



US Army Corps
of Engineers
St Paul District

SPONSOR: William Frischmon

Public Notice

ISSUED: March 12, 2015

EXPIRES: April 13, 2015

REFER TO: 2015-00635-EJI

SECTION:404 - Clean Water Act

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1. WETLAND COMPENSATORY MITIGATION BANK PROPOSAL
 2. SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

SPONSOR'S ADDRESS: Mr. William Frischmon
3950 Westridge Lane SW
Hoffman, Minnesota 56339

A copy of the prospectus for the proposed mitigation bank can be found by navigating to https://ribits.usace.army.mil/ribits_apex/f?p=107:10:17920376407538::NO::P10_BANK_ID:3417 and selecting "Cyber Repository" and "Prospectus."

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located in Sec. 32, T. 128 N., R. 40 W., Douglas County, Minnesota. The approximate UTM coordinates are N 5081817, E 288026. Latitude 45.85712, Longitude -95.73078.

BANK SERVICE AREA: The proposed bank service area is the Minnesota River Basin in Minnesota (Bank Service Area 9).

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The sponsor is proposing to develop the William Frischmon Wetland Bank. The proposed bank site is approximately 6.3 acres in size, including upland buffer areas.

Current land use, including adjacent properties – The site is currently being used for crop production with the exception of a forested portion of the proposed upland buffer located on the south end of the site. The site is drained by a private ditch that flows through the bottom of the depression from west to east through a culvert under the township road (Westbridge Lane) and into Red Rock Lake. The majority of the site is located on Quam mucky silty clay loam which is a hydric soil.

Modifications proposed to restore, establish, enhance and/or preserve wetlands on the bank site – The proposed restoration will consist of either building an earthen dike near the east end of the ditch or using the township road as the embankment by installing a riser structure on the existing culvert.

Site preparation for seeding will consist of treating a small area of reed canary grass located within the existing ditch through multiple applications of herbicide and mechanical tillage before the site is seeded to the approved upland and wetland seed mixes.

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Long-term management of the site: A monitoring plan will be developed and completed by a consulting firm. Annual monitoring will be completed during the growing season to evaluate the restoration of the sites vegetation and hydrology. By state law, long-term management of the property would be the responsibility of the landowner and the sponsor until all released credits have been debited. After all credits are debited, long-term management obligations would fall to the landowner under state law. Additional protections and management limitations would be spelled out in both a conservation easement and in an approved bank plan.

The project would restore approximately 4.18 acres of wetlands with an additional 2.16 acres of restored upland buffer.

SURROUNDING LAND USE: Surrounding land use includes cropland and residential development along the shore of Red Rock Lake located directly to the east. A township road borders the north and east sides of the site. There is also a small amount of forest and an existing homestead on the south end of the site.

COORDINATION WITH RESOURCE AGENCIES: The project sponsor has initially coordinated with the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources and the Douglas County Soil and Water Conservation District. Coordination with additional resource agencies and the Interagency Review Team (IRT) is anticipated in response to this Public Notice.

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. A copy of the full prospectus submitted by the Sponsor is available to the public for review upon request.

Replies may be addressed to Regulatory Branch, St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers, 180 Fifth Street East, Suite 700, Saint Paul, MN 55101-1678.

Or, IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT, call Evan Ingebrigtsen at the Brainerd office of the Corps, telephone number 651-290-5765.

To receive Public Notices by e-mail, go to: http://mvp-extstp/list_server/ and add your information in the New Registration Box.

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

None were identified by the bank sponsor or are known to exist in the action area. However, Douglas County is within the known historic range for the following Federally-listed species:

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Northern Long-Eared Bat Hibernates in caves and mines – swarming in surrounding wooded areas in autumn. Roosts and forages in upland forests during spring and summer.

Dakota Skipper Native prairie habitat.

Poweshiek Skipperling Native prairie habitat.

This notice 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.

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 any 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. Because this project is a mitigation bank, any required compensatory mitigation would be accounted for in the credit yield calculations. Any regulated discharges associated with implementation of a final approved bank plan could likely be authorized by regional general permit if the bank plan is approved before any regulated discharge occurs. Any approved jurisdictional determination needed will be made prior to reaching a decision, and will be posted on the St. Paul District web page at <http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>.

