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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sponsor:
Tracy Halstensgard
Roseau River Watershed District

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St. Paul District
Permit Application No. 2023-00830-EJI

WETLAND COMPENSATORY MITIGATION BANK PROPOSAL:

Compensatory mitigation banks are one of three types of compensatory mitigation where the aquatic resources on a site are restored, established, enhanced, and/or preserved for the purpose of offsetting unavoidable adverse impacts authorized by Department of the Army permits. Once the Corps approves a mitigation bank and the site achieves certain milestones and performance standards, the sponsor receives credits, which they sell to permittees with projects in a designated geographic service area who are seeking Department of the Army permits. The sponsor is requesting Corps review of a proposed compensatory mitigation bank under [33 CFR 332.8](#) and district guidelines for mitigation. As part of this review process, the sponsor has submitted a complete prospectus. Interested parties can find a copy of the full prospectus on the [RIBITS](#) website or by emailing evan.j.ingebrigtsen@usace.army.mil

SUMMARY OF PROSPECTUS:

The sponsor is proposing to develop the Spruce Vally 35 Wetland Bank by disabling onsite drainage infrastructure and restoring wetland hydrology and native vegetation. The proposed bank site is approximately 103 acres in size, including upland buffer areas.

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LOCATION: The project area is located on the north side of 340th Street, 0.5 miles west of the intersection of 440th Ave and 340th Street in 35 Section, 163 Township, 39 Range; at Latitude 48.894976 and Longitude -95.647326; in Spruce Valley Unorganized Township, Roseau County, MN.

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 (EPA), Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

CULTURAL RESOURCES:

The Corps is evaluating the undertaking for effects to historic properties as required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This public notice serves to inform the public of the proposed undertaking and invites comments including those from local, State, and Federal government Agencies with respect to historic resources. Our final determination relative to historic resource impacts may be subject to additional coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer, federally recognized tribes and other interested parties.

No historic properties (i.e., properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places) are present within the Corps' permit area; therefore, there will be no historic properties affected. The Corps subsequently requests concurrence from the SHPO and/or THPO.

The District Engineer's final eligibility and effect determination will be based upon coordination with the SHPO, as appropriate and required, and with full consideration given to the proposed undertaking's potential direct and indirect effects on historic properties within the Corps-identified permit area.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Corps has performed an initial review of the prospectus and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) to determine if any threatened, endangered, proposed, or candidate species, as well as the proposed and final designated critical habitat may occur within the boundary of the proposed project. Based on this initial review, the Corps has made a preliminary determination that the proposed project will not affect any listed species or critical habitat.

Pursuant to Section 7 ESA, any required consultation with the Service(s) will be conducted in accordance with 50 CFR part 402.

This notice serves as request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species or critical habitat may be present in the area which would be affected by the proposed activity.

COMMENTS: The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other Interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be forwarded to the sponsor and considered during the Corps' evaluation.

The St. Paul District will receive written comments on the proposed work, as outlined above, until August 14, 2025. Comments should be submitted electronically via the

Regulatory Request System (RRS) at <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs> or by email to evan.j.ingebrigtsen@usace.army.mil. Please refer to the permit application number in your comments.

If electronic submittal is not available, you may submit comments in writing to:

