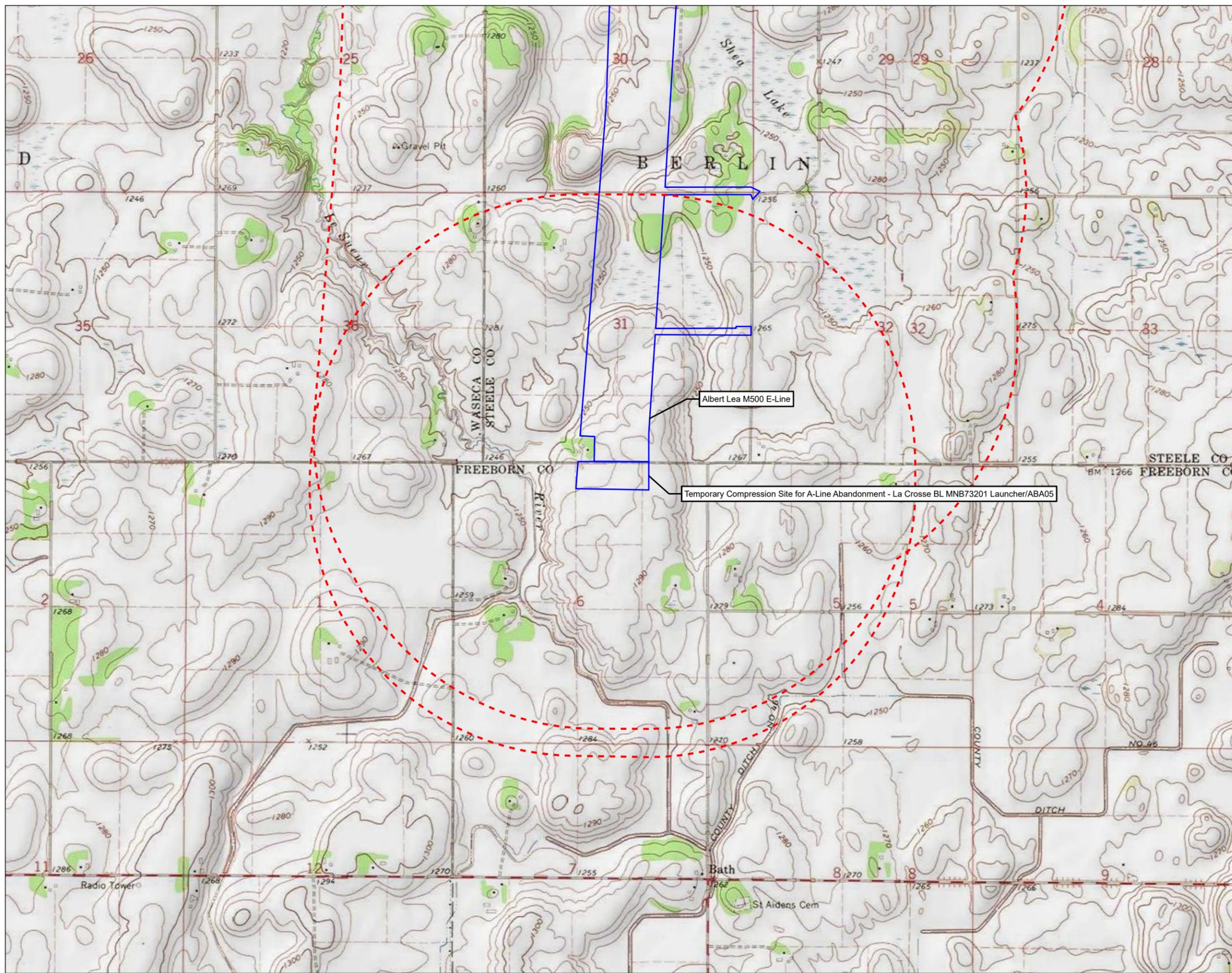
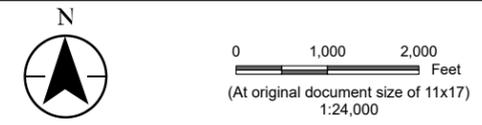


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Subject: Northern Natural Gas - Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project – Disconnect Site Farmington Compressor Station - Dakota County, MN

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If you have any questions or would like to discuss the Project further, feel free to contact me.

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RE: Northern Natural Gas - Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project – Temporary Disconnect Site Farmington Compressor Station, Dakota County, Minnesota – WCA No Loss Application

Dear Mr. Holmen:

Northern Natural Gas (Northern) is proposing a Temporary Disconnect Site at the Farmington Compressor Station (Project) (see Project Overview Map, attached). Northern's pipeline system and the new facilities are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and is responsible for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and with applicable state and local wetland regulations such as the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act (WCA). Northern is required to review proposed actions and determine whether such actions may affect a waterbody or wetland under the jurisdiction of the WCA or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Northern has secured the services of Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) to assist with wetland delineation and permitting for the proposed temporary disconnect site for Northern's A-line abandonment.

Project Description

Northern's proposed Project includes construction of the following components associated with Northern's natural gas system within Dakota County:

Project Facilities

Facility	Pipeline Diameter and Type	Approximate Area	MP	County	State	Associated WCA LGU
Temporary Disconnect Site – Farmington Compressor Station	Temporary Disconnect Site	5.47 acres	N/A	Dakota	MN	City of Farmington

A project overview figure showing the locations of the Project components is attached to this cover letter.

In 2025, wetland delineations and waterbodies surveys were conducted for the environmental survey boundary (ESB) for each of the Project components. Stantec has completed field surveys of 100% of the parcels within the Project ESB.

One wetland, one waterway, and one waterbody was identified within the ESB surveyed for the Project; however, Northern designed the Project to only temporarily impact one wetland. As proposed, the Project will result in a total of 0.19 acre of temporary wetland impact through extra temporary workspace required to complete construction dewatering. The Project will result in no permanent fill or conversion of wetland.

The duration of the Project will be approximately seven months; tree clearing is scheduled to be completed early 2027. The A-line abandonment is scheduled to begin in spring 2029.

The Project qualifies for a no-loss from state wetland permitting under WCA Chapter 8420.0415, A. Northern is requesting a No-Loss Notice of Decision. According to WCA, a replacement plan will not be required for the Project as permanent wetland impacts will not occur. Wetland mitigation credits will not be required for Project wetland impacts.

Based on the scope of the Project and the proposed wetland impacts, the Project qualifies for coverage under the Utility Regional General Permit without the need for preconstruction notification. Northern is providing this notification as a courtesy.

I appreciate your attention to this notification and request a review of the attached information. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me (402-398-7226 or Terry.Plucker@nngco.com) or Tony Kaster of Stantec (612-297-8654 or Anthony.Kaster@stantec.com).

Sincerely,



Terry Plucker
Northern Natural Gas
Manager – Construction Environmental
Compliance

Northern Natural Gas – Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project
February 17, 2026

Enclosures: Joint Application Form
Project Overview Figures
Wetland Delineation Report

cc: Sue Knabe, Stantec

Northern Natural Gas – Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project
February 17, 2026

**JOINT
APPLICATION
FORM**

Project Name and/or Number: Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project – Farmington Compressor Station

PART ONE: Applicant Information

If applicant is an entity (company, government entity, partnership, etc.), an authorized contact person must be identified. If the applicant is using an agent (consultant, lawyer, or other third party) and has authorized them to act on their behalf, the agent's contact information must also be provided.

Applicant/Landowner Name: Northern Natural Gas – Terry Plucker

Mailing Address: 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, NE, 68124

Phone: 402-389-7226

E-mail Address: Terry.plucker@nngco.com

Authorized Contact (do not complete if same as above):

Mailing Address:

Phone:

E-mail Address:

Agent Name: Stantec – Tony Kaster

Mailing Address: One Carlson Parkway, Suite 100, Plymouth, MN 55447

Phone: 612-297-8654

E-mail Address: anthony.kaster@stantec.com

PART TWO: Site Location Information

County: Dakota

City/Township: City of Farmington

Parcel ID and/or Address: 14-03600-08-019

Legal Description (Section, Township, Range): S 36, T 114N, R 20W

Lat/Long (decimal degrees): 44.6429777, -93.1590001

Attach a map showing the location of the site in relation to local streets, roads, highways.

Approximate size of site (acres) or if a linear project, length (feet): 5.47 acres

If you know that your proposal will require an individual Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you must provide the names and addresses of all property owners adjacent to the project site. This information may be provided by attaching a list to your application or by using block 25 of the Application for Department of the Army permit which can be obtained at:

http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Portals/57/docs/regulatory/RegulatoryDocs/engform_4345_2012oct.pdf

PART THREE: General Project/Site Information

If this application is related to a delineation approval, exemption determination, jurisdictional determination, or other correspondence submitted *prior to* this application then describe that here and provide the Corps of Engineers project number.

Describe the project that is being proposed, the project purpose and need, and schedule for implementation and completion. The project description must fully describe the nature and scope of the proposed activity including a description of all project elements that effect aquatic resources (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) and must also include plans and cross section or profile drawings showing the location, character, and dimensions of all proposed activities and aquatic resource impacts.

The purpose of this Project is to enhance the safety, reliability, security, and operational efficiency of Northern's pipeline system by abandoning in-place approximately 131.11 miles of the A-line from Ventura, Iowa, to

Farmington, Minnesota and extending its E- and D-lines, consisting of approximately 17.88 miles of pipeline in Freeborn, Steele, and Dakota counties, Minnesota.

To minimize methane venting to the atmosphere during tie-in activities, Northern will utilize a line stop in addition to the temporary compression; the line stop is located in Section 14, T113N, R20W, Dakota County, Minnesota. Northern also will remove a hot tap fitting from its existing 30-inch-diameter M500 C-line and tie over from the M500 C-line at the take-off to remove the existing connection. Northern will dewater during the disconnect of the A-line. Based on previous work inside the Farmington compressor station, Minnesota Department of Natural Resource staff have preferred that Northern discharge its construction water along the north property line, directly into the drainage feature. Temporary workspace will be required from the disconnect site to the discharge point to run pumps and hose along with construct a temporary discharge structure.

PART FOUR: Aquatic Resource Impact¹ Summary

If your proposed project involves a direct or indirect impact to an aquatic resource (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) identify each impact in the table below. Include all anticipated impacts, including those expected to be temporary. Attach an overhead view map, aerial photo, and/or drawing showing all of the aquatic resources in the project area and the location(s) of the proposed impacts. Label each aquatic resource on the map with a reference number or letter and identify the impacts in the following table.

Aquatic Resource ID (as noted on overhead view)	Aquatic Resource Type (wetland, lake, tributary etc.)	Type of Impact (fill, excavate, drain, or remove vegetation)	Duration of Impact Permanent (P) or Temporary (T) ¹	Size of Impact ²	Overall Size of Aquatic Resource ³	Existing Plant Community Type(s) in Impact Area ⁴	County, Major Watershed #, and Bank Service Area # of Impact Area ⁵
FCS-W01	Wetland	Drain (Extra Temporary Work Space)	T	0.19	N/A	Wet Meadow	Dakota Cty, Major Watershed 38, BSA 8

¹If impacts are temporary; enter the duration of the impacts in days next to the "T". For example, a project with a temporary access fill that would be removed after 220 days would be entered "T (220)".

²Impacts less than 0.01 acre should be reported in square feet. Impacts 0.01 acre or greater should be reported as acres and rounded to the nearest 0.01 acre. Tributary impacts must be reported in linear feet of impact and an area of impact by indicating first the linear feet of impact along the flowline of the stream followed by the area impact in parentheses). For example, a project that impacts 50 feet of a stream that is 6 feet wide would be reported as 50 ft (300 square feet).

³This is generally only applicable if you are applying for a de minimis exemption under MN Rules 8420.0420 Subp. 8, otherwise enter "N/A".

⁴Use *Wetland Plants and Plant Community Types of Minnesota and Wisconsin* 3rd Ed. as modified in MN Rules 8420.0405 Subp. 2.

⁵Refer to Major Watershed and Bank Service Area maps in MN Rules 8420.0522 Subp. 7.

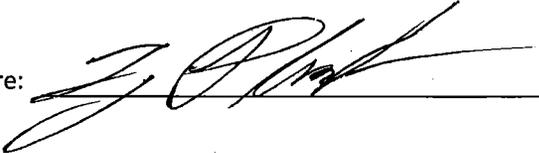
If any of the above identified impacts have already occurred, identify which impacts they are and the circumstances associated with each:

¹ The term "impact" as used in this joint application form is a generic term used for disclosure purposes to identify activities that may require approval from one or more regulatory agencies. For purposes of this form it is not meant to indicate whether or not those activities may require mitigation/replacement.

PART FIVE: Applicant Signature

Check here if you are requesting a pre-application consultation with the Corps and LGU based on the information you have provided. Regulatory entities will not initiate a formal application review if this box is checked.

By signature below, I attest that the information in this application is complete and accurate. I further attest that I possess the authority to undertake the work described herein.

Signature:  Date: 2/4/2026

I hereby authorize Stantec to act on my behalf as my agent in the processing of this application and to furnish, upon request, supplemental information in support of this application.

Project Name and/or Number: Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project – Farmington Compressor Station

Attachment B

Supporting Information for Applications Involving Exemptions, No Loss Determinations, and Activities Not Requiring Mitigation

Complete this part *if* you maintain that the identified aquatic resource impacts in Part Four do not require wetland replacement/compensatory mitigation OR *if* you are seeking verification that the proposed water resource impacts are either exempt from replacement or are not under CWA/WCA jurisdiction.

Identify the specific exemption or no-loss provision for which you believe your project or site qualifies:

M.R. 8420.0415 H – Temporary impact

Provide a detailed explanation of how your project or site qualifies for the above. Be specific and provide and refer to attachments and exhibits that support your contention. Applicants should refer to rules (e.g. WCA rules), guidance documents (e.g. BWSR guidance, Corps guidance letters/public notices), and permit conditions (e.g. Corps General Permit conditions) to determine the necessary information to support the application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the WCA LGU and Corps Project Manager prior to submitting an application if they are unsure of what type of information to provide:

No-Loss H

One wetland will be temporarily impacted by construction dewatering. The dewatering location was directed by the MDNR. A water appropriations permit will be obtained from MDNR for the operation. Dewatering is temporary and will not result in permanent loss of wetland hydrology. This work qualifies for No-Loss H – Temporary impact.

PROJECT FIGURES

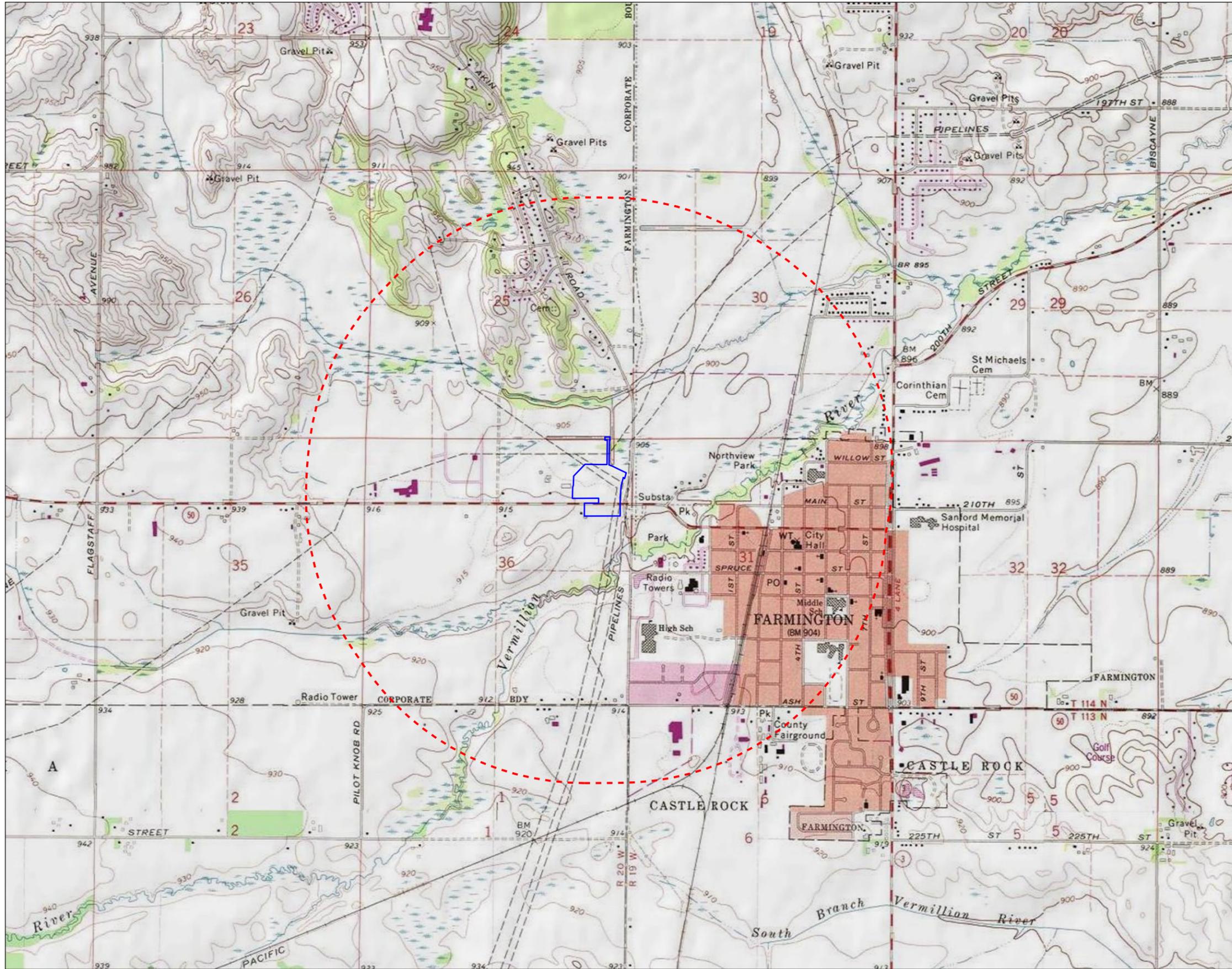
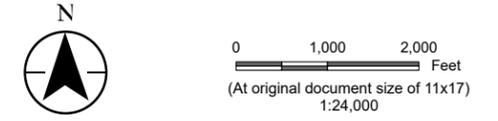
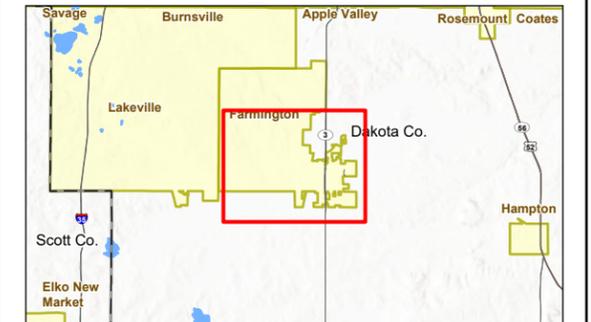


Figure No. **1**
 Title **Project Location & Topography**
V2F - Disconnect Site for A-Line Abandonment
Farmington Compressor Station
 Client/Project Northern Natural Gas 172608813
 Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment & Capacity Replacement Project
 Project Location Dakota County, Minnesota Prepared by JM on 2025-10-24
 TR by JL on 2025-10-27
 IR by SK on 2026-01-29



Legend
 Environmental Survey Boundary
 1-Mile Buffer



Notes
 1. Coordinate System: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 15N
 2. Data Sources: Stantec, NNG, Esri, USCB, USGS
 3. Background: USGS 7.5' Topographic Quadrangles

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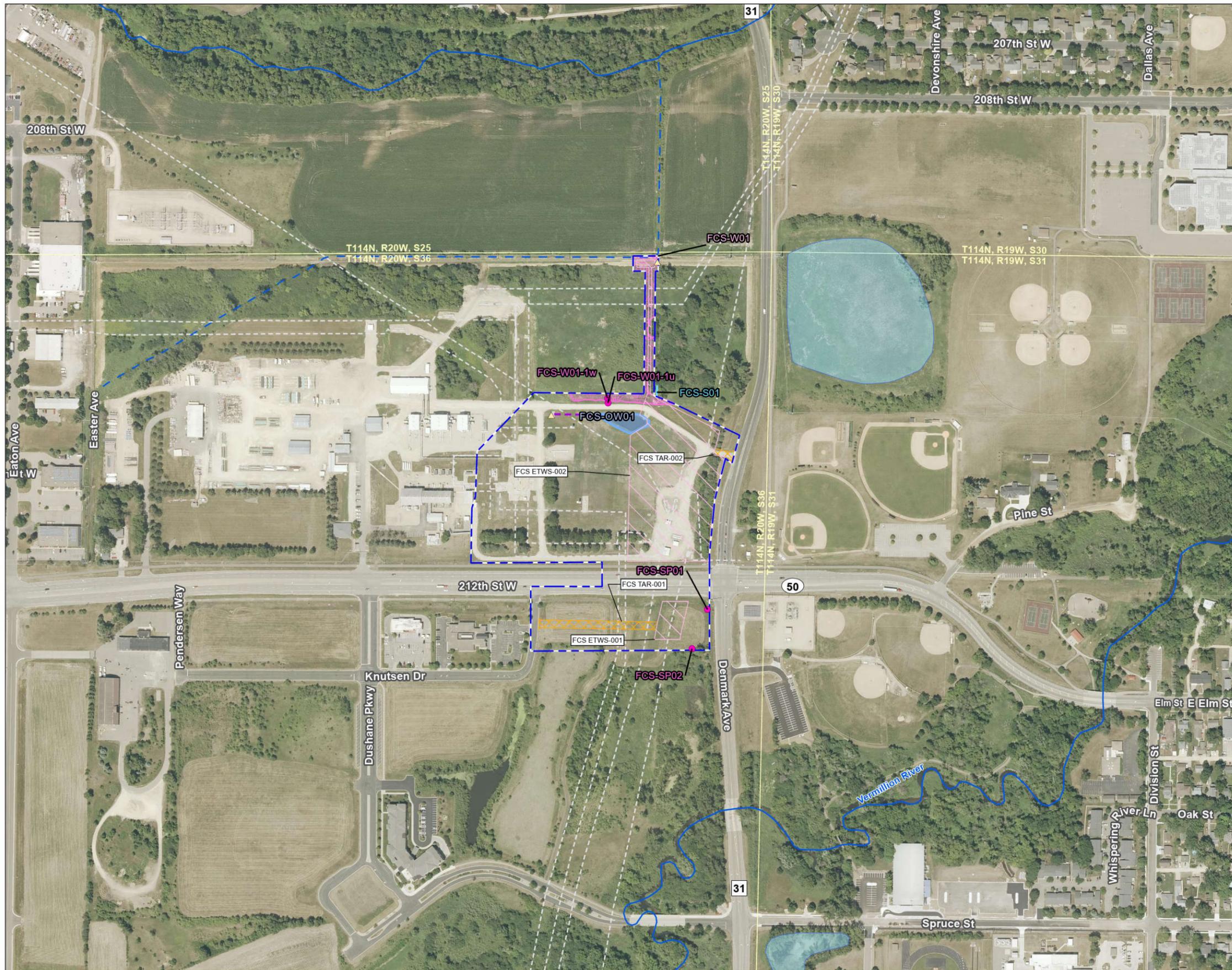
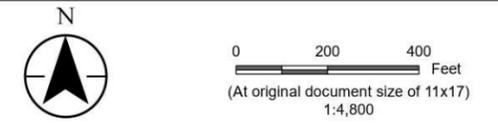
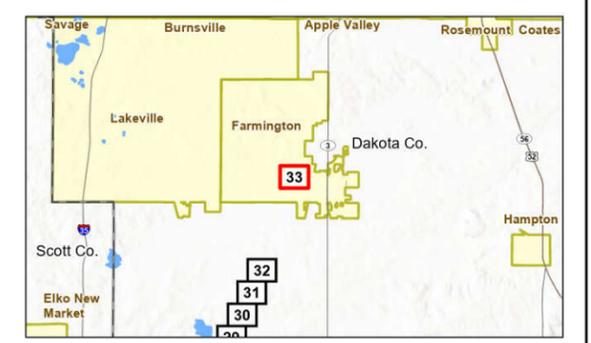


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 Title **Field Collected Data**
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- Legend
- Environmental Survey Boundary
 - Extra Temporary Workspace
 - Temporary Access Road
 - Existing Pipeline
 - Culvert
 - Sample Point
 - Upland Drainage Feature
 - Field Delineated Waterway
 - Field Delineated Open Water
 - Field Delineated Wetlands
 - PEM
 - National Hydrography Dataset
 - Perennial Stream
 - Intermittent Stream
 - Canal/Ditch
 - Waterbody



Notes
 1. Coordinate System: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 15N
 2. Data Sources: Stantec, NING, Esri, USCB, USGS
 3. Background: 2023 NAIP

**WETLAND
DELINEATION
REPORT**

For filing purposes, the
wetland delineation
report is included in
Appendix 2B

From: [Schmidt, Chris](#)
To: [Munsell, Aneka \(She/Her/Hers\) \(MDH\)](#)
Cc: [Shea, Abby \(She/Her/Hers\) \(MDH\)](#); [Wettlaufer, Mark \(MDH\)](#); [Noland, Nathan](#); [Knabe, Susan](#)
Subject: RE: V2F Faribault M500 D-Line Extension Project- MDH and Dakota Co. Consultation for Hastings WHP and DWSMA
Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 11:42:00 AM
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Aneka,

We agree that most of the best management practices for protecting drinking water are included in the stormwater construction permit requirements and Northern plans to implement the emergency response, pollution prevention and stormwater management practices identified below. As for private wells, Northern plans to conduct pre and post private water well testing for any wells within 150 feet of the construction footprint.

Thanks again for your timely response.

Chris Schmidt, GIT
Senior Project Manager



From: Schmidt, Chris
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 3:37 PM
To: 'Munsell, Aneka (She/Her/Hers) (MDH)' <Aneka.Munsell@state.mn.us>
Cc: Shea, Abby (She/Her/Hers) (MDH) <Abby.Shea@state.mn.us>; Wettlaufer, Mark (MDH) <mark.wettlaufer@state.mn.us>
Subject: RE: V2F Faribault M500 D-Line Extension Project- MDH and Dakota Co. Consultation for Hastings WHP and DWSMA

Aneka,

Received. Thank you. I will reach out should there be any follow-up questions to your response below.

Thank you,

Chris Schmidt, GIT
Senior Project Manager



From: Munsell, Aneka (She/Her/Hers) (MDH) <Aneka.Munsell@state.mn.us>
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 8:10 AM
To: Schmidt, Chris <Chris.Schmidt@stantec.com>
Cc: Shea, Abby (She/Her/Hers) (MDH) <Abby.Shea@state.mn.us>; Wettlaufer, Mark (MDH) <mark.wettlaufer@state.mn.us>

Subject: V2F Faribault M500 D-Line Extension Project- MDH and Dakota Co. Consultation for Hastings WHP and DWSMA

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Chris,

Thank you for reaching out. It looks like the overlap between the proposed pipeline extension and the Hastings' Drinking Water Supply Management Area (DWSMA) is the surface water contribution area. In this area we are mainly concerned about run-off and spills to the Vermillion River that would then recharge the drinking water aquifer. Many of the best practices for protecting drinking water are included in the stormwater construction permit requirements. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Emergency Response

- If the source of an illicit discharge is a spill or leak (as defined in Minn. Stat. 115.061) occurs inside a DWSMA (groundwater or surface water), the site manager should notify the City of Hastings' Public Works after the Duty Officer is notified
- If the site manager discovers that noncompliance with a condition of the Construction Stormwater Permit has occurred which could endanger public drinking water supplies notify the City of Hastings' Public Works. If you are unsure if public drinking water supplies are endangered please reach out to me.

Pollution Prevention

- Construction materials that can leach pollutants should be under cover or protected by similar means to minimize contact with stormwater.
- Pesticides, fertilizers, treatment chemicals, hazardous materials, and toxic waste stored onsite should be in sealed containers to prevent spills, leaks, or discharge. Consider secondary containment for materials.
- Any fueling taking place onsite should be on an impervious surface with secondary containment to prevent any accidental spills from reaching the ground surface. If possible fueling should take place outside of the DWSMA.
- Maintain proper erosion and sediment control measures.

Stormwater Management

- Because the site is located in the surface water contribution area of Hastings' DWSMA

infiltration is an acceptable stormwater management practice.

- Ideally stormwater would be kept/managed on-site with limited run-off.

Protections for Private wells

- Throughout the project area consider gathering contact information (name, address, phone number) for all well owners with wells located within 200 feet of the site for use in the event of a spill or release of hazardous substance. This list of wells may include identification of wells that are not included in the Minnesota Well Index, and any newly located wells can be sent to the District Hydrologists.
 - The locations of many non-public drinking water wells can be found in the following database: [Minnesota Well Index \(MWI\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/mwi/index.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/mwi/index.html>). Please note that missing information does not guarantee there is not a well on a property.

Anneka Munsell PE

Hydrologist | Source Water Protection

Minnesota Department of Health

Office: 651-201-5841

Minnesota Department of Health



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From: [Schmidt, Chris](#)
To: [Dunn, Jeff](#)
Cc: [Noland, Nathan](#); [Knabe, Susan](#)
Subject: RE: VRW Response: Northern: V2F Faribault M500 D-Line Extension Project
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Jeff,

Thank you for reaching out. Northern is planning to commence the construction activities for the Ventura to Farmington Faribault M500 D-Line Extension Project in the spring of 2028. Once the project design is finalized, we will reach back out in late 2027 for any permitting needs with the VRWJPO Watershed.

Thanks again,

Chris Schmidt, GIT
Senior Project Manager



From: Dunn, Jeff <Jeff.Dunn@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>
Sent: Monday, December 29, 2025 11:23 AM
To: Schmidt, Chris <Chris.Schmidt@stantec.com>
Subject: VRW Response: Northern: V2F Faribault M500 D-Line Extension Project

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Hi Chris!

I only received the attached related to the subject project, which shows what appears to be a portion of the project. Could you provide any additional information so I can determine whether a VRWJPO Watershed and Land Disturbance permit will be required? Also, do you have any tentative dates for construction?

Thank you

Jeff

Jeff Dunn, Water Resources Engineer
Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization
Dakota County Extension & Conservation Center
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From: Dunn, Jeff

Sent: Monday, December 29, 2025 11:11 AM

To: Neppel, Valerie <Valerie.Neppel@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>; Thiel, Travis <Travis.Thiel@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>; Perrine, Kelly <Kelly.Perrine@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>

Cc: Gallagher, Ashley <Ashley.Gallagher@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>; Magnuson, Dave <Dave.Magnuson@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>

Subject: VRW Response: Northern: V2F Faribault M500 D-Line Extension Project

Hi Valerie,

Thank you for sending this over. From what I'm reading below, it looks like everyone is monitoring the potential environmental impacts.

I'll reach out to Chris at Stantec. Certain portions of the pipeline corridor may fall within areas where the VRW has permitting authority, and we can discuss the next steps.

Would you like me to include you in that conversation?

Thanks,

Jeff

Jeff Dunn, Water Resources Engineer
Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization

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From: Neppel, Valerie <Valerie.Neppel@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>

Sent: Monday, December 29, 2025 10:23 AM

To: Thiel, Travis <Travis.Thiel@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>; Dunn, Jeff <Jeff.Dunn@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>; Perrine, Kelly <Kelly.Perrine@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>; Gallagher, Ashley <Ashley.Gallagher@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>; Magnuson, Dave <Dave.Magnuson@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>

Subject: RE: Northern: V2F Faribault M500 D-Line Extension Project- MDH and Dakota Co. Consultation for Hastings WHP and DWSMA

Sorry, forgot to include the attached.

From: Neppel, Valerie

Sent: Monday, December 29, 2025 10:21 AM

To: Thiel, Travis <Travis.Thiel@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>; Dunn, Jeff <Jeff.Dunn@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>; Perrine, Kelly <Kelly.Perrine@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>; Gallagher, Ashley <Ashley.Gallagher@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>; Magnuson, Dave <Dave.Magnuson@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>

Subject: FW: Northern: V2F Faribault M500 D-Line Extension Project- MDH and Dakota Co. Consultation for Hastings WHP and DWSMA

FYI – see below proposed extension of natural gas pipeline.

Groundwater group doesn't really play a role in this, as it would be state regulatory requirements. Not sure if VRWJPO or SWCD have additional BMPs or recommendations.

From: Demuth, Vanessa <Vanessa.Demuth@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>

Sent: Monday, December 22, 2025 10:54 AM

To: Nepl, Valerie <Valerie.Nepl@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>; Luehrs, Jeff <Jeff.Luehrs@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>

Subject: RE: Northern: V2F Faribault M500 D-Line Extension Project- MDH and Dakota Co. Consultation for Hastings WHP and DWSMA

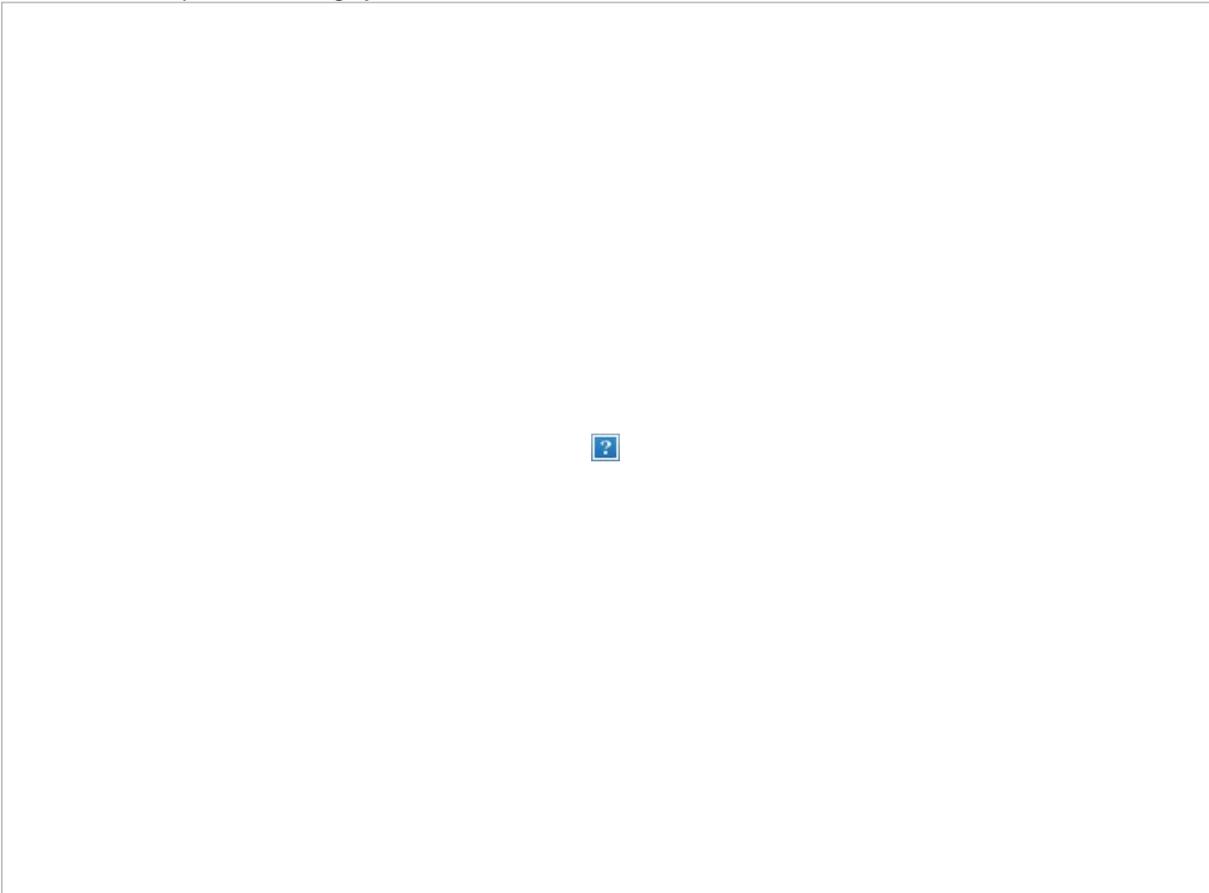
I don't really feel like we have a role in the BMPs for their pipeline project.

I think it falls to City of Hastings (DWSMA concerns), Vermillion River WMO and maybe SWCD.

Do you want to forward the email to Travis and Lindsey so they are aware and can reach out to Chris Schmidt.

They are going to set up refueling at 245th and Essex.

The DWSNA is in pink and it is highly vulnerable.



Cannon River Watershed is in yellow and Vermillion in pink.



-Vanessa

From: Neppl, Valerie <Valerie.Neppl@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>
Sent: Monday, December 22, 2025 9:47 AM
To: Demuth, Vanessa <Vanessa.Demuth@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>; Luehrs, Jeff <Jeff.Luehrs@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>
Subject: Fwd: Northern: V2F Faribault M500 D-Line Extension Project- MDH and Dakota Co. Consultation for Hastings WHP and DWSMA

Haven't had to look much at this. May need to review and respond next week.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Wettlaufer, Mark (MDH)" <mark.wettlaufer@state.mn.us>
Date: December 22, 2025 at 7:45:28 AM CST
To: "Schmidt, Chris" <Chris.Schmidt@stantec.com>
Cc: "Neppl, Valerie" <Valerie.Neppl@co.dakota.mn.us>, "Knabe, Susan" <Susan.Knabe@stantec.com>, "Noland, Nathan" <Nathan.Noland@stantec.com>, "Shea, Abby (She/Her/Hers) (MDH)" <Abby.Shea@state.mn.us>, "Munsell, Anneka (She/Her/Hers) (MDH)" <anneka.munsell@state.mn.us>, "Woodside, John (MDH)" <john.woodside@state.mn.us>

Subject: RE: Northern: V2F Faribault M500 D-Line Extension Project- MDH and Dakota Co. Consultation for Hastings WHP and DWSMA

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Good Morning Chris,

I am forwarding this to our Hydro / Planner Team (cc'd here) that covers Dakota County in regards to your request and any potential impacts from extending the natural gas pipeline in the area shown in the map you sent of the Hastings DWSMA. We will also consider ancillary impacts from excavation work and equipment needed to complete the project.

We will follow up with recommendations, and / or reach out if we have questions about the project. Thanks for reaching out early in the planning stages of the project.

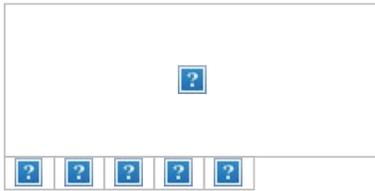
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From: Schmidt, Chris <Chris.Schmidt@stantec.com>

Sent: Friday, December 19, 2025 10:46 AM

To: Wettlaufer, Mark (MDH) <mark.wettlaufer@state.mn.us>

Cc: Nepl, Valerie <Valerie.Nepl@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>; Knabe, Susan <Susan.Knabe@stantec.com>; Noland, Nathan <Nathan.Noland@stantec.com>

Subject: Northern: V2F Faribault M500 D-Line Extension Project- MDH and Dakota Co. Consultation for Hastings WHP and DWSMA

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Mark,

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Cc: [Knabe, Susan](#); [Noland, Nathan](#); [Shea, Abby \(She/Her/Hers\) \(MDH\)](#); [Munsell, Anneka \(She/Her/Hers\) \(MDH\)](#); [Woodside, John \(MDH\)](#)
Subject: RE: Northern: V2F Faribault M500 D-Line Extension Project- MDH and Dakota Co. Consultation for Hastings WHP and DWSMA
Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 11:39:00 AM
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Valerie,

Thank you for the follow-up. Northern is planning to commence the construction activities for the Ventura to Farmington Faribault M500 D-Line Extension Project in the spring of 2028 and be in service no later than November 1, 2028.

Thank you,

Chris Schmidt, GIT
Senior Project Manager



From: Neppl, Valerie <Valerie.Neppl@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US>
Sent: Monday, December 29, 2025 1:17 PM
To: Wettlaufer, Mark (MDH) <mark.wettlaufer@state.mn.us>; Schmidt, Chris <Chris.Schmidt@stantec.com>
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Sorry, I meant to address the previous email to Chris.

Chris,

I'm circulating the information internally to see if there are any concerns I may have missed. Anything related to WCA should be directed to the Dakota SWCD. I believe Jeff with VRW will be reaching out to you separately since certain portions of the pipeline corridor may fall within areas where the VRW has permitting authority.

When is construction projected to occur (start/end)?

From: Wettlaufer, Mark (MDH) <mark.wettlaufer@state.mn.us>
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Thanks Valerie,

That sounds good. I guess if the county has any concerns, Chris was hoping to perhaps hear from the county too.

We will provide comments in regards to the WHP / DWSMAs. Thanks also for forwarding to the Vermillion Watershed District.

Mark

Mark Wettlaufer

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Mark,

Thanks for information. We would defer to the state for recommended/required actions for construction activities within a WHP/DWSMA. All Dakota County Ordinance can be found here: [County Ordinances | Dakota County](#)

I'll also share this with the Vermillion River Watershed to confirm if they have any additional requirements.

Thanks,
Valerie

Valerie Neppi, P.E.
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Good Morning Chris,

I am forwarding this to our Hydro / Planner Team (cc'd here) that covers Dakota County in regards to your request and any potential impacts from extending the natural gas pipeline in the area shown in the map you sent of the Hastings DWSMA. We will also consider ancillary impacts from excavation work and equipment needed to complete the project.

We will follow up with recommendations, and / or reach out if we have questions about the project. Thanks for reaching out early in the planning stages of the project.

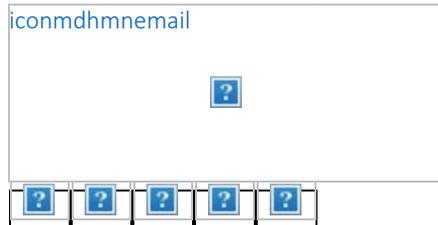
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Sent: Friday, February 20, 2026 3:16 PM
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Subject: USACE General Permit Notification

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District (USACE) has received information about your project involving work in wetlands or waters in Freeborn County, Minnesota.

Project name: Northern Natural Gas – Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Lake Mills M500 E-Line, Freeborn County, Minnesota

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Utility Regional General Permit (2023):

<https://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Portals/57/docs/regulatory/RGP/Utility.pdf?ver=9pcj7dVPna3FU6CTYjnCVA%3d%3d>

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https://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Portals/57/docs/regulatory/RGP/MPCA_401.pdf?ver=NxzwuoNih-78RL9GNLZTwA%3d%3d

You should carefully review the terms and conditions of the general permit and WQC to confirm eligibility for your project and identify requirements imposed by use of the general permit.

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The USACE point of contact is listed below if you have any questions regarding the above information. Questions about the WQC should be directed to the certifying authority.

Trace R. Strahle
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Project name: Northern Natural Gas – Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Albert Lea M500 E-Line, Steele County, Minnesota

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District (USACE) has received information about your project involving work in wetlands or waters in Carver County, Minnesota.

Project name: Northern Natural Gas – Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Willmar 3rd Branch Line Downstream, Carver County, Minnesota

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To: Plucker, Terry (Northern Natural Gas)
Cc: Strahle, Trace R CIV USARMY CEMVP (USA); anthony.kaster@stantec.com
Subject: [INTERNET] Northern Natural Gas – Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Welcome 2nd Line, Martin County, Minnesota

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Please reach out to me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Friday, February 20, 2026 9:25 AM
To: Devin.Ryan@state.mn.us; Plucker, Terry (Northern Natural Gas); Knabe, Susan; Nathan.Noland@stantec.com; Jessica.Lillie@stantec.com; ryan.doorenbos@state.mn.us; hneusch@fairmont.org; tcowing@fairmont.org; anthony.kaster@stantec.com
Subject: [INTERNET] Martin County Northern Natural Gas NOA
Attachments: NNG Northern Lights 2027 Expansion NOA 2-20-26.pdf; NL27 Welcome 2nd Line WCA No-Loss Application.pdf
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Good morning everyone,

I received a Wetland Conservation Act Joint Application, see attached. The project is located in Lake Fremont Township sections 11 and 12. The comment period ends on 3/13/2026.

Thank you

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Dustin Benes
Martin Soil and Water Conservation District
923 N State St
Fairmont MN 56031
507-235-6680 ext. 4

All

On behalf of Northern Natural Gas (Northern), I am submitting the Joint Application Form for the Northern Natural Gas - Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project - Welcome 2nd Line. It is Northern's understanding the Project qualifies for a No-Loss under the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act. Additionally, it is Northern's understanding the Project meets the criteria for coverage under the Utilities Regional General Permit from the USACE St. Paul District without the need for preconstruction notification.

Please use the link below to download the application. Let me know if you have any difficulty downloading the document.

