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Environmental Assessment

Determinations and Compliance Findings for HUD-assisted Projects

24 CFR Part 58

Project Information

Project Name: City of Hackensack Street Improvement Project

Responsible Entity: City of Hackensack

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity):

State/Local Identifier: CDAP-24-0066-O-FY25

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Project Location:

The City of Hackensack is located in Cass County, Minnesota, along State Highway 371, approximately 50 miles north of the City of Brainerd. Hackensack is a small, welcoming community known for its lakeside setting, natural beauty, and strong sense of local pride. The city serves as a hub for surrounding recreational and residential areas, offering essential public services, small businesses, and seasonal tourism opportunities. Its location along Highway 371 provides convenient access to larger regional destinations while preserving the peaceful charm and close-knit atmosphere of a northern Minnesota lake town.

Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.21 & 58.32]:

The proposed project will reconstruct portions of Lake Avenue, Whipple Avenue, Murray Avenue, and 3rd Street within the City of Hackensack. The work will include replacing the existing deteriorated concrete sidewalks along Lake Avenue West and installing new pedestrian facilities along Lake Ave East, Murray Avenue East, 3rd Street South and Whipple Avenue East. The current sidewalks exhibit widespread cracking, uneven surfaces, and poor drainage, and the existing curb ramps do not meet current ADA standards. Additionally, there is no existing street lighting within the project area, creating safety concerns for pedestrians. The project will address these issues by placing or replacing the sidewalks and curb ramps, installing new lighting, planting trees along the corridor, and upgrading stormwater infrastructure.

Statement of Purpose and Need for the Proposal:

The purpose of the project is to improve pedestrian safety, accessibility, and overall infrastructure conditions along Lake Avenue, Whipple Avenue, Murray Avenue, and 3rd Street in the City of Hackensack. The need for the project arises from the deteriorated condition of existing sidewalks, non-compliant curb ramps, lack of adequate lighting, and insufficient pedestrian connections to key community destinations. Reconstructing these facilities will address safety concerns, bring infrastructure into compliance with current ADA standards, and enhance walkability and connectivity within the community.

Existing Conditions and Trends [24 CFR 58.40(a)]:

As of 2023, the City of Hackensack, Minnesota, has an estimated population of approximately 325 residents. The population has remained steady in recent years, reflecting the community's appeal as a quiet, rural town surrounded by lakes and forested areas. Hackensack features a mix of residential, commercial, and recreational land uses, with local businesses and seasonal tourism supporting both residents and visitors. There are approximately 175 households within the City of Hackensack.

Funding Information

Grant Number	HUD Program	Funding Amount
CDAP-24-0066-O-FY25	Community Development Block Grant	\$600,000

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: \$600,000

Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]: \$1,400,000

Compliance with 24 CFR 50.4, 58.5, and 58.6 Laws and Authorities

Record below the compliance or conformance determinations for each statute, executive order, or regulation. Provide credible, traceable, and supportive source documentation for each authority. Where applicable, complete the necessary reviews or consultations and obtain or note applicable permits of approvals. Clearly note citations, dates/names/titles of contacts, and page references. Attach additional documentation as appropriate.

Compliance Factors: Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §58.5 and §58.6	Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?	Compliance determinations
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 and 58.6		
Airport Hazards 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	According to the MNDOT Airport Influence Map, the City of Hackensack is not situated within an Airport Influence Area. The nearest airport is the Backus Municipal Airport located approximately 4.7 miles to the south of the City. The closest military airport is located at Camp Ripley, approximately 45 miles south of Hackensack. The project area is not within a Runway Potential Zone/Clear Zone (RPZ/CZ) or an Accident Potential Zone (APZ).
Coastal Barrier Resources Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The project is not located in a Coastal Barrier Resource Service (CBRS) area and has no impact on the CBRS area. The nearest CBRS area is MN-01 located near Duluth and about 115 miles east of Hackensack.
Flood Insurance Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This project does not involve mortgage insurance, refinance, acquisition, repairs, rehabilitation, or construction of a structure, mobile home, or insurable personal property. This project does not require flood insurance or is excepted from flood insurance. The City of Hackensack is not listed on the FEMA Communities Participating in the National Flood Program, but Cass County is on the list.

STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 & 58.5

<p>Clean Air</p> <p>Clean Air Act, as amended, particularly section 176(c) & (d); 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The project is not located within a non-attainment area. Air quality currently in the area is considered “Good” with a PM2.5=7. Construction from the project has potential to create minor dust issues. The contract specification will require minimal dust and air impacts.</p>
<p>Coastal Zone Management</p> <p>Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) & (d)</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The project is not located within a Coastal Zone Management (CZM) area. The only CZM area in Minnesota is located along the coast of Lake Superior in northern Minnesota approximately 120 miles east of Hackensack.</p>
<p>Contamination and Toxic Substances</p> <p>24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>A review of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency’s (MPCA) What’s in My Neighborhood database and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) NEPAssist tool identified several known or potential contamination sites within the City of Hackensack and near the project area. Six EPA-identified hazardous waste sites are located in proximity to the proposed project area. All project activities will occur within existing road right-of-way and ground disturbance will be done in previously disturbed areas. Therefore, no impacts to known contamination sites are anticipated.</p> <p>In the event that contaminated soil, groundwater, or hazardous materials are encountered during construction, work will cease in the affected area, and appropriate measures will be implemented in accordance with MPCA and EPA regulations. The contractor will be responsible for the proper handling, characterization, and disposal of any hazardous materials in compliance with all applicable federal and state requirements.</p>
<p>Endangered Species</p> <p>Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The IPaC identified five species that have the potential to be in the project area; Canada lynx (threatened), gray wolf (threatened), northern long-eared bat (endangered), monarch butterfly (proposed threatened), and the suckley’s cuckoo (proposed endangered). The IPaC also listed the potential for twelve migratory birds to be present; the bald eagle, black tern, chimney swift, common tern, evening grosbeak, golden-winged warbler, lesser yellowlegs, long-eared owl, olive-sided flycatcher, pectoral sandpiper,</p>

		veery, and the wood thrush. Key determinations were completed for the Canada lynx, gray wolf, monarch butterfly, and northern long-eared bat, and all resulted in a “no effect” finding. Construction is anticipated to occur in previously disturbed areas. The project will have no effect on the federally listed species due to the nature of the construction. There are no designated critical habitat areas, refuge lands, or fish hatcheries within the vicinity of the project.
Explosive and Flammable Hazards 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The MPCA What's in My Neighborhood website identified areas near the project area that contain above or below ground storage tanks. One underground storage tank site was identified near the project area. All of the storage tanks at this site have been removed and there are no remaining underground storage tanks. All work will occur within existing public rights-of-way and previously disturbed areas, reducing the potential for encountering unknown fuel storage systems or flammable materials. Standard construction safety practices and applicable state and federal regulations will be followed to minimize any risk related to fuel handling during construction activities. The project is not expected to pose or encounter any explosive or flammable hazards.
Farmlands Protection Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981, particularly sections 1504(b) and 1541; 7 CFR Part 658	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) does not apply due to the proposed project being within the City limits of Hackensack. Project construction will not convert any agricultural land to a non-agricultural use.
Floodplain Management Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The City of Hackensack is located in an unmapped area for FEMA-designated floodplains, and no regulated floodplain zones have been identified within the project limits. Additionally, no local sources identified the project area to be in a floodplain. Because the project lies outside any mapped flood-risk areas, it is not anticipated to have impacts on floodplains.
Historic Preservation National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A review of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) identified no historic properties within the City of Hackensack or the surrounding area. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) provided a comment letter on November 4, 2025, concurring with a finding of

		<p>No Historic Properties Affected for the proposed project.</p> <p>A tribal consultation letter was sent to the identified tribes on October 10, 2025, using contact information obtained through the Tribal Directory Assessment Tool (TDAT). One response was received from the Fond du Lac Tribal Historic Preservation Office on October 20, 2025. Their response provided background information on the project area and indicated that it is unlikely any historic properties will be affected. If any human remains are encountered all work should cease and contact the proper parties. Their response also requested confirmation regarding whether any geotechnical investigations have been conducted and what measures are being taken to ensure that no disturbance or excavation will occur into intact soils or cultural layers beneath the roadway. Additional confirmation was provided to the Fond du Lac THPO stating no geotechnical investigations have been conducted and extra care will be taken to ensure that no disturbance or excavation will occur into intact soils or cultural layers beneath the roadway. No additional comments were received from the Fond du Lac THPO.</p>
Noise Abatement and Control Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The project will generate normal construction noise and will be temporary during construction. It is not anticipated that the project will drastically increase the noise to the area. However, if the level of noise that is created by the project exceeds the thresholds allowed by law or becomes a health hazard, steps will be taken to mitigate the noise levels.
Sole Source Aquifers Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, particularly section 1424(e); 40 CFR Part 149	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There are no Sole Source Aquifers (SSA) located within the project area. The only SSA in Minnesota is located approximately 50 miles southwest of the project, near Mille Lacs Lake.
Wetlands Protection Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project construction will occur within previously disturbed roadway corridors. While roadside wetlands and ditches may be present in the project area the project will be designed to completely avoid these features. All work will remain within existing impervious areas or will tie into the existing ground at the top of the ditch inslope, ensuring no direct or indirect wetland

		impacts. As a result, the project is not anticipated to affect any wetlands.
Wild and Scenic Rivers Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, particularly section 7(b) and (c)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	According to the MNDNR, the U.S. National Park Service, and the Nationwide Rivers Inventory the project area is not near any state or federally protected Wild and Scenic Rivers, study rivers, or Nationwide Rivers.

Environmental Assessment Factors [24 CFR 58.40] Recorded below is the qualitative and quantitative significance of the effects of the proposal on the character, features and resources of the project area. Each factor has been evaluated and documented, as appropriate and in proportion to its relevance to the proposed action. Verifiable source documentation has been provided and described in support of each determination, as appropriate. Credible, traceable and supportive source documentation for each authority has been provided. Where applicable, the necessary reviews or consultations have been completed and applicable permits of approvals have been obtained or noted. Citations, dates/names/titles of contacts, and page references are clear. Additional documentation is attached, as appropriate. **All conditions, attenuation or mitigation measures have been clearly identified.**

Impact Codes: Use an impact code from the following list to make the determination of impact for each factor.

- (1) Minor beneficial impact
- (2) No impact anticipated
- (3) Minor Adverse Impact – May require mitigation
- (4) Significant or potentially significant impact requiring avoidance or modification which may require an Environmental Impact Statement

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
LAND DEVELOPMENT		
Conformance with Plans / Compatible Land Use and Zoning / Scale and Urban Design	1	The proposed Hackensack street and pedestrian improvements project is consistent with local and regional planning efforts that emphasize safety, accessibility, and maintenance of existing public infrastructure. All work will occur within established roadway corridors and municipal right-of-way, making the project fully compatible with current land uses and zoning. The project will not alter surrounding land use patterns or the community's visual character; instead, it will enhance the existing streetscape through upgraded sidewalks, ADA-compliant facilities, lighting, and improved drainage. Its scale is appropriate for the City's needs and supports long-term goals to improve pedestrian connectivity and overall community safety.
Soil Suitability/ Slope/ Erosion/ Drainage/ Storm Water Runoff	3	There is no evidence of steep slopes, soil problems, ground subsidence, erosion, or other unusual conditions at the project location. There was no soil analysis conducted for the project. BMPS will be utilized during construction to contain potential runoff from construction. When the site plans are developed, they will address the potential need long-term mitigation measures for stormwater runoff.

Hazards and Nuisances including Site Safety and Noise	3	The project is not anticipated to generate any hazards or nuisances. Noise levels are typical for those generated within a small, urbanized environment. There will be temporary, localized vehicle emissions and noise generated from the use of heavy equipment during construction at each of the project sites. Construction is anticipated to occur during daylight hours, mainly Monday through Friday, or in accordance with City ordinances. Equipment will be properly maintained, including use of mufflers to reduce noise impacts. This project will have temporary, minimal effects on air quality and noise.
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Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
SOCIOECONOMIC		
Employment and Income Patterns	1	The project will temporarily employ workers during construction. The workers' income could potentially benefit the local community by spending money within the city while working there, including hotels, restaurants, and gas stations.
Demographic Character Changes, Displacement	1	The project will have a positive impact on the community by enhancing pedestrian safety, accessibility, and overall infrastructure conditions within the project area. All improvements will occur within existing roadway corridors and public right-of-way, and the project is not anticipated to cause any displacement of residents, businesses, institutions, or community facilities.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES		
Educational and Cultural Facilities	2	The project is not anticipated to impact any educational facilities or the student population.
Commercial Facilities	2	The project is not anticipated to have an impact on any commercial facilities.
Health Care and Social Services	2	Health care clinics and social services are available in nearby communities such as Walker and Pine River. The project will not impact access to health care or social service providers.
Solid Waste Disposal / Recycling	2	Local garbage and recycling services operate within the City of Hackensack. The nearest solid waste facility is the Cass County Transfer Station located approximately 14 miles south of the City of Hackensack. The contractor will be responsible for managing and disposing of all construction-related waste in accordance with applicable regulations. If any hazardous materials are encountered during construction, the appropriate procedures will be followed to ensure proper handling and disposal.

Waste Water / Sanitary Sewers	2	No septic system will need to be installed as part of the project. The project does not anticipate impacting the sanitary sewer lines.
Water Supply	2	The project will have no impact on the City of Hackensack's municipal water supply. All proposed improvements are limited to roadway, sidewalk, and pedestrian infrastructure within existing public right-of-way and do not involve any modifications to the water system.
Public Safety - Police, Fire and Emergency Medical	2	The nearest police and fire services to the City of Hackensack are provided locally and through regional support in Cass County. The closest hospital-level medical care is available in nearby communities such as Pine River and Walker. All of these services are expected to maintain adequate response times throughout the duration of the project. The proposed improvements are not anticipated to place any significant burden on police, fire, or medical service providers.
Parks, Open Space and Recreation	2	There are several public recreation facilities and parks within the City of Hackensack. The proposed improvements will not affect any designated parks, open spaces, or recreational areas. All construction activities will take place within the existing roadway corridors and public right-of-way.
Transportation and Accessibility	3	If project construction requires a detour, the contractor will be responsible for using proper traffic signage if needed. The project does not anticipate having any long-term impacts on transportation or accessibility in the city.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
NATURAL FEATURES		
Unique Natural Features, Water Resources	2	The project area contains no unique natural features that would be affected by the proposed street and pedestrian improvements. All work will occur within existing roadway corridors and previously disturbed right-of-way. Because the project involves reconstructing roadways, sidewalks, curb ramps, and associated drainage infrastructure, no new impacts to groundwater resources or sensitive environmental areas are anticipated. The improvements will enhance pedestrian safety and infrastructure condition without adversely affecting local natural resources.
Vegetation, Wildlife	2	Construction activities will be taking place previously disturbed lands and within the road right-of-way. There are no designated critical habitat areas, refuge lands, or fish hatcheries within the vicinity of the project. Wildlife within the area primarily consists of squirrels, rabbits, deer, birds, and insects. The IPaC identified five species that have the potential to be in the project area; Canada lynx (threatened), gray wolf (threatened), northern long-eared bat (endangered, monarch butterfly (proposed threatened), and the suckley's cuckoo (proposed endangered). Dkey determinations were completed for the Canada lynx, gray wolf, monarch butterfly, and northern long-eared bat, and all resulted

		in a “no effect” finding. Project construction will take place within the existing right-of-way. The project is not anticipated to impact any wildlife or critical areas.
Other Factors	2	There are no other factors identified for this project.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
ENERGY		
Energy Efficiency	1	The project will support energy efficiency by replacing deteriorated pedestrian and roadway infrastructure with modern, durable materials and installing new, energy-efficient lighting within the project area. By upgrading stormwater systems and improving overall corridor design, the project will also reduce ongoing maintenance needs, contributing to more efficient and sustainable long-term operation of the city’s infrastructure.

Additional Studies Performed:

At the time of this report no additional studies have been carried out.

Field Inspection (Date and completed by):

No field inspection has been completed for the project area at this time. A field visit will be conducted prior to construction to verify existing site conditions and identify any features not apparent from mapping or other available data. If the inspection findings warrant additional documentation, an addendum will be prepared and included in the environmental review.

List of Sources, Agencies and Persons Consulted:

AirNow.gov- Home of the U.S. Air Quality Index. <https://www.airnow.gov/>

Environmental Protection Agency. NEPAssist Tool. <https://nepassisttool.epa.gov/nepassist/nepamap.aspx>

FEMA Flood Map Service Center. <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>

HUD Exchange: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/>

- Environmental Factors.
- Environmental Review.

Minnesota Department of Health:

- Source Water Protection Web Map.

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/mapviewer.html>

- Minnesota Well Index. <https://mnwellindex.web.health.state.mn.us/#>

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources:

- Coastal GIS Resources. <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/maps.html>

- Minnesota’s Wild & Scenic Rivers.

https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt_section/wild_scenic/wsriver/rivers.html

Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Office of Aeronautics, Airport Influence area. (2016). <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/aero/airportinfluencemaps.html>

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, What's in My Neighborhood.
<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/data/whats-my-neighborhood>

National Archives, Code of Federal Regulations. <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr>

- Airport Hazards, 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D.
- Clean Air, Clean Air Act.
- Endangered Species, Endangered Species Act of 1973.
- Explosive and Flammable Hazards, 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C.
- Farmlands Protection, Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981.
- Floodplain Management, 24 CFR 55.12(c)(7)(i).
- Historic Preservation, National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.
- Noise Abatement and Control, Noise Control Act of 1972.

National Park Service, National Register of Historic Places. (2021).
<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/index.htm>

National Park Service, Nationwide Rivers Inventory.
<https://www.nps.gov/maps/full.html?mapId=8adbe798-0d7e-40fb-bd48-225513d64977>

National Wild and Scenic River System, Explore Designated Rivers.
<https://www.rivers.gov/map.php>

U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Web Soil Survey. (2019). <https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Map pf Sole source Aquifer Locations. (2020).
<https://www.epa.gov/dwssa/map-sole-source-aquifer-locations>

U.S Fish and Wildlife Service:

- Coastal Barrier Resources System. (2019). <https://www.fws.gov/cbra/maps/mapper.html>
- Information for Panning and Consultation (IPaC). <https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/>
- National Wetland Inventory (NWI). (2021). <https://www.fws.gov/wetlands/data/Mapper.html>

List of Permits Obtained:

As of the date of the development of this document no permits have been obtained for the project. If applicable permits are obtained, they will be added to the document as an addendum.

Public Outreach [24 CFR 50.23 & 58.43]:

The Combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request for Release of funds will be posted for public comment. Groups that will receive this notice include:

- Local news media (for publications)
- Groups or individuals known to be interested in the project.
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Dept. of Employment & Economic Development
- U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development
- Minnesota Historical Society
- Minnesota Indian Affairs Council
- Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
- Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians of the Bad River Reservation, Wisconsin

- Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Oklahoma
- Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe of South Dakota
- Fond du Lac Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe
- Fort Belknap Indian Community of the Fort Belknap Reservation of Montana
- Grand Portage Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe
- Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Michigan
- Lac du Flambeau Tribe, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
- Leech Lake Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe
- Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota
- Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
- Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (The Mille Lacs Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe)
- Prairie Island Indian Community in the State of Minnesota
- Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
- Santee Sioux Nation, Nebraska
- Upper Sioux Community, Minnesota
- White Earth Band of Minnesota Chippewa

Cumulative Impact Analysis [24 CFR 58.32]:

The project does not anticipate having any cumulative impacts to humans or the natural environment.

Alternatives [24 CFR 58.40(e)]

This alternative to the proposed project would be to complete only basic maintenance and spot repairs along the existing sidewalks, curb ramps, and roadway surfaces rather than undertaking full reconstruction. This could include patching deteriorated concrete, performing minor grading adjustments, and installing limited drainage improvements where feasible. While this approach would reduce upfront construction costs, it would not fully address ADA non-compliance, existing safety concerns, or long-term infrastructure needs. As a result, this alternative would offer only temporary improvements and would not achieve the comprehensive safety, accessibility, and connectivity goals identified for the project.

No Action Alternative [24 CFR 58.40(e)]:

Under the no-action alternative, no improvements would be made to the existing roadways, sidewalks, curb ramps, lighting, or stormwater infrastructure within the project area. The deteriorated sidewalks, non-compliant ADA facilities, lack of lighting, and drainage issues would remain unaddressed, continuing to pose safety concerns for pedestrians and limiting accessibility. Without intervention, overall infrastructure conditions would continue to decline, leading to increased maintenance needs and reduced walkability and connectivity within the City of Hackensack. This alternative would not meet the project's purpose and need.

Summary of Findings and Conclusions:

This Environmental Assessment found no impact on airports, air quality, coastal barrier resources, coastal zones, contamination and toxic substances, endangered species, farmlands, floodplains, sole source aquifers, wetlands, and wild and scenic rivers. The Environmental Assessment also found slight benefits to conformance with land use plans, employment patterns, demographics, and energy efficiency. No impacts are anticipated for educational and cultural facilities, commercial facilities, health care and social services, solid waste/ recycling facilities, wastewater system, water supply, public safety, parks, recreation facilities, water resources, wildlife, or vegetation. There is a slight chance of minor adverse impacts to water runoff, transportation, and noise.

Mitigation Measures and Conditions

Summarize below all mitigation measures adopted by the Responsible Entity to reduce, avoid, or eliminate adverse environmental impacts and to avoid non-compliance or non-conformance with the above-listed authorities and factors. These measures/conditions must be incorporated into project contracts, development agreements, and other relevant documents. The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measures should be clearly identified in the mitigation plan.

Law, Authority, or Factor	Mitigation Measure
Erosion and Stormwater Runoff	Best Management Practices (BMP's) will be used for erosion prevention and sediment control.
Noise	Construction is anticipated to occur during daylight hours, mainly Monday through Friday, or in accordance with City ordinances. Occasionally there may be construction outside of these hours or on a weekend if the company is required to work around customer schedules or has been impacted due to other factors. Equipment will be properly maintained, including use of mufflers to reduce noise impacts.
Dust Control	Construction from the project has potential to create minor dust issues and localized vehicle emissions. BMP's (ground wetting, etc.) will be used during construction to limit the amount of dust.
Transportation	The project will likely require a temporary detour, which may alter local transportation routes. Residents will be informed in advance once the detour plan is finalized to ensure minimal disruption and maintain safe, efficient travel through the area.

Determination:

Finding of No Significant Impact [24 CFR 58.40(g)(1)]

The project will not result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

Finding of Significant Impact [24 CFR 58.40(g)(2)]

The project may significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Preparer Signature: _____ Date: 12/12/2025

Name/Title/Organization: Kelsey Kline/ Environmental Scientist I/ Moore Engineering Inc.

Certifying Officer Signature: Bill Kof Date: 12/30/2025

Name/Title: Bill Kennedy, Mayor

This original, signed document and related supporting material must be retained on file by the Responsible Entity in an Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the activity/project (ref: 24 CFR Part 58.38) and in accordance with recordkeeping requirements for the HUD program(s).



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This Worksheet was designed to be used by those “Partners” (including Public Housing Authorities, consultants, contractors, and nonprofits) who assist Responsible Entities and HUD in preparing environmental reviews, but legally cannot take full responsibilities for these reviews themselves. Responsible Entities and HUD should use the RE/HUD version of the Worksheet.

Airport Hazards (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/airport-hazards>

- 1. To ensure compatible land use development, you must determine your site’s proximity to civil and military airports. Is your project within 15,000 feet of a military airport or 2,500 feet of a civilian airport?**

No → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map showing that the site is not within the applicable distances to a military or civilian airport.*

Yes → *Continue to Question 2.*
- 2. Is your project located within a Runway Potential Zone/Clear Zone (RPZ/CZ) or Accident Potential Zone (APZ)?**

Yes, project is in an APZ → *Continue to Question 3.*

Yes, project is an RPZ/CZ → *Project cannot proceed at this location.*

No, project is not within an APZ or RPZ/CZ
→ *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map showing that the site is not within either zone.*
- 3. Is the project in conformance with DOD guidelines for APZ?**

Yes, project is consistent with DOD guidelines without further action.
→ *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documentation supporting this determination.*

No, the project cannot be brought into conformance with DOD guidelines and has not been approved. → *Project cannot proceed at this location.*

If mitigation measures have been or will be taken, explain in detail the proposed measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.

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→ *Work with the RE/HUD to develop mitigation measures. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documentation supporting this determination.*

Worksheet Summary

Provide a full description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your program or region

Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD.

According to the MNDOT Airport Influence Map, the City of Hackensack is not situated within an Airport Influence Area. The nearest airport is the Backus Municipal Airport located approximately 4.7 miles to the south of the City. The closest military airport is located at Camp Ripley, approximately 45 miles south of Hackensack. The project area is not within a Runway Potential Zone/Clear Zone (RPZ/CZ) or an Accident Potential Zone (APZ).

Airport Influence Area



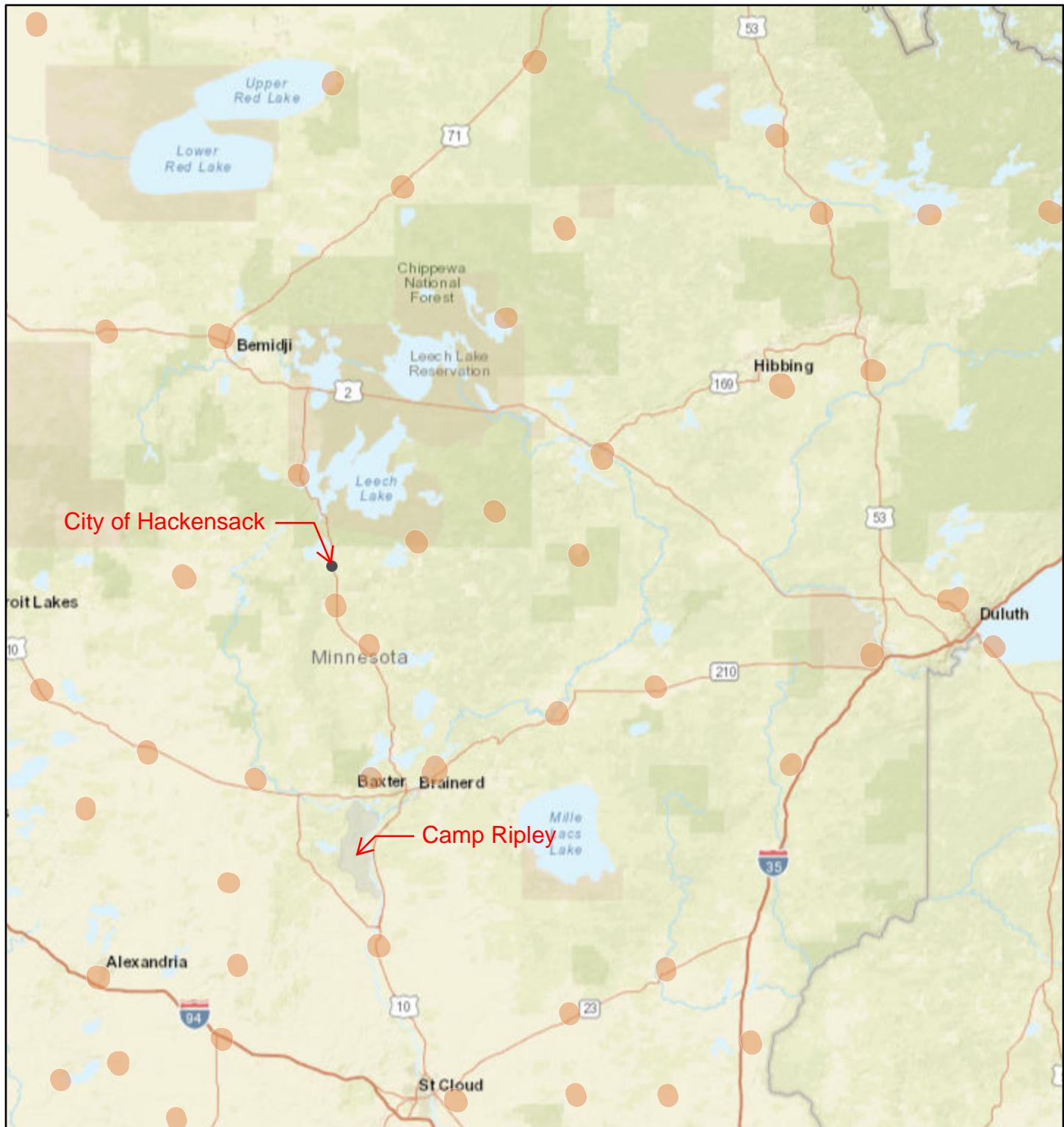
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Military Influence Area



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Coastal Barrier Resources (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/coastal-barrier-resources>

Projects located in the following states must complete this form.