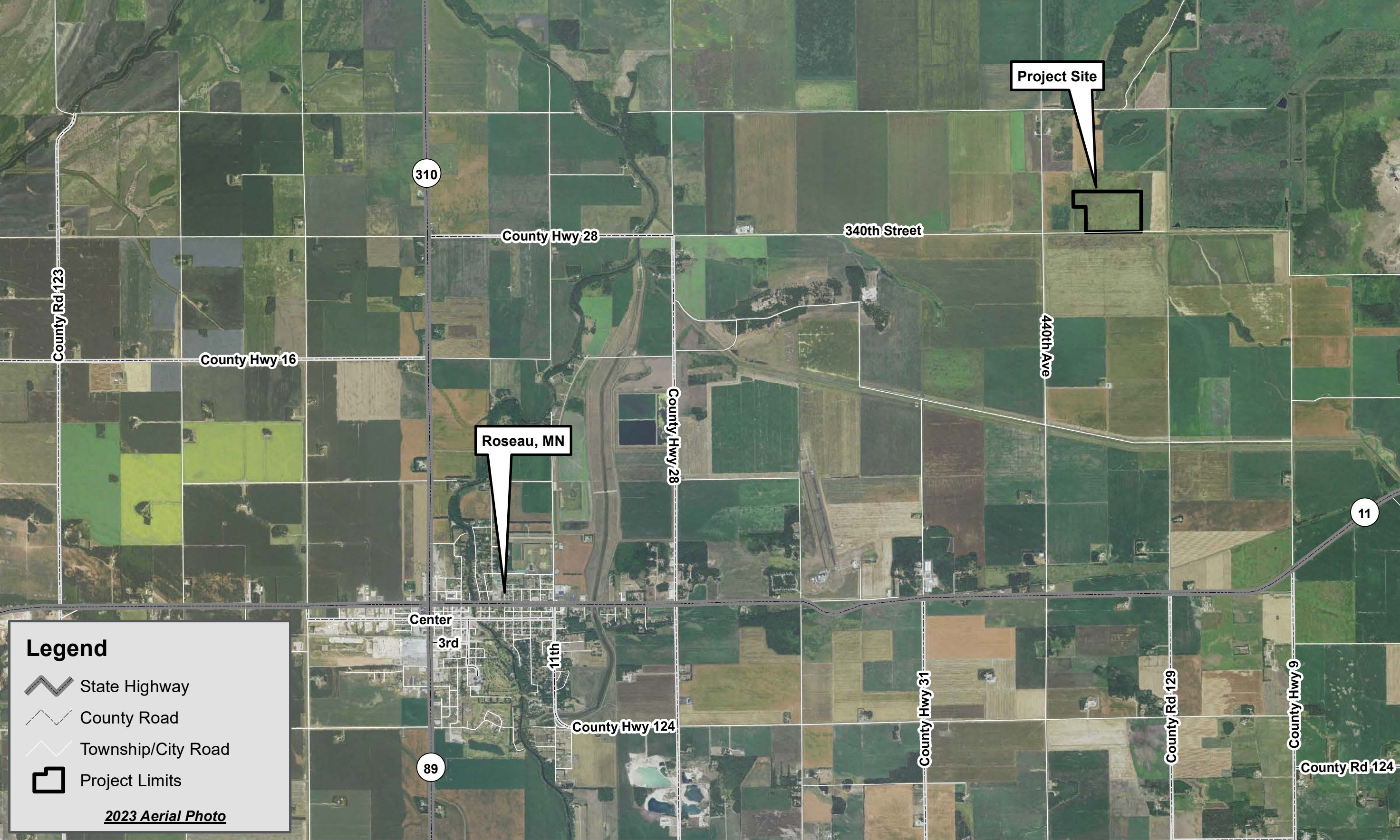
Regulatory Division
St. Paul District Corps of Engineers
10867 East Gull Lake Drive SW
Brainerd, MN 56401

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT, please contact Evan Ingebrigtsen in the Brainerd Field Office at 218-350-1475.

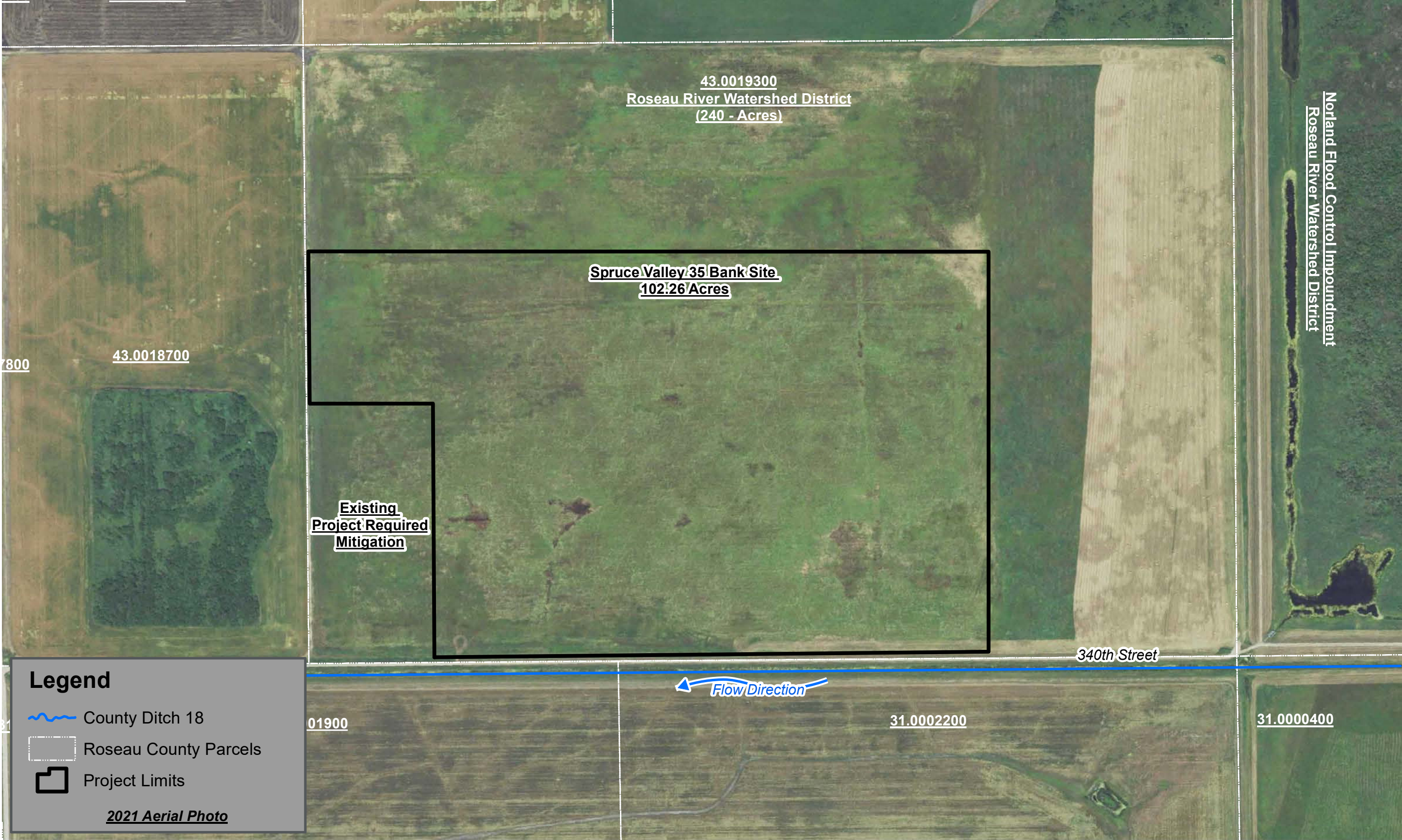
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Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, in detail, the reasons for holding a public hearing. A request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

