



US Army Corps  
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St Paul District

# PUBLIC NOTICE

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Sponsor:  
Joe Ludowese

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**St. Paul District**  
**Permit Application No. MVP-2025-00340**

## **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 [Leslie.e.day@usace.army.mil](mailto:Leslie.e.day@usace.army.mil).

## **SUMMARY OF PROSPECTUS:**

The sponsor proposes to restore 20 acres of deep marsh, shallow marsh and wet meadow wetlands on a 45-acre site by disabling the existing ditch and tile system and returning native wetland and upland vegetation to the property. The site was historically drained for agricultural uses and is currently in row crops.

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**LOCATION:** The project area is located NW of the intersection between 581<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 250<sup>th</sup> Street in the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16, 113N Township, 30W Range; at Latitude 44.589 and Longitude -94.439; Bismarck Township in Sibley County, Minnesota.

**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, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources.

**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.

Should historic properties (i.e., properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places) be present within the Corps' permit area, the proposed activity requiring the DA permit (the undertaking) is a type of activity that has no potential to cause an effect to an historic property.

The District Engineer's final eligibility and effect determination will be based upon coordination with the SHPO and/or THPO, 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 May 1, 2026. Comments should be submitted electronically via the Regulatory Request System (RRS) at <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs> or by email to

Leslie.e.day@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:

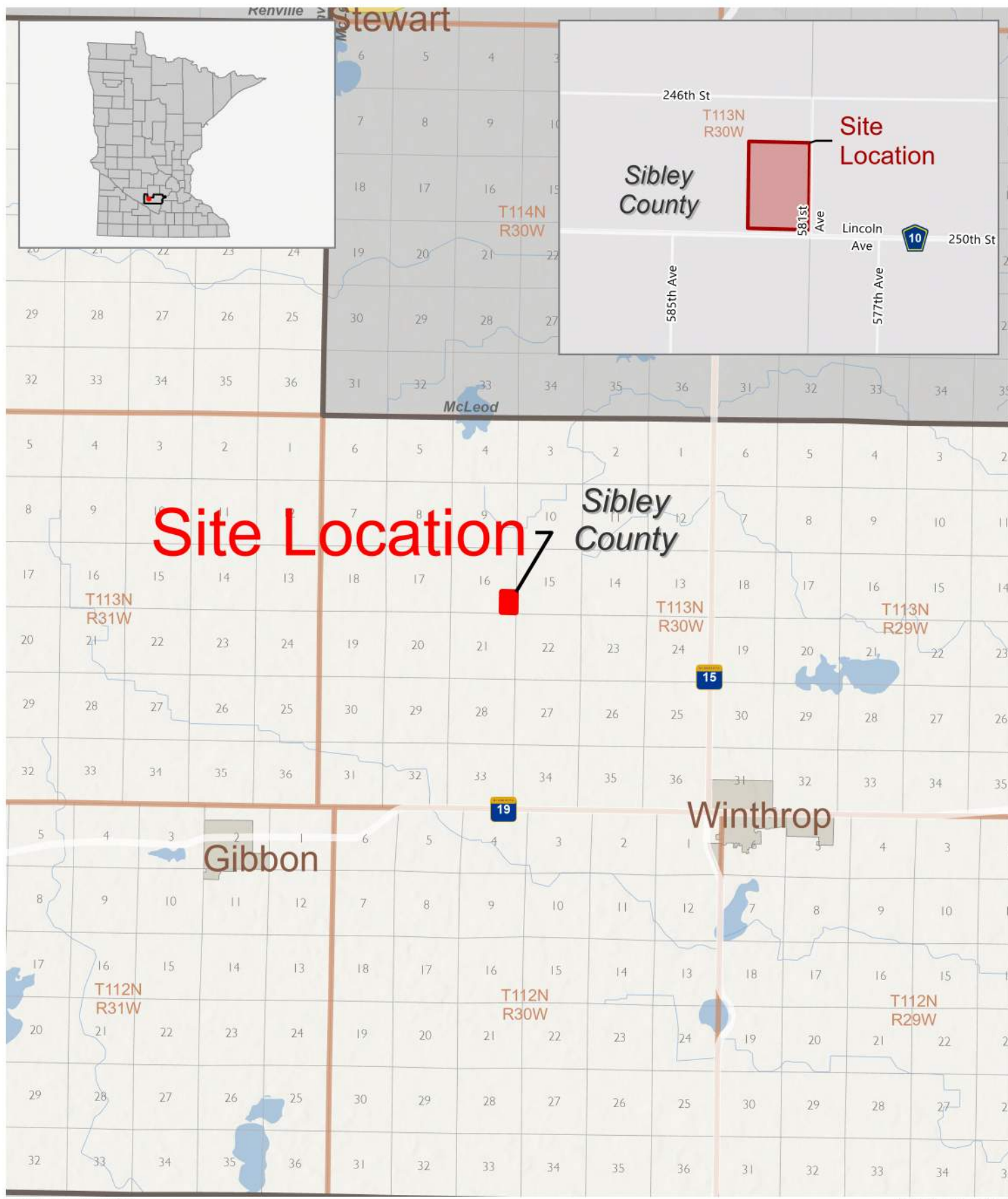
Regulatory Division  
St. Paul District Corps of Engineers  
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St. Paul, MN 55101-1323

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT, contact Leslie Day at (651) 290-5365 or Leslie.e.day@usace.army.mil.

