



US Army Corps
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St Paul District

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sponsor:
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St. Paul District
Permit Application No. MVP-2025-01093

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 Morgan Vinyard at morgan.w.vinyard@usace.army.mil.

SUMMARY OF PROSPECTUS:

The sponsor is proposing to restore approximately 40.9 acres of natural habitat within a depressional system consisting of shallow marsh wetland, fresh wet meadow wetland, and upland prairie buffer within the Three Mile Creek watershed. The sponsor and the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources have an agreement to complete the proposed wetland restoration project together. Current land use includes row crop agriculture with subsurface drain tile providing drainage of the site. The sponsor proposes to achieve the project objectives by disabling the existing drain tile network to restore natural wetland hydrology, and re-establishing native plant communities through seeding and planting within the permanently protected conservation easement.

SPONSOR: Nathan Sommer
57592 State Highway 19
Winthrop, Minnesota 55396

AGENT: Ben Carlson
Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

LOCATION: The project area is located on the north side of Minnesota State Highway 19, between the intersection of 420th Street and 430th Street in Section 4, Township 112

North, Range 33 West; at Latitude 44.530 and Longitude -94.814; in Renville 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: the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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.

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 would have no effect on 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 Morgan Vinyard. Comments should be submitted electronically via the Regulatory Request System (RRS) at <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs> or by email to

morgan.w.vinyard@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
332 Minnesota Street, Suite E1500
St. Paul, MN 55101-1323

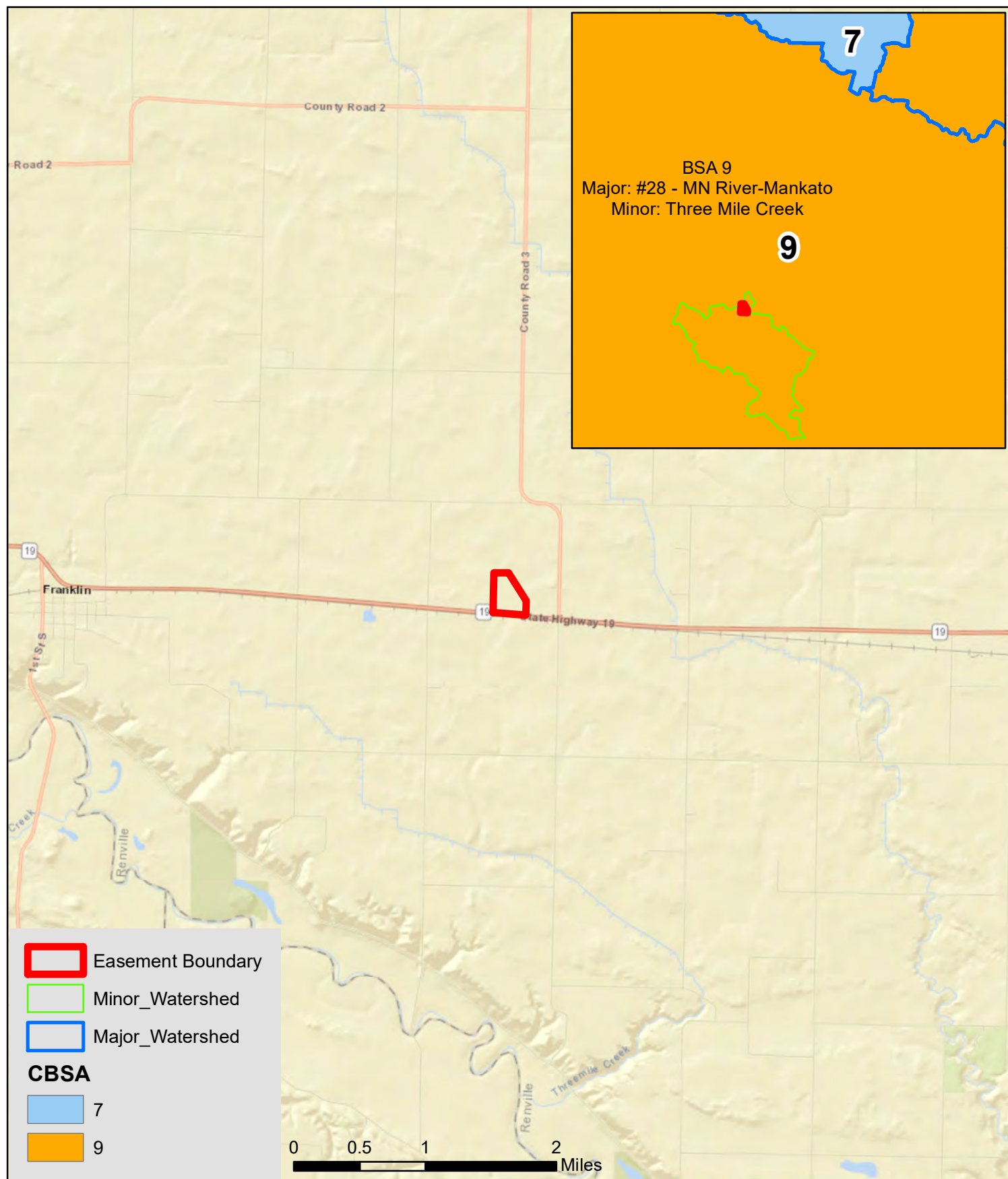
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT, contact Morgan Vinyard at the St. Paul Office at morgan.w.vinyard@usace.army.mil.

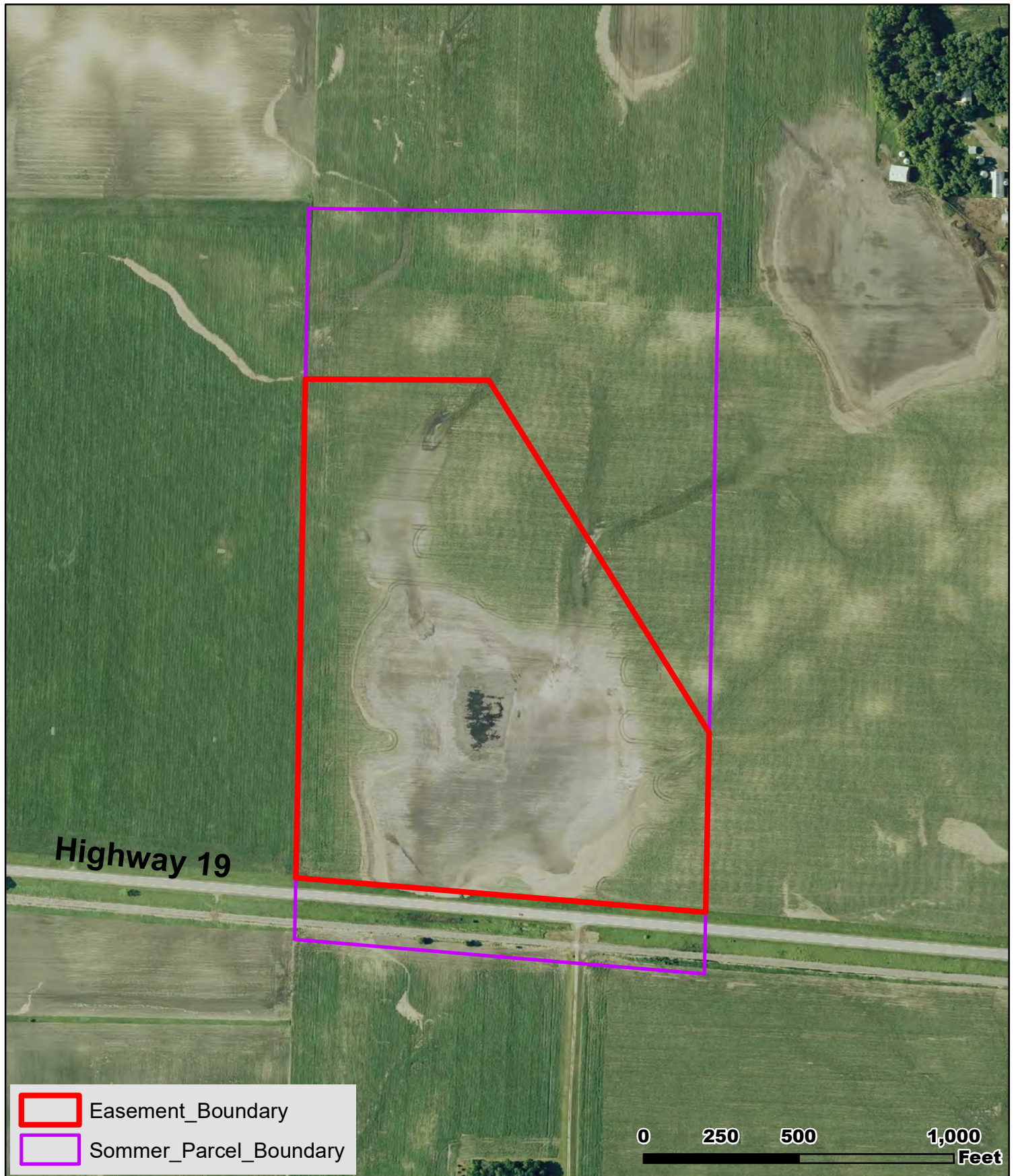
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Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, in detail, the reasons for holding a public hearing. A request 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: Public notices figures MVP-2025-01093 Figures 1 of 12 through 12 of 12.

