

## Information for File #2013-01573-CLJ

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**Sec/Township/Range:** NW 1/4 Sec. 11 T. 70N., R. 24W.

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**Authorization Type:** CWA 404 LOP-05-MN (B);

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. The jurisdictional review determines the scope of the projects regulated impacts and compensatory mitigation requirements.

**PROJECT PURPOSE & NEED:** The purpose of the project is to construct a recyclable materials storage area as part of a recycling facility.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant is proposing to develop a recycling facility to store and sort recyclable materials. The proposed site contains several existing buildings surrounded by a bituminous surface. The storage area would be located east of the existing infrastructure and would include constructing an access road from existing infrastructure to the storage area. The base of the 238-foot long access road would be 30 feet wide which would include an 18 foot driving surface with 6 foot side slopes on each side of the road. The 1.83 acre storage area would be cleared and grubbed to allow for the placement and storage of recyclable material. Both the access road and storage area would be filled with a clay base and capped with Class 5 aggregate material. This fill material would be purchased from a local contractor. The applicant intends to locate the storage area in an area which is secluded enough to maintain the community's visual aesthetics.

**NAME, AREA AND TYPES OF WATERS (INCLUDING WETLANDS) SUBJECT TO LOSS:** Approximately 2.00 acres of wetland would be impacted by the proposal which include 0.17 acres of wetland for the access road and 1.83 acres of wetland for the storage area. Of the 2.00 acres of wetland impact, the proposal will impact 0.90 acres of shrub carr (Type 6) wetland and 1.10 acres of wooded swamp (Type 7) wetland.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:** The no-build alternative would avoid all impacts; however, the no-build alternative was dismissed because it would not meet the overall project purpose of providing a recyclable materials storage area as part of a recycling facility. The applicant assessed constructing a recycling facility on another parcel of land owned by the applicant. While the parcel is large enough for the facility, the alternative site was dismissed as the parcel is currently vacant with no existing

