

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION LEVEL 1 FORM

Date: July 30, 2012

 Initial Version Additional Information to CE Level 1 Dated:**Purpose of this document:** CE Level 1 documentation for exempted projects State-funded categorical exemption documentation

Approval of Exempt, CE Level 1 or State-Funded CE:



7-30-12

Environmental Scoping Manager or
Environmental Policy Manager

Date

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Number, County, Route	Lake County, SR 53	Des Number	LA 3835 Parcel 26
Project Description	This project includes the excess disposal of LA 3835 Parcel 26 along SR 53. This parcel is approximately 0.27 acre in size located on the east side of SR 53, approximately 0.25 mile north of 73 rd Ave. This parcel has been declared as excess property by the property owner, the State of Indiana. The location has been reviewed to identify any potential sources of risk or liability on the subject property in regards to natural and cultural resources.		
Purpose and Need for Action:	The purpose of this project is to clear the excess right-of-way parcel in preparation for sale. LA 3835 Parcel 26 has been deemed excess and the sale of the excess land would relieve INDOT of the associated cost of maintaining this parcel while providing funds from the sale.		
Alternatives Considered:	The do-nothing alternative was considered. This alternative was not selected as it would not meet the purpose and need of the project.		
Project Termini:	SR 53, approximately 0.25 miles north of 73 rd Ave.		
Funding Source(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local	Estimated Cost	\$0
Project Sponsor:	Indiana Department of Transportation	Project Length	.00 miles

Name and organization of CE Level 1 Preparer: Travis Mast, Environmental Manager – INDOT, La Porte District

SCOPE OF THE PROPOSED ACTION		
Public Involvement	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Possible:
Comments:	This action does not require any public involvement under its current scope. The Categorical Exclusion document will be available for review at the Indiana Department of Transportation La Porte District Office.	
Relocation of residences/businesses/etc.*	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Possible:
Comments:	No relocations of people, businesses, or farms will take place as a result of this project.	
Right-of-way in acres (permanent and temporary)*	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Possible:
Comments:	This action requires no additional R/W.	
Added through-traffic lanes – length*	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Possible:
Comments:	No through-traffic lanes will be added.	
Permanent alteration of local traffic pattern*	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Possible:
Comments:	No permanent alteration of local traffic patterns will occur as a result of this project.	
Facility on new location or realignment*	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Possible:
Comments:	No change in alignment will occur as a result of this project.	
Disruption to public facilities/services (such as schools, emergency service)	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Possible:
Comments:	This project will not cause any disruption to public facilities or services.	
Involvement with existing bridge(s) (Include structure number(s))	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Possible:
Comments:	No bridges will be impacted as a result of this project.	

INVOLVEMENT WITH RESOURCES		
Watercourses Impacted (linear feet)	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Possible:
Comments:	No watercourse will be impacted as a result of this project.	
Other Surface Waters (such as ponds, lakes, reservoirs, in acres)	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Possible:
Comments:	No other surface waters will be impacted as a result of this project.	
Wetlands (acres)*	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Possible:
Comments:	No wetlands will be impacted as a result of this project.	
Disturbance of Terrestrial Habitat (acres)	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Possible:

INVOLVEMENT WITH RESOURCES		
Comments:	This action will not require the disturbance of any natural terrestrial habitat.	
Karst Features	No: X	Possible:
Comments:	No known karst features exist within the project area.	
Threatened and Endangered Species Present/Impacted*	No: X	Possible:
Comments:	The current project scope falls within the guidelines of the USFWS Programmatic Response. No coordination is required.	
Impacts to Sole Source Aquifer*	No: X	Possible:
Comments:	The project is not located within the legally designated St. Joseph Aquifer System.	
Flood Plains (note transverse or longitudinal impact)	No: X	Possible:
Comments:	This project will not result in an impact to any flood plains.	
Farmland (acres)	No: X	Possible:
Comments:	None of the land within the project limits meets the definition of farmland under the Farmland Protection and Policy Act (FPPA). The requirements of the FPPA do not apply to this project.	
Cultural Resources (Section 106)*	No: X	Possible:
Comments:	<p>With regard to above-ground resources, no buildings are located on LA 3835 Parcel 26. Nonetheless, the State and National Register of Historic Places lists for Lake County were checked by an INDOT- Cultural Resources Section (CRS) historian who meets the Secretary of the Interior’s Professional Qualification Standards per 36 CFR Part 61. No properties on these lists are located on or adjacent to the parcel. One property is located in the general area. It is the Morgan-Skinner-Boyd Farmstead at 111 E. 73rd Ave. According to GIS mapping estimates, it is located over 700 feet to the southeast of this parcel. Several buildings, trees, and roads are located between Parcel 26 and the Morgan-Skinner-Boyd Farmstead, such that there would be no view of the parcel from the farmstead. The <i>Lake County Interim Report</i> (1996) of the Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory (IHSSI) was referenced (Merrillville Scattered Sites). No properties are recorded on or adjacent to the parcel (map on page 357). The nearest recorded property is the previously mentioned Morgan-Skinner-Boyd Farmstead, which is identified in the Interim Report as Site No. 089-142-66007 (Walnut Grove/Morgan-Boyd House). The parcel is immediately bordered by SR 53 and mid-late 20th century commercial buildings. Because the distance between Parcel 26 and the Morgan-Skinner-Boyd Farmstead is far enough and with a blocked view, no above-ground concerns exist with the sale of this parcel. INDOT does not think that the sale of this parcel is an activity that has the potential to cause effects on any above-ground resources eligible for or listed in the National Register. With regards to archeological resources, this SHAARD GIS shows no previously recorded archaeological sites within or adjacent to the parcel. Gravel is visible on the surface as well as a drive cut into the soils. Previous disturbance is likely and the potential for archaeological resources is considered low due to the poorly drained nature of the soils. Therefore, there are no archaeological concerns.</p>	
Section 4(f) and Section 6(f) Resources *	No: X	Possible:
Comments:	No 4(f)/6(f) resources are located in or near the project.	
Air Quality Non-attainment Area	No: X	Possible:

