Appendix G

Wetland Mitigation Site Resource Reviews

Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Federal Building, Room 152
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Lincoln, NE 68508-3866

Subject: LNU-Farmland Protection
Norfolk Wisner Wetland Mitigation Project
NEPA/FPPA Evaluation
Cuming County, Nebraska

Date: March 26, 2024

To: HDR Inc
Attn: Carmen Modrcin, Environmental Project Manager (carmen.modrcin@hdrinc.com)

We have reviewed the information provided in your correspondence dated March 22, 2024, concerning the wetland mitigation project located in Cuming County, Nebraska. This review is part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) evaluation for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). We have evaluated the proposed site as required by the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA).

The proposed site contains areas of Prime Farmland and Statewide Important Farmland and we have completed the Farmland Conversion Impact Rating form (AD-1006) for the proposed site. The combined rating of the site is 111. The FPPA law states that sites with a rating less than 160 will need no further consideration for protection and no additional evaluation is necessary. We encourage the use of accepted erosion control methods during the construction of this project.

If you have further questions, please contact Elizabeth Gray at 402-437-4068 or by email at Elizabeth.gray@usda.gov (preferred).

Sincerely,

ELIZABETH GRAY

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Elizabeth Gray
USDA-NRCS Nebraska Assistant State Soil Scientist

Attachment: 32319_Wisner_Mitigation_AD1006_20240319

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FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

PART I *(To be completed by Federal Agency)*	Date Of Land Evaluation Request 3/22/24
Name of Project Norfolk - Wisner	Federal Agency Involved FHWA/USACE
Proposed Land Use Wetland Mitigation Site	County and State Cuming, Nebraska
PART II *(To be completed by NRCS)*	Date Request Received By NRCS 3/22/2024 / Person Completing Form: Elizabeth Grav

Does the site contain Prime, Unique, Statewide or Local Important Farmland? *(If no, the FPPA does not apply - do not complete additional parts of this form)*	YES ☑ NO ☐	Acres Irrigated 55,579	Average Farm Size 436

Major Crop(s) Corn, Soybeans, Small Grains	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres: 364090 % 98.98200180	Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: 31566 % 85.82957958218
Name of Land Evaluation System Used NCCPI	Name of State or Local Site Assessment System None	Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS 3/26/2024

PART III *(To be completed by Federal Agency)*	Alternative Site Rating			
	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	112			
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly	0			
C. Total Acres In Site	112			
PART IV *(To be completed by NRCS)* Land Evaluation Information				
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	63.0530			
B. Total Acres Statewide Important or Local Important Farmland	0			
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted	0.03076			
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value	85.0			
PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion Relative Value of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)	46.0			

PART VI *(To be completed by Federal Agency)* Site Assessment Criteria *(Criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5 b. For Corridor project use form NRCS-CPA-106)*	**Maximum Points**	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
1. Area In Non-urban Use	(15)	15			
2. Perimeter In Non-urban Use	(10)	10			
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed	(20)	11			
4. Protection Provided By State and Local Government	(20)	0			
5. Distance From Urban Built-up Area	(15)	15			
6. Distance To Urban Support Services	(15)	5			
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	(10)	0			
8. Creation Of Non-farmable Farmland	(10)	0			
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services	(5)	5			
10. On-Farm Investments	(20)	4			
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	(10)	0			
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	(10)	0			
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS	160	65	0	0	0
PART VII ***(To be completed by Federal Agency)***					
Relative Value Of Farmland *(From Part V)*	100	46	0	0	0
Total Site Assessment *(From Part VI above or local site assessment)*	160	65	0	0	0
TOTAL POINTS ***(Total of above 2 lines)***	260	111	0	0	0

Site Selected: A	Date Of Selection 3/22/24	Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES ☐ NO ☑

Reason For Selection:

Name of Federal agency representative completing this form:	Date:

(See Instructions on reverse side) **Form AD-1006 (03-02)**

STEPS IN THE PROCESSING THE FARMLAND AND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING FORM

Step 1 - Federal agencies (or Federally funded projects) involved in proposed projects that may convert farmland, as defined in the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) to nonagricultural uses, will initially complete Parts I and III of the form. For Corridor type projects, the Federal agency shall use form NRCS-CPA-106 in place of form AD-1006. The Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) process may also be accessed by visiting the FPPA website, http://fppa.nrcs.usda.gov/lesa/.

