

Diversion Authority Land Management Committee

3:00 P.M. – Wednesday, March 23, 2022

This meeting will be held in-person at Fargo City Hall Commission Chambers
(225 4th St N, Fargo, ND 58102)

1. Introduction
2. Agenda Review
3. Meeting Minutes A (2-3)
4. Flowage Easement Update
5. Property Acquisition Status Report B (4-14)
6. CCJWRD Update
7. MCCJPA Update
8. Committee Update for DA Board C (15-16)
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment – Next Meeting April 27, 2022

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A regular meeting of the Metro Flood Diversion Authority Land Management committee was held on February 23, 2022. The following members were present: Mary Scherling, Cass County Commissioner; Kory Peterson, Mayor, City of Horace; Bruce Grubb, Fargo City Administrator; Kevin Campbell, Clay County Commissioner; Nathan Boerboom, Fargo Division Engineer; Rodger Olson, Cass County Joint Water Resource District and Jenny Mongeau, Clay County Commissioner.

Members absent: Arlette Preston, Fargo City Commissioner; Bob Zimmerman, Moorhead City Engineer; Chuck Hendrickson, Moorhead City Council and Duane Breitling, Cass County Commissioner.

1. INTRODUCTION

Mrs. Scherling called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

2. AGENDA REVIEW

MOTION PASSED

Mr. Olson moved to approve the agenda as presented and Ms. Mongeau seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

3. MEETING MINUTES

MOTION PASSED

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the minutes from January 2022 and Mr. Boerboom seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

4. FLOWAGE EASEMENT UPDATE

Ms. Smith and Mr. Dodds provided an update on the flowage easement offer packets. The letter is ready to go to the CCJWRD board for final approval and the letters will go out the following week. There will be public open houses and informational meetings regarding the flowage easement process. These meetings will be held March 14th-22nd in Christine, Hickson and Moorhead.

5. BLILIE LAND EXCHANGE RECOMMENDATION

Ms. Smith and Mr. Dodds provided an overview of the Blilie land exchange. The exchange is a counteroffer to the Blilie's counteroffer and has been approved by the MCCJPA after weighing many variables. Approval of this exchange will eliminate three pending LRED actions.

RECOMMENDATION PASSED

Mr. Olson moved to present the Blilie land exchange recommendation to the board of authority for approval and Ms. Mongeau seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the recommendation passed.

6. PROPERTY ACQUISITION STATUS REPORT

Mr. Dodds reported that over 750 parcels have been acquired to date and the flowage easement letters will go out to approximately 500 property owners next week. The design for Reach 2B is restarting in April and Reach 4 will begin this summer.

7. CCJWRD UPDATE

Mr. Olson reported that they continue to negotiate, and counteroffers are being received. The environmental monitoring easement process is moving slowly.

8. MCCJPA UPDATE

Mr. Campbell reported that they meet tomorrow, and he will provide an update at the board meeting.