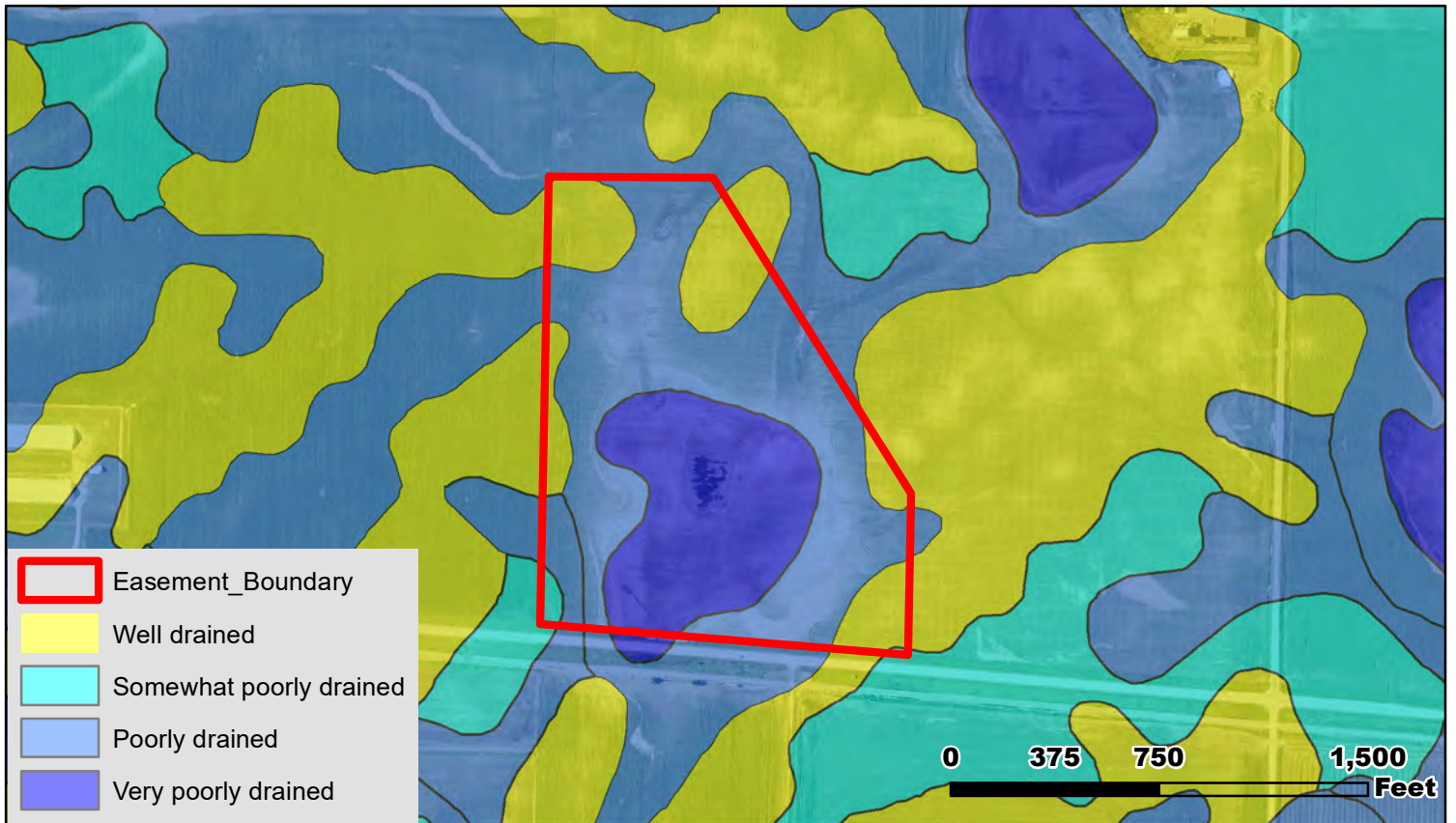
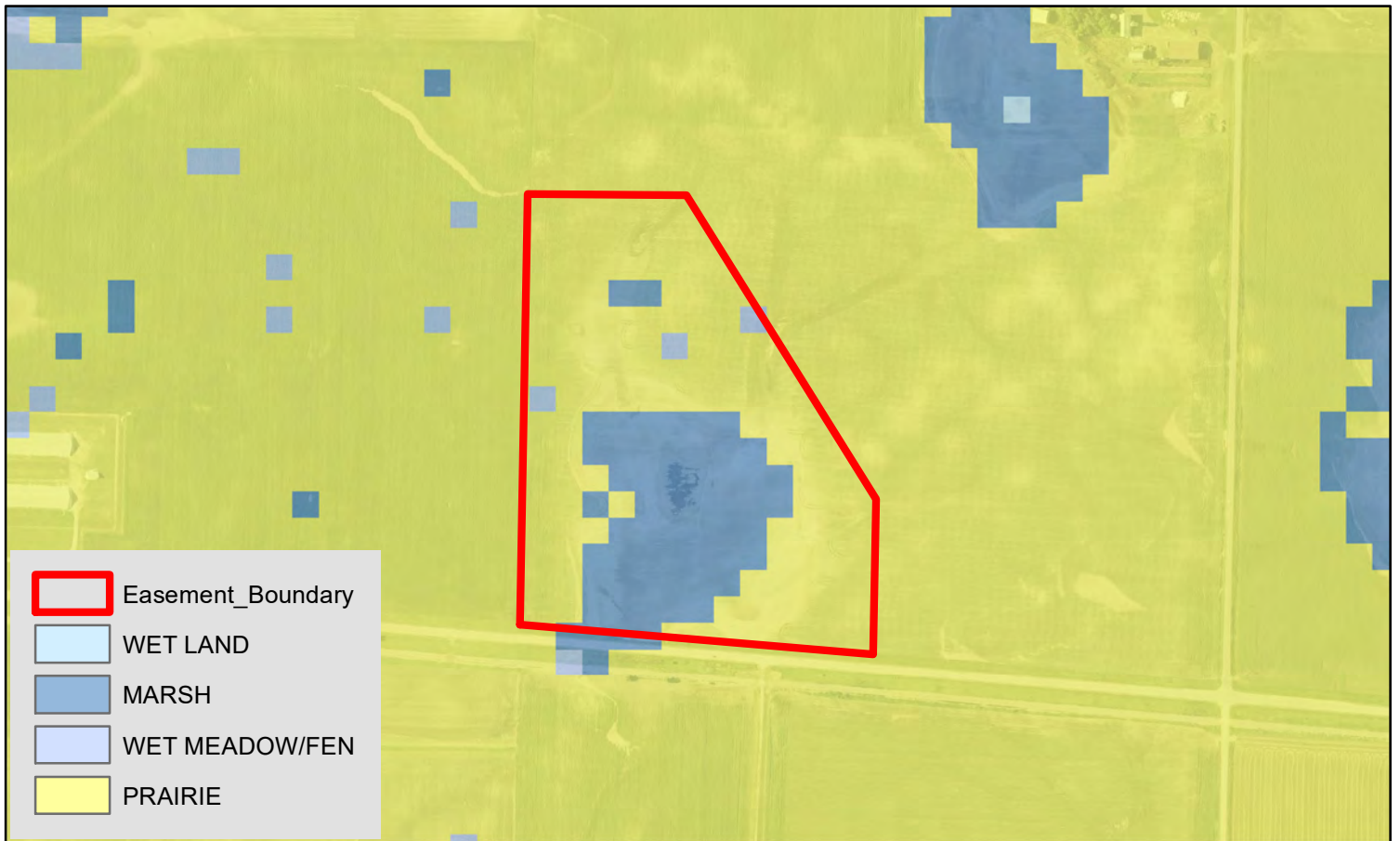
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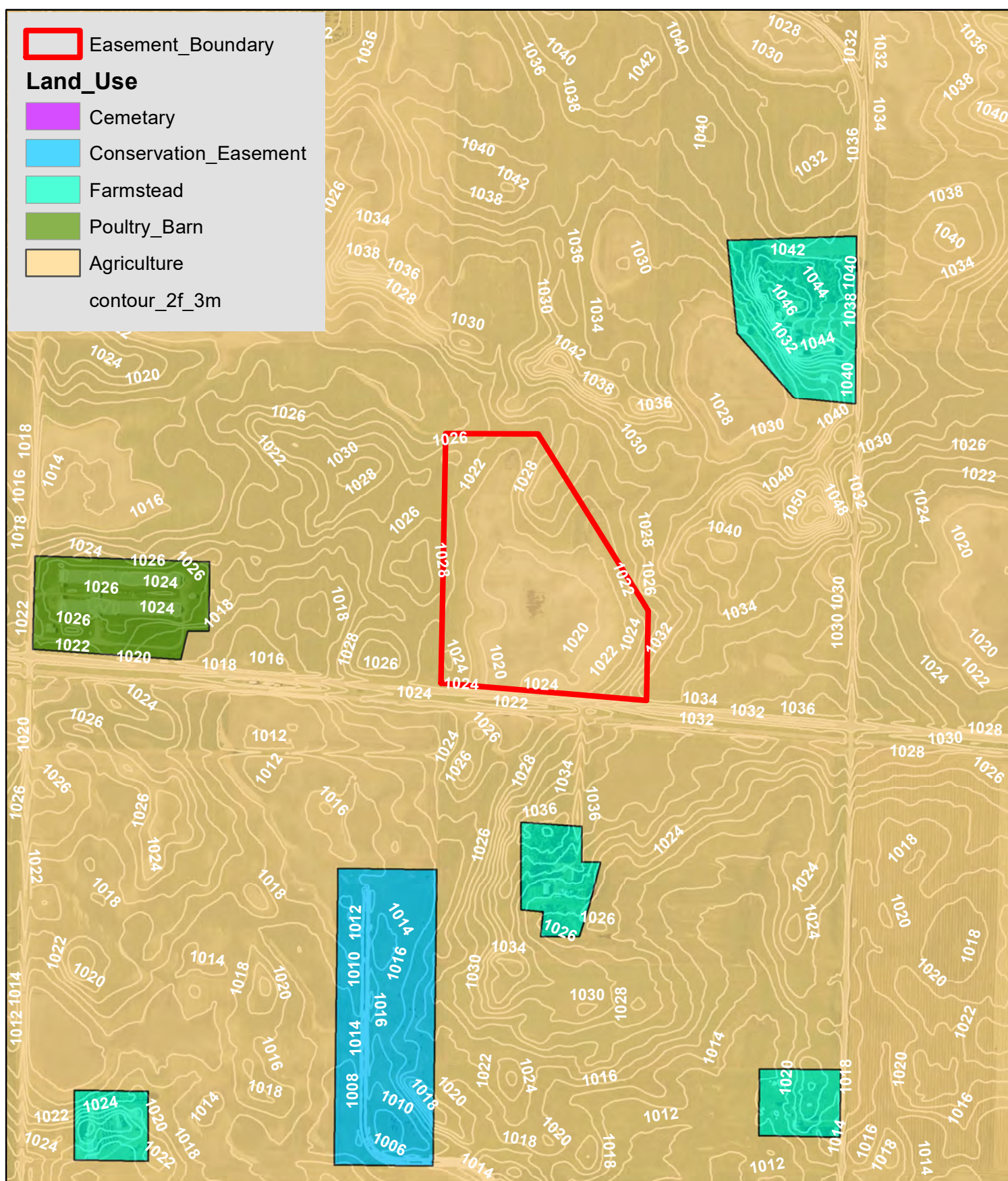
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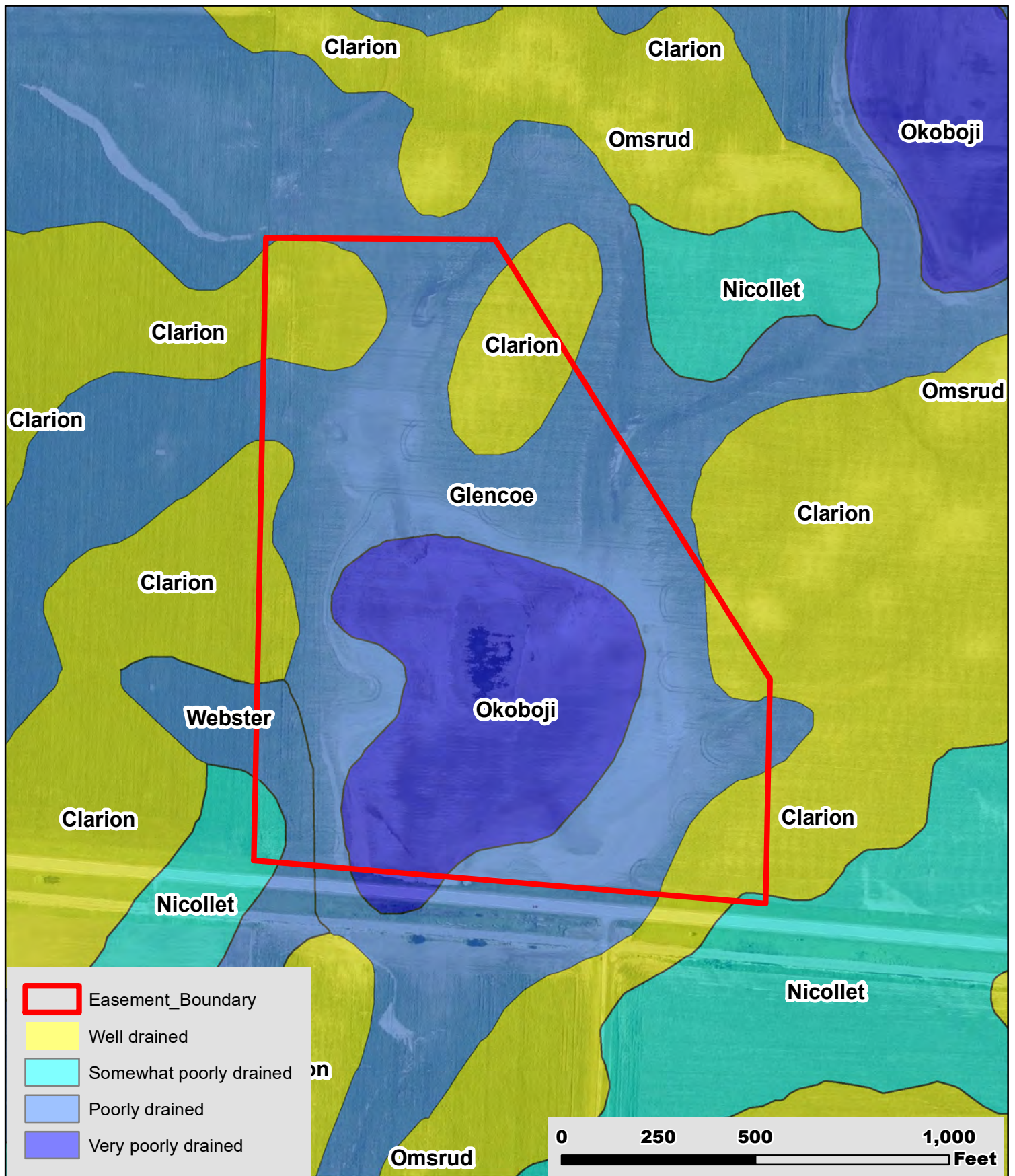
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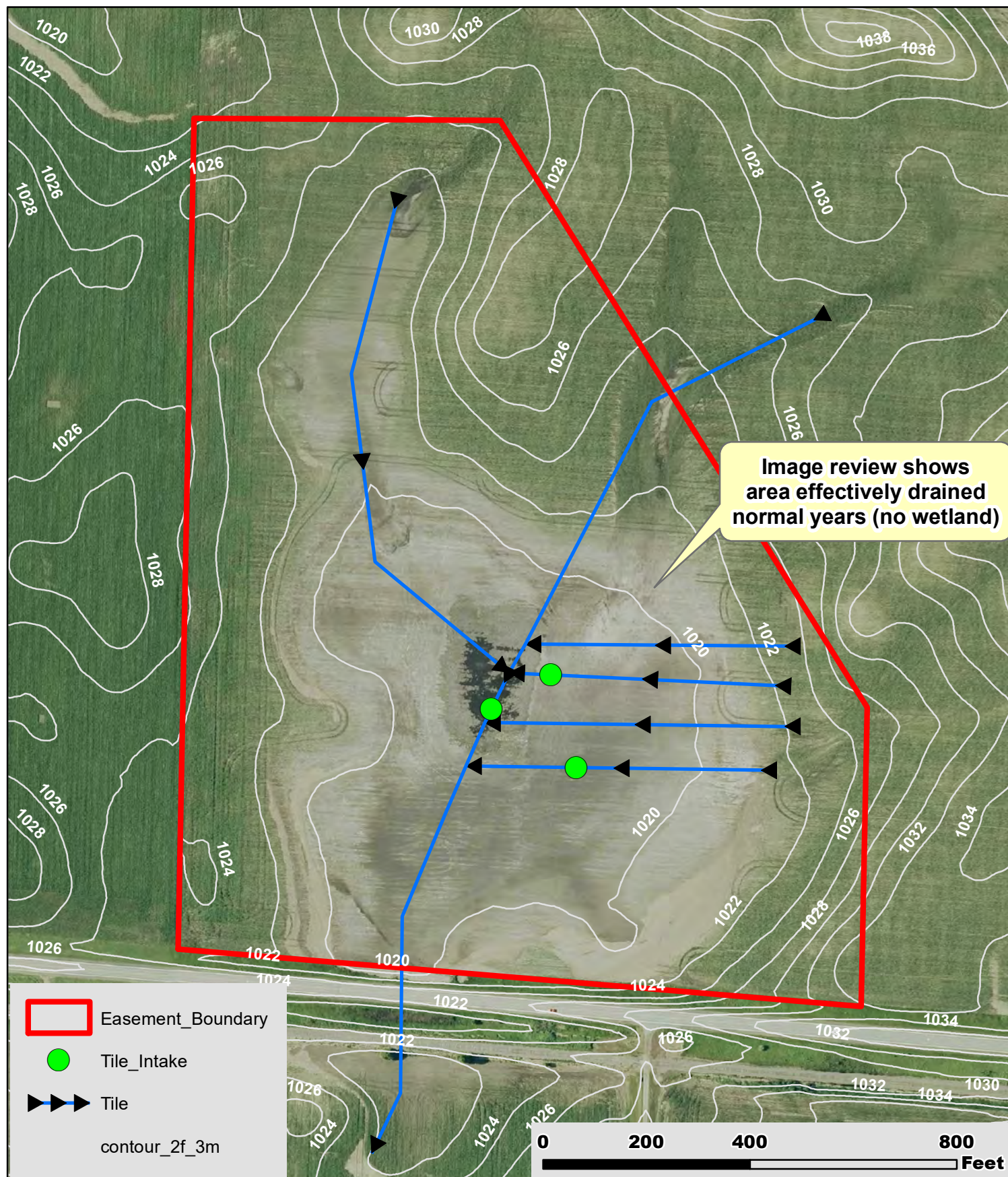
