

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

LAND CONSERVATION & FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 19, 2023

CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302

4:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Ken Schmitt	Chippewa County	District 3 (Chair)	Present	
Charles Bomar	Chippewa County	District 12 (Vice-Chair)	Absent	
James Flater	Chippewa County	District 1	Present	
David Bischel	Chippewa County	District 4	Absent	
Jason Bergeron	Chippewa County	District 7	Present	
Matthew Peterson	Chippewa County	District 10	Present	
James Pingel	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	

The Chair noted that all Supervisors were present except Supervisor Bomar (who had advised the Chair he would not be attending) and Supervisor Bischel.

Agency staff present at times throughout the meeting were R. Schulz (Co. Administrator), D. Hutchison (DNR), K. Clow, M. Hansen, J. Larson, L. Schweikert, T. Shutter, and J. Schemenauer - Recorder (LCFM).

County Board Chairman D. Gullickson was present.

Members of the public present were B. Crank, R. Crank, P. Krumenauer, and P. Popple.

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

P. Krumenauer, President of the Chippewa Valley ATV Council, addressed the Committee. He indicated that the ATV Trail may open later than the normal opening date this year, due to inclement weather and wet trail conditions.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
AYES:	Schmitt, Flater, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bomar, Bischel

1. Approve the Agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

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3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - May 17, 2023

5. REPORTS

1. Overview of LCFM 2022 Annual Report - L. Schweikert

L. Schweikert presented an annual report titled: Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management, Annual Performance Report, 2022, (LCFM 4/19/23 - Distributed 4/13/23 - copy on file & attached). The report is a summary of 2022 activities for the Land & Water Division, Forest & Trails Division, and Recycling Division.

There was limited discussion.

2. SWRM Staffing Grant Application for 2024 - L. Schweikert

L. Schweikert presented the 2024 SWRM grant application titled: Joint DATCP/DNR Nonpoint Source Grant Application for Calendar Year 2024, (Distributed 4/13/23 - copy on file & attached). The SWRM grant funds are used to help fund soil and water conservation staff and support expenditures, as well as landowner conservation projects.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on the funding formula used by DATCP for staffing.

3. Stormwater Audit Update - T. Shutter/K. Clow

T. Shutter provided an oral report to the Committee on the status of the DNR stormwater audit and current activities completed to date by the LCFM Department to satisfy audit requirements.

K. Clow provided an oral report to the Committee on the status of the stormwater ordinance revision. The ordinance revision is drafted and being reviewed by Corporation Counsel.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. Municipality involvement in the ordinance revision.
2. Timeline for approval by the DNR and County on the ordinance revision.

4. Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Audit Update - T. Shutter

T. Shutter provided an oral report to the Committee on the status of the DNR non-metallic mining reclamation audit and current activities completed to date by the LCFM Department to satisfy audit requirements. The Department is working with Corporation Counsel and outside counsel to complete the audit requirements.

There was limited discussion.

5. Overview & Announcement of Proposed Spring 2023 Timber Sale & Bids Opening - M. Hansen/J. Larson
M. Hansen introduced the proposed Spring, 2023 Timber Sales. He reported that:

1. There are eleven (11) numbers tracts in the County Forest that are scheduled for public notice and bidding under the 2023 Spring Timber Sale.
2. Bids will be opened in May, 2023, with a bid summary to be presented to the LCFM at their May 17, 2023, meeting for Committee action.

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The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Map and prospectus titled: Chippewa County Timber Sale Locations Spring, 2023, (LCFM - Distributed 4/13/23 -copy on file & attached).
2. Map and prospectus titled: 2nd Pine, Tract 20-22, (LCFM - Distributed 4/13/23 - copy on file & attached).
3. Map and prospectus titled: Yellow River Aspen, Tract 1- 23, (LCFM - Distributed 4/13/23 - copy on file & attached).
4. Map and prospectus titled: Tract 3-23, Skinny Horse, (LCFM - Distributed 4/13/23 - copy on file & attached).
5. Map and prospectus titled: Tract 4-23, Blown Out Aspen, (LCFM - Distributed 4/13/23 - copy on file & attached).
6. Map and prospectus titled: Tract 5-23, Nisse, (LCFM - Distributed 4/13/23 - copy on file & attached).
7. Map and prospectus titled: Knob Ash, Tract 7-23, (LCFM - Distributed 4/13/23 - copy on file & attached).
8. Map and prospectus titled: Tract 8-23 Raven Sale, (LCFM - Distributed 4/13/23 - copy on file & attached).
9. Map and prospectus titled: Bounty Oak Overstory Removal, Tract 9-23, (LCFM - Distributed 4/13/23 - copy on file & attached).
10. Map and prospectus titled: Tract 10-23, Frost Bite, (LCFM - Distributed 4/13/23 - copy on file & attached).
11. Map and prospectus titled: Tract 11-23, Hwy Patrol, (LCFM - Distributed 4/13/23 - copy on file & attached).
12. Map and prospectus titled: Tract 12-23, Better View Aspen, (LCFM - Distributed 4/13/23 - copy on file & attached).

There was general discussion.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Consider Waiver of Stumpage Increase - Timber Sale #1298-20 - M. Hansen/J. Larson
M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by a map titled: Red Ruby Maple Thinning (Approximately ~42 Acres, 21 Acres County Forest 21 Acres Tax Deed), (LCFM - Distributed 4/13/23 - copy on file & attached).

B. Crank, contractor for Sale #1298-20, indicated that the sale was not started due to low market prices and poor frozen ground conditions due to a warm winter with a lot of snow.

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There was general discussion.

Motion to grant the extension for a period of one year and waive the stumpage increase: J. Flater/J. Bergeron. Motion carried on voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
AYES:	Schmitt, Flater, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bomar, Bischel

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn: Bergeron/Peterson. Motion carried by voice vote at 5:03 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
SECONDER:	Matthew Peterson, District 10
AYES:	Schmitt, Flater, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel
ABSENT:	Bomar, Bischel

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James Pingel	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	

The Chair noted that all supervisors were present.

Agency staff present at times throughout the meeting were M. Hansen, L. Schweikert, and J. Schemenauer - Recorder (LCFM).

County Board Chairman D. Gullickson was present.

Members of the public present were D. Barrickman, P. Krumenauer, and P. Popple.

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

There was no public wishing to be heard.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER: Jason Bergeron, District 7
AYES: Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel

1. Approve the Agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

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3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - April 19, 2023

5. REPORTS

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1. Chippewa County Forest & Snapshots in History - D. Gullickson
D. Gullickson, former WI DNR Warden, presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following documents:
 1. Timeline titled: Chippewa County Forest & Snapshots in History, (3/15/23 - Distributed 3/9/23 - copy on file & attached).
 2. Map titled: Wildlife Flowages Within the Chippewa County Forest, (LCFM - Distributed 3/9/23 - copy on file & attached).
 3. Map titled: Hickory Ridge Ski Trail: Winter 2017-2018, (Distributed 3/9/23 - copy on file & attached).
 4. Map titled: Hay Meadow Horse Trails, Chippewa County Forest, (Distributed 3/9/23 - copy on file & attached).

There was limited discussion.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Annual 2023 Matching Grant Criteria; Chippewa County Stewardship Fund - L. Schweikert
L. Schweikert presented the 2023 annual stewardship fund criteria titled: Annual Criteria for Evaluating and Selecting Projects Submitted to the Chippewa County Stewardship Fund Local Match Grant Program in 2023, (LCFM 2/28/23 - Distributed 3/9/23 - copy on file & attached).

There was general discussion.

Motion to approve the 2023 Matching Grant Criteria for the Chippewa County Stewardship Fund: Flater/Bomar. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Flater, District 1
SECONDER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel

2. Second Amendment to Cooperative Agreement Between Chippewa County & the LWIPA to Implement LWSP - L. Schweikert
L. Schweikert presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following materials:
 1. Amendment titled: Second Amendment to Cooperative Agreement Between the Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association and the Chippewa County Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee to Implement the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project, (1/26/23 - Distributed 3/9/23 - copy on file & attached). The amendment extends the agreement through 12/31/2025.
 2. Amendment titled: First Amendment to Cooperative Agreement Between the Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association and the Chippewa County Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee to Implement the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project, (Distributed 3/9/23 - copy on file & attached). The amendment extends the agreement through 12/31/2024 and assigns one or more LCFM employees or limited term staff

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position(s) to the project.

3. Agreement titled: Cooperative Agreement Between the Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association and the Chippewa County Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee to Implement the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project, (LCFM 9/20/17 - Distributed 3/9/23 - copy on file & attached). The agreement establishes the roles and responsibilities of the LWIPA and the LCFM to implement the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project, (2017-2022).

Motion to approve the second amendment to the Cooperative Agreement Between Chippewa County and the Lake Wissota Improvement Protection Association to Implement the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project: Bischel/Bergeron. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David Bischel, District 4
SECONDER:	Jason Bergeron, District 7
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

The Chair asked the Committee to contact himself or L. Schweikert if they have an item for a future agenda.

8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn: Bomar/Flater. Motion carried by voice vote at 5:25 pm.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER:	James Flater, District 1
AYES:	Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel

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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION OVERVIEW OF LCFM 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

5.1

The LCFM has developed the Chippewa County Land and Water Resource Mngt. Plan.

The plan identifies local conservation issues of priority concern, identifies the programs and projects that will be used to systematically address those concerns, and is applied to allocate available resources (staff hrs, skill sets and \$) to meet program objectives.

For purposes of accountability, the LCFM prepares an annual performance report that serves to explain the responsibilities and accomplishments of the three (3) Department divisions: Land & Water Conservation, Forest & Trails, and Recycling.

This agenda item will be used to present the 2022 LCFM Annual Report.

Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management

Annual Performance Report

2022

4/19/2023

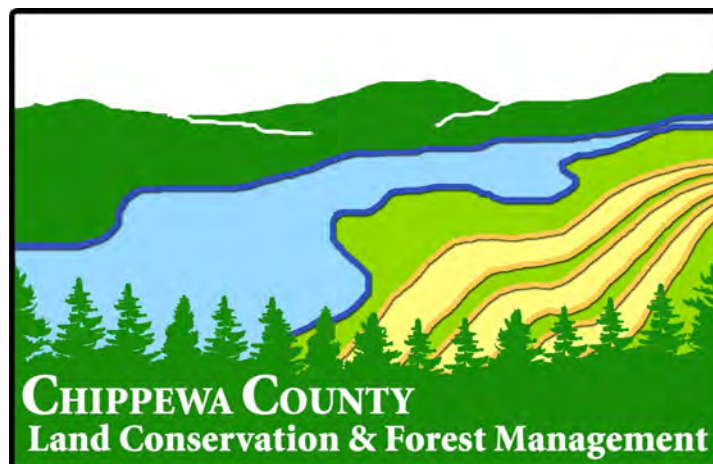


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LCFM History

The Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee was created in 2012 as an outcome of County Board Resolution #39-11.

As part of this reorganization, select responsibility for forest and trails management was assigned to the County Land Conservation Committee, a statutory committee of County government with powers and responsibilities established under WI Stats., Chapter 92.

The Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee meets monthly to provide policy oversight to programs that use, manage, and conserve the County's land and natural resource base.

Organizational Framework & Services

The Dept. of Land Conservation & Forest Management is staffed by a diverse team of professionals with training and experience in environmental science, forestry, engineering, natural resource management, accounting, and public administration.

Three divisions have been established to provide the administrative structure needed to assure program focus and a platform for ongoing customer service.

Land & Water Conservation	Forestry & Trails
Recycling & Solid Waste	

Department Staff



Staff (Left to Right):

Front Row: Renee Yohnk, Lisa Richardson, Joie Puig, Ketty Clow, Lynda Schweikert

Back Row: Jacob Larson, Kevan Klingberg, Matt Hansen, Joan Schemenauer, Trenton Shutter

Department Goals & Priorities

The Land & Water Conservation Division:

- Administers local ordinances and state administrative rules to control agricultural runoff and nonpoint source water pollution from agricultural and urban sources.
- Administers voluntary water conservation initiatives, including targeted watershed and buffer programs to pursue local water management objectives.
- Administers the County Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance and Program to assure non-metallic mines are properly operated and reclaimed.
- Administers the Chippewa County Groundwater Inventory Program to monitor groundwater quality and groundwater quantity.
- Administers the Chippewa County Stewardship Program to support the purchase of conservation lands by local municipalities and conservation nonprofit organizations.
- Administers the Chippewa County Stormwater Management—Construction Site Erosion Control and Post-Construction Ordinance with the Department of Planning & Zoning.

The Forest & Trails Division:

- Manages the County Forest and associated special management units to meet public goals for timber production, environmental management, and outdoor recreation.
- Works with user groups to manage and maintain an extensive network of motorized and non-motorized trails.

Recycling & Solid Waste Division:

- Administers the Chippewa County Recycling and Solid Waste Management Program.
- Coordinates and provides administrative, educational, and regulatory services to 28 municipalities that participate in the County Recycling Unit (R.U.).

Overview of Department

Attachment: Report and Maps (7594 : Overview of LCFM 2022 Annual Report)

Department Goals & Priorities (Continued)

The Department administers programs and services to pursue program objectives that have been developed to address resource management issues of priority concern. These have been identified in the following long-range plans:

Co. Land & Water Resource Mgt. Plan	Co. Comprehensive Plan
Co. Comprehensive Forest Land Use Plan	Co. Outdoor Recreation Plan

These long-range plans provide policy guidance and offer the foundation for the Department of LCFM annual work plan, and for contributing work plans that are prepared by each staff person.

When applied on an annual basis, these work plans allow the Department to direct available resources (staff hours, \$, skill sets) to pursue long-range resource management goals and objectives, as established by the County Board.

These annual work plans are used by the Department to:

- Apply for Federal, State, and local grants.
- Schedule activities and project initiatives.
- Define intended outputs and “product deliverables”.
- Allocate workload and evaluate employee performance.
- Monitor and evaluate progress.

Current Challenges

In recent years, ongoing economic and social trends have placed a greater pressure on Chippewa County's land and natural resource base.

- There is a global trend toward climate change that will have direct impacts on the growing season, weather events, and the land, water, and resource-based local ecology.
- There is a global demand for food, fiber, & energy that now significantly impacts and has placed greater production demands on local working farms and forests.
- There is an ongoing trend in production agriculture where small-scale dairy operations are being replaced by cash grain operations and larger-scale dairy, hog, or poultry operations.
- Global demand for forest products and industry standards for "Forest Certification" have increased the resources (staff, \$, skill sets) needed to plan, manage, and conduct scheduled timber harvests from the County Forest.
- Regional demands for outdoor recreational opportunities have placed increased pressure on the Chippewa County Forest and Trail system. This expanded recreational use must be managed to provide opportunities while limiting environmental impacts and avoiding conflicts between user groups.
- Local municipal garbage and recycling collection costs have increased significantly in recent years. The higher costs of waste disposal and recycling have led to a decrease in use.
- Recent changes to the organizational structure and service delivery areas of cooperating state and federal agencies have negatively affected communications among agency staff and, in turn, the capacity of the county and public agencies to coordinate local service delivery at the county level.

Current Challenges

Working with Stakeholders & the Community



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Working with Stakeholders

The responsibility for managing and conserving the land and natural resource base is shared among a wide range of stakeholders with diverse interests.

To assure that the community's interests are met, the Department works with landowners, local municipalities, business interests, recreational user groups, sportsmen, environmental organizations, and other stakeholders to identify issues and set program objectives.

To assure public input into planning, policy, and permit decisions, the Department provides opportunities for public participation through:

- The appointment of stakeholder advisory groups.
- Public plan reviews.
- Public hearing processes.
- Surveys

Interagency Coordination

In pursuing local conservation objectives, the Department works closely with federal and state agencies, county departments, municipalities, and local nonprofit conservation organizations.

By working with other agencies, the County is able to provide a wide range of service options to meet community needs.

To coordinate its efforts with others, the Department:

- Maintains a "Local Interagency Operational Agreement" to clarify how the County works with state and federal agencies (USDA, DNR, DATCP) to deliver land and water conservation programs to County residents.
- Maintains a detailed "Memorandum of Understanding" (MOU) to clarify how the County works with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to respond to public complaints and deliver the state's agricultural and urban nonpoint pollution control programs.
- Sponsors an annual work planning process between the County, state and federal agencies. These joint planning efforts encourage public agencies to share available resources (staff, \$, skill sets) and to pursue common conservation objectives.
 - Hosted tour of CREP projects for training new employees.
- Sponsors an annual work planning process between the County and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to define annual forest production goals, state/county staffing commitments, and forest management activities.
- Maintains "Intergovernmental Agreements" with 28 municipalities to clarify how the County works with those municipalities to deliver the State's recycling and solid waste program.
- Maintains agreement with Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association to implement Lake Wissota Stewardship Project.

Land & Water Conservation Division



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Land & Water Conservation Division Responsibilities

The Land & Water Conservation Division:

- Administers local, state, and federal conservation programs under the statutory authorities of WI Stats., Chapters 91 and 92, WI Stats. 281, and associated and administrative codes (ATCP 50, ATCP 51, NR 216, NR 243, and NR 151).
- Administers county ordinances and state administrative rules to meet state mandates:
 - Animal Waste Management (NR 151, ATCP 50, ATCP 51).
 - Nonpoint Runoff and Pollution Control (NR 151, NR 216).
 - Non-Metallic Mine Reclamation (NR 135).
- Provides technical assistance and financial incentives to assist landowners manage and conserve land and water resources on a voluntary basis.
- Provides technical and engineering assistance to other county committees and local municipalities to address issues of environmental concern.
- Develops and actively maintains natural resource inventories, data sets, and maps to monitor the condition of the local environment.

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Land & Water Conservation Division Accomplishments

In 2022, the Land & Water Division managed available resources to:

- Meet state program mandates.
- Maintain core regulatory services.
- Advance select voluntary conservation initiatives.

