

## Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act Notice of Application

<b>Local Government Unit:</b> Minnehaha Creek Watershed District	<b>County:</b> Hennepin
<b>Applicant Name:</b> Lorelei Ritter	<b>Applicant Representative:</b> Wyatt Benton, Anderson Engineering
<b>Project Name:</b> 3505 Watertown Road	<b>LGU Project No. (if any):</b> W22-025
<b>Date Complete Application Received by LGU:</b> June 1, 2022	
<b>Date this Notice was Sent by LGU:</b> June 6, 2022	
<b>Date that Comments on this Application Must Be Received By LGU<sup>1</sup>:</b> June 17, 2022	

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### WCA Decision Type - check all that apply

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<b>Total WCA Impact Area Proposed:</b>
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### Application Materials

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Other <sup>1</sup> (specify):
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<sup>1</sup> Link to ftp or other accessible file sharing sites is acceptable.

### Comments on this application should be sent to:

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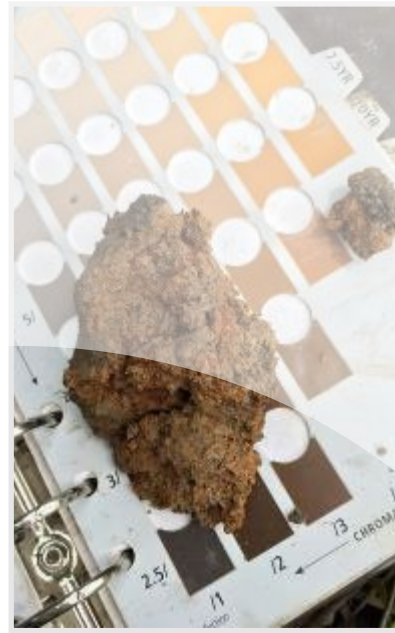
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<input type="checkbox"/> Members of the Public (notice only): <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</span>

<b>Signature:</b> 	<b>Date:</b> 6/6/2022
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**WETLAND INVESTIGATION**

**TOPO LLC**

**3505 WATERTOWN ROAD  
ORONO, MINNESOTA**

**May 24, 2022  
AE JOB NO. 16982**



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Anderson Engineering of Minnesota, LLC was retained to provide professional wetland services using the 1987 United States Army Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual (Technical Report Y-87-1; January 1987) and all supplemental guidance documents to identify areas meeting wetland criteria at 3505 Watertown Road located in Orono, Hennepin County, Minnesota. This project area is in Section 32, Township 118 North, Range 23 West.

Delineated aquatic resources or, portions thereof, was identified and delineated within the project area and summarized in Table 1 and depicted in Appendix A, Figure 5.

*Table 1. Summary of delineated aquatic resources, corresponding sizes, and wetland type classifications.*

FEATURE	FEATURE TYPE	APPROXIMATE SIZE <sup>1</sup>	FEATURE TYPE CLASSIFICATION			MnRAM Classification
			CIRCULAR 39	COWARDIN	EGGERS & REED	
1	Wetland	0.27 Ac.	Type 1/2/3	PEM1C/B/FO1A	Floodplain Forest/Fresh Wet Meadow/Shallow Marsh	Manage 1

<sup>1</sup> Approximate size within the project area expressed in acres (ac), square feet (SF), or tributary linear feet (LF). Areas less than 0.01 acre are presented in square feet.

## **BACKGROUND**

As requested by Lorelei Ritter, Anderson Engineering of Minnesota, LLC completed a wetland investigation at 3505 Watertown Road located in Orono, Hennepin County, Minnesota (Appendix A, Figure 1). This project area is in Section 32, Township 118 North, Range 23 West.

The wetland delineation was completed in accordance with the 1987 United States Army Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and the published regional supplement to the Army Corps Wetland Delineation Manual, Midwest Regional Supplement.

The purpose of this study was to identify areas meeting the technical criteria for wetlands, delineate the jurisdictional extent of the wetland basins, and classify the wetland habitats in the project area.

Fieldwork for this site investigation was completed by Dylan Kruzel and Wyatt Benton, on May 18, 2022. The weather was sunny and 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

## **METHODOLOGY**

U.S. Geologic Service 7.5" Topographic Quadrangle maps, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetland Inventory (NWI) maps, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Public Water Inventory (PWI) maps, U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey, and available aerial photographs were consulted to initially locate potential wetland habitats.

Routine On-site Determination Method was used during this investigation. In this method, the following procedures were used:

1. The vegetative community was sampled in all present strata to determine whether it met hydrophytic vegetation criteria based on the indicators identified in the Midwest Regional Supplement.
2. Soil pits were dug using a Dutch auger to depths of sixteen to thirty-six inches. The soil profile was noted in addition to any hydric soil characteristics.
3. Signs of wetland hydrology were noted and compared to field criteria such as depth to shallow water table and depth of soil saturation found in the soil pits.

Data from sample points were recorded on Army Corps of Engineers Midwest Region Wetland Determination Data Forms (Appendix B). At least one sample point transect crosses the delineated wetland edge. This transect consists of an upland sample point and a wetland sample point. Other sample points may be in areas which have one or more other wetland criteria present; where questionable conditions exist; or to verify the absence of wetland criteria. Photographs of each resource is included in the resource review summary pages.

Sample points were marked in the field with orange flags. The identified aquatic resource was marked with sequentially numbered pink flags and ribbon. All sample points and the delineated aquatic resource extent were located using a Trimble Geo XH sub-meter GPS unit.

Delineated resources were evaluated using Board of Soil and Water Resource's Minnesota Routine Assessment Method version 3.2 (MnRAM). Information from desktop and field assessment was evaluated in the system and a management classification ranging from exceptional quality to low quality is output as Preserve, Manage 1, Manage 2, and Manage 3. Resulting classifications are typically utilized in development planning.



## RESOURCE REVIEW

The below described data were reviewed as part of the aquatic resource field delineation. A summary of each resource contained within the project area follows.

### NATIONAL WETLANDS INVENTORY

The National Wetlands Inventory identifies one PEM1C wetland within the project area (Appendix A, Figure 2).