Step 2 - Originator (Federal Agency) will send one original copy of the form together with appropriate scaled maps indicating location(s)of project site(s), to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) local Field Office or USDA Service Center and retain a copy for their files. (NRCS has offices in most counties in the U.S. The USDA Office Information Locator may be found at http://offices.usda.gov/scripts/ndISAPI.dll/oip_public/USA_map, or the offices can usually be found in the Phone Book under U.S. Government, Department of Agriculture. A list of field offices is available from the NRCS State Conservationist and State Office in each State.)

Step 3 - NRCS will, within 10 working days after receipt of the completed form, make a determination as to whether the site(s) of the proposed project contains prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland. (When a site visit or land evaluation system design is needed, NRCS will respond within 30 working days.

Step 4 - For sites where farmland covered by the FPPA will be converted by the proposed project, NRCS will complete Parts II, IV and V of the form.

Step 5 - NRCS will return the original copy of the form to the Federal agency involved in the project, and retain a file copy for NRCS records.

Step 6 - The Federal agency involved in the proposed project will complete Parts VI and VII of the form and return the form with the final selected site to the servicing NRCS office.

Step 7 - The Federal agency providing financial or technical assistance to the proposed project will make a determination as to whether the proposed conversion is consistent with the FPPA.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING FORM

(For Federal Agency)

Part I: When completing the "County and State" questions, list all the local governments that are responsible for local land use controls where site(s) are to be evaluated.

Part III: When completing item B (Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly), include the following:

1. Acres not being directly converted but that would no longer be capable of being farmed after the conversion, because the conversion would restrict access to them or other major change in the ability to use the land for agriculture.
2. Acres planned to receive services from an infrastructure project as indicated in the project justification (e.g. highways, utilities planned build out capacity) that will cause a direct conversion.

Part VI: Do not complete Part VI using the standard format if a State or Local site assessment is used. With local and NRCS assistance, use the local Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA).

1. Assign the maximum points for each site assessment criterion as shown in § 658.5(b) of CFR. In cases of corridor-type project such as transportation, power line and flood control, criteria #5 and #6 will not apply and will, be weighted zero, however, criterion #8 will be weighed a maximum of 25 points and criterion #11 a maximum of 25 points.

2. Federal agencies may assign relative weights among the 12 site assessment criteria other than those shown on the FPPA rule after submitting individual agency FPPA policy for review and comment to NRCS. In all cases where other weights are assigned, relative adjustments must be made to maintain the maximum total points at 160. For project sites where the total points equal or exceed 160, consider alternative actions, as appropriate, that could reduce adverse impacts (e.g. Alternative Sites, Modifications or Mitigation).

Part VII: In computing the "Total Site Assessment Points" where a State or local site assessment is used and the total maximum number of points is other than 160, convert the site assessment points to a base of 160.
Example: if the Site Assessment maximum is 200 points, and the alternative Site "A" is rated 180 points:

$$\frac{\text{Total points assigned Site A}}{\text{Maximum points possible}} = \frac{180}{200} \text{ X } 160 = 144 \text{ points for Site A}$$

For assistance in completing this form or FPPA process, contact the local NRCS Field Office or USDA Service Center.

NRCS employees, consult the FPPA Manual and/or policy for additional instructions to complete the AD-1006 form.

Memo

Date:	March 22, 2024
Project:	32319: Norfolk – Wisner (S-275-6(1052))
Subject:	Rationale for NRCS-AD-1006 – Wetland Mitigation Site

The federal Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981 (FPPA; 7 CFR 658) was enacted to minimize unnecessary conversion of farmland to other uses as a result of federal decisions. In addition, the FPPA states that federal programs should be compatible with state and local policies or programs that protect farmland. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) oversees FPPA compliance. The overall Norfolk - Wisner project was previously evaluated for farmland impacts, but after identification of a site for creation of a wetland mitigation site, farmland impacts are being separately evaluated. The NRCS-AD-1006 (Farmland Conversion Impact Rating) form is used to evaluate farmland impacts from federal projects. The rationale for the applicant's responses is detailed below.

Cuming County

Part III.

A. Total Acres to be Converted Directly = acreage of farmland in the preliminary impact area – 112 acres

C. Total Acres in the Site = acreage of farmland that would be converted directly or indirectly – 112 acres

Part VI.