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 Conservation_Easement
 Farmstead
 Poultry_Barn
 Agriculture
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**BOARD OF WATER
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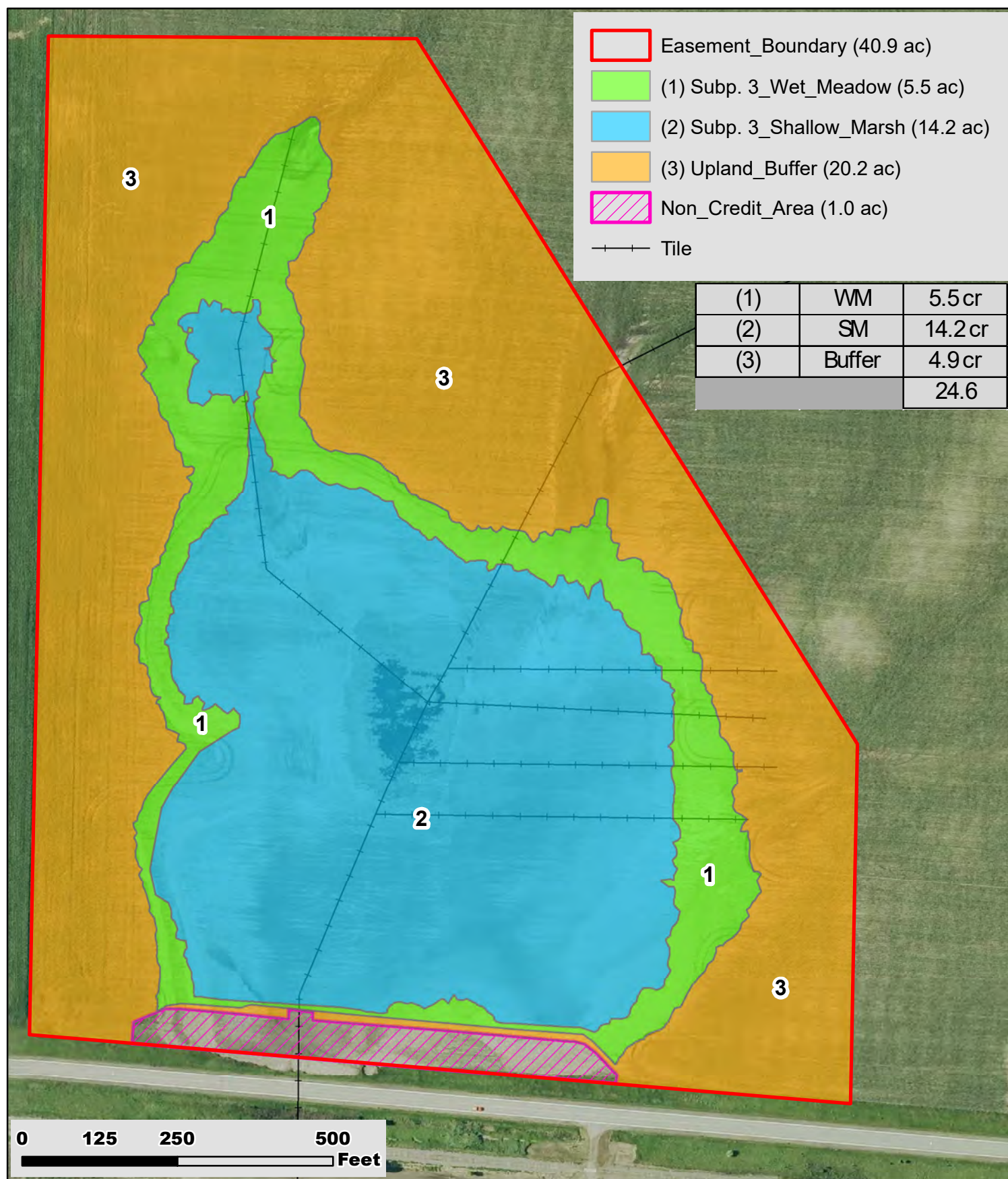
**Existing Conditions and Surrounding Landuse
Sommer Wetland Bank
T 112N R 33W S 4
Figure # 5**





