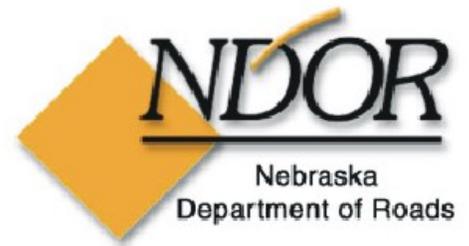


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This PCN Attachment Contains Four (4) Appendices:

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Mitigation Site

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**US-34 BELLEVUE BRIDGE
COMPENSATORY
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**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS
U.S. HIGHWAY 34 - BELLEVUE BRIDGE
COMPENSATORY MITIGATION PLAN
OREAPOLIS WETLAND MITIGATION SITE
CASS COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

As detailed in the Iowa Department of Transportation's (Iowa DOT's) and the Nebraska Department of Roads' (NDOR's) Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) document for the U.S. Highway 34 (US-34) Bellevue Bridge Project, the two agencies are finalizing plans to construct a new transportation corridor that would connect Interstate 29 (I-29) in Mills County, Iowa, with the proposed Platteview Road intersection with U.S. Highway 75 (US-75) in Sarpy County, Nebraska (Project) (see Figure 1: Project Location). Specifically, the Project would require approximately 6 miles of new roadway, including a new bridge crossing of the Missouri River at River Mile 595.9.

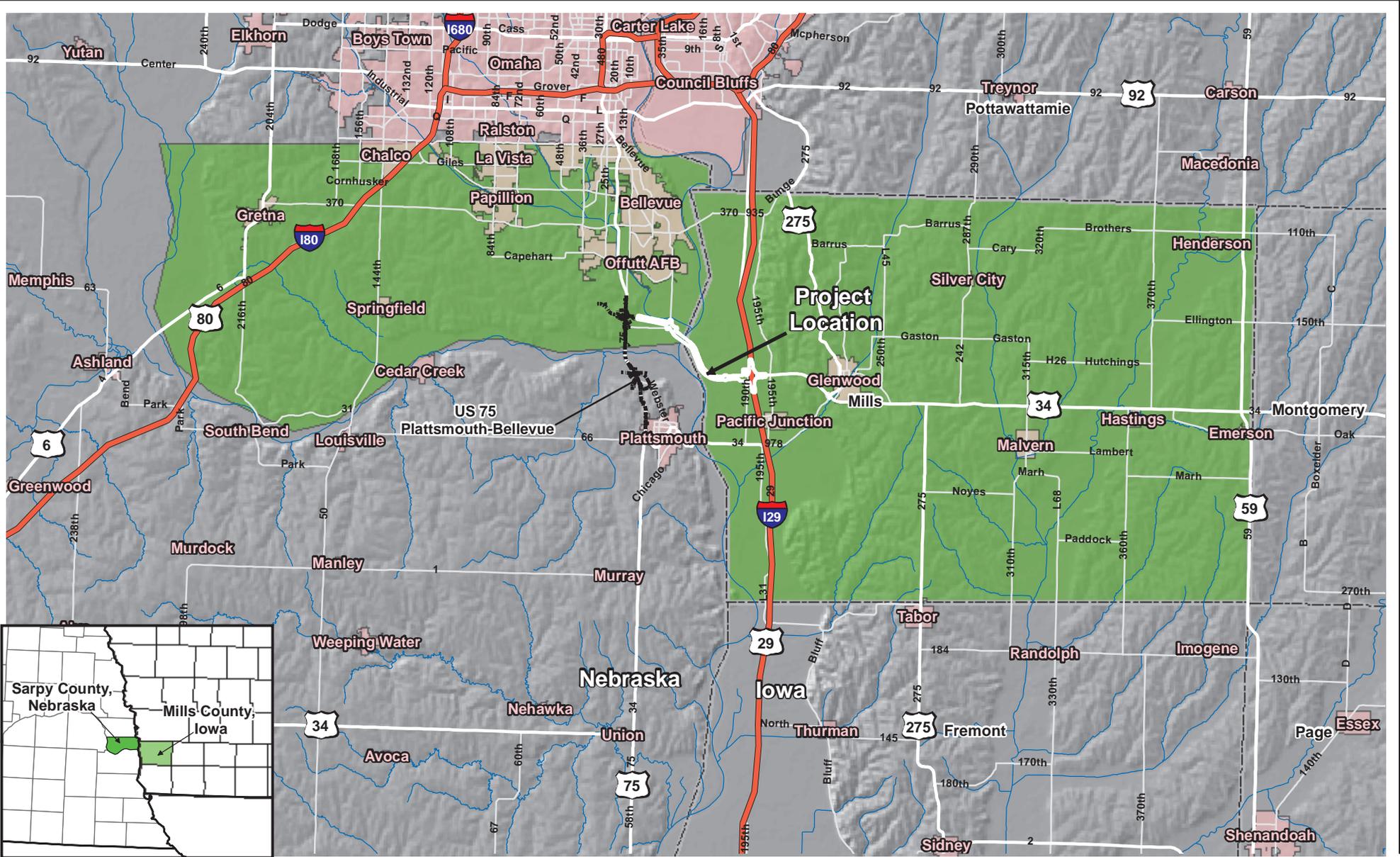
Wetlands and linear waters of the U.S. were delineated along the Project corridor in August 2008. The results of the wetland delineations and the Project plans were used to determine the anticipated Project impacts, as detailed in the PCN for the Project.

This Compensatory Mitigation Plan (Plan) is specific to NDOR's approach to successfully mitigate unavoidable impacts on waters of the U.S. in the Nebraska portion of the Project area at the proposed Oreapolis Wetland Mitigation Site (Site). As discussed in the PCN for the Project, unavoidable impacts on waters of the U.S. in the Iowa portion of the Project area will be mitigated by Iowa DOT through the purchase of certified wetland mitigation credits from the G. William Coulthard Trust Wetland Mitigation Bank.

2.0 MITIGATION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

2.1 Functions Lost at Impact Sites

The Project is expected to impact 15.62 acres of palustrine emergent (PEM) wetlands with a Nebraska Wetland Subclass of riverine floodplain moderate to slow permeability with minimal out of bank flooding (Cowardin et al., December 1979; U.S. Department of Agriculture [USDA] Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), no date). Impacts would result from fill associated with the proposed roadway embankment and associated drainage structures.



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The impact on permanently functional wetland area is far smaller than the 15.62 acres listed above. Of the 15.62 acres of total wetland impact, only 5.11 acres occur as permanently functional wetlands under normal precipitation cycles. That is, 10.51 acres of the total wetland impact area occur south of the intersection of La Platte Road and Harlan Lewis Road, where a PEM wetland has recently reemerged in an area that has historically been in agricultural production. Above-average precipitation in 2007 and 2008 facilitated the development of dominant hydrophytes throughout the area and disallowed agricultural production in 2008. Table 1: 2007 and 2008 Precipitation in the Project Area details 2007, 2008, and mean precipitation values as collected at the Iowa Environmental Mesonet’s Glenwood, Iowa, Climate Station (IA3290).

**Table 1
2007 and 2008 Precipitation in the Project Area**

	2007		2008 ^{1,2}		Mean ³
	Inches	% of Mean	Inches	% of Mean	Inches
January	0.91	146.8	0.25	40.3	0.62
February	0.75	96.2	0.69	88.5	0.78
March	4.08	264.9	1.49	96.8	1.54
April	5.51	214.4	5.59	217.5	2.57
May	9.64	266.3	6.92	191.2	3.62
June	1.56	38.5	11.37	280.7	4.05
July	1.24	37.8	5.41	164.9	3.28
August	9.58	287.7	1.30	39.0	3.33
September	5.76	197.3	NA		2.92
October	6.58	369.7	NA		1.78
November	0.09	7.0	NA		1.29
December	1.54	211.0	NA		0.73
Annual	47.20	180.8	NA		26.1

Notes:

¹ NA = Not Available.

² Cumulative precipitation of January through August 2008 is 33.0 inches. This represents 166.9 percent of the cumulative mean of January through August totals.

³ Mean is derived from all collected data spanning 1893 through 2008.

Source:

Iowa Environmental Mesonet. Iowa State University Department of Agronomy. December 15, 2008. IEM Climodat Report for Monthly Precipitation Totals and Averages for Glenwood Climate Station (IA3290). Retrieved on December 30, 2008. <http://mesonet.agron.iastate.edu/climodat/index.phtml?station=IA3290&report=17>.

It is assumed that under normal precipitation conditions and in a scenario in which no roadway Project would occur, the landowner would continue to use the 10.51-acre area for row crop production and no wetland function would result.

The remaining 5.11 acres of wetland, which are wholly surrounded by actively cultivated agricultural land, provide minimal wetland function, as follows:

- Water Quality – The remaining wetlands are mainly unvegetated mudflats that would provide minimal nutrient uptake.
- Flood Storage – The flood storage potential of the impacted wetlands is minimal as the Missouri River is protected by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 100-year levee in the Project area. Additionally, the Project area is protected from Big Papillion Creek flooding by a Missouri River levee tieback.
- Wildlife Habitat – The impacted wetlands are wholly surrounded by actively cultivated row crop production. Additionally, these wetlands occur immediately adjacent to the existing intersection of LaPlatte Road and Harlan Lewis Road and are therefore not conducive to wildlife occupation.

2.2 Functions to be Gained at the Mitigation Site

2.2.1 General Site Goals

NDOR is proposing on-site, compensatory wetland mitigation at its proposed Oreapolis Wetland Mitigation Site to offset unavoidable wetland impacts resulting from the Project. The Site would be constructed on an approximately 50-acre parcel in the northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the north $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 1, Township 12 North, Range 13 East, in Cass County, Nebraska (see Appendix A: Baseline Wetland Delineation Report, Figure 1). NDOR is proposing to restore hydrology to approximately 40.6 acres of PEM wetlands and 6.5 acres of palustrine forested (PFO) wetlands (Cowardin et al., December 1979). All wetlands restored on the Site would be of the riverine floodplain moderate to slow permeability with minimal out of bank flooding Nebraska Wetland Subclass (USDA NRCS, no date).

2.2.2 Association with US-75 Plattsmouth to Bellevue Project

Although the Site has been designed to mitigate all impacts of the US-34 Project in-kind at a mitigation ratio of 2:1 (approximately 31.24 acres of PEM wetland), not all of the restored wetlands are intended to mitigate impacts associated with the US-34 Project. The restored wetland surplus (remaining following allocation of the mitigation required for the US-34 Project) would be allocated to offset unavoidable wetland impacts associated with NDOR's US-75 Plattsmouth to Bellevue Project (see Figure 1: Project Location). The US-75 project will be constructed concurrent with the US-34 Project and is functionally linked to the US-34 Project via the proposed intersection of US-34 and US-75 at relocated Platteview Road.

2.2.3 *Nebraska Natural Legacy Project*

The function of the wetlands restored at the Site would far surpass the minimal and temporal function of the impacted wetlands. The Site lies along, and drains to, the Missouri River, which is designated as a biologically unique landscape in Nebraska's Tallgrass Prairie Ecoregion by the Nebraska Natural Legacy Project (Nebraska Game and Parks Commission [NGPC], August 2005). The Nebraska Natural Legacy Project describes the existing landscape of the Missouri River as follows:

- Prior to Missouri River channel alterations, the river's floodplain was a mosaic of oxbow lakes, backwater marshes, wet prairies, and floodplain forests.
- Attempts to "tame" the Missouri River have resulted in the draining of floodplain wetlands below Gavins Point Dam.
- A lack of properly timed river flows has impacted the hydrology of floodplain wetlands.
- The majority of the floodplain is now in cropland.

The Nebraska Natural Legacy Project goes on to state that wetland drainage and conversion constitutes a specific stress that affects Missouri River species and habitat. In efforts to alleviate this stress from the Missouri River landscape, the Nebraska Natural Legacy Project has identified the restoration of natural plant communities (e.g., wetlands, prairies, and woodlands) on the river floodplain and terraces as a specific Missouri River conservation strategy.

Construction of the Site would be consistent with the Missouri River conservation strategy identified by the Nebraska Natural Legacy Project. Specifically, water quality and wildlife habitat functions of the Missouri River landscape would be enhanced as follows through construction of the Site:

- Water Quality – Surface water from an existing, channelized drainageway would be diverted onto the Site where flow velocities would dramatically decrease, allowing suspended sediment to settle out of the water column. Additionally, the Site would be seeded and planted with appropriate wetland species that would provide nutrient uptake functions. Ultimately, the quality of the water discharged from the Site is expected to be higher than the water that enters the Site.
- Wildlife Habitat – The Site is expected to provide valuable habitat for amphibians, reptiles, invertebrates, pheasants, deer, and other resident wildlife. Further, the Site is expected to supplement the wildlife habitat that exists at the nearby NGPC-administered Schilling Wildlife Management Area.

