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January 28, 2026

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-2026-00094-BCB (MFR 1 of 1)²

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,

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.

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as well as other applicable guidance, relevant case law, and longstanding practice in evaluating jurisdiction.

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).

Wetland Basin A, (0.13 acre), non-jurisdictional
Wetland Basin AA, (0.13 acre), non-jurisdictional
Wetland Basin B, (204 square feet), non-jurisdictional
Wetland Basin C, (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 features within the review area include wetland basins A, AA, B, and C within the red polygons as shown on the attached figures labeled MVP-2026-00094-BCB Pages 1-3.

- a. Project Are Size (in acres): 0.28 acre
- b. Location Description: The project/review area is located in Section 02, Township 32 North, Range 26 West, Sherburne County, Minnesota.
- c. Center Coordinates of the Project Site (in decimal degrees)
Latitude: 45.286280 Longitude: -93.541270
- d. Nearest City or Town: Elk River
- e. County: Sherburne
- f. State: Minnesota
- g. Other associated Jurisdictional Determinations (including outcomes):

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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, 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. N/A
 - a. Traditional Navigable Waters (TNWs) (a)(1)(i): N/A
 - b. The Territorial Seas (a)(1)(ii): N/A

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.

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- 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).

Wetland basins A, AA, B, and C are not TNWs, territorial seas, or interstate waters and therefore is not a (a)(1) water. Based on a review of the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) the nearest waterway and potential RPW is approximately 0.62-miles southwest of the review area and identified as the Mississippi River. National Regulatory Viewer: USGS 3DEP map, hill shade, and contours indicate that wetland basins A, AA, B, and C have no surface connection to the nearest RPW or TNW. The wetlands do not physically abut a relatively permanent paragraph (a)(2) impoundment or a jurisdictional (a)(3) tributary. The existing drainage feature that is south of the project area extends outside of the project location to depressed storm water basins that do not have a continuous surface connection to the nearest RPW or TNW. Wetland basins A, AA, B, and C are non-tidal wetlands that do not have continuous surface connection to relatively permanent jurisdictional waters and as such do not meet the definition of adjacent and cannot be evaluated as (a)(4) adjacent wetlands;