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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:  
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**Figure 1**  
**Project Location Map**  
**Ludowese Wetland Bank**  
Bismarck Twp, Sibley County, Minnesota

Source(s):  
Municipalities (MnDOT, 2016)  
Roads (MnDOT, 2020)  
Lakes (MN DNR, 2020)  
Counties (MN DNR, 2013)  
PLSS (USGS)





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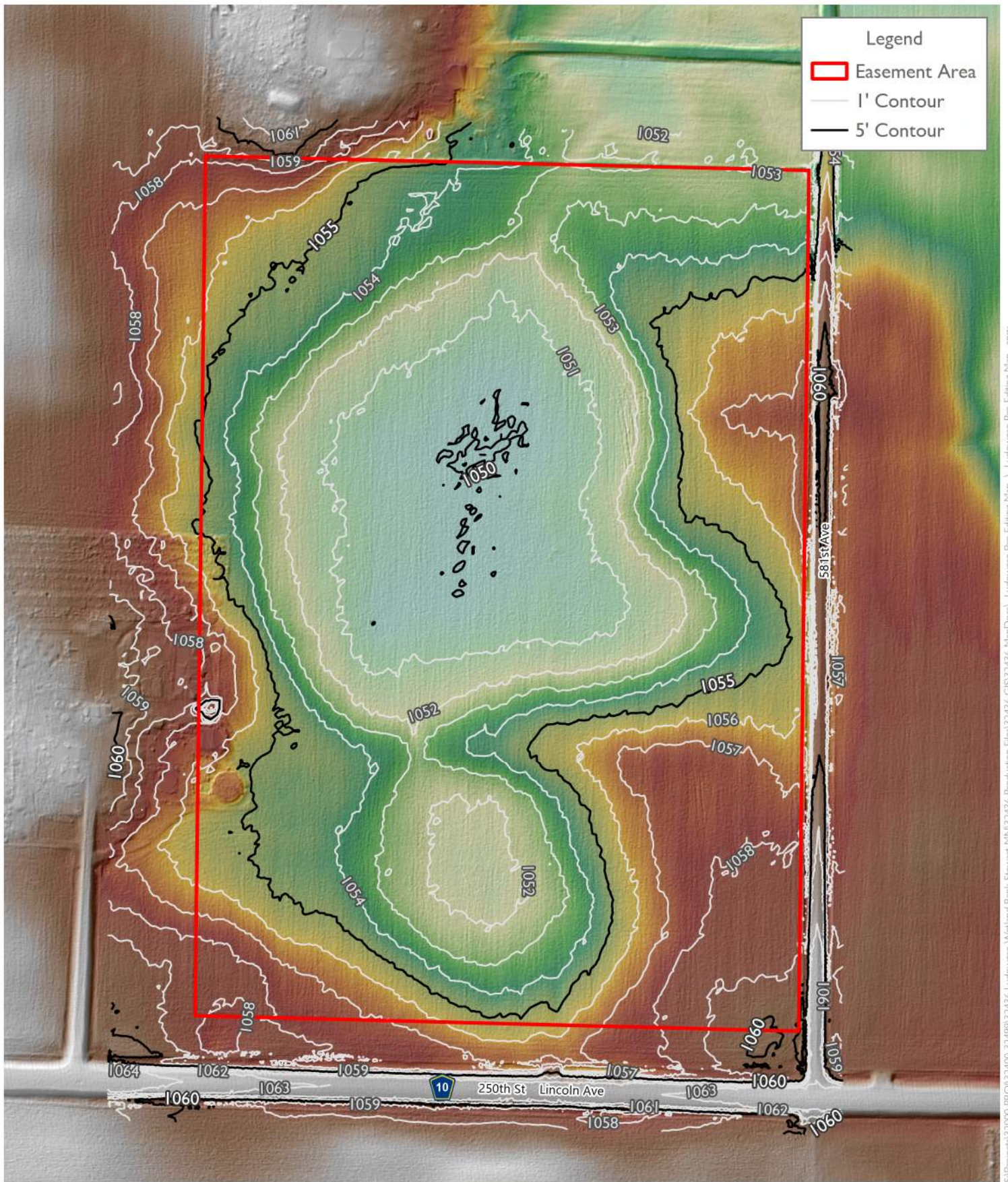
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**Figure 2**  
**Land Use Map**  
**Ludowese Wetland Bank**  
Bismarck Twp, Sibley County, Minnesota

Source(s):  
Orthophoto (ISG, 2025)