### USDA – NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE SOIL SURVEY

Soil survey data for Hennepin County was obtained and reviewed prior to the delineation. Table 2 provides a list of the mapped soils in the project area. Figure 3 in Appendix A depicts USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service mapped soils within the project categorized by total percentage of hydric components.

Table 2. Summary of mapped soil units in the project area.

MAP UNIT SYMBOL	MAP UNIT NAME	HYDRIC STATUS	HYDRIC RATING	DRAINAGE CLASSIFICATION	PERCENT COVER
L40B	Angus-Kilkenny complex, 2 to 6 percent slopes	5%	Hydric Soil Unit	Well drained	30%
L41D2	Lester-Kilkenny complex, 10 to 16 percent slopes, moderately eroded	5%	Non-Hydric Soil Unit	Well drained	29%
L41E	Lester-Kilkenny complex, 16 to 22 percent slopes	5%	Non-Hydric Soil Unit	Well drained	20%
L22D2	Lester loam, 10 to 16 percent slopes, moderately eroded	0%	Non-Hydric Soil Unit	Well drained	19%
L41C2	Lester-Kilkenny complex, 6 to 10 percent slopes, moderately eroded	5%	Non-Hydric Soil Unit	Well drained	1%

Hydric soils are defined in the *Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States: Guide for Identifying and Delineating Hydric Soils, version 8.2, 2018*; The *1987 United States Army Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual*; and The *Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Midwest Region (Version 2.0)*.

### MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PUBLIC WATER INVENTORY

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Public Water Inventory for Hennepin County does not identify public water in the project extent (Appendix A, Figure 4).

### 30-DAY ROLLING PRECIPITATION DATA

A review of the 30-day rolling precipitation data collected from the University of Minnesota Climatology Working Group (Appendix D) indicates that precipitation totals for the weeks prior to the site visit were above the range of average in the general project area. The overall hydrologic conditions were suitable, however, for completing an accurate wetland determination and boundary delineation.



## RESOURCE 1

FIELD DELINEATED 5/18/2022

### FIELD INVESTIGATION CONCLUSION<sup>1</sup>



Viewing Southwest | Gradual Transition to Wetland

Wetland	RESOURCE TYPE
0.27-Acre	TOTAL AREA WITHIN ECB
1.5-Acres	TOTAL EST. AREA
Floodplain Forest/Fresh Wet Meadow/Shallow Marsh	EGGERS & REED
Type 1/2/3	CIRCULAR 39
PEM1C/B/FO1A	COWARDIN
Manage 1	MnRAM <sup>2</sup>
<b>DOMINANT HYDROPHYTIC VEGETATION</b>	
<i>Juglans nigra</i>	Black walnut
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green ash
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar maple
<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>	European buckthorn
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	Reed canary grass
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Stinging nettle
<b>HYDRIC SOIL INDICATORS</b>	
Redox Dark Surface	F6
<b>WETLAND HYDROLOGY DETERMINATION</b>	
High Water Table	A2
Saturation	A3
Water Stained Leaves	B9
Geomorphic Position	D2
FAC-Neutral Test	D5

### DESKTOP REVIEW

HYDRIC RATING - SOIL UNIT(S)	Non-Hydric - Lester loam, 10 to 16 percent slopes, moderately eroded (L22D2)
NATIONAL WETLAND INVENTORY	PEM1C
PUBLIC WATER INVENTORY	None

### DISCUSSION

RATIONALE FOR DETERMINATION	The resource consists of a Type 2, PEM1B, Fresh Wet Meadow wetland fringed by a Type 1, PFO1A, Floodplain Forest wetland that leads south to a Type 3, PEM1C, Shallow Marsh basin. The wetland is dominated by reed canary grass and stinging nettle, with a shrub layer dominated by European buckthorn and a tree stratum dominated by green ash and boxelder. The wetland receives hydrology via a culvert to the north that runs under Watertown Road and overland flow from upland areas. The transition to upland was determined based on a lack of hydric soils and wetland hydrology. Upland areas were dominated by an herbaceous layer of eastern prickly gooseberry and garlic mustard, shrub stratum of European buckthorn and a tree stratum dominated by sugar maple and black walnut.
ATYPICAL/PROBLEMATIC CONDITIONS	Analysis of antecedent precipitation showed the 30-day rolling total was above the normal monthly average at the time of field visit, however, conditions were deemed suitable for delineation.
CONSISTENCY WITH DESKTOP REVIEW	NWI inventoried areas were found to be generally correct; however, additional wetland was identified bordering and north of the PEM1C basin.

<sup>1</sup> Appendix B contains wetland determination data forms supporting this investigated resource:

<sup>2</sup> Appendix E contains MnRAM output

Wet Point(s): 1A

Up Point(s): 1B

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## CONCLUSION

A total of one wetland, or portions thereof, was identified and delineated within the project area and in accordance with the 1987 United States Army Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual.

Project area aquatic resources may be regulated by several agencies at the local, state, and/or federal level. Activities which may potentially impact wetlands should be discussed in advance with the appropriate regulating agency regarding potential permit requirements. The Local Government Unit (LGU) responsible for implementing the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act at this project location is in the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District.

The Watershed District may require vegetated buffers around all regulated wetland areas. Wetland buffers must meet the standards specified by the Watershed District for any project that is regulated under the Wetland Conservation Act.

This wetland investigation meets the standards and criteria described in the 1987 United States Army Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and all applicable subsequent guidance for an on-site determination. The results reflect the conditions present at the time of the delineation.