 [NL27 Welcome 2nd Line WCA No-Loss Application.pdf](#)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the Project further, feel free to contact me.

Tony

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This application has been received by the Jackson SWCD office (LGU). I will reach out within the next 15 business days to inform you if the application is complete or if more information is required.

Thanks!

On Thu, Feb 19, 2026 at 4:50 PM Kaster, Anthony <anthony.kaster@stantec.com> wrote:

All

On behalf of Northern Natural Gas (Northern), I am submitting the Joint Application Form for the Northern Natural Gas - Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project - Worthington 2nd Branch Line. It is Northern's understanding the Project qualifies for a No-Loss under the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act. Additionally, it is Northern's understanding the Project meets the criteria for coverage under the Utilities Regional General Permit from the USACE St. Paul District without the need for preconstruction notification.

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 [NL27 Worthington 2nd Branch Line WCA No-Loss Application.pdf](#)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the Project further, feel free to contact me.

Tony

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Subject: USACE General Permit Notification

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District (USACE) has received information about your project involving work in wetlands or waters in Watonwan County, Minnesota.

Project name: Northern Natural Gas – Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Springfield 2nd Branch Line, Watonwan County, Minnesota

The proposed work appears to be authorized by a general permit that does not require pre-construction notification to USACE. This means you can proceed without additional approval from USACE, provided you ensure your project meets the terms and conditions of the general permit and applicable Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC).

Utility Regional General Permit (2023):

<https://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Portals/57/docs/regulatory/RGP/Utility.pdf?ver=9pcj7dVPna3FU6CTYjnCVA%3d%3d>

2023 RGP WQC - State of Minnesota (excluding reservations):

https://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Portals/57/docs/regulatory/RGP/MPCA_401.pdf?ver=NxzwuoNih-78RL9GNLZTwa%3d%3d

You should carefully review the terms and conditions of the general permit and WQC to confirm eligibility for your project and identify requirements imposed by use of the general permit.

You may still need permits or permissions from other federal, state, or local authorities.

The USACE point of contact is listed below if you have any questions regarding the above information. Questions about the WQC should be directed to the certifying authority.

Trace R. Strahle
Project Manager
Trace.R.Strahle@usace.army.mil
(651) 290-5535

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Subject: USACE General Permit Notification

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District (USACE) has received information about your project involving work in wetlands or waters in Isanti County, Minnesota.

Project name: Northern Natural Gas – Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Minnesota Interconnect 2nd Branch Line, Isanti County, Minnesota

The proposed work appears to be authorized by a general permit that does not require pre-construction notification to USACE. This means you can proceed without additional approval from USACE, provided you ensure your project meets the terms and conditions of the general permit and applicable Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC).

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332 MINNESOTA STREET, SUITE E1500
ST. PAUL, MN 55101-1323

02/20/2026

Regulatory File No. MVP-2026-00229-PJH

THIS IS NOT A PERMIT

Tony Kaster
One Carlson Parkway, Suite 100
Minneapolis, MN 55447

To: Tony Kaster:

We have received your submittal described below. You may contact the Project Manager with questions regarding the evaluation process. The Project Manager may request additional information necessary to evaluate your submittal.

File Number: MVP-2026-00229-PJH

Applicant: Terry Plucker

Project Name: Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project Å¿ Alexandria 2nd Branch Line

Project Location: Section 22 of Township 129 N, Range 30 W, Morrison County, Minnesota (Latitude: 45.9738669; Longitude: -94.4425092)

Received Date: 02/12/2026

Project Manager: Peyton Hamm
(651) 391-3226
Peyton.J.Hamm@usace.army.mil

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Thank you.

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Regulatory File No. MVP-2026-00215-RMH

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Tony Kaster
One Carlson Parkway, Suite 100
Plymouth, MN 55447

To: Tony Kaster:

We have received your submittal described below. You may contact the Project Manager with questions regarding the evaluation process. The Project Manager may request additional information necessary to evaluate your submittal.

File Number: MVP-2026-00215-RMH

Applicant: Terry Plucker

Project Name: Expansion Project Å¿ Willmar 3rd Branch Line Upstream

Project Location: Section 20 of Township 114 N, Range 21 W, Scott County, Minnesota
(Latitude: 44.6630928089662; Longitude: -93.3637538139806)

Received Date: 02/12/2026

Project Manager: Ryan Huber
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Thank you.

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Lillie, Jessica

From: Kaster, Anthony
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2026 4:50 PM
To: rachel.wehner@co.freeborn.mn.us; alyssa.core@state.mn.us; USACE_Requests_MN
Cc: Plucker, Terry (Northern Natural Gas); Knabe, Susan; Noland, Nathan; Lillie, Jessica
Subject: Northern Natural Gas - Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project - Lake Mills M500 E-Line - Freeborn County, MN

All

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February 19, 2026

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St. Paul District Regulatory Branch
180 Fifth Street East, Suite 700
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

RE: Northern Natural Gas – Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Lake Mills M500 E-Line, Freeborn County, Minnesota – WCA No Loss Application

Dear Rachel:

Northern Natural Gas (Northern) is proposing to construct Lake Mills M500 E-line (Project) (see Project Overview Map, attached). Northern’s pipeline system and the new facilities are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and is responsible for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and with applicable state and local wetland regulations such as the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act (WCA). Northern is required to review proposed actions and determine whether such actions may affect a waterbody or wetland under the jurisdiction of the WCA or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Northern has secured the services of Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) to assist with wetland delineation and permitting for the proposed Lake Mills M500 E-line (Project).

Project Description

Northern’s proposed Project includes construction of the following components associated with Northern’s natural gas system within Freeborn County:

Project Facilities Facility	Pipeline Diameter and Type	Approximate Length	MP	County	State	Associated WCA LGU
Lake Mills M500 E-line	36-inch-diameter extension	2.32 miles	42.49 to 44.81	Freeborn	MN	Freeborn County

A project overview figure showing the locations of the Project components is attached to this cover letter. In 2025 wetland delineations and waterbodies surveys were conducted for the environmental survey boundary (ESB) for each of the Project components. Stantec has completed field surveys of 100% of the parcels within the Project ESB.

Eighteen wetlands and one waterbody were identified within the Project ESB; however, Northern designed the Project to only cross two wetlands. No waterways were identified within the Project ESB. As proposed, the Project will result in a total of <0.00 acre of temporary wetland impact. The Project will result in no permanent fill or conversion of wetland.

The duration of the Project will be approximately seven months; tree clearing is scheduled to be completed early 2027. Pipeline construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2027, or as soon as all required permits are obtained.

The Project qualifies for a no-loss from state wetland permitting under WCA Chapter 8420.0415, H. Northern is requesting a No-Loss Notice of Decision. According to WCA, a replacement plan will not be required for the Project as permanent wetland impacts will not occur. Wetland mitigation credits will not be required for Project wetland impacts.

Based on the scope of the Project and the proposed wetland impacts, the Project qualifies for coverage under the Utility Regional General Permit without the need for preconstruction notification. Northern is providing this notification as a courtesy.

I appreciate your attention to this notification and request a review of the attached information. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me (402-398-7226 or Terry.Plucker@nngco.com) or Tony Kaster of Stantec (612-297-8654 or Anthony.Kaster@stantec.com).

Sincerely,



Terry Plucker
Northern Natural Gas
Manager – Construction Environmental
Compliance

Enclosures: Joint Application Form
Project Overview Figures
Wetland Delineation Report

cc: Sue Knabe, Stantec

Northern Natural Gas – Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Lake Mills M500 E-Line
February 19, 2026

**JOINT
APPLICATION
FORM**

Project Name and/or Number: Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Lake Mills M500 E-Line

PART ONE: Applicant Information

If applicant is an entity (company, government entity, partnership, etc.), an authorized contact person must be identified. If the applicant is using an agent (consultant, lawyer, or other third party) and has authorized them to act on their behalf, the agent's contact information must also be provided.

Applicant/Landowner Name: Northern Natural Gas – Terry Plucker

Mailing Address: 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, NE, 68124

Phone: 402-389-7226

E-mail Address: Terry.plucker@nngco.com

Authorized Contact (do not complete if same as above):

Mailing Address:

Phone:

E-mail Address:

Agent Name: Stantec – Tony Kaster

Mailing Address: One Carlson Parkway, Suite 100, Plymouth, MN 55447

Phone: 612-297-8654

E-mail Address: anthony.kaster@stantec.com

PART TWO: Site Location Information

County: Freeborn

City/Township: Manchester Township

Parcel ID and/or Address: Multiple

Legal Description (Section, Township, Range): S 13, 23, & 24, T 103N, R 22W

Lat/Long (decimal degrees): 43.7094215, -93.4185584

Attach a map showing the location of the site in relation to local streets, roads, highways.

Approximate size of site (acres) or if a linear project, length (feet): 2.32 miles

If you know that your proposal will require an individual Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you must provide the names and addresses of all property owners adjacent to the project site. This information may be provided by attaching a list to your application or by using block 25 of the Application for Department of the Army permit which can be obtained at:

http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Portals/57/docs/regulatory/RegulatoryDocs/engform_4345_2012oct.pdf

PART THREE: General Project/Site Information

If this application is related to a delineation approval, exemption determination, jurisdictional determination, or other correspondence submitted *prior to* this application then describe that here and provide the Corps of Engineers project number.

Describe the project that is being proposed, the project purpose and need, and schedule for implementation and completion. The project description must fully describe the nature and scope of the proposed activity including a description of all project elements that effect aquatic resources (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) and must also include plans and cross section or profile drawings showing the location, character, and dimensions of all proposed activities and aquatic resource impacts.

Northern proposes to construct and operate an approximate 2.32-mile extension of its 36-inch-diameter Lake Mills to Albert Lea M500 E-line (E-line)¹ in Freeborn County, Minnesota as part of the NL27 Project. The proposed extension will take off with a below ground tie-in at the current terminus of the E-line in Section 23, Township 103 North, Range 22 West (Section 23, T103N, R22W), Freeborn County, Minnesota. The terminus of the extension will tie-in to Northern's 30-inch-diameter D-line (D-line) will be in Section 12, T103N, R22W, Freeborn County, Minnesota.

The Lake Mills M500 E-line for the NL27 Project will generally be installed parallel, utilizing a 25-foot-offset, to Northern's existing pipelines. The pipeline will be installed within a 100-foot-wide nominal construction corridor in uplands; the construction corridor will be reduced to 75-foot-width in wetlands. In addition to the construction corridor, Northern will utilize ETWS, existing driveways and farm roads, temporary access roads, and staging areas during construction.

¹ The E-line was referred to as the Ventura North E-line in the Northern Lights 2023 expansion project (Docket No. CP22-138).

PART FOUR: Aquatic Resource Impact² Summary

If your proposed project involves a direct or indirect impact to an aquatic resource (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) identify each impact in the table below. Include all anticipated impacts, including those expected to be temporary. Attach an overhead view map, aerial photo, and/or drawing showing all of the aquatic resources in the project area and the location(s) of the proposed impacts. Label each aquatic resource on the map with a reference number or letter and identify the impacts in the following table.

Aquatic Resource ID (as noted on overhead view)	Aquatic Resource Type (wetland, lake, tributary etc.)	Type of Impact (fill, excavate, drain, or remove vegetation)	Duration of Impact Permanent (P) or Temporary (T) ¹	Size of Impact ²	Overall Size of Aquatic Resource ³	Existing Plant Community Type(s) in Impact Area ⁴	County, Major Watershed #, and Bank Service Area # of Impact Area ⁵
LMA-W37	Wetland	Temporary workspace	T (60)	0.00 ac	N/A	Shallow Marsh	Freeborn Cty, Major Watershed 49, BSA 8
LMA-W42	Wetland	Temporary workspace	T (60)	0.00 ac	N/A	Seasonally Flooded	

¹If impacts are temporary; enter the duration of the impacts in days next to the “T”. For example, a project with a temporary access fill that would be removed after 220 days would be entered “T (220)”.

²Impacts less than 0.01 acre should be reported in square feet. Impacts 0.01 acre or greater should be reported as acres and rounded to the nearest 0.01 acre. Tributary impacts must be reported in linear feet of impact and an area of impact by indicating first the linear feet of impact along the flowline of the stream followed by the area impact in parentheses. For example, a project that impacts 50 feet of a stream that is 6 feet wide would be reported as 50 ft (300 square feet).

³This is generally only applicable if you are applying for a de minimis exemption under MN Rules 8420.0420 Subp. 8, otherwise enter “N/A”.

⁴Use *Wetland Plants and Plant Community Types of Minnesota and Wisconsin* 3rd Ed. as modified in MN Rules 8420.0405 Subp. 2.

⁵Refer to Major Watershed and Bank Service Area maps in MN Rules 8420.0522 Subp. 7.

If any of the above identified impacts have already occurred, identify which impacts they are and the circumstances associated with each:

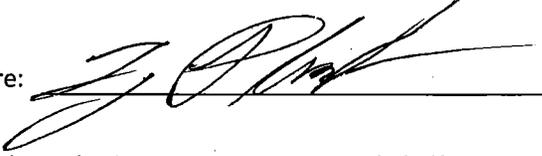
² The term “impact” as used in this joint application form is a generic term used for disclosure purposes to identify activities that may require approval from one or more regulatory agencies. For purposes of this form it is not meant to indicate whether or not those activities may require mitigation/replacement.

PART FIVE: Applicant Signature

Check here if you are requesting a pre-application consultation with the Corps and LGU based on the information you have provided. Regulatory entities will not initiate a formal application review if this box is checked.

By signature below, I attest that the information in this application is complete and accurate. I further attest that I possess the authority to undertake the work described herein.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. P. ...', written over a horizontal line.

Date:

2/4/2026

I hereby authorize Stantec to act on my behalf as my agent in the processing of this application and to furnish, upon request, supplemental information in support of this application.

Attachment B

Supporting Information for Applications Involving Exemptions, No Loss Determinations, and Activities Not Requiring Mitigation

Complete this part *if* you maintain that the identified aquatic resource impacts in Part Four do not require wetland replacement/compensatory mitigation OR *if* you are seeking verification that the proposed water resource impacts are either exempt from replacement or are not under CWA/WCA jurisdiction.

Identify the specific exemption or no-loss provision for which you believe your project or site qualifies:

M.R. 8420.0415 H – Temporary impacts

Provide a detailed explanation of how your project or site qualifies for the above. Be specific and provide and refer to attachments and exhibits that support your contention. Applicants should refer to rules (e.g. WCA rules), guidance documents (e.g. BWSR guidance, Corps guidance letters/public notices), and permit conditions (e.g. Corps General Permit conditions) to determine the necessary information to support the application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the WCA LGU and Corps Project Manager prior to submitting an application if they are unsure of what type of information to provide:

No-Loss H

Two wetlands will be temporarily impacted by a temporary workspace (TWS) during pipeline construction.

To minimize temporary wetland impacts Northern will implement the Project Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans to reduce ground disturbance, minimize erosion and sediment run off and promote revegetation within the construction areas. No forested or scrub-shrub wetlands will be crossed by the Project via TWS.

Soil compaction will be minimized by limiting equipment operation in wetlands and installing temporary equipment mats, as necessary. After the completion of construction of the Project components, wetland areas will generally be allowed to revegetate naturally. Northern will monitor vegetation within wetlands annually for three years or until vegetation has been considered successful. Northern will restore wetlands to their pre-existing condition

Wetland disturbance will be temporary and will be remediated and restored by repairing, rehabilitating, and restoring the affected wetlands. The physical characteristics of the affected wetlands, including ground elevations, contours, inlet dimensions, outlet dimensions, substrate, plant communities, and hydrologic regime will be restored to pre-project conditions. The project will be completed and physical characteristics of the wetland restored within six months of the start of activity. This work qualifies for No-Loss H – Temporary impact.

PROJECT FIGURES

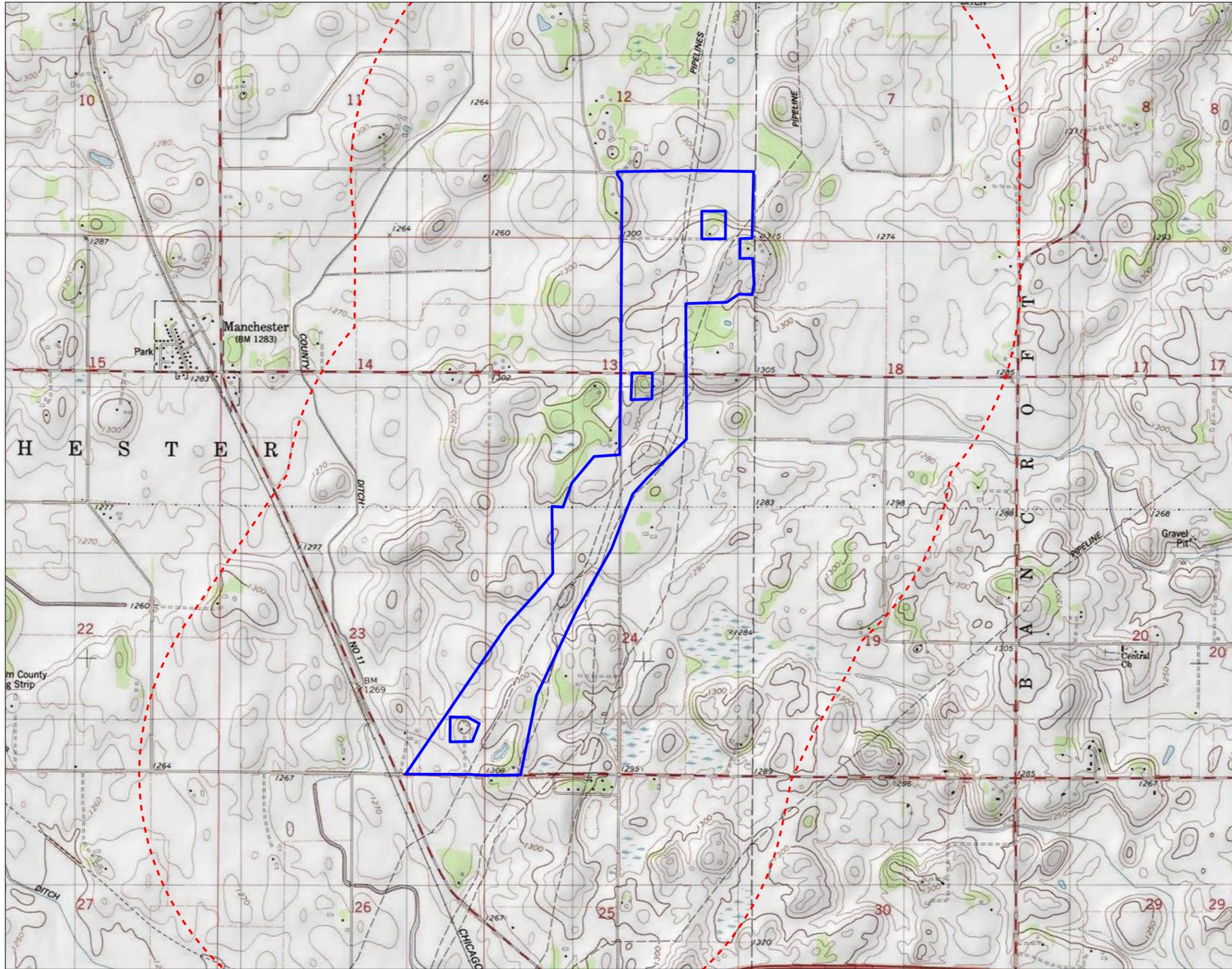


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**Project Location & Topography
NL27 - Lake Mills M500 E-line**

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Northern Natural Gas
Northern Lights 2027
Wetland Delineation

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Project Location
Freeborn County, Minnesota

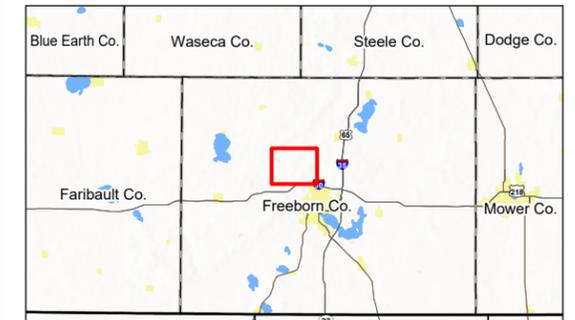
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- Environmental Survey Boundary
- 1-Mile Buffer



- Notes
1. Coordinate System: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 15N
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 3. Background: USGS 7.5' Topographic Quadrangles



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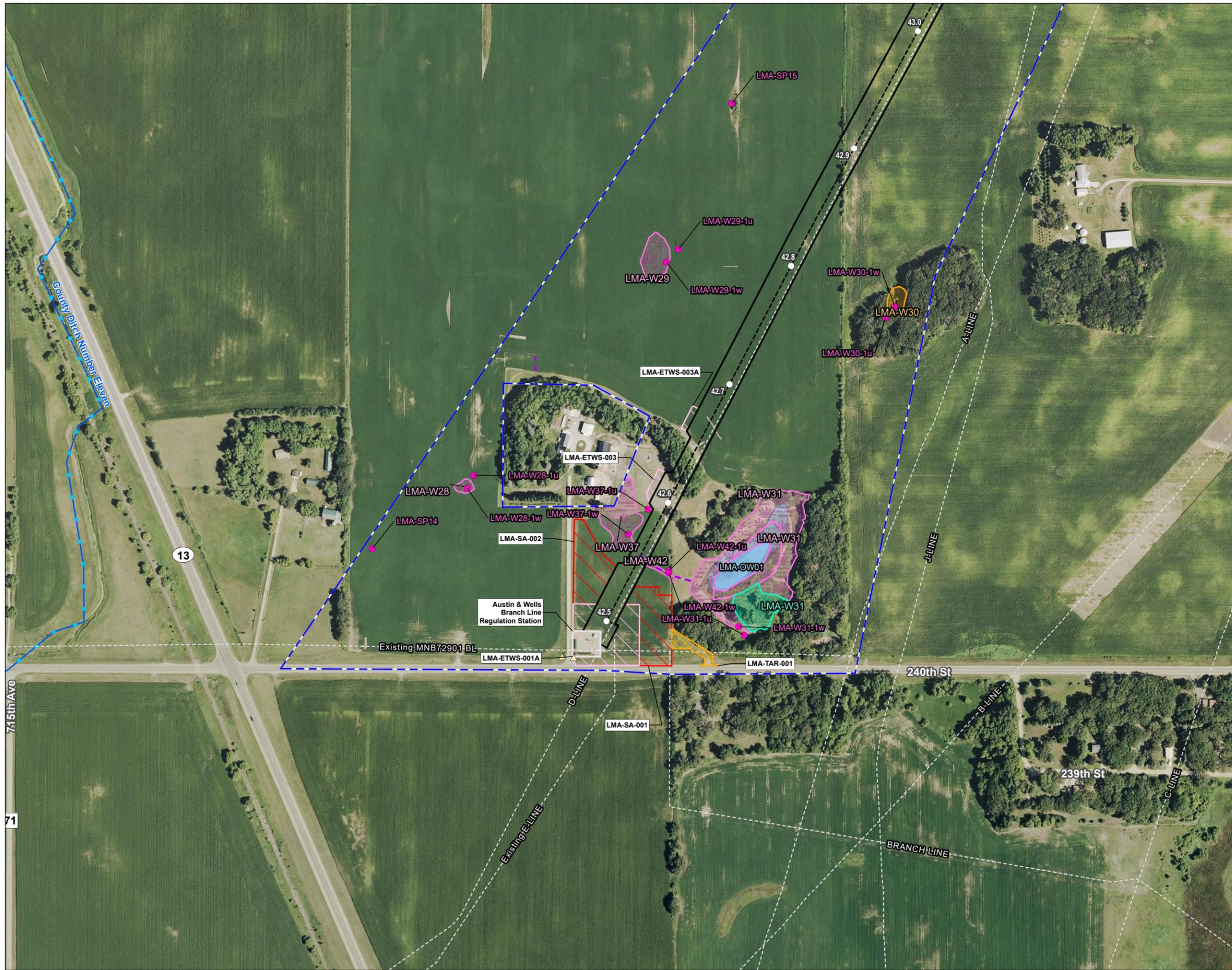


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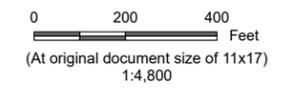
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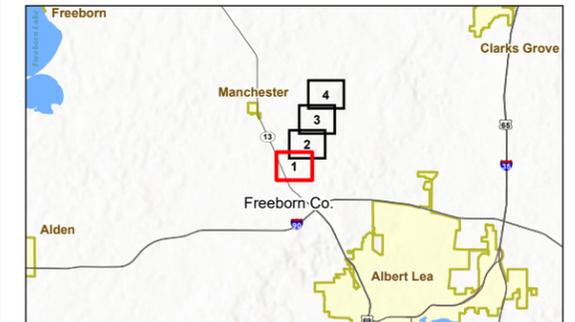
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- Environmental Survey Boundary
- Existing Facility
- Temporary Workspace
- Extra Temporary Workspace
- Temporary Access Road
- Staging Area
- Proposed Pipeline
- Existing Pipeline
- Mile Post
- Sample Point
- Culvert
- Upland Drainage
- Field Delineated Open Water
- Field Delineated Wetland
- PEM
- PFO
- PSS
- National Hydrography Dataset
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**Field Collected Data
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Northern Lights 2027
Wetland Delineation

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Project Location
Freeborn County, Minnesota

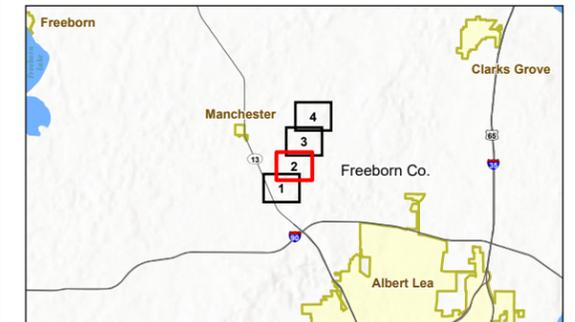
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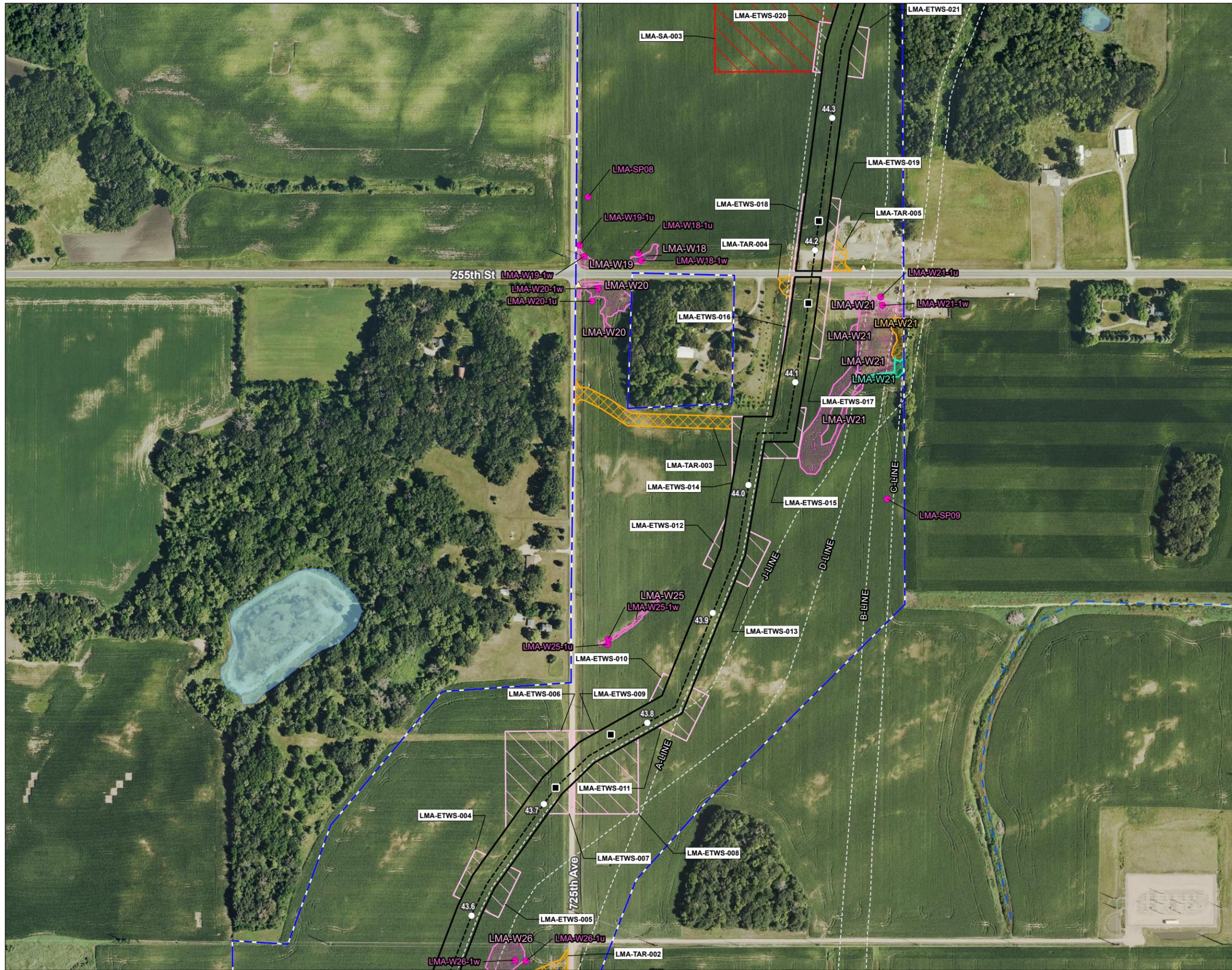


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Northern Lights 2027
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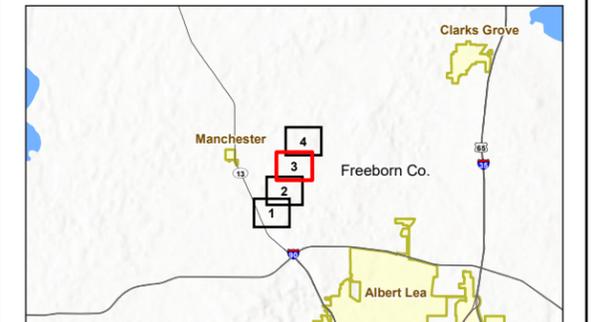
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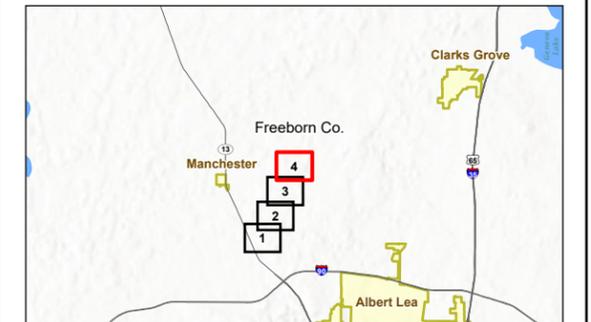
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**WETLAND
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For filing purposes, the
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Appendix 2B

Lillie, Jessica

From: Kaster, Anthony
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2026 4:50 PM
To: Eric.gulbransen@mn.nacdnet.net; alyssa.core@state.mn.us; USACE_Requests_MN
Cc: Plucker, Terry (Northern Natural Gas); Knabe, Susan; Noland, Nathan; Lillie, Jessica
Subject: Northern Natural Gas - Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project - Albert Lea M500 E-Line - Steele County, MN

All

On behalf of Northern Natural Gas (Northern), I am submitting the Joint Application Form for the Northern Natural Gas - Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Albert Lea M500 E-Line. It is Northern’s understanding the Project qualifies for a No-Loss under the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act. Additionally, it is Northern’s understanding the Project meets the criteria for coverage under the Utilities Regional General Permit from the USACE St. Paul District without the need for preconstruction notification.

Please use the link below to download the application. Let me know if you have any difficulty downloading the document.

 [NL27 Albert Lea M500 E-Line WCA No-Loss Application.pdf](#)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the Project further, feel free to contact me.

Tony

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RE: Northern Natural Gas – Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Albert Lea M500 E-Line, Steele County, Minnesota – WCA No Loss Application

Dear Mr Gulbransen:

Northern Natural Gas (Northern) is proposing to construct Albert Lea M500 E-line (Project) (see Project Overview Map, attached). Northern’s pipeline system and the new facilities are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and is responsible for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and with applicable state and local wetland regulations such as the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act (WCA). Northern is required to review proposed actions and determine whether such actions may affect a waterbody or wetland under the jurisdiction of the WCA or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Northern has secured the services of Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) to assist with wetland delineation and permitting for the proposed Albert Lea M500 E-line (Project).

Project Description

Northern’s proposed Project includes construction of the following components associated with Northern’s natural gas system within Steele County:

Project Facilities Facility	Pipeline Diameter and Type	Approximate Length	MP	County	State	Associated WCA LGU
Albert Lea M500 E-line	36-inch-diameter extension	3.42 miles	3.64 to 7.06	Steele	MN	Steele County

A project overview figure showing the locations of the Project components is attached to this cover letter. In 2025 wetland delineations and waterbodies surveys were conducted for the environmental survey boundary (ESB) for each of the Project components. Stantec has completed field surveys of 100% of the parcels within the Project ESB.

Twenty-nine wetlands, three waterways, and one waterbody were identified within the Project ESB; however, Northern designed the Project to only cross four wetlands and two waterways. As proposed, the Project will result in a total of 0.19 acre of temporary wetland impact. The Project will result in no permanent fill or conversion of wetland.

The duration of the Project will be approximately seven months; tree clearing is scheduled to be completed early 2027. Pipeline construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2027, or as soon as all required permits are obtained.

The Project qualifies for a no-loss from state wetland permitting under WCA Chapter 8420.0415, A & H. Northern is requesting a No-Loss Notice of Decision. According to WCA, a replacement plan will not be required for the Project as permanent wetland impacts will not occur. Wetland mitigation credits will not be required for Project wetland impacts.

Based on the scope of the Project and the proposed wetland impacts, the Project qualifies for coverage under the Utility Regional General Permit without the need for preconstruction notification. Northern is providing this notification as a courtesy.

I appreciate your attention to this notification and request a review of the attached information. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me (402-398-7226 or Terry.Plucker@nngco.com) or Tony Kaster of Stantec (612-297-8654 or Anthony.Kaster@stantec.com).

Sincerely,



Terry Plucker
Northern Natural Gas
Manager – Construction Environmental
Compliance

Enclosures: Joint Application Form
Project Overview Figures
Wetland Delineation Report

cc: Sue Knabe, Stantec

**JOINT
APPLICATION
FORM**

Project Name and/or Number: Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Albert Lea M500 E-Line

PART ONE: Applicant Information

If applicant is an entity (company, government entity, partnership, etc.), an authorized contact person must be identified. If the applicant is using an agent (consultant, lawyer, or other third party) and has authorized them to act on their behalf, the agent's contact information must also be provided.

Applicant/Landowner Name: Northern Natural Gas – Terry Plucker
Mailing Address: 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, NE, 68124
Phone: 402-389-7226
E-mail Address: Terry.plucker@nngco.com

Authorized Contact (do not complete if same as above):

Mailing Address:
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E-mail Address:

Agent Name: Stantec – Tony Kaster
Mailing Address: One Carlson Parkway, Suite 100, Plymouth, MN 55447
Phone: 612-297-8654
E-mail Address: anthony.kaster@stantec.com

PART TWO: Site Location Information

County: Steele **City/Township:** Berlin Township
Parcel ID and/or Address: Multiple
Legal Description (Section, Township, Range): S 5, 8, 17, 19, & 20, T 107N, R 21W
Lat/Long (decimal degrees): 43.9008864, -93.3637698
Attach a map showing the location of the site in relation to local streets, roads, highways.
Approximate size of site (acres) or if a linear project, length (feet): 3.42 miles

If you know that your proposal will require an individual Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you must provide the names and addresses of all property owners adjacent to the project site. This information may be provided by attaching a list to your application or by using block 25 of the Application for Department of the Army permit which can be obtained at:

http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Portals/57/docs/regulatory/RegulatoryDocs/engform_4345_2012oct.pdf

PART THREE: General Project/Site Information

If this application is related to a delineation approval, exemption determination, jurisdictional determination, or other correspondence submitted *prior to* this application then describe that here and provide the Corps of Engineers project number.

Describe the project that is being proposed, the project purpose and need, and schedule for implementation and completion. The project description must fully describe the nature and scope of the proposed activity including a description of all project elements that effect aquatic resources (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) and must also include plans and cross section or profile drawings showing the location, character, and dimensions of all proposed activities and aquatic resource impacts.

Northern proposes to construct and operate an approximate 3.42-mile extension of its 36-inch-diameter E-line line in Steele County, Minnesota as part of the NL27 Project. The proposed extension will take off with a below ground tie-in in Section 19, T105N, R21W, Steele County, Minnesota. The terminus of the extension will tie-in to

Northern's D-line will be completed within a new valve setting, located on the north side of 118th Street SW, in Section 5, T105N, R21W, Steele County, Minnesota.

The pipeline construction will generally be installed parallel, utilizing a 25-foot-offset, to existing Northern mainlines. The pipeline will be installed within a 100-foot-wide nominal construction corridor in uplands and three wetlands through temporary work space and open cut. An additional wetland will be avoided thorough the use of HDD construction. Two waterways will be avoided through HDD construction as well. In addition to the construction corridor, Northern will utilize ETWS, existing driveways and farm roads, temporary access roads, and staging areas during construction.

PART FOUR: Aquatic Resource Impact¹ Summary

If your proposed project involves a direct or indirect impact to an aquatic resource (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) identify each impact in the table below. Include all anticipated impacts, including those expected to be temporary. Attach an overhead view map, aerial photo, and/or drawing showing all of the aquatic resources in the project area and the location(s) of the proposed impacts. Label each aquatic resource on the map with a reference number or letter and identify the impacts in the following table.

Aquatic Resource ID (as noted on overhead view)	Aquatic Resource Type (wetland, lake, tributary etc.)	Type of Impact (fill, excavate, drain, or remove vegetation)	Duration of Impact Permanent (P) or Temporary (T) ¹	Size of Impact ²	Overall Size of Aquatic Resource ³	Existing Plant Community Type(s) in Impact Area ⁴	County, Major Watershed #, and Bank Service Area # of Impact Area ⁵
ALO-W09	Wetland	Temporary workspace/Open cut	T (60)	0.02 ac	N/A	Wet Meadow	Steele Cty, Major Watershed 32, BSA 9
ALO-W14	Wetland	Temporary workspace/Open cut	T (60)	0.13 ac	N/A	Seasonally Flooded	
ALO-W26	Wetland	None (HDD)	None	0.08 ac	N/A	Wet Meadow	
ALO-W34	Wetland	Temporary workspace/Open cut	T (60)	0.04 ac	N/A	Wet Meadow	
ALO-S03	Tributary - Perennial	None (HDD)	None	46.6 ft	N/A	Perennial Stream	
ALO-S02	Tributary - Perennial	None (HDD)	None	50.4 ft	N/A	Perennial Stream	

¹If impacts are temporary; enter the duration of the impacts in days next to the "T". For example, a project with a temporary access fill that would be removed after 220 days would be entered "T (220)".

²Impacts less than 0.01 acre should be reported in square feet. Impacts 0.01 acre or greater should be reported as acres and rounded to the nearest 0.01 acre. Tributary impacts must be reported in linear feet of impact and an area of impact by indicating first the linear feet of impact along the flowline of the stream followed by the area impact in parentheses). For example, a project that impacts 50 feet of a stream that is 6 feet wide would be reported as 50 ft (300 square feet).

³This is generally only applicable if you are applying for a de minimis exemption under MN Rules 8420.0420 Subp. 8, otherwise enter "N/A".

⁴Use *Wetland Plants and Plant Community Types of Minnesota and Wisconsin* 3rd Ed. as modified in MN Rules 8420.0405 Subp. 2.

⁵Refer to Major Watershed and Bank Service Area maps in MN Rules 8420.0522 Subp. 7.

If any of the above identified impacts have already occurred, identify which impacts they are and the circumstances associated with each:

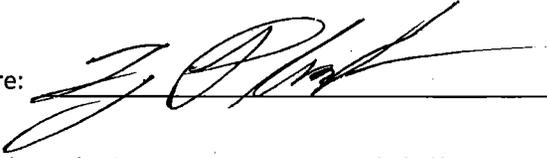
¹ The term "impact" as used in this joint application form is a generic term used for disclosure purposes to identify activities that may require approval from one or more regulatory agencies. For purposes of this form it is not meant to indicate whether or not those activities may require mitigation/replacement.

PART FIVE: Applicant Signature

Check here if you are requesting a pre-application consultation with the Corps and LGU based on the information you have provided. Regulatory entities will not initiate a formal application review if this box is checked.

By signature below, I attest that the information in this application is complete and accurate. I further attest that I possess the authority to undertake the work described herein.

Signature: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. P. ...', written over a horizontal line.

Date: _____

2/4/2026

I hereby authorize Stantec to act on my behalf as my agent in the processing of this application and to furnish, upon request, supplemental information in support of this application.

Attachment B

Supporting Information for Applications Involving Exemptions, No Loss Determinations, and Activities Not Requiring Mitigation

Complete this part *if* you maintain that the identified aquatic resource impacts in Part Four do not require wetland replacement/compensatory mitigation OR *if* you are seeking verification that the proposed water resource impacts are either exempt from replacement or are not under CWA/WCA jurisdiction.

Identify the specific exemption or no-loss provision for which you believe your project or site qualifies:

M.R. 8420.0415 A – Activity that will not impact a wetland

M.R. 8420.0415 H – Temporary impacts

Provide a detailed explanation of how your project or site qualifies for the above. Be specific and provide and refer to attachments and exhibits that support your contention. Applicants should refer to rules (e.g. WCA rules), guidance documents (e.g. BWSR guidance, Corps guidance letters/public notices), and permit conditions (e.g. Corps General Permit conditions) to determine the necessary information to support the application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the WCA LGU and Corps Project Manager prior to submitting an application if they are unsure of what type of information to provide:

No-Loss A

Wetland impacts will be avoided where possible by utilizing horizontal directional drilling (HDD). The HDD method avoids impacts on sensitive resources by installing the pipeline at a substantial depth beneath the resources. The HDD method utilizes specialized drilling equipment to create a borehole profile that can vary from vertical to horizontal depending on site-specific conditions. Specifically, HDD allows for trenchless construction across a waterbody or other feature and is used to minimize impacts on water quality or to the feature being crossed from construction activities. Only foot traffic (one 6-foot wide or two 3-foot wide travel lanes) will occur within the wetlands. The aquatic resources identified in Part Four where HDD will be utilized will not result in impacts to wetlands. This work qualifies for No-Loss A – Activity that will not impact a wetland.

No-Loss H

Where HDD construction is not practicable, wetlands will be temporarily impacted by either by open cut pipeline construction, and/or by a temporary work space (TWS) during pipeline construction. To minimize temporary wetland impacts Northern will implement the Project Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans to reduce ground disturbance, minimize erosion and sediment run off and promote revegetation within the construction areas. No forested or scrub-shrub wetlands will be crossed by the Project via open cut and/or by a TWS. All forested/scrub-shrub wetlands or wetland components containing forested and/or scrub-shrub areas crossed by the Project will be done so via HDD.

Soil compaction will be minimized by limiting equipment operation in wetlands and installing temporary equipment mats, as necessary. To prevent soil mixing in unsaturated wetlands, up to 12 inches of topsoil will be removed from directly over the trench and stockpiled for restoration as close as feasible to its original horizon. Northern also will attempt to segregate wetland topsoil or vegetative mass in mucky or inundated wetlands to replenish the native seed bank during restoration.

Northern will install trench plugs at the entrance and exit of the pipeline trench through the wetland. Any confining layers that are breached during construction will be restored during backfilling. Northern will restore contours to pre-construction levels and remove temporary erosion control measures. After the completion of construction of the Project components, wetland areas will generally be allowed to revegetate naturally. Northern will monitor vegetation within wetlands annually for three years or until vegetation has been considered successful. Northern will restore wetlands to their pre-existing condition.

Wetland impacts will be temporary and will be remediated and restored by repairing, rehabilitating, and restoring the affected wetlands. The physical characteristics of the affected wetlands, including ground elevations, contours, inlet

dimensions, outlet dimensions, substrate, plant communities, and hydrologic regime will be restored to pre-project conditions. The project will be completed and physical characteristics of the wetland restored within six months of the start of activity. This work qualifies for No-Loss H – Temporary impact.