Enclosures: 2023-00830-EJI Figures 1-11



SPRUCE VALLEY 35
PROPOSED WETLAND BANK - PROJECT LOCATION MAP





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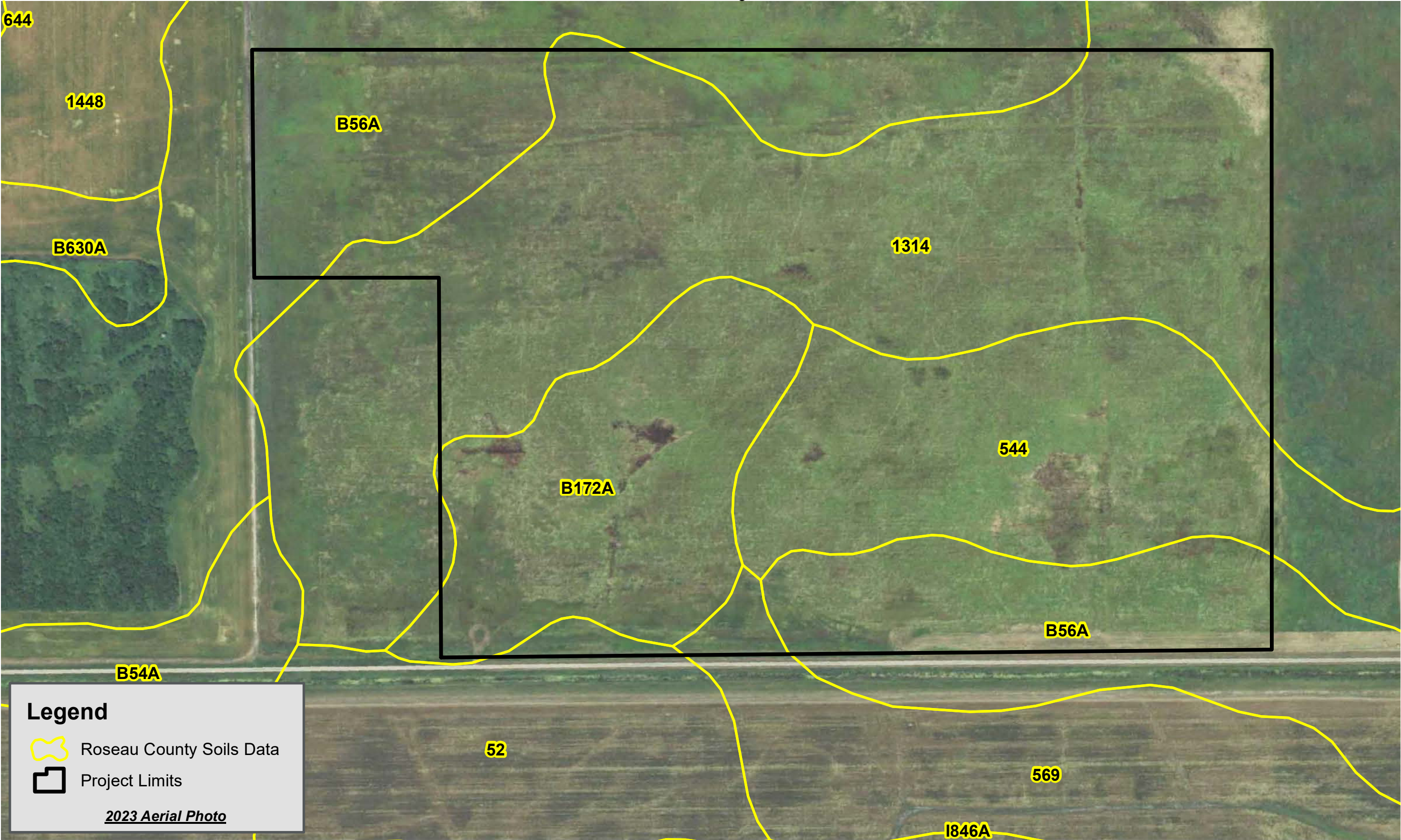
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- Roseau County Parcels
- Project Limits