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Environmental Scientist

May 24, 2022

Date

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Date

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Date



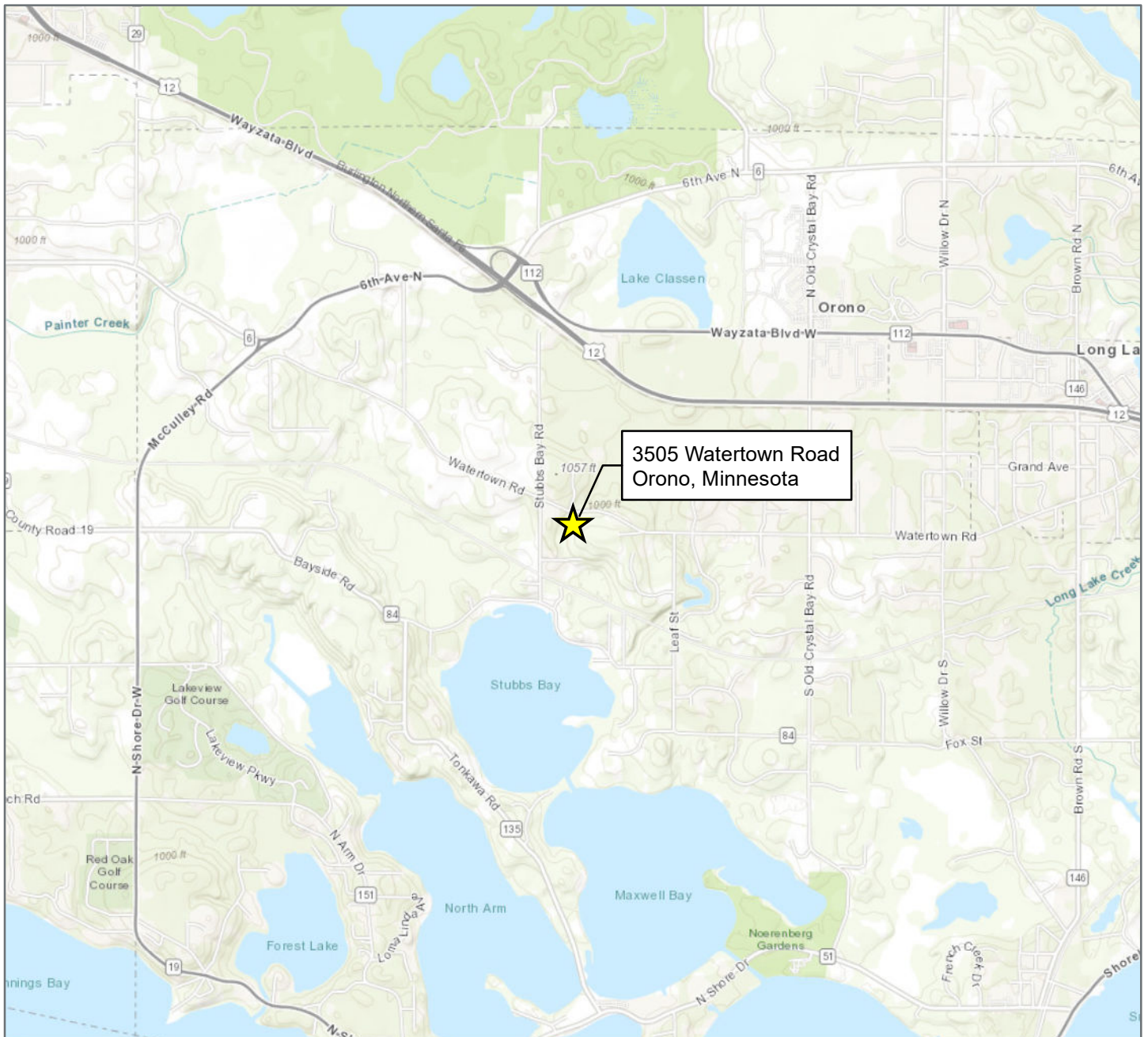
**Appendix A**

**FIGURES**

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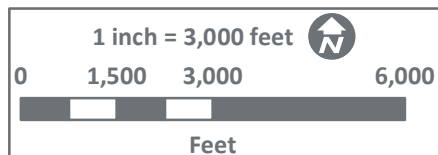
**Figure 1**  
Project Location



**Legend**



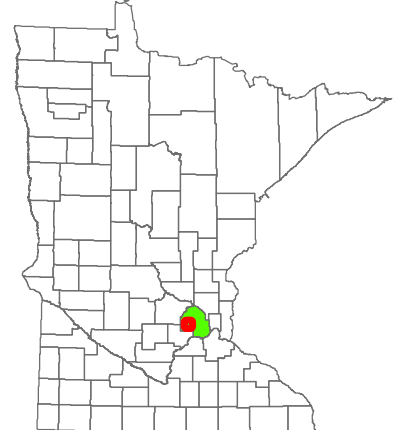
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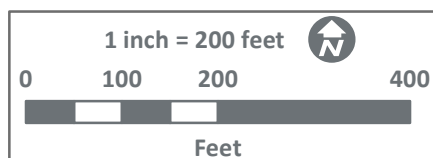