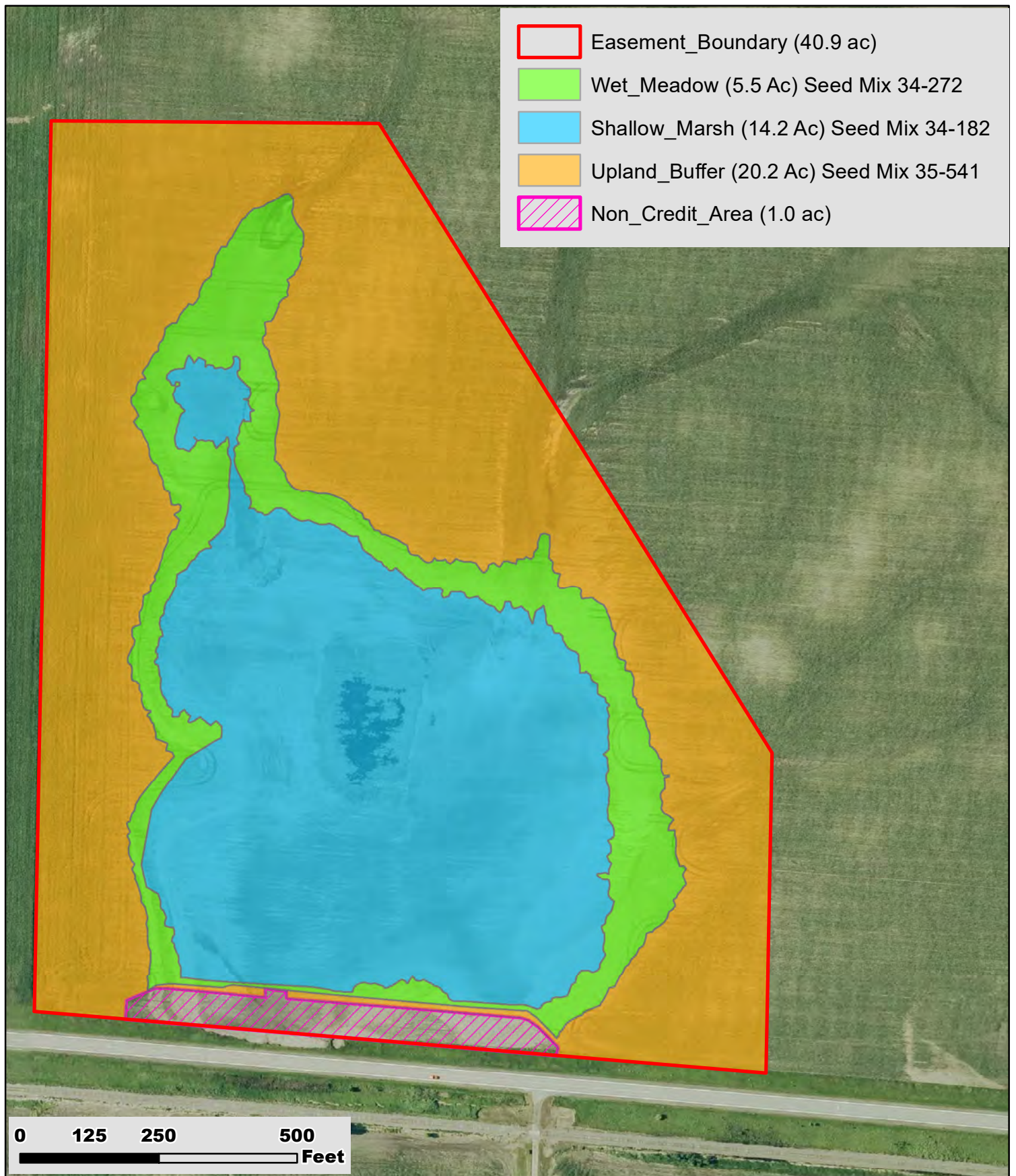
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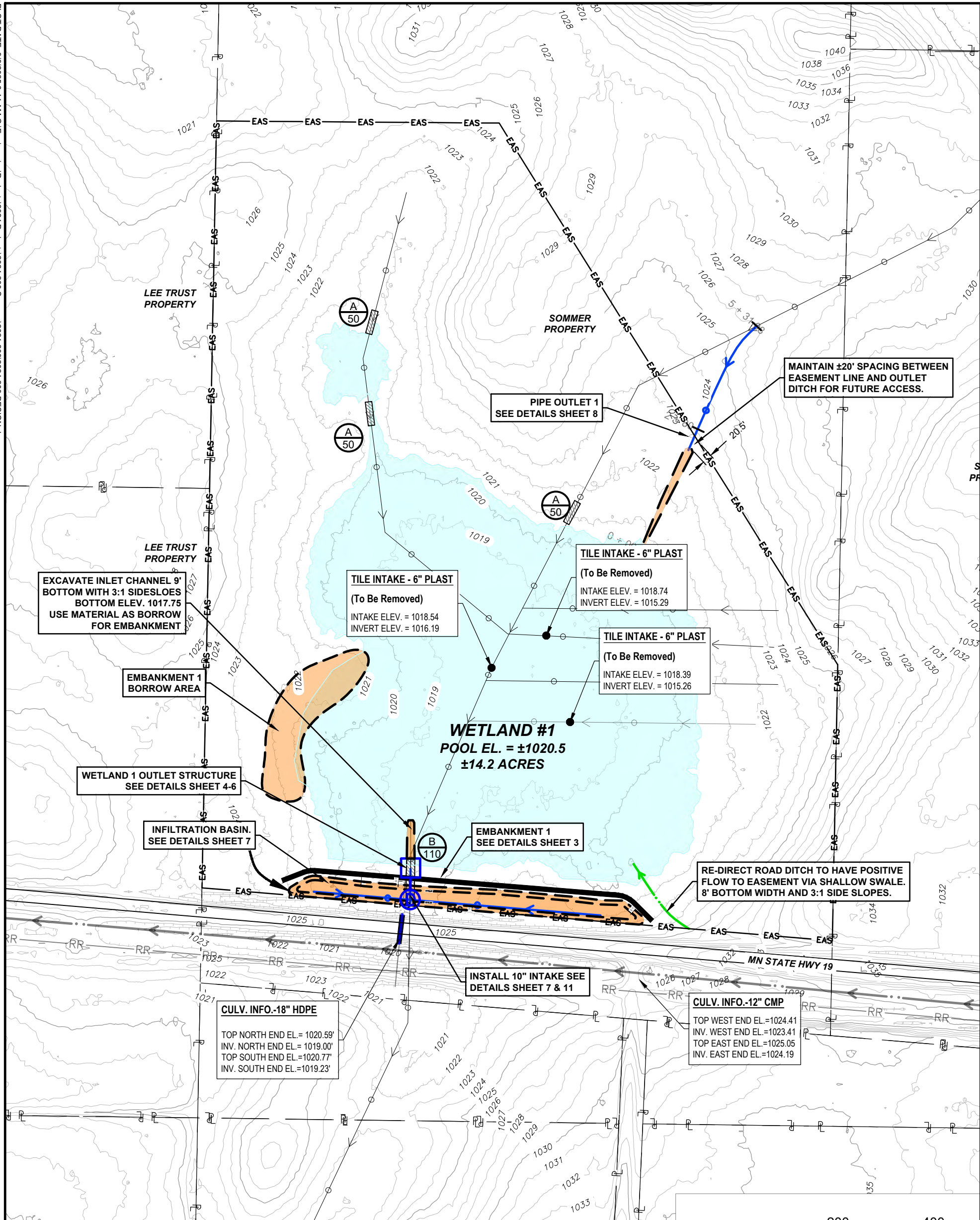
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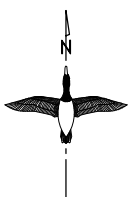