Alabama	Georgia	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Puerto Rico	Virgin Islands
Connecticut	Louisiana	Michigan	New York	Rhode Island	Virginia
Delaware	Maine	Minnesota	North Carolina	South Carolina	Wisconsin
Florida	Maryland	Mississippi	Ohio	Texas	

1. Is the project located in a CBRS Unit?

No → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map showing that the site is not within a CBRS Unit.*

Yes → *Continue to 2.*

Federal assistance for most activities may not be used at this location. You must either choose an alternate site or cancel the project. In very rare cases, federal monies can be spent within CBRS units for certain exempted activities (e.g., a nature trail), after consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) (see [16 USC 3505](#) for exceptions to limitations on expenditures).

2. Indicate your recommended course of action for the RE/HUD

Consultation with the FWS

Cancel the project

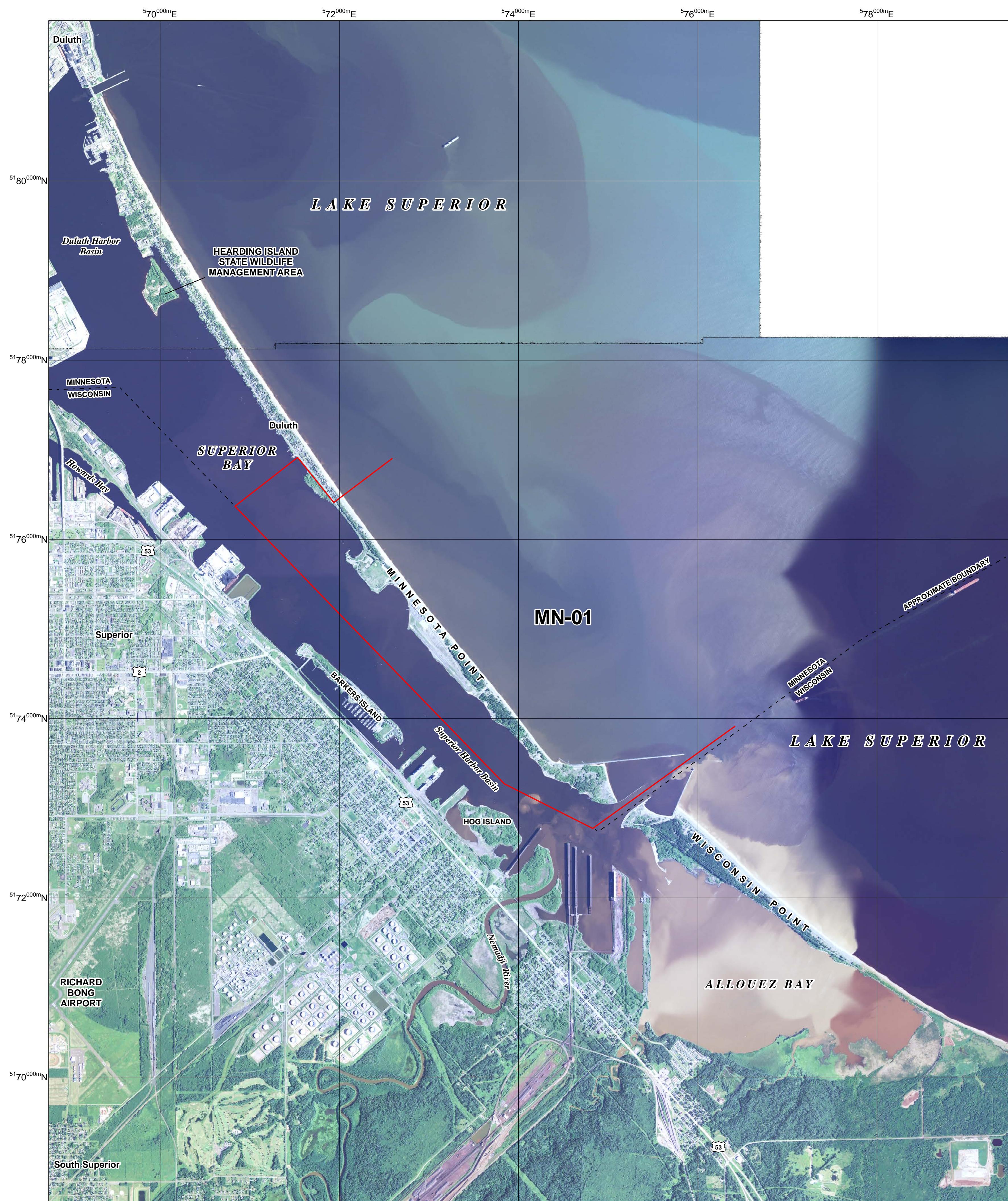
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The project is not located in a Coastal Barrier Resource Service (CBRS) area and has no impact on the CBRS area. The nearest CBRS area is MN-01 located near Duluth and about 115 miles east of Hackensack.



JOHN H. CHAFEE COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES SYSTEM

This map has been produced by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as authorized by Section 4(c) of the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA) of 1982 (Pub. L. 97-348), as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-591). The CBRA requires the Secretary of the Interior to review the maps of the Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) at least once every 5 years and make any minor and technical modifications to the boundaries of the CBRS units as are necessary solely to reflect changes that have occurred in the size or location of any CBRS unit as a result of natural forces.

The seaward side of the CBRS unit includes the entire sand-sharing system, including the beach and nearshore area. The sand-sharing system of coastal barriers is normally defined by the 30-ft bathymetric contour. In large coastal embayments and the Great Lakes, the sand-sharing system is defined by the 20-ft bathymetric contour or a line approximately one mile seaward of the shoreline, whichever is nearer the coastal barrier.

For additional information about the CBRA or CBRS, please visit www.fws.gov/cbra.

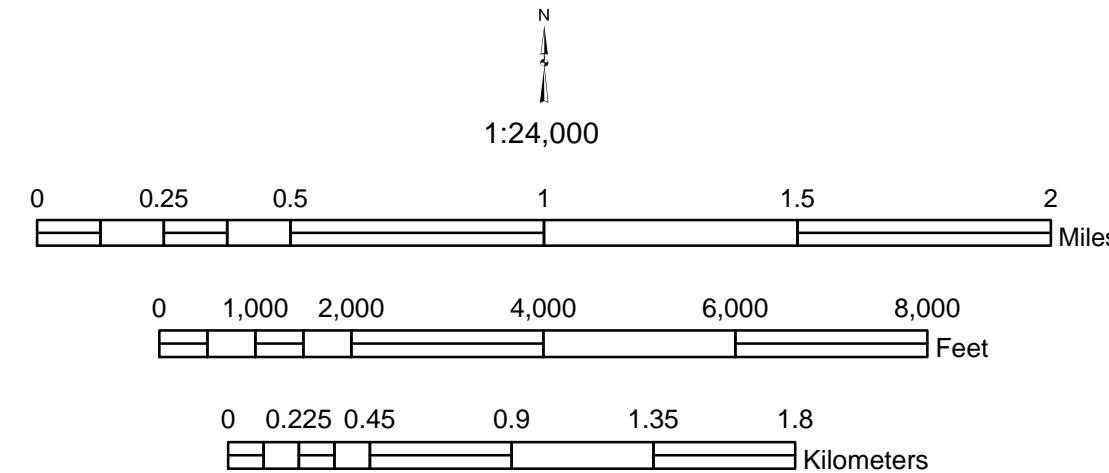
Minnesota Point Unit MN-01

System Unit Boundary

Otherwise Protected Area (OPA) Boundary; OPAs are identified on the map by the letter "P" following the unit number

Approximate State Boundary

2000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid values, Zone 15 North



Imagery Date(s): 2013
 Imagery Source(s): United States Department of Agriculture National Agriculture Imagery Program
 Coordinate System: North American Datum 1983
 Universal Transverse Mercator, Zone 15 North



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Flood Insurance (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/flood-insurance>

1. Does this project involve mortgage insurance, refinance, acquisition, repairs, rehabilitation, or construction of a structure, mobile home, or insurable personal property?

No. This project does not require flood insurance or is excepted from flood insurance.

→ *Continue to the Worksheet Summary.*

Yes → *Continue to Question 2.*

2. Provide a FEMA/FIRM map showing the site.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designates floodplains. The [FEMA Map Service Center](#) provides this information in the form of FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs).

Is the structure, part of the structure, or insurable property located in a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area?

No → *Continue to the Worksheet Summary.*

Yes → *Continue to Question 3.*

3. Is the community participating in the National Flood Insurance Program or has less than one year passed since FEMA notification of Special Flood Hazards?

Yes, the community is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Flood insurance is required. Provide a copy of the flood insurance policy declaration or a paid receipt for the current annual flood insurance premium and a copy of the application for flood insurance.

→ *Continue to the Worksheet Summary.*

Yes, less than one year has passed since FEMA notification of Special Flood Hazards.

If less than one year has passed since notification of Special Flood Hazards, no flood insurance is required.

→ *Continue to the Worksheet Summary.*

No. The community is not participating, or its participation has been suspended.

Federal assistance may not be used at this location. Cancel the project at this location.

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This project does not involve mortgage insurance, refinance, acquisition, repairs, rehabilitation, or construction of a structure, mobile home, or insurable personal property. This project does not require flood insurance or is excepted from flood insurance. The City of Hackensack is not listed on the FEMA Communities Participating in the National Flood Program, but Cass County is on the list.



FEMA

Community Status Book Report

Communities Participating in the National Flood Program



MINNESOTA

CID	Community Name	County	Init FHB Identified	Init FIRM Identified	Curr Eff Map Date	Tribal	Reg-Emer Date	CRS Entry Date	Curr Eff Date	Curr Class	% Disc
270152B	BROOKLYN PARK, CITY OF	HENNEPIN COUNTY	04/12/74	05/17/82	11/04/16	No	05/17/82				
270475#	BROWERVILLE, CITY OF	TODD COUNTY	05/21/76	09/30/88	02/04/11(M)	No	09/30/88				
270034#	BROWN COUNTY *	BROWN COUNTY		08/15/77	09/25/09	No	08/15/77				
270480#	BROWNS VALLEY, CITY OF	TRAVERSE COUNTY	05/10/74	06/17/86	06/17/86	No	06/17/86				
270310#	BROWNSDALE, CITY OF	MOWER COUNTY	05/10/74	07/16/79	09/04/13	No	03/18/85				
270191A	BROWNSVILLE, CITY OF	HOUSTON COUNTY	10/18/74	02/15/84	12/07/18	No	02/15/84				
270262#	BROWNTON, CITY OF	MCLEOD COUNTY	06/25/76	08/18/92	07/07/14	No	04/05/94				
270535A	BUFFALO, CITY OF	WRIGHT COUNTY	05/08/74	05/15/85	06/20/24	No	05/15/85				
270102#	BURNSVILLE, CITY OF	DAKOTA COUNTY	03/29/74	09/01/77	12/02/11	No	09/01/77				
270751B	BYRON, CITY OF	OLMSTED COUNTY		04/19/17	(NSFHA)	No	01/21/20				
270712A	CALEDONIA, CITY OF	HOUSTON COUNTY	10/13/78	12/07/18	12/07/18(M)	No	12/07/18				
270198#	CAMBRIDGE, CITY OF	ISANTI COUNTY	05/17/74	04/20/98	11/05/03	No	06/08/84				
270521B	CAMPBELL, CITY OF	WILKIN COUNTY	09/29/78	09/29/78	06/20/24	No	06/08/84				
270545A	CANBY, CITY OF	YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY	04/05/74	06/01/83	10/07/21	No	06/01/83				
270141#	CANNON FALLS, CITY OF	GOODHUE COUNTY	05/24/74	01/02/81	09/25/09	No	01/02/81				
270740#	CANOSIA, TOWNSHIP OF	ST. LOUIS COUNTY	12/20/74	02/19/92	02/19/92(M)	No	08/23/01				
270039A	CARLTON COUNTY *	CARLTON COUNTY	08/16/74	09/01/88	03/13/24(M)	No	09/01/88				
270041A	CARLTON, CITY OF	CARLTON COUNTY	11/09/73	03/13/24	03/13/24(M)	No	06/08/84				
270049A	CARVER COUNTY*	CARVER COUNTY		02/01/78	12/21/18	No	02/01/78				
275233A	CARVER, CITY OF	CARVER COUNTY	09/08/72	09/08/72	12/21/18	No	09/08/72	05/01/16	10/01/23	7	15%
270631	CASS COUNTY *	CASS COUNTY	03/10/78		(NSFHA)	No	05/15/85				
270685#	CENTER CITY, CITY OF	CHISAGO COUNTY		01/28/83	04/17/12	No	01/28/83				
270008A	CENTERVILLE, CITY OF	ANOKA COUNTY	05/03/74	12/04/79	12/16/15	No	12/04/79				
270153B	CHAMPLIN, CITY OF	HENNEPIN COUNTY	11/02/73	07/18/77	11/04/16	No	07/18/77				
270312	CHANDLER, CITY OF	MURRAY COUNTY	08/09/74		11/21/75	No	01/13/10				
	THE CITY OF CHANDLER ALSO ADOPTED THE MURRAY COUNTY FIRM PANEL 350 DATED MAY 3, 1990.					No					
270051B	CHANHASSEN, CITY OF	HENNEPIN COUNTY/CARVER COUNTY	11/09/73	07/02/79	12/21/18	No	07/02/79				
275234A	CHASKA, CITY OF	CARVER COUNTY		09/08/72	12/21/18	No	09/08/72				
270125A	CHATFIELD, CITY OF	OLMSTED COUNTY/FILLMORE COUNTY	08/13/76	08/02/82	08/15/19	No	08/02/82				
270066#	CHIPPEWA COUNTY *	CHIPPEWA COUNTY	04/20/79	06/17/86	05/19/87	No	06/17/86				
270682#	CHISAGO COUNTY *	CHISAGO COUNTY	10/28/77	04/18/83	04/17/12	No	04/18/83				
270707#	CHISAGO, CITY OF	CHISAGO COUNTY		01/07/83	04/17/12	No	01/07/83				
270464A	CHOKIO, CITY OF	STEVENS COUNTY	05/03/74		(NSFHA)	No	11/05/09				
270009A	CIRCLE PINES, CITY OF	ANOKA COUNTY	05/03/74	09/15/78	12/16/15	No	09/15/78				
270067	CLARA CITY, CITY OF	CHIPPEWA COUNTY	05/17/74		(NSFHA)	No	06/08/84				
270978A	CLAREMONT, CITY OF	DODGE COUNTY		09/26/24	(NSFHA)	No	09/25/24				
270476#	CLARISSA, CITY OF	TODD COUNTY	05/03/74	06/03/86	02/04/11(M)	No	06/03/86				
270764A	CLARKFIELD, CITY OF	YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY			(NSFHA)	No	10/07/21				



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Air Quality (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/air-quality>

1. Does your project include new construction or conversion of land use facilitating the development of public, commercial, or industrial facilities OR five or more dwelling units?

Yes → *Continue to Question 2.*

No → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Provide any documents used to make your determination.*

2. Is your project’s air quality management district or county in non-attainment or maintenance status for any criteria pollutants?

Follow the link below to determine compliance status of project county or air quality management district:

<http://www.epa.gov/oaqps001/greenbk/>

No, project’s county or air quality management district is in attainment status for all criteria pollutants
→ *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination.*

Yes, project’s management district or county is in non-attainment or maintenance status for one or more criteria pollutants. → *Continue to Question 3.*

3. Determine the estimated emissions levels of your project for each of those criteria pollutants that are in non-attainment or maintenance status on your project area. Will your project exceed any of the *de minimis or threshold* emissions levels of non-attainment and maintenance level pollutants or exceed the screening levels established by the state or air quality management district?

No, the project will not exceed *de minimis* or threshold emissions levels or screening levels
→ *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Explain how you determined that the project would not exceed *de minimis* or threshold emissions.*

Yes, the project exceeds *de minimis* emissions levels or screening levels.

→ *Continue to Question 4. Explain how you determined that the project would not exceed de minimis or threshold emissions in the Worksheet Summary.*

4. For the project to be brought into compliance with this section, all adverse impacts must be mitigated. Explain in detail the exact measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.

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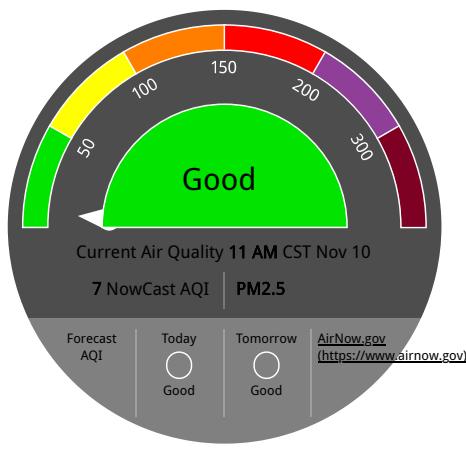
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The project is not located within a non-attainment area. Air quality currently in the area is considered “Good” with a PM2.5=7. Construction from the project has potential to create minor dust issues. The contract specification will require minimal dust and air impacts.



ZIP Code, City, or State

Hackensack, MN
Central Minnesota Reporting AreaMonitors Near Me (<https://gispub.epa.gov/airnow/?xmin=-10596985.002966324& ymin=5870720.153606172&xmax=-10448269.120734686&ymax=5964761.015629315&clayer=none&mlayer=ozonepm>)

Recent Trends (/trends/?cityName&stateName&countryCode)

Data Providers

(<https://www.epa.gov/>)
and PARTNERS (</partners>)



National Maps

Primary Pollutant

This pollutant currently has the highest AQI in the area.

▼ PM2.5 7 Good

Enjoy your outdoor activities.

No Other Pollutants Available

Air Quality Forecast

Forecast courtesy ofMinnesota Pollution Control Agency (<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/air/index.html>)

Forecast Discussion: A persistent weather pattern consisting of gusty northwest winds and colder air is expected over the next few days. On Friday winds will shift...

[Full Forecast Discussion](#)

Today

Tomorrow

Wednesday

Good
OZONE

Good
OZONE

Good
OZONE

Primary Pollutant

▼ OZONE Good

Enjoy your outdoor activities.

► PM2.5 Good

Explore

Current Fire Conditions



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Archived Dates



(<https://gispub.epa.gov/airnow/index.html?tab=3>)

Webcams



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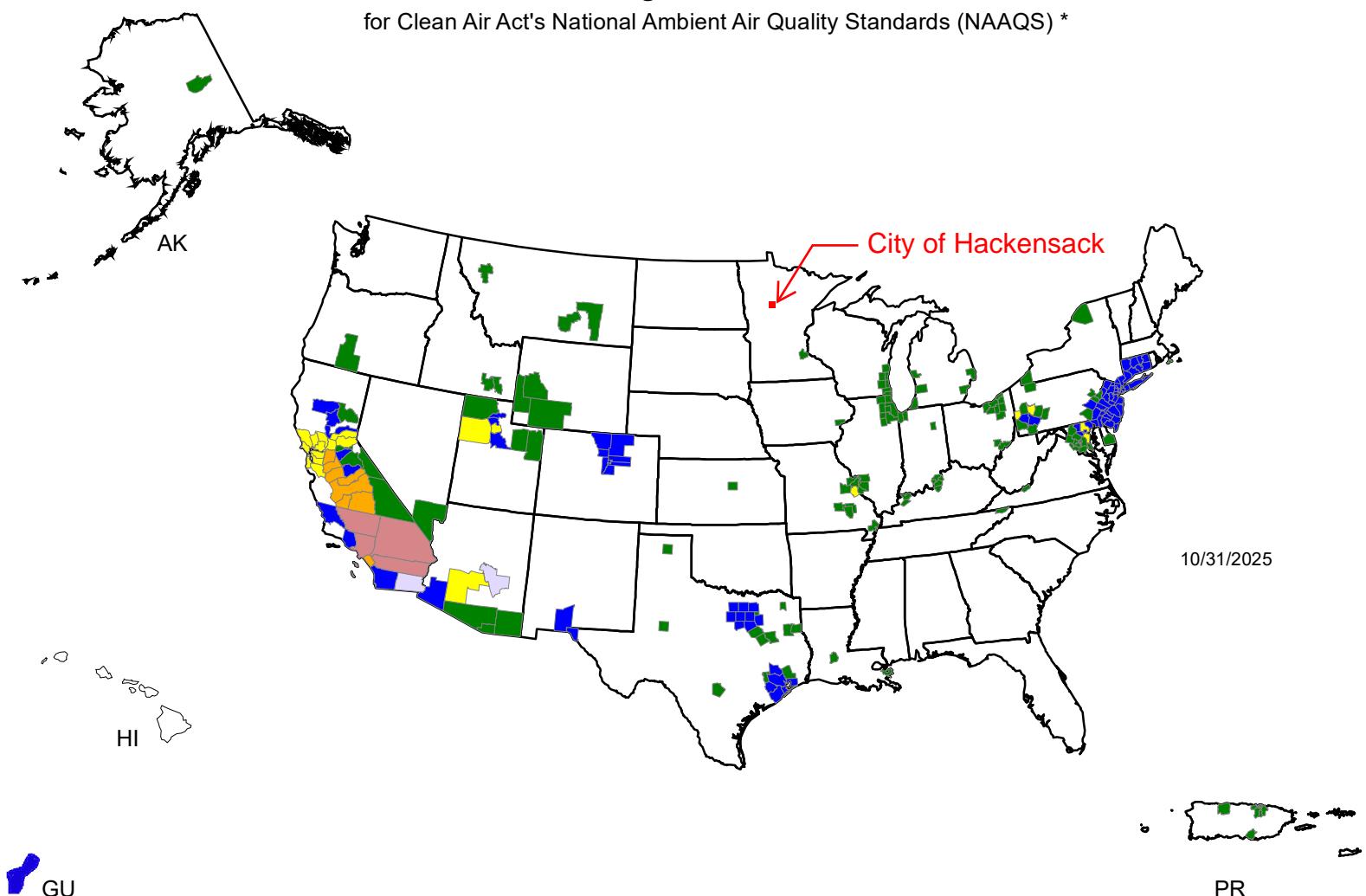
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Counties Designated "Nonattainment"

for Clean Air Act's National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) *



Legend **

- County Designated Nonattainment for 6 NAAQS Pollutants
- County Designated Nonattainment for 5 NAAQS Pollutants
- County Designated Nonattainment for 4 NAAQS Pollutants
- County Designated Nonattainment for 3 NAAQS Pollutants
- County Designated Nonattainment for 2 NAAQS Pollutants
- County Designated Nonattainment for 1 NAAQS Pollutant

* The National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) are health standards for Carbon Monoxide, Lead (1978 and 2008), Nitrogen Dioxide, 8-hour Ozone (2008), Particulate Matter (PM-10 and PM-2.5 (1997, 2006 and 2012), and Sulfur Dioxide.(1971 and 2010)

** Included in the counts are counties designated for NAAQS and revised NAAQS pollutants. Revoked 1-hour (1979) and 8-hour Ozone (1997) are excluded. Partial counties, those with part of the county designated nonattainment and part attainment, are shown as full counties on the map.



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Coastal Zone Management Act (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

<https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/coastal-zone-management>

Projects located in the following states must complete this form.

Alabama	Florida	Louisiana	Mississippi	Ohio	Texas
Alaska	Georgia	Maine	New Hampshire	Oregon	Virgin Islands
American Samoa	Guam	Maryland	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Virginia
California	Hawaii	Massachusetts	New York	Puerto Rico	Washington
Connecticut	Illinois	Michigan	North Carolina	Rhode Island	Wisconsin
Delaware	Indiana	Minnesota	Northern Mariana Islands	South Carolina	

1. Is the project located in, or does it affect, a Coastal Zone as defined in your state Coastal Management Plan?

Yes → *Continue to Question 2.*
 No → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map showing that the site is not within a Coastal Zone.*

2. Does this project include activities that are subject to state review?

Yes → *Continue to Question 3.*
 No → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation used to make your determination.*

3. Has this project been determined to be consistent with the State Coastal Management Program?

Yes, with mitigation. → *The RE/HUD must work with the State Coastal Management Program to develop mitigation measures to mitigate the impact or effect of the project.*

Yes, without mitigation. → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation used to make your determination.*

No → Project cannot proceed at this location.

