

## Information for File #2015-00546-WAB

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**Location S/T/R:** Sec 20, T148N, R27W

**Information Complete On:** March 11, 2015

**Posting Expires On:** April 11, 2015

**Authorization Type:** LOP-10-R

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:** The purpose of the project is to create a 1.26 mile long paved multi-use trail in the community of Squaw Lake, Minnesota. The trail would extend from the intersection of Chippewa Road and State Highway 46 to the intersection of East Natures Lake Road and County Road 4.

**Project Description:** The project involves construction of a 1.26 mile long, ten feet wide paved multi-use trail in the community of Squaw Lake, Minnesota. The trail is intended to create a safer pedestrian travel corridor for local residents. Residents currently walk on the shoulder of State Highway 46 to access local businesses. The trail will also be available for All Terrain Vehicle use to prevent damage to the vegetation in the highway ditch within the community. The trail

would cross one wetland in the road right-of-way on the west side of State Highway 46. A 61 foot long, 36" diameter culvert will be placed in the wetland to maintain surface drainage from the highway through the wetland.

**Name, Area and Types of waters (including wetlands) subject to loss:** The trail would cross one wetland area within the ditch and back-slope. The wetland is described as wet/sedge meadow (Type 2) and shrub carr (Type 6), although the predominant vegetation is described as mixed grasses, sedges and cattails. The proposed wetland fill area is approximately 3,593 square feet (0.08 acres).

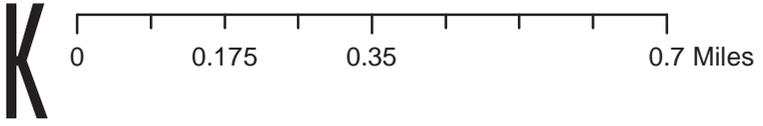
**Alternatives considered:** The applicant considered and dismissed the no build alternative. The applicant considered and dismissed alternative routes because they would have greater wetland impacts and require more numerous driveway crossings.

**Compensatory Mitigation:** The applicant did not propose compensatory mitigation because, in their opinion, the affected wetland area provides minimal wetland functional benefits due to size, location and quality.

**Drawings** See attached.



Sources: Esri, HERE, DeLorme, USGS, Intermap, increment P Corp., NRCAN, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), Esri (Thailand), TomTom, MapmyIndia, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community



# Squaw Lake Multi-Use Paved Trail Site Locator Map



Trail

Nature

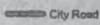
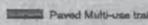
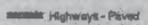
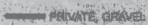
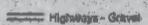
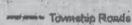
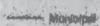
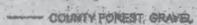
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Paved Multi-Use Trail

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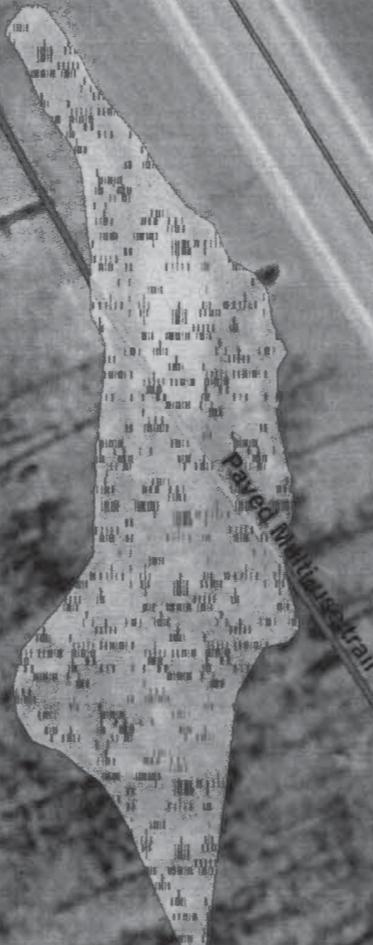
### Legend

-  City Road
-  Paved Multi-use trail
-  Trail
- Roads Public/Private**
-  Highways - Paved
-  PRIVATE, GRAVEL
-  Highways - Gravel
-  Township Roads
-  Municipal
-  COUNTY, FOREST, GRAVEL