1. *How much land is in nonurban use within a radius of 1.0 mile from where the project is intended?* (0 to 15 pts.)

Area in non-urban use within 1 mile of the site was determined to be greater than 90%. This determination was made quantitatively based on a 1-mile buffer of the site compared to the latest census boundaries for cities (Wisner).

Points assigned: 15

2. *How much of the perimeter of the site borders on land in nonurban use* (0 to 10 pts.)

The perimeter of project was estimated at 100% non-urban use, based in part that roadway and associated ROW are considered to be urban uses.

Points assigned: 10

3. *How much of the site has been farmed (managed for a scheduled harvest or timber activity) more than 5 of the last 10 years?* (0 to 20 pts.)

The former Elkhorn River oxbow within the wetland mitigation site is approximately 36 acres. Unfarmable wetland in agricultural setting wetlands over the last 3 of 5 years is estimated at approximately 12 acres. Overall, approximately 57% of the 112-acre site is being farmed or hayed.

Points assigned: 11

4. *Is the site subject to State or unit of local government policies or programs to protect farmland or covered by private programs to protect farmland?* (0 or 20 pts.)

Nebraska has no local or state protection programs specifically addressing conversion of Prime Farmland.

Points assigned: 0

5. *How close is the site to an urban built-up area?*

   The site is less than 1 mile from but is not adjacent to an urban built-up area. The site is approximately 3,000 feet from the built-up urban area of Wisner.

Points Assigned: 15

6. *How close is the site to water lines, sewer lines and/or other local facilities and services whose capacities and design would promote nonagricultural use?*

The city of Wisner is located within one mile of the site and includes utility lines, schools, and emergency response services. Per the FPPA Manual, “some of the services exist more than 1 but less than 3 miles from the site”.

Points Assigned: 5

7. *Are the farm units containing the site (before the project) as large as the average-size farming unit in the county?* (Average farm sizes in each county are available from the NRCS field offices in each State. Data are from the latest available Census of Agriculture, Acreage of Farm Units in Operation with $1,000 or more in sales.) (0 to 10 pts.)

The average farm size for Cuming County is 452 acres. The site is approximately 25% of the average farm size.

Points assigned: 0

8. *If the site is chosen for the project, how much of the remaining land on the farm will become nonfarmable because of interference with land patterns?* (0 to 25 pts.)

The site would be entirely converted.

Points assigned: 0

9. *Does the site have available adequate supply of farm support services and markets (i.e., farm suppliers, equipment dealers, processing and storage facilities and farmer's markets)? (0 to 5 pts.)*

The site location has availability to all services.

Points assigned: 5

10. *Does the site have substantial and well-maintained on-farm investments, such as barns, other storage building, fruit trees and vines, field terraces, drainage, irrigation, waterways, or other soil and water conservation measures? (0 to 20 pts.)*

There are no known or obvious large on-site improvements. Driveways and fencing are present.

Points assigned: 4

11. *Would the project at this site, by converting farmland to nonagricultural use, reduce the demand for farm support services so as to jeopardize the continued existence of these support services and thus, the viability of the farms remaining in the area? (0 to 25 pts.)*

There would not be a significant reduction in demand for support services if the 112 acres of farmland are converted to a wetland mitigation site. The 112 acres of farmland to be converted represents less than 1 percent of the 383,286 acres of farmland in Cuming County.