Worksheet Summary

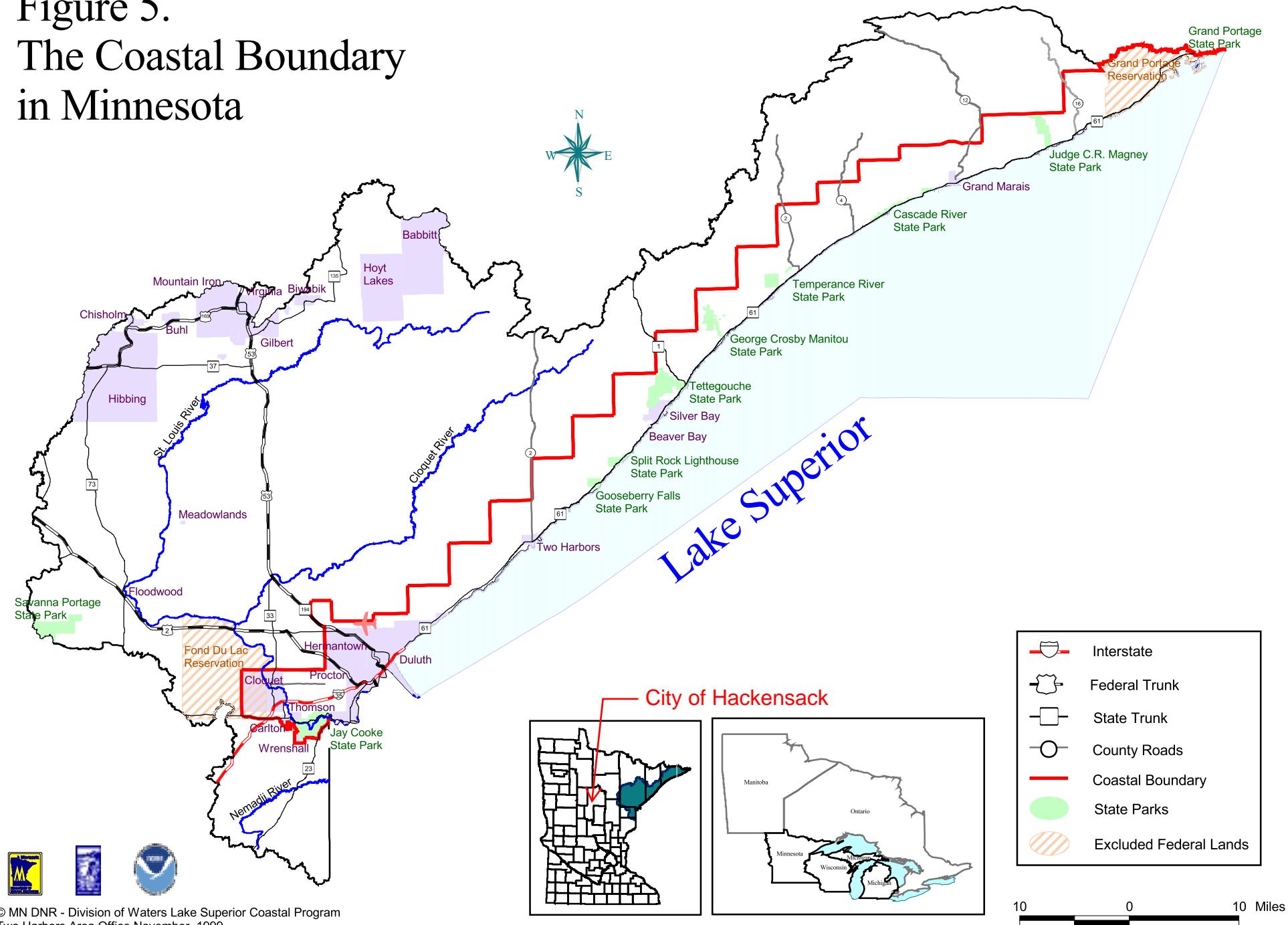
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The project is not located within a Coastal Zone Management (CZM) area. The only CZM area in Minnesota is located along the coast of Lake Superior in northern Minnesota approximately 120 miles east of Hackensack.

Figure 5.
The Coastal Boundary
in Minnesota





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Contamination and Toxic Substances (Multifamily and Non-Residential Properties) – PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/site-contamination>

1. How was site contamination evaluated? ¹ Select all that apply.

- ASTM Phase I ESA
- ASTM Phase II ESA
- Remediation or clean-up plan
- ASTM Vapor Encroachment Screening
- None of the above

→ Provide documentation and reports and include an explanation of how site contamination was evaluated in the Worksheet Summary.

Continue to Question 2.

2. Were any on-site or nearby toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances found that could affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property?

(Were any recognized environmental conditions or RECs identified in a Phase I ESA and confirmed in a Phase II ESA?)

- No → Explain below.

A review of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency’s (MPCA) What’s in My Neighborhood database and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) NEPAssist tool identified several known or potential contamination sites within the City of Hackensack and near the project area. Six EPA-identified hazardous waste sites are located in proximity to the proposed project area. All project activities will occur within existing road rights-of-way and ground disturbance will be done in previously disturbed areas. Therefore, no impacts to known contamination sites are anticipated.

→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

¹ HUD regulations at 24 CFR § 58.5(i)(2)(ii) require that the environmental review for multifamily housing with five or more dwelling units or non-residential property include the evaluation of previous uses of the site or other evidence of contamination on or near the site. For acquisition and new construction of multifamily and nonresidential properties HUD strongly advises the review include an ASTM Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) to meet real estate transaction standards of due diligence and to help ensure compliance with HUD’s toxic policy at 24 CFR §58.5(i) and 24 CFR §50.3(i). Also note that some HUD programs require an ASTM Phase I ESA.

Yes → *Describe the findings, including any recognized environmental conditions (RECs), in Worksheet Summary below. Continue to Question 3.*

3. Can adverse environmental impacts be mitigated?

Adverse environmental impacts cannot feasibly be mitigated HUD assistance may not be used for the project at this site. Project cannot proceed at this location.

Yes, adverse environmental impacts can be eliminated through mitigation.
→ *Provide all mitigation requirements² and documents. Continue to Question 4.*

4. Describe how compliance was achieved. Include any of the following that apply: State Voluntary Clean-up Program, a No Further Action letter, use of engineering controls³, or use of institutional controls⁴.

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If a remediation plan or clean-up program was necessary, which standard does it follow?

Complete removal
 Risk-based corrective action (RBCA)

→ *Continue to the Worksheet Summary.*

Worksheet Summary

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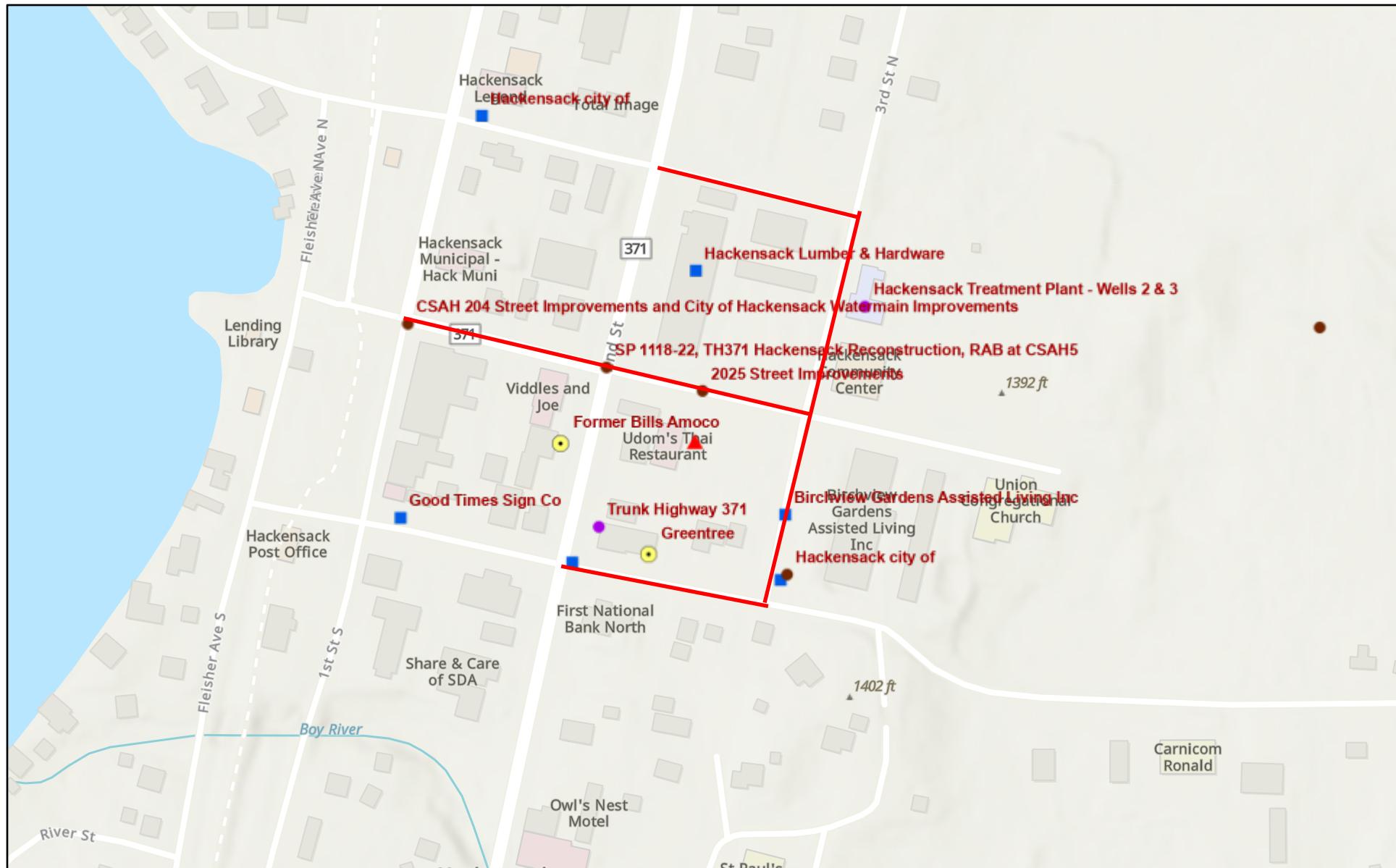
In the event that contaminated soil, groundwater, or hazardous materials are encountered during construction, work will cease in the affected area, and appropriate measures will be implemented in accordance with MPCA and EPA regulations. The contractor will be responsible for the proper handling, characterization, and disposal of any hazardous materials in compliance with all applicable federal and state requirements.

² Mitigation requirements include all clean-up actions required by applicable federal, state, tribal, or local law. Additionally, provide, as applicable, the long-term operations and maintenance plan, Remedial Action Work Plan, and other equivalent documents.

³ Engineering controls are any physical mechanism used to contain or stabilize contamination or ensure the effectiveness of a remedial action. Engineering controls may include, without limitation, caps, covers, dikes, trenches, leachate collection systems, signs, fences, physical access controls, ground water monitoring systems and ground water containment systems including, without limitation, slurry walls and ground water pumping systems.

⁴ Institutional controls are mechanisms used to limit human activities at or near a contaminated site, or to ensure the effectiveness of the remedial action over time, when contaminants remain at a site at levels above the applicable remediation standard which would allow for unrestricted use of the property. Institutional controls may include structure, land, and natural resource use restrictions, well restriction areas, classification exception areas, deed notices, and declarations of environmental restrictions.

MPCA Sites



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program

Multiple Programs

Hazardous Waste

Investigation and Cleanup

Stormwater

Tanks

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- Search Result (point)

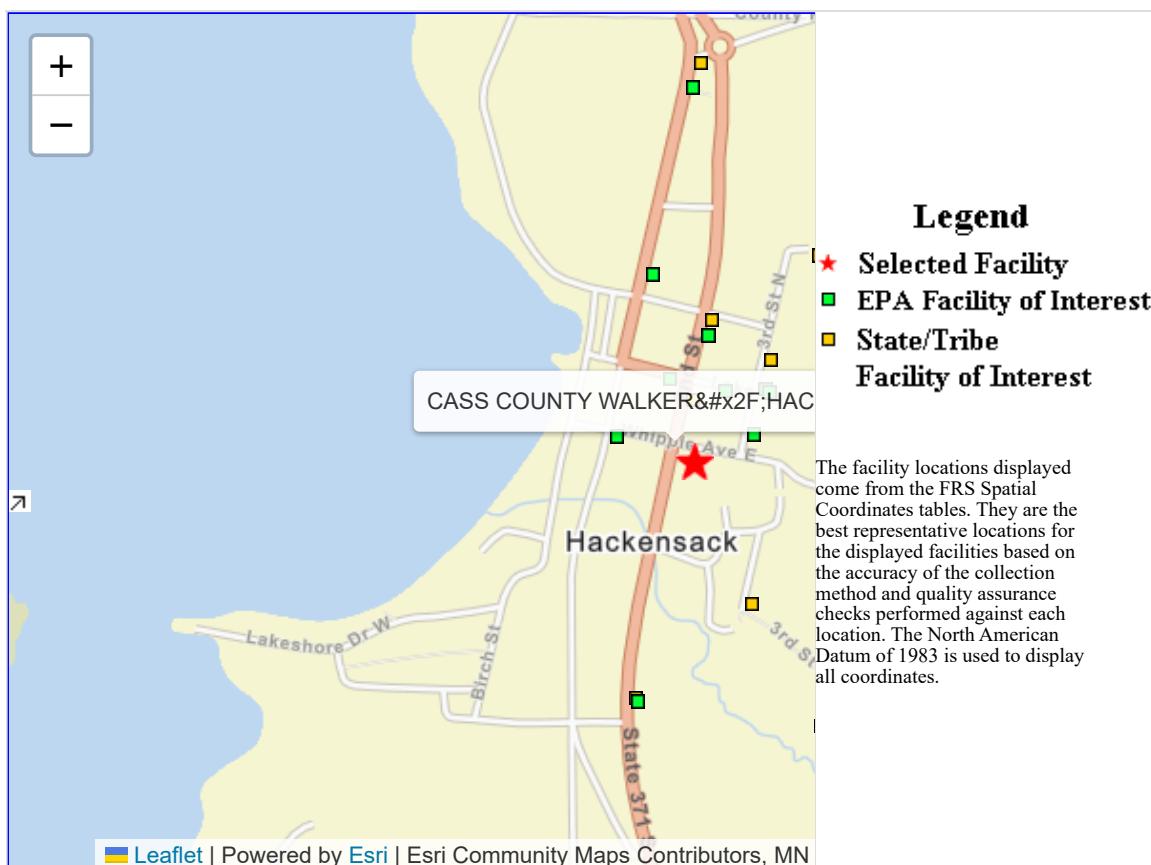
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FRS

FRS Facility Detail Report

CASS COUNTY WALKER/HACKENSACK

EPA Registry Id: 110012571564
HIGHWAY 371 N
HACKENSACK, MN 56452



Facility Registry Service Links:

- Facility Registry Service (FRS) Overview
- FRS Facility Query
- FRS Organization Query
- EZ Query
- FRS Physical Data Model
- FRS Geospatial Model



Environmental Interests

Information System	System Facility Name	Information System Id/Report Link	Environmental Interest Type	Data Source	Last Updated Date	Supplemental Environmental Interests:
RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT INFORMATION SYSTEM	CASS COUNTY WALKER/HACKENSACK TR SITE	MNR000112359	UNSPECIFIED UNIVERSE (N)	RCRAINFO		
MINNESOTA - PERMITTING, COMPLIANCE, AND ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	CASS COUNTY WALKER/HACKENSACK	71683	STATE MASTER	MN-TEMPO		

Additional EPA Reports: MyEnvironment Enforcement and Compliance Facility Coordinates Viewer Watershed Report

Standard Industrial Classification Codes (SIC)

No SIC Codes returned.

Facility Codes and Flags

EPA Region:	05
Duns Number:	
Congressional District Number:	08
Legislative District Number:	05
HUC Code/Watershed:	07010102 / LEECH LAKE
US Mexico Border Indicator:	
Federal Facility:	NO
Tribal Land:	NO

Alternative Names

Alternative Name	Source of Data
CASS CO WALKER HACK TR SITE	RCRAINFO
CASS COUNTY WALKER/HACKENSACK TR SITE	MN-TEMPO

Organizations

Affiliation Type	Name	DUNS Number	Information System	Mailing Address
OWNER	CASS COUNTY---		RCRAINFO	

National Industry Classification System Codes (NAICS)

No NAICS Codes returned.

Facility Mailing Addresses

Affiliation Type	Delivery Point	City Name	State	Postal Code	Information System
FACILITY MAILING ADDRESS	PO BOX 3000	WALKER	MN	56484-3000	RCRAINFO
REGULATORY CONTACT	PO BOX 3000	WALKER	MN	56484-3000	RCRAINFO

Contacts

Affiliation Type	Full Name	Office Phone	Information System	Mailing Address
REGULATORY CONTACT	PAUL Z FAIRBANKS	218-547-3000	RCRAINFO	View
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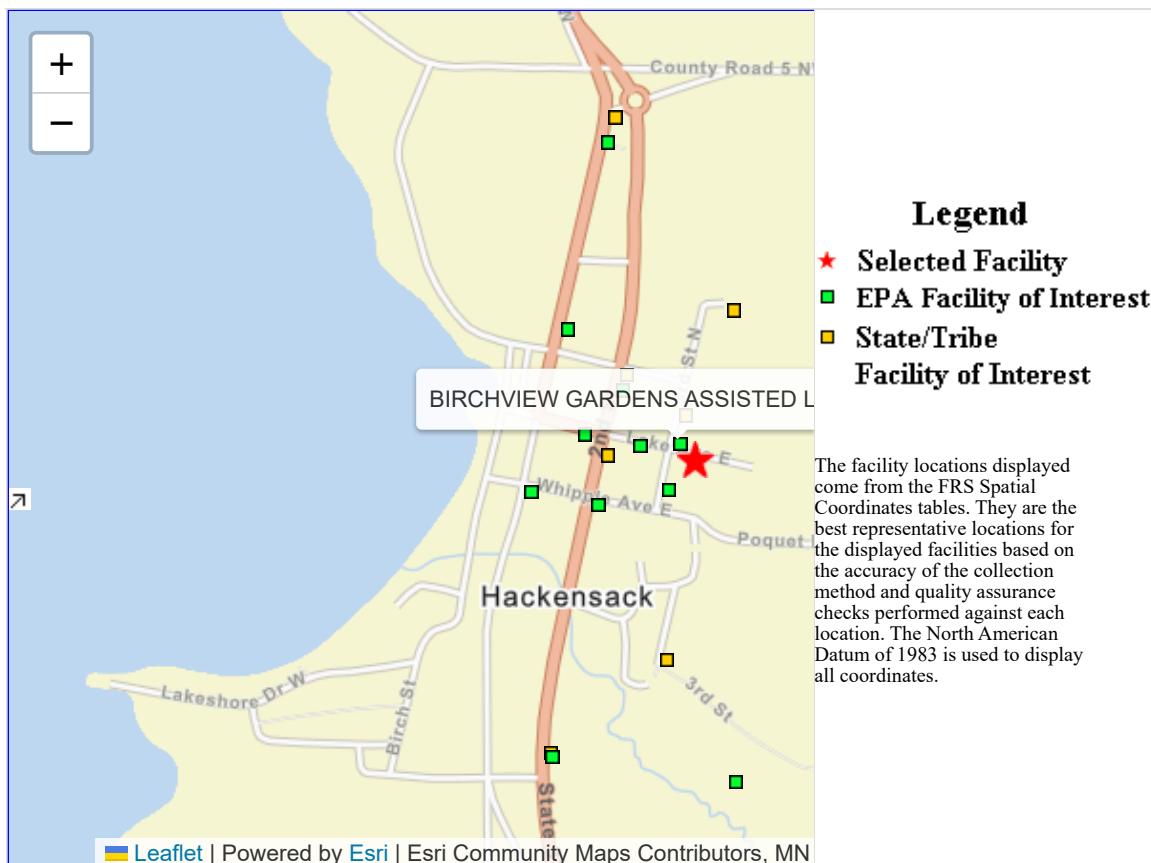
Related Topics: Envirofacts

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BIRCHVIEW GARDENS ASSISTED LIVING INC

EPA Registry Id: 110071642805
108 3RD ST N
HACKENSACK, MN 56452-2594



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- FRS Organization Query
- EZ Query
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Environmental Interests

Information System	System Facility Name	Information System Id/Report Link	Environmental Interest Type	Data Source	Last Updated Date	Supplemental Environmental Interests:
MINNESOTA - PERMITTING, COMPLIANCE, AND ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	BIRCHVIEW GARDENS ASSISTED LI	258143	STATE MASTER	MN-TEMPO		
RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT INFORMATION SYSTEM	BIRCHVIEW GARDENS ASSISTED LIVING INC	MNS000354592	VSQG (Y)	RCRAINFO		

Additional EPA Reports: [MyEnvironment](#) [Enforcement and Compliance](#) [Facility Coordinates](#) [Viewer](#) [Watershed Report](#)

Standard Industrial Classification Codes (SIC)

No SIC Codes returned.

Facility Codes and Flags

EPA Region:	05
Duns Number:	
Congressional District Number:	08
Legislative District Number:	05
HUC Code/Watershed:	07010102 / LEECH LAKE
US Mexico Border Indicator:	
Federal Facility:	NO
Tribal Land:	NO

National Industry Classification System Codes (NAICS)

No NAICS Codes returned.

Facility Mailing Addresses

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Contacts

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Alternative Names

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Organizations

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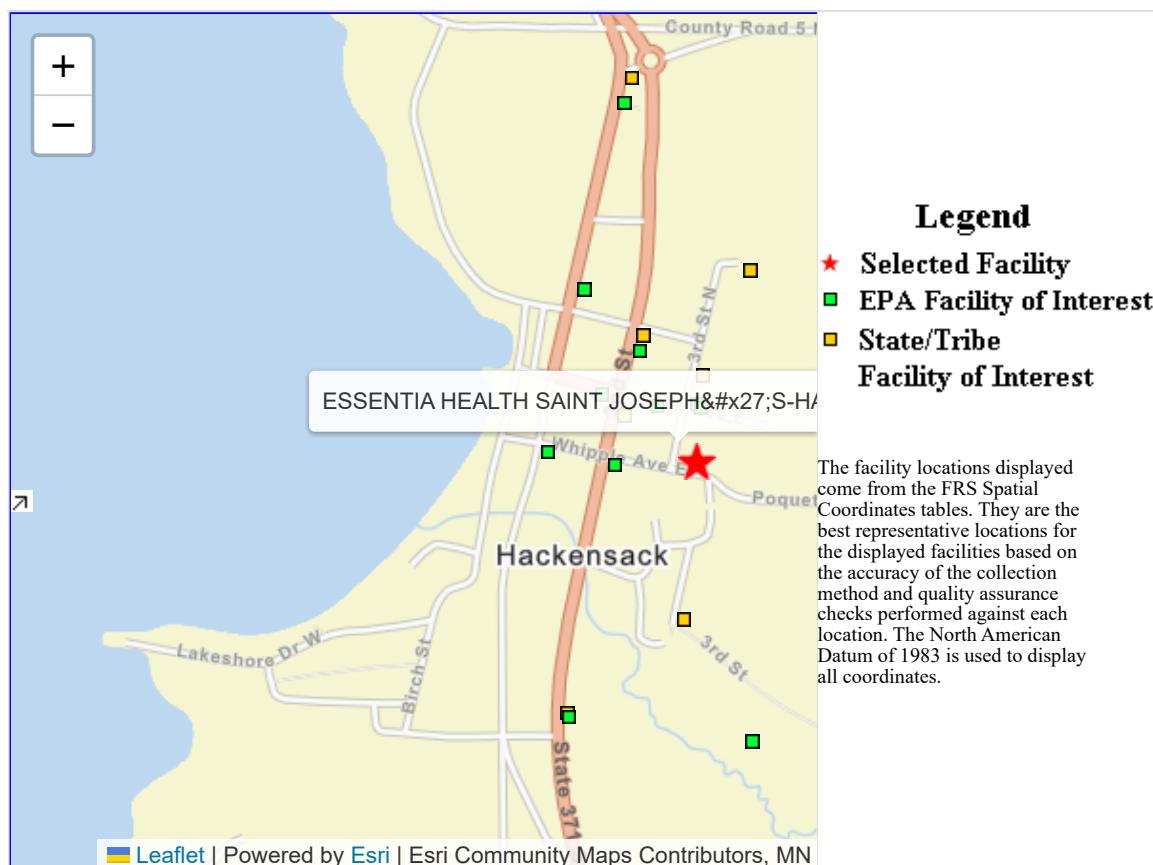
Related Topics: Envirofacts

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ESSENTIA HEALTH SAINT JOSEPH'S-HACKENSACK CLINIC

EPA Registry Id: 110068389309
110 3RD ST S
HACKENSACK, MN 56452-2800



Facility Registry Service Links:

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- FRS Facility Query
- FRS Organization Query
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Environmental Interests

Information System	System Facility Name	Information System Id/Report Link	Environmental Interest Type	Data Source	Last Updated Date	Supplemental Environmental Interests:
RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT INFORMATION SYSTEM	ESSENTIA HEALTH SAINT JOSEPH'S-HACKENSACK CLINIC	MNS000183673	VSQG (Y)	RCRAINFO		
MINNESOTA - PERMITTING, COMPLIANCE, AND ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	ESSENTIA HEALTH SAINT JOSEPH'	138281	STATE MASTER	MN-TEMPO		

Additional EPA Reports: MyEnvironment Enforcement and Compliance Facility Coordinates Viewer Watershed Report

Standard Industrial Classification Codes (SIC)

Data Source	SIC Code	Description	Primary
MN-TEMPO	8011	OFFICES AND CLINICS OF DOCTORS OF MEDICINE	

Facility Codes and Flags

EPA Region:	05
Duns Number:	
Congressional District Number:	08
Legislative District Number:	05
HUC Code/Watershed:	07010102 / LEECH LAKE
US Mexico Border Indicator:	
Federal Facility:	NO
Tribal Land:	NO

Alternative Names

No Alternative Names returned.

Organizations

No Organizations returned.

National Industry Classification System Codes (NAICS)

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MN-TEMPO	621111	OFFICES OF PHYSICIANS (EXCEPT MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS).	

Facility Mailing Addresses

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Contacts

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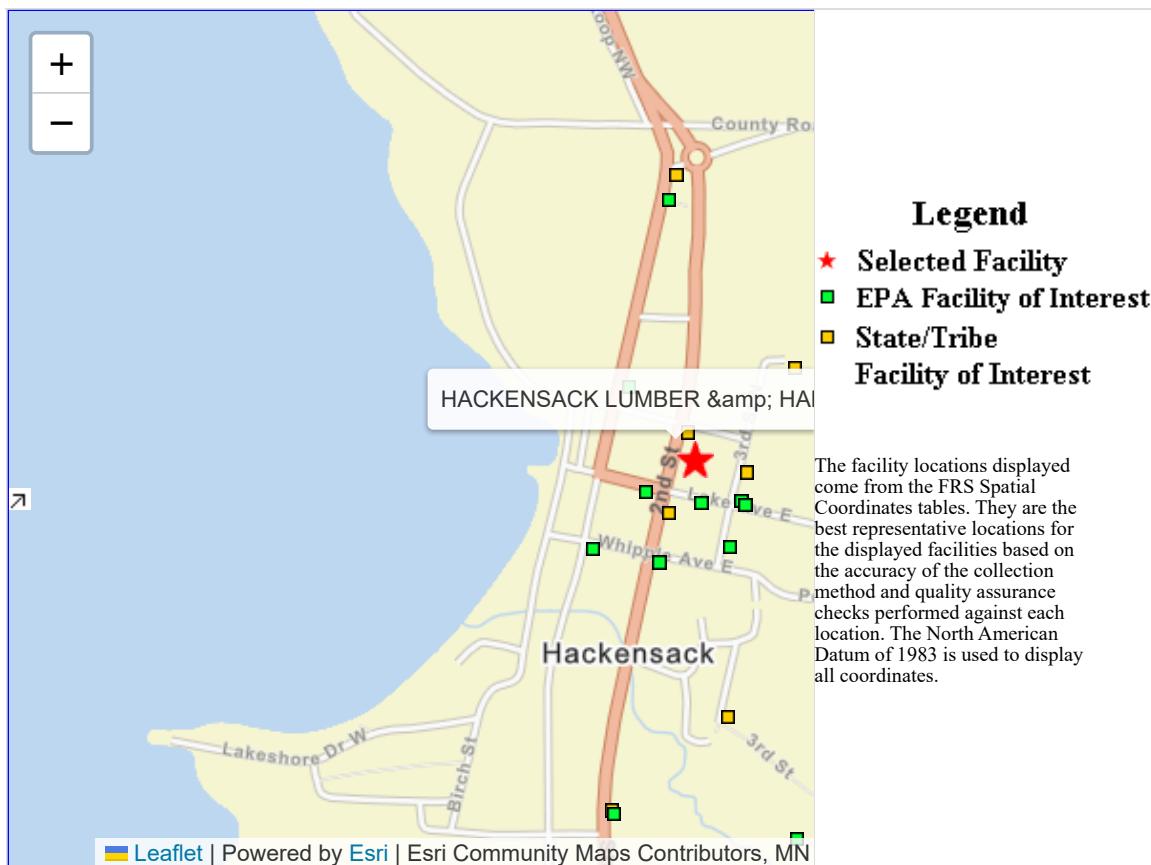
Related Topics: Envirofacts

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HACKENSACK LUMBER & HARDWARE

EPA Registry Id: 110072018399
124 HIGHWAY 371 N
HACKENSACK, MN 56452-2659



Facility Registry Service Links:

- Facility Registry Service (FRS) Overview
- FRS Facility Query
- FRS Organization Query
- EZ Query
- FRS Physical Data Model
- FRS Geospatial Model



Environmental Interests

Information System	System Facility Name	Information System Id/Report Link	Environmental Interest Type	Data Source	Last Updated Date	Supplemental Environmental Interests:
RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT INFORMATION SYSTEM	HACKENSACK LUMBER & HARDWARE	MNS000359392	VSQG (Y)	RCRAINFO		

Additional EPA Reports: [MyEnvironment](#) [Enforcement and Compliance](#) [Facility Coordinates Viewer](#) [Watershed Report](#)

Standard Industrial Classification Codes (SIC)

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Facility Codes and Flags

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Duns Number:	
Congressional District Number:	08
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HUC Code/Watershed:	07010102 / LEECH LAKE
US Mexico Border Indicator:	
Federal Facility:	NO
Tribal Land:	NO

National Industry Classification System Codes (NAICS)

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Facility Mailing Addresses

No Facility Mailing Addresses returned.

