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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, ST. PAUL DISTRICT
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CEMVP-RD

April 1, 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Approved Jurisdictional Determination in accordance with the "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'"; (88 FR 3004 (January 18, 2023) as amended by the "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'; Conforming" (8 September 2023) ,¹ [MVP-2025-00206-JST MFR 1 of 1](#)

BACKGROUND. An Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD) is a Corps document stating the presence or absence of waters of the United States on a parcel or a written statement and map identifying the limits of waters of the United States on a parcel. AJDs are clearly designated appealable actions and will include a basis of JD with the document.² AJDs are case-specific and are typically made in response to a request. AJDs are valid for a period of five years unless new information warrants revision of the determination before the expiration date or a District Engineer has identified, after public notice and comment, that specific geographic areas with rapidly changing environmental conditions merit re-verification on a more frequent basis.³

On January 18, 2023, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of the Army ("the agencies") published the "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States,'" 88 FR 3004 (January 18, 2023) ("2023 Rule"). On September 8, 2023, the agencies published the "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'; Conforming", which amended the 2023 Rule to conform to the 2023 Supreme Court decision in *Sackett v. EPA*, 598 U.S., 143 S. Ct. 1322 (2023) ("*Sackett*").

This Memorandum for Record (MFR) constitutes the basis of jurisdiction for a Corps AJD as defined in 33 CFR §331.2. For the purposes of this AJD, we have relied on Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (RHA),⁴ the 2023 Rule as amended, as well as other applicable guidance, relevant case law, and longstanding practice in evaluating jurisdiction.

1. SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS.

¹ While the Revised Definition of "Waters of the United States"; Conforming had no effect on some categories of waters covered under the CWA, and no effect on any waters covered under RHA, all categories are included in this Memorandum for Record for efficiency.

² 33 CFR 331.2.

³ Regulatory Guidance Letter 05-02.

⁴ USACE has authority under both Section 9 and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 but for convenience, in this MFR, jurisdiction under RHA will be referred to as Section 10.

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- a. Provide a list of each individual feature within the review area and the jurisdictional status of each one (i.e., identify whether each feature is/is not a water of the United States and/or a navigable water of the United States).

Name of Aquatic Resource	JD or Non-JD
Wetland 1 (0.98 acres)	Non-JD

2. REFERENCES.

- a. "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States,'" 88 FR 3004 (January 18, 2023) ("2023 Rule")
- b. "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'; Conforming" 88 FR 61964 (September 8, 2023)
- c. *Sackett v. EPA*, 598 U.S. 651, 143 S. Ct. 1322 (2023)

3. REVIEW AREA. The review area is located within Sections 21 and 22, Township 116 North, Range 23 West, Carver County, Minnesota. The center coordinates for the site are Latitude: 44.844271, Longitude: -93.58285. The review area is limited to the resources identified in the enclosed project figures labeled MVP-2025-00206-JST AJD Figures 1-2 and 2-2. The review area is located north of Lake Hazeltine Drive, west of Lyman Boulevard, south of the Chicago Milwaukee Saint Paul and Pacific Railroad, and east of Hazeltine Boulevard. The nearest known waterway is Bluff Creek located approximately 0.56 miles east of the review area and is a tributary to the Minnesota River. There are no other JDs associated with this review area.

4. NEAREST TRADITIONAL NAVIGABLE WATER (TNW), THE TERRITORIAL SEAS, OR INTERSTATE WATER TO WHICH THE AQUATIC RESOURCE IS CONNECTED. [N/A](#)

5. FLOWPATH FROM THE SUBJECT AQUATIC RESOURCES TO A TNW, THE TERRITORIAL SEAS, OR INTERSTATE WATER. [N/A](#)

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6. SECTION 10 JURISDICTIONAL WATERS⁵: Describe aquatic resources or other features within the review area determined to be jurisdictional in accordance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. Include the size of each aquatic resource or other feature within the review area and how it was determined to be jurisdictional in accordance with Section 10.⁶ [N/A](#)