9. COMMITTEE UPDATE FOR DA BOARD

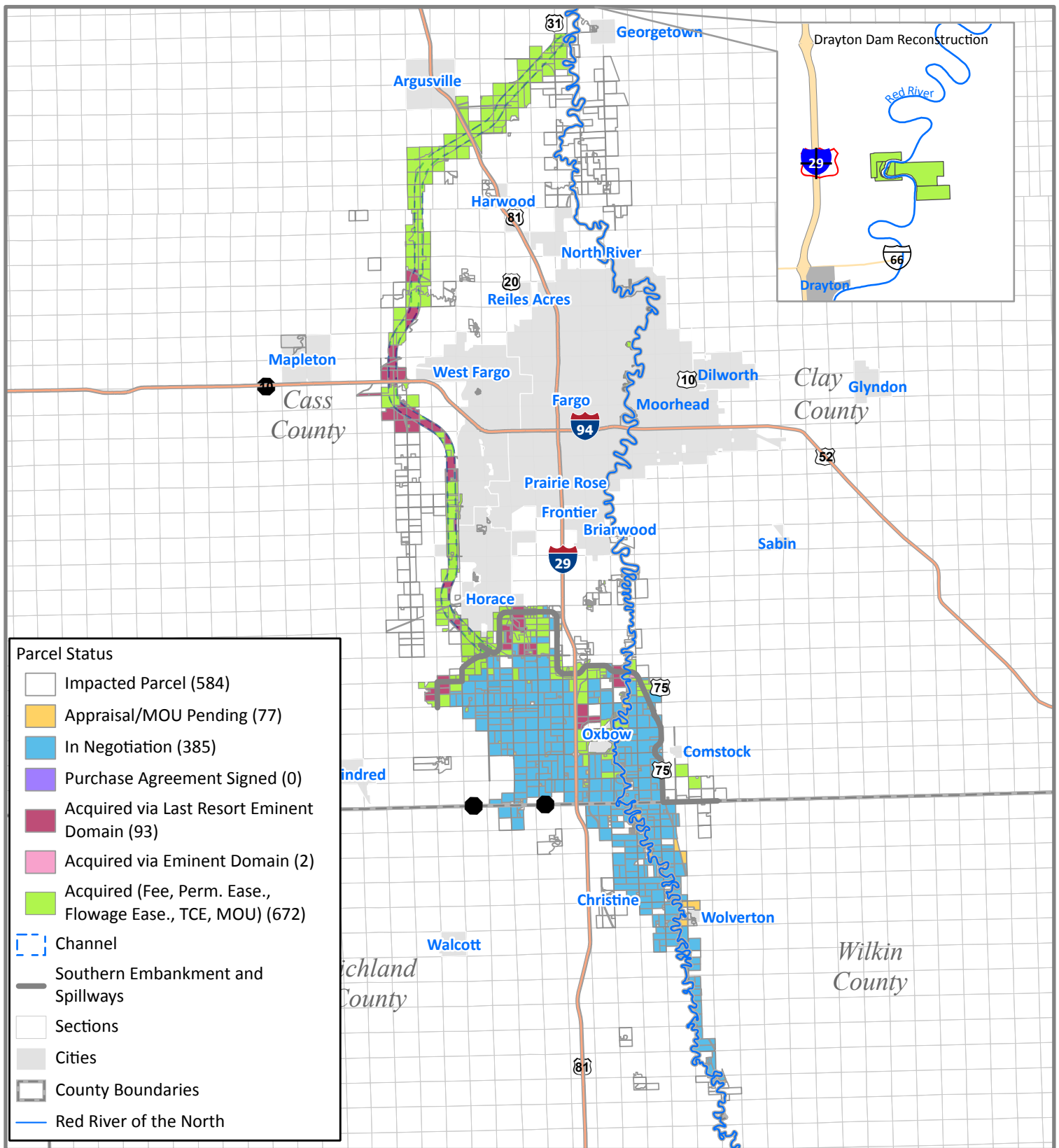
The board update is included in the packet. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Dodds.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

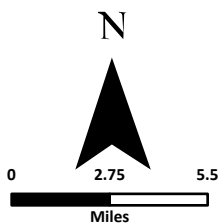
There was no other business.

11. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be March 23, 2022; the meeting adjourned at 3:34 PM.