PROJECT FIGURES

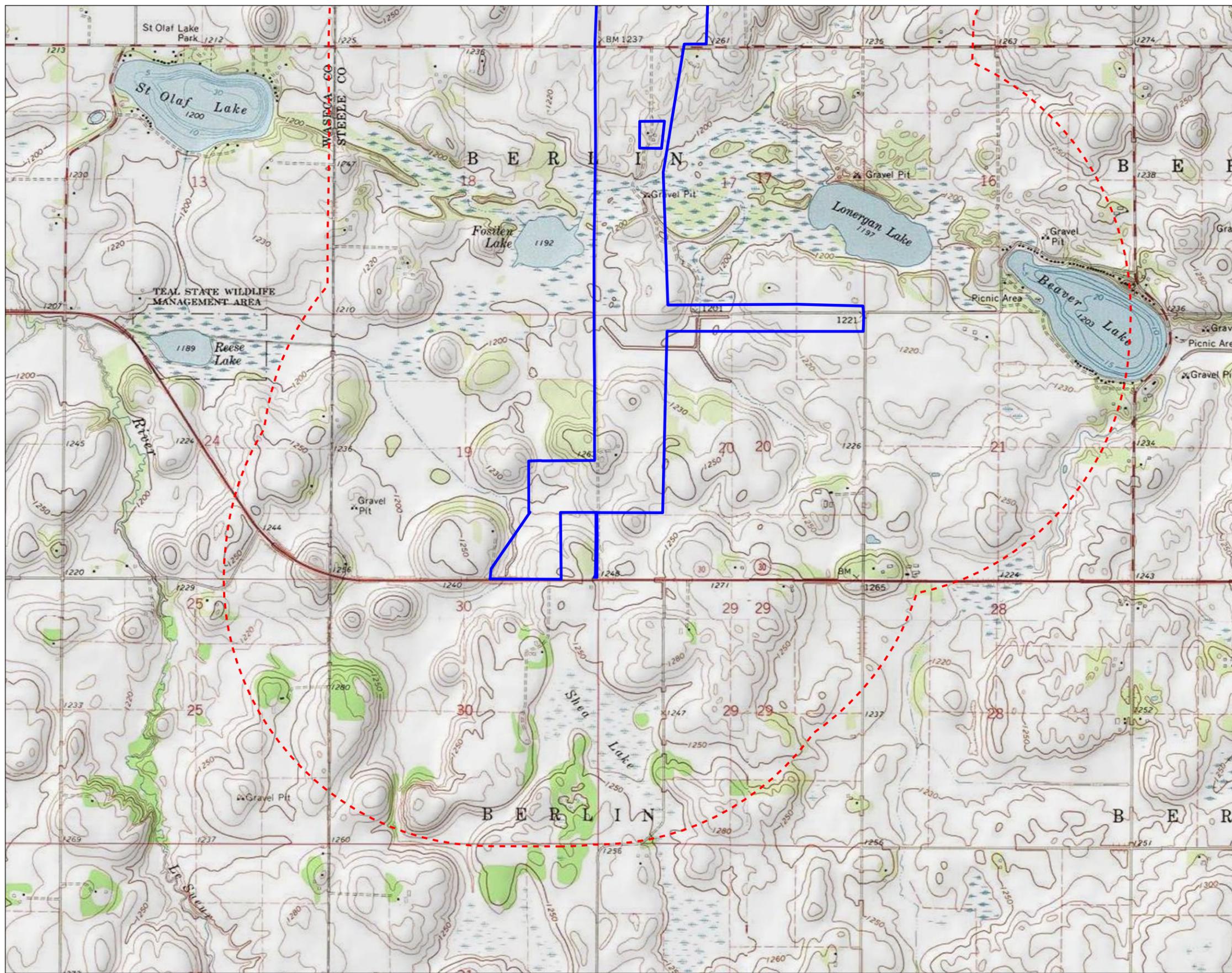


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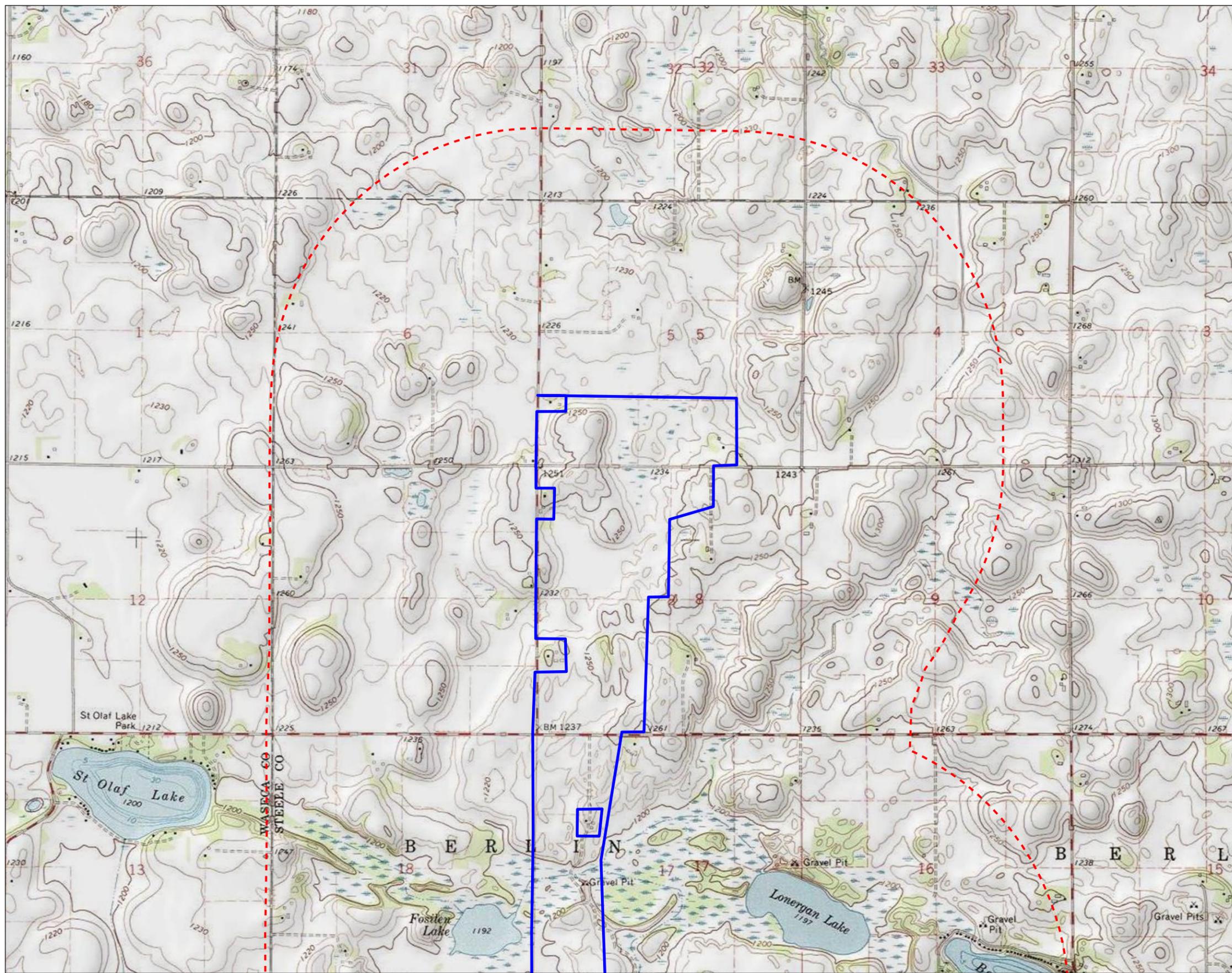
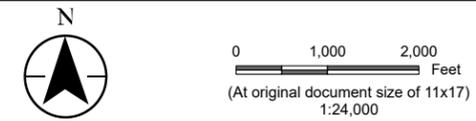
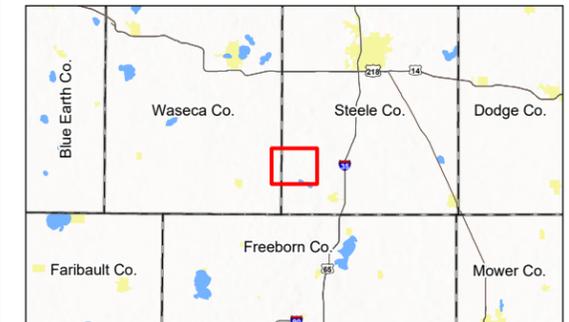


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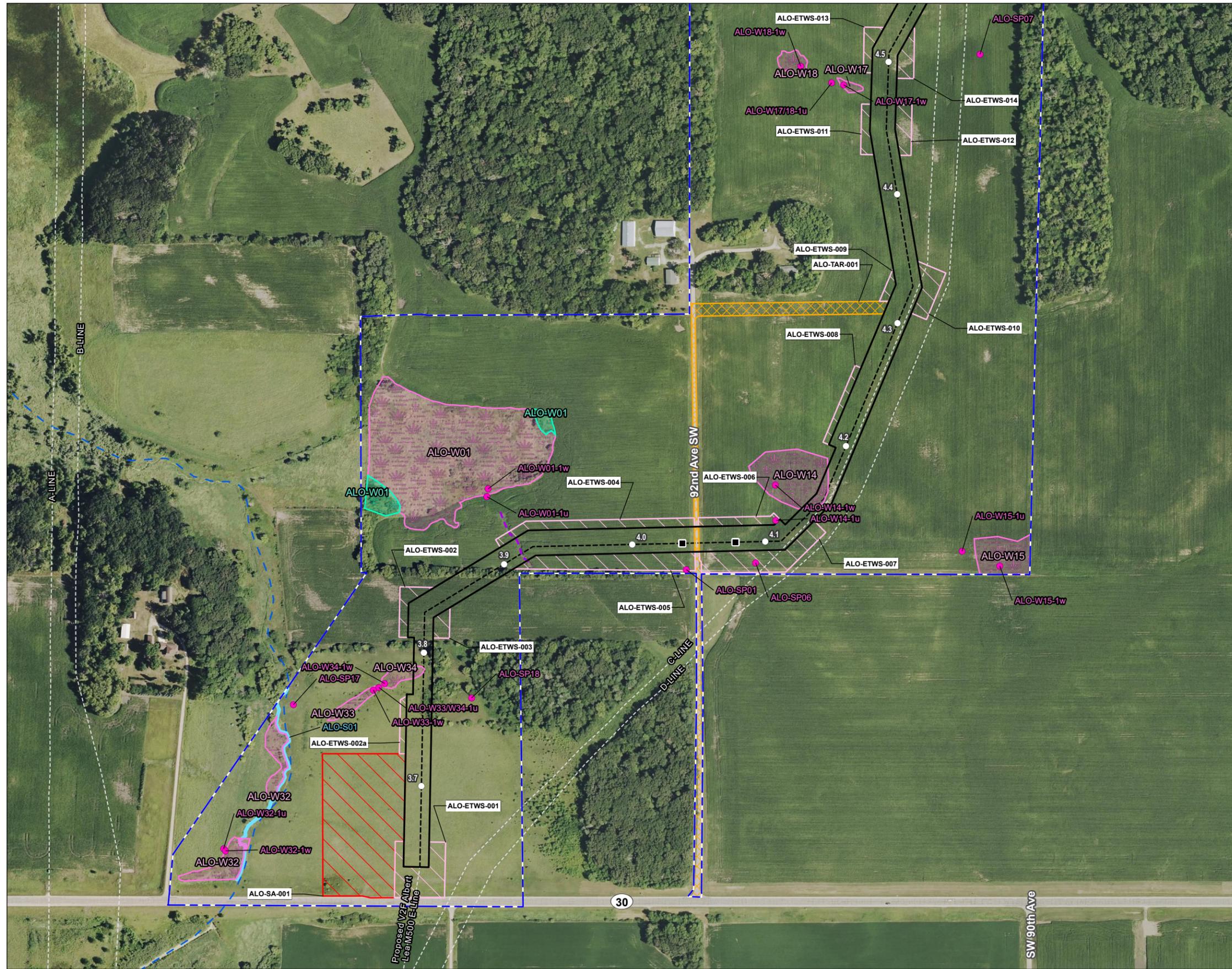


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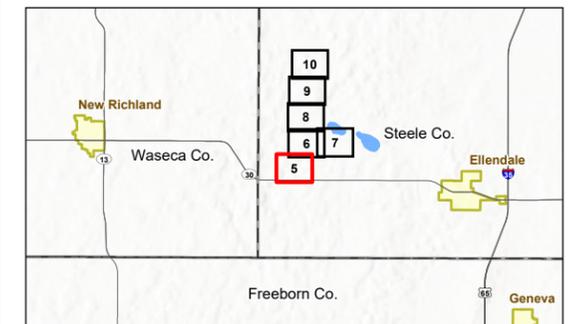
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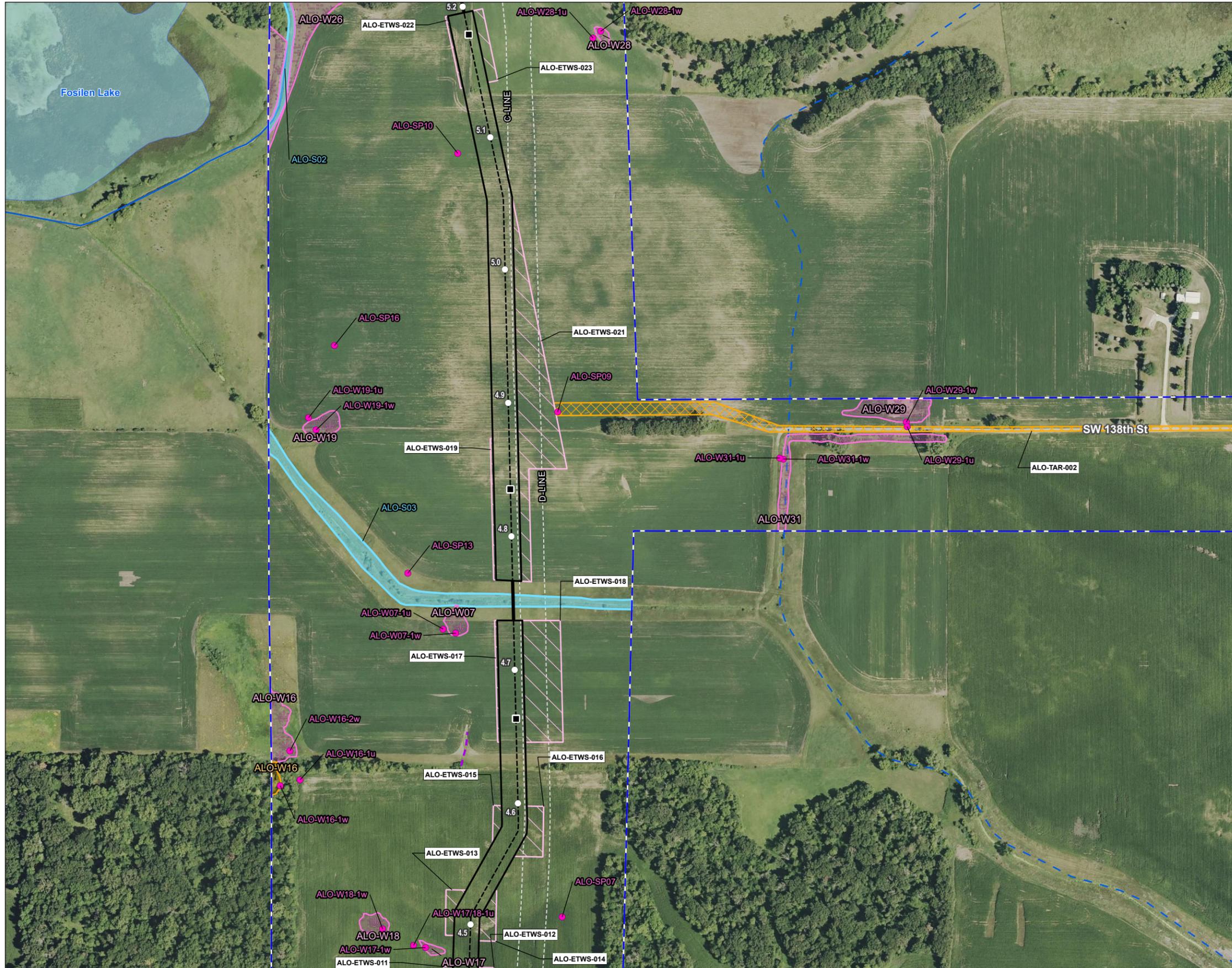
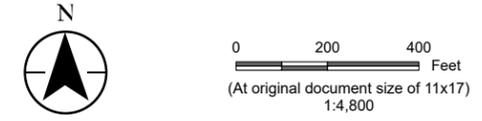


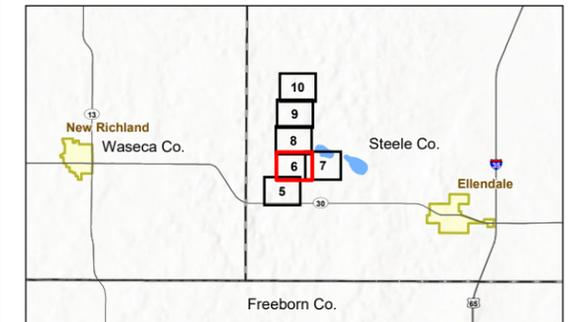
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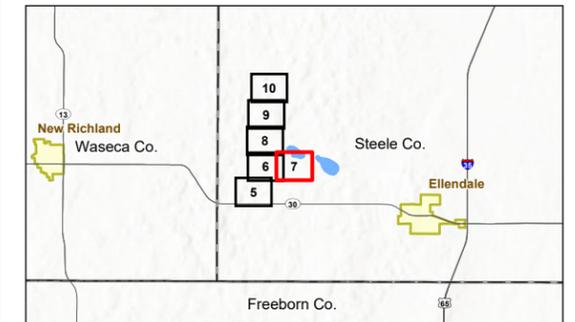
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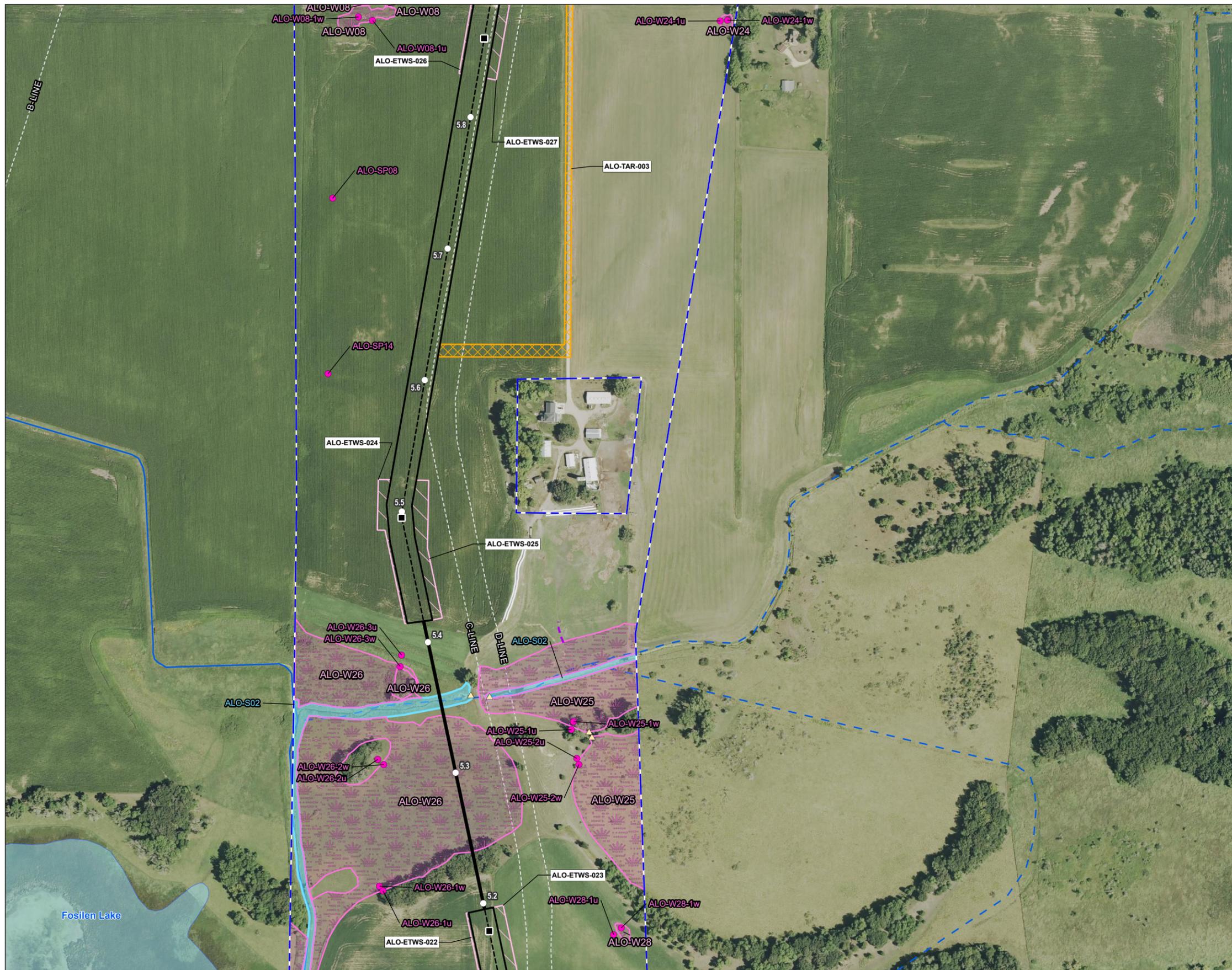


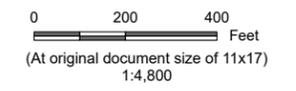
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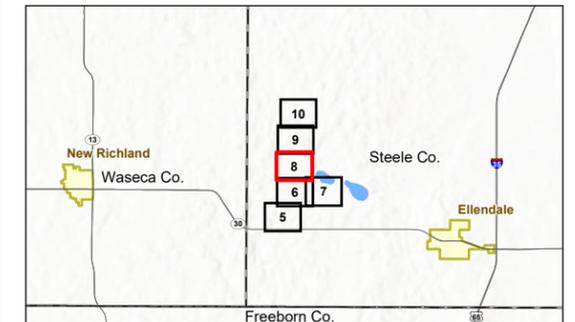
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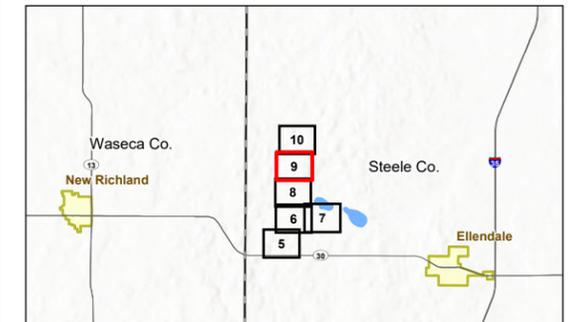
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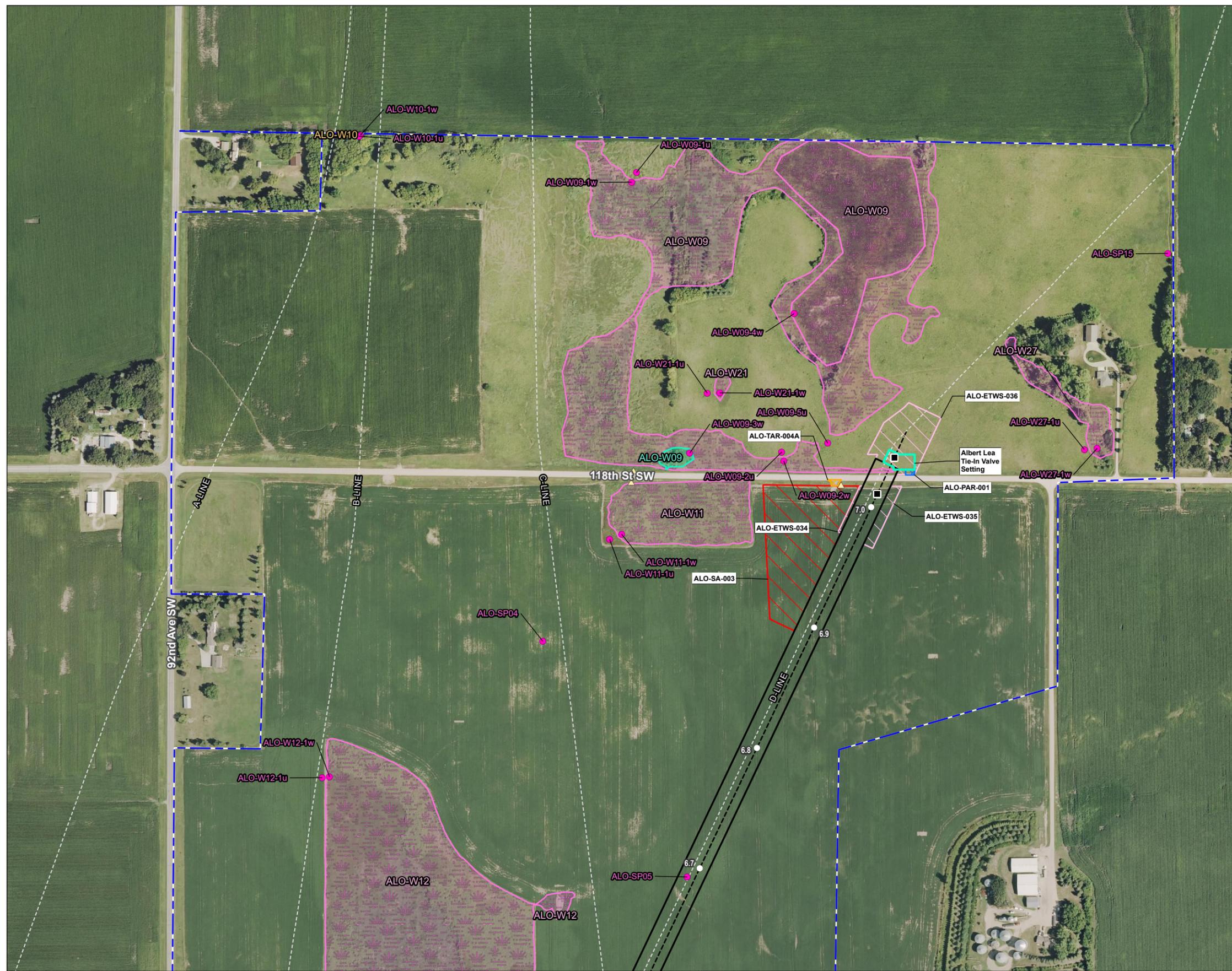


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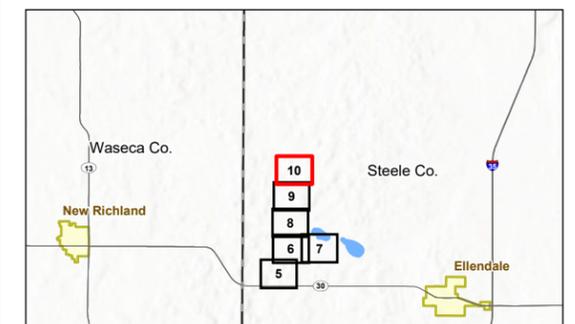
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For filing purposes, the
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Appendix 2B

Lillie, Jessica

From: Kaster, Anthony
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2026 4:50 PM
To: Nikki McDermond-Spies; alyssa.core@state.mn.us
Cc: Plucker, Terry (Northern Natural Gas); Knabe, Susan; Noland, Nathan; Lillie, Jessica
Subject: Northern Natural Gas - Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project - Willmar 3rd Branch Line Upstream - Scott County, MN

All

On behalf of Northern Natural Gas (Northern), I am submitting the Joint Application Form for the Northern Natural Gas - Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project - Willmar 3rd Branch Line Upstream. It is Northern's understanding the Project qualifies for a No-Loss under the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act.

Please use the link below to download the application. Let me know if you have any difficulty downloading the document.

 [NL27 Willmar 3rd Branch Line Upstream WCA No-Loss Application.pdf](#)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the Project further, feel free to contact me.

Tony

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RE: Northern Natural Gas – Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Willmar 3rd Branch Line Upstream, Scott County, Minnesota – WCA No Loss Application

Dear Nikki:

Northern Natural Gas (Northern) is proposing to construct Willmar 3rd branch line upstream (Project) (see Project Overview Map, attached). Northern’s pipeline system and the new facilities are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and is responsible for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and with applicable state and local wetland regulations such as the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act (WCA). Northern is required to review proposed actions and determine whether such actions may affect a waterbody or wetland under the jurisdiction of the WCA or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Northern has secured the services of Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) to assist with wetland delineation and permitting for the proposed Willmar 3rd branch line upstream (Project).

Project Description

Northern’s proposed Project includes construction of the following components associated with Northern’s natural gas system within Scott County:

Project Facilities

Facility	Pipeline Diameter and Type	Approximate Length	MP	County	State	Associated WCA LGU
Willmar 3rd Branch Line Upstream	24-inch-diameter extension	1.78 miles	3.35 to 5.13	Scott	MN	Scott SWCD

A project overview figure showing the locations of the Project components is attached to this cover letter.

In 2025, wetland delineations and waterbodies surveys were conducted for the environmental survey boundary (ESB) for each of the Project components. Stantec has completed field surveys for all but one parcel (SC-003) within the Project ESB due to changes in Project design. The parcel area is to be surveyed in 2026, and a supplemental letter will be submitted. This area is indicated in the site location maps figures below.

Ten wetlands, five waterways, and two waterbodies were identified within the Project ESB; however, Northern designed the Project to only cross five wetlands, three waterways, and one waterbody. As proposed, the Project will result in a total of 1.16 acres of temporary wetland impact. The Project will result in the permanent conversion of wetland due to tree clearing in a forested wetland for utility right of way.

The duration of the Project will be approximately seven months; tree clearing is scheduled to be completed early 2027. Pipeline construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2027, or as soon as all required permits are obtained.

The Project qualifies for a no-loss from state wetland permitting under WCA Chapter 8420.0415, A & H. Northern is requesting a No-Loss Notice of Decision. According to WCA, a replacement plan will not be required for the Project as permanent fill impacts will not occur to wetlands. Wetland mitigation credits may be required depending on the USACE's determination for wetland conversion impacts caused by the Project.

Based on the scope of the Project and the proposed wetland impacts, the Project qualifies for coverage under the Utility Regional General Permit and may require a preconstruction notification. A pre-application consultation with the USACE was requested on February 12, 2026, to discuss the proposed wetland impacts. Northern is providing this notification as a courtesy.

I appreciate your attention to this notification and request a review of the attached information. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me (402-398-7226 or Terry.Plucker@nngco.com) or Tony Kaster of Stantec (612-297-8654 or Anthony.Kaster@stantec.com).

Sincerely,



Terry Plucker
Northern Natural Gas
Manager – Construction Environmental
Compliance

Enclosures: Joint Application Form
Project Overview Figures
Wetland Delineation Report

cc: Sue Knabe, Stantec

Northern Natural Gas – Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Willmar 3rd Branch Line Upstream
February 19, 2026

**JOINT
APPLICATION
FORM**

Project Name and/or Number: Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Willmar 3rd Branch Line Upstream

PART ONE: Applicant Information

If applicant is an entity (company, government entity, partnership, etc.), an authorized contact person must be identified. If the applicant is using an agent (consultant, lawyer, or other third party) and has authorized them to act on their behalf, the agent's contact information must also be provided.

Applicant/Landowner Name: Northern Natural Gas – Terry Plucker

Mailing Address: 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, NE, 68124

Phone: 402-389-7226

E-mail Address: Terry.plucker@nngco.com

Authorized Contact (do not complete if same as above):

Mailing Address:

Phone:

E-mail Address:

Agent Name: Stantec – Tony Kaster

Mailing Address: One Carlson Parkway, Suite 100, Plymouth, MN 55447

Phone: 612-297-8654

E-mail Address: anthony.kaster@stantec.com

PART TWO: Site Location Information

County: Scott

City/Township: City of Credit River

Parcel ID and/or Address: Multiple

Legal Description (Section, Township, Range): S 20, 21, & 22, T 114N, R 20W

Lat/Long (decimal degrees): 44.6626163, -93.3589918

Attach a map showing the location of the site in relation to local streets, roads, highways.

Approximate size of site (acres) or if a linear project, length (feet): 1.78 miles

If you know that your proposal will require an individual Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you must provide the names and addresses of all property owners adjacent to the project site. This information may be provided by attaching a list to your application or by using block 25 of the Application for Department of the Army permit which can be obtained at:

http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Portals/57/docs/regulatory/RegulatoryDocs/engform_4345_2012oct.pdf

PART THREE: General Project/Site Information

If this application is related to a delineation approval, exemption determination, jurisdictional determination, or other correspondence submitted *prior to* this application then describe that here and provide the Corps of Engineers project number.

Describe the project that is being proposed, the project purpose and need, and schedule for implementation and completion. The project description must fully describe the nature and scope of the proposed activity including a description of all project elements that effect aquatic resources (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) and must also include plans and cross section or profile drawings showing the location, character, and dimensions of all proposed activities and aquatic resource impacts.

Northern proposes to construct and operate an approximate 1.78-mile extension of its 24-inch-diameter Willmar 3rd branch line upstream in Scott County, Minnesota as part of the NL27 Project. The proposed extension will take off with a below ground tie-in on the east side of Vernon Avenue in Section 21, T114N,

R21W, Scott County, Minnesota. The terminus of the extension will be completed within the existing Credit River MN #1 TBS in Section 20, T114N, R21W, Scott County, Minnesota.

The Willmar 3rd branch line upstream extension for the NL27 Project will be installed within a 100-foot-wide nominal construction corridor in uplands and either 100 or 75 feet in wetlands. In addition to the construction corridor, Northern will utilize ETWS, temporary access roads, existing driveways, and staging areas during construction.

PART FOUR: Aquatic Resource Impact¹ Summary

If your proposed project involves a direct or indirect impact to an aquatic resource (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) identify each impact in the table below. Include all anticipated impacts, including those expected to be temporary. Attach an overhead view map, aerial photo, and/or drawing showing all of the aquatic resources in the project area and the location(s) of the proposed impacts. Label each aquatic resource on the map with a reference number or letter and identify the impacts in the following table.

Aquatic Resource ID (as noted on overhead view)	Aquatic Resource Type (wetland, lake, tributary etc.)	Type of Impact (fill, excavate, drain, or remove vegetation)	Duration of Impact Permanent (P) or Temporary (T) ¹	Size of Impact ²	Overall Size of Aquatic Resource ³	Existing Plant Community Type(s) in Impact Area ⁴	County, Major Watershed #, and Bank Service Area # of Impact Area ⁵
WIL-W01	Wetland	Temporary Workspace / Open Cut	T (60)	0.10 ac	N/A	Seasonally Flooded Basin / Wet Meadow	Scott Cty, Major Watershed 33, BSA 9
WIL-W02	Wetland	Temporary Workspace / Open Cut	T (60)	0.07 ac	N/A	Hardwood Swamp	
WIL-W02	Wetland	Temporary Workspace / Open Cut	T (60)	0.16 ac	N/A	Wet Meadow	
WIL-W05	Wetland	Temporary Workspace / Open Cut	T (60)	0.18 ac	N/A	Hardwood Swamp	
WIL-W05	Wetland	Temporary Workspace / Open Cut	T (60)	0.41 ac	N/A	Wet Meadow	
WIL-W06	Wetland	Temporary Workspace	T (60)	0.01 ac	N/A	Hardwood Swamp	
WIL-W06	Wetland	Temporary Workspace	T (60)	0.01 ac	N/A	Wet Meadow	
WIL-W06	Wetland	Temporary Workspace	T (60)	0.03 ac	N/A	Seasonally Flooded Basin / Wet Meadow	
WIL-W09	Wetland	None (HDD)	None (HDD)	0.03 ac	N/A	Shallow Marsh	
WIL-W09	Wetland	Temporary Workspace / Open Cut	T (60)	0.19 ac	N/A	Shrub Carr	
WIL-S01	Tributary (Intermittent)	Temporary Workspace	T (60)	<0.01 ac	N/A	Intermittent	
WIL-S08	Tributary (Perennial)	None (HDD)	None (HDD)	29 ft	N/A	Perennial	
WIL-OW02	Open Water	None (HDD)	None (HDD)	148.9 ft	N/A	Open Water	
WIL-S09	Tributary (Perennial)	None (HDD)	None (HDD)	18.3 ft	N/A	Perennial	

¹If impacts are temporary; enter the duration of the impacts in days next to the “T”. For example, a project with a temporary access fill that would be removed after 220 days would be entered “T (220)”.

²Impacts less than 0.01 acre should be reported in square feet. Impacts 0.01 acre or greater should be reported as acres and rounded to the nearest 0.01 acre. Tributary impacts must be reported in linear feet of impact and an area of impact by indicating first the linear feet of impact

¹ The term “impact” as used in this joint application form is a generic term used for disclosure purposes to identify activities that may require approval from one or more regulatory agencies. For purposes of this form it is not meant to indicate whether or not those activities may require mitigation/replacement.

along the flowline of the stream followed by the area impact in parentheses. For example, a project that impacts 50 feet of a stream that is 6 feet wide would be reported as 50 ft (300 square feet).

³This is generally only applicable if you are applying for a de minimis exemption under MN Rules 8420.0420 Subp. 8, otherwise enter "N/A".

⁴Use *Wetland Plants and Plant Community Types of Minnesota and Wisconsin* 3rd Ed. as modified in MN Rules 8420.0405 Subp. 2.

⁵Refer to Major Watershed and Bank Service Area maps in MN Rules 8420.0522 Subp. 7.

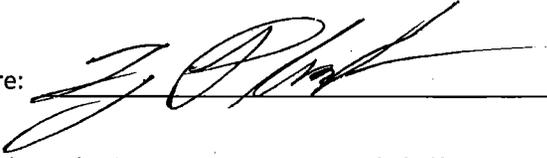
If any of the above identified impacts have already occurred, identify which impacts they are and the circumstances associated with each:

PART FIVE: Applicant Signature

Check here if you are requesting a pre-application consultation with the Corps and LGU based on the information you have provided. Regulatory entities will not initiate a formal application review if this box is checked.

By signature below, I attest that the information in this application is complete and accurate. I further attest that I possess the authority to undertake the work described herein.

Signature: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. P. ...', written over a horizontal line.

Date: _____

2/4/2026

I hereby authorize Stantec to act on my behalf as my agent in the processing of this application and to furnish, upon request, supplemental information in support of this application.

Attachment B

Supporting Information for Applications Involving Exemptions, No Loss Determinations, and Activities Not Requiring Mitigation

Complete this part *if* you maintain that the identified aquatic resource impacts in Part Four do not require wetland replacement/compensatory mitigation OR *if* you are seeking verification that the proposed water resource impacts are either exempt from replacement or are not under CWA/WCA jurisdiction.

Identify the specific exemption or no-loss provision for which you believe your project or site qualifies:

M.R. 8420.0415 A – Activity that will not impact a wetland

M.R. 8420.0415 H – Temporary impacts

Provide a detailed explanation of how your project or site qualifies for the above. Be specific and provide and refer to attachments and exhibits that support your contention. Applicants should refer to rules (e.g. WCA rules), guidance documents (e.g. BWSR guidance, Corps guidance letters/public notices), and permit conditions (e.g. Corps General Permit conditions) to determine the necessary information to support the application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the WCA LGU and Corps Project Manager prior to submitting an application if they are unsure of what type of information to provide:

No-Loss A

Wetland impacts will be avoided where possible by utilizing horizontal directional drilling (HDD). The HDD method avoids impacts on sensitive resources by installing the pipeline at a substantial depth beneath the resources. The HDD method utilizes specialized drilling equipment to create a borehole profile that can vary from vertical to horizontal depending on site-specific conditions. Specifically, HDD allows for trenchless construction across a waterbody or other feature and is used to minimize impacts on water quality or to the feature being crossed from construction activities. Only foot traffic (one 6-foot-wide or two 3-foot wide travel lanes) may occur within the wetlands. The aquatic resources identified in Part Four where HDD will be utilized will not result in impacts to wetlands. This work qualifies for No-Loss A – Activity that will not impact a wetland.

No-Loss H

Where HDD construction is not practicable, wetlands will be temporarily impacted by either by open cut pipeline construction, and/or by a temporary workspace (TWS), or staging area during pipeline construction. To minimize temporary wetland impacts Northern will implement the Project Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans to reduce ground disturbance, minimize erosion and sediment run off and promote revegetation within the construction areas. No forested or scrub-shrub wetlands will be crossed by the Project via open cut and/or by a TWS or staging area.

Soil compaction will be minimized by limiting equipment operation in wetlands and installing temporary equipment mats, as necessary. To prevent soil mixing in unsaturated wetlands, up to 12 inches of topsoil will be removed from directly over the trench and stockpiled for restoration as close as feasible to its original horizon. Northern also will attempt to segregate wetland topsoil or vegetative mass in mucky or inundated wetlands to replenish the native seed bank during restoration.

Northern will install trench plugs at the entrance and exit of the pipeline trench through the wetland. Any confining layers that are breached during construction will be restored during backfilling. Northern will restore contours to pre-construction levels and remove temporary erosion control measures. After the completion of construction of the Project components, wetland areas will generally be allowed to revegetate naturally. Northern will monitor vegetation within wetlands annually for three years or until vegetation has been considered successful. Northern will restore wetlands to their pre-existing condition.

Wetland impacts will be temporary and will be remediated and restored by repairing, rehabilitating, and restoring the affected wetlands. The physical characteristics of the affected wetlands, including ground elevations, contours, inlet

dimensions, outlet dimensions, substrate, plant communities, and hydrologic regime will be restored to pre-project conditions. The project will be completed and physical characteristics of the wetland restored within six months of the start of activity. This work qualifies for No-Loss H – Temporary impact.