Contacts

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Alternative Names

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Organizations

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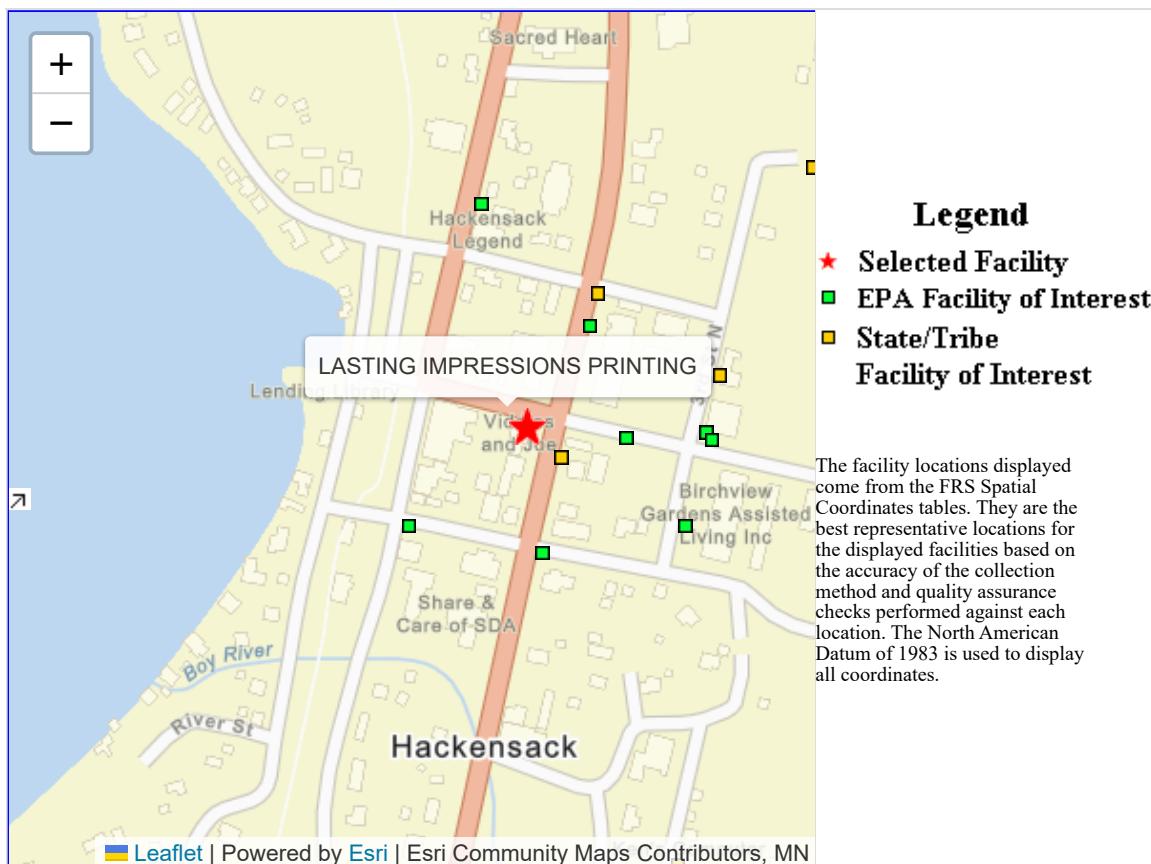
Related Topics: Envirofacts

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LASTING IMPRESSIONS PRINTING

EPA Registry Id: 110003904491
124 E LAKE AVE
HACKENSACK, MN 56452



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Environmental Interests

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RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT INFORMATION SYSTEM	LASTING IMPRESSIONS PRINTING	MNR000024679	UNSPECIFIED UNIVERSE (N)	RCRAINFO		
MINNESOTA - PERMITTING, COMPLIANCE, AND ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	LASTING IMPRESSIONS PRINTING	26950	STATE MASTER	MN-TEMPO		

Additional EPA Reports: MyEnvironment Enforcement and Compliance Facility Coordinates Viewer Watershed Report

Standard Industrial Classification Codes (SIC)

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MN-TEMPO	2731	BOOKS: PUBLISHING, OR PUBLISHING AND PRINTING	

Facility Codes and Flags

EPA Region:	05
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Congressional District Number:	08
Legislative District Number:	05
HUC Code/Watershed:	07010102 / LEECH LAKE
US Mexico Border Indicator:	
Federal Facility:	NO
Tribal Land:	NO

Alternative Names

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Organizations

No Organizations returned.

National Industry Classification System Codes (NAICS)

No NAICS Codes returned.

Facility Mailing Addresses

Affiliation Type	Delivery Point	City Name	State	Postal Code	Information System
FACILITY MAILING ADDRESS	124 E LAKE AVE	HACKENSACK	MN	56452	RCRAINFO

Contacts

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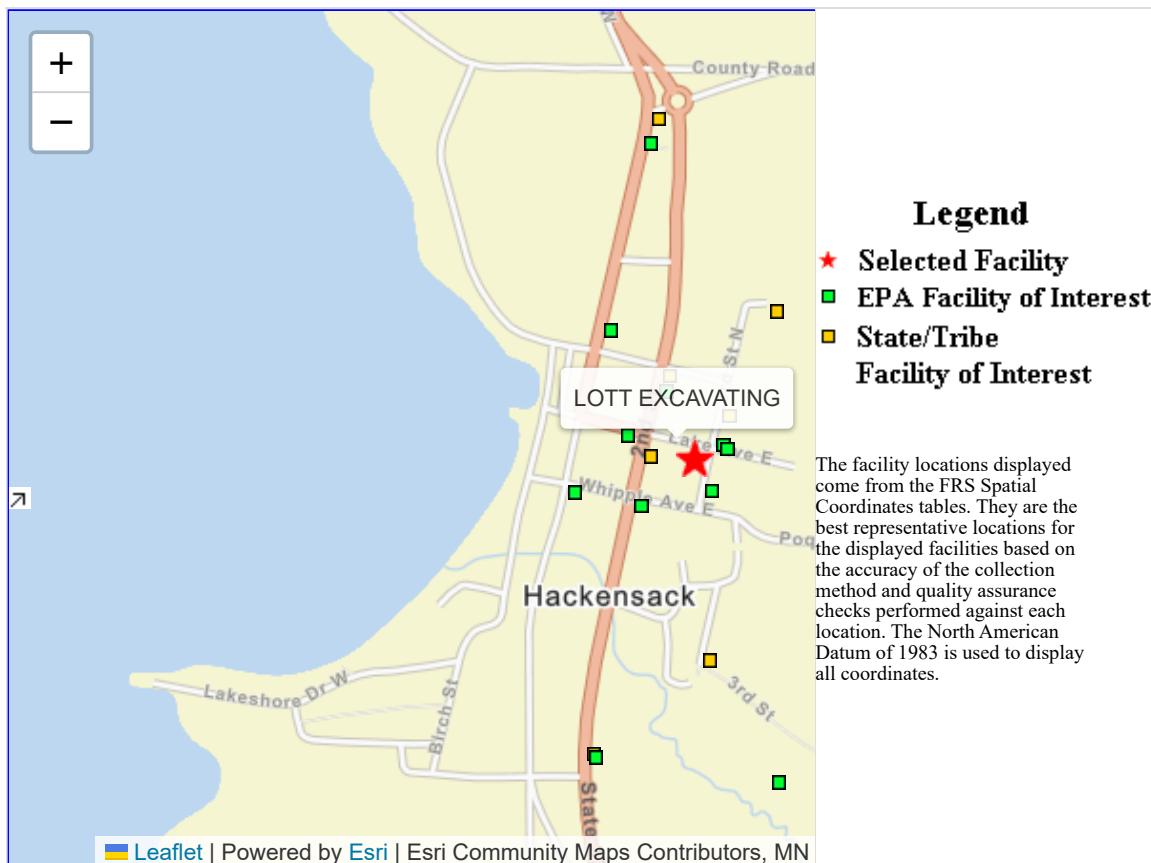
Related Topics: Envirofacts

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LOTT EXCAVATING

EPA Registry Id: 110008767389
WOMAN LAKE RD& COUNTY ROAD
HACKENSACK, MN 56452



Facility Registry Service Links:

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- FRS Facility Query
- FRS Organization Query
- EZ Query
- FRS Physical Data Model
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Information System	System Facility Name	Information System Id/Report Link	Environmental Interest Type	Data Source	Last Updated Date	Supplemental Environmental Interests:
MINNESOTA - PERMITTING, COMPLIANCE, AND ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	LOTT EXCAVATING	23018	STATE MASTER	MN-TEMPO		
RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT INFORMATION SYSTEM	LOTT EXCAVATING	MND985713536	VSQG (Y)	RCRAINFO		

Additional EPA Reports: [MyEnvironment](#) [Enforcement and Compliance](#) [Facility Coordinates Viewer](#) [Watershed Report](#)

Standard Industrial Classification Codes (SIC)

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Facility Codes and Flags

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Duns Number:	
Congressional District Number:	08
Legislative District Number:	09
HUC Code/Watershed:	07010102 / LEECH LAKE
US Mexico Border Indicator:	
Federal Facility:	NO
Tribal Land:	NO

Alternative Names

No Alternative Names returned.

National Industry Classification System Codes (NAICS)

No NAICS Codes returned.

Facility Mailing Addresses

Affiliation Type	Delivery Point	City Name	State	Postal Code	Information System
REGULATORY CONTACT	PO BOX 402	LONGVILLE	MN	56655-0402	RCRAINFO
FACILITY MAILING ADDRESS	PO BOX 402	LONGVILLE	MN	56655-0402	RCRAINFO
OWNER	PO BOX 402	LONGVILLE	MN	56655-0402	RCRAINFO

Contacts

No Contacts returned.

Organizations

Affiliation Type	Name	DUNS Number	Information System	Mailing Address
OWNER	LOTT EXCAVATING		RCRAINFO	View

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-1000

This Worksheet was designed to be used by those “Partners” (including Public Housing Authorities, consultants, contractors, and nonprofits) who assist Responsible Entities and HUD in preparing environmental reviews, but legally cannot take full responsibilities for these reviews themselves. Responsible Entities and HUD should use the RE/HUD version of the Worksheet.

Endangered Species Act (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/endangered-species>

1. Does the project involve any activities that have the potential to affect species or habitats?

No, the project will have No Effect due to the nature of the activities involved in the project.
 → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section.*
Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination.

No, the project will have No Effect based on a letter of understanding, memorandum of agreement, programmatic agreement, or checklist provided by local HUD office.
Explain your determination:
 Click here to enter text.
 → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section.*
Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination.

Yes, the activities involved in the project have the potential to affect species and/or habitats.
 → *Continue to Question 2.*

2. Are federally listed species or designated critical habitats present in the action area?

Obtain a list of protected species from the Services. This information is available on the [FWS Website](#).

No, the project will have No Effect due to the absence of federally listed species and designated critical habitat.
 → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section.*
Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination. Documentation may include letters from the Services, species lists from the Services' websites, surveys or other documents and analysis showing that there are no species in the action area.

Yes, there are federally listed species or designated critical habitats present in the action area. →
Continue to Question 3.

3. Recommend one of the following effects that the project will have on federally listed species or designated critical habitat:

No Effect: Based on the specifics of both the project and any federally listed species in the action area, you have determined that the project will have absolutely no effect on listed species or critical habitat.

→ *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section.*

Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination. Documentation should include a species list and explanation of your conclusion, and may require maps, photographs, and surveys as appropriate.

May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect: Any effects that the project may have on federally listed species or critical habitats would be beneficial, discountable, or insignificant.

→ *Partner entities should not contact the Services directly. If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, they will have to complete Informal Consultation. Provide the RE/HUD with a biological evaluation or equivalent document. They may request additional information, including surveys and professional analysis, to complete their consultation.*

Likely to Adversely Affect: The project may have negative effects on one or more listed species or critical habitat.

→ *Partner entities should not contact the Services directly. If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, they will have to complete Formal Consultation. Provide the RE/HUD with a biological evaluation or equivalent document. They may request additional information, including surveys and professional analysis, to complete their consultation.*

Worksheet Summary

Provide a full description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your program or region

Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD.

The IPaC identified five species that have the potential to be in the project area; Canada lynx (threatened), gray wolf (threatened), northern long-eared bat (endangered, monarch butterfly (proposed threatened), and the suckley's cuckoo (proposed endangered). The IPaC also listed the potential for twelve migratory birds to be present; the bald eagle, black tern, chimney swift, common tern, evening grosbeak, golden-winged warbler, lesser yellowlegs, long-eared owl, olive-sided flycatcher, pectoral sandpiper, veery, and the wood thrush. Dkey determinations were completed for the Canada lynx, gray wolf, monarch butterfly, and northern long-eared bat, and all resulted in a "no effect" finding. Construction is anticipated to occur in previously disturbed areas. The project will have no effect on the federally listed species due to the nature of the construction. There are no designated critical habitat areas, refuge lands, or fish hatcheries within the vicinity of the project.



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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
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3815 American Blvd East
Bloomington, MN 55425-1659
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In Reply Refer To:

11/17/2025 21:27:53 UTC

Project Code: 2026-0016757

Project Name: City of Hackensack Street Improvement Project

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

This response has been generated by the Information, Planning, and Conservation (IPaC) system to provide information on natural resources that could be affected by your project. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) provides this response under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543), the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668-668d), the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712), and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661 *et seq.*).

Threatened and Endangered Species

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirement for obtaining a Technical Assistance Letter from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

Consultation Technical Assistance

Please refer to our [Section 7 website](#) for guidance and technical assistance, including [step-by-step instructions](#) for making effects determinations for each species that might be present and for specific guidance on the following types of projects: projects in developed areas, HUD, CDBG, EDA, USDA Rural Development projects, pipelines, buried utilities, telecommunications, and requests for a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) from FEMA.

We recommend running the project (if it qualifies) through our **Minnesota-Wisconsin Federal Endangered Species Determination Key (Minnesota-Wisconsin ("D-key"))**. A [demonstration video](#) showing how-to access and use the determination key is available. Please note that the Minnesota-Wisconsin D-key is the third option of 3 available d-keys. D-keys are tools to help Federal agencies and other project proponents determine if their proposed action has the potential to adversely affect federally listed species and designated critical habitat. The Minnesota-Wisconsin D-key includes a structured set of questions that assists a project proponent in determining whether a proposed project qualifies for a certain predetermined consultation outcome for all federally listed species found in Minnesota and Wisconsin (except for the northern long-eared bat- see below), which includes determinations of "no effect" or "may affect, not likely to adversely affect." In each case, the Service has compiled and analyzed the best available information on the species' biology and the impacts of certain activities to support these determinations.

If your completed d-key output letter shows a "No Effect" (NE) determination for all listed species, print your IPaC output letter for your files to document your compliance with the Endangered Species Act.

For Federal projects with a "Not Likely to Adversely Affect" (NLAA) determination, our concurrence becomes valid if you do not hear otherwise from us after a 30-day review period, as indicated in your letter.

If your d-key output letter indicates additional coordination with the Minnesota-Wisconsin Ecological Services Field Office is necessary (i.e., you get a "May Affect" determination), you will be provided additional guidance on contacting the Service to continue ESA coordination outside of the key; ESA compliance cannot be concluded using the key for "May Affect" determinations unless otherwise indicated in your output letter.

Note: Once you obtain your official species list, you are not required to continue in IPaC with d-keys, although in most cases these tools should expedite your review. If you choose to make an effects determination on your own, you may do so. If the project is a Federal Action, you may want to review our section 7 step-by-step instructions before making your determinations.

Using the IPaC Official Species List to Make No Effect and May Affect Determinations for Listed Species

1. If IPaC returns a result of "There are no listed species found within the vicinity of the project," then project proponents can conclude the proposed activities will have **no effect** on any federally listed species under Service jurisdiction. Concurrence from the Service is not required for **no effect** determinations. No further consultation or coordination is required. Attach this letter to the dated IPaC species list report for your records.
2. If IPaC returns one or more federally listed, proposed, or candidate species as potentially present in the action area of the proposed project – other than bats (see below) – then project proponents must determine if proposed activities will have **no effect** on or **may affect** those species. For assistance in determining if suitable habitat for listed, candidate, or proposed species occurs within your project area or if species may be affected by project activities, you can obtain [Life History Information for Listed and Candidate Species](#) on our office website. If no impacts will occur to a species on the IPaC species list (e.g., there is no habitat present in the project area), the appropriate determination is **no effect**. No further consultation or coordination is required. Attach this letter to the dated IPaC species list report for your records.

3. Should you determine that project activities **may affect** any federally listed, please contact our office for further coordination. Letters with requests for consultation or correspondence about your project should include the Consultation Tracking Number in the header. Electronic submission is preferred.

Northern Long-Eared Bats

Northern long-eared bats occur throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin and the information below may help in determining if your project may affect these species.

Suitable summer habitat for northern long-eared bats consists of a wide variety of forested/wooded habitats where they roost, forage, and travel and may also include some adjacent and interspersed non-forested habitats such as emergent wetlands and adjacent edges of agricultural fields, old fields and pastures. This includes forests and woodlots containing potential roosts (i.e., live trees and/or snags ≥ 3 inches dbh for northern long-eared bat that have exfoliating bark, cracks, crevices, and/or hollows), as well as linear features such as fencerows, riparian forests, and other wooded corridors. These wooded areas may be dense or loose aggregates of trees with variable amounts of canopy closure. Individual trees may be considered suitable habitat when they exhibit the characteristics of a potential roost tree and are located within 1,000 feet (305 meters) of forested/wooded habitat. Northern long-eared bats have also been observed roosting in human-made structures, such as buildings, barns, bridges, and bat houses; therefore, these structures should also be considered potential summer habitat and evaluated for use by bats. If your project will impact caves or mines or will involve clearing forest or woodland habitat containing suitable roosting habitat, northern long-eared bats could be affected. For bat activity dates, please review Appendix L in the [Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern Long-Eared Bat Survey Guidelines](#).

Examples of unsuitable habitat include:

- Individual trees that are greater than 1,000 feet from forested or wooded areas,
- Trees found in highly developed urban areas (e.g., street trees, downtown areas),
- A pure stand of less than 3-inch dbh trees that are not mixed with larger trees, and
- A monoculture stand of shrubby vegetation with no potential roost trees.

If IPaC returns a result that northern long-eared bats are potentially present in the action area of the proposed project, project proponents can conclude the proposed activities **may affect** this species **IF** one or more of the following activities are proposed:

- Clearing or disturbing suitable roosting habitat, as defined above, at any time of year,
- Any activity in or near the entrance to a cave or mine,
- Mining, deep excavation, or underground work within 0.25 miles of a cave or mine,
- Construction of one or more wind turbines, or
- Demolition or reconstruction of human-made structures that are known to be used by bats based on observations of roosting bats, bats emerging at dusk, or guano deposits or stains.

If none of the above activities are proposed, project proponents can conclude the proposed activities will have **no effect** on the northern long-eared bat. Concurrence from the Service is not required for **No Effect** determinations. No further consultation or coordination is required. Attach this letter to the dated IPaC

species list report for your records.

If any of the above activities are proposed, and the northern long-eared bat appears on the user's species list, the federal project user will be directed to either the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat range-wide D-key or the Federal Highways Administration, Federal Railways Administration, and Federal Transit Administration Indiana bat/Northern long-eared bat D-key, depending on the type of project and federal agency involvement. Similar to the Minnesota-Wisconsin D-key, these d-keys helps to determine if prohibited take might occur and, if not, will generate an automated verification letter. Additional information about available tools can be found on the Service's [northern long-eared bat website](#).

Whooping Crane

Whooping crane is designated as a non-essential experimental population in Wisconsin and consultation under Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act is only required if project activities will occur within a National Wildlife Refuge or National Park. If project activities are proposed on lands outside of a National Wildlife Refuge or National Park, then you are not required to consult. For additional information on this designation and consultation requirements, please review "[Establishment of a Nonessential Experimental Population of Whooping Cranes in the Eastern United States](#)."

Other Trust Resources and Activities

Bald and Golden Eagles - Although the bald eagle has been removed from the endangered species list, this species and the golden eagle are protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. It is the responsibility of the project proponent to survey the area for any migratory bird nests. If there is an eagle nest on-site while work is on-going, eagles may be disturbed. We recommend avoiding and minimizing disturbance to eagles whenever practicable. If you cannot avoid eagle disturbance, you may seek a [permit](#). A [nest take permit](#) is always required for removal, relocation, or obstruction of an eagle nest. For communication and wind energy projects, please refer to additional guidelines below.

Migratory Birds - The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) prohibits the taking, killing, possession, transportation, and importation of migratory birds, their eggs, parts, and nests, except when specifically authorized by the Service. The Service has the responsibility under the MBTA to proactively prevent the mortality of migratory birds whenever possible and we encourage implementation of [recommendations that minimize potential impacts to migratory birds](#). Such measures include clearing forested habitat outside the nesting season (generally March 1 to August 31) or conducting nest surveys prior to clearing to avoid injury to eggs or nestlings.

Communication Towers - Construction of new communications towers (including radio, television, cellular, and microwave) creates a potentially significant impact on migratory birds, especially some 350 species of night-migrating birds. However, the Service has developed [voluntary guidelines for minimizing impacts](#).

Transmission Lines - Migratory birds, especially large species with long wingspans, heavy bodies, and poor maneuverability can also collide with power lines. In addition, mortality can occur when birds, particularly hawks, eagles, kites, falcons, and owls, attempt to perch on uninsulated or unguarded power poles. To minimize these risks, please refer to [guidelines](#) developed by the Avian Power Line Interaction Committee and the Service. Implementation of these measures is especially important along sections of lines adjacent to wetlands or other areas that support large numbers of raptors and migratory birds.

Wind Energy - To minimize impacts to migratory birds and bats, wind energy projects should follow the Service's [Wind Energy Guidelines](#). In addition, please refer to the Service's [Eagle Conservation Plan Guidance](#), which provides guidance for conserving bald and golden eagles in the course of siting, constructing, and operating wind energy facilities.

State Department of Natural Resources Coordination

While it is not required for your Federal section 7 consultation, please note that additional state endangered or threatened species may also have the potential to be impacted. **Please contact the Minnesota or Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for information on state listed species that may be present in your proposed project area.**

Minnesota

[Minnesota Department of Natural Resources - Endangered Resources Review Homepage](#)

Email: Review.NHIS@state.mn.us

Wisconsin

[Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources - Endangered Resources Review Homepage](#)

Email: DNRERReview@wi.gov

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. Please feel free to contact our office with questions or for additional information.

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List
- USFWS National Wildlife Refuges and Fish Hatcheries
- Bald & Golden Eagles
- Migratory Birds
- Wetlands

OFFICIAL SPECIES LIST

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

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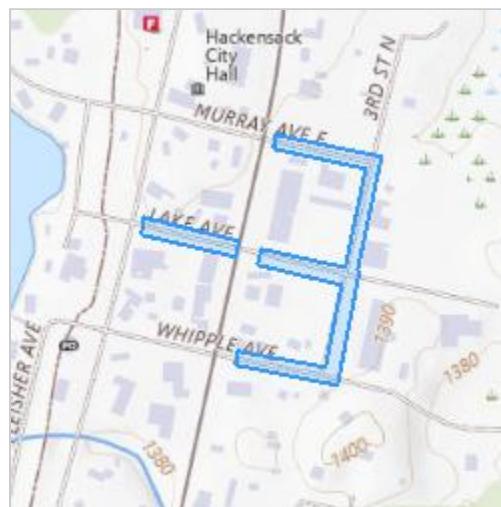
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PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Code: 2026-0016757
Project Name: City of Hackensack Street Improvement Project
Project Type: Road Repair
Project Description: The project will reconstruct Lake Avenue, Whipple Avenue, and 3rd street as well as replace the aged and deteriorated sidewalk facilities along Lake Ave W, and it will install new pedestrian facilities along 3rd St S and Whipple Ave E. The existing concrete sidewalks are characterized by widespread cracks and fissures, uneven and worn surfaces, and reduction of drainage function. Moreover, the curb ramps are not compliant with current ADA standards and there is no lighting within the project area. Taken together, the deterioration of the concrete, the non-compliant curb ramps, and the lack of lighting constitute a clear safety hazard. In addition to replacing the concrete sidewalks and curb ramps, this project will install lighting and plant trees along the corridor. Stormwater infrastructure will be improved, and the project will also install pedestrian sidewalks and crossings to promote access, ensure safety, and walkability to the City's community center, assisted living facility, baseball field, ice skating rink, and dog park.

Project Location:

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/@46.93069445000004,-94.52127128587085,14z>



Counties: Cass County, Minnesota

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SPECIES

There is a total of 5 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

1. [NOAA Fisheries](#), also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

MAMMALS

NAME	STATUS
Canada Lynx <i>Lynx canadensis</i>	Threatened
Population: Wherever Found in Contiguous U.S. There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3652	
Gray Wolf <i>Canis lupus</i>	Threatened
Population: MN There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4488	
Northern Long-eared Bat <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Endangered
No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045	

INSECTS

NAME	STATUS
Monarch Butterfly <i>Danaus plexippus</i>	Proposed Threatened
Population: There is proposed critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743	
Suckley's Cuckoo Bumble Bee <i>Bombus suckleyi</i>	Proposed Endangered
Population: No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10885	

CRITICAL HABITATS

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO DETERMINE IF YOUR PROJECT(S) MAY HAVE EFFECTS ON ALL ABOVE LISTED SPECIES.

USFWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE LANDS AND FISH HATCHERIES

Any activity proposed on lands managed by the [National Wildlife Refuge](#) system must undergo a 'Compatibility Determination' conducted by the Refuge. Please contact the individual Refuges to discuss any questions or concerns.

