State Revolving Fund Loan Programs
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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
AND
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

CITY OF ROCKPORT
WASTEWATER LONG TERM CONTROL PLAN PHASE 2
SRF PROJECT WW 25 25 74 00

DATE: March 11, 2026

PUBLIC COMMENTS DUE BY: April 10, 2026

I. INTRODUCTION

The above entity has applied to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program for a loan to finance all or part of the Clean Water project described in the accompanying Environmental Assessment (EA). As part of facilities planning requirements, an environmental review has been completed which addresses the project's impacts on the natural and human environment. This review is summarized in the attached EA, which can also be viewed in color at http://www.in.gov/ifa/srf/.

II. PRELIMINARY FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)

The SRF Clean Water Program has evaluated all pertinent environmental information regarding the proposed project and determined that an Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary. Subject to responses received during the 30-day public comment period, and pursuant to Indiana Code 5-1.2-3, it is our preliminary finding that the construction and operation of the proposed facilities will result in no significant adverse environmental impact. In the absence of significant comments, the attached EA shall serve as the final environmental document.

III. COMMENTS

All interested parties may comment upon the EA/FONSI. Comments must be received at the address below by the target approval date above. Significant comments may prompt a reevaluation of the preliminary FONSI; if appropriate, a new FONSI will be issued for another 30-day public comment period. A final decision to proceed, or not to proceed, with the proposed project shall be affected by finalizing, or not finalizing, the FONSI as appropriate. Comments regarding this document should be sent within 30 days to:

State Revolving Fund
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Indianapolis, IN 46204
Publicnotices@ifa.in.gov

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address:	Wastewater Long Term Control Plan Phase 2 City of Rockport PO Box 151 Rockport, IN 47635
SRF Project Number:	**WW 25 25 74 00**
Authorized Representative:	Cathy Kirkpatrick, Mayor

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project is located in Spencer County, Ohio Township, Rockport 24k USGS Quadrangle, Township 7S, Range 6W, and Sections 22, 23, 26, and 27.See **Figures 1-2, 2A-2E**.

III. PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

The City of Rockport has aging infrastructure that is coming to the end of its useful life. The City would also like to upgrade infrastructure to provide treatment capacity for future growth.

IV. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Rockport utilizes two Wastewater Treatment Plants, a South WWTP and a North WWTP. Both plants are operating at overloaded conditions and many components have reached the end of their useful life; improvements are needed to continue reliable wastewater treatment. The CSO Long Term Control Plan requires replacement of the North WWTP along with targeted collection system improvements. LTCP PER Project Phase 1 is currently under construction and includes the North WWTP Replacement SRF No. WW23417403.

LTCP Phase 2 PER Project WW25257400 includes the following remaining WWTP and collection system improvements:

- Approximately 2,700 LF of 36-inch diameter effluent sewer and new outfall structure;
- Demolition of the South WWTP and abandon associated outfall;
- New 9.65 MGD 5th Street Lift Station with approximately 9,500 LF of 24-inch diameter force main, to deliver flow up to the 10-year 1-hour design storm to the North WWTP;
- New CSO 002 control structure and approximately 500 LF of 30-inch diameter interceptor sewer to redirect a portion of the combined flow to the new 5th Street Lift Station;
- Replacement Ike's Lift Station, including raised top slab elevation, new pumps, controls and alarms, and approximately 3,000 LF of 4-inch diameter force main to redirect South WWTP flow to the gravity system; and
- Redirected discharge from River Road Lift Station with approximately 250 LF of 2-inch diameter force main.

Additional collection system improvements, addressing infiltration and inflow and insufficient components, included in PER Project WW25257400 are:

- Sewer investigation, targeted sewer and manhole repair and replacement, including cleaning and televising, flow study, point repairs, approximately 930 LF of 10-inch diameter sanitary sewer replacement, and approximately 570 LF of 10-inch diameter sanitary sewer lining in Reo collection system;
- Upgrades to Silverdale, Reo, and Base Road Lift Stations in order to increase capacity, including new pumps, controls and alarms; and
- Replacement Country Ridge Lift Station in order to increase capacity, including new pumps, controls and alarms, and approximately 5,600 LF of 4-inch diameter force main.

V. Estimated Project Costs, Affordability, and Funding

The total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately $17,900,000. The City intends to finance the project with a loan from the Clean Water SRF Loan Program for a term and annual fixed interest rate to be determined at loan closing. Monthly user rates and charges may need to be analyzed to determine if adjustments are required for loan repayment.

VI. Description of Evaluated Alternatives

5th Street Lift Station: Three alternatives were considered for the 5th Street Lift Station project. These consisted of a no action alternative, which is not practical, environmentally sound or economical. The other two alternatives include 5th Street Lift Station Standard CIP Concrete Wet Well and Valve Vault and 5th Street Lift Station Modified FRP Manhole, Wet Well, and Valve Vault. **The recommended alternative** is the 5th Street Lift Station Standard CIP Concrete Wet Well and Valve Vault alternative.

5th Street Station – 24-inch Force Main Routes: Four alternatives were considered for the 5Th Street Station Force Main Routes project. These consisted of a no action alternative, which is not practical, environmentally sound or economical. The three other alternatives were Force Main Route through Wooded Area, Force Main through City, and Force Main Route through City. **The recommended alternative** is the Force Main through the City alternative.

Common to all alternatives is the collection system work which will include inflow and infiltration project that will investigate sources of infiltration and inflow in the REO area sewer shed. This project will consist of several parts: investigation using closed circuit television (CCTV), a limited flow study, CIPP lining and select Manhole repair. Collection system improvements will also include capacity upgrades at the REO, Country Ridge, and Base Road.

VII. Environmental Impacts of the Feasible Alternatives

A. Direct Impacts of Construction and Operation

Disturbed/Undisturbed Land: Work related to the installation WWTP and collection system improvements will occur in disturbed rights-of-way, adjacent to and within roadways, alleys and existing utility trenches. All areas have been previously disturbed by previous construction activity.

Structural Resources: Construction and operation of the project will not alter, demolish or remove historic properties. If any visual or audible impacts to historic properties occur, they will be temporary and will not alter the characteristics that qualify such properties for inclusion in or eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. The SRF's finding pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is: "*no historic properties affected.*"

Surface Waters (Figures 5A-5E): The project will not adversely affect outstanding state resource waters listed in 327 IAC 2-1.3-3(d), exceptional use streams listed in 327 IAC 2-1-11(b), Natural, Scenic and Recreational Rivers and Streams listed in 312 IAC 7-(2), or Salmonid Streams listed in (327 IAC 2-1.5-5(a)(3) or streams on the Outstanding River List for Indiana. The project is near the Ohio River and Huffman Ditch. There will be a new outfall to Huffman Ditch.

Wetlands (Figures 4A-4E): The project will not impact wetlands. Mitigation measures to lessen and compensate for wetland impacts cited in comment letters about the project from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be implemented.

Floodplain (Figures 3A-3E): The project will not include dredge or fill in the floodway without a permit from IDNR Division of Water. No change in grade will occur within the floodplain.

Groundwater: The project will not impact a drinking water supply or sole source aquifer.

Plants and Animals: The proposed project items will be implemented to minimize impact to non-endangered species and their habitat. Mitigation measures cited in comment letters from the Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be implemented.

Prime Farmland: The project will not convert prime farmland.

Air Quality: Construction activities may generate some noise, fumes and dust, but should not significantly affect air quality.

Open Space and Recreational Opportunities: The project will neither create nor destroy open space or recreational opportunities.

Lake Michigan Coastal Program: The project will not affect the Lake Michigan Coastal Zone.

National Natural Landmarks: Construction and operation of the proposed project will not affect National Natural Landmarks.

B. Indirect Impacts

The City of Rockport's PER states: *The City of Rockport, through local zoning laws, the authority of its council or planning commission, or other means, will ensure that future development and utility projects connecting to SRF-funded facilities will not adversely affect wetlands, wooded areas, steep slopes, archaeological/historical/structural resources, or other sensitive environmental resources. The City of Rockport will require new development and utility projects to be constructed within the guidelines of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, and other environmental review authorities.*

C. Comments from Environmental Review Authorities

In correspondence dated March 4, 2026, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology stated:

Pursuant to Indiana Code 5-1.2-10, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306108), and 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer ("Indiana SHPO") is conducting an analysis of the materials dated and received by the Indiana SHPO on February 4, 2026, for the above indicated project in Rockport, Spencer County, Indiana.

Based on our analysis, it has been determined that no historic properties will be altered, demolished, or removed by the proposed project.

If any prehistoric or historic archaeological artifacts or human remains are uncovered during construction, demolition, or earthmoving activities, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 29) requires that the discovery must be reported to the Department of Natural Resources within two (2) business days. In that event, please call (317) 232-1646. Be advised that adherence to Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 29 does not obviate the need to adhere to applicable federal statutes and regulations, including but not limited to 36 C.F.R. 800.

In correspondence dated March 9, 2026, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service stated:

This responds to your email requesting our comments on the proposed Rockport Sewer LTCP Phase 4 project in Rockport, Spencer County, Indiana. The proposed wastewater improvement project involves the replacement of force mains, sewers, and lift station upgrades.

These comments have been prepared under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661 et. seq.) and are consistent with the intent of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Mitigation Policy.

There may be suitable roosting and foraging habitat for the federally endangered Indiana bat, gray bat, and northern long-eared bat and the proposed endangered tricolored bat present throughout the project site. The project would require approximately 0.7 acres of tree clearing. Also, the riparian zone of the ditches will be impacted by construction; however, the project proponent is implementing sedimentation BMPs to reduce sedimentation into the creek. Based on a review of the information you provided and the project proponent's commitment to remove the trees from ***<u>October 1- March 31</u>****, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would concur that the proposed project is not likely to adversely affect the federally endangered Indiana bat, northern long-eared bat and gray bat and the proposed endangered tricolored bat.*

In correspondence dated March 6, 2026, the Department of Natural Resources Environmental Unit stated:

Project:
City of Rockport Phase 2 wastewater improvements, including demolition of the South Wastewater Treatment Plant and abandonment of the adjacent outfall to Ohio River, and construction of new sewer main and outfall to Huffman Ditch south of the North Wastewater Treatment Plant; SRF #WW 25 25 74 00

County/Site Info: Spencer County

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has reviewed the above referenced project per your request. Our agency offers the following comments for your information and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

If our agency has regulatory jurisdiction over the project, the recommendations contained in this letter may become requirements of any permit issued. If we do not have permitting authority, all recommendations are voluntary.

Regulatory Assessment:
This proposal will require the formal approval for construction in a floodway under the Flood Control Act, IC 14-28-1, unless it qualifies for a general license under Administrative Rule 312 IAC 10-5 that applies to utility line crossings (see enclosure). Please include a copy of this letter with the permit application if the project does not meet the general license criteria.

Natural Heritage Database:
The Natural Heritage Program's data have been checked. The Division of Nature Preserves does not anticipate any significant impacts to the State threatened Cup-seed (Calycocarpum lyonia), which has been documented within 0.5 miles of the project area in addition to the following:
Birds
Barn Owl (Tyto alba), State endangered
Interior Least Tern (Sternula antillarum athalassos), State endangered
Mussels
Ohio Pigtoe (Pleurobema cordatum), State special concern
The Division of Fish and Wildlife does not expect negative impacts to these species due to this project.

Fish and Wildlife Comments:
Avoid and minimize impacts to fish, wildlife, and botanical resources to the greatest extent possible, and compensate for impacts. The following are recommendations that address potential impacts identified in the proposed project area:

A) Utility Line Placement

If any of the line placements cross forested areas or waterways the following recommendations apply:

- *Place the line within or as close to the cleared road right of way as possible to minimize impacts to forested areas.*
- *Any creek crossings should be done using the jack-and-bore or the directional bore method unless the method is not feasible due to site conditions. The length of the directional bore should include any forested riparian areas along the creek to minimize impacts to forested habitat. Should the directional bore method not be feasible due to the site conditions and the open-trench method is necessary, then the following measures should be implemented:*
    - *Any open-trench stream crossing should be timed to coincide with the low-water time of year (typically mid- to late-summer) or whenever an ephemeral stream is dry.*
    - *Restore disturbed streambanks using bioengineering bank stabilization methods and revegetate disturbed banks with native trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants. Stream bank slopes after project completion should be restored to stable-slope steepness (not steeper than 2:1).*

Information about bioengineering techniques can be found at https://www.in.gov/nrc/files/IB-17.pdf. Also, the following is a USDA/NRCS document that outlines many different bioengineering techniques for streambank stabilization:
https://irrigationtoolbox.com/NEH/Part650_EngineeringFieldHandbook/H_210_650_16.pdf.

The cleared width through any forested area should be the minimum width needed to install the line and have a final width of no wider than 20 feet wide to allow the tree canopy on either side of the cleared easement to close over the line. Impacts to non-wetland forest should be addressed following the riparian forest recommendations listed below.
If a creek crossing cannot be done using the directional bore method, use graded stone or riprap to protect the section of trench below the normal water level from scour or erosion (any stone or riprap fill in the streambed must remain at the existing streambed level to avoid creating a fish passage obstruction).

B) Utility Lines

We recommend minimizing the removal of trees and brush by locating any new utility lines on the side of the road containing the least amount of forested habitat (including placing as many of the temporary construction areas as possible in previously cleared/disturbed areas).

Where forested habitat is located on both sides of the road, the temporary and permanent construction disturbance should be minimized by placing the line as close to the existing previously disturbed area/right of way as possible to minimize forest fragmentation. The width of disturbance through a forested area should be 20' or less (if the disturbed width cannot be reduced to 20', then the cleared area should be replanted with container-grown native hardwood trees and shrubs to within 10' of the center of the line).

C) Riparian Habitat

We recommend a mitigation plan be developed (and submitted with the permit application, if required) for any unavoidable habitat impacts that will occur. The DNR's Habitat Mitigation Guidelines (and plant lists) can be found online at: https://www.in.gov/nrc/files/IB-17.pdf.

Impacts to non-wetland forest of one (1) acre or more in a rural or urban area should be mitigated at a minimum 2:1 ratio based on area of impact. Impacts to non-wetland forest under one (1) acre but at least 0.10 acre in a rural or urban area should be mitigated at a minimum 1:1 ratio based on area of impact. Impacts under 0.10 acre in a rural area typically do not require mitigation or additional plantings beyond seeding and stabilizing disturbed areas, though there are exceptions for high quality habitat sites. Impacts under 0.10 acre in an urban area should be mitigated by replacing each mature tree removed (trees that are 10" diameter-at-breast height (dbh)) with two native trees of 3-gallon stock or larger. Seeding and stabilizing disturbed areas is required regardless of the impact amount and location.

The mitigation site should be located in the floodway, downstream of the one (1) square mile drainage area of that stream (or another stream within the 8-digit HUC, preferably as close to the impact site as possible) and adjacent to existing forested riparian habitat.
The additional measures listed below should be implemented to avoid, minimize, or compensate for impacts to fish, wildlife, and botanical resources:

1. *Revegetate all bare and disturbed areas that are not currently mowed and maintained with a mixture of grasses, sedges, and wildflowers native to Southern Indiana and specifically for stream bank/floodway stabilization purposes as soon as possible upon completion; turf-type grasses (including low-endophyte, friendly endophyte, and endophyte free tall fescue but excluding all other varieties of tall fescue) may be used in currently mowed areas only. A native herbaceous seed mixture must include at least 5 species of grasses and sedges and 5 species of wildflowers.*
2. *Minimize and contain within the project limits in channel disturbance and the clearing of trees and brush.*

3. Do not work in the waterway from April 1 through June 30 without the prior written approval of the Division of Fish and Wildlife.
4. Do not cut any trees suitable for Indiana Bat or Northern Long-eared Bat roosting (3 inches or greater diameter-at-breast height, living or dead, with loose hanging bark, or with cracks, crevices, or cavities) from April 1 through September 30.
5. Minimize excavation in the stream channel in order to maintain aquatic organism passage and avoid negative modification of habitat.
6. Use minimum average 6 inch graded riprap stone extended below the normal water level to provide habitat for aquatic organisms in the voids.
7. Do not use broken concrete as riprap.
8. Underlay the riprap with a bedding layer of well graded aggregate or a geotextile to prevent piping of soil underneath the riprap.
9. Appropriately designed measures for controlling erosion and sediment must be implemented to prevent sediment from entering the waterbody or leaving the construction site; maintain these measures until construction is complete and all disturbed areas are stabilized.
10. Seed and protect all disturbed streambanks and slopes not protected by other methods that are 3:1 or steeper with erosion control blankets that are heavy-duty, biodegradable, and net free or that use loose-woven / Leno-woven netting to minimize the entrapment and snaring of small-bodied wildlife such as snakes and turtles (follow manufacturer's recommendations for selection and installation); seed and apply mulch on all other disturbed areas.

In correspondence dated January 12, 2026, the Natural Resources Conservation Service stated:

The City of Rockport project consist of performing sewer line replacements in Spencer County, Indiana as referred to in your letter received January 6, 2026, will not cause a conversion of prime farmland.