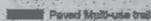
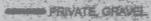
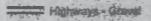
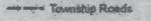
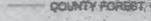
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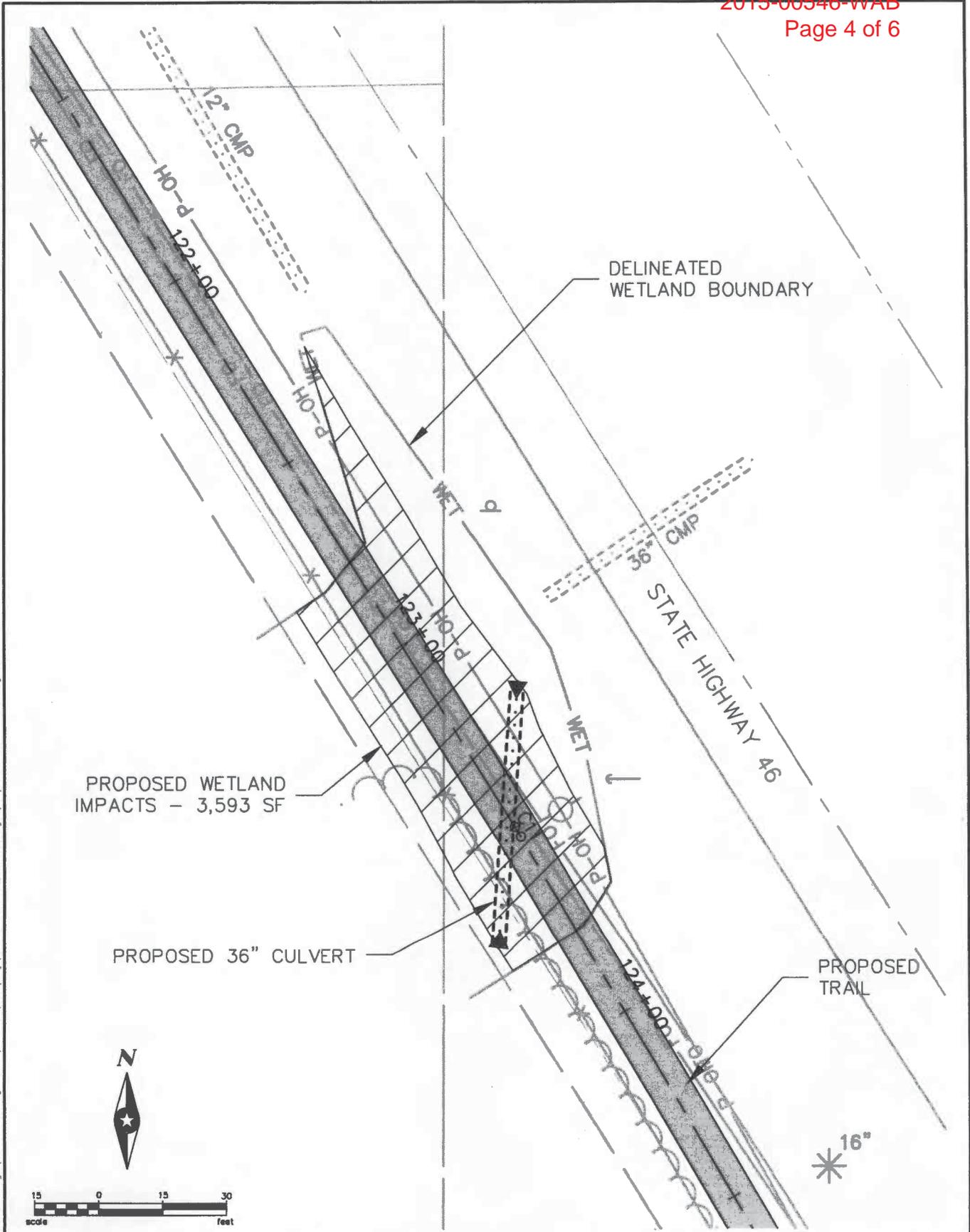
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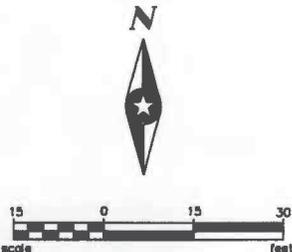


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-  Statewide
-  COUNTY FOREST, ORAWEA



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NO. 1**