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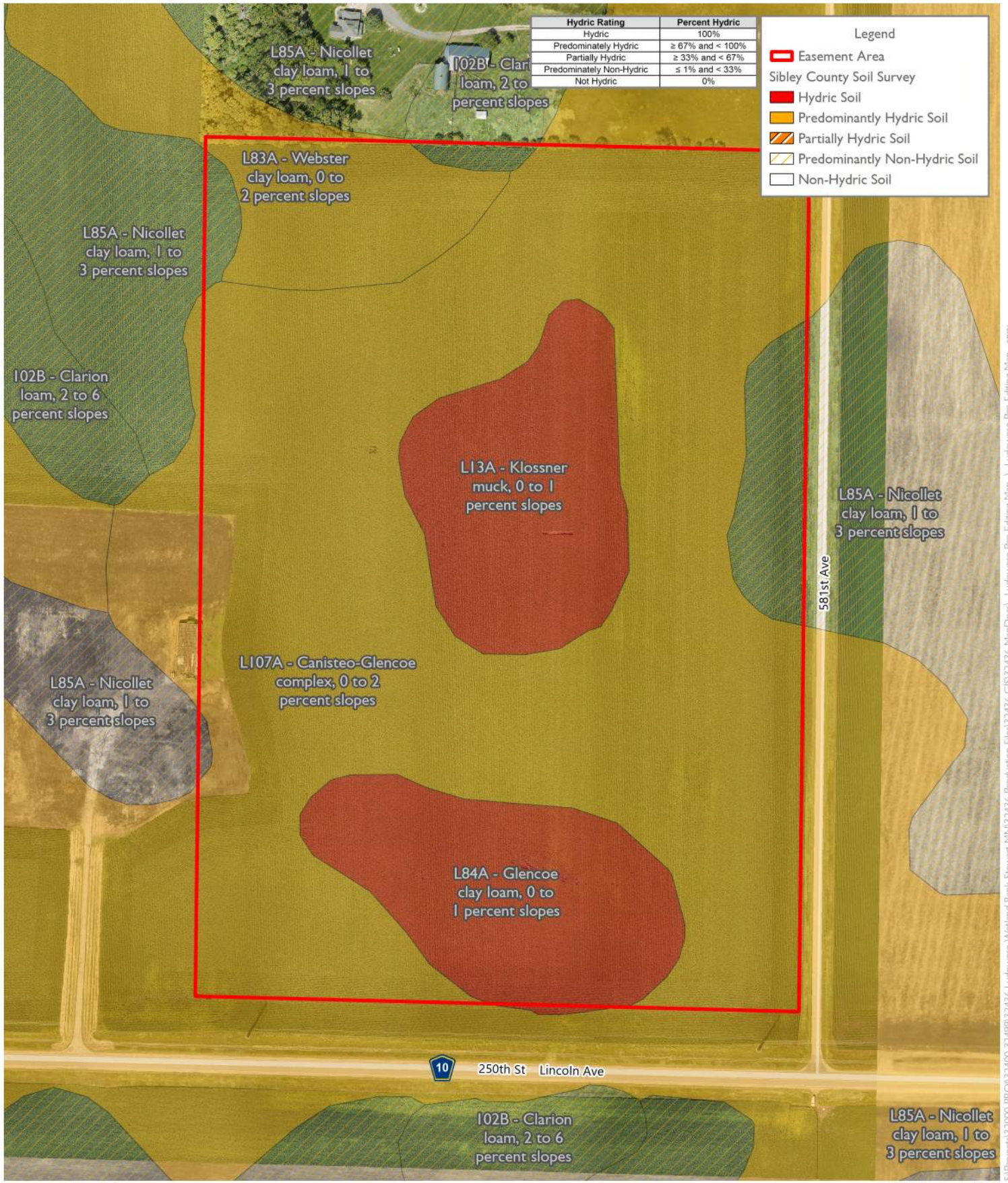
**Figure 3**  
Existing Conditions  
Topographic Map  
Ludowese Wetland Bank  
Bismarck Twp, Sibley County, Minnesota

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1 inch = 250 feet



Source(s):  
Contours (ISG Survey, 2025)  
Hillshade (USGS, 2022)





