



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
St Paul District

SPONSOR: Stanley Antolick

Public Notice

ISSUED: March 17, 2016

EXPIRES: April 17, 2016

REFER TO: 2015-01201-LMG

SECTION:404 - Clean Water Act

1. WETLAND COMPENSATORY MITIGATION BANK PROPOSAL

2. SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

SPONSOR'S ADDRESS: Mr. Stanley Antolick
470 Highway 12 SW
Benson, Minnesota 56215

SPONSOR'S AGENT Mr. Wes Boll
Wenck Associates
1800 Pioneer Creek Center
Maple Plain, Minnesota 55359

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located in Section 2, Township 121N, Range 40W, Swift County, Minnesota. The approximate UTM coordinates are N 5021345.92, E 291677.61. Latitude 45.31469, Longitude -95.65777.

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

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The sponsor is proposing to develop the Antolick Wetland Bank. The proposed bank site is approximately 63 acres in size, including upland buffer areas.

Current land use, including adjacent properties – Presently the 63-acre site is completely or partially drained by a series of private ditches. The site was in row crop production from the 1930s until 1997 at which time it was enrolled in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) until 2007 when row crop production resumed. MVP-2015-01201-LMG Page 3 of 9 shows the location and extent of the existing ditch system. MVP-2015-01201-LMG Page 5 of 9 shows the approximate boundaries of the completely and partially drained wetland areas.

Modifications proposed to restore, establish, enhance and/or preserve wetlands on the bank site - The sponsor proposes to restore by re-establishment 32 acres of wet meadow/wet prairie and shallow marsh type wetlands and 31 acres of upland buffer. MVP-2015-01201-LMG Page 7 of 9 shows the proposed plant communities.

Hydrology will be restored to the wetland areas by constructing earthen ditch blocks. Suitable material found on site will be used to construct the ditch blocks. MVP-2015-01201-LMG Page 8 of 9 through Page 9 of 9 detail the proposed construction plan.

Prior to seeding, a suitable seedbed will be prepared and herbicides will be applied to remove undesirable invasive species. Vegetation management is anticipated to consist of mowing, controlled burns and herbicide application. An adaptive management approach will be implemented during the establishment of native vegetation on site.

Long-term management of the site: The established bank site would be managed by the sponsor or their successors in property ownership. The site would be adaptively managed for development of herbaceous and emergent communities dominated by native species common to the bank area. Credit sales would be tracked by the sponsor and reported to the state as required by state law. The reported credit releases and sales would be tracked on both Corps and state databases using ledger data supplied by the state. 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 32 acres of wetlands with an additional 31 acres of restored upland buffer.

SURROUNDING LAND USE: The proposed bank site is east of the Benson Waterfowl Production Area. The remaining surrounding land use is agricultural.

COORDINATION WITH RESOURCE AGENCIES: This project has been coordinated with the following members of the Interagency Review Team (IRT) and other resource agencies U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, Swift County, and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

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 LeeAnn Glomski at the St. Paul office of the Corps, telephone number 651-290-5324.

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, Swift County is within the known historic range for the following Federally-listed species:

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.
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Dakota Skipper	Native prairie habitat.
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Poweshiek Skipperling	Native prairie habitat.
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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.

The aquatic resources, if any, within the boundaries of the proposed mitigation bank are being reviewed in accordance with current practices for documenting Corps jurisdiction under Section(s) 9 & 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

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 required compensatory mitigation would be accounted for in the credit yield calculations because this is a mitigation bank project.

