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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-2025-00507-JST MFR 1 of 1²

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.³ 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.⁴

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),⁵ the 2023 Rule as amended, as well as other applicable guidance, relevant case law, and longstanding practice in evaluating jurisdiction.

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 When documenting aquatic resources within the review area that are jurisdictional under the Clean Water Act (CWA), use an additional MFR and group the aquatic resources on each MFR based on the TNW, the territorial seas, or interstate water that they are connected to. Be sure to provide an identifier to indicate when there are multiple MFRs associated with a single AJD request (i.e., number them 1, 2, 3, etc.).

³ 33 CFR 331.2.

⁴ Regulatory Guidance Letter 05-02.

⁵ 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.

1. SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS.

- 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
Tributary 1 (320 linear feet)	Non-Jurisdictional
Wetland 5 (0.37 acre)	Non-Jurisdictional
Wetland 4 (0.52 acre)	Non-Jurisdictional
Wetland 2 (0.01 acre)	Non-Jurisdictional
Wetland 3 (0.02 acre)	Non-Jurisdictional

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)
- d. Memorandum To The Field Between The U.S. Department Of The Army, U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers And The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Concerning The Proper Implementation Of ‘Continuous Surface Connection’ Under The Definition Of “Waters Of The United States” Under The Clean Water Act” (March 12, 2025)

3. REVIEW AREA. The review area for this determination includes four wetlands and one linear feature, as identified in Section 1(a) of this MFR and shown on the attached figures labeled MVP-2025-00507-JST AJD Figures – Pages 1

- a. Project Are Size (in acres): 10.61
- b. Location Description: The project/review area is located in Section 26, Township 031N, Range 022W, Anoka County, Minnesota.
- c. Center Coordinates of the Project Site (in decimal degrees)
Latitude: 45.145830 Longitude: -93.050730
- d. Nearest City or Town: Hugo
- e. County: Anoka

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- f. State: Minnesota
 - g. Other associated Jurisdictional Determinations (including outcomes):
There are no other associated Approved Jurisdictional Determinations with the project area.
4. NEAREST TRADITIONAL NAVIGABLE WATER (TNW), THE TERRITORIAL SEAS, OR INTERSTATE WATER TO WHICH THE AQUATIC RESOURCE IS CONNECTED. N/A⁶
5. FLOWPATH FROM THE SUBJECT AQUATIC RESOURCES TO A TNW, THE TERRITORIAL SEAS, OR INTERSTATE WATER. N/A
6. SECTION 10 JURISDICTIONAL WATERS⁷: 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 10.⁸
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,

⁶ This MFR should not be used to complete a new stand-alone TNW determination. A stand-alone TNW determination for a water that is not subject to Section 9 or 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (RHA) is completed independently of a request for an AJD. A stand-alone TNW determination is conducted for a specific segment of river or stream or other type of waterbody, such as a lake, where upstream or downstream limits or lake borders are established.

⁷ 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.

⁸ 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.

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

- 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

- 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).⁹

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 resources within the review area identified as Wetlands 2, 3, 4, and 5 are not TNWs, territorial seas, or interstate waters and are therefore not (a)(1) waters. This determination is supported by the national wetland and hydrography datasets which do not identify any aquatic resources or other potential connections between these aquatic resources and any other waters. The site is contains hayed fields, wetlands, and wooded areas. The aquatic resource identified as Wetland 4 and a small riprap outlet feature were further investigated in the field to determine if a continuous surface connection was present between

⁹ 88 FR 3004 (January 18, 2023)

Wetland 4 and a ditch along the western boundary of the site. An upland berm was identified in the delineation report and observed at the site visit along with a riprap outlet feature located between Wetland 4 and the berm feature. Furthermore, a review of LiDAR imagery at this location indicated that the riprap outlet feature is not a relatively permanent water meeting the relatively permanent standard and is at a slightly higher elevation than Wetland 4. This feature would only carry water immediately following high precipitation events; therefore, it does not meet the definition of a continuous surface connection. Wetlands 2, 3, and 5 were evaluated using desktop resources and observed in the field to be small depressions that are surrounded by uplands. Wetland 5 extends offsite beyond the project area to the south and directly abuts T1 which has been determined to not meet the relatively permanent standard and therefore is not a relatively permanent (a)(3) tributary. Wetlands 2, 3, and 5 do not physically abut an (a)(1) water, (a)(2) impoundment, or (a)(3) tributary. The subject aquatic resources do not have a continuous surface connection to any relatively permanent water and as such do not meet the definition of adjacent and cannot be evaluated as (a)(4) wetlands; therefore, these aquatic resources are not jurisdictional under the 2023 Revised definition of 'Waters of the United States'; Conforming" 88 FR 61964 Final Rule.