7. SECTION 404 JURISDICTIONAL WATERS: Describe the aquatic resources within the review area that were found to meet the definition of waters of the United States in accordance with the 2023 Rule as amended, consistent with the Supreme Court's decision in *Sackett*. List each aquatic resource separately, by name, consistent with the naming convention used in section 1, above. Include a rationale for each aquatic resource, supporting that the aquatic resource meets the relevant category of "waters of the United States" in the 2023 Rule as amended. The rationale should also include a written description of, or reference to a map in the administrative record that shows, the lateral limits of jurisdiction for each aquatic resource, including how that limit was determined, and incorporate relevant references used. Include the size of each aquatic resource in acres or linear feet and attach and reference related figures as needed.
 - a. Traditional Navigable Waters (TNWs) (a)(1)(i): [N/A](#)
 - b. The Territorial Seas (a)(1)(ii): [N/A](#)
 - c. Interstate Waters (a)(1)(iii): [N/A](#)
 - d. Impoundments (a)(2): [N/A](#)
 - e. Tributaries (a)(3): [N/A](#)
 - f. Adjacent Wetlands (a)(4): [N/A](#)
 - g. Additional Waters (a)(5): [N/A](#)

8. NON-JURISDICTIONAL AQUATIC RESOURCES AND FEATURES

⁵ 33 CFR 329.9(a) A waterbody which was navigable in its natural or improved state, or which was susceptible of reasonable improvement (as discussed in § 329.8(b) of this part) retains its character as "navigable in law" even though it is not presently used for commerce, or is presently incapable of such use because of changed conditions or the presence of obstructions.

⁶ This MFR is not to be used to make a report of findings to support a determination that the water is a navigable water of the United States. The district must follow the procedures outlined in 33 CFR part 329.14 to make a determination that water is a navigable water of the United States subject to Section 10 of the RHA.

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- a. Describe aquatic resources and other features within the review area identified in the 2023 Rule as amended as not “waters of the United States” even where they otherwise meet the terms of paragraphs (a)(2) through (5). Include the type of excluded aquatic resource or feature, the size of the aquatic resource or feature within the review area and describe how it was determined to meet one of the exclusions listed in 33 CFR 328.3(b).⁷ [N/A](#)
- b. Describe aquatic resources and features within the review area that were determined to be non-jurisdictional because they do not meet one or more categories of waters of the United States under the 2023 Rule as amended (e.g., tributaries that are non-relatively permanent waters; non-tidal wetlands that do not have a continuous surface connection to a jurisdictional water).

The aquatic resource within the review area identified as ‘Wetland 1’ is not a TNW, territorial seas, or interstate water and is therefore not an (a)(1) water. This determination is supported by the national wetland and hydrography dataset, which do not identify any aquatic resources or other potential connections between this aquatic resource and any requisite covered waters. The subject aquatic resource is located within a closed depression surrounded by uplands, commercial developments, residential neighborhoods, and roadways. This wetland does not physically abut an (a)(1) water, (a)(2) impoundment, or (a)(3) tributary. The subject aquatic resource does not have a continuous surface connection to any relatively permanent water and as such does not meet the definition of adjacent and cannot be evaluated as an (a)(4) wetland; therefore, this aquatic resource is not jurisdictional under the 2023 Revised definition of ‘Waters of the United States’; Conforming” 88 FR 61964 Rule.

Because the Supreme Court in *Sackett* adopted the *Rapanos* plurality standard and the 2023 rule preamble discussed the *Rapanos* plurality standard, the implementation guidance and tools in the 2023 rule preamble that address the regulatory text that was not amended by the conforming rule, including the preamble relevant to the *Rapanos* plurality standard incorporated in paragraphs (a)(3), (4), and (5) of the 2023 rule, as amended, generally remain relevant to implementing the 2023 rule, as amended.

9. DATA SOURCES. List sources of data/information used in making determination. Include titles and dates of sources used and ensure that information referenced is available in the administrative record.

