



**City Council Work Session  
Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 6:00 PM  
Public Meeting Room**

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**AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Items for Discussion**

- A. Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) Update - Aaron Johnson
- B. Straight River Arts Public Art Locations and Implementation Update
- C. Faribault Townhomes – Park Dedication Discussion and PRAB Recommendation
- D. Review Housing Priorities for 2027 Budget
- E. Future of City-Owned Property at 16 - 1st Street SE
- F. Discuss Filing a Complaint to the PUC Regarding the Proposed Approved Route for the Xcel Mississippi River Transmission Project
- G. Cannabis Regulations Discussion

**3. Future Discussion**

**4. Adjournment**

*(The Council may meet as a group for dinner)*

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## Council Work Session Memorandum

**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**THROUGH:** Jessica Kinser, City Administrator  
**FROM:**  
**MEETING DATE:** June 2, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF)  
Update - Aaron Johnson

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**Discussion:**

**Attachments:**



## Council Work Session Memorandum

**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**THROUGH:** Jessica Kinser, City Administrator  
**FROM:** Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch, Parks and Recreation Director  
**MEETING DATE:** June 2, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** Straight River Arts Public Art Locations and Implementation Update

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**Discussion:**

Straight River Arts (SRA) received funding through the Economic Development Authority (EDA) to create public art intended to be placed throughout the community to enhance placemaking, community identity, and tourism opportunities. The EDA contributed approximately \$8,000 toward the creation of the public art pieces as part of this partnership effort.

This initiative has been ongoing in coordination with David Wanberg and the former Economic Development Coordinator. While there has been a transition in that role, the project has continued to move forward in partnership with City staff and community stakeholders.

As part of the process, SRA previously presented the proposed artwork concepts and potential installation locations to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB). The presentation was well received, with the Board expressing a high level of support for both the public art initiative and the proposed locations.

At tonight's work session, SRA will present the finalized art concepts and proposed installation locations for Council awareness, discussion, and support as the project advances toward implementation.

Potential locations have been reviewed collaboratively with the Parks & Recreation Director, Parks Superintendent, and Library Director. Installation details continue to be finalized as the partnership moves into the implementation phase.

Following tonight's discussion, a future regular City Council meeting will

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include an attorney-reviewed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the consent agenda. The MOU will outline and formalize responsibilities related to ownership, installation, and ongoing maintenance of the public art pieces, solidifying the partnership for the creation, installation, and long-term stewardship of public art within the community.

**Attachments:**



## Council Work Session Memorandum

**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**THROUGH:** Jessica Kinser, City Administrator  
**FROM:** Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch, Parks and Recreation Director  
**MEETING DATE:** June 2, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** Faribault Townhomes – Park Dedication Discussion and PRAB Recommendation

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### **Discussion:**

The Faribault Townhomes development regarding cash fee in lieu of parkland dedication was reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) at its regular meeting on May 27, 2026. As part of the Parks Board's discussion, the developer requested consideration of waiving the required Fee-In-Lieu (FIL) of parkland dedication associated with the proposed development.

Following discussion and review of the request, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted to formally recommend that the standard Fee-In-Lieu requirement remain in place consistent with City ordinance, adopted policy, and established park dedication practices. The Board further recommended acceptance of Fee-In-Lieu of parkland dedication for the development as permitted under City Code.

The formal recommendation memo from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has been submitted to Community Development for the official record.

At this time, staff is unaware whether the developer intends to formally bring a request to waive the Fee-In-Lieu requirement before the City Council. However, staff felt it appropriate to provide the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommendation to the Council as informational background should the request come forward at a future meeting.

Representatives from the Community Development Department will be available at the meeting to assist in answering questions related to the development proposal, park dedication requirements, and applicable City ordinance and policy.

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**Attachments:**

1. Formal Recommendation Memo Faribault Townhomes To Council  
5.27.26

**TO:** City of Faribault Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
**DATE:** June 2, 2026  
**RE:** Faribault Townhomes: Parks and Trails Advisory Board Recommendation

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) reviewed the Faribault Townhomes development proposal at its regular meeting on 5/27/26. Following discussion, the Board voted to forward the following formal recommendation to the City Council and Planning Division regarding parkland dedication requirements.

### **Recommendation**

In accordance with the Faribault Municipal Code, Chapter 15, Article 7. PARK DEDICATION, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommends acceptance of a Fee-In-Lieu (FIL) of parkland dedication for the Faribault Townhomes development.

During discussion, the Board further reviewed the developer's request to waive the Fee-In-Lieu requirement. Following consideration of the request, the Board recommended that the standard Fee-In-Lieu requirement remain in place, consistent with City ordinance, adopted policy, and established park dedication practices.

The Board discussed the importance of maintaining consistency in the application of park dedication requirements to support long term park planning, recreation investments, and equitable implementation of City policy.

A motion was made and passed to formally recommend the following to the City Council:

- Acceptance of Fee-In-Lieu (FIL) of parkland dedication for the Faribault Townhomes development; and
- Denial of the request to waive the required Fee-In-Lieu payment.

### **Summary**

The PRAB supports the use of Fee-In-Lieu for the current Faribault Townhomes plat and recommends that the standard Fee-In-Lieu requirement be upheld in accordance with City code and policy. This recommendation was approved by formal motion of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for City Council consideration.

Please let us know if further clarification or discussion is needed.

Submitted on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
Lola Brand, Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

cc: Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch, Parks and Recreation Director  
cc: David Wanberg, Planning Manager  
cc: Harry Davis, Planning



## Council Work Session Memorandum

**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**THROUGH:** Jessica Kinser, City Administrator  
**FROM:**  
**MEETING DATE:** June 2, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** Review Housing Priorities for 2027 Budget

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**Discussion:**

For the April 21st work session, the City Council was asked to rank a number of recommendations from the 2025 Housing Study as well as the Housing For All initiative led by Community Action Center. Four Council members participated, and the ranked results are attached with this memo.

We are starting the 2027 budget process, and a number of the items that ranked 4 or higher would have a cost component that would impact annual revenues or would represent a new or ongoing expense. The same is true of lower ranked items. The goal of this review is to identify any of the recommendations the Council would like to see as part of the 2027 budget, so staff can include requested items.

**Attachments:**

1. 4.21.26 Housing Priority Survey Results

**City of Faribault  
Council Ranking of Housing Recommendations**

<b>Recommendation/Idea</b>	<b>Score</b>
Investigate an employer assisted housing (EAH) program with local businesses and industries	4.75
Purchase blighted or substandard housing units from willing sellers.	4.75
Develop and promote housing rehabilitation programs to benefit low-income or first-time homeowners who are looking to repair their properties	4.5
Ensure all available rental units are licensed through the City of Faribault and in-person inspections are completed before license approval	4.5
Fast Track Permitting - Program designed to reduce delays during the development process that ultimately add to the total costs of housing development. By expediting the permitting process, costs can be reduced to developers while providing certainty into the development process.	4.5
Impose a fine structure which culminates in criminal charges when landlords repeatedly neglect standardized health and safety conditions or licensing requirements of their rental properties	4.25
Waiver or Reduction of Development Fees – To help facilitate affordable housing, some fees could be waived or reduced to pass the cost savings onto the housing consumer.	4.25
Develop a residential subdivision with free or low-cost lots	4.25
Construction Management Services - Assist homeowners regarding local building codes, reviewing contractor bids, etc. Typically provided as a service by the building department. This type of service could also be rolled into various remodeling related programs.	4.25
Home Energy Loans – Offer low-interest home energy loans to make energy improvements in their homes.	4.25
Incentivize aging property owners to sell their homes to first-time home buyers, young families, buyers at 80% AMI (or less) and people of color through tax breaks or other financial incentives	4
Implement a public rating system for rental properties and landlords so people looking for housing can make informed decisions	4
Provide annual education to landlords and tenants on their mutual rights and responsibilities	4
Live Where You Work - Program designed to promote homeownership in the same community where employees work. City provides a grant to eligible employees to purchase a home near their workplace. Participants must obtain a first mortgage through participating lenders. The grant can be allocated towards down payment assistance, closing costs and gap financing.	4
Remodeling Tours - City-driven home remodeling tour intended to promote the enhancement of the housing stock through home renovations/additions. Homeowners open their homes to the public to highlight home improvements.	4

**City of Faribault  
Council Ranking of Housing Recommendations**

<b>Recommendation/Idea</b>	<b>Score</b>
Provide advocacy and resources when landlords and tenants are engaged in disputes	3.75
Purchase land for residential development where the current owner is not seeking to develop	3.75
Host a Housing Fair - Free seminars and advice for homeowners related to remodeling and home improvements. Most housing fairs offer educational seminars and "ask the expert" consulting services. Exhibitors include architects, landscapers, building contractors, home products, City inspectors, financial services, among others.	3.75
Land Acquisition/Banking - Land Banking is a program of acquiring land with the purpose of developing at a later date. After a holding period, the land can be sold to a developer (often at a price lower than market) with the purpose of developing affordable housing.	3.75
Offer incentives to developers like TIF or tax abatement	3.5
Promote the placement of ADUs to accommodate multiple generations living on one lot	3.25
Share in infrastructure costs in the development of new residential subdivisions by private developers	3.25
Research rent control policies to manage the percentage property owners may increase their rental rates over time	3
Realtor Forum - Typically administered by City with partnership by local school board. Inform local realtors about school district news, current development projects, and other marketing factors related to real estate in the community. In addition, realtors usually receive CE credits.	2.75
Amend zoning ordinances to allow for more affordable housing through reduced setbacks, ADUs in areas zoned R1, etc.	2.5
Explore financial safety nets for people who fall behind on their mortgage payments in addition to existing efforts to prevent evictions through rental assistance	2.5
Research municipal moratoriums related to new single family home rentals and short-term vacation rentals	2
Density Bonuses - Since the cost of land is a significant barrier to housing affordability, increasing densities can result in lower housing costs by reducing the land costs per unit. Municipalities can offer density bonuses as a way to encourage higher-density residential development while also promoting an affordable housing component.	2
Include Spanish- and Somali-speaking housing specialists within City of Faribault housing departments to establish relationships with tenants/landlords, providing education and resources for maintaining health and safety measures in their homes - work alongside families to address home repairs and preventative maintenance	1.75
Home Point of Sale - City ordinance requiring an inspection prior to the sale or transfer of residential real estate. The inspection is intended to prevent adverse conditions and meet minimum building codes. Sellers are responsible for incurring any costs for the inspection.	1.75
Increase the number of property owners who accept Section 8 rental vouchers	1.25



## Council Work Session Memorandum

**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**THROUGH:** Jessica Kinser, City Administrator  
**FROM:**  
**MEETING DATE:** June 2, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** Future of City-Owned Property at 16 - 1st Street SE

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### Discussion:

The City has owned the house at 16 1st Street SE for more than 20 years and has rented it to the same renter during this period. The map below shows that this property was acquired for its location, which is adjacent to Buckham Memorial Library and the existing parking areas located by the Great Hall and east side of the Library. Given the direction from the City Council at the Annual Retreat regarding the future of the Community Center at the current site, it is an ideal time to talk about this property and the current lease. The most recent City rental inspection showed some issues which will require financial investment in the property. The roof also sustained hail damage in the April storm and will need to be replaced as well. We are at a point where a decision to invest more money in the property given the future plans needs to be considered.



It is recommended that notice be given to the tenant to vacate the property within the next 120 days, which is more notice than required by the 2006 lease, which is now effectively a month-to-month lease. The original deposit plus interest of \$925.80 can be returned with the property being left in as-is condition. Given that any Community Center project is approximately 4 years off and the plan to demolish the property involves

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no federal or state funds, there is no relocation assistance required. This is purely a landlord-tenant relationship. However, the Council could consider offering up some amount of money to vacate within the 120 days or sooner. The plan is to disconnect all utilities and demolish the property, ideally all in 2026. A deadline of 120 days will go into October, so a quicker exit by the tenant would be helpful.

This property has been accounted for through its own fund (211), which has around \$130,000 as of May. The goal would be to successfully relocate the residents and use the remaining funds to test for asbestos, disconnect all utilities, and demolish the structure as soon as possible. While there is not a need for the property for the Community Center expansion for another 2–3 years, taking care of this now takes care of this project cost as part of the Community Center and gives the Council discretion to utilize any remaining funds to support housing or additional Community Center planning costs as part of the 2026 and/or 2027 budget processes.

**Attachments:**



## Council Work Session Memorandum

**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**THROUGH:** Jessica Kinser, City Administrator  
**FROM:** Mark DuChene, Director of Engineering (City Engineer)  
**MEETING DATE:** June 2, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** Discuss Filing a Complaint to the PUC Regarding the Proposed Approved Route for the Xcel Mississippi River Transmission Project

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**Discussion:**

On April 14, 2026, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued Xcel Energy a Certificate of Need and a Route Permit (Route Permit) for the Mankato - Mississippi River Transmission Project (Project). The Project includes the construction of approximately 120-miles of new and upgraded 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the Wilmarth Substation in Mankato and the Mississippi River near Kellogg and an approximately 20-mile, 161 kV transmission line between the North Rochester Substation and an existing transmission line northeast of Rochester. Xcel has stated the intent of the project is to improve reliability, deliver low-cost renewable energy and provide other regional benefits by building a more resilient electric grid to serve customers.

Condition 5 .1 of the Route Permit requires Xcel to send a copy of the Route Permit and complaint handling procedures (included in Attachment 1 to the Route Permit) to landowners within or adjacent to the route designed by the Commission, Tribal Nations, regional development commissions, county environmental offices, and city and township clerks. Maps depicting the approved route are attached to the Route Permit. The route width approved by the Commission is generally approximately 1,000 feet wide. The Project's 150-foot right-of-way will be located within this route, and the transmission line facilities will be built within the right-of-way. Additional information about the Project, including updates regarding construction, can be found on the Project website: [www.MMRTProject.com](http://www.MMRTProject.com).

The City received this notice for 2 reasons; first, the route traverses City-owned land east of town where the City applies its biosolid waste from the Water Reclamation Facility. The City has already been working with Xcel

on the easement documents and compensation and generally has no issues with the route through the city land. The second reason is due to the proposed route's proximity to property within and adjacent to the City limits that is both developed or planned for future residential development. City Staff has been contacted by a couple of property owners who are concerned with the proposed preferred route on the south side of the City (see sheets 40 & 41 of attached), and it's proximity through and adjacent to existing and proposed residential development. City staff is recommending to the Council that the City send in the attached request letter regarding the proposed route and encourage the PUC to have Xcel consider the alternate route that is furthest from the City limits and proposed future development area.

**Attachments:**

1. Route Permit Issued for Mankato to Mississippi River Transmission Line Project MPUC Docket No. E002/TL-23-157
2. DRAFT Letter to PUC RE MISO Line 2026-06-03



414 Nicollet Mall  
Minneapolis, MN 55401

May 11, 2026

**RE: Route Permit Issued for Mankato to Mississippi River Transmission Line Project  
MPUC Docket No. E002/TL-23-157**

Dear Recipient:

On April 14, 2026, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued a Certificate of Need and a Route Permit (Route Permit) for the Mankato – Mississippi River Transmission Project (Project). The Project will include construction of approximately 120-miles of new and upgraded 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the Wilmarth Substation in Mankato and the Mississippi River near Kellogg and an approximately 20-mile, 161 kV transmission line between the North Rochester Substation and an existing transmission line northeast of Rochester. The Project will improve reliability, deliver low-cost renewable energy and provide other regional benefits by building a more resilient electric grid to serve customers.

Condition 5.1 of the Route Permit requires us to send a copy of the Route Permit and complaint handling procedures (included in Attachment 1 to the Route Permit) to landowners within or adjacent to the route designed by the Commission. You are receiving this letter because your property or is within or adjacent to the route approved by the Commission for the Project. This mailing is also being sent to Tribal Nations, regional development commissions, county environmental offices, and city and township clerks.

Maps depicting the approved route are attached to the Route Permit. The route width approved by the Commission is generally approximately 1,000 feet wide. The Project's 150-foot-right-of-way will be located within this route, and the transmission line facilities will be built within the right-of-way. If your property is crossed by the Project's right-of-way, we will seek an easement from you, and you will receive a separate letter with contact information for land agent(s) who will be working with you regarding your property. Additional information about the Project, including updates regarding construction, can be found on the Project website:  
[www.MMRTProject.com](http://www.MMRTProject.com).

If you have any other questions about the Project, please contact us using the contact information listed below.

Sincerely,

Ellen Heine, Principal Siting and Permitting Agent  
Phone: 800-853-3365  
Email: [contact@mmrtproject.com](mailto:contact@mmrtproject.com)  
Website: [mmrtproject.com](http://mmrtproject.com)



**STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ROUTE PERMIT FOR THE  
MANKATO TO MISSISSIPPI RIVER 345 kV  
TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT**

**A HIGH-VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINE AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES**

**IN  
Blue Earth, Le Sueur, Rice, Goodhue, Olmsted, and Wabasha  
Counties**

**ISSUED TO  
Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy**

**PUC DOCKET NO. E002/TL-23-157**

In accordance with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216E and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7850 this route permit is hereby issued to:

**Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy**

Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (Permittee) is authorized by this route permit to construct and operate the Mankato to Mississippi River 345 kV Transmission project of new 345 kV transmission line from the Wilmarth Substation in Mankato, to a point near the West Faribault Substation, to the existing North Rochester Substation, to the Mississippi River near Kellogg (Segments 1, 2, and 3). The project also includes construction and operation of a new 161 kV transmission line from the North Rochester Substation to the Chester 161 kV transmission line (Segment 4).

The high-voltage transmission line shall be constructed within the route identified in this route permit and in compliance with the conditions specified in this route permit.

Approved and adopted this 14th day of April, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION



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Sasha Bergman,  
Executive Secretary

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Attachment 1 – Complaint Handling Procedures for Permitted Energy Facilities

Attachment 2 – Compliance Filing Procedures for Permitted Energy Facilities

Attachment 3 – Route Permit Maps

## **1 ROUTE PERMIT**

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) hereby issues this route permit to Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy (Permittee) pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216E and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7850. This route permit authorizes the Permittee to construct and operate the Mankato to Mississippi River 345 kV Transmission project, Segments 1, 2, and 3 are new 345 kV transmission line from the Wilmarth Substation in Mankato, to a point near the West Faribault Substation, to the existing North Rochester Substation, to the Mississippi River near Kellogg. Segment 4 of the project includes construction and operation of a new 161 kV transmission line from the North Rochester Substation to the Chester 161 kV transmission line, henceforth known as (Transmission Facility). The high-voltage transmission line shall be constructed within the route identified in this route permit and in compliance with the conditions specified in this route permit.

### **1.1 Pre-emption**

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216E.10, this route permit shall be the sole route approval required for construction of the transmission facilities and this route permit shall supersede and preempt all zoning, building, or land use rules, regulations, or ordinances promulgated by regional, county, local and special purpose governments.

## **2 TRANSMISSION FACILITY DESCRIPTION**

The Transmission Facility will consist of the following Segments and Route Options, as identified in the October 30, 2025 ALJ Report.

- Segment 1 (345 kV) – Wilmarth Substation, Mankato, MN, following Segment 1 North with Route Segment 18 and Alternative Alignment 2 to a point near the West Faribault Substation. Referred to as Segment 1, Route Option B in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).
- Segment 2 (345 kV) – From a point near the West Faribault Substation, near Faribault, MN, following Segment 2 North to Connector Segment 2G to Segment 2 South to the North Rochester Substation, near Pine Island, MN. Referred to as Segment 2, Route Option B in the FEIS.
- Segment 3 (345 kV)– Segment 3 as proposed in the application. From the North Rochester Substation near Pine Island to a point to cross the Mississippi River near the City of Kellogg, MN. An additional 345 kV transmission line will be co-located on existing structures of the CapX Transmission Line project.

