

**CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

ADOPTED October 28, 2014

By Commissioner: Napstad

102814-068

**Partial Ditch Abandonment of a Drainage System within Sections 27, 28, 32, 33 and 34 of  
Workman Township**

**WHEREAS**, a Petition from U.S. Steel Corporation was received by County Auditor Kirk Peysar dated March, 31, 2014, and an amended petition was received on September 15, 2014, from U.S. Steel Corporation, owners of benefitted property of Aitkin County Ditch #4 requesting a partial abandonment of the portion of County Ditch #4 as described in Exhibit 1 attached; and,

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on July 22, 2014, to consider evidence concerning the partial abandonment of Aitkin County Ditch #4. Said public hearing was continued until September 23, 2014 and October 14, 2014 to allow the Petitioner to gather information, and modify the proposed abandonment in cooperation with County representatives; and,

**WHEREAS**, representatives of the Petitioner gave evidence concerning the partial abandonment of the above described portion of Aitkin County Ditch #4; and

**WHEREAS**, the opportunity was provided for public comment and questions. Public comments were received and are included in the public record.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, based on the petition, the evidence presented at the public hearing, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners, acting as Drainage Authority for Aitkin County Ditch #4, makes the following Findings of Fact:

1. That John Welle, Aitkin County Engineer, appeared and testified in his professional capacity at the September 23, 2014 hearing, and represented that the petition as revised addressed and alleviated the concerns made at the public hearing on July 22, 2014.
2. That the portion of the drainage system described in the petition dated September 15, 2014 and Exhibit 1, Figures 1 – 5, hereby incorporated by reference does not serve a substantial useful purpose as part of the drainage system to any property remaining in the system and is not of substantial public benefit and utility.

**THEREFORE**, it is hereby ordered that the portion of Aitkin County Ditch #4 described in Exhibit 1 is partially abandoned; and the responsibility of the Drainage Authority, for that portion of the drainage system, hereby ends.

Commissioner Marcotte moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

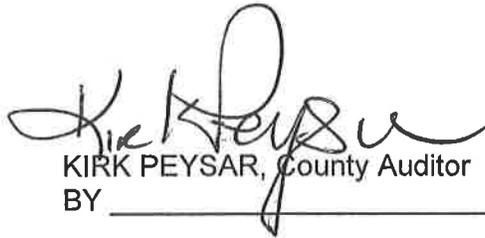
FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting Yes

STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
County of Aitkin ) ss.  
Office of County Auditor,)

I, Kirk Peysar, Auditor, of the County of Aitkin, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D., 2014, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