6. HISTORICAL/ARCHAEOLOGICAL.

The Corps will review information on known cultural resources and/or historic properties within and adjacent to the project area. The Corps will also consider the potential effects of the project on any properties that have yet to be identified. The results of this review and the Corps' determination of effect will be coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Officer independent of this public notice. Any adverse effects on historic properties will be resolved prior to the Corps authorization, or approval, of the work in connection with this project.

The latest version of the National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and no listed properties (known to be eligible for inclusion, or included in the Register) are located in the project area.

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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.

Benjamin R. Cox
Chief, Northwest Section

Enclosure(s)

Douglas County, MN - Map

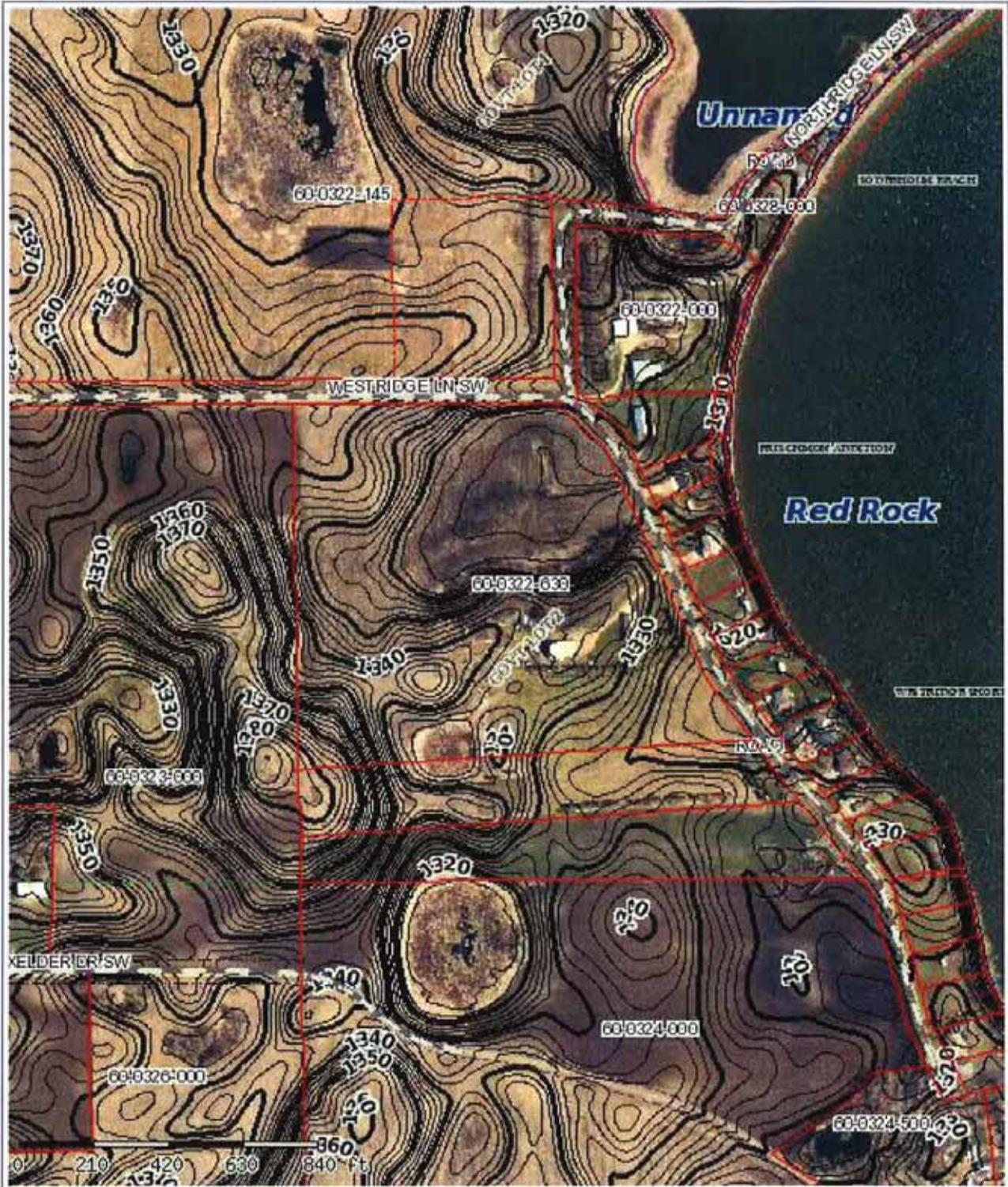


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Douglas County, MN - Map



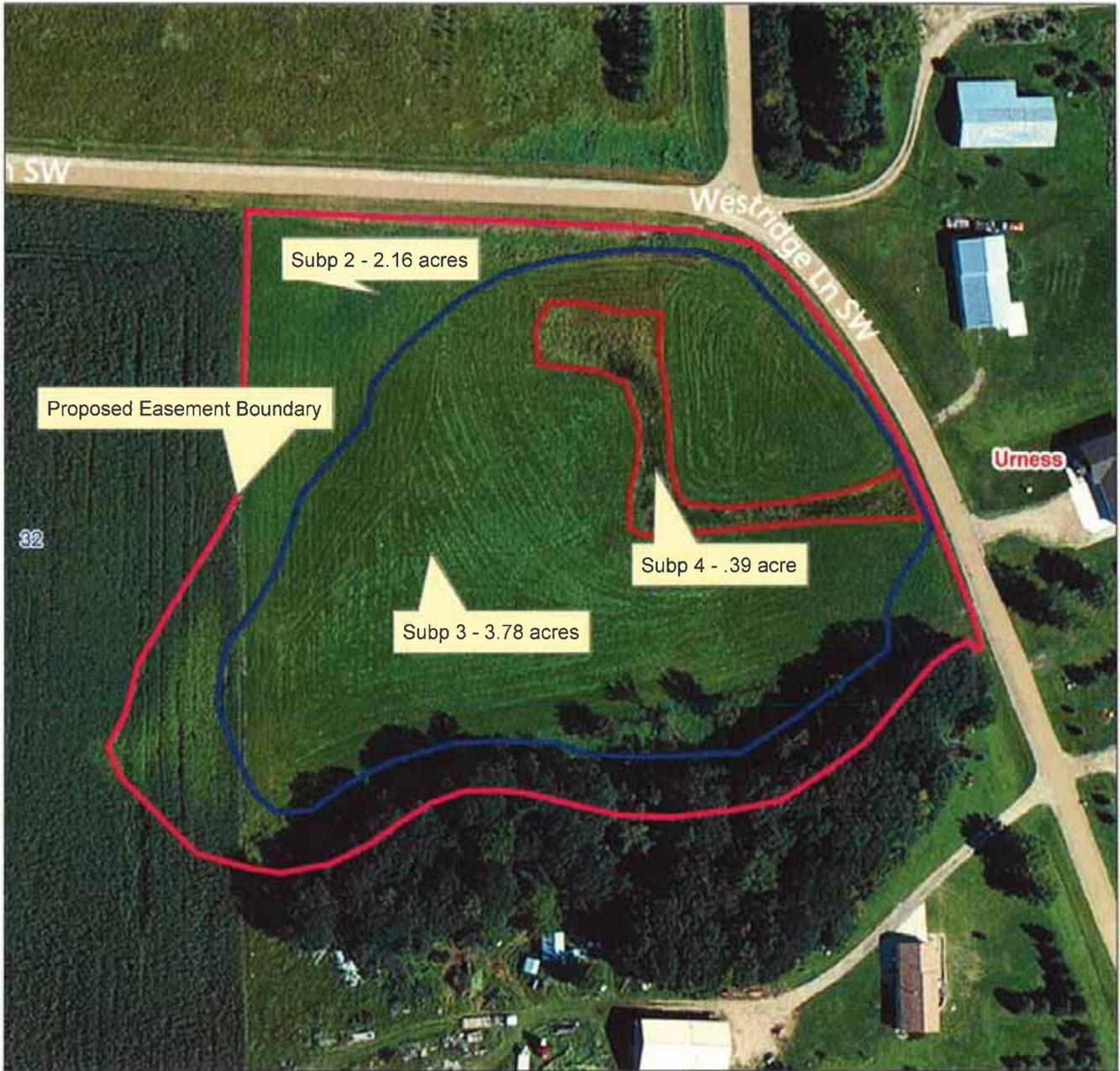
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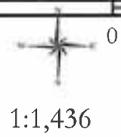


