



US Army Corps
of Engineers
St Paul District

APPLICANT: Mr. Steve Goodwin

Public Notice

ISSUED: December 19, 2014

EXPIRES: January 21, 2015

REFER TO: 2009-05486-RQM

SECTION:404 - Clean Water Act

1. WETLAND COMPENSATORY MITIGATION BANK PROPOSAL

2. SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

APPLICANT'S ADDRESS: Steve Goodwin
31208 County Road 71
Eagle Bend, Minnesota 56446

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located in SE ¼ Sec. 24, T. 130 N., R. 36 W., Douglas County, Minnesota.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Mr. Goodwin is proposing to develop a 41-acre bank site in Spruce Hill Township in Douglas County Minnesota.

The goals of the proposed work are to: restore approximately 31.3 acres of partially drained wetland, targeting fresh wet meadow (type 2), shallow marsh (type 3), establish native upland buffer on approximately 9.6 acres of the parcel, maximize vegetation diversity and control invasive/exotic species, and provide wildlife habitat.

The bank site would be created through a combination of filling a private ditch, cessation of farming and native plantings. Filling the ditch is proposed to restore the hydrology of that portion of the parcel to pre-ditch conditions by the cessation of drainage affected by the private ditch. This is anticipated to restore the hydrology on a portion of the subject parcel. Native plantings and control of invasive species are anticipated to increase the functions and values of the existing wetlands on the parcel as well as the wetlands which are hydrologically restored. The increase in functions and services is anticipated to be achieved primarily for habitat and species richness functions and services.

The applicant has proposed that approximately 31.29 acres of the parcel be credited at approximately 90% yielding approximately 27.97 acres of credit. This credit yield proposal is based on anticipated increased functions and services and was arrived at with the assistance of the Local Government Unit based upon the number of previous years the parcel has been farmed. The upland buffer is proposed to be planted in native non-invasive plant species and is proposed to be credited at 25%, which is the maximum allowable in the St. Paul District. The proposed 9.6 acre upland buffer would yield 2.4 credits if credited at the proposed 25%.

SURROUNDING LAND USE: Surrounding land use includes agriculture production, vacant land, and wetlands. In addition to the residence adjacent to the site, there is a farmstead about 500 feet north of the north boundary, a farmstead about 1,700 feet west of the west boundary, and a farmstead about 1,000 feet south of the south boundary.

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3. REPLIES/COMMENTS.

Interested parties are invited to submit to this office written facts, arguments, or objections within 30 days of the date of this notice. These statements should bear upon the suitability of the location and the adequacy of the project and should, if appropriate, suggest any changes believed to be desirable. Comments received may be forwarded to the applicant.

Replies may be addressed to Regulatory Branch, St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers, Brainerd Field Office 10867 East Gull Lake Drive NW Brainerd, Minnesota 56401.

Or, IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT, call Rob Maroney at the St. Paul office of the Corps, telephone number (651) 290-5766.

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4. FEDERALLY-LISTED THREATENED OR ENDANGERED WILDLIFE OR PLANTS OR THEIR CRITICAL HABITAT.

None were identified by the applicant or are known to exist in the permit area.

This application is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Any comments it may have concerning Federally-listed threatened or endangered wildlife or plants or their critical habitat will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

5. JURISDICTION.

The construction of the features for wetland restoration proposed at the location stated may require fill in wetlands and, therefore, may be within the regulatory jurisdiction of the Corps of Engineers and may require a Department of the Army permit. This application is being reviewed in accordance with the practices for documenting Corps jurisdiction under 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.

6. HISTORICAL/ARCHAEOLOGICAL.

The cultural resources database was checked and no known historic structures or archeology sites were depicted in or near the project area. In 2010 the project was coordinated with the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Officer and a No Properties Affected determination was made.

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7. PUBLIC HEARING REQUESTS.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, in detail, the reasons for holding a public hearing. A request may be denied if substantive reasons for holding a hearing are not provided or if there is otherwise no valid interest to be served.

