

## Information for File # 2014-01742-LED

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<b>Section</b>	Sections 21 and 28
<b>Township</b>	T. 49N.
<b>Range</b>	R. 17W.
<b>Information Complete On</b>	June 17, 2014
<b>Posting Expires On</b>	<b>July 11, 2014</b>
<b>Authorization Type</b>	LOP-10-FDL

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**

#### Project Description and Purpose:

The Carlton County Transportation Department is proposing the vertical realignment of an approximately 1,600-linear foot segment of County Road (CR) 115 (Airport Road) on the Fond du Lac Reservation in Carlton County, Minnesota. This road serves as an access to the Cloquet Airport. Due to the steep incline and pronounced dip in the road at

this location, cars exiting the airport experience visibility issues. A 1:3 slope outside the recovery zone is proposed. The project is being completed in conjunction with a Fond du Lac Reservation utility project, where sewer lines are being installed within the existing roadbed.

The purpose of the project is to improve transportation infrastructure on this segment of Airport Road. The need for the project is to improve safety on this segment of roadway, which poses visibility impairments to motorists. The applicant has proposed to remedy this safety issue by correcting the vertical alignment of the road and reconstructing the road slopes at this location.

The project is located within the 1854 Ceded Territory as determined by the Treaty of 1854. The project is located within the exterior boundaries of the Fond du Lac Reservation.

Name, Area and Types of Waters (Including Wetlands) Subject to Loss:

The project would involve the discharge of dredged and fill material in approximately 0.05 acres (2,294 square feet) of shrub-carr wetlands adjacent to the St. Louis River for the reconstruction of the 1,600 linear foot Airport Road segment. A wetland delineation report was completed by the applicant during May 2014 and was submitted for review with the project application. The Corps will review and field verify the delineated wetland boundaries during the 2014 growing season.

Compensatory Mitigation:

The applicant proposes to provide compensatory mitigation for the approximately 0.05 acres of permanent wetland impacts in Bank Service Area (BSA) 1 through the Minnesota Local Government Road Wetland Replacement Program.

**Drawings**      See attached.



21,28, T. 49 North, R. 17 West, Carlton County

Airport Road  
Project Location



Project Area



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21,28, T. 49 North, R. 17 West, Carlton County

Airport Road



Project Area



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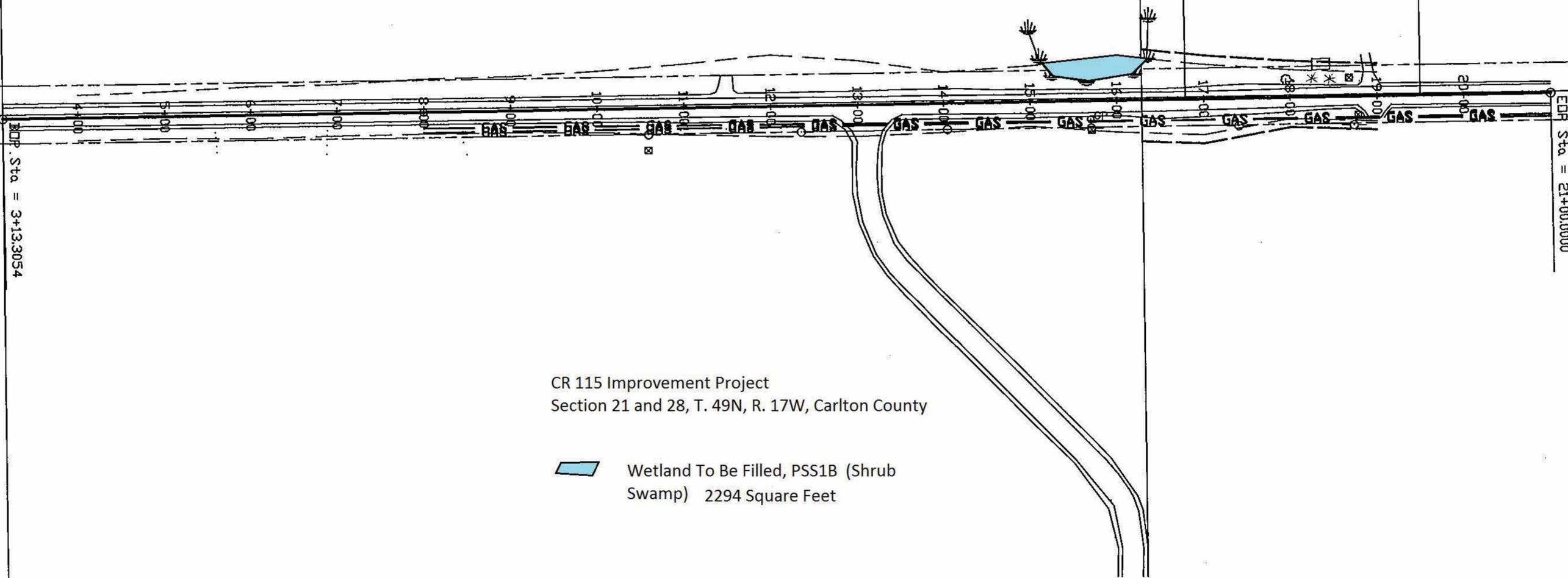
Airport Road, Wetland Delineation, Plot Locations,  
Wetland Type



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CR 115 Improvement Project  
Section 21 and 28, T. 49N, R. 17W, Carlton County

 Wetland To Be Filled, PSS1B (Shrub Swamp) 2294 Square Feet

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18+25.00