INVOLVEMENT WITH RESOURCES		
Comments:	This project has been identified as being exempt from air quality analysis in accordance with 40 CFR Part 93.126 and this project is not a project of air quality concern (40 CFR Part 93.123). It can therefore be concluded that the project will have no significant impact on air quality.	
Noise Analysis Required*		No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possible:
Comments:	In accordance with the INDOT Highway Traffic Noise Policy approved by the FHWA effective on July 15, 2011, this action requires no formal noise analysis.	
Community/Economic Impacts		No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possible:
Comments:	No economic impacts are anticipated for this action.	
Environmental Justice		No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possible:
Comments:	Under Title VI, this project is required to ensure that no person on the grounds of race, color, or natural origin, is excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under this activity. Disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on any known minority and low-income populations are not anticipated on this project.	
Hazardous Materials		No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possible:
Comments:	A red flag survey was completed by Travis Mast – Environmental Manager –INDOT La Porte District and approved on July 30, 2012 by Marlene Mathas INDOT Hazmat Team Lead. No impacts to hazardous materials are anticipated as a result of this excess parcel disposal, however, subsequent buyers of the property should be informed of the proximity of a site with an Institutional Control.	
Permits		No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possible:
Comments:	No permits will be needed under the current scope.	

*Criteria used for determination of CE Level. See threshold table below.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS:
<p>The following mitigation measures are firm and will be included in the final construction specifications:</p>

Categorical Exclusion Level Thresholds

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Relocations	None	≤ 2	> 2	> 10
Right of way¹	< 0.5 acres	< 10 acres	≥ 10 acres	≥ 10 acres
Length of added through lane	None	< 1 miles	≥ 1 mile	≥ 1 mile
Permanent Traffic pattern alteration	None	None	Yes	Yes
New alignment	None	None	< 1 mile	≥ 1 mile ²
Wetlands	< 0.1 acres	< 1 acre	< 1 acre	≥ 1 acre
Stream Impacts	≤ 300 linear feet of stream impacts, no work beyond 75 feet from pavement	> 300 linear feet impacts, or work beyond 75 feet from pavement	N/A	N/A
Section 4(f)*	None	None	None	Any impacts
Section 6(f)	None	None	Any impacts	Any impacts
Section 106	“No Historic Properties Affected” or falls within guidelines of Minor Projects PA	“No Adverse Effect” or “Adverse Effect”	N/A	If ACHP involved
Noise Analysis Required	No	No	Yes ³	Yes ³
Threatened/Endangered Species*	“Not likely to Adversely Affect”, or Falls within Guidelines of USFWS 9/8/93 Programmatic Response	N/A	N/A	“Likely to Adversely Affect” ⁴
Sole Source Aquifer Groundwater Assessment	Detailed Assessment Not Required	Detailed Assessment Not Required	Detailed Assessment Not Required	Detailed Assessment Required
Approval Level • ESM ⁵ • ES ⁶ • FHWA	Yes	Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes

*These thresholds have changed from the March 2009 Manual.

¹Permanent and/or temporary right of way.

²If the length of the new alignment is equal to or greater than one mile, contact the FHWA’s Air Quality/Environmental Specialist.

³In accordance with INDOT’s Noise Policy.

⁴If the project is considered Likely to Adversely Affect Threatened and/or Endangered Species, INDOT and the FHWA should be consulted to determine whether a higher class of document is warranted.

⁵Environmental Scoping Manager

⁶Environmental Services



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Date: July 12, 2012

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Re: RED FLAG INVESTIGATION
LA #3835, Parcel 26
Excess Parcel
SR 53 (Broadway)
Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana

NARRATIVE

This RFI is being performed for the sale of an excess parcel. The subject parcel was acquired by INDOT for right-of-way associated with an unknown Des no. The subject parcel, which is shown on the attached map, is approximately .27 acres based on the legal description, and is located immediately adjacent to SR 53 in Lake County. INDOT has decided that this surplus land will not be needed for right-of-way or other transportation purposes within a reasonable time in the future.

SUMMARY

Infrastructure			
Indicate the number of items of concern found within ½ mile, including an explanation why each item within the ½ mile radius will/will not impact the project. If there are no items, please indicate N/A:			
Other road projects	N/A	Airports	N/A
Cemeteries	1	Hospitals	N/A
Railroads	2	Recreational Facilities	3
Religious Facilities	N/A	Schools	5
Trails	2	Pipelines	1
Managed Lands	N/A		

Explanation: (Please provide a separate paragraph for each item.)

Cemeteries: One (1) cemetery is located within the ½ mile radius. The Merrillville Cemetery should not be impacted from the sale of the subject property.

Railroads: Two (2) railroads are located within the ½ mile radius. No impacts to these facilities are expected from the sale of the subject property.

Trails: Two (2) trails are located within the ½ mile radius. No impacts to these facilities are expected from the sale of the subject property.

Recreational Facilities: Three (3) recreational facilities are located within the ½ mile radius. No impacts to these facilities are expected from the sale of the subject property.