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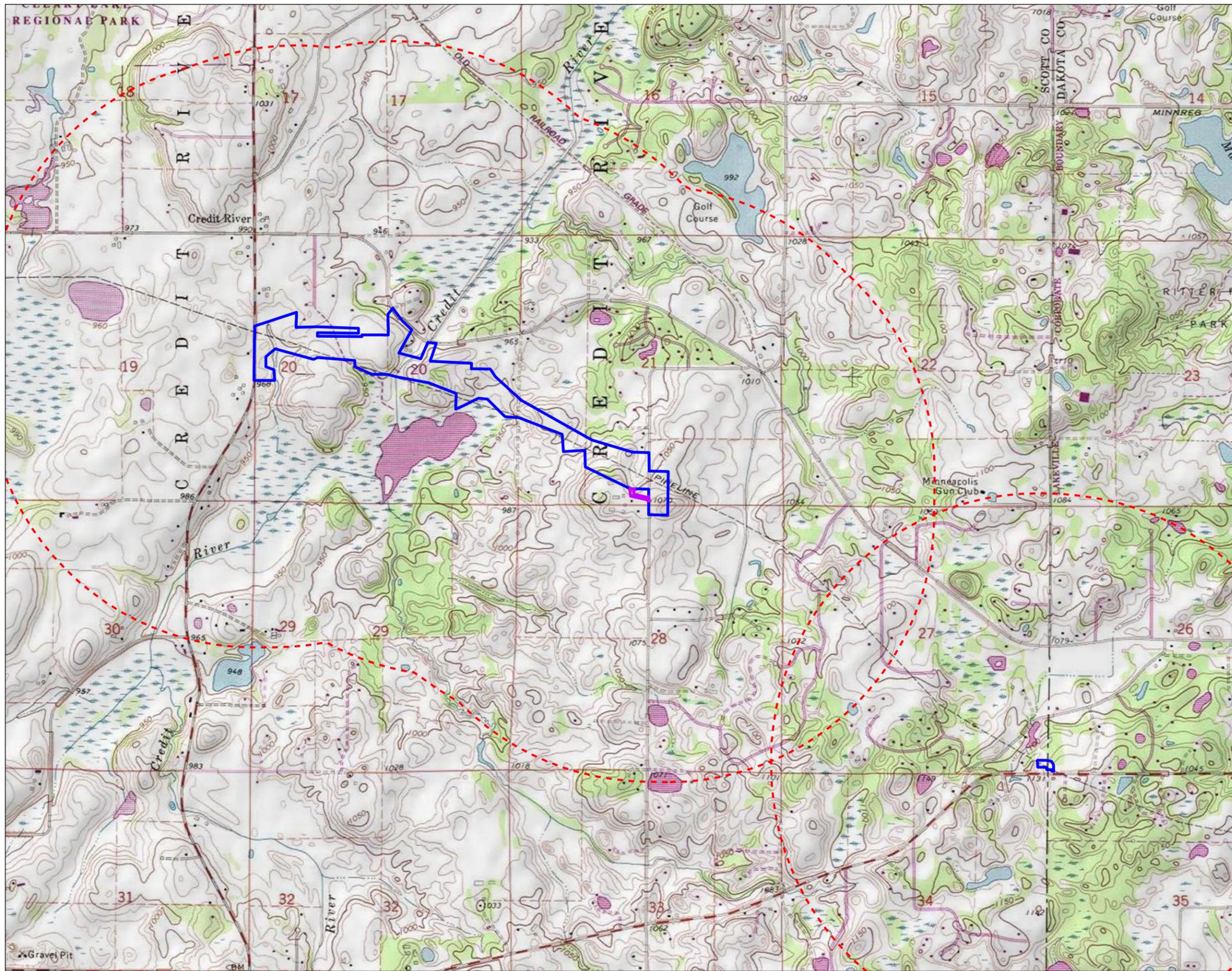
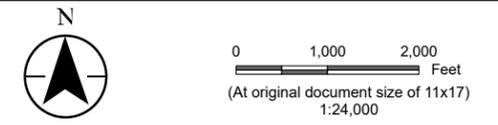


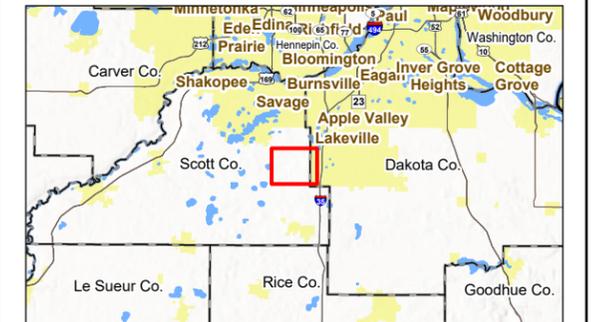
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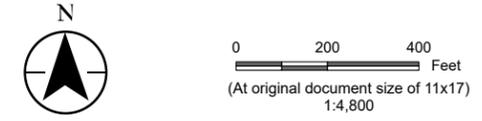


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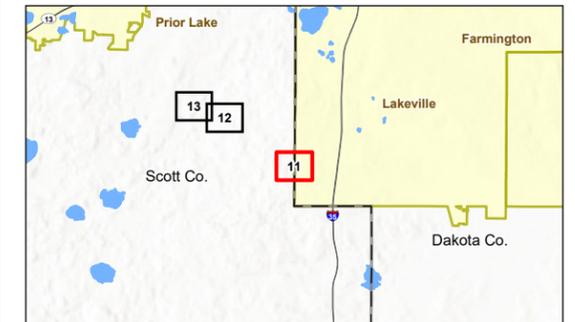
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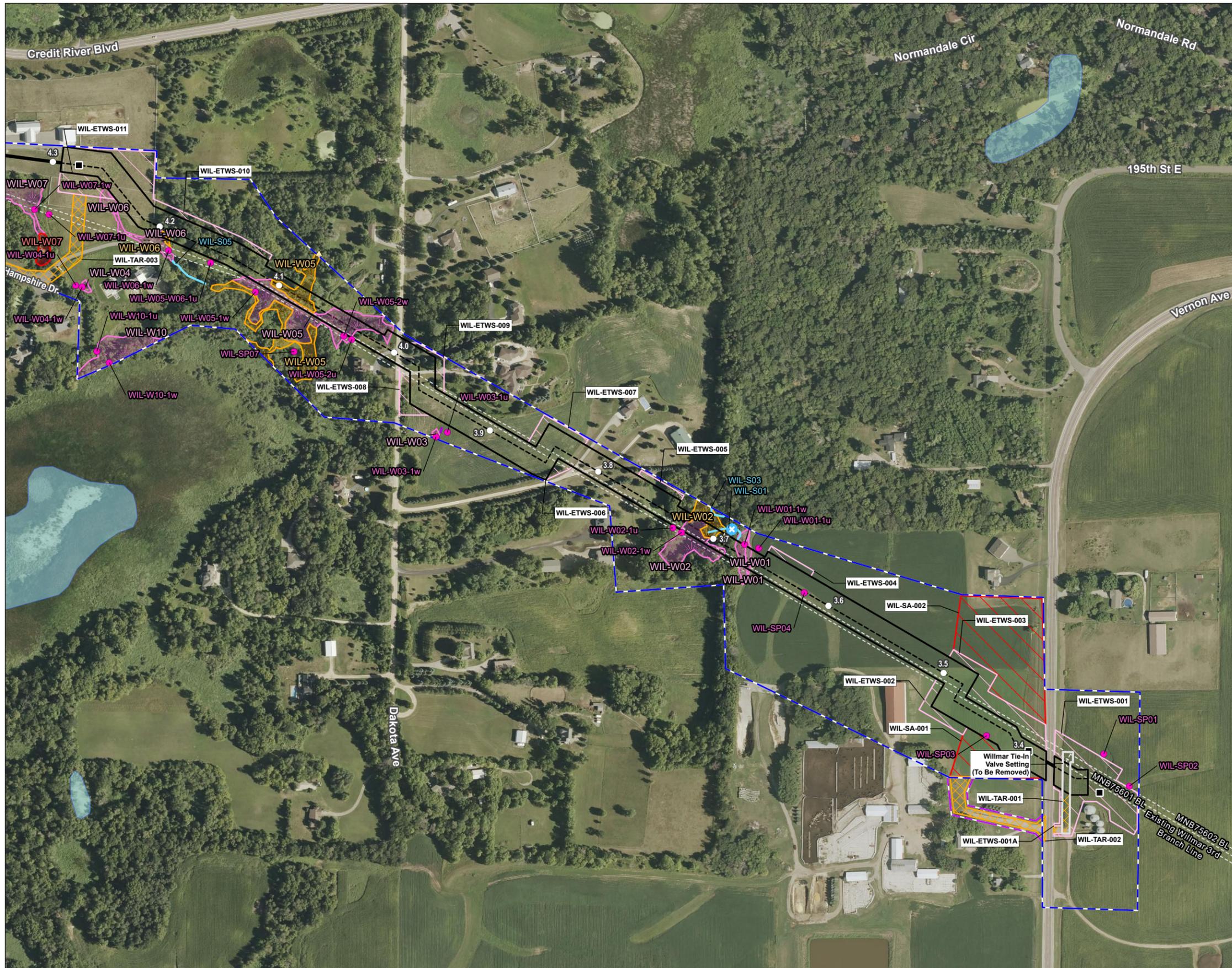


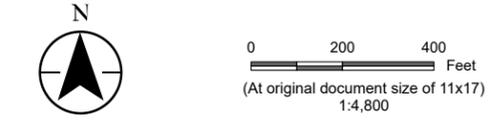
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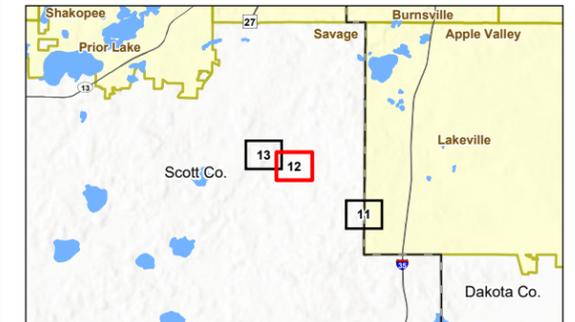
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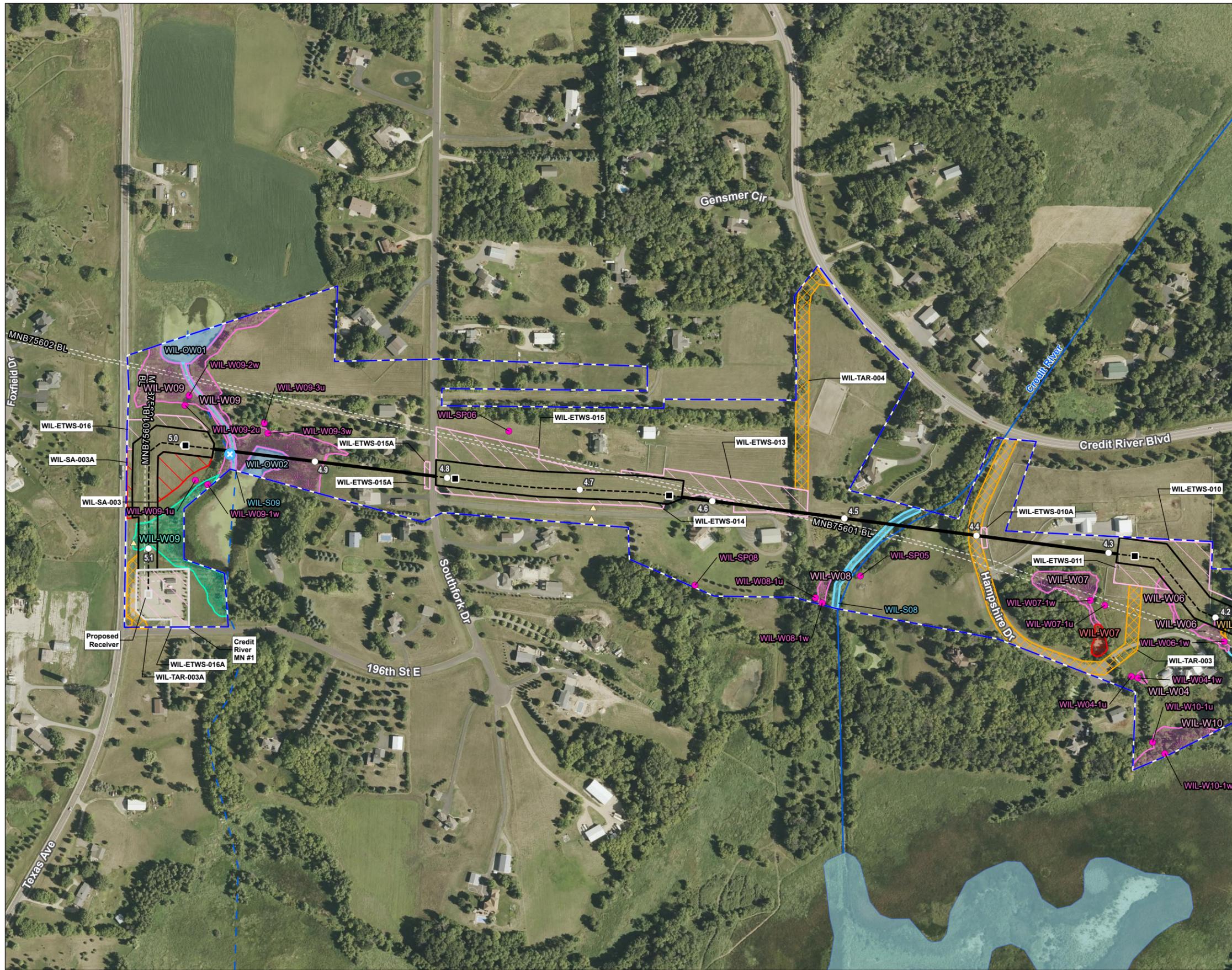
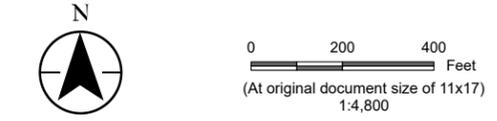


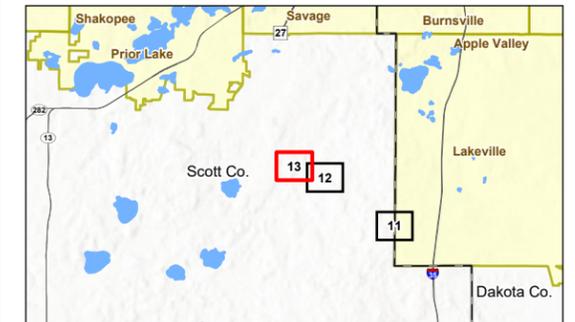
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**WETLAND
DELINEATION REPORT**

For filing purposes, the
wetland delineation report is
included in Appendix 2B

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To: Abigail Ernst; alyssa.core@state.mn.us; USACE_Requests_MN
Cc: Plucker, Terry (Northern Natural Gas); Knabe, Susan; Noland, Nathan; Lillie, Jessica
Subject: Northern Natural Gas - Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project - Willmar 3rd Branch Line Downstream - Carver County, MN

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On behalf of Northern Natural Gas (Northern), I am submitting the Joint Application Form for the Northern Natural Gas - Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project - Willmar 3rd Branch Line Downstream. It is Northern's understanding the Project qualifies for a No-Loss and De Minimis Exemption under the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act. Additionally, it is Northern's understanding the Project meets the criteria for coverage under the Utilities Regional General Permit from the USACE St. Paul District without the need for preconstruction notification.

Please use the link below to download the application. Let me know if you have any difficulty downloading the document.

 [NL27 Willmar 3rd Branch Line Downstream WCA No-Loss Exemption Application.pdf](#)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the Project further, feel free to contact me.

Tony

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RE: Northern Natural Gas – Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Willmar 3rd Branch Line Downstream, Carver County, Minnesota – WCA No Loss and De Minimis Application

Dear Abigail:

Northern Natural Gas (Northern) is proposing to construct Willmar 3rd branch line downstream (Project) (see Project Overview Map, attached). Northern's pipeline system and the new facilities are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and is responsible for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and with applicable state and local wetland regulations such as the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act (WCA). Northern is required to review proposed actions and determine whether such actions may affect a waterbody or wetland under the jurisdiction of the WCA or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Northern has secured the services of Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) to assist with wetland delineation and permitting for the proposed Willmar 3rd branch line downstream (Project).

Project Description

Northern's proposed Project includes construction of the following components associated with Northern's natural gas system within Carver County:

Project Facilities

Facility	Pipeline Diameter and Type	Approximate Length	MP	County	State	Associated WCA LGU
Willmar 3rd Branch Line Downstream	24-inch-diameter extension	4.78 miles	6.38 to 11.16	Carver	MN	Carver County WMO

A project overview figure showing the locations of the Project components is attached to this cover letter. In 2025 wetland delineations and waterbodies surveys were conducted for the environmental survey boundary (ESB) for each of the Project components. Stantec has completed field surveys for all but two parcels within the Project ESB due to landowner access. The parcel areas are to be surveyed in spring 2026 and supplemental letters will be submitted. This area is indicated in the site location maps figures below.

Fifty-four wetlands, nine waterways, and four waterbodies were identified within the ESB surveyed for the Project; however, Northern designed the Project to only cross 13 wetlands and two waterways. As proposed, the Project will result in a total of 1.44 acres of temporary wetland impact. The Project will result in 145 square feet of permanent fill in a wetland (WDC-W45) which qualifies for a de minimis under WCA Chapter 8420.0420, Subpart 8.

The duration of the Project will be approximately seven months; tree clearing is scheduled to be completed early 2027. Pipeline construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2027, or as soon as all required permits are obtained.

The Project qualifies for a no-loss and de minimis exemption from state wetland permitting under WCA Chapter 8420.0415, A & H, and 8420.0420 Subp 8. Northern is requesting a No-Loss and Exemption Notice of Decision. According to WCA, a replacement plan will not be required for the Project as permanent wetland impacts are within the de minimis limits. Wetland mitigation credits will not be required for Project wetland impacts.

Based on the scope of the Project and the proposed wetland impacts, the Project qualifies for coverage under the Utility Regional General Permit without the need for preconstruction notification. Northern is providing this notification as a courtesy.

I appreciate your attention to this notification and request a review of the attached information. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me (402-398-7226 or Terry.Plucker@nngco.com) or Tony Kaster of Stantec (612-297-8654 or Anthony.Kaster@stantec.com).

Sincerely,



Terry Plucker
Northern Natural Gas
Manager – Construction Environmental
Compliance

Northern Natural Gas – Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Willmar 3rd Branch Line Downstream
February 19, 2026

Enclosures: Joint Application Form
Project Overview Figures
Wetland Delineation Report

cc: Sue Knabe, Stantec

Northern Natural Gas – Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Willmar 3rd Branch Line Downstream
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**JOINT
APPLICATION
FORM**

Project Name and/or Number: Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Willmar 3rd Branch Line Downstream

PART ONE: Applicant Information

If applicant is an entity (company, government entity, partnership, etc.), an authorized contact person must be identified. If the applicant is using an agent (consultant, lawyer, or other third party) and has authorized them to act on their behalf, the agent's contact information must also be provided.

Applicant/Landowner Name: Northern Natural Gas – Terry Plucker
Mailing Address: 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, NE, 68124
Phone: 402-389-7226
E-mail Address: Terry.plucker@nngco.com

Authorized Contact (do not complete if same as above):

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Agent Name: Stantec – Tony Kaster
Mailing Address: One Carlson Parkway, Suite 100, Plymouth, MN 55447
Phone: 612-297-8654
E-mail Address: anthony.kaster@stantec.com

PART TWO: Site Location Information

County: Carver
City/Township: Camden Township
Young America Township
Benton Township

Parcel ID and/or Address: Multiple

Legal Description (Section, Township, Range): S 36, T 116N, R 26W
S 1, T 115N, R 26W
S 5, 6, 9, & 10, T 115N, R 25W

Lat/Long (decimal degrees): 44.7822539, -93.8388237

Attach a map showing the location of the site in relation to local streets, roads, highways.

Approximate size of site (acres) or if a linear project, length (feet): 4.78 miles

If you know that your proposal will require an individual Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you must provide the names and addresses of all property owners adjacent to the project site. This information may be provided by attaching a list to your application or by using block 25 of the Application for Department of the Army permit which can be obtained at:

http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Portals/57/docs/regulatory/RegulatoryDocs/engform_4345_2012oct.pdf

PART THREE: General Project/Site Information

If this application is related to a delineation approval, exemption determination, jurisdictional determination, or other correspondence submitted **prior to** this application then describe that here and provide the Corps of Engineers project number.

Describe the project that is being proposed, the project purpose and need, and schedule for implementation and completion. The project description must fully describe the nature and scope of the proposed activity including a description of all project elements that effect aquatic resources (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) and must also include plans and cross section or profile drawings showing the location, character, and dimensions of all proposed activities and aquatic resource impacts.

Northern proposes to construct and operate an approximate 4.78-mile extension of its 24-inch-diameter Willmar 3rd branch line downstream in Carver County, Minnesota as part of the NL27 Project. The proposed extension will take off via a below ground tie-in on the east side of County Road 153 in Section 10, T115N, R25W, Carver County, Minnesota. The terminus of the extension will be completed within a proposed receiver facility located on the north side of 110th Street in Section 36, T116N, R26W, Carver County, Minnesota.

The Willmar 3rd branch line downstream extension for the NL27 Project will be installed within a 100-foot-wide nominal construction corridor in uplands and 75 feet in wetlands. In addition to the construction corridor, Northern will utilize ETWS, temporary access roads, existing driveways, and staging areas during construction.

PART FOUR: Aquatic Resource Impact¹ Summary

If your proposed project involves a direct or indirect impact to an aquatic resource (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) identify each impact in the table below. Include all anticipated impacts, including those expected to be temporary. Attach an overhead view map, aerial photo, and/or drawing showing all of the aquatic resources in the project area and the location(s) of the proposed impacts. Label each aquatic resource on the map with a reference number or letter and identify the impacts in the following table.

Aquatic Resource ID (as noted on overhead view)	Aquatic Resource Type (wetland, lake, tributary etc.)	Type of Impact (fill, excavate, drain, or remove vegetation)	Duration of Impact Permanent (P) or Temporary (T) ¹	Size of Impact ²	Overall Size of Aquatic Resource ³	Existing Plant Community Type(s) in Impact Area ⁴	County, Major Watershed #, and Bank Service Area # of Impact Area ⁵
WDC-W07	Wetland	Temporary workspace/Open cut	T (60)	0.45 ac	N/A	Wet Meadow	Carver Cty, Major Watershed 33, BSA 9
WDC-W09	Wetland	Temporary Access Road	T (60)	0.06 ac	N/A	Wet Meadow	
WDC-W12	Wetland	Temporary workspace/Open cut	T (60)	0.04 ac	N/A	Wet Meadow	
WDC-W13	Wetland	Temporary workspace/Open cut	T (60)	0.18 ac	N/A	Seasonally Flooded Basin	
WDC-W16	Wetland	Temporary workspace/Open cut	T (60)	0.23 ac	N/A	Seasonally Flooded Basin	
WDC-W23	Wetland	Temporary workspace/Open cut	T (60)	0.38 ac	N/A	Wet Meadow	
WDC-W24	Wetland	None (HDD)	N/A	0.00 ac	N/A	Wet Meadow / Shallow Marsh	
WDC-W34	Wetland	Temporary Access Road	T (60)	0.02 ac	N/A	Wet Meadow	
WDC-W34	Wetland	None (HDD)	N/A	0.00 ac	N/A	Wet Meadow	
WDC-W31	Wetland	None (HDD)	N/A	0.00 ac	N/A	Wet Meadow	
WDC-W32	Wetland	None (HDD)	N/A	0.00 ac	N/A	Shallow Marsh	
WDC-W32	Wetland	Extra Temporary Workspace	T (60)	0.05 ac	N/A	Shallow Marsh	
WDC-W33	Wetland	Temporary Workspace	T (60)	0.01 ac	N/A	Seasonally Flooded Basin	
WDC-W44	Wetland	Temporary Workspace	T (60)	0.00 ac	N/A	Seasonally Flooded Basin	
WDC-W45	Wetland	Temporary Workspace	T (60)	0.02 ac	N/A	Wet Meadow	
WDC-W45	Wetland	Fill	P	145 sf	N/A	Wet Meadow	
WDC-S02	Tributary (Perennial)	Temporary workspace/Open cut	T (60)	52.0 ft	N/A	Perennial	
WDC-S05	Tributary	Temporary	T (60)	5.0 ft	N/A	Intermittent	

¹ The term “impact” as used in this joint application form is a generic term used for disclosure purposes to identify activities that may require approval from one or more regulatory agencies. For purposes of this form it is not meant to indicate whether or not those activities may require mitigation/replacement.

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¹If impacts are temporary; enter the duration of the impacts in days next to the "T". For example, a project with a temporary access fill that would be removed after 220 days would be entered "T (220)".

²Impacts less than 0.01 acre should be reported in square feet. Impacts 0.01 acre or greater should be reported as acres and rounded to the nearest 0.01 acre. Tributary impacts must be reported in linear feet of impact and an area of impact by indicating first the linear feet of impact along the flowline of the stream followed by the area impact in parentheses. For example, a project that impacts 50 feet of a stream that is 6 feet wide would be reported as 50 ft (300 square feet).

³This is generally only applicable if you are applying for a de minimis exemption under MN Rules 8420.0420 Subp. 8, otherwise enter "N/A".

⁴Use *Wetland Plants and Plant Community Types of Minnesota and Wisconsin* 3rd Ed. as modified in MN Rules 8420.0405 Subp. 2.

⁵Refer to Major Watershed and Bank Service Area maps in MN Rules 8420.0522 Subp. 7.

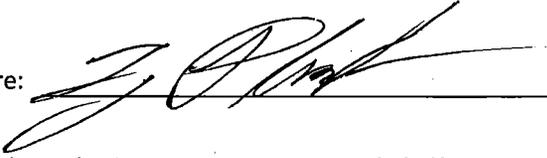
If any of the above identified impacts have already occurred, identify which impacts they are and the circumstances associated with each:

PART FIVE: Applicant Signature

Check here if you are requesting a pre-application consultation with the Corps and LGU based on the information you have provided. Regulatory entities will not initiate a formal application review if this box is checked.

By signature below, I attest that the information in this application is complete and accurate. I further attest that I possess the authority to undertake the work described herein.

Signature: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. P. ...', written over a horizontal line.

Date: _____

2/4/2026

I hereby authorize Stantec to act on my behalf as my agent in the processing of this application and to furnish, upon request, supplemental information in support of this application.

Attachment B

Supporting Information for Applications Involving Exemptions, No Loss Determinations, and Activities Not Requiring Mitigation

Complete this part *if* you maintain that the identified aquatic resource impacts in Part Four do not require wetland replacement/compensatory mitigation OR *if* you are seeking verification that the proposed water resource impacts are either exempt from replacement or are not under CWA/WCA jurisdiction.

Identify the specific exemption or no-loss provision for which you believe your project or site qualifies:

M.R. 8420.0420 Subp 8 – De Minimis

M.R. 8420.0415 A – Activity that will not impact a wetland

M.R. 8420.0415 H – Temporary impacts

Provide a detailed explanation of how your project or site qualifies for the above. Be specific and provide and refer to attachments and exhibits that support your contention. Applicants should refer to rules (e.g. WCA rules), guidance documents (e.g. BWSR guidance, Corps guidance letters/public notices), and permit conditions (e.g. Corps General Permit conditions) to determine the necessary information to support the application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the WCA LGU and Corps Project Manager prior to submitting an application if they are unsure of what type of information to provide:

De Minimis Exemption

A permanent wetland impact totaling 145 square feet will occur to Wetland WDC-W45. The wetland is a wet meadow and is not permanently or semi-permanently flooded. The wetland is within Carver County, a <50% county. The wetland is outside a shoreland protection zone and shoreland building setback zone. As a result, the de minimis amount for the wetland is 2,178 square feet. The proposed wetland impact is below the de minimis threshold and qualifies for the de minimis exemption.

No-Loss A

Wetland impacts will be avoided where possible by utilizing horizontal directional drilling (HDD). The HDD method avoids impacts on sensitive resources by installing the pipeline at a substantial depth beneath the resources. The HDD method utilizes specialized drilling equipment to create a borehole profile that can vary from vertical to horizontal depending on site-specific conditions. Specifically, HDD allows for trenchless construction across a waterbody or other feature and is used to minimize impacts on water quality or to the feature being crossed from construction activities. Only foot traffic (one 6-foot-wide or two 3-foot wide travel lanes) will occur within the wetlands. The aquatic resources identified in Part Four where HDD will be utilized will not result in impacts to wetlands. This work qualifies for No-Loss A – Activity that will not impact a wetland.

No-Loss H

Where HDD construction is not practicable, wetlands will be temporarily impacted by either by open cut pipeline construction, and/or by a temporary work space (TWS), or temporary access road (TAR) during pipeline construction. To minimize temporary wetland impacts Northern will implement the Project Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans to reduce ground disturbance, minimize erosion and sediment run off and promote revegetation within the construction areas. No forested or scrub-shrub wetlands will be crossed by the Project via open cut and/or by a TWS, or TAR.

Soil compaction will be minimized by limiting equipment operation in wetlands and installing temporary equipment mats, as necessary. To prevent soil mixing in unsaturated wetlands, up to 12 inches of topsoil will be removed from directly over the trench and stockpiled for restoration as close as feasible to its original horizon. Northern also will attempt to segregate wetland topsoil or vegetative mass in mucky or inundated wetlands to replenish the native seed bank during restoration.

Northern will install trench plugs at the entrance and exit of the pipeline trench through the wetland. Any confining layers that are breached during construction will be restored during backfilling. Northern will restore contours to pre-construction levels and remove temporary erosion control measures. After the completion of construction of the Project components,

wetland areas will generally be allowed to revegetate naturally. Northern will monitor vegetation within wetlands annually for three years or until vegetation has been considered successful. Northern will restore wetlands to their pre-existing condition.

Wetland impacts will be temporary and will be rectified by repairing, rehabilitating, and restoring the affected wetlands. The physical characteristics of the affected wetlands, including ground elevations, contours, inlet dimensions, outlet dimensions, substrate, plant communities, and hydrologic regime will be restored to pre-project conditions. The project will be completed and physical characteristics of the wetland restored within six months of the start of activity. This work qualifies for No-Loss H – Temporary impact.

PROJECT FIGURES

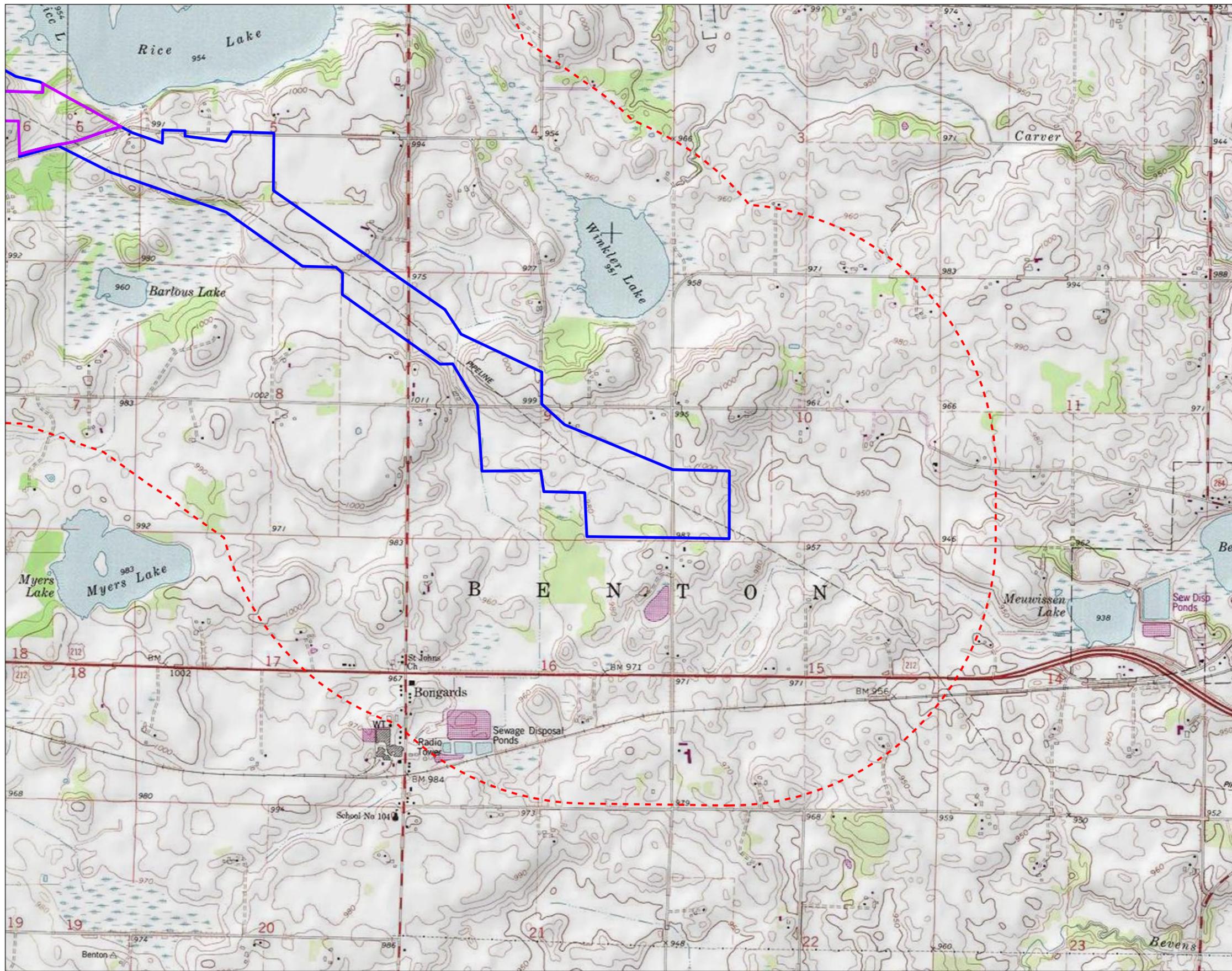
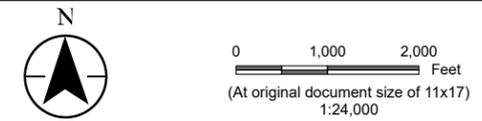


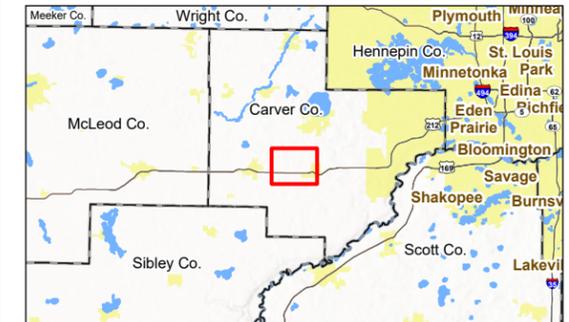
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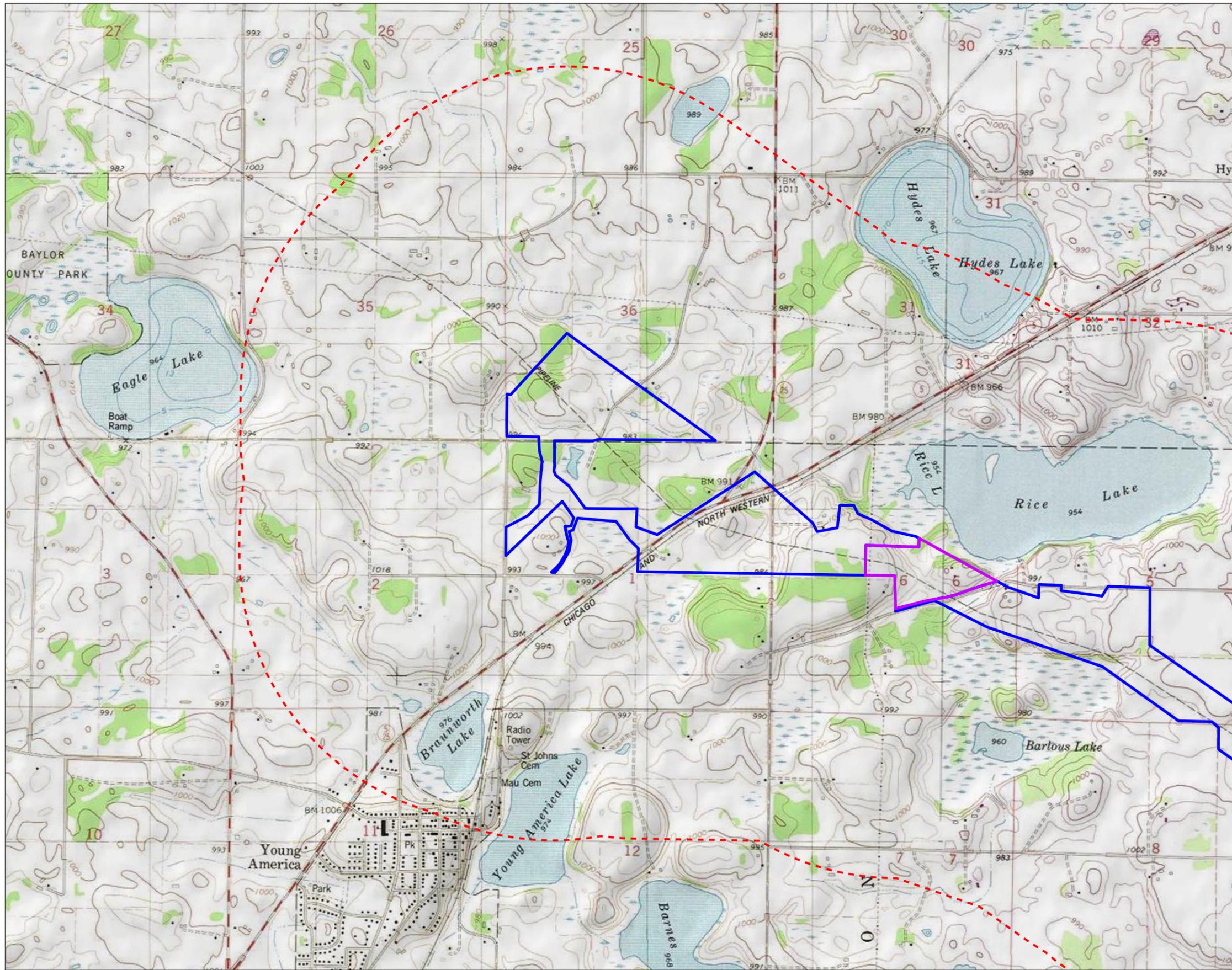
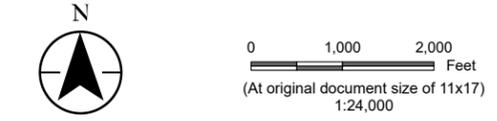


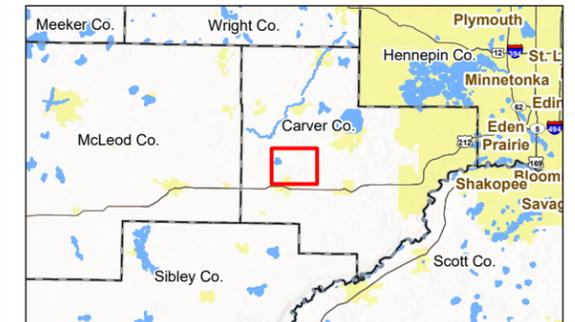
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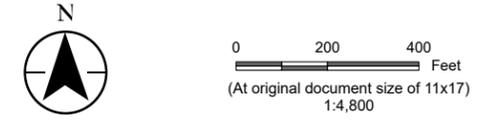
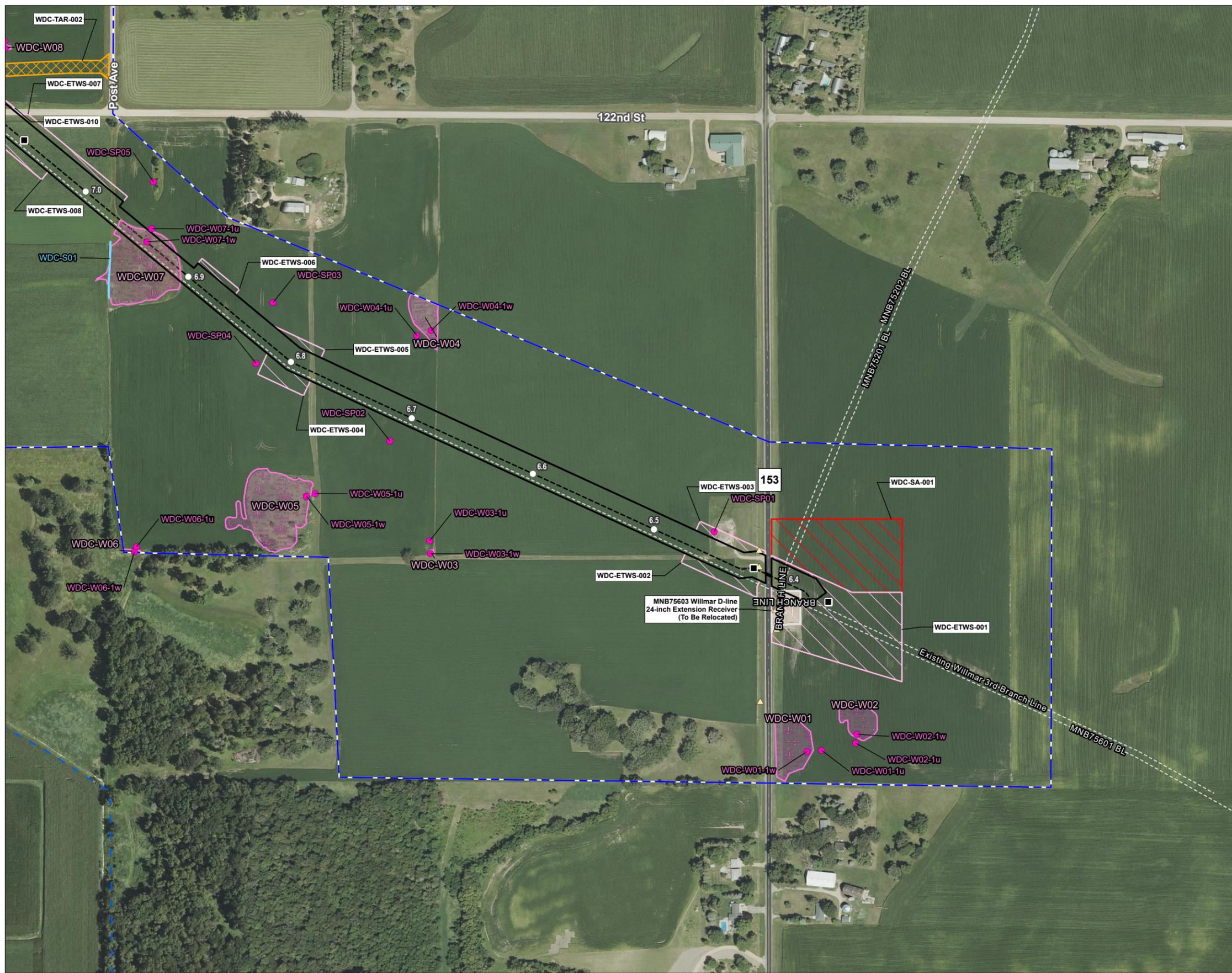
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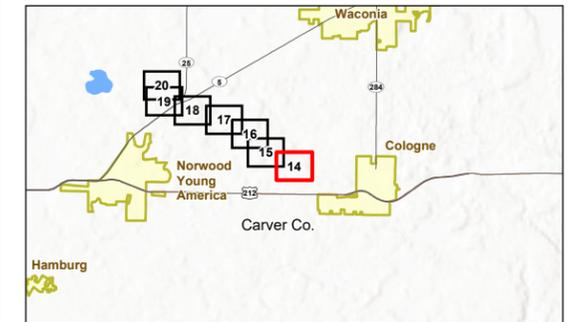
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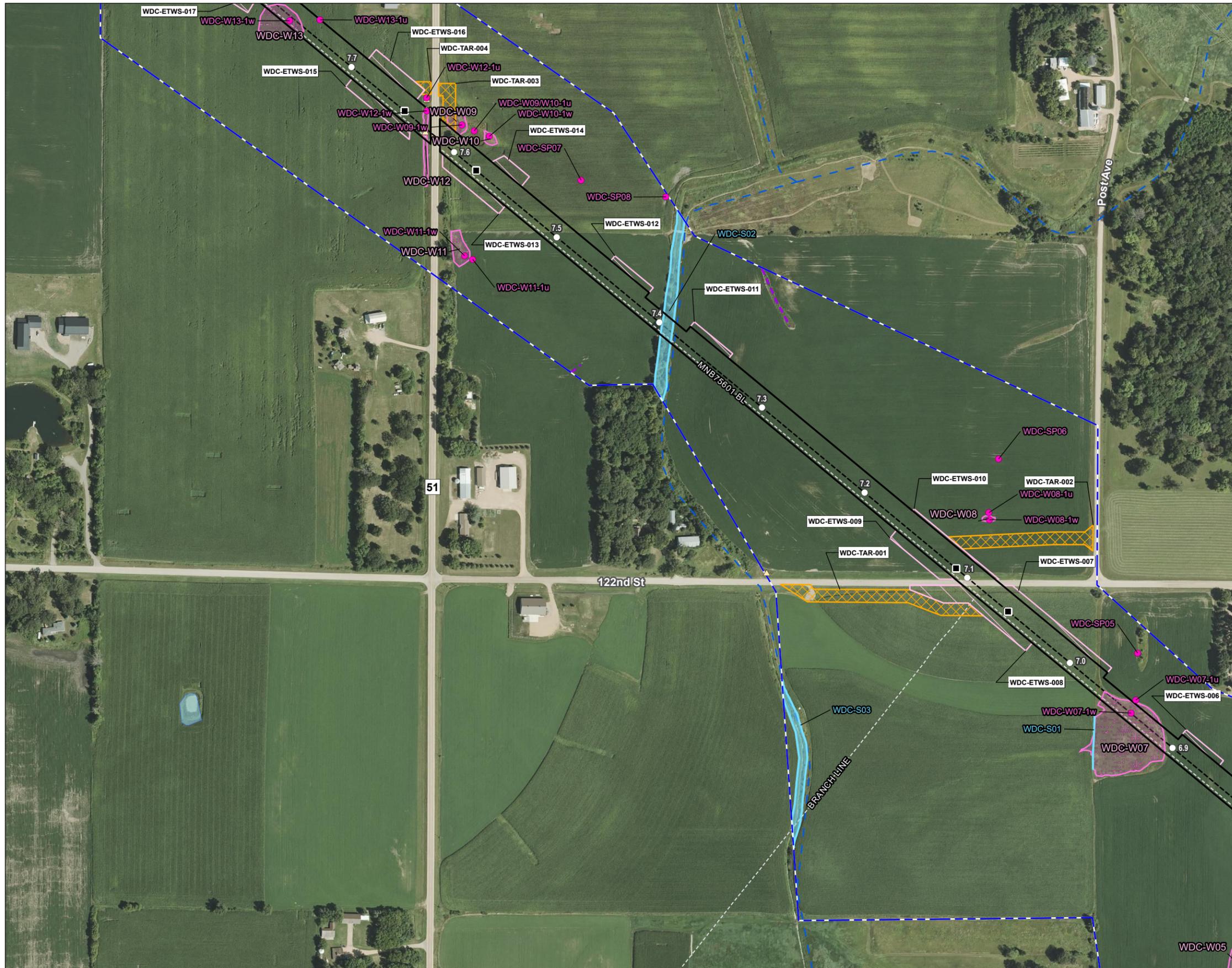
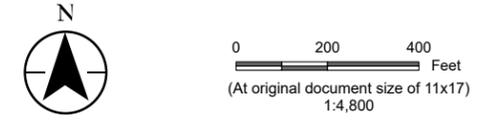