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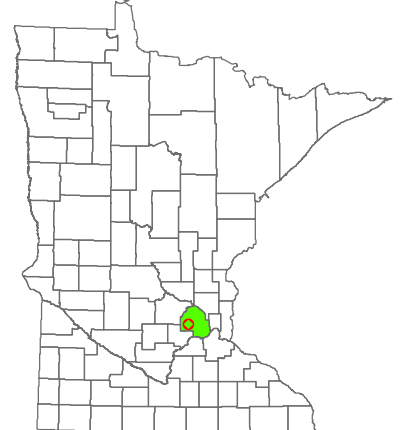
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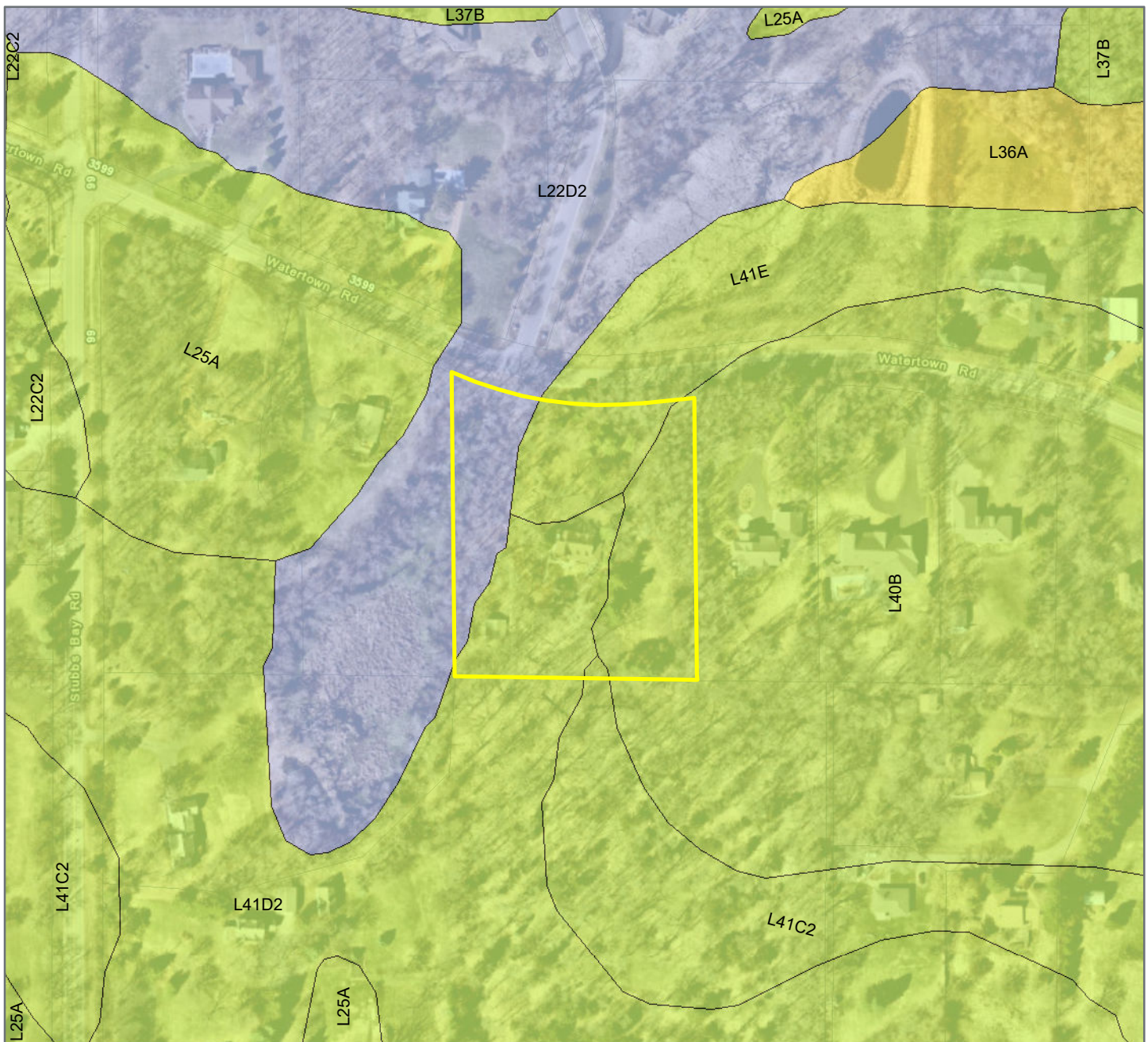
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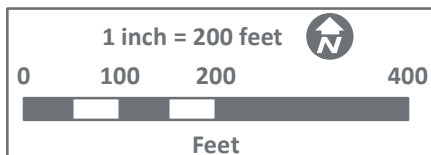




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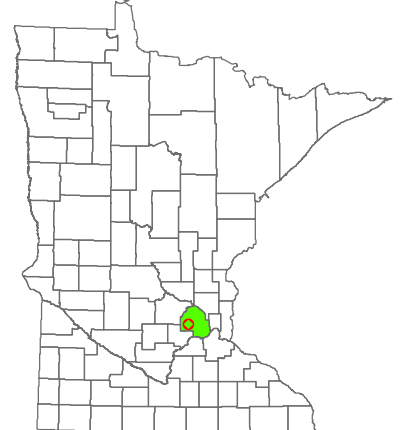
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- 33-65% Hydric Components
- 66-99% Hydric Components
- 100% Hydric Components

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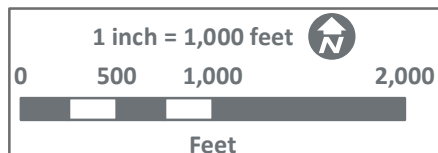