Regulatory Mandates

- Maintained “Memorandum of Understanding” (MOU) and contractual obligations with DNR and DATCP to administer State agricultural runoff pollution control standards, and to respond to public complaints.
 - Received and responded to public complaints concerning agricultural runoff and animal waste discharges to surface or groundwater.
- Provided technical and regulatory services under the Chippewa County Animal Waste Storage Ordinance and State agricultural runoff and pollution control rules (WI Stats. NR 243, NR 151).
 - Issued four (4) AWO permits.
 - Certified ten (10) AWO projects.
 - Provided engineering design/design review, and nutrient management plan services to facilitate new and expanding livestock facilities (Culver and Klisiewicz).
 - Assisted crop and livestock producers to meet and maintain compliance with State nonpoint source pollution control standards (NR151).
- Administered and provided regulatory services under the Chippewa County Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance for 83 sand and gravel mines permitted and eight (8) industrial sand mines permitted, (**Map 3**).
 - Conducted routine site inspections to assist mine operators meet State non-metallic mine reclamation standards (NR 135).
 - Reviewed reclamation plans and issued reclamation permits (1).
 - Assured permit compliance through site specific enforcement actions.
 - Adjusted fee structure to cover program costs.
 - Received ten (10) year statutory non-metallic mine audit. Worked on timeline for ordinance changes.
- With Planning & Zoning, administered the Chippewa Falls Urban Area Stormwater Program to meet requirements of federal/state stormwater discharge permit (WPDES Permit #WI-S050075-3).
 - Conducted ten (10) stormwater plan reviews, 54 construction site inspections, and 38 post construction site inspections under County Stormwater Ordinance.
 - Conducted annual facility inspections (stormwater ponds and outfalls).
 - With urban municipalities, coordinated illicit discharge inspections of ditchlines.
 - Updated agreement with municipalities to implement a joint storm water program for the Chippewa Falls Urban Area.
 - Participated in regional educational outreach activities through participation in the West Central Wisconsin “Rain to Rivers” Stormwater Forum.
 - Completed MS4 stormwater permit reporting by County and assisted municipalities in completing their own MS4 reporting.
 - Received five (5) year statutory stormwater audit. Worked on timeline for items addressed in audit.

Conservation Initiatives

- Implemented scheduled project initiatives, as established in Chippewa Co. Land & Water Resource Management Plan (2019-2023).
- Presented at School2Skills tour for Chippewa Middle School.
- Presented at Chippewa County Conservation Field Days—Lake Wissota/Brunet Island.
- Sponsored LCFM Committee tour to view current and ongoing projects.
- Introduced and implemented Nitrogen Remediation Project through ARPA Plan and Funding Project, **(Map 2)**.
 - Developed Cover Crop Cost Share Policy and implemented cover crop program.
 - *Ten (10) contracts.
 - *1,000 acres of cover crops.
 - Created a Community Well Refill Ad Hoc Committee to locate areas that would benefit from a community well to provide safe drinking water for those affected by high nitrate in the groundwater.
- Administered Yellow River TRM Grant.
 - 21 contracts. -1,392 acres of cover crops.
 - 417 tons of soil saved.
- Administered Little Lake Wissota TRM Grant.
 - Nine (9) contracts. -621 acres of cover crops.
 - 186 tons of soil saved. -One (1) well abandoned.
- Administered SWRM Grant.
 - Contracted four (4) nutrient management plans totaling 706 acres..
 - Contracted nine (9) contracts for cover crops totaling 321 acres.
 - 96 tons of soil saved.
- Participated in WI Multi-Variance Phosphorus Control Pollution Credit Trading Program.
 - Contracted four (4) contracts for cover crops totaling 242 acres.
 - 72 tons of soil saved.
- Sponsored a conservation tree program.
 - 130 participants. -10,800 trees sold.
- Maintained core conservation services to enable rural landowners to voluntarily install water conservation practices through participation in the WI Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and the WI Soil & Water Resource Mngt. Program (SWRM), **(Map 1)**.
- Provided technical and administrative support to eligible farms that applied for Farmland Preservation Agreements within the established agricultural enterprise areas (AEA's), under the WI Working Lands Initiative,.
 - Provided conservation services to assist 11 producers with Farmland Preservation Agreements to meet State nonpoint source pollution control standards (NR 151).
 - Administered annual reporting and certification procedures to meet State requirements.
- Entered into contract with Beaver Creek Reserve for assistance in lake management and monitoring in Chippewa County (AIS Prevention).
- Participated in Chippewa Valley Producer-Led Watershed Council.

Conservation Initiatives (Continued)

- Maintained and amended agreement with Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association to implement the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project through 12/31/2024.
 - Used staff and LTE's to administer the project & provide technical services.
 - Supported efforts by Boy Scout troops and citizen volunteers to conduct lake and stream water quality monitoring.
 - Provided outreach at annual meeting.
 - Provided tree planting.
 - Participated in LWIPA summer picnic.
 - Provided a display at Northern WI State Fair.
- Administered Chippewa County Stewardship Fund.
- Administered the financial component of the Wildlife Damage and Claims Abatement Program (\$1,554.75 in 2022 claims).

Resource Studies and Monitoring

- Maintained well-defined set of natural resource inventories and data bases to monitor resource conditions as contributing components of the County GIS.
 - County-held conservation easements, (**Map 1**).
 - Agricultural operations meeting State non-point pollution control standards.
 - Well permit locations, well logs, and groundwater chemistry (Co. Groundwater Inventory).
 - Groundwater elevation monitoring sites (WellIntell).
- Monitored operational permits, contracts, and conservation easements to confirm compliance.
- Contracted with UW-Stevens Point to complete Year Three (3) of the three (3) year Chippewa Co. County-wide Groundwater Sample Index Project (2020-2023), to monitor current groundwater chemistry and evaluate changes from earlier efforts.
 - Completed project analysis with GIS maps showing areas of management concern.
 - Established new well sampling network of 210 wells to test annually for ongoing monitoring.
- With USGS, moved collected data from Drywood Creek to monitor the hydrologic impacts of land use changes & nonmetallic mine reclamation in the Yellow River Basin.
- Maintained and monitored two (2) weather stations in the rural landscape to assist in ag decision making & increase understanding of climate change & impact on local food production & land use mngt.
- Installed a third weather station at Kamp Kenwood to assist with educational activities at the camp.
- Implemented research project on nitrate usage in Chippewa County.
- Implemented forage project with UWEX.



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Forest & Trails Division



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Forest & Trails Division Responsibilities

Chippewa County manages 34,738 acres of land enrolled in the County Forest system.

County Forest management pursues multiple objectives to balance the public's interests in forest production, environmental protection, and public recreation.



The Forest and Trails Division:

- Administers the County Forest program within statutory authority of Wis. Stats., Chapter 28 and associated administrative rules.
- Plans and maintains the County Forest road and trail network to support forestry practices and to provide opportunities for forest land access and recreational use.
- Manages a network of flowages, wildlife areas and natural areas for water conservation and wildlife habitat.
- Provides administrative and technical assistance to citizen volunteers and recreational user groups who operate and maintain motorized and non-motorized trail networks.

Forest & Trails Division Accomplishments

In 2022, the Forest & Trails Division allocated available resources to:

- Facilitate two (2) access permit approvals for private landowners.
- Propose a Carbon Offset Program for the County Forest.
- Inform the Committee of the planning process and work with WNDR to conduct a 50 acre prescribed burn to promote Oak regeneration.
- Facilitate Committee consideration of land purchases for addition to the County Forest.
- Work with Corporation Counsel and the Zoning Director to resolve easement and property line disputes in the County Forest and on Type B Tax Deed lands.

County Forest Management

•Managed the 33,079 acres enrolled as regular County Forest and 1,659 acres of Special Use lands (listed below) as conservation and recreational assets (**Map 4**).

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| -Gilberts | -Pine Harbor |
| -Harold Walters Memorial Forest | -Round Lake |
| -Kemper's Woods | -Yellow River |
| -Otter Lake | |

Forest & Trails is also responsible for management of the Riverview Conservancy in Chippewa Falls and the Peterlik Wildlife Area near Jim Falls, which are not enrolled in the County Forest Program.

Forest & Trails Division

Timber Sales

- Prepared three (3) bid opening packages and contracted timber sales as follows:

18 new sale contracts 1,278 total acres \$1,193,972.70 future revenue

1 unsold & 3 resold contracts 163 total acres \$79,603.80 future revenue



Five (5) sale contracts were terminated in 2022. Three (3) were resold in a third bid opening. Two (2) were mostly complete. Staff will attempt to sell the unharvested portions directly to contractors.

- Provided sale administration for 22 active timber sale contracts.

- \$1,030,945.17 stumpage revenue generated.

- Timber sale revenue accounted as follows:

County 68% Share	\$ 701,163.69
State 20% share	\$ 206,068.09
Town 12% share	\$ 123,703.39

- The County has no loans owed the State, therefore \$907,231.78 is retained.

**Management of Type B Tax Deeded Parcel Inventory**

- Evaluated the inventory and classification of Type B Tax Deeded parcels. Worked with Facilities & Parks and Planning & Zoning departments to start land sales process.
- Facilitated LCFM Committee decisions regarding the sale, retention as Type B, or entry of parcels into the County Forest Program. Several Type B Tax Deed properties and the Peterlik Wildlife Area will be entered into the County Forest Program as Special Use lands when planned timber harvests are completed and access issues are resolved.

Recreation

- Worked with recreational user groups to actively plan, manage, improve and maintain trail networks located within and outside of the County Forest (**Map 5**).
 - County Forest hiking, skiing, mountain bike, horseback and canoe trails.
 - County Forest ATV/UTV trails.
 - County Forest snowmobile trail system.
- Maintained administrative framework to manage citizen volunteers.
 - Processed nine (9) new volunteer applications in 2022, trained them on equipment, and deployed as needed/available to assist with trail maintenance.



Non-Motorized trails

- Facilitated layout, waterway permit process, and Committee approval of the Hickory Ridge Mountain Bike Trail expansion.
- Updated and made permanent the MOU between Chippewa County, the Ice Age Trail Alliance, and the Chippewa Valley Trail Riders for the shared use of a segment of trail west of Picnic Lake.
- Facilitated Special Event Permit process for the Deer Fly Chase Mountain Bike Race and the Chippewa 50K Ultramarathon Trail Race.
- Administered the Old Abe State Trail Cooperative Agreement. The sale of 562 annual and 1,161 daily State Trail Passes generated \$13,168.50 for the County; \$5,956.50 (30%) of pass sales is passed on to the State.
- Facilitated planning and preparation for the construction of two (2) rest areas with picnic tables, bike racks, and bike maintenance kits along the Old Abe Trail.
- Facilitated Committee approval to fund a 50% reduced State Trail Pass for Active Duty Service Members and Veterans, if purchased at the Courthouse.
- In coordination with the Town of Lafayette, improved the Pine Harbor Special Management Unit trail network, parking area, and signage.
- Facilitated the American Heritage Girls Troop 34 project to improve signage and install benches at Kemper's Woods.
- Facilitated the construction of the boardwalk between Townline and Horseshoe Lakes as Ryan Wagner's Eagle Scout Project with Boy Scouts Troup 120.
- Facilitated placement of Phoenix Leary memorial bench at Hickory Ridge.

Motorized trails

- Implemented frozen ground motorized access in Birch Creek and Ruby.
- Administered \$18,480 grant for ATV/UTV trail maintenance.
- Administered \$126,210 grant for snowmobile trail maintenance.
- Administered grants for the rehabilitation of two (2) snowmobile bridges.

Wildlife

- Resumed management of flowage levels to provide improved habitat.
- Removed approximately one (1) acre of bog mat at Birch Creek #2 Flowage.
- Secured a \$5,612 County Conservation Aids Grant project to rip rap Hay Meadow #1 & #2 flowages, preventing erosion from wave action.
- Mowed the seven (7) acre pollinator habitat planting at Otter Lake.
- Served on the WDNR's Beaver Management Plan Task Force.

Recycling Division



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Recycling Division Responsibilities



Wisconsin Stats., Chap. 287 encourages waste reduction through recycling. This law assigns responsibilities for recycling to local municipalities and provides grant assistance to support local recycling programs.

In response to this requirement, 28 of the 31 municipalities in Chippewa County have entered into an intergovernmental agreement. This agreement establishes the framework for the recycling program in Chippewa County.

Under the Recycling Responsibility Agreement, the duties of the County are to:

- Adopt a resolution pursuant to Wis. Stat. §287.09(1) designating the County as the “Responsible Unit” for Chippewa County.
- Distribute to the municipalities a proportionate share of a State recycling block grant to support individual recycling programs.
- In cooperation with local units of government, adopt and enforce ordinances (Chippewa County Responsible Unit Recycling Ordinance, Chapter 62) to assure compliance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. §287.
- Develop programs to insure eligibility and apply for grants in compliance with Wisconsin recycling laws.
- Develop and maintain a recycling education program to support recycling efforts throughout Chippewa County.

Under the Recycling Responsibility Agreement, the duties of the municipality are to:

- Individually (or in association with other local municipalities and/or private vendors), develop and maintain a recycling collection system that meets recycling requirements.
- Arrange transport of recyclables to processors and/or end markets.
- Pay the costs for materials delivered from their municipality for recycling through appropriations, grants, and other means implemented through local budgeting procedures.
- Maintain financial records for the recycling activities.

Recycling Division

Overview of Municipal Recycling Programs



All municipalities in Chippewa County have developed individual recycling collection programs. Under these programs, each municipality:

- Arranges for transport of recyclables to processors.
- Pays the costs for materials delivered from their municipality. These costs are, in turn, paid through tax levy appropriations, grants, and other fees implemented through local budget processes.

Types of Municipal Recycling Programs

All municipalities have either developed a drop-off program at a local recycling center or have negotiated contracts with haulers to provide a curbside recycling program, (**Map 6**).

Under the drop-off option:

- The municipality establishes a drop-off collection site.
- Residents of the municipality haul their recyclables to the drop-off center on the designated days and hours.
- The municipality contracts with a licensed recycling hauler to pick up the recyclables, or the municipality transports the recyclables to a licensed recycling center.

Under the curbside recycling collection option:

- The municipality contracts with a recycling hauler to pick up recyclables at each residence.

Recycling Accomplishments



In 2022 , the Recycling Division managed available resources to:

- Meet State program mandates.
- Maintain core regulatory services.
- Advance select initiatives to evaluate and upgrade recycling and solid waste management efforts.

State Mandates

- Allocated available resources to pursue State mandates for recycling and solid waste management under Wis. Stats. 287.
- Provided financial incentives, educational support, and regulatory services to 28 municipalities that participate in the Chippewa County Responsible Unit (RU), as needed to meet State recycling mandates.
 - Continued distributing the State Recycling Block Grant to municipalities using a per capita formula.
 - Implemented a new “accelerated citation method” to improve efficiency in response to illicit dumping and clear violations of County recycling and litter ordinances.
- Administered the City of Chippewa Falls recycling program under an intergovernmental agreement and municipal service contract.

Recycling Initiatives

- Secured short-term project grants and administered a series of County-wide recycling collection events to augment municipal collection programs (appliances, tires, hazardous waste, and electronic waste).
 - With Towns, developed and implemented Town roadside ditch spring clean-up initiative.
- Monitored School and Municipal Parks recycling project.
 - Evaluated placement and usage.
 - Replaced labels, as needed.
- Assisted the City of Chippewa Falls to monitor the contract for bi-weekly, cart-based single stream recycling service.

Recycling Division

Fiscal Management

In meeting its fiscal responsibilities, the Department performs a wide-range of duties associated with:

- Budget preparation.
- Grant writing and management.
- Routine accounting and fiscal audits.
- Grant disbursement.

Budget Development

The Department prepares an annual and long-term capital improvement budget request for each division following guidance established by the County Administrator.

In preparing its budgets, the Department uses levy funds to meet state mandates and to carry-out core functions.

These levy funds are augmented by revenue from:

- Permit fees (to offset the cost of regulatory services).
- Municipal and intergovernmental service contracts (to do work for others).
- Short and long-term grants from state and federal agencies.
- Corporate donations.
- Timber sales.

Selection and Use of Grants

The Department aggressively pursues both public and private grants in order to pursue program objectives.

All grants are highly competitive and require a significant investment of resources to pursue (staff, \$, skill sets).

As a condition of receiving each grant, the County is obligated to:

- Assure fiscal accountability to the granting authority by:
 - Providing scheduled reports of project activity and product deliverables.
 - Participating in annual grant audits to assure grant conditions are met.
- In circumstances where grant funds are distributed to individual landowners, cooperating municipalities or community organizations, enter individual contracts or funding agreements with the parties receiving public funds.

Given these requirements, the Department selects and administers grants that:

- Align with an issue of concern and planned objective.
- Can be leveraged with other funds to provide a high “rate of return” .

Overview of Grant Sources

The Department uses different types of grants to maintain public services and meet local needs:

- Short-term project grants (1-3 yr.) are used to address site specific management concerns:

-DNR	Small and large-scale pollution control grants.
-DNR	Forestry management/infrastructure grants.
-DNR	Recycling event collection grants.

- Longer term project grants (3-10 yr.) are used to advance broader management objectives on a multi-year landscape or watershed scale.

-DNR	Watershed Grant - Lake Wissota Stewardship Project.
-USDA/ DATCP	WI CREP stream/wetland buffer grant.

- Annual state “staffing block grants” are used to partially offset costs of the technical services.

-DATCP	Land & Water Conservation staffing grants.
-DNR	Forestry staffing grants.

- State and federal “pass through” grants and community aids are used to provide funding to local municipalities, user groups, and conservation organizations who work in collaboration with the Department to meet state objectives.

-DNR	Municipal recycling grants.
-DNR	Municipal forestry aid and severance payments.
-DNR	Recreational trails development and maintenance grants.

- Direct donations from private corporations and businesses are used to fund special projects of high importance and community value.

-Lake Wissota Stewardship Project.

- The Chippewa County Stewardship Funds is used to:

- Distribute matching grants to support efforts by municipalities and conservation organizations to purchase land and conservation easements for public use.
- Purchase County Forest land.

2022 Revenues & Expenditures

Distribution of Revenues & Expenditures

With regards to revenues, approximately:

- 20% comes from the County levy.
- 25% comes from fees, grants, and donations generated to support land and water conservation programs.
- 15% comes from grants generated to support recycling programs.
- 40% comes from grants and timber sales to support forest and trails programs.