2.3 Overall Watershed Improvements to be Gained

2.3.1 *Pallid Sturgeon Recovery*

Beyond the general water quality and wildlife habitat benefits that the Site would provide to the Missouri River landscape (as detailed in Section 2.2), the Site would also allow specific benefits to the Federally endangered pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirynchus albus*). The Site lies within a

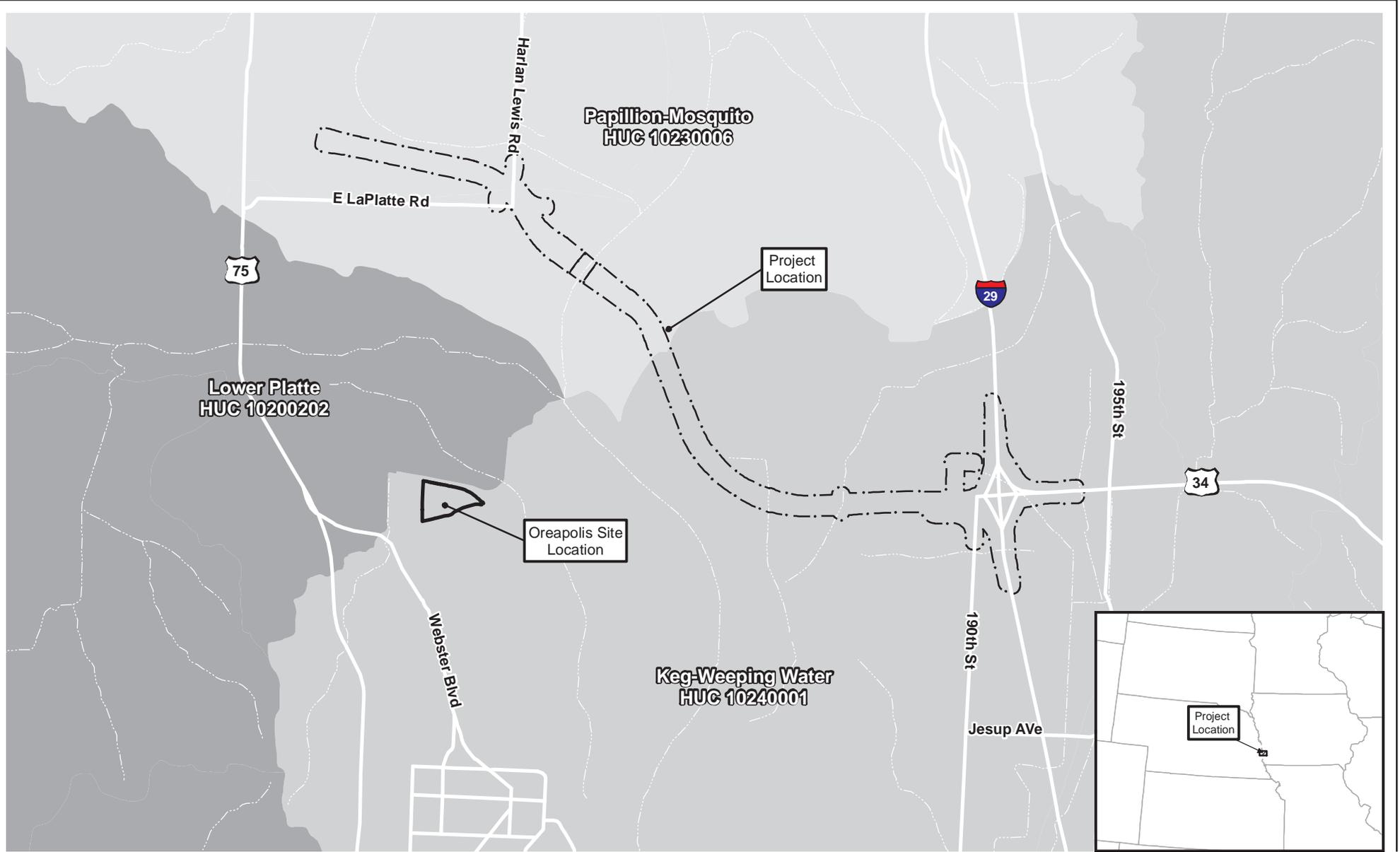
Recovery-Priority Management Area for the pallid sturgeon, as defined by the *Pallid Sturgeon Recovery Plan* (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS], November 7, 1993). Further, the USFWS *Biological Opinion on the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program* states that the lower Platte River (particularly its confluence with the Missouri River) is highly important pallid sturgeon habitat in a part of the range that USFWS believes is crucial to the species' continued existence and ability to recover (USFWS, June 16, 2006). If habitat restoration occurs, the middle section of the species range may show the greatest overall potential for maintaining the continued existence and eventual recovery of the species (USFWS, June 16, 2006).

One factor noted to affect pallid sturgeon near the Site is the exposure to environmental contaminants (USFWS, June 16, 2006). Specifically, it has been determined that environmental contaminants may be adversely affecting sturgeon reproduction near the Site and that pallid sturgeon may be especially at risk to these contaminants (USFWS, June 16, 2006). As noted in Section 2.2, the Site would provide water quality benefits to the Missouri River by filtering sediment and nutrient loads from surface drainage that would be conveyed through the Site prior to its confluence with the Missouri River. This Site function would directly benefit pallid sturgeon by decreasing the species' exposure to environmental contaminants and lessening the potential for impaired reproductive functions.

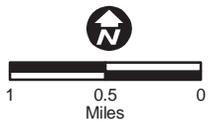
2.3.2 Watershed Scale

NDOR understands that in accordance with *The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Guidance for Compensatory Mitigation and Mitigation Banking in the Omaha District* (USACE, August 2005), USACE has required that compensatory wetland mitigation occur with the same 8-digit Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) as the project impacts. Under this scenario, the Site would be unacceptable mitigation for the Project as the Site is located in HUC 102400 – Missouri-Nishnabotna, 01 – Keg-Weeping Water while the Project impacts occur in HUC 102300 – Missouri-Little Sioux, 06 – Big Papillion-Mosquito (see Figure 2: Hydrologic Unit Codes). However, this USACE guidance document goes on to state that “this guidance may be subject to change subsequent to the receipt of additional national guidance on this issue” (USACE, August 2005). Additional national guidance was published in the form of the April 10, 2008, Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources; Final Rule (33 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 332). The Final Rule is less restrictive in allowable mitigation area and provides justification for the out-of-HUC Site, as follows:

- 33 CFR 332.2 defines watershed as “a land area that drains to a common waterway, such as a stream, lake, estuary, wetland, or ultimately the ocean.”
- 33 CFR 332.3(b)(1) states that “...In general, the required compensatory mitigation should be located within the same watershed as the impact...”



- Legend**
- Oreapolis Mitigation Site
 - Project Location
 - Waterway
 - Lower Platte HUC 8
 - Papillion - Mosquito HUC 8
 - Keg - Weeping Water HUC 8



Hydrologic Unit Codes

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Based on this definition of watershed and the lack of specified mitigation restrictions within any designated HUC, the Site would appropriately mitigate Project impacts as both the Site and the Project drain to the Missouri River (in very close proximity to one another). Furthermore, 33 CFR 332.3(c)(4) allows the district engineer flexibility in determining the appropriate size of watershed to consider in determining appropriate compensatory wetland mitigation, as follows:

- 33 CFR 332.3(c)(4) states that “The size of watershed addressed using a watershed approach should not be larger than is appropriate to ensure that the aquatic resources provided through compensation activities will effectively compensate for adverse environmental impacts resulting from activities authorized by DA permits. The district engineer should consider relevant environmental factors and appropriate locally developed standards and criteria when determining the appropriate watershed scale in guiding compensation activities.”

Based on the wetland functions that the Site would provide in combination with the relative proximity to the Project impacts and their joint drainage to the Missouri River, NDOR feels that the Site would provide effective compensation to the Project’s unavoidable impacts on waters of the U.S.

3.0 BASELINE INFORMATION

3.1 Existing Hydrology

3.1.1 Impact Sites

Hydrology at the impact sites is the result of neither a linear drainageway nor groundwater. Instead, hydrology results from poorly drained soils that hold precipitation for a duration sufficient to deter agricultural practices and ultimately result in emergent wetlands or mudflats. Hydrology at these sites is normally insufficient to deter agricultural practices; however, above-average precipitation in 2007 and 2008 resulted in emergent wetland conditions during the August 2008 wetland delineation (see Section 2.1).

3.1.2 Oreapolis Wetland Mitigation Site

Hydrology for the Site would be obtained by diverting flows from an existing, channelized drainageway. A comprehensive water budget was performed for the Site. Results of the water budget indicate that the Site would receive and maintain hydrology sufficient to sustain wetland conditions.

3.2 Existing Vegetation

3.2.1 Impact Sites

Although some of the impacted wetlands were mudflats (devoid of vegetation) at the time of the wetland delineation, those that were vegetated were mainly occupied by valley redstem (*Ammannia coccinea*). The large wetland located south of LaPlatte Road was vegetated with valley redstem during the August 2008 wetland delineation; however, during years with normal precipitation, this area is used for corn or soybean production.

3.2.2 Oreapolis Wetland Mitigation Site

The Site currently sits fallow and is not used for active agricultural production; however, historical uses of the Site were agricultural.

3.3 Soils

3.3.1 Impact Sites

Mapped soil series for each impact site were determined by reviewing the soil survey for Sarpy County (USDA Soil Conservation Service [SCS], December 1975). The Wetland Delineation Report for the Project (Iowa DOT, November 2008) is included as Attachment D of the PCN for the Project and contains detailed information on mapped soil series.

3.3.2 Oreapolis Wetland Mitigation Site

Mapped soil series for the Site were determined by reviewing the soil survey for Cass County (USDA SCS, March 1984). The Site's Baseline Wetland Delineation Report is included as Appendix A and contains detailed information on mapped soil series (NDOR, January 2009). In addition, NDOR performed five geotechnical soil borings on the Site in May 2006. A summary of boring results is provided in Section 5.2, and detailed results are included in Appendix B.

4.0 SITE SELECTION AND JUSTIFICATION

In association with the hierarchy of mitigation types, as defined in Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources; Final Rule (33 CFR 332), NDOR considered the following types of compensatory mitigation before proposing the Site:

1. Mitigation Bank Credits (33 CFR 332(b)(2)) – As noted in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Project (Federal Highway Administration [FHWA] and Iowa DOT, November 15, 2004), NDOR's first option for Project mitigation was the allocation of wetland mitigation bank credits from the Lincoln Bend Wetland Mitigation Bank in Nemaha County, Nebraska. This option is no longer available as the Lincoln Bend site has not developed wetlands in accordance with the originally anticipated timeline. As the Lincoln Bend site is not able to accommodate the amount of compensatory mitigation needed to successfully offset Project impacts and

- as there are no commercial wetland mitigation banks that have both certified credits and a service area that includes the Project, NDOR evaluated other mitigation types.
2. In-lieu Fee Program Credits (33 CFR 332(b)(3)) – The State of Nebraska does not have an in-lieu fee program; therefore, this mitigation type was not evaluated.
 3. Permittee-Responsible Mitigation Under a Watershed Approach (33 CFR 332(b)(4)) and/or Permittee-Responsible Mitigation Through On-Site and In-Kind Mitigation (33 CFR 332(b)(4)) – Although it is not entirely clear which of these mitigation types the Site fits under (based on the Final Rule’s definition of “watershed” as provided in Section 2.3), NDOR proposes that this type of compensatory mitigation would be effective in mitigating unavoidable Project impacts.

Site selection is strengthened by the Site’s ability to provide beneficial compensatory mitigation to both the US-34 and US-75 projects at an anticipated 2:1 mitigation ratio. As noted in Section 2.2, these two projects are functionally linked and will be constructed concurrently. Furthermore, their immediate proximity to one another justifies the approach of a single wetland mitigation site. The single Site would not only be ecologically beneficial to the water quality and wildlife habitat of the area, but it would also decrease necessary regulatory oversight and workload by minimizing the amount of mitigation sites to be monitored and decreasing the amount of site monitoring reports to be reviewed.