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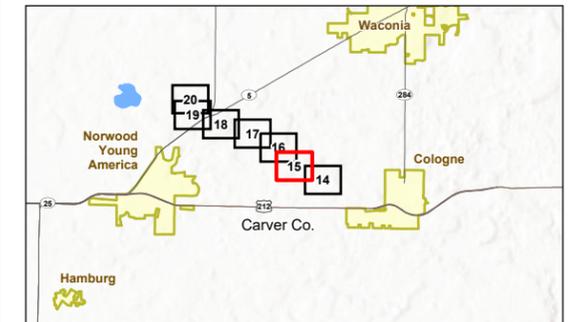
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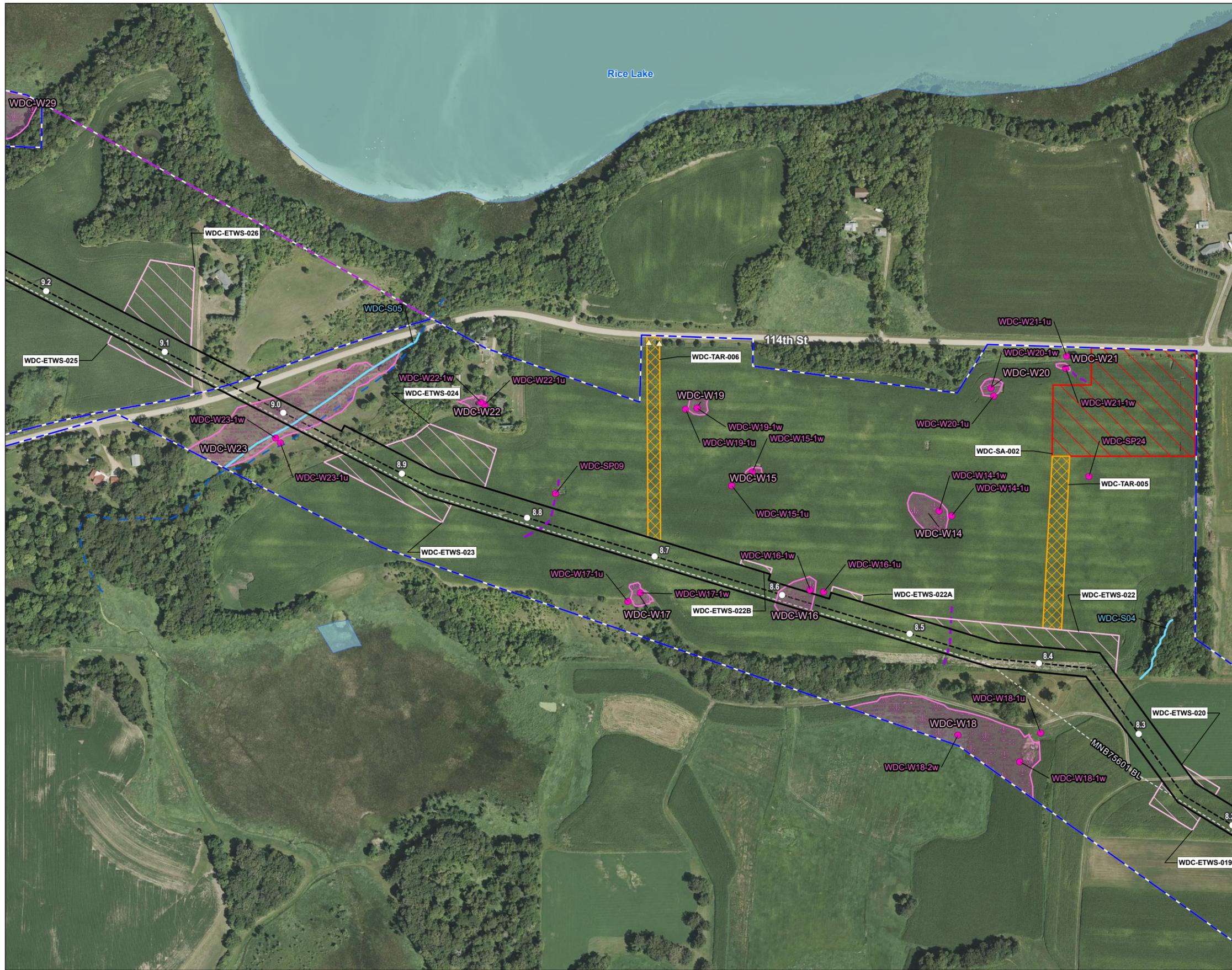


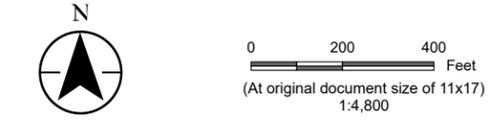
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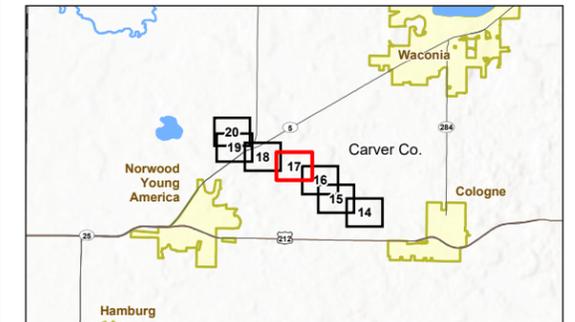
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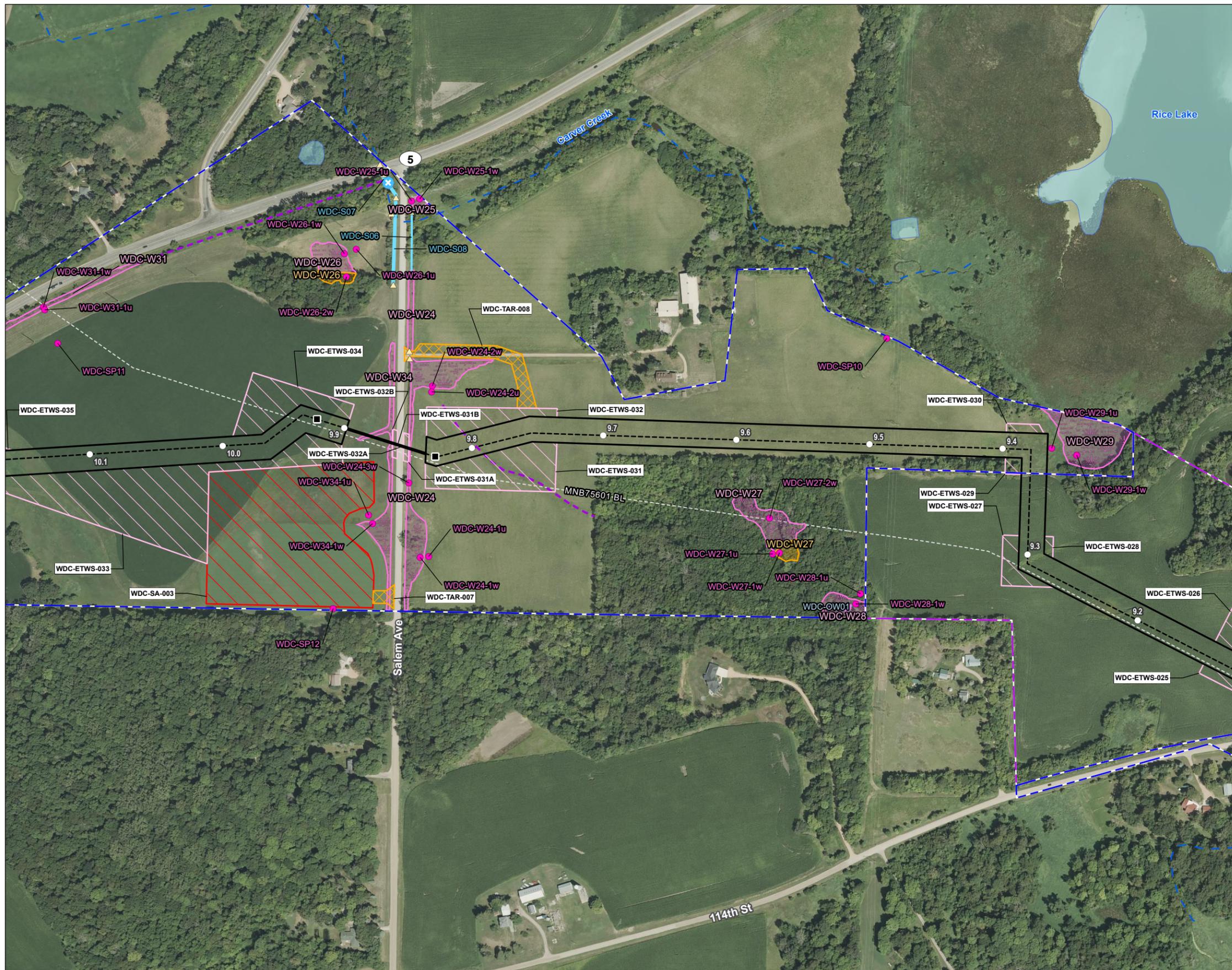
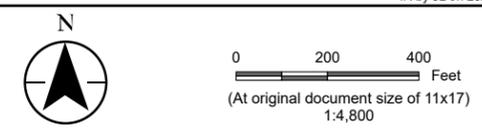


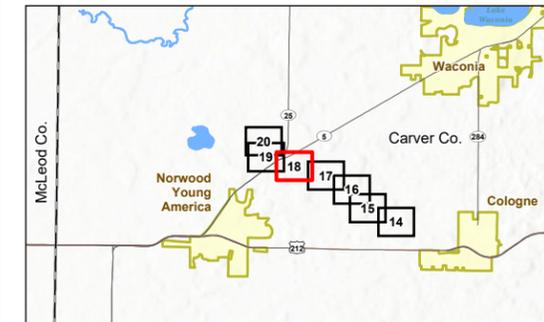
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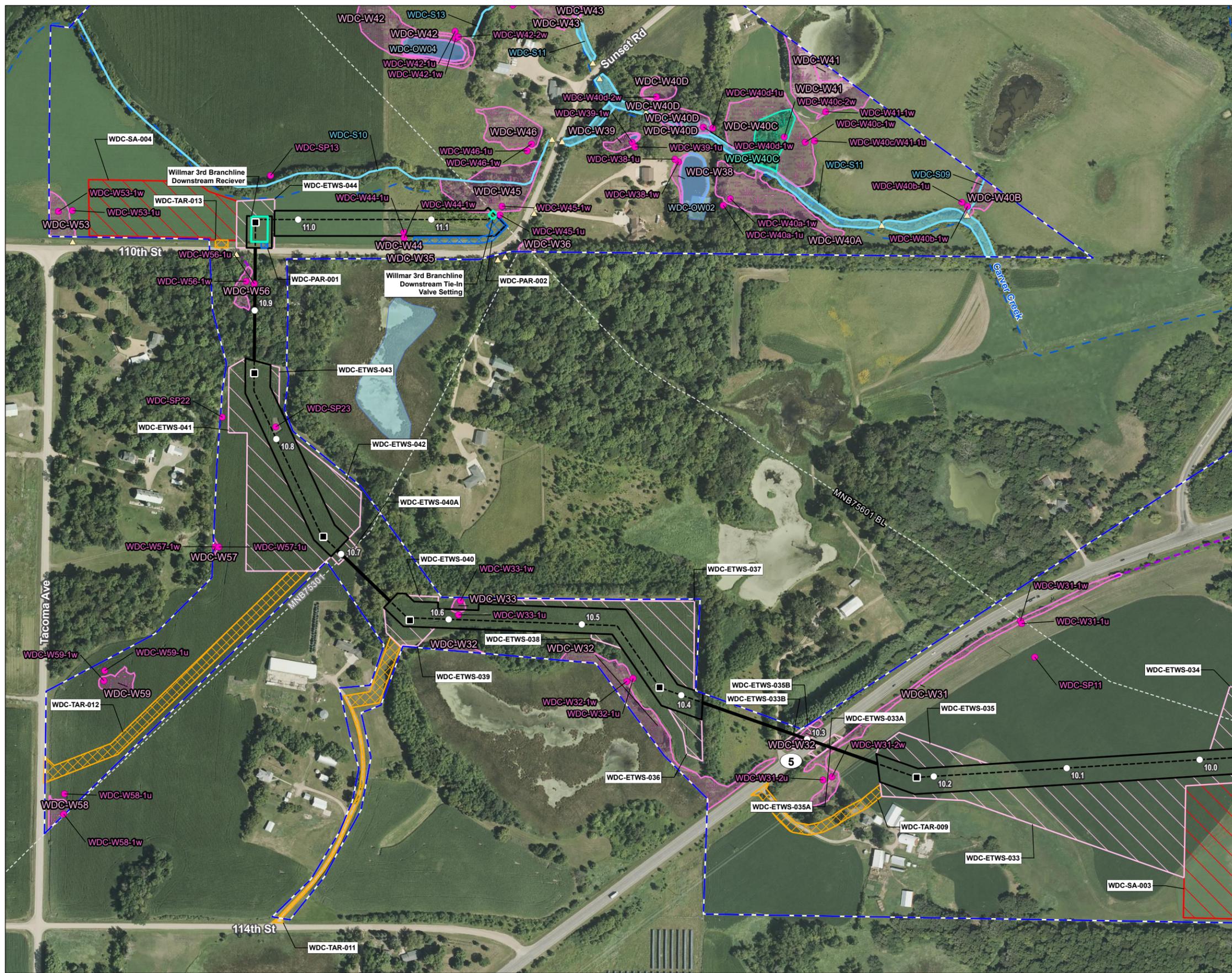
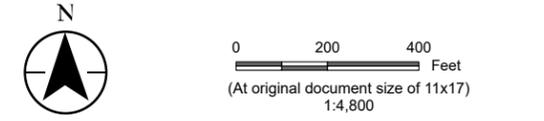


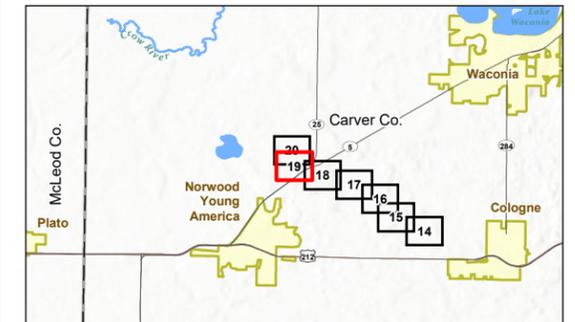
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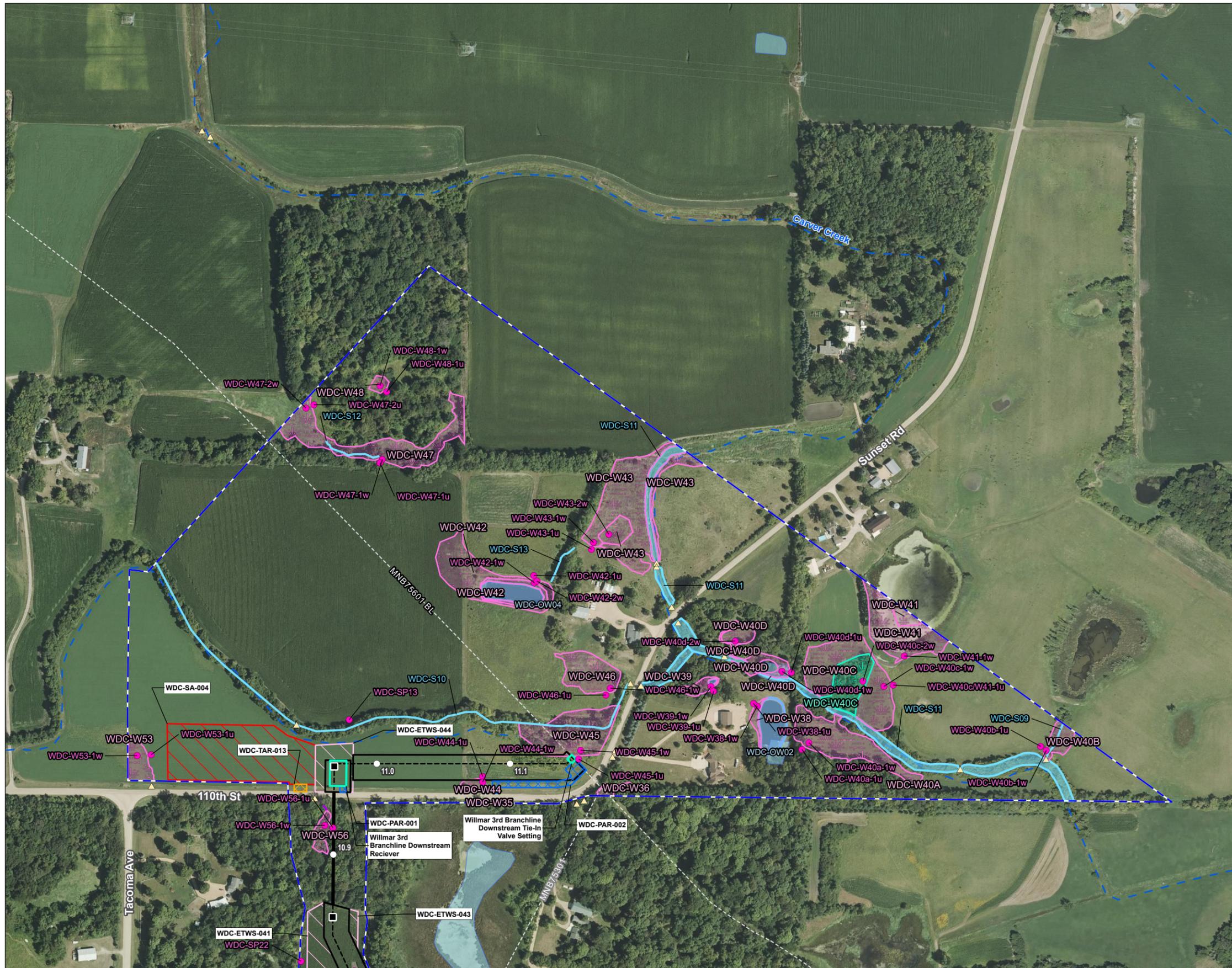


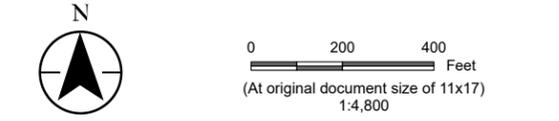
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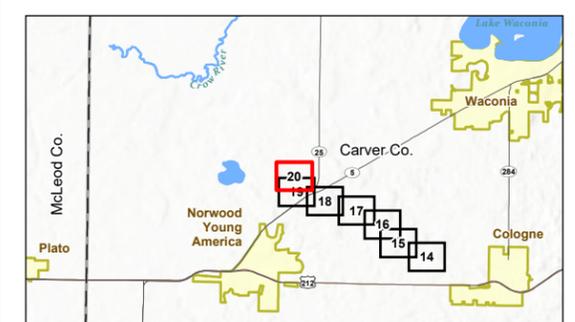
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From: Kaster, Anthony
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2026 4:50 PM
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Cc: Plucker, Terry (Northern Natural Gas); Knabe, Susan; Noland, Nathan; Lillie, Jessica
Subject: Northern Natural Gas - Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project - Welcome 2nd Line - Martin County, MN

All

On behalf of Northern Natural Gas (Northern), I am submitting the Joint Application Form for the Northern Natural Gas - Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project - Welcome 2nd Line. It is Northern's understanding the Project qualifies for a No-Loss under the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act. Additionally, it is Northern's understanding the Project meets the criteria for coverage under the Utilities Regional General Permit from the USACE St. Paul District without the need for preconstruction notification.

Please use the link below to download the application. Let me know if you have any difficulty downloading the document.

 [NL27 Welcome 2nd Line WCA No-Loss Application.pdf](#)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the Project further, feel free to contact me.

Tony

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February 19, 2026

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RE: Northern Natural Gas – Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Welcome 2nd Line, Martin County, Minnesota – WCA No Loss Application

Dear Dustin:

Northern Natural Gas (Northern) is proposing to construct Welcome 2nd line (Project) (see Project Overview Map, attached). Northern’s pipeline system and the new facilities are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and is responsible for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and with applicable state and local wetland regulations such as the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act (WCA). Northern is required to review proposed actions and determine whether such actions may affect a waterbody or wetland under the jurisdiction of the WCA or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Northern has secured the services of Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) to assist with wetland delineation and permitting for the proposed Welcome 2nd line (Project).

Project Description

Northern’s proposed Project includes construction of the following components associated with Northern’s natural gas system within Martin County:

Project Facilities Facility	Pipeline Diameter and Type	Approximate Length	MP	County	State	Associated WCA LGU
Welcome 2nd Line	16-inch-diameter extension	1.24 miles	10.47 to 11.71	Martin	MN	Martin County SWCD

A project overview figure showing the locations of the Project components is attached to this cover letter. In 2025 wetland delineations and waterbodies surveys were conducted for the environmental survey boundary (ESB) for each of the Project components. Stantec has completed field surveys of 100% of the parcels within the Project ESB.

No wetlands or waterbodies were identified within the Project ESB. Therefore, the Project will result in no temporary or permanent fill or conversion of wetland.

The duration of the Project will be approximately seven months. No tree clearing is proposed for the Project. Pipeline construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2027, or as soon as all required permits are obtained.

The Project qualifies for a no-loss from state wetland permitting under WCA Chapter 8420.0415, A. Northern is requesting a No-Loss Notice of Decision. According to WCA, a replacement plan will not be required for the Project as permanent wetland impacts will not occur. Wetland mitigation credits will not be required for the Project.

Based on the scope of the Project and no wetland impacts, the Project qualifies for coverage under the Utility Regional General Permit without the need for preconstruction notification. Northern is providing this notification as a courtesy.

I appreciate your attention to this notification and request a review of the attached information. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me (402-398-7226 or Terry.Plucker@nngco.com) or Tony Kaster of Stantec (612-297-8654 or Anthony.Kaster@stantec.com).

Sincerely,



Terry Plucker
Northern Natural Gas
Manager – Construction Environmental
Compliance

Enclosures: Joint Application Form
Project Overview Figures
Wetland Delineation Report

cc: Sue Knabe, Stantec

Northern Natural Gas – Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Welcome 2nd Line
February 19, 2026

**JOINT
APPLICATION
FORM**

PART ONE: Applicant Information

If applicant is an entity (company, government entity, partnership, etc.), an authorized contact person must be identified. If the applicant is using an agent (consultant, lawyer, or other third party) and has authorized them to act on their behalf, the agent's contact information must also be provided.

Applicant/Landowner Name: Northern Natural Gas – Terry Plucker
Mailing Address: 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, NE, 68124
Phone: 402-389-7226
E-mail Address: Terry.plucker@nngco.com

Authorized Contact (do not complete if same as above):

Mailing Address:
Phone:
E-mail Address:

Agent Name: Stantec – Tony Kaster
Mailing Address: One Carlson Parkway, Suite 100, Plymouth, MN 55447
Phone: 612-297-8654
E-mail Address: anthony.kaster@stantec.com

PART TWO: Site Location Information

County: Martin **City/Township:** Lake Fremont Township
Parcel ID and/or Address: multiple
Legal Description (Section, Township, Range): S 11 & 12, T 101N, R 33W
Lat/Long (decimal degrees): 43.5712626, -94.7558740
Attach a map showing the location of the site in relation to local streets, roads, highways.
Approximate size of site (acres) or if a linear project, length (feet): 1.24 miles

If you know that your proposal will require an individual Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you must provide the names and addresses of all property owners adjacent to the project site. This information may be provided by attaching a list to your application or by using block 25 of the Application for Department of the Army permit which can be obtained at:

http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Portals/57/docs/regulatory/RegulatoryDocs/engform_4345_2012oct.pdf

PART THREE: General Project/Site Information

If this application is related to a delineation approval, exemption determination, jurisdictional determination, or other correspondence submitted *prior to* this application then describe that here and provide the Corps of Engineers project number.

Describe the project that is being proposed, the project purpose and need, and schedule for implementation and completion. The project description must fully describe the nature and scope of the proposed activity including a description of all project elements that effect aquatic resources (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) and must also include plans and cross section or profile drawings showing the location, character, and dimensions of all proposed activities and aquatic resource impacts.

Northern proposes to construct and operate an approximate 1.24-mile extension of its 16-inch-diameter Welcome C-line line in Martin County, Minnesota as part of the NL27 Project.

The proposed extension will take off via a below ground tie-in within the Welcome south receiver and MAOP regulator on the south side of 60th Street in Section 12, T101N, R33W, Martin County, Minnesota. The terminus of the extension will be completed within a proposed tie-in valve setting located on the west side of 60th Avenue in Section 11, T101N, R33W, Martin County, Minnesota. The pipeline construction will not result in impacts to wetlands.

PART FOUR: Aquatic Resource Impact¹ Summary

If your proposed project involves a direct or indirect impact to an aquatic resource (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) identify each impact in the table below. Include all anticipated impacts, including those expected to be temporary. Attach an overhead view map, aerial photo, and/or drawing showing all of the aquatic resources in the project area and the location(s) of the proposed impacts. Label each aquatic resource on the map with a reference number or letter and identify the impacts in the following table.

Aquatic Resource ID (as noted on overhead view)	Aquatic Resource Type (wetland, lake, tributary etc.)	Type of Impact (fill, excavate, drain, or remove vegetation)	Duration of Impact Permanent (P) or Temporary (T) ¹	Size of Impact ²	Overall Size of Aquatic Resource ³	Existing Plant Community Type(s) in Impact Area ⁴	County, Major Watershed #, and Bank Service Area # of Impact Area ⁵
No Wetland or Waterbody Impacts Proposed							Martin Cty, Major Watershed 53, BSA 8

¹If impacts are temporary; enter the duration of the impacts in days next to the “T”. For example, a project with a temporary access fill that would be removed after 220 days would be entered “T (220)”.

²Impacts less than 0.01 acre should be reported in square feet. Impacts 0.01 acre or greater should be reported as acres and rounded to the nearest 0.01 acre. Tributary impacts must be reported in linear feet of impact and an area of impact by indicating first the linear feet of impact along the flowline of the stream followed by the area impact in parentheses. For example, a project that impacts 50 feet of a stream that is 6 feet wide would be reported as 50 ft (300 square feet).

³This is generally only applicable if you are applying for a de minimis exemption under MN Rules 8420.0420 Subp. 8, otherwise enter “N/A”.

⁴Use *Wetland Plants and Plant Community Types of Minnesota and Wisconsin* 3rd Ed. as modified in MN Rules 8420.0405 Subp. 2.

⁵Refer to Major Watershed and Bank Service Area maps in MN Rules 8420.0522 Subp. 7.

If any of the above identified impacts have already occurred, identify which impacts they are and the circumstances associated with each:

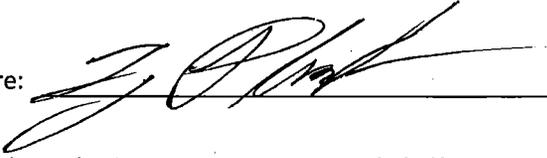
¹ The term “impact” as used in this joint application form is a generic term used for disclosure purposes to identify activities that may require approval from one or more regulatory agencies. For purposes of this form it is not meant to indicate whether or not those activities may require mitigation/replacement.

PART FIVE: Applicant Signature

Check here if you are requesting a pre-application consultation with the Corps and LGU based on the information you have provided. Regulatory entities will not initiate a formal application review if this box is checked.

By signature below, I attest that the information in this application is complete and accurate. I further attest that I possess the authority to undertake the work described herein.

Signature: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. P. ...', written over a horizontal line.

Date: _____

2/4/2026

I hereby authorize Stantec to act on my behalf as my agent in the processing of this application and to furnish, upon request, supplemental information in support of this application.

Attachment B

Supporting Information for Applications Involving Exemptions, No Loss Determinations, and Activities Not Requiring Mitigation

Complete this part *if* you maintain that the identified aquatic resource impacts in Part Four do not require wetland replacement/compensatory mitigation OR *if* you are seeking verification that the proposed water resource impacts are either exempt from replacement or are not under CWA/WCA jurisdiction.

Identify the specific exemption or no-loss provision for which you believe your project or site qualifies:

M.R. 8420.0415 A – Activity that will not impact a wetland

Provide a detailed explanation of how your project or site qualifies for the above. Be specific and provide and refer to attachments and exhibits that support your contention. Applicants should refer to rules (e.g. WCA rules), guidance documents (e.g. BWSR guidance, Corps guidance letters/public notices), and permit conditions (e.g. Corps General Permit conditions) to determine the necessary information to support the application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the WCA LGU and Corps Project Manager prior to submitting an application if they are unsure of what type of information to provide:

No-Loss A

No wetlands or waterbodies are proposed to be impacted by the project. This work qualifies for No-Loss A – Activity that will not impact a wetland.

PROJECT FIGURES

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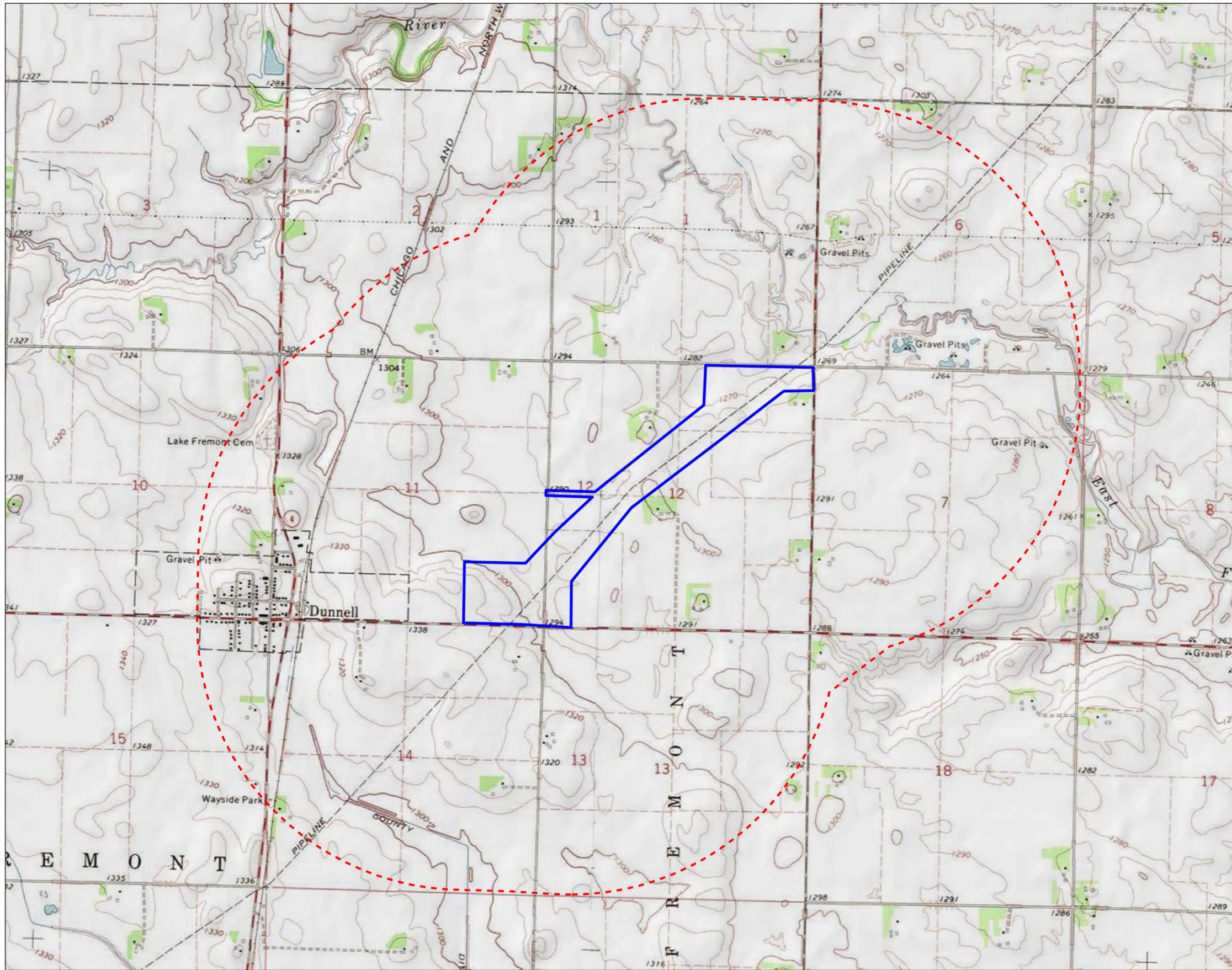


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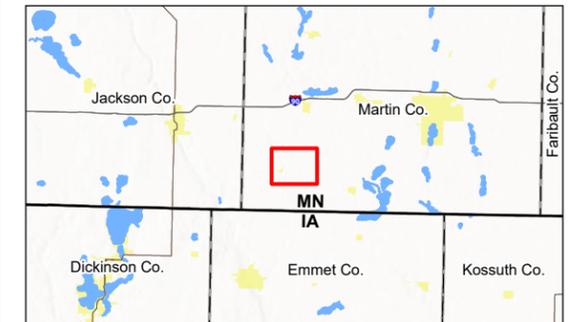
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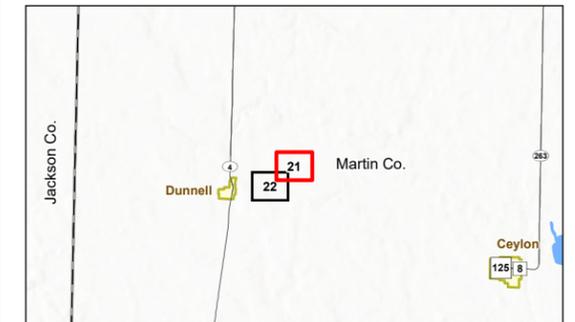
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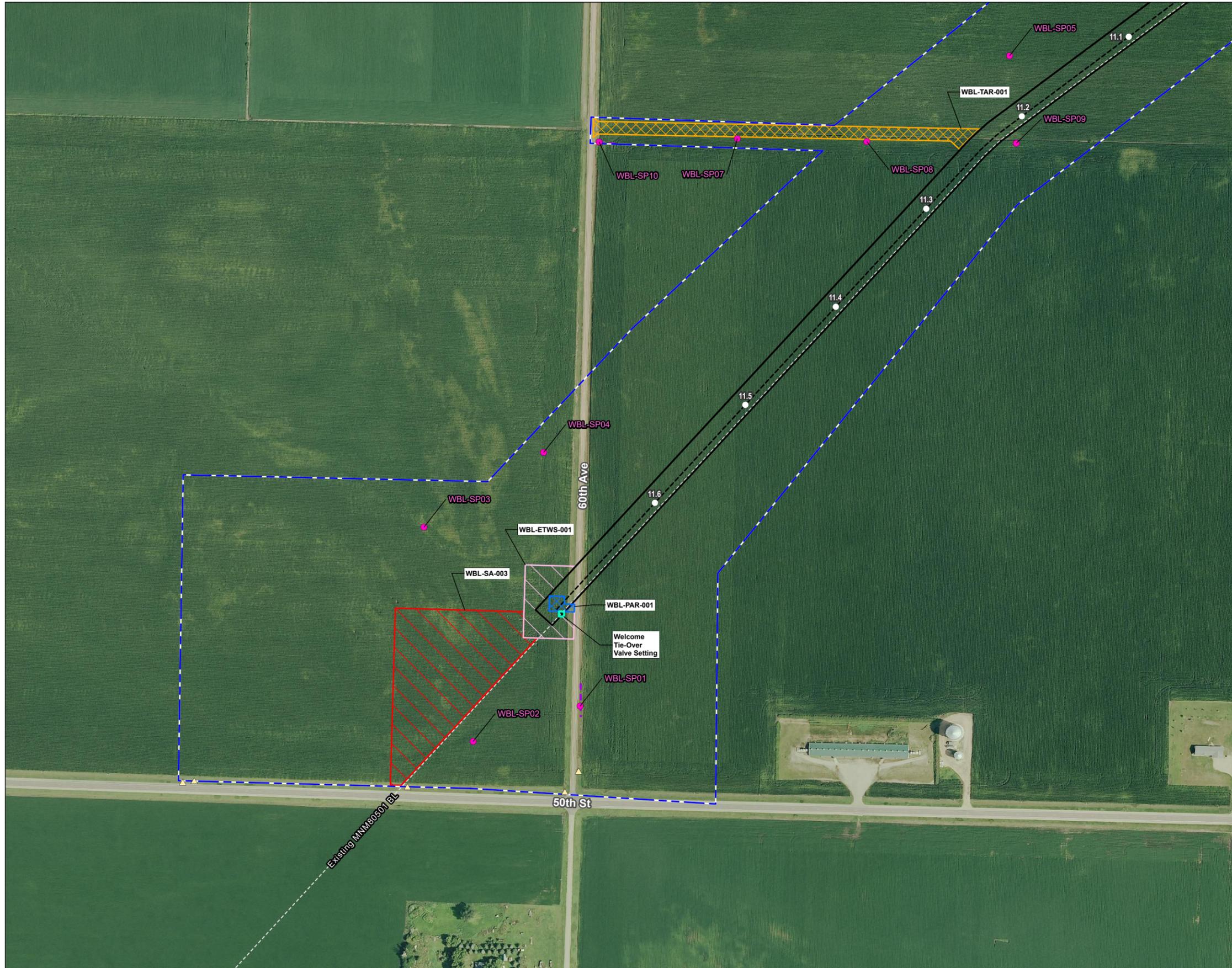


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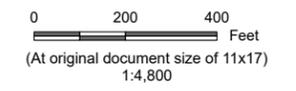
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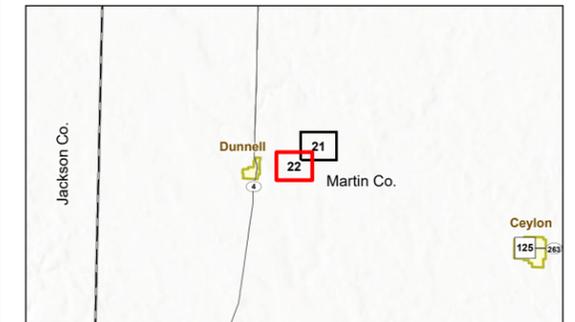
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Subject: Northern Natural Gas - Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project - Paynesville 2nd Branch Line - Stearns County, MN

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RE: Northern Natural Gas – Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Paynesville 2nd Branch Line, Stearns County, Minnesota – WCA No Loss Application

Dear Shelby:

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Project Description

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Project Facilities Facility	Pipeline Diameter and Type	Approximate Length	MP	County	State	Associated WCA LGU
Paynesville 2nd Branch Line	4-inch-diameter extension	2.45 miles	0.00 to 2.45	Stearns	MN	Stearns County

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Nine wetlands and three waterways were identified within the Project ESB; however, Northern designed the Project to only cross three wetlands and three waterways. No waterbodies were identified within the Project ESB. As proposed, the Project will result in a total of 0.48 acre of temporary wetland impact. The Project will result in no permanent fill or conversion of wetland.

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cc: Sue Knabe, Stantec

Northern Natural Gas – Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Paynesville 2nd Branch Line
February 19, 2026

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PART ONE: Applicant Information

If applicant is an entity (company, government entity, partnership, etc.), an authorized contact person must be identified. If the applicant is using an agent (consultant, lawyer, or other third party) and has authorized them to act on their behalf, the agent's contact information must also be provided.

Applicant/Landowner Name: Northern Natural Gas – Terry Plucker
Mailing Address: 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, NE, 68124
Phone: 402-389-7226
E-mail Address: Terry.plucker@nngco.com

Authorized Contact (do not complete if same as above):

Mailing Address:
Phone:
E-mail Address:

Agent Name: Stantec – Tony Kaster
Mailing Address: One Carlson Parkway, Suite 100, Plymouth, MN 55447
Phone: 612-297-8654
E-mail Address: anthony.kaster@stantec.com

PART TWO: Site Location Information

County: Stearns **City/Township:** Munson Township
Parcel ID and/or Address: Multiple
Legal Description (Section, Township, Range): S 21, 22, 28, & 29, T 123N, R 31W
Lat/Long (decimal degrees): 45.4395607, -94.5988092
Attach a map showing the location of the site in relation to local streets, roads, highways.
Approximate size of site (acres) or if a linear project, length (feet): 2.45 miles

If you know that your proposal will require an individual Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you must provide the names and addresses of all property owners adjacent to the project site. This information may be provided by attaching a list to your application or by using block 25 of the Application for Department of the Army permit which can be obtained at:

http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Portals/57/docs/regulatory/RegulatoryDocs/engform_4345_2012oct.pdf

PART THREE: General Project/Site Information

If this application is related to a delineation approval, exemption determination, jurisdictional determination, or other correspondence submitted *prior to* this application then describe that here and provide the Corps of Engineers project number.

Describe the project that is being proposed, the project purpose and need, and schedule for implementation and completion. The project description must fully describe the nature and scope of the proposed activity including a description of all project elements that effect aquatic resources (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) and must also include plans and cross section or profile drawings showing the location, character, and dimensions of all proposed activities and aquatic resource impacts.

Northern proposes to construct and operate an approximate 2.45-mile extension of its 4-inch-diameter MNB59202 Paynesville 2nd branch line in Stearns County, Minnesota as part of the NL27 Project. The proposed extension will take off via a below ground tie-in within Northern's Dooley's #2 on the east side of County Road

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PAY-W01	Wetland	None (HDD)	None	0.27 ac	N/A	Shallow Marsh / Shrub Carr	
PAY-S03	Tributary - Perennial	None (HDD)	None	15.1 ft	N/A	Perennial Stream	
PAY-S02	Tributary - Perennial	None (HDD)	None	35.1 ft	N/A	Perennial Stream	
PAY-S01	Tributary - Perennial	None (HDD)	None	4.0 ft	N/A	Perennial Stream	

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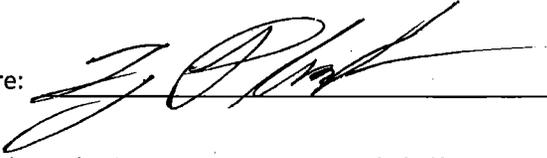
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PART FIVE: Applicant Signature

Check here if you are requesting a pre-application consultation with the Corps and LGU based on the information you have provided. Regulatory entities will not initiate a formal application review if this box is checked.

By signature below, I attest that the information in this application is complete and accurate. I further attest that I possess the authority to undertake the work described herein.

Signature: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. P. ...', written over a horizontal line.

Date: _____

2/4/2026

I hereby authorize Stantec to act on my behalf as my agent in the processing of this application and to furnish, upon request, supplemental information in support of this application.

Attachment B

Supporting Information for Applications Involving Exemptions, No Loss Determinations, and Activities Not Requiring Mitigation

Complete this part *if* you maintain that the identified aquatic resource impacts in Part Four do not require wetland replacement/compensatory mitigation OR *if* you are seeking verification that the proposed water resource impacts are either exempt from replacement or are not under CWA/WCA jurisdiction.

Identify the specific exemption or no-loss provision for which you believe your project or site qualifies:

M.R. 8420.0415 A – Activity that will not impact a wetland

M.R. 8420.0415 H – Temporary impacts

Provide a detailed explanation of how your project or site qualifies for the above. Be specific and provide and refer to attachments and exhibits that support your contention. Applicants should refer to rules (e.g. WCA rules), guidance documents (e.g. BWSR guidance, Corps guidance letters/public notices), and permit conditions (e.g. Corps General Permit conditions) to determine the necessary information to support the application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the WCA LGU and Corps Project Manager prior to submitting an application if they are unsure of what type of information to provide:

No-Loss A

Wetland impacts will be avoided where possible by utilizing horizontal directional drilling (HDD). The HDD method avoids impacts on sensitive resources by installing the pipeline at a substantial depth beneath the resources. The HDD method utilizes specialized drilling equipment to create a borehole profile that can vary from vertical to horizontal depending on site-specific conditions. Specifically, HDD allows for trenchless construction across a waterbody or other feature and is used to minimize impacts on water quality or to the feature being crossed from construction activities. Only foot traffic (one 6-foot-wide or two 3-foot wide travel lanes) will occur within the wetlands. The aquatic resources identified in Part Four where HDD will be utilized will not result in impacts to wetlands. This work qualifies for No-Loss A – Activity that will not impact a wetland.