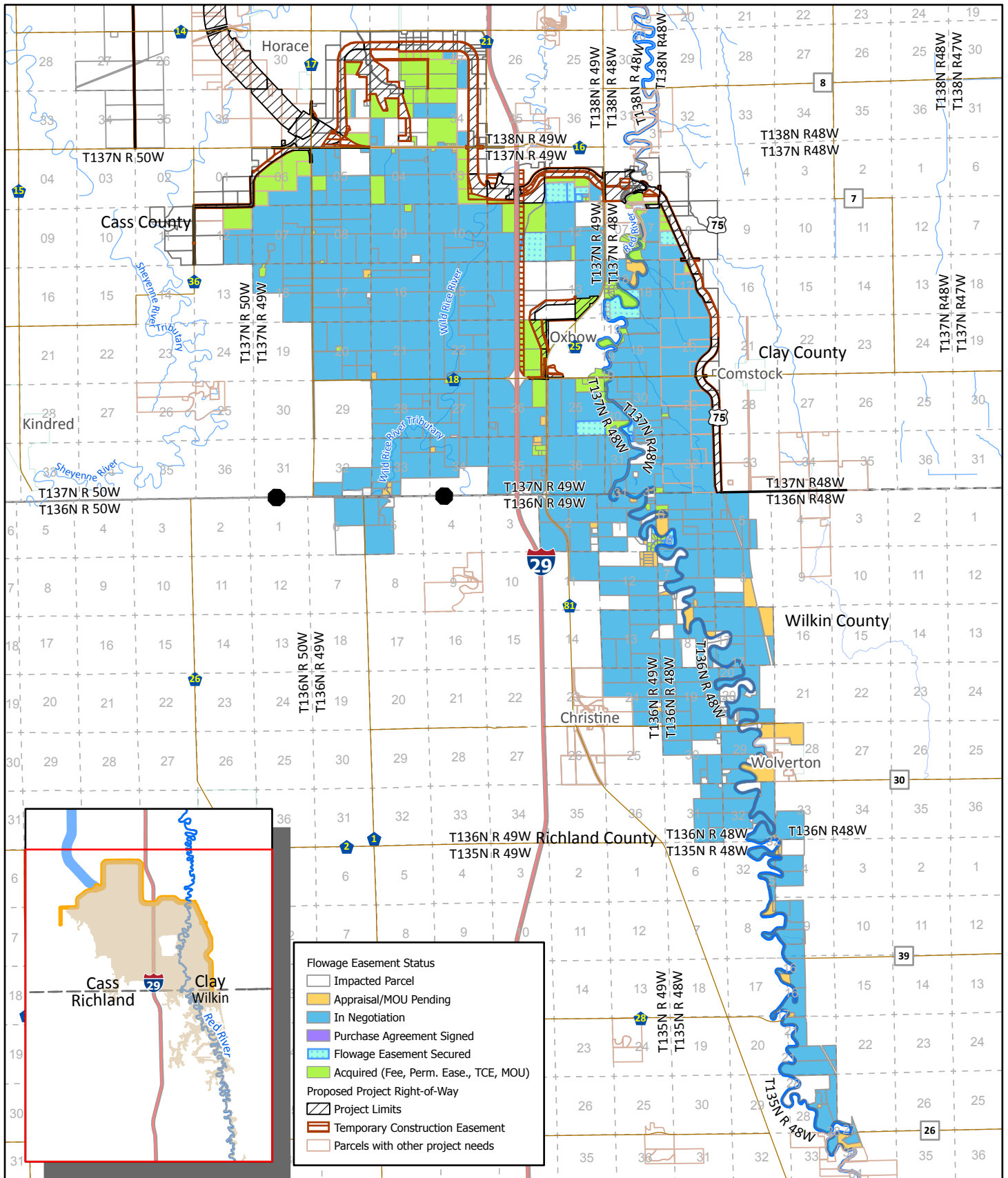
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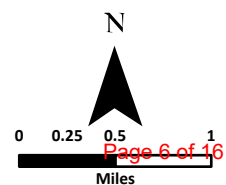
PROPERTY ACQUISITION STATUS REPORT