Lastly, Site selection is further justified by the potential for future Site expansion. The Site lies immediately east of a 58-acre agricultural parcel that, if necessary, could potentially be acquired by NDOR and easily incorporated into the existing Site plan. Through engineered design and construction, the 58-acre parcel would likely facilitate an expansion of the existing Site’s goal of emergent wetland, forested wetland, and stream channel development.

5.0 MITIGATION WORK PLAN

5.1 Construction Plan

The following sheets from the Oreapolis Wetland Mitigation Site Plan Set are provided in Appendix C:

- Plan Set Cover Page
- General Site Plan
- Wetland Grading Plan
- Inlet/Outlet Location
- Wetland Seeding Plan
- Wetland Planting Plan

Generally, the Site plan consists of diverting water onto the Site from the existing, channelized drainageway that bounds the Site to the north and impounding the diverted water via an engineered structure that restricts outlet flows. Ultimately, the Site is designed to develop 40.6 acres of PEM wetlands, 6.5 acres of PFO wetlands, and 4,266 linear feet of stream channel.

More specifically, 75 percent of the existing drainageway's normal flows would be conveyed onto the Site via two gabion structures (50 percent of the original flow by the first structure and 50 percent of the remaining flow by the second structure). The remaining 25 percent of normal flows would continue conveyance within the existing drainageway. Once diverted flows enter the Site, they would be conveyed through the Site via a meandering, constructed channel that is designed to frequently overbank onto adjacent depressional areas and result in emergent wetland development. Additionally, water would be impeded from leaving the Site via a third gabion structure at the Site's outlet. The engineered outlet restriction would back water onto the Site and result in varied shallow water (wetland) habitat due to engineered, shallow excavations that would provide depth variation throughout the Site.

5.2 Soils

Beyond the shallow excavations and associated soil analysis, performed in accordance with the Site's Baseline Wetland Delineation Report (see Section 3.3.2), NDOR performed five geotechnical soil borings on the Site in May 2006. Results of the borings are provided in Appendix B. Generally, Site soils consist of lean and fat clays with trace to 30 percent occurrence of fine sand in the upper 7 to 11 feet. Below the surface layer, silty sand and poorly graded sand are more prevalent. Overall, it is thought that the soils on the Site are conducive to surface water ponding and wetland development.

5.3 Vegetation

Occupation of desirable hydrophytes will be facilitated by large-scale Site seeding and tree planting. NDOR will use its typical emergent wetland seed mix on the 40.6 acres of proposed emergent wetland (see Appendix C for the seeding plan and Appendix D for the seed mixes). Areas proposed for forested wetland mitigation will be planted with numerous woody species, as specified and shown in the Wetland Planting Plan included in Appendix C.

5.4 Construction Timing

Site construction is proposed for September 2009, while Project impacts would not occur until 2011. Although the amount of the Site that will have developed functional wetland characteristics by 2011 is uncertain, the timing of mitigation construction ahead of Project impacts would lessen the temporal loss of wetland function associated with the normal scenario of mitigation occurring concurrent with impacts.

Consistent with the Project's Record of Decision (FHWA and Iowa DOT, December 14, 2007), any excess material resulting from Site development would be used as fill material for the Nebraska approach of the US-34 Bellevue Bridge. The use of this material on the Project would lessen the need for contractor-supplied fill and would ultimately deter the need for on-site borrow, which could result in Platte River depletions due to exposed groundwater evaporation.

6.0 SUCCESS CRITERIA

Success criteria is defined as the satisfaction of all three required wetland parameters (vegetation, hydrology, and hydric soils), in accordance with the 1987 *Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual* (Environmental Laboratory, January 1987). The Site would be considered a success when the Site develops an area of emergent and forested wetlands sufficient to offset the area of Project impacts at the mitigation ratio determined appropriate by USACE.¹

7.0 SITE PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE

NDOR is committed to protecting the Site and assuring that it provides its intended wetland function in perpetuity. To this end, NDOR will place a conservation easement on the Site that will protect its wetland functions by deterring development or practices that could handicap the Site's functionality. The conservation easement would be filed with Cass County.

8.0 MONITORING PLAN

In efforts to accurately document Site development, NDOR would implement its standard wetland mitigation monitoring practices on the Site. Specifically, annual Site monitoring would consist of vegetation community, hydrology, and wetland boundary mapping. Additionally, observed changes in soil characteristics would be documented and ground-level site photographs would be taken at regular intervals from common locations.

Annual Site monitoring reports would be submitted to the USACE Wehrspann Regulatory Office to document Site development. Monitoring reports would identify both the amount and type of wetlands that develop on the Site by mapping and describing wetland hydrology and vegetation. By interpreting the data included in the monitoring report, NDOR and USACE would determine whether Site development is adequate and whether the Site's success criteria are being met. Lastly, the monitoring report would provide NDOR and USACE information sufficient to determine whether corrective actions are necessary.

9.0 ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

If at any time during the monitoring period it is determined that the Site is failing to meet success criteria for an area sufficient to satisfy the anticipated mitigation condition of the pending Project permit, NDOR assumes responsibility for required corrective actions. In addition, NDOR would be responsible for the regular maintenance of the Site.

¹ NDOR anticipates that the USACE-determined mitigation ratio will not exceed 2:1. Furthermore, NDOR understands that the USACE-determined mitigation ratio may be less than 2:1 due to mitigation construction occurring prior to impacts, resulting in decreased loss of temporal wetland function.

10.0 FINANCIAL ASSURANCES

NDOR would be responsible for all costs associated with Site construction, maintenance, protection, and monitoring. NDOR has adequate funding to facilitate all noted Site costs.

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APPENDIX A
BASELINE WETLAND DELINEATION REPORT



OREAPOLIS WETLAND MITIGATION SITE
BASELINE WETLAND DELINEATION REPORT

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1.0 PROJECT BACKGROUND

1.1 Planning

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) is currently finalizing design for the reconstruction on U.S. 75 and U.S. 34 in Sarpy and Cass Counties. As a result of the projects, construction impacts to existing wetlands are inevitable. To compensate for wetland losses on the projects and future wetland impacts in the service area, NDOR proposes to develop a mitigation site design to restore stream channel and emergent/forested wetlands on a site adjacent to U.S. 75 and the Platte River in Cass County, Nebraska.

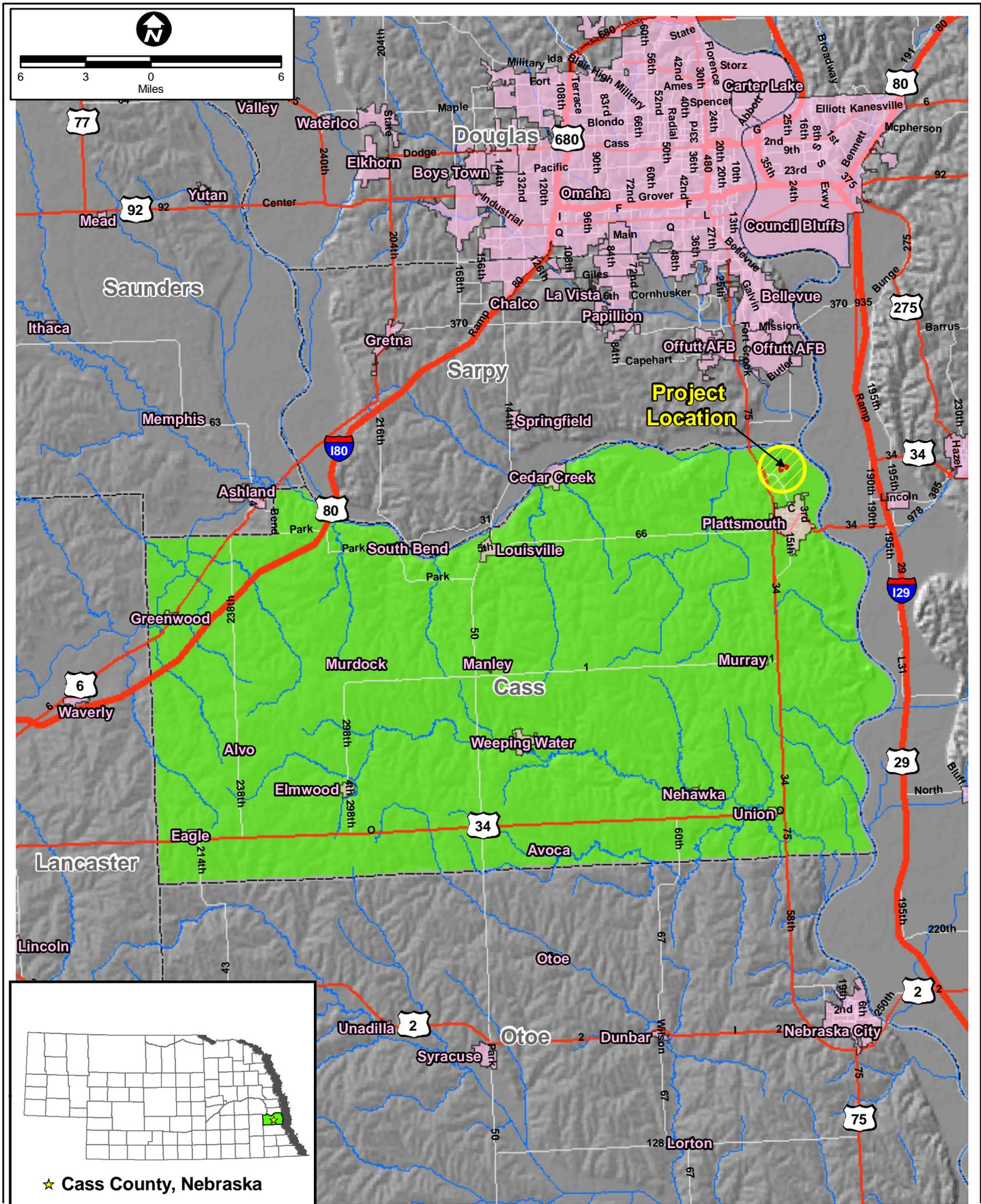
1.2 Study Area

For purposes of delineating wetlands and waters of the U.S., a Study Area was determined. The Study Area is located in the northeast ¼ of the north ½ of section 1, Township 12 North, Range 13 East, Cass County, Nebraska (See Figure 1 Project Location Map). The Study Area is approximately 50 acres of agricultural land. The land currently sits fallow and is not being used for production. The Study Area consists of flat ground adjacent to a channelized waterway that forms perimeter to the north, a wooded community to the south, and an agricultural field to the west. Runoff from the Study Area drains into the channelized waterway that ultimately feeds into the Schilling State Wildlife Area and eventually the Missouri River.

1.3 Soils

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey Geographic (SSURGO) database for Cass County, Nebraska, there are five mapped soil types within the Study Area. The following lists the soils and provides basic principles, including whether or not they are considered hydric.

- Albaton silty clay, 0 to 1 percent slopes (Ab): This deep, nearly level, poorly drained soil is on the Platte and Missouri River bottom lands. Ab is hydric.
- Colo silty clay loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes (Co): This deep, nearly level, somewhat poorly drained soil is on occasionally flooded bottom lands. Co is hydric.
- Haynie silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes (Ha): This deep, nearly level, moderately well drained soil is on bottom lands along major rivers. Ha is not hydric.
- Kennebec silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes (Ke): This deep, nearly level, moderately well drained soil is on bottom lands. Ke is partially hydric.
- Marshall silty clay loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes (MaC): This deep, gently sloping, well drained soil is on wide ridgetops and upland side slopes. Ha is not hydric.



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Project Location Map

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2.0 DELINEATION OF WATERS OF THE U.S.