No-Loss H

Where HDD construction is not practicable, wetlands will be temporarily impacted by either by open cut pipeline construction, and/or by a temporary workspace (TWS), or staging area during pipeline construction. To minimize temporary wetland impacts Northern will implement the Project Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans to reduce ground disturbance, minimize erosion and sediment run off and promote revegetation within the construction areas. No forested or scrub-shrub wetlands will be crossed by the Project via open cut and/or by a TWS or staging area.

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Wetland impacts will be temporary and will be remediated and restored by repairing, rehabilitating, and restoring the affected wetlands. The physical characteristics of the affected wetlands, including ground elevations, contours, inlet

dimensions, outlet dimensions, substrate, plant communities, and hydrologic regime will be restored to pre-project conditions. The project will be completed and physical characteristics of the wetland restored within six months of the start of activity. This work qualifies for No-Loss H – Temporary impact.

PROJECT FIGURES

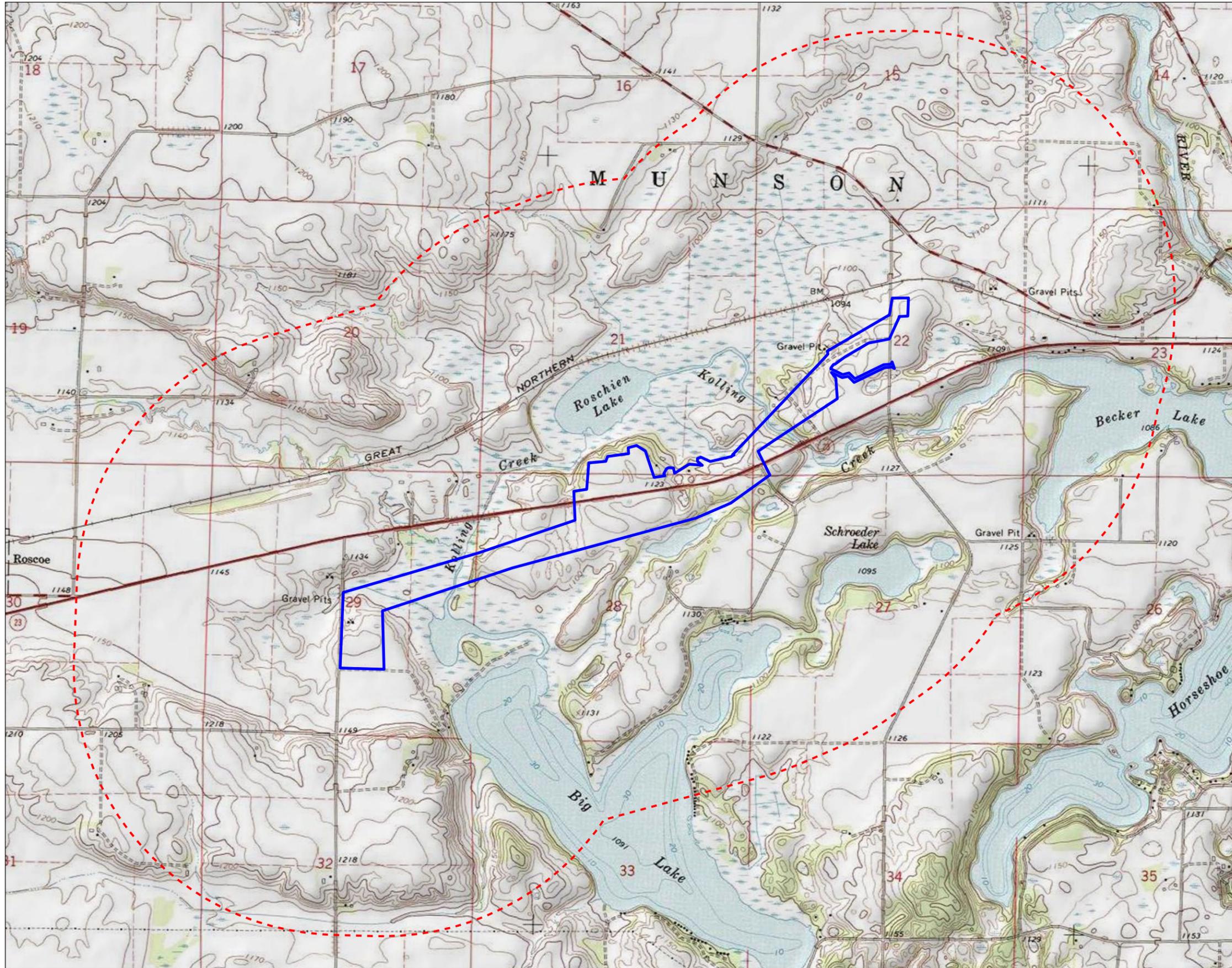
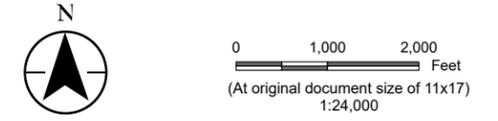


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NL27 - Paynesville 2nd Branch Line

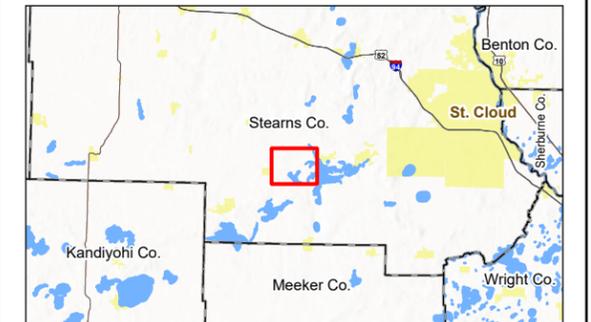
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Legend
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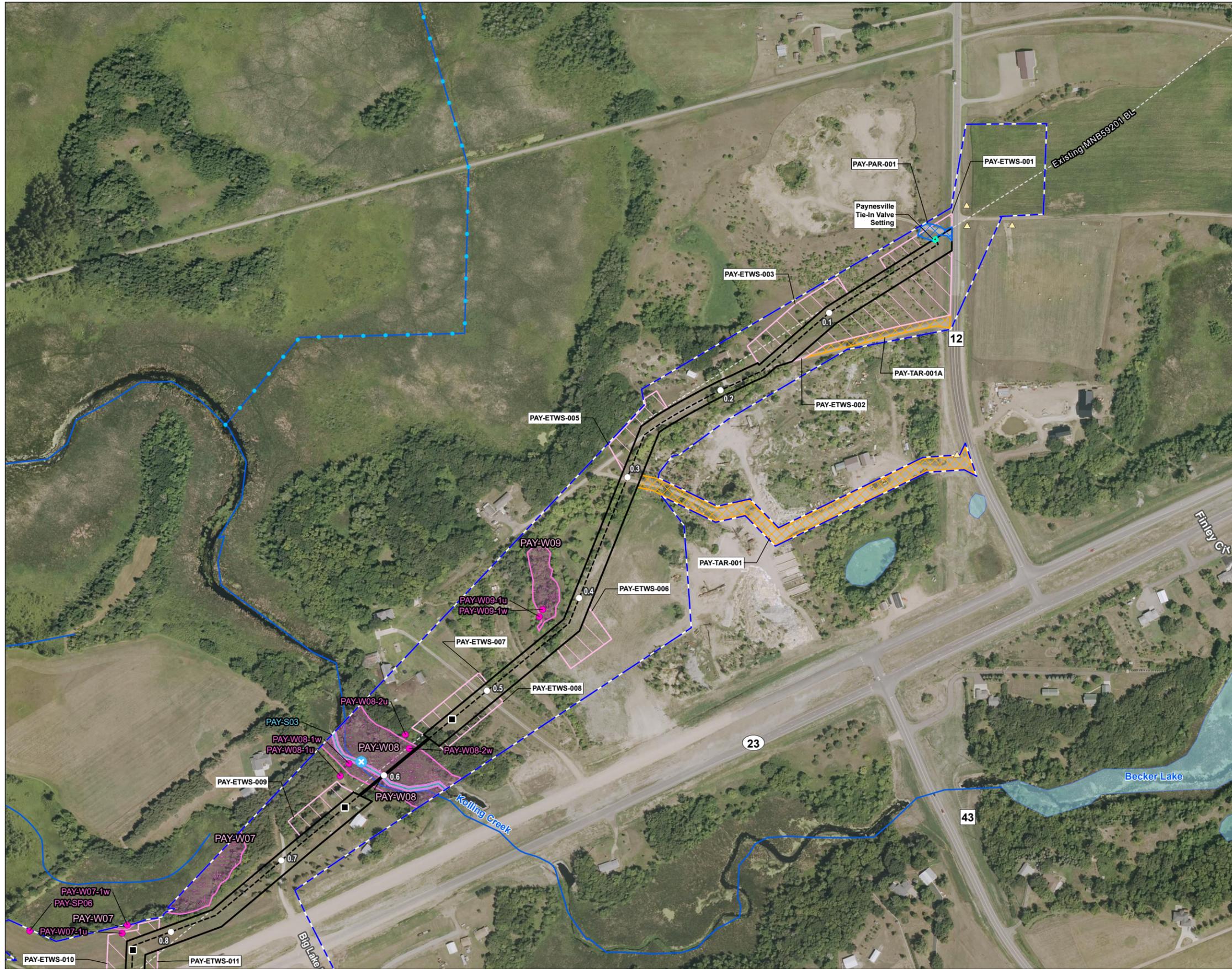


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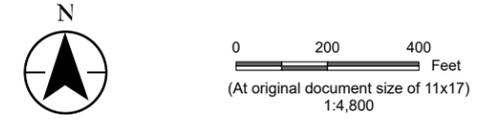
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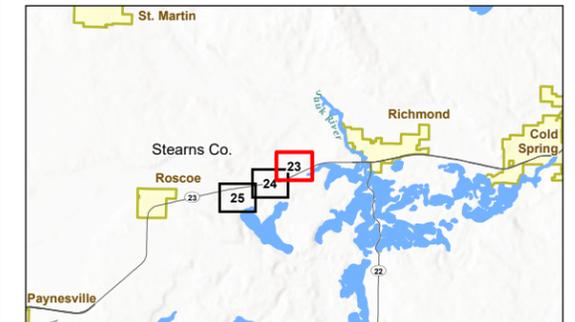
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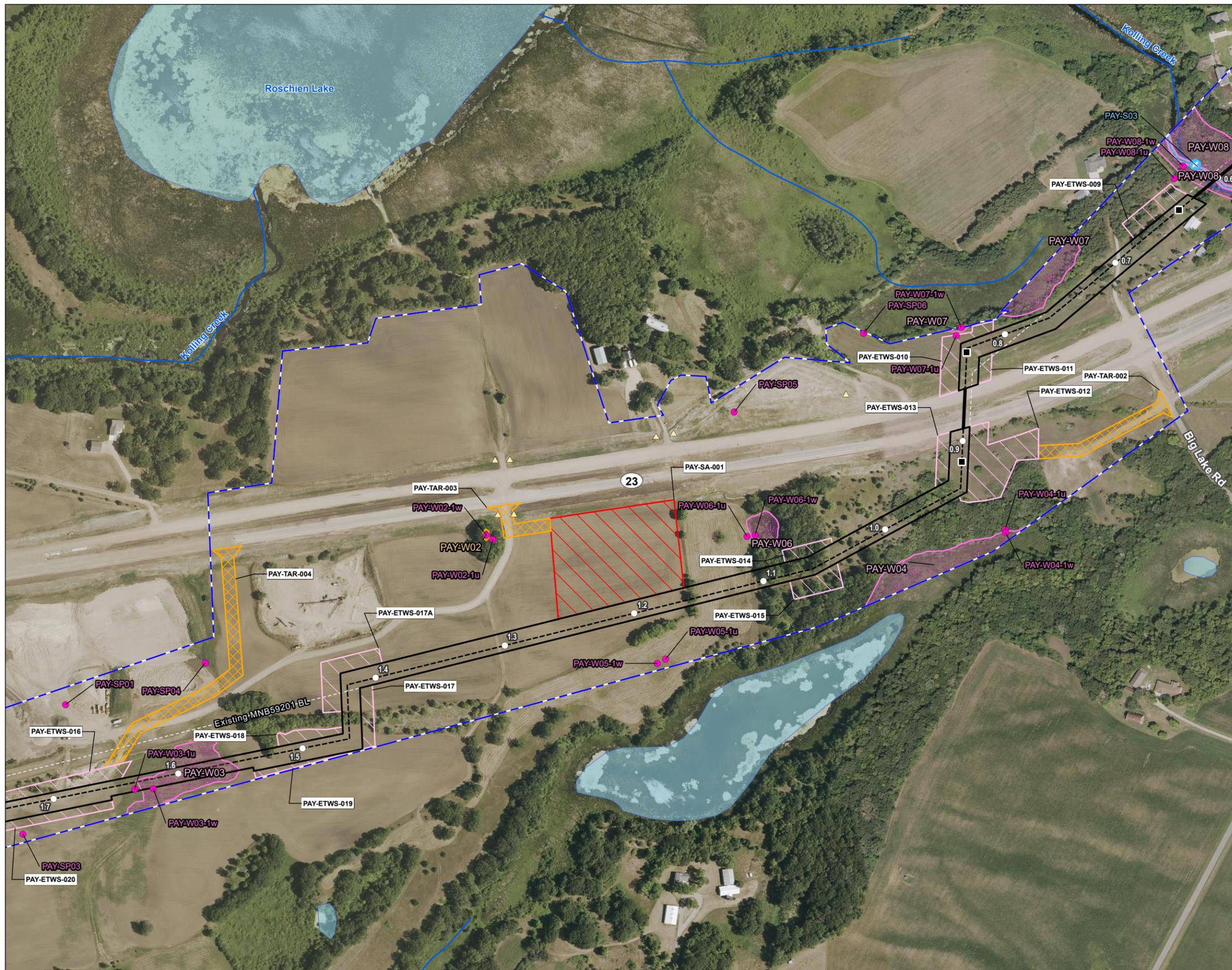
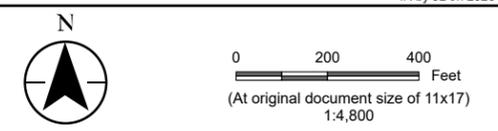
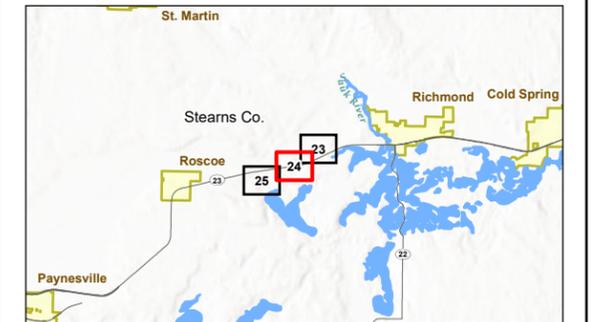


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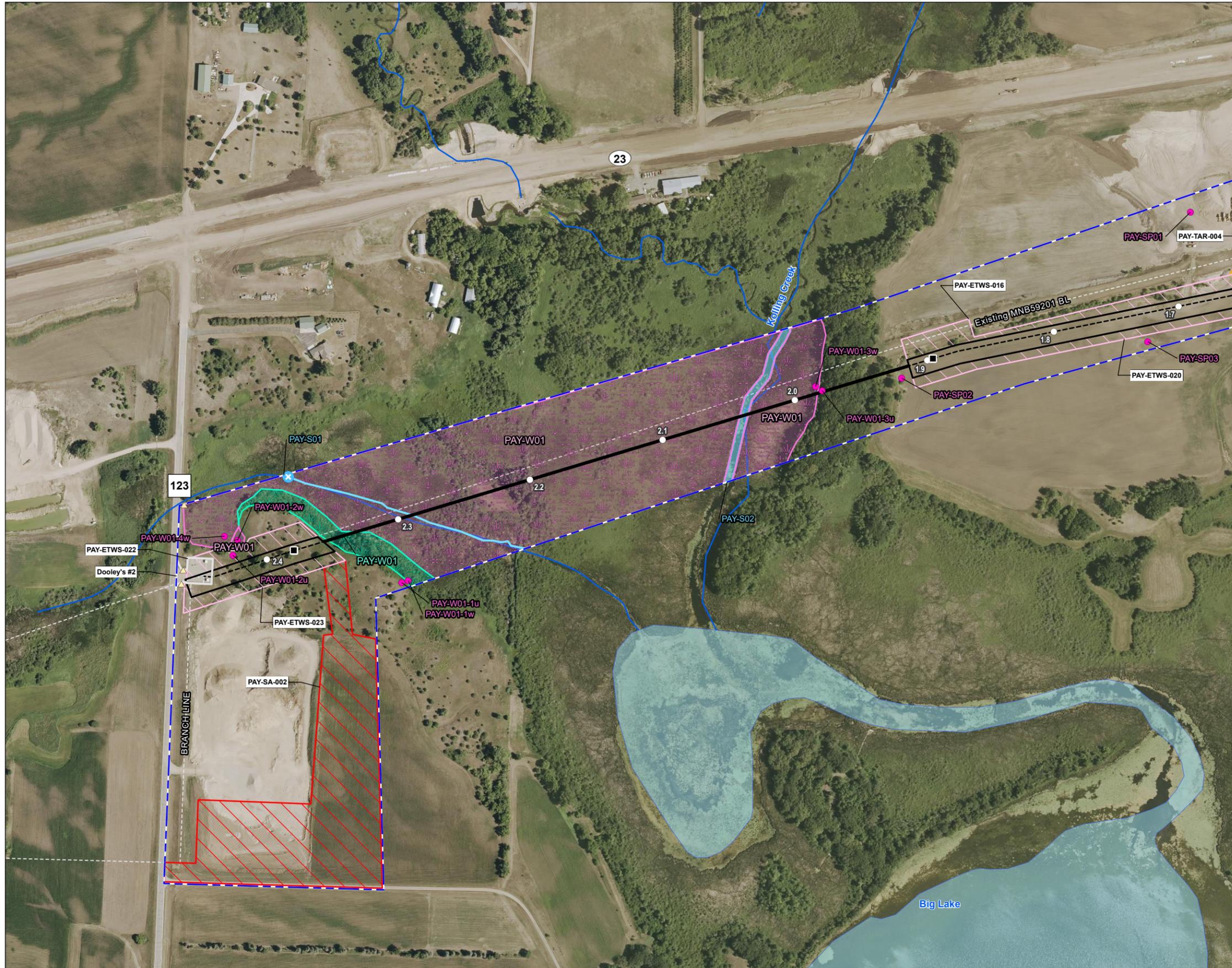
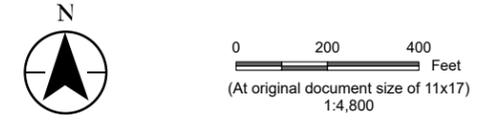


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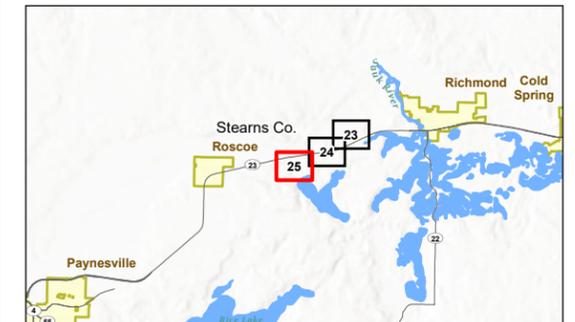
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**WETLAND
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For filing purposes, the
wetland delineation report
is included in Appendix 2B

Lillie, Jessica

From: Kaster, Anthony
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2026 4:50 PM
To: daniel.bartosh@co.jackson.mn.us; Devin.Ryan@state.mn.us; USACE_Requests_MN
Cc: Plucker, Terry (Northern Natural Gas); Knabe, Susan; Noland, Nathan; Lillie, Jessica
Subject: Northern Natural Gas - Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project - Worthington 2nd Branch Line - Jackson County, MN

All

On behalf of Northern Natural Gas (Northern), I am submitting the Joint Application Form for the Northern Natural Gas - Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project - Worthington 2nd Branch Line. It is Northern's understanding the Project qualifies for a No-Loss under the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act. Additionally, it is Northern's understanding the Project meets the criteria for coverage under the Utilities Regional General Permit from the USACE St. Paul District without the need for preconstruction notification.

Please use the link below to download the application. Let me know if you have any difficulty downloading the document.

 [NL27 Worthington 2nd Branch Line WCA No-Loss Application.pdf](#)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the Project further, feel free to contact me.

Tony

Tony Kaster, Senior Environmental Scientist
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RE: Northern Natural Gas – Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Worthington
2nd Branch Line, Jackson County, Minnesota – WCA No Loss Application

Dear Daniel:

Northern Natural Gas (Northern) is proposing to construct Worthington 2nd branch line (Project) (see Project Overview Map, attached). Northern’s pipeline system and the new facilities are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and is responsible for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and with applicable state and local wetland regulations such as the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act (WCA). Northern is required to review proposed actions and determine whether such actions may affect a waterbody or wetland under the jurisdiction of the WCA or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Northern has secured the services of Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) to assist with wetland delineation and permitting for the proposed Worthington 2nd branch line (Project).

Project Description

Northern’s proposed Project includes construction of the following components associated with Northern’s natural gas system within Jackson County:

Project Facilities Facility	Pipeline Diameter and Type	Approximate Length	MP	County	State	Associated WCA LGU
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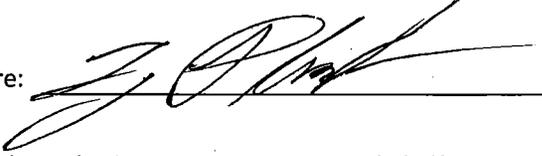
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No-Loss A

No wetlands are present within the project area. No wetlands will be impacted as a result of the project. This work qualifies for No-Loss A – Activity that will not impact a wetland.

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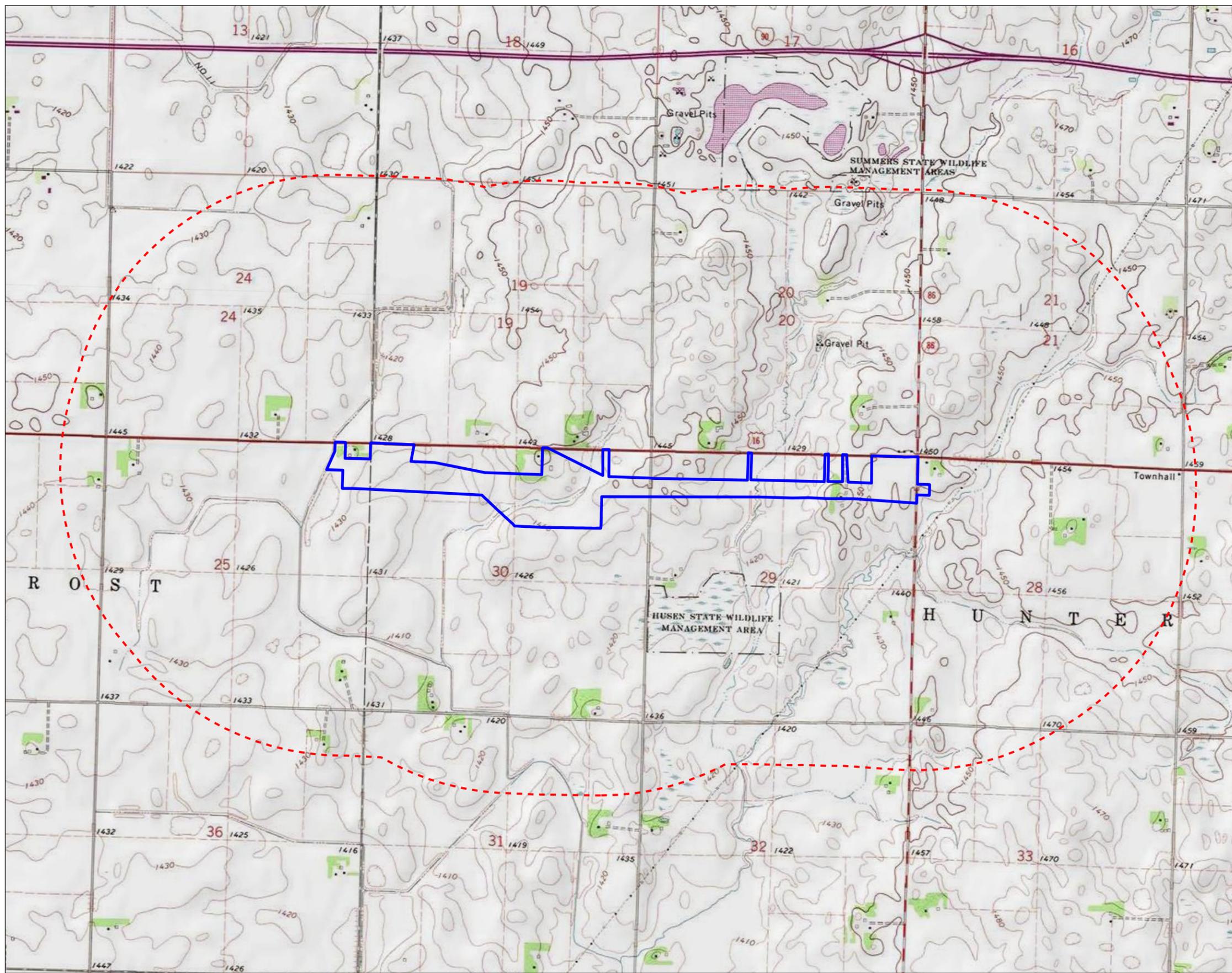
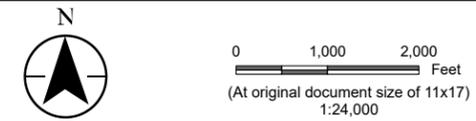
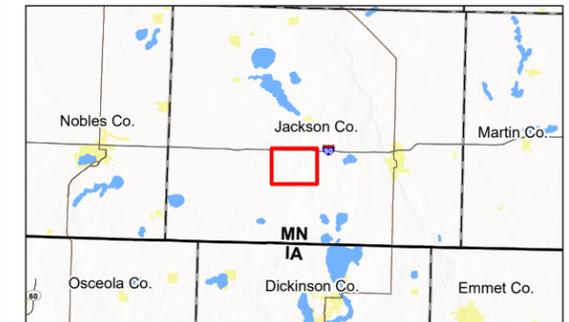


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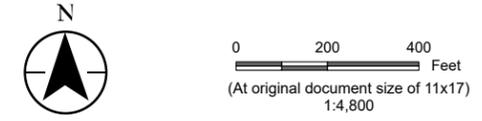


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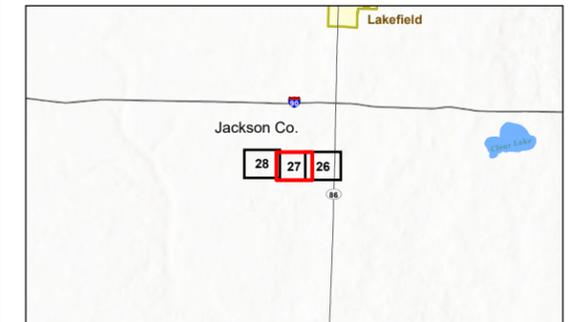
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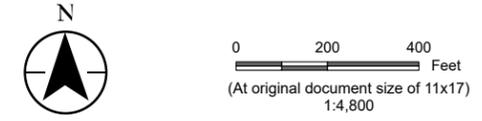
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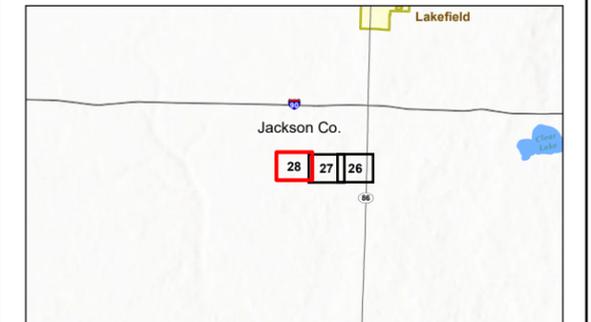
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**WETLAND
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Appendix 2B

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From: Kaster, Anthony
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2026 4:50 PM
To: allison.kletscher@co.brown.mn.us; Devin.Ryan@state.mn.us; USACE_Requests_MN
Cc: Plucker, Terry (Northern Natural Gas); Knabe, Susan; Noland, Nathan; Lillie, Jessica
Subject: Northern Natural Gas - Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project - Springfield 2nd Branch Line - Watonwan County, MN

All

On behalf of Northern Natural Gas (Northern), I am submitting the Joint Application Form for the Northern Natural Gas - Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project - Springfield 2nd Branch Line. It is Northern's understanding the Project qualifies for a No-Loss under the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act. Additionally, it is Northern's understanding the Project meets the criteria for coverage under the Utilities Regional General Permit from the USACE St. Paul District without the need for preconstruction notification.

Please use the link below to download the application. Let me know if you have any difficulty downloading the document.

 [NL27 Springfield 2nd Branch Line WCA No-Loss Application.pdf](#)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the Project further, feel free to contact me.

Tony

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RE: Northern Natural Gas – Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Springfield 2nd Branch Line, Watonwan County, Minnesota – WCA No Loss Application

Dear Allison:

Northern Natural Gas (Northern) is proposing to construct Springfield 2nd branch line (Project) (see Project Overview Map, attached). Northern’s pipeline system and the new facilities are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and is responsible for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and with applicable state and local wetland regulations such as the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act (WCA). Northern is required to review proposed actions and determine whether such actions may affect a waterbody or wetland under the jurisdiction of the WCA or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Northern has secured the services of Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) to assist with wetland delineation and permitting for the proposed Springfield 2nd branch line (Project).

Project Description

Northern’s proposed Project includes construction of the following components associated with Northern’s natural gas system within Watonwan County:

Project Facilities Facility	Pipeline Diameter and Type	Approximate Length	MP	County	State	Associated WCA LGU
Springfield 2nd Branch Line	8-inch-diameter extension	7.40 miles	13.82 to 21.22	Watonwan	MN	Watonwan County SWCD (Delegated to Brown County)

A project overview figure showing the locations of the Project components is attached to this cover letter. In 2025 wetland delineations and waterbodies surveys were conducted for the environmental survey boundary (ESB) for each of the Project components. Stantec has completed field surveys for all but one parcel within the Project ESB (WA-059) due to changes in Project design. The area is to be surveyed in 2026, and a supplemental letter will be submitted. This area is indicated in the site location maps figures below.

Fourteen wetlands and four waterways were identified within the Project ESB; however, Northern designed the Project to only cross five wetlands and four waterways. No waterbodies were identified within the Project ESB. As proposed, the Project will result in a total of 0.11 acre of temporary wetland impact. The Project will result in no permanent fill or conversion of wetland.

The duration of the Project will be approximately seven months; tree clearing is scheduled to be completed early 2027. Pipeline construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2027, or as soon as all required permits are obtained.

The Project qualifies for a no-loss from state wetland permitting under WCA Chapter 8420.0415, A & H. Northern is requesting a No-Loss Notice of Decision. According to WCA, a replacement plan will not be required for the Project as permanent wetland impacts will not occur. Wetland mitigation credits will not be required for Project wetland impacts.

Based on the scope of the Project and the proposed wetland impacts, the Project qualifies for coverage under the Utility Regional General Permit without the need for preconstruction notification. Northern is providing this notification as a courtesy.

I appreciate your attention to this notification and request a review of the attached information. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me (402-398-7226 or Terry.Plucker@nngco.com) or Tony Kaster of Stantec (612-297-8654 or Anthony.Kaster@stantec.com).

Sincerely,



Terry Plucker
Northern Natural Gas
Manager – Construction Environmental
Compliance

Enclosures: Joint Application Form
Project Overview Figures
Wetland Delineation Report

c: Sue Knabe, Stantec

Northern Natural Gas – Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Springfield 2nd Branch Line
February 19, 2026

**JOINT
APPLICATION
FORM**

PART ONE: Applicant Information

If applicant is an entity (company, government entity, partnership, etc.), an authorized contact person must be identified. If the applicant is using an agent (consultant, lawyer, or other third party) and has authorized them to act on their behalf, the agent's contact information must also be provided.

Applicant/Landowner Name: Northern Natural Gas – Terry Plucker
Mailing Address: 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, NE, 68124
Phone: 402-389-7226
E-mail Address: Terry.plucker@nngco.com

Authorized Contact (do not complete if same as above):

Mailing Address:
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Agent Name: Stantec – Tony Kaster
Mailing Address: One Carlson Parkway, Suite 100, Plymouth, MN 55447
Phone: 612-297-8654
E-mail Address: anthony.kaster@stantec.com

PART TWO: Site Location Information

County: Watonwan **City/Township:** Riverdale Township & Nelson Township
Parcel ID and/or Address: Multiple
Legal Description (Section, Township, Range): S 1, 2, & 12, T 107N, R 32W and
S 7, 17, 18, 20, 28, 29, 33, 34, & 35, T 107N R 31W
Lat/Long (decimal degrees): 44.0728543, -94.5795393
Attach a map showing the location of the site in relation to local streets, roads, highways.
Approximate size of site (acres) or if a linear project, length (feet): 7.40 miles

If you know that your proposal will require an individual Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you must provide the names and addresses of all property owners adjacent to the project site. This information may be provided by attaching a list to your application or by using block 25 of the Application for Department of the Army permit which can be obtained at:

http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Portals/57/docs/regulatory/RegulatoryDocs/engform_4345_2012oct.pdf

PART THREE: General Project/Site Information

If this application is related to a delineation approval, exemption determination, jurisdictional determination, or other correspondence submitted **prior to** this application then describe that here and provide the Corps of Engineers project number.

Describe the project that is being proposed, the project purpose and need, and schedule for implementation and completion. The project description must fully describe the nature and scope of the proposed activity including a description of all project elements that effect aquatic resources (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) and must also include plans and cross section or profile drawings showing the location, character, and dimensions of all proposed activities and aquatic resource impacts.

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The Springfield 2nd branch line extension for the NL27 Project will generally be installed parallel to an existing Northern Springfield branch line utilizing a 25-foot-offset. The pipeline will be installed within a 75-foot-wide nominal construction corridor. In addition to the construction corridor, Northern will utilize ETWS, temporary access roads, existing driveways, and staging areas during construction.

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If your proposed project involves a direct or indirect impact to an aquatic resource (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) identify each impact in the table below. Include all anticipated impacts, including those expected to be temporary. Attach an overhead view map, aerial photo, and/or drawing showing all of the aquatic resources in the project area and the location(s) of the proposed impacts. Label each aquatic resource on the map with a reference number or letter and identify the impacts in the following table.

Aquatic Resource ID (as noted on overhead view)	Aquatic Resource Type (wetland, lake, tributary etc.)	Type of Impact (fill, excavate, drain, or remove vegetation)	Duration of Impact Permanent (P) or Temporary (T) ¹	Size of Impact ²	Overall Size of Aquatic Resource ³	Existing Plant Community Type(s) in Impact Area ⁴	County, Major Watershed #, and Bank Service Area # of Impact Area ⁵
SPR-W11	Wetland	Temporary workspace/Open cut	T (60)	0.11 ac	N/A	Seasonally Flooded Basin / Wet Meadow	Watonwan Cty, Major Watershed 31, BSA 9
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SPR-W05	Wetland	None (HDD)	None	0.09 ac	N/A	Floodplain Forest / Wet Meadow	
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²Impacts less than 0.01 acre should be reported in square feet. Impacts 0.01 acre or greater should be reported as acres and rounded to the nearest 0.01 acre. Tributary impacts must be reported in linear feet of impact and an area of impact by indicating first the linear feet of impact along the flowline of the stream followed by the area impact in parentheses. For example, a project that impacts 50 feet of a stream that is 6 feet wide would be reported as 50 ft (300 square feet).

³This is generally only applicable if you are applying for a de minimis exemption under MN Rules 8420.0420 Subp. 8, otherwise enter "N/A".

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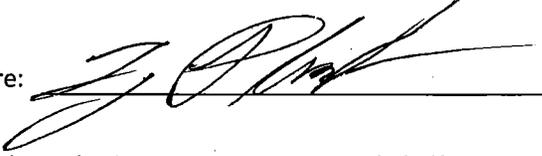
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No-Loss H

Where HDD construction is not practicable, wetlands will be temporarily impacted by either by open cut pipeline construction, and/or by a temporary workspace (TWS) during pipeline construction. To minimize temporary wetland impacts Northern will implement the Project Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans to reduce ground disturbance, minimize erosion and sediment run off and promote revegetation within the construction areas. No forested or scrub-shrub wetlands will be crossed by the Project via open cut and/or by a TWS.

Soil compaction will be minimized by limiting equipment operation in wetlands and installing temporary equipment mats, as necessary. To prevent soil mixing in unsaturated wetlands, up to 12 inches of topsoil will be removed from directly over the trench and stockpiled for restoration as close as feasible to its original horizon. Northern also will attempt to segregate wetland topsoil or vegetative mass in mucky or inundated wetlands to replenish the native seed bank during restoration.

Northern will install trench plugs at the entrance and exit of the pipeline trench through the wetland. Any confining layers that are breached during construction will be restored during backfilling. Northern will restore contours to pre-construction levels and remove temporary erosion control measures. After the completion of construction of the Project components, wetland areas will generally be allowed to revegetate naturally. Northern will monitor vegetation within wetlands annually for three years or until vegetation has been considered successful. Northern will restore wetlands to their pre-existing condition.

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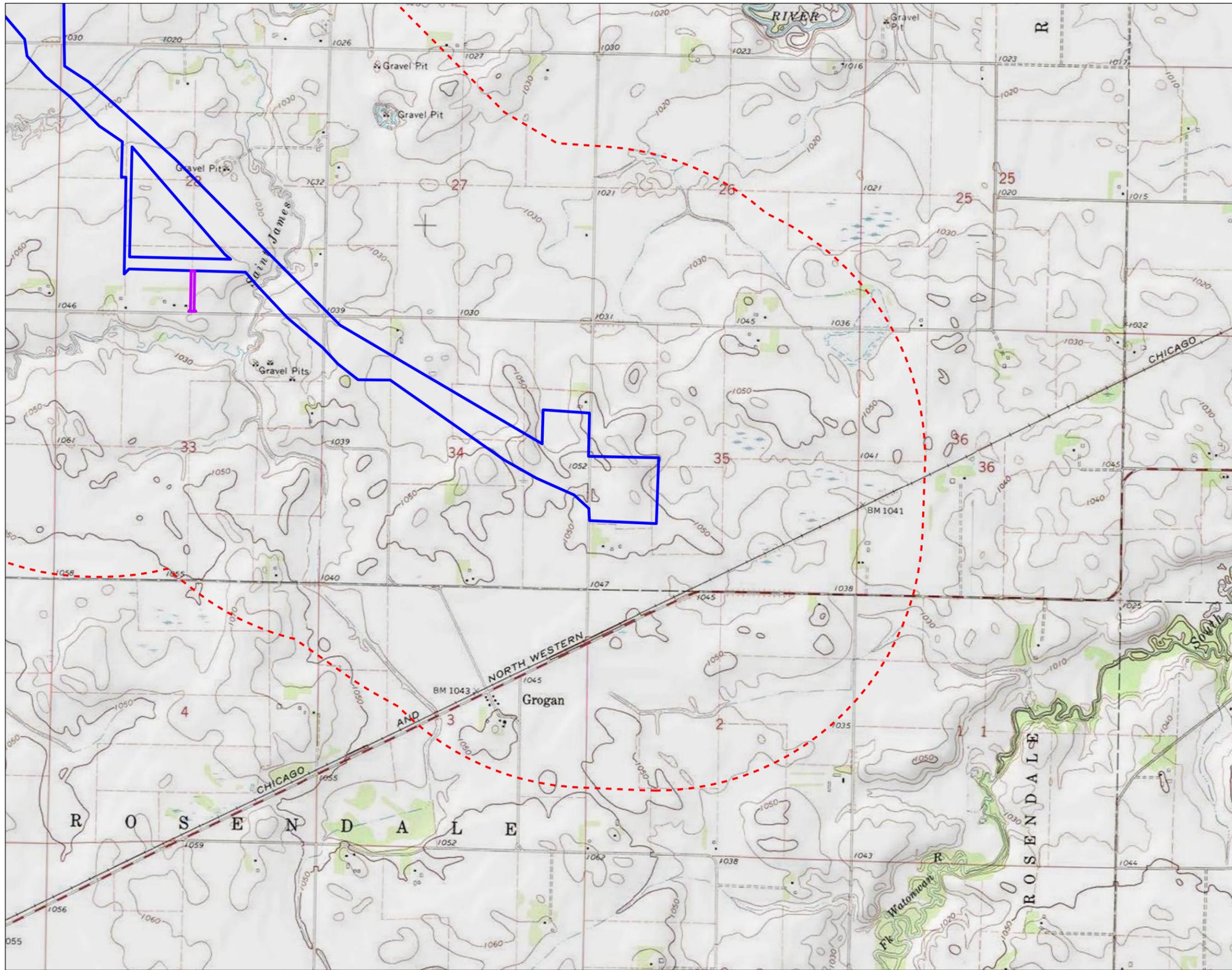
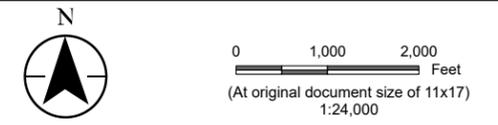
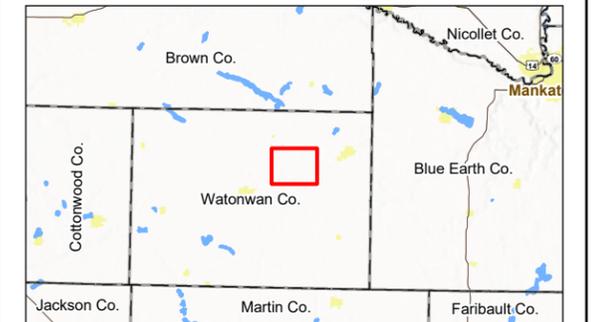


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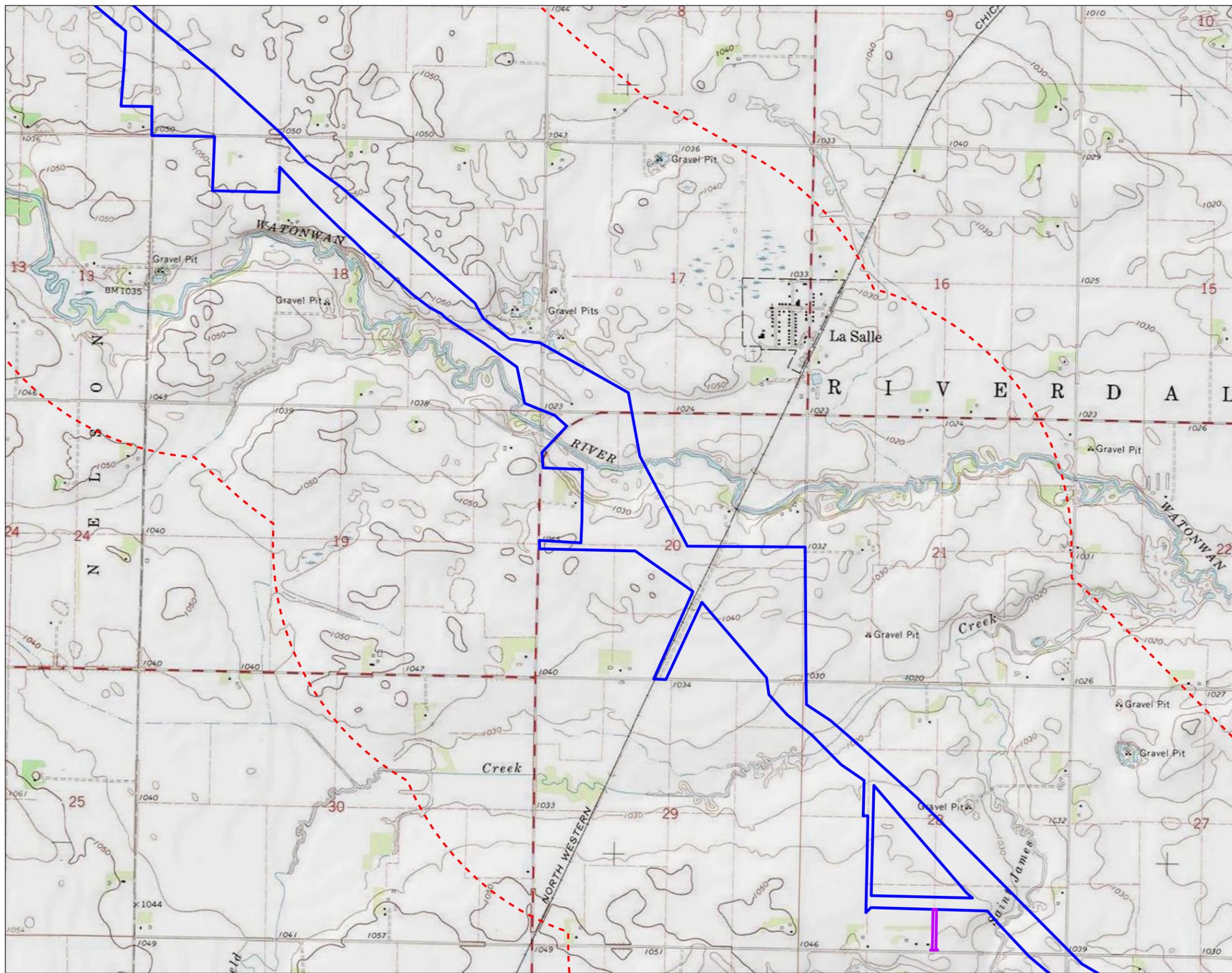
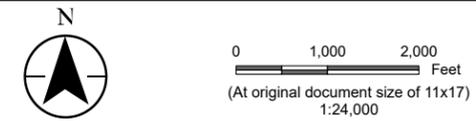
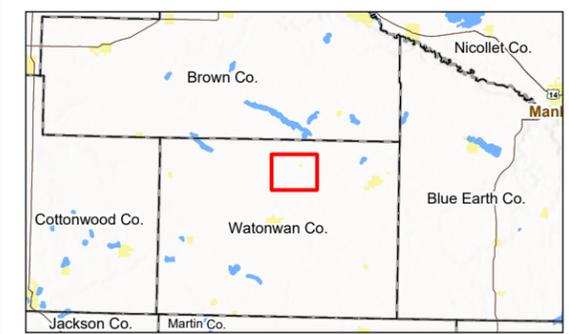