THERE ARE NO REFUGE LANDS OR FISH HATCHERIES WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA.

BALD & GOLDEN EAGLES

Bald and Golden Eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act [2](#) and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) [1](#). Any person or organization who plans or conducts activities that may result in impacts to Bald or Golden Eagles, or their habitats, should follow appropriate regulations and consider implementing appropriate avoidance and minimization measures, as described in the various links on this page.

1. The [Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](#) of 1940.
2. The [Migratory Birds Treaty Act](#) of 1918.
3. 50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)

There are Bald Eagles and/or Golden Eagles in your [project](#) area.

Measures for Proactively Minimizing Eagle Impacts

For information on how to best avoid and minimize disturbance to nesting bald eagles, please review the [National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines](#). You may employ the timing and activity-specific distance recommendations in this document when designing your project/activity to avoid and minimize eagle impacts. For bald eagle information specific to Alaska, please refer to [Bald Eagle Nesting and Sensitivity to Human Activity](#).

The FWS does not currently have guidelines for avoiding and minimizing disturbance to nesting Golden Eagles. For site-specific recommendations regarding nesting Golden Eagles, please consult with the appropriate Regional [Migratory Bird Office](#) or [Ecological Services Field Office](#).

If disturbance or take of eagles cannot be avoided, an [incidental take permit](#) may be available to authorize any take that results from, but is not the purpose of, an otherwise lawful activity. For assistance making this determination for Bald Eagles, visit the [Do I Need A Permit Tool](#). For assistance making this determination for golden eagles, please consult with the appropriate Regional [Migratory Bird Office](#) or [Ecological Services Field Office](#).

Ensure Your Eagle List is Accurate and Complete

If your project area is in a poorly surveyed area in IPaC, your list may not be complete and you may need to rely on other resources to determine what species may be present (e.g. your local FWS field office, state surveys, your own surveys). Please review the [Supplemental Information on Migratory Birds and Eagles](#), to help you properly interpret the report for your specified location, including determining if there is sufficient data to ensure your list is accurate.

For guidance on when to schedule activities or implement avoidance and minimization measures to reduce impacts to bald or golden eagles on your list, see the "Probability of Presence Summary" below to see when these bald or golden eagles are most likely to be present and breeding in your project area.

NAME	BREEDING SEASON
Bald Eagle <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> This is not a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) in this area, but warrants attention because of the Eagle Act or for potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1626	Breeds Dec 1 to Aug 31

PROBABILITY OF PRESENCE SUMMARY

The graphs below provide our best understanding of when birds of concern are most likely to be present in your project area. This information can be used to tailor and schedule your project activities to avoid or minimize impacts to birds. Please make sure you read "[Supplemental Information on Migratory Birds and Eagles](#)", specifically the FAQ section titled "Proper Interpretation and Use of Your Migratory Bird Report" before using or attempting to interpret this report.

Probability of Presence (■)

Green bars; the bird's relative probability of presence in the 10km grid cell(s) your project overlaps during that week of the year.

Breeding Season (■)

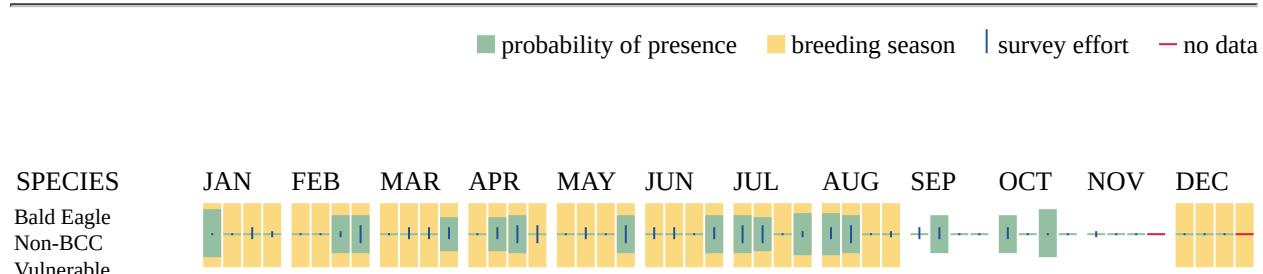
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Survey Effort (|)

Vertical black lines; the number of surveys performed for that species in the 10km grid cell(s) your project area overlaps.

No Data (-)

A week is marked as having no data if there were no survey events for that week.



Additional information can be found using the following links:

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MIGRATORY BIRDS

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA)¹ prohibits the take (including killing, capturing, selling, trading, and transport) of protected migratory bird species without prior authorization by the Department of Interior U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service).

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3. 50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)

For guidance on when to schedule activities or implement avoidance and minimization measures to reduce impacts to migratory birds on your list, see the "Probability of Presence Summary" below to see when these birds are most likely to be present and breeding in your project area.

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Black Tern <i>Chlidonias niger surinamenensis</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3093	Breeds May 15 to Aug 20
Chimney Swift <i>Chaetura pelasgica</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9406	Breeds Mar 15 to Aug 25
Common Tern <i>Sterna hirundo</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4963	Breeds May 1 to Aug 31

NAME	BREEDING SEASON
Evening Grosbeak <i>Coccothraustes vespertinus</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9465	Breeds May 15 to Aug 10
Golden-winged Warbler <i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8745	Breeds May 1 to Jul 20
Lesser Yellowlegs <i>Tringa flavipes</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9679	Breeds elsewhere
Long-eared Owl <i>asio otus</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3631	Breeds Mar 1 to Jul 15
Olive-sided Flycatcher <i>Contopus cooperi</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3914	Breeds May 20 to Aug 31
Pectoral Sandpiper <i>Calidris melanotos</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9561	Breeds elsewhere
Veery <i>Catharus fuscescens fuscescens</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/11987	Breeds May 15 to Jul 15
Wood Thrush <i>Hylocichla mustelina</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9431	Breeds May 10 to Aug 31

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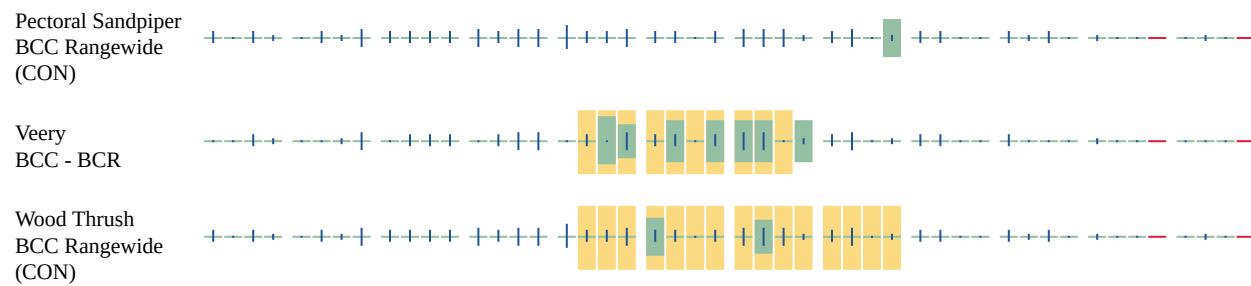
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WETLANDS

Impacts to [NWI wetlands](#) and other aquatic habitats may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal statutes.

For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District](#).

Please note that the NWI data being shown may be out of date. We are currently working to update our NWI data set. We recommend you verify these results with a site visit to determine the actual extent of wetlands on site.

THERE ARE NO WETLANDS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA.

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In Reply Refer To:

11/17/2025 21:35:10 UTC

Project code: 2026-0016757

Project Name: City of Hackensack Street Improvement Project

Subject: Technical Assistance letter for 'City of Hackensack Street Improvement Project' for specified threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location consistent with the Minnesota-Wisconsin Endangered Species Determination Key (Minnesota-Wisconsin DKey).

Dear Kelsey Kline:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) received on **November 17, 2025** your effect determination(s) for the 'City of Hackensack Street Improvement Project' (Action) using the Minnesota-Wisconsin DKey within the Service's Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) system. The Service developed this system in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C 1531 et seq.).

Based on your responses to the Service's Minnesota-Wisconsin DKey, you made the following effect determination(s) for the proposed Action:

Species	Listing Status	Determination
Canada Lynx (<i>Lynx canadensis</i>)	Threatened	No effect
Gray Wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i>)	Threatened	No effect
Monarch Butterfly (<i>Danaus plexippus</i>)	Proposed	No effect
	Threatened	

Determination Information

Thank you for informing the Service of your "No Effect" determination(s). No further coordination is necessary for the species you determined will not be affected by the Action.

Additional Information

Sufficient project details: Please provide sufficient project details on your project homepage in IPaC (Define Project, Project Description) to support your conclusions. Failure to disclose important aspects of your project that would influence the outcome of your effects determinations may negate your determinations and invalidate this letter. If you have site-specific information that leads you to believe a different determination is more appropriate for your

project than what the Dkey concludes, you can and should proceed based on the best available information.

Future project changes: The Service recommends that you contact the Minnesota-Wisconsin Ecological Services Field Office or re-evaluate the project in IPaC if: 1) the scope or location of the proposed Action is changed; 2) new information reveals that the action may affect federally listed species or federally designated critical habitat in a manner or to an extent not previously considered; 3) the Action is modified in a manner that causes effects to listed species or designated critical habitat; or 4) a new species is listed or critical habitat designated. If any of the above conditions occurs, additional consultation with the Service should take place before project changes are final or resources committed.

For projects that intersect with or are adjacent to Tribal lands: The Service has federal Trust responsibilities and a strong commitment to working with Tribal governments to help sustain fish and wildlife resources for future generations. Tribal governments should be provided with sufficient opportunity to express their perspectives and/or concerns for proposed projects. If your project intersects with Tribal lands or impacts culturally sensitive resources, please engage with the federally recognized Tribe to ensure they have an opportunity to provide input on this project.

Species-specific information

Bald and Golden Eagles: Bald eagles, golden eagles, and their nests are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (54 Stat. 250, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 668a-d) (Eagle Act). The Eagle Act prohibits, except when authorized by an Eagle Act permit, the “taking” of bald and golden eagles and defines “take” as “pursue, shoot, shoot at, poison, wound, kill, capture, trap, collect, molest or disturb.” The Eagle Act’s implementing regulations define disturb as “... to agitate or bother a bald or golden eagle to a degree that causes, or is likely to cause, based on the best scientific information available, (1) injury to an eagle, (2) a decrease in its productivity, by substantially interfering with normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering behavior, or (3) nest abandonment, by substantially interfering with normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering behavior.”

Additional Species Requiring Review

In addition to the species described above, the following species or critical habitats may also occur in your project area and are not covered by this conclusion:

- Northern Long-eared Bat *Myotis septentrionalis* Endangered
- Suckley's Cuckoo Bumble Bee *Bombus suckleyi* Proposed Endangered

Coordination with the Service is not complete if additional coordination is advised above for any species.

Action Description

You provided to IPaC the following name and description for the subject Action.

1. Name

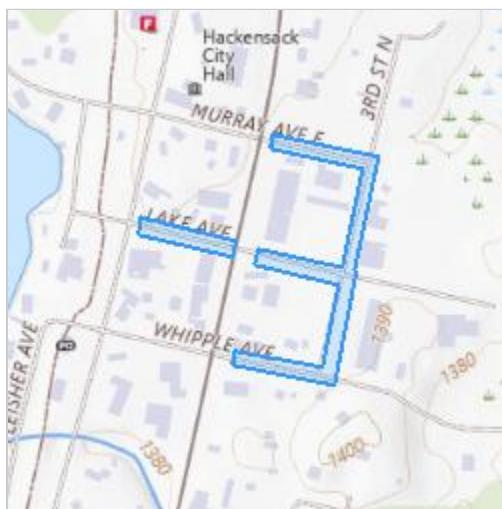
City of Hackensack Street Improvement Project

2. Description

The following description was provided for the project 'City of Hackensack Street Improvement Project':

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The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/@46.93069445000004,-94.52127128587085,14z>



QUALIFICATION INTERVIEW

1. This determination key is intended to assist the user in evaluating the effects of their actions on Federally listed species in Minnesota and Wisconsin. It does not cover other prohibited activities under the Endangered Species Act (e.g., for wildlife: import/export, Interstate or foreign commerce, possession of illegally taken wildlife, etc.; for plants: import/export, reduce to possession, malicious destruction on Federal lands, commercial sale, etc.) or other statutes. Additionally, this key DOES NOT cover wind development, purposeful take (e.g., for research or surveys), communication towers that have guy wires or are over 450 feet in height, aerial or other large-scale application of any chemical (such as insecticide or herbicide), and approval of long-term permits or plans (e.g., FERC licenses, HCP's).

Click **YES** to acknowledge that you must consider other prohibitions of the ESA or other statutes outside of this determination key.

Yes

2. Is the action being funded, authorized, or carried out by a Federal agency?

No

3. Does the action involve the installation or operation of wind turbines?

No

4. Does the action involve purposeful take of a listed animal?

No

5. Does the action involve a new communications tower?

No

6. Does the activity involve aerial or other large-scale application of ANY chemical, including pesticides (insecticide, herbicide, fungicide, rodenticide, etc)?

No

7. Will your action permanently affect local hydrology?

No

8. Will your action temporarily affect local hydrology?

No

9. Will your project have any direct impacts to a stream or river (e.g., Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD), hydrostatic testing, stream/road crossings, new stormwater outfall discharge, dams, other in-stream work, etc.)?

No

10. Does your project have the potential to impact the riparian zone or indirectly impact a stream/river (e.g., cut and fill; horizontal directional drilling; construction; vegetation removal; pesticide or fertilizer application; discharge; runoff of sediment or pollutants; increase in erosion, etc.)?

Note: Consider all potential effects of the action, including those that may happen later in time and outside and downstream of the immediate area involved in the action.

Endangered Species Act regulation defines "effects of the action" to include all consequences to listed species or critical habitat that are caused by the proposed action, including the consequences of other activities that are caused by the proposed action. A consequence is caused by the proposed action if it would not occur but for the proposed action and it is reasonably certain to occur. Effects of the action may occur later in time and may include consequences occurring outside the immediate area involved in the action. (50 CFR 402.02).

No

11. Will your action disturb the ground or existing vegetation?

Note: This includes any off-road vehicle access, soil compaction (enough to collapse a rodent burrow), digging, seismic survey, directional drilling, heavy equipment, grading, trenching, placement of fill, pesticide application (herbicide, fungicide), vegetation management (including removal or maintenance using equipment or prescribed fire), cultivation, development, etc.

Yes

12. Will your action include spraying insecticides?

No

13. Does your action area occur entirely within an already developed area?

Note: Already developed areas are already paved, covered by existing structures, manicured lawns, industrial sites, or cultivated cropland, AND do not contain trees that could be roosting habitat. Be aware that listed species may occur in areas with natural, or semi-natural, vegetation immediately adjacent to existing utilities (e.g. roadways, railways) or within utility rights-of-way such as overhead transmission line corridors, and can utilize suitable trees, bridges, or culverts for roosting even in urban dominated landscapes (so these are not considered "already developed areas" for the purposes of this question). If unsure, select NO..

Yes

14. Does the action have potential indirect effects to listed species or the habitats they depend on (e.g., water discharge into adjacent habitat or waterbody, changes in groundwater elevation, introduction of an exotic plant species)?

No

15. [Hidden Semantic] Does the action area intersect the Threatened gray wolf AOI?

Automatically answered

Yes

16. [Hidden Semantic] Does the action area intersect the monarch butterfly species list area?

Automatically answered

Yes

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11/17/2025 21:50:49 UTC

Project code: 2026-0016757

Project Name: City of Hackensack Street Improvement Project

Federal Nexus: no

Federal Action Agency (if applicable):

Subject: Record of project representative's no effect determination for 'City of Hackensack Street Improvement Project'

Dear Kelsey Kline:

This letter records your determination using the Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) system provided to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) on November 17, 2025, for 'City of Hackensack Street Improvement Project' (here forward, Project). This project has been assigned Project Code 2026-0016757 and all future correspondence should clearly reference this number. **Please carefully review this letter.**

Ensuring Accurate Determinations When Using IPaC

The Service developed the IPaC system and associated species' determination keys in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and based on a standing analysis. All information submitted by the Project proponent into IPaC must accurately represent the full scope and details of the Project.

Failure to accurately represent or implement the Project as detailed in IPaC or the **Northern Long-eared Bat and Tricolored Bat Range-wide Determination Key (Dkey)**, invalidates this letter. **Answers to certain questions in the Dkey commit the project proponent to implementation of conservation measures that must be followed for the ESA determination to remain valid.**

Determination for the Northern Long-Eared Bat and/or Tricolored Bat

Based upon your IPaC submission and a standing analysis, your project has reached the following effect determinations:

Species	Listing Status	Determination
Northern Long-eared Bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>)	Endangered	No effect

To make a no effect determination, the full scope of the proposed project implementation (action) should not have any effects (either positive or negative), to a federally listed species or designated critical habitat. Effects of the action are all consequences to listed species or critical habitat that are caused by the proposed action, including the consequences of other activities that are caused by the proposed action. A consequence is caused by the proposed action if it would not occur but for the proposed action and it is reasonably certain to occur. Effects of the action may occur later in time and may include consequences occurring outside the immediate area involved in the action. (See § 402.17).

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Other Species and Critical Habitat that May be Present in the Action Area

The IPaC-assisted determination key for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat does not apply to the following ESA-protected species and/or critical habitat that also may occur in your Action area:

- Canada Lynx *Lynx canadensis* Threatened
- Gray Wolf *Canis lupus* Threatened
- Monarch Butterfly *Danaus plexippus* Proposed Threatened
- Suckley's Cuckoo Bumble Bee *Bombus suckleyi* Proposed Endangered

You may coordinate with our Office to determine whether the Action may affect the animal species listed above and, if so, how they may be affected.

Next Steps

If there are no updates on listed species, no further consultation/coordination for this project is required with respect to the species covered by this key. However, the Service recommends that project proponents re-evaluate the Project in IPaC if: 1) the scope, timing, duration, or location of the Project changes (includes any project changes or amendments); 2) new information reveals the Project may impact (positively or negatively) federally listed species or designated critical habitat; or 3) a new species is listed, or critical habitat designated. If any of the above conditions occurs, additional coordination with the Service should take place to ensure compliance with the Act.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or need further assistance, please contact the Minnesota-Wisconsin Ecological Services Field Office and reference Project Code 2026-0016757 associated with this Project.

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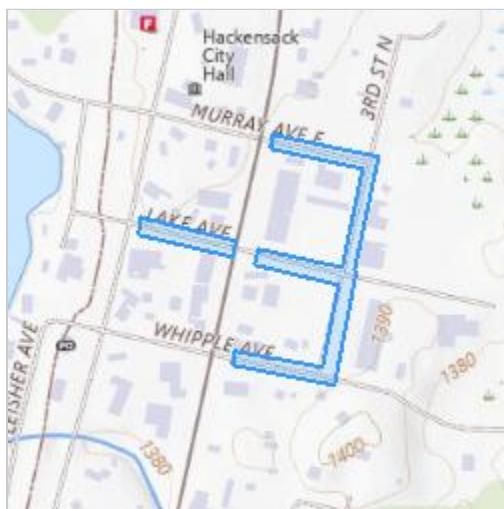
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The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/@46.93069445000004,-94.52127128587085,14z>



DETERMINATION KEY RESULT

Based on the information you provided, you have determined that the Proposed Action will have no effect on the species covered by this determination key. Therefore, no consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 884, as amended 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) is required for those species.

QUALIFICATION INTERVIEW

1. Does the proposed project include, or is it reasonably certain to cause, intentional take of listed bats or any other listed species?

Note: Intentional take is defined as take that is the intended result of a project. Intentional take could refer to research, direct species management, surveys, and/or studies that include intentional handling/encountering, harassment, collection, or capturing of any individual of a federally listed threatened, endangered or proposed species?

No

2. Is the action area wholly within Zone 2 of the year-round active area for northern long-eared bat and/or tricolored bat?

Automatically answered

No

3. Does the action area intersect Zone 1 of the year-round active area for northern long-eared bat and/or tricolored bat?

Automatically answered

No

4. Does any component of the action involve leasing, construction or operation of wind turbines? Answer 'yes' if the activities considered are conducted with the intention of gathering survey information to inform the leasing, construction, or operation of wind turbines.

No

5. Is the proposed action authorized, permitted, licensed, funded, or being carried out by a Federal agency in whole or in part?

Note for projects in Pennsylvania: Projects requiring authorization under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act would be considered as having a federal nexus. Since the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has issued the Pennsylvania State Programmatic General Permit (PASPGP), which may be verified by the PA Department of Environmental Protection or certain Conservation Districts, the need to receive a Corps authorization to perform the work under the PASPGP serves as a federal nexus. As such, if proposing to use the PASPGP, you would answer 'yes' to this question.

No

6. [Semantic] Is the action area located within 0.5 miles of a known bat hibernaculum or winter roost? Note: The map queried for this question contains proprietary information and cannot be displayed. If you need additional information, please contact your state wildlife agency.

Automatically answered

No

7. Does the action area contain any winter roosts or caves (or associated sinkholes, fissures, or other karst features), mines, rocky outcroppings, or tunnels that could provide habitat for hibernating bats?

No

8. Does the action area contain (1) talus or (2) anthropogenic or naturally formed rock shelters or crevices in rocky outcrops, rock faces or cliffs?

No

9. Will the action cause effects to a bridge?

Note: Covered bridges should be considered as bridges in this question.

No

10. Will the action result in effects to a culvert or tunnel at any time of year?

No

11. Are trees present within 1000 feet of the action area?

Note: If there are trees within the action area that are of a sufficient size to be potential roosts for bats answer "Yes". If unsure, additional information defining suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat can be found in Appendix A of the USFWS' Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared bat Survey Guidelines at: <https://www.fws.gov/media/range-wide-indiana-bat-and-northern-long-eared-bat-survey-guidelines>.

Yes

12. Does the action include the intentional exclusion of bats from a building or building-like structure? **Note:** Exclusion is conducted to deny bats' entry or reentry into a building. To be effective and to avoid harming bats, it should be done according to established standards. If your action includes bat exclusion and you are unsure whether northern long-eared bats or tricolored bats are present, answer "Yes." Answer "No" if there are no signs of bat use in the building/structure. If unsure, contact your local Ecological Services Field Office to help assess whether northern long-eared bats or tricolored bats may be present. Contact a Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator (NWCO) for help in how to exclude bats from a structure safely without causing harm to the bats (to find a NWCO certified in bat standards, search the Internet using the search term "National Wildlife Control Operators Association bats"). Also see the White-Nose Syndrome Response Team's guide for bat control in structures.

No

13. Does the action involve removal, modification, or maintenance of a human-made building-like structure (barn, house, or other building) **known or suspected to contain roosting bats?**

No

14. Will the action cause construction of one or more new roads open to the public?

For federal actions, answer 'yes' when the construction or operation of these facilities is either (1) part of the federal action or (2) would not occur but for an action taken by a federal agency (federal permit, funding, etc.).

No

15. Will the action include or cause any construction or other activity that is reasonably certain to increase average night-time traffic permanently or temporarily on one or more existing roads? **Note:** For federal actions, answer 'yes' when the construction or operation of these facilities is either (1) part of the federal action or (2) would not occur but for an action taken by a federal agency (federal permit, funding, etc.).

No

16. Will the action include or cause any construction or other activity that is reasonably certain to increase the number of travel lanes on an existing thoroughfare?

For federal actions, answer 'yes' when the construction or operation of these facilities is either (1) part of the federal action or (2) would not occur but for an action taken by a federal agency (federal permit, funding, etc.).

No

17. Will the proposed Action involve the creation of a new water-borne contaminant source (e.g., leachate pond, pits containing chemicals that are not NSF/ANSI 60 compliant)?

Note: For information regarding NSF/ANSI 60 please visit <https://www.nsf.org/knowledge-library/nsf-ansi-standard-60-drinking-water-treatment-chemicals-health-effects>

No

18. Will the proposed action involve the creation of a new point source discharge from a facility other than a water treatment plant or storm water system?

No

19. Will the action include drilling or blasting?

No

20. Will the action involve military training (e.g., smoke operations, obscurant operations, exploding munitions, artillery fire, range use, helicopter or fixed wing aircraft use at night)?

No

21. Will the proposed action involve the use of herbicides or pesticides (e.g., fungicides, insecticides, or rodenticides)?

No

22. Will the action include or cause activities that are reasonably certain to cause chronic or intense nighttime noise (above current levels of ambient noise in the area) in suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat or tricolored bat during the active season?

Chronic noise is noise that is continuous or occurs repeatedly again and again for a long time. Sources of chronic or intense noise that could cause adverse effects to bats may include, but are not limited to: road traffic; trains; aircraft; industrial activities; gas compressor stations; loud music; crowds; oil and gas extraction; construction; and mining.

Note: Additional information defining suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat can be found in Appendix A of the USFWS' Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared bat Survey Guidelines at: <https://www.fws.gov/media/range-wide-indiana-bat-and-northern-long-eared-bat-survey-guidelines>.

No

23. Does the action include, or is it reasonably certain to cause, the use of permanent or temporary artificial lighting within 1000 feet of suitable northern long-eared bat or tricolored bat roosting habitat?

Note: Additional information defining suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat can be found in Appendix A of the USFWS' Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared bat Survey Guidelines at: <https://www.fws.gov/media/range-wide-indiana-bat-and-northern-long-eared-bat-survey-guidelines>.

No

24. Will the action include tree cutting or other means of knocking down or bringing down trees, tree topping, or tree trimming?

No

25. Will the proposed action result in the use of prescribed fire?

Note: If the prescribed fire action includes other activities than application of fire (e.g., tree cutting, fire line preparation) please consider impacts from those activities within the previous representative questions in the key. This set of questions only considers impacts from flame and smoke.

No

26. Does the action area intersect the northern long-eared bat species list area?

Automatically answered

Yes

27. [Semantic] Is the action area located within 0.5 miles of radius of an entrance/opening to any known NLEB hibernacula or winter roost? Note: The map queried for this question contains proprietary information and cannot be displayed. If you need additional information, please contact your State wildlife agency.

Automatically answered

No

28. [Semantic] Is the action area located within 0.25 miles of a culvert that is known to be occupied by northern long-eared or tricolored bats? **Note:** The map queried for this question contains proprietary information and cannot be displayed. If you need additional information, please contact your State wildlife agency.

Automatically answered

No

29. [Semantic] Is the action area located within 150 feet of a documented northern long-eared bat roost site?

Note: The map queried for this question contains proprietary information and cannot be displayed. If you need additional information, please contact your State wildlife agency. Have you contacted the appropriate agency to determine if your action is within 150 feet of any documented northern long-eared bat roosts?

Note: A document with links to Natural Heritage Inventory databases and other state-specific sources of information on the locations of northern long-eared bat roosts is available here. Location information for northern long-eared bat roosts is generally kept in state natural heritage inventory databases – the availability of this data varies by state. Many states provide online access to their data, either directly by providing maps or by providing the opportunity to make a data request. In some cases, to protect those resources, access to the information may be limited.

Automatically answered

No

30. Is suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat present within 1000 feet of project activities?

If unsure, answer "Yes."

Note: Additional information defining suitable summer habitat for the northern long-eared bat and tricolored bat can be found in Appendix A of the USFWS' Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern long-eared bat Survey Guidelines at: <https://www.fws.gov/media/range-wide-indiana-bat-and-northern-long-eared-bat-survey-guidelines>.