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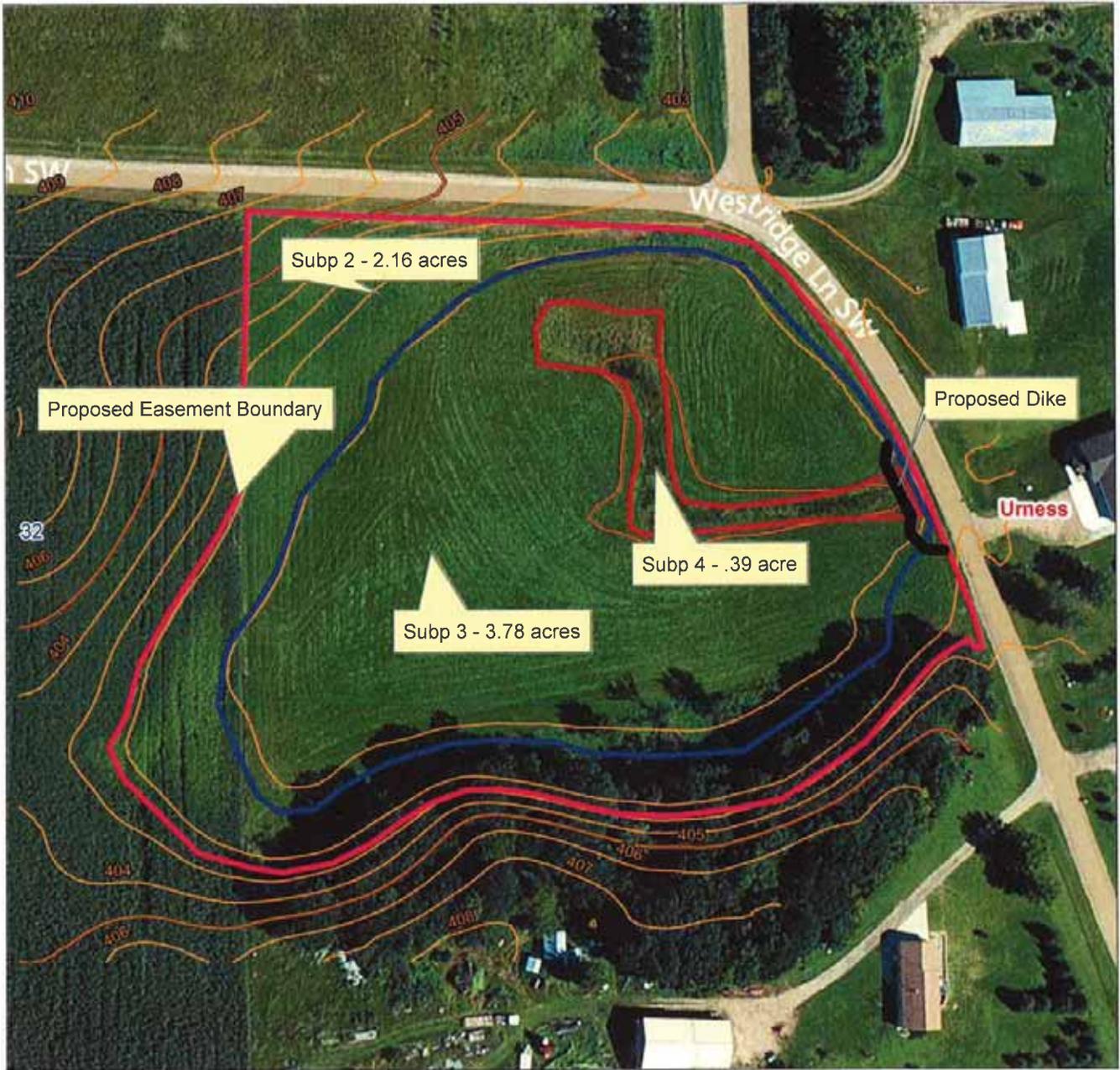
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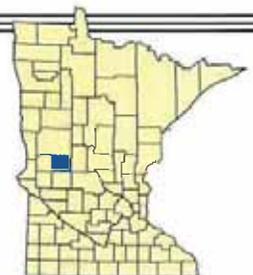