With regards to expenditures, approximately:

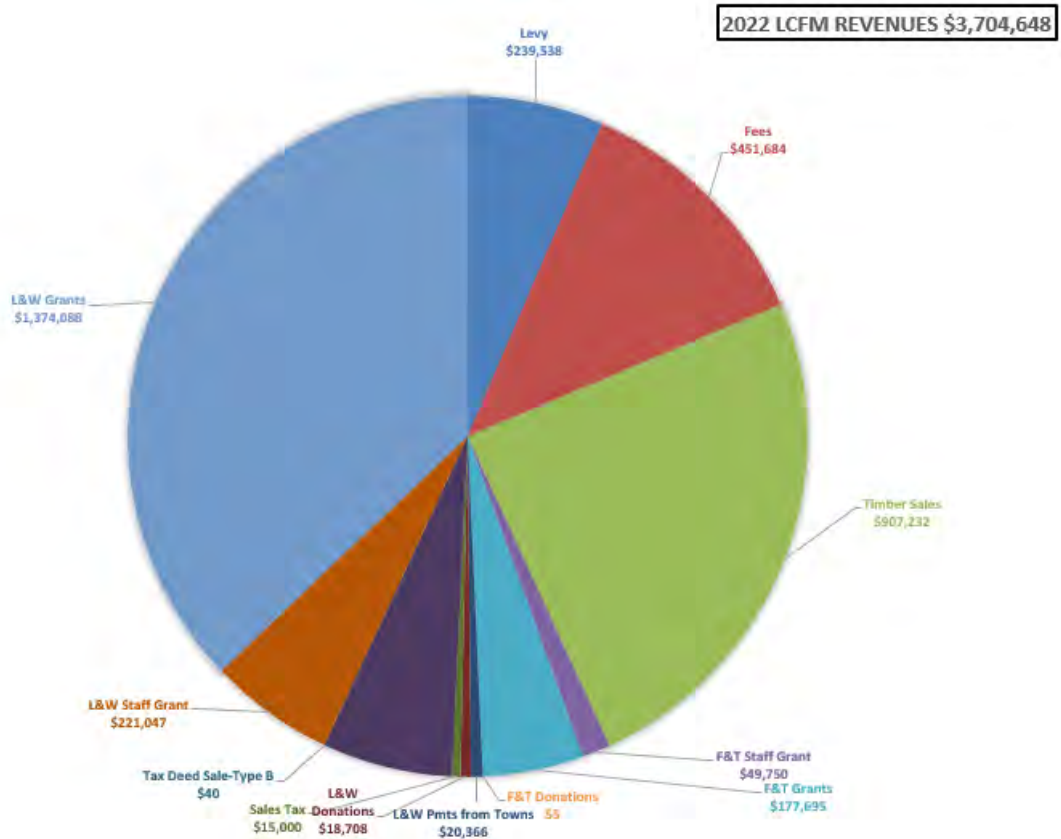
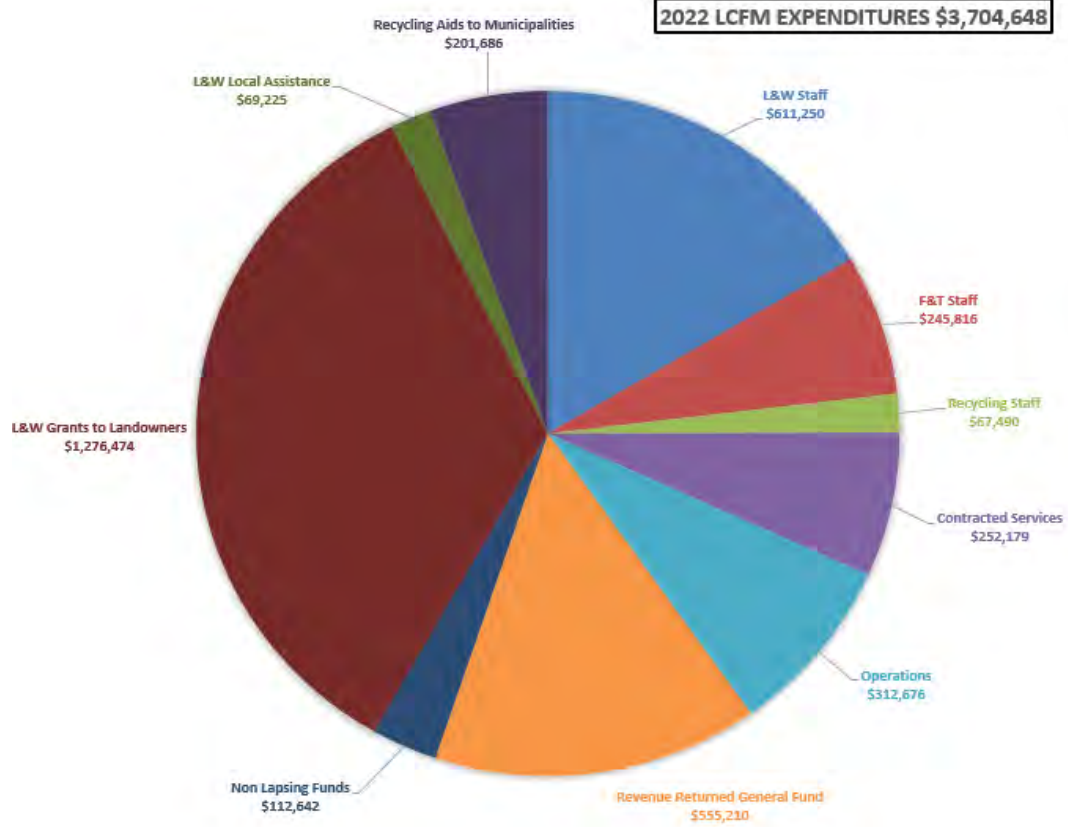
- 50% is applied to staff and contracted services.
- 5% is applied to operations.
- 20% is distributed as grants and aids to municipalities and user groups.
- 5% is distributed as grants to landowners.
- 10% is unexpended project grant revenue that is carried over to support multi-year projects.
- 10% is revenue historically returned to the general fund.

Administrative Changes

To improve fiscal accountability, the LCFM works with the Dept. of Administration to:

- Evaluate all grants and revenue streams:
 - Selectively “close out” or extend short-term program grants.
 - Pursue new grant opportunities to support targeted initiatives.
- Evaluate and update all job descriptions, and participate in new Employee Engagement personnel management system.
- Recruit and train professional staff to fill new positions and vacancies, including the positions of Environmental Engineer, Project Engineer, Administrative Assistant II, and four (4) recurring LTE staff (Engineering Co-Op, Land Resource Technician, and F&T Tech 2) positions.

2022 Revenues & Expenditures



2022 Revenue & Expenditures

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Moving Forward

Management Approach

In providing public services, the Dept. of Land Conservation & Forest Management applies a business-based service delivery model using a team management approach.

This management approach is administered to:

- Address the fiscal challenges associated with the 2021-2023 biennial budget.
- Recognize the limits of available resources (staff, \$, skill sets).
- Further adjust programs and available resources (staff, \$, skill sets) as needed to advance the goals and objectives of the County Strategic Plan.
- Identify benchmark measures that will be used to evaluate and measure performance.

Guiding Principles

- Support a team management environment.
- Focus on customer service.
- Evaluate past management practices and current administrative processes. Adjust processes based on current limitations (staff, \$, skill sets) and long-term management objectives.
- Use quarterly work planning and product deliverables to schedule and complete the tasks to be conducted.
- Use well-defined performance measures to track and evaluate progress.
- Use short-term project initiatives to:
 - Maintain existing working relationships and accomplish immediate objectives.
 - Build new working relationships and advance long-term goals, as established in the Chippewa County Land & Water Resource Management Plan and the Chippewa County Year Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
- Do not compromise safety in the field.

Contributions Toward County Strategic Goals & Objectives

As we move forward, the Department will continue to direct available resources to support the goals and objectives of the “Chippewa County Strategic Plan”, as established by the County Board of Supervisors in 2020.

The goals of the Chippewa County Strategic Plan are to:

- “
- *Effectively communicate information about programs, services, and resources to all residents and county employees*
 - *Develop additional sources of revenue and funding to meet emerging needs.*
 - *Improve access to mental health and drug treatment options*
 - *Maintain and proactively address threats to water quality*
 - *Support economic development in rural areas*
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Location of County Held Conservation Easements and 15-Year CREP Agreements

Major Lakes & Rivers

CREP 15-yr Agreement

All County Held Easements

Community Foundation

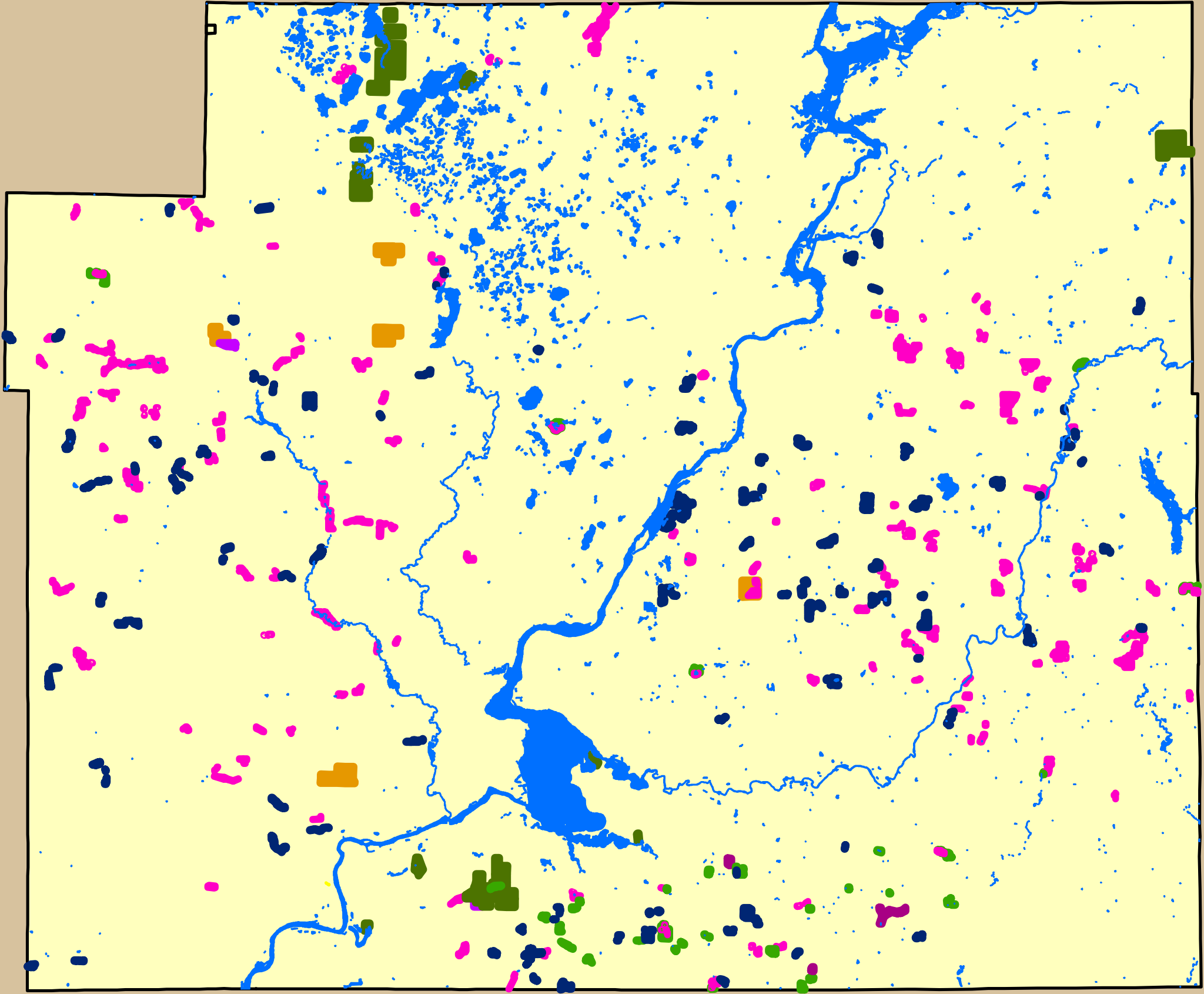
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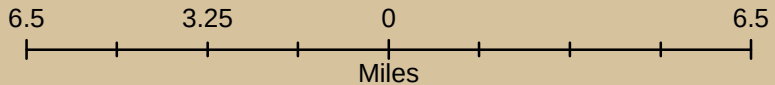
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Stewardship

Miscellaneous



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Location of Contracted Cover Crops in 2022

Legend

Cover Crop Fields

Streams

Perennial

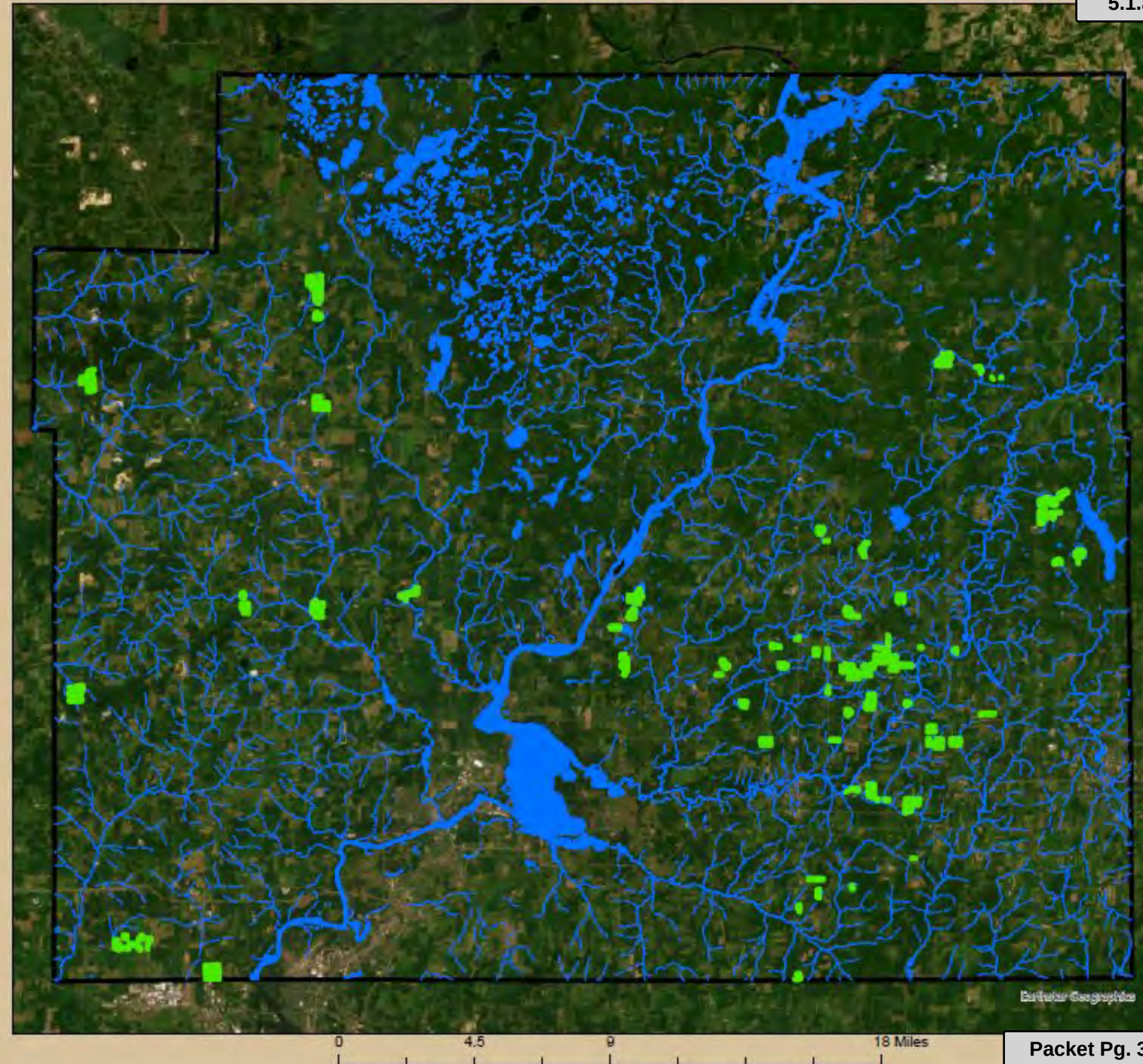
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County Boundary

World Imagery

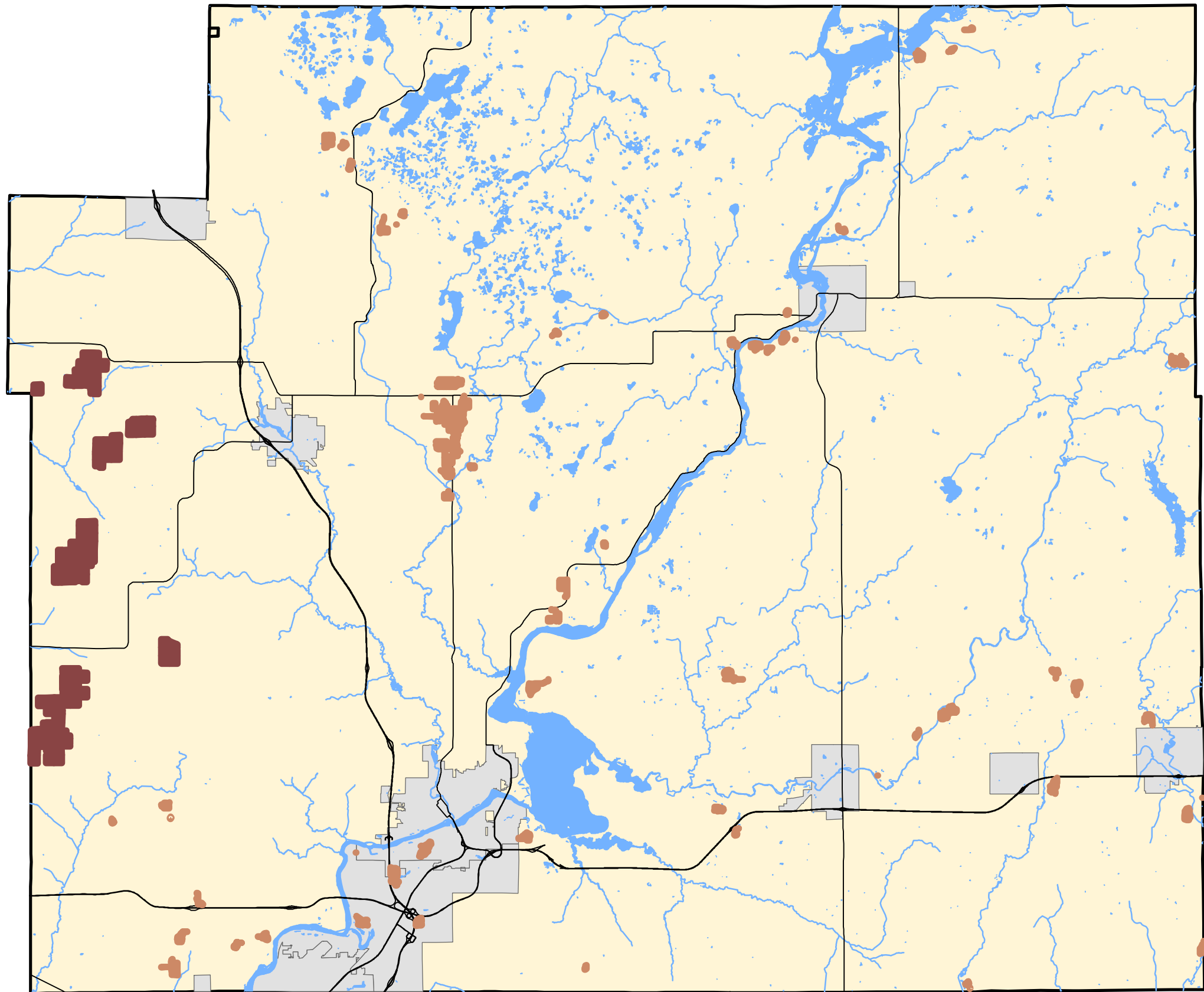


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Location of Permitted Non-Metallic Mines Meeting State NR-135 Reclamation Standards