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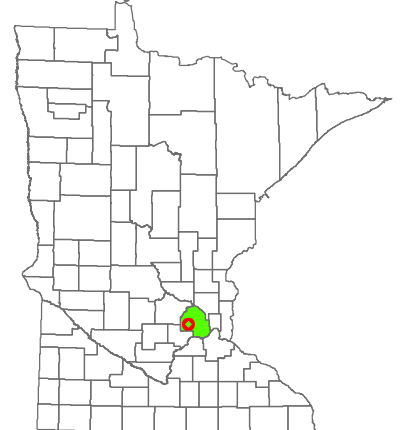
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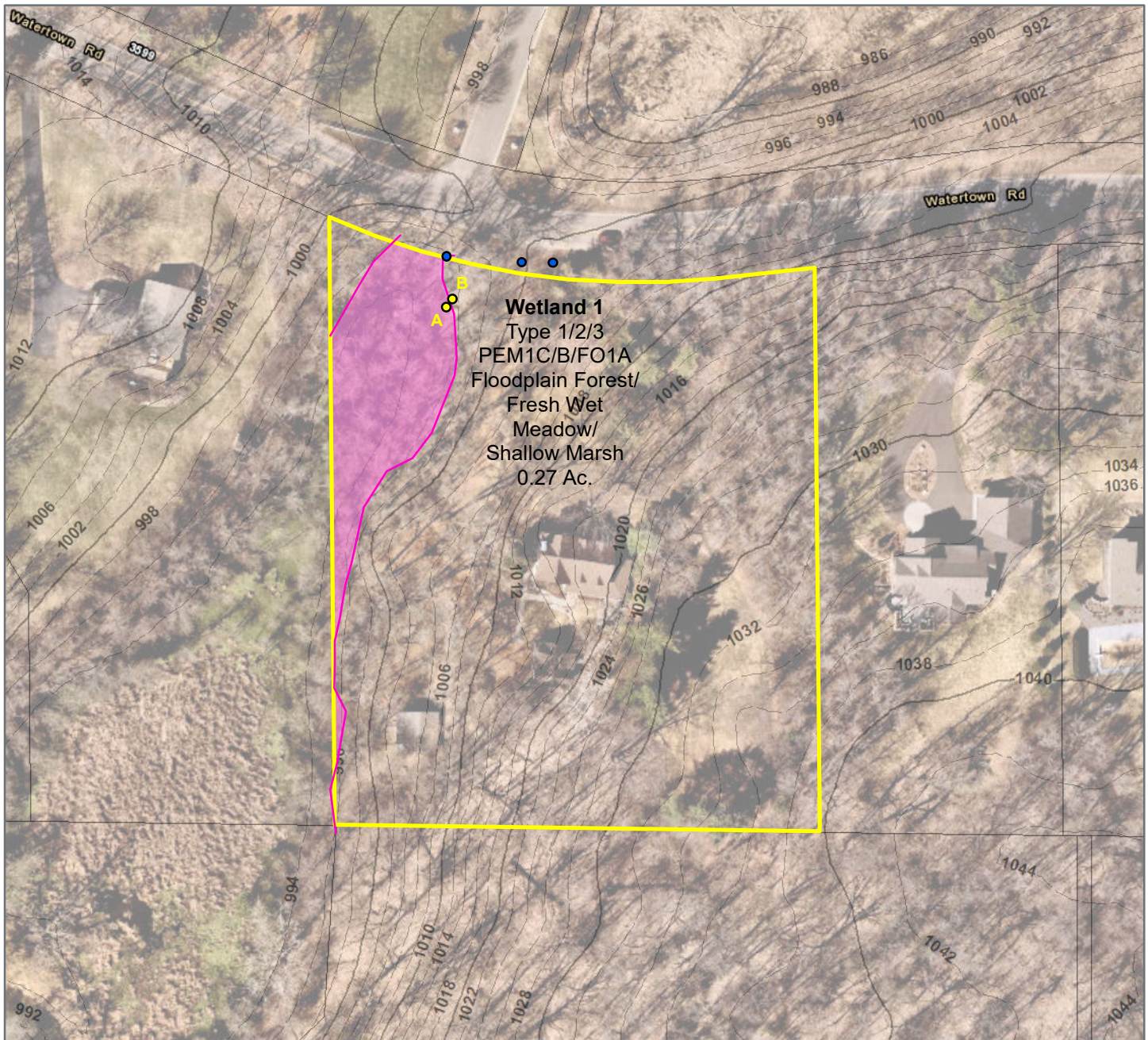
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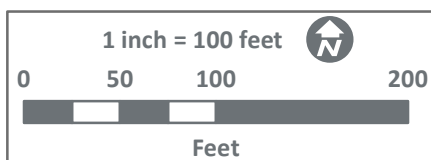




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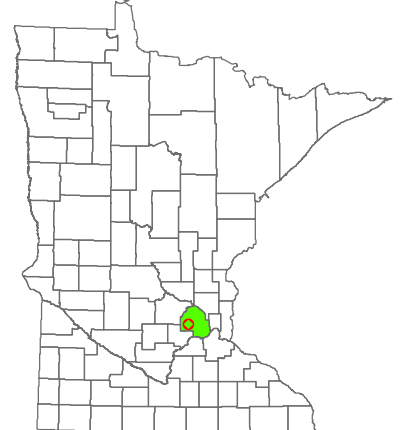
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- May 18th, 2022
- Sample Point
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## **Appendix B**

### **ROUTINE ON-SITE DETERMINATION METHOD DATASHEETS**

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# WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Midwest Region

Project/Site: 3505 Watertown Road (PID: 3211823430007) City/County: Orono/Hennepin Sampling Date: 05/18/2022  
 Applicant/Owner: Topo LLC State: MN Sampling Point: 1A  
 Investigator(s): Wyatt Benton, Dylan Kruzel Section, Township, Range: S32, T118N, R23W  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): TS Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave  
 Slope(%): 1 Lat: 44.97956879 Long: -93.61253537 Datum: WGS 84  
 Soil Map Unit Name: L22D2 NWI classification: None

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes        No X (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation       , Soil       , or Hydrology        significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No         
 Are Vegetation       , Soil       , or Hydrology        naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS - Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>      </u> Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>      </u> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>      </u>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes <u>X</u> No <u>      </u>
Remarks: Type 1/2/3, PEM1C/B/FO1A, Floodplain Forest/Fresh Wet Meadow/Shallow Marsh. Antecedent precipitation was above the normal monthly average at the time of field visit, however, conditions were deemed suitable for delineation.	

## VEGETATION - Use scientific names of plants.

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## SOIL

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Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
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0-12	10YR 2/1	95	10YR 3/6	5	C	M	Loam	
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<sup>1</sup>Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains.<sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.**Hydric Soil Indicators:**

- ☐ Histosol (A1) ☐ Sandy Gleyed Marix (S4)  
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☐ 2 cm Muck (A10) ☐ Depleted Matrix (F3)  
☐ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11) ☒ Redox Dark Surface (F6)  
☐ Thick Dark Surface (A12) ☐ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)  
☐ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1) ☐ Redox Depressions (F8)  
☐ 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3)

**Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils<sup>3</sup>:**

- ☐ Coast Prairie Redox (A16)  
☐ Dark Surface (S7)  
☐ Iron-Manganese Masses (F12)  
☐ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)  
☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

**Restrictive Layer (if observed):**

Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes ☒ No ☐

Remarks:

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland Hydrology Indicators:**

Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required: check all that apply)

- ☐ Surface Water (A1) ☒ Water-Stained Leaves (B9)  
☒ High Water Table (A2) ☐ Aquatic Fauna (B13)  
☒ Saturation (A3) ☐ True Aquatic Plants (B14)  
☐ Water Marks (B1) ☐ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)  
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**Field Observations:**

Surface Water Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Saturation Present? Yes ☒ No ☐ Depth (inches): 3  
 (includes capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?** Yes ☒ No ☐