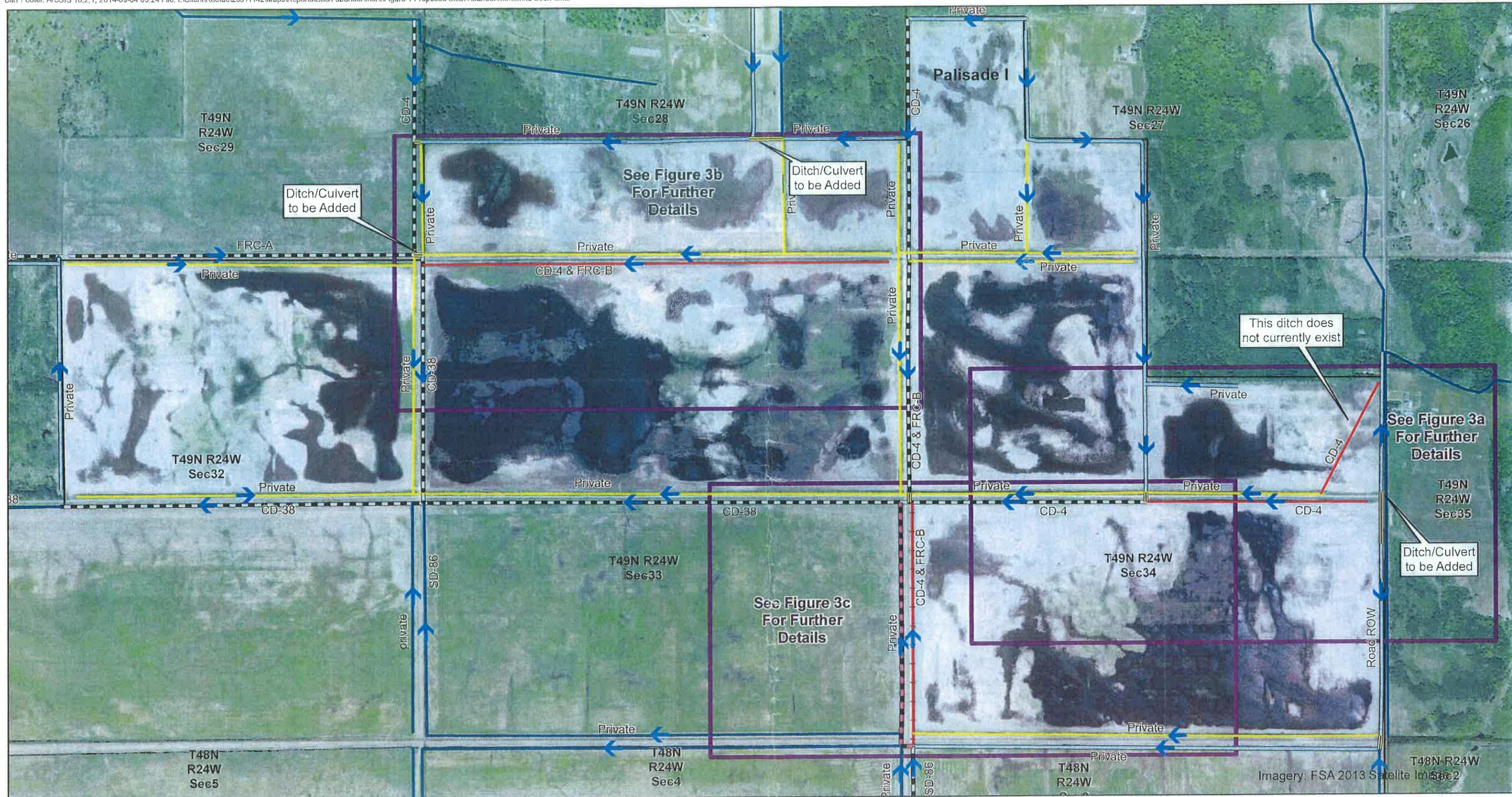
WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Aitkin, Minnesota, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D., 2014