Yes

31. Has a presence/probable absence summer bat survey targeting the northern long-eared bat following the Service's [Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern Long-Eared Bat Survey Guidelines](#) been conducted within the project area?

No

32. Do you have any documents that you want to include with this submission?

No

PROJECT QUESTIONNAIRE

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Explosive and Flammable Hazards (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/explosive-and-flammable-facilities>

1. Does the proposed HUD-assisted project include a hazardous facility (a facility that mainly stores, handles or processes flammable or combustible chemicals such as bulk fuel storage facilities and refineries)?

No

→ Continue to Question 2.

Yes

Explain:

Click here to enter text.

→ Continue to Question 5.

2. Does this project include any of the following activities: development, construction, rehabilitation that will increase residential densities, or conversion?

No → If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

Yes → Continue to Question 3.

3. Within 1 mile of the project site, are there any current or planned stationary aboveground storage containers:

- Of more than 100-gallon capacity, containing common liquid industrial fuels OR
- Of any capacity, containing hazardous liquids or gases that are not common liquid industrial fuels?

No → If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide all documents used to make your determination.

Yes → Continue to Question 4.

4. Is the Separation Distance from the project acceptable based on standards in the Regulation?

Please visit HUD’s website for information on calculating Acceptable Separation Distance.

Yes

→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

Provide map(s) showing the location of the project site relative to any tanks and your separation distance calculations. If the map identifies more than one tank, please identify the tank you have chosen as the “assessed tank.”

No

→ Continue to Question 6.

Provide map(s) showing the location of the project site relative to any tanks and your separation distance calculations. If the map identifies more than one tank, please identify the tank you have chosen as the "assessed tank."

5. Is the hazardous facility located at an acceptable separation distance from residences and any other facility or area where people may congregate or be present?

Please visit HUD's website for information on calculating Acceptable Separation Distance.

Yes

→ *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.*

Provide map(s) showing the location of the project site relative to residences and any other facility or area where people congregate or are present and your separation distance calculations.

No

→ Continue to Question 6.

Provide map(s) showing the location of the project site relative to residences and any other facility or area where people congregate or are present and your separation distance calculations.

6. For the project to be brought into compliance with this section, all adverse impacts must be mitigated. Explain in detail the exact measures that must be implemented to make the Separation Distance acceptable, including the timeline for implementation. If negative effects cannot be mitigated, cancel the project at this location.

Note that only licensed professional engineers should design and implement blast barriers. If a barrier will be used or the project will be modified to compensate for an unacceptable separation distance, provide approval from a licensed professional engineer.

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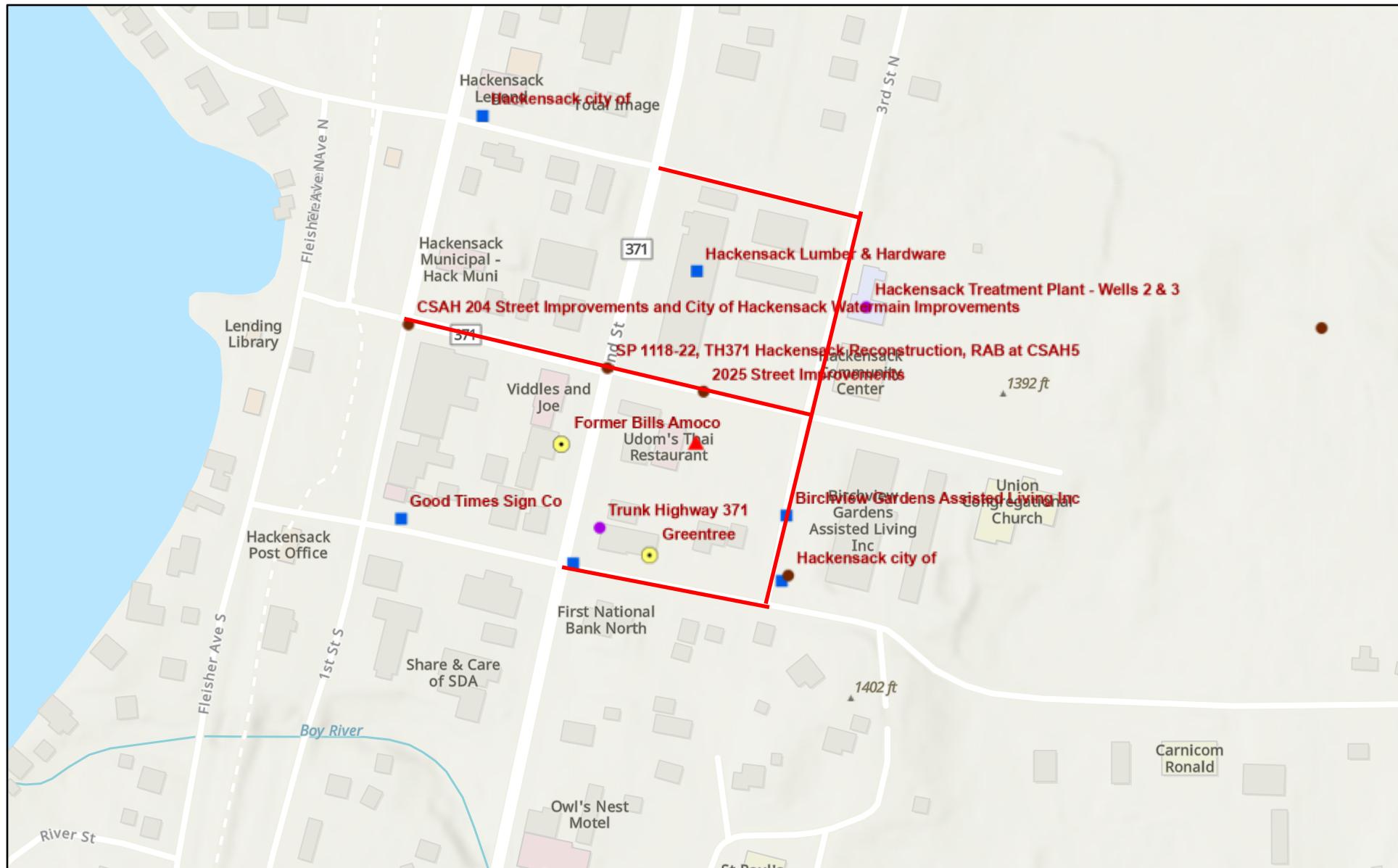
Provide a full description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your program or region

Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD.

The MPCA What's in My Neighborhood website identified areas near the project area that contain above or below ground storage tanks. One underground storage tank site was identified near the project area. All of the storage tanks at this site have been removed and there are no remaining underground storage tanks. All work will occur within existing public rights-of-way and previously disturbed areas, reducing the potential for encountering unknown fuel storage systems or flammable materials. Standard construction safety practices and applicable state and federal regulations will be followed to minimize any risk related to fuel handling during construction activities. The project is not expected to pose or encounter any explosive or flammable hazards.

MPCA Sites



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Multiple Programs

Hazardous Waste

Investigation and Cleanup

Stormwater

Tanks

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Farmlands Protection (CEST and EA) - PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/farmlands-protection>

1. Does your project include any activities, including new construction, acquisition of undeveloped land or conversion, that could convert agricultural land to a non-agricultural use?

Yes → Continue to Question 2.
 No

→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

2. Does “important farmland,” including prime farmland, unique farmland, or farmland of statewide or local importance regulated under the Farmland Protection Policy Act, occur on the project site?

You may use the links below to determine important farmland occurs on the project site:

- Utilize USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service’s (NRCS) Web Soil Survey <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/HomePage.htm>
- Check with your city or county’s planning department and ask them to document if the project is on land regulated by the FPPA (zoning important farmland as non-agricultural does not exempt it from FPPA requirements)
- Contact NRCS at the local USDA service center <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs> or your NRCS state soil scientist http://soils.usda.gov/contact/state_offices/ for assistance

No → If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination.

Yes → Continue to Question 3.

3. Consider alternatives to completing the project on important farmland and means of avoiding impacts to important farmland.

- Complete form [AD-1006, “Farmland Conversion Impact Rating”](#) and contact the state soil scientist before sending it to the local NRCS District Conservationist.
- Work with NRCS to minimize the impact of the project on the protected farmland. When you have finished with your analysis, return a copy of form AD-1006 to the USDA-NRCS State Soil Scientist or his/her designee informing them of your determination.

Work with the RE/HUD to determine how the project will proceed. Document the conclusion:

Project will proceed with mitigation.

Explain in detail the proposed measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide form AD-1006 and all other documents used to make your determination.

Project will proceed without mitigation.

Explain why mitigation will not be made here:

[Click here to enter text.](#)

→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide form AD-1006 and all other documents used to make your determination.

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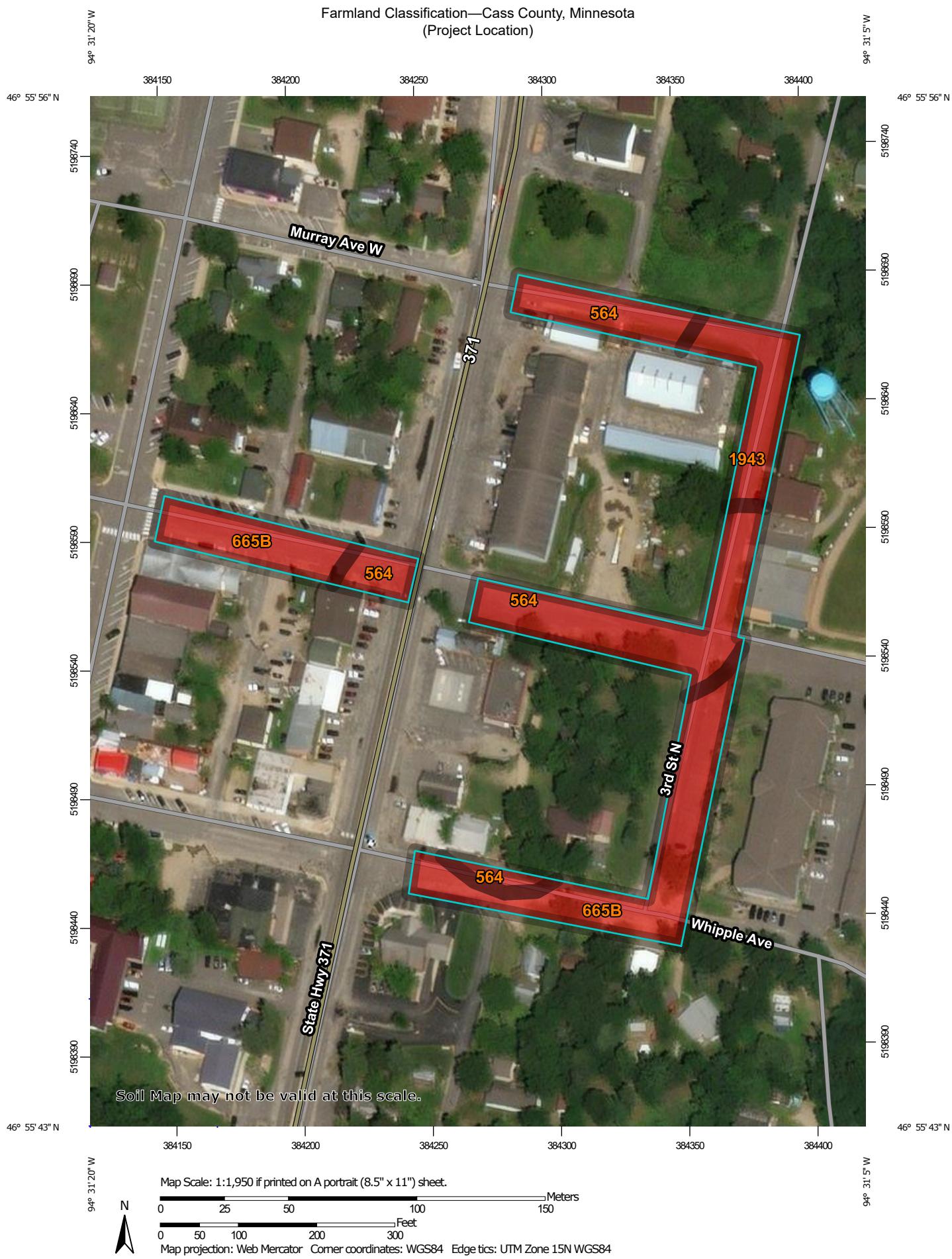
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- Map panel numbers and dates
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- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your program or region

Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD.

The Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) does not apply due to the proposed project being within the City limits of Hackensack. Project construction will not convert any agricultural land to a non-agricultural use.

Farmland Classification—Cass County, Minnesota
(Project Location)

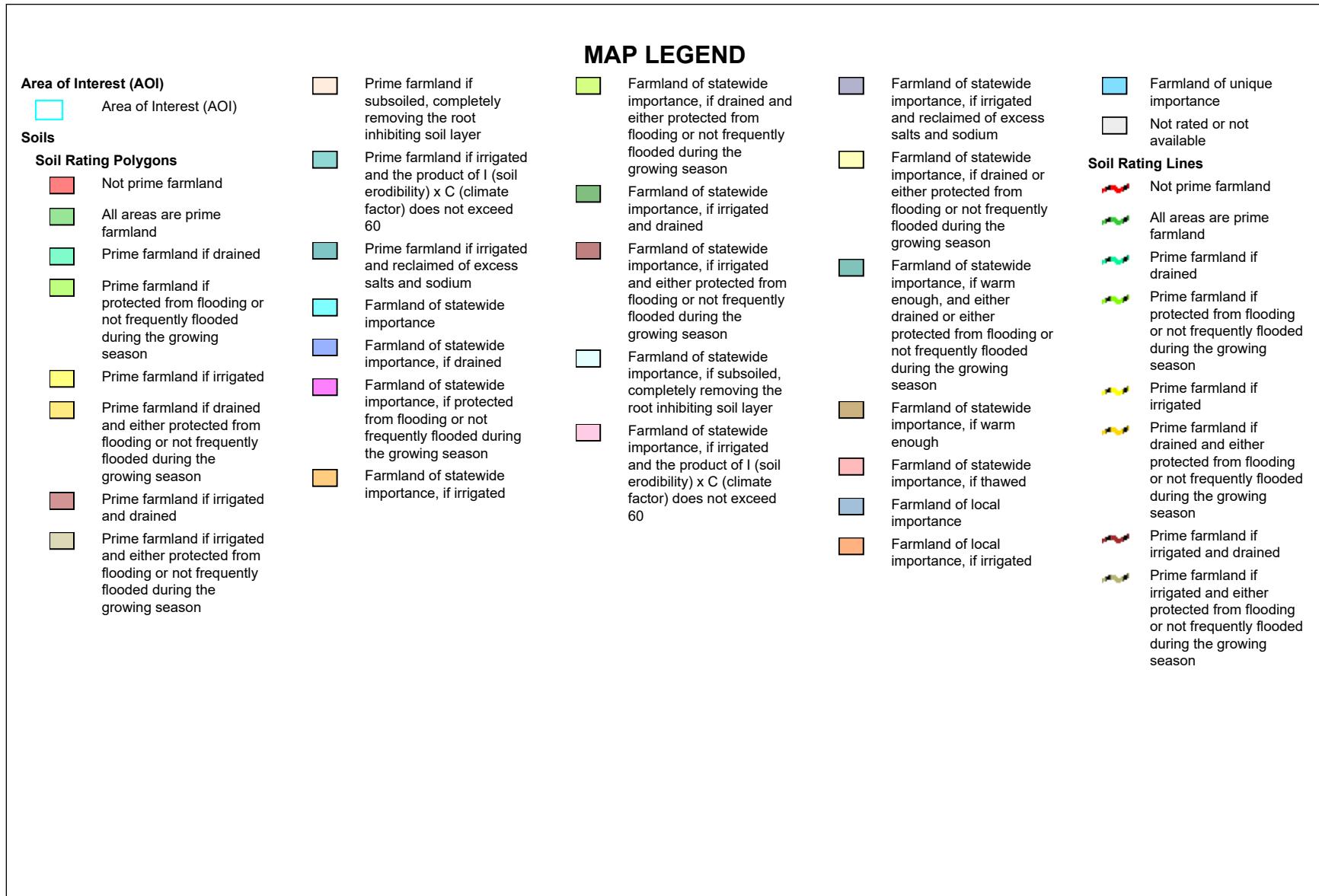


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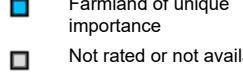
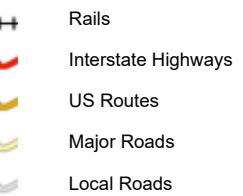
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Farmland Classification—Cass County, Minnesota
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Farmland Classification

Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
564	Friendship loamy sand	Not prime farmland	1.1	43.7%
665B	Menahga loamy sand, moraine, 3 to 8 percent slopes	Not prime farmland	1.1	42.3%
1943	Roscommon loamy sand	Not prime farmland	0.4	13.9%
Totals for Area of Interest			2.5	100.0%

Description

Farmland classification identifies map units as prime farmland, farmland of statewide importance, farmland of local importance, or unique farmland. It identifies the location and extent of the soils that are best suited to food, feed, fiber, forage, and oilseed crops. NRCS policy and procedures on prime and unique farmlands are published in the "Federal Register," Vol. 43, No. 21, January 31, 1978.

Rating Options

Aggregation Method: No Aggregation Necessary

Tie-break Rule: Lower



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Floodplain Management (CEST and EA)

General Requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, requires Federal activities to avoid impacts to floodplains and to avoid direct and indirect support of floodplain development to the extent practicable.	Executive Order 11988 Executive Order 13690 42 USC <u>4001-4128</u> 42 USC 5154a	24 CFR 55
Reference	https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/floodplain-management	

1. Does this project meet an exemption at [24 CFR 55.12](#) from compliance with HUD's floodplain management regulations in Part 55 or utilize the delayed compliance date for certain Office of Housing programs?

Yes

Select the applicable citation at [24 CFR 55.12](#) and provide supporting documentation for the determination if applicable.

- a) HUD-assisted activities described in 24 CFR 58.34 and 58.35(b)
- b) HUD-assisted activities described in 24 CFR 50.19, except as otherwise indicated in § 50.19
- c) The approval of financial assistance for restoring and preserving the natural and beneficial functions and values of floodplains and wetlands, including through acquisition of such floodplain and wetland property, where a permanent covenant or comparable restriction is place on the property's continued use for flood control, wetland protection, open space, or park land, but only if:
 - (1) The property is cleared of all existing buildings and walled structures; and
 - (2) The property is cleared of related improvements except those which:
 - (i) Are directly related to flood control, wetland protection, open space, or park land (including playgrounds and recreation areas);
 - (ii) Do not modify existing wetland areas or involve fill, paving, or other ground disturbance beyond minimal trails or paths; and
 - (iii) Are designed to be compatible with the beneficial floodplain or wetland function of the property.
- d) An action involving a repossession, receivership, foreclosure, or similar acquisition of property to protect or enforce HUD's financial interests under previously approved loans, grants, mortgage insurance, or other HUD assistance

- e) Policy-level actions described at 24 CFR 50.16 that do not involve site-based decisions
- f) A minor amendment to a previously approved action with no additional adverse impact on or from a floodplain or wetland;
- g) HUD's or the responsible entity's approval of a project site, an incidental portion of which is situated in the FFRMS floodplain (not including the floodway, LiMWA, or coastal high hazard area) but only if:
 - (1) The proposed project site does not include any existing or proposed buildings or improvements that modify or occupy the FFRMS floodplain except de minimis improvements such as recreation areas and trails; and
 - (2) the proposed project will not result in any new construction in or modifications of a wetland
- h) Issuance or use of Housing Vouchers or other forms of rental subsidy where HUD, the awarding community, or the public housing agency that administers the contract awards rental subsidies that are not project-based (i.e., do not involve site-specific subsidies)
- i) Special projects directed to the removal of material and architectural barriers that restrict the mobility of and accessibility to elderly and persons with disabilities.

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

Yes. Office of Housing programs utilizing the January 1, 2025 compliance date. These reviews must comply with the 2013 version of the Part 55 regulations. Continue to Worksheet Summary for 2013 version to upload supporting documentation.

No. Continue to Question 2.

2. Does the project include a Critical Action?

Yes. Describe the Critical Action. Examples of Critical Actions include projects involving hospitals, fire and police stations, nursing homes, hazardous chemical storage, storage of valuable records, and utility plants. Continue to Question 4.

No. Continue to Question 3.

3. Determine the extent of the FFRMS floodplain and provide mapping documentation in support of that determination.

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain can be determined using a Climate Informed Science Approach (CISA), 0.2 percent flood approach (0.2 PFA), or freeboard value approach (FVA). For

projects in areas without available CISA data or without FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), Flood Insurance Studies (FISs) or Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFEs), use the best available information to determine flood elevation. Include documentation and an explanation of why this is the best available information for the site. Note that newly constructed and substantially improved structures must be elevated to the FFRMS floodplain regardless of the approach chosen to determine the floodplain.

Select one of the following three options:

- CISA for non-critical actions. If using a local tool, data, or resources, ensure that the FFRMS elevation is higher than would have been determined using the 0.2 PFA or the FVA.
- 0.2-PFA. Where FEMA has defined the 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain, the FFRMS floodplain is the area that FEMA has designated as within the 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain.
- FVA. If neither CISA nor 0.2-PFA is available, for non-critical actions, the FFRMS floodplain is the area that results from adding two feet to the base flood elevation as established by the effective FIRM or FIS or—if available—a FEMA-provided preliminary or pending FIRM or FIS or advisory base flood elevations, whether regulatory or informational in nature. However, an interim or preliminary FEMA map cannot be used if it is lower than the current FIRM or FIS.

a. Does your project occur in the FFRMS floodplain?

- Yes, continue to part b.
- No. Review for floodplain management is complete.

b. Is your project located in any of the floodplain categories below? Select all that apply. If none apply, continue to question 7.

- Floodway: *Continue to Question 5. Floodways.*
- Coastal High Hazard Area (V Zone) or Limit of Moderate Wave Action (LiMWA): *Continue to Question 6. Coastal High Hazard Areas and LiMWAs.*

4. Determine the extent of the FFRMS floodplain and provide mapping documentation in support of that determination.

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain can be determined using a Climate Informed Science Approach (CISA), or the higher of the 0.2 percent flood approach (0.2 PFA), or freeboard value approach (FVA). For projects in areas without available CISA data or without FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), Flood Insurance Studies (FISs) or Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFEs), use the best available information to determine flood elevation. Note that newly constructed and substantially improved structures must be elevated to the FFRMS floodplain regardless of the approach chosen to determine the floodplain.

Utilize CISA to determine the FFRMS floodplain for critical actions

CISA for Critical Actions. If using a local tool, ensure that the FFRMS elevation provided is higher than the 0.2 PFA or 3' above the base flood elevation.

OR;

Choose the higher of 0.2 PFA or FVA elevations

0.2-PFA. Where FEMA has defined the 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain, the FFRMS floodplain is the area that FEMA has designated as within the 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain.

FVA. For critical actions, the FFRMS floodplain is the area that results from adding three feet to the base flood elevation as established by the effective FEMA FIRM or FIS or—if available—a FEMA-provided preliminary or pending FIRM or FIS or advisory base flood elevations, whether regulatory or informational in nature. However, an interim or preliminary FEMA map cannot be used if it is lower than the current FIRM or FIS.

a. Does your project occur in the FFRMS floodplain?

Yes, continue to part b.

No. Review for floodplain management is complete.

b. Is your project located in any of the floodplain categories below? Select all that apply. If none apply, continue to question 7.

Floodway: *Continue to Question 5. Floodways.*

Coastal High Hazard Area (V Zone) or LiMWA: *Continue to Question 6. Coastal High Hazard Areas and LiMWAs.*

5. Floodways

Do the floodway exemptions at [55.8](#) or [55.21](#) apply?

Yes

The 8-Step Process is required. Document mitigation measures necessary to meet the requirements in 55.8 or 55.21. Provide a completed 8-Step Process, including the early public notice and the final notice.

Continue to Question 7. 8-Step Process.

No

Federal assistance may not be used at this location. You must either choose an alternate site or cancel the project at this location.

6. Coastal High Hazard Area (V Zone) and LiMWAs

Do the exemptions at [55.8](#) or [55.21](#) apply?

Yes

The 8-Step Process is required. Document mitigation measures necessary to meet the requirements in 55.8 or 55.21. Provide a completed 8-Step Process, including the early public notice and the final notice.

Continue to Question 7. 8-Step Process.

No

Federal assistance may not be used at this location. You must either choose an alternate site or cancel the project at this location.

7. 8-Step Process.

Does the 8-Step Process apply? Select one of the following options:

8-Step Process is inapplicable per 55.13.

Select the applicable citation:

- (a) HUD's mortgage insurance actions and other financial assistance for the purchasing, mortgaging, or refinancing of existing one- to four-family properties in communities that are in the Regular Program of the NFIP and in good standing (i.e., not suspended from program eligibility or placed on probation under 44 CFR 59.24), where the action is not a critical action and the property is not located in a floodway, coastal high hazard area, or LIMWA;
- (b) Financial assistance for minor repairs or improvements on one- to four-family properties that do not meet the thresholds for "substantial improvement" under § 55.2(b)(12);
- (c) HUD or a recipient's actions involving the disposition of individual HUD or recipient held, one- to four-family properties;
- (d) HUD guarantees under the Loan Guarantee Recovery Fund Program (24 CFR part 573), where any new construction or rehabilitation financed by the existing loan or mortgage has been completed prior to the filing of an application under the program, and the refinancing will not allow further construction or rehabilitation, nor result in any physical impacts or changes except for routine maintenance;
- (e) The approval of financial assistance to lease units within an existing structure located within the floodplain, but only if;
 - (1) The structure is located outside the floodway or coastal high hazard area, and is in a community that is in the Regular Program of the NFIP and in good standing (i.e., not suspended from program eligibility or placed on probation under 44 CFR 59.24); and
 - (2) The project is not a critical action; and
 - (3) The entire structure is or will be fully insured or insured to the maximum extent available under the NFIP for at least the term of the lease.
- (f) Special projects for the purpose of improving efficiency of utilities or installing renewable energy that involve the repair, rehabilitation, modernization, weatherization, or improvement of existing structures or infrastructure, do not meet the thresholds for "substantial improvement" under § 55.2(b)(12), and do not include the installation of equipment below the FFRMS floodplain elevation.

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

5-Step Process is applicable per 55.14.

Provide documentation of 5-Step Process.