Bedrock Sand Mines

Sand & Gravel Mines



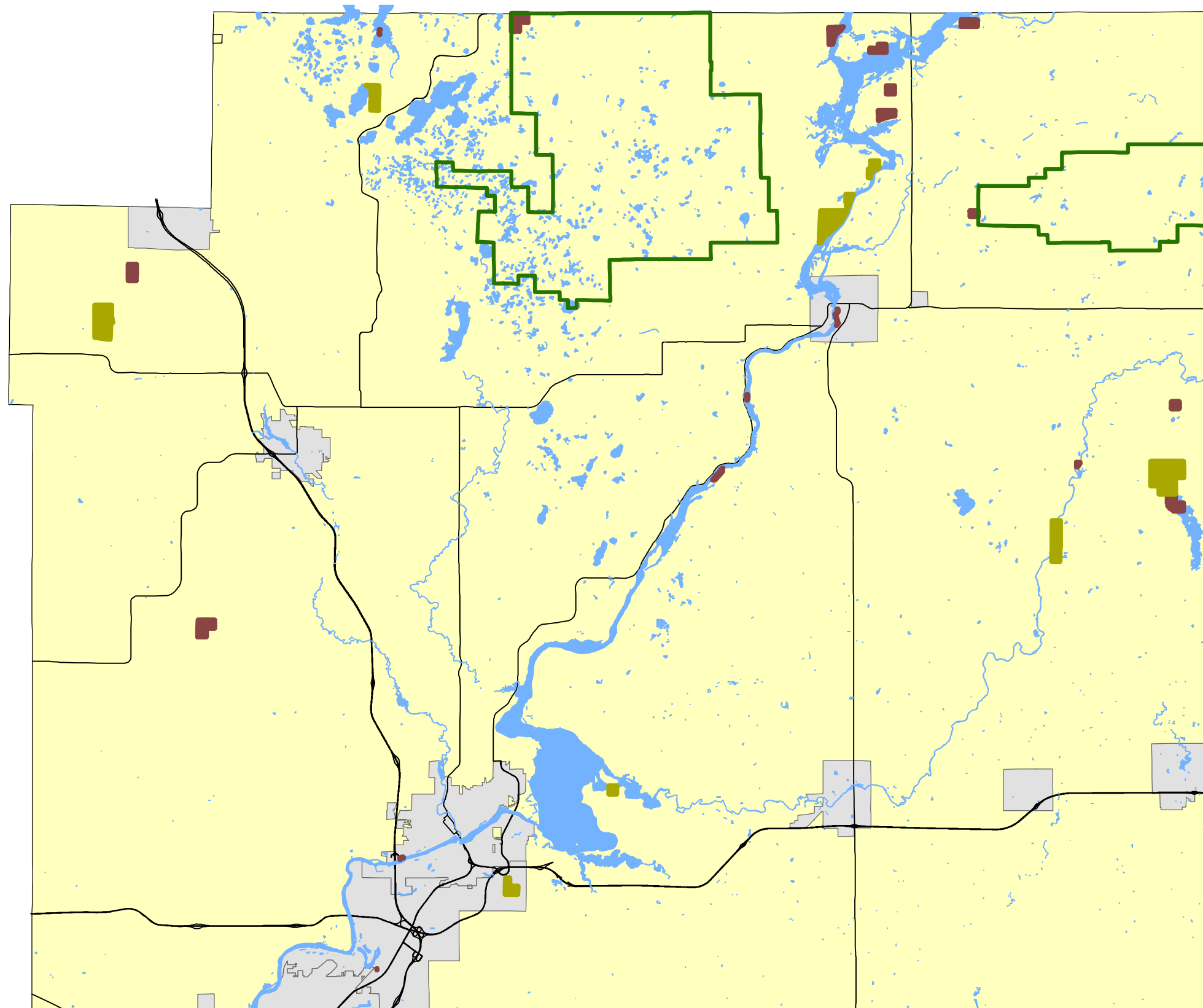
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Location of Chippewa County Forest and Special Management Units

Legend

- County Forest
- Co. Forest Blocking Boundary
- Special Forest Mgt Units
- Type B Tax Parcels



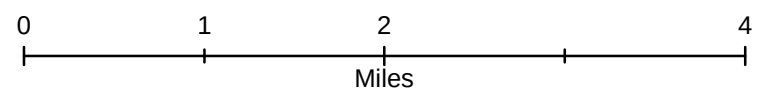
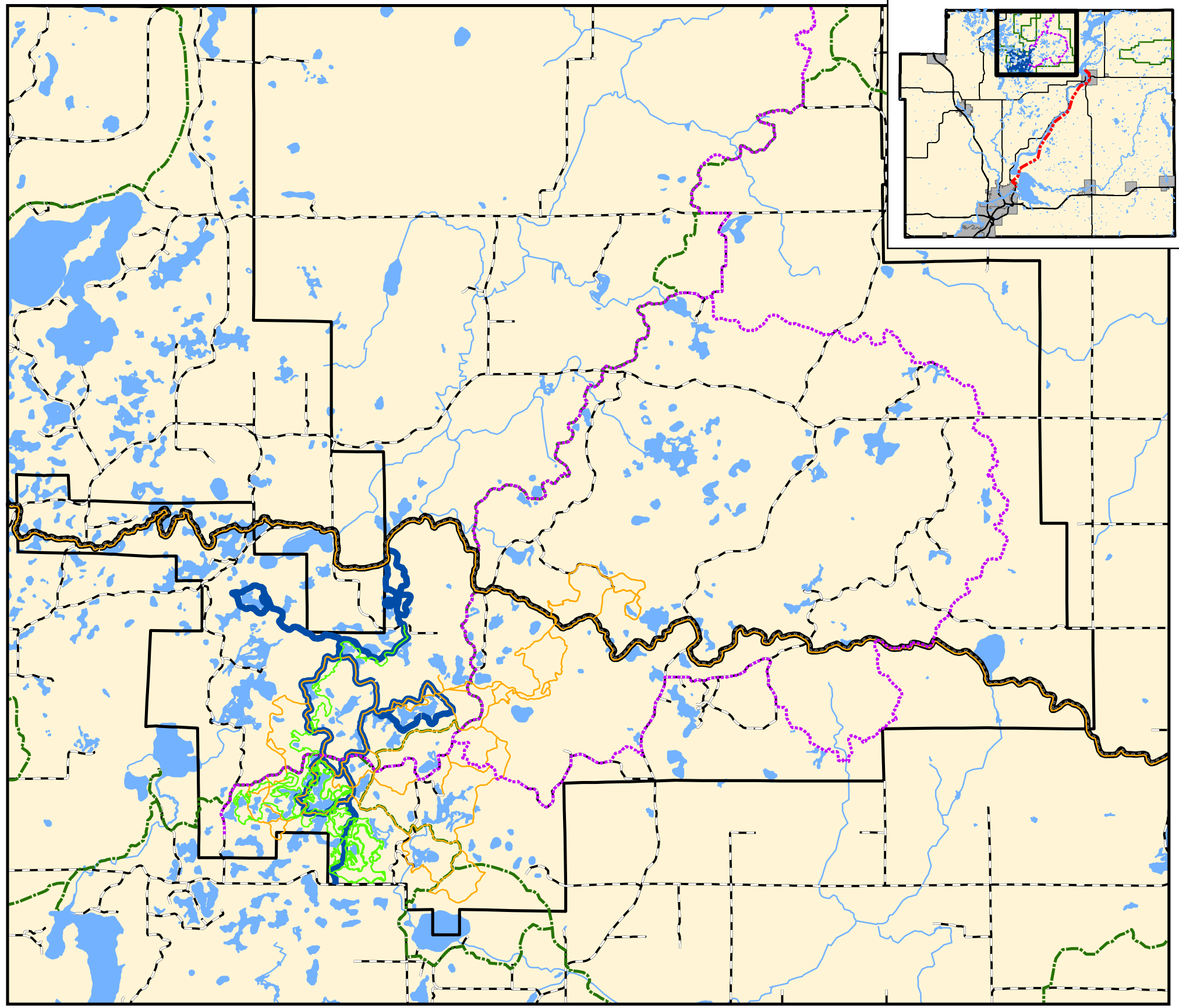
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Location of Chippewa County Forest Recreational Trails

- Mountain Bike/Snowshoe Trails
- Hay Meadow Horse Trail
- Ice Age National Scenic Trail
- - - ATV Trail
- Hickory Ridge Ski Trails
- - - Old Abe State Trail
- - - Snowmobile Trails
- - - Roads
- County Forest Blocking Boundary



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Type of Recycling Collection Programs by Municipalities Cooperating Under the Chippewa County Recycling Program

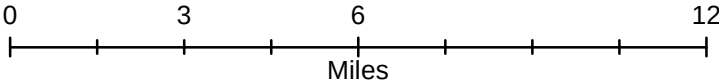
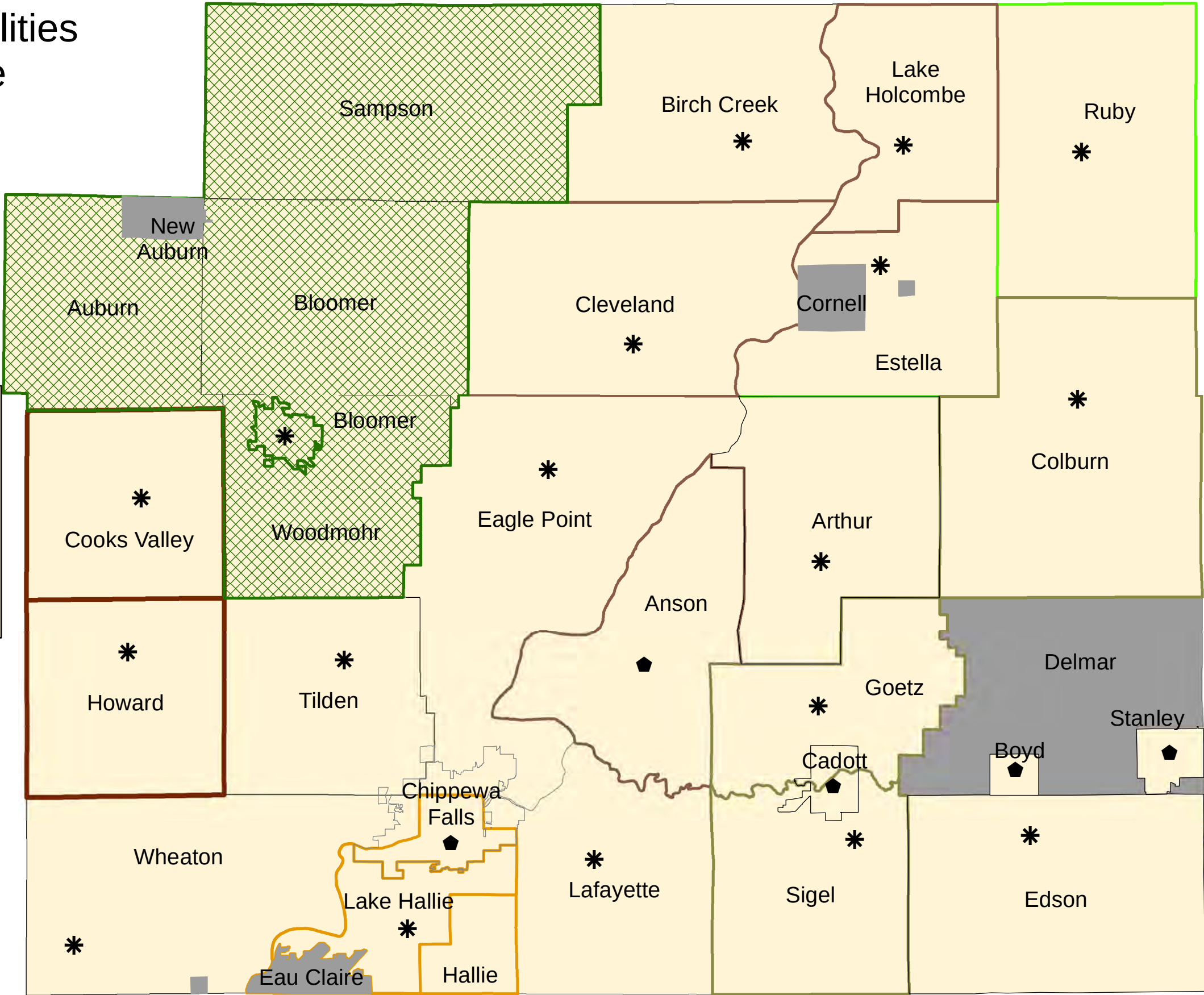
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 Drop-off Recycling Center

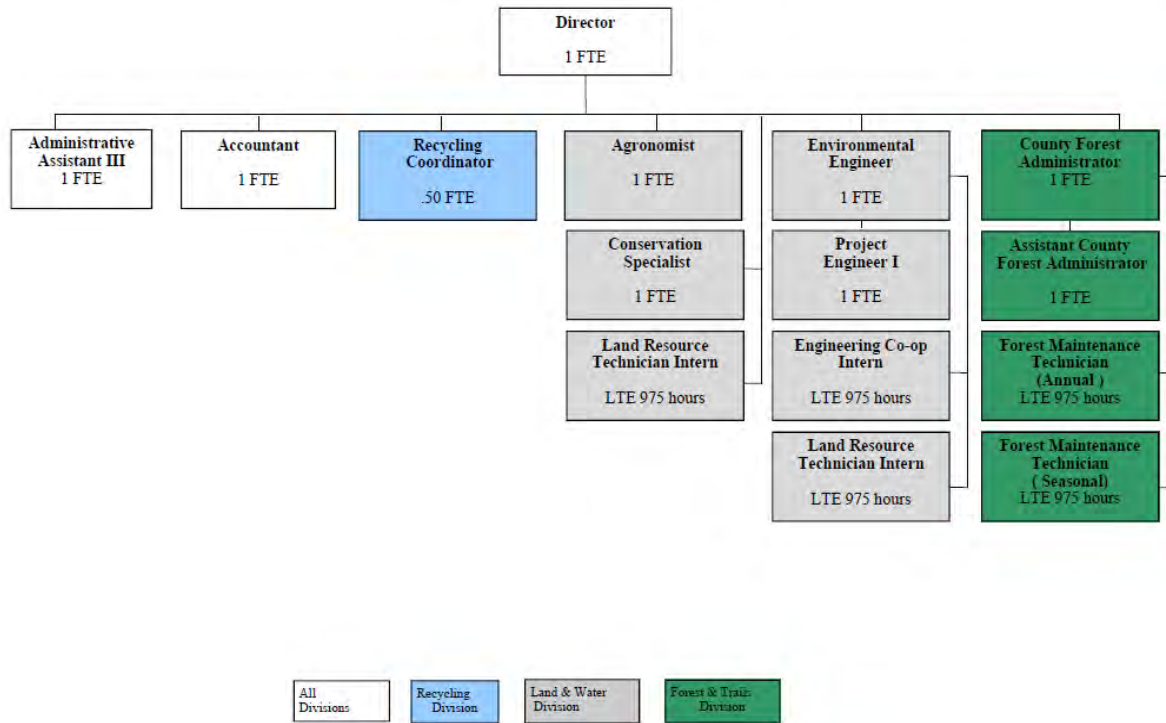
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 Curbside Pick-Up



**Organizational Chart for
Conservation and Forest Management Dept**

1/23/2023



Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee

K. Schmitt, Chair
 C. Bomar, Vice Chair
 J. Bergeron
 D. Bischel
 J. Flater
 M. Peterson
 J. Pingel, FSA Representative

Land Conservation & Forest Management Staff

L. Schweikert	Director
J. Schemenauer	Admin. Assistant III
K. Klingberg	Project Agronomist
L. Richardson	Conservation Specialist
K. Clow	Environmental Engineer
T. Shutter	Project Engineer
J. Puig	Accountant
M. Hansen	Co. Forest Admin/Public Liaison
J. Larson	Asst. Co. Forest Administrator
A. Bohl	Forest Maintenance Tech Recurring LTE (0.5 LTE)
R. Yohnk	Recycling Coordinator (0.50 FTE)
A. Gilles	Admin. Assistant II - Recurring LTE (0.25 FTE)

Governing Committee & Department Staff

Attachment: Report and Maps (7594 : Overview of LCFM 2022 Annual Report)

This Performance Report:

- Provides an overview of issues of local concern and explains how the Department directs available resources (\$, hours, skill sets) to address those concerns.
- Explains the department organizational structure based on three (3) divisions:
 - Land & Water Conservation.
 - Forest & Trails.
 - Recycling.
- Explains what each Division does and what was accomplished in 2022.
- Explains how the Department works with other agencies and with the community-at-large.
- Explains where the Department's funding comes from and how the funding is used to meet planned objectives.
- Explains the management approach and guiding principals that are being used to move forward.



**Our mission is to encourage
“Stewardship for Sustainability”.....
to support a quality environment
and productive economy.**

***“We provide the services that allow people to make
the conservation choices that benefit us all.”***

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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION SWRM STAFFING GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2024

5.2

The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection administers Wisconsin's Soil and Water Resource Management (SWRM) program under the provisions of Chapter 92 Wisconsin Statutes and ATCP 50 Wisconsin Administrative Code. The Department assists the county land conservation committees by distributing funds through the SWRM grant program. These grant funds are used to help fund county soil and water conservation staff and support expenditures, as well as landowner conservation projects.

The annual allocation plan is based on grant applications from the counties submitted by the April 15th deadline. The Department expects to issue a preliminary allocation plan to every county land conservation committee in the summer of each year for the subsequent calendar year.

Staffing Award: The annual schedule of awards details staffing and support funds to counties to reimburse for the work of staff and independent contractors who perform soil and water management activities, including county soil and water conservation priorities. No more than 10% of the total staffing award can be spent on support costs.