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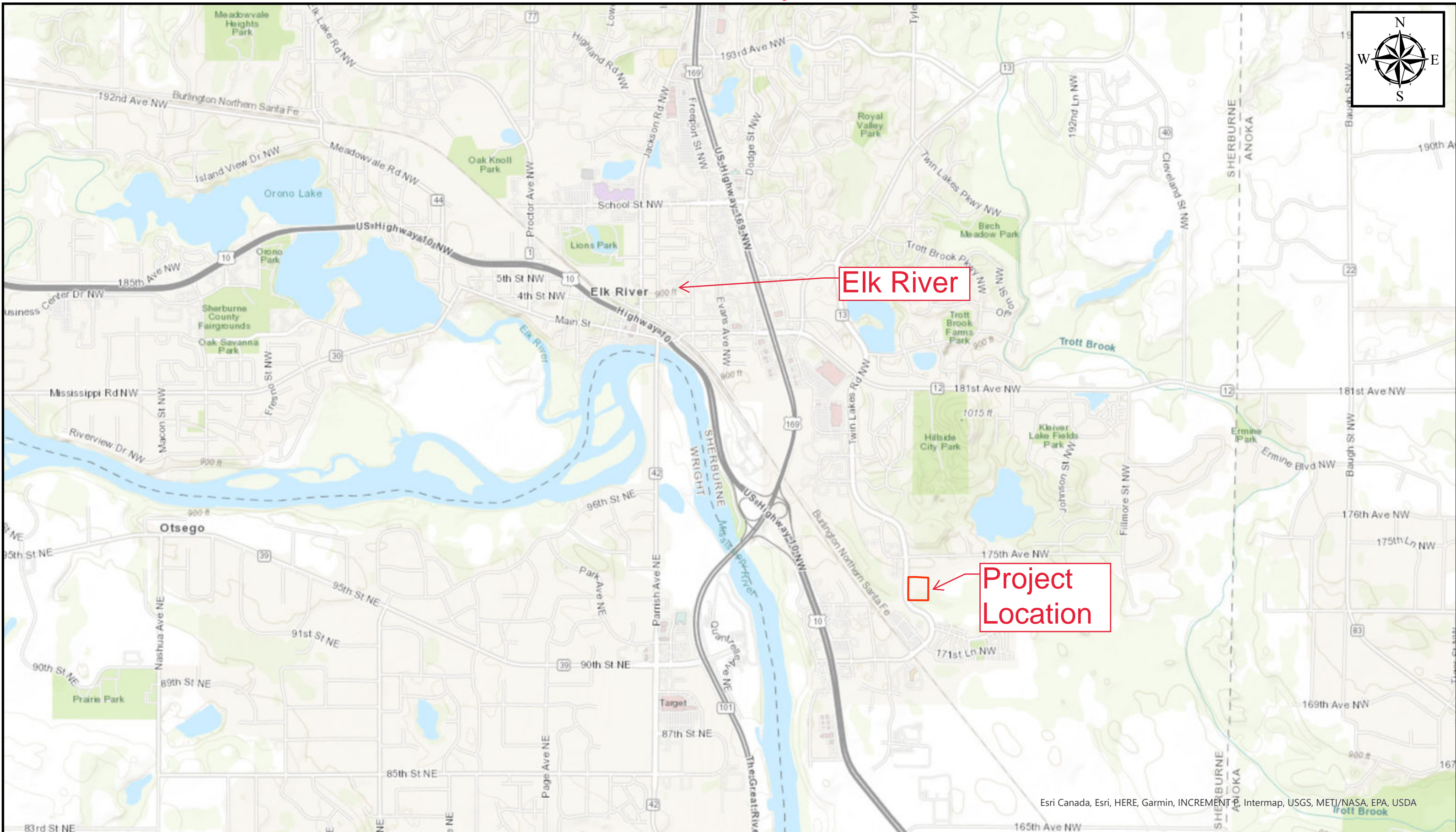
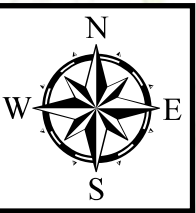
therefore, wetland basins A, AA, B, and C are not jurisdictional under the 2023 Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'; Conforming" 88 FR 61964 Final Rule. Thus, wetland basins A, AA, B, and C are not subject to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA).

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.

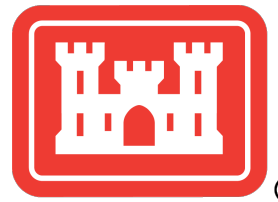
- a. USGS 3d Elevation Program (3DEP Map) 1/23/2026
- b. USGS Hill shade 1/23/2026
- c. NRV 1/23/2026
- d. NHD Plus HR 1/23/2026

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.



