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September 26, 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-2025-00901-RMH [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).

Name of Aquatic Resource	JD or Non-JD
Wetland 3 (0.14 ac)	Non-Jurisdictional
Wetland 4 (0.03 ac)	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)

3. REVIEW AREA.

- a. Project Are Size (in acres): 22.5 acres
- b. Location Description: The project/review area is located east of County Road 101 and between East Cook Street and County Highway 24.
- c. Center Coordinates of the Project Site (in decimal degrees)
Latitude: 44.531900 Longitude: -95.092920
- d. Nearest City or Town: Redwood Falls
- e. County: Redwood
- f. State: Minnesota
- g. Other associated Jurisdictional Determinations (including outcomes): NA

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4. NEAREST TRADITIONAL NAVIGABLE WATER (TNW), THE TERRITORIAL SEAS, OR INTERSTATE WATER TO WHICH THE AQUATIC RESOURCE IS CONNECTED. [N/A]⁶
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.
 - a. Traditional Navigable Waters (TNWs) (a)(1)(i): 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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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 wetlands are not adjacent to \(a\)\(1\) or \(a\)\(2\) waters. This determination is supported by the national wetland and hydrography datasets which do not identify any aquatic resources or other potential connections \(either surface or](#)

⁹ 88 FR 3004 (January 18, 2023)

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subsurface) between the wetland or any other waters. Topographic maps, soils maps, 3DEP 2-ft contours, 3DEP Digital Elevation Model, 3DEP Hillshade and Google Earth aerial imagery indicates that Wetlands 3 and 4 depressional wetlands, surrounded by upland.

Wetland 3 was historically part of an upland open field. Adjacent land disturbance has likely led to the creation of the wetland. In 2008, development to the west of the study area can be seen along with the construction of a stormwater pond to the southwest. Further land development in 2010 can be seen to the south of Wetland 3 and land disturbance within Wetland 3. According to the application, Wetland 4 was historically a dry road ditch and land disturbance in 2023 led to the development of this wet ditch.

The wetlands do not physically abut a relatively permanent paragraph (a)(2) impoundment or a jurisdictional (a)(3) tributary and are not separated from a jurisdictional water by a natural berm, bank, dune, or similar natural landform. The wetlands are approximately 0.16 miles from County Ditch #52 which is located in the northern portion of the study area but there are no connections to the ditch. The wetlands are non-tidal wetlands that do not have a continuous surface connection to a relatively permanent jurisdictional water and as such do not meet the definition of adjacent and cannot be evaluated as (a)(4) adjacent wetlands: therefore, these wetlands are not jurisdictional under the 2023 Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'; Conforming" 88 FR 61964 Final 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.
 - a. Office (Desk) Determination: 9/26/2025
 - b. Data sources used to support this determination (included in the administrative record).