KIRK PEYSAR, County Auditor

BY \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy

# Exhibit One

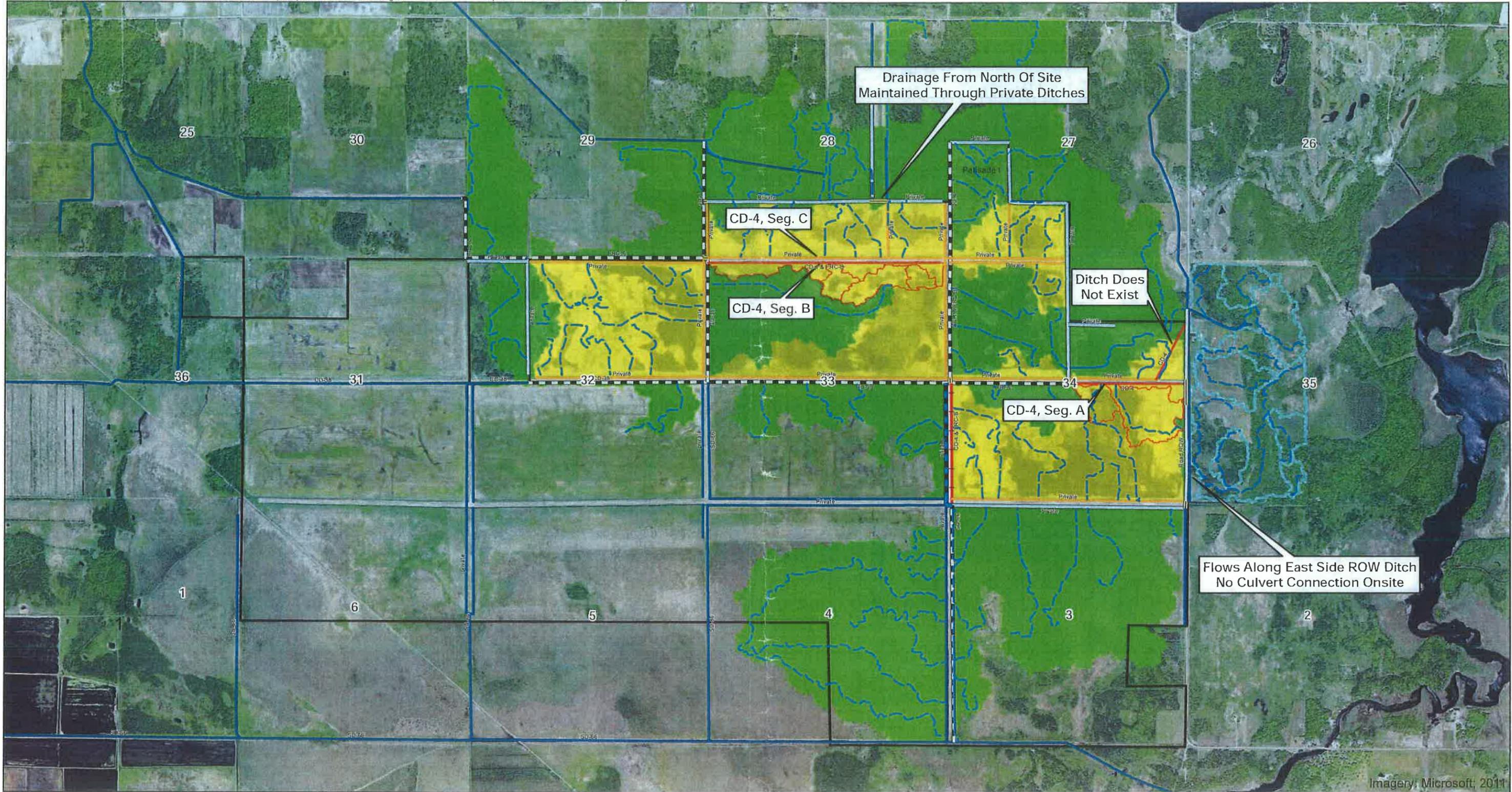


- Ditch Flow Direction
- Public Ditch to be Abandoned
- x-x- Public Ditch - Abandon and Replace
- Add Ditch/Culvert
- Convert to Public
- Private Ditch to be Abandoned
- Private Ditch to Remain
- Public Ditch to Remain
- Other ditches - Off-site
- Detailed Figure Extents
- U.S. Steel Property Boundary

0 500 1,000 2,000 Feet  
1 inch = 1,000 feet



Figure 1  
PROPOSED DITCH MODIFICATIONS  
Public Ditch Abandonment Summary  
Palisade Wetland Mitigation  
U. S. Steel



- Public Ditch to be Abandoned
- Public Ditch - Abandon and Replace
- Add Ditch/Culvert
- Convert to Public
- Private Ditch to be Abandoned
- Private Ditch to Remain
- Public Ditch to Remain
- Other ditches - Off-site
- Flow Paths (Pre-construction)
- Watershed to Preserved Onsite Ditches
- Watershed to Proposed Abandoned Ditches
- Flows To Public Ditch To Be Abandoned
- Offsite Drainage Areas - Flow Away From Site
- U.S. Steel Property Boundary