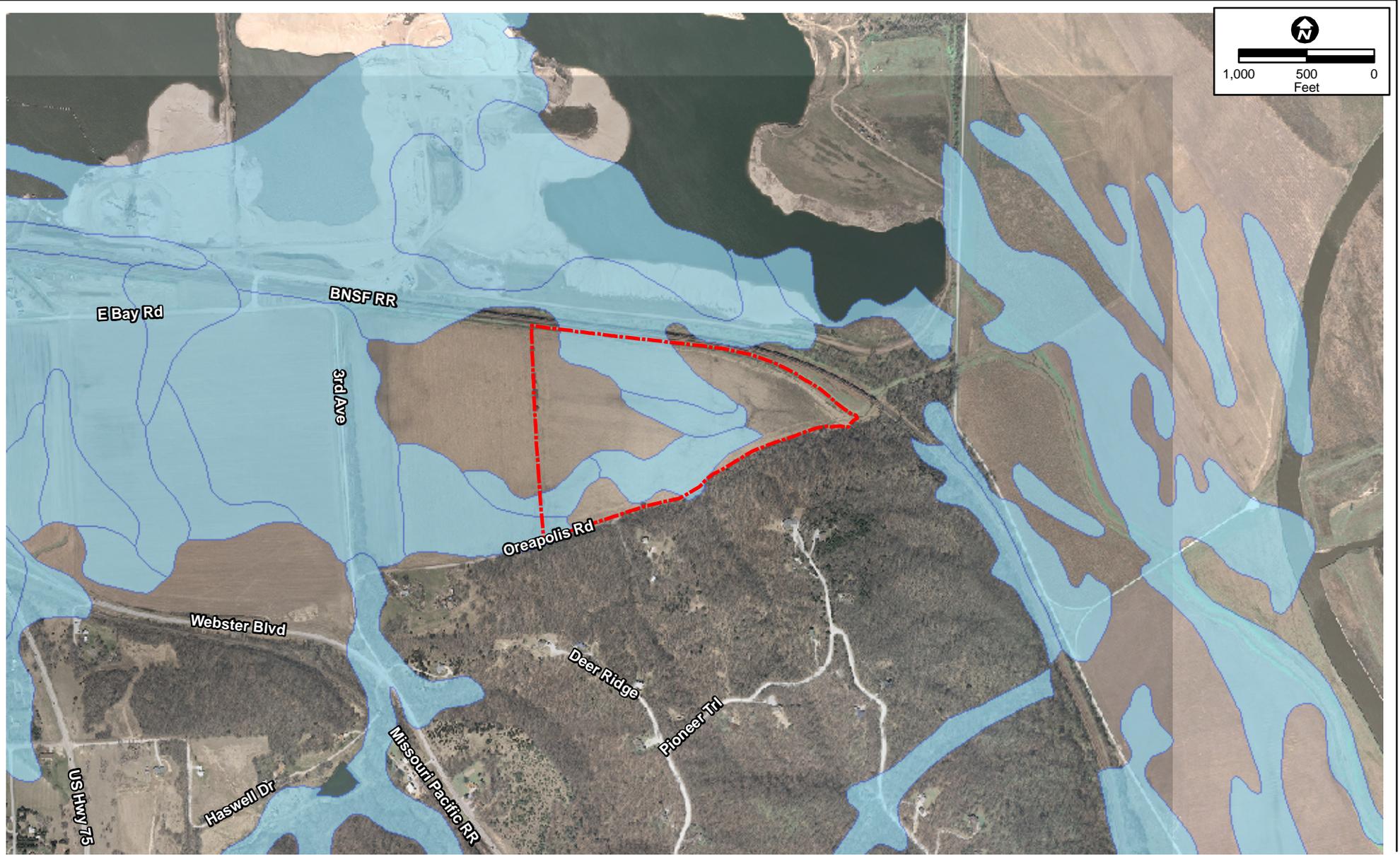
2.1 Methods

On behalf of NDOR, HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) conducted a wetland and waters of the U.S. delineation on October 21, 2008. Identified wetland areas were classified according to *Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats of the United States* (Cowardin et al., December 1979) and associated Nebraska wetland subclasses (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers [USACE], Omaha District).

Prior to the field delineations, a desktop survey was conducted using National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) maps, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey Geographic (SSURGO) database for Cass County, Nebraska and Metropolitan Area Planning Agency 2007 aerial imagery to identify possible waters of the U.S. and areas historically prone to wetland development (see Figure 2, Hydric Soils Within Project Vicinity and Figure 3, NWI Within Project Vicinity).

Wetland delineations were conducted on October 21, 2008, in accordance with the *Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual* (Environmental Laboratory, January 1987). Plant species and hydrology indicators were noted and soil samples were taken to determine the presence of hydric soils. Soil profiles were compared to those identified in the Cass County Soil Survey to confirm the mapped soil types (USDA NRCS, 1984). The *National List of Plant Species That Occur in Wetlands: Central Plains (Region 5)* (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Ecology Research Center, 1988) was used to determine wetland indicator status of vegetation present in the Study Area.

A “Routine Wetland Determination Data Form” was completed for each survey point (Plot ID), including uplands. These forms are presented in Appendix A. Plot IDs and wetland boundaries were mapped in the field using global positioning system (GPS) technology. Non-wetland, potentially jurisdictional waters of the U.S. were also identified and are summarized in this report.



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-  Hydric Soils
-  Study Area



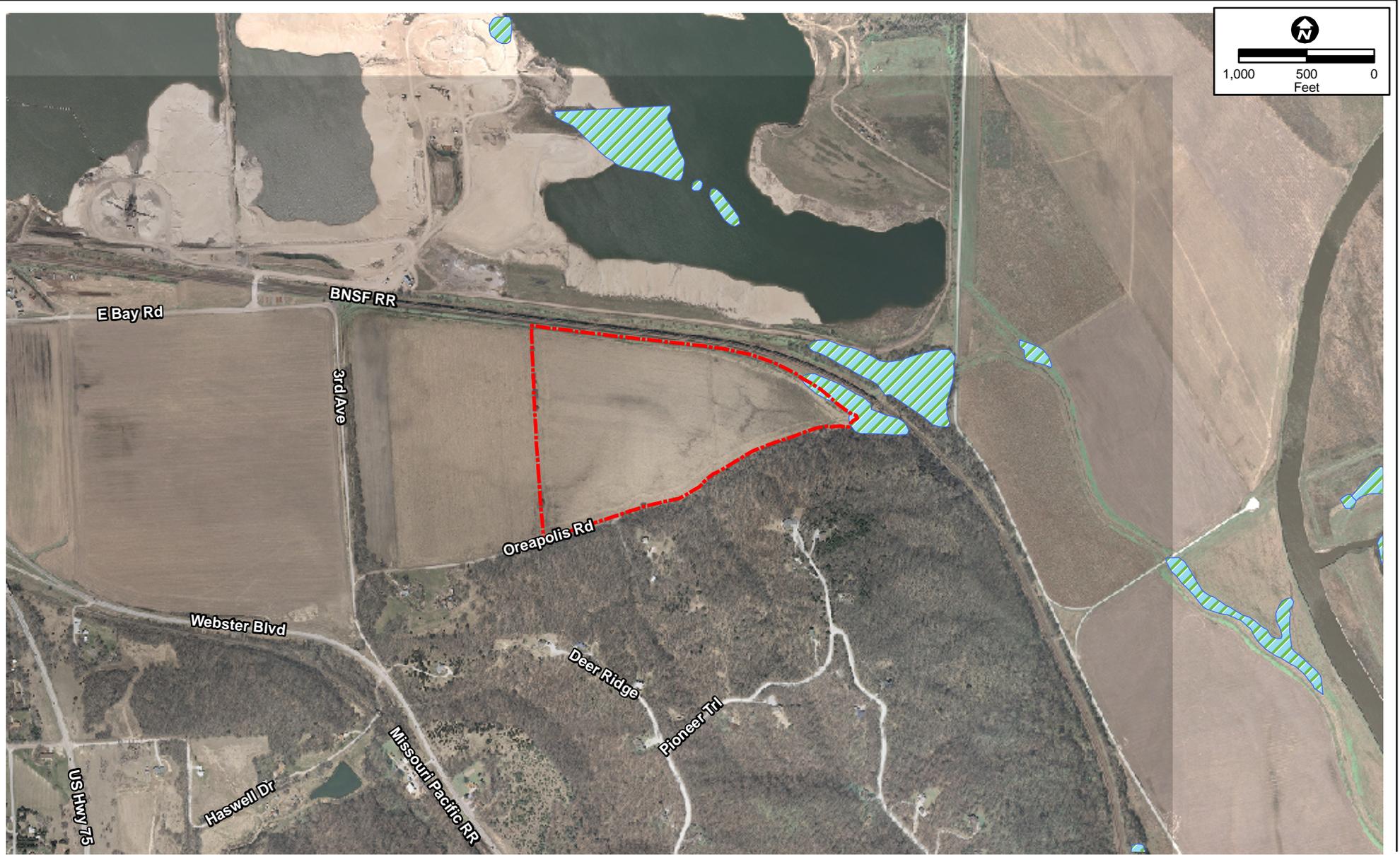
Hydric Soils Within Project Vicinity

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-  NWI
-  Study Area



NWI Within Project Vicinity

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2.2 Wetland Delineation Results and Potentially Jurisdictional Determinations

During the October 2008 delineation, a total of six sample locations were surveyed for wetland criteria in accordance with the *Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual*. Two of the six sample locations meet all wetland criteria (see Table 1). The field delineation identified palustrine emergent (PEM) wetlands within the Study Area. All delineated wetlands are preliminary determined to be jurisdictional under the Clean Water Act Section 404. Wetland acreages were determined by calculating the area of the wetland located within the Study Area.

In addition, one linear water of the U.S., with a wetland fringe, was identified. See Appendix B for the waters of the U.S. determination form and Figure 4 for potential wetland and waters of the U.S. locations (Plot ID locations are also identified). Site photographs are available in Appendix D.

Table 1. Wetland Delineation Results

Plot ID ¹	Cowardin Wetland Type ²	Nebraska Wetland Subclass	Dominant Vegetation Species ^{3, 4}	Area (acres)
Potentially Jurisdictional Wetlands⁵				
5	PEMA	Riverine Channel	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> (H) FACW+ 100%	0.15
6	PEMA	Floodplain Depressional	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> (H) FACW+ 100%	0.44
TOTAL Potentially Jurisdictional Wetland				0.59

Notes:

¹ Plot ID's 1-4 are Upland.

² PEMA = Palustrine Emergent Temporarily Flooded

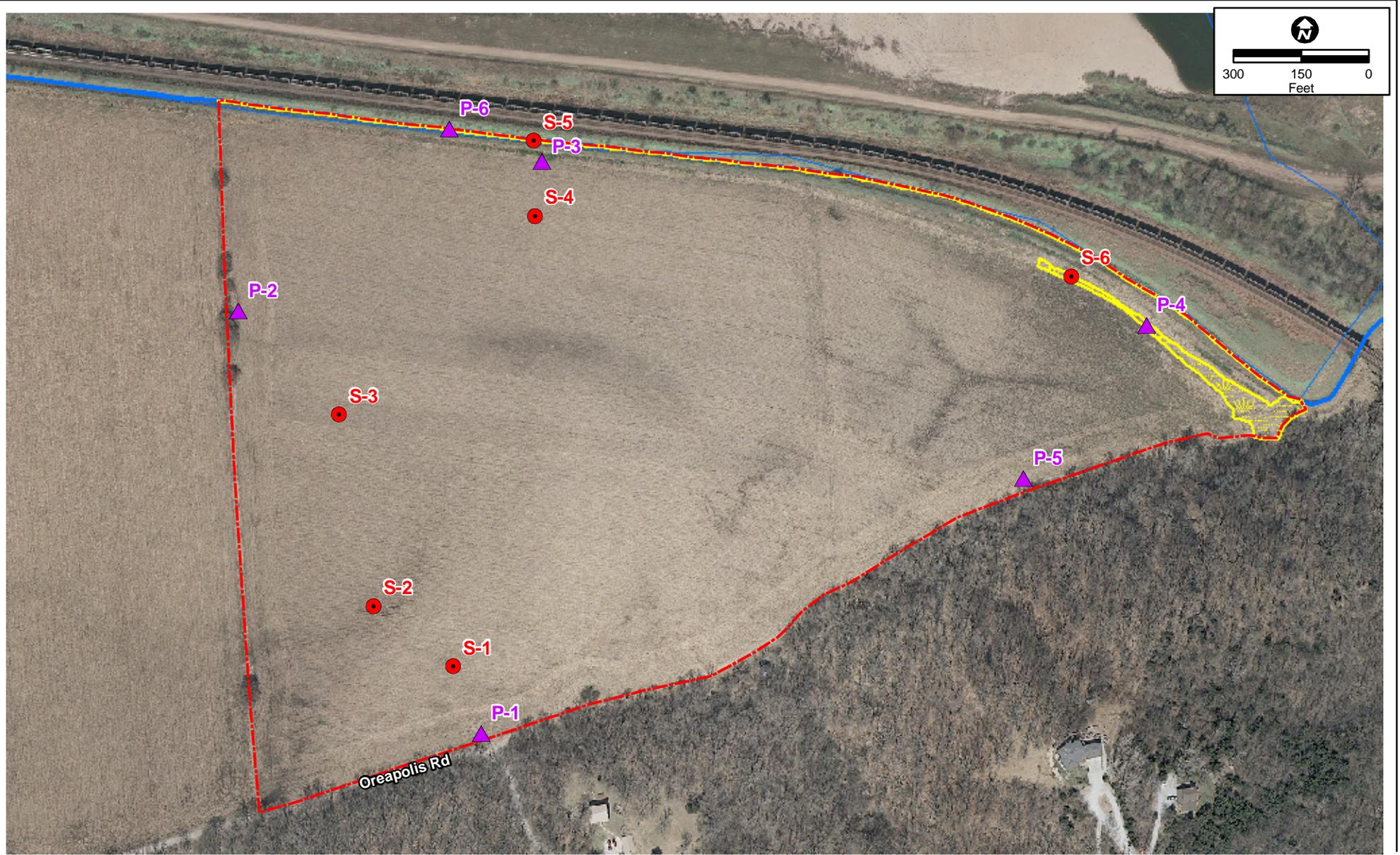
³ H = Herbaceous, FACW = Facultative Wetland (67-99% in wetland), + = tendency toward wetter, - = tendency toward drier.