6. HISTORICAL/ARCHAEOLOGICAL.

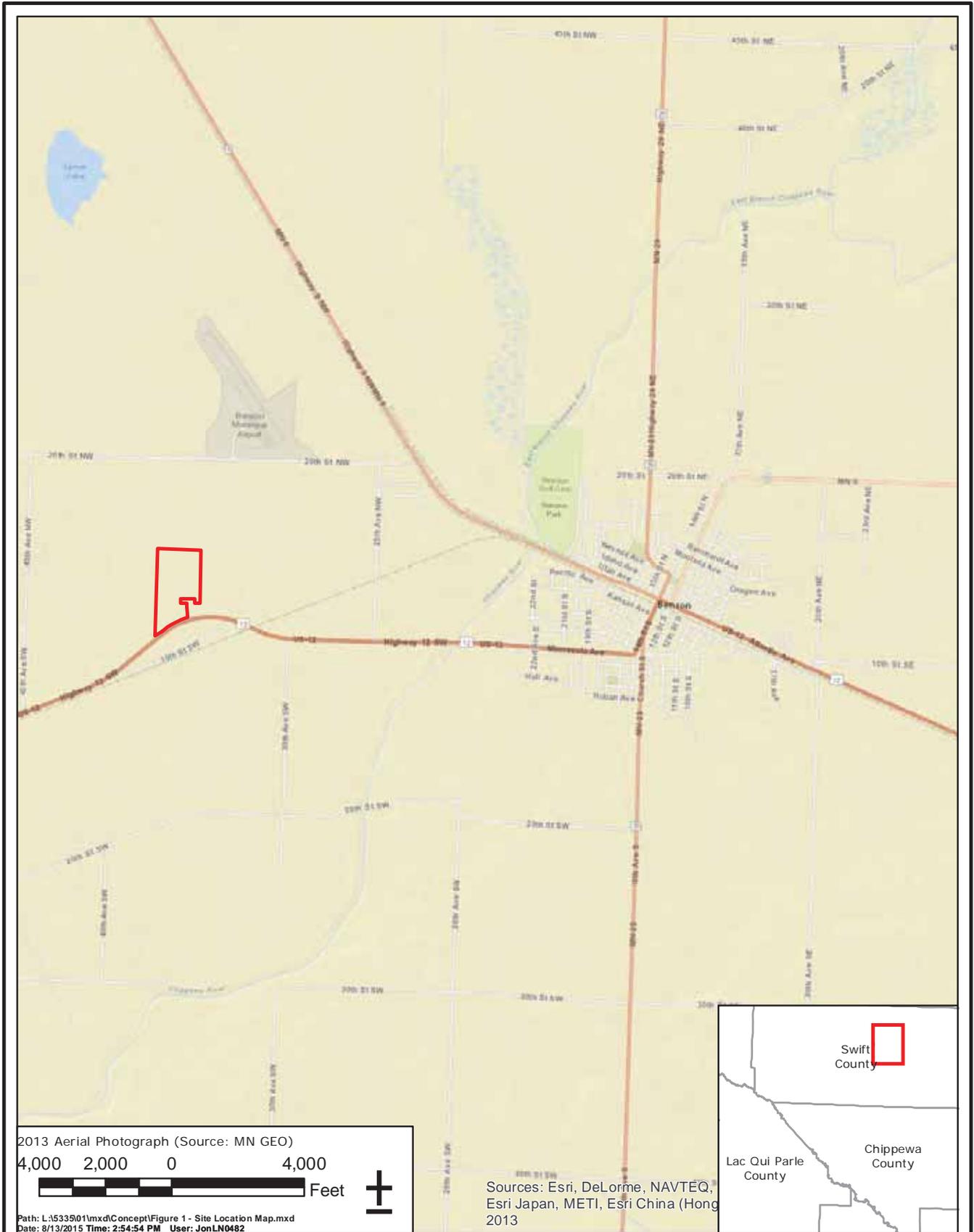
The Corps will review information on known cultural resources and/or historic properties within and adjacent to the project area. The Corps will also consider the potential effects of the project on any properties that have yet to be identified. The results of this review and the Corps' determination 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.

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.