- Segment 4 (161 kV) – North Rochester Substation near Pine Island, MN, Route Segment 12, primarily running parallel to the existing CapX 345 kV transmission line to a point of connection on the Chester Junction transmission line. Referred to as the CapX Co-Locate Option or Segment 4, Option D in the FEIS.

Refer to the attached Detailed Route Maps to view permitted route locations.

The Transmission Facility is located in the following:

County	Township Name	Township	Range	Section
Blue Earth	Mankato	108	26	1-3, 10, 11, 32, 34
Blue Earth	Lime	109	26	27-32, 34
Blue Earth	Le Ray	108	25	1, 5, 6, 31, 32
Blue Earth	Jamestown	109	25	5, 20-24, 29-32
Blue Earth	Elysian	109	25	24
LeSueur	Elysian	109	24	13, 19-24
LeSueur	Waterville	109	23	13-18, 24
LeSueur	Morristown	109	23	13
Rice	Morristown	109	22	13-18
Rice	Warsaw	109	21	1, 2, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17
Rice	Walcott	109	20	8-10, 12, 13
Rice	Richland	109	19	13-16, 18
Goodhue	Kenyon	109	18	13-18
Goodhue	Cherry Grove	109	17	13-18
Goodhue	Roscoe	109	16	13, 15-18, 24
Goodhue	Pine Island	109	15	13, 19, 24-28, 30, 36
Wabasha	Mazeppa	109	14	31
Wabasha	Elgin	108	12	1-6
Wabasha	Plainview	108	11	1, 3, 5, 6, 35, 36
Wabasha	Highland	108	11	3, 5, 6
Wabasha	Highland	109	10	30
Wabasha	Highland	109	11	35, 36
Wabasha	Watopa	109	10	1, 2, 10, 15, 16, 21, 29, 30
Wabasha	Watopa	110	10	36
Wabasha	Watopa	110	9	31
Wabasha	Greenfield	109	10	1, 2
Wabasha	Greenfield	110	10	36
Wabasha	Greenfield	110	9	29-31
Olmsted	Oronoco	108	14	5-12
Olmsted	Farmington	108	13	1, 3, 7-9, 12

## 2.1 Structures

The 345 kV segments of the project will primarily use single-pole steel structures. Single circuit structures will be used in portions of the project that only have 345 kV transmission line present. Double circuit structures will be used in portions of the project that are planned to have 345 kV transmission line with co-located underbuild of existing 69 kV transmission lines.

The single circuit and double circuit 345 kV structures will be between 85 to 175 feet tall and spaced approximately 1,000 feet apart.

The 161 kV segments of the project will primarily use single-pole self-weathering steel structures. Single circuit structures will be used in portions of the project that only have 161 kV transmission line present. Double circuit structures will be used in portions of the project that are planned to have 161 kV transmission line with co-located underbuild of existing 69 kV transmission lines.

The single circuit and double circuit 161 kV structures will be between 75 to 140 feet tall and spaced approximately 350 to 700 feet apart.

## 2.2 Conductors

The new 345 kV transmission line in Segments 1 and 2 will be a double bundled 2x636 kcmil26/7 Twisted Pair ACSR "Grosbeak" conductor. The new 345 kV second circuit in Segment 3 will be a double bundled 954 kcmil ACSS/TW 20/7 "Cardinal" conductor.

The new 161 kV transmission line in Segment 4 will be single 2x397.5 kcmil 26/7 Twisted Pair ZTACSR "Ibis" conductor.

Rebuilt sections of existing 115 kV and 69 kV transmission lines throughout the project a 2x336 kcmil 26/7 Twisted Pair ACSR "Linnet" conductor. Rebuilt 115 kV conductor will be double bundled, and the rebuilt 69 kV conductor will be single wire.

The table below details specifics on the various structure and conductor types as presented in the route permit application.

Line Type	Conductor	Structure		Foundation Diameter (feet)	Height (Feet)	Span (Average)
		Type	Material			
345 kV Single-Circuit	Double bundled 2x636 kcmil26/7 Twisted Pair ACSR "Grosbeak"	Monopole w/Davit Arms	Galvanized or Self-Weathering Steel	7-12	84-175	1,000
345 kV with	Double	Monopole w/Davit	Galvanized or	7-12	85-175	1,000

69 kV Underbuild	bundled 2x636 kcmil26/7 Twisted Pair ACSR "Grosbeak"	Arms	Self-Weathering Steel			
345 kV/345 kV	Double bundled 954 kcmil ACSS/TW 20/7 "Cardinal"	Monopole w/Davit Arms	Galvanized or Self-Weathering Steel	7-12	85-175	1,000
345-115 kV Double-Circuit	Double bundled 2x636 kcmil26/7 Twisted Pair ACSR "Grosbeak" and Double bundled 2x336 kcmil 26/7 Twisted Pair ACSR "Linnet"	Monopole w/Davit Arms	Galvanized or Self-Weathering Steel	7-12	85-175	1,000
161 kV Single-Circuit	Single 2x397.5 kcmil 26/7 Twisted Pair ZTACSR "Ibis"	Monopole w/Davit Arms	Galvanized or Self-Weathering Steel	6-8	75-140	350-700
161 kV/69 kV Double-Circuit	Single 2x397.5 kcmil 26/7 Twisted Pair ZTACSR "Ibis" and Single 2x336 kcmil 26/7 Twisted Pair ACSR "Linnet"	Monopole w/Davit Arms	Galvanized or Self-Weathering Steel	6-8	75-140	350-700

### **2.3 Substations and Associated Facilities**

The Project will include upgrades to the existing Wilmarth and North Rochester substations.

Upgrades to the Wilmarth Substation:

- 1) two new 345 kV circuit breakers
- 2) four new 345 kV group operated switches
- 3) three new one-phase bus stands
- 4) rigid bus to extend the existing rigid bus to the switches
- 5) a flexible bus to connect the switches to the breakers
- 6) an approximate 0.8 acre expansion of the northeast corner of the current fenced area and pad of the Wilmarth Substation

Upgrades to the North Rochester Substation:

- 1) new 345 kV circuit breakers
- 2) new 345 kV switches
- 3) new rigid and flexible bus
- 4) new bus stand
- 5) expansion of the Electrical Equipment Exposure (EEE)

### **3 DESIGNATED ROUTE**

The route designated by the Commission is depicted on the route maps attached to this route permit (Designated Route). The Designated Route is generally described as follows:

The Transmission Facility will consist of the following Segments and Route Options, as identified in the October 30, 2025 ALJ Report.

- Segment 1 (345 kV) – Wilmarth Substation, Mankato, MN, following Segment 1 North with Route Segment 18 and Alternative Alignment 2 to a point near the West Faribault Substation. Referred to as Segment 1, Route Option B in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).
- Segment 2 (345 kV) – From a point near the West Faribault Substation, near Faribault, MN, following Segment 2 North to Connector Segment 2G to Segment 2 South to the North Rochester Substation, near Pine Island, MN. Referred to as Segment 2, Route Option B in the FEIS.
- Segment 3 (345 kV)– Segment 3 as proposed in the application. From the North Rochester Substation near Pine Island to a point to cross the Mississippi River

near the City of Kellogg, MN. An additional 345 kV transmission line will be co-located on existing structures of the CapX Transmission Line project.

- Segment 4 (161 kV) – North Rochester Substation near Pine Island, MN, Route Segment 12, primarily running parallel to the existing CapX 345 kV transmission line to a point of connection on the Chester Junction transmission line. Referred to as the CapX Co-Locate Option or Segment 4, Option D in the FEIS.

Refer to the attached Detailed Route Maps to view permitted route locations.

The Designed Route includes an anticipated alignment and a right-of-way. The right-of-way is the physical land needed for the safe operation of the transmission line. The Permittee shall locate the alignment and associated right-of-way within the Designated Route unless otherwise authorized by this route permit or the Commission. The Designated Route is generally 1,000 feet wide, 500 feet on either side of the anticipated alignment center line, which provides the Permittee with flexibility for minor adjustments of the alignment and right-of-way to accommodate landowner requests and unforeseen conditions.

Any modifications to the Designated Route or modifications that would result in right-of-way placement outside the Designated Route shall be specifically reviewed by the Commission in accordance with Minn. R. 7850.4900 and Section 10 of this route permit.

#### **4 RIGHT-OF-WAY**

This route permit authorizes the Permittee to obtain a new permanent right-of-way for the 345 kV transmission line up to 150 feet in width and a new permanent right-of-way for the 161 kV transmission line up to 100 feet in width. The permanent right-of-way is typically 75 feet on both sides of the 345 kV transmission line measured from its centerline or alignment. The permanent right-of-way is typically 50 feet on both sides of the 161 kV transmission line measured from its centerline or alignment.

The anticipated alignment is intended to minimize potential impacts relative to the criteria identified in Minn. R. 7850.4100. The final alignment must generally conform to the anticipated alignment identified on the route maps unless changes are requested by individual landowners and agreed to by the Permittee or for unforeseen conditions that are encountered or as otherwise provided for by this route permit.

Any right-of-way or alignment modifications within the Designated Route shall be located so as to have comparable overall impacts relative to the factors in Minn. R. 7850.4100, as does the right-of-way and alignment identified in this route permit, and shall be specifically identified

and documented in and approved as part of the plan and profile submitted pursuant to Section 9.2 of this route permit.

Where the transmission line parallels existing highway and other road rights-of-way, the transmission line right-of-way shall occupy and utilize the existing right-of-way to the maximum extent possible; consistent with the criteria in Minn. R. 7850.4100, and the other requirements of this route permit; and for highways under the jurisdiction of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), the procedures for accommodating utilities in trunk highway rights-of-way.

## **5 GENERAL CONDITIONS**

The Permittee shall comply with the following conditions during construction and operation of the Transmission Facility over the life of this route permit.

### **5.1 Route Permit Distribution**

Within 30 days of issuance of this route permit, the Permittee shall provide all affected landowners with a copy of this route permit and the complaint procedures. An affected landowner is any landowner or designee that is within or adjacent to the Designated Route. In no case shall a landowner receive this route permit and complaint procedures less than five days prior to the start of construction on their property. The Permittee shall also provide a copy of this route permit and the complaint procedures to the applicable regional development commissions, county environmental offices, and city and township clerks. The Permittee shall file with the Commission an affidavit of its route permit and complaint procedures distribution within 30 days of issuance of this route permit.

### **5.2 Access to Property**

The Permittee shall notify landowners prior to entering or conducting maintenance within their property, unless otherwise negotiated with the landowner. The Permittee shall keep records of compliance with this section and provide them upon the request of the Commission staff.

### **5.3 Construction and Operation Practices**

The Permittee shall comply with the construction practices, operation and maintenance practices, and material specifications described in the permitting record for this Transmission Facility unless this route permit establishes a different requirement in which case this route permit shall prevail.

### **5.3.1 Field Representative**

The Permittee shall designate a field representative responsible for overseeing compliance with the conditions of this route permit during construction of the Transmission Facility. This person shall be accessible by telephone or other means during normal business hours throughout site preparation, construction, cleanup, and restoration.

The Permittee shall file with the Commission the name, address, email, phone number, and emergency phone number of the field representative at least 14 days prior to the pre-construction meeting. The Permittee shall provide the field representative's contact information to affected landowners, local government units and other interested persons at least 14 days prior to the pre-construction meeting. The Permittee may change the field representative at any time upon notice to the Commission, affected landowners, local government units and other interested persons. The Permittee shall file with the Commission an affidavit of distribution of its field representative's contact information at least 14 days prior to the pre-construction meeting and upon changes to the field representative.

### **5.3.2 Employee Training - Route Permit Terms and Conditions**

The Permittee shall train all employees, contractors, and other persons involved in the Transmission Facility construction regarding the terms and conditions of this route permit. The Permittee shall keep records of compliance with this section and provide them upon the request of Commission staff.

### **5.3.3 Independent Third-Party Monitoring**

Prior to any construction, the Permittee shall propose a scope of work and identify an independent third-party monitor to conduct construction monitoring on behalf of the Commission. The scope of work shall be developed in consultation with and approved by Commission staff. This third-party monitor will report directly to and will be under the control of Commission staff with costs borne by the Permittee. Commission staff shall keep records of compliance with this section and will ensure that status reports detailing the construction monitoring are filed with the Commission in accordance with the approved scope of work.

### **5.3.4 Public Services, Public Utilities, and Existing Easements**

During Transmission Facility construction, the Permittee shall minimize any disruption to public services or public utilities. To the extent disruptions to public services or public utilities occur these shall be temporary, and the Permittee shall restore service promptly. Where any impacts to utilities have the potential to occur the Permittee shall work with both landowners and local

entities to determine the most appropriate mitigation measures if not already considered as part of this route permit.

The Permittee shall cooperate with county and city road authorities to develop appropriate signage and traffic management during construction. The Permittee shall keep records of compliance with this section and provide them upon the request of Commission staff.

#### **5.3.5 Temporary Workspace**

The Permittee shall limit temporary easements to special construction access needs and additional staging or lay-down areas required outside of the authorized right-of-way. Temporary space shall be selected to limit the removal and impacts to vegetation. The Permittee shall obtain temporary easements outside of the authorized transmission line right-of-way from affected landowners through rental agreements. Temporary easements are not provided for in this route permit.

The Permittee may construct temporary driveways between the roadway and the structures to minimize impact using the shortest route feasible. The Permittee shall use construction mats to minimize impacts on access paths and construction areas. The Permittee shall submit the location of temporary workspaces and driveways with the plan and profile pursuant to Section 9.2.

#### **5.3.6 Noise**

The Permittee shall comply with noise standards established under Minn. R. 7030.0010 to 7030.0080. The Permittee shall limit construction and maintenance activities to daytime working hours to the extent practicable.

#### **5.3.7 Aesthetics**

The Permittee shall consider input pertaining to visual impacts from landowners or land management agencies prior to final location of structures, rights-of-way, and other areas with the potential for visual disturbance. The Permittee shall use care to preserve the natural landscape, minimize tree removal and prevent any unnecessary destruction of the natural surroundings in the vicinity of the Transmission Facility during construction and maintenance. The Permittee shall work with landowners to locate the high-voltage transmission line to minimize the loss of agricultural land, forest, and wetlands, and to avoid homes and farmsteads. The Permittee shall place structures at a distance, consistent with sound engineering principles and system reliability criteria, from intersecting roads, highways, or trail crossings.

### **5.3.8 Soil Erosion and Sediment Control**

The Permittee shall implement those erosion prevention and sediment control practices recommended by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Construction Stormwater Program. If construction of the Transmission Facility disturbs more than one acre of land or is sited in an area designated by the MPCA as having potential for impacts to water resources, the Permittee shall obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System Construction Stormwater Permit from the MPCA that provides for the development of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan that describes methods to control erosion and runoff.

The Permittee shall implement reasonable measures to minimize erosion and sedimentation during construction and shall employ perimeter sediment controls, protect exposed soil by promptly planting, seeding, using erosion control blankets and turf reinforcement mats, stabilizing slopes, protecting storm drain inlets, protecting soil stockpiles, and controlling vehicle tracking. Contours shall be graded as required so that all surfaces provide for proper drainage, blend with the natural terrain, and are left in a condition that will facilitate re-vegetation and prevent erosion. All areas disturbed during construction of the Transmission Facility shall be returned to pre-construction conditions.

### **5.3.9 Wetlands and Water Resources**

The Permittee shall develop wetland impact avoidance measures and implement them during construction of the Transmission Facility. Measures shall include spacing and placing the power poles at variable distances to span and avoid wetlands, watercourses, and floodplains. Unavoidable wetland impacts as a result of the placement of poles shall be limited to the immediate area around the poles. To minimize impacts, the Permittee shall construct in wetland areas during frozen ground conditions where practicable and according to permit requirements by the applicable permitting authority. When construction during winter is not possible, the Permittee shall use wooden or composite mats to protect wetland vegetation.

The Permittee shall contain soil excavated from the wetlands and riparian areas and not place it back into the wetland or riparian area. The Permittee shall access wetlands and riparian areas using the shortest route possible in order to minimize travel through wetland areas and prevent unnecessary impacts. The Permittee shall not place staging or stringing set up areas within or adjacent to wetlands or water resources, as practicable.

The Permittee shall restore wetland and water resource areas disturbed by construction activities to pre-construction conditions in accordance with the requirements of applicable state and federal permits or laws and landowner agreements. The Permittee shall meet the

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), and local units of government wetland and water resource requirements.

### **5.3.10 Vegetation Management**

The Permittee shall minimize the number of trees to be removed in selecting the right-of-way specifically preserving to the maximum extent practicable windbreaks, shelterbelts, living snow fences, and vegetation in areas such as trail and stream crossings where vegetative screening may minimize aesthetic impacts, to the extent that such actions do not violate sound engineering principles or system reliability criteria.

The Permittee shall remove tall growing species located within the transmission line right-of-way that endanger the safe and reliable operation of the transmission line. The Permittee shall leave undisturbed, to the extent possible, existing low growing species in the right-of-way or replant such species in the right-of-way to blend the difference between the right-of-way and adjacent areas, to the extent that the low growing vegetation that will not pose a threat to the transmission line or impede construction.

The Permittee shall develop a vegetation management plan (VMP), in coordination with the Vegetation Management Plan Working Group (VMPWG), using best management practices established by the DNR and BWSR. The Permittee shall file the VMP and documentation of the coordination efforts between the Permittee and the DNR with the Commission as part of the plan and profile required in Section 9.2 of the Permit.

### **5.3.11 Application of Pesticides**

The Permittee shall restrict pesticide use to those pesticides and methods of application approved by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA), DNR, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Selective foliage or basal application shall be used when practicable. All pesticides shall be applied in a safe and cautious manner so as not to damage adjacent properties including crops, orchards, tree farms, apiaries, or gardens. The Permittee shall contact the landowner at least 14 days prior to pesticide application on their property. The Permittee may not apply any pesticide if the landowner requests that there be no application of pesticides within the landowner's property. The Permittee shall provide notice of pesticide application to landowners and beekeepers operating apiaries within three miles of the pesticide application area at least 14 days prior to such application. The Permittee shall keep pesticide communication and application records and provide them upon the request of Commission staff.

### **5.3.12 Invasive Species**

The Permittee shall employ best management practices to avoid the potential introduction and spread of invasive species on lands disturbed by Transmission Facility construction activities. The Permittee shall develop an Invasive Species Prevention Plan and file it with the Commission at least 14 days prior to the pre-construction meeting. The Permittee shall comply with the most recently filed Invasive Species Prevention Plan.

#### **5.3.13 Noxious Weeds**

The Permittee shall take all reasonable precautions against the spread of noxious weeds during all phases of construction. When utilizing seed to establish temporary and permanent vegetative cover on exposed soil the Permittee shall select site appropriate seed certified to be free of noxious weeds. To the extent possible, the Permittee shall use native seed mixes. The Permittee shall keep records of compliance with this section and provide them upon the request of Commission staff.

#### **5.3.14 Roads**

The Permittee shall advise the appropriate governing bodies having jurisdiction over all state, county, city, or township roads that will be used during the construction phase of the Transmission Facility. Where practical, existing roadways shall be used for all activities associated with construction of the Transmission Facility. Oversize or overweight loads associated with the Transmission Facility shall not be hauled across public roads without required permits and approvals.