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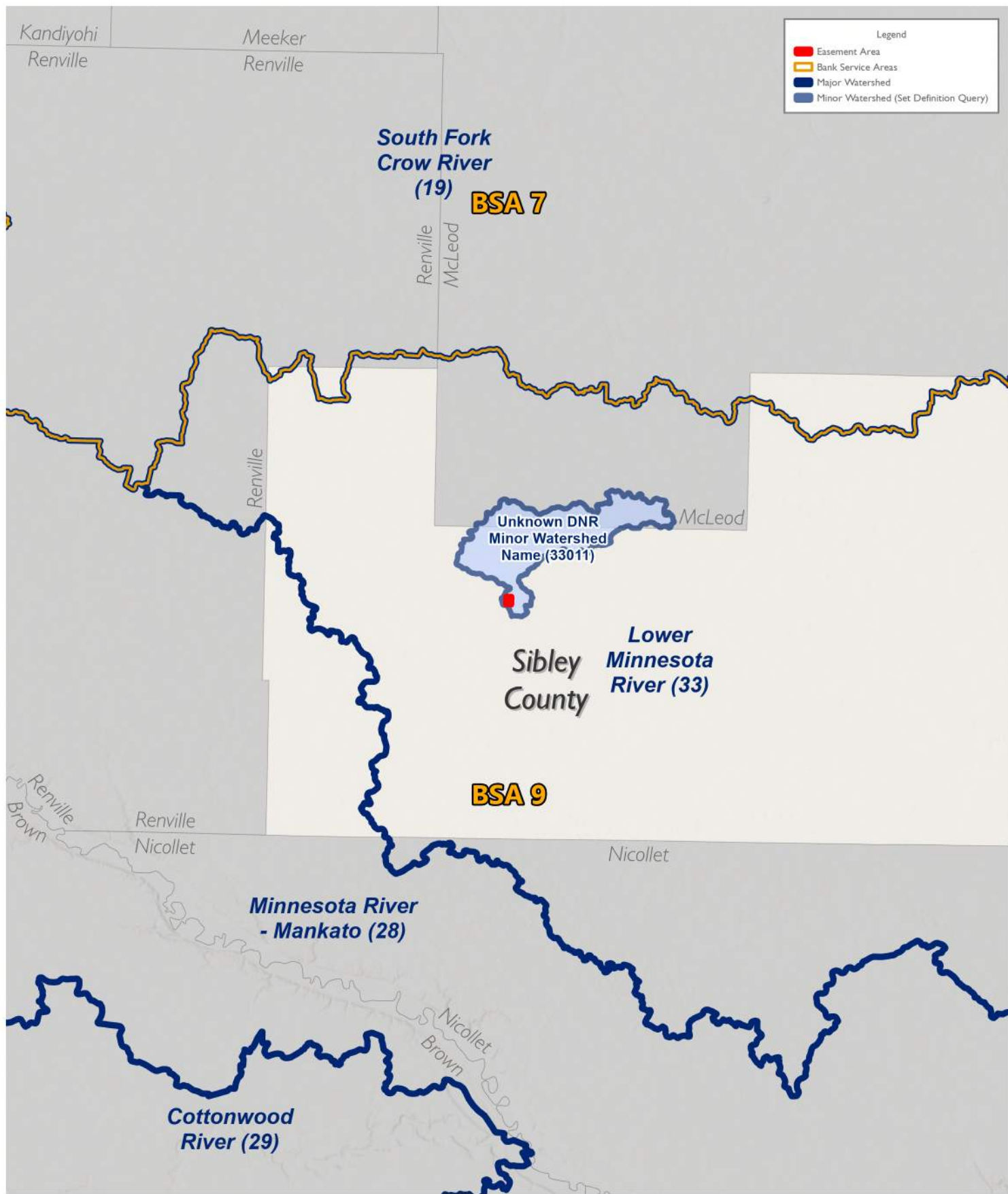
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**Figure 4**  
 Sibley County  
 Soil Survey Map  
 Ludowese Wetland Bank  
 Bismarck Twp, Sibley County, Minnesota

Source(s):  
 Orthophoto (ISG, 2025)  
 Soil Survey (USDA NRCS, 2025)





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**Figure 5**  
**Watershed Map**  
**Ludowese Wetland Bank**  
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Source(s):  
 Watersheds (MnDNR, 2017)  
 Counties (MN DNR, 2013)  
 Hillshade (MnTopo, 2010)