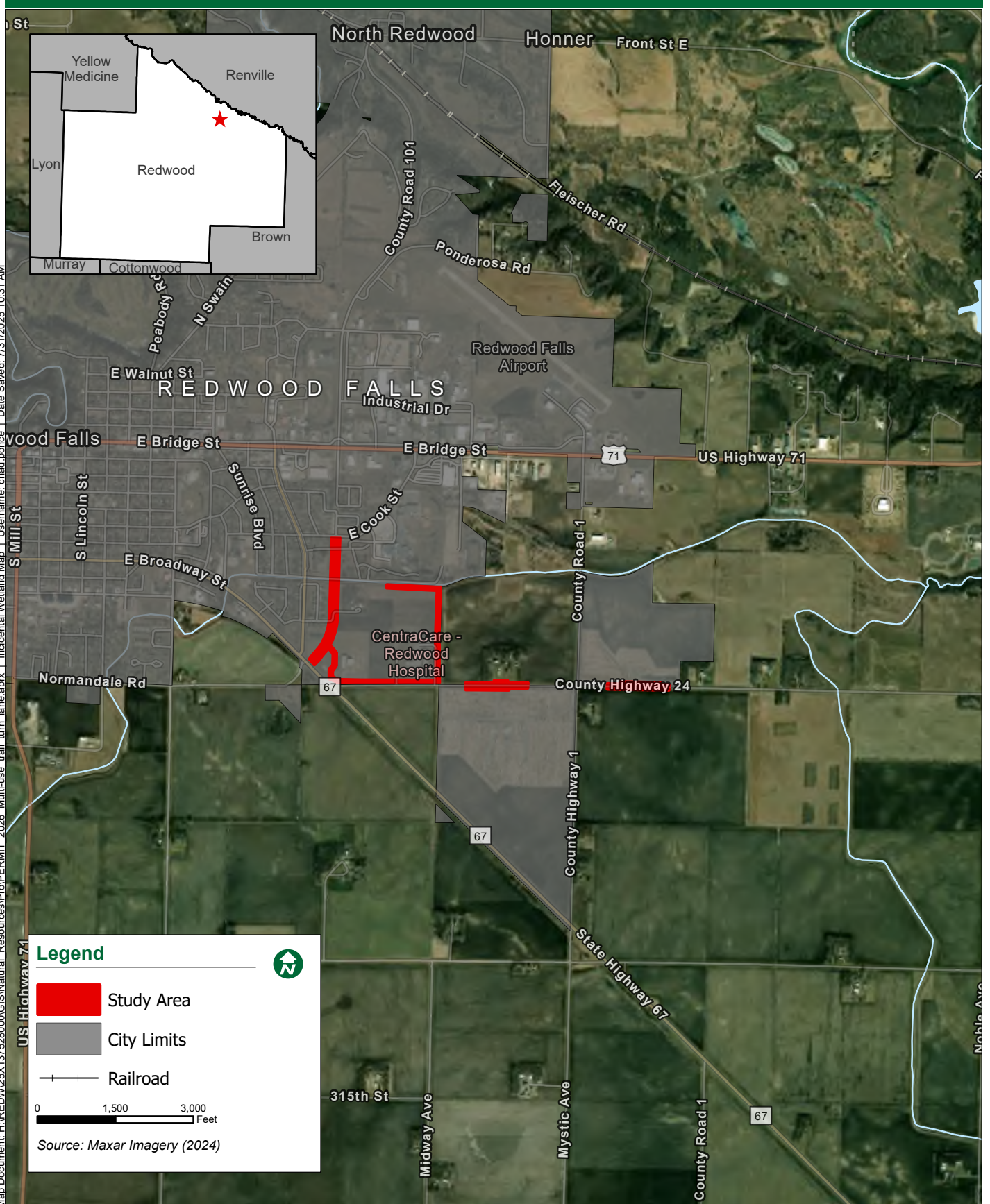
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- i. [Minnesota Interagency Water Resource Application packet for the 2026 Multi-Use Trail and Turn Lane Improvements Project prepared by Bolton & Menk, Inc., dated August 20, 2025](#)
- ii. [United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wetland Inventory Map Service. Accessed September 26, 2025](#)
- iii. [United States Geological Survey GS 3D Elevation Program DEM. Accessed September 26, 2025](#)
- iv. [Google Earth imagery dated 2003, 2008, 2010, 2015](#)