Cost-Share Award: The annual schedule of awards also specifies funds available to counties to enter into cost-share contracts with landowners to install eligible conservation practices. Projects must be completed by December 31 of the grant year, reimbursed by the County to the landowner by January 31 of the year following the award year, and reimbursed by DATCP to the County by February 15 of the year following the award year. If a project will not be completed by December 31 of the award year, then the County must apply for an extension before the end of the year for that project.



JOINT DATCP/DNR NONPOINT SOURCE GRANT APPLICATION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

1. Read the instructions before completing this application.
2. Complete all yellow-highlighted items in the combined application and Table 1.
3. Sign the completed application electronically
4. Submit the signed Excel spreadsheet to: datcpswrn@wisconsin.gov
5. **April 17, 2023** is the deadline for submission of this grant application.

Chippewa	county, through its authorized representative, is applying for annual grant funds from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) awarded under Sec.92.14, Stats., and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) awarded under Secs. 281.65 and 281.66, Stats. By signing and dating a completed application the authorized representative certifies that (i) the Land Conservation Committee or other committee designated under Sec.92.06(1), Stats., has authorized the representative to submit this application; (ii) the county has submitted an Annual Report and Annual Work Plan, and has complied with other grant requirements including Sec. ATP 50.20, Wis. Admin. Code; and (iii) the information provided in this application (including Table 1) is true, complete and accurate to the best of his or her knowledge. Personal information provided may be used for purposes other than that for which it was originally collected; completion of this form is necessary to obtain a grant. Sec.15.04(1)(m), Stats.	
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>County Administrator</i>	<i>4/12/23</i>

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

LCC CHAIR OR OTHER TITLE

DATE

The authorized representative may sign this application electronically by typing his or her name in the space provided for a signature, and inserting the person's title and the date. An electronic signature has the same force and effect, pursuant to chapter 137 of the Wisconsin statutes, as a non-electronic signature.

NOTICE: This application does not represent a commitment by DATCP or DNR to provide funding for any grant category at any specific level. If grant funds are awarded, the county must agree to comply with any resulting terms including those specified in a grant contract.

SECTION I. STAFFING/PLANNING GRANTS			Amount Requested of DATCP	Amount Requested of DNR
1	Soil and Water Resource Management (SWRM) Tier 1 A. Base Funding \$75,000 is automatically entered.		\$ 75,000.00	
2	SWRM Tier 2 A. Funding for three positions Automatically enters amounts from Table 1, column F, for first three positions Amount from Table 1, column F			
	i. First (100%) position	\$116,492	\$ 116,492.00	
	ii. Second (70%) position	\$96,991	\$ 67,894.00	
	iii. Third (50%) position	\$101,782	\$ 50,891.00	
	B. Funding for subsequent positions Automatically enters amount from Table 1, column G			
	iv. Fourth & more (50%) positions	\$331,645	\$ 165,823.00	
3	Urban NPS & Storm Water Management - Planning Projects (Complete separate application available on DNR website)			
TOTAL STAFFING REQUESTS ►			\$ 401,100.00	

SECTION II. COST-SHARING GRANTS			Amount Requested of DATCP	Amount Requested of DNR
1	Land and Water Resource Mgmt. (LWRM) Plan Implementation: Bond Funds		\$ 100,000.00	
2	LWRM Plan Implementation: SEG Funds		\$ 75,000.00	
	Nutrient Management Programming in County (enter "yes" if True)		4	
	We employ a staff agronomist	Yes		
	We employ a nutrient management specialist	Yes		
3	NM planning and implementation strategy are in our 2023 Workplan		Yes	



	We support NUE/MRTN projects in the county through grant funds or education.			
	We have programming to support outreach and education regarding NM planning, soil testing, plan renewal, soil health.	Yes		
	Other			
4	Targeted Runoff Management Projects (Complete separate application available on DNR website)			
5	Urban NPS & Storm Water Management - Construction Projects (Complete separate application on DNR website)			
TOTAL COST-SHARING REQUESTS ►			\$ 175,000.00	

Attachment: LCFM-2024 SWRM Staffing Application (7600 : SWRM Staffing Grant Application for 2024)



SECTION III. FINANCIAL AND OTHER DATCP REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1 Financial Report of County LCD Expenditures for 2022

- A. Enter the total amount of all county LCD expenditures in 2022 from all funding sources. \$ 2,147,330.71
- B. Enter the amount of expenditures in 2022 from all non-county sources. \$ 1,570,017.49
(Of the total expenditure listed in line 1A., enter the amount funded using non-county sources, which may include grants, shared revenue, and other funds from sources external to the county.
NOTE: Line 1B. plus line 1C. equals line 1A.)
- C. Amount of county source funding expended in 2022 \$ 577,313.22
(County source funding may include county levies, fees, permits, tree sales, or other funds generated by the county. This amount is used to determine fulfillment of maintenance of effort requirements).
- D. Enter the amount of salary and fringe benefits paid using county source funding. \$ 360,314.98
(NOTE: LINE 1D. CANNOT EXCEED LINE 1C.)

2 Funding for 2022 Staff (FTE,LTE,IC)

Enter the total number of 2022 staff funded by each of the following categories:

County	DATCP SWRM	All Other	*TOTAL 2022 Staff
7.5	1.5	0	9

**Total 2022 staff should be equal to the sum of FTE, LTE and IC staff listed in Table 1.*

3 2023 Work Plan

Each county must submit a current work plan that describes activities planned for 2023.
Submissions must comply the requirements identified by DATCP in separate communications.

Work plans should be emailed by no later than April 17, 2023 to Lisa.Trumble@wi.gov. Grant applications will not be processed if work plans are not submitted, are incomplete, or fail to meet DATCP requirements.

4 2022 Annual Report

Reminder : To be eligible for 2024 funding, counties must electronically complete a 2022 Annual Report, which DATCP is requesting that counties submit by March 15, 2023.

TABLE 1

DATCP 2024 STAFF APPLICATION DATA FOR				Chippewa	COUNTY			
COUNTY LCD STAFF POSITION INFORMATION FOR 2022								
Column A	Column B		Column C ~	Column D ~	Column E ~	Column F ~	Column G ~	
Position Number	Position Title	Status		Salary or Fee	Fringe (for employees - county contribution only)	% Time spent on conservation activities (see instructions)	Total eligible staffing costs (C+D) x E (Rounded to the nearest dollar)	This is the sum of the 4th and subsequent positions.
		Limited (LTE), Permanent (FTE), Independent Contractor (IC)	If not currently hired or retained*, insert expected fill date					
1	D	FTE		\$78,626.73	\$37,865.40	100.00%	\$116,492.00	
2	A	FTE		\$82,870.27	\$24,897.53	90.00%	\$96,991.00	
3	C	FTE		\$66,004.33	\$35,777.89	100.00%	\$101,782.00	
4	C	FTE		\$60,567.71	\$34,723.80	100.00%	\$95,292.00	\$331,645.00
5	D	FTE		\$58,116.56	\$21,116.65	100.00%	\$79,233.00	
6	B	FTE		\$52,944.50	\$33,284.69	80.00%	\$68,983.00	
7	B	FTE		\$46,524.61	\$19,029.13	80.00%	\$52,443.00	
8	C	LTE		\$16,048.50	\$1,798.94	100.00%	\$17,847.00	
9	C	LTE		\$16,048.52	\$1,798.94	100.00%	\$17,847.00	
10							\$0.00	
11							\$0.00	
12							\$0.00	
13							\$0.00	
14							\$0.00	
15							\$0.00	
16							\$0.00	
17							\$0.00	
18							\$0.00	
19							\$0.00	
20							\$0.00	
TOTAL							\$646,910.00	
By submitting a completed table with the joint grant application, the authorized county representative certifies that the information in this table is true, complete and accurate.								
~ Complete Columns A to E (highlighted in yellow) according to the instructions including provisions related to eligibility for claiming a person as position number 1, and the treatment of new or vacant positions.								
* Must attach evidence showing that the county has taken action (e.g. posting of position), consistent with an intent to rehire or fill a new position. When filling vacant positions, salary cannot exceed rates paid for equivalent classification and benefits must be based on standard percentage used in county. Fees must be based on past payments made to contractors.								
Explanation regarding projected salaries and benefits for positions hired during the year								
POSITION TITLES (Insert the letter A-E in column A that best describes position title of employee) A = Department Head : County Conservationist; Director; Administrator; Supervisor; Manager; Conservation Coordinator B = Administrative Support (Not eligible for first position) : Clerk; Secretary; Admin. Assistant; GIS Specialist; Computer Programmer; Office Manager; Typist C = Technician : Project Manager/Coordinator; Specialist; Engineering Technician; Agronomist; Planner; Conservationist; Forester D = Engineer : Environmental; Project; Civil; Conservation E = Information & Education (Not eligible for first position) : Education Coordinator; PR Representative								



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION STORMWATER AUDIT UPDATE

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This agenda item provides a continued update the LCFM Dept. progress working towards compliance in regards to the items identified in the 2022 Stormwater Audit.



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
NON-METALLIC MINING RECLAMATION AUDIT UPDATE**

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This agenda item provides a continued update the LCFM Dept. progress working towards compliance in regards to the items identified in the 2022 Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Audit.



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
OVERVIEW & ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROPOSED SPRING 2023 TIMBER
SALE & BIDS OPENING**

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The LCFM manages the Chippewa County Forest in accordance with the Chippewa County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan and WI Stats. Chapter 28.

Chippewa County manages the County Forest to optimize forest health and productivity by applying standard silvicultural treatments to designated timber stands. These treatments are implemented through timber sale contracts with logging contractors.

Competitive bids are sought from private sector logging contractors for the value of the timber within each sale tract.

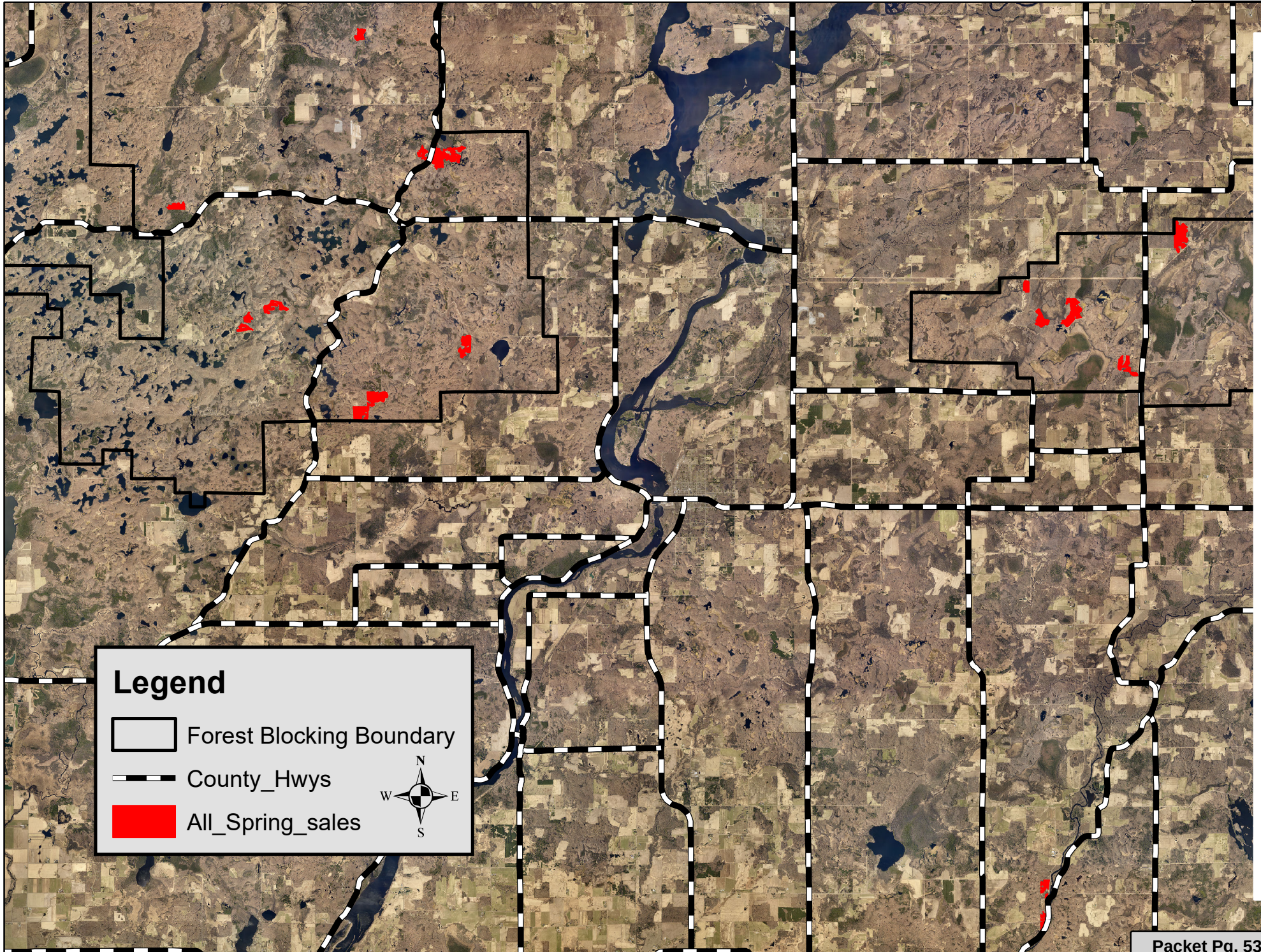
Each year, the County administers two (2) bid openings consisting of 6-10 timber sale tracts. The bid openings typically occur in May and November.

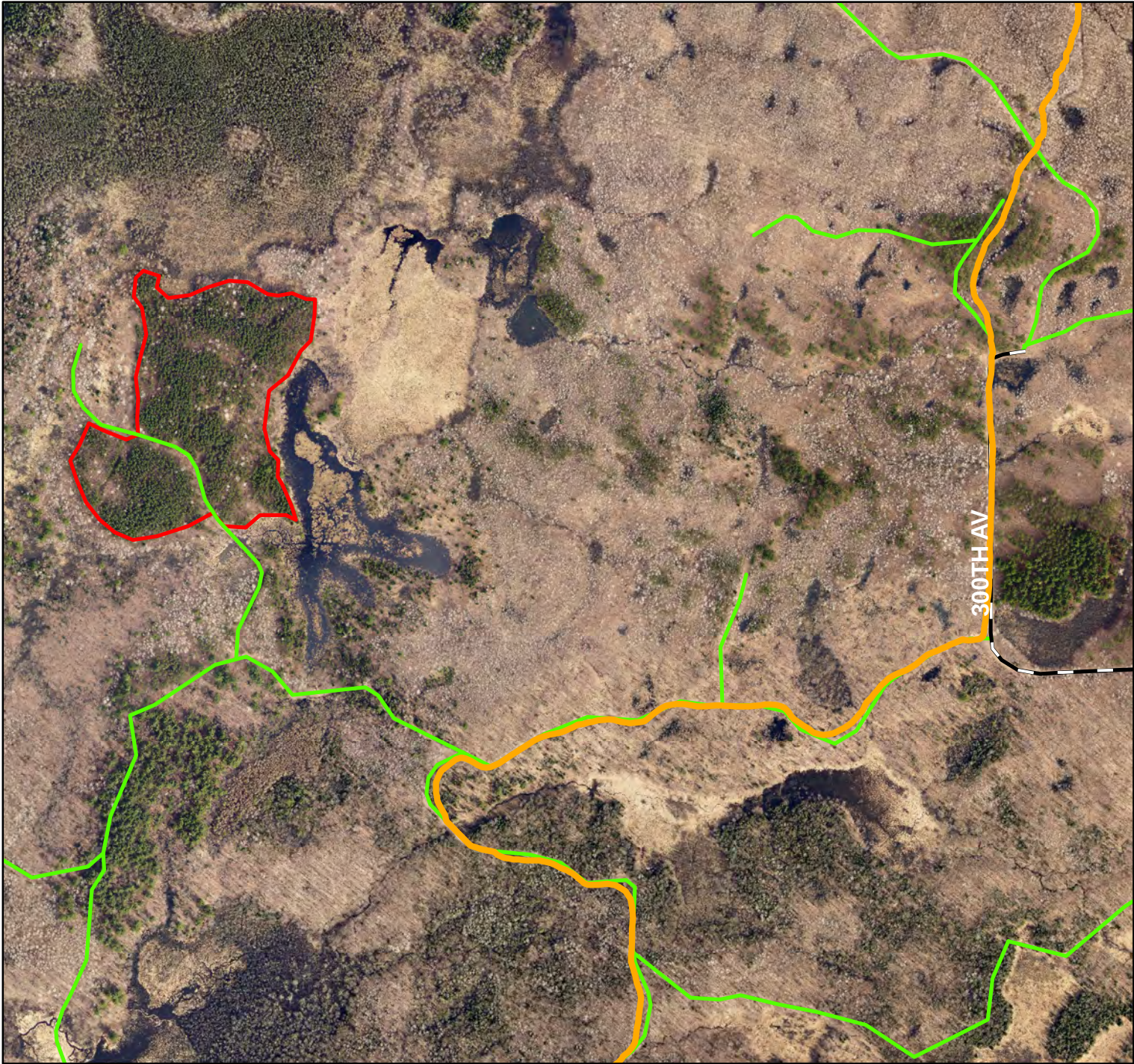
Following this process the FT Division has prepared eleven (11) County Forest Timber Sales totaling approximately 432 acres. At the 4/19/2023 LCFM Committee meeting, staff will provide the Committee with an aerial overview and summary of the intended silvicultural treatment for each timber sale.

The timber sales will be publicly advertised with a public bid opening in May, 2023. Bids will be compiled and reported to the LCFM Committee for approval at the May 17, 2023, LCFM meeting.

Chippewa County Timber Sale Locations Spring 2023

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2nd Pine Tract 20-22

Approximately 16 acres
Located on
Tealey Game Trail

Legend

- ATV_Trails
- Woods Roads
- 2nd_Pine

Map Not To Scale

CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 20-22**2nd Pine**

(approximately 16 acres)

Located in Section 5, T32N R7W, Town of Birch Creek

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 20-22 is \$ 6,565.00.**

Species	Amount	
	Tons	MBF
Red Pine cordwood	411	
Aspen Cordwood*	20	

*Contains up to 20% Mixed Hardwood

Sale Area Description:

Red Pine Thinning: The pine trees to be thinned are about 45 years old. The purpose of this thinning will be to remove intermediate and co-dominant trees to reduce the basal area allowing good crown spacing for future growth. The boundaries of this sale are not marked. Boundaries of the sale will be one machine width outside of the pine plantation area and at least 15 ft from any wetland and 35 ft from any stream bank.