Schools: Five (5) schools are located within the ½ mile radius. No impacts to these facilities are expected from the sale of the subject property.

Pipelines: One (1) pipeline is located within the ½ mile radius. No impacts to this facility are expected from the sale of the subject property.

Water Resources			
Indicate the number of items of concern found within ½ mile, including an explanation why each item within the ½ mile radius will/will not impact the project. If there are no items, please indicate N/A:			
Canal Routes – Historic	N/A	Canal Structures – Historic	N/A
NWI Wetland Lines	1	Floodplain-DFIRM	12
NWI Wetland Polygons	9	NWI Wetland Points	N/A
Rivers & Streams	3	Lakes	2
IDEM 303d Listed Rivers and Streams	N/A	IDEM 303d Listed Lakes	N/A
Cave Entrance Density	N/A	Sinkhole Areas	N/A
Karst Springs	N/A	Sinking-Stream Basins	N/A

Explanation: (Please provide a separate paragraph for each item.)

NWI Wetland Lines: One (1) NWI Wetland Line is located within the ½ mile radius. This wetland line is not expected to be impacted by the sale of the subject property.

NWI Wetland Polygons: Nine (9) wetlands are located within the ½ mile radius. However, these items should not be impacted by the sale of the subject property.

Rivers & Streams: Three (3) rivers and/or streams are located within ½ mile radius of the property. These items should not be impacted as a result of the sale of the subject property.

Floodplain: Twelve (12) floodplain areas were identified within the ½ mile radius of the property. These items should not be impacted as a result of the sale of the subject property.

Lakes: Two (2) lakes and/or ponds are located within ½ mile of the property. None of the water bodies will be affected by the sale of the subject property.

Mining/Mineral Exploration			
Indicate the number of items of concern found within ½ mile, including an explanation why each item within the ½ mile radius will/will not impact the project. If there are no items, please indicate N/A:			
Petroleum Wells	N/A	Petroleum Fields	N/A
Mines – Surface	N/A	Mines – Underground	N/A

Explanation: (Please provide a separate paragraph for each item.)

No mining or mineral items were identified within the ½ mile search radius.

Ecological Information

From the Lake County listing of the Indiana Natural Heritage Data Center, information on endangered, threatened, or rare (ETR) species and high quality natural communities:

- 8 aquatic species, 68 terrestrial species (vertebrate/invertebrate), 18 avian species, and 82 vascular plants from the state list
- 0 aquatic species, 0 terrestrial species (vertebrate/invertebrate), 1 avian species, and 3 vascular plants from the federal list
- 0 state and or federal habitats listed

Research into the Indiana Heritage database revealed no state or Federal ETR species within a ½ mile radius of the subject property. If Early Coordination was completed prior to submission of the red flag for review and IDNR has commented, those comments can be included in place of the above process.

Cultural Resources

The cultural resources section was contacted on 7/13/12 for historical analysis of the proposed project area.

Hazmat Concerns			
Indicate the number of items of concern found within ½ mile, including an explanation why each item within the ½ mile radius will/will not impact the project. If there are no items, please indicate N/A:			
Brownfield Sites	N/A	Corrective Action Sites (RCRA)	N/A
State Cleanup Sites	N/A	Superfund Sites	N/A
Voluntary Remediation Program	N/A	Institutional Control Sites	1
Manufactured Gas Plant Sites	N/A	Industrial Waste Sites	2
Underground Storage Tanks (USTs)	4	Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUSTs)	4
Confined Feeding Operations	N/A	Septage Waste Sites	N/A
Construction Demolition Waste	N/A	Infectious/Medical Waste Sites	N/A
Lagoon/Surface Impoundments	N/A	Open Dump Sites	N/A
Restricted Waste Sites	N/A	Solid Waste Landfills	N/A
Tire Waste Sites	N/A	Waste Transfer Stations	N/A
Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Sites (TSDs)	N/A	NPDES Facilities	N/A
NPDES Pipe Locations	1		

Explanation: (Please provide a separate paragraph for each item.)

Underground Storage Tanks (USTs): Four (4) underground storage tanks are located within the ½ mile radius. No impacts to these items are expected from the sale of the subject property.

NPDES Pipe Locations: One (1) NPDES Pipe Location is located within the ½ mile radius. No impact to this item is expected from the sale of the subject property.

Industrial Waste Sites: Two (2) industrial waste sites are located within the ½ mile radius. No impact to these items are expected from the sale of the subject property.

Institutional Control Sites: One (1) Institutional Control Site is located within the ½ mile radius. This site is located 0.08 mile southwest of the subject property on the northwest corner of SR 53 and West Old Lincoln Highway. The LUST site was Herb Tolman Amoco and received a No Further Action determination from IDEM on 1-24-11. An Environmental Restrictive Covenant (ERC) was placed on the property on December 10, 2010, which restricts land use because of residual amounts of petroleum contamination in the groundwater and soil. No impact to this item is expected from the sale of the subject property; however, subsequent buyers of the property should be informed of the proximity of a site with an Institutional Control.

Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUSTs): Four (4) LUST sites are located within the ½ mile radius. No impact is expected from sale of the subject property.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Include recommendations from each section. If there are no recommendations, please indicate N/A:

INFRASTRUCTURE: N/A

WATER RESOURCES: N/A

MINING/MINERAL EXPLORATION: N/A

ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION: N/A

CULTURAL RESOURCES: N/A

HAZMAT CONCERNS: N/A

Supervisory concurrence:

Marlene Mathas
Digitally signed by Marlene Mathas
DN: cn=Marlene Mathas, o=INDOT
Environmental Services,
ou=Hazardous Materials,
email=mmathas@indot.in.gov, c=US
Date: 2012.08.01 13:53:38 -04'00' (Signature)

Prepared by:

Travis Mast

Environmental Manager

INDOT-La Porte District- Capital Program Management

Graphics:

A map for each report section with a ½ mile radius buffer around all project area(s) showing all items identified as possible items of concern is attached. If there is not a section map included, please change the YES to N/A:

GENERAL SITE MAP SHOWING PROJECT AREA: YES

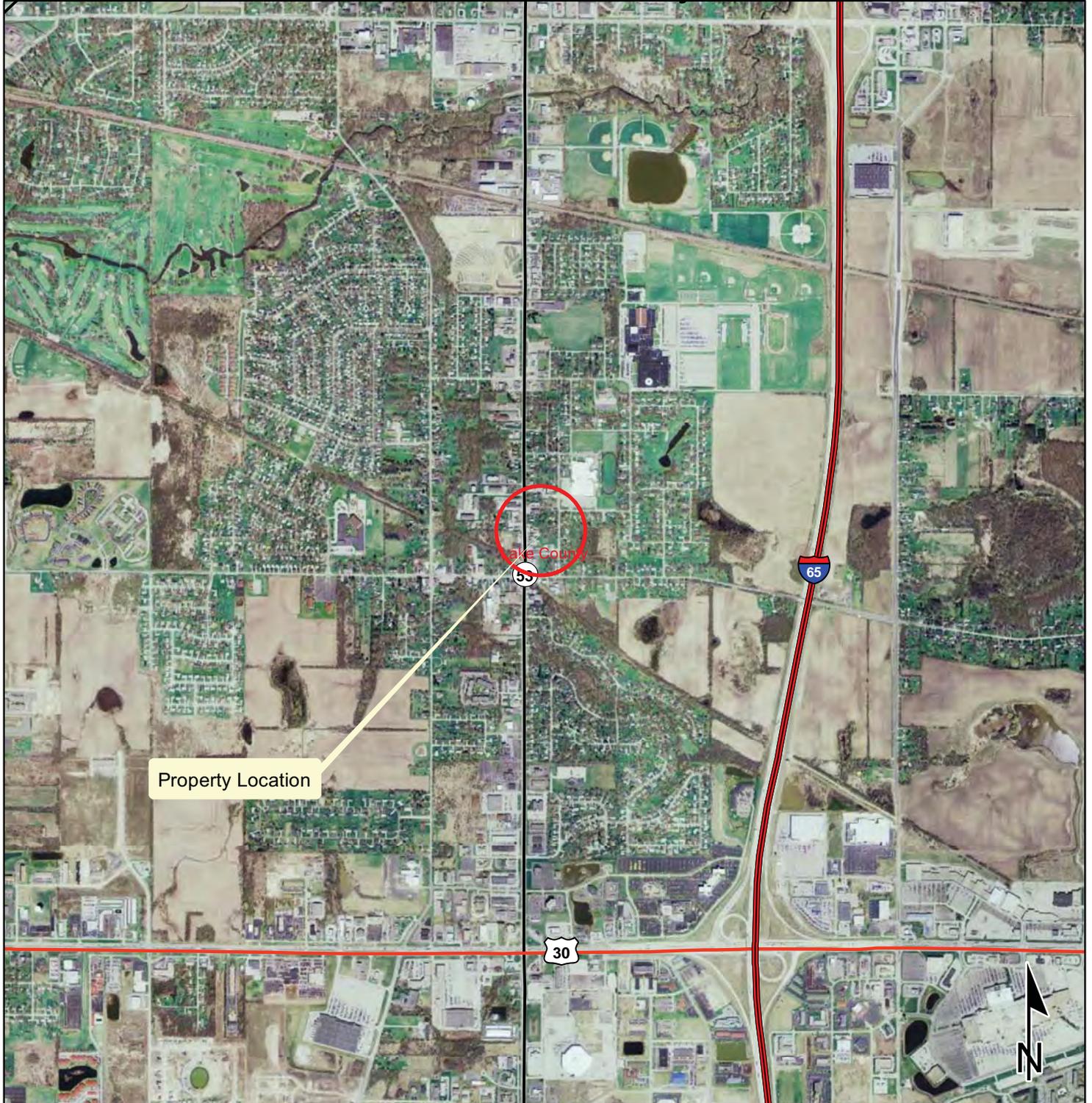
INFRASTRUCTURE: YES

WATER RESOURCES: YES

MINING/MINERAL EXPLORATION: YES

HAZMAT CONCERNS: YES

Red Flag Investigation - Aerial SR 53 (Broadway) LA 3835 Parcel 26, Excess Parcel Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana



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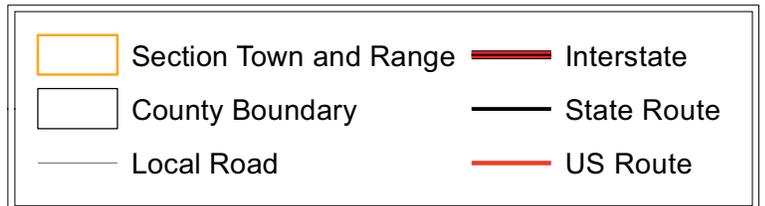
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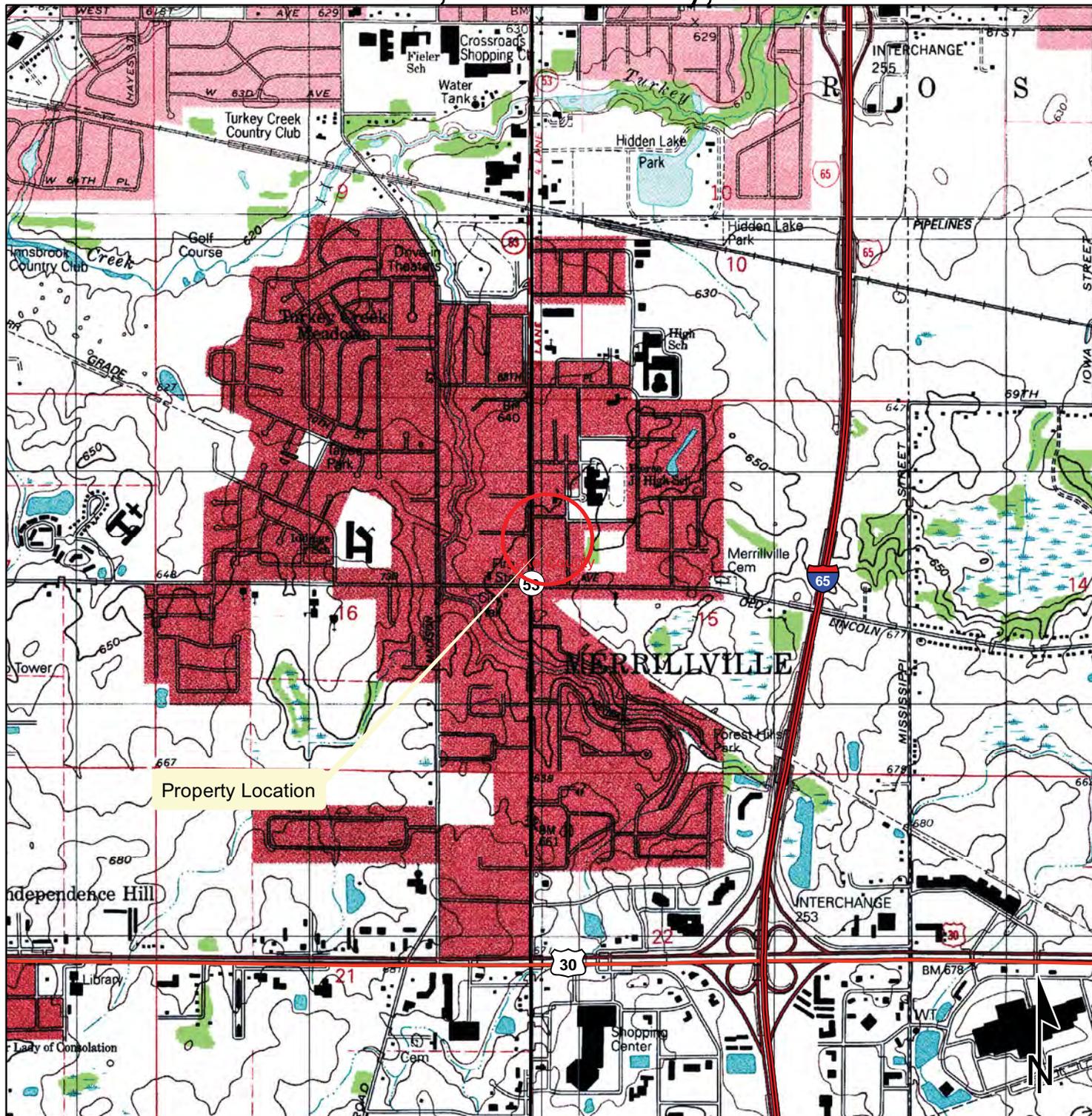


Red Flag Investigation - Topo

SR 53 (Broadway)