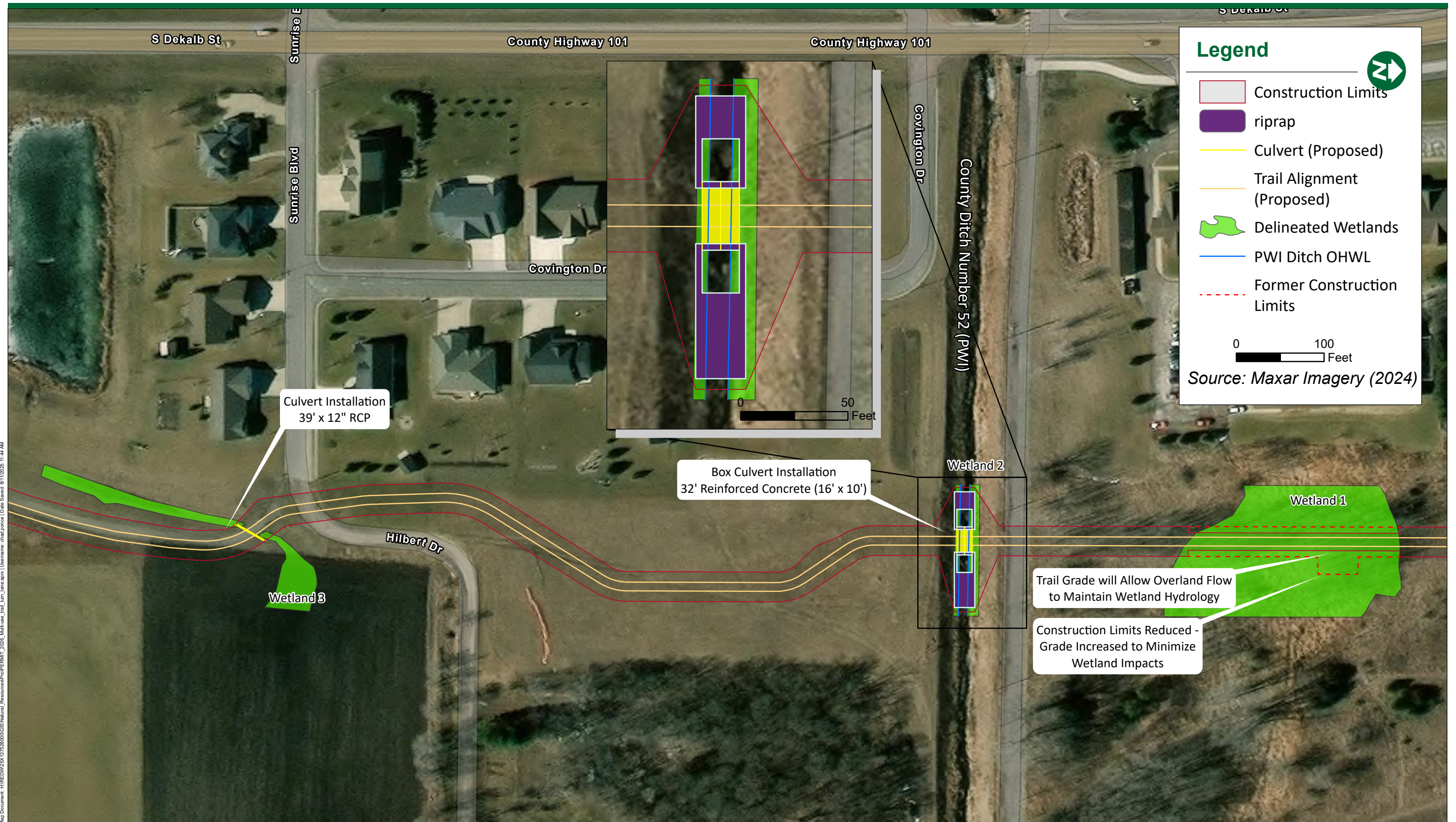
10. OTHER SUPPORTING INFORMATION. [[N/A](#)]

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.