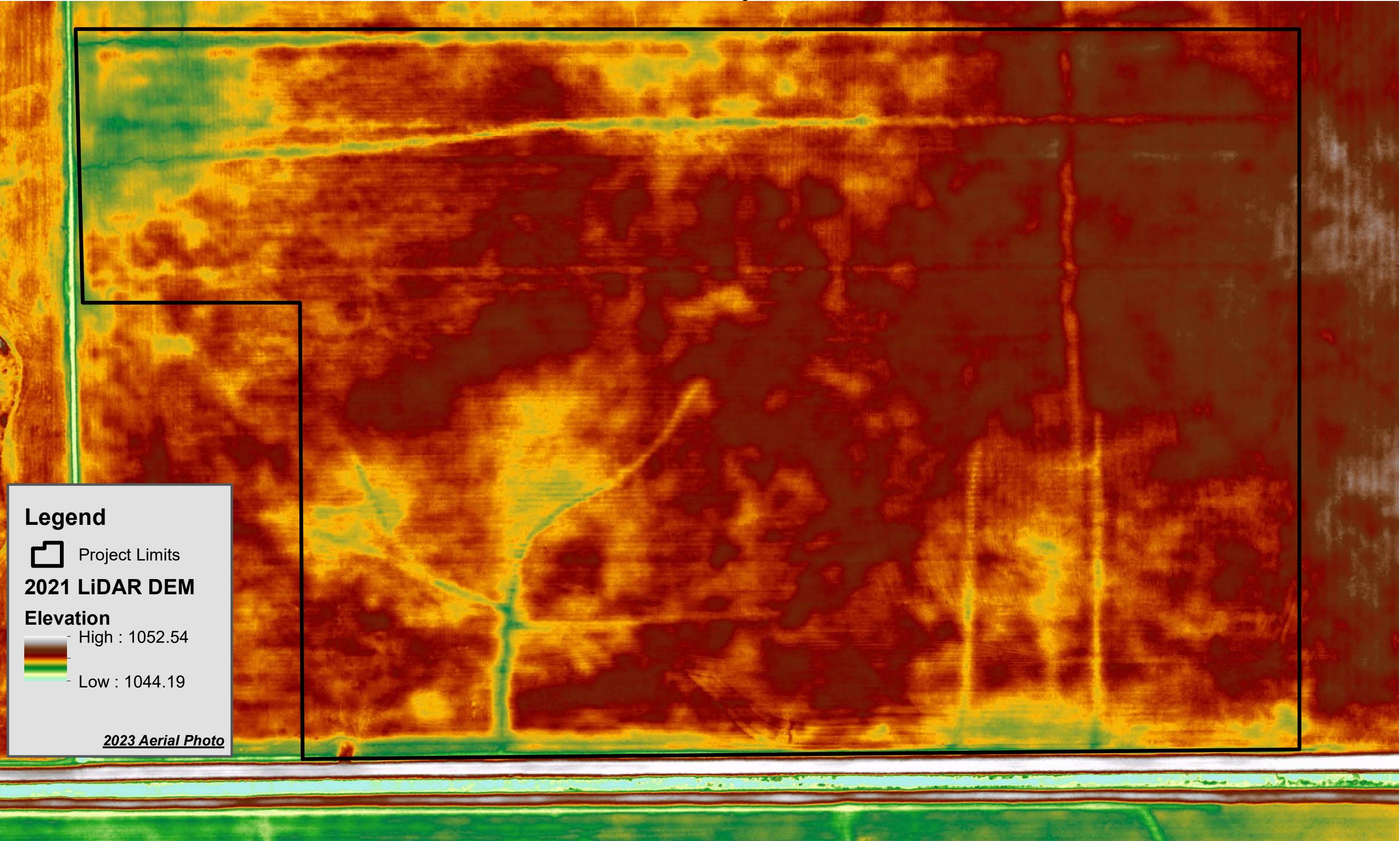
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SPRUCE VALLEY 35
PROPOSED WETLAND BANK - SITE MAP (1991 AERIAL PHOTO)