⁷ 88 FR 3004 (January 18, 2023)

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- a. [316 Lake Hazeltine Drive, Chaska Expansion joint permit application prepared by Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. dated February 19, 2025.](#)
- b. [National Hydrography Dataset \(NHD\) viewed in Minnesota Regulatory Viewer on March 26, 2025.](#)
- c. [National Wetlands Inventory \(NWI\) viewed in Minnesota Regulatory Viewer on March 26, 2025.](#)
- d. [USGS 3DEP DEM viewed in Minnesota Regulatory Viewer on March 26, 2025.](#)
- e. [USGS 3DEP Hillshade viewed in Minnesota Regulatory Viewer on March 26, 2025.](#)
- f. [Google Earth Aerials dated 2019, 2021, 2023.](#)

10. OTHER SUPPORTING INFORMATION. [N/A](#)

11. NOTE: The structure and format of this MFR were developed in coordination with the EPA and Department of the Army. The MFR's structure and format may be subject to future modification or may be rescinded as needed to implement additional guidance from the agencies; however, the approved jurisdictional determination described herein is a final agency action.

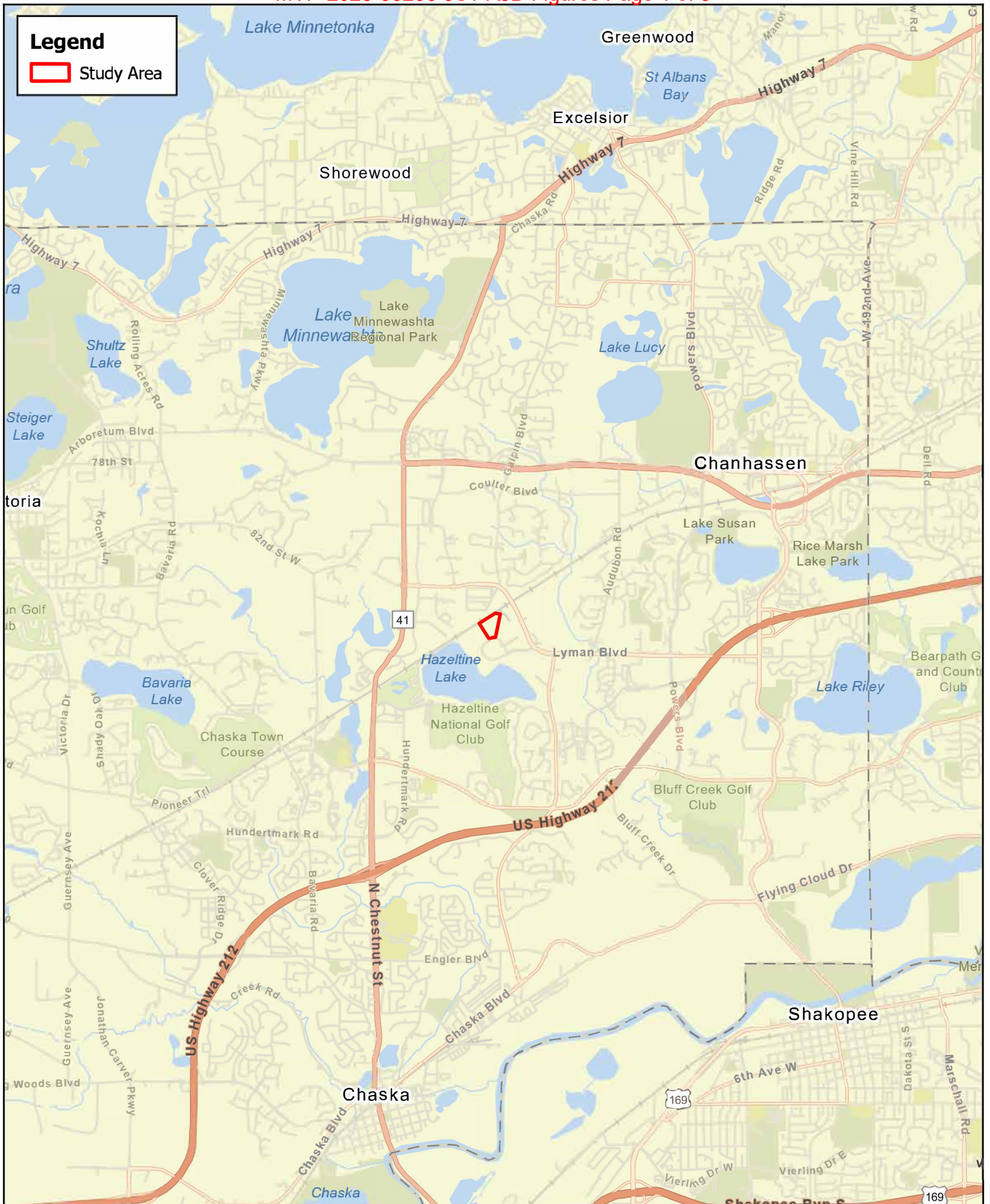
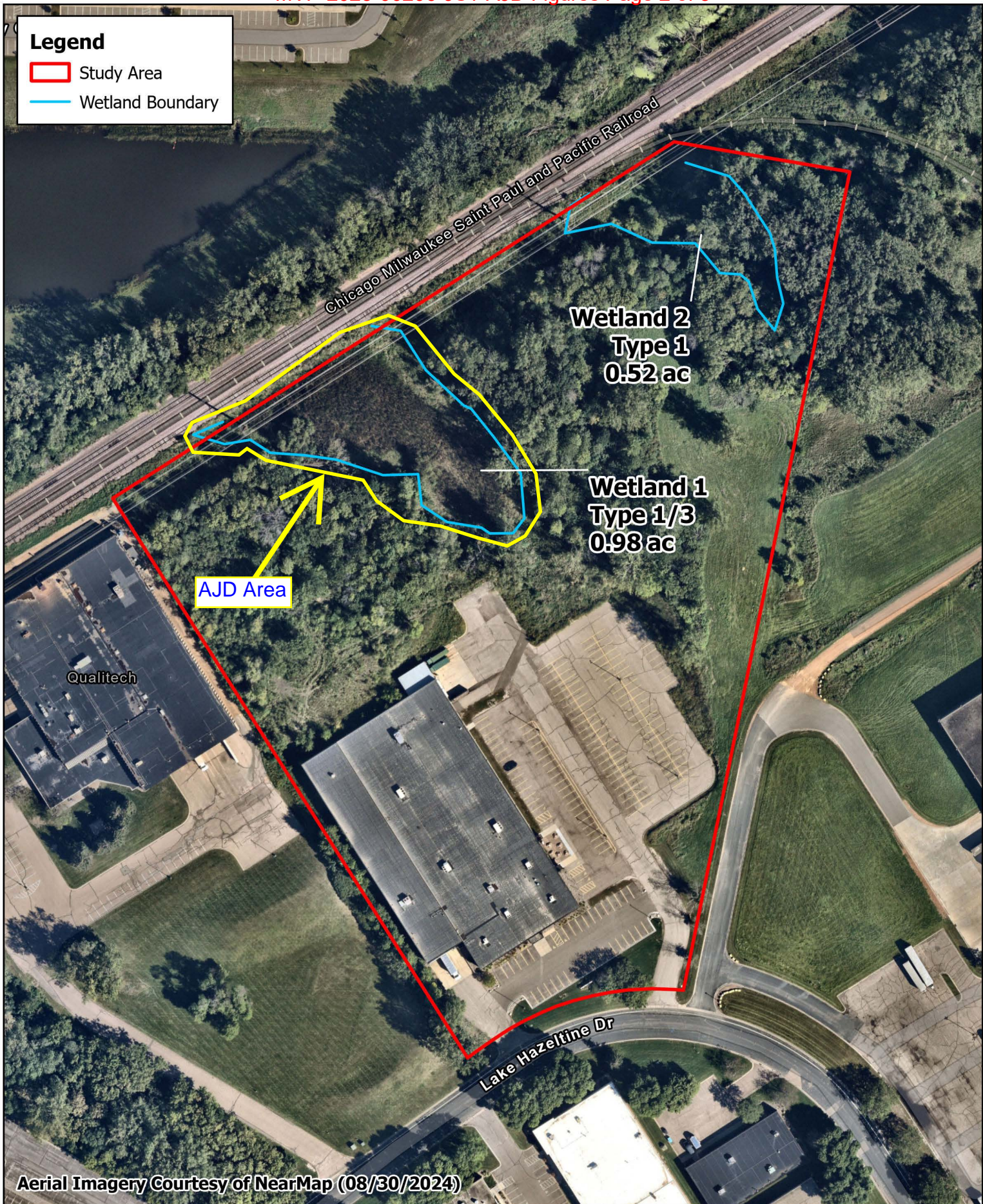