Ben Cox
Chief, Northwest Section

Enclosure(s)

United States Department of Agriculture



Soil Map

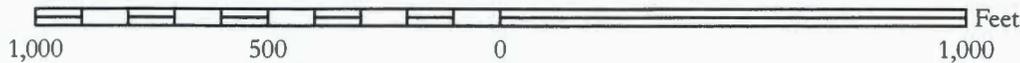
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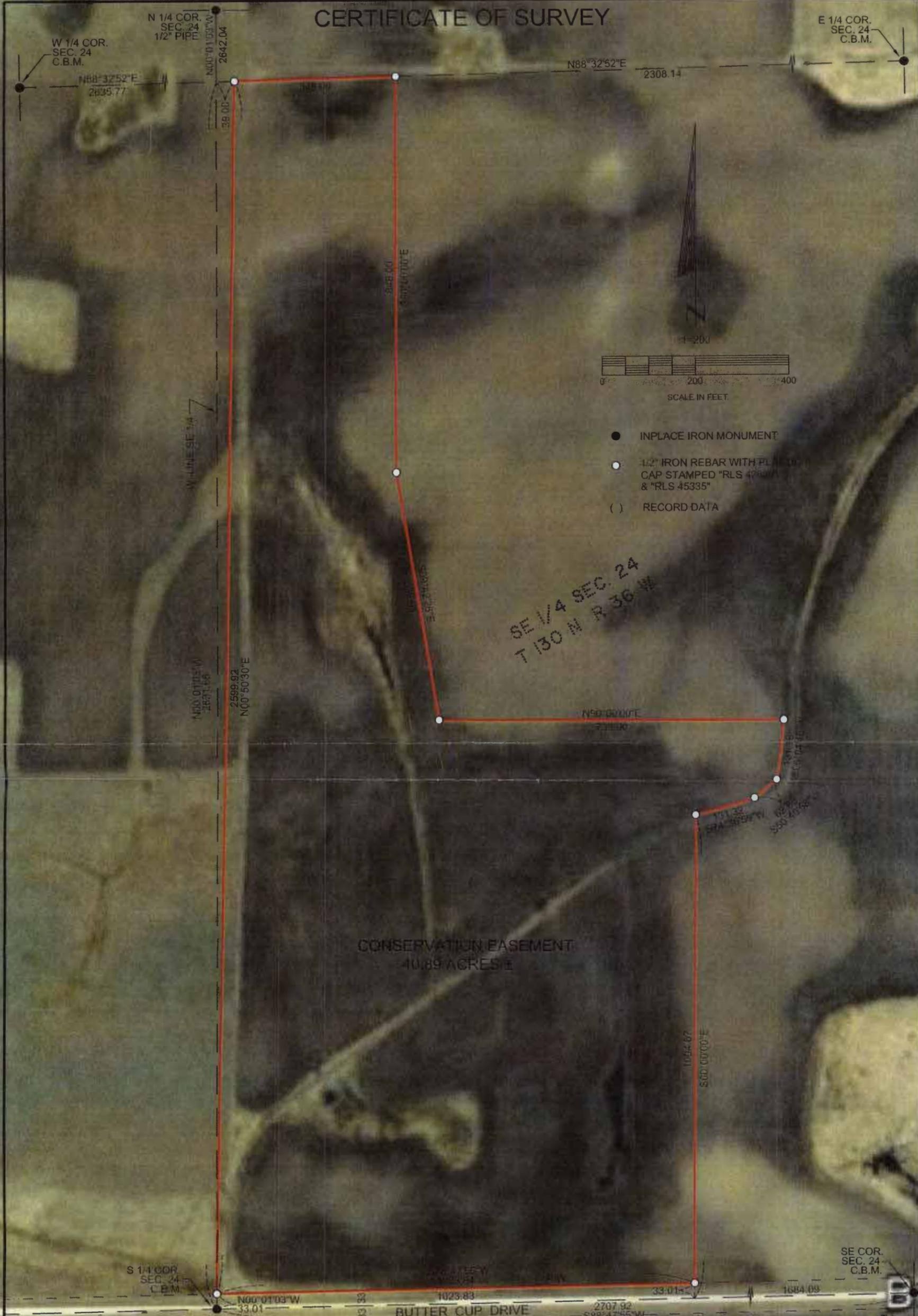


Soils

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CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY



I hereby certify that this survey, plan or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Registered Land Surveyor under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