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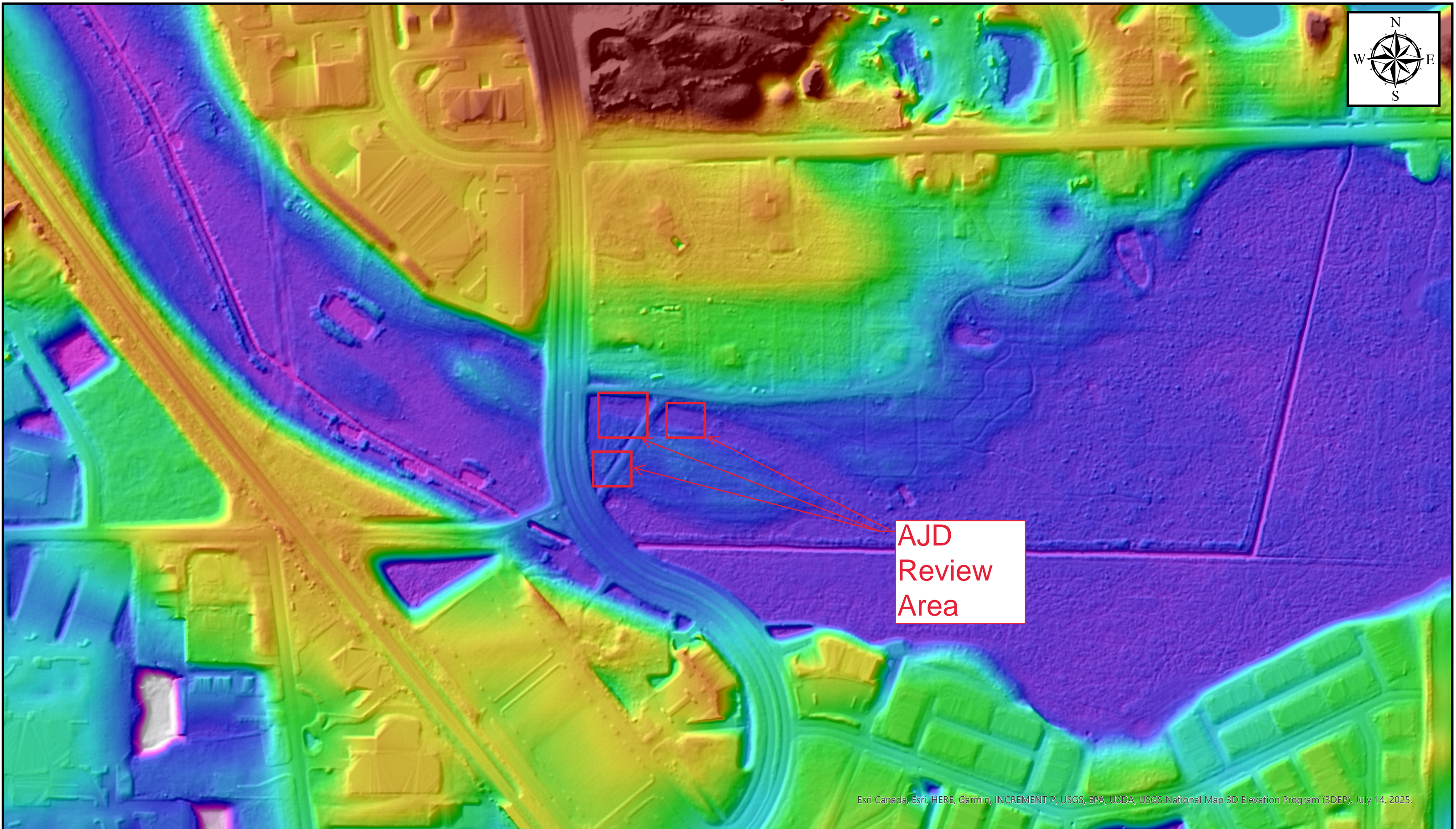
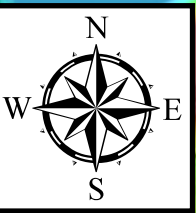


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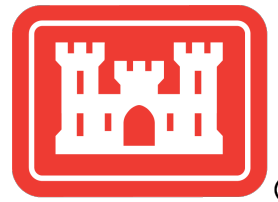
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3DEP Map