The Permittee shall construct the fewest number of site access roads required. Access roads shall not be constructed across streams and drainage ways without the required permits and approvals. Access roads shall be constructed in accordance with all necessary township, county or state road requirements and permits.

The Permittee shall promptly repair private roads or lanes damaged when moving equipment or when accessing construction workspace, unless otherwise negotiated with the affected landowner.

#### **5.3.15 Archaeological and Historic Resources**

The Permittee shall make every effort to avoid impacts to archaeological and historic resources when constructing the Transmission Facility. In the event that a resource is encountered, the Permittee shall consult with the State Historic Preservation Office and the State Archaeologist. Where feasible, avoidance of the resource is required. Where not feasible, mitigation must include an effort to minimize Transmission Facility impacts on the resource consistent with State Historic Preservation Office and State Archaeologist requirements.

Prior to construction, the Permittee shall train workers about the need to avoid cultural properties, how to identify cultural properties, and procedures to follow if undocumented cultural properties, including gravesites, are found during construction. If human remains are encountered during construction, the Permittee shall immediately halt construction and promptly notify local law enforcement and the State Archaeologist. The Permittee shall not resume construction at such location until authorized by local law enforcement or the State Archaeologist. The Permittee shall keep records of compliance with this section and provide them upon the request of Commission staff.

#### **5.3.16 Avian Protection**

The Permittee in cooperation with the DNR shall identify areas of the transmission line where bird flight diverters will be incorporated into the transmission line design to prevent large avian collisions attributed to visibility issues. Standard transmission design shall incorporate adequate spacing of conductors and grounding devices in accordance with Avian Power Line Interaction Committee standards to eliminate the risk of electrocution to raptors with larger wingspans that may simultaneously come in contact with a conductor and grounding devices. In preconstruction planning the Permittee shall work with DNR to identify existing raptor nests on structures and trees that will be impacted or removed, and on strategies to mitigate impacts on nesting raptors. The Permittee shall submit documentation of its avian protection coordination with the plan and profile pursuant to Section 9.2.

#### **5.3.17 Drainage Tiles**

The Permittee shall avoid, promptly repair, or replace all drainage tiles broken or damaged during all phases of the Transmission Facility's life unless otherwise negotiated with the affected landowner. The Permittee shall keep records of compliance with this section and provide them upon the request of Commission staff.

#### **5.3.18 Restoration**

The Permittee shall restore the right-of-way, temporary workspaces, access roads, abandoned right-of-way, and other public or private lands affected by construction of the Transmission Facility. Restoration within the right-of-way must be compatible with the safe operation, maintenance, and inspection of the transmission line. Within 60 days after completion of all restoration activities, the Permittee shall file with the Commission a Notice of Restoration Completion.

#### **5.3.19 Cleanup**

The Permittee shall remove and properly dispose of all construction waste and scrap from the right-of-way and all premises on which construction activities were conducted upon completion

of each task. The Permittee shall remove and properly dispose of all personal litter, including bottles, cans, and paper from construction activities daily.

### **5.3.20 Pollution and Hazardous Wastes**

The Permittee shall take all appropriate precautions to protect against pollution of the environment. The Permittee shall be responsible for compliance with all laws applicable to the generation, storage, transportation, clean up and disposal of all waste generated during construction and restoration of the Transmission Facility.

### **5.3.21 Damages**

The Permittee shall fairly restore or compensate landowners for damage to crops, fences, private roads and lanes, landscaping, drain tile, or other damages sustained during construction. The Permittee shall keep records of compliance with this section and provide them upon the request of Commission staff.

## **5.4 Electrical Performance Standards**

### **5.4.1 Grounding**

The Permittee shall design, construct, and operate the transmission line in a manner so that the maximum induced steady-state short-circuit current shall be limited to five milliamperes root mean square (rms) alternating current between the ground and any non-stationary object within the right-of-way, including but not limited to large motor vehicles and agricultural equipment. All fixed metallic objects on or off the right-of-way, except electric fences that parallel or cross the right-of-way, shall be grounded to the extent necessary to limit the induced short-circuit current between ground and the object so as not to exceed one milliamperes rms under steady state conditions of the transmission line and to comply with the ground fault conditions specified in the National Electric Safety Code. The Permittee shall address and rectify any induced current problems that arise during transmission line operation.

### **5.4.2 Electric Field**

The Permittee shall design, construct, and operate the transmission line in such a manner that the electric field measured one meter above ground level immediately below the transmission line shall not exceed 8.0 kV/m rms.

### **5.4.3 Interference with Communication Devices**

If interference with radio or television, satellite, wireless internet, GPS-based agriculture navigation systems or other communication devices is caused by the presence or operation of

the Transmission Facility, the Permittee shall take whatever action is necessary to restore or provide reception equivalent to reception levels in the immediate area just prior to the construction of the Transmission Facility. The Permittee shall keep records of compliance with this section and provide them upon the request of Commission staff.

## **5.5 Other Requirements**

### **5.5.1 Safety Codes and Design Requirements**

The Permittee shall design the transmission line and associated facilities to meet or exceed all relevant local and state codes, the National Electric Safety Code, and North American Electric Reliability Corporation requirements. This includes standards relating to clearances to ground, clearance to crossing utilities, clearance to buildings, strength of materials, clearances over roadways, right-of-way widths, and permit requirements.

### **5.5.2 Other Permits and Regulations**

The Permittee shall comply with all applicable state statutes and rules. The Permittee shall obtain all required permits for the Transmission Facility and comply with the conditions of those permits unless those permits conflict with or are preempted by federal or state permits and regulations.

At least 14 days prior to the pre-construction meeting, the Permittee shall file with the Commission an Other Permits and Regulations Submittal that contains a detailed status of all permits, authorizations, and approvals that have been applied for specific to the Transmission Facility. The Other Permits and Regulations Submittal shall also include the permitting agency name; the name of the permit, authorization, or approval being sought; contact person and contact information for the permitting agency or authority; brief description of why the permit, authorization, or approval is needed; application submittal date; and the date the permit, authorization, or approval was issued or is anticipated to be issued.

The Permittee shall demonstrate that it has obtained all necessary permits, authorizations, and approvals by filing an affidavit stating as such and an updated Other Permits and Regulations Submittal prior to commencing construction. The Permittee shall provide a copy of any such permits, authorizations, and approvals at the request of Commission staff.

## **6 SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

The special conditions shall take precedence over other conditions of this permit should there be a conflict.

### **6.1 Facility Lighting**

The Permittee shall use shielded and downward facing lighting and LED lighting that minimizes blue hue.

### **6.2 Dust Control**

The Permittee shall utilize non-chloride products for onsite dust control during construction.

### **6.3 Wildlife Friendly Erosion Control**

The Permittee shall use only “bio-netting” or “natural netting” types of erosion control materials and mulch products without synthetic (plastic) fiber additives or malachite green dye.

### **6.4 Calcareous Fens**

If any calcareous fens are identified within the Project Area, the Applicant must work with the MnDNR to determine if any impacts will occur during any phase of the Project. If the Project is anticipated to impact any calcareous fens, the Applicant must develop a Calcareous Fen Management Plan in coordination with MnDNR, as specified in Minn. Stat. 103G.223. If a Calcareous Fen Management Plan is required, the approved plan must be submitted at the same time as the plan and profile required under condition 9.2 of this permit.

### **6.5 Tree Replacement Plan**

The Permittee, in coordination with impacted landowners, the DNR and the affected counties, shall develop a plan to replace any trees that are removed for construction of the project by planting new seedling or sapling trees first on impacted landowner property or if that's not practical in the affected counties near the project area, and file the plan with the Commission at least 14 days before the preconstruction meeting. At least 45 days prior to the preconstruction meeting, the Permittee shall make a tree replacement plan compliance filing including an estimate of costs for that construction segment. For Xcel Energy's share of any prudent and reasonable costs associated with any tree replanting requirement may be recoverable under its Transmission Cost Recovery Rider.

The Tree Replacement Plan may include an alternative proposal to fund tree replacements by and through DNR Forestry Programs or other similar public programs. Plantings shall be prioritized in counties through which the line crosses.

### **6.6 Possible Alignment Modification**

The Permittee is authorized to explore and propose to the Commission possible route alignment modifications to the preferred route in the following two discrete segments, as shown in Attachment A, pages 1, 2 and 5, 6:

- 1) along Blue Earth County Highway 27 between the Sakatah Singing Hills State Trail and

- Blue Earth County Highway 26; and  
2) in Walcot Township of Rice County between the West Faribault Substation and Dahle Avenue.

### **6.7 Tetonka Lake Route Expansion and Route Alignment Modification**

The proposed route width is expanded by an additional 500 feet to the north and west of the proposed route width between 193rd Ave and Tetonka Lake Road in LeSueur County (as shown on map attached hereto as “Tetonka Lake Route Width Expansion” (Attachment A, pages 3 and 4) to provide flexibility to work with the impacted landowners to find a possible alignment that places the structures further from Tetonka Lake and impacted residences.

### **7 DELAY IN CONSTRUCTION**

If the Permittee has not commenced construction or improvement of the route within four years after the date of issuance of this route permit the Permittee shall file a Failure to Construct Report and the Commission shall consider suspension of this route permit in accordance with Minn. R. 7850.4700.

### **8 COMPLAINT PROCEDURES**

At least 14 days prior to the pre-construction meeting, the Permittee shall file with the Commission the complaint procedures that will be used to receive and respond to complaints. The complaint procedures shall be in accordance with the requirements of Minn. R. 7829.1500 or Minn. R. 7829.1700, and as set forth in the complaint procedures attached to this route permit.

Upon request, the Permittee shall assist Commission staff with the disposition of unresolved or longstanding complaints. This assistance shall include, but is not limited to, the submittal of complaint correspondence and complaint resolution efforts.

### **9 COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Failure to timely and properly make compliance filings required by this route permit is a failure to comply with the conditions of this route permit. Compliance filings must be electronically filed with the Commission.

#### **9.1 Pre-Construction Meeting**

Prior to the start of construction, the Permittee shall participate in a pre-construction meeting with Commission staff to review pre-construction filing requirements, scheduling, and to coordinate monitoring of construction and site restoration activities. Within 14 days following the pre-construction meeting, the Permittee shall file with the Commission a summary of the

topics reviewed and discussed and a list of attendees. The Permittee shall indicate in the filing the anticipated construction start date.

## **9.2 Plan and Profile**

At least 14 days prior to the pre-construction meeting, the Permittee shall file with the Commission, and the counties where the Transmission Facility, or portion of the Transmission Facility, will be constructed with a plan and profile of the right-of-way and the specifications and drawings for right-of-way preparation, construction, structure specifications and locations, cleanup, and restoration for the Transmission Facility. The documentation shall include maps depicting the plan and profile including the right-of-way, alignment, and structures in relation to the route and alignment approved per this route permit.

The Permittee may not commence construction until the earlier of (i) 30 days after the pre-construction meeting or (ii) or until the Commission staff has notified the Permittee in writing that it has completed its review of the documents and determined that the planned construction is consistent with this route permit.

If the Commission notifies the Permittee in writing within 30 days after the pre-construction meeting that it has completed its review of the documents and planned construction, and finds that the planned construction is not consistent with this route permit, the Permittee may submit additional and/or revised documentation and may not commence construction until the Commission has notified the Permittee in writing that it has determined that the planned construction is consistent with this route permit.

If the Permittee intends to make any significant changes in its plan and profile or the specifications and drawings after submission to the Commission, the Permittee shall notify the Commission, and county staff at least five days before implementing the changes. No changes shall be made that would be in violation of any of the terms of this route permit.

## **9.3 Status Reports**

The Permittee shall file with the Commission monthly Construction Status Reports beginning with the pre-construction meeting and until completion of restoration. Construction Status Reports shall describe construction activities and progress, activities undertaken in compliance with this route permit, and shall include text and photographs.

If the Permittee does not commence construction of the Transmission Facility within six months of this route permit issuance, the Permittee shall file with the Commission Pre-Construction Status Reports on the anticipated timing of construction every six months beginning with the issuance of this route permit until the pre-construction meeting.

#### **9.4 In-Service Date**

At least three days before the Transmission Facility is to be placed into service, the Permittee shall notify the Commission of the date on which the Transmission Facility will be placed into service and the date on which construction was completed.

#### **9.5 As-Builts**

Within 90 days after completion of construction, the Permittee shall submit to the Commission copies of all final as-built plans and specifications developed during the Transmission Facility construction.

#### **9.6 GPS Data**

Within 90 days after completion of construction, the Permittee shall submit to the Commission, in the format requested by the Commission, geo-spatial information (*e.g.*, ArcGIS compatible map files, GPS coordinates, associated database of characteristics) for all structures associated with the Transmission Facility and each substation connected.

#### **9.7 Right of Entry**

The Permittee shall allow Commission designated representatives to perform the following, upon reasonable notice, upon presentation of credentials and at all times in compliance with the Permittee's site safety standards:

- (a) To enter upon the facilities easement of the property for the purpose of obtaining information, examining records, and conducting surveys or investigations.
- (b) To bring such equipment upon the facilities easement of the property as is necessary to conduct such surveys and investigations.
- (c) To sample and monitor upon the facilities easement of the property.  
To examine and copy any documents pertaining to compliance with the conditions of this route permit.

### **10 ROUTE PERMIT AMENDMENT**

This route permit may be amended at any time by the Commission. Any person may request an amendment of the conditions of this route permit by submitting a request to the Commission in writing describing the amendment sought and the reasons for the amendment. The Commission will mail notice of receipt of the request to the Permittee. The Commission may amend the conditions after affording the Permittee and interested persons such process as is required under Minn. R. 7850.4900.

## **11 TRANSFER OF ROUTE PERMIT**

The Permittee may request at any time that the Commission transfer this route permit to another person or entity (transferee). In its request, the Permittee must provide the Commission with:

- (a) the name and description of the transferee;
- (b) the reasons for the transfer;
- (c) a description of the facilities affected; and
- (d) the proposed effective date of the transfer.

The transferee must provide the Commission with a certification that it has read, understands and is able to comply with the plans and procedures filed for the Transmission Facility and all conditions of this route permit. The Commission may authorize transfer of the route permit after affording the Permittee, the transferee, and interested persons such process as is required under Minn. R. 7850.5000.

## **12 REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF ROUTE PERMIT**

The Commission may initiate action to revoke or suspend this route permit at any time. The Commission shall act in accordance with the requirements of Minn. R. 7850.5100, to revoke or suspend this route permit.

**ATTACHMENT 1**  
Complaint Handling Procedures for Permitted Energy Facilities

**MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
COMPLAINT HANDLING PROCEDURES FOR  
PERMITTED ENERGY FACILITIES**

**A. Purpose**

To establish a uniform and timely method of reporting and resolving complaints received by the permittee concerning permit conditions for site or route preparation, construction, cleanup, restoration, operation, and maintenance.

**B. Scope**

This document describes complaint reporting procedures and frequency.

**C. Applicability**

The procedures shall be used for all complaints received by the permittee and all complaints received by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) under Minn. R. 7829.1500 or Minn. R. 7829.1700 relevant to this permit.

**D. Definitions**

**Complaint:** A verbal or written statement presented to the permittee by a person expressing dissatisfaction or concern regarding site or route preparation, cleanup or restoration, or other permit conditions. Complaints do not include requests, inquiries, questions or general comments.

**Substantial Complaint:** A written complaint alleging a violation of a specific permit condition that, if substantiated, could result in permit modification or suspension pursuant to the applicable regulations.

**Unresolved Complaint:** A complaint which, despite the good faith efforts of the permittee and a person, remains unresolved or unsatisfactorily resolved to one or both of the parties.

**Person:** An individual, partnership, joint venture, private or public corporation, association, firm, public service company, cooperative, political subdivision, municipal corporation, government agency, public utility district, or any other entity, public or private; however organized.

**E. Complaint Documentation and Processing**

1. The permittee shall designate a representative responsible for filing complaints to the Commission’s eDocket system. This person’s name, phone number and email address shall accompany all complaint submittals. The name and contact information for the representative shall be kept current in eDockets.
  
2. A person presenting the complaint should, to the extent possible, include the following information in their communications:
  - a. name, address, phone number, and email address;
  - b. initial date of the complaint;
  - c. tract, parcel number, or address of the complaint;
  - d. a summary of the complaint; and
  - e. whether the complaint relates to a permit violation, a construction practice issue, or other type of complaint.
  
3. The permittee shall document all complaints by maintaining a record of all applicable information concerning the complaint, including the following:
  - a. docket number and project name;
  - b. name of complainant, address, phone number and email address;
  - c. precise description of property or parcel number;
  - d. name of permittee representative receiving complaint and date of receipt;
  - e. nature of complaint and the applicable permit condition(s);
  - f. summary of activities undertaken to resolve the complaint; and
  - g. a statement on the final disposition of the complaint.

**F. Reporting Requirements**

The permittee shall commence complaint reporting at the beginning of project construction and continue through the term of the permit, unless otherwise required below. The permittee shall report all complaints to the Commission according to the following schedule:

**Immediate Reports:** All substantial complaints shall be reported to the Commission the same day received, or on the following working day for complaints received after working hours. Such reports are to be directed to the Commission’s Public Advisor at 1-800-657-3782 (voice messages are acceptable) or publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us. For e-mail reporting, the email

subject line should read “PUC EFP Complaint” and include the appropriate project docket number.

**Monthly Reports:** During project construction, restoration, and operation, a summary of all complaints, including substantial complaints received or resolved during the preceding month, shall be filed by the 15th of each month to Sasha Bergman, Executive Secretary, Public Utilities Commission, using the eDockets system. The eDockets system is located at: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/home.jsp>. If no complaints were received during the preceding month, the permittee shall file a summary indicating that no complaints were received.

If a project has submitted twelve consecutive months of complaint reports with no complaints, monthly reports can terminate by a letter to eDockets notifying the Commission of such action. If a substantial complaint is received (by the company or the Commission) following termination of the monthly complaint report, as noted above, the monthly reporting should commence for a period of six months following the most recent complaint or upon resolution of all pending complaints.

If a permittee is found to be in violation of this section, the Commission may reinstate monthly complaint reporting for the remaining permit term or enact some other commensurate requirement via notification by the Executive Secretary or some other action as decided by the Commission.

#### **G. Complaints Received by the Commission**

Complaints received directly by the Commission from aggrieved persons regarding the permit or issues related to site or route preparation, construction, cleanup, restoration, or operation and maintenance will be promptly sent to the permittee.

The permittee shall notify the Commission when the issue has been resolved. The permittee will add the complaint to the monthly reports of all complaints. If the permittee is unable to find resolution, the Commission will use the process outlined in the Unresolved Complaints Section to process the issue.

#### **H. Commission Process for Unresolved Complaints**

Complaints raising substantial and unresolved permit issues will be investigated by the Commission. Staff will notify the permittee and appropriate people if it determines that the

complaint is a substantial complaint. With respect to such complaints, the permittee and complainant shall be required to submit a written summary of the complaint and its current position on the issues to the Commission. Staff will set a deadline for comments. As necessary, the complaint will be presented to the Commission for consideration.

**I. Permittee Contacts for Complaints and Complaint Reporting**

Complaints may be filed by mail or email to the permittee's designated complaint representative, or to the Commission's Public Advisor at 1-800-657-3782 or [publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us). The name and contact information for the permittee's designated complaint representative shall be kept current in the Commission's eDocket system.