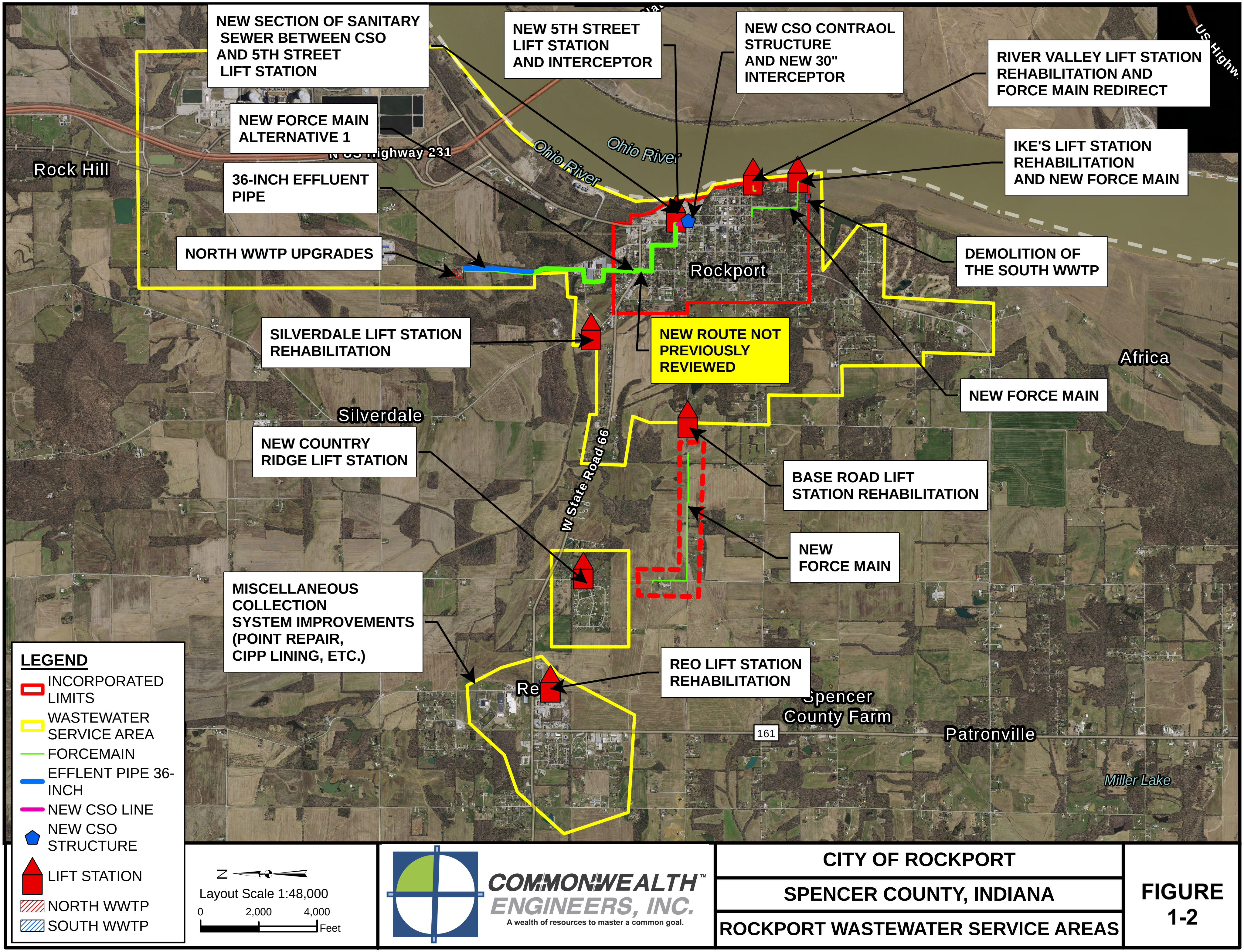
VIII. Mitigation Measures

City of Rockport's PER states:
All construction issues will be temporary in nature, since no significant impacts to environmental, historical, or other regulated resources are involved. These temporary construction impacts include the potential for noise, dust, and construction site erosion. Provisions will be included in the construction specifications to limit such problems and to provide erosion control in accordance with the current state standards. The work is expected to be completed during normal working hours, restricting any work-related nuisances to those hours.

All construction equipment will be required to have mufflers to reduce noise pollution. Additionally, reasonable and proper construction techniques and clean-up practices will be required by the contractor to reduce dust emissions. Proper surface wetting practices will be required. Erosion control measures including seeding, drainage inlet protection, and silt fencing will also be utilized.

IX. Public Participation

A properly noticed public hearing was held on May 8, 2025, at 5:00 pm at City Hall at 426 Main Street, Rockport, IN 47635, to discuss the PER. No written comments were received during the 5-day comment period following the hearing.



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ROCKPORT WASTEWATER SERVICE AREAS

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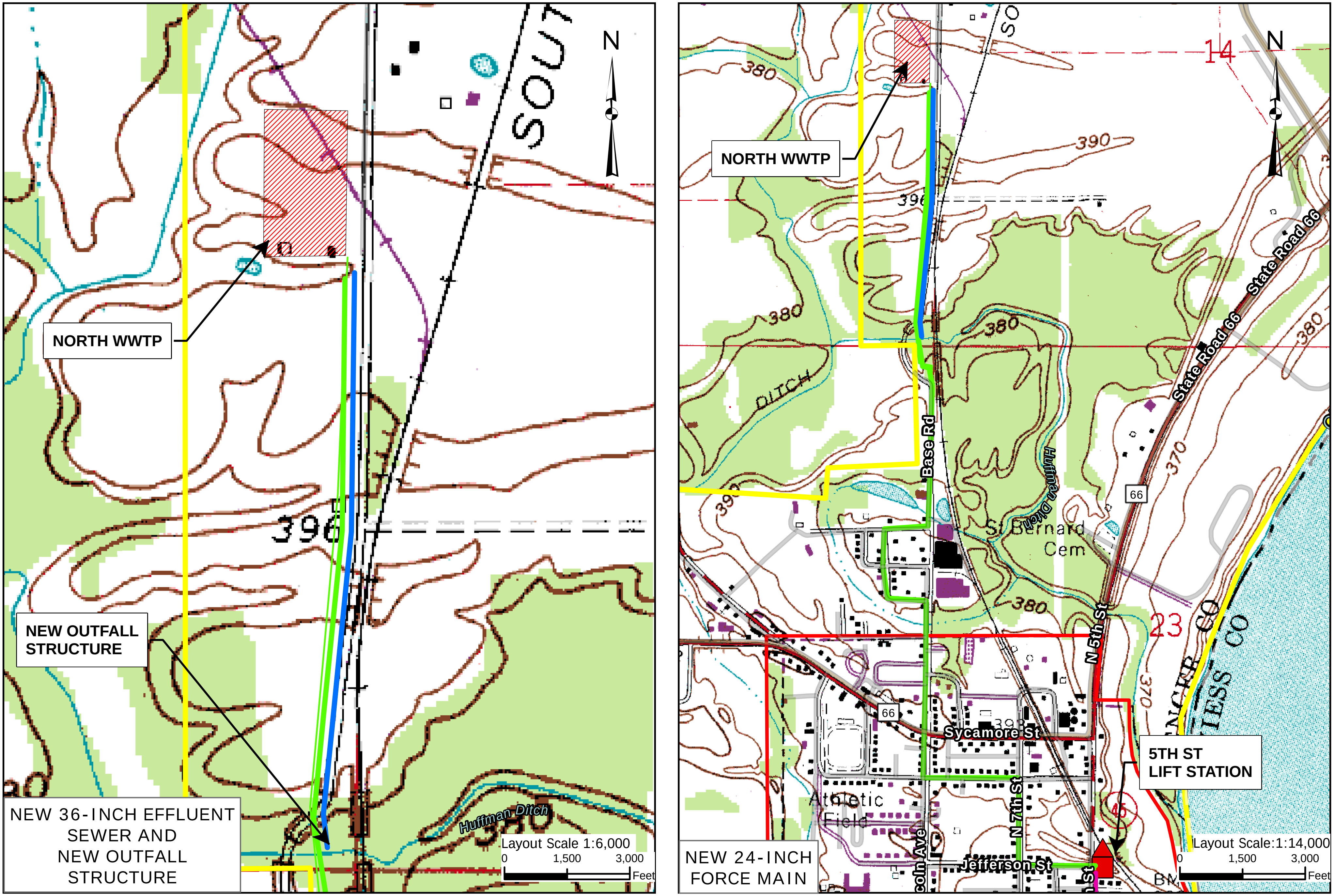

LEGEND

- INCORPORATED LIMITS
- WASTEWATER SERVICE AREA
- EFFLENT PIPE 36-INCH
- NEW CSO LINE
- LIFT STATION
- NORTH WWTP

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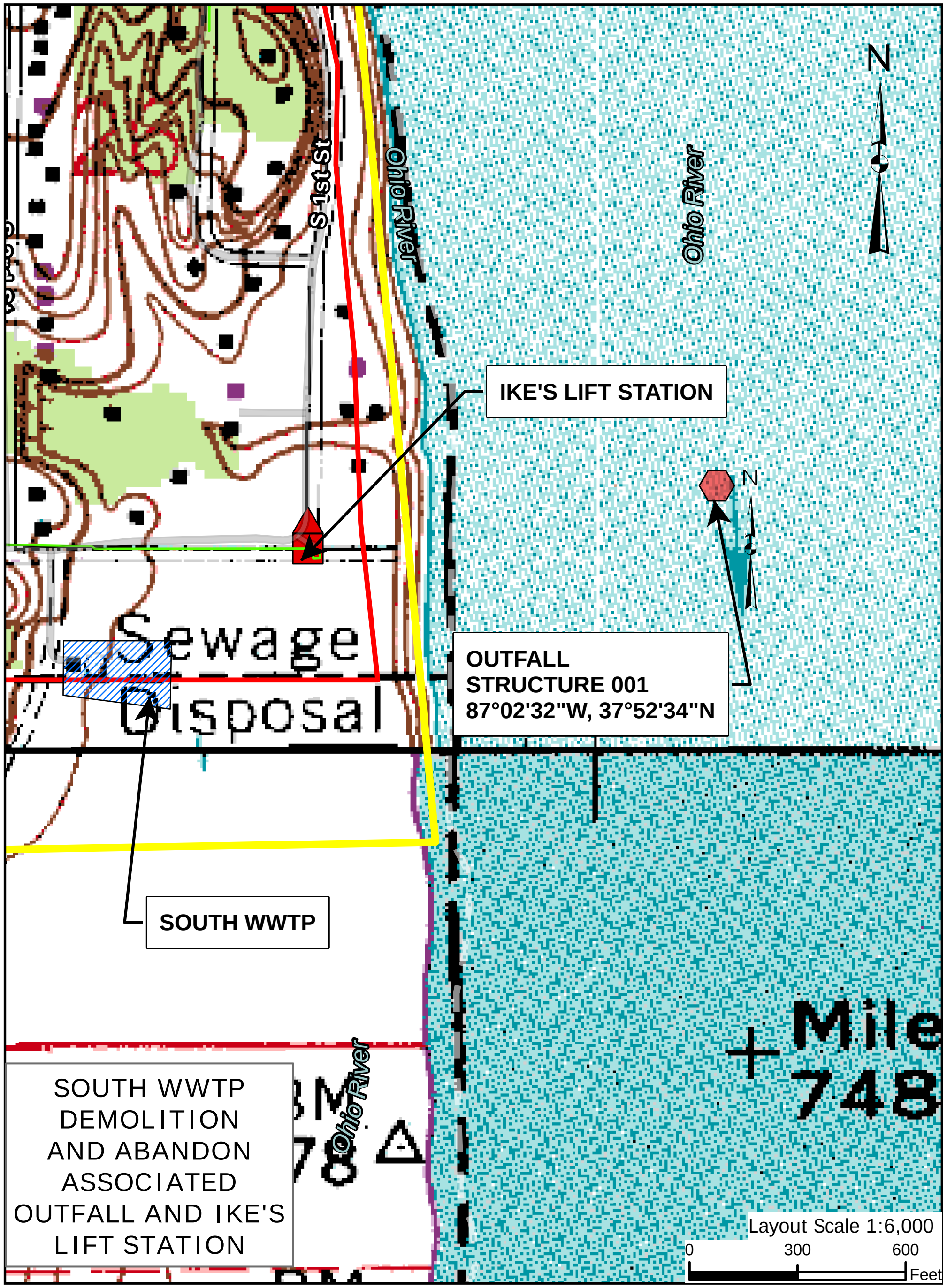
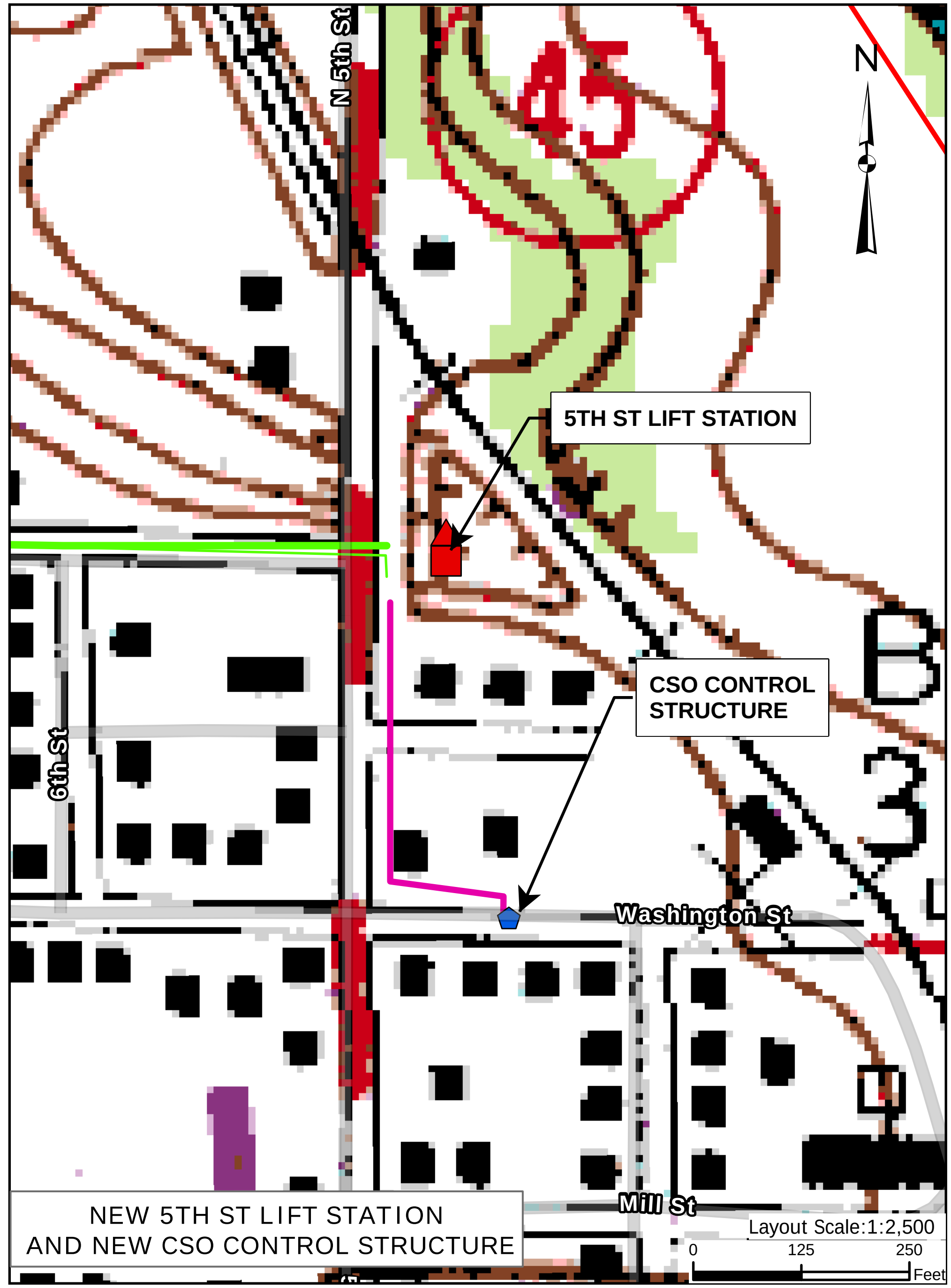


SOUTH WWTP DEMOLITION AND ABANDON ASSOCIATED OUTFALL AND IKE'S LIFT STATION



NEW 5TH ST LIFT STATION AND NEW CSO CONTROL STRUCTURE

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- INCORPORATED LIMITS
- WASTEWATER SERVICE AREA
- NEW CSO LINE
- NEW CSO STRUCTURE
- LIFT STATION

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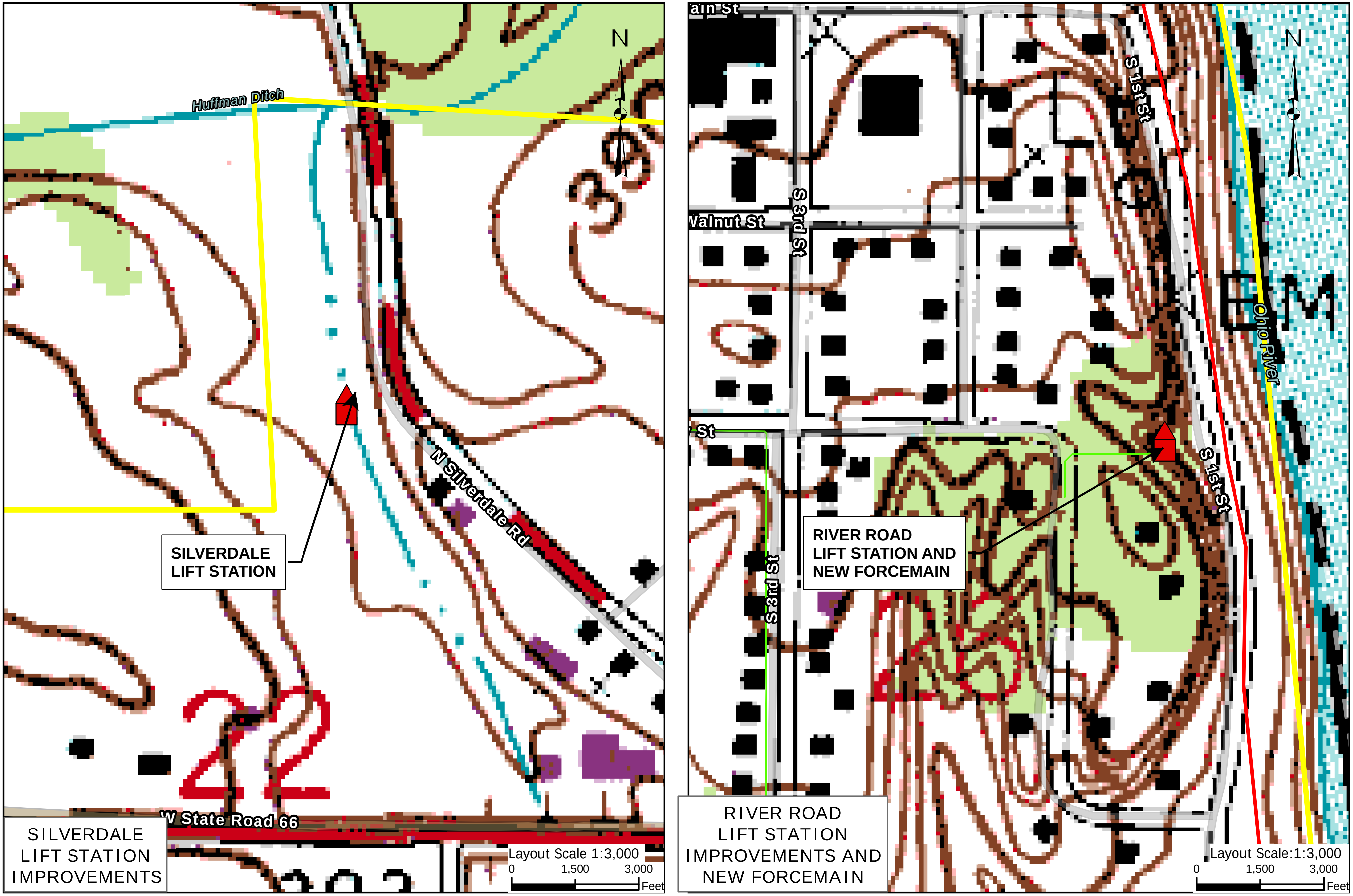