Figure 1. Project Location
Chaska, Carver County
Chaska Expansion



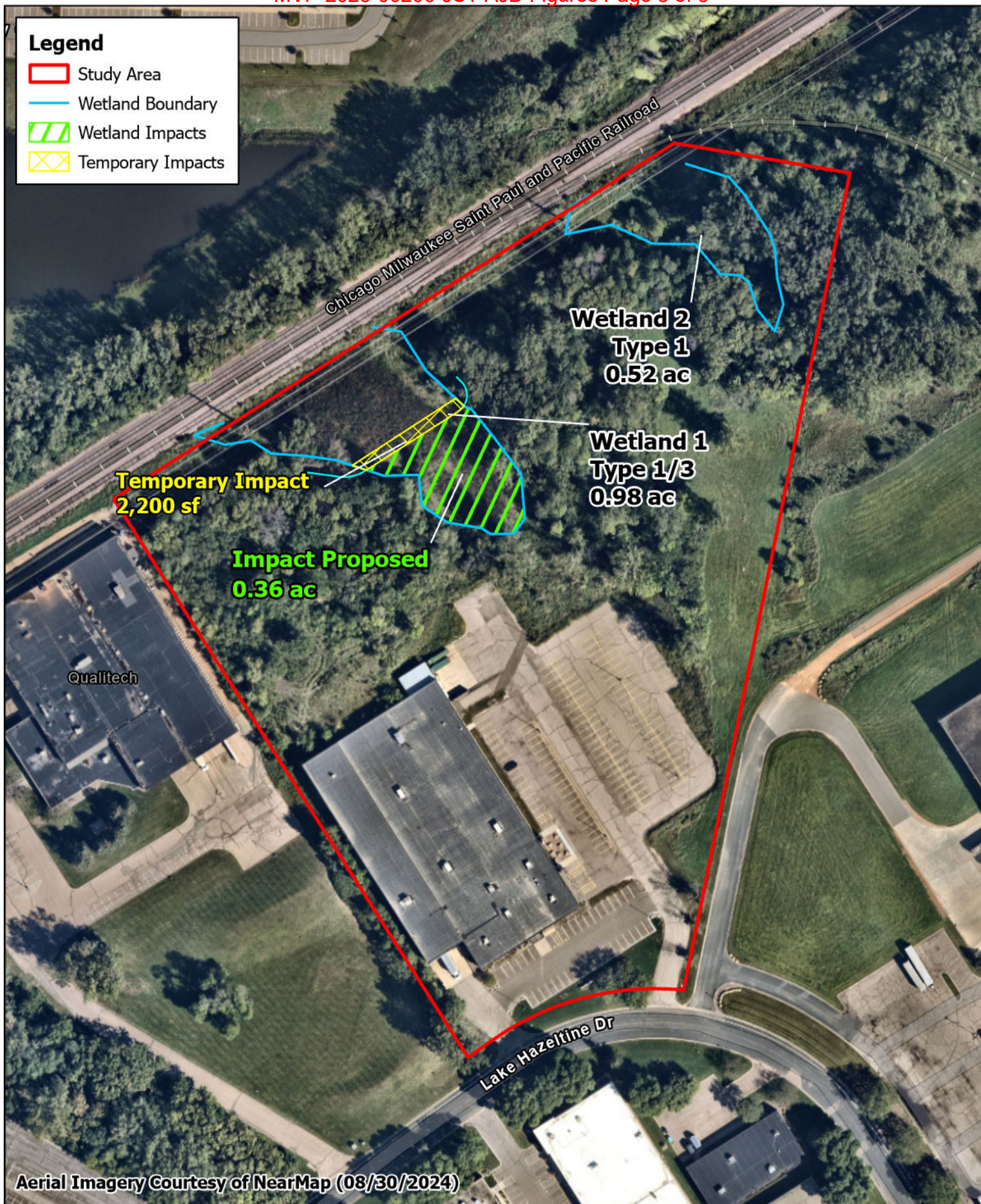


Figure 3. Proposed Wetland Impacts
Chaska, Carver County
Chaska Expansion