⁴ Percentages provided for each species are the aerial percent dominance (not relative percent dominance) of that species in the stratum identified.

⁵ Areas have been determined to be jurisdictional by HDR, but are labeled "Potentially Jurisdictional," as final jurisdictional determination is subject to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and EPA review.

The following provides a brief narrative on the delineated wetlands.

- Plot ID 5 (PEMA) – Emergent community within, and adjacent to, an unnamed tributary of the Missouri River, which was field determined to be potentially jurisdictional (see WUS ID 1). The Riverine Channel designation is the Nebraska Wetland Subclass that best describes the resources in this area.
- Plot ID 6 (PEMA) – Emergent community within a depression adjacent to the stream channel (see WUS ID 1), which was field determined to be potentially jurisdictional. The Floodplain Depressional designation is the Nebraska Wetland Subclass that best describes the resources in this area.



Legend

-  Photo Point
-  Sample Plot
-  Water of the U.S.
-  Palustrine Emergent Wetland - 0.58 Acre
-  Study Area

Aerial Imagery: 2007 MAPA



Wetlands and Waters of the U.S.

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2.3 Non-Wetland, Potential Waters of the U.S.

An unnamed tributary of the Missouri River is the only non-wetland, potential waters of the U.S., identified within the Study Area. This waterway lies along the northern perimeter of the Study Area and runs parallel to the BNSF railroad track. The waterway has been determined to be jurisdictional due to the presence of base flow at least seasonally (typically 3 months of the year) (EPA, U.S. Department of the Army, 2007). Appendix B contains the waters of the U.S. determination form, and Figure 4 displays the location of the waterway.

3.0 VEGETATION COMMUNITIES

In addition to conducting wetland delineations and identifying other non-wetland, potential waters of the U.S., HDR classified vegetation communities within the Study Area. Vegetation was examined and mapped into three communities within the site boundary. See Figure 5 for an illustration of community boundaries and the Vegetation Community List (Table 2) for dominant species within each mapped community. One of the three communities exhibits hydrophytic vegetation, with greater than 50% of the total number of dominant species having an indicator status of FAC or wetter.

Table 2. Vegetation Community Species List

Community ID Number	Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Relative Cover %	Indicator Status	Percent of Dominant Species that are OBL , FACW , or FAC (Excluding FAC-)
V-1	Bristlegrass (<i>Setaria faberi</i>)	H	60	UPL	0%
	Canada horseweed (<i>Conyza canadensis</i>)	H	30	FACU-	
V-2	Marijuana (<i>Cannabis sativa</i>)	H	40	FACU-	50%
	Reed canarygrass (<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>)	H	20	FACW	
	Velvet leaf (<i>Abutilon theophrasti</i>)	H	20	FACU	
	Switchgrass (<i>Panicum virgatum</i>)	H	20	FAC	
V-3	Reed canarygrass (<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>)	H	100	FACW	100%



Legend

-  Vegetative Communities
-  Study Area



Vegetative Communities

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APPENDIX A

ROUTINE WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORMS

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Project/Site: Oreapolis Wetland Mitigation Site	Date: 10/21/2008
Applicant/Owner: Nebraska Department of Roads	County: Cass
Investigator: Travis Talbitzer	State: Nebraska
Do Normal Circumstances Exist On The Site? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Community ID: --
Is The Site Significantly Disturbed (Atypical Situation)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Station ID:
Is The Area A Potential Problem Area? (Mollisols) (If yes, define below.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Plot ID: 1
Land form description: Agricultural field left fallow.	

VEGETATION

Dominant Species				Non Dominant Species			
<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Indicator</u>	<u>Stratum</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Indicator</u>	<u>Stratum</u>	<u>%</u>
1. <i>Setaria faberi</i>	UPL	Herb.	90	1. --	--	--	--
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Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, Or FAC (Excluding FAC-)						0	
Remarks: Percent dominance based on aerial coverage by layer.							

HYDROLOGY

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Field Observations: Depth of Surface Water: <u>None</u> (in.) Depth to Free Water: <u>None to 40</u> (in.) Depth to Saturated Soil: <u>None to 40</u> (in.)	
Remarks: No hydrology indicators were present at this sampling location.	

(Series and Phase): Marshall silty clay loam, 2 to 5% slopes		Drainage Class: well drained			
Taxonomy (Subgroup): Fine-silty, mixed, mesic Typic Hapludolls		Field Observations Confirm			
		Mapped Type? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
Profile Description:					
Depth (Inches):	Horizon:	Matrix Color (Munsell Moist):	Mottle Colors (Munsell Moist):	Mottle Abundance/Contrast	Texture, Concretions, Structure, Etc.
0-20	--	10YR 3/2	-- --	-- --	silt loam
20-30	--	10YR 4/3	-- --	-- --	silt loam
30-40	--	10YR 5/3	-- --	-- --	silt loam
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Is The Area A Potential Problem Area? (Mollisols) (If yes, define below.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Plot ID: 2
Land form description: Agricultural field left fallow.	

VEGETATION

Dominant Species				Non Dominant Species			
<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Indicator</u>	<u>Stratum</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Indicator</u>	<u>Stratum</u>	<u>%</u>
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Remarks: Percent dominance based on aerial coverage by layer.							

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Remarks: Standing water was present in a small depression adjacent to the sample location.	

(Series and Phase): Colo silty clay loam, 0 to 2% slopes
 Drainage Class: poorly drained
 Field Observations Confirm
 Taxonomy (Subgroup): Fine-silty, mixed, mesic Cumulic Endoaquolls
 Mapped Type? Yes No

Profile Description:

Depth (Inches):	Horizon:	Matrix Color (Munsell Moist):	Mottle Colors (Munsell Moist):	Mottle Abundance/Contrast	Texture, Concretions, Structure, Etc.
0-10	--	10YR 3/1	-- --	-- --	silty clay loam
10-42	--	10YR 2/1	-- --	-- --	clay loam
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Histosol | <input type="checkbox"/> Concretions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon | <input type="checkbox"/> High Organic Content In Surface Layer In Sandy Soils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sulfidic Odor | <input type="checkbox"/> Organic Streaking In Sandy Soils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquic Moisture Regime | <input type="checkbox"/> Listed On Local Hydric Soils List |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reducing Conditions | <input type="checkbox"/> Listed On National Hydric Soils List |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gleyed Or Low-Chroma Colors | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain In Remarks) |

Remarks: The soil profile displayed low-choma colors.

WETLAND DETERMINATION

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Is This Sampling Point Within A Wetland?
Wetland Hydrology Present?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Hydric Soils Present?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Remarks: The area characterized by this dataform is not a wetland due to the lack of hydrophytic vegetation and despite the presence of wetland hydrology, and hydric soil indicators.

ROUTINE WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM

Project/Site: Oreapolis Wetland Mitigation Site	Date: 10/21/2008
Applicant/Owner: Nebraska Department of Roads	County: Cass
Investigator: Travis Talbitzer	State: Nebraska
Do Normal Circumstances Exist On The Site? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Community ID: --
Is The Site Significantly Disturbed (Atypical Situation)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Station ID:
Is The Area A Potential Problem Area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, define below.)	Plot ID: 3
Land form description: Agricultural field left fallow.	

VEGETATION

Dominant Species				Non Dominant Species			
<i>Scientific Name</i>	<u>Indicator</u>	<u>Stratum</u>	<u>%</u>	<i>Scientific Name</i>	<u>Indicator</u>	<u>Stratum</u>	<u>%</u>
1. <i>Setaria faberi</i>	UPL	Herb.	40	1. --	--	--	--
2. <i>Conyza canadensis</i>	FACU-	Herb.	40	2. --	--	--	--
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Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, Or FAC (Excluding FAC-)						0	
Remarks: Percent dominance based on aerial coverage by layer.							

HYDROLOGY

<input type="checkbox"/> Recorded Data (Describe in Remarks): <input type="checkbox"/> Stream, Lake, Or Tide Gauge <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aerial Photos (2007 MAPA) <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> No Recorded Data Available	Wetland Hydrology Indicators: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Primary Indicators: <input type="checkbox"/> Inundated <input type="checkbox"/> Saturated in Upper 12 Inches <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks <input type="checkbox"/> Drift Lines <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns in Wetlands Secondary Indicators (2 or More Required): <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Root Channels In Upper 12 Inches <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves <input type="checkbox"/> Local Soil Survey Data <input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test 0:2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
Field Observations: Depth of Surface Water: <u>None</u> (in.) Depth to Free Water: <u>None to 42</u> (in.) Depth to Saturated Soil: <u>None to 42</u> (in.)	
Remarks: No hydrology indicators were present at this sample location.	

(Series and Phase): Haynie silt loam, 0 to 2% slopes		Drainage Class: Well drained			
Taxonomy (Subgroup): Coarse-silty, mixed, mesic Mollic Udifluvents		Field Observations Confirm			
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Profile Description:					
Depth (Inches):	Horizon:	Matrix Color (Munsell Moist):	Mottle Colors (Munsell Moist):	Mottle Abundance/Contrast	Texture, Concretions, Structure, Etc.
0-20	--	10YR 3/2	-- --	-- --	silty clay loam
20-36	--	10YR 2/1	-- --	-- --	sandy clay loam
36-42	--	10YR 3/1	-- --	-- --	silty clay loam
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ROUTINE WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM

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Applicant/Owner: Nebraska Department of Roads	County: Cass
Investigator: Travis Talbitzer	State: Nebraska
Do Normal Circumstances Exist On The Site? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Community ID: --
Is The Site Significantly Disturbed (Atypical Situation)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Station ID:
Is The Area A Potential Problem Area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, define below.)	Plot ID: 4
Land form description: Agricultural field left fallow.	

VEGETATION

Dominant Species				Non Dominant Species			
<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Indicator</u>	<u>Stratum</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Indicator</u>	<u>Stratum</u>	<u>%</u>
1. <i>Setaria faberi</i>	UPL	Herb.	40	1. --	--	--	--
2. <i>Conyza canadensis</i>	FACU-	Herb.	40	2. --	--	--	--
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Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, Or FAC (Excluding FAC-)						0	
Remarks: Percent dominance based on aerial coverage by layer.							

HYDROLOGY

<input type="checkbox"/> Recorded Data (Describe in Remarks): <input type="checkbox"/> Stream, Lake, Or Tide Gauge <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aerial Photos (2007 MAPA) <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> No Recorded Data Available	Wetland Hydrology Indicators: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Primary Indicators: <input type="checkbox"/> Inundated <input type="checkbox"/> Saturated in Upper 12 Inches <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks <input type="checkbox"/> Drift Lines <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns in Wetlands Secondary Indicators (2 or More Required): <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Root Channels In Upper 12 Inches <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves <input type="checkbox"/> Local Soil Survey Data <input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test 0:2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
Field Observations: Depth of Surface Water: <u>None</u> (in.) Depth to Free Water: <u>None to 42</u> (in.) Depth to Saturated Soil: <u>None to 42</u> (in.)	
Remarks: No hydrology indicators were present at this sample location.	

ROUTINE WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM

Project/Site: Oreapolis Wetland Mitigation Site	Date: 10/21/2008
Applicant/Owner: Nebraska Department of Roads	County: Cass
Investigator: Travis Talbitzer	State: Nebraska
Do Normal Circumstances Exist On The Site? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Community ID: --
Is The Site Significantly Disturbed (Atypical Situation)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Station ID:
Is The Area A Potential Problem Area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, define below.)	Plot ID: 5
Land form description: Streambed of channel.	