LEGEND

- INCORPORATED LIMITS
- WASTEWATER SERVICE AREA
- FORCEMAIN
- LIFT STATION

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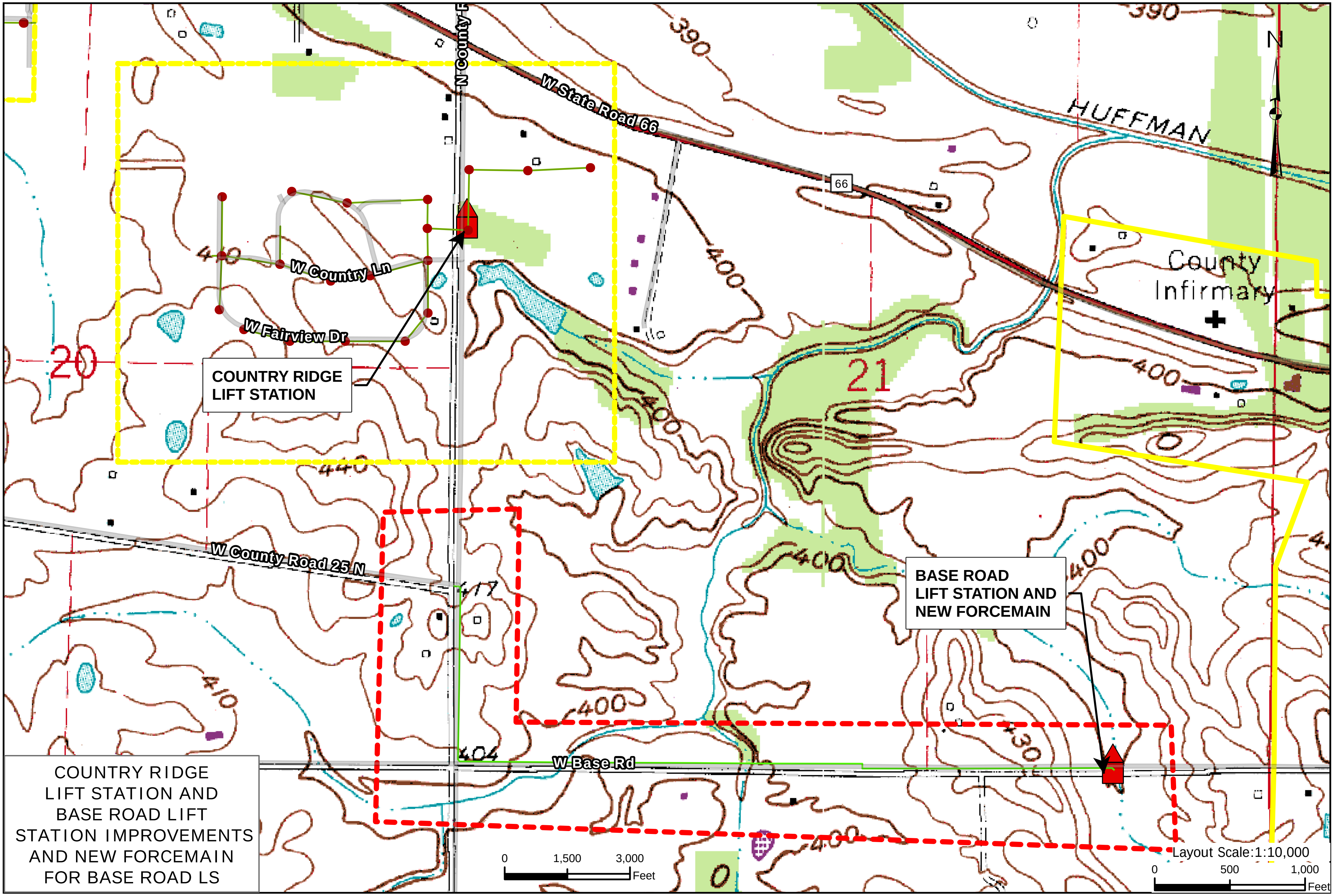

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- BASE ROAD FM WORK AREA
- WASTEWATER SERVICE AREA
- BASE ROAD FM
- LIFT STATION

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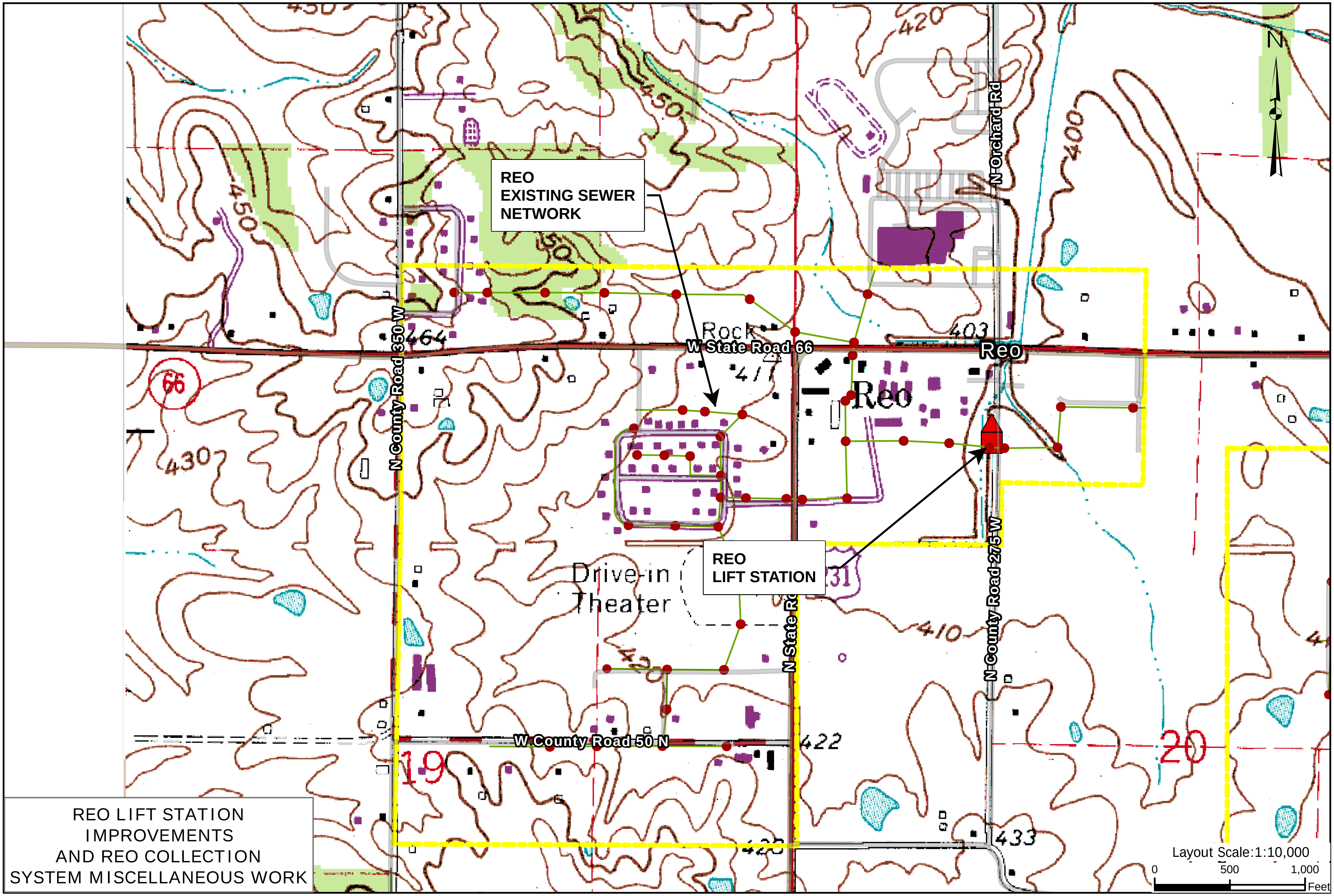

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SEWER SERVICE AREAS

LIFT STATION

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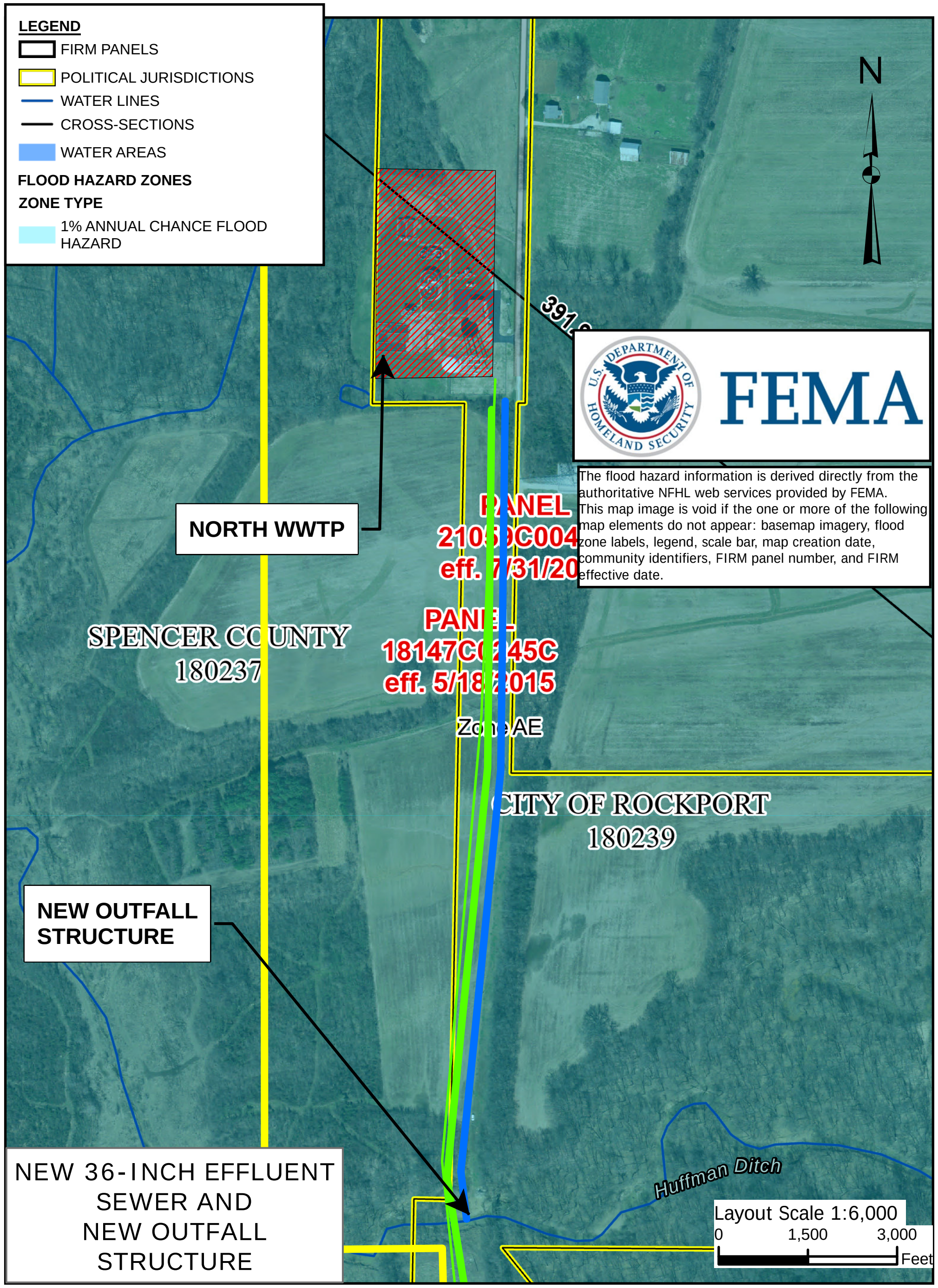

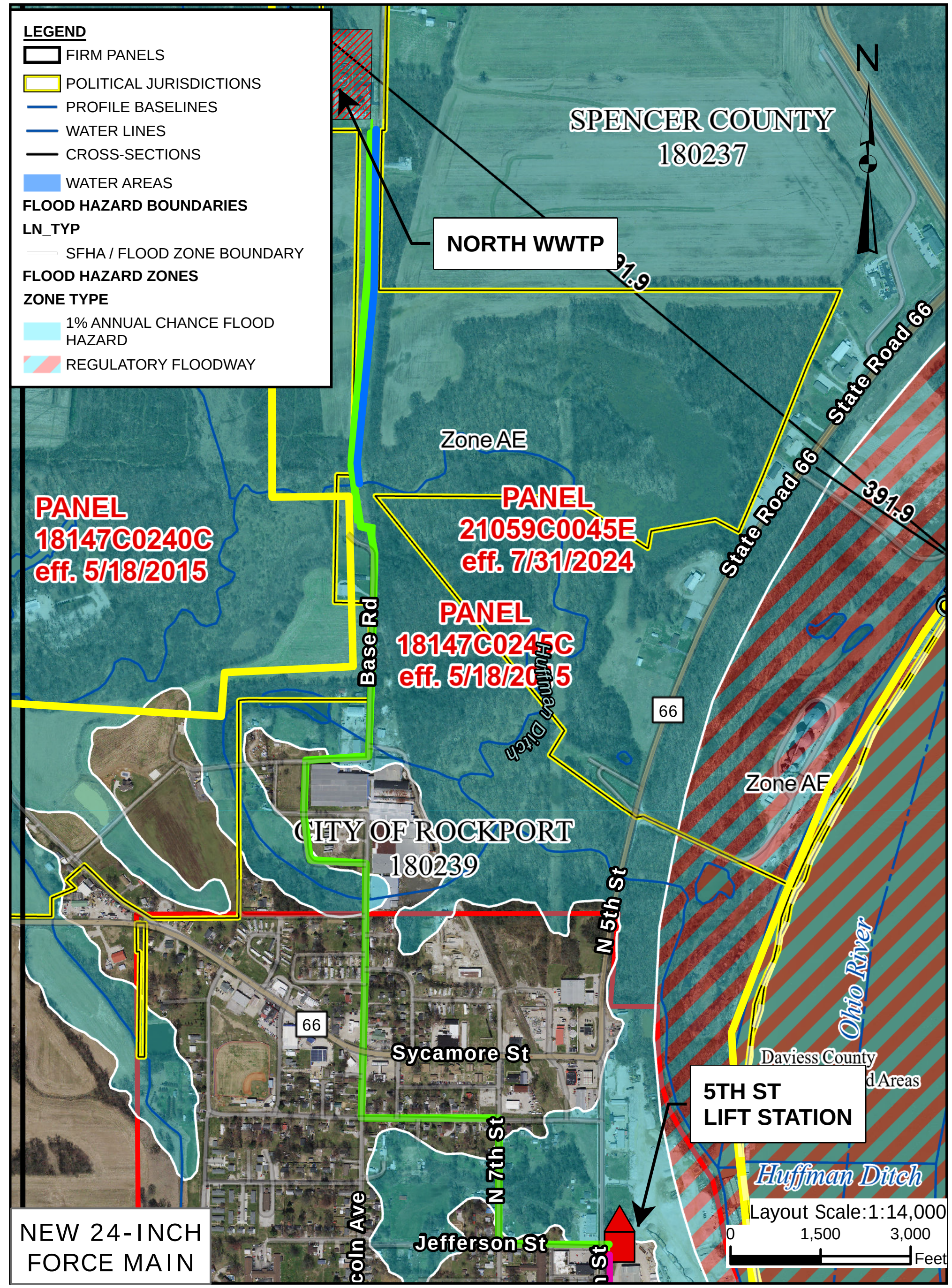

LEGEND

- NEW CSO LINE
- EFFLENT PIPE 36-INCH
- PROPOSED FORCEMAIN
- LIFT STATION
- NORTH WWTP
- INCORPORATED LIMITS
- WASTEWATER SERVICE AREA