Stacey M. Jensen
Acting Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosures



ANTOLICK WETLAND BANK

Site Location Map



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Figure 1



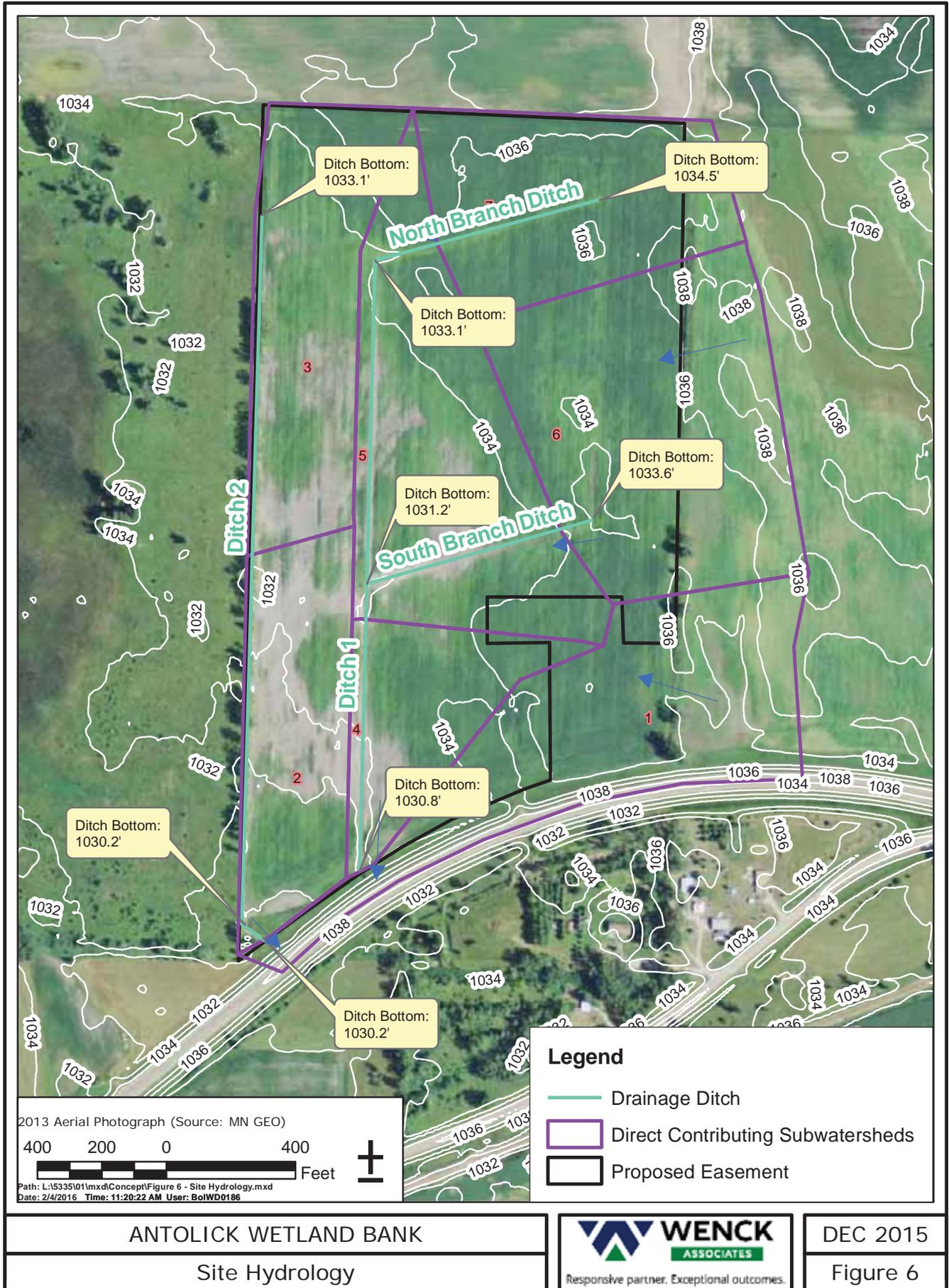
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Site Topography