LA 3835 Parcel 26, Excess Parcel

Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana



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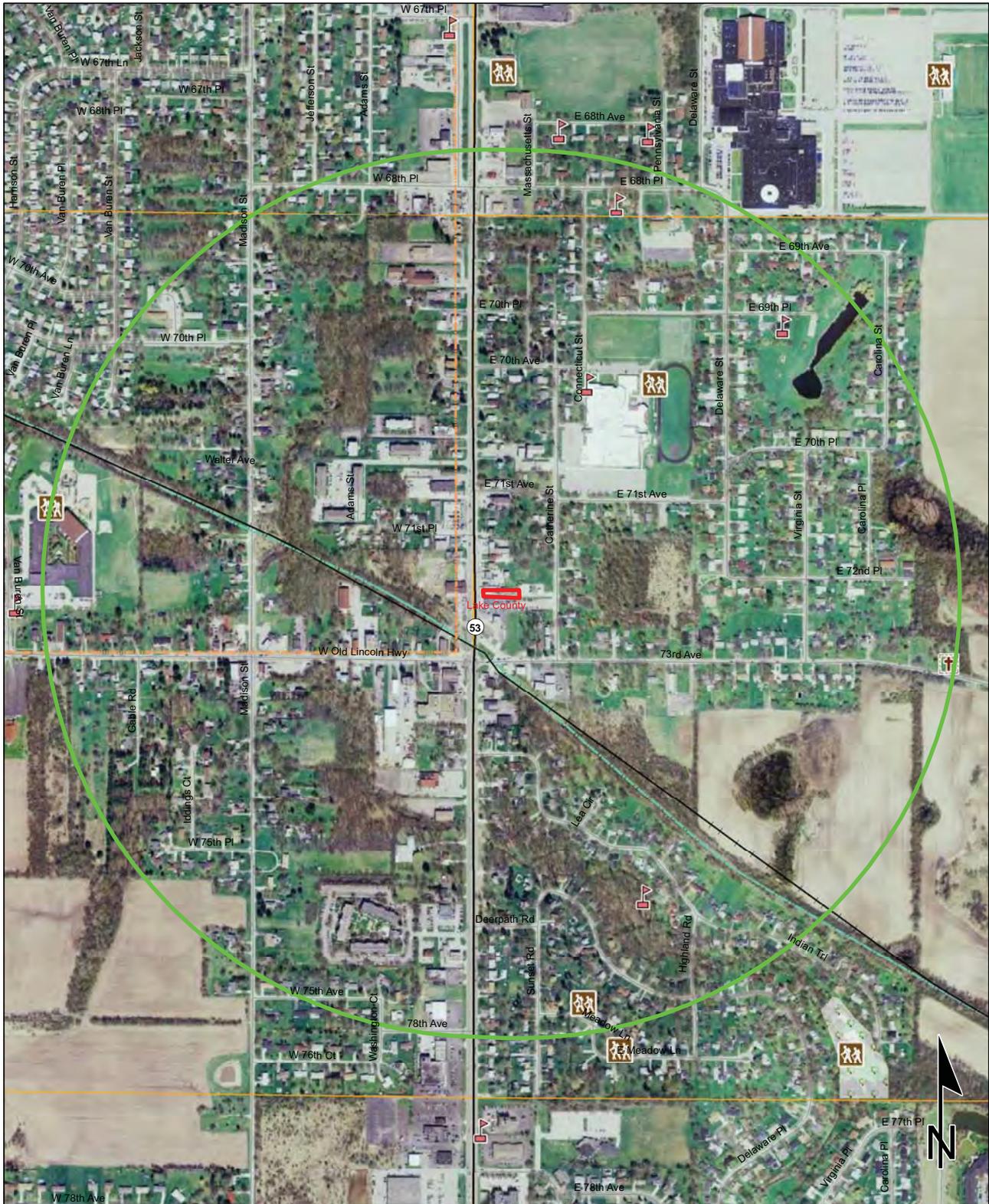


Red Flag Investigation - Infrastructure

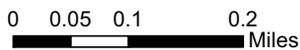
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Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana



Infrastructure Legend



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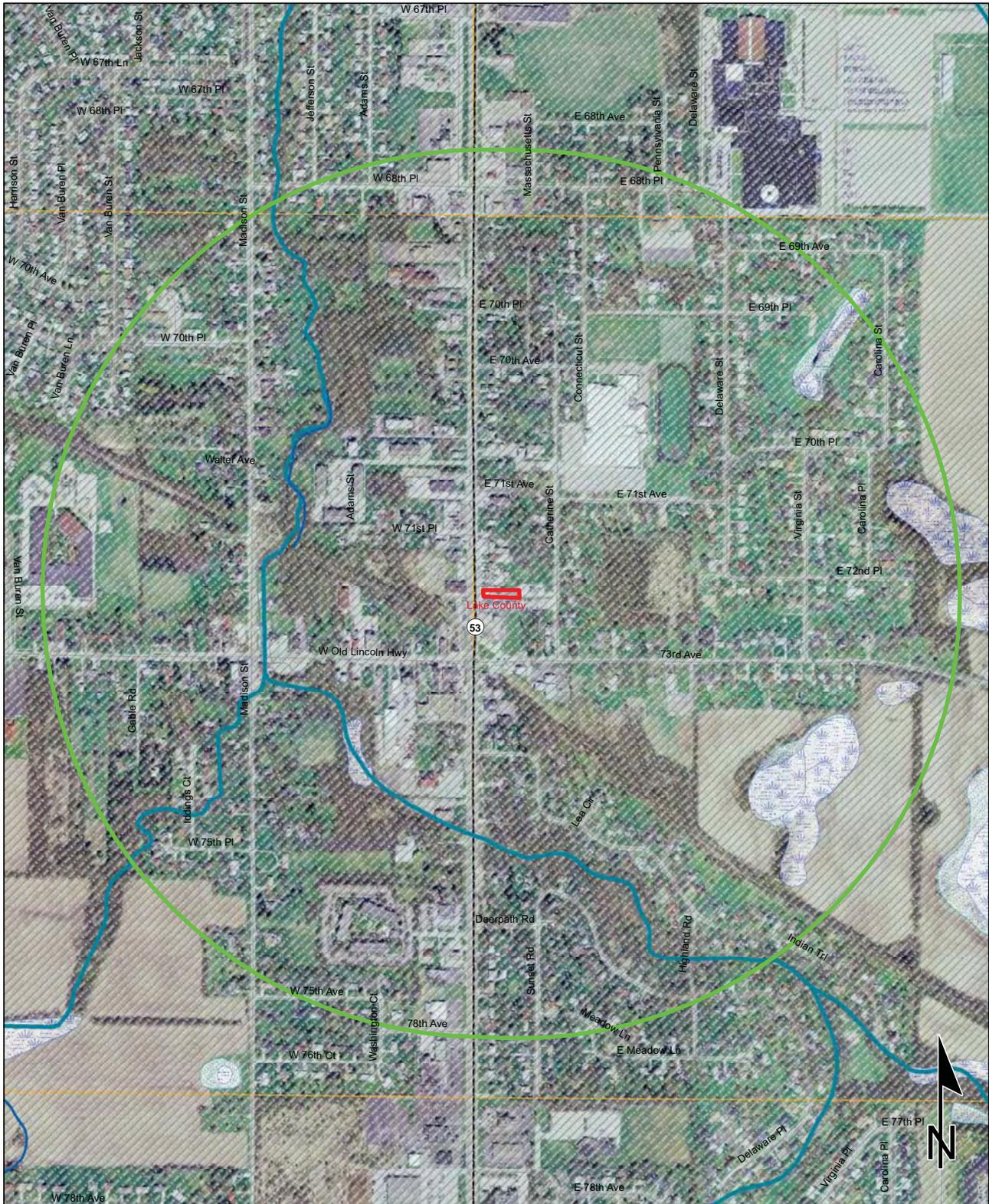
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	Religious Facility		Recreation Facility		Project Area
	Airport		Pipeline		Half Mile Radius
	Cemeteries		Railroad		Interstate
	Hospital		Trails		State Route
	School		Managed Lands		US Route
			County Boundary		Local Road