**ATTACHMENT 2**  
Compliance Filing Procedures for Permitted Energy Facilities

**MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
COMPLIANCE FILING PROCEDURE FOR  
PERMITTED ENERGY FACILITIES**

**A. Purpose**

To establish a uniform and timely method of submitting information required by Commission energy facility permits.

**B. Scope and Applicability**

This procedure encompasses all known compliance filings required by permit.

**C. Definitions**

**Compliance Filing:** A filing of information to the Commission, where the information is required by a Commission site or route permit.

**D. Responsibilities**

1. The permittee shall file all compliance filings with Sasha Bergman, Executive Secretary, Public Utilities Commission, through the eDockets system. The eDockets system is located at: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/home.jsp>

General instructions are provided on the eDockets website. Permittees must register on the website to file documents.

2. All filings must have a cover sheet that includes:
  - a. Date
  - b. Name of submitter/permittee
  - c. Type of permit (site or route)
  - d. Project location
  - e. Project docket number
  - f. Permit section under which the filing is made
  - g. Short description of the filing

3. Filings that are graphic intensive (e.g., maps, engineered drawings) must, in addition to being electronically filed, be submitted as paper copies and on CD. Paper copies and CDs should be sent to Sasha Bergman, Executive Secretary, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101-2147.

The Commission may request a paper copy of any electronically filed document.

**PERMIT COMPLIANCE FILINGS<sup>1</sup>**

PERMITTEE: Northern States Power Company

PERMIT TYPE: HVTL Route Permit

PROJECT LOCATION: Blue Earth, Le Sueur, Rice, Goodhue, Olmstead, and Wabasha counties

PUC DOCKET NUMBER: E002/CN-22-532, TL-23-157

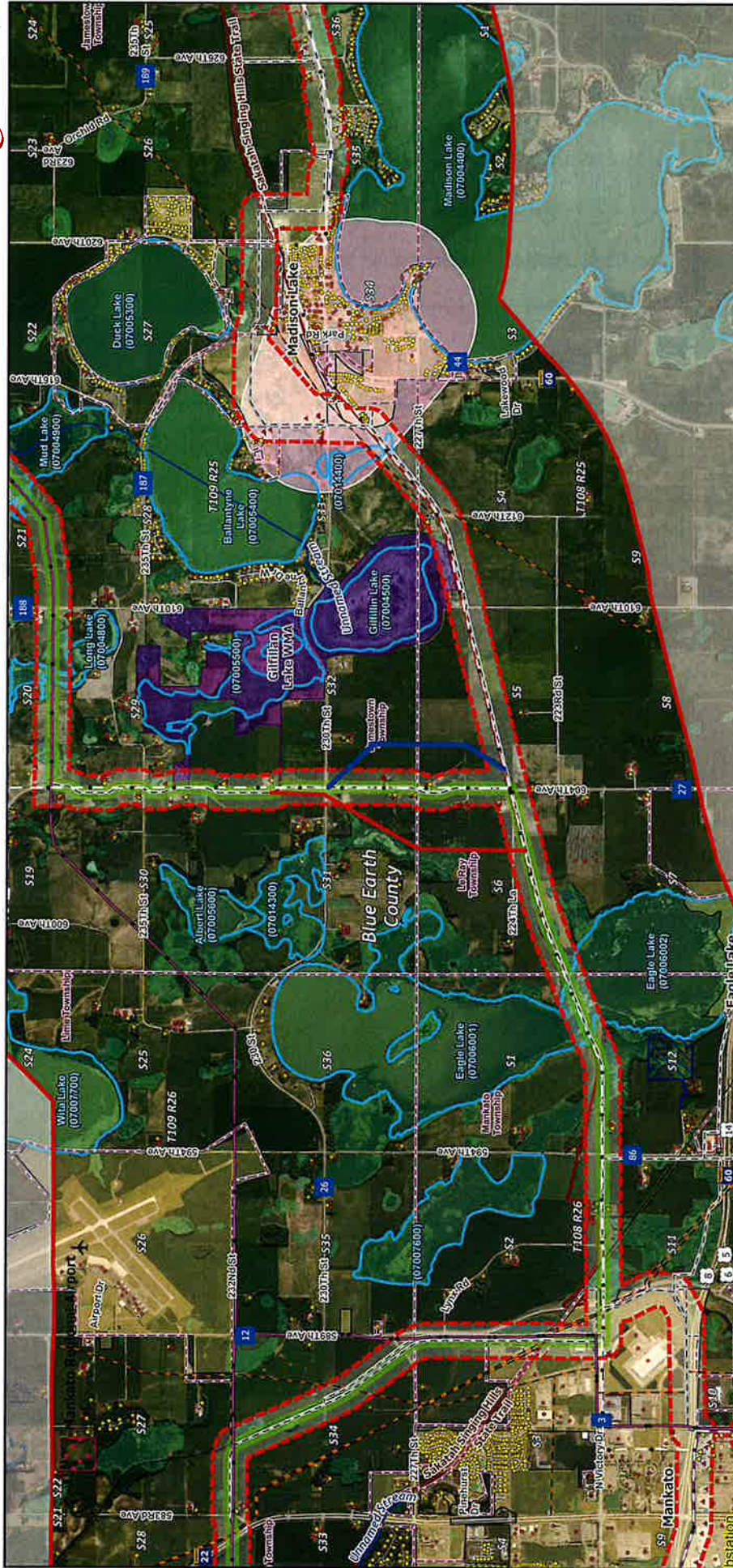
Filing Number	Permit Section	Description of Compliance Filing	Due Date
1.	5.1	Route Permit Distribution	30 days after issuance of permit
2.	5.3.1	Field Representative	14 days prior to the pre-construction meeting
3.	5.3.11	Application of Pesticides	14 days prior to pesticide application
4.	5.3.12	Invasive Species	14 days prior to the pre-construction meeting
5.	5.3.18	Restoration	60 days after completion of all restoration activities
6.	5.5.2	Other Permits and Regulations	14 days prior to the pre-construction meeting
7.	6.5	Tree Replacement Plan	14 days prior to the pre-construction meeting
8.	7	Delay in Construction	Four years after issuance of site permit
9.	8	Complaint Procedures	14 days prior to the pre-construction meeting

<sup>1</sup> This compilation of permit compliance filings is provided for the convenience of the permittee and the Commission. It is not a substitute for the permit; the language of the permit controls.

Filing Number	Permit Section	Description of Compliance Filing	Due Date
10.	9.1	Pre-Construction Meeting Summary	14 days after the pre-construction meeting
11.	9.2	Plan and Profile	14 days prior to commercial operation of the Project
12.	9.3	Status Reports	Monthly
13.	9.4	In-Service Date	3 days before
14.	9.5	As-Builts	90 days after completion of construction
15.	9.6	GPS Data	90 days after completion of construction
16.	Complaint Reporting	Attachment 1 to Route Permit	Monthly Complaint Reports
17.	Complaint Reporting	Attachment 1 to Route Permit	Immediate Complaint Reports



# DETAILED MAP: SEGMENT 1

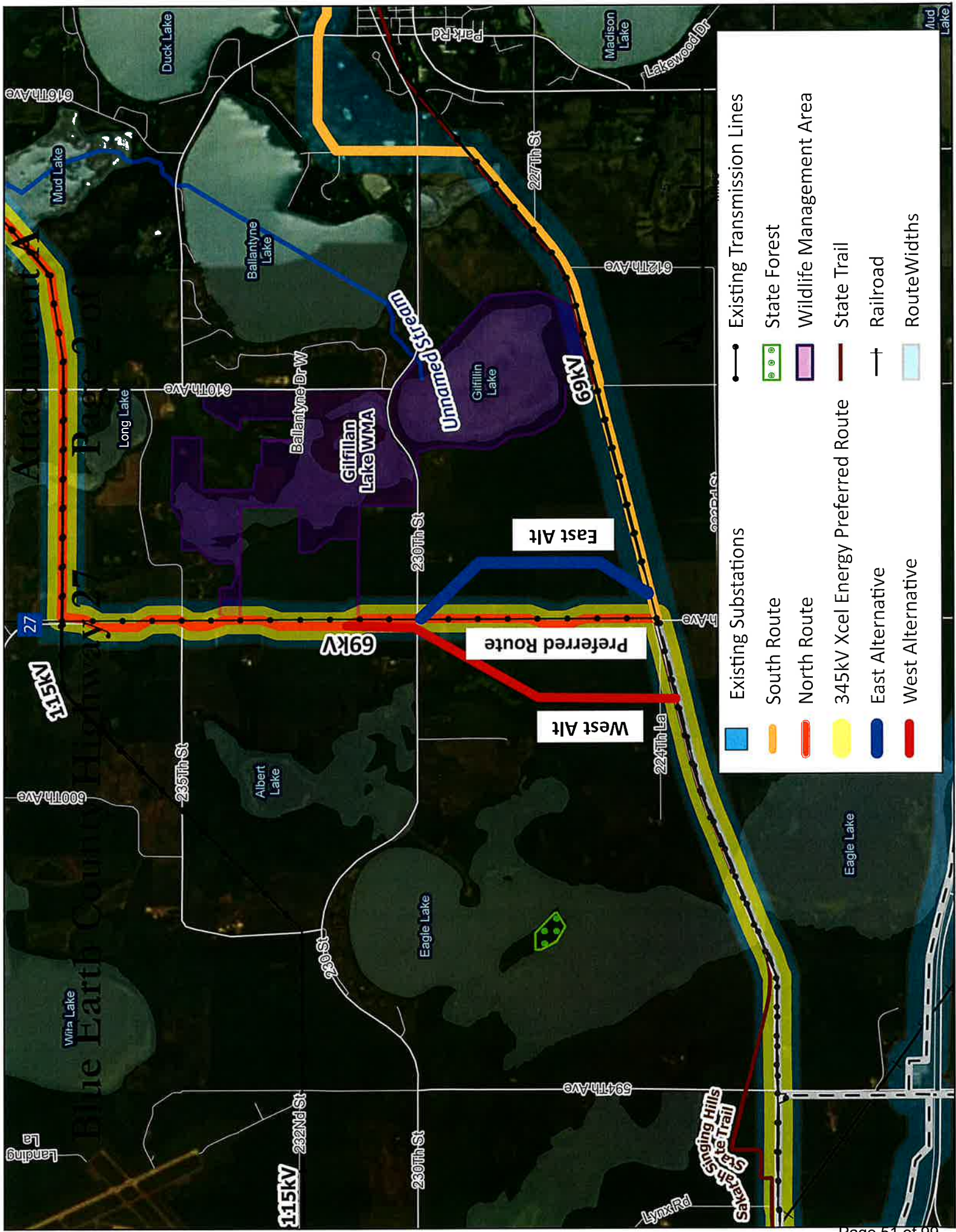


**LEGEND**

- Project Study Area Boundary
- Proposed Route
- Proposed Right-of-Way
- Substation Expansion Area
- Project Substation
- Junction
- Private Airport
- Public Airport
- Existing Substation
- Railroad
- State Trail
- Pipeline in Study Area (NPS)
- Existing Transmission Line
  - 69 kV
  - 115 kV
- Township Boundary
- City Boundary
- Wellhead Protection Area
- Public Ditch/Altered
- Natural Watercourse
- Public Water Watercourse
- Public Water Basin
- Undelineated National Wetland Inventory
- Waterfowl Production Area
- BWSR RIM Conservation Easement
- State Forest
- Wildlife Management Area
- Structure in Proposed Route
- Residence
- Not a residence
- Structure Outside Proposed Route
- Residence
- Not a residence
- Other Routes
- 345kV Xcel Energy Preferred Route
- East Alternative
- West Alternative

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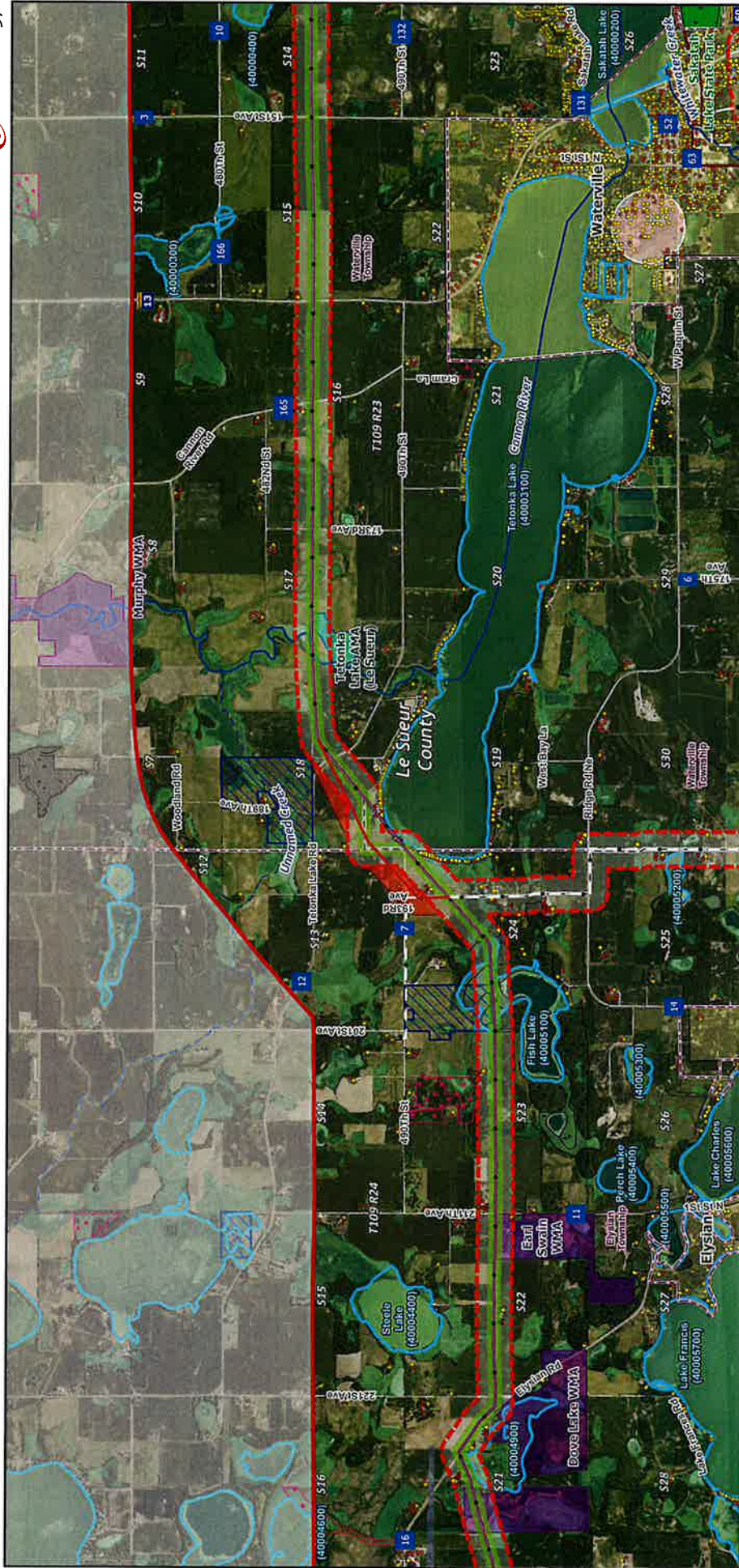


	Existing Substations		Existing Transmission Lines
	South Route		State Forest
	North Route		Wildlife Management Area
	345kV Xcel Energy Preferred Route		State Trail
	East Alternative		Railroad
	West Alternative		Route Widths



Tetonka Lake Expanded Route Width

**DETAILED MAP: SEGMENT 1**



**LEGEND**

Project Study Area Boundary	Private Airport	Waterfowl Production Area	34.5kV Xcel Energy Preferred Route
Proposed Route	Public Airport	BWSR RIM Conservation Easement	Tuma Proposed Alternative
Proposed Right-of-Way	Existing Substation	DNR Native Plant Community	Proposed Route Width Expansion
Substation Expansion Area	State Trail	Aquatic Management Area	
Project Substation	Existing Transmission Line	State Park	
Junction	69 kV	Wildlife Management Area	
	115 kV	Undelineated National Wetland Inventory	
	Township Boundary		
		City Boundary	
		Wellhead Protection Area	
		Public Ditch/Altered Natural Watercourse	
		Public Water Watercourse	
		Public Water Basin	
		Undelineated National Wetland Inventory	
		Wellland Inventory	
		Structure in Proposed Route	
		Residence	
		Not a residence	
		Structure Outside Proposed Route	
		Residence	
		Not a residence	
		Other Routes	

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Segment 1 North

161KV

Tetonka Lake AMA (Le Sueur)

Route Atr

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490th St

490th St

Tetonka Lake Rd

173rd Ave

432nd St

161KV

West Bay La

Gannon River

Tetonka Lake

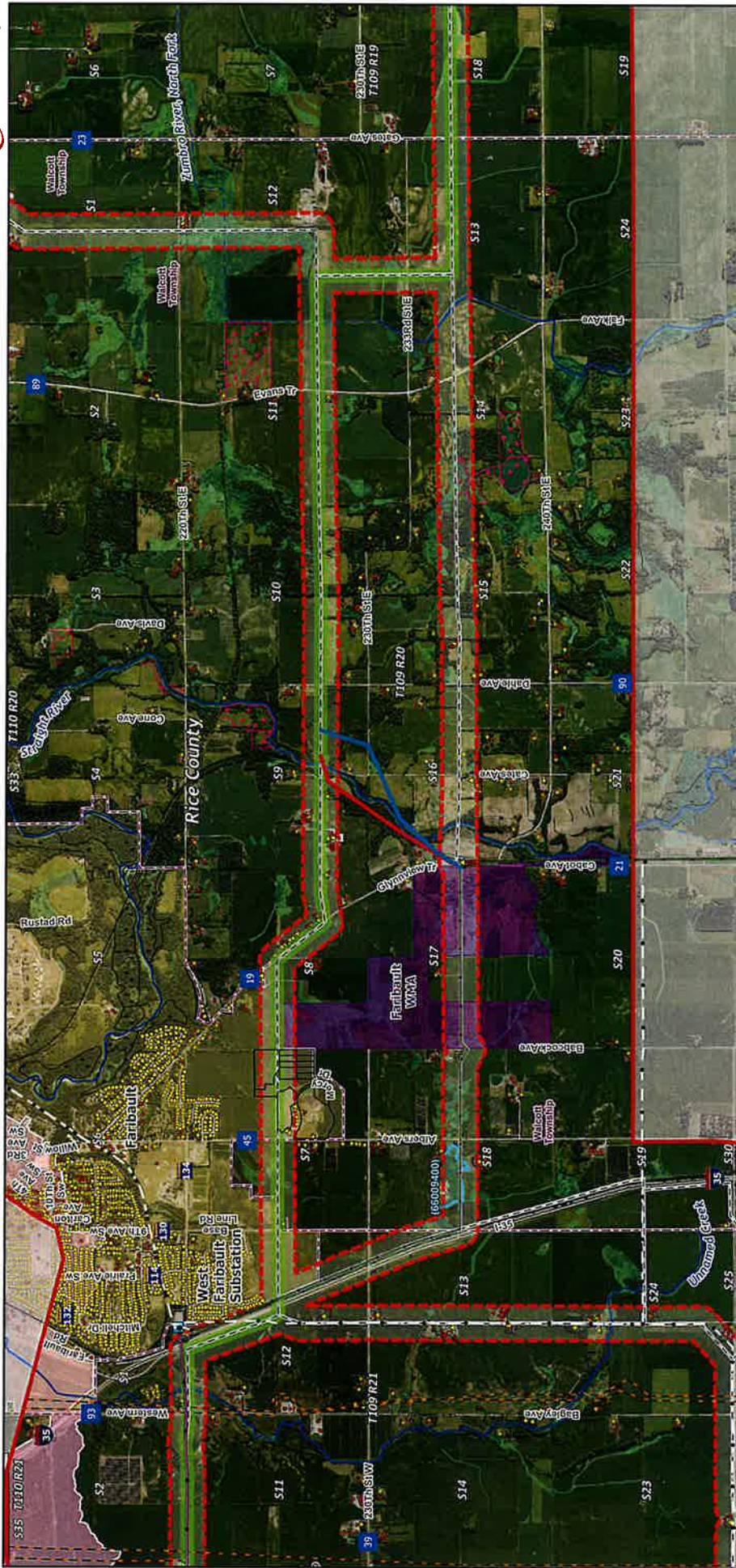
Fish Lake

	Existing Substations		Existing Transmission Lines
	345kV Xcel Energy Preferred Route		Aquatic Management Area
	Tetonka Lake Alternative		Route Widths
			Proposed Route Width Expansion