The tributary feature identified as 'T1' was observed with standing water at the time of the site visit. According to precipitation data collected from Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS), a total of 2.05 inches of precipitation was recorded over a 7-day period from 05/20/2025-05/27/2025 which was indicated by the presence of standing water during the May 27th site visit. However, there was not a well-defined bed and bank and there was vegetation present within the channel, as such the feature appears to resemble ephemeral characteristics. The feature also was not identified on the national hydrography dataset. This feature does not flow directly or indirectly into any (a)(1) waters or (a)(2) impoundments. This supports the determination that the feature is ephemeral and cannot be evaluated as an (a)(3) tributary; therefore, this aquatic resource is not jurisdictional under the 2023 Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'; Conforming" 88 FR 61964 Final Rule.

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.
 - a. Field visit conducted May 27, 2025.
 - b. Field visit photos dated May 27, 2025.

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- c. Site photos prepared by Kjolhaug Environmental Services dated June 24, 2025.
- d. 6747 20th Avenue South Wetland Delineation Report prepared by Kjolhaug Environmental Services dated May 13, 2025.
- e. Minnesota Regulatory Viewer: 3DEP Hillshade Layer, MNDNR 2-foot contour layer, US Geological Service 3DEP Digital Elevation Model (DEM) and NHD layers, and USFWS NWI layer.
- f. Google Earth Aerials dated 2020, 2023, 2025.
- g. Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) accessed on July 7, 2025.

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.