0 1,000 2,000 4,000 Feet

1 inch = 2,000 feet

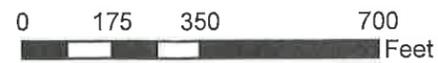
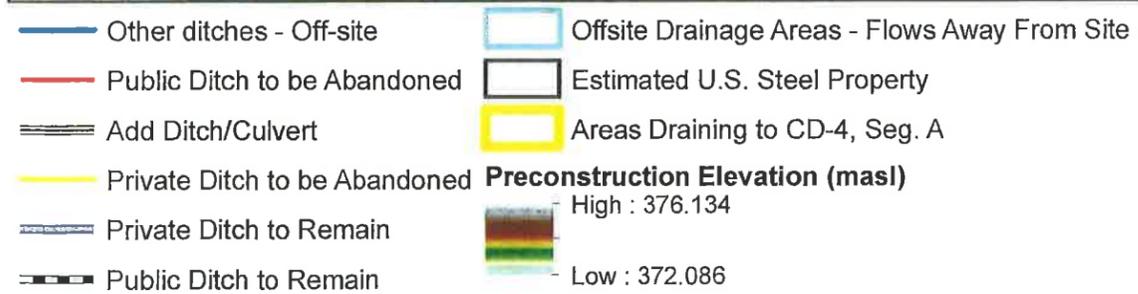
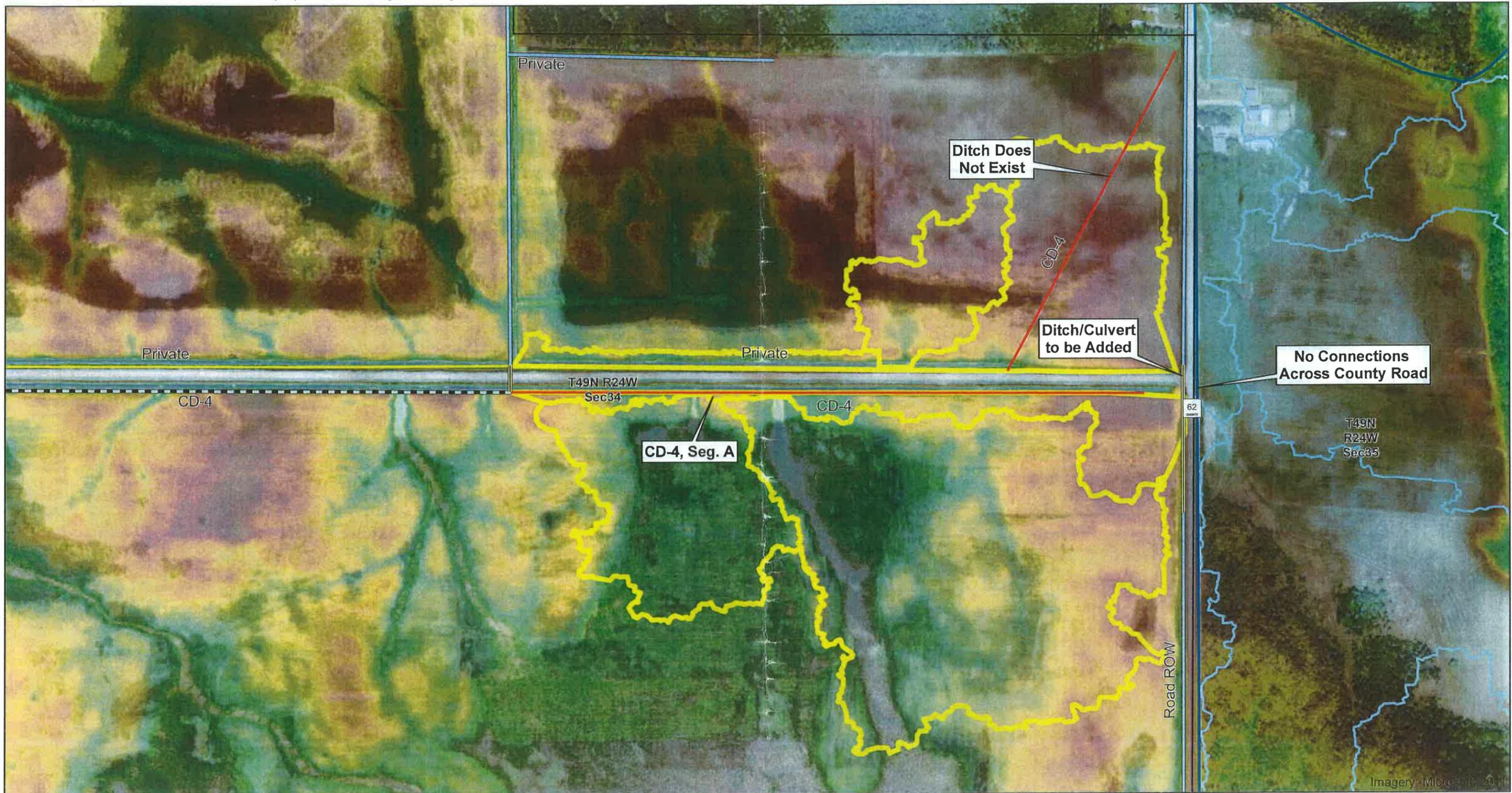
\*Watersheds delineated using MN DNR LiDAR collected spring, 2012 (Pre-construction)