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# DETAILED MAP: SEGMENT 2



**LEGEND**

Project Study Area Boundary	345kV Xcel Energy Preferred Route	Structure in Proposed Route: Residence	Public Water Basin: Undelineated National Wetland Inventory	Private Airport	Project Study Area Boundary
Proposed Route	West Option	Not a residence Structure Outside Proposed Route	BWSR RIM Conservation Easement	Public Airport	Township Boundary
Substation Expansion Area	East Option	Residence	DNR Native Plant Community	Existing Substation	City Boundary
Project Substation	Divine Mercy Catholic Church	Not a residence Other Routes	Wildlife Management Area	Railroad	Wellhead Protection Area
Junction	Proposed Route Width Expansion		Natural Watercourse	Pipeline in Study Area (NPWS)	Public Ditch/Altered
			Public Water Watercourse	Existing Transmission Line	Existing Transmission Line

115 kV  
161 kV  
Township Boundary  
City Boundary  
Wellhead Protection Area  
Pipeline in Study Area (NPWS)  
Existing Transmission Line  
• 69 kV

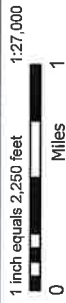
Public Water Basin  
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BWSR RIM Conservation Easement  
DNR Native Plant Community  
Wildlife Management Area

Structure in Proposed Route  
Residence  
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Residence  
Not a residence Other Routes

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West Option  
East Option  
Divine Mercy Catholic Church  
Proposed Route Width Expansion

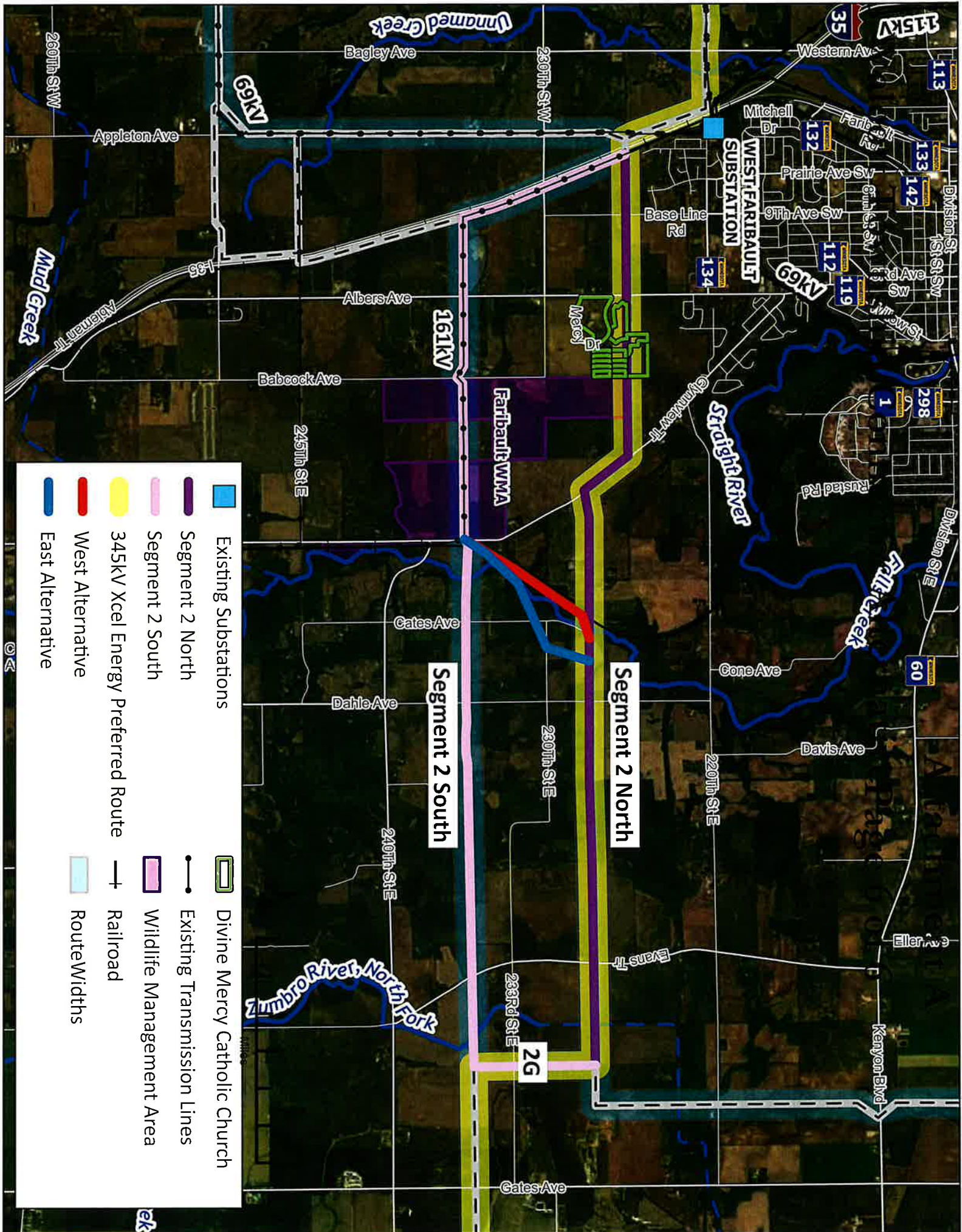
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Project Study Area Boundary  
Proposed Route  
Substation Expansion Area  
Project Substation  
Junction



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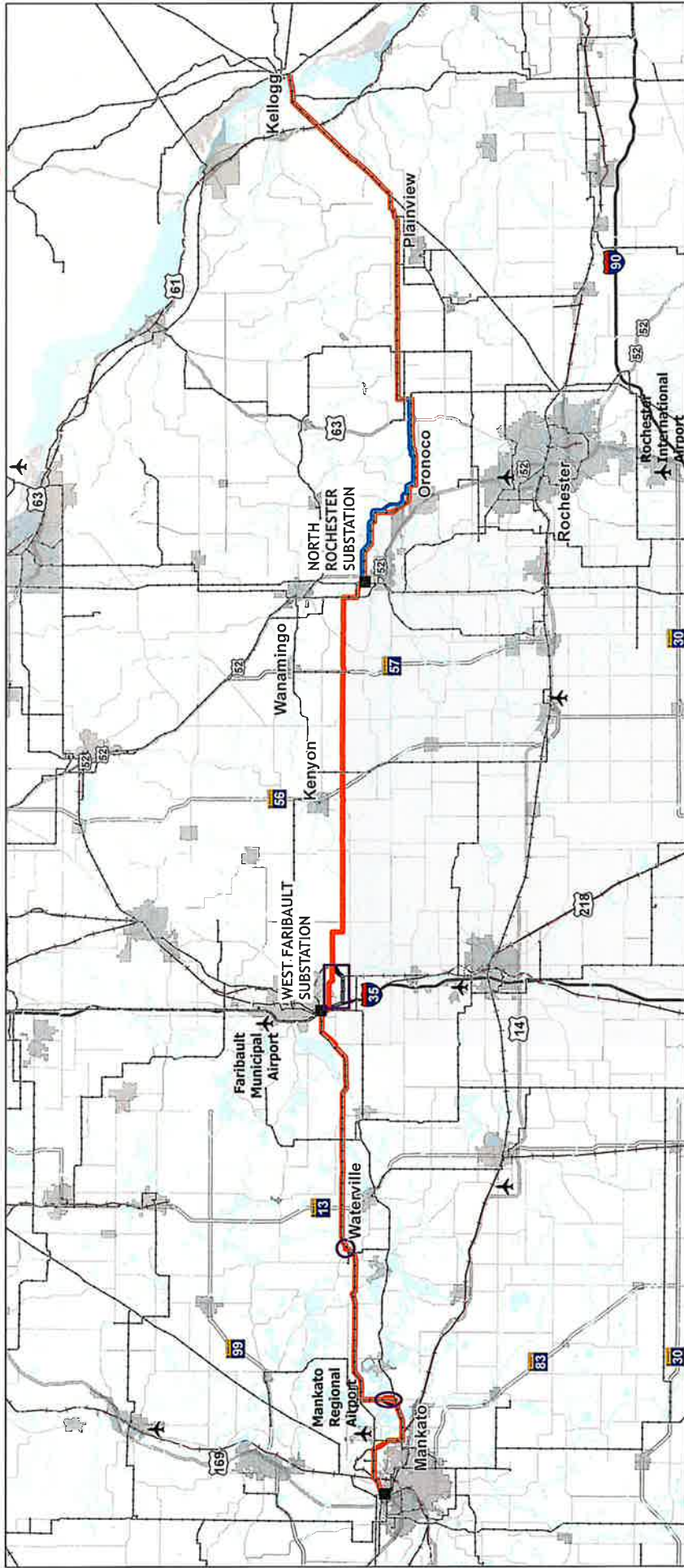
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- Existing Substations
- Segment 2 North
- Segment 2 South
- 345KV Xcel Energy Preferred Route
- West Alternative
- East Alternative
- Divine Mercy Catholic Church
- Existing Transmission Lines
- Wildlife Management Area
- Railroad
- Route Widths



# MMRT APPROVED ROUTE OVERVIEW



**LEGEND**

- PUC Approved Route by Voltage
  - 161kV (Blue line)
  - 345kV (Red line)
- Commission Proposed Alternatives (Black outline)
- Existing Substations (Black square)
- Public Airport (Airplane icon)
- Existing Transmission Line (Dashed line)
- City (Grey shaded area)
- Public Water Watercourse (Blue wavy line)
- Public Water Basin (Light blue shaded area)
- Railroad (Black line with cross-ticks)

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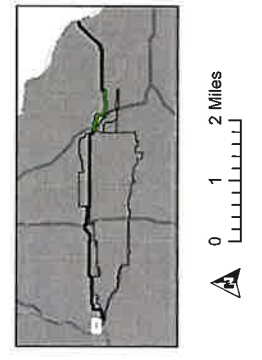
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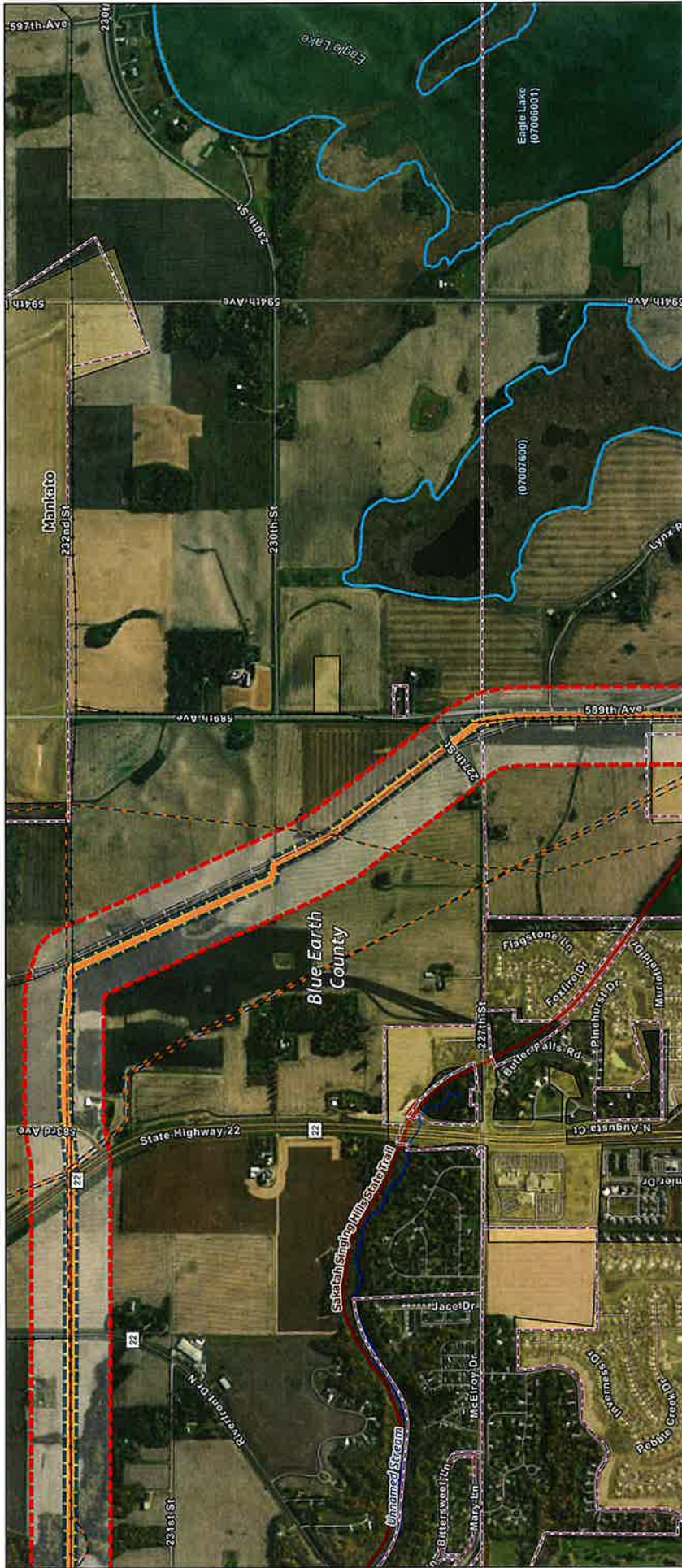
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	Segment 1		Right of Way		Township Boundary		Public Water Basin
	Segment 2		Route Width		County Boundary		
	Segment 3		Substation Expansion Area		City Boundary		
	Segment 4				State Trail		
					Scenic Byway		
					Railroad		
					Pipeline in Study Area (NPMS)		
					Public Ditch/Altered Natural Watercourse		

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**Legend**

- Approved Routes
- Segment 1
- Segment 2
- Segment 3
- Segment 4
- Commission Proposed Routes
- Right of Way
- Route Width
- Substation Expansion Area
- Railroad
- Existing Transmission Line
- Township Boundary
- County Boundary
- City Boundary
- State Trail
- Scenic Byway
- Railroad
- Pipeline in Study Area (NPMS)
- Public Ditch/Altered Natural Watercourse
- Public Water Watercourse
- Public Water Basin

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Approved Routes	Commission Proposed Routes	Railroad Existing Line	State Trail	Public Water Watercourse
Segment 1	Right of Way	Township Boundary	Scenic Byway	Public Water Basin
Segment 2	Route Width	County Boundary	Railroad	
Segment 3	Substation Expansion Area	City Boundary	Pipeline in Study Area (NPMS)	
Segment 4			Public Ditch/Altered Natural Watercourse	

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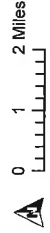
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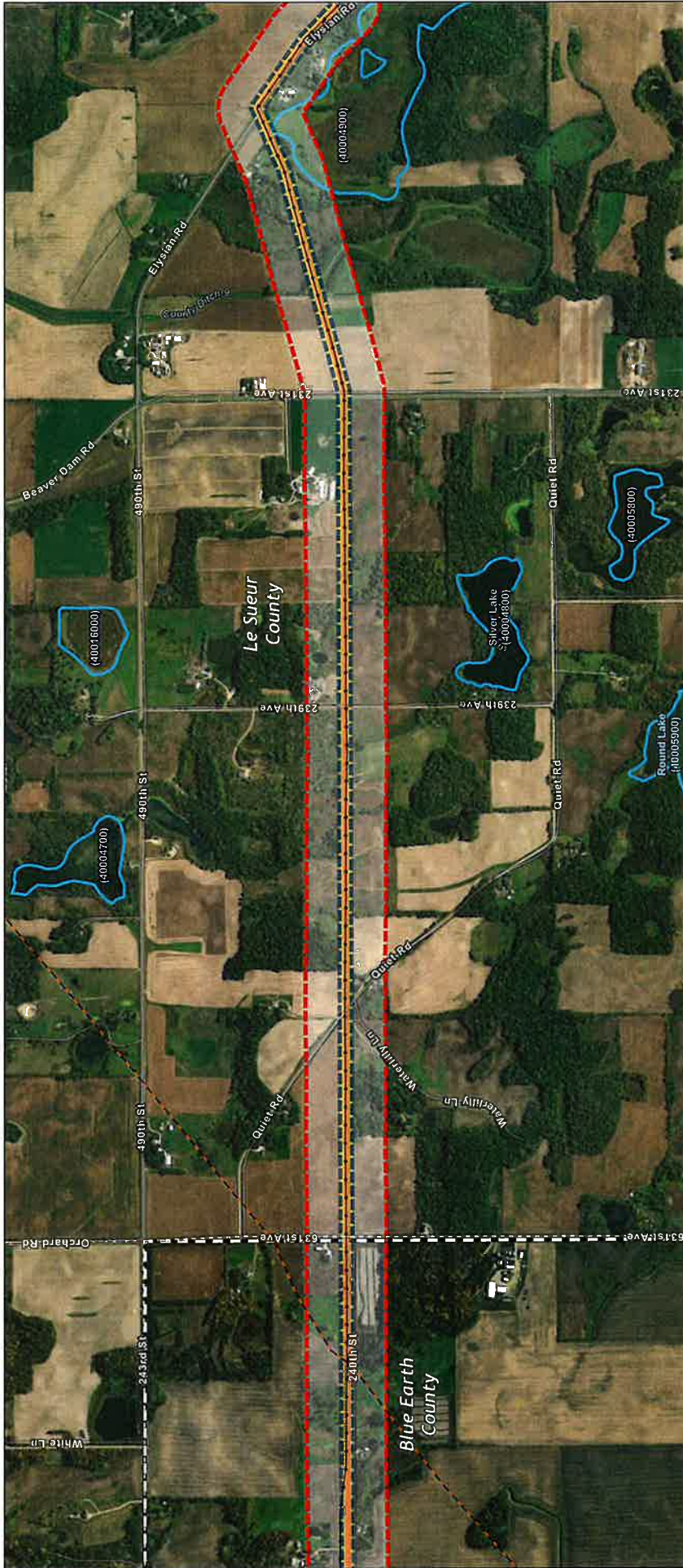
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- Commission Proposed Routes
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- Route Width
- Substation Expansion Area
- Railroad Existing Transmission Line
- Township Boundary
- County Boundary
- City Boundary
- State Trail
- Scenic Byway
- Railroad
- Pipeline in Study Area (NPMS)
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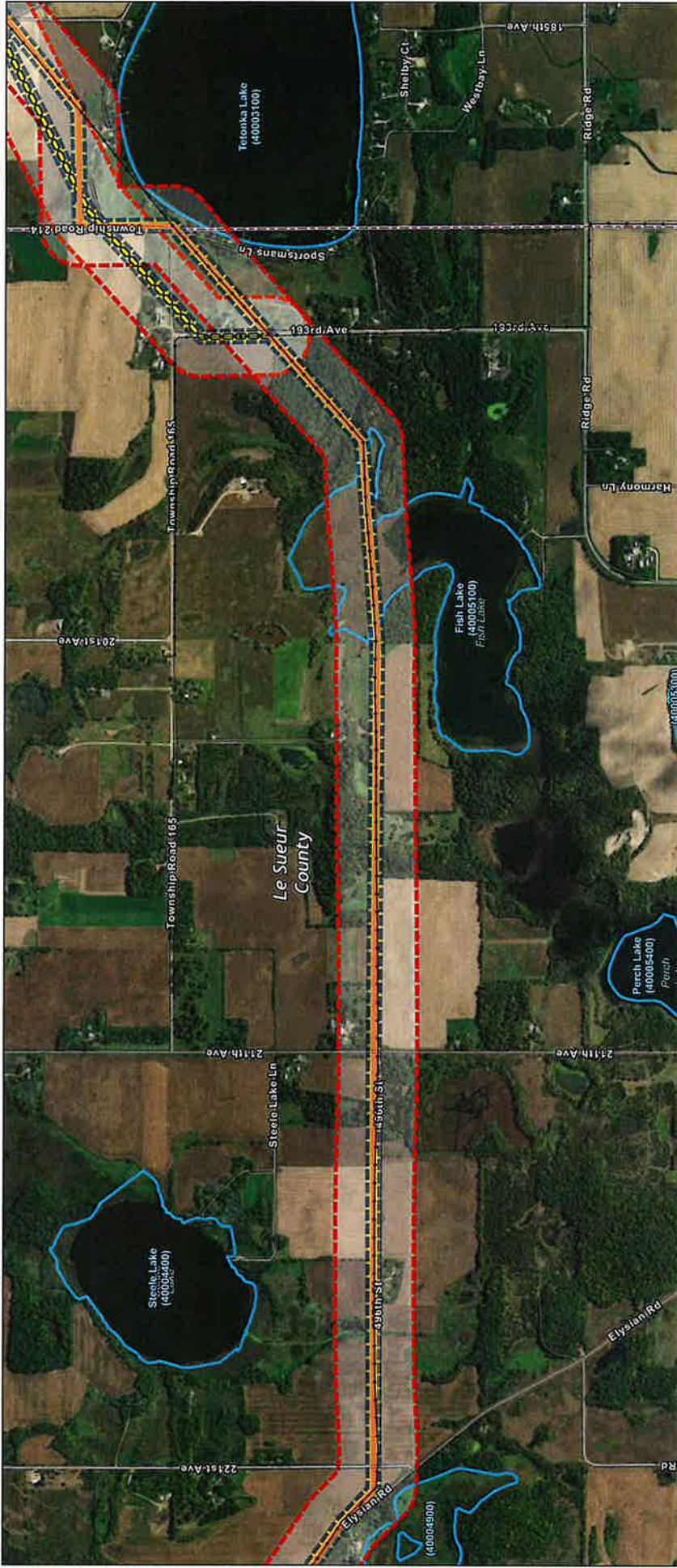


