

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL CONSISTENCY REVIEW  
LAKE MICHIGAN COASTAL ZONE PROGRAM**

**Project Number:** ER-17454

**Name of Applicant:** Nicholas Minich

**Address of Applicant:**

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**Project Description:**

Brincka Cross Gardens Trails Project consisting of development of recreation and a 1.6-mile nature trail network

**Location of Project:** Porter County, IN

**Send comments to the following no later than March 6, 2014:**

Federal Consistency Review Coordinator, Environmental Unit  
Division of Fish and Wildlife  
Department of Natural Resources  
402 West Washington Street, Room W273  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
Electronic mail: [environmentalreview@dnr.in.gov](mailto:environmentalreview@dnr.in.gov)

**Copies of the request, accompanying information and data are available for inspection at the following location:**

Environmental Unit  
Division of Fish and Wildlife  
Department of Natural Resources  
402 West Washington Street, Room W273  
Indianapolis, IN 46204



February 21, 2013  
SEH Job No. PORTE 126092

Ms. Christie Stanifer  
Environmental Coordinator  
Indiana Department of Natural Resources  
402 W. Washington Street - Room W264  
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2641

**RE: Brincka Cross Gardens Trails Project – Porter County, Indiana  
Early Coordination/Environmental Review/ Federal Consistency Review Request**

Dear Ms. Stanifer:

Porter County Parks and Recreation intends to proceed with a project involving the aforementioned trail project. This letter is part of the early coordination phase of the environmental review process. We are requesting comments from your area of expertise regarding any possible environmental effects associated with this project, as well as federal consistency review. We will incorporate our comments into a study of the project's environmental impacts.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Porter County Parks and Recreation has been awarded a federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant for the development of recreation and nature trails at Brincka Cross Gardens; an approximately 30-acre County Park located at 427 East Furness Road in Porter County, IN. Land use in the vicinity of the project is primarily rural residential.

Brincka Cross Gardens currently consists of 4-acres of landscaped gardens surrounded by 21-acres of woodlands; an additional 5-acre of property will be added to the park prior to the development of an approximately 1.6 mile trail network. It is anticipated that the trails will be 3-feet to 6-feet wide and constructed generally within the corridors identified in Exhibit 2 & 3.

Trails will be constructed using various “firm and stable” surfaces based on context, in conformance with the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA), and in compliance with the requirements of Indiana Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Program. The trail project may also include the construction of strategically located bridges, boardwalks or drainage culverts at wetland crossings and other trail/trailhead enhancements. The trail will utilize environmental best practices and sustainable materials to the maximum extent possible within the design and budgetary parameters.

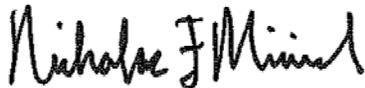
Enclosed please find the following to assist in your review:

1. Exhibit 1: Location Map showing area of improvements. (USGS Map)
2. Exhibit 2: Scaled Aerial photo depicting the Proposed Trail Corridors. (Site Surroundings Plan)
3. Exhibit 3: Topographic Map depicting the Proposed Trail Corridors. (Site Topographic Map)

Should we not receive your response **within thirty (30) calendar days** from the date of this letter, it will be assumed that your agency believes that there will be no adverse effects incurred as a result of the proposed project. However, should you find that an extension to the response time is necessary; a reasonable amount may be granted upon request.