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

# WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Midwest Region

Project/Site: 3505 Watertown Road (PID: 3211823430007) City/County: Orono/Hennepin Sampling Date: 05/18/2022  
 Applicant/Owner: Topo LLC State: MN Sampling Point: 1B  
 Investigator(s): Wyatt Benton, Dylan Kruzal Section, Township, Range: S32, T118N, R23W  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc): BS Local relief (concave, convex, none): none  
 Slope(%): 6 Lat: 44.9795916 Long: -93.61255219 Datum: WGS 84  
 Soil Map Unit Name: L22D2 NWI classification: None

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes        No X (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation       , Soil       , or Hydrology        significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No         
 Are Vegetation       , Soil       , or Hydrology        naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

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Sampling Point: 1B

**Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)**

Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0-8	10YR 2/1	100					Loam	
8-18	10YR 3/1	100					Loam	
18-44	10YR 2/1	98	10YR 3/6	2	C	M	Clay	

<sup>1</sup>Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains.<sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.**Hydric Soil Indicators:**

- ☐ Histosol (A1)  
☐ Histic Epipedon (A2)  
☐ Black Histic (A3)  
☐ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)  
☐ Stratified Layers (A5)  
☐ 2 cm Muck (A10)  
☐ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)  
☐ Thick Dark Surface (A12)  
☐ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)  
☐ 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3)
- ☐ Sandy Gleyed Marix (S4)  
☐ Sandy Redox (S5)  
☐ Stripped Matrix (S6)  
☐ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)  
☐ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)  
☐ Depleted Matrix (F3)  
☐ Redox Dark Surface (F6)  
☐ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)  
☐ Redox Depressions (F8)

**Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils<sup>3</sup>:**

- ☐ Coast Prairie Redox (A16)  
☐ Dark Surface (S7)  
☐ Iron-Manganese Masses (F12)  
☐ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)  
☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

**Restrictive Layer (if observed):**

Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

**Hydric Soil Present?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

**Remarks:**

Hit extent of sampling equipment at 44 inches. Soil assumed non-hydric based on lack of wetland hydrology, non-hydric soil map unit and best professional judgment.

## HYDROLOGY

**Wetland Hydrology Indicators:**Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required: check all that apply)

- ☐ Surface Water (A1)  
☐ High Water Table (A2)  
☐ Saturation (A3)  
☐ Water Marks (B1)  
☐ Sediment Deposits (B2)  
☐ Drift Deposits (B3)  
☐ Algal Mat or Crust (B4)  
☐ Iron Deposits (B5)  
☐ Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)  
☐ Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- ☐ Water-Stained Leaves (B9)  
☐ Aquatic Fauna (B13)  
☐ True Aquatic Plants (B14)  
☐ Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)  
☐ Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3)  
☐ Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)  
☐ Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)  
☐ Thin Muck Surface (C7)  
☐ Gauge or Well Data (D9)  
☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- ☐ Surface Soil Cracks (B6)  
☐ Drainage Patterns (B10)  
☐ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)  
☐ Crayfish Burrows (C8)  
☐ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)  
☐ Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)  
☐ Geomorphic Position (D2)  
☐ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)

**Field Observations:**

Surface Water Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X      Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Table Present? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_      Depth (inches): 16  
 Saturation Present? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_      Depth (inches): 14  
 (includes capillary fringe)

