

Information for File #2014-00027-CLJ

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This application is being reviewed in accordance with the practices for documenting Corps jurisdiction under Sections 9 & 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act identified in Regulatory Guidance Letter 07-01. We have made a preliminary determination that the aquatic resources that would be impacted by the proposed project are regulated by the Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Our jurisdictional review and final jurisdictional determination could result in modifications to the scope of the project's regulated waterbody/wetland impacts and compensatory mitigation requirements identified above. An approved jurisdictional determination will be made prior to reaching a permit decision, and will be posted on the St. Paul District web page at <http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/>.

PROJECT PURPOSE & NEED: The purpose of the project is to alleviate delays to freight trains that occur along a stretch of railway between Crookston, Minnesota and the U.S./Canada border. The proposal would improve efficiencies of hauling railway freight along the 95-mile stretch of railway and would increase the performance of this railway system to meet the growing demand of railway traffic.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The existing railway track embankment will be expanded for approximately 3 miles to allow for the addition of one additional set of railway tracks. The new embankment would be constructed along the west side of the existing embankment. The new embankment will be approximately 20 feet wide and will extend from Mile Post 43 to Mile Post 46 of the Noyes Subdivision line. Ditches located adjacent to the existing set of track will be replaced adjacent to the new set of tracks. Ditch dimensions would be constructed to the original as-built dimensions.

NAME, AREA AND TYPES OF WATERS (INCLUDING WETLANDS) SUBJECT TO LOSS: Construction of the new embankment and replacement of the existing ditch would impact approximately 0.40 acres of seasonally flooded basin (Type 1) wetland and 0.14 acres of shallow marsh (Type 3) wetland.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: The no-build alternative would avoid all impacts to wetlands; however, the no-build alternative was dismissed as it would not meet the

project purpose to improve efficiencies of freight movement between Crookston, MN and the U.S./Canada Border.

The applicant also assessed relocating the siding project along the Noyes Subdivision line to the north or south of the proposed location. This alternative was dismissed by the applicant as relocation would likely include additional wetland impacts. The applicant's initial screening criteria identified this area has containing minimal wetland.

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION: The applicant has proposed compensatory mitigation for the impact to wetlands associated with the project through the purchase of credits from the Corps approved Minnesota Wetland Bank account #1147 (Krog)

Drawings: 2014-00027-CLJ 1 of 2 through 2 of 2. See attached





 Project Extent
 Wetlands

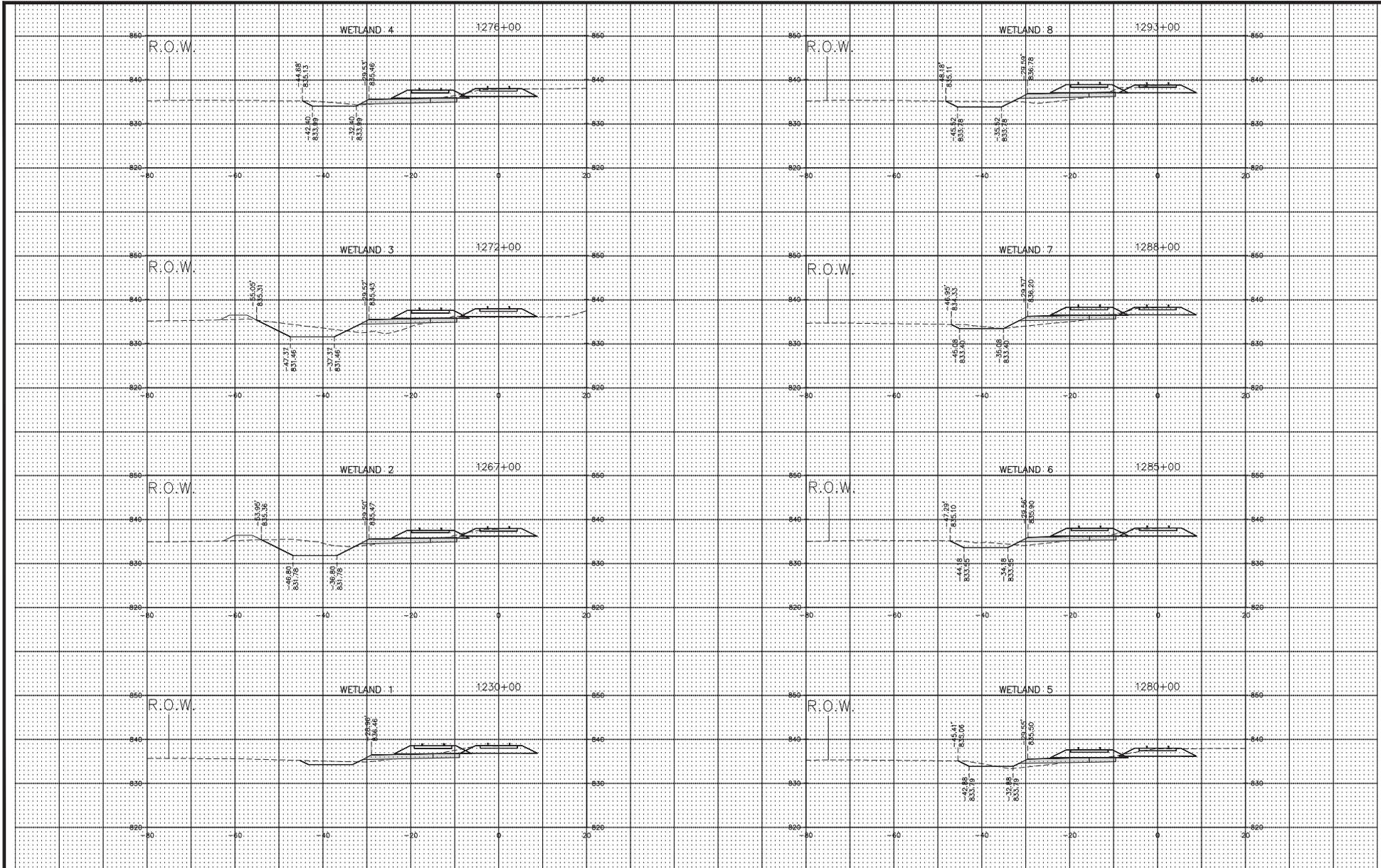


Wetlands Map
Noyes Sidings

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