Date: 3/15/2022





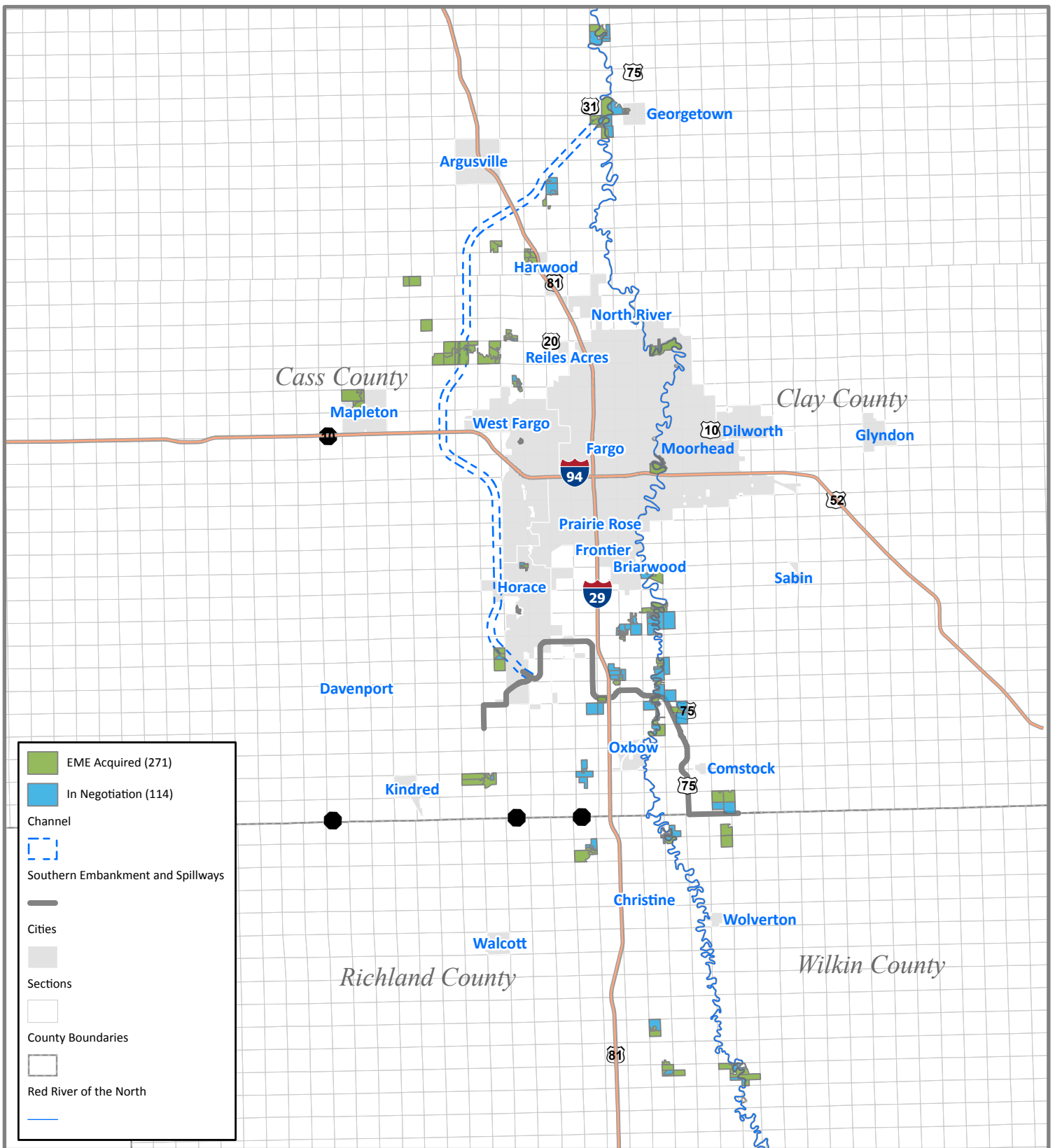
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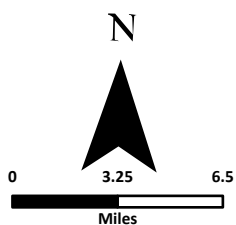
FLOWAGE EASEMENT ACQUISITION STATUS REPORT

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ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING EASEMENT ACQUISITION STATUS REPORT