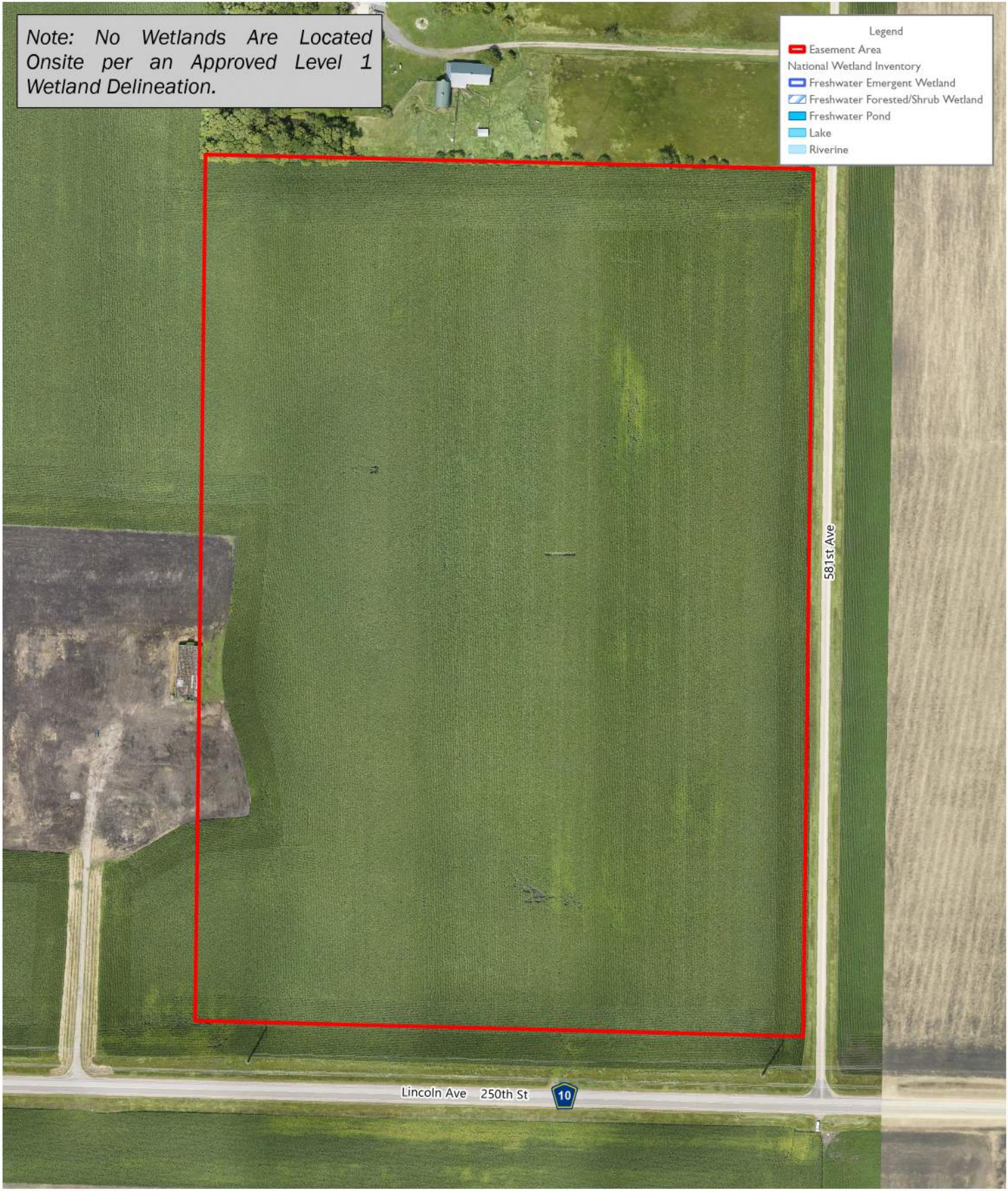


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Note: No Wetlands Are Located Onsite per an Approved Level 1 Wetland Delineation.

Legend

- Easement Area
- National Wetland Inventory
- Freshwater Emergent Wetland
- Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
- Freshwater Pond
- Lake
- Riverine



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**Figure 6**  
**Existing Wetlands Map**  
**Ludowese Wetland Bank**  
 Bismarck Twp, Sibley County, Minnesota

Source(s):  
 Orthophoto (ISG, 2025)  
 Level 1 Wetland Delineation (ISG, 2025)  
 NWI (MN DNR, 2024)