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Approved Routes	Commission Proposed Routes	Railroad Existing Transmission Line	State Trail	Public Water Watercourse
Segment 1	Right of Way	County Boundary	Scenic Byway	Public Water Basin
Segment 2	Route Width	City Boundary	Railroad	
Segment 3	Substation Expansion Area		Pipeline in Study Area (NPMS)	
Segment 4			Public Ditch/Altered Natural Watercourse	

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# MANKATO TO MISSISSIPPI RIVER: APPROVED ROUTE



**Legend**

Approved Routes	Railroad Existing Line	Railroad	State Trail
Segment 1	Township Boundary	Pipeline in Study Area (NPMS)	Public Water Watercourse
Segment 2	County Boundary	Public Ditch/Altered Natural Watercourse	Public Water Basin
Segment 3	City Boundary		
Segment 4			

Commission Proposed Routes	Right of Way	Substation Expansion Area
Right of Way	Route Width	
Route Width		
Substation Expansion Area		

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Inset map showing the project location within a larger regional context.

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Approved Routes	Commission Proposed Routes	Railroad Existing Transmission Line	State Trail	Public Water Watercourse
Segment 1	Right of Way	Township Boundary	Scenic Byway	Public Water Basin
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Segment 3	Substation Expansion Area	City Boundary	Pipeline in Study Area (NPMS)	
Segment 4			Public Ditch/Altered Natural Watercourse	

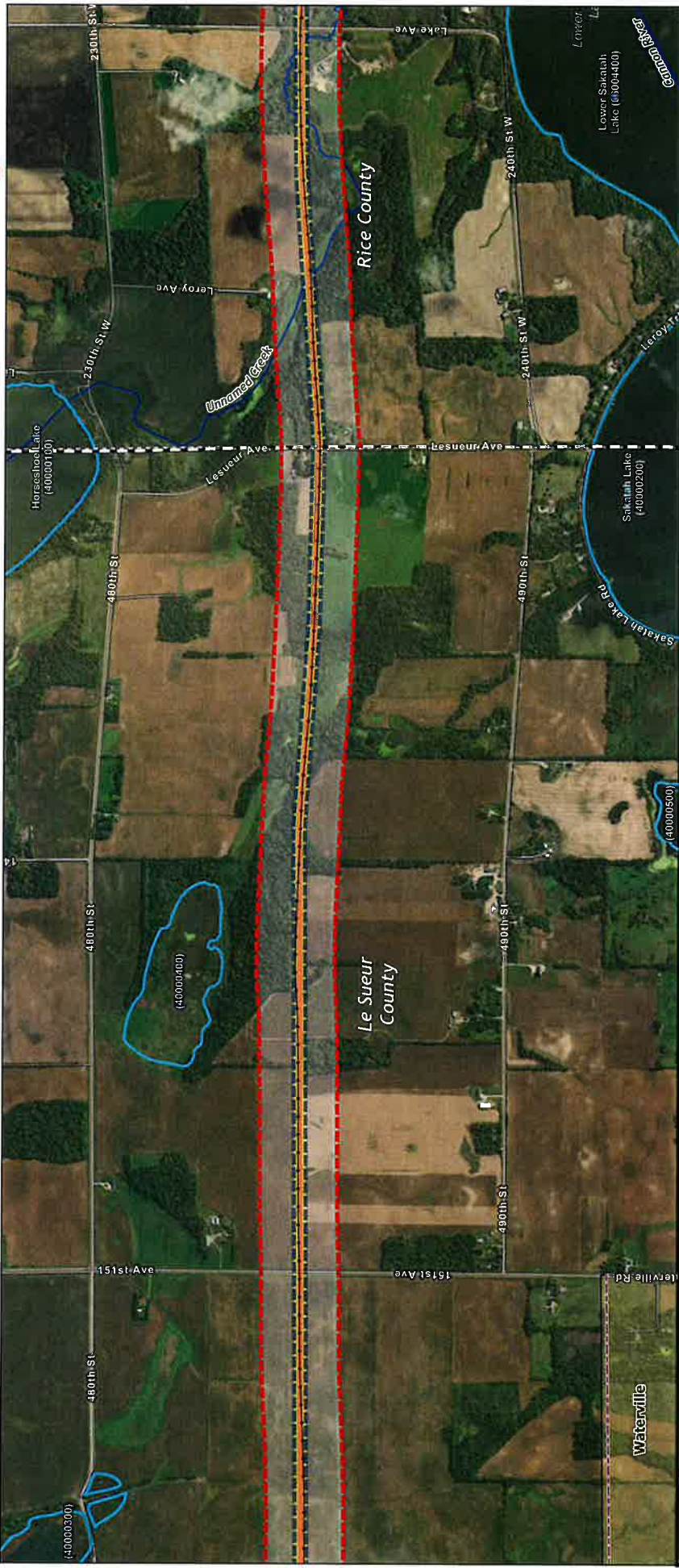
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North Arrow

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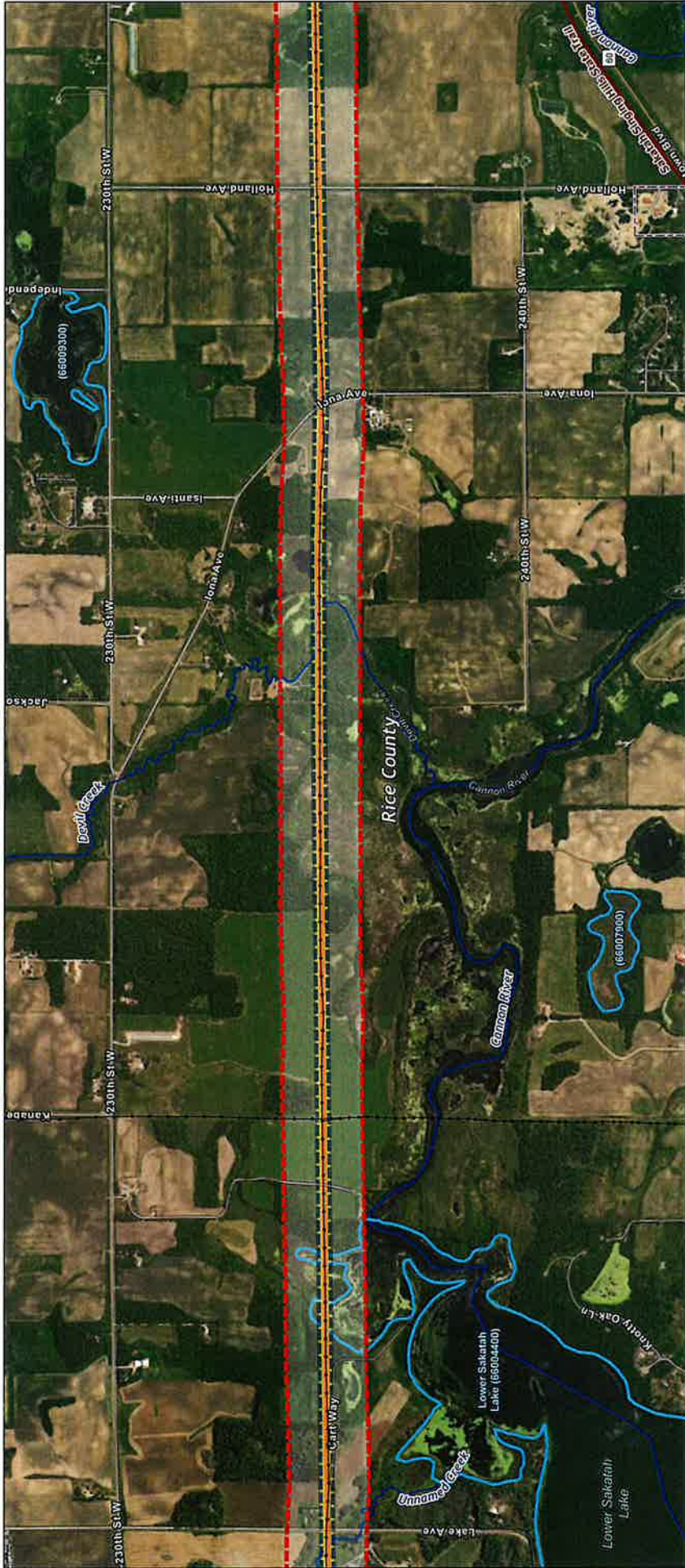


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Approved Routes	Commission Proposed Alternative Routes	Railroad Existing Transmission Line	State Trail	Public Water Watercourse
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Segment 2	Route Width	County Boundary	Railroad	
Segment 3	Substation Expansion Area	City Boundary	Pipeline in Study Area (NPMS)	
Segment 4			Public Ditch/Altered Natural Watercourse	

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Approved Routes	Commission	Railroad	State Trail	Public Water
Segment 1	Proposed Routes	Existing Transmission Line	Scenic Byway	Watercourse
Segment 2	Right of Way	Township Boundary	Railroad	Public Water Basin
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Segment 4	Substation Expansion Area	City Boundary	Public Ditch/Altered Natural Watercourse	

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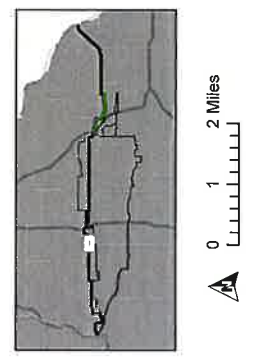
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## Legend

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  - Segment 4
- Commission Proposed Alternative Routes
- Right of Way
- Route Width
- Substation Expansion Area
- Railroad Existing Transmission Line
- Township Boundary
- County Boundary
- City Boundary
- State Trail
- Scenic Byway
- Railroad
- Pipeline in Study Area (NPMS)
- Public Ditch/Altered
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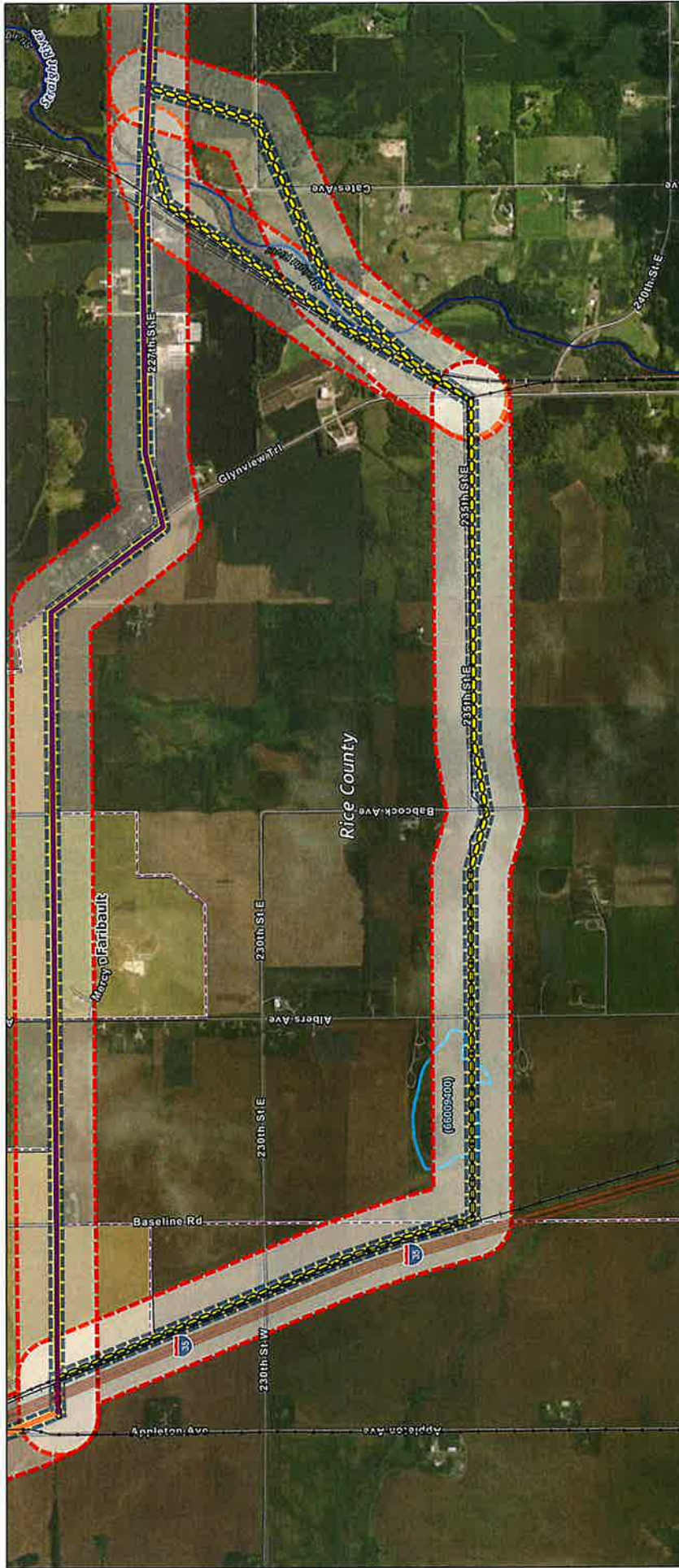
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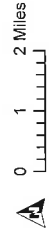


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## Legend

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- Segment 4
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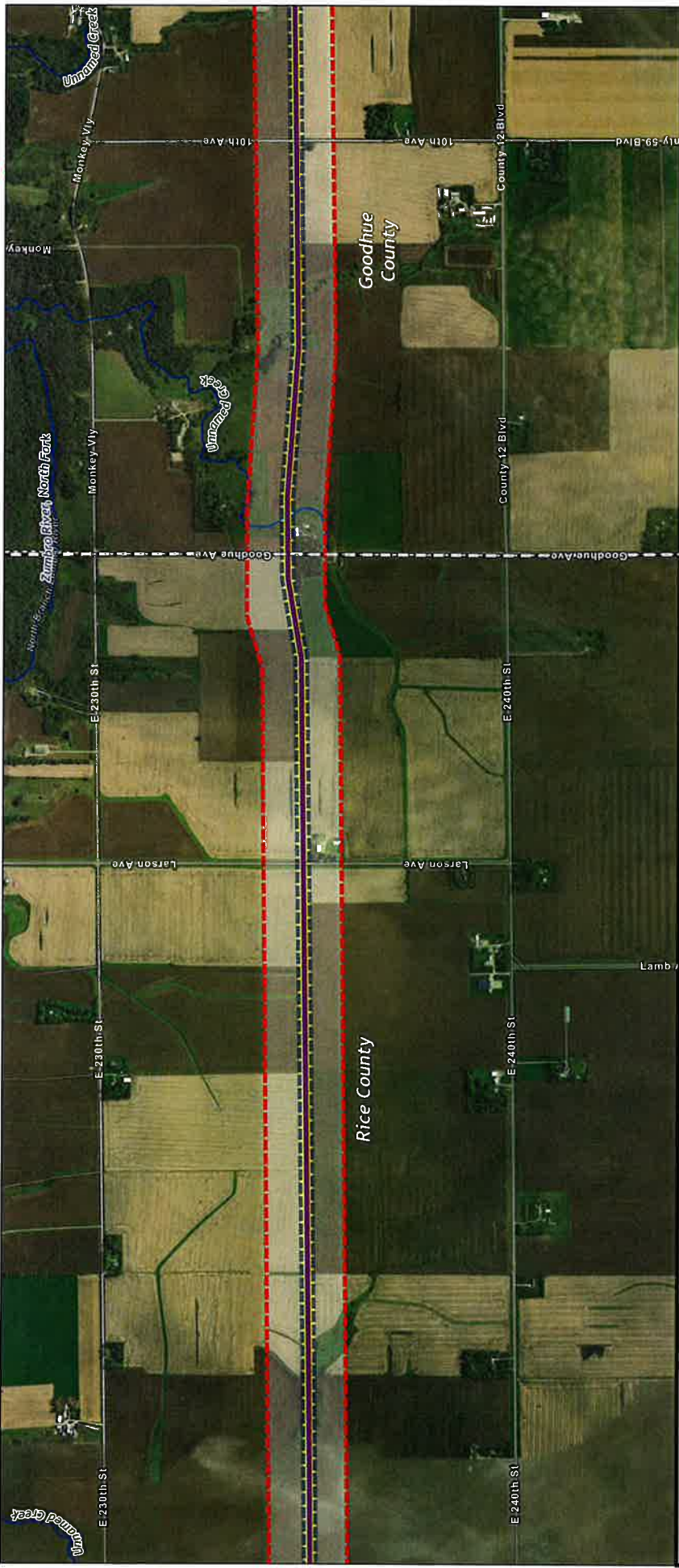


