

Information for File # MVP-2014-00916-DJM

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Section(s): 17 and 18

Township: 34N

Range: 8W

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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: The applicant proposes to discharge fill material into approximately 1.58 acres of wetlands adjacent to Little Soft Maple Creek in conjunction with the construction of a new railroad siding along approximately 11,740 feet of existing Wisconsin Central Limited (WCL) track. The new siding proposed by WCL would address the need for increased capacity along the railway. The proposed siding has a proposed location that is centrally located in relation to WCL's current and growing customer base.

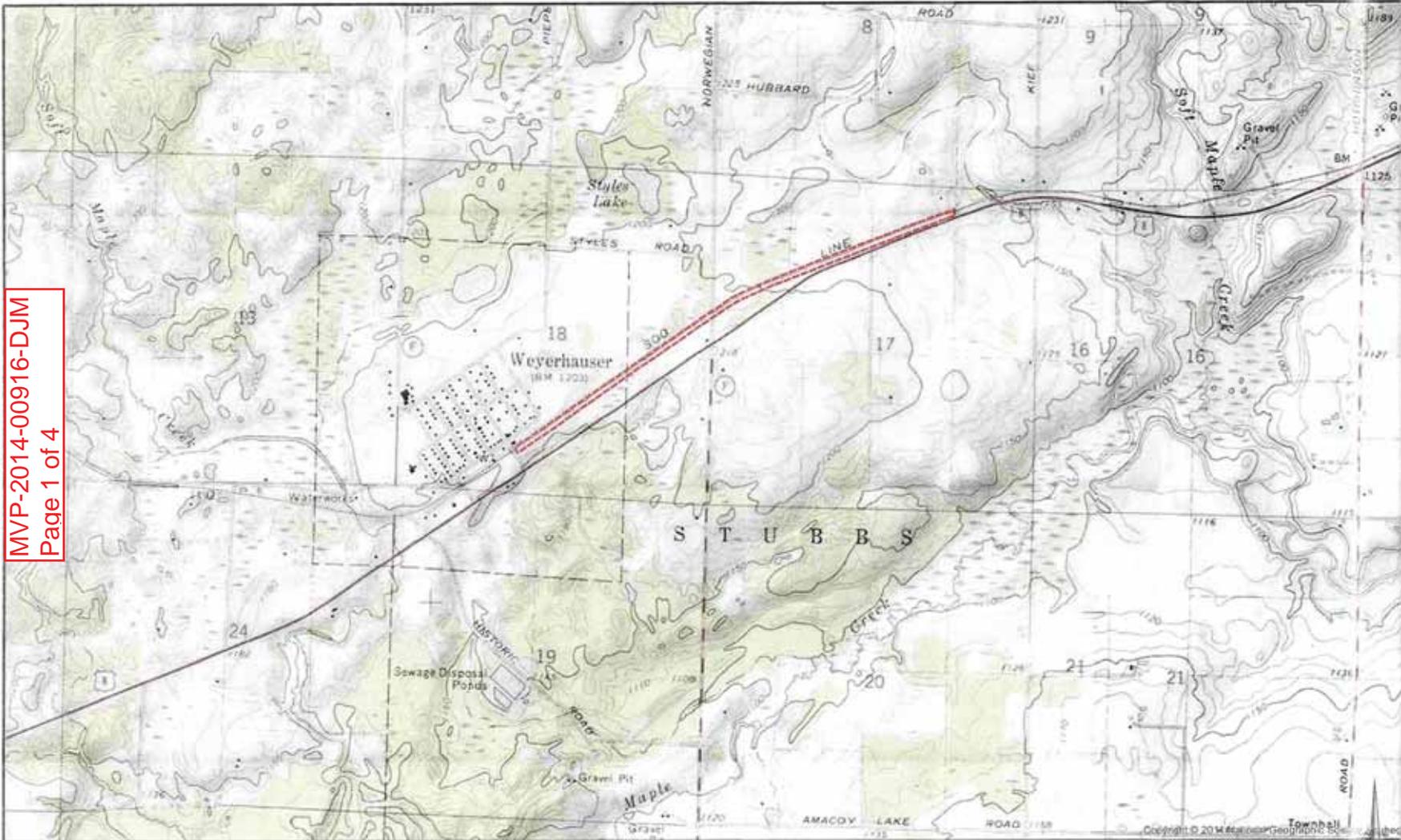
Construction would be performed using standard construction practices with equipment and material staging areas and haul roads located within existing uplands on site. An approximate construction sequence would likely include the designation and staking of work areas in addition to the installation of silt fencing, clearing vegetation and debris from the work site, replacing stripped topsoil with engineered fill, construct the new siding on the engineered fill, restore areas along slopes, and removing silt fencing when exposed soils are stabilized with vegetation.

NAME, AREA AND TYPES OF WATERS (INCLUDING WETLANDS) SUBJECT TO LOSS: The project as proposed would impact seven wetlands identified as Wetlands F1 (AA), F2 (BB), F3 (BB), F4 (CC), F5 (EE), F6 (DD), F7 (FF). Approximately 1.56 acres of scrub shrub and 0.02 acre of sedge meadow wetlands are proposed to be impacted.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: Alternatives considered were the no-build alternative, which would avoid all wetland impacts, but would not make the proposed new siding feasible, and therefore was not the chosen alternative. Completing the project at a different location was a second alternative considered, but was also not chosen due to several factors such as: location of siding in relation to customer locations, topography and large elevation changes, higher number of impacted residents, greater number of road and stream/wetland crossings, and non-sufficient space for sight distance for safe and efficient train deceleration and acceleration.