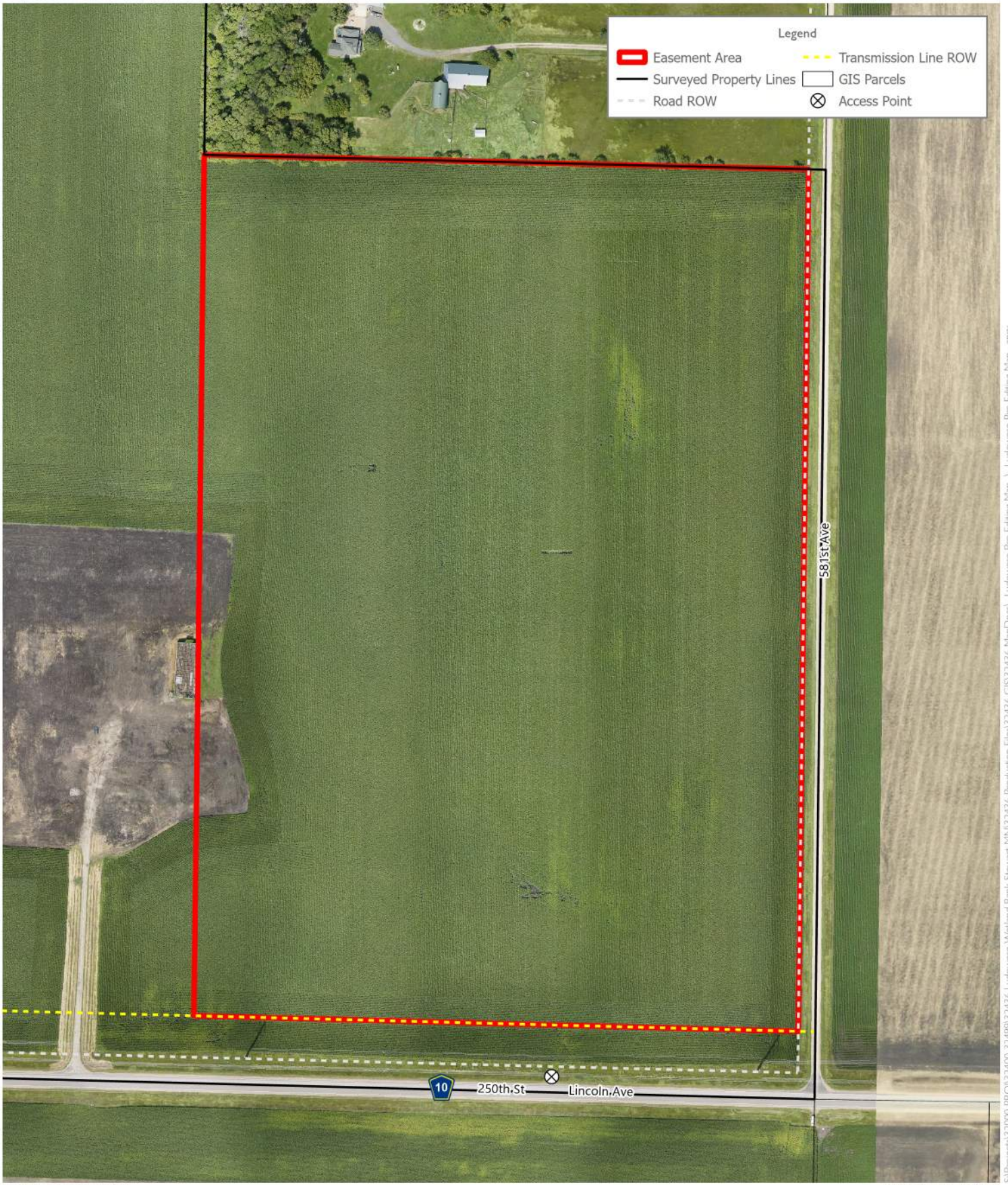
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**Figure 7**  
Existing Conditions  
Vegetation Map  
Ludowese Wetland Bank  
Bismarck Twp, Sibley County, Minnesota

Source(s):  
Orthophoto (ISG, 2025)