Legend

 Project Limits

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Elevation

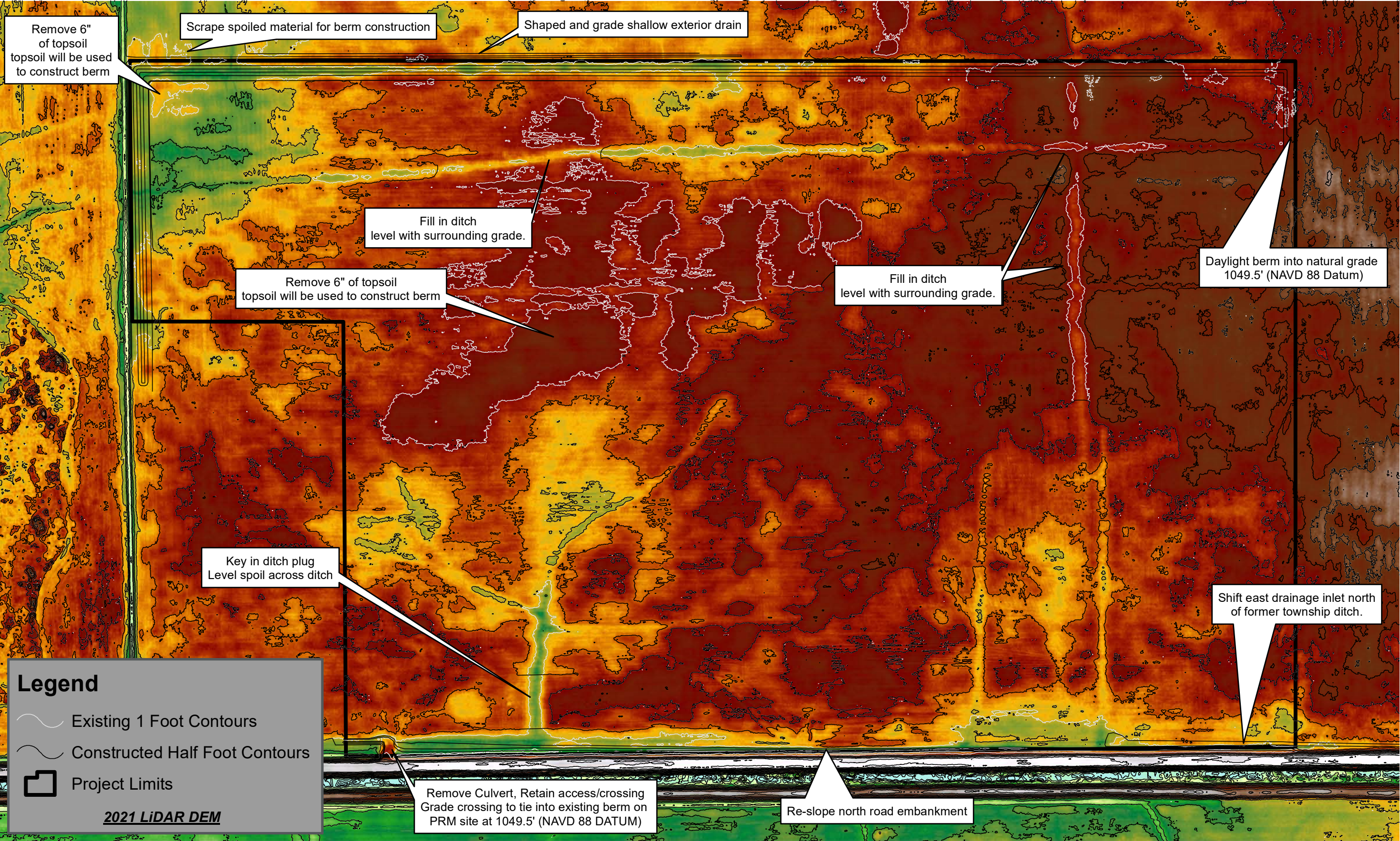
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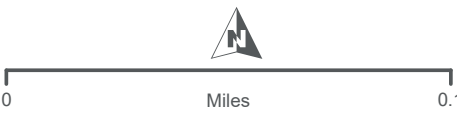