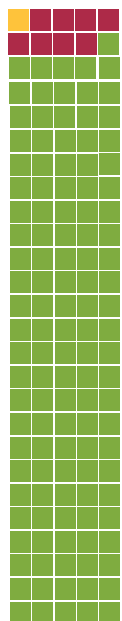
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Diversion Channel

Phase 1

(WP LAP01)

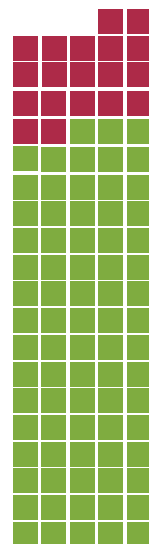


130 parcels total



Phase 2

(WP LAP02)

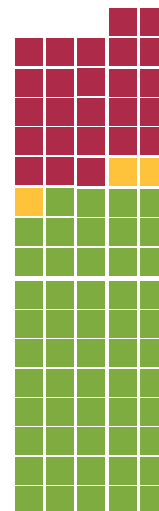


97 parcels total

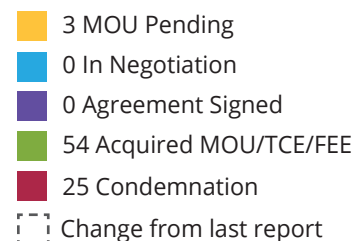


Phase 3

(WP LAP03)

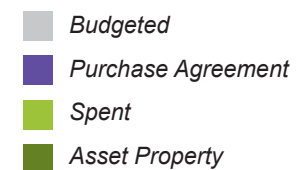
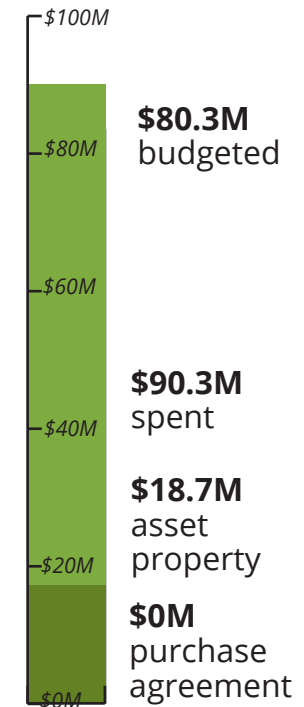


82 parcels total



Hard Costs paid to Property Owners

NOTE: Based on Financial data through February

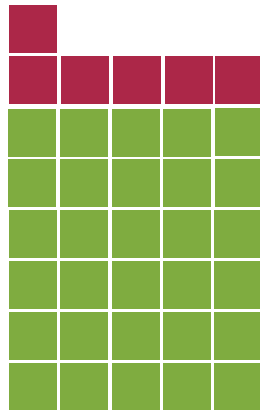


Southern Embankment Control Structures

Red River Control Structure

(WP 35)

Project Status:
Complete

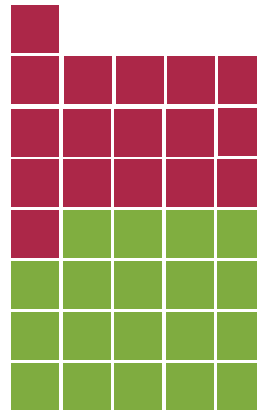


36 parcels total

- 0 Appraisal Pending
- 0 In Negotiation
- 0 Agreement Signed
- 30 Acquired/ TCE Secured
- 6 Condemnation
- Changed from last report