Figure 2

WATERSHED AREAS TO PROPOSED DITCH MODIFICATIONS

Public Ditch Abandonment Summary  
Palisade Wetland Mitigation  
U. S. Steel



1 inch = 350 feet

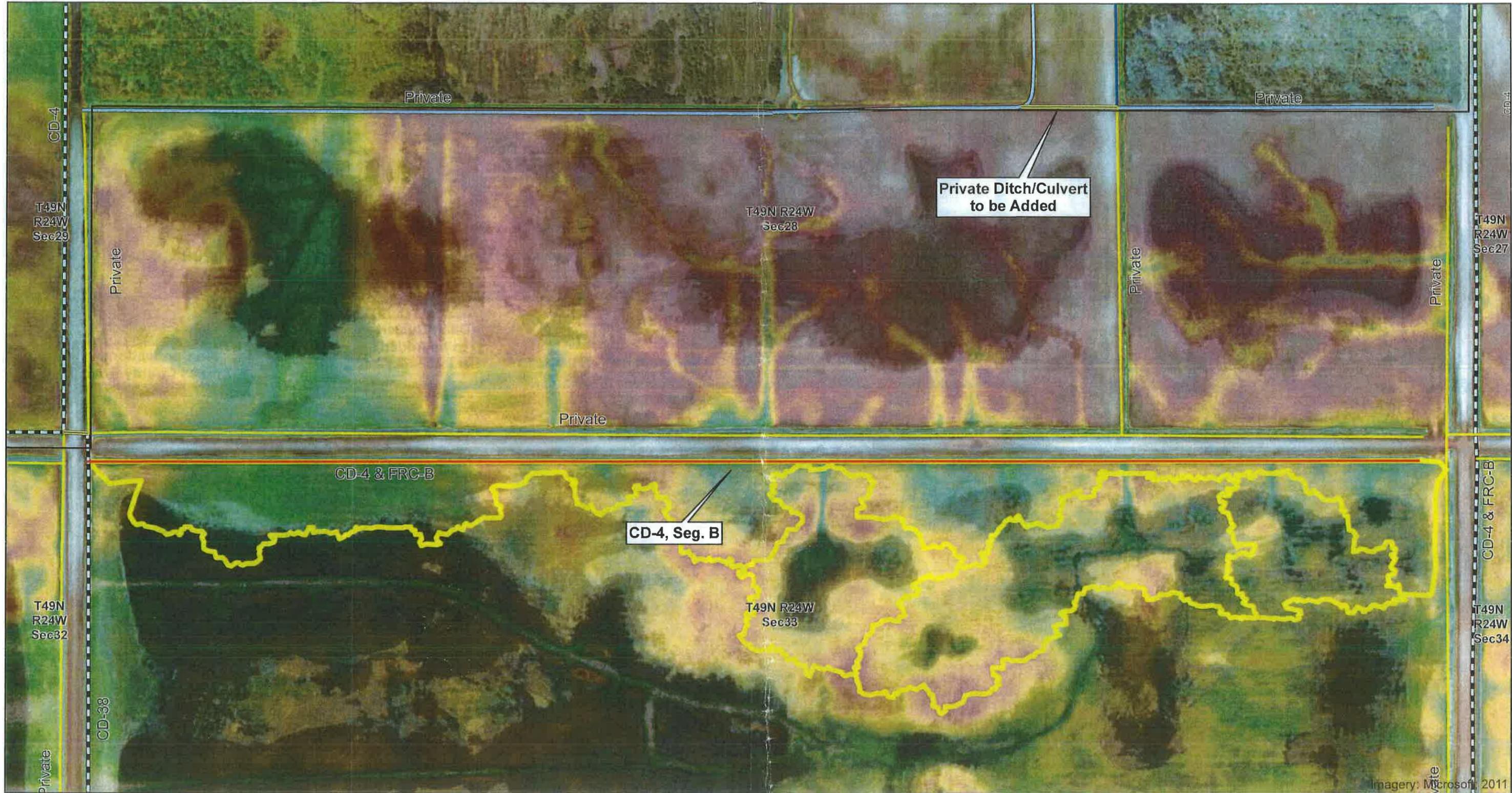


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Figure 3a

CD-4 SEGMENT A

Public Ditch Abandonment Summary  
Palisade Wetland Mitigation  
U. S. Steel