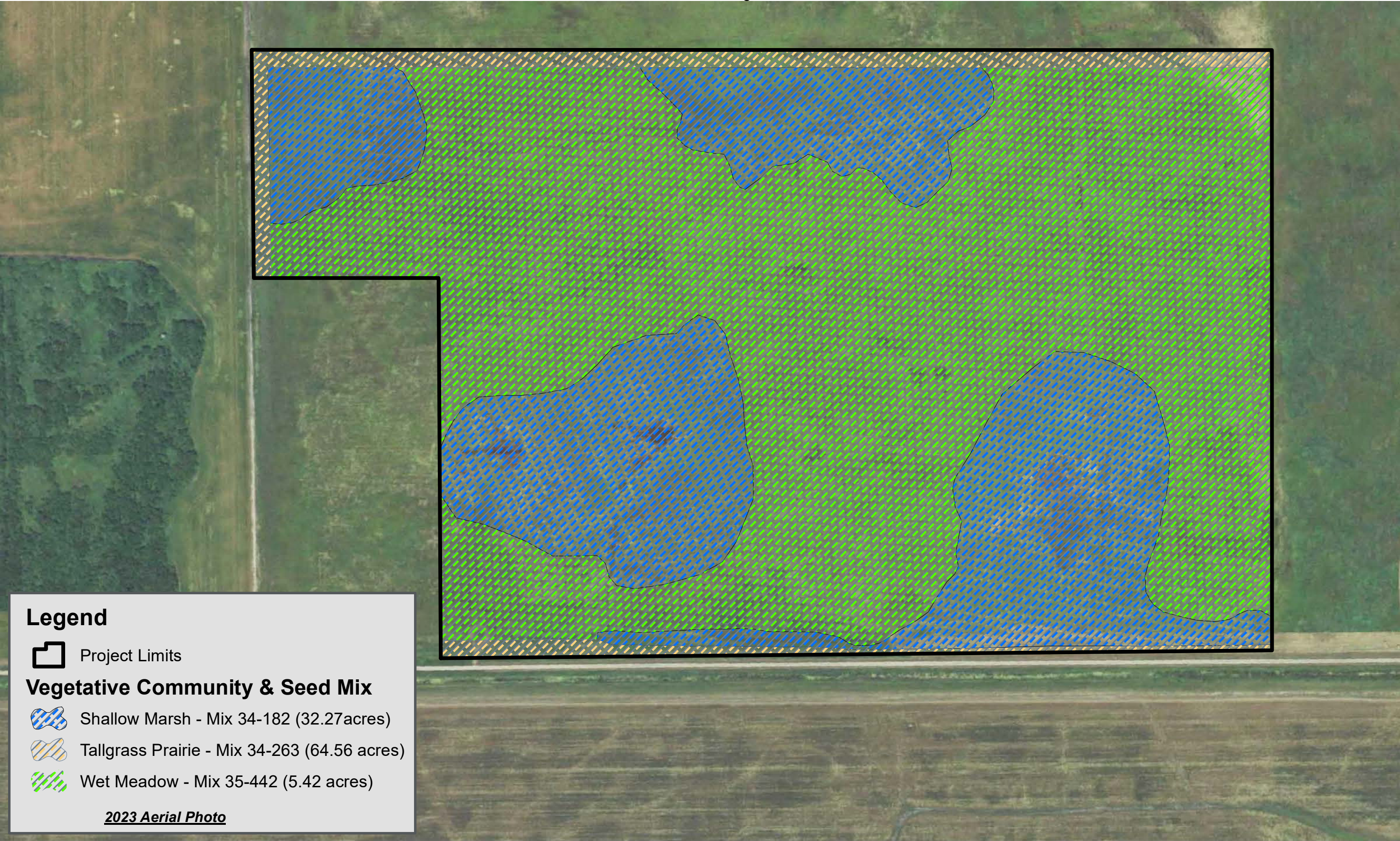
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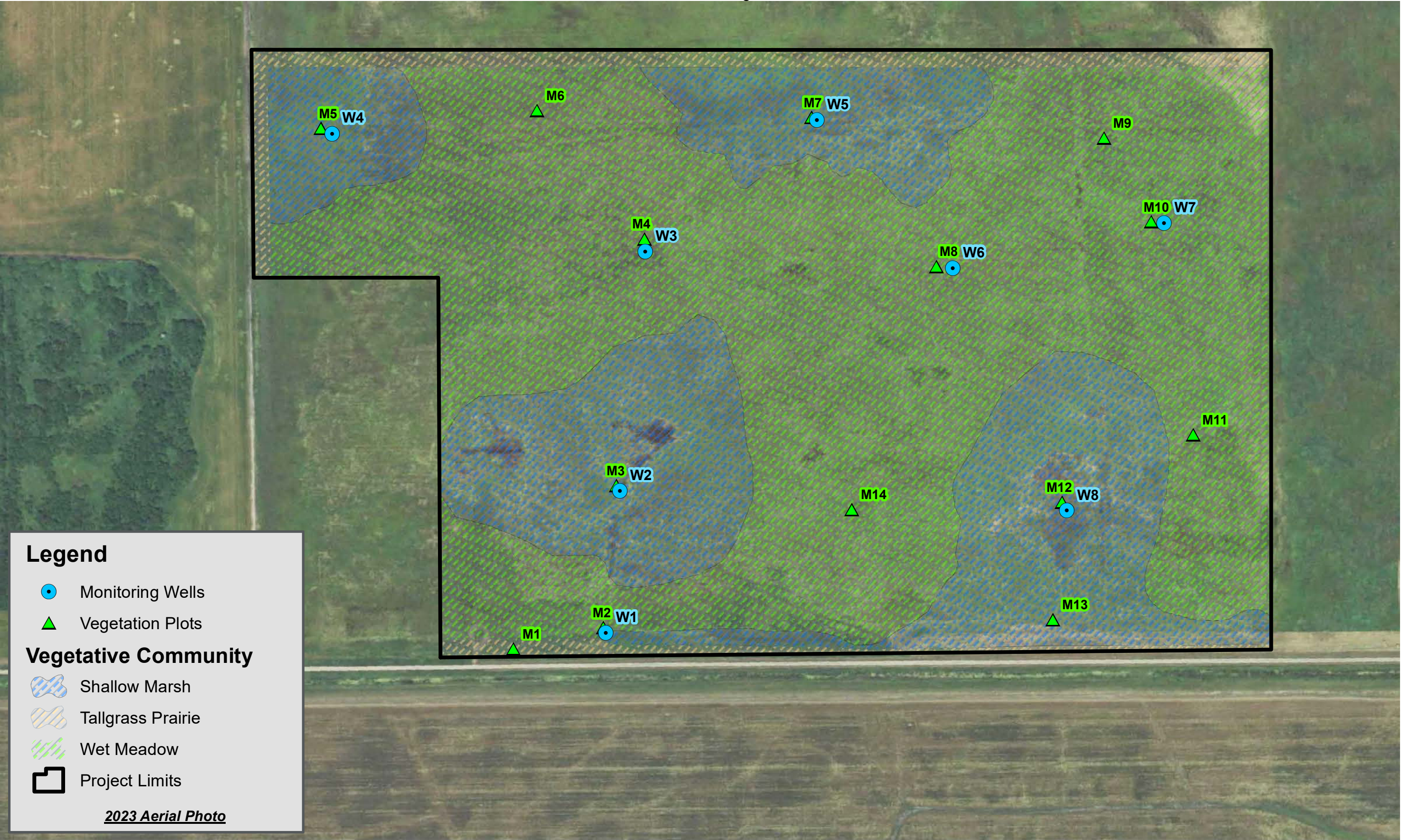
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PROPOSED WETLAND BANK - LIDAR TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