Brad M. Nyberg
Date May 27th, 2014 License No. 42620

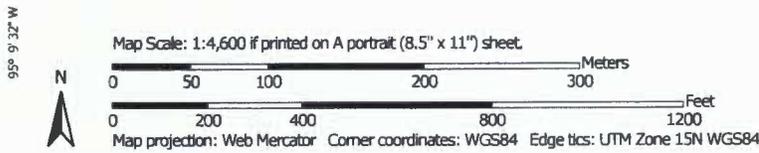
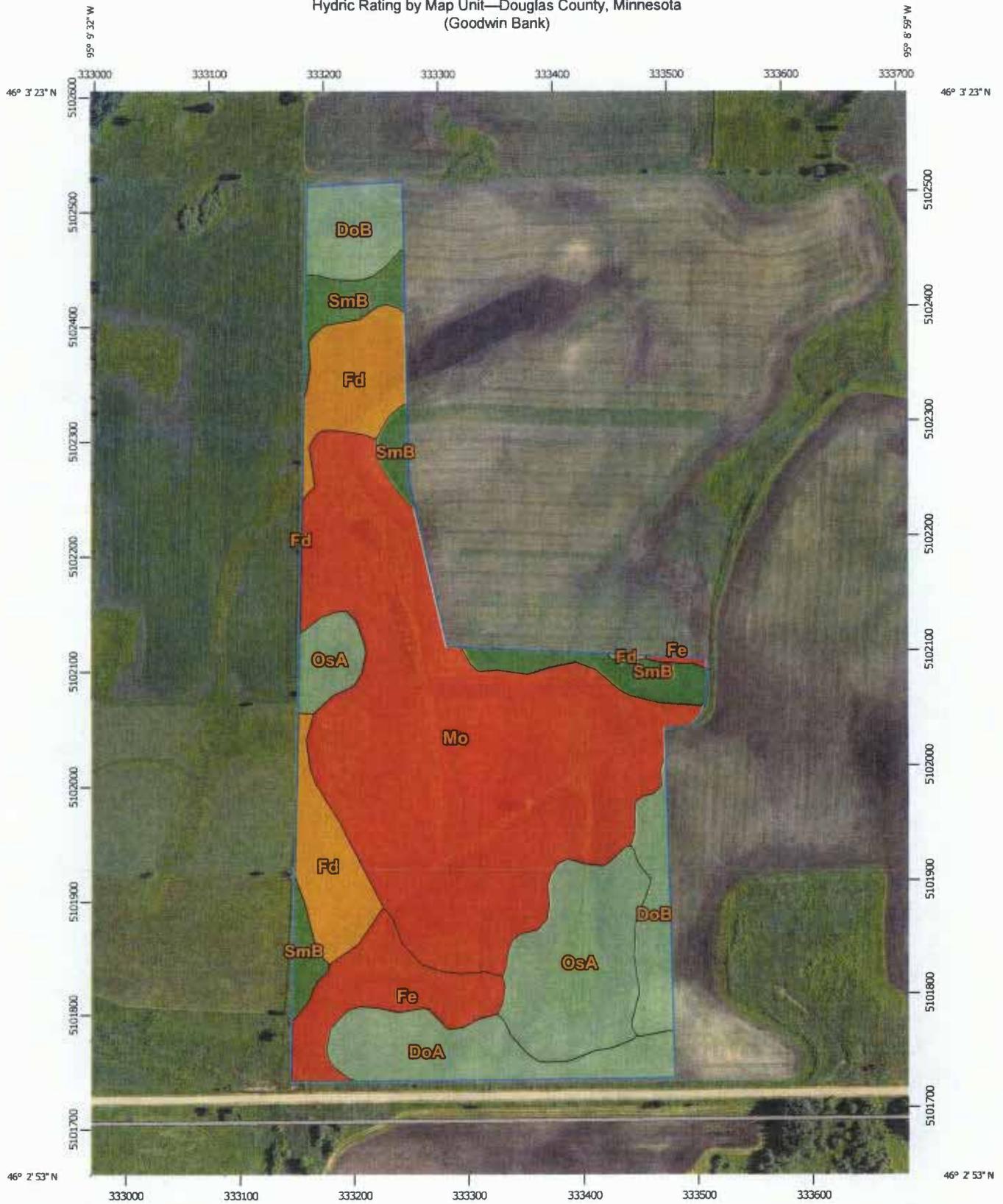
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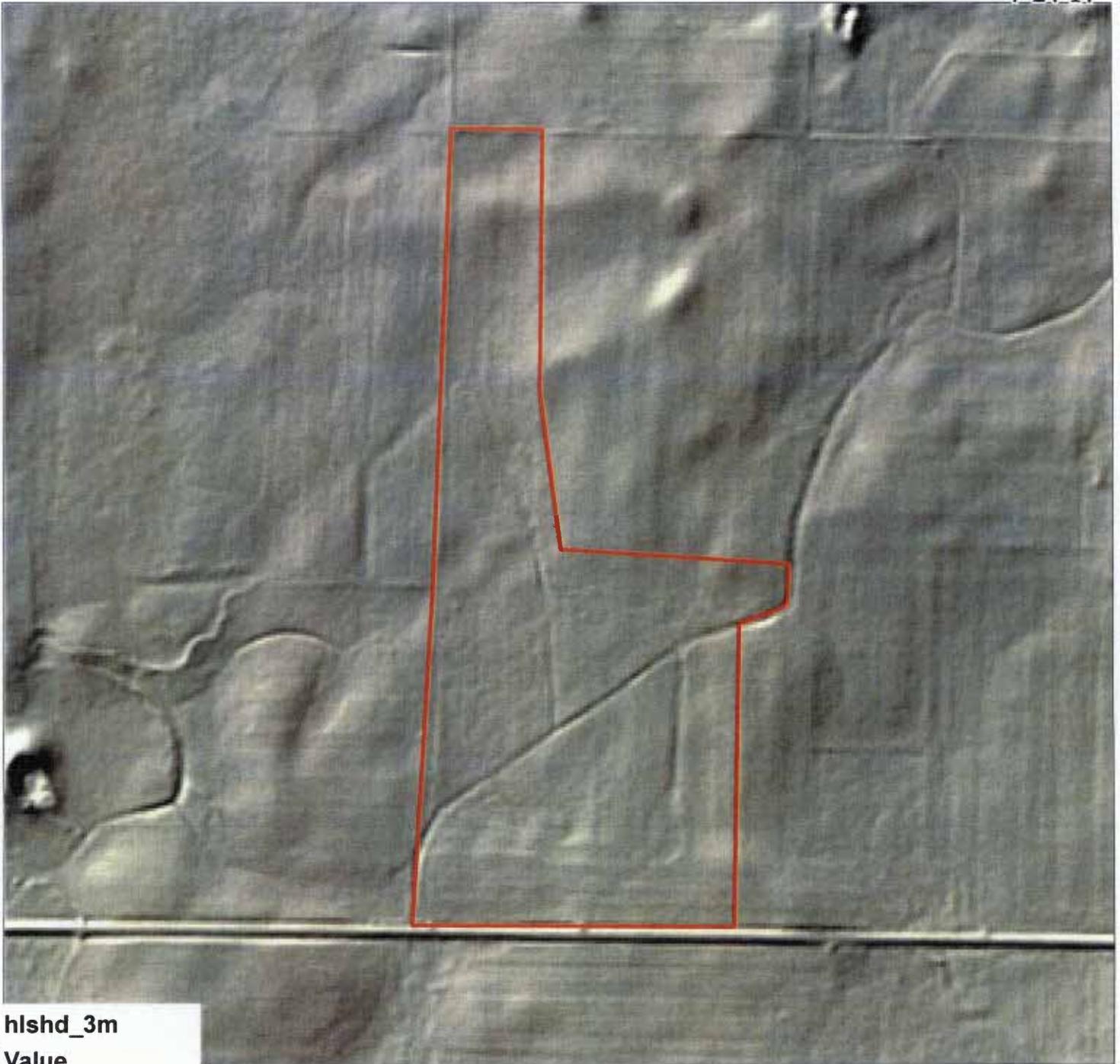


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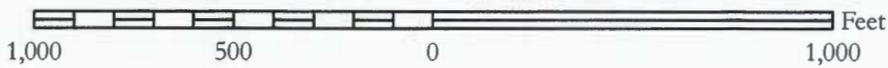
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NWI Polygons

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Credit Summary Table

(Revised 10-2-14)

Credit Sub-Group	Credit Area (Acres)	Percent Allowable	Wetland Type	Wetland Plant Community Type	Action Eligible For Credit (8420.0526)
A	31.29	89.4%	2	Fresh Meadow	Subpart 4
B	9.6	25%	NA	Upland	Subpart 2
Total	40.89 Acres				

Calculated Credit Amount

Credit Subgroup	Credit Area (acres)	Percent Allowable	Calculated Credits (acres)
A	31.29 Acres	89.4%	27.97 Acres
B	9.6 Acres	25%	2.4 Acres
Total	40.89 Acres		30.37 Acres

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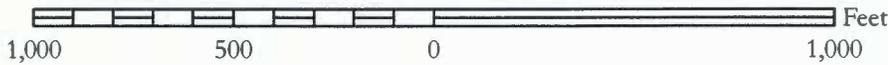
Credit Allocation Map

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