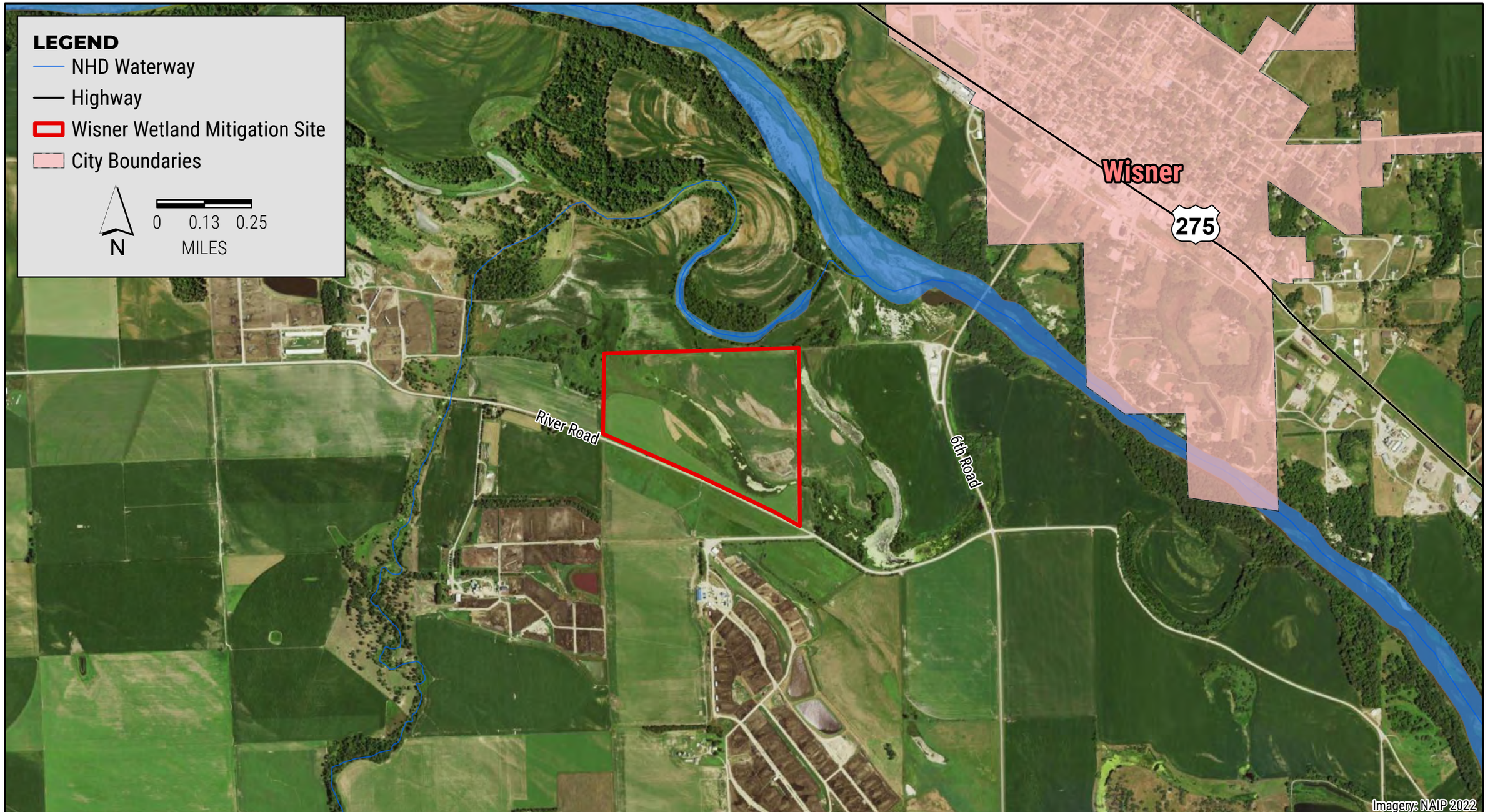
Points assigned: 0

12. *Is the kind and intensity of the proposed use of the site sufficiently incompatible with agriculture that it is likely to contribute to the eventual conversion of surrounding farmland to nonagricultural use? (0 to 10 pts.)*

The proposed wetland mitigation site is fully compatible with existing agricultural use. The project would not likely result in the conversion of surrounding farmland to nonagricultural use.

Points assigned: 0

Total Points assigned for Part VI: 65



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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MITIGATION SITE LOCATION
COMPENSATORY MITIGATION PLAN
PN: S-275-6(1052)
CN: 32319

FIGURE 1

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From: Bedea, Aaron
To: Ziska, Courtney
Subject: Re: FEA - CN 32319 Norfolk-Wisner, S-275-6(1052)
Date: Thursday, March 14, 2024 2:24:10 PM

Courtney,

There does not appear to be any hazmat sites of concern near the proposed wetland mitigation area. I don't have any current concerns with this location.

Aaron Bedea
Hazmat, Noise, & Air Specialist

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Courtney,

There are no sites with hazmat concerns at these intersection locations that will be impacted by the updated work.

This will also not impact the existing noise determination.

The hazmat, noise, & air determinations will remain valid.