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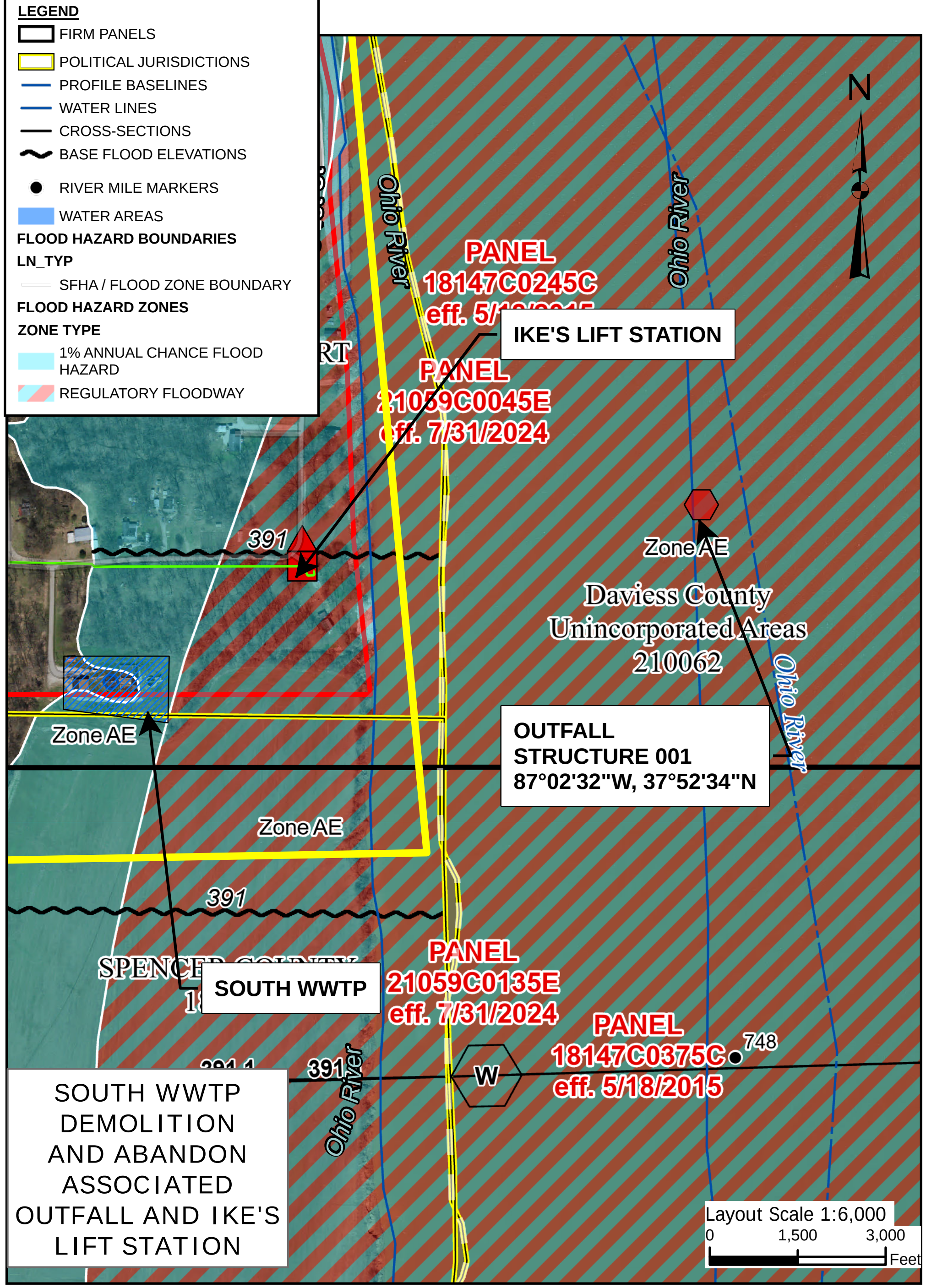
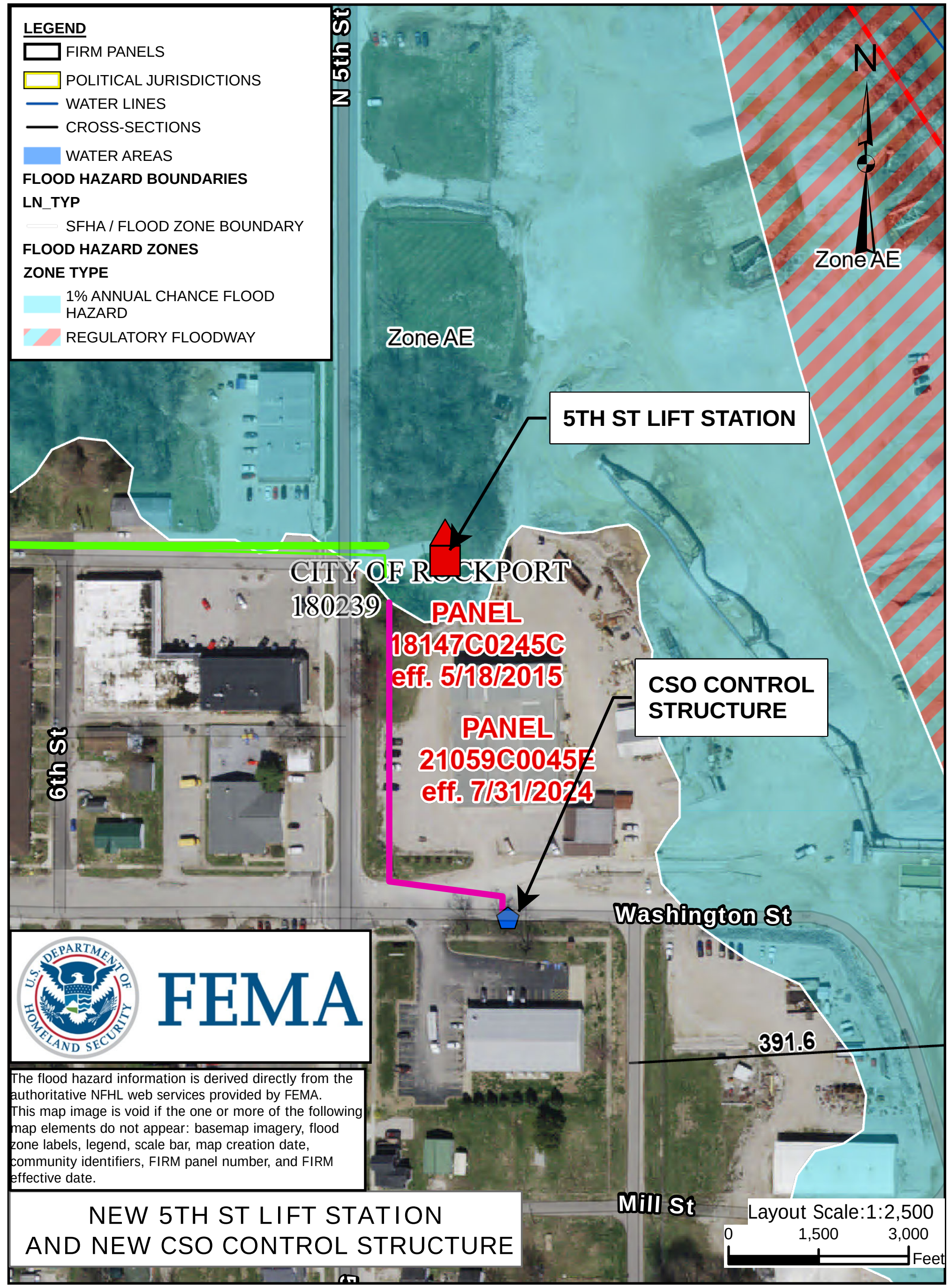
FLOODPLAIN MAP

FIGURE 3A





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- NEW CSO STRUCTURE
- NEW CSO LINE
- LIFT STATION
- INCORPORATED LIMITS
- WASTEWATER SERVICE AREA

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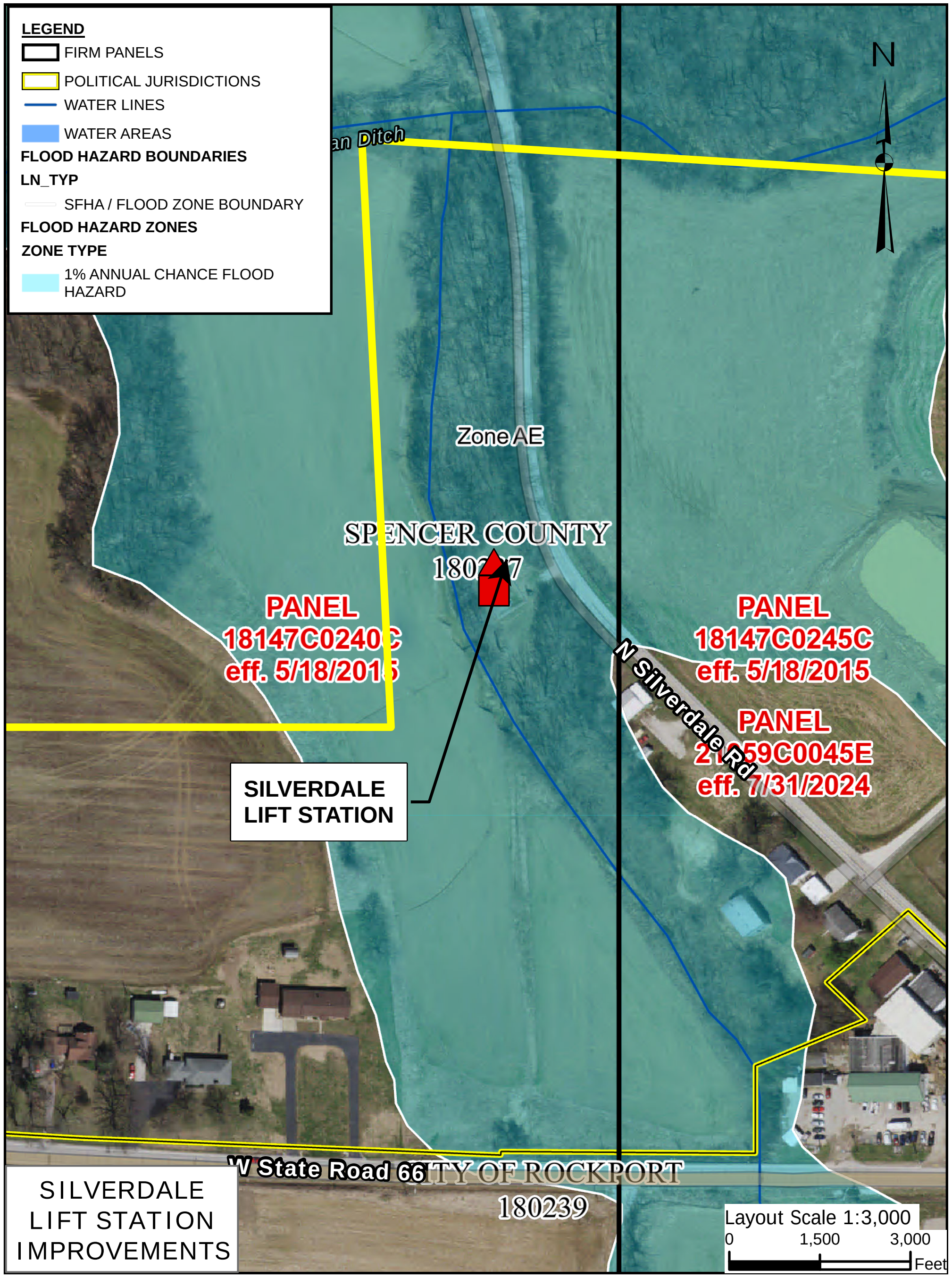

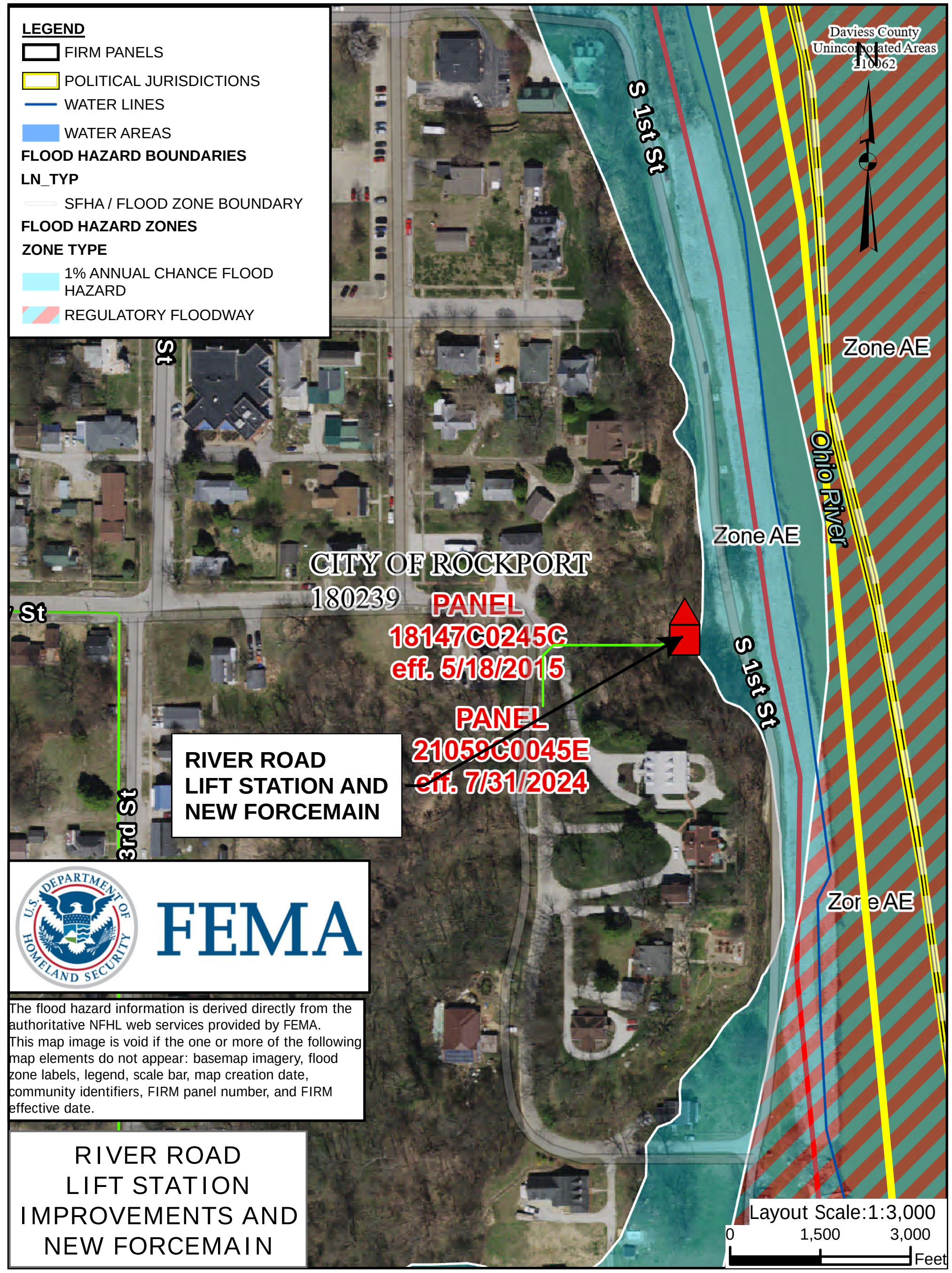

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- RIVER VALLEY FM
- FORCEMAIN
- LIFT STATION
- INCORPORATED LIMITS

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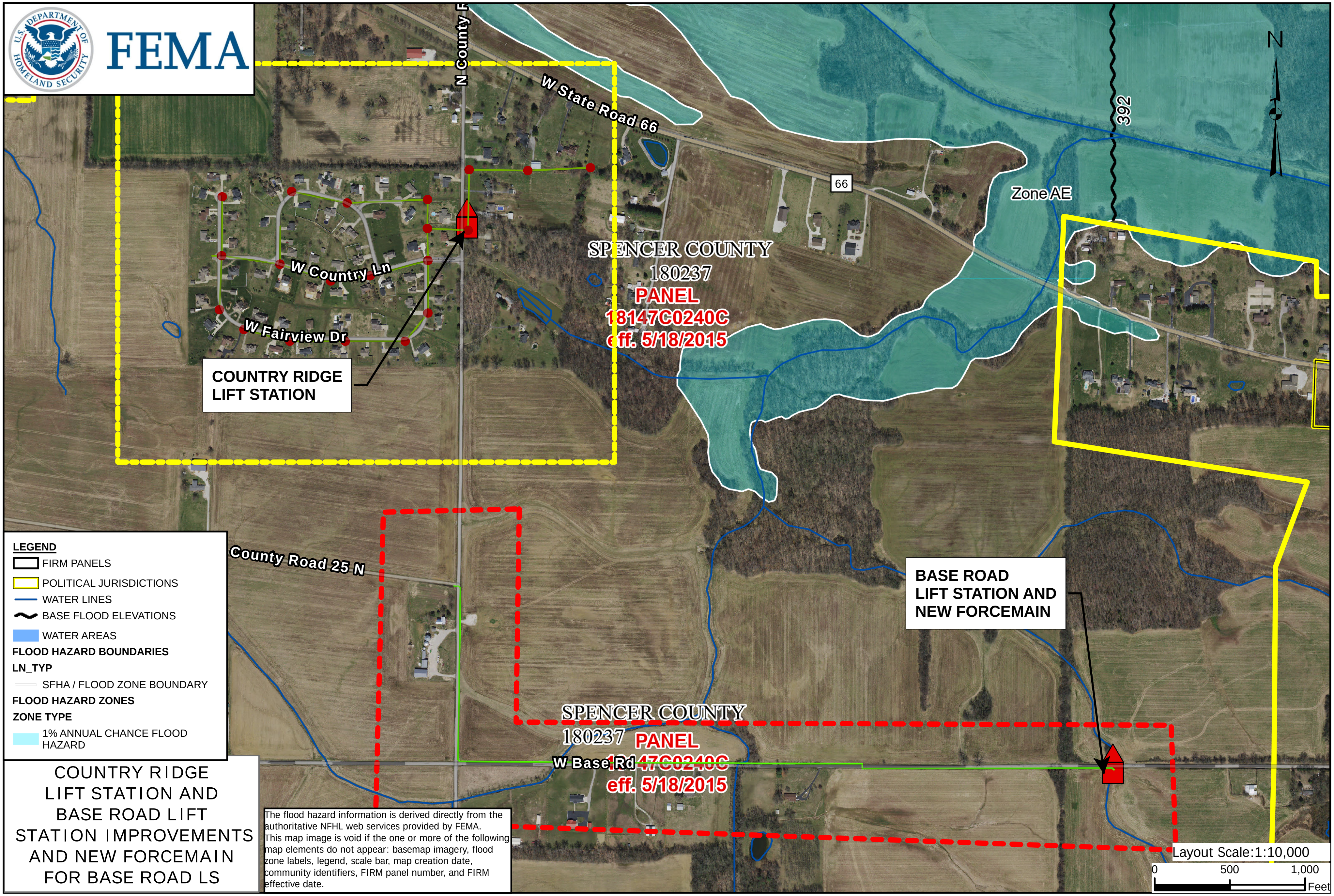