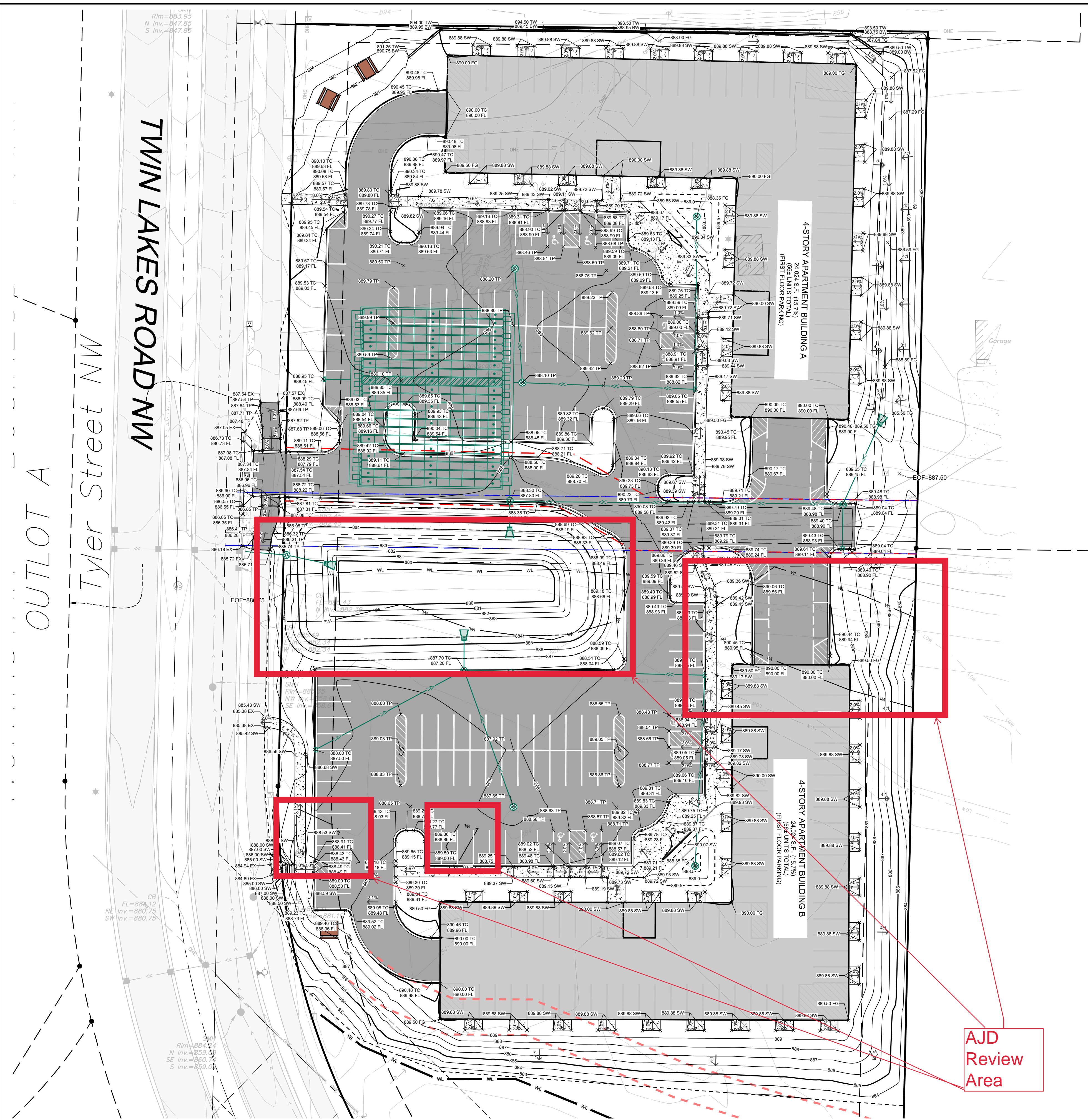
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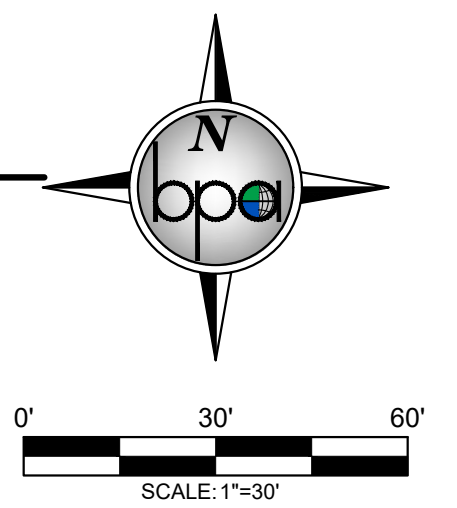
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- PROPOSED RIP RAP
- NEW TOP-BACK OF CURB ELEVATION
- NEW FLOW LINE OF CURB ELEVATION
- NEW SIDEWALK ELEVATION
- NEW TOP OF PAVEMENT ELEVATION
- NEW TOP OF GRAVEL ELEVATION
- NEW FINISHED GRADE ELEVATION
- EXISTING ELEVATION
- PROPOSED CONTOUR
- PROPOSED SLOPE
- EMERGENCY OVERFLOW



GRADING GENERAL NOTES:

1. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTE ANY DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN EXISTING CONDITIONS IN THE FIELD REPRESENTED WITHIN THE PLANS AS SHOWN AND ALERT THE ENGINEER BEFORE BIDDING THE PROJECT AND BEGINNING CONSTRUCTION.
2. CONTRACTOR SHALL LOCATE AND VERIFY ALL UTILITIES WHICH MAY AFFECT THIS WORK AND NOTIFY THE OWNER OF ANY CHANGES. CONTACT LOCAL UTILITY COMPANIES FOR EXACT LOCATIONS PRIOR TO BIDDING THE PROJECT AND COMMENCING WORK.
3. CONTRACTOR SHALL TAKE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT SILT AND DEBRIS RUN-OFF DURING GRADING OPERATIONS (I.E. SILT FENCE, STRAW BALES, ETC.).
4. CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY CRITICAL ELEVATIONS TO ENSURE CONFORMANCE WITH GRADING PLAN, PARTICULARLY WITH EXISTING STRUCTURES AND/OR PAVEMENTS TO REMAIN. MEET EXISTING GRADES ALONG STREETS, PROPERTY LINES, AND DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES. RESTORE ALL PAVEMENTS THAT REMAIN TO THEIR ORIGINAL IF NOT BETTER CONDITION. NOTIFY OWNER OF ANY CONFLICTS PRIOR TO BIDDING THE PROJECT.
5. TURF ESTABLISHMENT AREAS SHALL RECEIVE MINIMUM OF 4" DEPTH AS MEASURED IN PLACE OF TOPSOIL. TOPSOIL SHALL BE FURNISHED AND INSTALLED BY THE CONTRACTOR. ALL GRADED SLOPES GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 5:1 SHALL BE HYDROSEED, EROSION CONTROL BLANKETED, OR MULCHED TO HELP STABILIZE THE SLOPES BY GENERAL CONTRACTOR.
6. PROPOSED SPOT ELEVATIONS ARE TO THE TOP OF CURB UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE. ELEVATION OF FLOW LINE IS 6" BELOW TOP OF CURB UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN.
7. CONTRACTOR SHALL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING QUANTITIES OF CUT, FILL AND WASTE MATERIALS TO BE HANDLED, AND FOR AMOUNT OF GRADING TO BE DONE IN ORDER TO COMPLETELY PERFORM ALL WORK INDICATED ON THE DRAWINGS. IMPORT SUITABLE MATERIAL AND EXPORT UNSUITABLE / EXCESS / WASTE MATERIAL AS REQUIRED. ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPORTING AND EXPORTING MATERIALS SHALL BE INCIDENTAL TO THE CONTRACT.
8. IT IS INTENDED THAT EARTHWORK (CUT VS. FILL) BALANCE ON SITE. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL SUBMIT THE QUANTITY OF MATERIAL AND AMOUNT OF ANTICIPATED GRADE ADJUSTMENT FOR REVIEW BY THE ENGINEER A MINIMUM OF FOUR WEEKDAYS PRIOR TO MAKING ADJUSTMENTS. ALL GRADE ADJUSTMENTS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER. NO ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION SHALL BE ALLOWED FOR WORK ASSOCIATED WITH GRADING ADJUSTMENTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, EARTHWORK OPERATIONS, STORM SEWER PIPING AND STRUCTURE ADJUSTMENTS. CONSTRUCTION SURVEYING FOR ADJUSTING FEATURE LOCATIONS ACCORDINGLY, SILT FENCE, ETC.
9. FAILURE OF TURF DEVELOPMENT: IN THE EVENT THE CONTRACTOR FAILS TO PROVIDE AN ACCEPTABLE TURF, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL RE-SEED OR RE-SOD ALL APPLICABLE AREAS, AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE OWNER, TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ENGINEER.
10. ANY MANHOLE, CATCH BASIN, STORM SEWER, SANITARY SEWER, DRAINTILE, OR OTHER POTENTIAL SOURCE FOR CONTAMINATION SHALL BE INSTALLED AT LEAST 10 FEET HORIZONTALLY FROM ANY WATERMAIN PER MINNESOTA PLUMBING CODE. THIS ISOLATION DISTANCE SHALL BE MEASURED FROM THE OUTER EDGE OF THE PIPE TO THE OUTER EDGE OF THE CONTAMINATION SOURCE (OUTER EDGE OF STRUCTURES OR PIPING OR SIMILAR)
11. CONTRACTOR SHALL MAINTAIN DRAINAGE FROM EXISTING BUILDING AT ALL TIMES. PROVIDE TEMPORARY STORM SEWER (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CATCH BASINS, MANHOLES, PIPING, ETC.) AS REQUIRED. EXISTING STORM SEWER SHALL NOT BE REMOVED UNTIL TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT STORM SEWER IS INSTALLED AND FUNCTIONAL. COORDINATE ALL REMOVALS WITH APPROPRIATE TRADES (SITE UTILITY CONTRACTOR, MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR, ETC.) AS REQUIRED.

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