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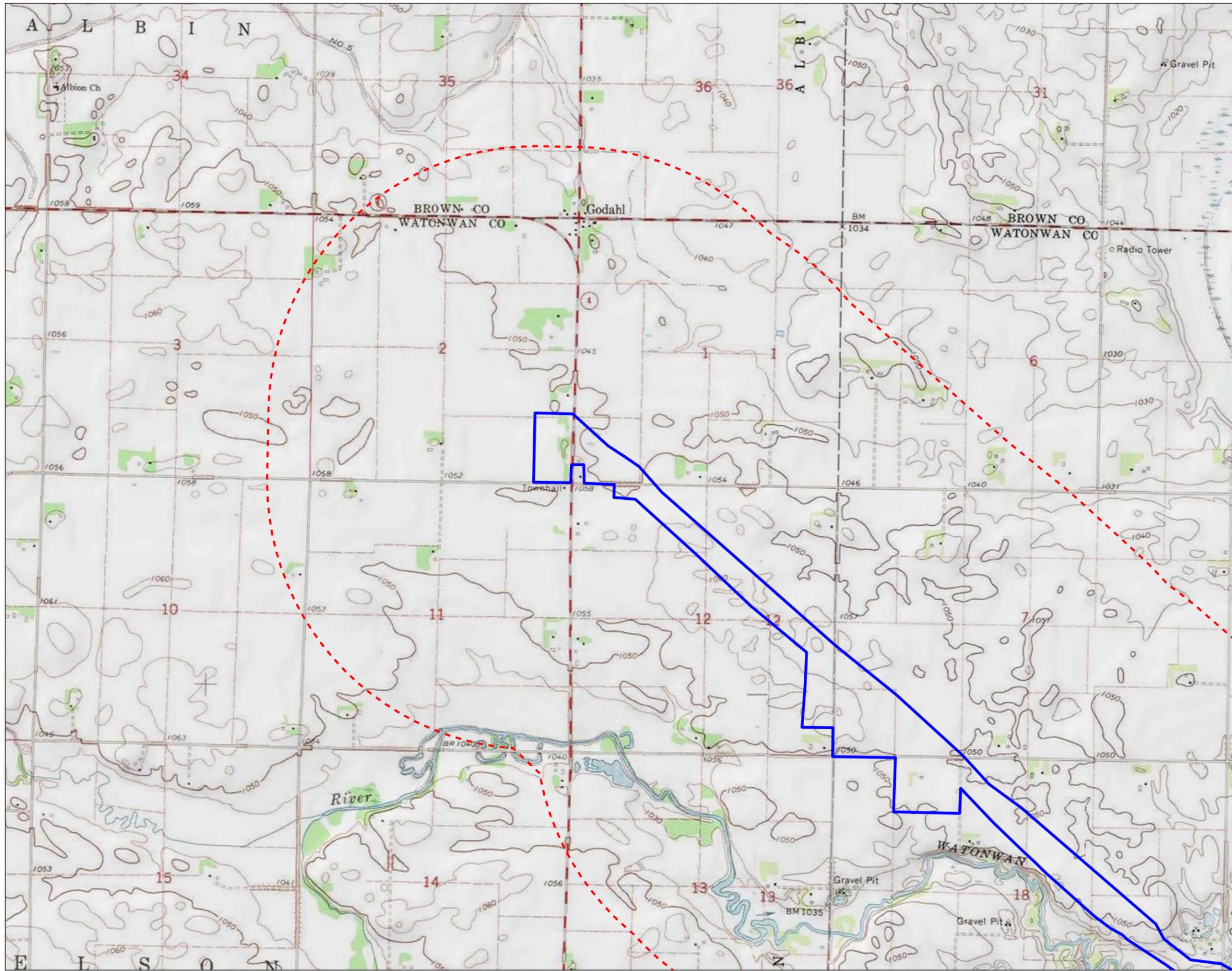
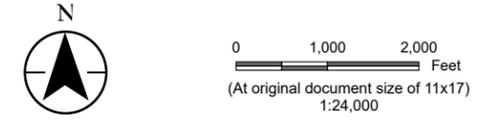


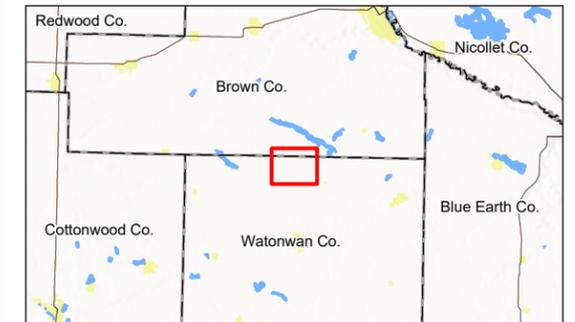
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 NL27 - Springfield 2nd Branch Line**

Client/Project **Northern Natural Gas
 Northern Lights 2027
 Wetland Delineation** 172609138

Project Location **Watonwan County, Minnesota** Prepared by JM on 2025-12-15
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 Environmental Survey Boundary
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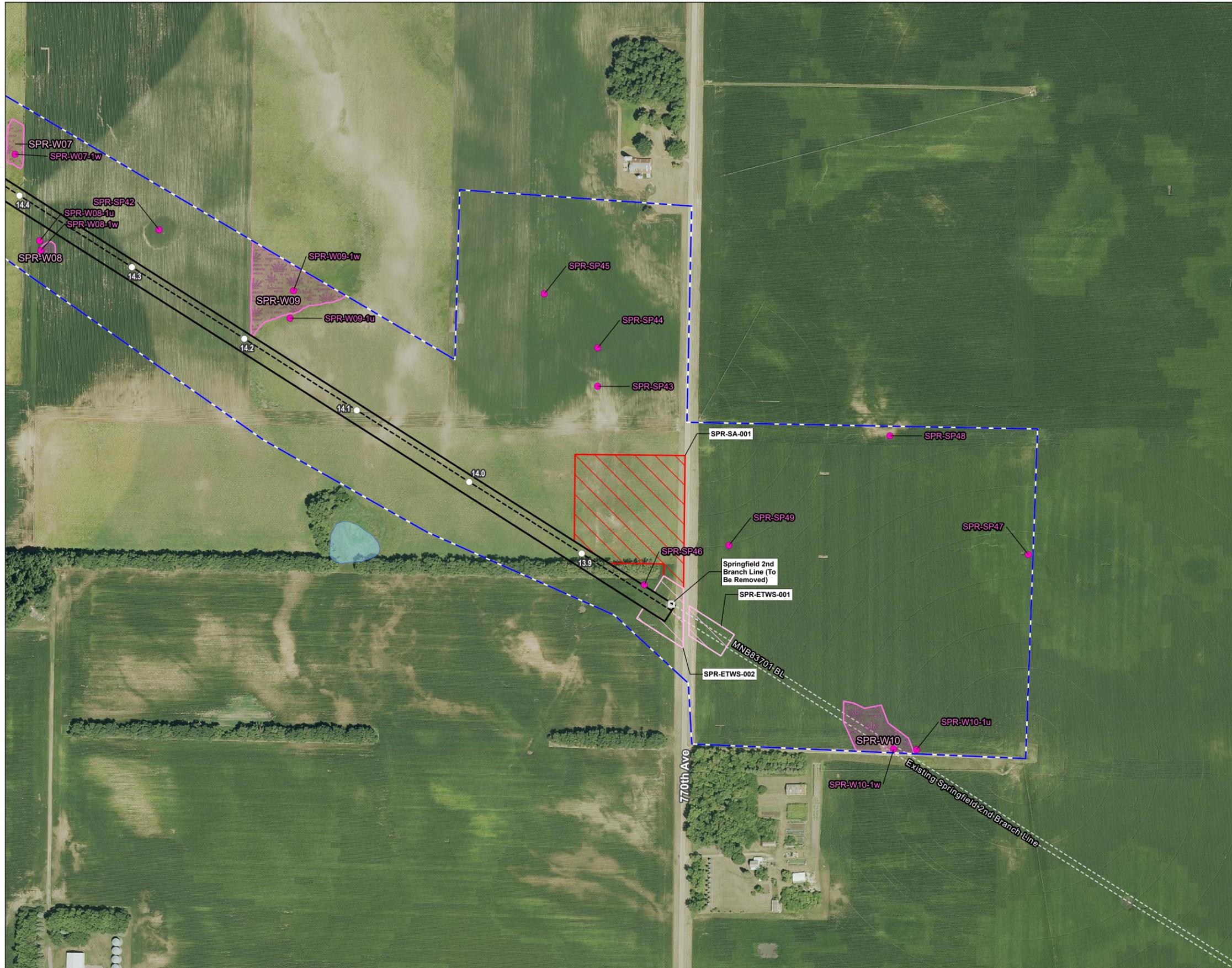
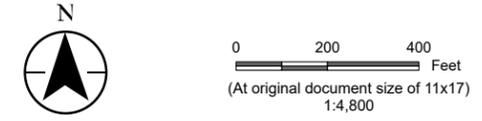
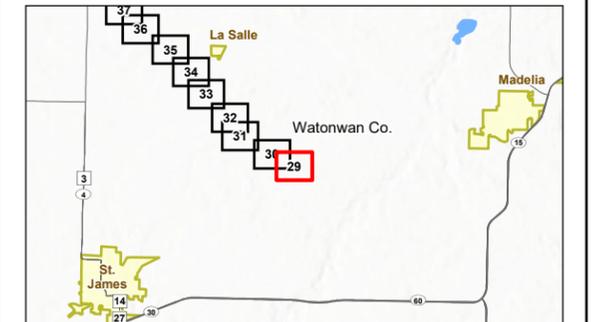


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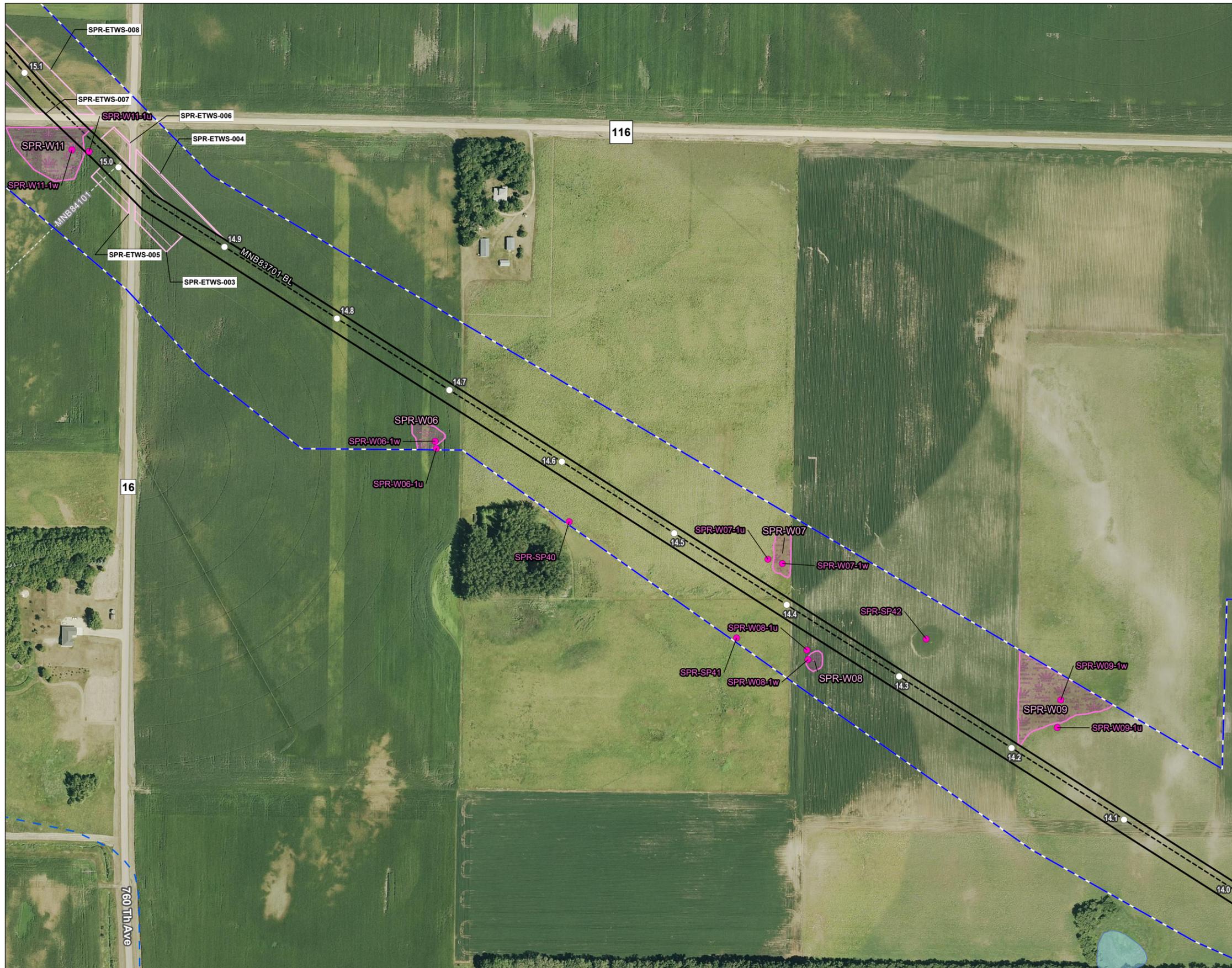
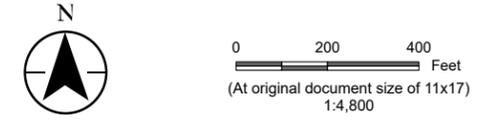
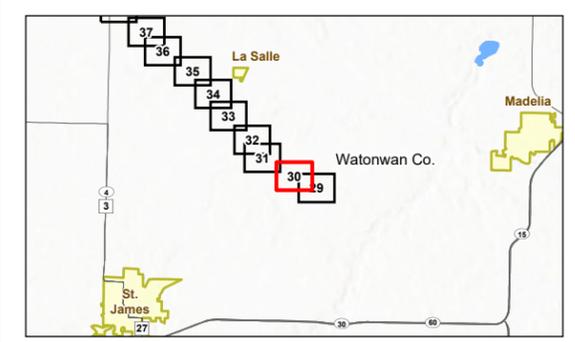


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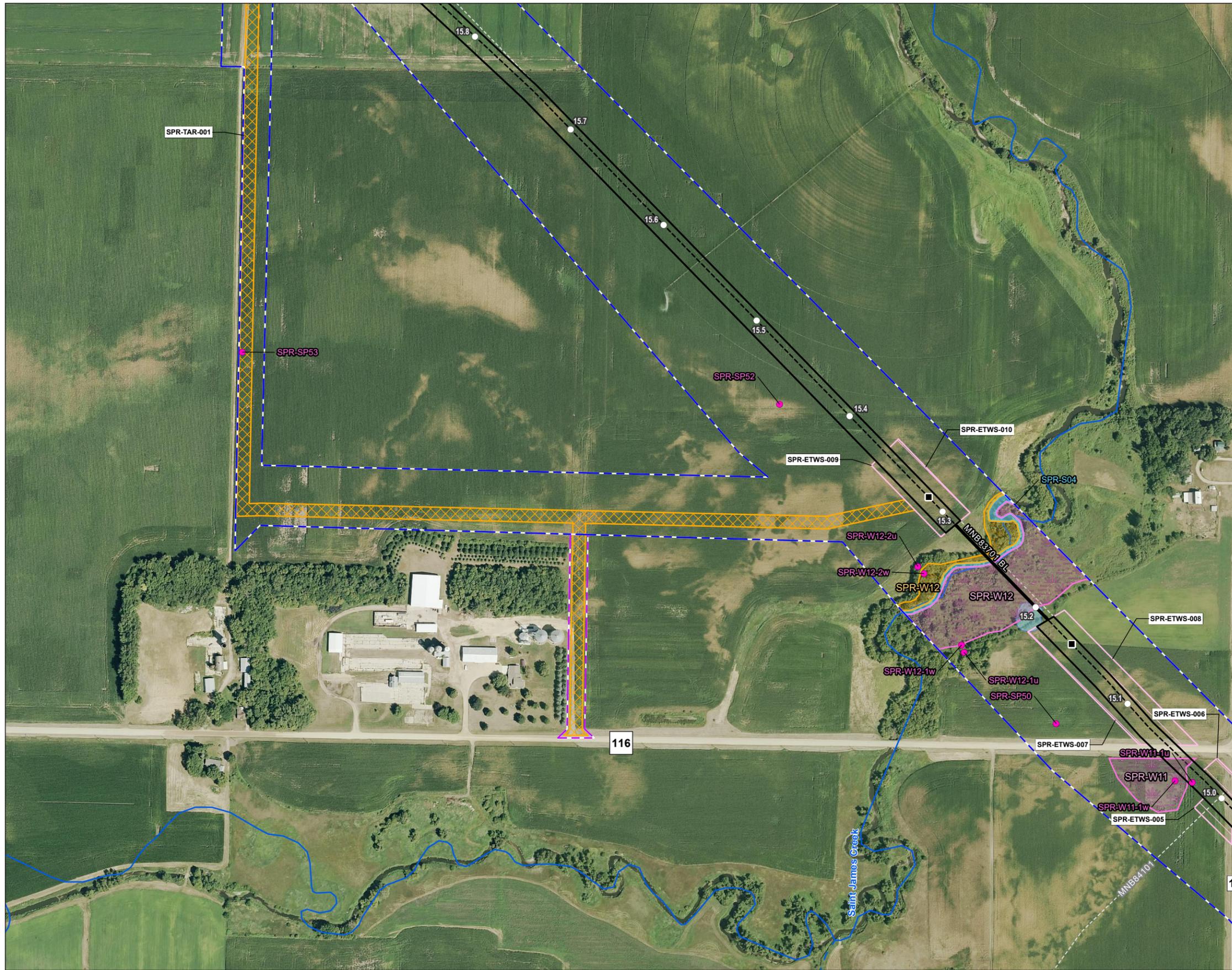
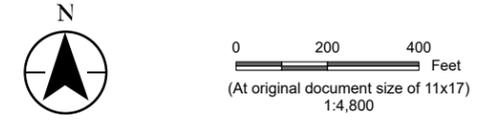


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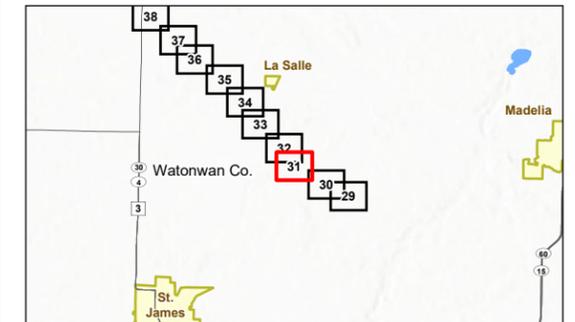
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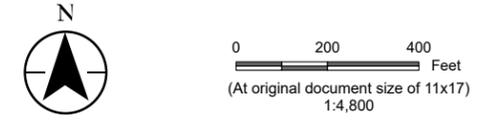
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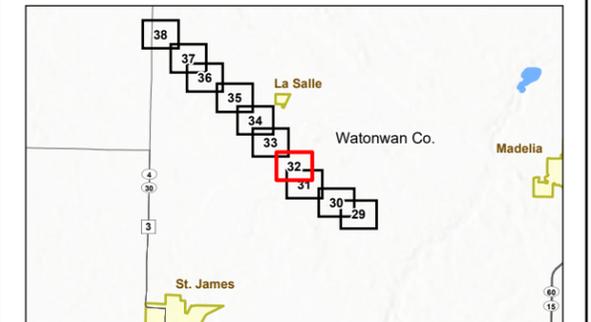
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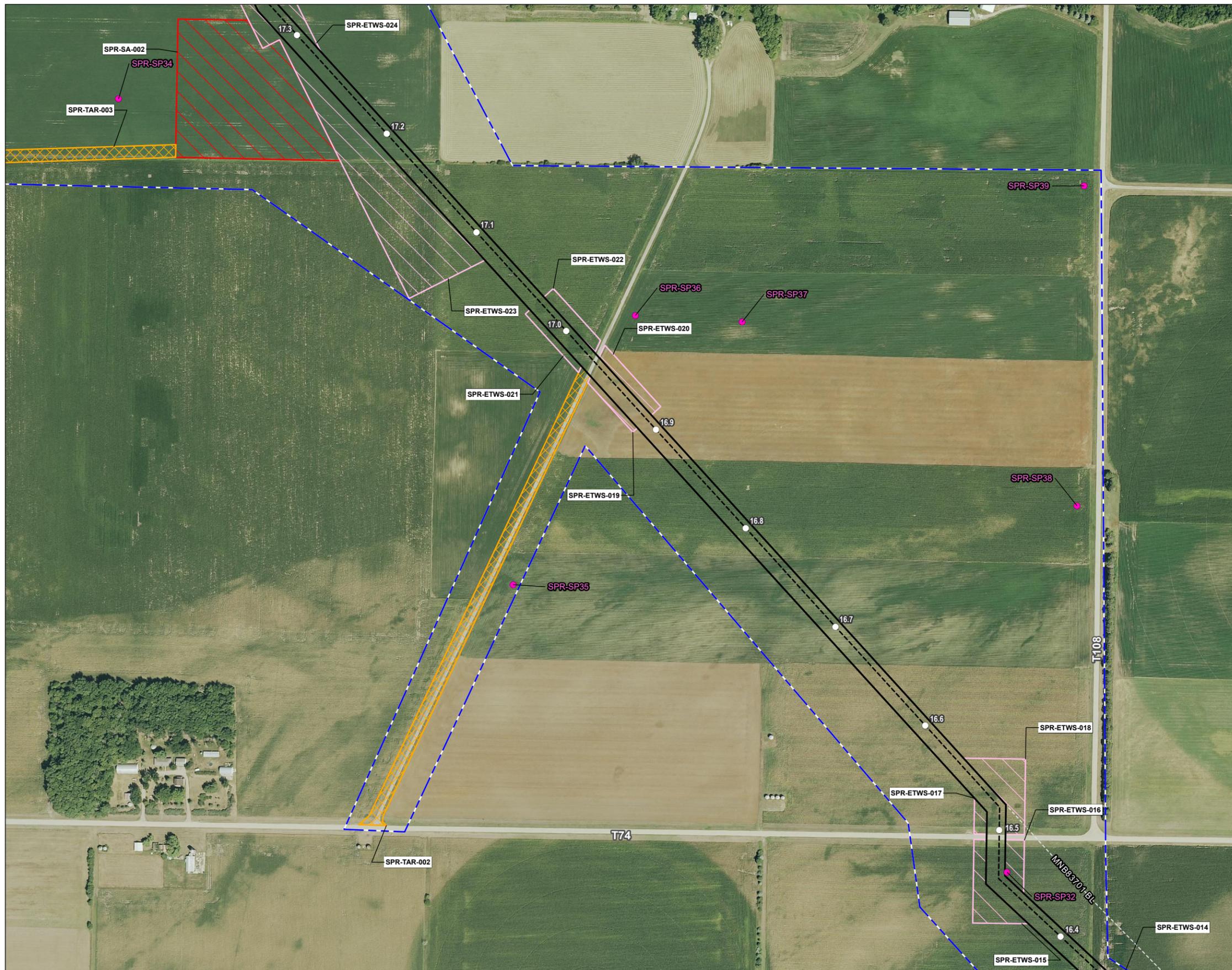
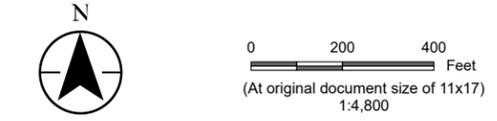


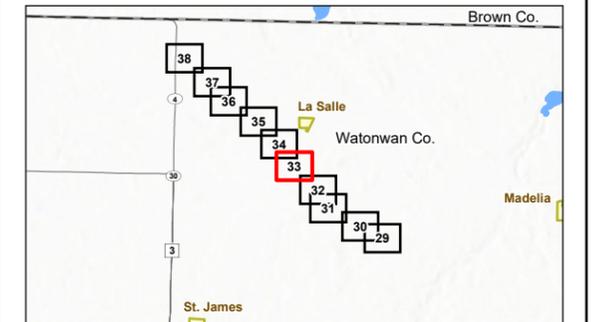
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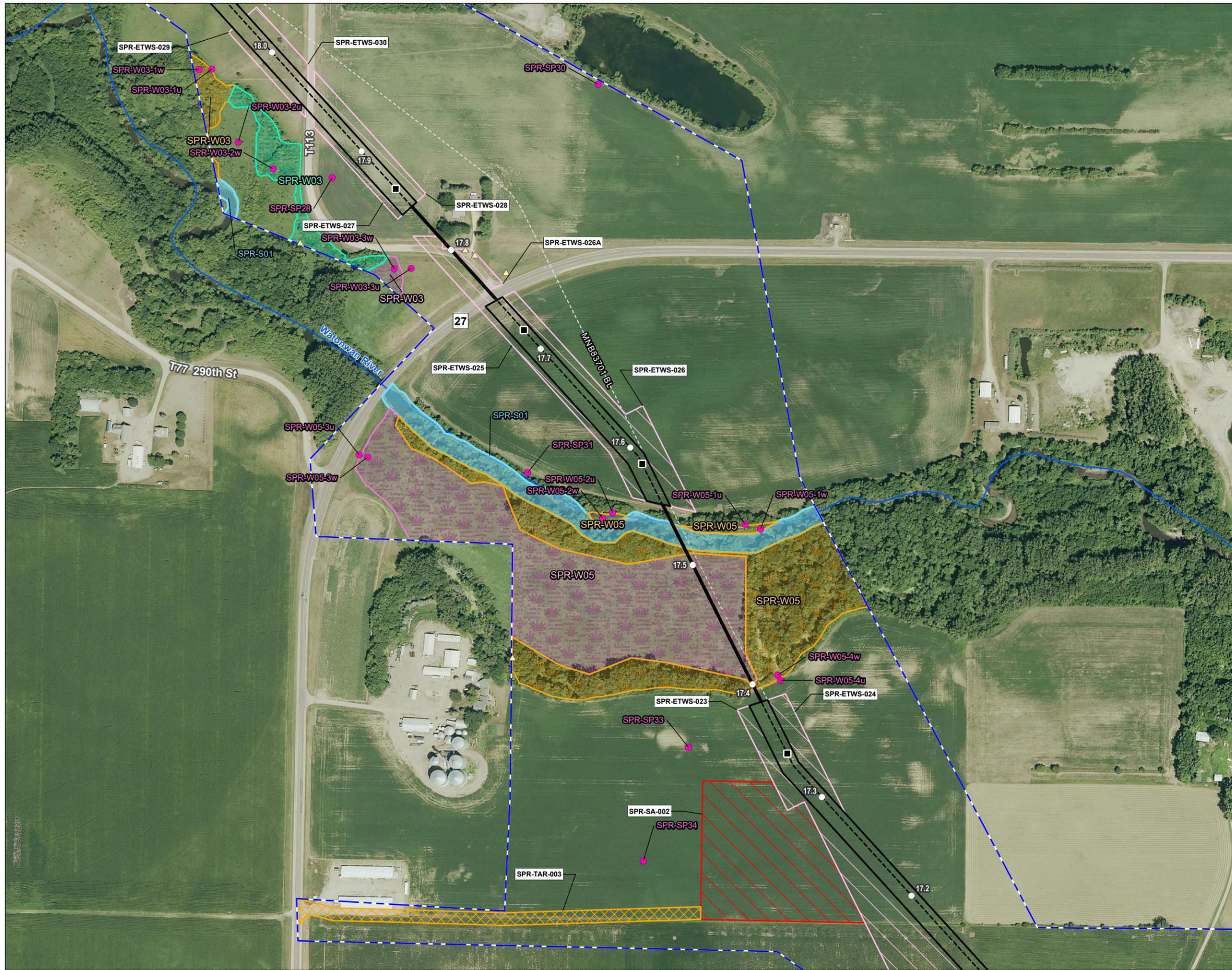
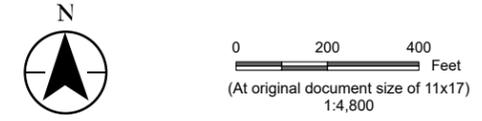
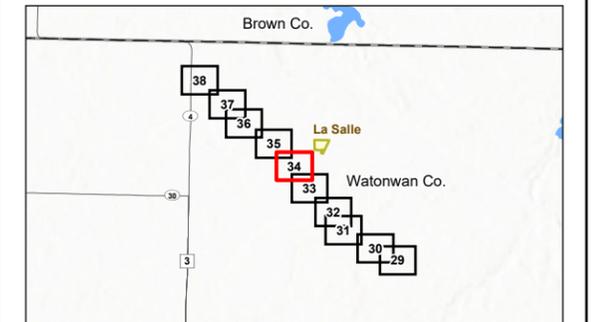


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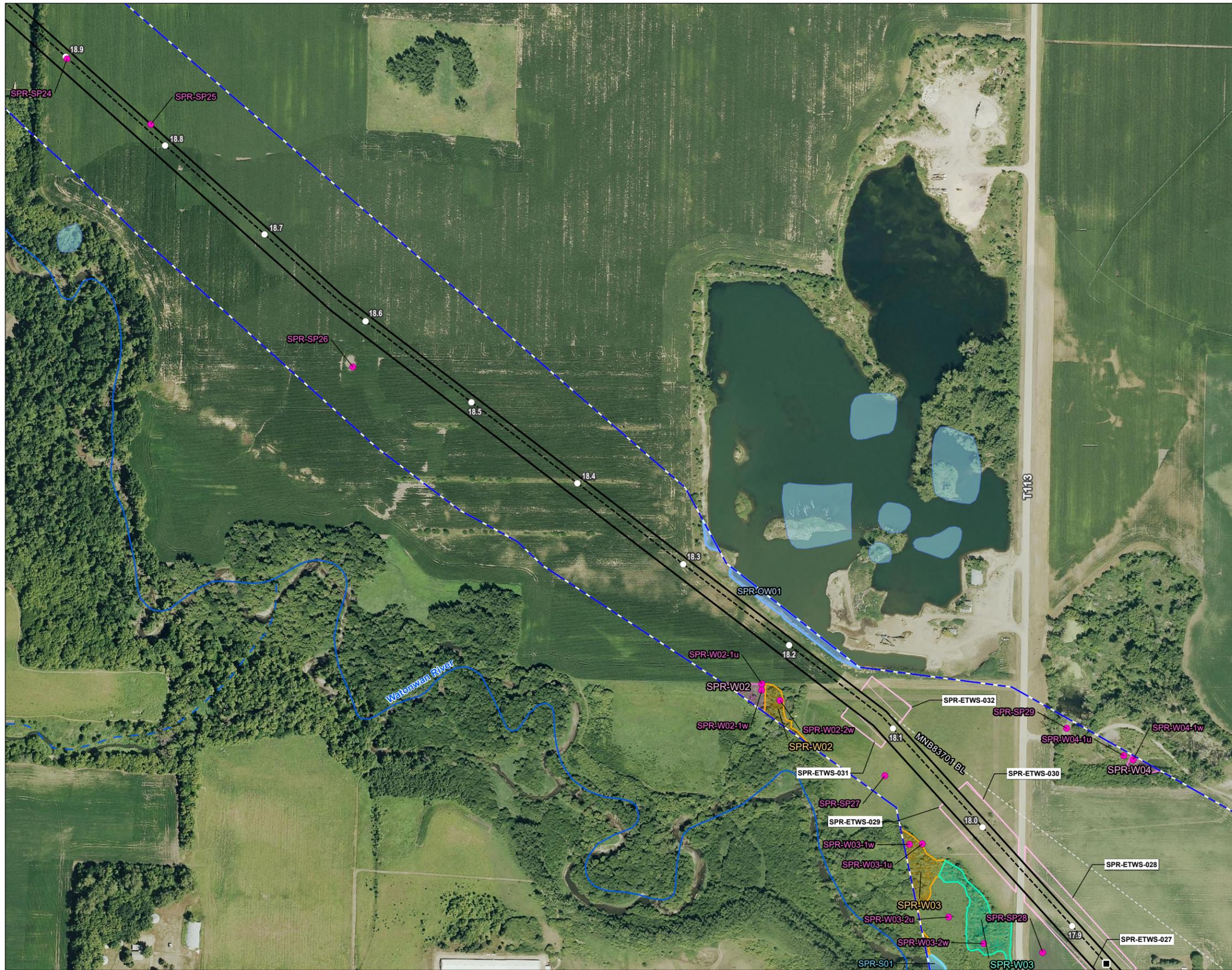
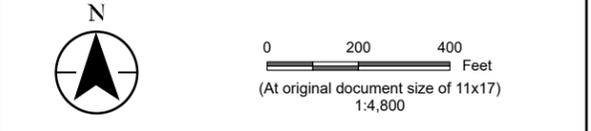


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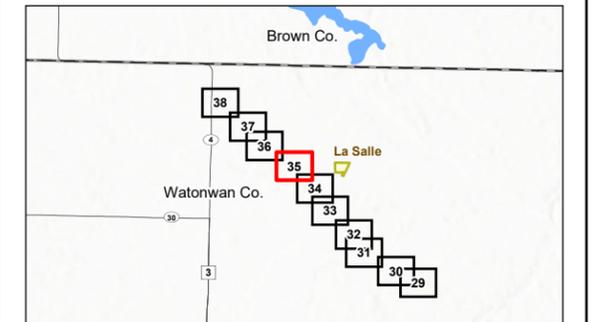
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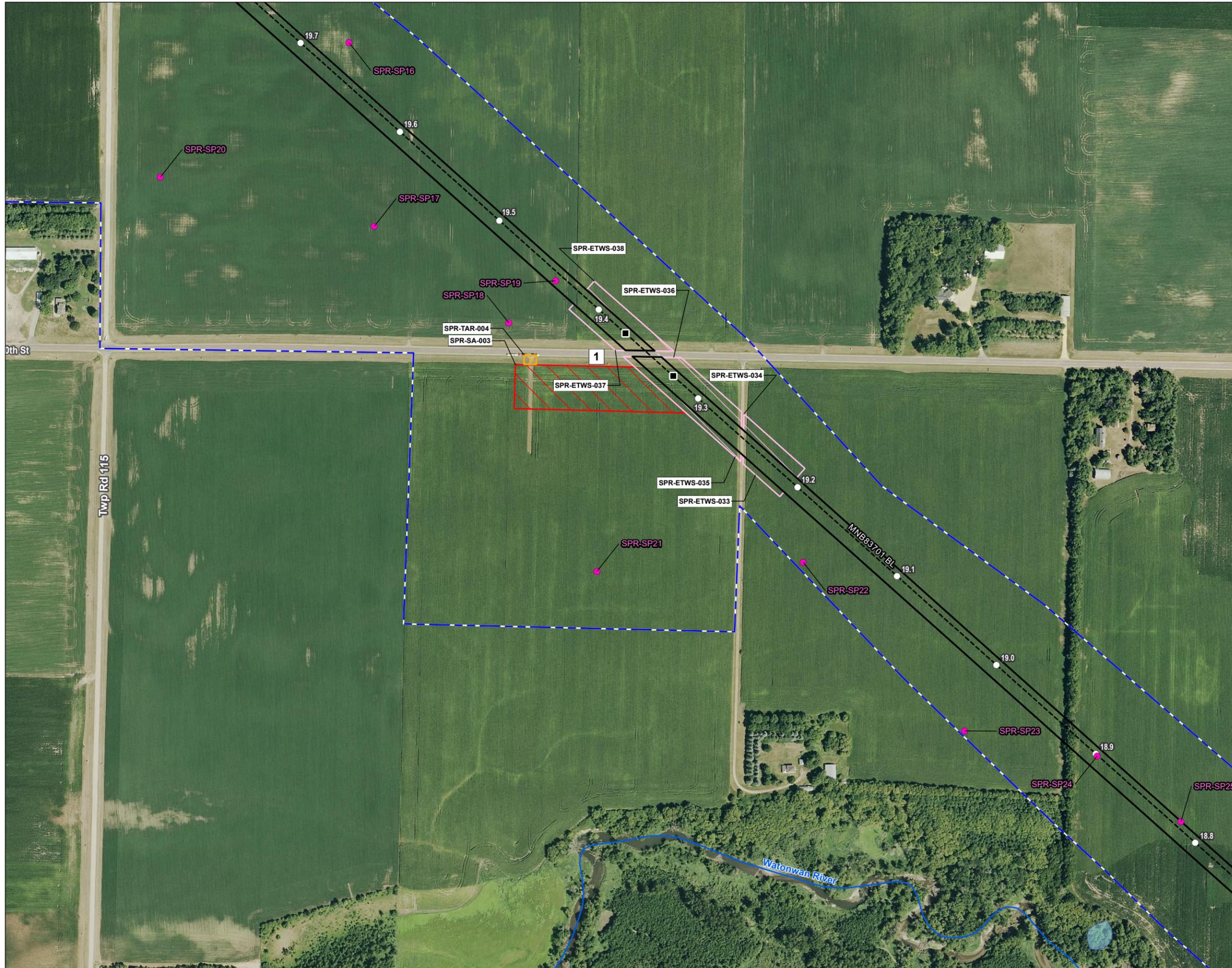
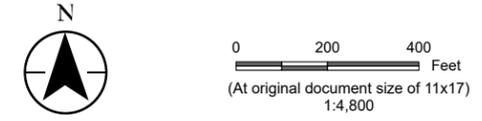


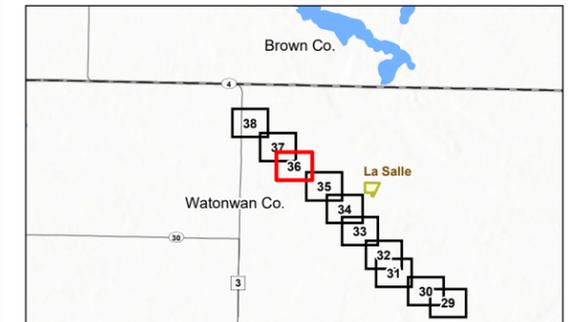
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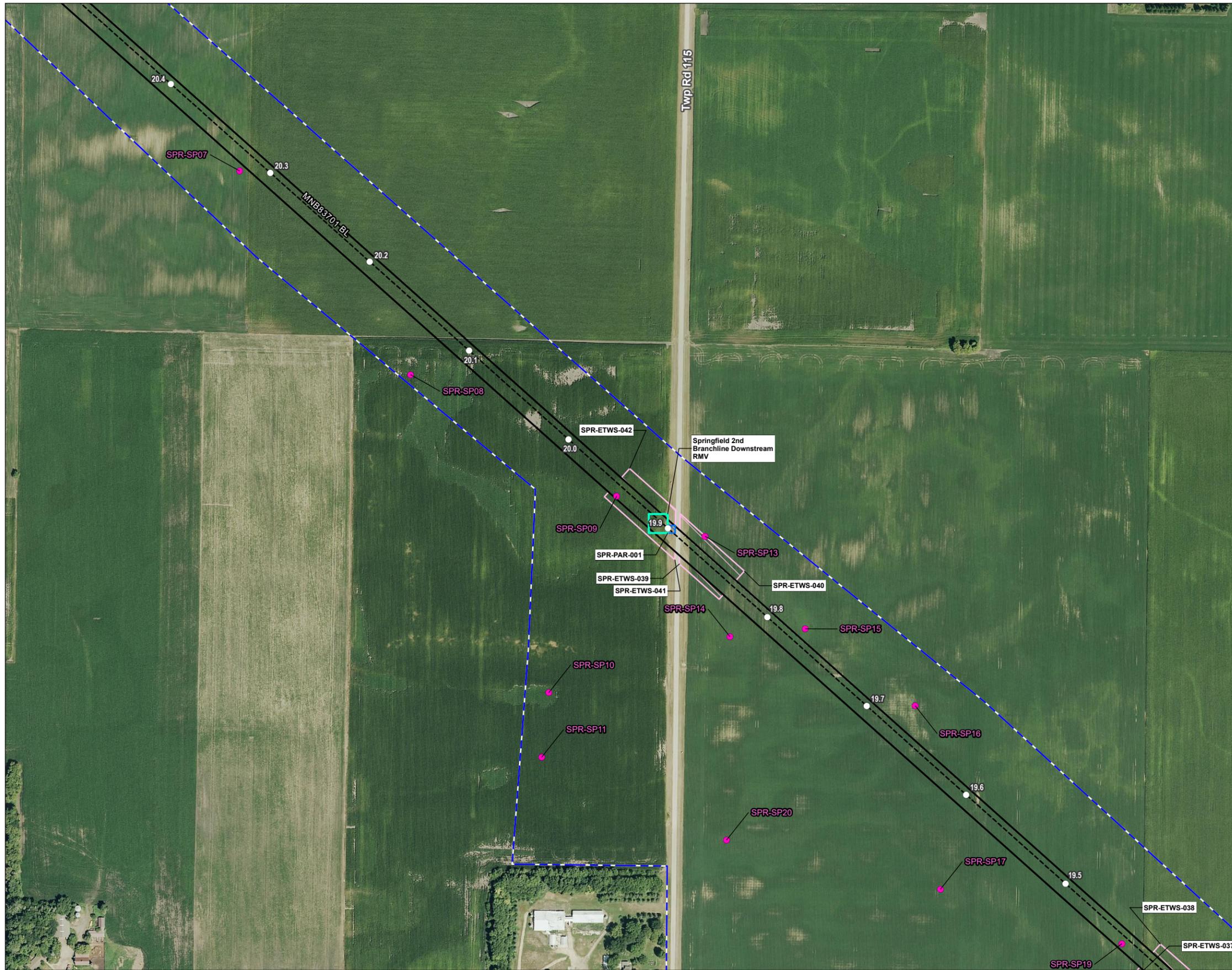
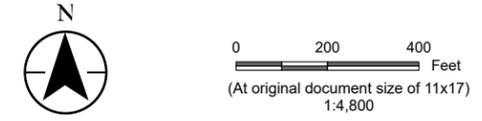
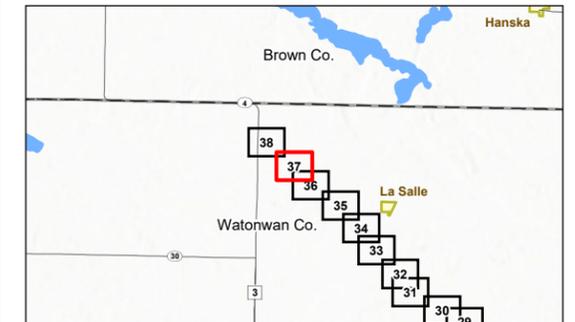


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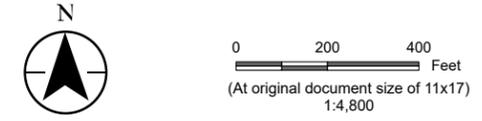
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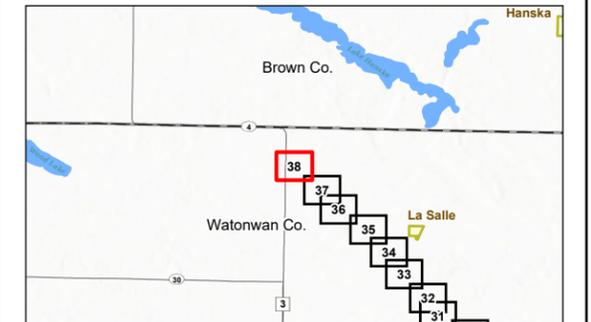
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**WETLAND
DELINEATION
REPORT**

For filing purposes, the
wetland delineation
report is included in
Appendix 2B

Lillie, Jessica

From: Kaster, Anthony
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2026 4:50 PM
To: Holly.nelson@co.isanti.mn.us; Meyer, Ben (BWSR); USACE_Requests_MN
Cc: Plucker, Terry (Northern Natural Gas); Knabe, Susan; Noland, Nathan; Lillie, Jessica
Subject: Northern Natural Gas - Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project - Minnesota Interconnect 2nd Branch Line - Isanti County, MN

All

On behalf of Northern Natural Gas (Northern), I am submitting the Joint Application Form for the Northern Natural Gas - Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project - Minnesota Interconnect 2nd Branch Line. It is Northern's understanding the Project qualifies for a No-Loss under the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act. Additionally, it is Northern's understanding the Project meets the criteria for coverage under the Utilities Regional General Permit from the USACE St. Paul District without the need for preconstruction notification.