- Other ditches - Off-site
  - Public Ditch to be Abandoned
  - Add Ditch/Culvert
  - Private Ditch to be Abandoned
  - Private Ditch to Remain
  - Public Ditch to Remain
  - Estimated U.S. Steel Property
  - Areas Draining to CD-4, Seg. B
- Preconstruction Elevation (masl)**
- 376
  - 372

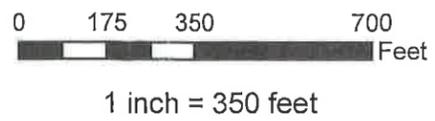
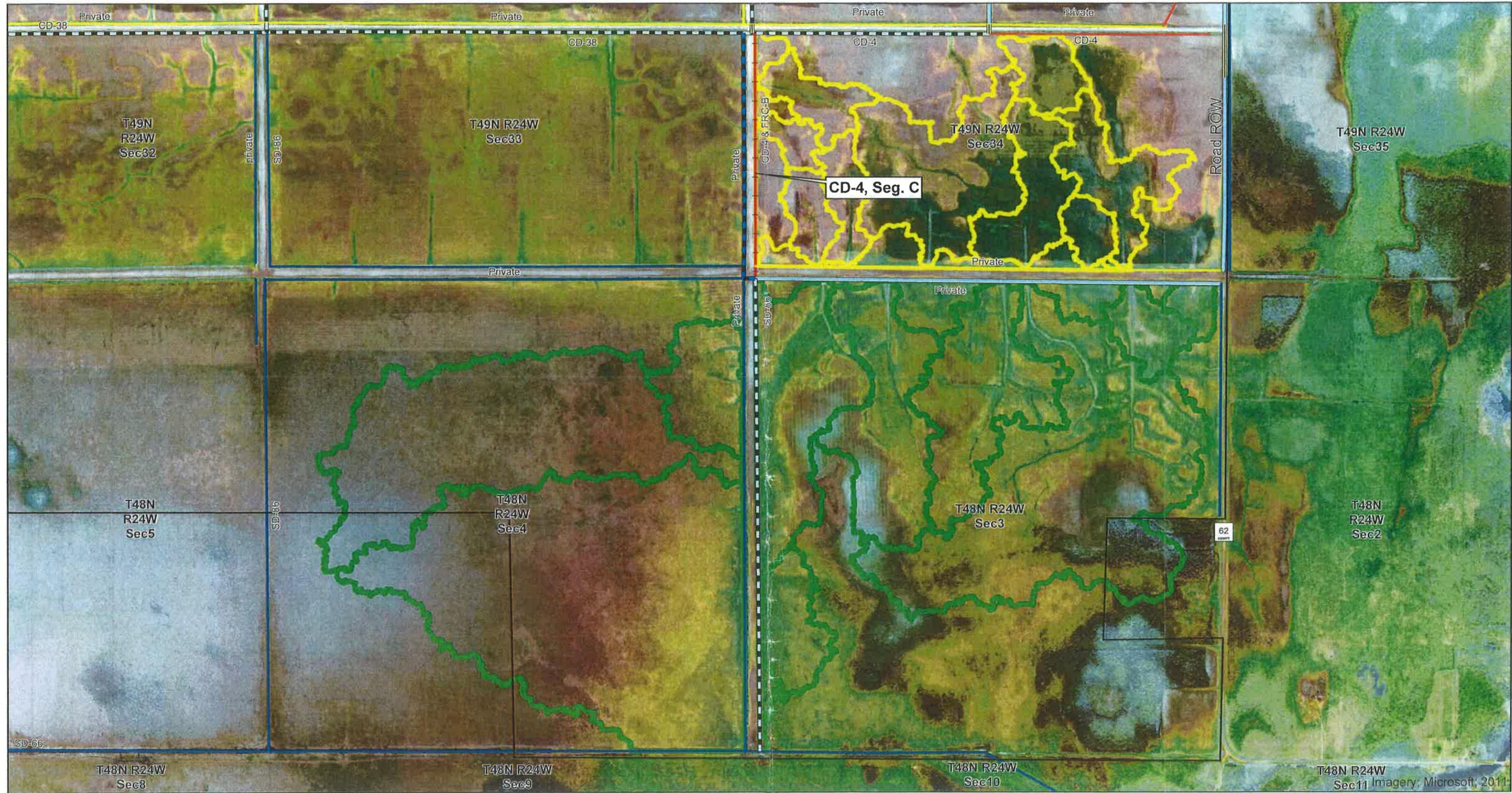