Thanks,
Aaron Bedea
Hazmat, Noise, & Air Specialist

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Let me know if you have any questions or concerns –

Thanks,
Courtney

From: Shane Tucker
To: Ziska, Courtney
Subject: RE: NDOT CN 32319 Norfolk - Wisner - Wetland Mitigation Site and Paleontological Resources
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 8:42:53 AM

As far as the mitigation site, we have one vertebrate paleontology locality from the Elkhorn River floodplain that is 1 mile south and 2.5 miles east. This is a former commercial gravel mining operation. Alluvial sediments have a higher potential for fossil resources but they are usually isolated occurrences. There may be fossils in the proposed mitigation area but we would salvage them as needed during construction.

Let me know if you need anything else. Thanks for keeping me posted.

Shane

From: Ziska, Courtney <Courtney.Ziska@nebraska.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 8:16 AM
To: Shane Tucker <stucker3@unl.edu>
Subject: NDOT CN 32319 Norfolk - Wisner - Wetland Mitigation Site and Paleontological Resources

> **Caution:** Non-NU Email

Hi Shane,

You had previously provided a memo evaluating impacts to paleontological resources for NDOT Project No S-275-6(1052), CN 32319 Norfolk – Wisner in Stanton and Cuming Counties (see attached Paleontology Appendix H from the Final EA). NDOT is proposing to mitigate wetland impacts related to this project at a 112-acre site located southwest of Wisner. The site is not located adjacent to the project corridor – see attached **Wisner Mitigation Site Location** pdf and kmz. Based on the proposed plans for the site, 0.5 – 3 feet of grading/excavation is anticipated across the site. Grading within the preserved oxbow area would not occur.

Can you please evaluate the proposed Wisner Mitigation Site and let us know if you have any concerns as they pertain to paleontological resources? Also let me know if you feel any changes are needed in regards to our environmental commitments for paleontological resources, noted below.

Paleontology Mitigation Measures:
For paleontological resources, additional field surveys and test excavations shall be conducted prior to construction by the Highway Salvage Paleontology Program (HSPP). The HSPP shall be informed throughout the planning process with regard to alignment choice, grading details, and borrow pit locations. On-site monitoring and the fossil mitigation plan shall be implemented throughout all

phases of construction. (NDOT, Contractor)

In the event of a discovery of paleontological materials during construction, NDOT Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, Subsection 107.10 (2017, pg. 64) states, "The Engineer shall be immediately notified when any such articles are uncovered, and the Contractor shall immediately suspend operations in the area involved until such time that arrangements are made for their removal and preservation." (Contractor)

Let me know if you need any additional information or have any questions –

Thanks,
Courtney Ziska
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Date:	Thursday, March 14, 2024 1:38:46 PM

Courtney,

I don't see anything that needs to be revised due to the wetland mitigation site or the intersection changes. The floodplain PQS memo does state that permits will be required from Stanton County, Village of Pilger, Cuming County, and City of Wisner. This is different than what is stated in the section 4.19, shown below:

> 4.19 Floodplains
>
> The US-275 roadway and bridges shall be designed to adequately convey flood flows along existing drainage patterns. Construction of the Project shall have floodplain encroachment, but Project impacts shall be certified that floodplain regulations are met, and a Floodplain Development Permit shall be obtained from Stanton and Cuming Counties prior to construction to certify that the proposed Project shall not raise the base flood elevation more than 1 foot. All conditions of the permit shall be adhered to during construction. (NDOT Environmental, Contractor)

Section 4.19 should be updated, but the floodplain PQS is still valid.

Julie A. Ramirez, P.E.

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Date:	Tuesday, March 5, 2024 3:14:26 PM

Good afternoon;

I have reviewed the plan revision, and I can confirm that the plan revision will not alter the water quality impacts and that the previously identified permitting requirements and commitments pertaining to water quality remain valid.

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To:	Ziska, Courtney
Subject:	RE: FEA - CN 32319 Norfolk-Wisner, S-275-6(1052)
Date:	Wednesday, March 13, 2024 10:19:54 AM

Courtney,

I have no issues with the PFEA. The design changes and impacts have been incorporated into the 32319 individual permit and the mitigation plan is still viable.

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No problem at all, thanks for the response/update!

Courtney

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Hi Courtney,

Sorry about the delayed response, but as yesterday's email revealed, I have been reviewing the individual permit and mitigation plans for 32319. I will have to review the FEA Errata and get back to you. -LH

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Hello Courtney,

I have reviewed the changes. The T&E documents have covered the wetland mitigation site and the changes would not alter the T&E determination.

Thank you,

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