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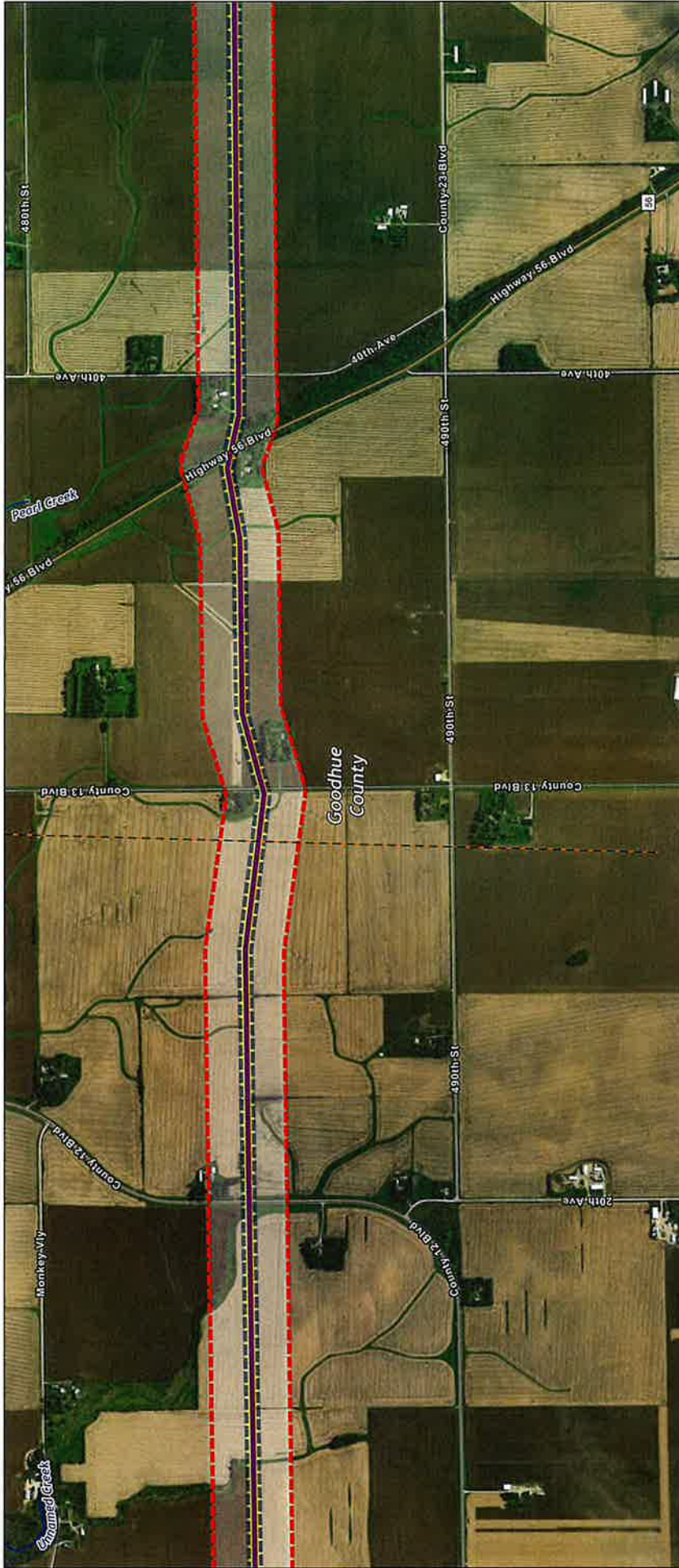
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Segment 2	Route Width	County Boundary	Railroad	
Segment 3	Substation Expansion Area	City Boundary	Pipeline in Study Area (NPMS)	
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Scale: 0 1 2 Miles

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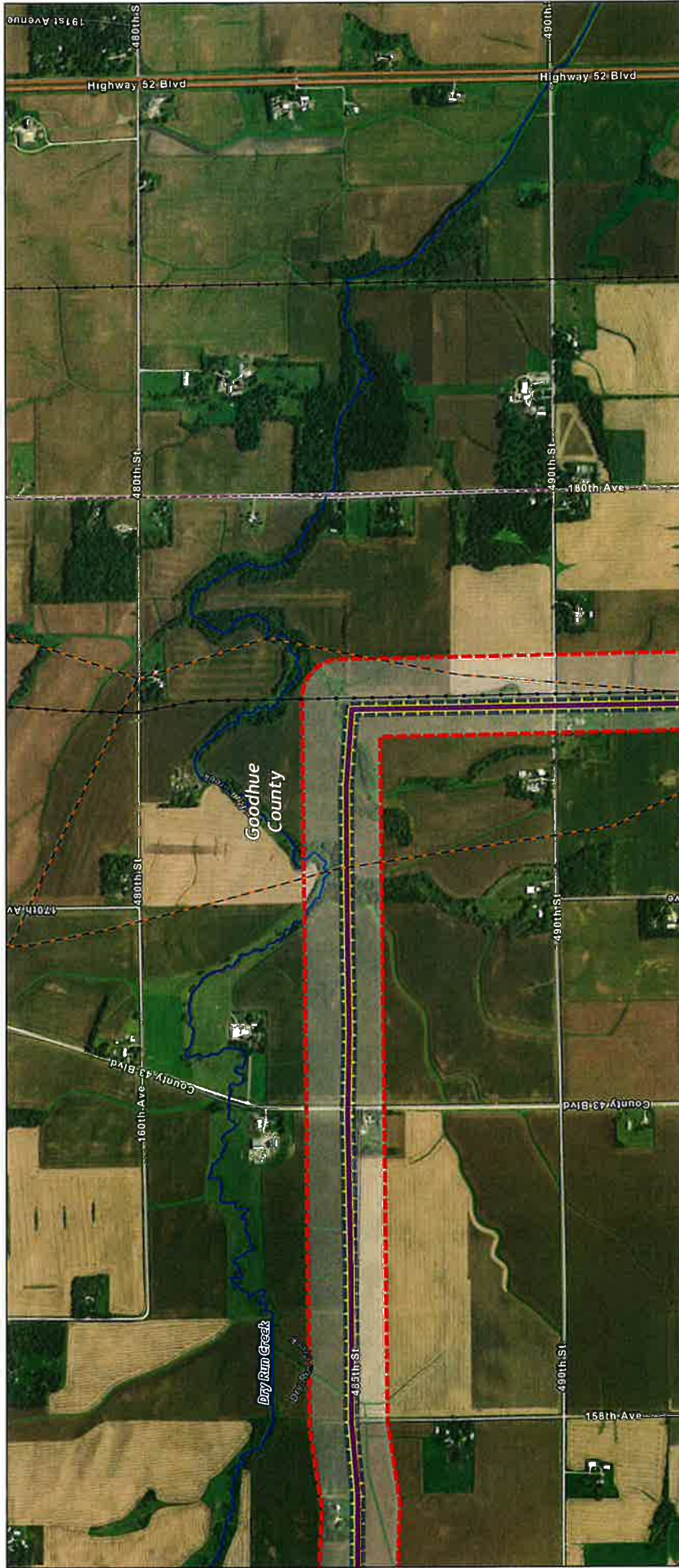
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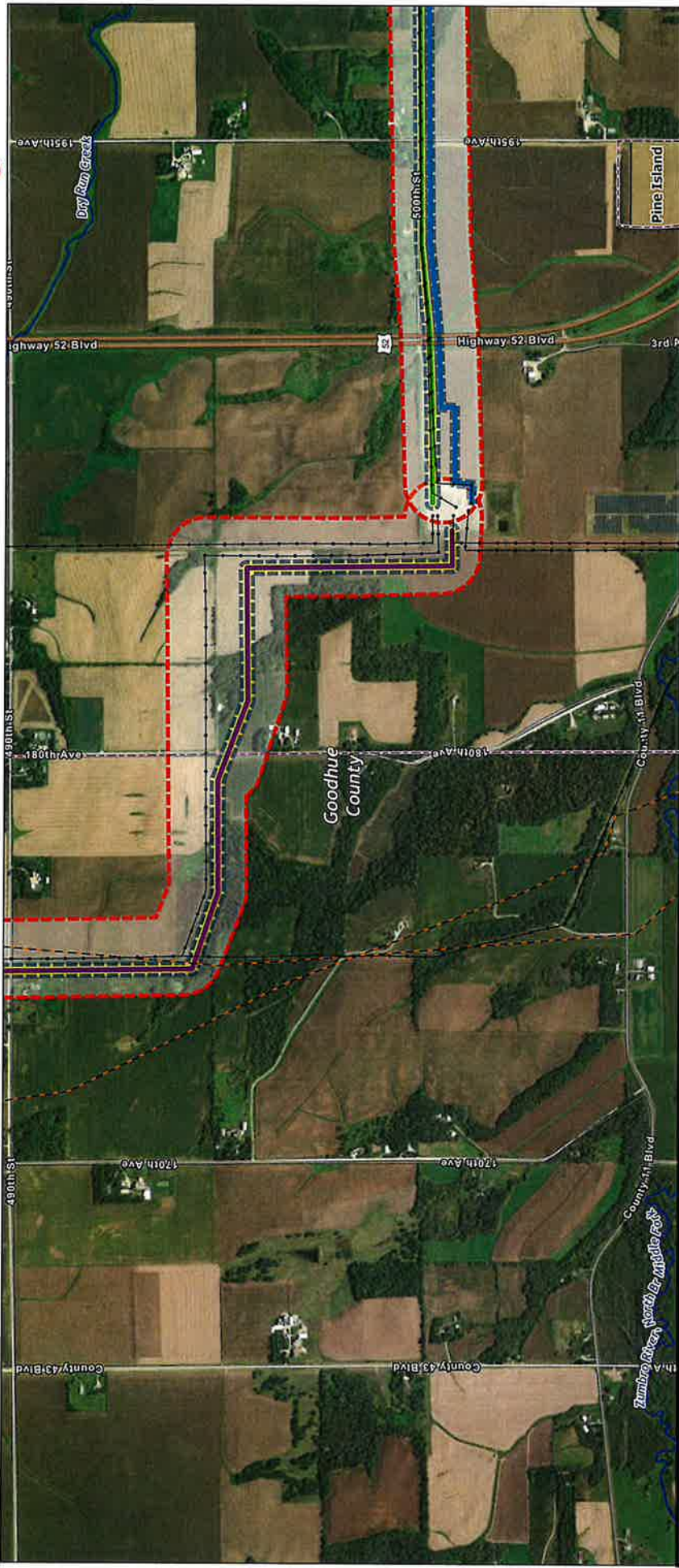
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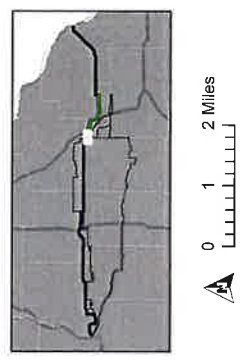
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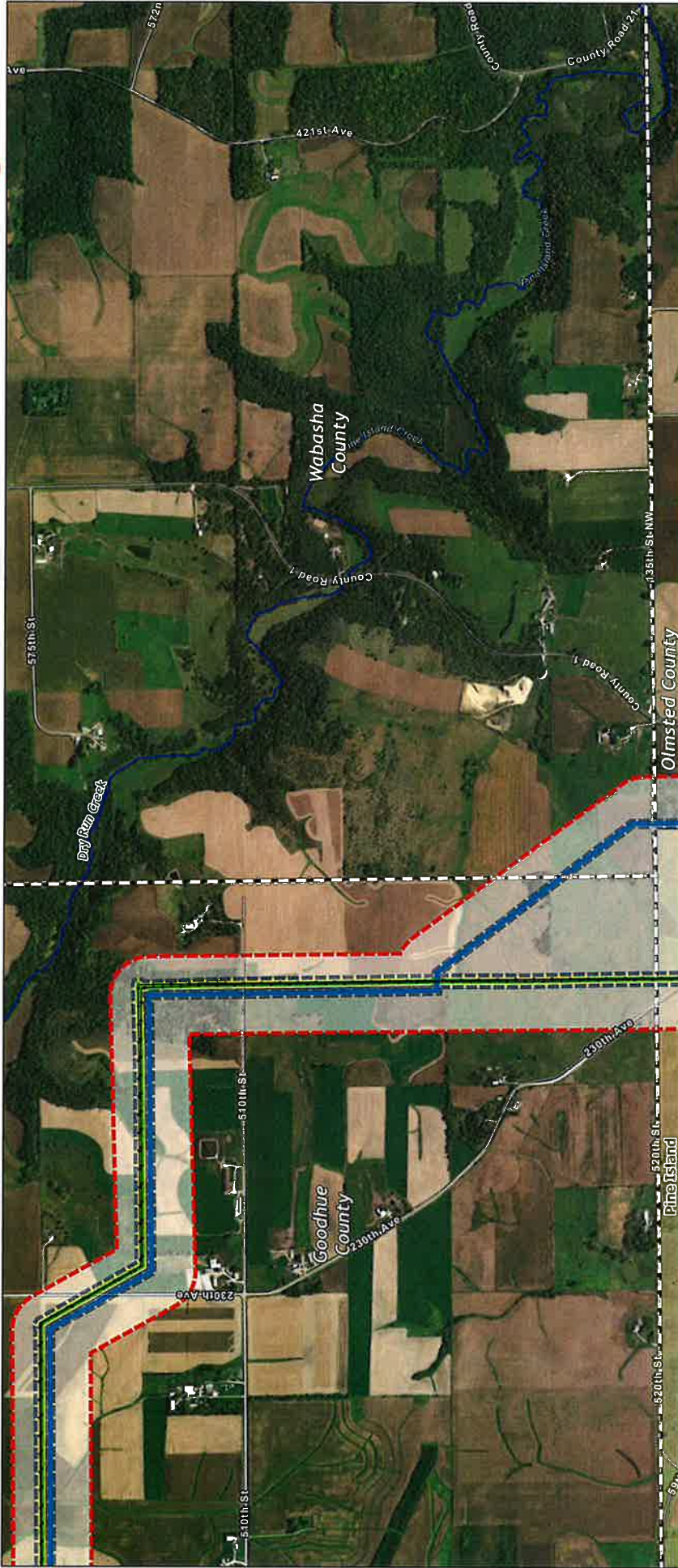
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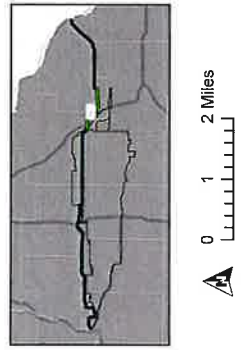