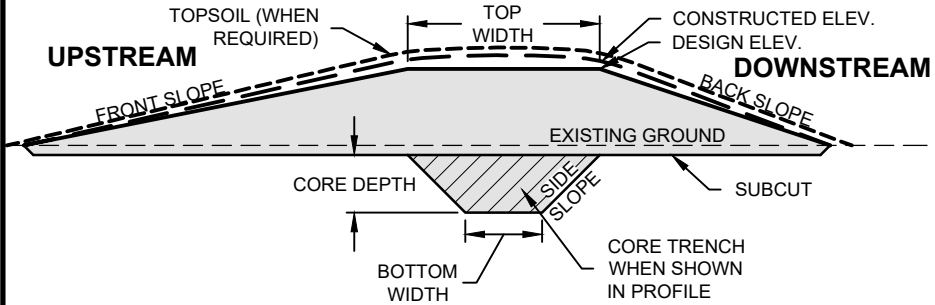
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SCALE (IN FEET)

	EXISTING PRIVATE DITCH		EXISTING TREE LINE		PROPOSED WETLAND AREA
	EXISTING PRIVATE TILE		TILE INVESTIGATION		PROPOSED TILE BREAK
	PROPOSED PRIVATE DITCH		PROPOSED SPILLWAY		PROPOSED SCRAPE
	PROPOSED PRIVATE TILE		PROPOSED EMBANKMENT		EXISTING INTAKES
	APPROXIMATE PROPERTY LINE		PROPOSED POOL		PROPOSED STRUCTURE
	RIGHT OF WAY				
	CONSERVATION EASEMENT				