Please use the link below to download the application. Let me know if you have any difficulty downloading the document.

 [NL27 Minnesota Interconnect 2nd Branch Line WCA No-Loss Application.pdf](#)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the Project further, feel free to contact me.

Tony

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RE: Northern Natural Gas – Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Minnesota Interconnect 2nd Branch Line, Isanti County, Minnesota – WCA No Loss Application

Dear Holly:

Northern Natural Gas (Northern) is proposing to construct Minnesota Interconnect 2nd branch line, (Project) (see Project Overview Map, attached). Northern's pipeline system and the new facilities are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and is responsible for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and with applicable state and local wetland regulations such as the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act (WCA). Northern is required to review proposed actions and determine whether such actions may affect a waterbody or wetland under the jurisdiction of the WCA or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Northern has secured the services of Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) to assist with wetland delineation and permitting for the proposed Minnesota Interconnect 2nd branch line (Project).

Project Description

Northern's proposed Project includes construction of the following components associated with Northern's natural gas system within Isanti County:

Project Facilities Facility	Pipeline Diameter and Type	Approximate Length	MP	County	State	Associated WCA LGU
Minnesota Interconnect 2nd Branch Line	12-inch-diameter extension	1.59 miles	17.64 to 19.23	Isanti	MN	Isanti County

A project overview figure showing the locations of the Project components is attached to this cover letter. In 2025, wetland delineations and waterbodies surveys were conducted for the environmental survey boundary (ESB) for each of the Project components. Stantec has completed field surveys of 100% of the parcels within the Project ESB.

Seven wetlands and two waterways were identified within the Project ESB; however, Northern designed the Project to only cross three wetlands and one waterway. No waterbodies were identified within the Project ESB. As proposed, the Project will result in a total of 0.02 acre of temporary wetland impact. The Project will result in no permanent fill or conversion of wetland.

The duration of the Project will be approximately seven months; tree clearing is scheduled to be completed early 2027. Pipeline construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2027, or as soon as all required permits are obtained.

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County: Isanti **City/Township:** Springvale Township
Parcel ID and/or Address: Multiple
Legal Description (Section, Township, Range): S 21, 22, & 28, T 36N, R 22W
Lat/Long (decimal degrees): 45.5946732, -93.3171346
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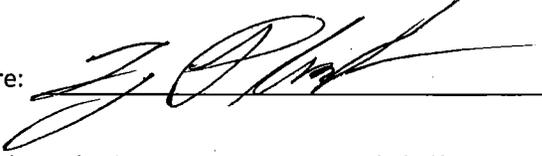
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PROJECT FIGURES

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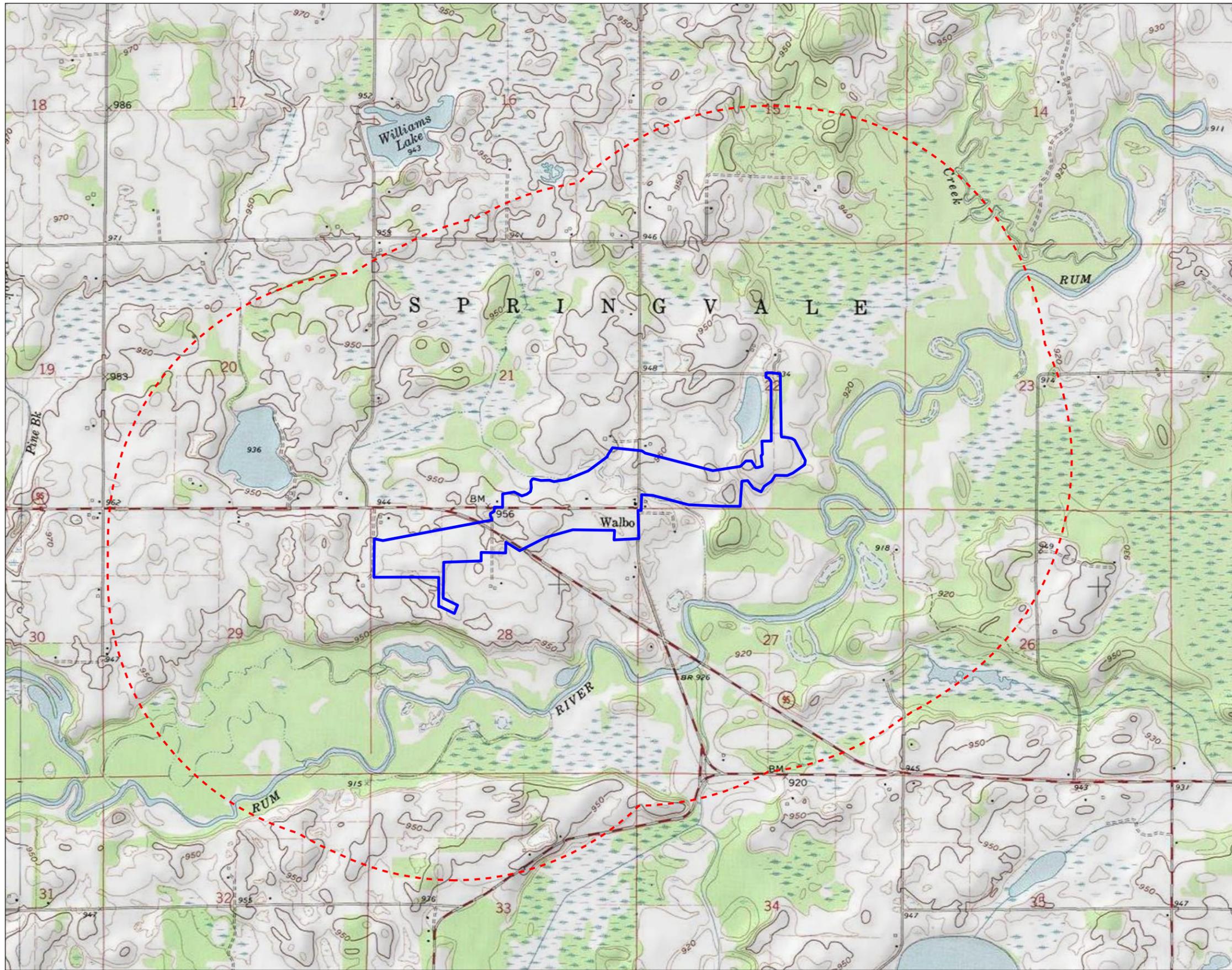
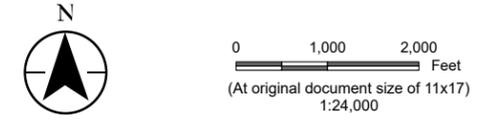


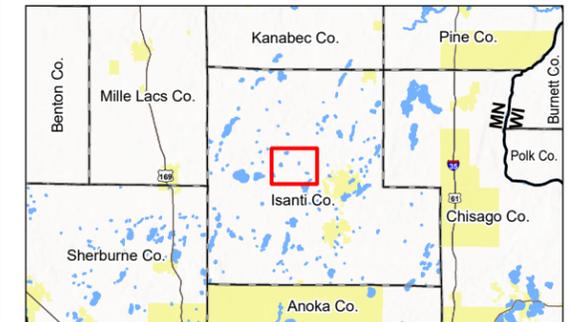
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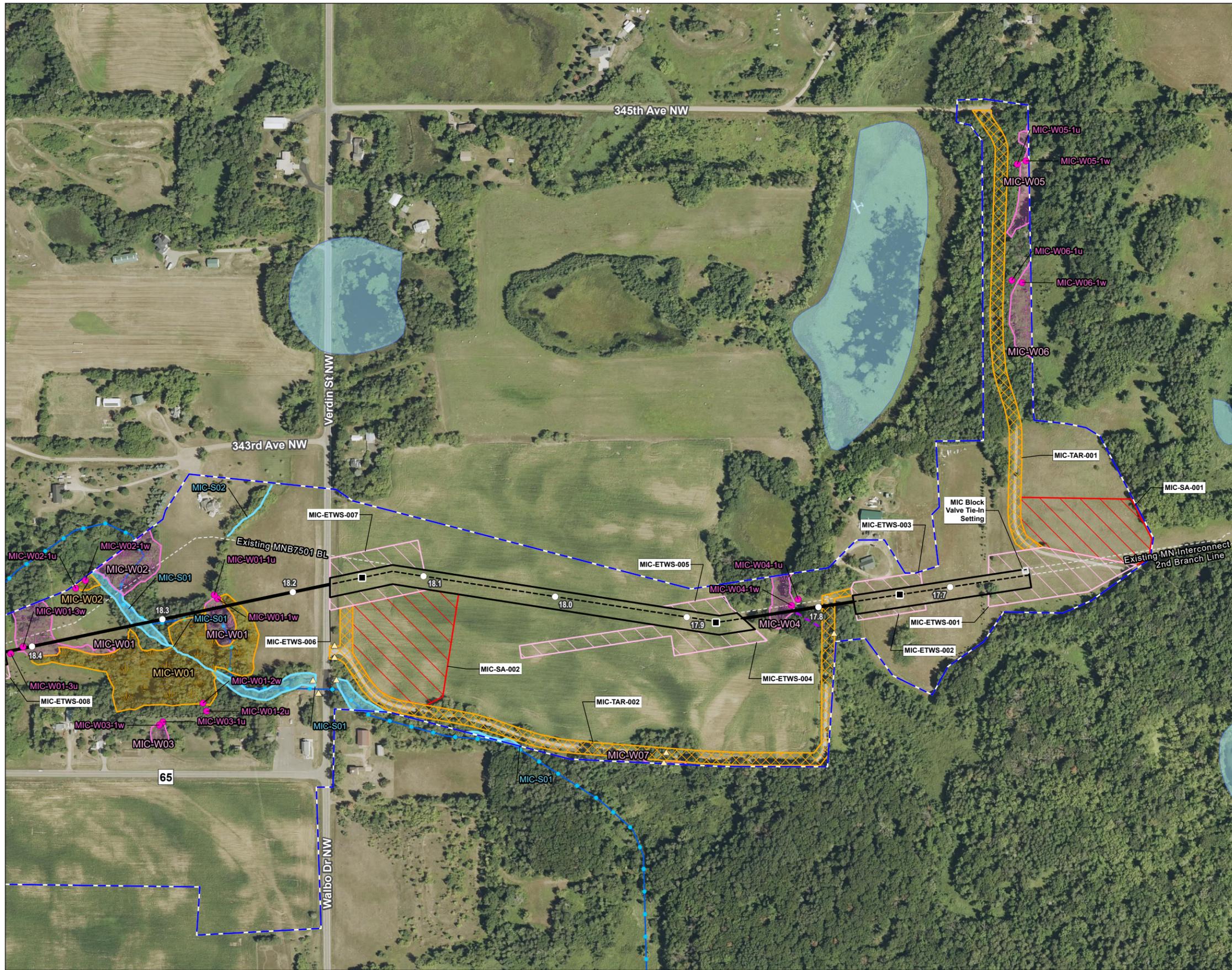
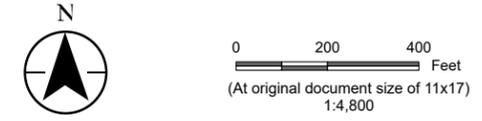


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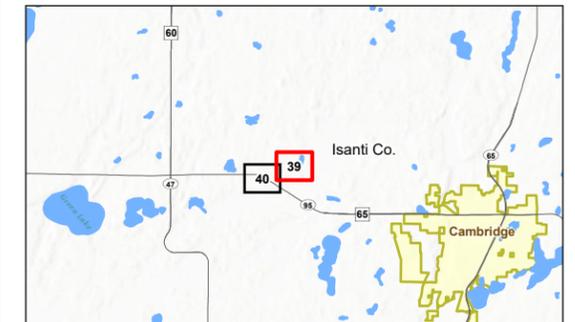
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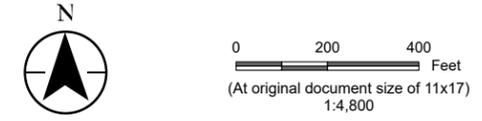
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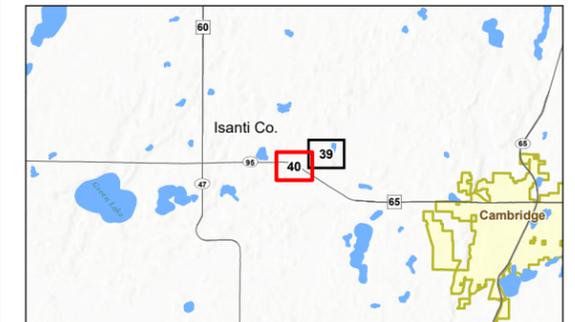
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Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2026 4:50 PM
To: shannon.wettstein@morrisonswcd.org; Steffenson, Cade (BWSR)
Cc: Plucker, Terry (Northern Natural Gas); Knabe, Susan; Noland, Nathan; Lillie, Jessica
Subject: Northern Natural Gas - Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project - Alexandria 2nd Branch Line - Morrison County, MN

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On behalf of Northern Natural Gas (Northern), I am submitting the Joint Application Form for the Northern Natural Gas - Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Alexandria 2nd Branch Line. It is Northern's understanding the Project qualifies for a No-Loss under the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act.

Please use the link below to download the application. Let me know if you have any difficulty downloading the document.

 [NL27 Alexandria 2nd Branch Line WCA No-Loss Application.pdf](#)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the Project further, feel free to contact me.

Tony

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RE: Northern Natural Gas – Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Alexandria 2nd Branch Line, Morrison County, Minnesota – WCA No Loss Application

Dear Shannon:

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Project Description

Northern’s proposed Project includes construction of the following components associated with Northern’s natural gas system within Morrison County:

Project Facilities

Facility	Pipeline Diameter and Type	Approximate Length	MP	County	State	Associated WCA LGU
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A project overview figure showing the locations of the Project components is attached to this cover letter.

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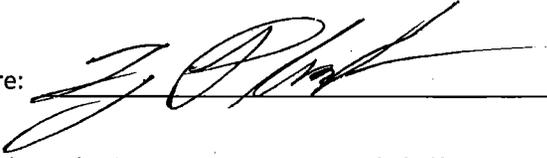
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Complete this part *if* you maintain that the identified aquatic resource impacts in Part Four do not require wetland replacement/compensatory mitigation OR *if* you are seeking verification that the proposed water resource impacts are either exempt from replacement or are not under CWA/WCA jurisdiction.

Identify the specific exemption or no-loss provision for which you believe your project or site qualifies:

M.R. 8420.0415 A – Activity that will not impact a wetland

M.R. 8420.0415 H – Temporary impacts

Provide a detailed explanation of how your project or site qualifies for the above. Be specific and provide and refer to attachments and exhibits that support your contention. Applicants should refer to rules (e.g. WCA rules), guidance documents (e.g. BWSR guidance, Corps guidance letters/public notices), and permit conditions (e.g. Corps General Permit conditions) to determine the necessary information to support the application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the WCA LGU and Corps Project Manager prior to submitting an application if they are unsure of what type of information to provide:

No-Loss A

Wetland impacts will be avoided where possible by utilizing horizontal directional drilling (HDD). The HDD method avoids impacts on sensitive resources by installing the pipeline at a substantial depth beneath the resources. The HDD method utilizes specialized drilling equipment to create a borehole profile that can vary from vertical to horizontal depending on site-specific conditions. Specifically, HDD allows for trenchless construction across a waterbody or other feature and is used to minimize impacts on water quality or to the feature being crossed from construction activities. Only foot traffic (one 6-foot-wide or two 3-foot wide travel lanes) will occur within the wetlands. The aquatic resources identified in Part Four where HDD will be utilized will not result in impacts to wetlands. This work qualifies for No-Loss A – Activity that will not impact a wetland.

No-Loss H

Where HDD construction is not practicable, wetlands will be temporarily impacted by either by open cut pipeline construction, and/or by a temporary work space (TWS) and extra temporary work space (ETWS) during pipeline construction. To minimize temporary wetland impacts Northern will implement the Project Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans to reduce ground disturbance, minimize erosion and sediment run off and promote revegetation within the construction areas. No forested or scrub-shrub wetlands will be crossed by the Project via open cut and/or by a TWS and ETWS. All forested/scrub-shrub wetlands or wetland components containing forested and/or scrub-shrub areas crossed by the Project will be done so via HDD.

Soil compaction will be minimized by limiting equipment operation in wetlands and installing temporary equipment mats, as necessary. To prevent soil mixing in unsaturated wetlands, up to 12 inches of topsoil will be removed from directly over the trench and stockpiled for restoration as close as feasible to its original horizon. Northern also will attempt to segregate wetland topsoil or vegetative mass in mucky or inundated wetlands to replenish the native seed bank during restoration.

Northern will install trench plugs at the entrance and exit of the pipeline trench through the wetland. Any confining layers that are breached during construction will be restored during backfilling. Northern will restore contours to pre-construction levels and remove temporary erosion control measures. After the completion of construction of the Project components, wetland areas will generally be allowed to revegetate naturally. Northern will monitor vegetation within wetlands annually for three years or until vegetation has been considered successful. Northern will restore wetlands to their pre-existing condition.

Wetland impacts will be temporary and will be remediated and restored by repairing, rehabilitating, and restoring the affected wetlands. The physical characteristics of the affected wetlands, including ground elevations, contours, inlet

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PROJECT FIGURES

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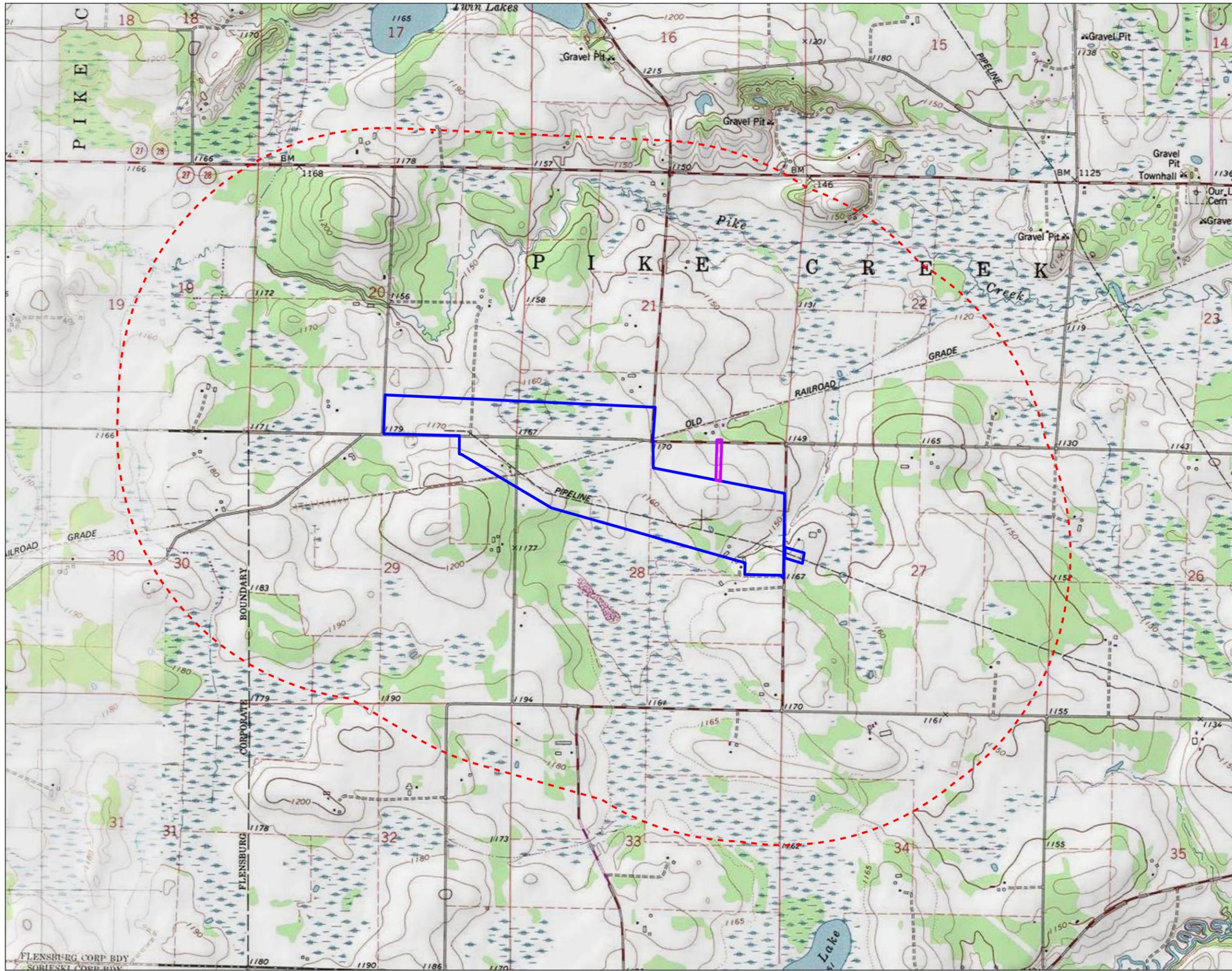
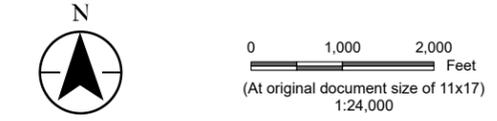
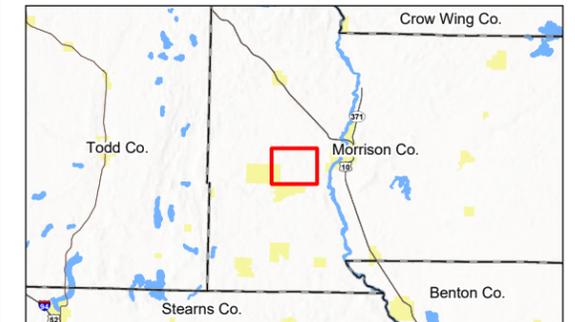


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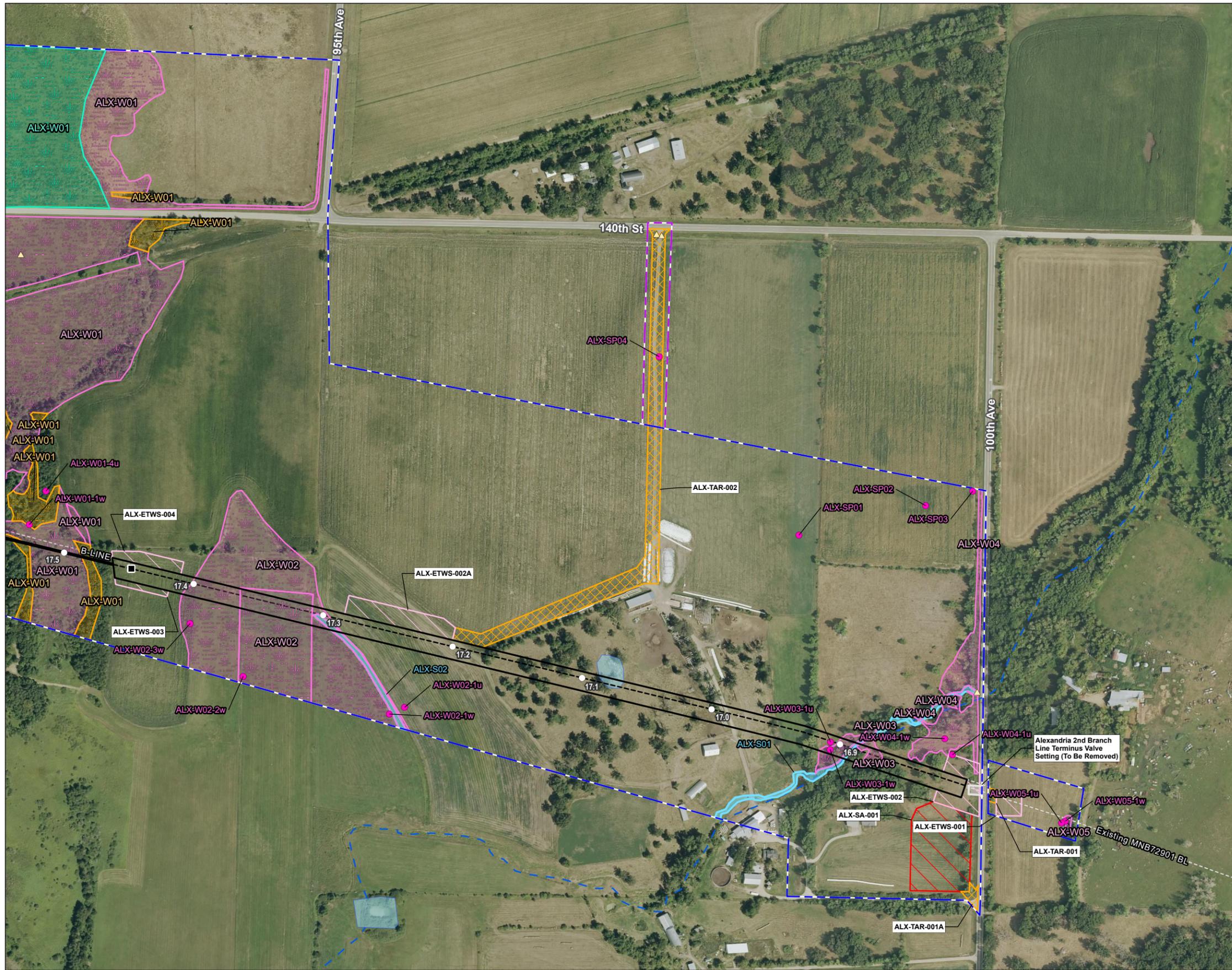
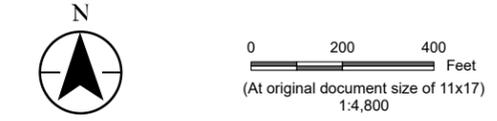


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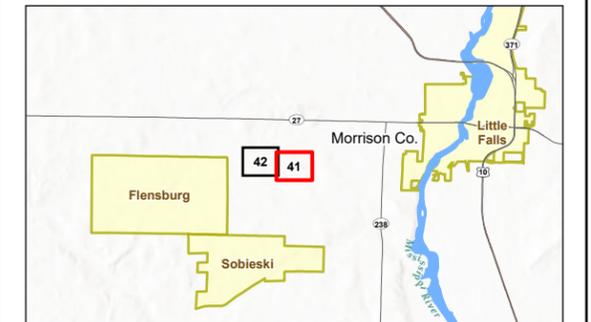
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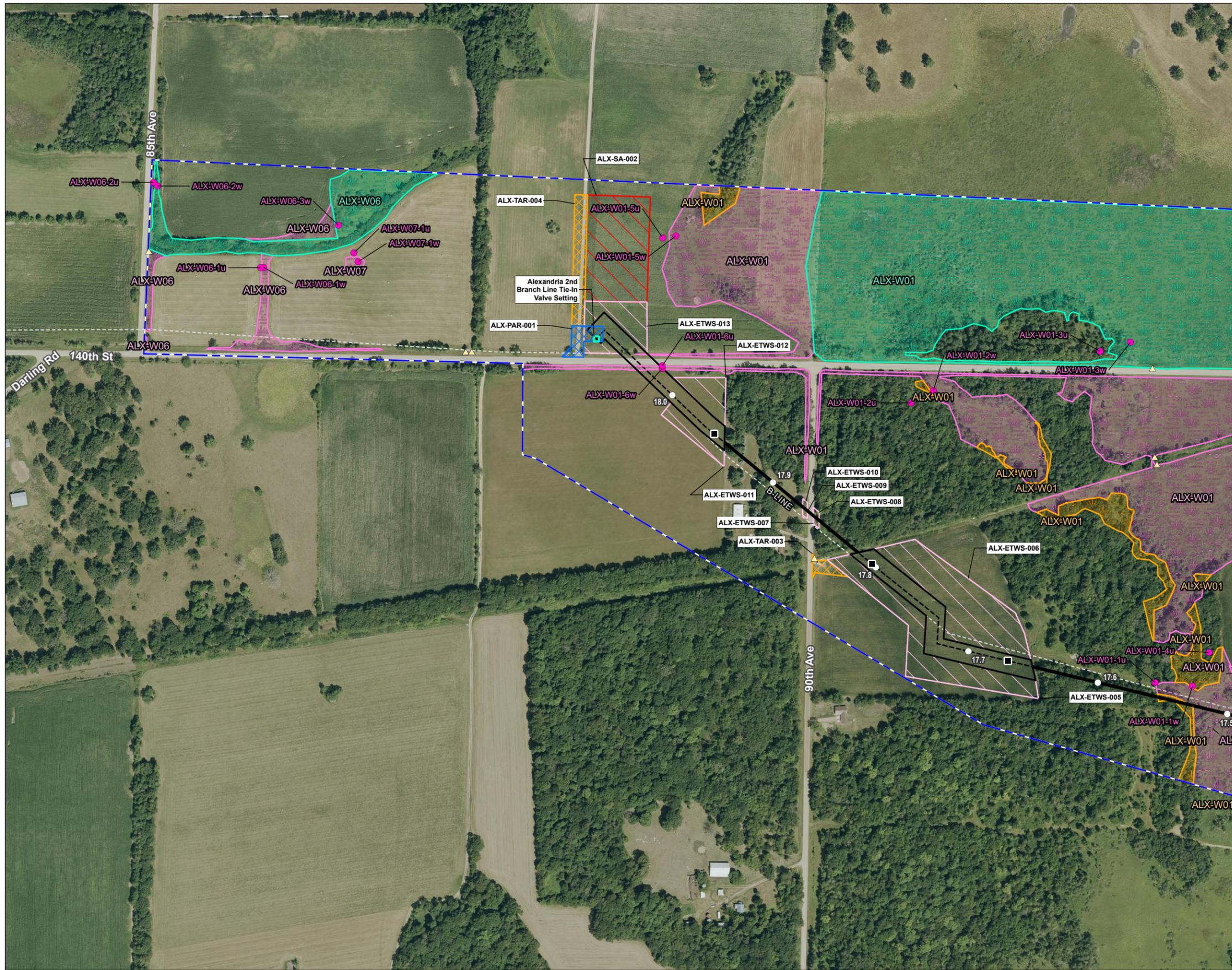
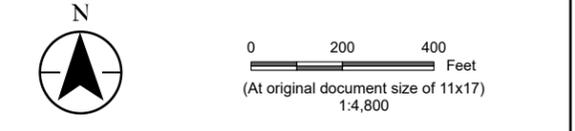
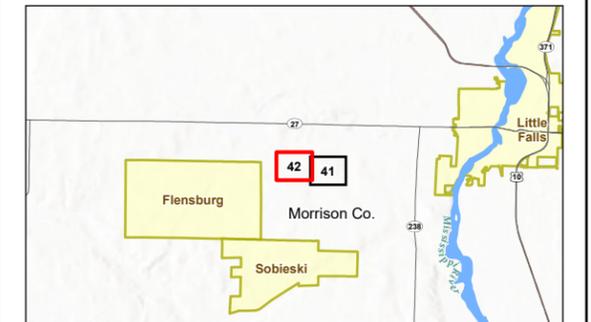


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**WETLAND
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**Pre-Application Consultation
Correspondence NL27**

Lillie, Jessica

From: Kaster, Anthony
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2026 4:51 PM
To: USACOE
Cc: terry.plucker@nngco.com; Knabe, Susan; Noland, Nathan; Lillie, Jessica
Subject: Pre-Application Consultation Request - Scott County- NL27 Expansion Project – Willmar 3rd Branch Line Upstream
Attachments: NL27 Willmar 3rd Branch Line Upstream Pre-App Request_joint_appl_form.pdf

Greetings:

On behalf of Northern Natural Gas, we are requesting a pre-application consultation with the Corps to discuss the proposed Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Willmar 3rd Branch Line Upstream project in Scott County, Minnesota. The project is anticipated to cross several wetlands, resulting in temporary wetland impact, as well as permanent removal of trees from a forested wetland.

I am submitting the Joint Application Form and have indicated a request for a pre-application consultation with the Corps on Part Five, along with a site location map.

We look forward to discussing the project with the Corps.

Tony

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Project Name and/or Number: Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project – Willmar 3rd Branch Line Upstream

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Applicant/Landowner Name: Northern Natural Gas – Terry Plucker
Mailing Address: 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, NE, 68124
Phone: 402-389-7226
E-mail Address: Terry.plucker@nngco.com

Authorized Contact (do not complete if same as above):

Mailing Address:
Phone:
E-mail Address:

Agent Name: Stantec – Tony Kaster
Mailing Address: One Carlson Parkway, Suite 100, Plymouth, MN 55447
Phone: 612-297-8654
E-mail Address: anthony.kaster@stantec.com

PART TWO: Site Location Information

County: Scott **City/Township:** Credit River Township
Parcel ID and/or Address: Multiple
Legal Description (Section, Township, Range): S 20, 21, & 22, T 114N, R 20W
Lat/Long (decimal degrees): 44.6626163, -93.3589918
Attach a map showing the location of the site in relation to local streets, roads, highways.
Approximate size of site (acres) or if a linear project, length (feet): 1.6 miles

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Northern proposes to construct and operate an approximately 1.60-mile extension of its 24-inch-diameter MNB75603 Willmar 3rd branch line in Scott County, Minnesota. The pipeline will be installed within a 100-foot-wide nominal construction corridor; the construction corridor will be reduced to 75-foot-width to minimize

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PART FOUR: Aquatic Resource Impact¹ Summary

If your proposed project involves a direct or indirect impact to an aquatic resource (wetland, lake, tributary, etc.) identify each impact in the table below. Include all anticipated impacts, including those expected to be temporary. Attach an overhead view map, aerial photo, and/or drawing showing all of the aquatic resources in the project area and the location(s) of the proposed impacts. Label each aquatic resource on the map with a reference number or letter and identify the impacts in the following table.

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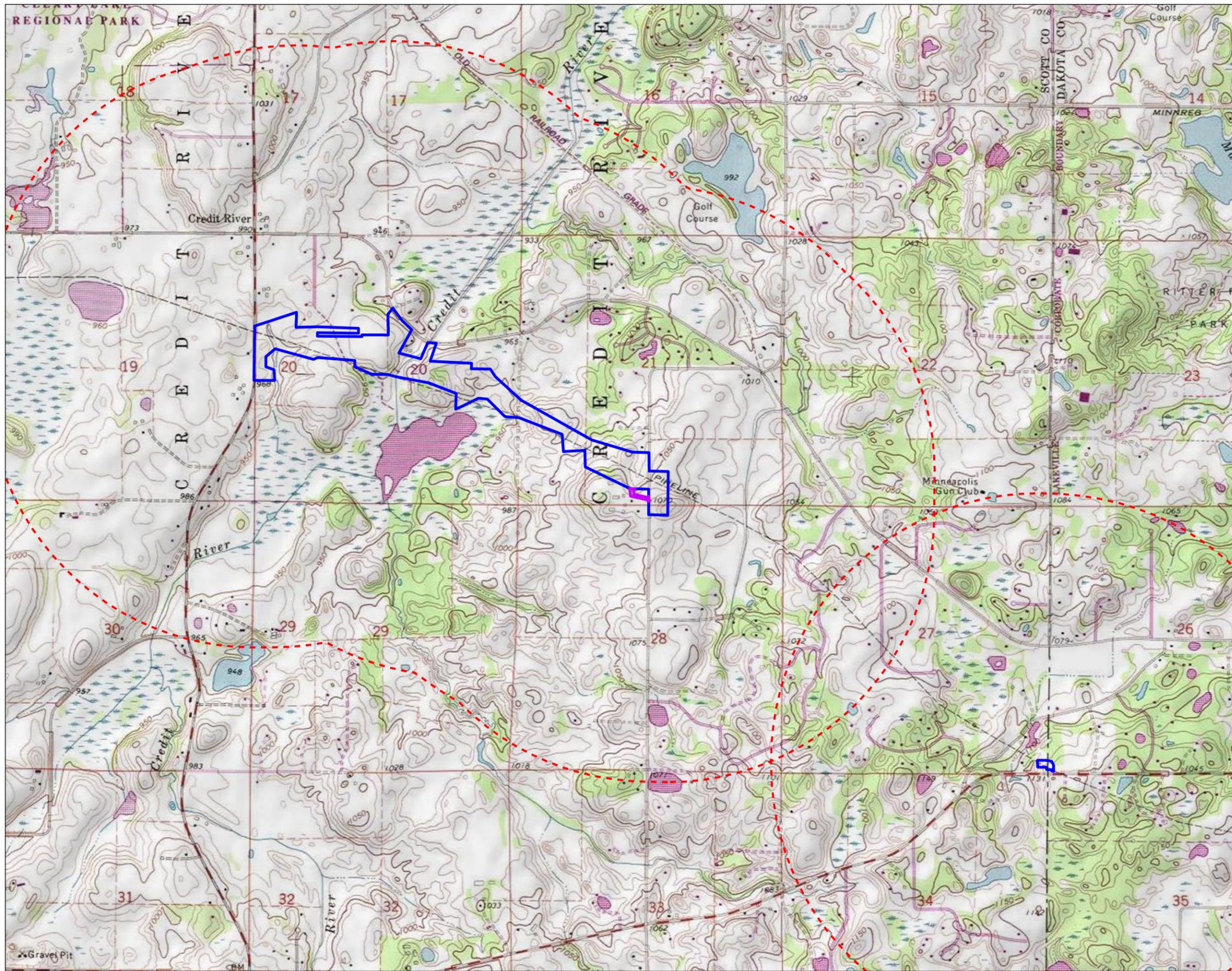
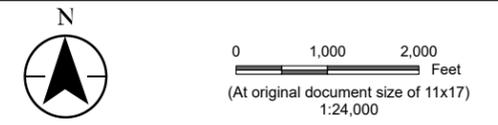


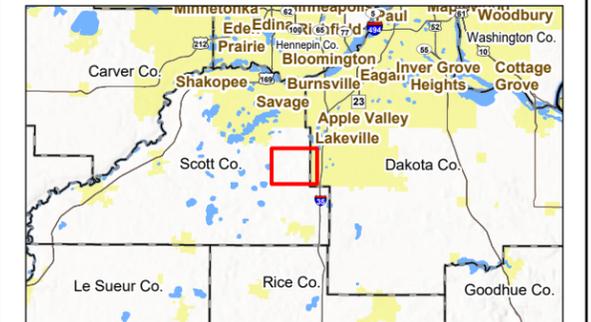
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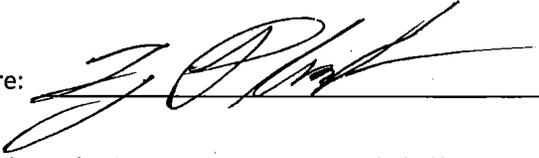
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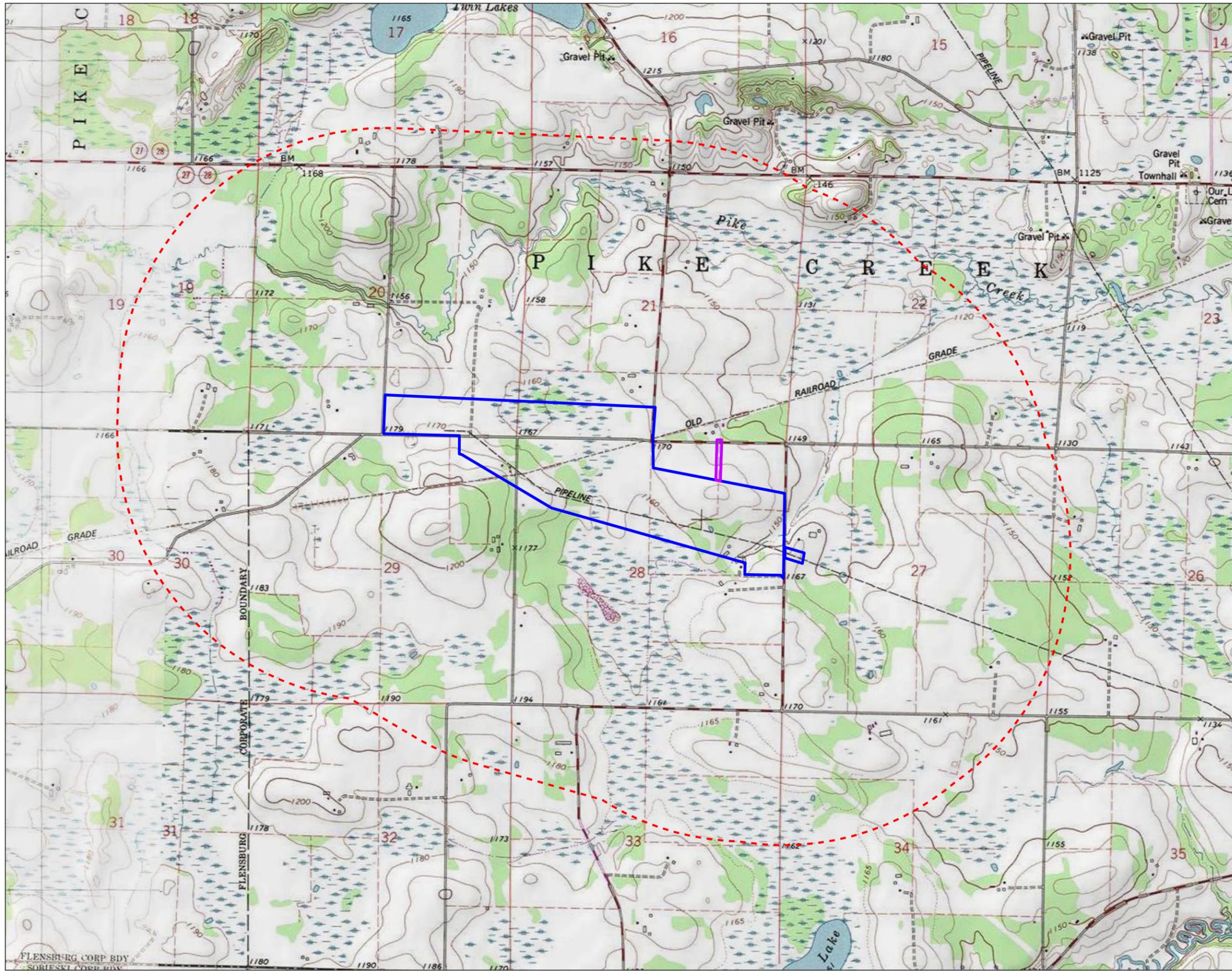
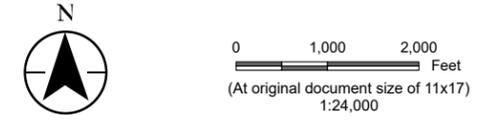


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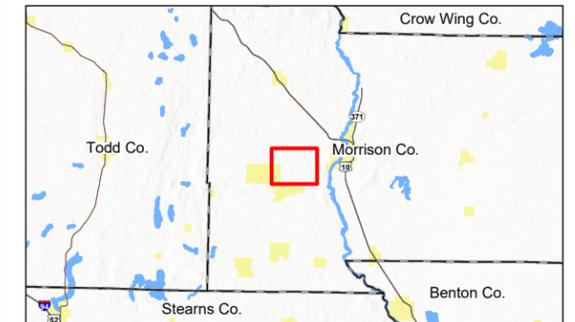
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