VEGETATION

Dominant Species				Non Dominant Species			
<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Indicator</u>	<u>Stratum</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Indicator</u>	<u>Stratum</u>	<u>%</u>
1. <i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	FACW+	Herb.	100	1. --	--	--	--
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Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, Or FAC (Excluding FAC-)						100%	
Remarks: Percent dominance based on aerial coverage by layer.							

HYDROLOGY

<input type="checkbox"/> Recorded Data (Describe in Remarks): <input type="checkbox"/> Stream, Lake, Or Tide Gauge <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aerial Photos (2007 MAPA) <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> No Recorded Data Available Field Observations: Depth of Surface Water: <u>5</u> (in.) Depth to Free Water: <u>NA</u> (in.) Depth to Saturated Soil: <u>NA</u> (in.)	Wetland Hydrology Indicators: <input type="checkbox"/> None Primary Indicators: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inundated <input type="checkbox"/> Saturated in Upper 12 Inches <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drift Lines <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns in Wetlands Secondary Indicators (2 or More Required): <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Root Channels In Upper 12 Inches <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves <input type="checkbox"/> Local Soil Survey Data <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test 1:0 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
Remarks: This sample location was located within the streambed and was inundated 4-6". The channel was flowing at the time of the site visit. No soil pit was taken.	

ROUTINE WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM

Project/Site: Oreapolis Wetland Mitigation Site	Date: 10/21/2008
Applicant/Owner: Nebraska Department of Roads	County: Cass
Investigator: Travis Talbitzer	State: Nebraska
Do Normal Circumstances Exist On The Site? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Community ID: --
Is The Site Significantly Disturbed (Atypical Situation)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Station ID:
Is The Area A Potential Problem Area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, define below.)	Plot ID: 6
Land form description: Depressional area parallel to the berm on the north and fallow agricultural field to the south.	

VEGETATION

Dominant Species				Non Dominant Species			
<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Indicator</u>	<u>Stratum</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Indicator</u>	<u>Stratum</u>	<u>%</u>
1. <i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	FACW+	Herb.	100	1. --	--	--	--
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Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, Or FAC (Excluding FAC-)						100%	
Remarks: Percent dominance based on aerial coverage by layer.							

HYDROLOGY

<input type="checkbox"/> Recorded Data (Describe in Remarks): <input type="checkbox"/> Stream, Lake, Or Tide Gauge <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aerial Photos (2007 MAPA) <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> No Recorded Data Available	Wetland Hydrology Indicators: <input type="checkbox"/> None Primary Indicators: <input type="checkbox"/> Inundated <input type="checkbox"/> Saturated in Upper 12 Inches <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks <input type="checkbox"/> Drift Lines <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns in Wetlands Secondary Indicators (2 or More Required): <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Root Channels In Upper 12 Inches <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves <input type="checkbox"/> Local Soil Survey Data <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test 1:0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
Field Observations: Depth of Surface Water: <u>None</u> (in.) Depth to Free Water: <u>None to 36</u> (in.) Depth to Saturated Soil: <u>None to 36</u> (in.)	
Remarks: This sample location was located within a depressional area.	

APPENDIX B

WATERS OF THE U.S. DETERMINATION DATA FORMS

WATERS OF THE U.S. DETERMINATION DATA FORM

Project/Site: Oreapolis Wetland Mitigation Site Applicant/Owner: Nebraska Department of Roads Investigator: Travis Talbitzer	Date: 10/21/2008 County: Cass State: Nebraska WUS ID: 1 Drainage Area:
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Details of Stream Crossing:</u></p> Type of structure proposed to convey flow: Dimensions: Is this watercourse named? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Name(s): Unnamed tributary of the Missouri River	Remarks: Stream located between two berms, there is a railroad to the north and a fallow agricultural field to the south. Reedcanary grass within, and adjacent to, the channel.

Channel Morphology Criteria* (check all applicable and describe in Remarks)

Stream has defined bed and bank? OR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Remarks: Channel with berm flowing west to east 4 to 6" in depth.
Stream has identifiable OHWM? OR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Stream is actively sorting sediment?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	WUS Criteria: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meets <input type="checkbox"/> Fails

*satisfied by 1 or more "yes" answers.

Hydrologic Data

Flow regime:	Data sources: USGS Plattsmouth, NE 7.5 minute quadrangle
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Perennial flow	<u>Direct observation</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Intermittent flow	<input type="checkbox"/> Gaging Station:
<input type="checkbox"/> Ephemeral flow	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
	<u>Indirect knowledge</u>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USGS mapping: Perennial
	<input type="checkbox"/> USDA mapping: --
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

Site Sketch/Photo

Typical Channel X Section

2:1 sideslope

2:1 sideslope

15 ft. high bank

15 ft. high bank

5 ft. wide channel

APPENDIX C

SITE PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo Point 1. NDOR Oreapolis Wetland Bank Site. Orientation: West-North-East 10-21-08.



Photo Point 2. NDOR Oreapolis Wetland Bank Site. Orientation: North-West-South 10-21-08.



Photo Point 3. NDOR Oreapolis Wetland Bank Site. Orientation: West-South-East 10-21-08.



Photo Point 4. NDOR Oreapolis Wetland Bank Site. Orientation: West-South-East 10-21-08.



Photo Point 5. NDOR Oreapolis Wetland Bank Site. Orientation: West-South-East 10-21-08.

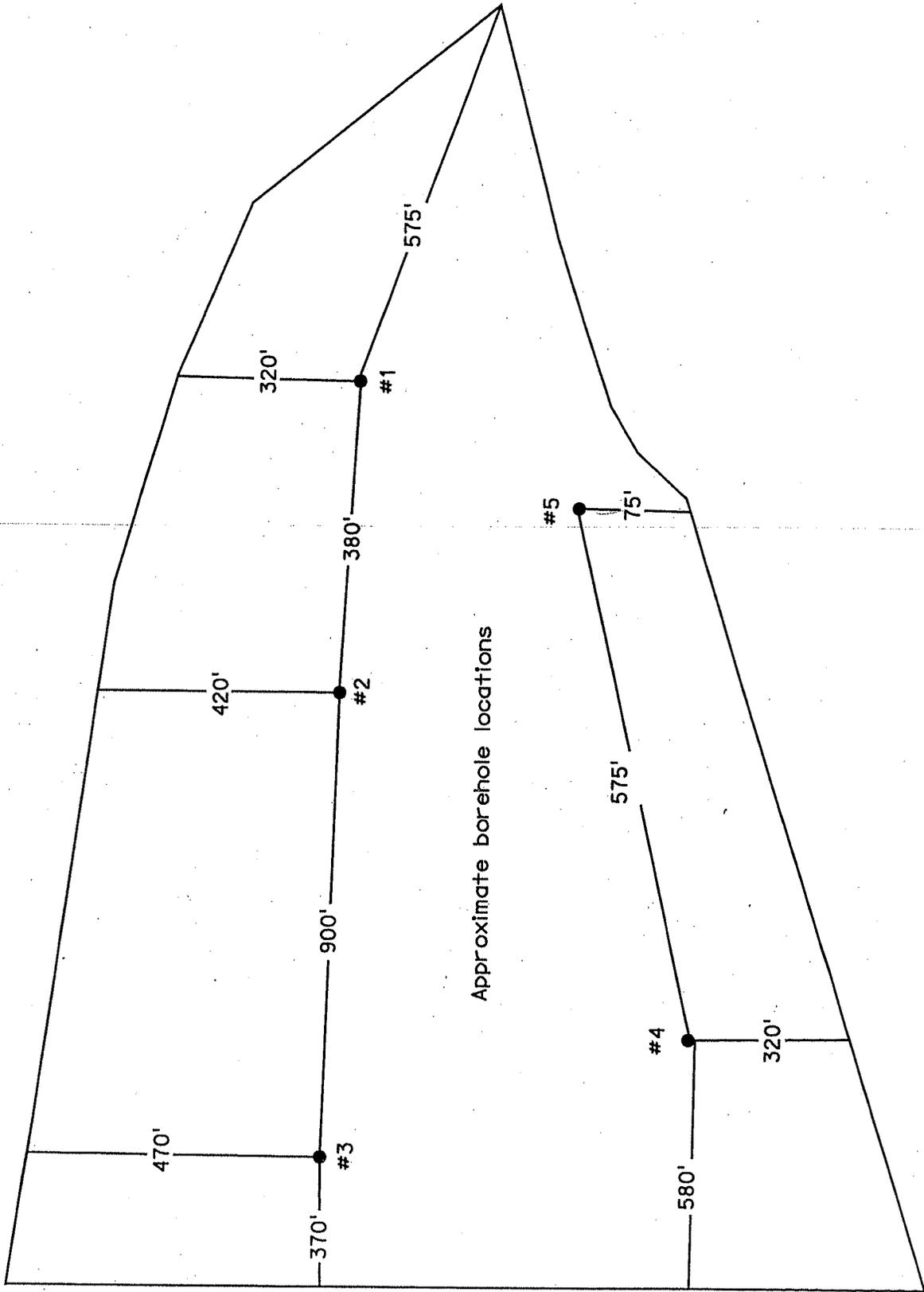


Stream Channel Upstream (West)

Stream Channel Downstream (East)

Photo Point 6. NDOR Oreapolis Wetland Bank Site. Wetland fringe along stream channel. 10-21-08.

APPENDIX B
NDOR GEOTECHNICAL SOIL BORINGS



Approximate borehole locations

Nebraska Department of Roads
Material and Research Division
Geotechnical Section-Soil Survey Unit
Tabulation of Soil Survey Borings

Project Number: 75-2(155)
Project Name: Plattsmouth to Bellevue
Control No: 21849
Date: 5/12/2006

Location	Depth (Ft)	Sample No	Similar To	USCS Symbol	Soil Description	Water Level	% Moist.	% 200	P.I.	G.I.
++1	0.00-4.50	W-100		CL	Lean Clay with sand; 15-30% fine sand; medium plastic; dark brown (Alluvium)	9.1		16	26	16
	4.50-15.00	W-101		SP	Poorly graded sand; 95-100% fine to coarse sand; trace of (0-5%) silty fines (Alluvium)			97	NP	-2
++2	0.00-8.00		W-100	CL	Lean Clay with sand; 15-30% fine sand; medium plastic; dark brown (Alluvium)	9.9		16	26	16
	8.00-15.00		W-101	SP	Poorly graded sand; 95-100% fine to coarse sand; trace of (0-5%) silty fines (Alluvium)			97	NP	-2
++3	0.00-9.00	W-1	W-101	CH SP	Fat Clay; trace of fine sand; high plastic; dark brown (Alluvium)	8.5		5	48	29
	9.00-15.00				Poorly graded sand; 95-100% fine to coarse sand; trace of (0-5%) silty fines (Alluvium)			97	NP	-2
++4	0.00-11.00	W-2		ML	Silt with sand; 15-30% fine sand; non-plastic Tan (Alluvium)	11.6		21	NP	8
	11.00-15.00	W-3		SM	Silty sand; 70-85% fine sand; 15-30% silty fines (Alluvium)			81	NP	0
++5	0.00-7.00	W-4		CL	Lean Clay; trace of fine sand; medium plastic Tan (Alluvium)	15.0		3	8	8
	7.00-12.00	W-5		CL	Lean Clay; 5-15% fine sand; medium plastic; dark brown (Alluvium)			8	22	13
	12.00-15.00		W-3	SM	Silty sand; 70-85% fine sand; 15-30% silty fines (Alluvium)			81	NP	0