Red Flag Investigation - Water Resources

SR 53 (Broadway)

LA 3835 Parcel 26, Excess Parcel
Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana



Water Resources Legend

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NWI - Point	Wetlands	Project Area
Karst Spring	Lake - Impaired	Half Mile Radius
Canal Structure - Historic	Lake	Interstate
NWI - Line	Floodplain - DFIRM	State Route
Stream - Impaired	Cave Entrance Density	US Route
River	Sinkhole Area	Local Road
Canal Route - Historic	Sinking-Stream Basin	
	County Boundary	

Red Flag Investigation - Mining/Minerals SR 53 (Broadway) LA 3835 Parcel 26, Excess Parcel Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana



Mining/Mineral Exploration Legend

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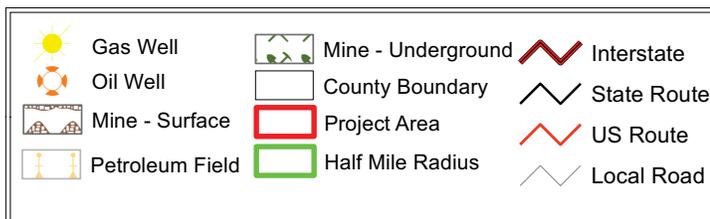
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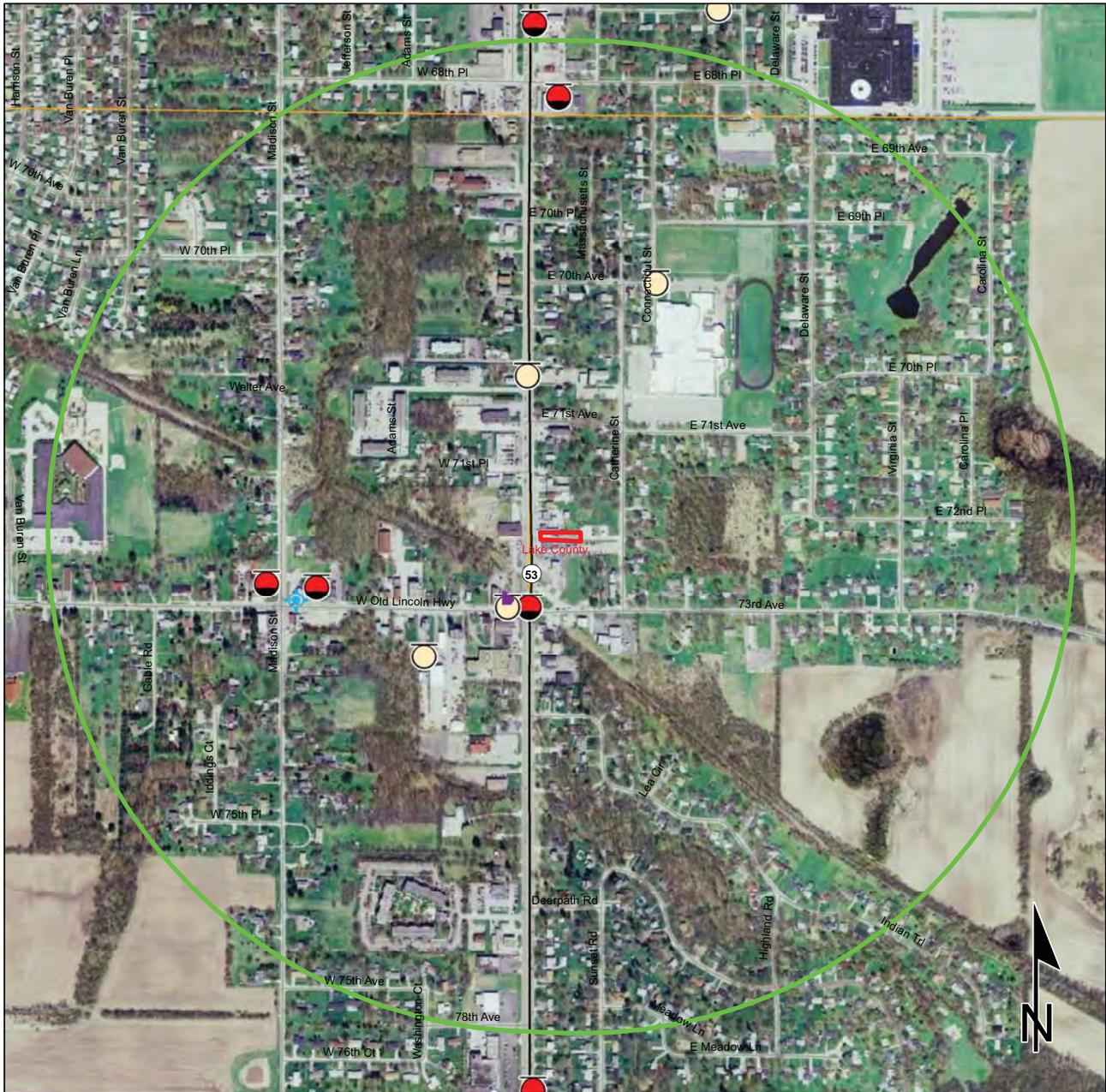
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Red Flag Investigation - HazMat Concerns