EMBANKMENT CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS



EMBANKMENT DETAIL

NOT TO SCALE

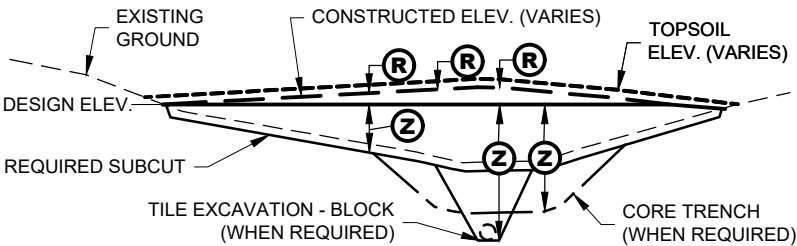
SUBCUT DIMENSIONS SHOWN ON EMBANKMENT PROFILE ARE MINIMUMS. THE SUBCUT DEPTH MAY NEED TO BE INCREASED BASED ON SITE AND SOIL CONDITIONS. ENGINEER MAY DIRECT WHEN TO EXCAVATE TO DIFFERENT DEPTHS THAN SHOWN.

THE FILL VOLUME SHOWN FOR AN EMBANKMENT INCLUDES QUANTITIES FOR SUBCUT AND SETTLEMENT ALLOWANCE.

PLACE ±4 INCHES OF STRIPPED TOPSOIL ON THE ENTIRE EMBANKMENT SURFACE AFTER CONSTRUCTED ELEVATION IS ACHIEVED. TOPSOIL MATERIAL USED SHALL BE SUITABLE FOR VEGETATION ESTABLISHMENT.

WHEN REQUIRED ON EMBANKMENT PROFILE, CORE TRENCH DEPTHS MAY VARY BASED ON SITE AND SOIL CONDITIONS. ENGINEER MAY DIRECT WHEN TO EXCAVATE TO DIFFERENT DEPTHS THAN SHOWN.

DETERMINING CONSTRUCTED ELEVATION



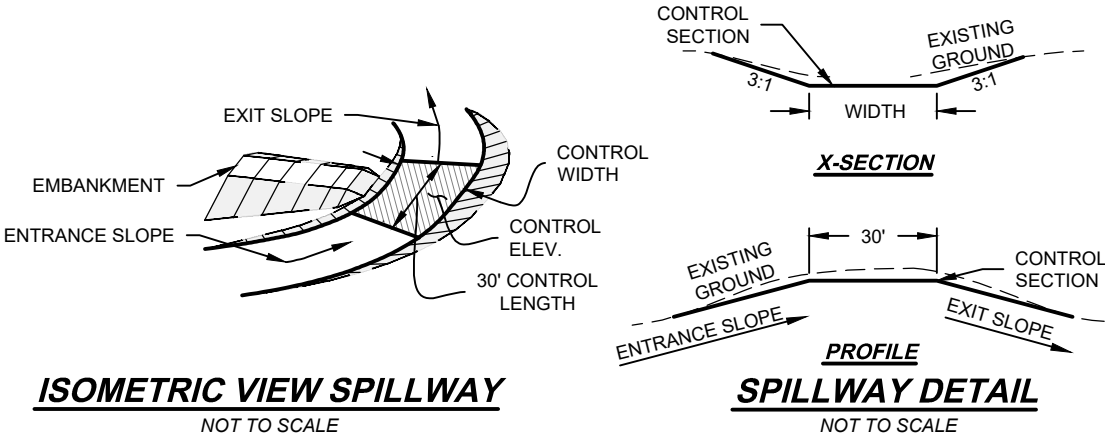
CONSTRUCTED ELEVATION INCLUDES REQUIRED AMOUNT OF OVERBUILD ADDED TO DESIGN ELEVATION TO ACCOUNT FOR EXPECTED SETTLEMENT.

⓪ - TOTAL FILL HEIGHT (DESIGN ELEVATION - SUBGRADE ELEVATION)

Ⓡ - SETTLEMENT AMOUNT (OVERBUILD) = ⓪ x SETTLEMENT % (PER PLAN)

NOTE: THE FIGURE PROVIDED ILLUSTRATES THIS FOR A CONSTRUCTED EMBANKMENT, HOWEVER, THIS REQUIREMENT FOR OVERBUILD APPLIES TO ALL CONSTRUCTED FILLS. TOPSOIL NOT TO BE INCLUDED IN CONSTRUCTED ELEVATION.

SPILLWAY CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS



ENTRANCE AND EXIT SLOPES SHALL BE EXCAVATED / GRADED TO ENSURE POSITIVE DRAINAGE IN AND OUT OF SPILLWAY CONTROL SECTION.

ELEVATION AND WIDTH OF CONTROL SECTION SHALL BE AS SHOWN ON PLAN VIEW AND/OR ASSOCIATED EMBANKMENT PROFILE

THE ABILITY TO ESTABLISH QUALITY VEGETATION WITHIN THE CONSTRUCTED SPILLWAY SECTION WILL BE CRITICAL TO THE SPILLWAY'S FUNCTION. WHEN SPILLWAY EXCAVATION RESULTS IN A CONDITION THAT IS UNSUITABLE FOR VEGETATION ESTABLISHMENT, OVER EXCAVATE AS DIRECTED OR NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SUITABLE SUBSTRATE FOR VEGETATION ESTABLISHMENT. (TYPICALLY 4"-6" TOPSOIL)

FINISHED SURFACE SHALL BE REASONABLY SMOOTH AND ACHIEVE / MEET CONTROL ELEVATION SHOWN ABOVE PRIOR TO SEEDING.

SPILLWAY:
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WHEN DIRECTED OR DEEMED NECESSARY, OVER EXCAVATE SPILLWAY 4 TO 6 INCHES AND REPLACE WITH TOPSOIL TO DESIGN ELEVATIONS. TOPSOIL MATERIAL SHALL BE SUITABLE FOR VEGETATION ESTABLISHMENT.