Figure 3b  
CD-4 SEGMENT B

Public Ditch Abandonment Summary  
Palisade Wetland Mitigation  
U. S. Steel

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- Public Ditch to be Abandoned
- Public Ditch - Abandon and Replace
- Add Ditch/Culvert
- Convert to Public
- Private Ditch to be Abandoned
- Private Ditch to Remain
- Public Ditch to Remain
- Other ditches - Off-site
- Estimated U.S. Steel Property
- Abnd\_Ditch**
- Yes
- Areas Flowing to Preserved Ditch

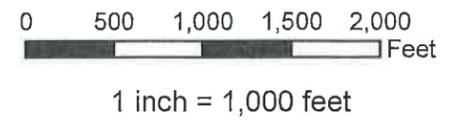
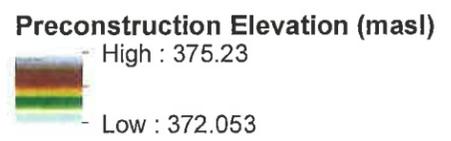
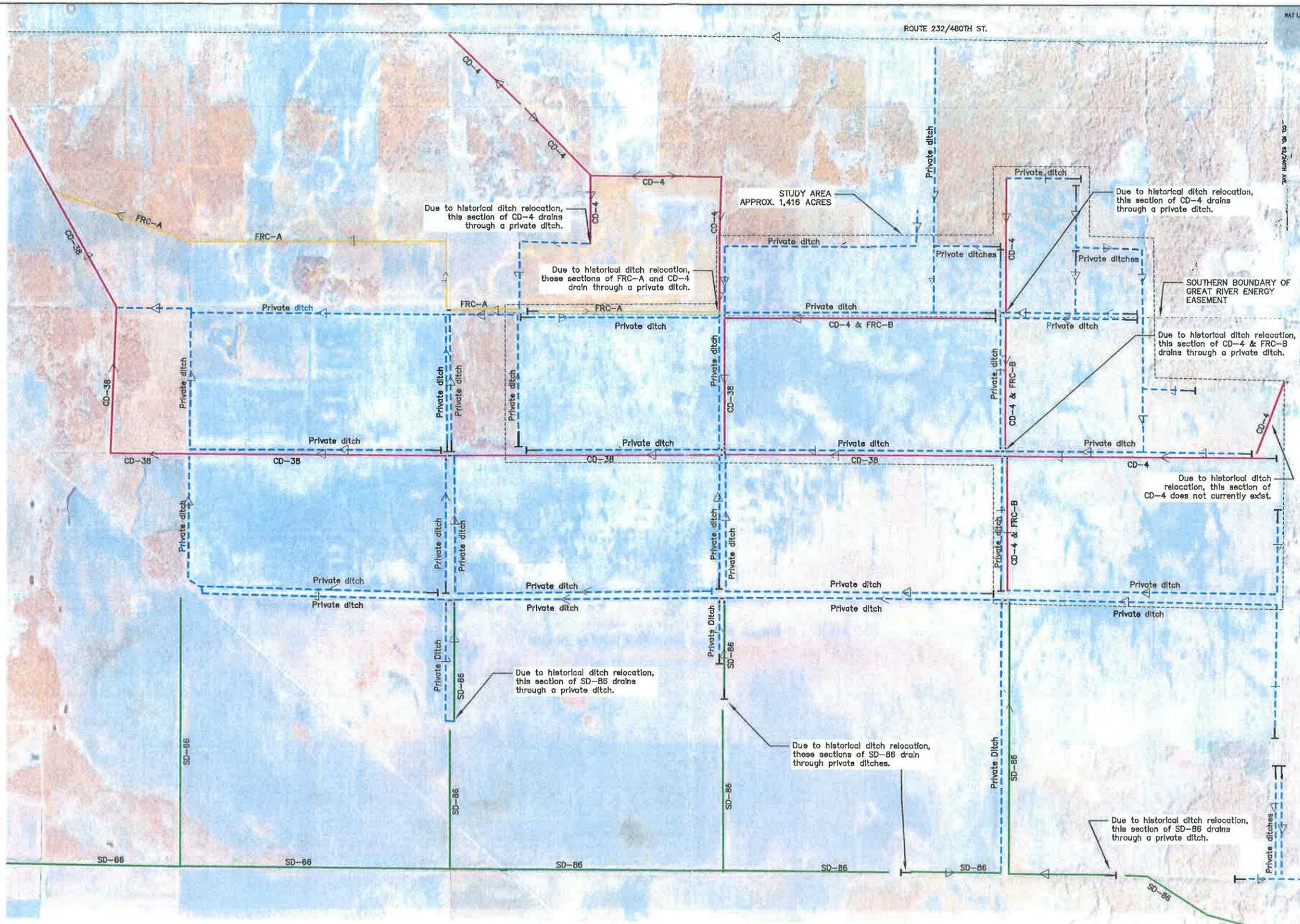


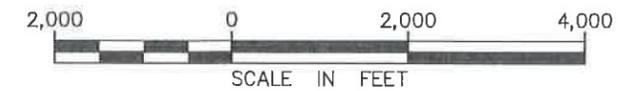
Figure 3c  
CD-4 SEGMENT C  
Public Ditch Abandonment Summary  
Palisade Wetland Mitigation  
U. S. Steel

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**LEGEND:**

- COUNTY-REGULATED DITCH
- STATE-REGULATED DITCH
- - - PRIVATE UNREGULATED DITCH
- FIRE RELIEF COMMISSION DITCH FRC-A
- CULVERT
- TERMINUS
- ▷ DITCH FLOW DIRECTION



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U. S. STEEL CORPORATION  
AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
**PALISADE WETLAND MITIGATION PROJECT  
2013 DITCH CLASSIFICATION MAP**

FIGURE 4

	Date
	7/12/2013

	Checked RMS	Date	
	Drawn JLF	Approved	
	Designed RMS	Date	

Job 293818AA01	No. 1
B/O 1	Total 1

Contract No.