SR 53 (Broadway)

LA 3835 Parcel 26, Excess Parcel
Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana



HazMat Concerns Legend

	Brownfield		Open Dump Waste Site		Voluntary Remediation Program
	Corrective Action Sites		Restricted Waste Site		Superfund
	Confined Feeding Operation		Septage Waste Site		303d Listed Rivers
	Construction/Demolition Site		Solid Waste Landfill		303d Listed Lakes
	Leaking Underground Storage Tank		State Cleanup Site		Institutional Controls
	Etiological Waste Site		Tire Waste Site		County Boundary
	Lagoon		Waste Transfer Station		Project Area
	Manufactured Gas Plant		Waste Treatment Storage Disposal		Half Mile Radius
	NPDES Facilities		Underground Storage Tank		Interstate
	NPDES Pipe Locations				US Route
					State Route
					Local Road

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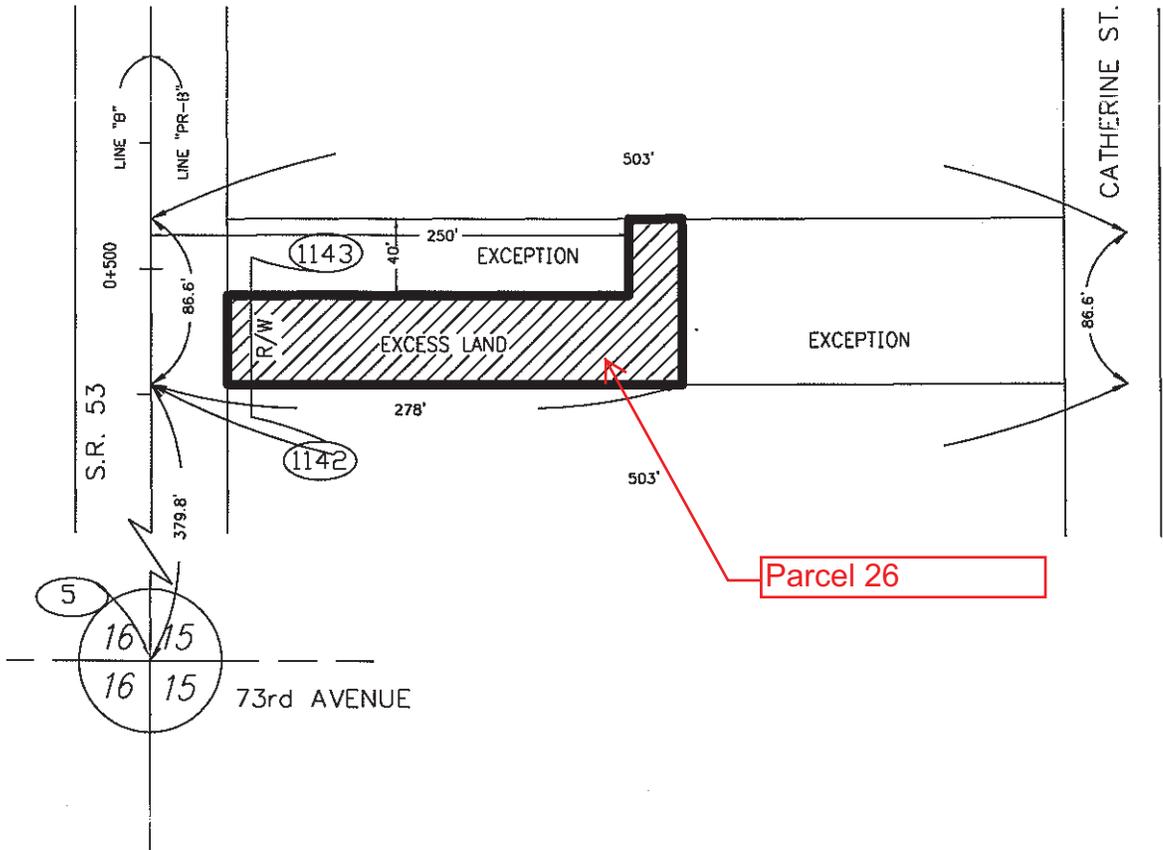
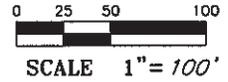
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EXHIBIT "B"

RIGHT-OF-WAY PARCEL PLAT

Prepared for Indiana Department of Transportation
by The Corradino Group, Inc. (Job #2129-08)



PARCEL NO. : 26 OWNER : ARENA, JOHN ET UX.
 PROJECT NO. : DSB-N632(009)
 ROAD NAME : SR 53
 COUNTY : LAKE
 SECTION : 15
 TOWNSHIP : 35 N.
 RANGE : 8 W.

 HATCHED AREA IS THE APPROXIMATE TAKING
 NOTE: CENTER LINE STATIONING IS METRIC

DRAWN BY : I. HOWARD 03/13/00
 CHECKED BY : G.L. SMITH 03/15/00
 CODE NO.: 3835

INSTRUMENT NO. 642924 , DATED 08/31/81
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