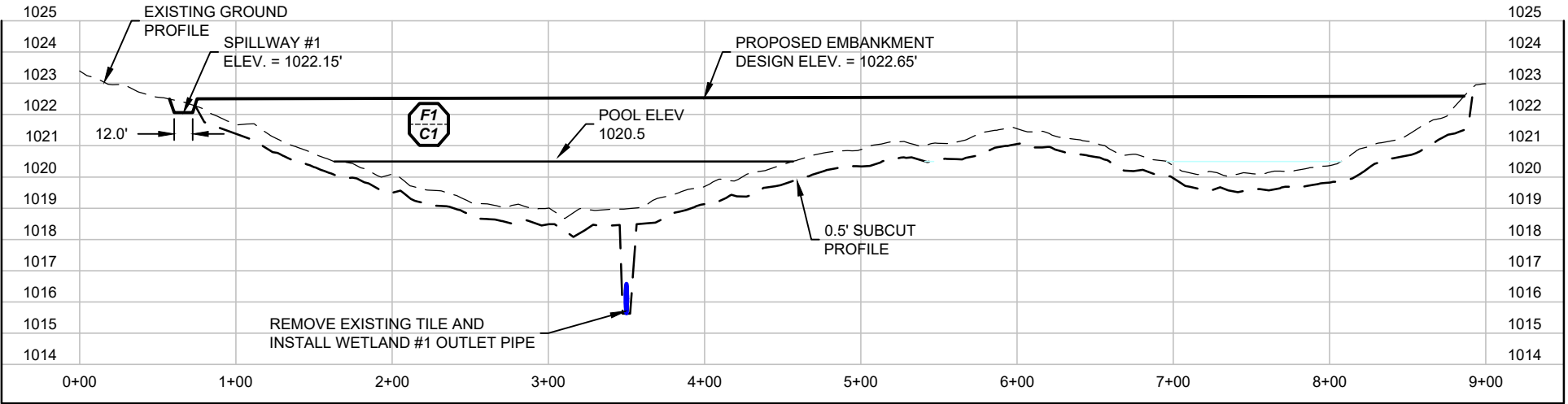
EMBANKMENT DESIGN

TOP WIDTH = 10 FT
FRONT SLOPE = 10:1 (H:V)
BACK SLOPE = 3:1 (H:V)
SETTLEMENT = 10%

SUBCUT QTY = 584 CY
FILL QTY = 1871 CY

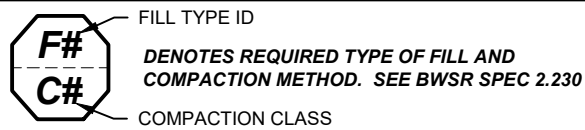
ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

SPILLWAY ID #	EXCAVATED VOLUME (CU.YD.)
1	20



EMBANKMENT 1

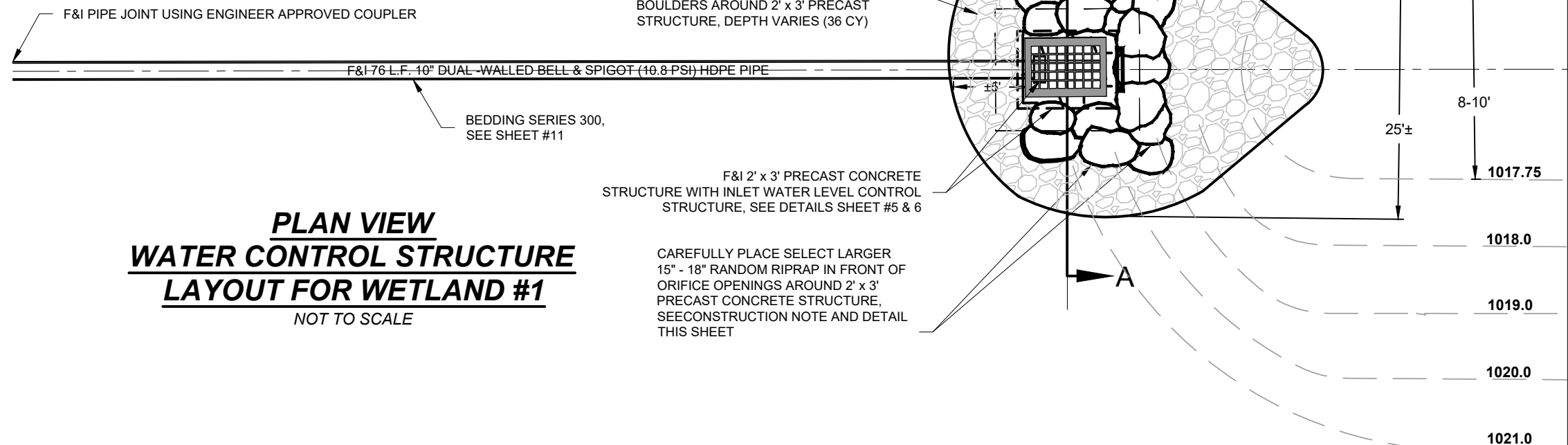
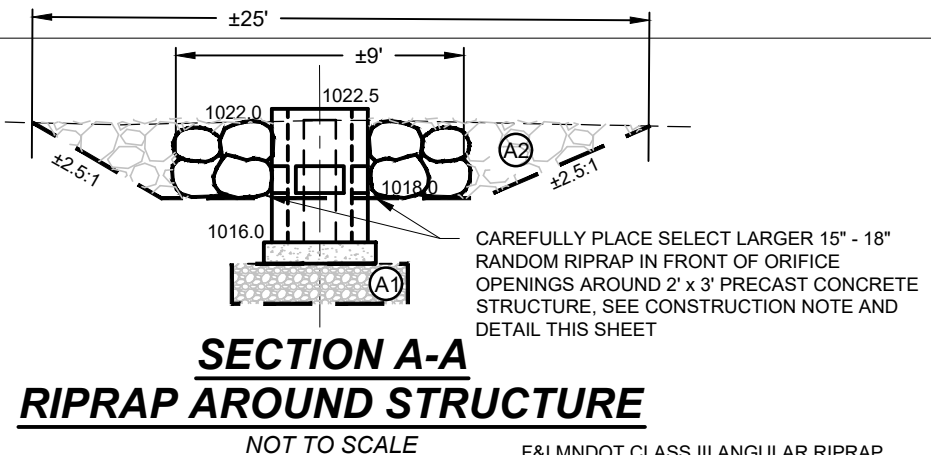
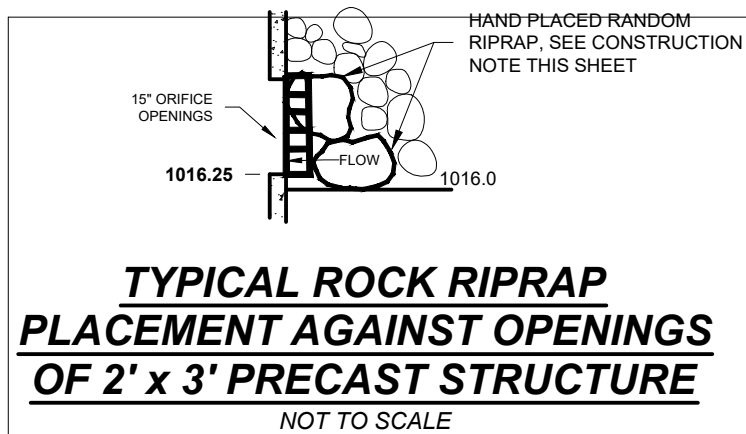
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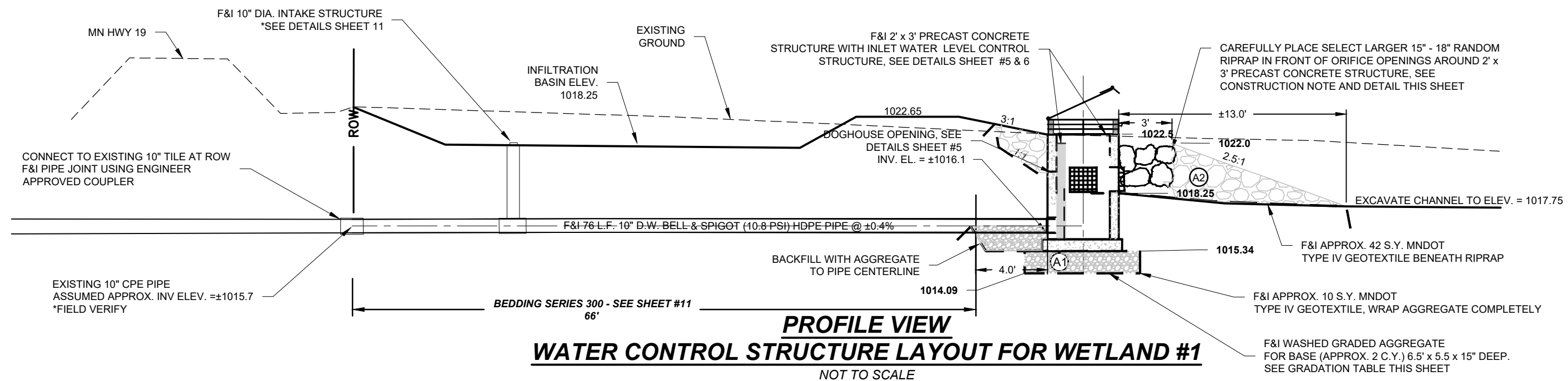
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WETLAND BANK RESTORATION
EMBANKMENT PROFILE AND DETAILS