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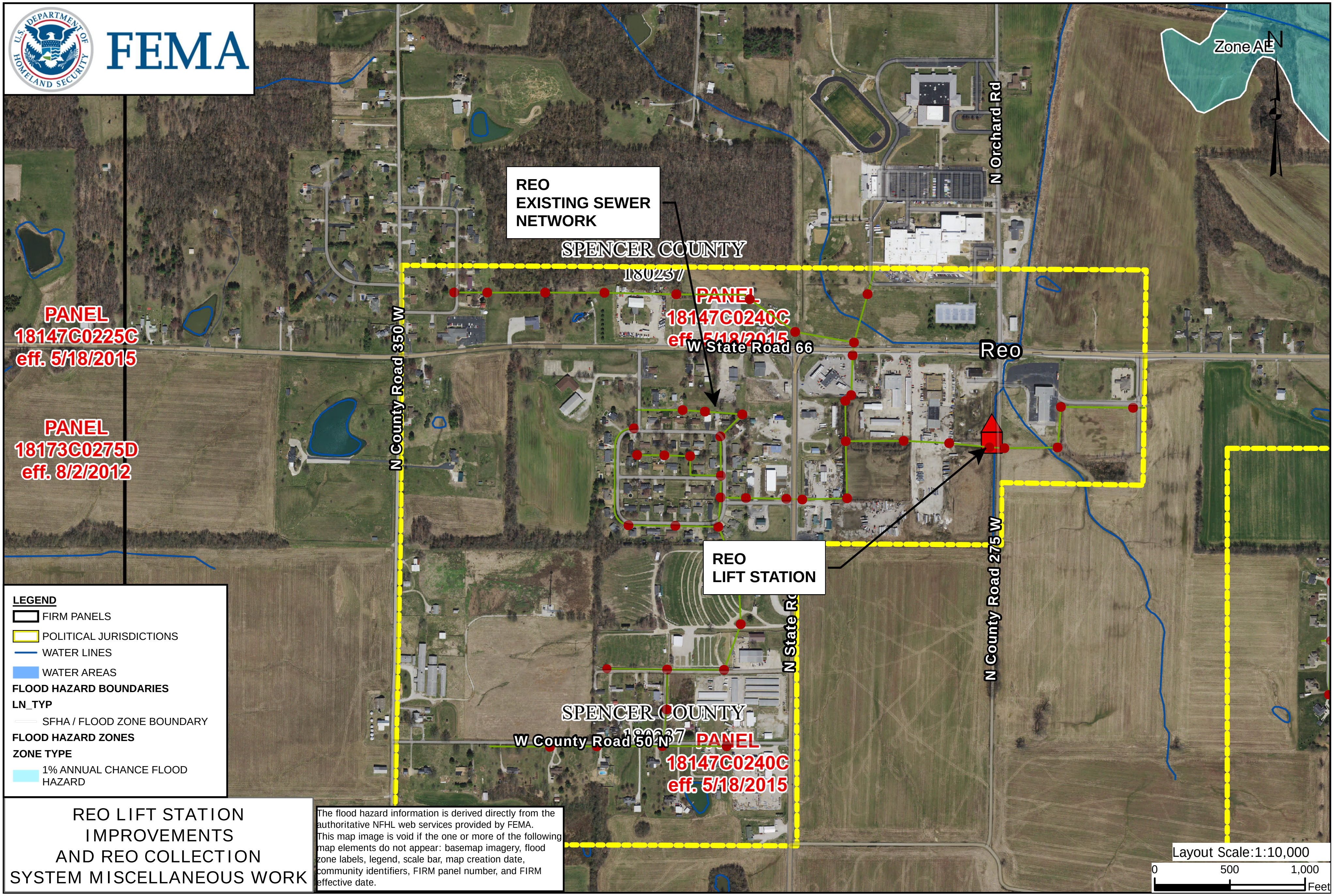

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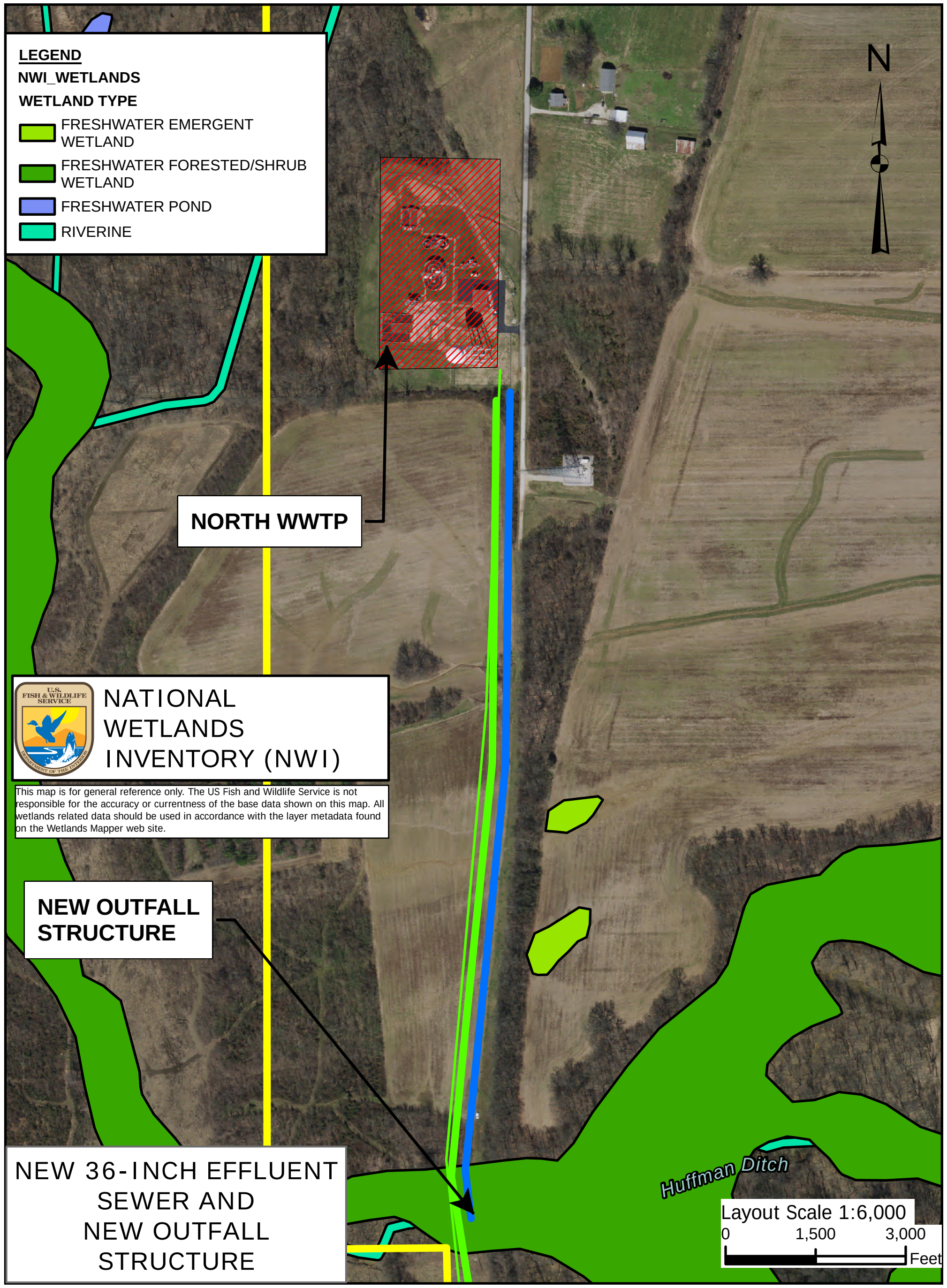

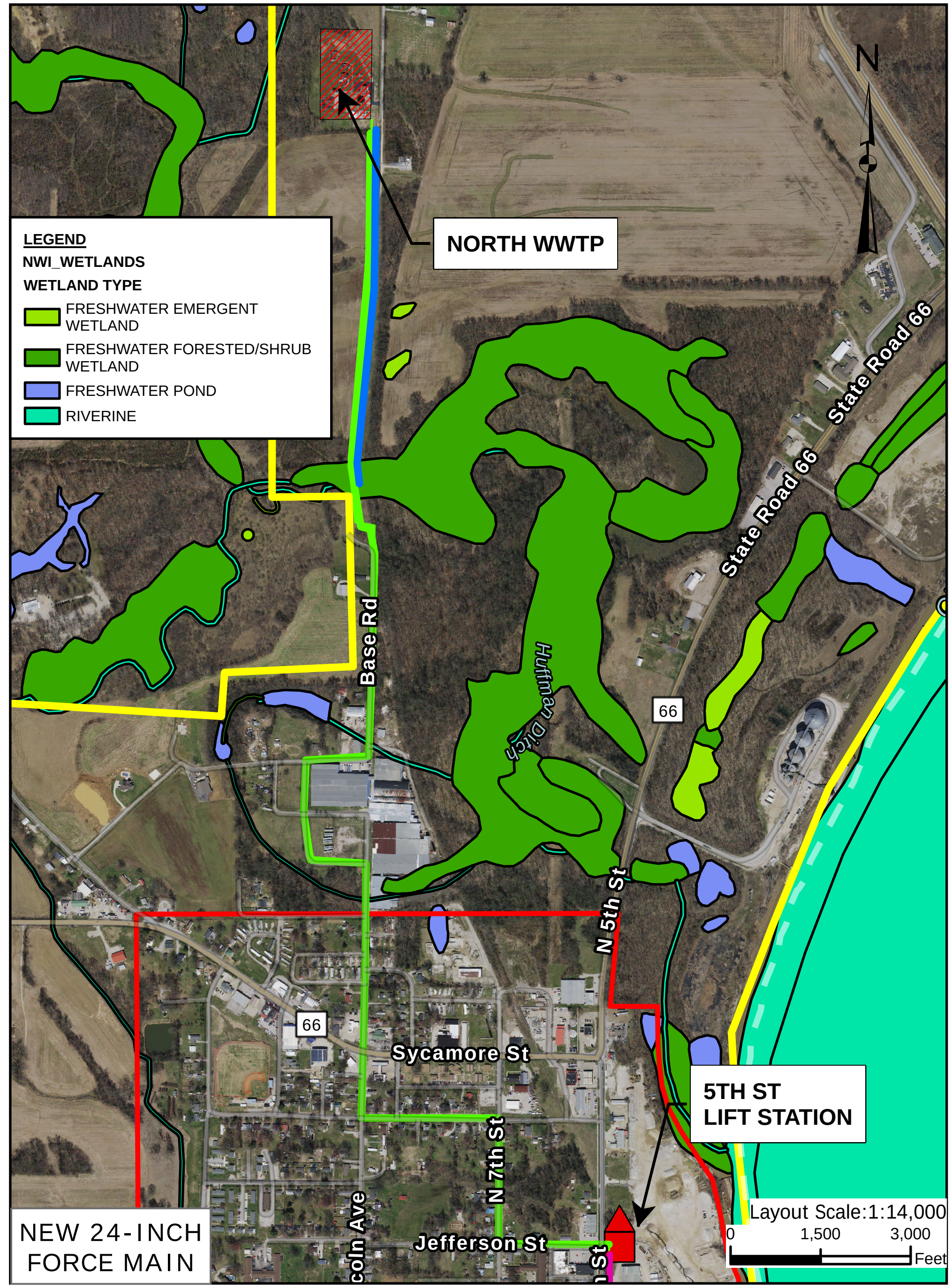

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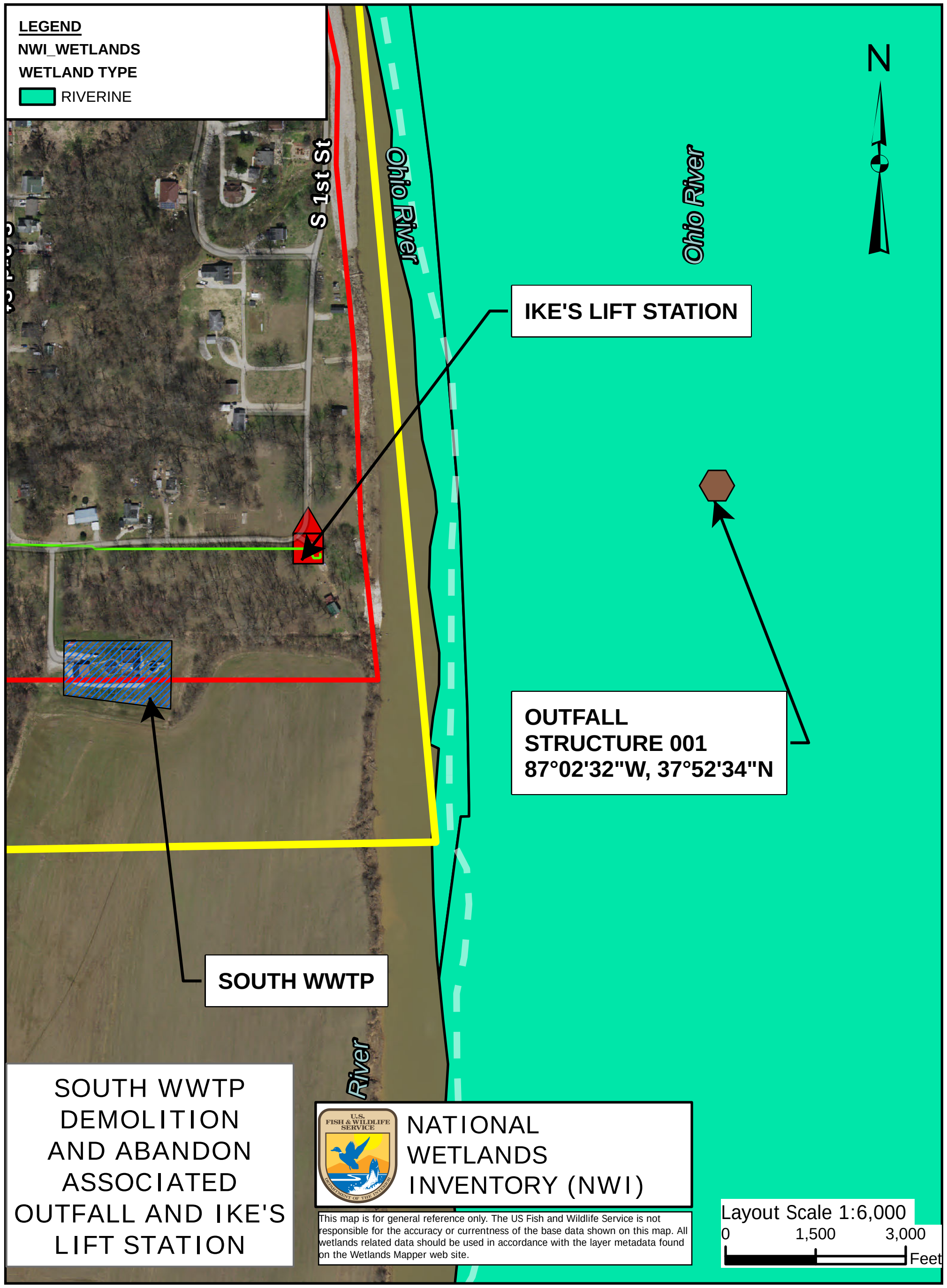

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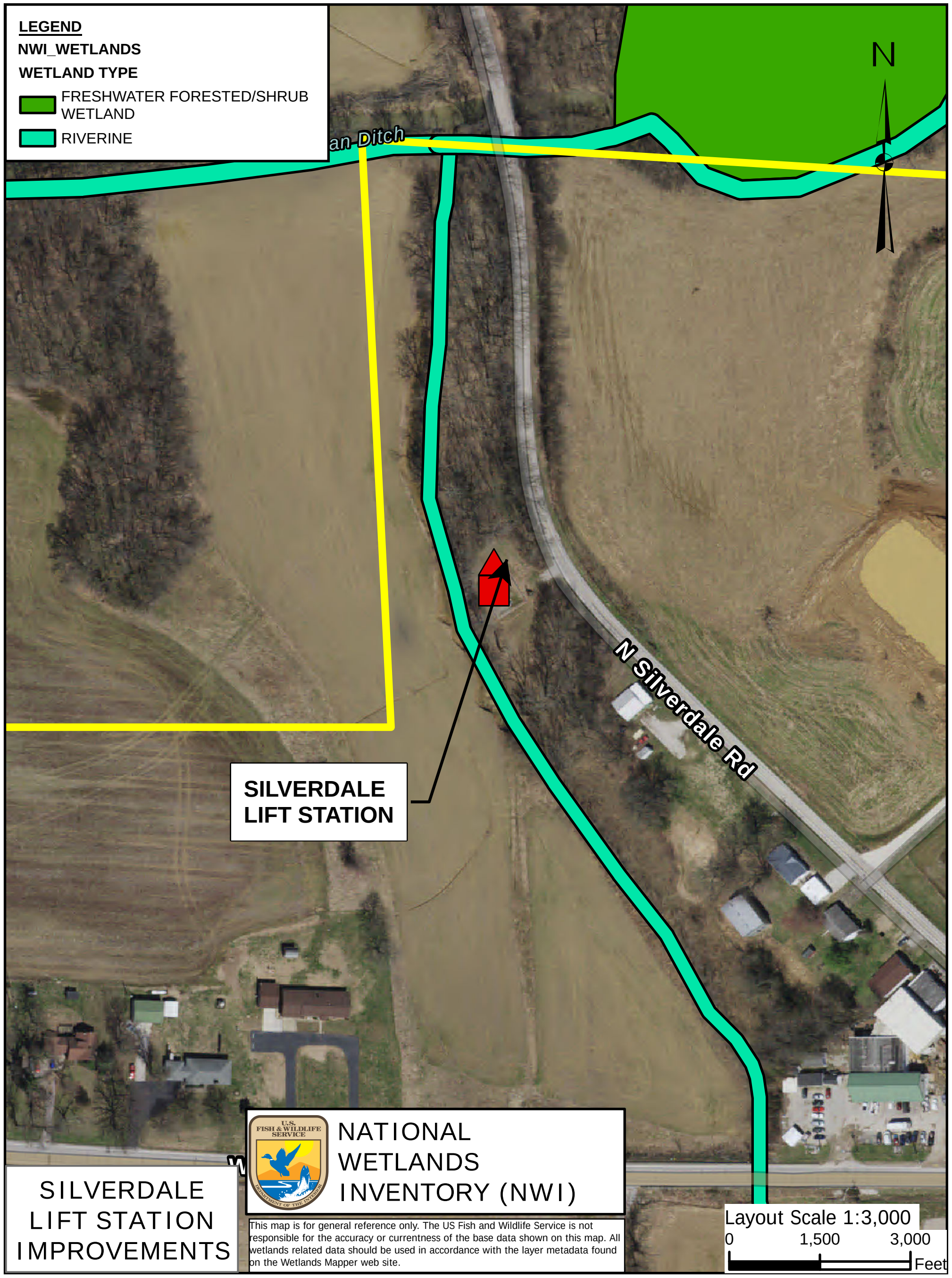