Cutting Requirements:

Red Pine Thinning Area: (16 acres) Cut all trees marked with orange paint including non-merchantable trees.

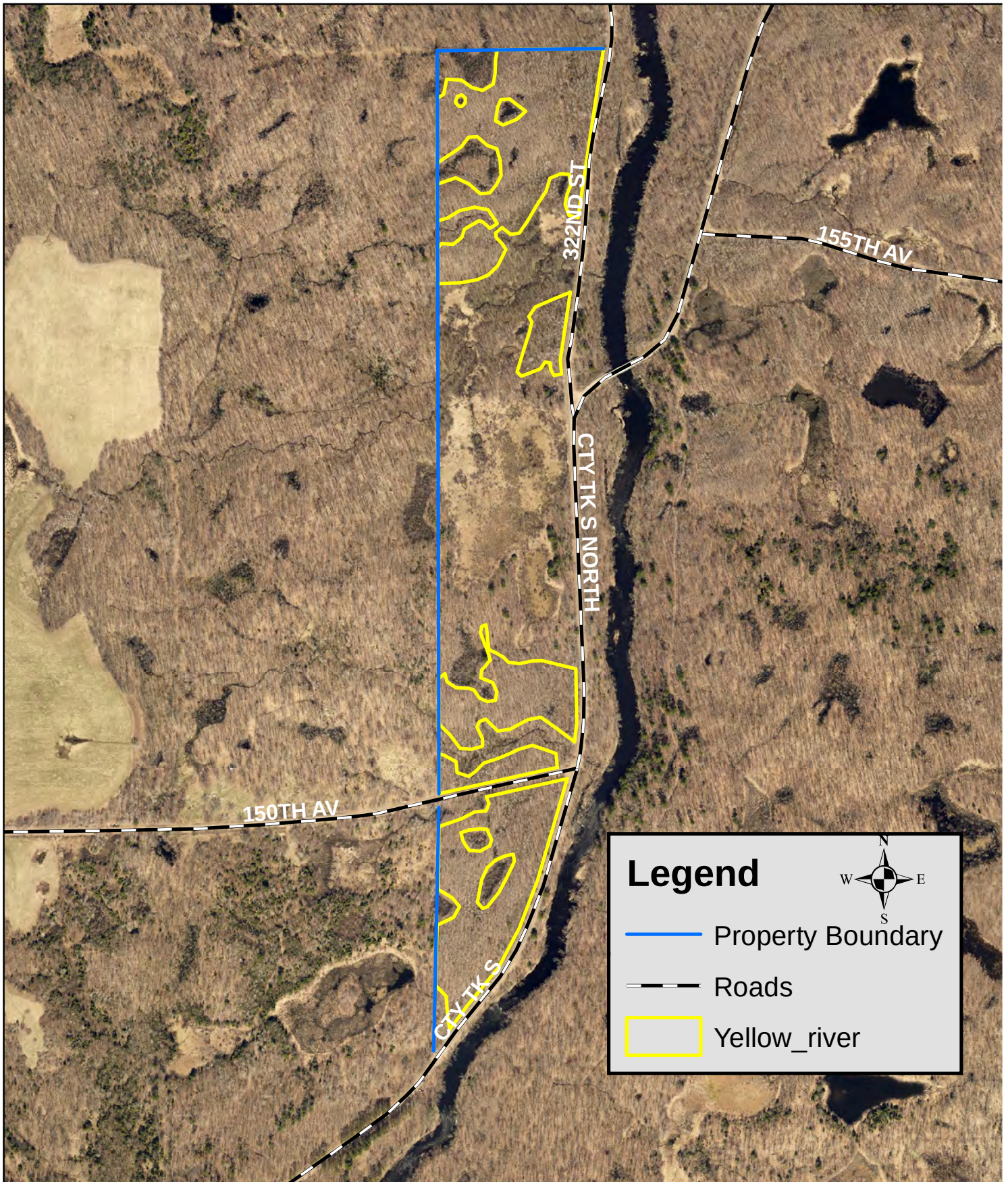
Special Conditions:

- The contract length is 2 years.
- If the logging contractor last cut a site that contained HRD and/or was within 25 miles of an infected site, the contractor will be required to clean all logging equipment with pressurized water prior to entering Chippewa County Forest- preferably on the previous site or at a commercial washing facility.
- The site is not within a 25-mile buffer of the location of a known stand of HRD as of 11/17/2022. In the event of confirmation of HRD within 25 miles of this site, the County will undertake, at its own expense, stump treatment as recommended by the WI DNR
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor.* (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands.
- All landing locations must be approved.
- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.

Map Located on Back

Yellow River Aspen

Aspen Coppice approximately 30 acres



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CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 1-23**Yellow River Aspen**

(approximately 30 acres)

Located in Sec. 20, 25 T30N R5W Town of Colburn

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 1-23 is \$ 44,275.00.**

Species	Amount	
	Tons	MBF
Aspen cordwood	2170	
Mixed Hardwood cordwood	175	

Sale Area Description:

This sale will be a clear-cut to coppice the aspen in the stand. The boundaries of this sale are marked with yellow paint line to delineate wetland boundaries with blue paint marking the property line. The sale is accessed off of Hwy S, 322nd st and 150th ave. This sale has a couple existing skid roads but landings will need to be created with driveways entering onto town roads. Harvest operations shall not interrupt County Hwy S.

Cutting Requirements:

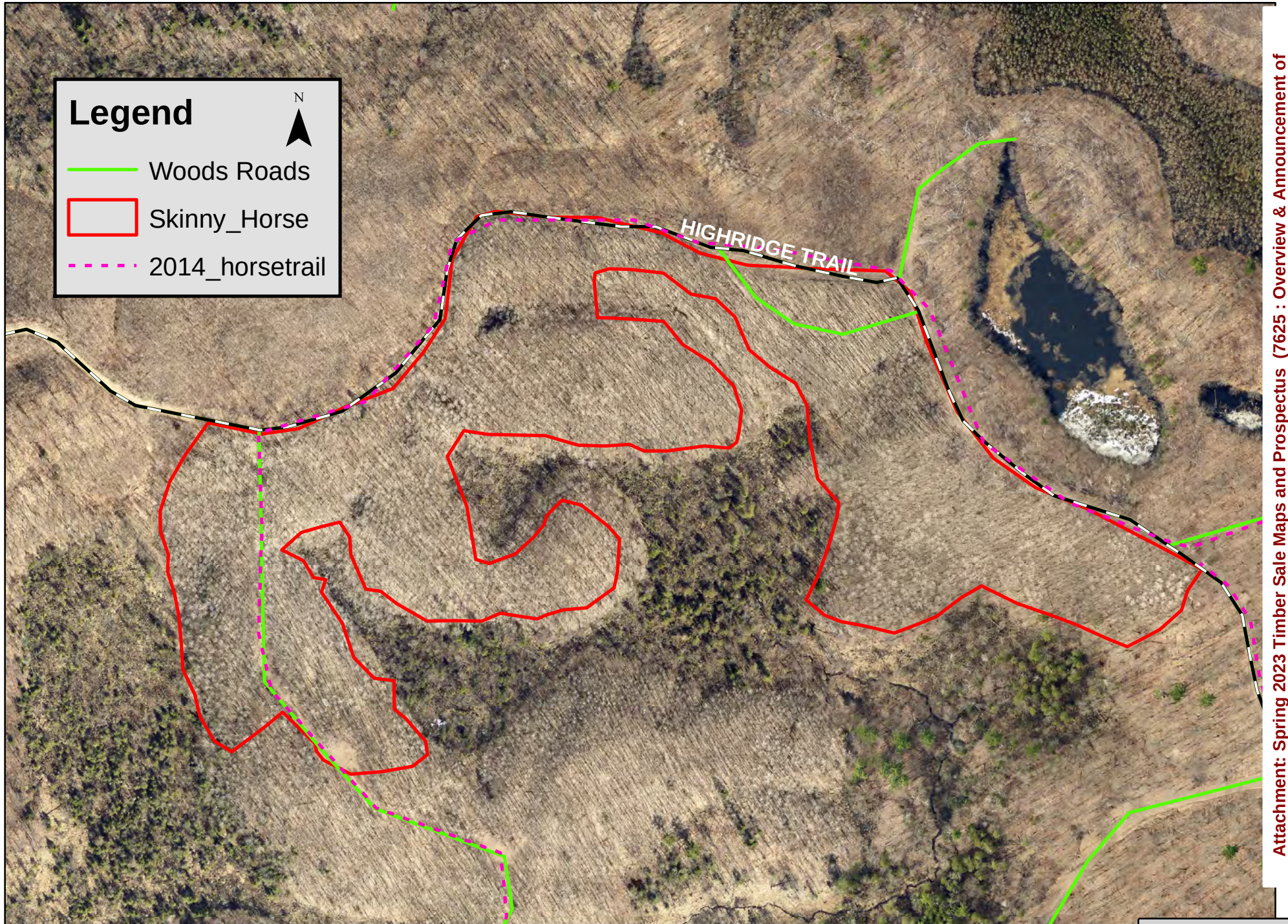
Aspen Harvest Areas: (30 acres) Cut all trees one inch in diameter and larger. **Do not** cut any boundary trees, Oak or Conifers.

Special Conditions:

- The contract length is 2 years.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor.* (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands.
- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.
- All hardwood logs, (except aspen) 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.
- All landing locations must be approved.
- Extreme caution shall be used along road right of ways

Tract 3-23 Skinny Horse
Approximately 25 acre Aspen Coppice

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CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 3-23**Skinny Horse**

(approximately 25 acres)

Located in T32N R7W Section 31, Town of Birch Creek

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 3-23 is \$ 48,885.00**

Species	Amount	
	Tons	MBF
Aspen cordwood	2325	
Mixed Hardwood cordwood	450	
Mixed Hardwood Logs		3

Sale Area Description:

This sale will be a clear-cut to coppice the aspen in the stand. The boundaries of this sale are marked with red paint and yellow to delineate wetland boundaries. The sale is accessed off the High Ridge Trail. Decking along the road will be allowed. The end of the High Ridge Trail has a large turn around for trucks.

Cutting Requirements:

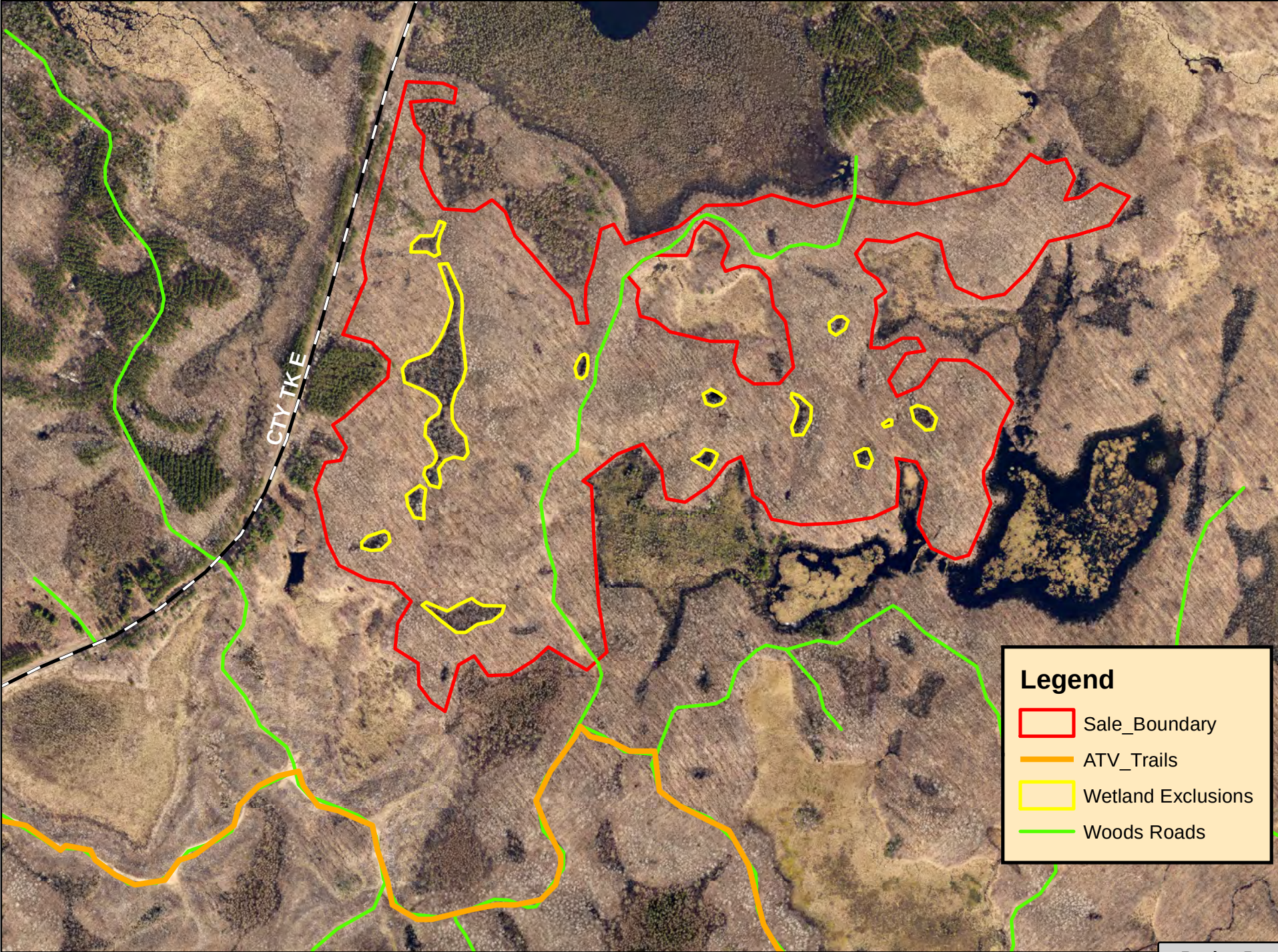
Aspen Harvest Areas: (25 acres) Cut all trees one inch in diameter and larger. **Do not** cut any boundary trees (red paint). All horse trail must remain free of debris and passable.

Special Conditions:

- The contract length is 2 years.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor.* (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.
- All hardwood logs, (except aspen) 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands.
- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.
- All landing locations must be approved.

Map Located on Back

Tract 4-23 Blown Out Aspen 54 acres Aspen Clearcut, 19 acres Hardwood Clearcut



Legend

- Sale_Boundary
- ATV_Trails
- Wetland Exclusions
- Woods Roads

CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 4-23**Blown Out Aspen**

(approximately 73 acres)

Located in Sec. 15, 16, 21, 22 T32N R7W Town of Birch Creek

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 4-23 is \$ 118,450.00.**

Species	Amount	
	Tons	MBF
Aspen cordwood	4300	
Oak	185	20
Red Maple	760	43
Mixed Hardwood	785	39

Sale Area Description:

This sale is a mix of aspen and hardwood clear-cuts. There are 2 small hardwood pockets within the larger aspen stand to be clear-cut to release existing regeneration. Oak poles and some marked reserve trees will be left to maintain a seed source in areas with less regeneration. Leave all oak less than 10" and marked trees west of the center forest road. The sale adjoins multiple beaver ponds with varying water levels and is designed to harvest directly to the waters edge in areas to create early successional beaver habitat. There is old red paint line from previous sales that marks the boundary between the hardwood and aspen areas. New red and yellow paint will be more vibrant and correspond with the map.

Cutting Requirements:

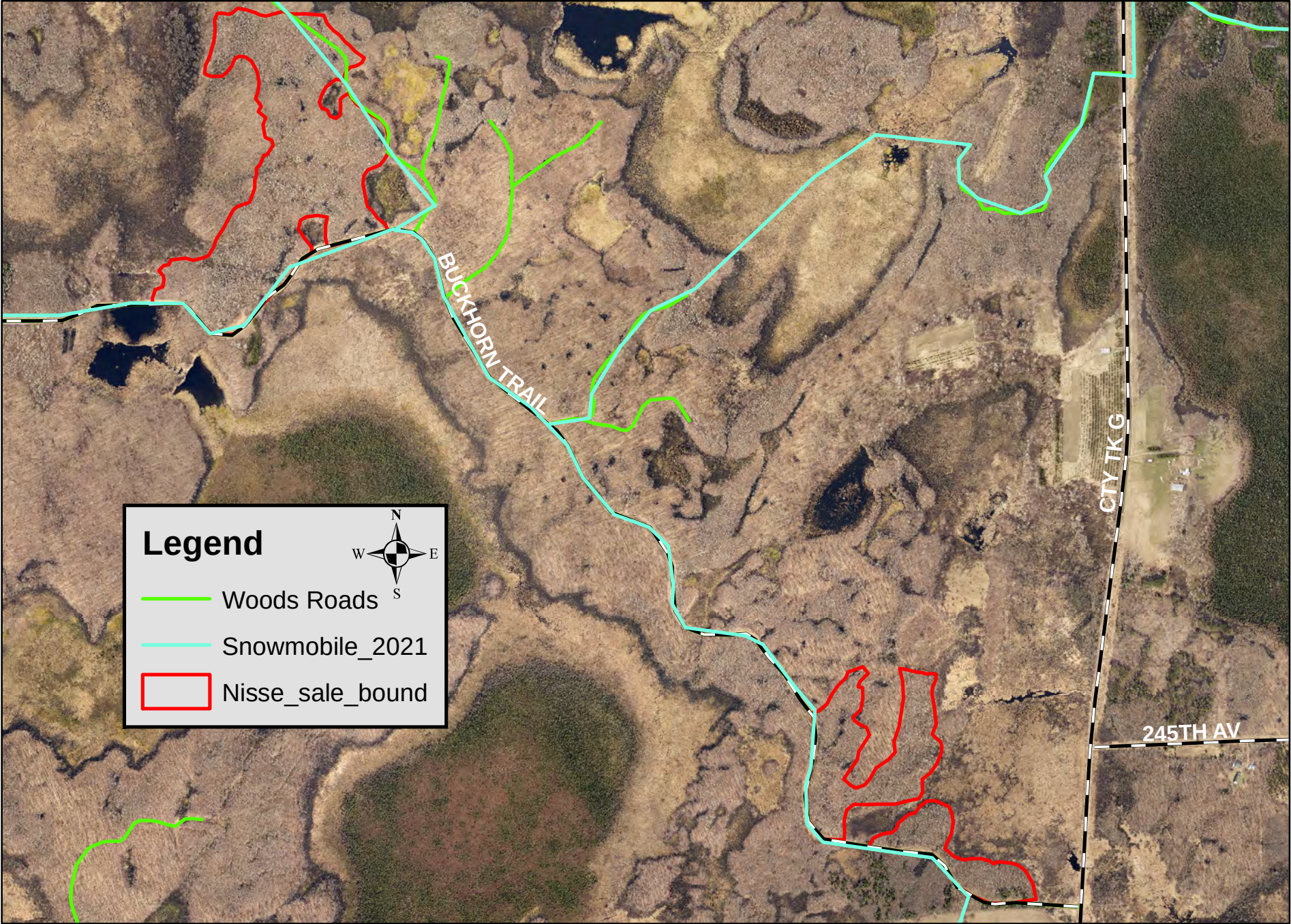
Aspen Harvest Areas: (54 acres) Cut all trees one inch in diameter and larger. **Do not** cut any boundary trees, Oak west of forest road or Conifers.