Select the applicable citation:

- (a) HUD actions involving the disposition of HUD-acquired multifamily housing projects or “bulk sales” of HUD-acquired one- to four-family properties in communities that are in the Regular Program of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and in good standing (i.e., not suspended from program eligibility or placed on probation under 44 CFR 59.24).
- (b) HUD's actions under the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1701) for the purchase or refinancing of existing multifamily housing projects, hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, board and care facilities, and intermediate care facilities, in communities that are in good standing under the NFIP.
- (c) HUD's or the recipient's actions under any HUD program involving the repair, rehabilitation, modernization, weatherization, or improvement of existing multifamily housing projects, hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, board and care facilities, intermediate care facilities, and one- to four-family properties, in communities that are in the Regular Program of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and are in good standing, provided that the number of units is not increased more than 20 percent, the action does not involve a conversion from nonresidential to residential land use, the action does not meet the thresholds for “substantial improvement” under § 55.2(b)(10), and the footprint of the structure and paved areas is not increased by more than 20 percent.
- (d) HUD's (or the recipient's) actions under any HUD program involving the repair, rehabilitation, modernization, weatherization, or improvement of existing nonresidential buildings and structures, in communities that are in the Regular Program of the NFIP and are in good standing, provided that the action does not meet the thresholds for “substantial improvement” under § 55.2(b)(10) and that the footprint of the structure and paved areas is not increased by more than 20 percent
- (e) HUD's or the recipient's actions under any HUD program involving the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of existing nonstructural improvements including streets, curbs and gutters, where any increase of the total impervious surface area of the facility is de minimis. This provision does not include critical actions, levee systems, chemical storage facilities (including any tanks), wastewater facilities, or sewer lagoons.

Continue to Question 8. Mitigation.

8-Step Process applies.

Provide a completed 8-Step Process, including the early public notice and the final notice.

Continue to Question 8. Mitigation.

8. Mitigation

For the project to comply with this section, all adverse impacts must be mitigated. Explain in detail the measures that must be implemented to mitigate the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation. Note: newly constructed and substantially improved structures

within the FFRMS floodplain must be elevated to the FFRMS floodplain elevation or floodproofed, if applicable.

Which of the following if any mitigation/minimization measures have been identified for this project in the 8-Step or 5-Step Process? Select all that apply.

- Buyout and demolition or other supported clearance of floodplain structures
- Insurance purchased in excess of statutory requirement under the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973
- Permeable surfaces
- Natural landscape enhancements that maintain or restore natural hydrology
- Planting or restoring native plant species
- Bioswales
- Stormwater capture and reuse
- Green or vegetative roofs with drainage provisions
- Natural Resources Conservation Service conservation easements or similar easements
- Floodproofing of structures as allowable (e.g. non-residential floors)
- Elevating structures (including freeboard above the required base flood elevations)
- Levee or structural protection from flooding
- Channelizing or redefining the floodway or floodplain through a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR)

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

Worksheet Summary

Compliance Determination

Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- FIRM panel numbers
- CISA data or maps
- Information on other data or tools used or accessed
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD

The City of Hackensack is located in an unmapped area for FEMA-designated floodplains, and no regulated floodplain zones have been identified within the project limits. Additionally, no local sources identified the project area to be in a floodplain. Because the project lies outside any mapped flood-risk areas, it is not anticipated to have impacts on floodplains.

FEMA's National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) Viewer

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Effective FIRM Panels

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-1000

This Worksheet was designed to be used by those “Partners” (including Public Housing Authorities, consultants, contractors, and nonprofits) who assist Responsible Entities and HUD in preparing environmental reviews, but legally cannot take full responsibilities for these reviews themselves. Responsible Entities and HUD should use the RE/HUD version of the Worksheet.

Historic Preservation (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/historic-preservation>

Threshold

Is Section 106 review required for your project?

No, because a Programmatic Agreement states that all activities included in this project are exempt. (See the [PA Database](#) to find applicable PAs.)

Either provide the PA itself or a link to it here. Mark the applicable exemptions or include the text here:

Click here to enter text.

→ *Continue to the Worksheet Summary.*

No, because the project consists solely of activities included in a No Potential to Cause Effects memo or other determination [36 CFR 800.3(a)(1)].

Either provide the memo itself or a link to it here. Explain and justify the other determination here:

Click here to enter text.

→ *Continue to the Worksheet Summary.*

Yes, because the project includes activities with potential to cause effects (direct or indirect).

→ *Continue to Step 1.*

The Section 106 Process

After determining the need to do a Section 106 review, HUD or the RE will initiate consultation with regulatory and other interested parties, identify and evaluate historic properties, assess effects of the project on properties listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, and resolve any adverse effects through project design modifications or mitigation.

Step 1: Initiate consultation

Step 2: Identify and evaluate historic properties

Step 3: Assess effects of the project on historic properties

Step 4: Resolve any adverse effects

Only RE or HUD staff may initiate the Section 106 consultation process. Partner entities may gather information, including from SHPO records, identify and evaluate historic properties, and make initial assessments of effects of the project on properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Place. Partners should then provide their RE or HUD with all of their analysis and documentation so that they may initiate consultation.

Step 1 - Initiate Consultation

The following parties are entitled to participate in Section 106 reviews: Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs); federally recognized Indian tribes/Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs); Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs); local governments; and project grantees. The general public and individuals and organizations with a demonstrated interest in a project may participate as consulting parties at the discretion of the RE or HUD official. Participation varies with the nature and scope of a project. Refer to HUD's website for guidance on consultation, including the required timeframes for response. Consultation should begin early to enable full consideration of preservation options.

Use the [When To Consult With Tribes checklist](#) within [Notice CPD-12-006: Process for Tribal Consultation](#) to determine if the RE or HUD should invite tribes to consult on a particular project. Use the [Tribal Directory Assessment Tool \(TDAT\)](#) to identify tribes that may have an interest in the area where the project is located. Note that only HUD or the RE may initiate consultation with Tribes. Partner entities may prepare a draft letter for the RE or HUD to use to initiate consultation with tribes, but may not send the letter themselves.

List all organizations and individuals that you believe may have an interest in the project here:

A review of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) identified no historic properties within the City of Hackensack or the surrounding area. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) provided a comment letter on November 4, 2025, concurring with a finding of No Historic Properties Affected for the proposed project.

A tribal consultation letter was sent to the identified tribes on October 10, 2025, using contact information obtained through the Tribal Directory Assessment Tool (TDAT). One response was received from the Fond du Lac Tribal Historic Preservation Office on October 20, 2025. Their response provided background information on the project area and indicated that it is unlikely any historic properties will be affected. If any human remains are encountered all work should cease and contact the proper parties. Their response also requested confirmation regarding whether any geotechnical investigations have been conducted and what measures are being taken to ensure that no disturbance or excavation will occur into intact soils or cultural layers beneath the roadway. Additional confirmation was provided to the Fond du Lac THPO stating no geotechnical investigations have been conducted and extra care will be taken to ensure that no disturbance or excavation will occur into intact soils or cultural layers beneath the roadway. No additional comments were received from the Fond du Lac THPO.

→ *Continue to Step 2.*

Step 2 - Identify and Evaluate Historic Properties

Provide a preliminary definition of the Area of Potential Effect (APE), either by entering the address(es) or providing a map depicting the APE. Attach an additional page if necessary.

Attached is a map of the APE.

Gather information about known historic properties in the APE. Historic buildings, districts and archeological sites may have been identified in local, state, and national surveys and registers, local historic districts, municipal plans, town and county histories, and local history websites. If not already listed on the National Register of Historic Places, identified properties are then evaluated to see if they are eligible for the National Register. Refer to HUD's website for guidance on identifying and evaluating historic properties.

In the space below, list historic properties identified and evaluated in the APE.

Every historic property that may be affected by the project should be listed. For each historic property or district, include the National Register status, whether the SHPO has concurred with the finding, and whether information on the site is sensitive. Attach an additional page if necessary.

No properties were identified.

Provide the documentation (survey forms, Register nominations, concurrence(s) and/or objection(s), notes, and photos) that justify your National Register Status determination.

Was a survey of historic buildings and/or archeological sites done as part of the project?

If the APE contains previously unsurveyed buildings or structures over 50 years old, or there is a likely presence of previously unsurveyed archeological sites, a survey may be necessary. For Archeological surveys, refer to HP Fact Sheet #6, [Guidance on Archeological Investigations in HUD Projects](#).

Yes → *Provide survey(s) and report(s) and continue to Step 3.*

Additional notes:

[Click here to enter text.](#)

No → *Continue to Step 3.*

Step 3 - Assess Effects of the Project on Historic Properties

Only properties that are listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places receive further consideration under Section 106. Assess the effect(s) of the project by applying the Criteria of Adverse Effect. ([36 CFR 800.5](#)) Consider direct and indirect effects as applicable as per HUD guidance.

Choose one of the findings below to recommend to the RE or HUD.

Please note: this is a recommendation only. It is **not the official finding, which will be made by the RE or HUD, but only your suggestion as a Partner entity.**

No Historic Properties Affected

Document reason for finding:

No historic properties present.

Historic properties present, but project will have no effect upon them.

No Adverse Effect

Document reason for finding and provide any comments below.

Comments may include recommendations for mitigation, monitoring, a plan for unanticipated discoveries, etc.

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Adverse Effect

Document reason for finding:

Copy and paste applicable Criteria into text box with summary and justification.

Criteria of Adverse Effect: [36 CFR 800.5](#)

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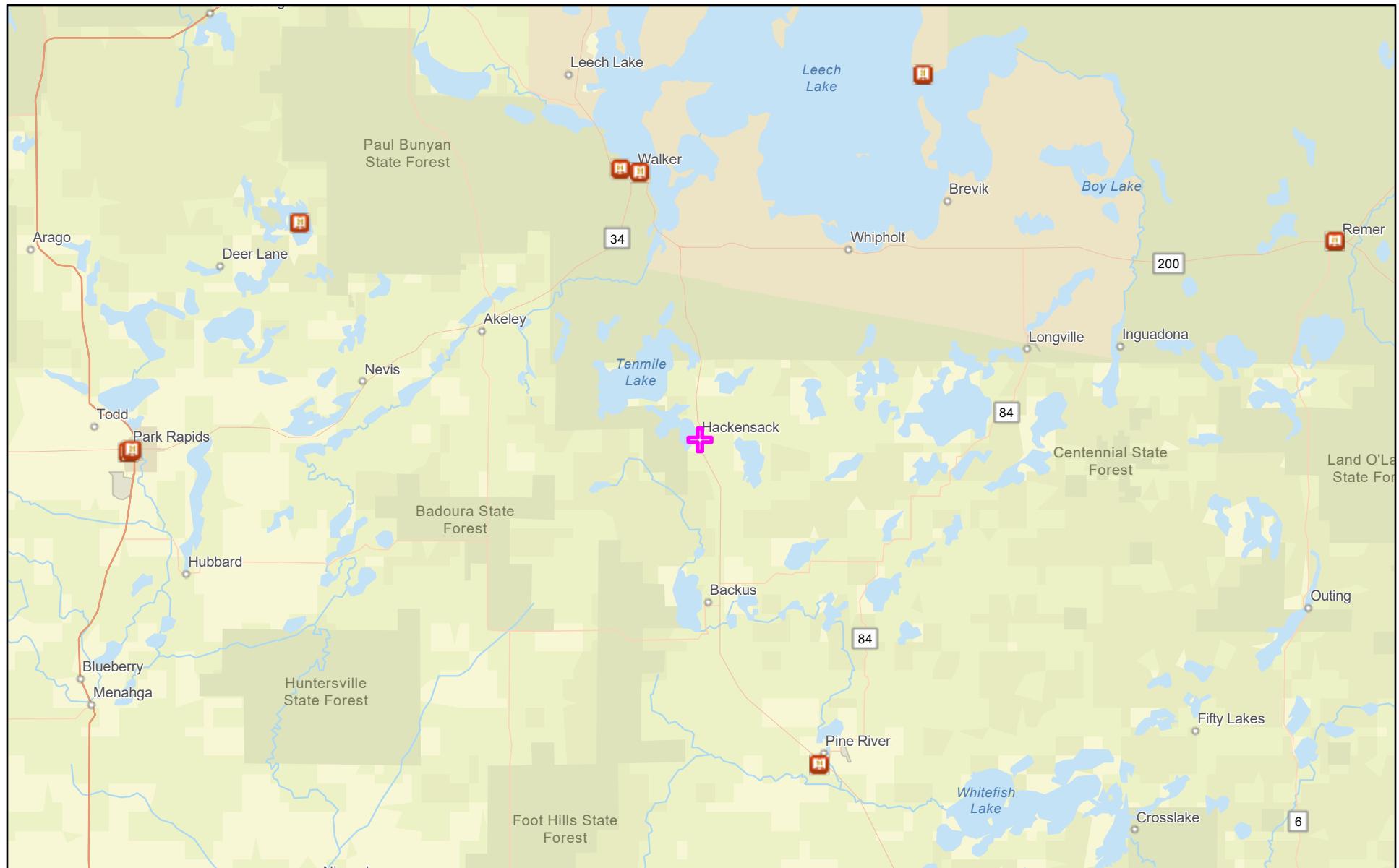
Provide any comments below:

Comments may include recommendations for avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation.

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Remember to provide all documentation that justifies your National Register Status determination and recommendations along with this worksheet.

National Register of Historic Places



November 17, 2025

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 National Register of Historic Places

Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community, EPA OEI, OFA

11/4/2025

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Subject: SHPO Comment on Project Submission

Project Activity: Road Project

Project Description: City of Hackensack Street Improvements; on portions of Lake Ave, Whipple Ave, and 3rd St; replace sidewalks, install curb ramps, install lighting, ...

City/Township: Hackensack

County: Cass

Township/Range/Section: T140 R30 S19

SHPO Number: 2026-0044

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the project submission received on 10/17/2025.

We have reviewed the project in accordance with the responsibilities outlined for the State Historic Preservation Officer under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306108) and its implementing federal regulations, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800).

Based on available information, we conclude that a finding of **No Historic Properties Affected** is appropriate for this project.

If you have any questions regarding our comment letter, please send them to ENReviewSHPO@state.mn.us and reference the SHPO number.

Sincerely,



Amy Spong
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

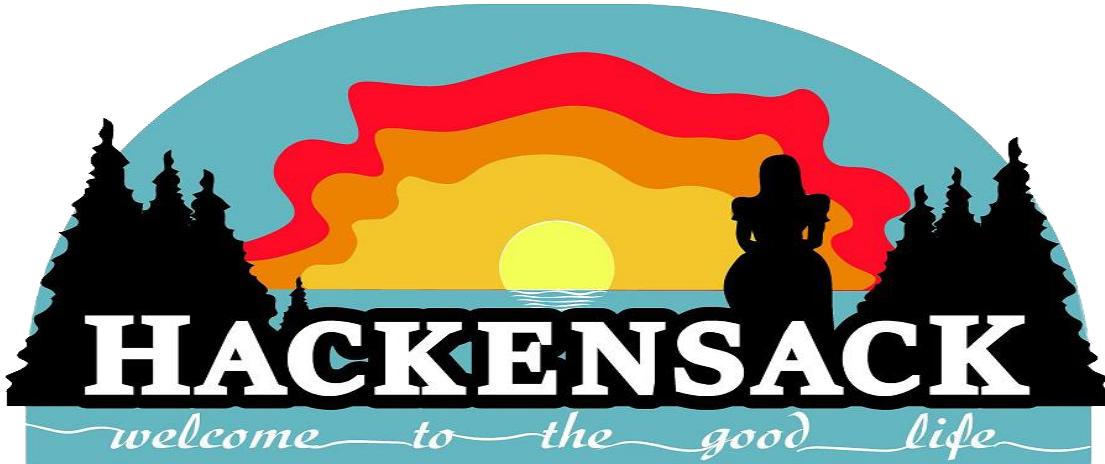
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Tribal Name	Last Name	First Name	Title	Street Address	City	State	Zip Code	Work Fax	Email	THPC URL	Last Update Date/time
Apache Tribe of Oklahoma	Cooper	Durrell	Chairman	511 East Colorado	Anadarko	OK	73005	(405) 405	durrell.cooper@apachetribre.org	http://www.apachetribre.org/	31-Jul-2025 12:49:49
Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians of the Bad River Reservation, Wisconsin	Blanchard	Robert	Chairman	72626 Maple Street	Ashland	WI	54806	(715) 715	r.blanchard@badriver-nsn.gov	http://www.badriver-nsn.gov	17-Jun-2025 18:13:15
Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians of the Bad River Reservation, Wisconsin	Leoso	Edith	THPO	P.O. Box 39	Odanah	WI	54861	(715) 682	thpo@badriver-nsn.gov	http://www.badriver-nsn.gov	26-Feb-2024 10:53:13
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Oklahoma	Bear	Max	THPO	PO Box 145	Concho	OK	73022	405-405	mbear@cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov	http://www.c-a-tribes.org	13-Aug-2025 10:20:36
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Oklahoma	Wassana	Reggie	Governor	PO Box 167	Concho	OK	73022	(800) 405	rwassana@c-a-tribes.org	http://www.c-a-tribes.org	13-Aug-2025 10:20:35
Flandreau Santeet Sioux Tribe of South Dakota	Kills-A-Hundred	Garrie	THPO	P.O. Box 283	Flandreau	SD	57028	605-1	605_garrie.killsahundred@fssst.org	http://www.santeet Sioux.com	26-Feb-2024 11:07:10
Flandreau Santeet Sioux Tribe of South Dakota	Reider	Anthony	President	603 West Broad Avenue	Flandreau	SD	57028	(605) 605	anthony.reider@fssst.org	http://www.santeet Sioux.com	18-Jun-2025 09:56:19
Fond du Lac Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe	Dupuis	Kevin	Chairman	Fond du Lac Center 1720 Big Lake	Cloquet	MN	55720	(218) 218	kevindupuis@fdlre.com	http://www.fdlre.com	31-Jan-2023 20:46:24
Fond du Lac Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe	Schroeder	Evan	Tribal Historic Preserval	1720 Big Lake Road	Cloquet	MN	55720	218-1	218 evanschroeder@fdlre.com	http://www.fdlre.com	30-Oct-2023 16:11:47
Fort Belknap Indian Community of the Fort Belknap Reservation of Montana	Blackwolf	Michael	THPO	656 Agency Main Street	Harlem	MT	59526	406-4	mblackwolf@fbelknap.org	http://www.fbelknap.org/	26-Feb-2024 11:07:10
Fort Belknap Indian Community of the Fort Belknap Reservation of Montana	Stiffarm	Jeffery	President	158 Tribal Way	Harlem	MT	59526	(406) 406	jeffery.stiffarm@fbelknap.org	http://www.fbelknap.org/	18-Jun-2025 09:56:19
Grand Portage Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe	Deschampe	Robert	Chairman	83 Steven Road	Grand Portage	MN	56505	(218) 218	robertdeschampe@grandportage.com	http://www.grandportage.com	31-Jan-2023 20:47:57
Grand Portage Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe	Hull	Rob	THPO	P.O. Box 428	Grand Portage	MN	56505	218-218	thpo@grandportage.com	http://www.grandportage.com	30-Oct-2023 16:11:47
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Michigan	Baker	Doreen	President	16429 Beartown Road	Baraga	MI	49908	(906) 906	chairman@kbic-nsn.gov	http://www.kbic-nsn.gov	31-Jul-2025 12:34:49
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Michigan	Connor	Alden	THPO	16429 Beartown Road	Baraga	MI	49908	(906) 906	aconnor@kbic-nsn.gov	http://www.kbic-nsn.gov	26-Feb-2024 11:07:39
Lac du Flambeau Tribe, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	Johnson	John	President	418 Little Pines Road	Lac du Flambeau	WI	54538	(715) 715	johnson@ldftribe.com	http://www.ldftribe.com	03-Apr-2024 14:17:58
Lac du Flambeau Tribe, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	Thompson	Sarah	Tribal Preservation Offic	P.O. Box 67	Lac du Flambeau	WI	54538	(715) 588	sarah.thompson@ldftribe.com	http://www.ldftribe.com	30-Oct-2023 16:29:42
Leech Lake Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe	Jackson	Faron	Chairman	190 Salstar Drive	Cass Lake	MN	56633	(218) 218	faron.jackson@lijbwe.org	http://www.lijbwe.org	31-Jan-2023 20:56:55
Leech Lake Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe	Lemon	Gina	Tribal Historic Preserval	190 Salstar Drive NE	Cass Lake	MN	56633	218- 218	gina.lemon@lijbwe.net	http://www.lijbwe.org	12-Sep-2024 11:09:27
Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota	Larsen	Robert	President	39527 Reservation Highway 1	Morton	MN	56270	(507) 507	robert.larsen@lower Sioux.com	http://www.lower Sioux.com	18-Jun-2025 09:59:26
Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota	St. John	Cheyenne	THPO	P.O. Box 308, 39527 Res.Hwy. 1	Morton	MN	56270	507-4	(507) cheyenne.stjohn@lower Sioux.com	http://www.lower Sioux.com	26-Feb-2024 11:07:52
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin	Grignon	David	Tribal Historic Preserval	P.O. Box 910	Keshena	WI	54135	(715) 715	digrignon@mitw.org	http://www.menominee-nsn.gov/	05-Jun-2023 11:48:47
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin	Kakkak	Gena	Chairwoman	W2908 Tribal Office Loop Road	Keshena	WI	54135	(715) 715	chairman@mitw.org	http://www.menominee-nsn.gov/	22-May-2025 09:26:24
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (The Mille Lacs Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe)	Benjamin	Melanie	Chief Executive	43408 Oodena Drive	Onamia	MN	56359	(320) 320	melanie.benjamin@millelacsband.com	http://www.millelacsband.com	31-Jan-2023 21:02:14
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (The Mille Lacs Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe)	Wilson	Mike	Tribal Preservation Offic	43408 Oodena Drive	Onamia	MN	56359	(320) 320	mike.wilson@millelacsband.com	http://www.millelacsband.com	15-Apr-2024 11:53:41
Prairie Island Indian Community in the State of Minnesota	Johnson	Grant	President	5636 Sturgeon Lake Road	Welch	MN	55089	(651) 651	grant.johnson@pilc.org	http://prairieisland.org/	13-Aug-2025 10:20:29
Prairie Island Indian Community in the State of Minnesota	White	Noah	THPO	5636 Sturgeon Lake Road	Welch	MN	55089	(651) 651	noah.white@pilc.org	http://prairieisland.org/	31-Jan-2023 21:23:55
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin	Boyd	Nicole	Chairwoman	88455 Pike Road	Bayfield	WI	54814	(715) 715	redcliff06inquiry@redcliff-nsn.gov	http://www.redcliff-nsn.gov	13-Aug-2025 10:20:33
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin	Defoe	Marvin	Tribal Historic Preserval	98385 Pike Road, Highway 13	Bayfield	WI	54814	(715) 715	marvin.defoe@redcliff-nsn.gov	http://www.redcliff-nsn.gov	26-Feb-2024 11:09:00
Santee Sioux Nation, Nebraska	Denney	Alonzo	Chairman	108 Spirit Lake Avenue West	Niobrara	NE	68760	(402) 402	alonzo.denney@sndakota.com	http://santeesiouonation.net/index.html	11-Jun-2025 13:16:30
Santee Sioux Nation, Nebraska	Thomas	Larry	THPO (Acting)	425 Frazier Ave N Suite 2	Niobrara	NE	68760	402-402	402 larry.thomas@ohiyacashio.com	http://santeesiouonation.net/index.html	08-Aug-2024 09:58:57
Upper Sioux Community, Minnesota	Jensvold	Kevin	Chairman	5722 Travers Lane	Granite Falls	MN	56241	(320) 320	kevin.jensvold@upper sioux community-nsn.gov	http://www.upper sioux community-nsn.gov	18-Jun-2025 10:14:34
Upper Sioux Community, Minnesota	Odegard	Samantha	THPO	P.O. Box 147, 5722 Travers Lane	Granite Falls	MN	56241	320-564-6	samantha.odegard@upper sioux community-nsn.gov	http://www.upper sioux community-nsn.gov	26-Feb-2024 11:09:52
White Earth Band of Minnesota Chippewa	Arsenault	Jaime	THPO and NAGPRA Rep	P.O. Box 418	White Earth	MN	56591	(218) 218	jaime.arsenault@whiteearth-nsn.gov	http://www.whiteearth.com	31-Jan-2023 21:36:33
White Earth Band of Minnesota Chippewa	Fairbanks	Michael	Chairman	5500 Eagle View Road	White Earth	MN	56591	(218) 218	michael.fairbanks@whiteearth-nsn.gov	http://www.whiteearth.com	31-Jan-2023 21:40:00



10/20/2025

Durell Cooper, Chairman
Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
511 East Colorado
Anadarko, OK 73005

Re: City of Hackensack Street Improvement Project
Minnesota Small Cities Development Program funded by the HUD CDBG Program

Dear Chairman Cooper,

The City of Hackensack is considering funding the project listed above with federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Under HUD regulation 24 CFR 58.4, the City of Hackensack has assumed HUD's environmental review responsibilities for the project, including tribal consultation related to historic properties. Historic properties include archeological sites, burial grounds, sacred landscapes or features, ceremonial areas, traditional cultural places and landscapes, plant and animal communities, and buildings and structures with significant tribal association.

City of Hackensack will conduct a review of this project to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36 CFR Part 800. We would like to invite you to be a consulting party in this review to help identify historic properties in the project area that may have religious and cultural significance to your tribe, and if such properties exist, to help assess how the project might affect them. If the project might have an adverse effect, we would like to discuss possible ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential adverse effects.

A review of the National Register of Historic Places found no listed sites within the proposed project area or its surrounding area that would be negatively affected by the project. The project will be entirely within the road right-of-way and previously disturbed areas and is not expected to impact any historic properties. Coordination with SHPO has been initiated, and their comments on the proposed project have not yet been received. Once SHPO provides a response, it will be addressed and included in the environmental assessment.

To meet project timeframes, if you would like to be a consulting party on this project, can you please let us know of your interest within 30 days? If you have any initial concerns with impacts of the project on religious or cultural properties, can you please note them in your response?

Enclosed is a map that shows the project area. The project will reconstruct Lake Avenue, Whipple Avenue, and 3rd street as well as replace the aged and deteriorated sidewalk facilities along Lake Ave W, and it will install new pedestrian facilities along 3rd St S and Whipple Ave E. The existing concrete sidewalks are characterized by widespread cracks and fissures, uneven and worn surfaces, and reduction of drainage function. Moreover, the curb ramps are not compliant with current ADA standards and there is no lighting within the project area. Taken together, the deterioration of the concrete, the non-compliant curb ramps, and the lack of lighting constitute a clear safety hazard. In addition to replacing the concrete sidewalks and curb ramps, this project will install lighting and plant trees along the corridor. Stormwater infrastructure will be improved, and the project will also install pedestrian sidewalks and crossings to promote access, ensure safety, and walkability to the City's community center, assisted living facility, baseball field, ice skating rink, and dog park.

More information on the Section 106 review process is available at
<http://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/historic-preservation/>.

HUD's process for tribal consultation under Section 106 is described in a Notice available at
<https://www.onecpd.info/resource/2448/notice-cpd-12-006-tribal-consultation-under-24-cfr-part-58>.

If you do not wish to consult on this project, can you please inform us? If you do wish to consult, can you please include in your reply the name and contact information for the tribe's principal representative in the consultation? Thank you very much. We value your assistance and look forward to consulting further if there are historic properties of religious and cultural significance to your tribe that may be affected by this project.

Sincerely,



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Project Location

City of Hackensack Street Improvement Project

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Cc: Bruce M Savage; Arianna V Northbird Himango; Alex T DuFault; Foss, Nicole (ADM)
Subject: Re: City of Hackensack Street Improvement Project Tribal Consultation
Attachments: [Fond du Lac Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.pdf](#)

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Kelsey,

Thank you for reaching out to the Fond du Lac Tribal Historic Preservation Office.

First, I wanted to let you know that Bruce Savage is the Chairman of the Fond du Lac Band. I have Cc'd him on this response.