**Wetland Hydrology Present?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

**Remarks:**

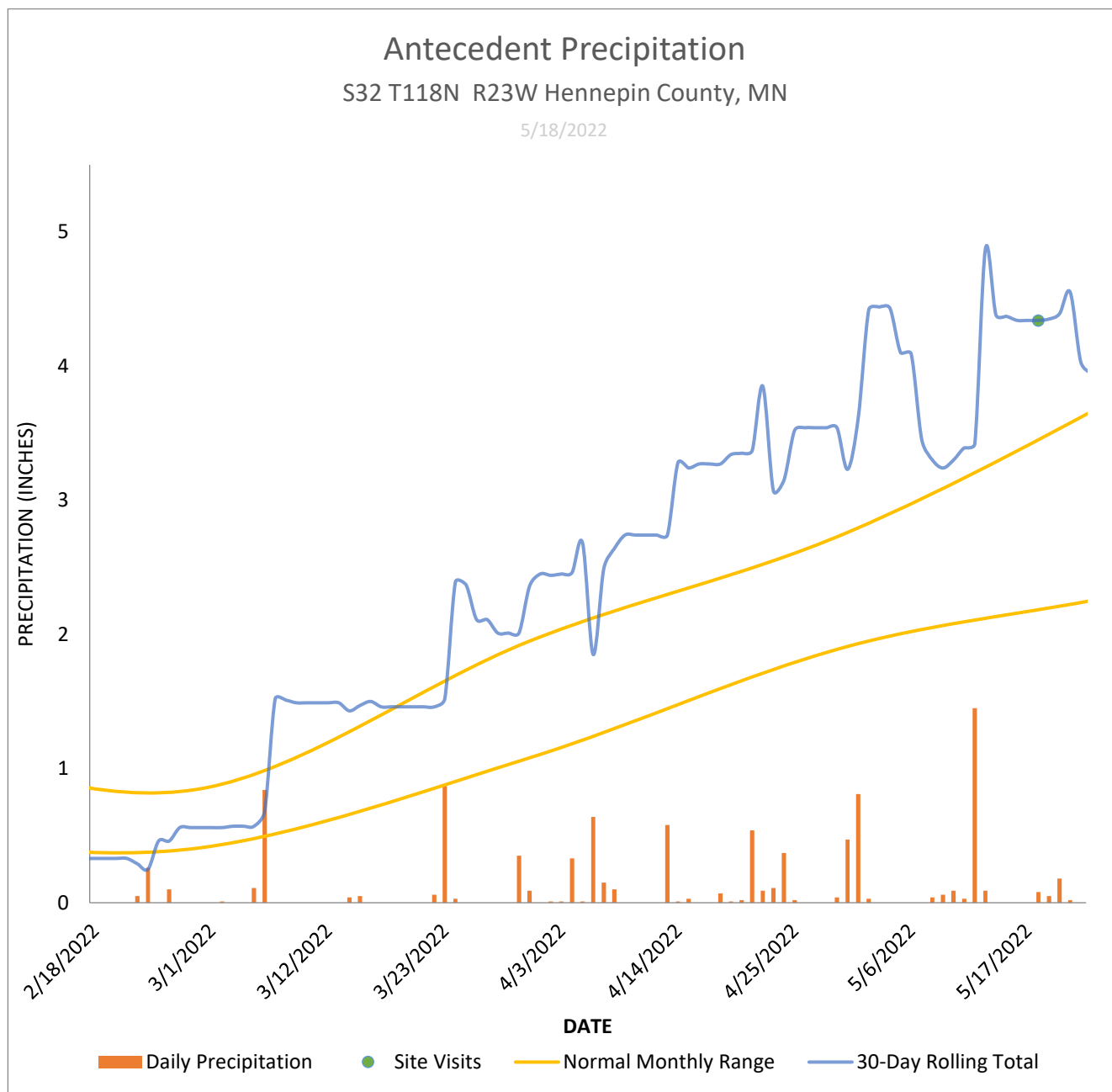
## Appendix C

### ANTECEDENT PRECIPITATION RECORD

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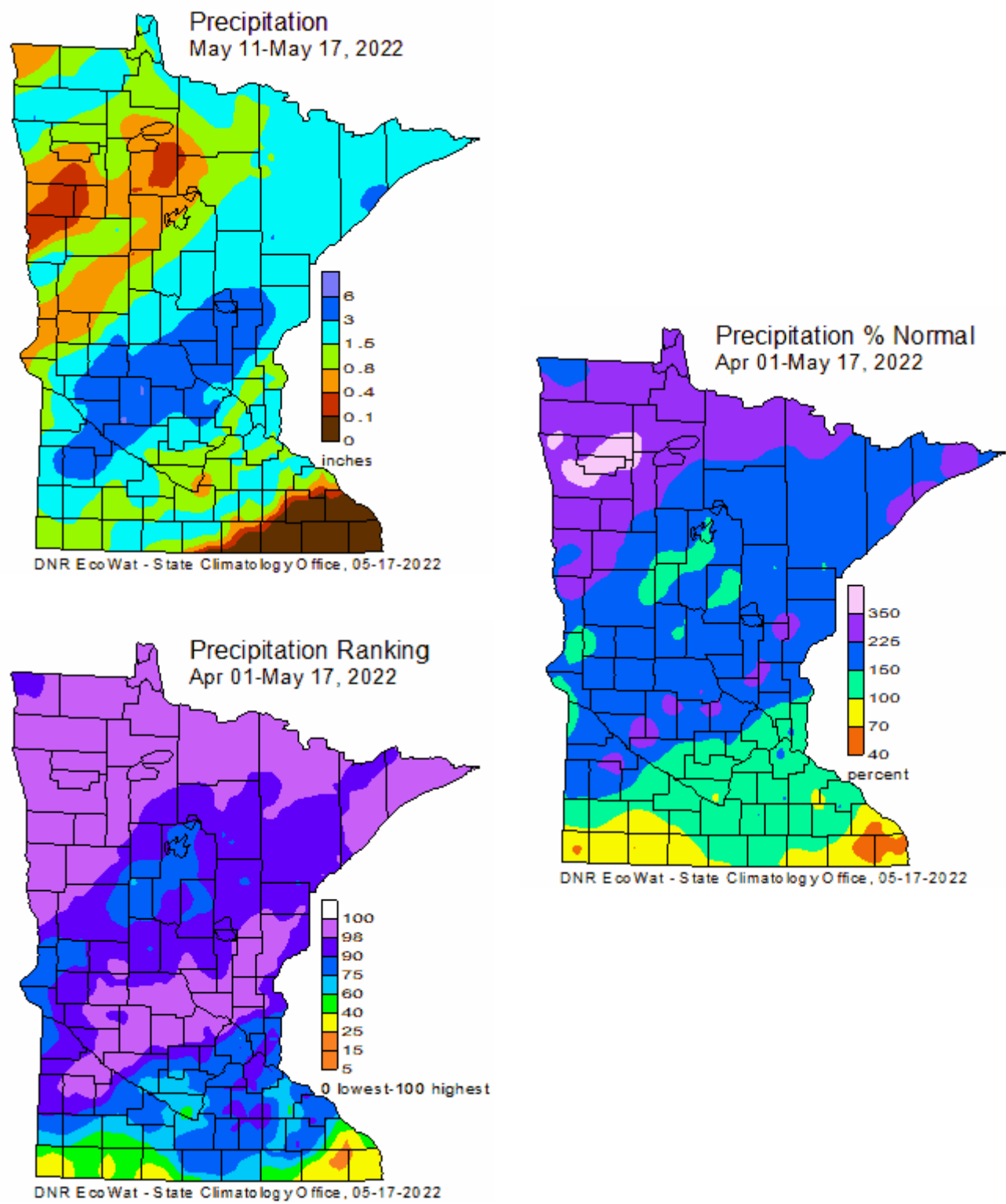


**Appendix C, Figure 1.** Graph of recent precipitation in comparison with the normal range of precipitation in the general site location. Daily precipitation data is plotted independently and as a 30-day rolling total up to the date of the site visit. The normal range is plotted from precipitation data recorded from 1981 to 2010. The normal range is represented in this graph with two lines, the 30<sup>th</sup> percentile and the 70<sup>th</sup> percentile of the period-of-record data distribution.



Source: <http://climate.umn.edu/>

**Appendix C, Figure 2.** Minnesota State Climatology Office map depicting total precipitation for the week of the site visit.