APPENDIX C
OREAPOLIS WETLAND MITIGATION SITE PLAN

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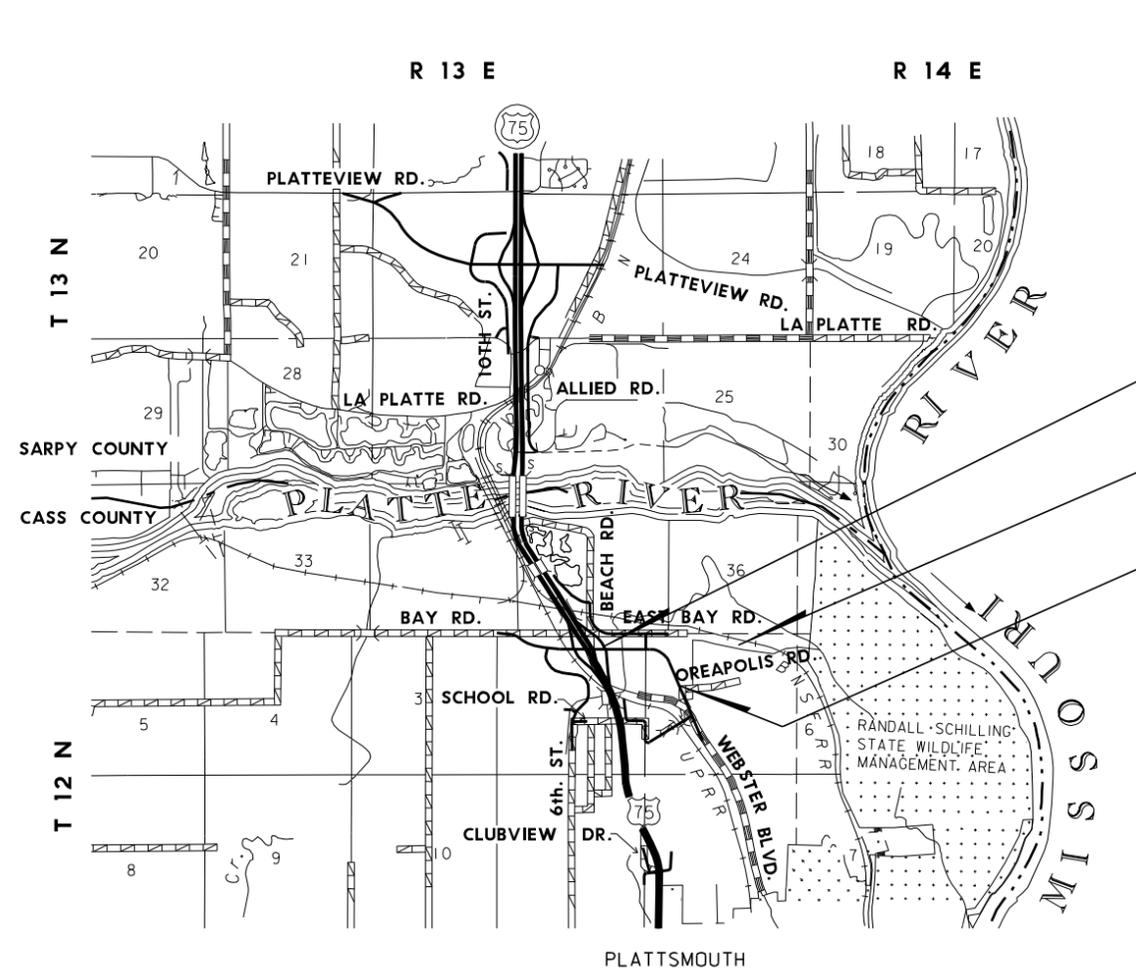
WETLANDS CONSTRUCTION PLANS

OREAPOLIS WETLAND MITIGATION SITE

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2H-1 TO 2H-6	HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT AND CONTROL POINTS
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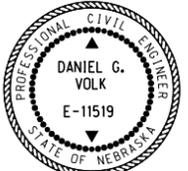
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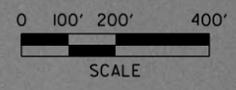


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WETLAND MITIGATION SITE



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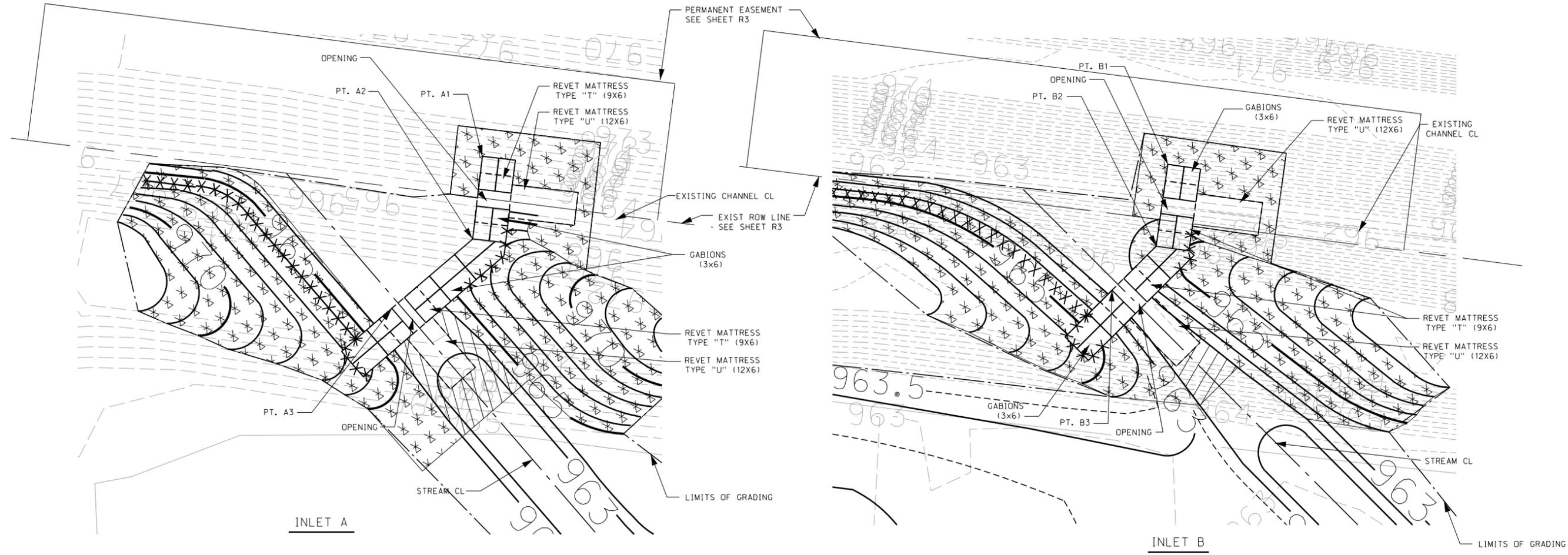
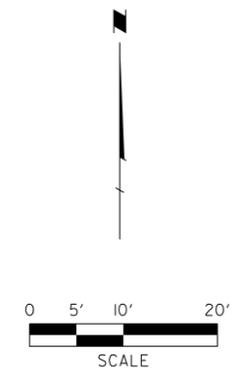


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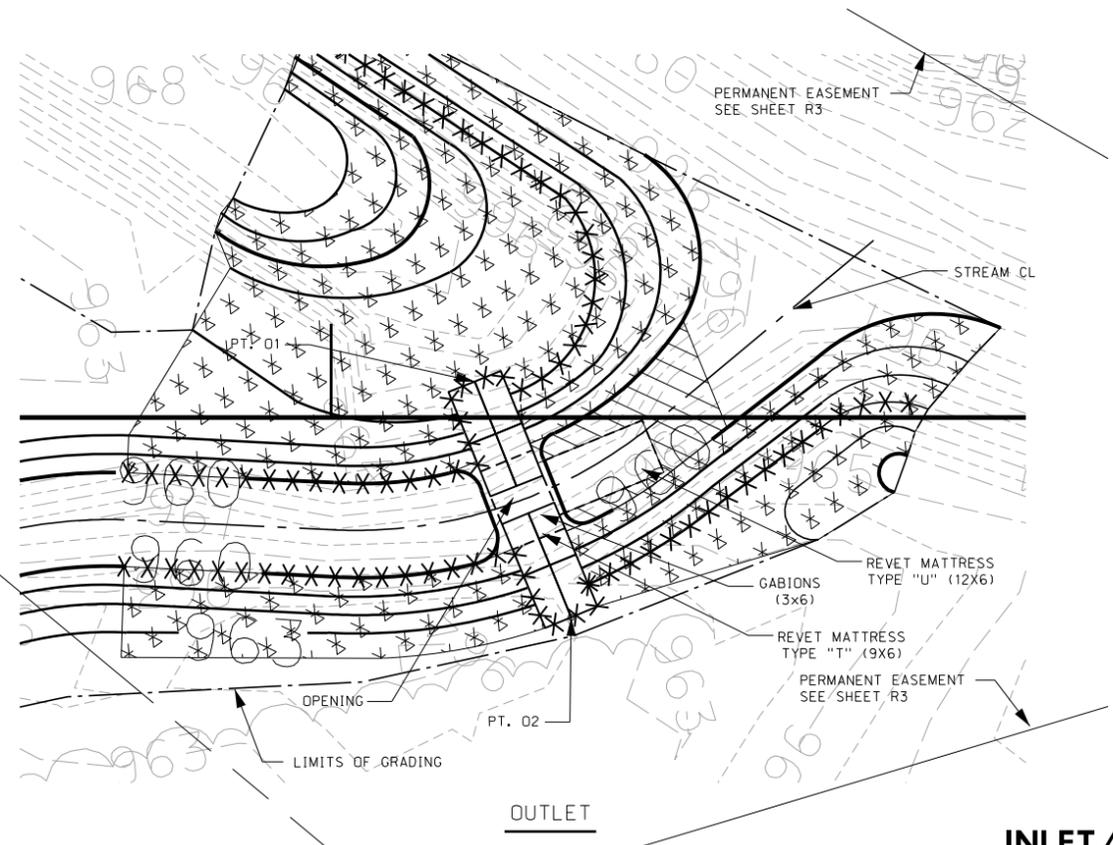


- NOTES:
1. SEE SHEET 2W-1 FOR GENERAL SITE PLAN.
 2. SEE SHEET 2H-1 FOR CENTERLINE CONTROL PLAN.
 3. SEE SHEETS 2L-2 THROUGH 2L-4 FOR SPOT ELEVATIONS.
 4. SEE SHEET 2L-5 FOR INLET/OUTLET LOCATION PLAN.

**WETLAND GRADING PLAN
KEY MAP**



GABION LOCATION		
PT ID	NORTHING	EASTING
A1	522646.00	2992843.44
A2	522631.03	2992841.70
A3	522618.43	2992827.04
B1	522532.78	2993755.00
B2	522517.93	2993752.91
B3	522509.96	2993744.91
O1	521963.85	2995105.28
O2	521938.72	2995115.57



XXXXXXXX BUILD EROSION CHECK, TYPE COIR, SPECIAL PLAN _C

STATION	TO STATION	SIDE	LIN. FT.
INLET A		-	80
INLET B		-	85
OUTLET		-	220

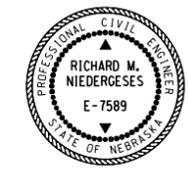
XXXXXX BUILD EROSION CONTROL-CLASS 1F, PLAN 501-R5