Drain 27 Wetland Project

Targeted Completion:
Part 1 - October 2021
Part 2 - June 2022



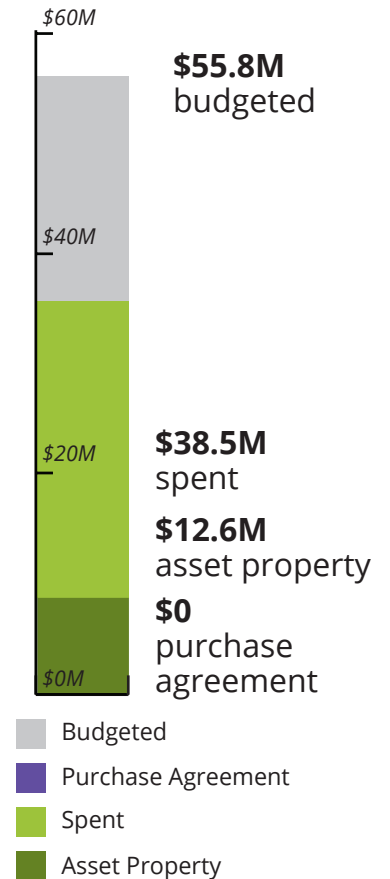
36 parcels total

- 0 Appraisal Pending/ MOU
- 0 In Negotiation
- 0 Agreement Signed
- 18 Acquired/ TCE Secured
- 18 Condemnation
- Changed from last report

Southern Embankment Control Structures, & Drain 27

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Southern Embankment

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(WP Reach SE-1 to SE-5 and I29)

143 parcels total

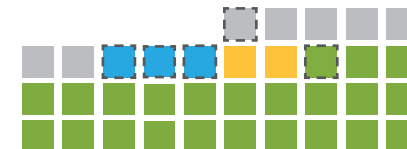
SE-1 Complete Total Parcels: 42



SE-2A Target Completion: April 2022
Total Parcels: 12



SE-2B Target Completion: January 2023
Total Parcels: 35



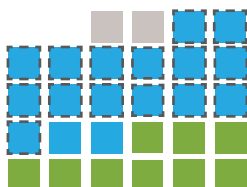
SE-3 Target Completion: November 2024
Total Parcels: 5



I29 Completed
Total Parcels: 12



SE-4 Target Completion: November 2023
Total Parcels: 28

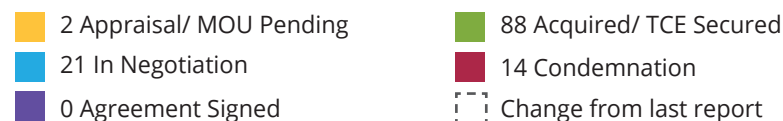


SE-5 Target Completion: November 2024
Total Parcels: 9



ND

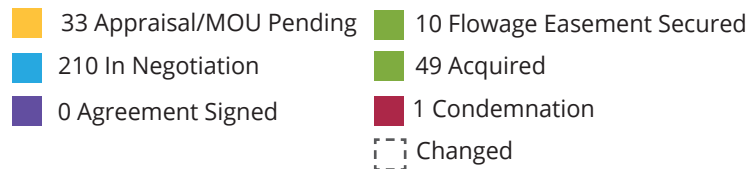
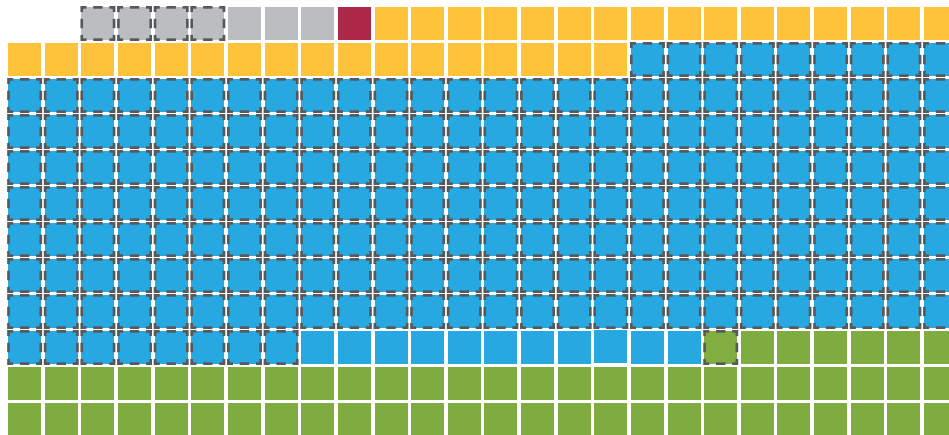
MN