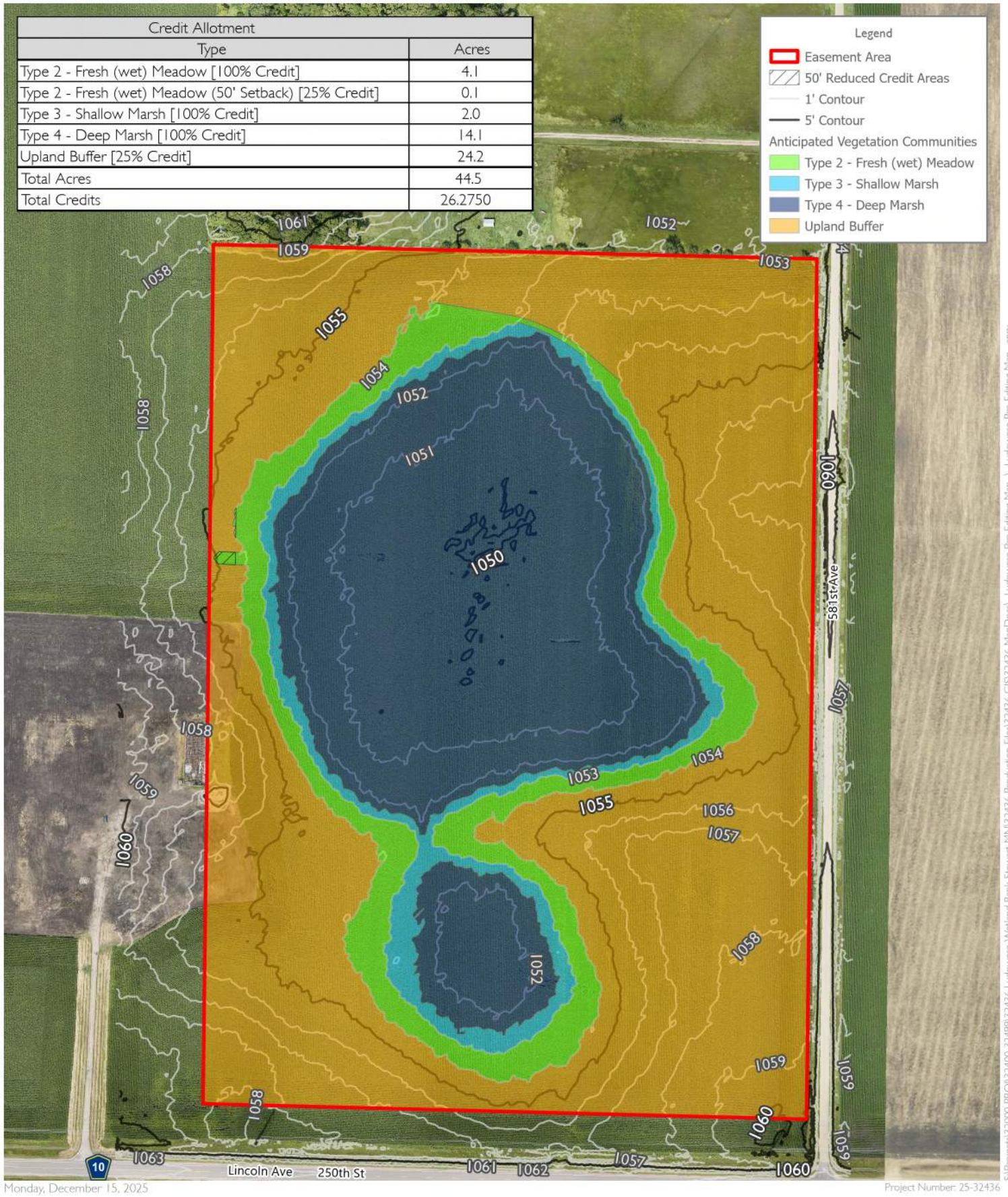




**Figure 8**  
**Proposed Easement Boundary Map**  
**Ludowese Wetland Bank**  
 Bismarck Twp, Sibley County, Minnesota

Source(s):  
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 Survey (ISG, 2025)  
 Parcels (Sibley Co, 2025)