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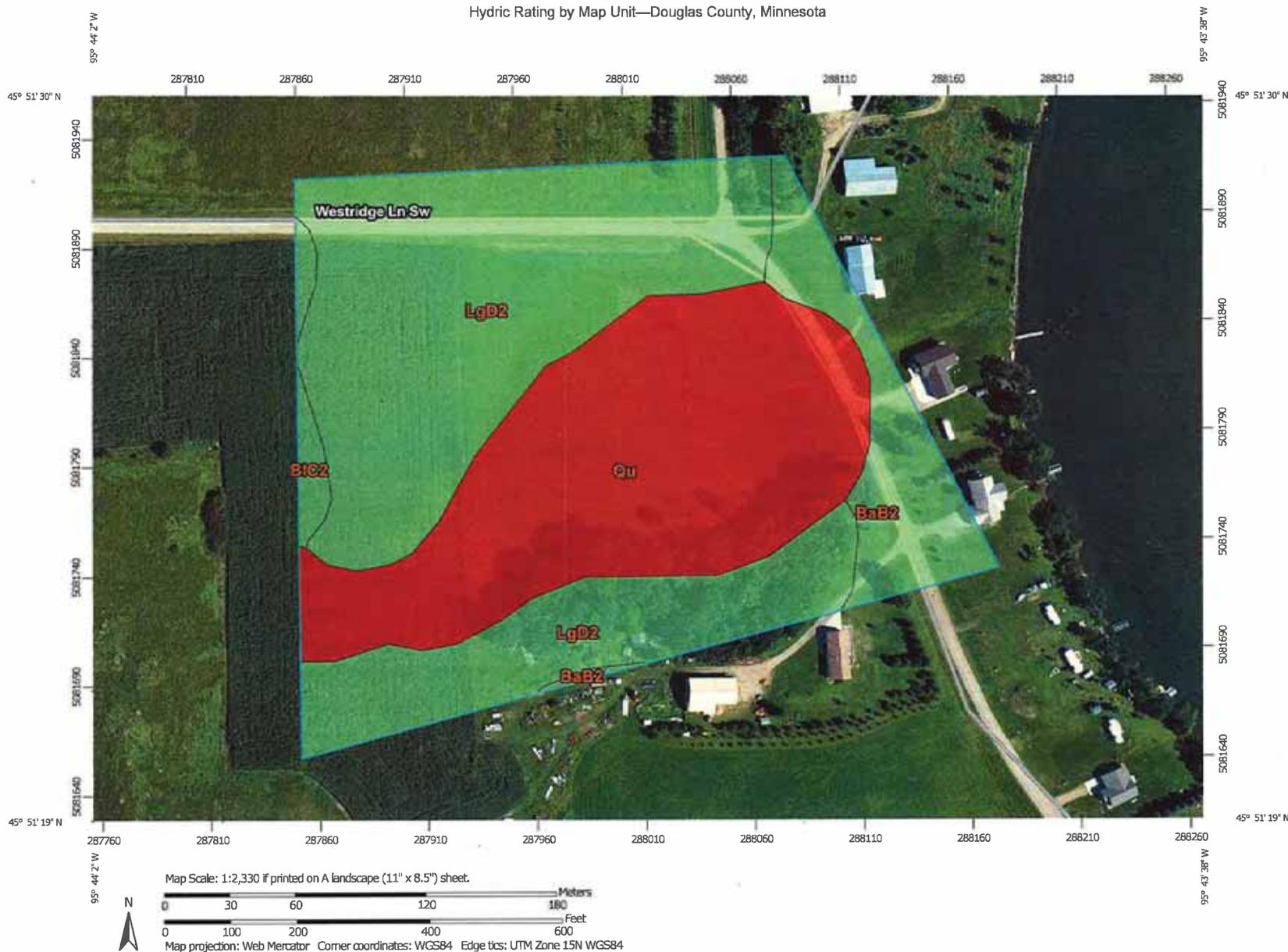
Soil Map—Douglas County, Minnesota



Map Unit Legend

Douglas County, Minnesota (MN041)			
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LgD2	Langhei-Barnes loams, 12 to 18 percent slopes, eroded	8.2	51.5%
Qu	Quam mucky silty clay loam	5.9	36.8%
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Hydric Rating by Map Unit—Douglas County, Minnesota



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