Source: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/climate/weekmap/maps-produced-may-17-2022.html>

## **Appendix D**

### **MINNESOTA ROUTINE ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY (MnRAM)**

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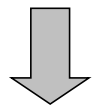
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	P
1	<b>MnRAM 3.2 Digital Worksheet, Side 2</b>														
2															
3															
4			<b>Question Description</b>	<b>User entry</b>	<b>Rating</b>										
5	1		Veg. Table 2, Option 4		0.10										
6			<b>TOTAL VEG Rating</b>	0.1	L										
7	4		Listed, rare, special plant species?	n	next										
8	5		Rare community or habitat?	n	next										
9	6		Pre-European-settlement conditions?	n	next										
10	7		hydrogeo & topo	FT	Depress'l/Flow-through										
11	8		Water depth (inches)	4											
12			Water depth (% inundation)	40%											
13	9		Local watershed/immedita drainage (acres)	10											
14	10		Existing wetland size	1.5											
15	11		SOILS: Up/Wetland (survey classification + site)												
16	12		Outlet characteristics for flood retention	A	1										
17	13		Outlet characteristics for hydrologic regime	A	1										
18	14		Dominant upland land use (within 500 ft)	B	0.5	0.5									
19	15		Soil condition (wetland)	B	0.5										
20	16		Vegetation (% cover)	95%	H	1									
21	17		Emerg. veg. flood resistance	B	0.5										
22	18		Sediment delivery	A	1										
23	19		Upland soils (based on soil group)	C	1										
24	20		Stormwater runoff pretreatment & detention	C	0.1	1									
25	21		Subwatershed wetland density	C	0.1										
26	22		Channels/sheet flow	A	1										
27	23		Adjacent naturalized buffer average width (feet)	100	H	WQ	1	M	0.5						
28	24		Adjacent Area Management: % Full	50%	0.5	3	0.67								
29			adjacent area mgmt: % Manicured	30%	0.15										
30			adjacent area mgmt: % Bare	20%	0.02										
31	25		Adjacent Area Diversity & Structure: % Native	0%	0	2	0.38								
32			adjacent area diversity: % Mixed	70%	0.35										
33			adjacent area diversity: % Sparse/Inv./Exotic	30%	0.03										
34	26		Adjacent Area Slope: % Gentle	20%	0.2	3	0.44								
35			adjacent area slope: % Moderate	40%	0.2										
36			adjacent area slope: % Steep	40%	0.04										
37															
38															
39	27		Downstream sensitivity/WQ protection	A	1										
40	28		Nutrient loading	B	0.5										
41	29		Shoreline wetland?	N	N										
42	30		Rooted shoreline vegetation (%cover)		Enter a percentage										
43	31		Wetland in-water width (in feet, average)		Enter a percentage										
44	32		Emergent vegetation erosion resistance		Enter valid choice										
45	33		Shoreline erosion potential		Enter valid cho										
46	34		Bank protection/upslope veg.		Enter valid choice										
47	35		Rare Wildlife	N	N										
48	36		Scarce/Rare/S1/S2 local community	N	N										
49	37		Vegetation interspersed cover (see diagram 1)	1	L	0.1									
50	38		Community interspersed (see diagram 2)	1	L	0.1									
51	39		Wetland detritus	B	0.5										
52	40		Wetland interspersed on landscape	A	1	0.5									
53	41		Wildlife barriers	B	0.5										
54	42		Amphibian breeding potential-hydroperiod	A	1										
55	43		Amphibian breeding potential--fish presence	A	1										
56	44		Amphibian & reptile overwintering habitat	C	0.1										
57	45		Wildlife species (list)												
58	46		Fish habitat quality	N/A	N/A										
59	47		Fish species (list)												
60	48		Unique/rare educ./cultural/rec.opportunity	N	N										
61	49		Wetland visibility	B	0.5										
62	50		Proximity to population	N	0.1										
63	51		Public ownership	C	0.1										
64	52		Public access	C	0.1										
65	53		Human influence on wetland	B	0.5										
66	54		Human influence on viewshed	B	0.5										
67	55		Spatial buffer	B	0.5										
68	56		Recreational activity potential	C	0.1										
69	57		Commercial crop--hydrologic impact	N/A	N/A										
70															

This comes in from Side 1 automatically using the weighted average. To use the highest rated veg. Community rating, please manually overwrite that value (shown to the right) into the field at E5.

Highest-rated  
0.1

Enter data starting here. Yellow boxes are used in calculations.

Scroll down to answer more questions and see formula calculations



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	P
72															
73		58	GW - Wetland soils	R	R or D	0.1									
74		59	GW - Subwatershed land use	D	R or D	1									
75		60	GW - Wetland size and soil group	R	R or D	0.1									
76	Additional questions	61	GW - Wetland hydroperiod	R	R or D	0.1									
77		62	GW - Inlet/Outlet configuration	R	R or D	0.1									
78		63	GW - Surrounding upland topographic relief	R	R or D	0.1									
79		64	Restoration potential w/o flooding	N	Y or N	1.5									
80		65	Landowners affected by restoration		E a b c	Enter valid choice									
81		66A	Existing wetland size (acres) [from #10]	1.5		acres									
82		66B	Total wetland restoration size (acres)			acres	0.1								
83		66C	(Calculated) Potential New Wetland Area [B-A]	-1.5		acres	% effectively drained: #####								
84		67	Average width of naturalized upland buffer (poten	0		feet	0.1								
85		68	Likelihood of restoration success		a b c	Enter valid choice									
86	69	Hydrologic alteration type		Outlet, Tile, Ditch, GW pump, Wtrshd div., Filling											
87	70	Potential wetland type (Circ. 39)		1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8											
88	71	Wetland sensitivity to stormwater	B	E a b c											
89	72	Additional stormwater treatment needs	A	a b c											
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94															
95															
96	Functional Rating Summaries		Function Name	Raw score	Final Rating	Rating Category									
97			Vegetative Diversity/Integrity		0.10	L									
98			Hydrology - Characteristic		0.75	High									
99			Flood Attenuation		0.69	High									
100			Water Quality--Downstream		0.72	High									
101			Water Quality--Wetland		0.56	Med									
102			Shoreline Protection		N/A	N/A									
103			Characteristic Wildlife Habitat Structure	0.49	0.49	Med									
104			Maintenance of Characteristic Fish Habitat	#####	N/A	N/A									
105			Maintenance of Characteristic Amphibian Habitat		0.52	Med									
106			Aesthetics/Recreation/Education/Cultural	0.30	0.30	Low									
107			Commercial use		N/A	N/A									
108			Special Features listing:		-										
109			Groundwater Interaction		recharge										
110			Groundwater Functional Index		no special indicators										
111		Restoration Potential (draft formula)		N/A	N/A										
112		Stormwater Sensitivity (not active)													
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