According to *Minnesota Place Names: A Geographical Encyclopedia* by Warren Upham (p. 91), Birch Lake Township was named for the lake adjoining the village of Hackensack. A historical translation recorded by Rev. Joseph A. Gilfillan notes the Ojibwemowin name *Ga-wig-wasensikag sagaiigun*, meaning “the-place-of-the-little-birches lake.” This Office offers no comment on the accuracy of the translation. On the map of the Minnesota Geological Survey, the lake is identified as Fourteen Mile Lake, referencing its distance by road south from the Leech Lake Agency.

Historical records, including the Trygg maps, indicate that a historic trail passed through the project area. Trygg labeled it as the “Wagon Road from Brainerd to Agency,” referring to the Leech Lake Agency. It is possible that the original location of this trail lies beneath or near the current State Highway 371 North. Although documented historically, these trail networks are often much older and represent ancient trade and travel routes used by Ojibwe people and others.

This particular route connected to the villages on Gull Lake and intersected with the White Earth Wagon Trail approximately half a mile south of the southern tip of Birch Lake. The intersection of trails linking multiple Tribal communities, combined with the Ojibwemowin name for Birch Lake, suggests that this area was regularly used by Ojibwe people in the past. It would not be surprising for habitation sites or other culturally sensitive areas to exist near Birch Lake.

As the proposed project lies entirely within the existing road right-of-way and previously disturbed areas, this Office concurs that, provided those conditions remain accurate, it is unlikely that any historic properties, as defined, will be affected. However, we would appreciate confirmation regarding whether any geotechnical investigations have been

conducted and what measures are being taken to ensure that no disturbance or excavation will occur into intact soils or cultural layers beneath the roadway.

Given the historic connections between this area and the Gull Lake, White Earth, and Leech Lake communities, and considering that many members of the Gull Lake Band were forcibly relocated to White Earth, we encourage consultation with those Nations. Please feel free to share this information with them.

These trails tell an important story of movement, connection, and survival. Care should be taken to ensure any intact segments are not damaged. Additionally, if any unanticipated discoveries of Indigenous cultural materials or osteological remains are made during project work, we respectfully request to be notified immediately.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,
Evan



Evan Schroeder | Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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Hello,

Please see the attached letter regarding the City of Hackensack Street Improvement Project located in Hackensack, Minnesota. This letter is being sent on behalf of the City of Hackensack as part of the project's coordination process. We request your review of the attached document and welcome any comments, questions, or concerns you may have regarding the project.

Please feel free to respond directly to this email with any feedback at your earliest convenience.

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Noise (EA Level Reviews) – PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/noise-abatement-and-control>

1. What activities does your project involve? Check all that apply:

New construction for residential use

NOTE: HUD assistance to new construction projects is generally prohibited if they are located in an Unacceptable zone, and HUD discourages assistance for new construction projects in Normally Unacceptable zones. See 24 CFR 51.101(a)(3) for further details.

→ Continue to Question 2.

Rehabilitation of an existing residential property

NOTE: For major or substantial rehabilitation in Normally Unacceptable zones, HUD encourages mitigation to reduce levels to acceptable compliance standards. For major rehabilitation in Unacceptable zones, HUD strongly encourages mitigation to reduce levels to acceptable compliance standards. See 24 CFR 51 Subpart B for further details.

→ Continue to Question 2.

None of the above

→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

2. Complete the Preliminary Screening to identify potential noise generators in the vicinity (1000' from a major road, 3000' from a railroad, or 15 miles from an airport).

Indicate the findings of the Preliminary Screening below:

There are no noise generators found within the threshold distances above.

→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map showing the location of the project relative to any noise generators.

Noise generators were found within the threshold distances.

→ Continue to Question 3.

3. Complete the Noise Assessment Guidelines to quantify the noise exposure. Indicate the findings of the Noise Assessment below:

Acceptable (65 decibels or less; the ceiling may be shifted to 70 decibels in circumstances described in §24 CFR 51.105(a))

Indicate noise level here: [Click here to enter text.](#)

→ *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide noise analysis, including noise level and data used to complete the analysis.*

Normally Unacceptable: (Above 65 decibels but not exceeding 75 decibels; the floor may be shifted to 70 decibels in circumstances described in 24 CFR 51.105(a))

Indicate noise level here: [Click here to enter text.](#)

If project is rehabilitation:

→ *Continue to Question 4. Provide noise analysis, including noise level and data used to complete the analysis.*

If project is new construction:

Is the project in a largely undeveloped area¹?

No

Yes → ***The project requires completion of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to 51.104(b)(1)(i).***

→ *Continue to Question 4. Provide noise analysis, including noise level and data used to complete the analysis.*

Unacceptable: (Above 75 decibels)

Indicate noise level here: [Click here to enter text.](#)

If project is rehabilitation:

HUD strongly encourages conversion of noise-exposed sites to land uses compatible with high noise levels. Consider converting this property to a non-residential use compatible with high noise levels.

→ *Continue to Question 4. Provide noise analysis, including noise level and data used to complete the analysis, and any other relevant information.*

If project is new construction:

The project requires completion of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to 51.104(b)(1)(i). Work with HUD or the RE to either complete an EIS or obtain a waiver signed by the appropriate authority.

→ *Continue to Question 4.*

4. **HUD strongly encourages mitigation be used to eliminate adverse noise impacts. Work with the RE/HUD on the development of the mitigation measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.**

Mitigation as follows will be implemented:

¹ A largely undeveloped area means the area within 2 miles of the project site is less than 50 percent developed with urban uses and does not have water and sewer capacity to serve the project.

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→ *Provide drawings, specifications, and other materials as needed to describe the project's noise mitigation measures.*

Continue to the Worksheet Summary.

No mitigation is necessary.

Explain why mitigation will not be made here:

Click here to enter text.

→ *Continue to the Worksheet Summary.*

Worksheet Summary

Provide a full description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your program or region

Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD.

The project will generate normal construction noise and will be temporary during construction. It is not anticipated that the project will drastically increase the noise to the area. However, if the level of noise that is created by the project exceeds the thresholds allowed by law or becomes a health hazard, steps will be taken to mitigate the noise levels.



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Sole Source Aquifers (CEST and EA) - PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/sole-source-aquifers>

1. Is the project located on a sole source aquifer (SSA)¹?

No → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation used to make your determination, such as a map of your project or jurisdiction in relation to the nearest SSA.*

Yes → *Continue to Question 2.*

2. Does the project consist solely of acquisition, leasing, or rehabilitation of an existing building(s)?

Yes → *The review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.*

No → *Continue to Question 3.*

3. Does your region have a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or other working agreement with EPA for HUD projects impacting a sole source aquifer?

Contact your Field or Regional Environmental Officer or visit the HUD webpage at the link above to determine if an MOU or agreement exists in your area.

Yes → *Continue to Question 4.*

No → *Continue to Question 5.*

4. Does your MOU or working agreement exclude your project from further review?

Yes → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation used to make your determination and document where your project fits within the MOU or agreement.*

No → *Continue to Question 5.*

5. Will the proposed project contaminate the aquifer and create a significant hazard to public health?

Consult with your Regional EPA Office. Your consultation request should include detailed information about your proposed project and its relationship to the aquifer and associated streamflow source area.

¹ A sole source aquifer is defined as an aquifer that supplies at least 50 percent of the drinking water consumed in the area overlying the aquifer. This includes streamflow source areas, which are upstream areas of losing streams that flow into the recharge area.

EPA will also want to know about water, storm water and waste water at the proposed project. Follow your MOU or working agreement or contact your Regional EPA office for specific information you may need to provide. EPA may request additional information if impacts to the aquifer are questionable after this information is submitted for review.

No → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide your correspondence with the EPA and all documents used to make your determination.*

Yes → *The RE/HUD will work with EPA to develop mitigation measures. If mitigation measures are approved, attach correspondence with EPA and include the mitigation measures in your environmental review documents and project contracts. If EPA determines that the project continues to pose a significant risk to the aquifer, federal financial assistance must be denied. Continue to Question 6.*

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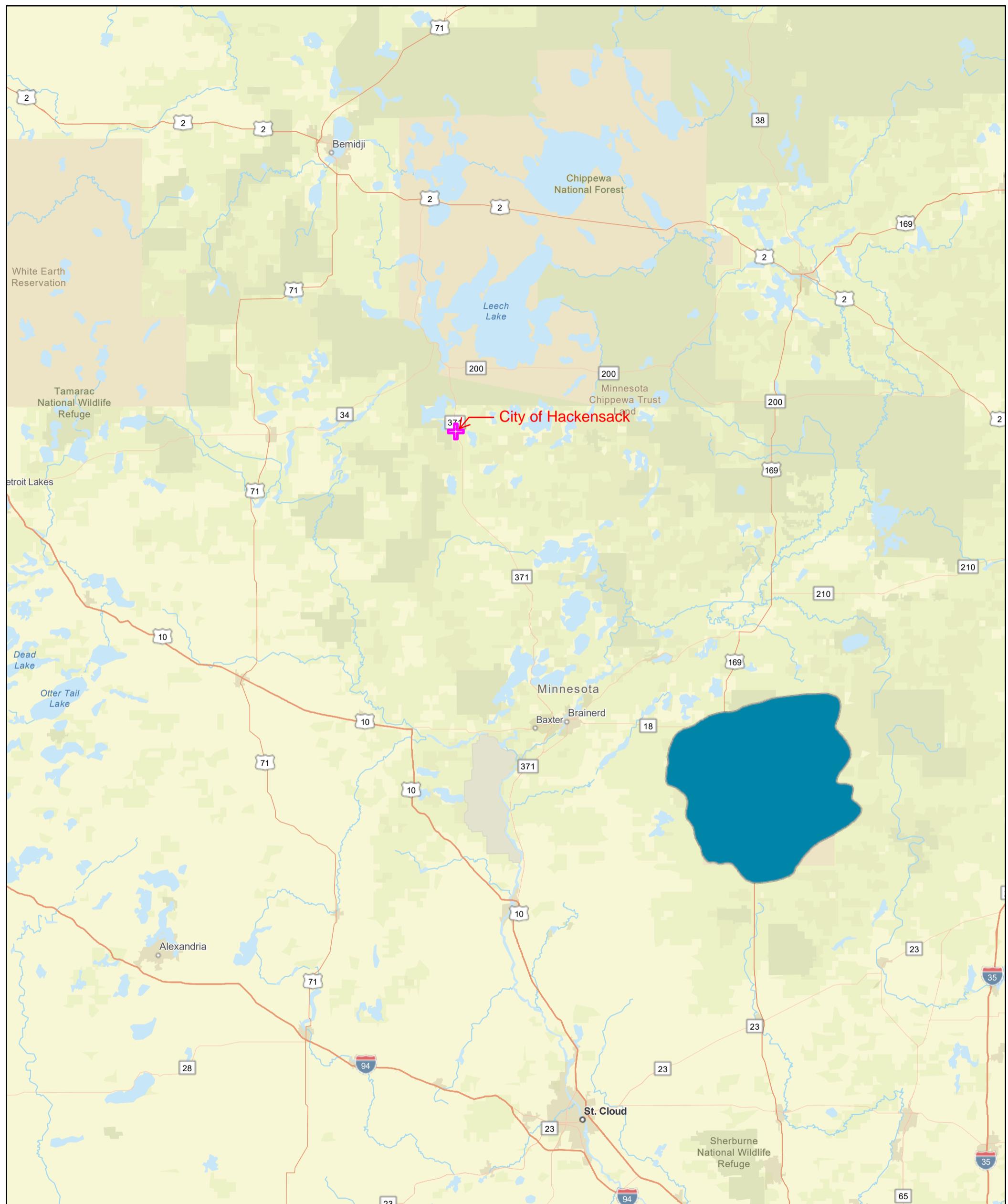
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- Any additional requirements specific to your program or region

Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD.

There are no Sole Source Aquifers (SSA) located within the project area. The only SSA in Minnesota is located approximately 50 miles southwest of the project, near Mille Lacs Lake.

Sole Source Aquifer



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- Sole Source Aquifers

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Wetlands (CEST and EA) – Partner

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/wetlands-protection>

1. Does this project involve new construction as defined in Executive Order 11990, expansion of a building's footprint, or ground disturbance?

The term "new construction" includes draining, dredging, channelizing, filling, diking, impounding, and related activities and construction of any any structures or facilities.

No → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.*

Yes → *Continue to Question 2.*

2. Will the new construction or other ground disturbance impact a wetland as defined in E.O. 11990?

No → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map or any other relevant documentation to explain your determination.*

Yes → *Work with HUD or the RE to assist with the 8-Step Process. Continue to Question 3.*

3. Does Section 55.12 state that the 8-Step Process is not required?

No, the 8-Step Process applies.

This project will require mitigation and may require elevating structure or structures. See the link to the HUD Exchange above for information on HUD's elevation requirements.

→ *Work with the RE/HUD to assist with the 8-Step Process. Continue to Worksheet Summary.*

5-Step Process is applicable per 55.12(a).

Provide the applicable citation at 24 CFR 55.12(a) here.

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→ *Work with the RE/HUD to assist with the 5-Step Process. This project may require mitigation or alternations. Continue to Worksheet Summary.*

8-Step Process is inapplicable per 55.12(b).

Provide the applicable citation at 24 CFR 55.12(b) here.

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→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to Worksheet Summary.

8-Step Process is inapplicable per 55.12(c).

Provide the applicable citation at 24 CFR 55.12(c) here.

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→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to Worksheet Summary.

Worksheet Summary

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- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your program or region

Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD.

Project construction will occur within previously disturbed roadway corridors. While roadside wetlands and ditches may be present in the project area the project will be designed to completely avoid these features. All work will remain within existing impervious areas or will tie into the existing ground at the top of the ditch inslope, ensuring no direct or indirect wetland impacts. As a result, the project is not anticipated to affect any wetlands.



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Wetlands

-  Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
-  Estuarine and Marine Wetland



Legend for wetland types:

- Freshwater Emergent Wetland
- Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
- Freshwater Pond
- Lake
- Other
- Riverine

This map is for general reference only. The US Fish and Wildlife Service is not responsible for the accuracy or currentness of the base data shown on this map. All wetlands related data should be used in accordance with the layer metadata found on the Wetlands Mapper web site.



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Wild and Scenic Rivers (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

<https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/wild-and-scenic-rivers>

1. Is your project within proximity of a Wild and Scenic River, Study River, or Nationwide Rivers Inventory River?

No → *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Provide documentation used to make your determination.*

Yes → *Continue to Question 2.*

2. Could the project do *any* of the following?

- Have a direct and adverse effect within Wild and Scenic River Boundaries,
- Invade the area or unreasonably diminish the river outside Wild and Scenic River Boundaries, or
- Have an adverse effect on the natural, cultural, and/or recreational values of a NRI segment.

Consult with the appropriate federal/state/local/tribal Managing Agency(s), pursuant to Section 7 of the Act, to determine if the proposed project may have an adverse effect on a Wild & Scenic River or a Study River and, if so, to determine the appropriate avoidance or mitigation measures.

Select one:

The Managing Agency has concurred that the proposed project will not alter, directly, or indirectly, any of the characteristics that qualifies or potentially qualifies the river for inclusion in the NWSRS.
→ *If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Provide documentation of the consultation (including the Managing Agency's concurrence) and any other documentation used to make your determination.*

The Managing Agency was consulted and the proposed project may alter, directly, or indirectly, any of the characteristics that qualifies or potentially qualifies the river for inclusion in the NWSRS.
→ *The RE/HUD must work with the Managing Agency to identify mitigation measures to mitigate the impact or effect of the project on the river.*

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Provide a full description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
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- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your program or region

Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD.

According to the MNDNR, the U.S. National Park Service, and the Nationwide Rivers Inventory the project area is not near any state or federally protected Wild and Scenic Rivers, study rivers, or Nationwide Rivers.

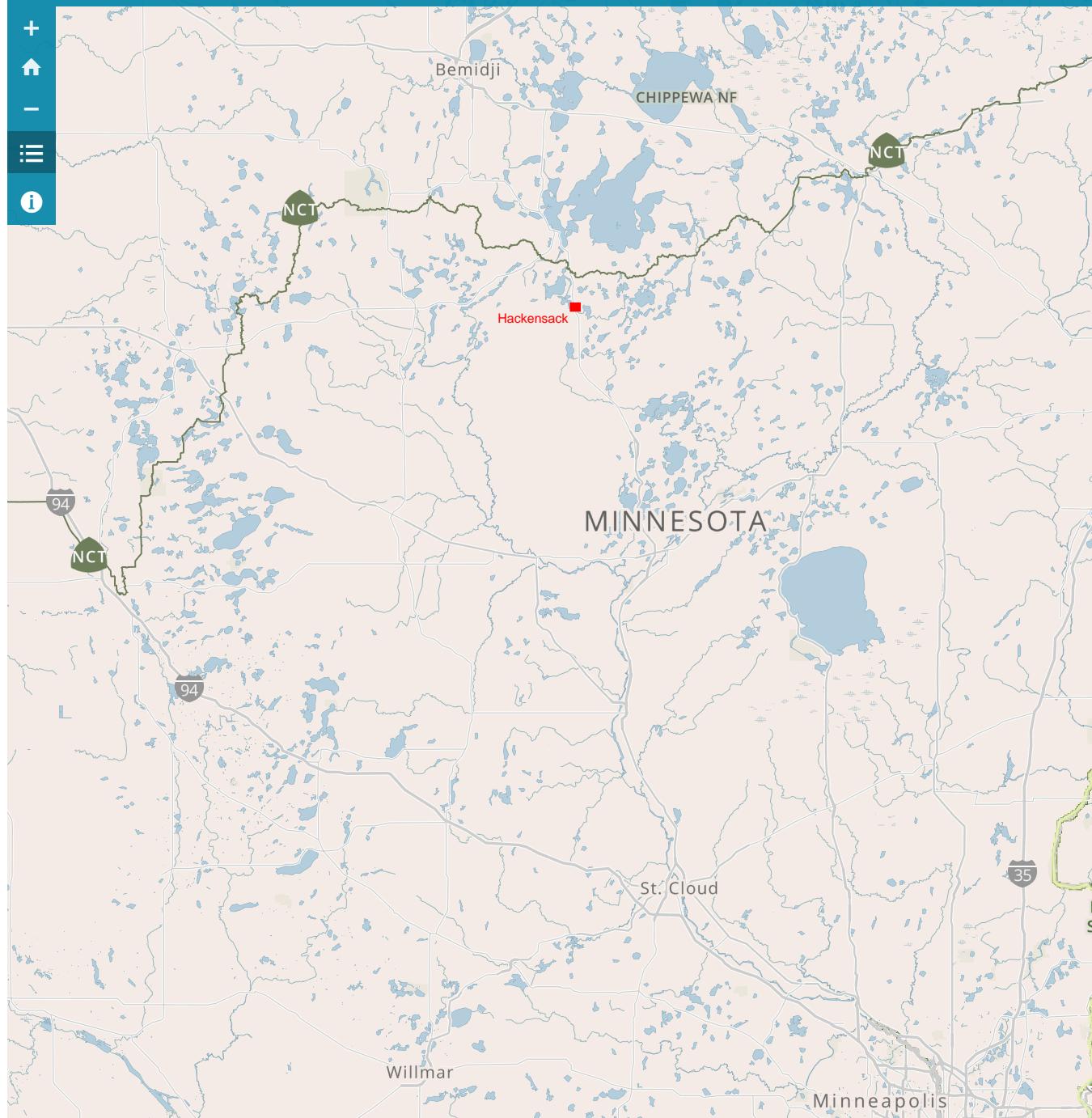
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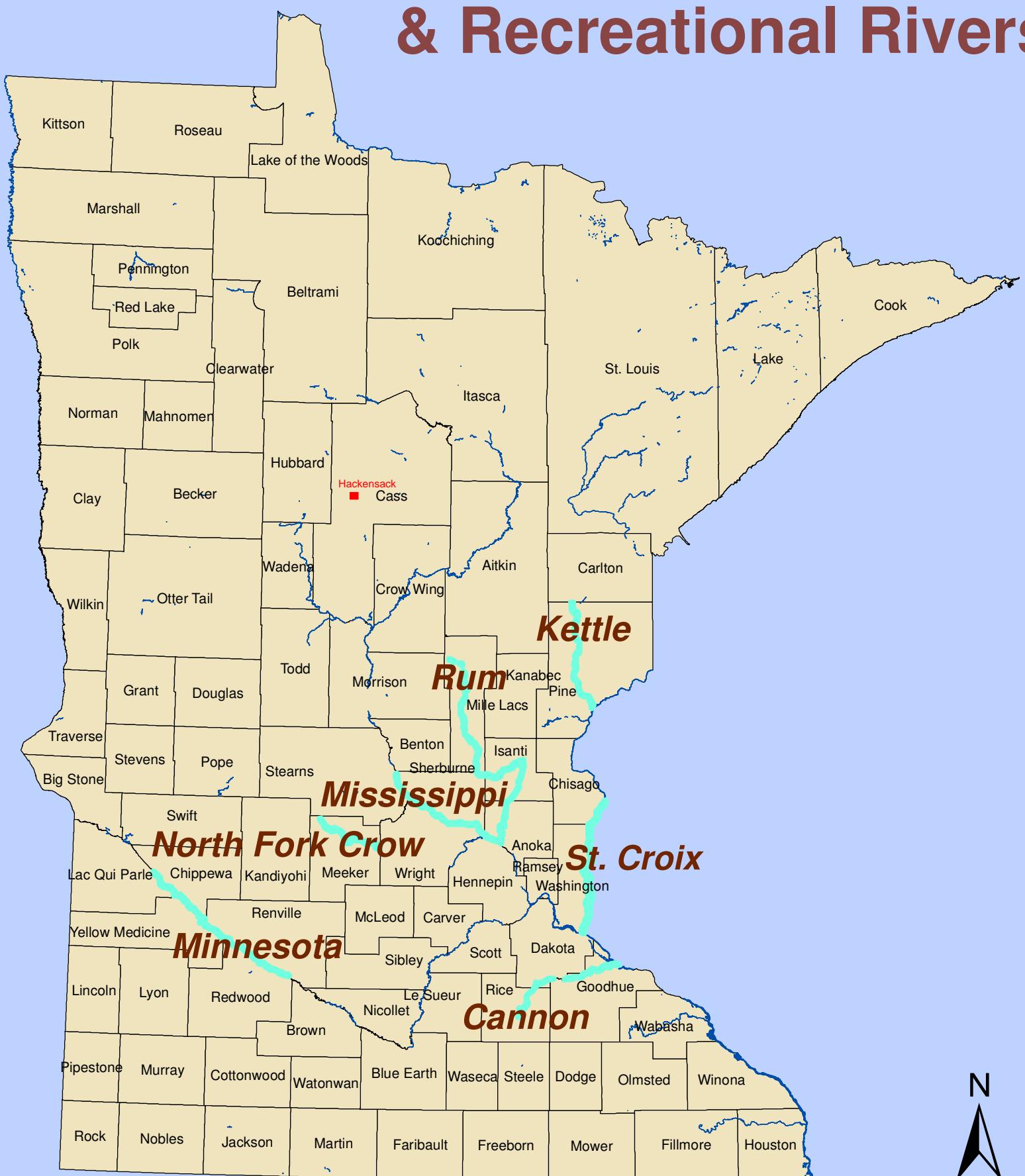
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Minnesota's Wild, Scenic, & Recreational Rivers



Map created by Minnesota Department of Natural Resources - Division of Waters
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Nationwide Rivers

A listing of free-flowing river segments in the U.S. believed to possess one or more

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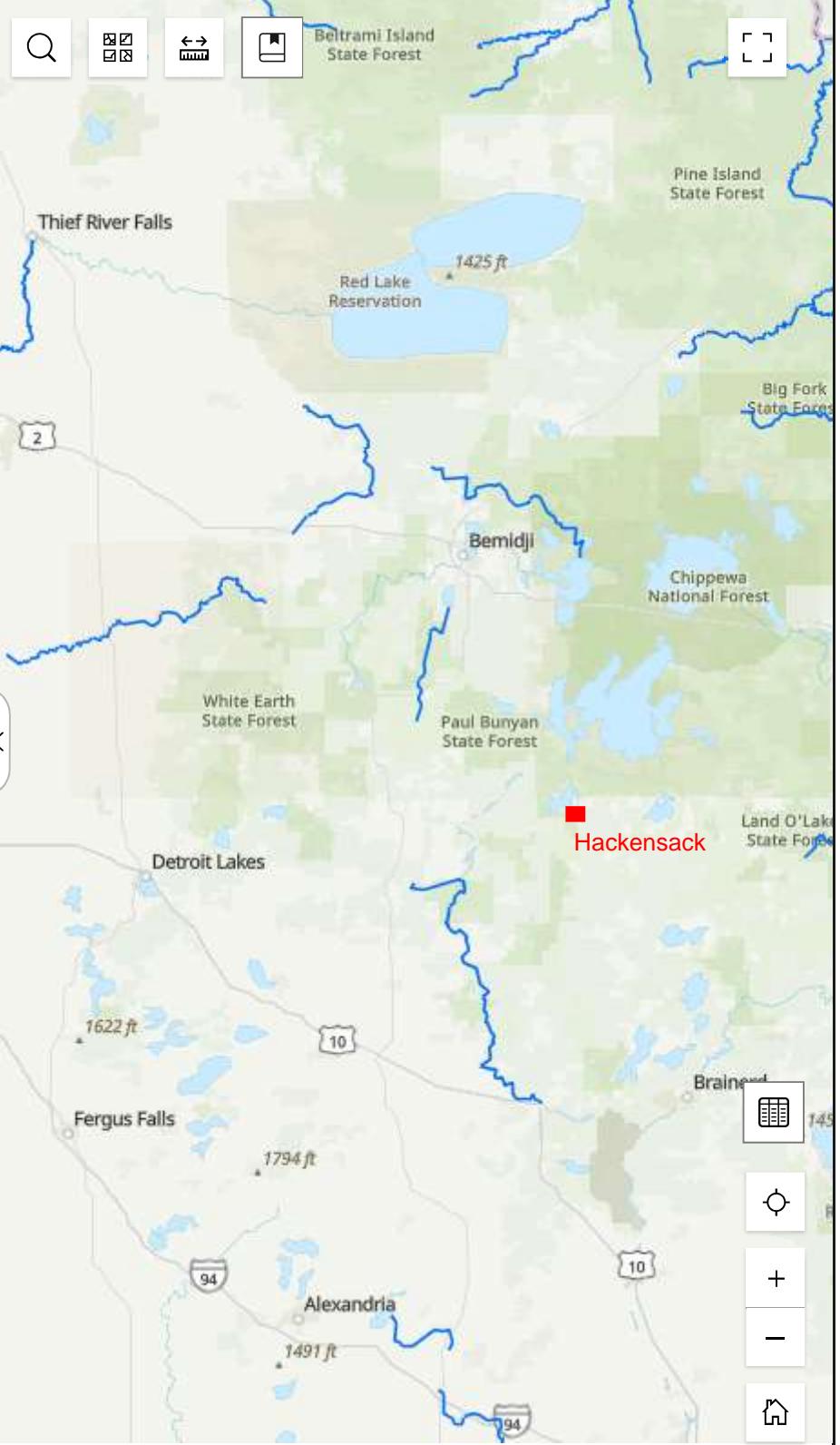
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