HW Clear-cut Areas: (19 acres) Cut all trees 1 inch in diameter and larger. **Do not** cut any boundary trees, Oak west of forest road or trees marked with green paint or Conifers.

Special Conditions:

- The contract length is 2 years.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor.* (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands.
- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.
- All hardwood logs, (except aspen) 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.
- All landing locations must be approved.

Tract 5-23 Nisse
Approximately 76 acre Aspen Coppice



Legend

Woods Roads

Snowmobile_2021

Nisse_sale_bound

CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 5-22

Nisse

(approximately 76 acres)

Located in Sec 4, T31N R5W, and Sec 32, T32N R5W, Town of Ruby

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 5-22 is \$ 110,050.00.**

Species	Amount	
	Tons	MBF
Aspen cordwood	4950	
Mixed Hdwd cordwood	1850	
Mixed Hardwood Logs		9

Sale Area Description:

This sale will be a clear-cut to coppice the aspen in the stand. The boundaries of this sale are marked in red. Decking along the Buckhorn trail will be allowed. The snowmobile trail must remain open and passable at all times.

Cutting Requirements:

Aspen Harvest Areas: (76 acres) Cut all trees one inch in diameter and larger. **Do not** cut any boundary trees (red paint).

Special Conditions:

- **Harvest activity is permitted only when frozen ground conditions exist.**
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor. (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.*
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands.
- All landing locations must be approved.
- All hardwood logs, (except aspen) 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.
- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.
- All hardwood logs, (except aspen) 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.
- Contract length is 2 years.

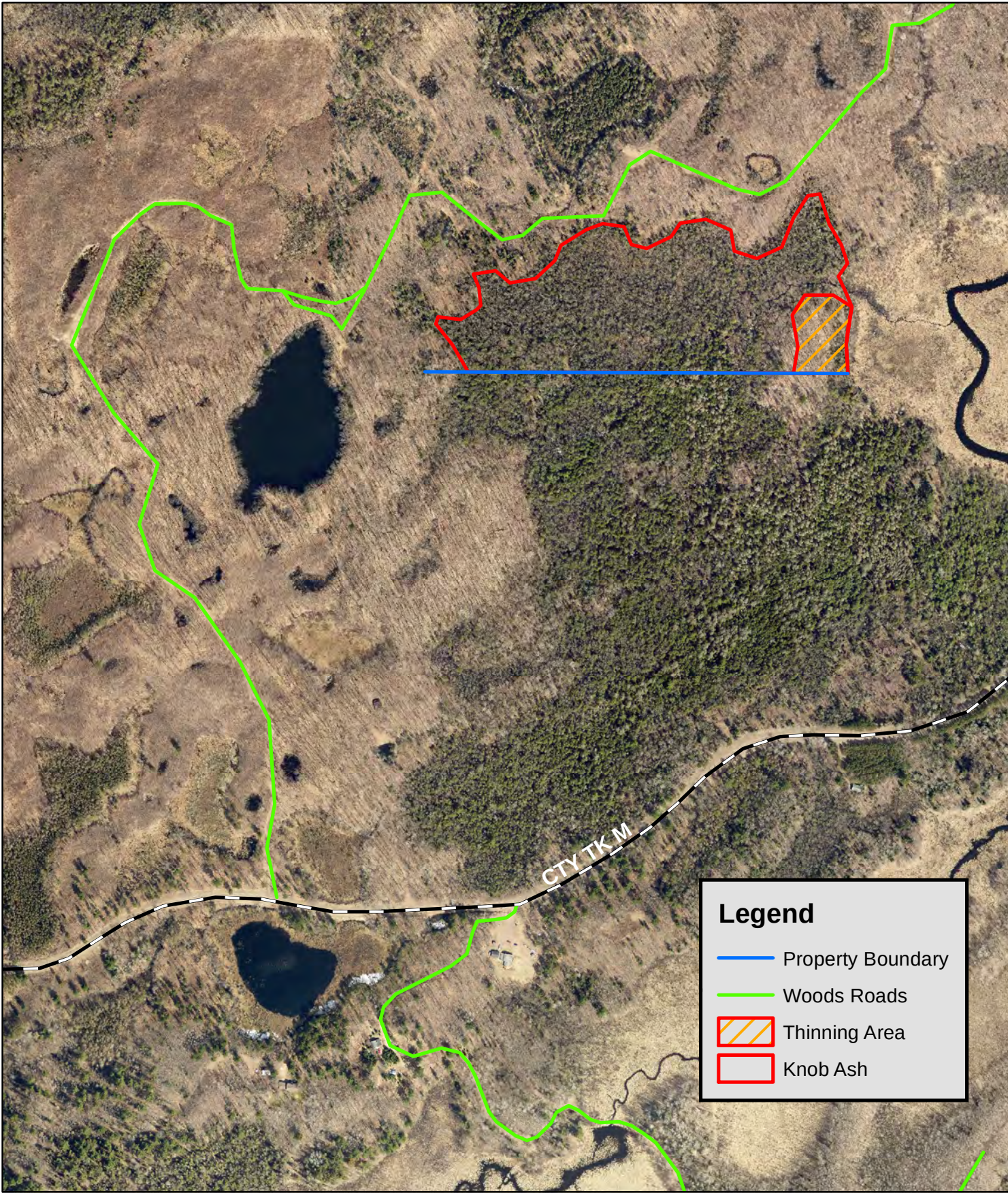
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Knob Ash

Approximately 17 acre Ash Removal



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CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 7-23**Knob Ash - Ash Harvest**

(approximately 17 acres)

Located in Section 23, T32N R8W, Town of Sampson

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 7-23 is \$14,500.00.**

Species	Amount	
	Tons	MBF
Mixed Hardwood cordwood	900	
Mixed Hardwood logs		50

Sale Area Description:

The purpose of the proposed harvest system is to promote all swamp hardwood species other than ash. The goal is to shift species composition away from ash in preparation for infestation by the Emerald Ash Borer. Red Maple, Yellow Birch, White Pine, Spruce, Cedar and Tamarac are examples of residual species desired as a seed source.

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red and blue paint line. On the tall knob in the south east corner, cut all trees marked with red slash marks. All boundary marks are blobs of paint on the inner side of the tree facing the sale area. All clearing and grading required to accommodate hauling is the responsibility of the contractor and must be pre-approved by the County.

Cutting Requirements:

Cut all merchantable (5" DBH or greater) ash and aspen trees. **Do not** cut any other species unless necessary for operations and pre-approved by the County. Do not cut sale boundary trees. Cut all slash marked trees in the south east corner of the sale.

Special Conditions:

- **Harvest activity is permitted only when frozen ground conditions exist.**
- The contract length is approximately 2 years, 2 winter seasons expiring March 31, 2025.
- Timber mats or other stream crossing BMP's approved by the County may be required. The County's timber mats may be available at no charge (first-come, first-served). Stream crossings shall be minimized.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor. (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.*
- All landing locations must be approved.
- All pulp wood shall be utilized down to a 4" top diameter.
- All hardwood logs, (except aspen) 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.

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Tract 8-23 Raven Sale
Approximately 54 acres spruce / aspen clearcut



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CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 8-23**Raven**

Total Sale Area: (approximately 54 acres)

Located in T32N R5W Section 27, Town of Ruby

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 8-23 is \$ 21,366.00**

Species	Amount	
	tons	MBF
White Spruce cordwood	1560	
Aspen cordwood	670	
Mixed Hardwood cordwood	60	

Sale Area Description:

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red. This sale is 54 acres of white spruce plantation clear-cut. The goal of this harvest is to transition these stands to aspen by cutting all spruce and aspen. This sale is accessed from County Hwy G using a county forest easement. There will be a fence constructed along the private property line in the summer of 2023 to indicate the private property boundary.

Cutting Requirements:

Clear Cut area: (54 acres) Cut all trees 1" or greater. Do not cut sale boundary trees (red paint)

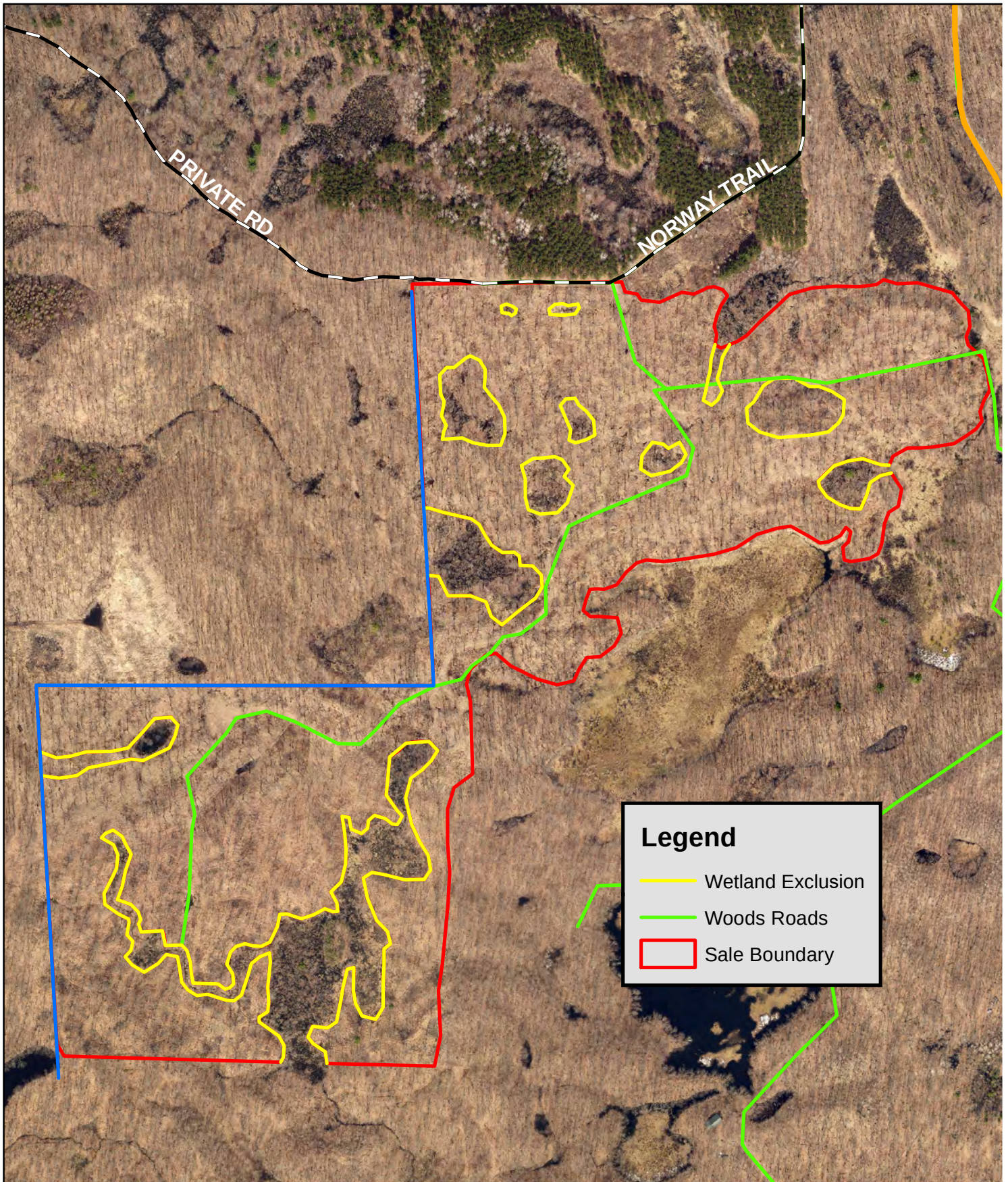
Special Conditions:

- **Harvest activity is permitted only when frozen ground conditions exist.**
- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs.
- No equipment operation is allowed within wetland areas.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands and trails.
- All landing locations must be approved. All merchantable timber that is removed along landings or skid trails must be utilized and accounted for through mill slips or log scales.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor. (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.*
- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.
- The contract length is two years.

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Bounty Oak Overstory Removal

Approximately 68 acres



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CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 9-23**Bounty Oak Overstory Removal**

Total Sale Area: (approximately 68 acres)

Located in T31N R7W Sections 8 and 9, Town of Cleveland

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 9-23 is \$ 162,305.00.**

Species	Amount	
	tons	MBF
Oak cordwood *	1285	
Red Oak Logs		404
White Oak logs		16
Mixed Hardwood logs		8

* Oak Cordwood contains approximately 2% Mixed Hardwood

Sale Area Description:

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red, yellow and blue paint lines. This sale is an oak shelterwood overstory removal. This sale will release existing oak regeneration. The western border of this sale is marked with blue paint to represent the private property line boundary. The sale is accessed from the Norway trail.

Cutting Requirements:

Overstory removal area: (68 acres) Cut all merchantable trees $\geq 5"$ DBH, except $\geq 10"$ sugar maple that was left in the previous harvest. Do not cut sale boundary trees (red, yellow or blue paint)

Do not cut or damage any conifers or advanced oak regeneration.

Special Conditions:

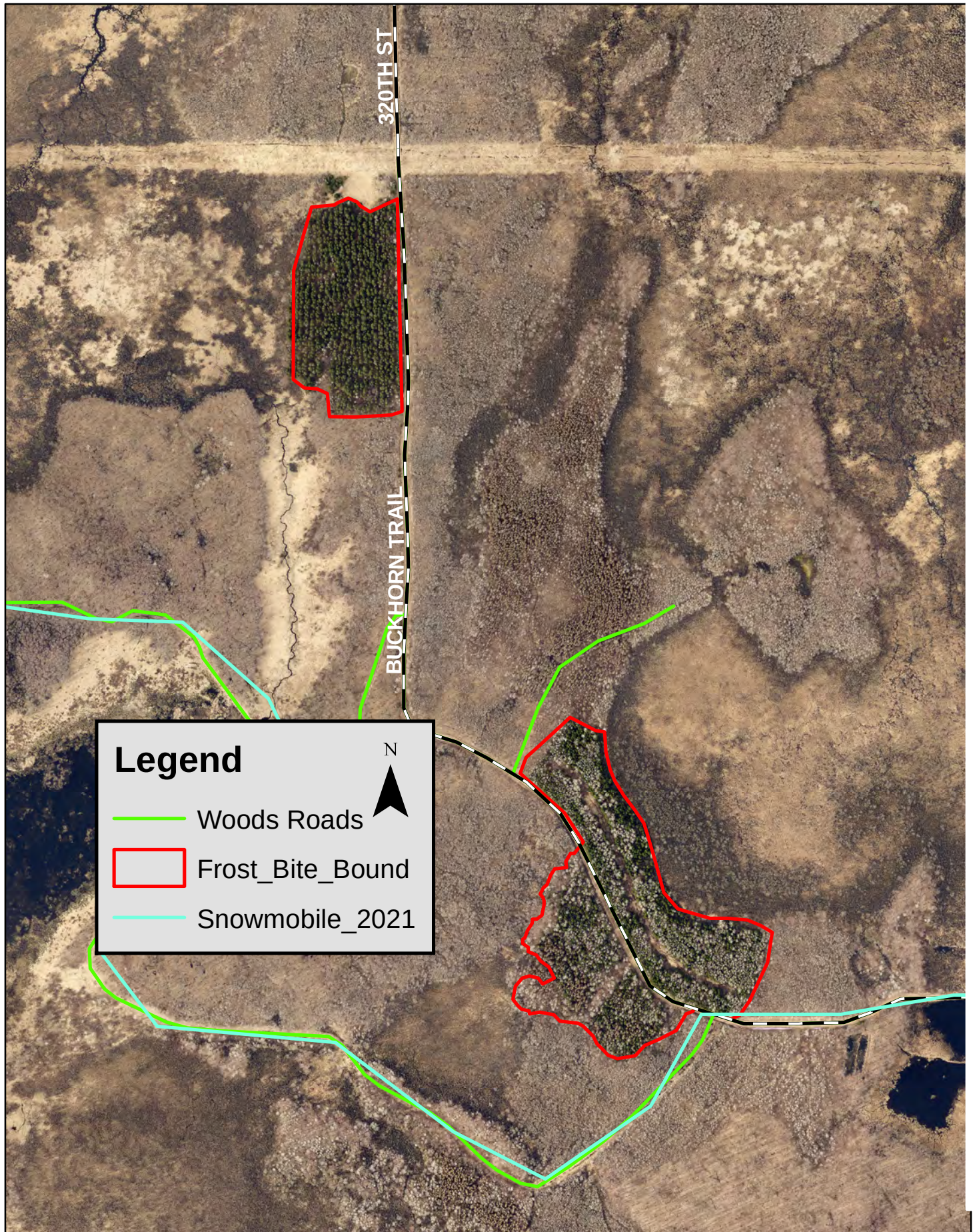
- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs.
- Oak Wilt Restrictions apply: No harvesting is allowed between April 1st and July 15th.
- In the event that timber mats will be required County timber mats are available for use, at no charge, on a first come first served basis.
- No equipment operation is allowed within wetland areas delineated by yellow paint.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands, lakes and trails.
- All landing locations must be approved. All merchantable timber that is removed must be utilized and accounted for through mill slips or log scales.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor. (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.*
- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.
- All hardwood logs, (except aspen) 10" or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.
- The contract length is approximately two years.

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Tract 10-23 Frost Bite

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Approximately 35 acres spruce / aspen clearcut



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CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 10-23**Frost Bite**

Total Sale Area: (approximately 35 acres)

Located in T32N R5W Section 25,36, Town of Ruby

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 10-23 is \$ 20,575.00**

Species	Amount	
	tons	MBF
White Spruce cordwood	850	
Aspen cordwood	810	
Mixed Hardwood cordwood	25	

Sale Area Description:

The boundaries of this sale are marked with red. This sale is 35 acres of white spruce plantation clear-cut. The goal of this harvest is to transition these stands to aspen by cutting all spruce and mature aspen. Decking along the road way will be allowed. The road must remain clean of residue and passable by cars. This is also heavy low ground. Summer harvesting will be allowed but caution will need to be taken to minimize ground disturbance.