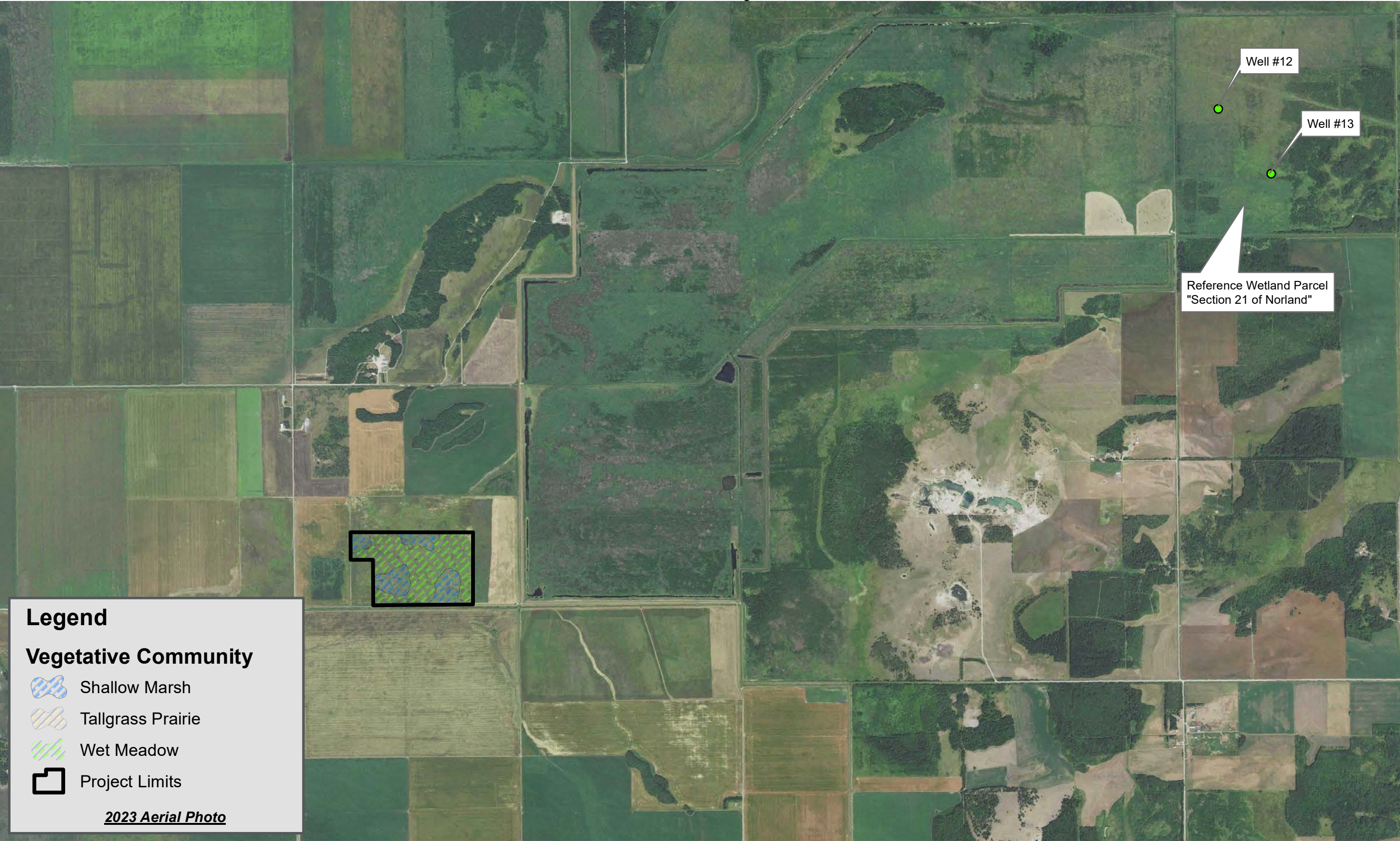


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PROPOSED WETLAND BANK - CONSTRUCTION MAP