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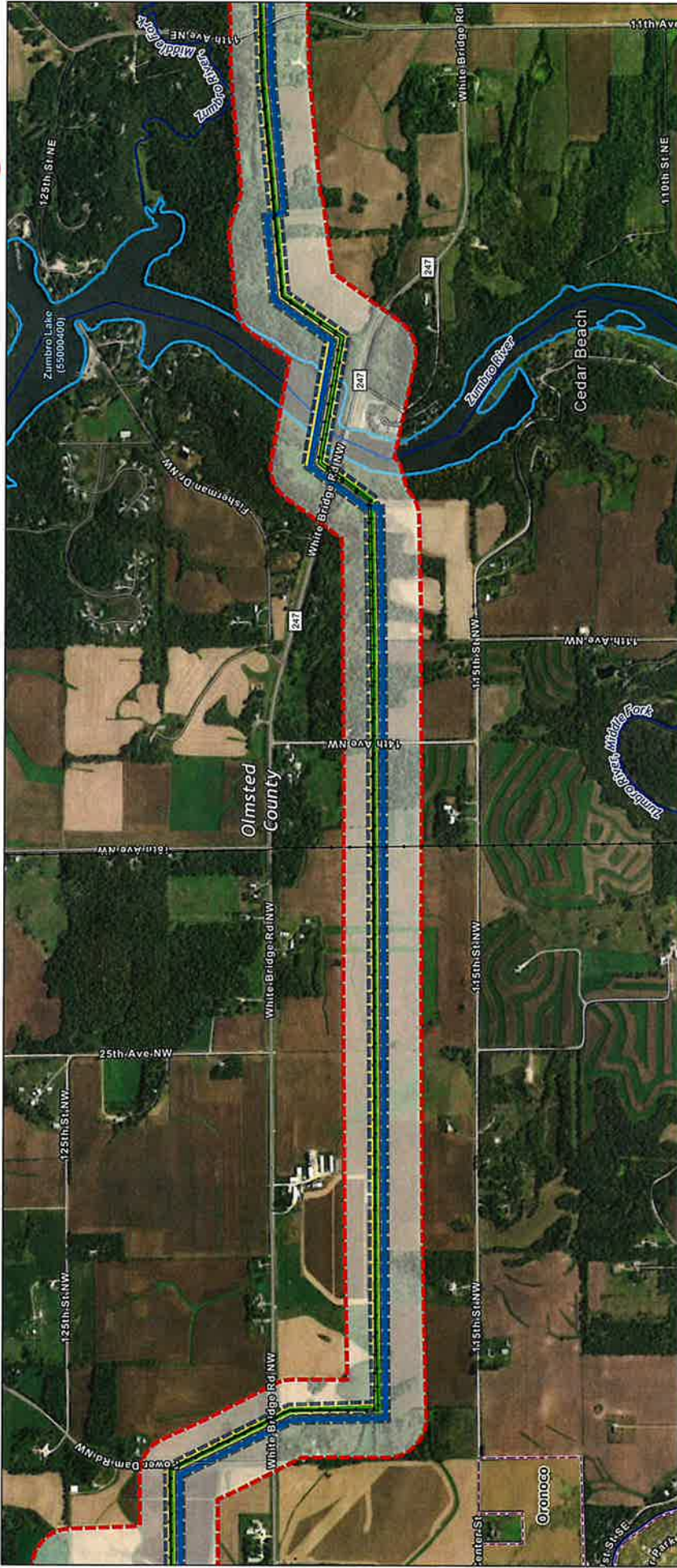
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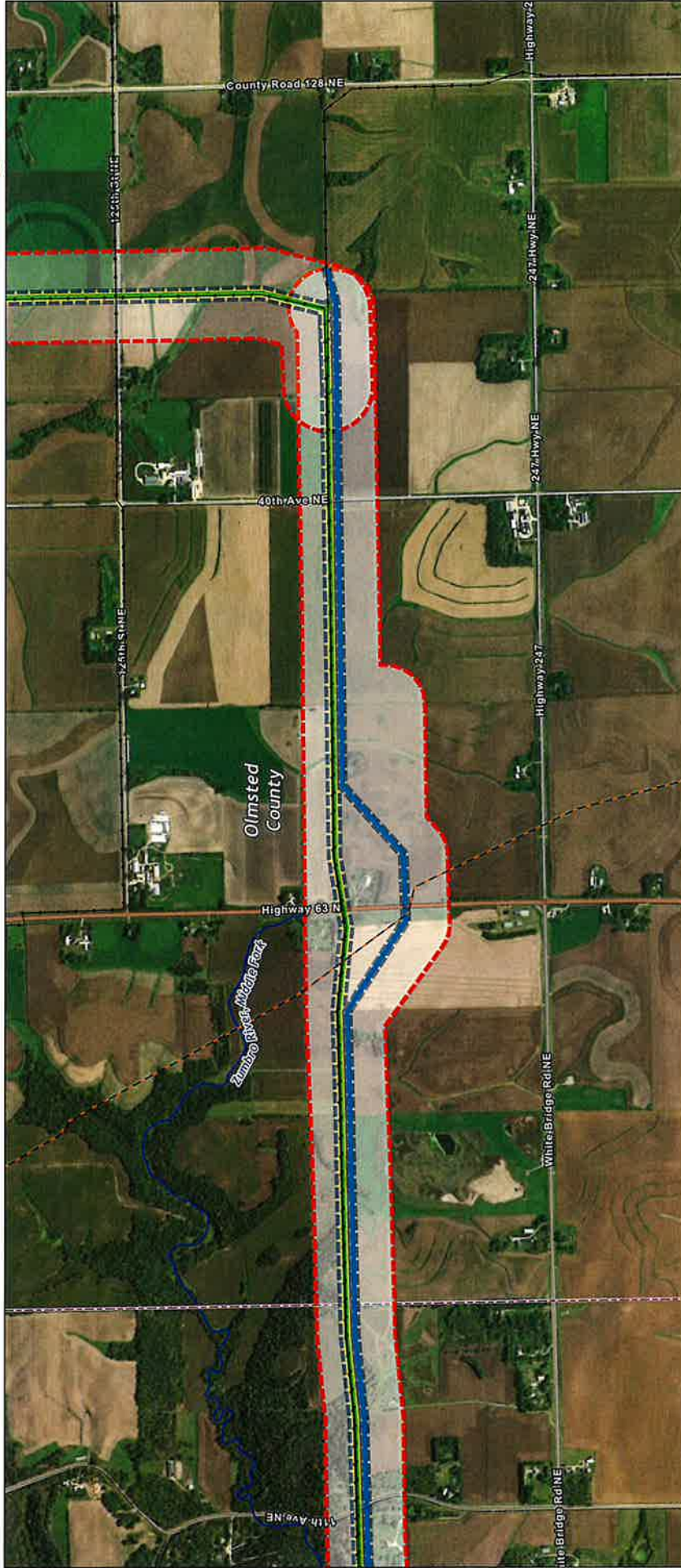
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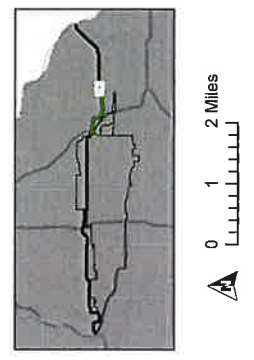
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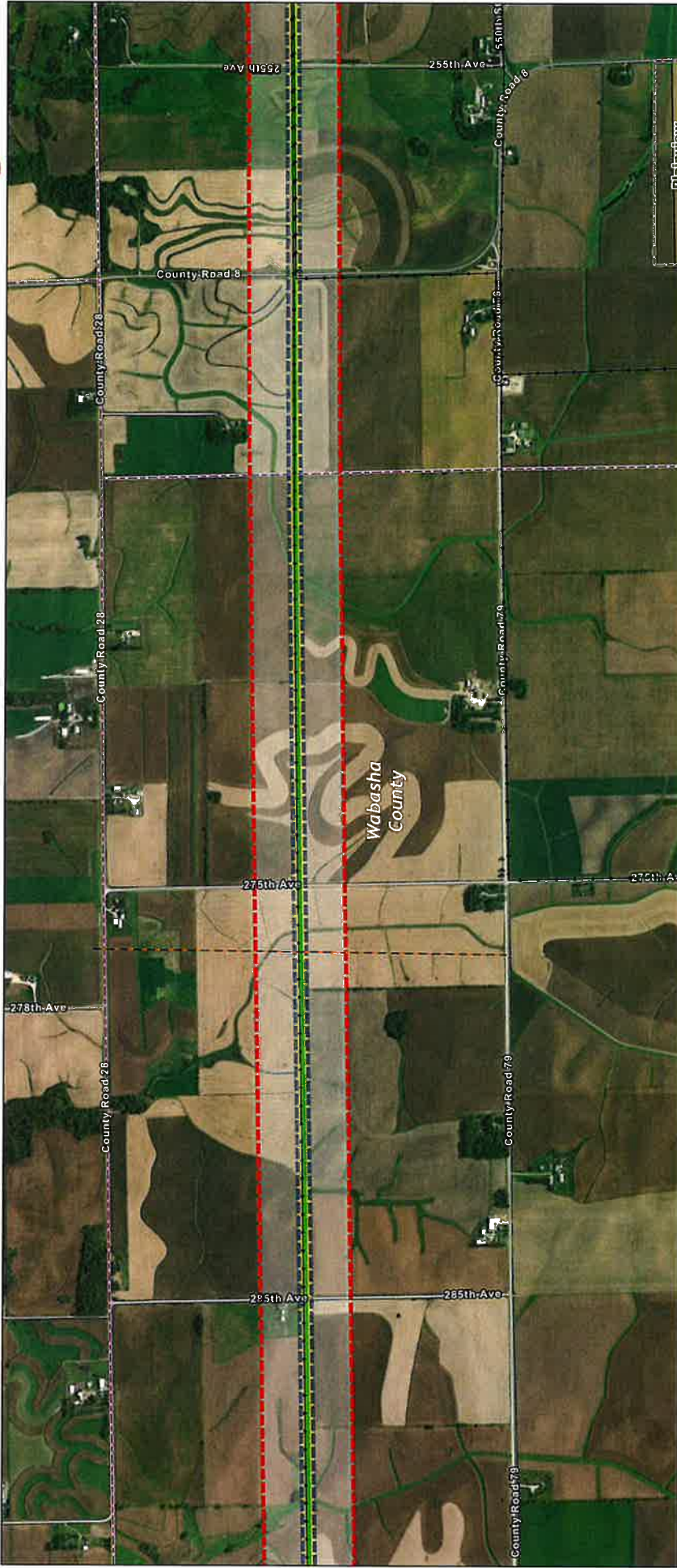
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	Segment 2		Route Width		County Boundary		Pipeline in Study Area (NPMs)
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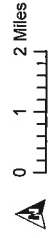
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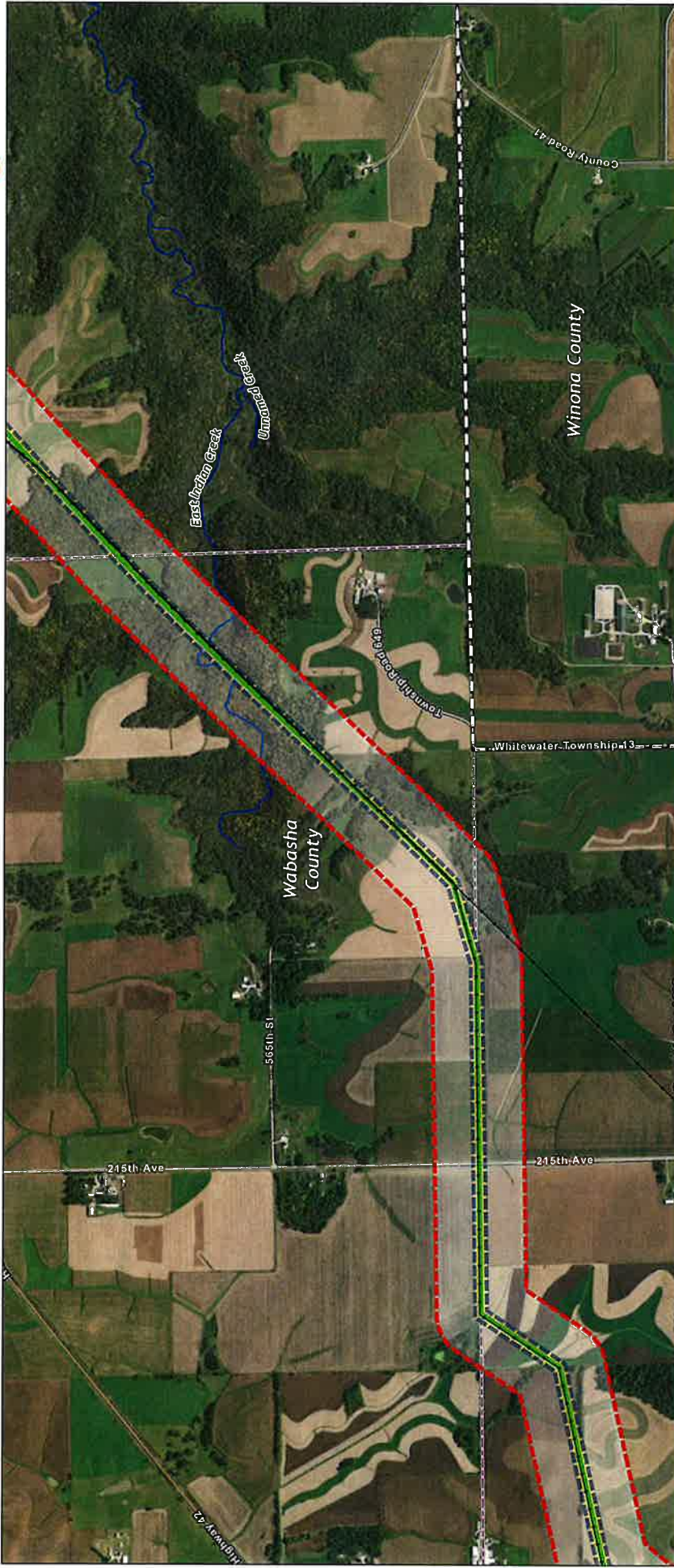
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	Segment 2		Railroad
	Segment 3		Pipeline in Study Area (NPMS)
	Segment 4		Public Ditch/Altered Natural Watercourse
	Commission Proposed Routes		Railroad Existing Transmission Line
	Right of Way		Township Boundary
	Route Width		County Boundary
	Substation Expansion Area		City Boundary
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**Scale:** 0 1 2 Miles

**North Arrow:** [North Arrow]

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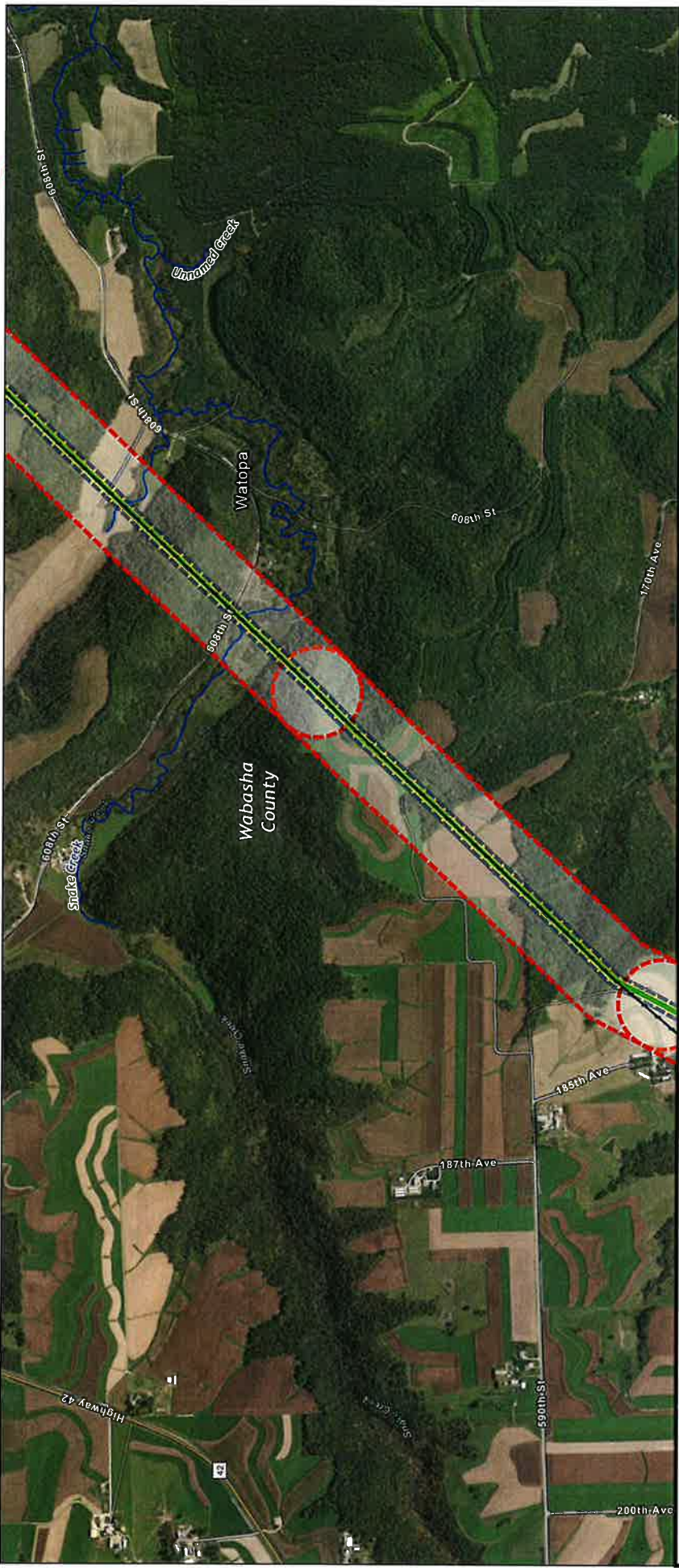


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Segment 2	Route Width	County Boundary	Railroad	Railroad	
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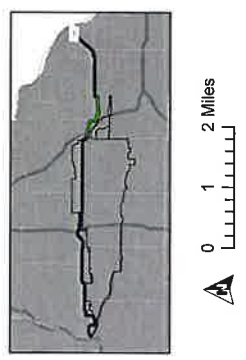
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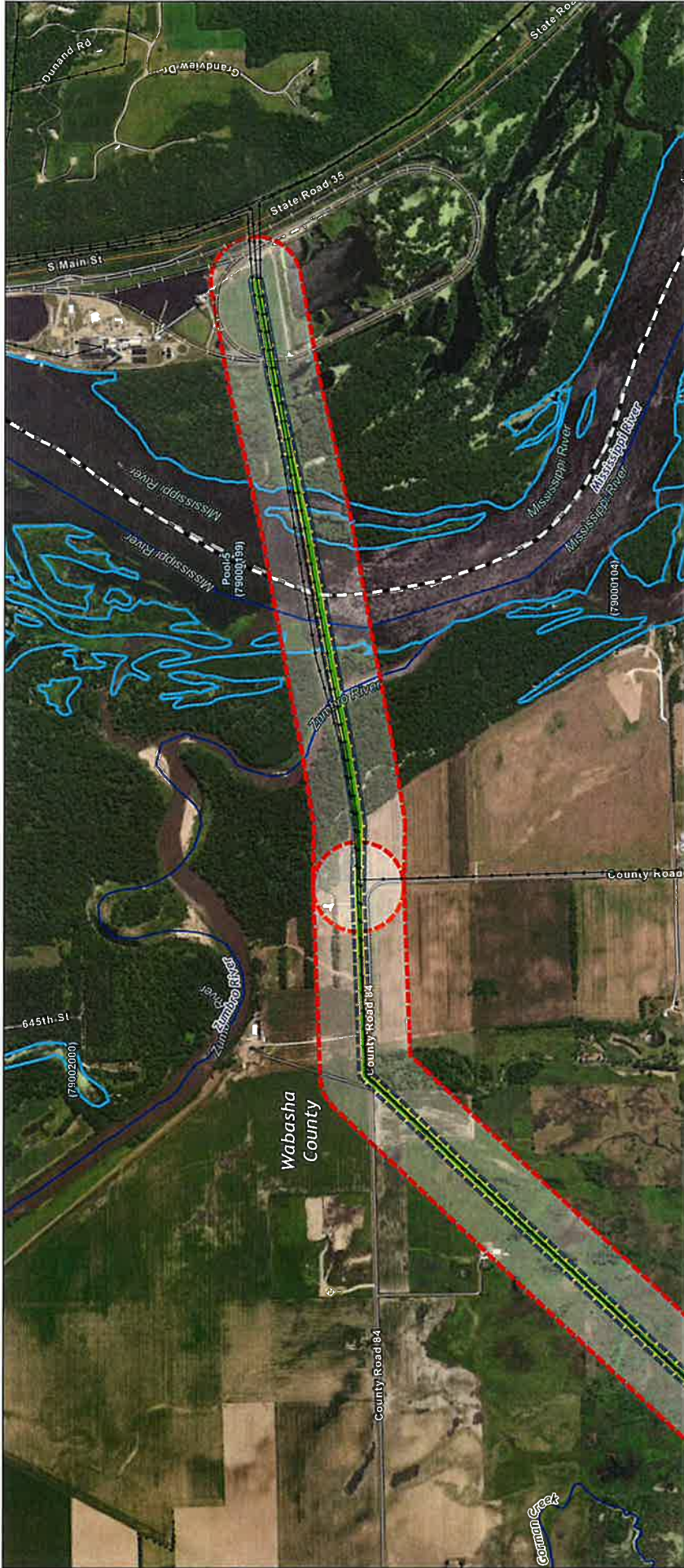
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DATE EXPORTED: 4/6/2025





June 3, 2026

Sasha Bergman Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
350 Metro Square Building  
121 Seventh Place East  
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: Route Permit For The Mankato To Mississippi River 345 Kv Transmission Project  
In Southeast Minnesota – Docket No. E002/TI-23-157

Dear Sasha Bergman:

I am contacting you on behalf of the Faribault City Council regarding Docket No. E002/TI-23-157. City of Faribault has strong and numerous concerns with the requested preferred route for the transmission line from the West Faribault Substation to approximately Babcock Avenue. We strongly urge the PUC to consider the alternate route for the transmission line, which places this critical infrastructure south of and around the City of Faribault corporate limits.

The preferred route alignment is adjacent to and bisects undeveloped land within the City of Faribault and would significantly hinder future development potential of these areas. The City invested significant resources in public infrastructure to prepare these areas for future residential growth and development at varying densities. As the PUC is aware, housing for all families and life stages, particularly affordable housing, is a crisis that all communities across the state and country are facing. The proposed and preferred alignment would negatively impact the City of Faribault's ability to address this crisis in the most economical way for developers and residents of Faribault. The City heard from residents and developers/landowners of the parcels within the proposed preferred route concerns with their ability to continue to live or develop the land within the proposed route.

While City Staff and City Council understand the transmission line's significance for reliable power, the City of Faribault does not support the current preferred proposal. It is the City's position that the transmission line should be routed as far away from current and proposed urban development to avoid Faribault's future growth and public infrastructure investments.

The City of Faribault appreciates and thanks you for your consideration to this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Spooner

Mayor

507-384-0567

[tspooner@faribaultmn.gov](mailto:tspooner@faribaultmn.gov)



## Council Work Session Memorandum

**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**THROUGH:** Jessica Kinser, City Administrator  
**FROM:** Heather Slechta, City Clerk  
**MEETING DATE:** June 2, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** Cannabis Regulations Discussion

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### **Discussion:**

City Staff received an email requesting that the Council implement limitations on the number of Cannabis Licenses issued in the City. Our current ordinance does not restrict the amount of licenses issued or limitations on licenses unless outlined in state statute. Staff is requesting direction from the Council if they would like to move forward with adding limitations to our ordinance. The City currently has one microbusiness licensed with one in the final stages of licensing. Both of these intend to have a retail portion.

Our current code also requires the Council to take action on issuing low-potency hemp edible registrations. These registrations are typically for gas stations, tobacco stores and bars/restaurants. State statute does not require Council action for this type of registration, and it does slow the process of issuing the registration certificate. These locations are already vetted by the state, and the City only issue an approval that they are operating in the current business. Staff is requesting that low-potency hemp edibles be issued administratively.

### **Attachments:**