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Figure 4



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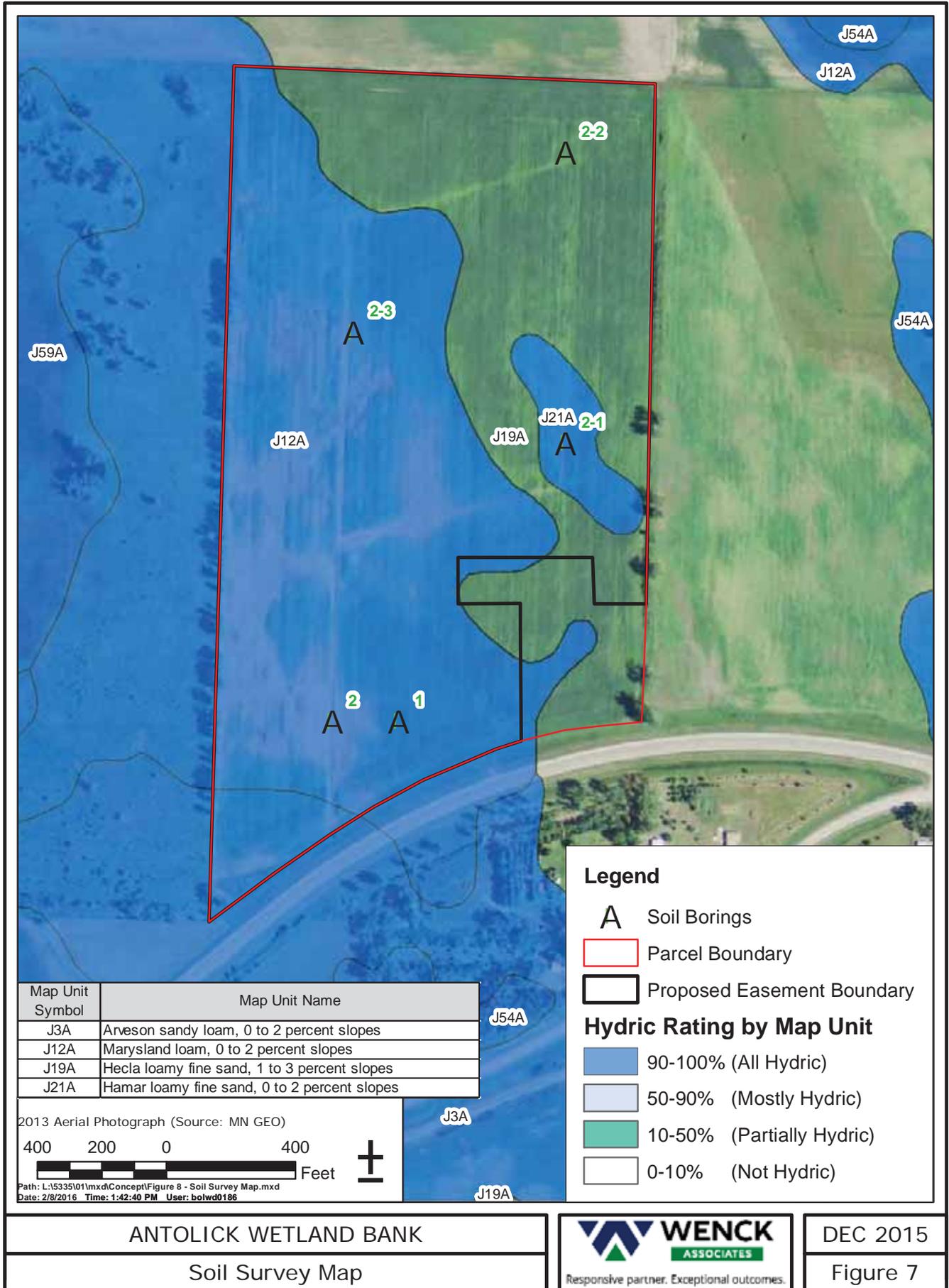
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- Drainage Ditch
- Direct Contributing Subwatersheds
- Proposed Easement