STATION	TO STATION	SIDE	WIDTH	SO. YDS.
INLET A		-	VARIES	270
INLET B		-	VARIES	257
OUTLET		-	VARIES	315

XXXXXX BUILD EROSION CONTROL-CLASS 2C, PLAN 501-R5

STATION	TO STATION	SIDE	WIDTH	SO. YDS.
INLET A		-	VARIES	20
INLET B		-	VARIES	10
OUTLET		-	VARIES	24

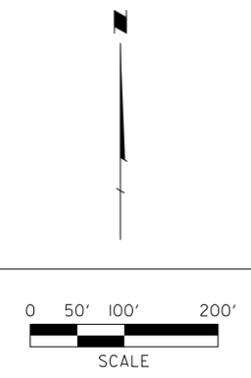
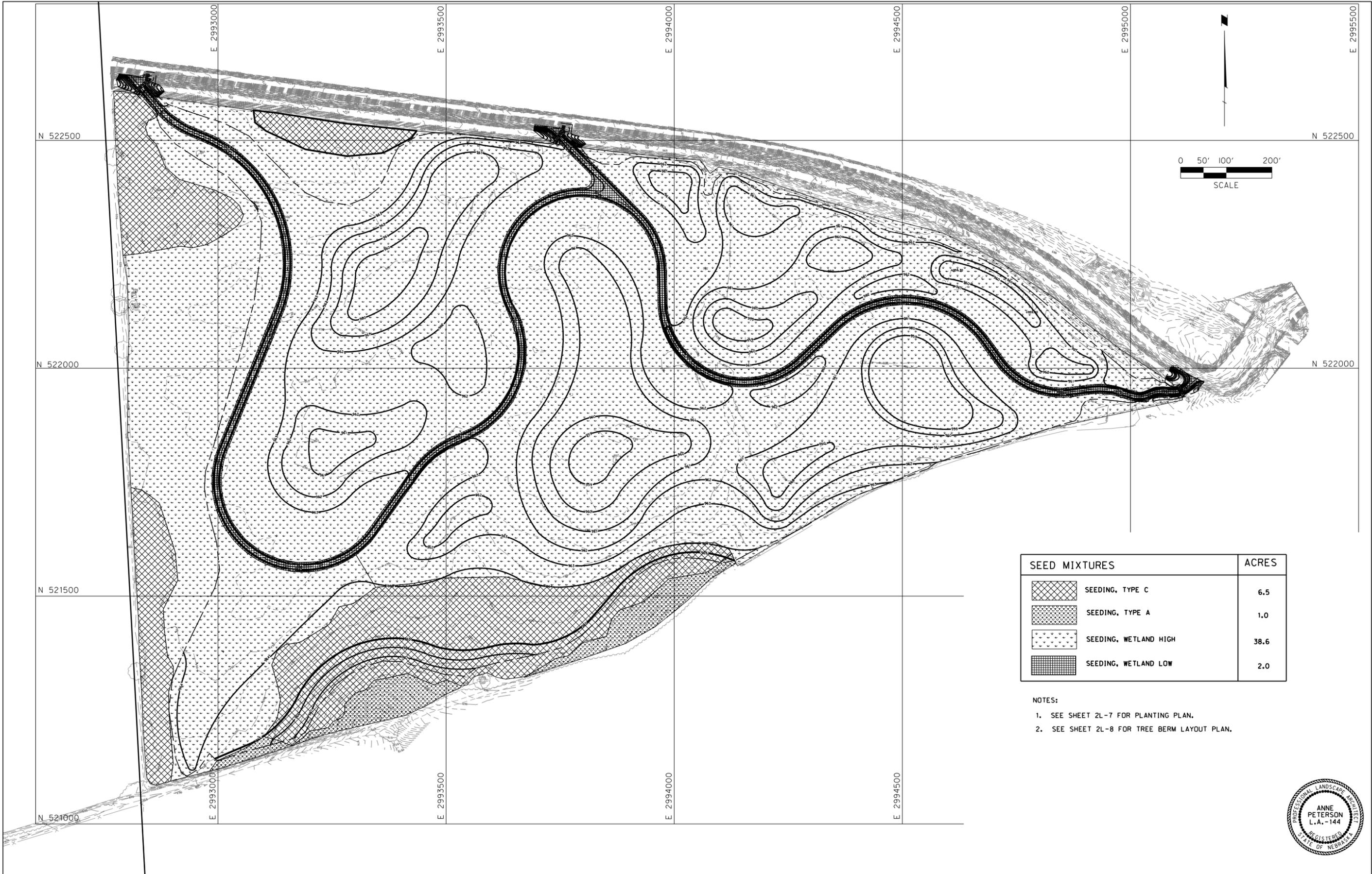
- NOTES:
- SEE SHEET 2L-1 FOR GRADING PLAN.
 - SEE SHEETS 2L-2 THROUGH 2L-4 FOR SPOT ELEVATIONS.
 - SEE SHEET 2L-5 FOR INLET AND OUTLET LOCATION PLAN.
 - SEE SHEET 2N-1 FOR INLET AND OUTLET DETAILS.

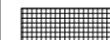


INLET/OUTLET LOCATION & EROSION CONTROL PLAN

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SEED MIXTURES	ACRES
 SEEDING, TYPE C	6.5
 SEEDING, TYPE A	1.0
 SEEDING, WETLAND HIGH	38.6
 SEEDING, WETLAND LOW	2.0

- NOTES:
- SEE SHEET 2L-7 FOR PLANTING PLAN.
 - SEE SHEET 2L-8 FOR TREE BERM LAYOUT PLAN.



WETLAND SEEDING PLAN

APPENDIX D
SEED MIXES

Seeding

Subsection 803.02 in the Standard Specifications is amended to include the following:

Type "A"	Minimum Purity	Broadcast or Hydraulic Seeder Application Rate in lb. of Pure Live Seed/Acre	Approved Mechanical Drill Application Rate in lb. of Pure Live Seed/Acre
Slender wheatgrass	85		2.5
Canada wildrye – Mandan, Neb./IA native	85		4
Western wheatgrass – Flintlock, Barton	85		5
Virginia wildrye – Omaha, Nebr. native	85		7
Switchgrass – Pathfinder, Blackwell, Trailblazer	90		1
Indiangrass – NE-54, Oto, Holt	90		3
Big bluestem – Pawnee, Roundtree, Bonanza	60		3
Little bluestem – Aldous, Blaze, Camper	60		2
Prairie cordgrass (<i>Spartina pectinata</i>)	75		0.25
Sideoats grama – Butte, El Reno, Trailway	75		3
Partridge pea – inoculated	90		0.5
Roundhead lespedeza - inoculated	90		0.25
Blackeyed Susan (<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>)	90		0.4
Black Samson (<i>Echinacea angustifolia</i>)	90		0.3
Compass plant (<i>Silphium laciniatum</i>)	60		0.4
Yarrow (<i>Achillea millefolium</i>)	85		0.2
Blue vervain (<i>Verbena hastata</i>)	75		0.2
Grayhead prairie coneflower (<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>)	85		0.75
Shell-leaf penstemon (<i>Penstemon grandiflorus</i>)	75		0.2
Pitcher sage (<i>Salvia azurea</i>)	75		0.3
New England aster (<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>)	90		0.1
Oats/Wheat*	90		13

* Wheat in the fall

All seed shall be origin Nebraska, adjoining states, or as specified. A contractor proposing to use a substitute variety, or origin shall submit for the engineer's consideration a seed tag representing the seed which shows the variety, origin and analysis of the seed.

Rate of application of commercial inorganic fertilizer shall be:

	Rate of Application per Acre (Minimum)
Available Nitrogen (N ₂)	0 lbs.
Available Phosphoric Acid (P ₂ O ₅)	0 lbs.

Rate of application of granular sulphur coated urea fertilizer shall be:

Nitrogen (Total Available)	0 lbs.
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The contractor may, at his option, apply granular urea formaldehyde in lieu of the sulphur coated urea fertilizer at the following rate:

Nitrogen (Total Available)	0 lbs.
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Seeding

Subsection 803.02 in the Standard Specifications is amended to include the following:

Type "Channel"	Minimum Purity	Broadcast or Hydraulic Seeder Application Rate in lb. of Pure Live Seed/Acre	Approved Mechanical Drill Application Rate in lb. of Pure Live Seed/Acre
Slender wheatgrass	85		2.5
Bluejoint (<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>)	65		0.2
Fox sedge (<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>)	85		0.5
Short-beaked sedge (<i>Carex brevior</i>)	75		0.75
Soft-stem bulrush (<i>Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani</i>)	80		0.75
Giant burreed (<i>Sparganium eurycarpum</i>)	65		0.5
Big bluestem – Pawnee, Roundtree, Bonanza	60		3
Indiangrass – NE-54, Oto, Holt	90		3
Switchgrass – Pathfinder, Blackwell, Trailblazer	90		1.5
Prairie cordgrass (<i>Spartina pectinata</i>)	75		0.25
Beggartick (<i>Bidens cernua</i>)	90		0.25
Oats/Wheat*	90		10

* Wheat in the fall

All seed shall be origin Nebraska, adjoining states, or as specified. A contractor proposing to use a substitute variety, or origin shall submit for the engineer's consideration a seed tag representing the seed which shows the variety, origin and analysis of the seed.

Rate of application of commercial inorganic fertilizer shall be:

	Rate of Application per Acre (Minimum)
Available Nitrogen (N ₂)	0 lbs.
Available Phosphoric Acid (P ₂ O ₅)	0 lbs.

Rate of application of granular sulphur coated urea fertilizer shall be:

Nitrogen (Total Available)	0 lbs.
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The contractor may, at his option, apply granular urea formaldehyde in lieu of the sulphur coated urea fertilizer at the following rate:

Nitrogen (Total Available)	0 lbs.
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Seeding

Subsection 803.02 in the Standard Specifications is amended to include the following:

Type "Emergent Wetland"	Minimum Purity	Broadcast or Hydraulic Seeder Application Rate in lb. of Pure Live Seed/Acre	Approved Mechanical Drill Application Rate in lb. of Pure Live Seed/Acre
Canada wildrye – Mandan, Neb./IA native	85		3
Fowl manna grass (<i>Glyceria striata</i>)	75		0.2
Awl-fruited sedge (<i>Carex stipata</i>)	85		1
Short-beaked sedge (<i>Carex brevior</i>)	85		0.75
Fox sedge (<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>)	85		0.5
Spike rush (<i>Eleocharis palustris</i>)	60		0.2
Big bluestem – Pawnee, Bonanza, Roundtree	60		2.5
Rice cutgrass (<i>Leersia oryzoides</i>)	50		0.25
Arrowhead (<i>Sagittaria latifolia</i>)	80		3
Water plantain (<i>Alisma plantago-aquatica</i>)	80		0.5
Joe-pye weed (<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>)	75		0.2
Swamp milkweed (<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>)	90		0.2
New England aster (<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>)	75		0.2
Blue vervain (<i>Verbena hastata</i>)	75		0.2
Water horehound (<i>Lycopus americanus</i>)	90		0.2

All seeds shall be origin Nebraska, adjoining states, or as specified. A contractor proposing to use a substitute variety shall submit for the engineer's consideration a seed tag representing the seed, which shows the variety, origin and analysis of the seed.

Rate of application of inorganic fertilizer shall be:

	Rate of Application per 1000 SY (Min.)
Available Nitrogen (N ₂)	0 lb.
Available Phosphoric Acid (P ₂ O ₅)	0 lb.

Rate of application of granular sulphur coated urea fertilizer or urea-formaldehyde fertilizer shall be:

	Rate of application per 1000 SY (Min.)
Nitrogen (Total Available)	0 lb.

Seeding

Subsection 803.02 in the Standard Specifications is amended to include the following:

Type "Tree Planting Areas"	Minimum Purity	Broadcast or Hydraulic Seeder Application Rate in lb. of Pure Live Seed/Acre	Approved Mechanical Drill Application Rate in lb. of Pure Live Seed/Acre
Virginia wildrye – Omaha, native	85		6
Slender wheatgrass	85		2.5
Canada wildrye – Mandan, Neb./IA native	85		5
Fox sedge (<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>)	85		0.5
Prairie cordgrass (<i>Spartina pectinata</i>)	75		0.5
Indiangrass – NE-54, Oto, Holt	75		4
Big bluestem – Pawnee, Roundtree, Bonanza	60		4
Switchgrass – Blackwell, Pathfinder, Trailblazer	90		0.75
New England aster (<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>)	90		0.2
Blue flag iris (<i>Iris virginica</i>)	75		0.25
Cup plant (<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>)	75		0.4
Oats/Wheat*	90		12

* Wheat in the fall

All seeds shall be origin Nebraska, adjoining states, or as specified. A contractor proposing to use a substitute variety shall submit for the engineer's consideration a seed tag representing the seed, which shows the variety, origin and analysis of the seed.

Rate of application of inorganic fertilizer shall be:

	Rate of Application per 1000 SY (Min.)
Available Nitrogen (N ₂)	0 lb.
Available Phosphoric Acid (P ₂ O ₅)	0 lb.

Rate of application of granular sulphur coated urea fertilizer or urea-formaldehyde fertilizer shall be:

	Rate of application per 1000 SY (Min.)
Nitrogen (Total Available)	0 lb.

Erosion Control

Subsection 807.02 in the Standard Specifications is amended to include the following:

Erosion Control	Minimum Purity	Approved Mechanical Drill Application Rate in lb. of Pure Live Seed/1000 SY
Canada wildrye – Mandan, Neb./IA native	85	1
Slender wheatgrass	85	0.75
Perennial ryegrass – Linn	85	1.5
Western wheatgrass – Flintlock, Barton	85	1.5
Blue grama – NE, IA, KS	30	0.3
Little bluestem – Aldous, Blaze, Camper	60	0.6
Sideoats grama – Butte, El Reno, Trailway	75	1
Sand dropseed (Sporobolus cryptandrus)	90	0.1
Partridge pea – Platte, inoculated	90	0.2
Purple prairie clover – Kaneb, inoculated	90	0.1
Oats/Wheat*	90	4.5

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Rate of application of commercial inorganic fertilizer shall be:

	Rate of Application per Acre (Minimum)
Available Nitrogen (N ₂)	8 or 9 lbs.
Available Phosphoric Acid (P ₂ O ₅)	23 or 24 lbs.

Rate of application of granular sulphur coated urea fertilizer shall be:

Nitrogen (Total Available)	0 lbs.
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