Cutting Requirements:

Clear Cut area: (36 acres) Cut all trees 1" or greater. Do not cut sale boundary trees (red paint)

Special Conditions:

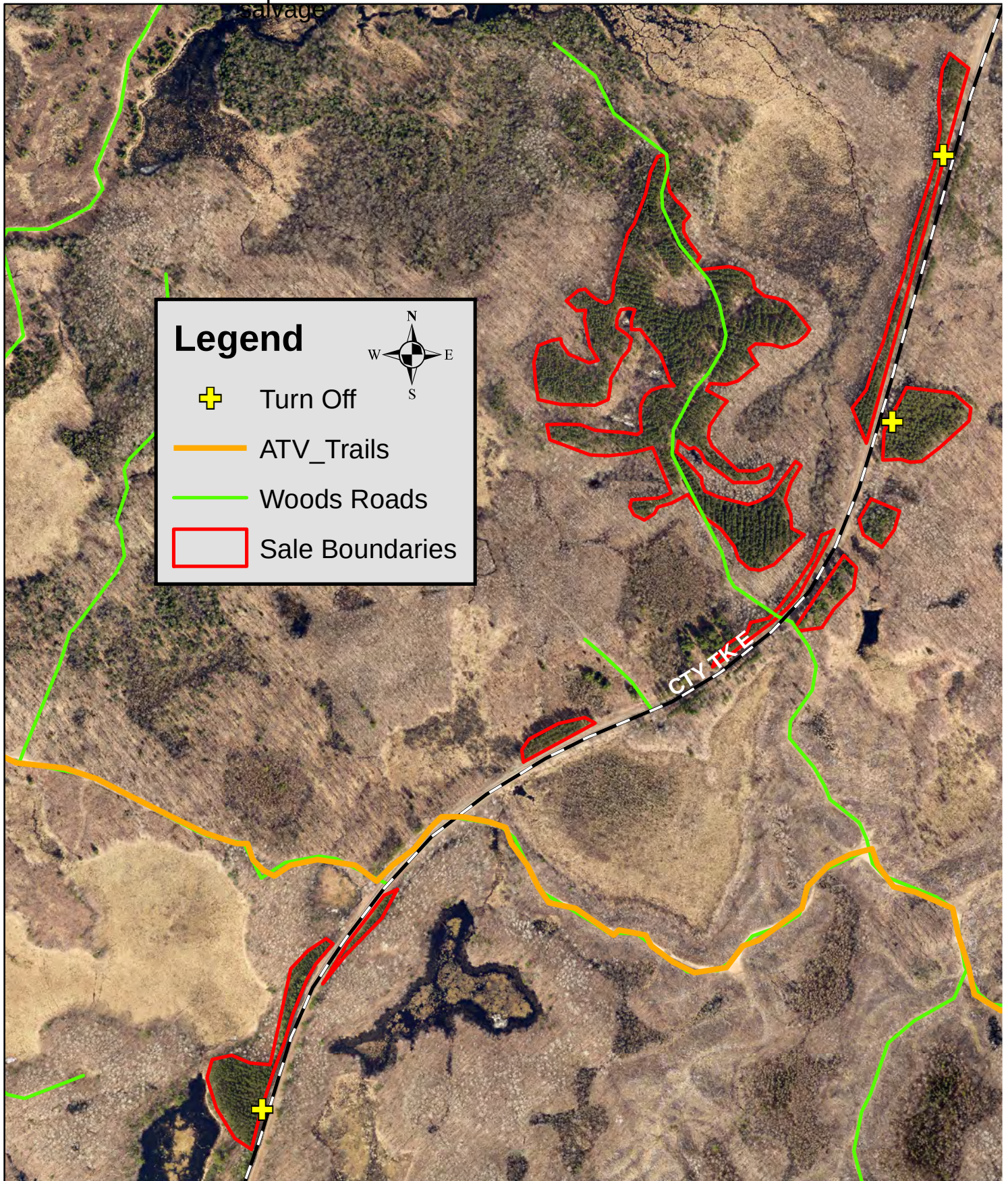
- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs.
- No equipment operation is allowed within wetland areas.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands, lakes and trails.
- All landing locations must be approved. All merchantable timber that is removed along landings or skid trails must be utilized and accounted for through mill slips or log scales.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor.* (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.
- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.
- The contract length is two years.

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Tract 11-23 Hwy Patrol

Approximately 17 acres Red Pine thinning /

salvage



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CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 11-23**Hwy Patrol**

(approximately 17 acres)

Located in Section 16, 21, T32N R7W, Town of Birch Creek

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 11-23 is \$ 7,850.00.**

Species	Amount	
	Tons	MBF
Red Pine cordwood	450	
Aspen Cordwood	55	

Sale Area Description:

Red Pine Thinning: Portions of this sale are in the County Hwy E right of way. Many of the trees will be thinned from the road ditch. All down or winter storm damaged trees shall be utilized. The pine trees to be thinned are about 45 years old. The purpose of this thinning is to open up the road ROW, utilize storm damaged trees and remove intermediate/ co-dominant trees to reduce the basal area creating good crown spacing for future growth. The boundaries of this sale are not marked with paint. Boundaries of the sale will be one machine width outside of the pine plantation area and at least 15 ft from any wetland and 35 ft from any stream bank.

Cutting Requirements:

Red Pine Thinning Area: (17 acres) Cut all trees marked with orange paint including non-merchantable trees. Cut all trees that are down, heavily leaning or snapped that have at least one merchantable pulp stick.

Special Conditions:

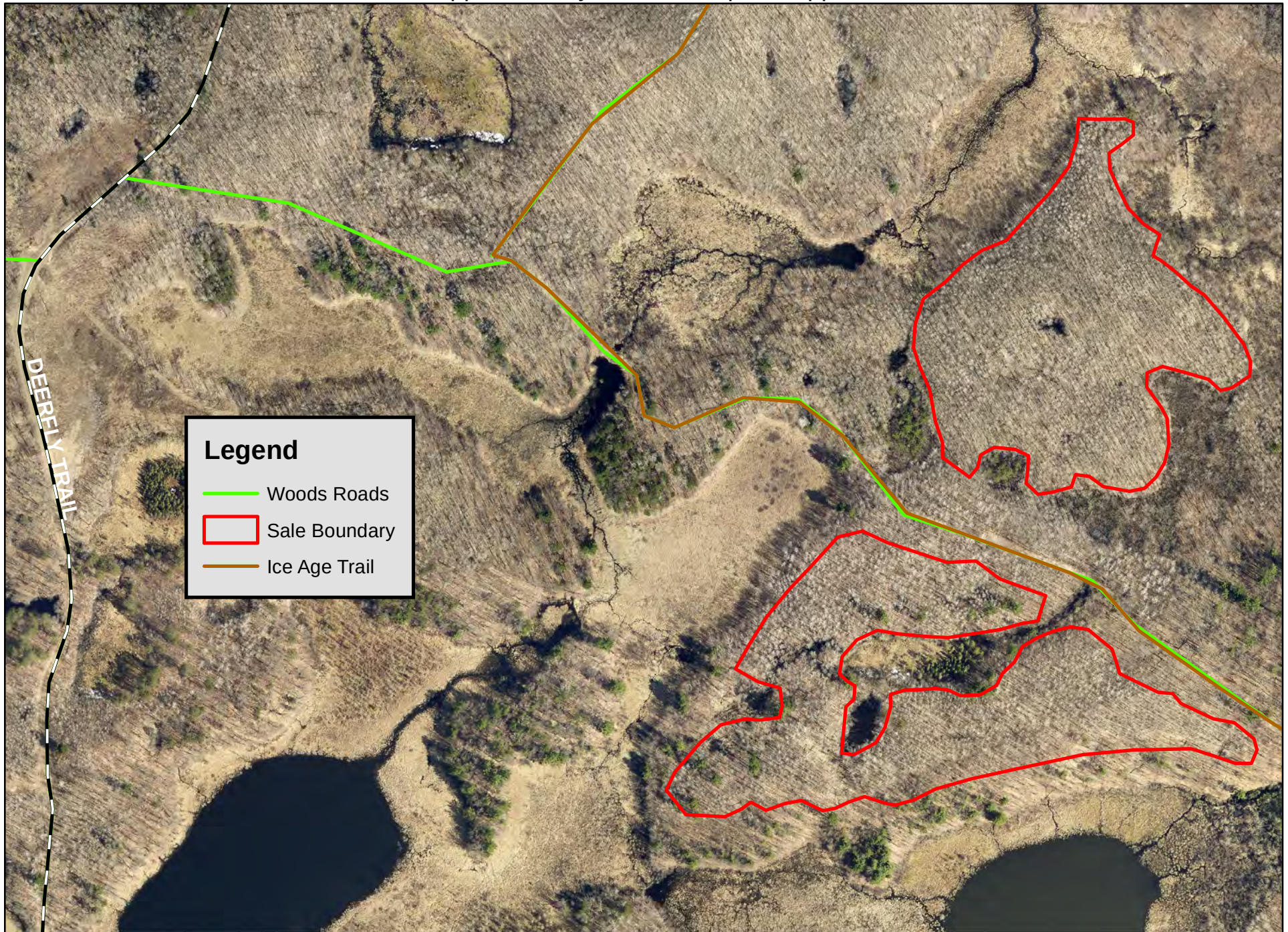
- The contract length is 1 year.
- The contractor must remain aware of and use extreme caution to avoid any conflict with traffic on Highway E during harvest operations.
- If the logging contractor last cut a site that contained HRD and/or was within 25 miles of an infected site, the contractor will be required to clean all logging equipment with pressurized water prior to entering Chippewa County Forest- preferably on the previous site or at a commercial washing facility.
- The site is not within 25 miles of a known HRD infestation as of 3/30/2023. In the event of an HRD confirmation within 25 miles of this site the County will undertake, at its own expense, stump treatment for HRD as recommended by the WI DNR
- Any work performed near or in the road right of way will need to utilize rubber tired machines without metal tracks.
- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting or paved road surface damage occurs.
- All wood cut, is to be decked on the same side of the road as it is cut. Loaded equipment is not allowed to operate on the blacktop. Unloaded equipment may cross the road.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from roads and wetlands.
- All landing locations must be approved.
- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.

Map Located on Back

Tract 12-23 Better View Aspen
Approximately 21 acres Aspen Coppice



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CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 12-23**Better View Aspen**

(approximately 21 acres)

Located in T32N R8W Section 36, Town of Birch Creek

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species; however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 12-23 is \$ 37,750.00.**

Species	Amount	
	Tons	MBF
Aspen cordwood	1800	
Mixed Hdwd cordwood	350	

Sale Area Description:

This sale will be a clear-cut to coppice the aspen in the stand. The boundaries of this sale are marked with red paint line. The sale is accessed on an existing woods road from the Deer Fly Trail County Forest Road. The road used to access the trail is used for the Ice Age Trail. The trail will remain open and must remain passable to the general public during sale operations. The County will be responsible for signage.

Cutting Requirements:

Aspen Harvest Areas: (21 acres) Cut all trees one inch in diameter and larger. **Do not** cut boundary trees or conifers.

Special Conditions:

- The contract length is 1 year.
- No harvesting activity will be allowed if rutting occurs. There may be small pockets of wetlands/low areas that can be avoided with caution.
- The Ice Age Trail runs along the roads utilized by this harvest. the trail shall be cleared of all debris and remain open to traffic by the public during harvest operations.
- *Leave all snags (dead trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor.* (ie) down logs greater than 12 inches in diameter.
- All cordwood shall be utilized to a 4" top diameter.
- All slash must lie within two feet of the ground.
- All logging debris must remain within the sale boundaries and kept from wetlands and trails.
- All landing locations must be approved by the county.

Map Located on the Back



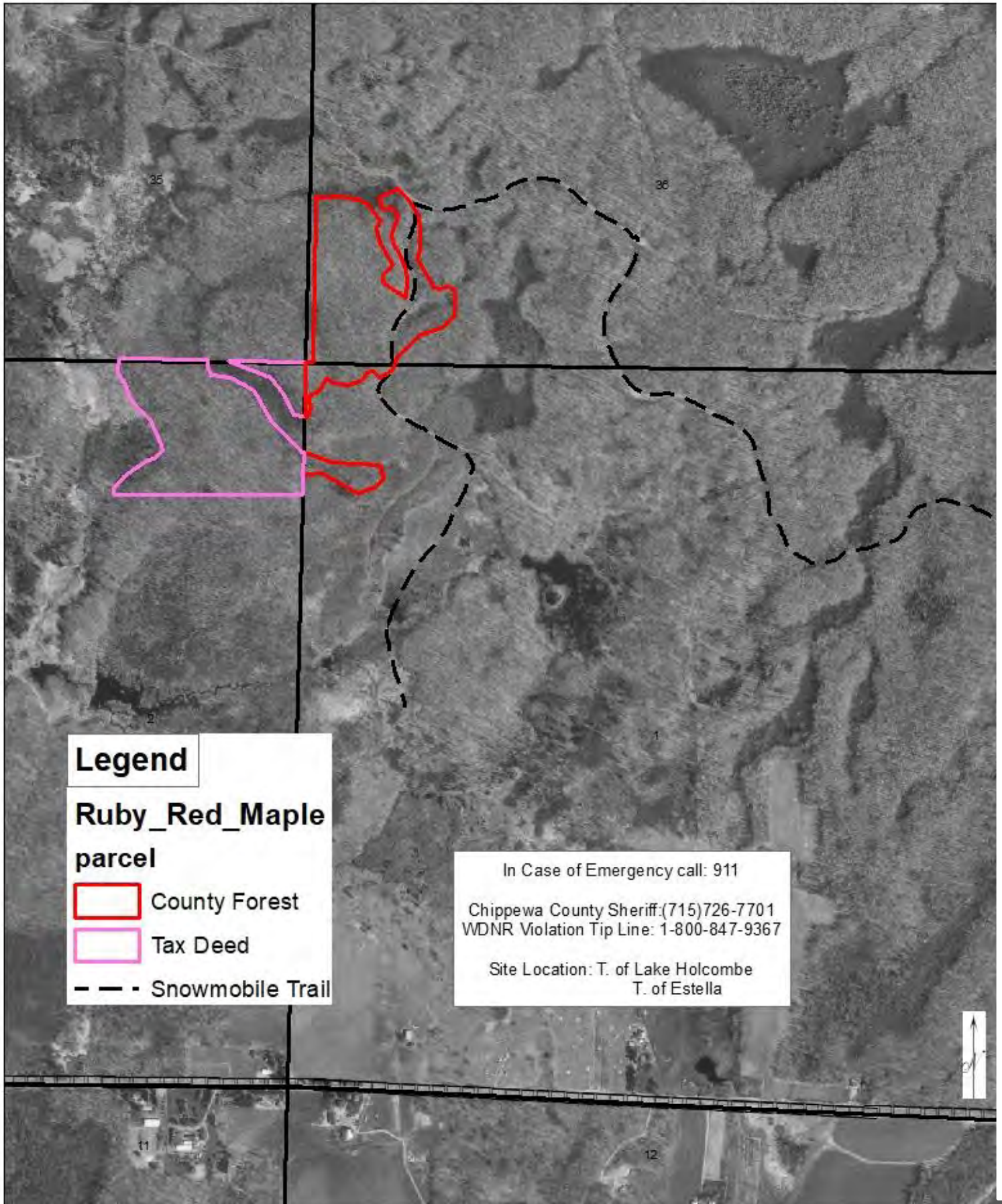
STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
CONSIDER WAIVER OF STUMPAGE INCREASE - TIMBER SALE #1298-20

6.1

This agenda item will be used to consider granting a no-penalty contract extension for Sale #1298-20. Lakeland Forestry was the winning bidder of this tract in the Spring, 2020 bid opening. Frozen ground restriction and a contract expiration of March 31, 2023, allowed the contractor three winters to conduct the harvest.

Extensions, as detailed in the contract, are 6 months at 0% for the first extension, 12 months at 15% for the second & third extensions, and 6 months at 10% for any additional extensions. As the first 6 month contract extension would not grant enough time for active operations, due to the frozen ground restriction, a second extension is required. Lakeland Forestry has requested a waiver of the 15% penalty for an 18 month extension which would combine the first and second extensions.

Ruby Red Maple Thinning (approximately ~ 42acres)
 21 acres County Forest 21 acres Tax Deed



Not To Scale

CHIPPEWA COUNTY TIMBER SALE TRACT 9-20

Ruby Red Maple Sale

Located in Sec. 1&2 T31N R6W Town of Estella
 Sec 36 T 32 R6W Town of Lake Holcombe

Total Sale Area: (approximately 42 acres)
 21 acres(50%)Certified County Forest
 21 acres(50%) County Tax Deed

The table below contains an estimate of the amount of each species/product. There is no minimum bid for each species, however **the total minimum bid that is acceptable for Tract 9-20 is \$17,439.60**

Species			Minimum Bid
	tons	MBF	Price per Ton or MBF
Mixed Hardwood cordwood (4" top) (4600 lbs/ton)	680		\$6.10
Mixed Hardwood logs *		70.7	\$188.00
Total Minimum Bid for Tract			\$17,439.60

*Included in the MX log species: 54% Ash, 19% Red Maple, 11% Red Oak, 9% Basswood, 4% Aspen

Sale Area Description:

The boundaries of this sale are marked by red paint and the boundary of the county ownership is marked with blue paint. There are two areas that have had yellow no equipment lines installed around wetland area. This is a selection harvest to utilize mature ash prior to infestation by the Emerald Ash Borer, increased structural diversity, promote regeneration of northern hardwoods and releases existing northern hardwood crop trees.

Cutting Requirements:

Cut all trees marked with orange paint. Do not cut sale boundary trees marked with red, blue or yellow paint. **Do not cut or damage any conifers**

Special Conditions:

- **Harvets activity is allowed under frozen ground conditions only**
- No harvesting will be allowed if rutting occurs
- County Forest staff must approve all landings
- Timber mats may be required
- All hardwood logs, (except aspen) 10 inches or larger on the small end will be charged at the appropriate saw log stumpage rate.
- Leave all snags (dead Trees) unless they present a safety hazard. Use caution to limit the disturbance of Course Woody Debris (CWD) on the forest floor.
- The contract length is 2 years

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