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AGGREGATE GRADATION TABLE		
AGGREGATE DIAMETER (INCHES) OR SIEVE SIZE		APPROX % OF TOTAL SIZE SMALLER THAN GIVEN SIZE
A1 1"		26 - 100
3/4"		0 - 25
18"		100
12"		75
A2 9"		50
3"		10
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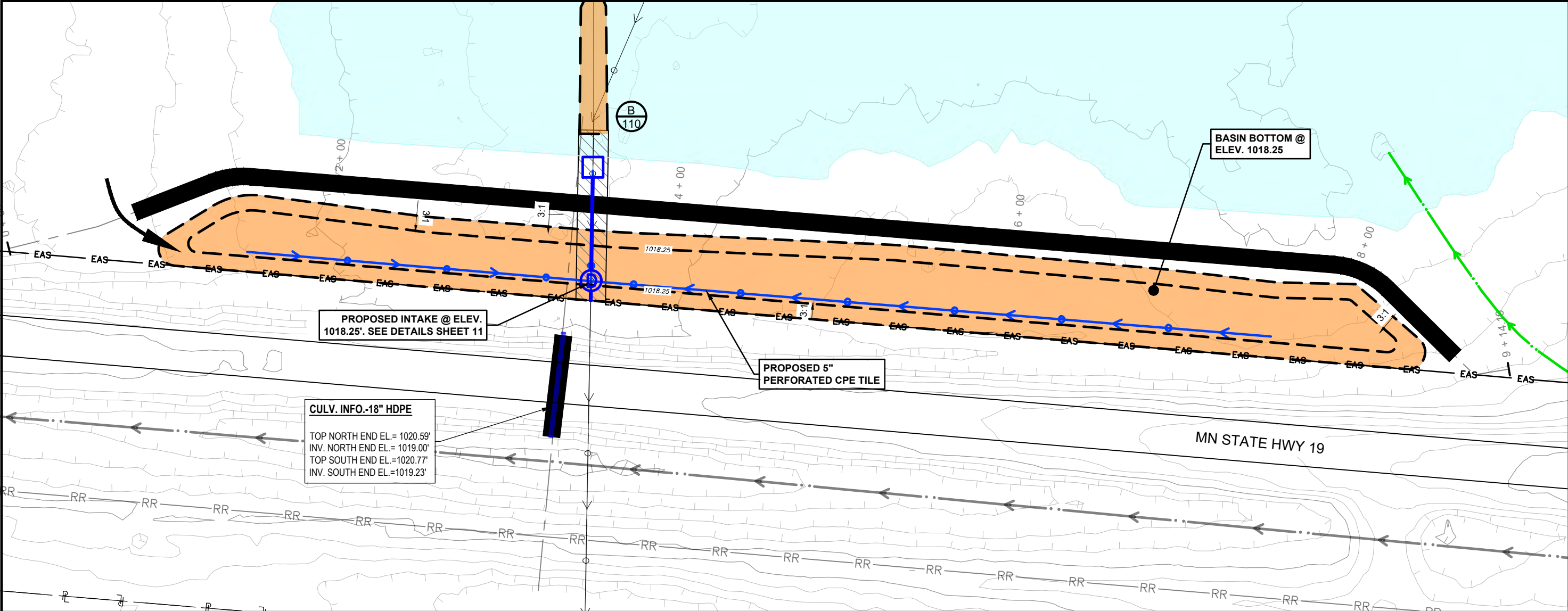
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OUTLET STRUCTURE DETAILS

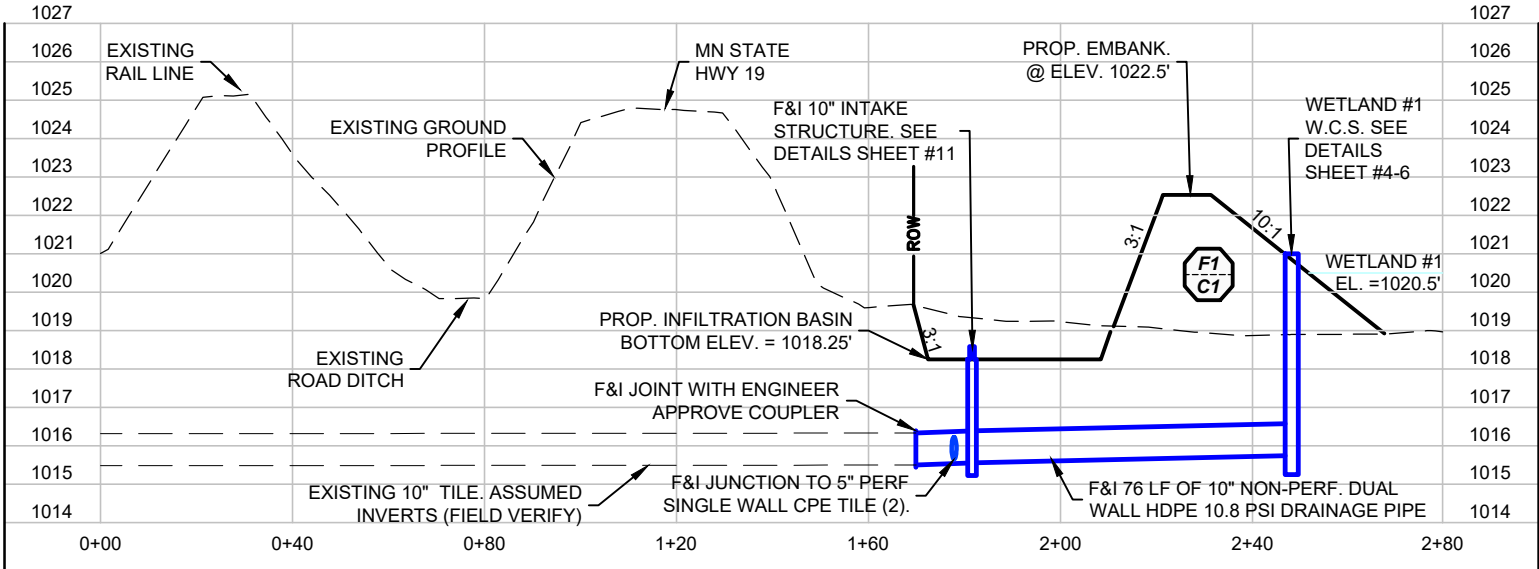
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CONSTRUCTION NOTE:

*ALL SUITABLE EXCAVATED INFILTRATION BASIN MATERIAL (APPROX. 815 CY) TO BE USED AS BORROW FOR EMBANKMENT 1. ANY ADDITIONAL NON-SUITABLE MATERIAL CAN BE PLACE IN EMBANKMENT 1 BORROW AREA OR ON FRONT SLOPE OF EMBANKMENT 1



CENTERLINE PROFILE @ PROPOSED OUTLET STRUCTURE

SCALE 1" = 40'

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