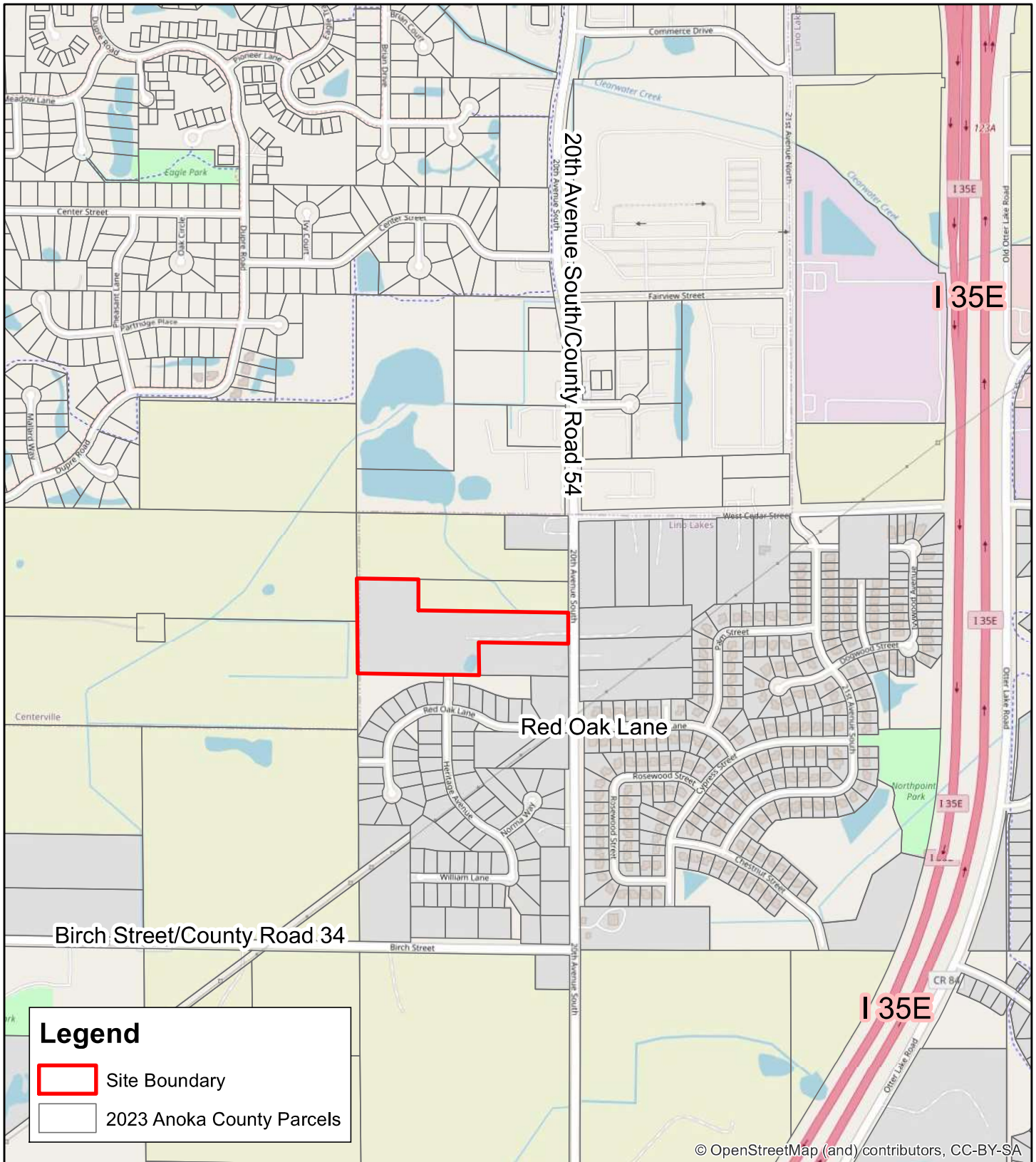





Figure 1 - Site Location

   **6747 20th Avenue South (KES 2024-187)**
Lino Lakes, Minnesota

Note: Boundaries indicated on this figure are approximate and do not constitute an official survey product.

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Source: OpenStreets Map

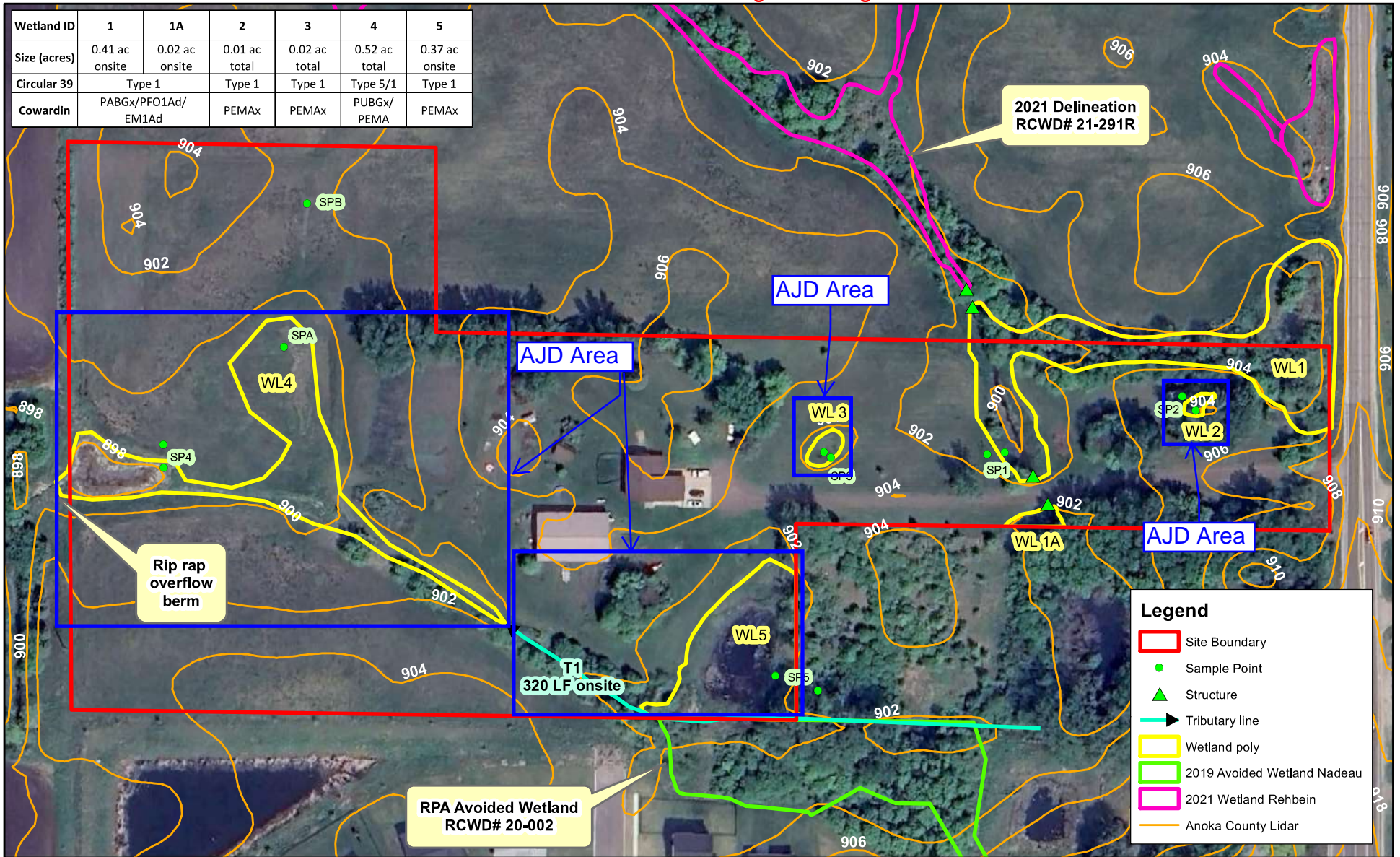


Figure 2 - Existing Conditions (5-20-2023 Google Earth Photo)

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Source: MNGEO Spatial Commons

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