Upstream Mitigation Area - ND (UMA)

Flowage Easements without structures (ND)

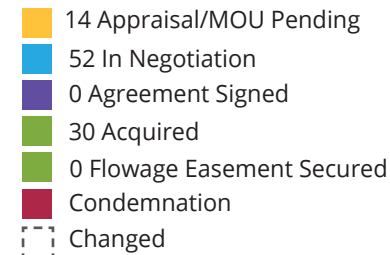
Approximately
310 parcels in ND



Note: Excludes parcels in City of Christine

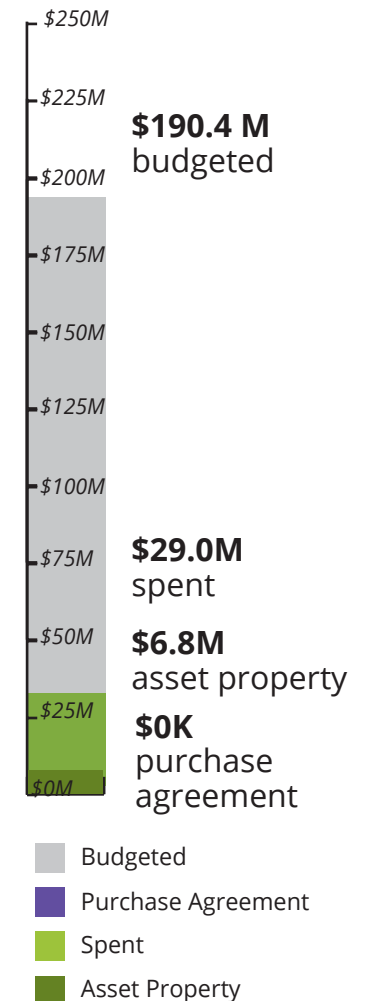
Parcels with Structures (ND)

Approximately
128 parcels in ND



ND + MN UMA Hard Costs paid to Property Owners

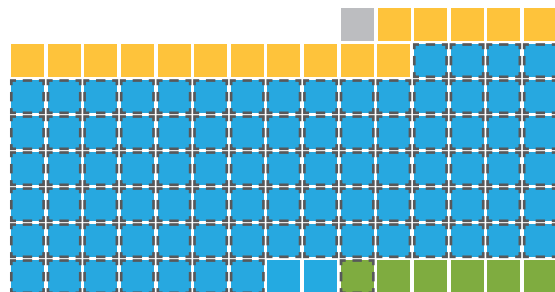
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Upstream Mitigation Area - MN (UMA)

Flowage Easements without structures (MN)

Approximately
111 parcels in MN



- 16 Appraisal/MOU Pending
- 88 In Negotiation
- 0 Agreement Signed
- 5 Flowage Easement Secured
- 1 Acquired
- 0 Condemnation
- Changed

Note: Excludes parcels in the City of Wolverton

Parcels with Structures (MN)

Approximately
33 parcels in MN



- 4 Appraisal/MOU Pending
- 19 In Negotiation
- 0 Agreement Signed
- 0 Flowage Easement Secured
- 6 Acquired
- Condemnation
- Changed

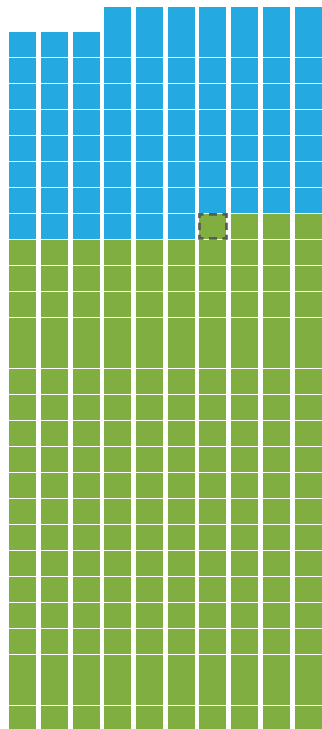
Environmental Monitoring Areas (BIOGEO)