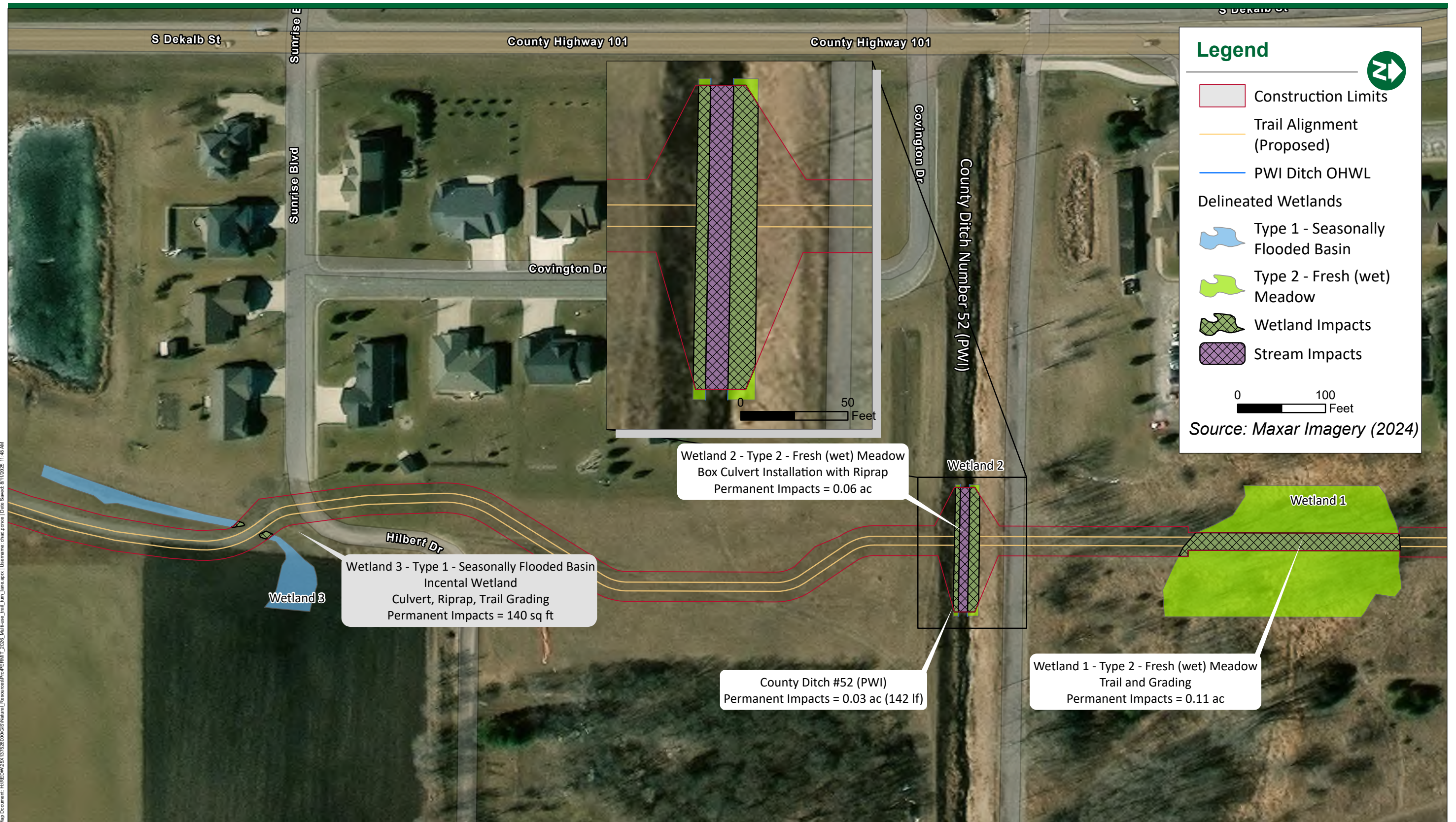




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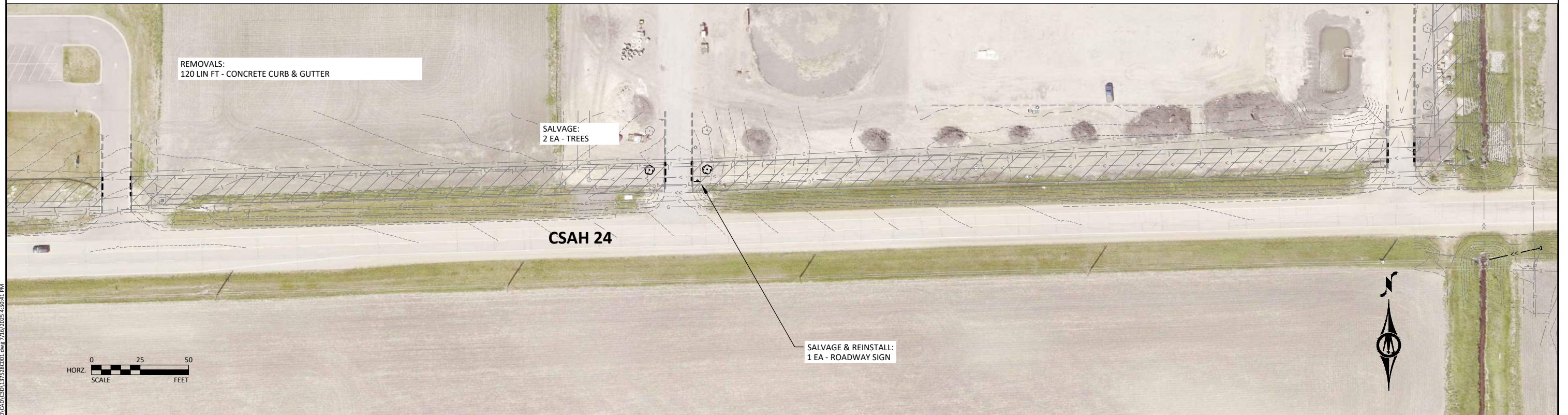


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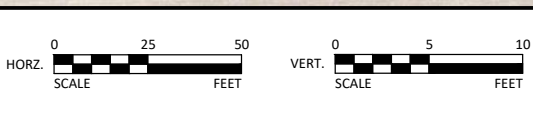
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- REMOVE FENCE
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- REMOVE STORM SEWER STRUCTURE
- REMOVE CURB & GUTTER

REMOVAL NOTES:

- (1) REMOVAL LIMITS SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN THE FIELD AS DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER.
- (2) CONTRACTOR SHALL STRIP, SALVAGE AND REPLACE TOPSOIL ALONG ENTIRE PROJECT AREA INCLUDING BEHIND CURB & GUTTER.
- (3) THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE CONCRETE ADJUSTING RINGS IF REQUIRED FOR EACH SALVAGE AND REINSTALL CASTING.