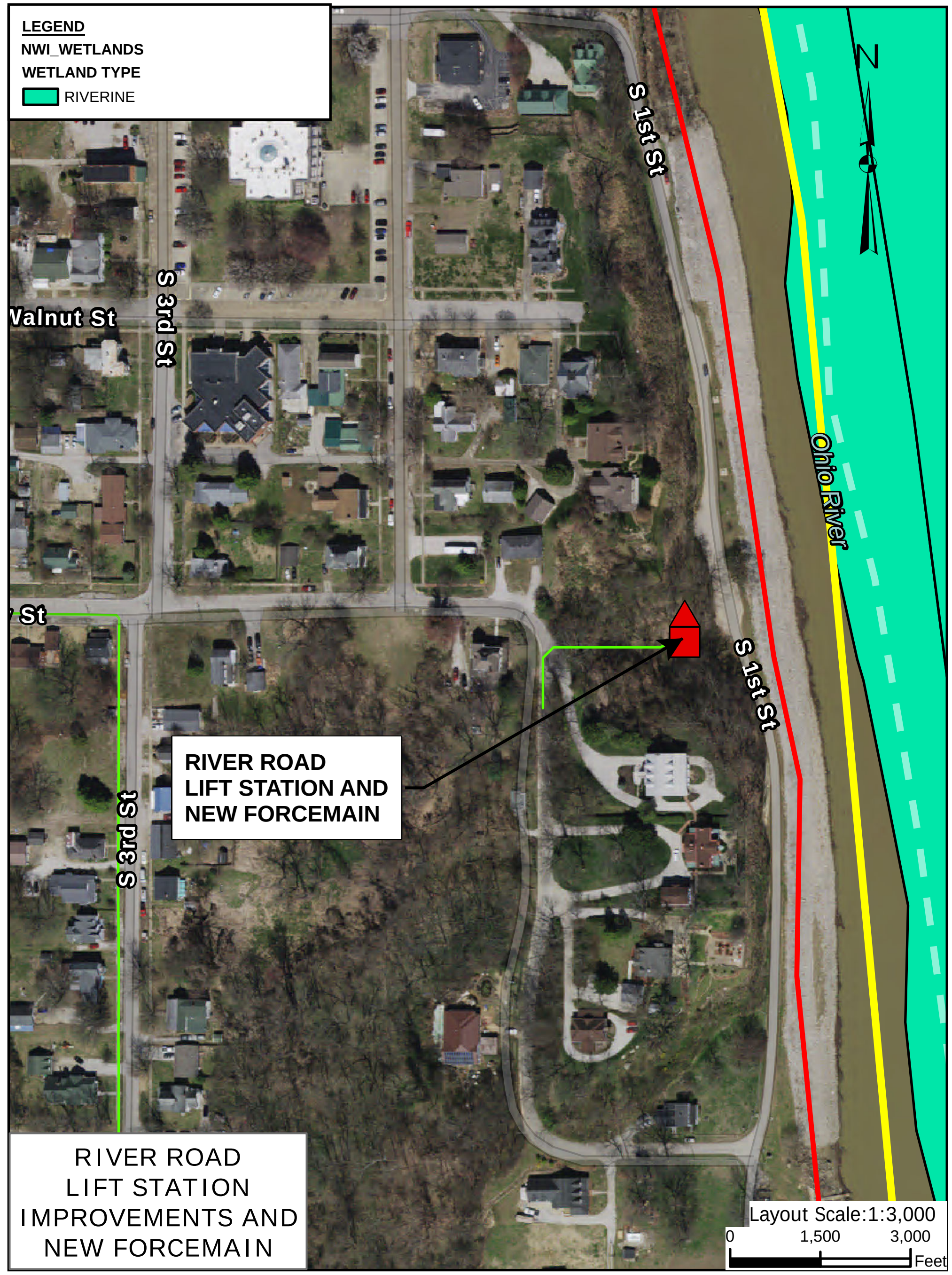

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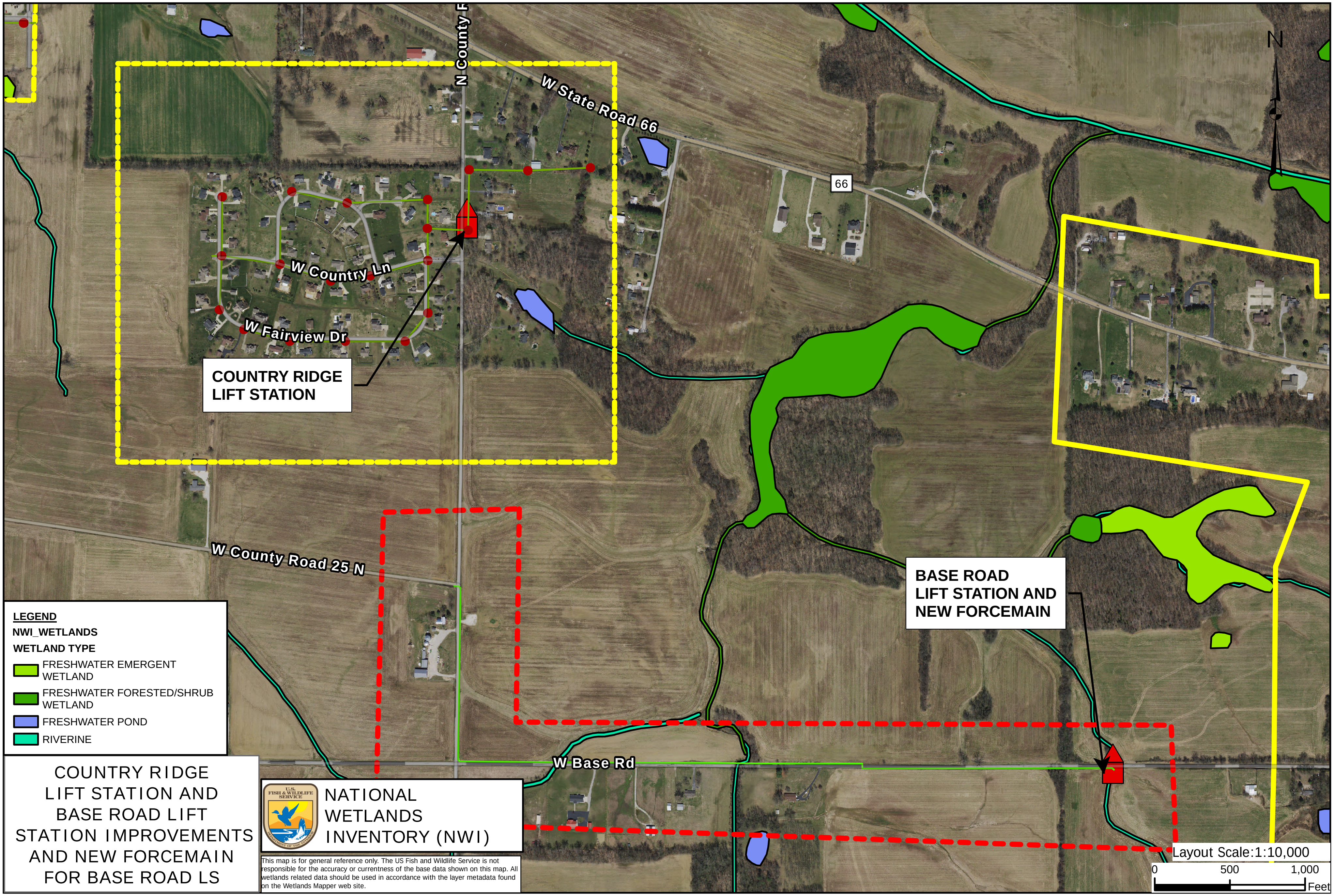

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- BASE ROAD FM
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- BASE ROAD FM WORK AREA
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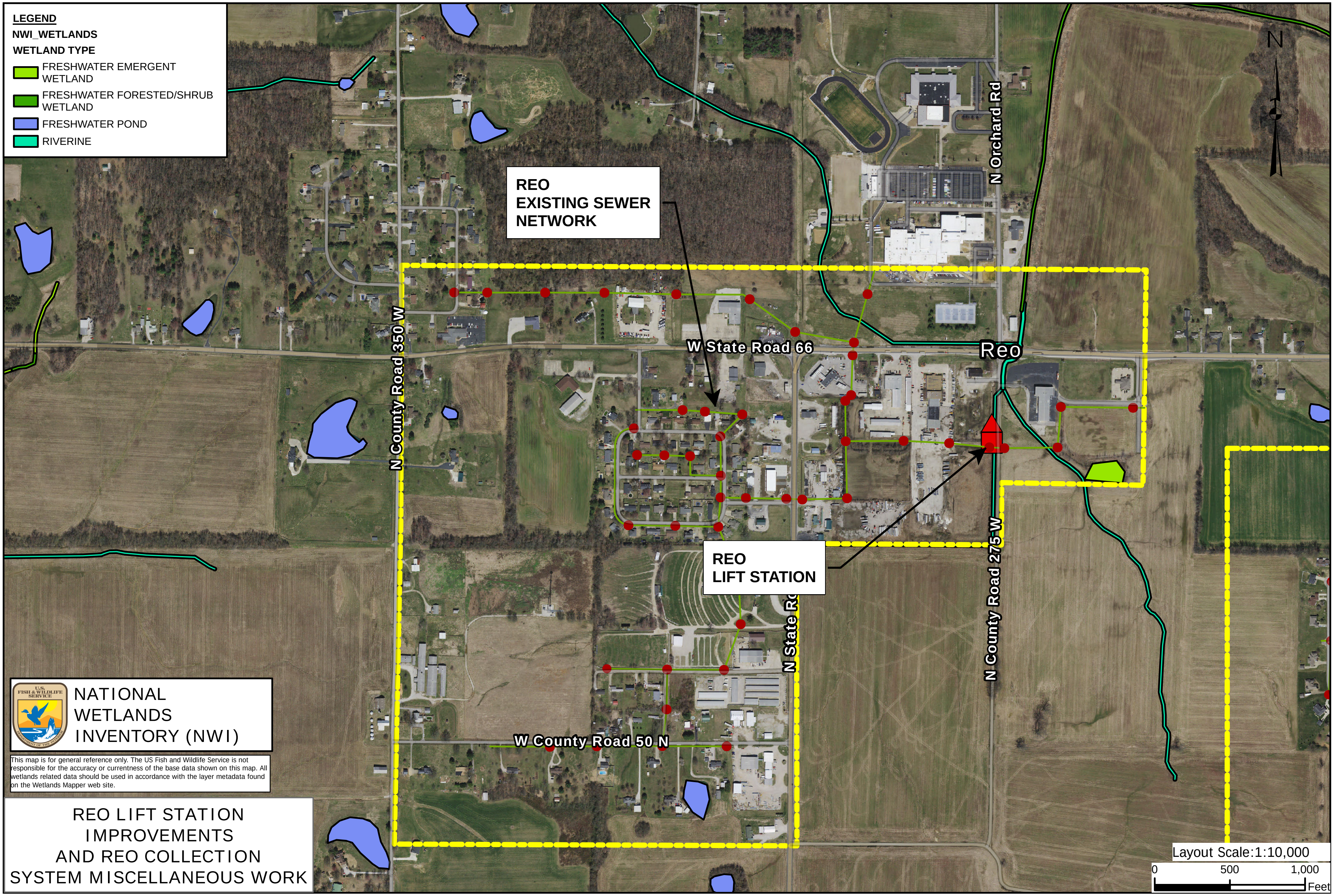

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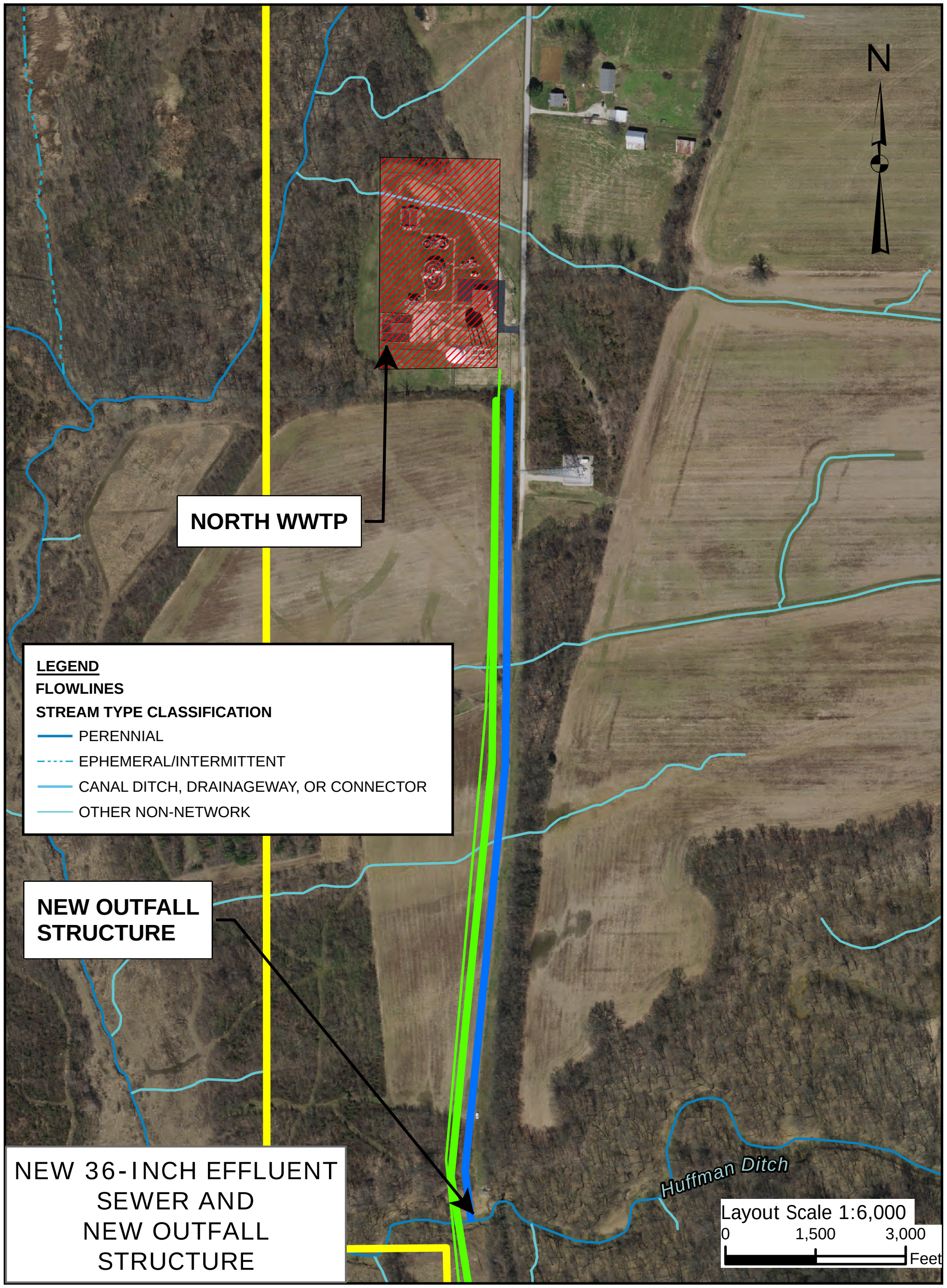