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 Site Hydrology



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 Figure 6



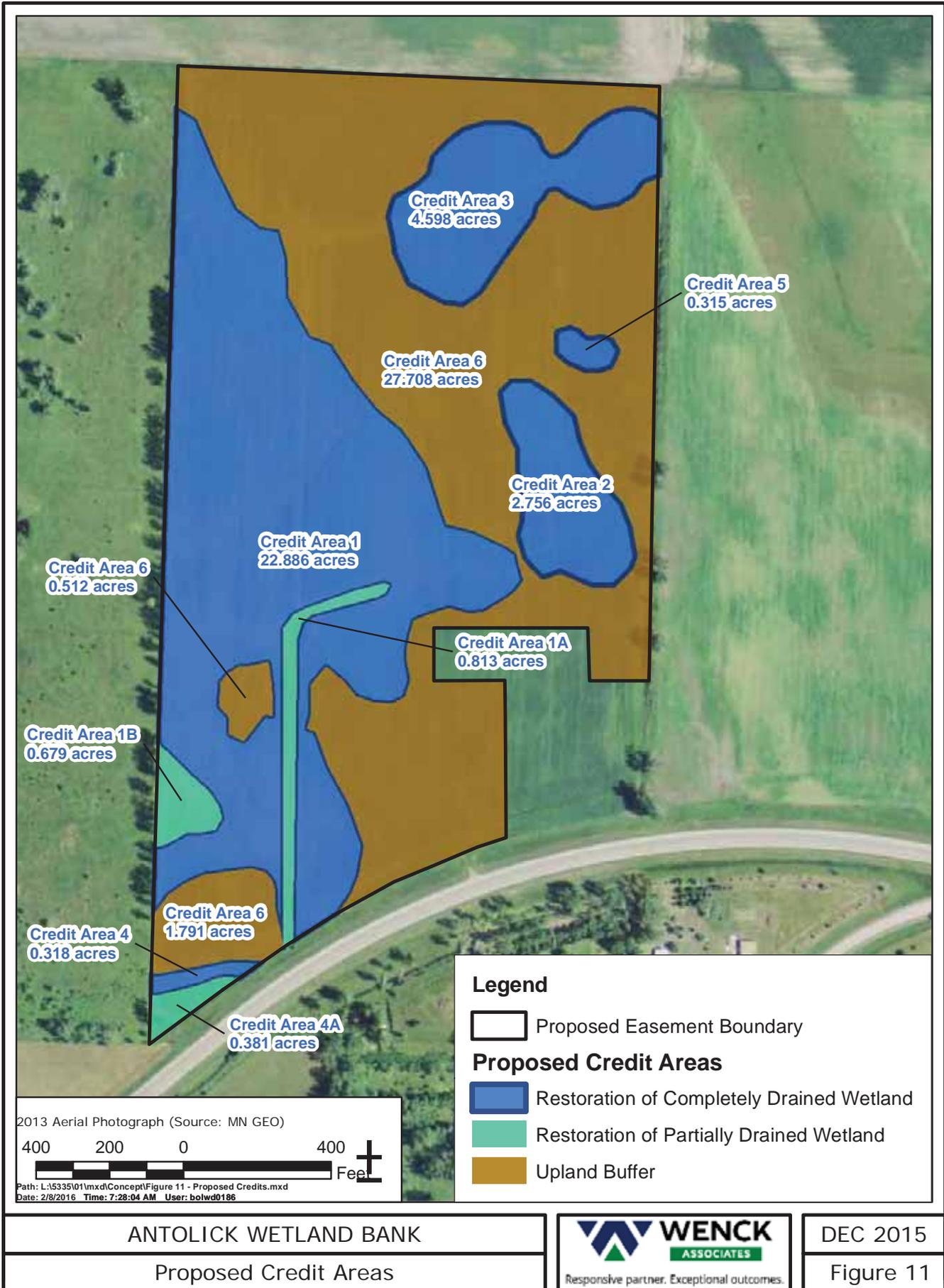
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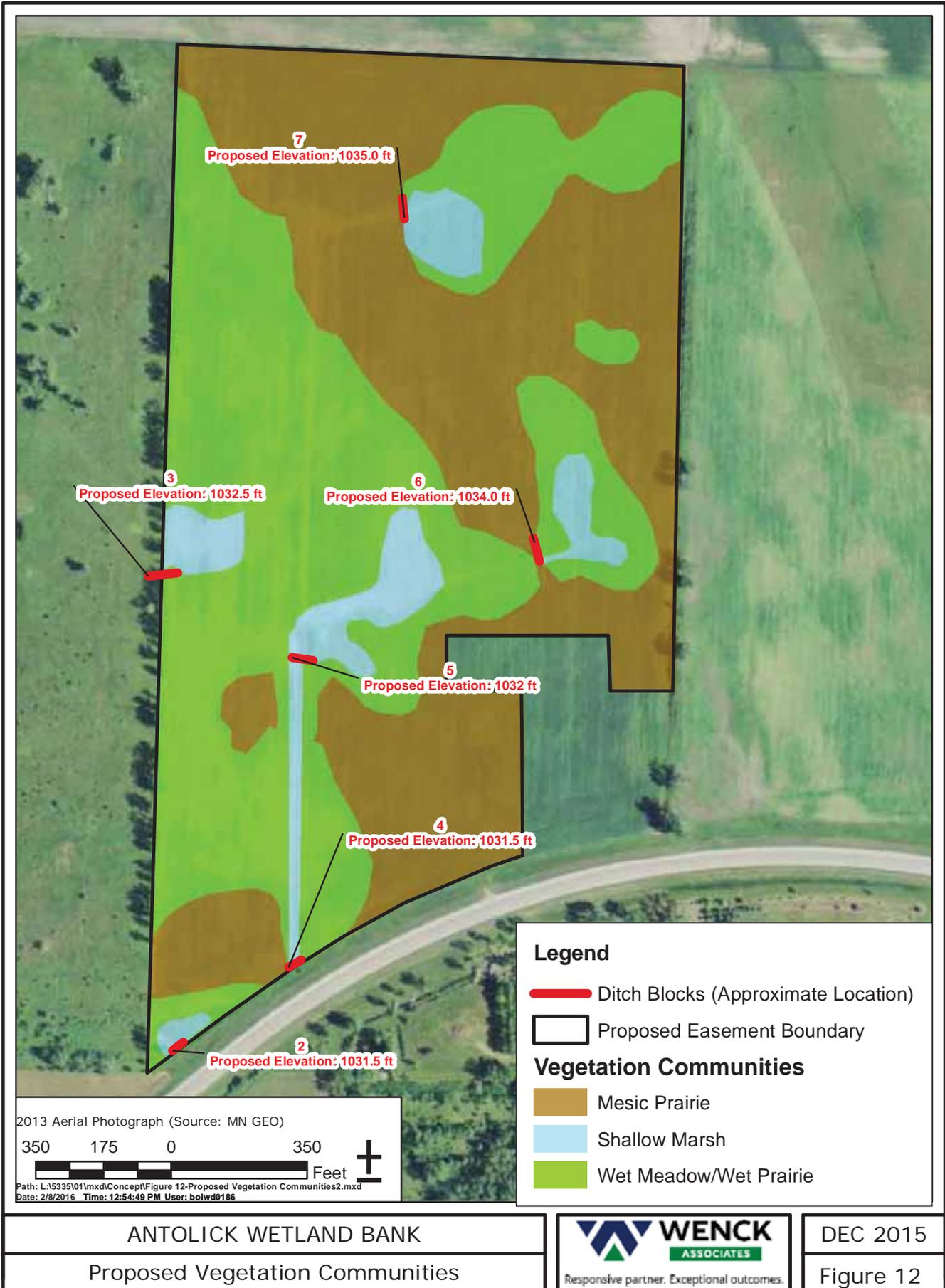
Soil Survey Map