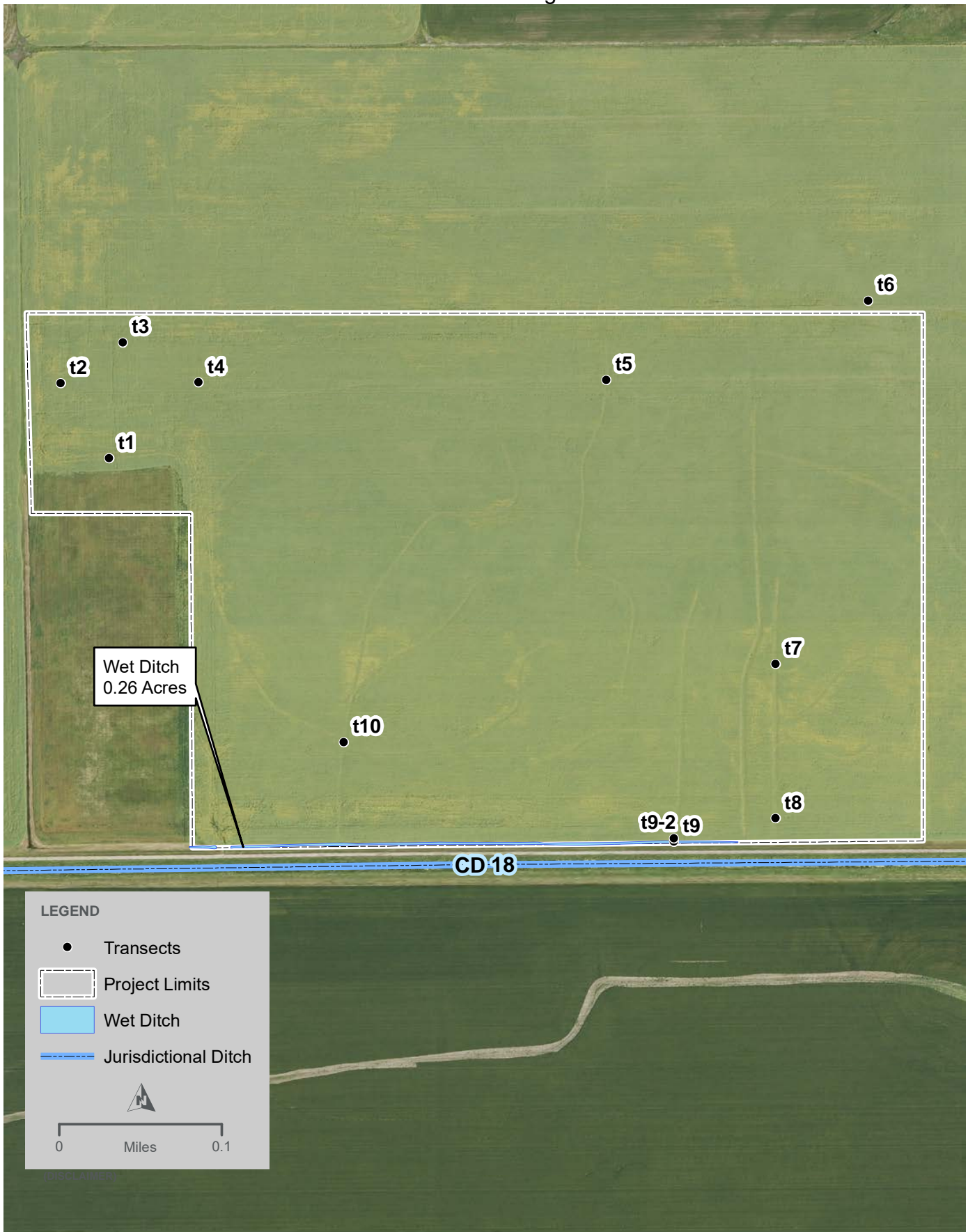






SPRUCE VALLEY 35
PROPOSED WETLAND BANK - REFERENCE WETLAND MAP





**SPRUCE VALLEY 35
DELINEATED FEATURES MAP**