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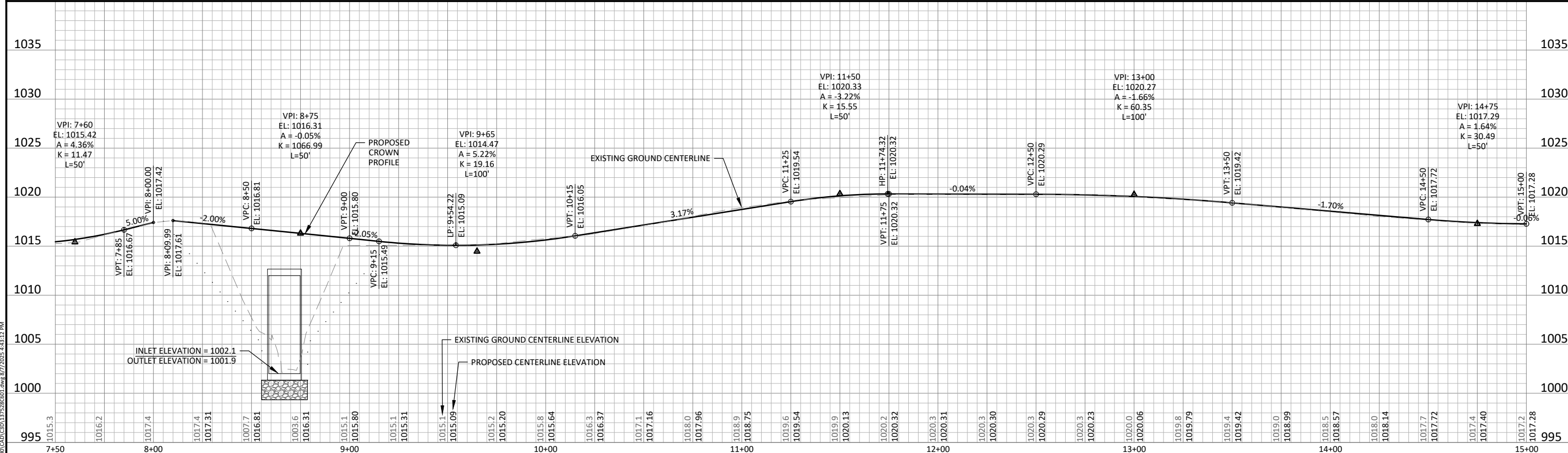
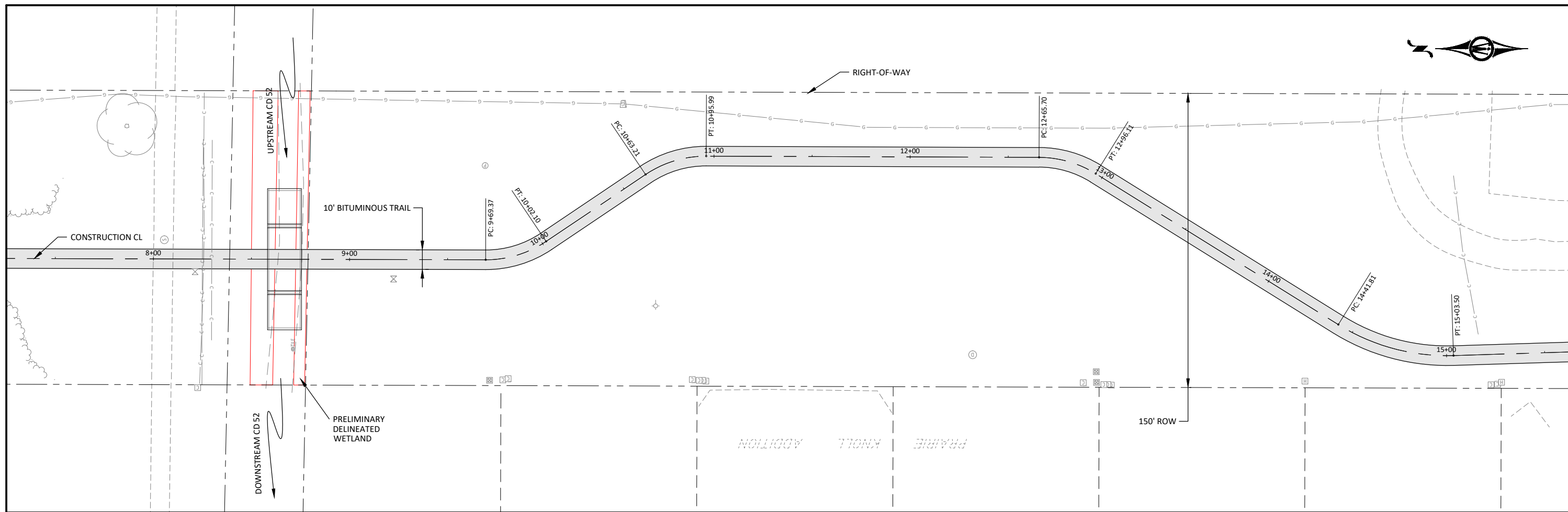


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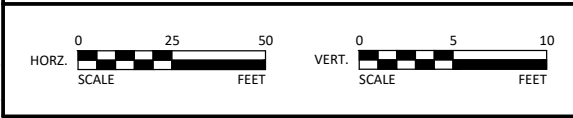
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