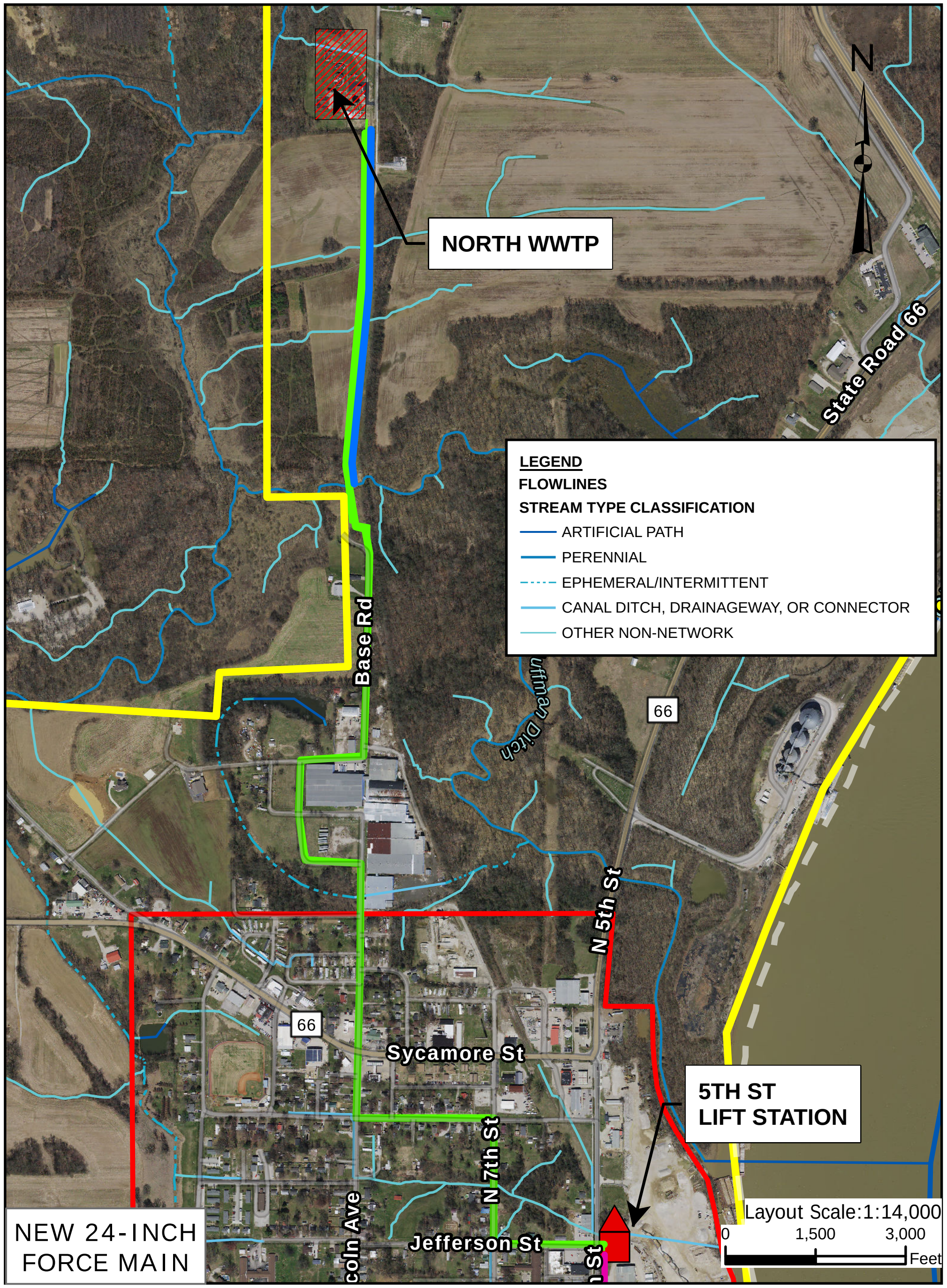

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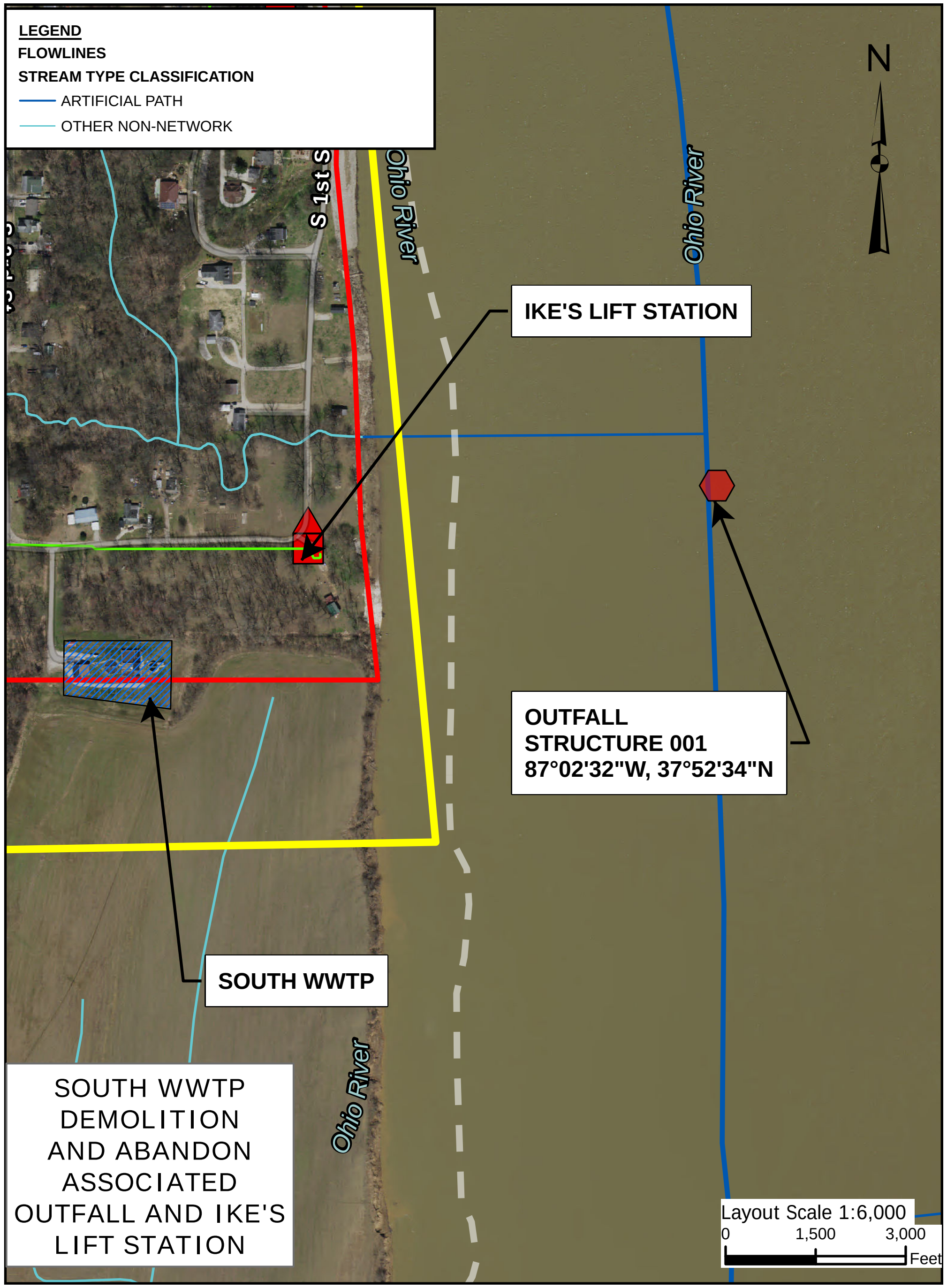

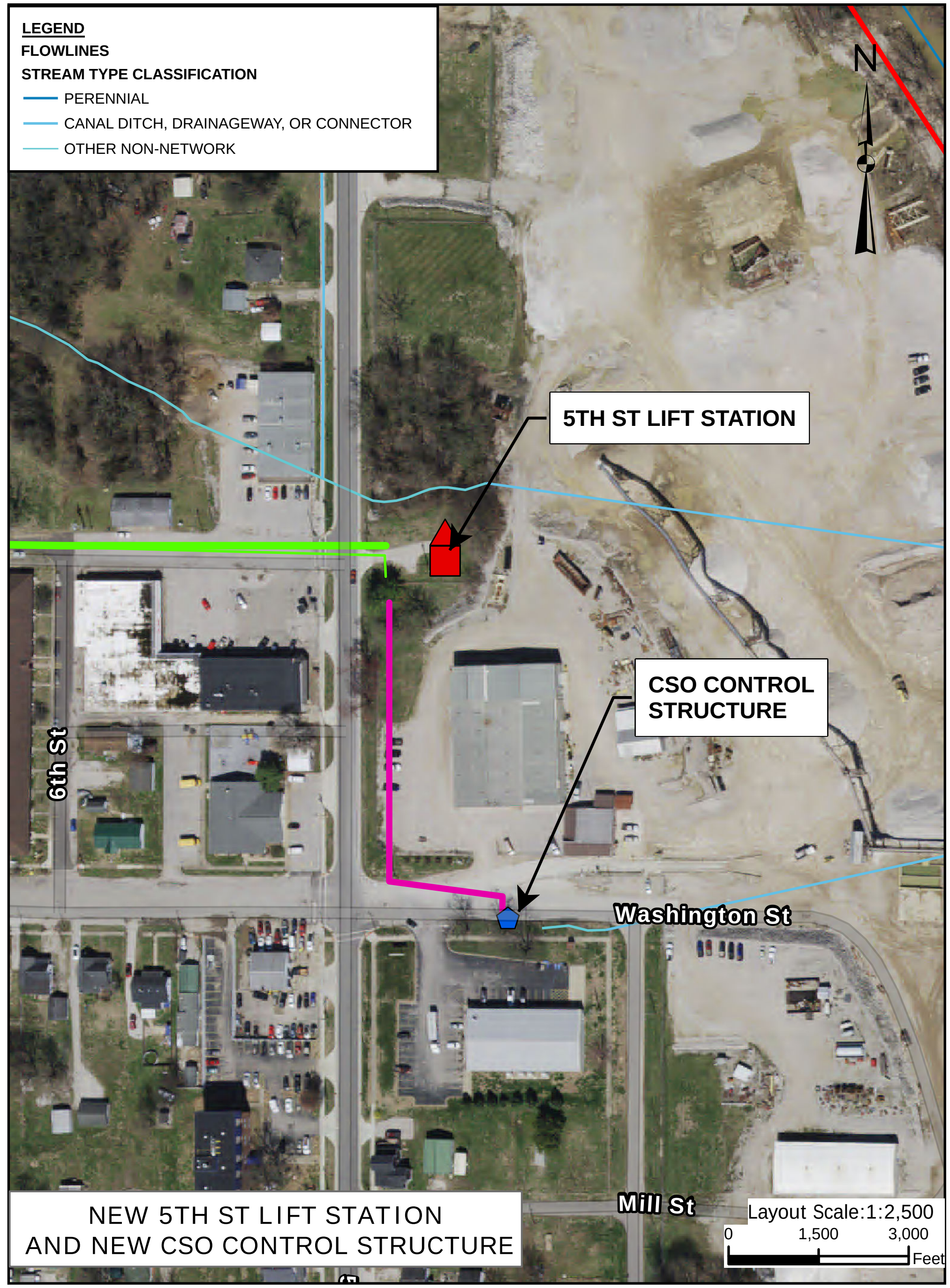

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- LIFT STATION
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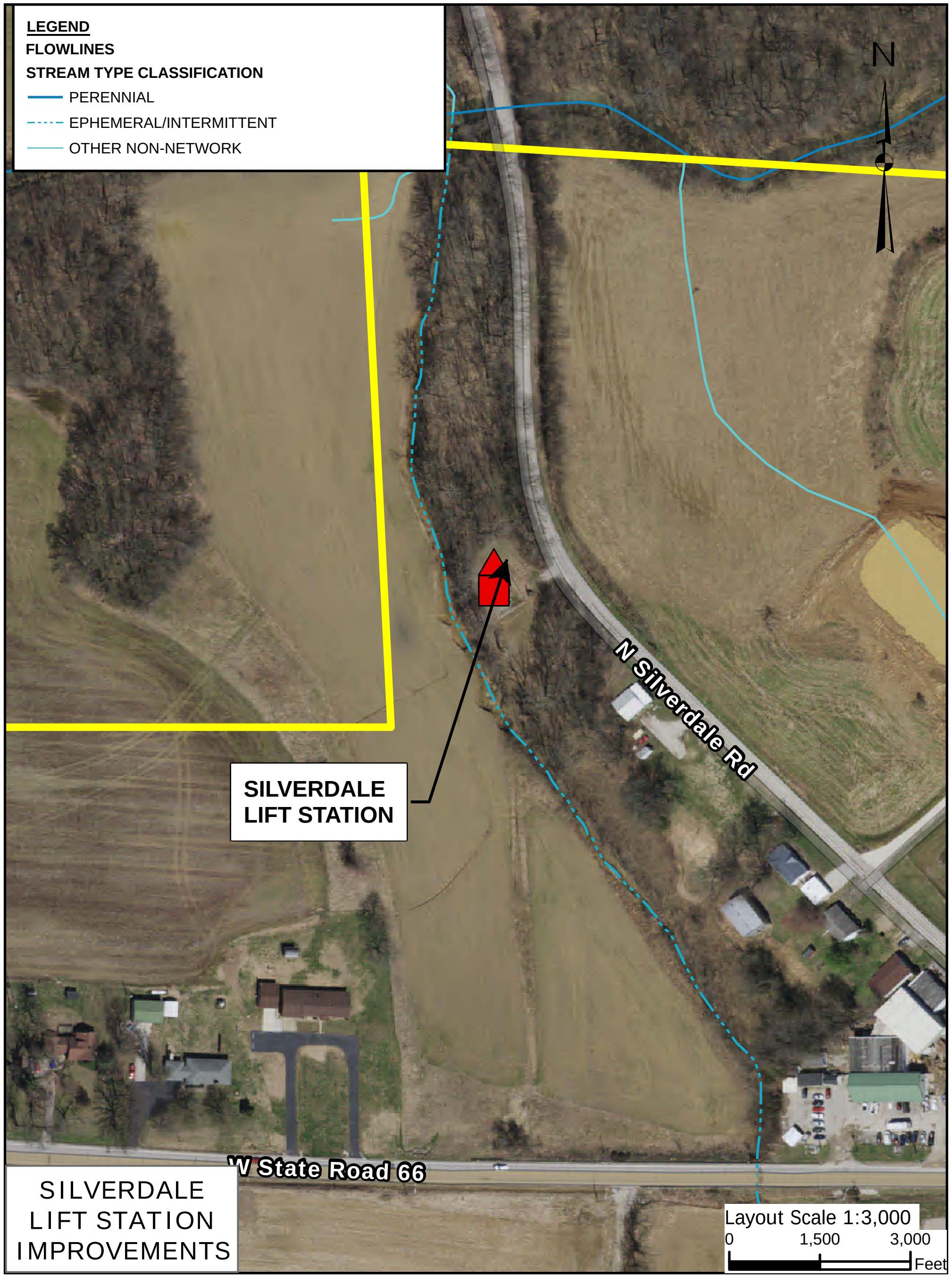