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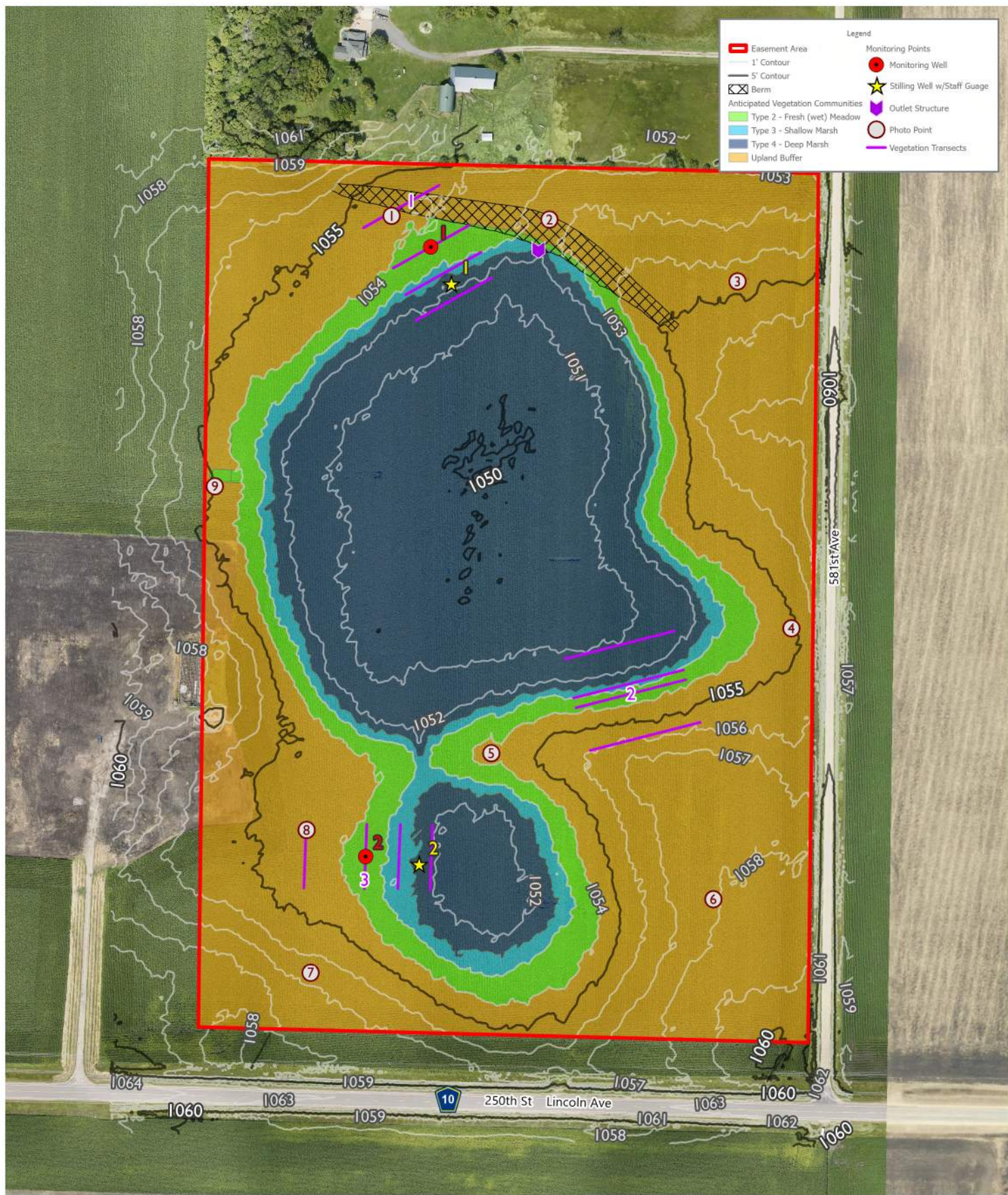
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**Figure 9**  
**Credit Allocation and**  
**Proposed Vegetation Map**  
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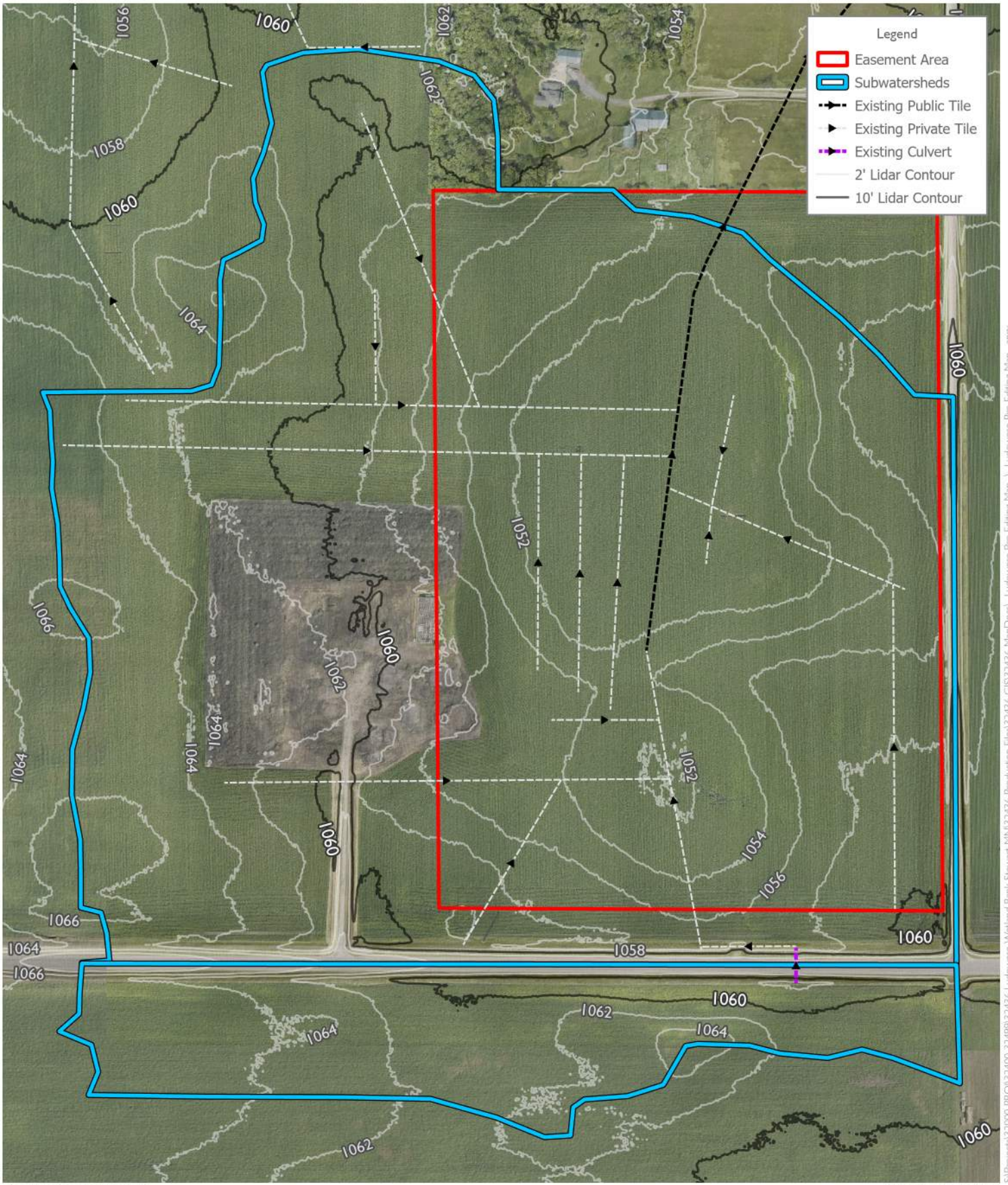
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**Figure 10**  
**Monitoring Plan Map**  
**Ludowese Wetland Bank**  
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Source(s):  
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**Figure 11**  
**Existing Drainage Map**  
**Ludowese Wetland Bank**  
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 ft  
 1 inch = 300 feet



Source(s):  
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 Contours (MnTopo, 2010)