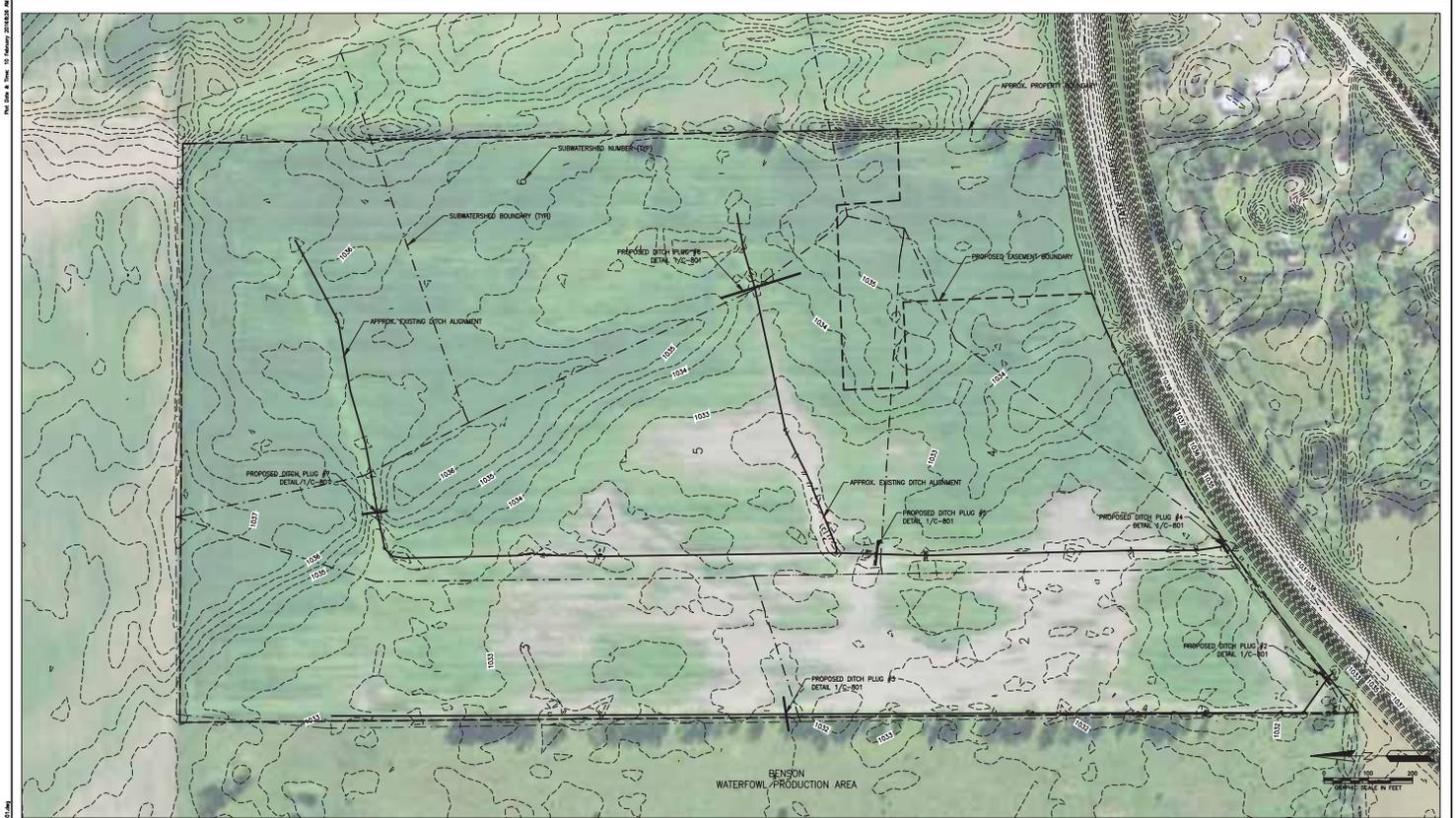


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