As of March 15, 2022

North Dakota

Minnesota

Cass County



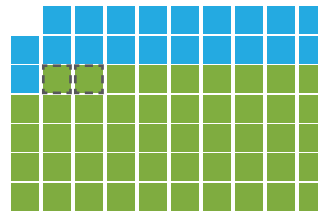
277 parcels total

Richland County



31 parcels total

Clay County



69 parcels total

Wilkin County

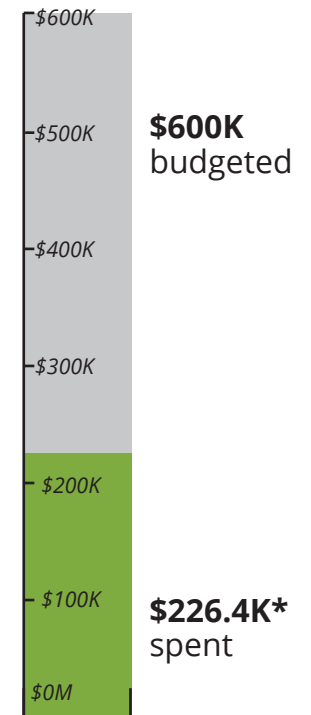


9 parcels total

- 115 In Negotiations
- 271 Environmental Monitoring
- Change from last report

Hard Costs paid to Property Owners

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*includes payments for monuments and easements.

- Budgeted
- Purchase Agreement
- Spent

OHB Projects

As of March 15, 2022

OHB Ring Levee

WP 43

Hard Costs paid to Property Owners

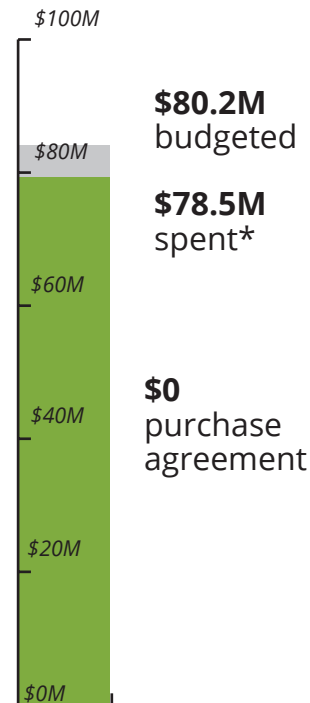
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Parcels needed for remaining portion of OHB Project.



7 parcels remaining

- 0 Appraisal Pending
- 4 In Negotiation
- 0 Agreement Signed
- 0 Acquired Parcel
- 0 Condemnation
- 3 Condemnation
- Changed from last report



* Includes parcels purchased outside the OHB Ring Levee

- Budgeted
- Purchase Agreement
- Spent
- Asset Property



Diversion Authority Board Meeting

Land Management Committee Update
March 23, 2022



Activities and Achievements

Land Acquisition and Property Mitigation Status



- **Acquisitions**
 - Offer letters sent and negotiations starting for flowage easements on 361 parcels in UMA
 - Continue working on acquiring Structures and Structure Sites in UMA, and Environmental Monitoring Easements
 - Acquired property interests on over 760 parcels
(including those acquired via last resort eminent domain, and including split parcels)
- **Appraisal Work**
 - Appraisals ongoing for Upstream Structures (farmsteads, rural residential, etc.)
 - Phase 2 Flowage Easement Appraisals approved by CCJWRD and MCCJPA in February 2022
 - Appraisal work will be started for SE-2B in April
- **Other Key Focus Areas**
 - Five open house, informational meetings held for upstream property owners (March 14-22)
 - Supporting current eminent domain actions and settlement solutions
 - Relocations and farmstead re-establishment planning
 - 2022 farmland lease agreements