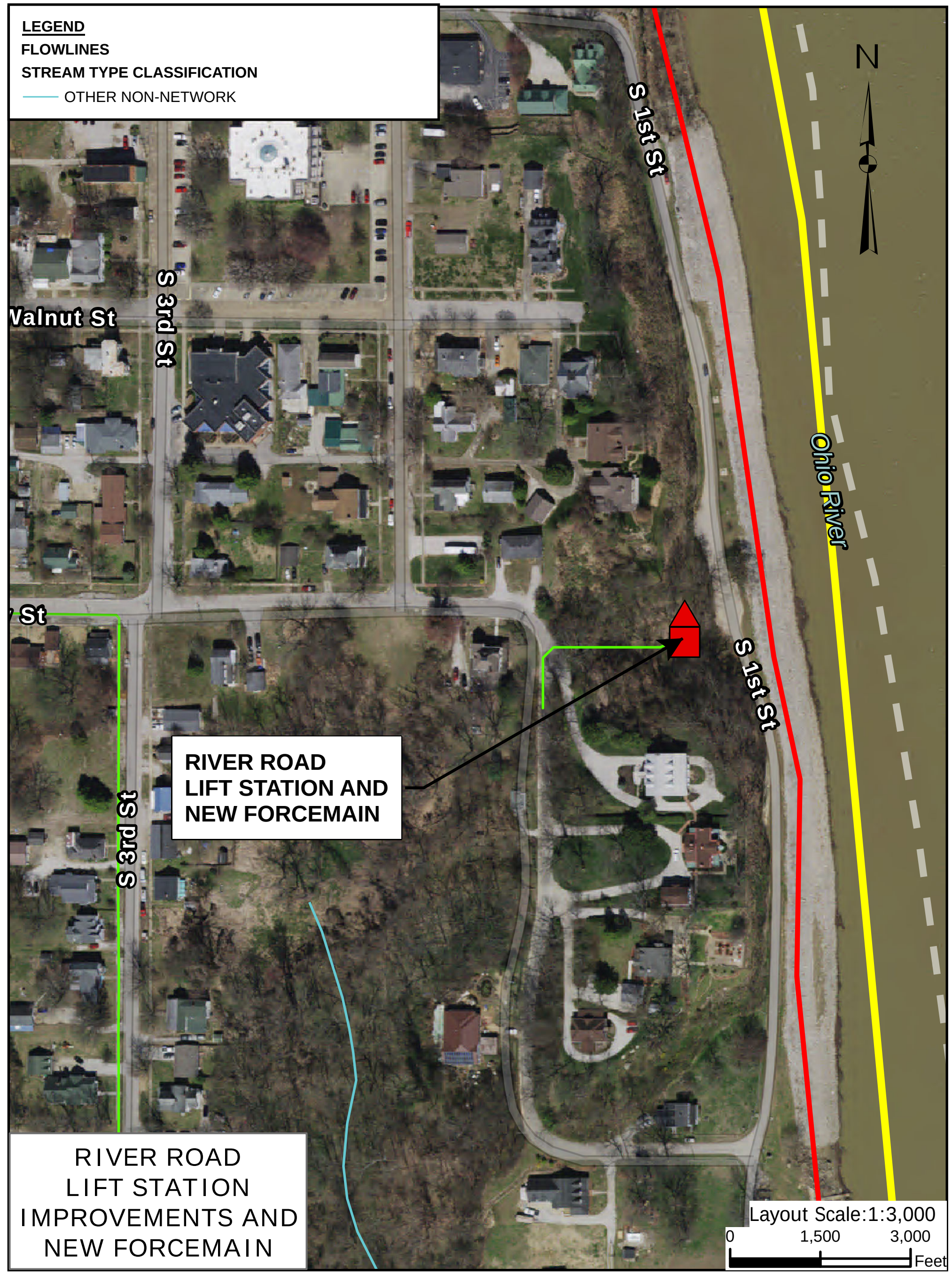

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- FORCEMAIN
- LIFT STATION
- INCORPORATED LIMITS
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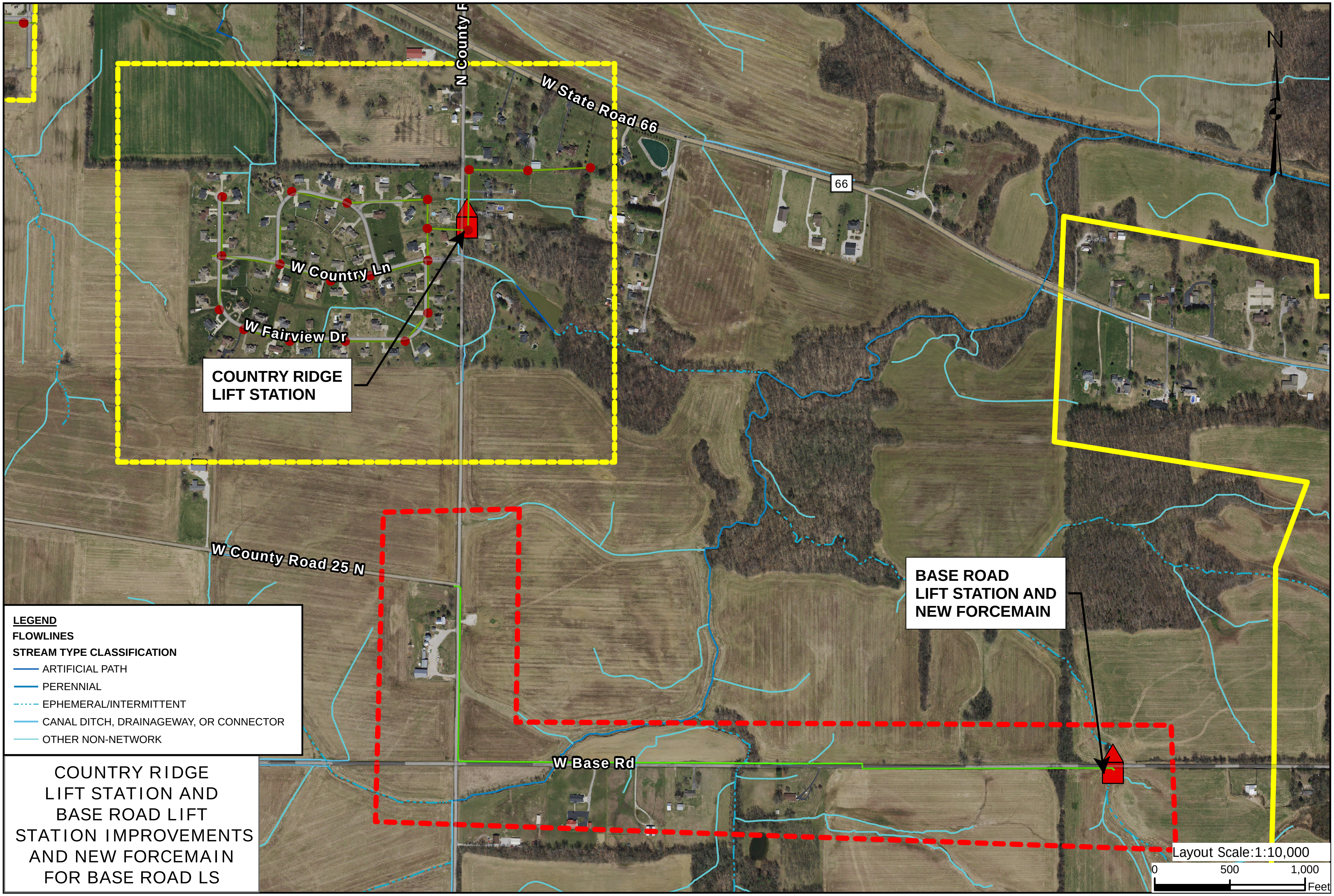

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- BASE ROAD FM
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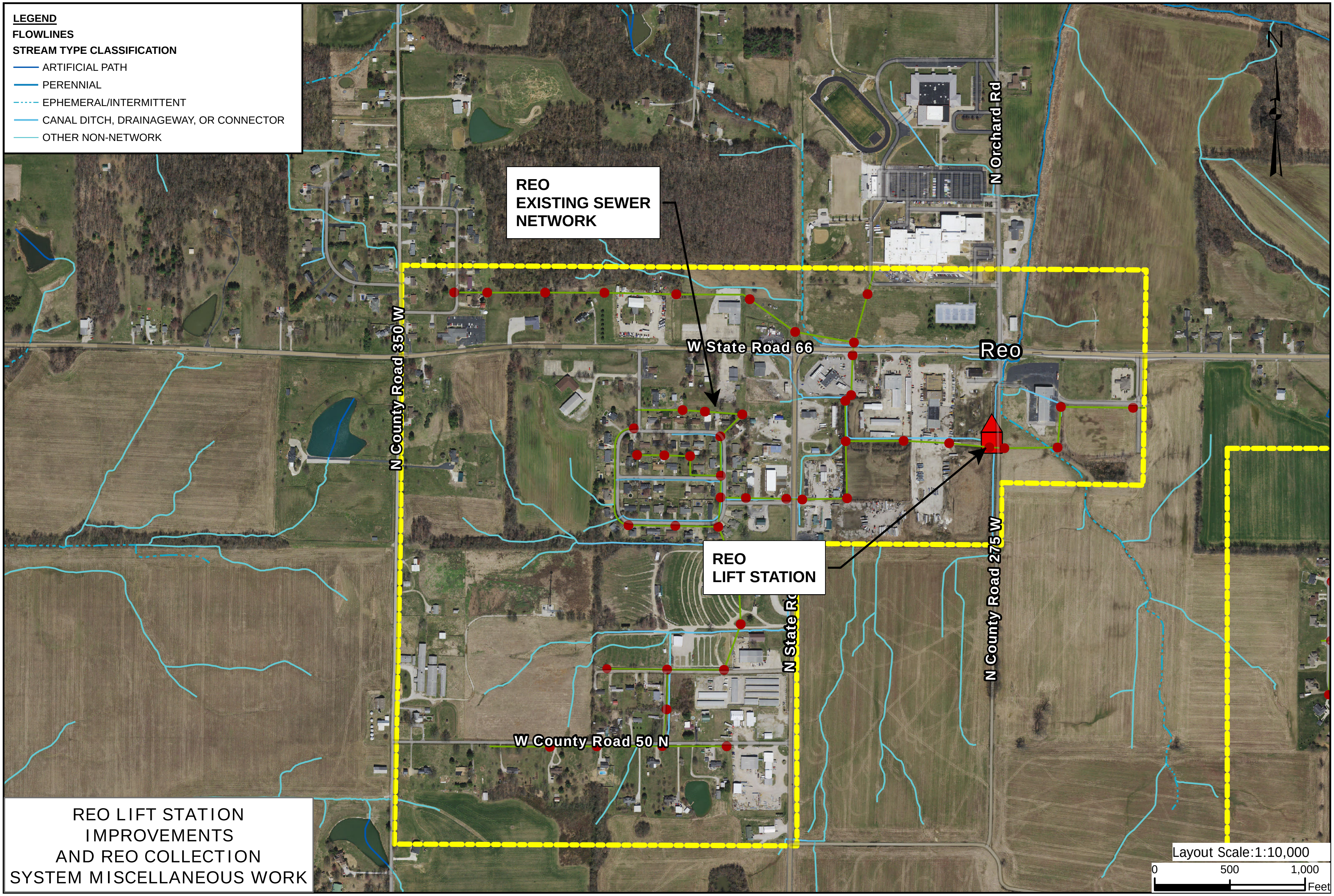

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ARTICLE 10. FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT

312 IAC 10-2-42 "Utility line crossing" defined
Authority: IC 14-28-1-5; IC 14-28-3-2
Affected: IC 14-27-7; IC 14-27-7.5; IC 14-28-1; IC 14-28-3

Sec. 42. "Utility line crossing" means the utility crosses the waterway in a straight line at an angle of between forty-five (45) degrees and one hundred thirty-five (135) degrees from the streambank and does not parallel the waterway for more than fifty (50) feet in the floodway before crossing unless the parallel portion of the line is contained within existing road right-of-way.
(Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 10-2-42; filed Jul 5, 2001, 9:12 a.m.: 24 IR 3389, eff Jan 1, 2002; readopted filed Jul 21, 2008, 12:00 p.m.: 20080813-IR-312080072RFA; readopted filed Sep 22, 2014, 12:34 p.m.: 20141022-IR-312140065RFA; readopted filed Sep 16, 2020, 8:17 a.m.: 20201014-IR-312200345RFA)

Rule 5. General Licenses and Specific Exemptions from Floodway Licensing

312 IAC 10-5-0.3 Determining project eligibility for a general license; general criteria
Authority: IC 14-10-2-4; IC 14-28-1-5; IC 14-28-1-22; IC 14-29-1-8
Affected: IC 14-28-1; IC 14-29-1

Sec. 0.3. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a project for a utility line crossing or the placement of outfall projects within a floodway is eligible for a general license if the project satisfies the requirements of this rule. For the removal of logjams and obstructions, these requirements include the procedures established by section 6 of this rule and by IC 14-28-1-22.
(b) Subsection (a) does not authorize a project in any of the following circumstances:
(1) Within a river or stream listed in the Indiana Register at 16 IR 1677 in the Outstanding Rivers List for Indiana unless prior written approval from the division of fish and wildlife's environmental unit has been obtained.
(2) Within a salmonid stream designated under 327 IAC 2-1.5-5(a)(3).
(3) Within a natural, scenic, or recreational river or stream designated under 312 IAC 7-2.
(4) For a utility line crossing, below the ordinary high watermark of a navigable waterway listed in the Indiana Register at DIN: 20211020-IR-312210433NRA in the Roster of Indiana Waterways Declared Navigable or Nonnavigable, unless the utility line is placed beneath the bed of the waterway under section 4(b) of this rule.
(5) If the project requires an individual permit from the United States Army Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act.
(Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 10-5-0.3; filed Aug 2, 2004, 3:18 p.m.: 27 IR 3875; readopted filed Jul 21, 2008, 12:00 p.m.: 20080813-IR-312080072RFA; filed Oct 20, 2011, 2:56 p.m.: 20111116-IR-312110170FRA; readopted filed Sep 22, 2014, 12:34 p.m.: 20141022-IR-312140065RFA; readopted filed Sep 16, 2020, 8:17 a.m.: 20201014-IR-312200345RFA; errata filed Oct 31, 2022, 2:45 p.m.: 20221109-IR-312220334ACA)

312 IAC 10-5-2 General licensing for utility line crossings
Authority: IC 14-10-2-4; IC 14-28-1-5
Affected: IC 14-27-7; IC 14-27-7.5; IC 14-28-1; IC 14-29-1

Sec. 2. Except as provided in sections 3 and 4 of this rule, a license is required under IC 14-28-1, IC 14-29-1, and 312 IAC 10-4 to place a utility line in or on a floodway where:
(1) the drainage area of a river or stream is at least one (1) square mile at the downstream end of the line's floodway segment; or

(2) a dam or levee regulated under IC 14-27-7 is affected.
(Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 10-5-2; filed Jul 5, 2001, 9:12 a.m.: 24 IR 3394, eff Jan 1, 2002; readopted filed Jul 21, 2008, 12:00 p.m.: 20080813-IR-312080072RFA; readopted filed Sep 22, 2014, 12:34 p.m.: 20141022-IR-312140065RFA; readopted filed Sep 16, 2020, 8:17 a.m.: 20201014-IR-312200345RFA)

312 IAC 10-5-3 Aerial electric, telephone, or cable television lines; general license
Authority: IC 14-10-2-4; IC 14-28-1-5
Affected: IC 14-28-1; IC 14-29-1; IC 14-29-6

Sec. 3. The placement of an aerial electric, telephone, or cable television line is authorized without a written license issued by the department under IC 14-28-1, IC 14-29-1, and 312 IAC 10-4 if:

(1) the activity does not disturb the bed of the waterway beneath the line;
(2) the activity conforms with the minimum clearance requirements of section 4(b)(9) of this rule;
(3) the support mechanisms are located at least seventy-five (75) feet from the top of the bank; and
(4) the utility line crossing is not within the floodway of a natural river, scenic river, or recreational river designated under 312 IAC 7-2.

(Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 10-5-3; filed Jul 5, 2001, 9:12 a.m.: 24 IR 3394, eff Jan 1, 2002; filed Aug 2, 2004, 3:18 p.m.: 27 IR 3876; readopted filed Jul 21, 2008, 12:00 p.m.: 20080813-IR-312080072RFA; readopted filed Sep 22, 2014, 12:34 p.m.: 20141022-IR-312140065RFA; readopted filed Sep 16, 2020, 8:17 a.m.: 20201014-IR-312200345RFA)

312 IAC 10-5-4 Qualified utility line crossings; general license
Authority: IC 14-10-2-4
Affected: IC 13-11-2-260; IC 14-27-7; IC 14-27-7.5; IC 14-28-1-29; IC 14-33; IC 36-9-27

Sec. 4. (a) This section establishes a general license for the placement of a qualified utility line crossing in a floodway.
(b) A person who wishes to implement a project for the placement of a qualified utility line crossing on a river or stream, other than on a river or stream identified in section 0.3(b) or 0.3(c) of this rule, may do so without notice to the department if the project conforms to the following conditions:

(1) Tree removal and brush clearing shall be contained and minimized within the utility line crossing area. No more than one (1) acre of trees shall be removed within the floodway.
(2) Construction activities within the waterway from April 1 through June 30 shall not exceed a total of two (2) calendar days.
(3) Best management practices shall be used during and after construction to minimize erosion and sedimentation.
(4) Following the completion of construction, disturbed areas shall be reclaimed and revegetated. Disturbed areas shall be mulched with straw, wood fiber, biodegradable erosion blanket, or other suitable material. To prevent erosion until revegetated species are established, loose mulch shall be anchored by crimping, tackifiers, or netting. To the extent practicable, revegetation must restore species native to the site. If revegetation with native species is not practicable, revegetation shall be performed by the planting of a mixture of red clover, orchard grass, timothy, perennial rye grass, or another species that is approved by the department as being suitable to site and climate conditions. In no case shall tall fescue be used to revegetate disturbed areas.
(5) Disturbed areas with slopes of three to one (3:1) or steeper, or areas where run-off is conveyed through a channel or swale, shall be stabilized with erosion control blankets or suitable structural armament.
(6) No pesticide will be used on the banks.
(7) If a utility line transports a substance that may cause water pollution as defined in IC 13-11-2-260, the utility line will be equipped with an emergency closure system.
(8) If a utility line is placed beneath the bed of a river or stream, the following conditions are met:

(A) Cover of at least three (3) feet measured perpendicularly to the utility line is provided between the utility line and the banks.
(B) If the placement of a utility line is not subject to regulation under IC 14-28-1-29, IC 14-33, or IC 36-9-27, cover is provided as follows:
(i) At least three (3) feet, measured perpendicularly to the utility line, between the lowest point of the bed and the top of the utility line or its encasement, whichever is higher, if the bed is composed of unconsolidated materials.
(ii) At least one (1) foot, measured perpendicularly to the line, between the lowest point of the bed and the top of the utility line or its encasement, whichever is higher, if the bed is composed of consolidated materials.
(C) If the placement of the utility line is subject to regulation under IC 14-28-1-29, IC 14-33, or IC 36-9-27, cover is provided as follows:
(i) At least three (3) feet, measured perpendicularly to the utility line, between the design bed and the top of the line or its encasement, whichever is higher, if the bed is composed of unconsolidated materials.
(ii) At least one (1) foot, measured perpendicularly to the line, between the design bed and the top of the line or its encasement, whichever is higher, if the bed is composed of consolidated materials.
(D) Negative buoyancy compensation is provided where the utility line has a nominal diameter of at least eight (8) inches and transports a substance having a specific gravity of less than one (1).
(9) If a utility line is placed above the bed of a river or stream, the following conditions are met:
(A) Except as provided in clauses (B) and (C), minimum clearance is provided from the lowest point of the utility line (determined at the temperature, load, wind, length of span, and type of supports that produce the greatest sag) calculated as the higher of the following:
(i) Twelve and one-half (121/2) feet above the ordinary high watermark.
(ii) Three (3) feet above the regulatory flood elevation.
(B) If the river or stream is a navigable waterway that is subject to IC 14-28-1, the utility line that crosses over the waterway must be placed to provide the greater of the following:
(i) The minimum clearance required under clause (A).
(ii) The minimum clearance required for the largest boat that is capable of using the waterway. The utility must consult in advance with the department to determine the minimum clearance for boats at the crossing.
(C) If a utility line is attached to or contained in the embankment of an existing bridge or culvert, no portion of the utility line or its support mechanism may project below the low structure elevation or otherwise reduce the effective waterway area.
(10) A utility line placed in a dam or levee regulated under IC 14-27-7 does not qualify for a general license under this subsection.
(c) A person who elects to act under this section must comply with the general conditions under subsection (b). Failure to comply with these terms and conditions may result in the revocation of the general license, a civil penalty, a commission charge, and any other sanction provided by law for the violation of a license issued under IC 14-28-1 and, if the waterway is navigable, the violation of a license issued under IC 14-29-1.
(Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 10-5-4; filed Jul 5, 2001, 9:12 a.m.: 24 IR 3394, eff Jan 1, 2002; filed Dec 26, 2001, 2:42 p.m.: 25 IR 1545; errata filed Mar 13, 2002, 11:51 a.m.: 25 IR 2521; filed Aug 2, 2004, 3:18 p.m.: 27 IR 3876; readopted filed Jul 21, 2008, 12:00 p.m.: 20080813-IR-312080072RFA; errata filed Jun 2, 2009, 10:29 a.m.: 20090624-IR-312090386ACA; readopted filed Sep 22, 2014, 12:34 p.m.: 20141022-IR-312140065RFA; readopted filed Sep 16, 2020, 8:17 a.m.: 20201014-IR-312200345RFA)