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION: As compensation for the lost values and functions of the impacted wetlands, the applicant has proposed to purchase wetland credits from the Foggy Acres Wetland Bank in Chippewa County, Wisconsin.

Drawings: See attached drawings/maps labeled MVP-2014-00916-DJM, Page 1 of 4 through Page 4 of 4.



LEGEND
[Red double line symbol] Approximate Site Boundary



CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY
WETLAND DELINEATION
WEYHERHAEUER, WISCONSIN

SITE LOCATION
(USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAP)

FIGURE 1

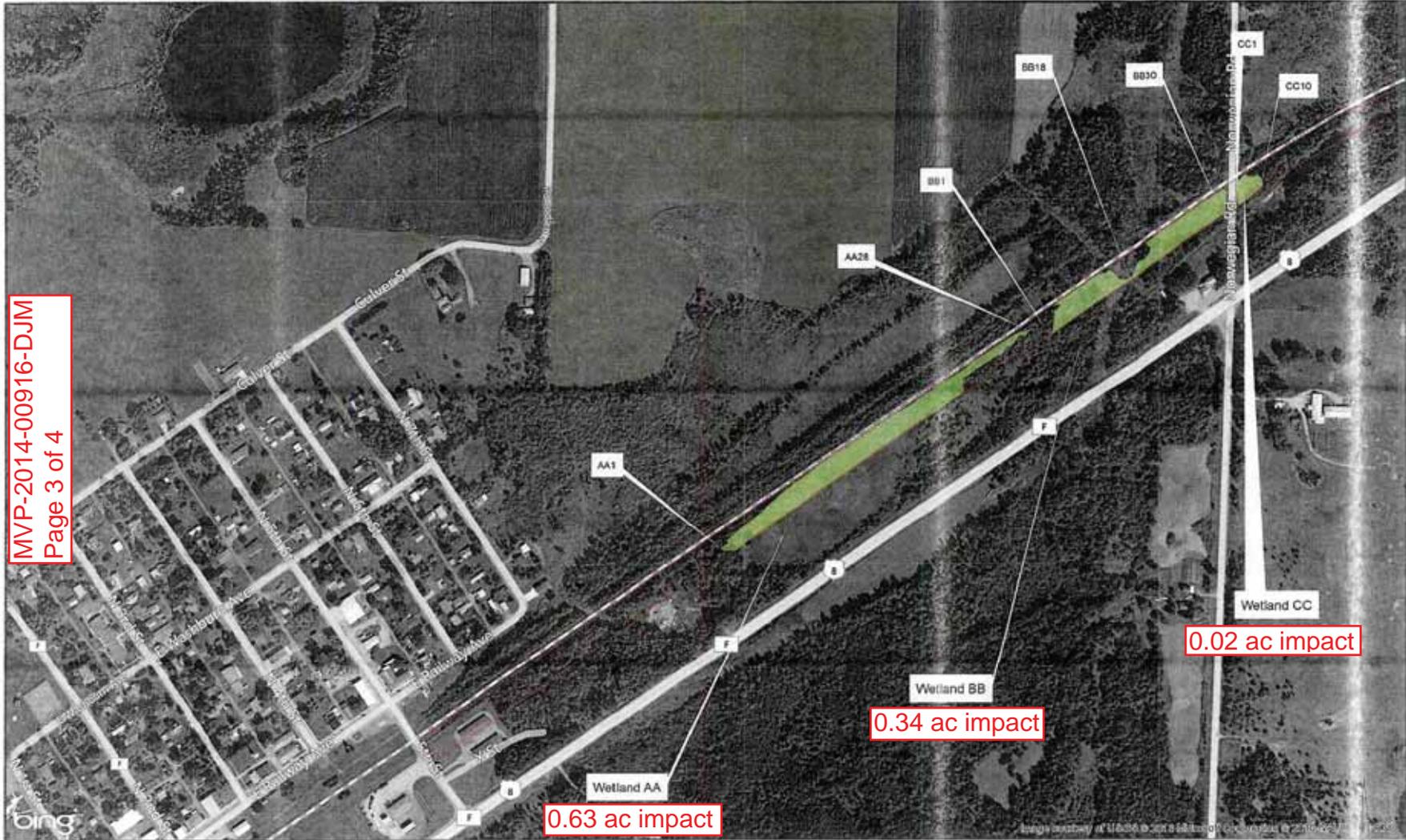


LEGEND

- Approximate Site Boundary
- Flood Zone
- A



CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY WETLAND DELINEATION WEYERHAEUSER, WISCONSIN
FEMA DFIRM FLOODPLAIN MAP
FIGURE 5



LEGEND
Wetland Delineated by Golder
Approximate Site Boundary



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Canadian National Railway Company
Wetland Delineation
Weyerhaeuser, Wisconsin

**WETLAND DIAGRAM
(WEST LIMITS)**

Wetland Code	Area (Acres)	Impact (Acres)
Wetland AA	0.63	0.63
Wetland BB	0.34	0.34
Wetland CC	0.02	0.02

FIGURE 2A



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**WETLAND DIAGRAM
(EAST LIMITS)**

Code	Area (ac)
EE1	0.02
DD1	
DD11	
DD30	
FF1	
FF10	
Total	0.57

FIGURE 2B