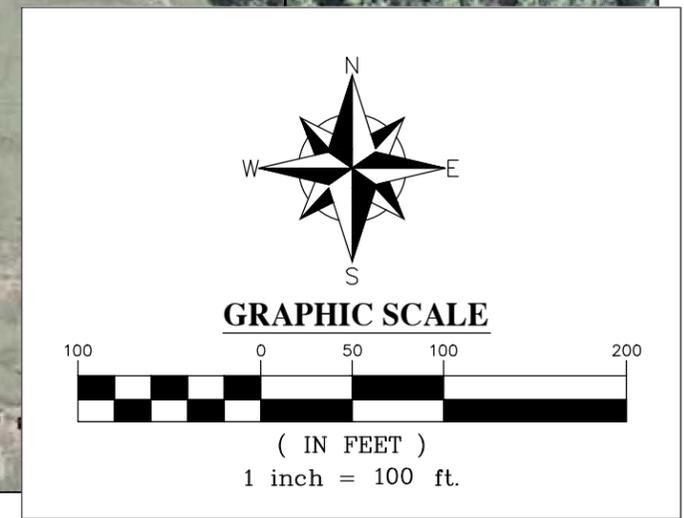
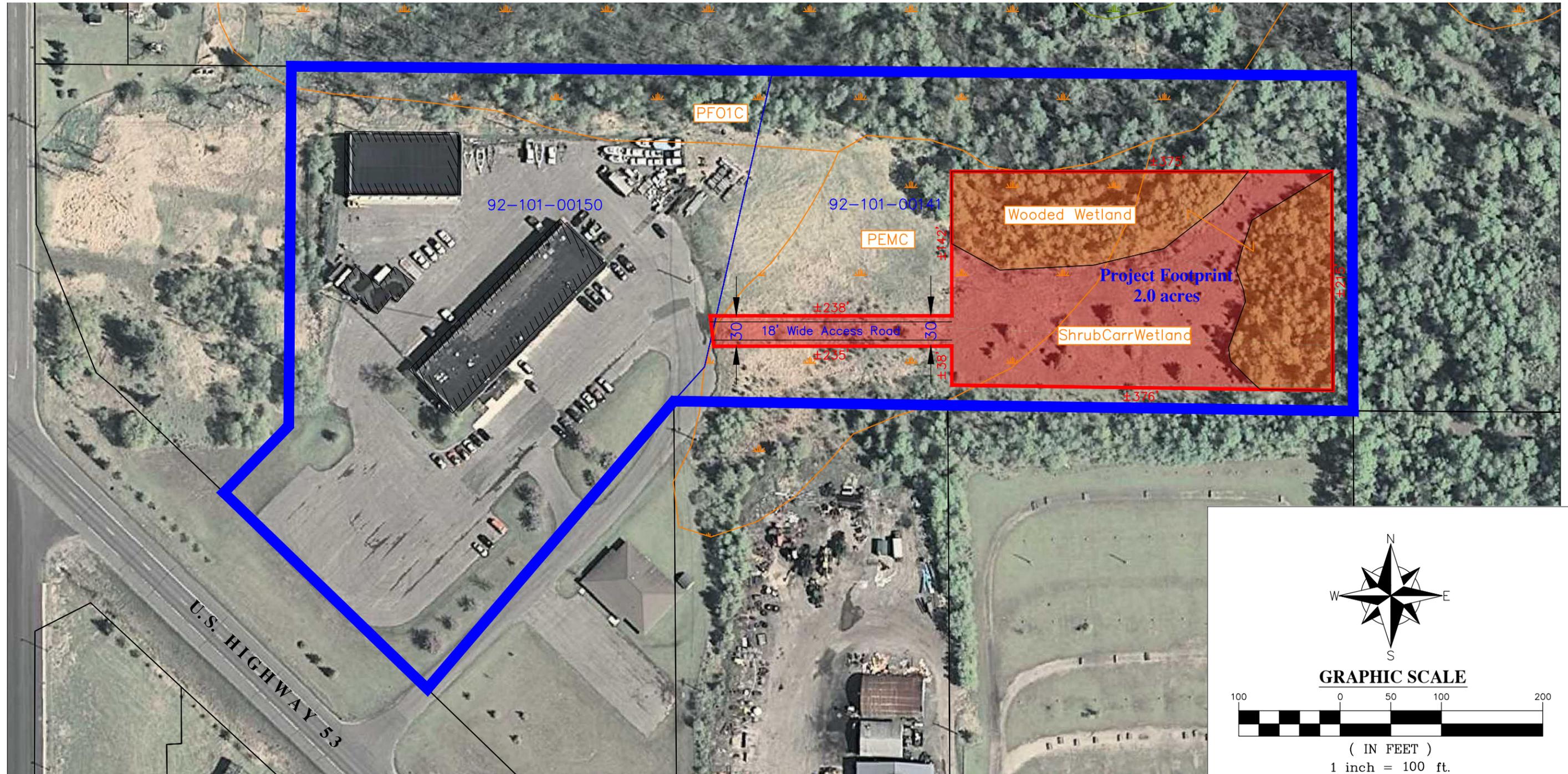
infrastructure. In addition, the parcel is predominantly wetland and constructing new all required infrastructure would impacts substantially more wetland that applicant's preferred alternative.

The applicant also indicated that the storage facility cannot be located closer to the existing infrastructure due to a City of International Falls ordinance which prohibits any sort of blight (Section 10-51 of the City's Ordinances). Thus, the applicant is required to setback the storage area away from the roadway, existing businesses, or residences.

**COMPENSATORY MITIGATION:** The applicant has proposed to provide compensatory mitigation through the purchase of 2.00 acres (1:1) of wetland credits from the Corps approved International Falls White Cedar Preservation Bank #1525.

**Drawings**        See attached drawing 2013-02044-CLJ 1 of 1

# PROPOSED LOCATION SKETCH



CLIENT:  
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## Proposed Location Sketch

EXHIBIT B



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I hereby certify that this survey, plan or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly licensed land surveyor under the laws of the state of Minnesota.

Dated this 13 day of June, 2013

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APPROVED BY: DES JOB NUMBER: 13-015

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