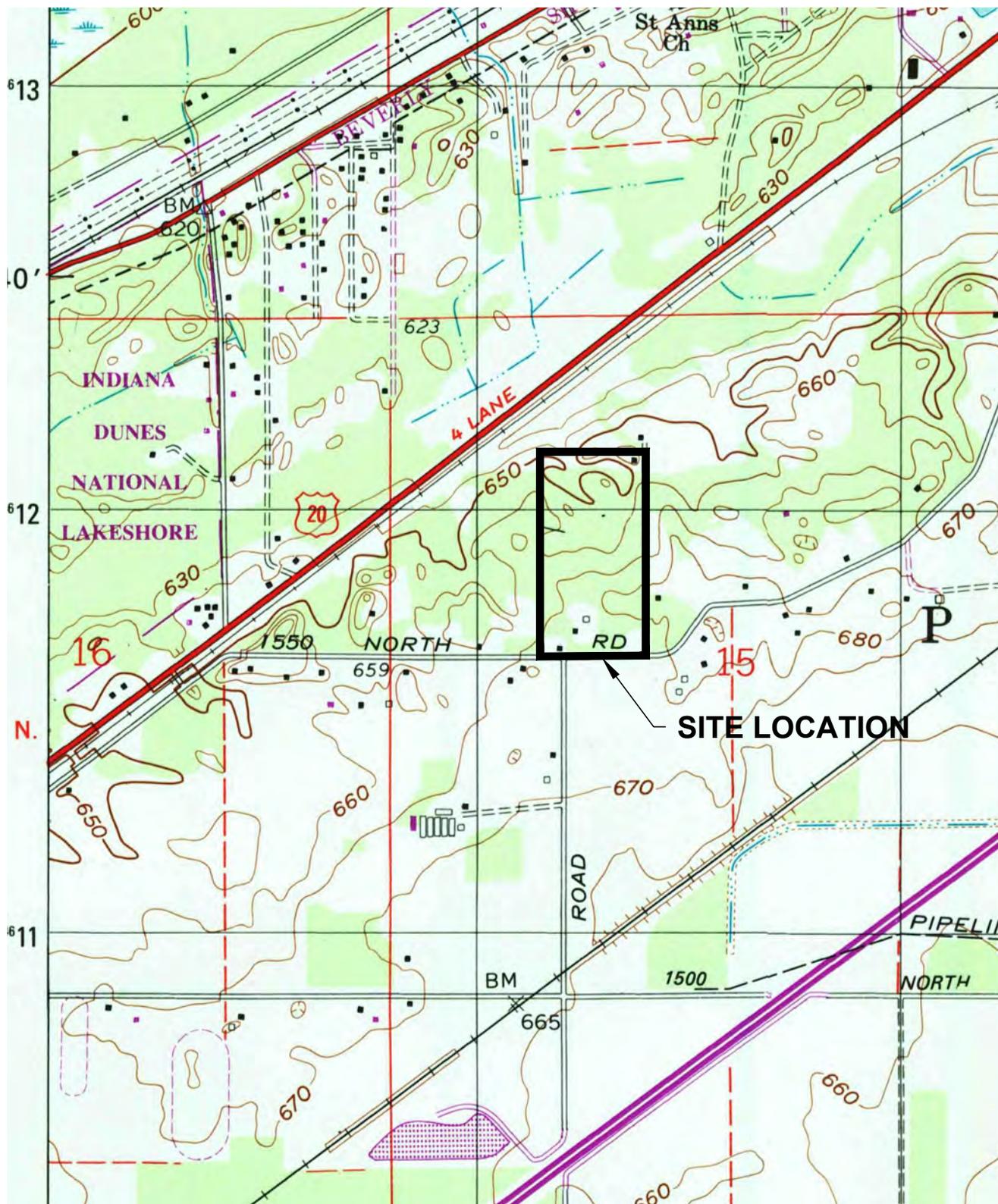
If you require additional information or have any questions please contact myself at 219-513-2506 or nminich@sehinc.com. Thank you in advance for your input.

Sincerely,  
SEH OF INDIANA



Nicholas Minich, P.E.  
Professional Engineer

CC: *US Fish and Wildlife Service (Northern Indiana Suboffice)*  
*Natural Resources Conservation Service*  
*Indiana Geological Survey*  
*Midwest Regional Office – National Park Service*  
*Federal Highway Administration*  
*US Department of Housing and Urban Development*  
*Indiana Department of Environmental Management*  
*INDOT – Office of Aviation*  
*INDOT – Office of Public Involvement*  
*INDOT – LaPorte District Office*  
*Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission*

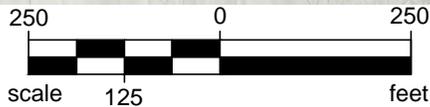
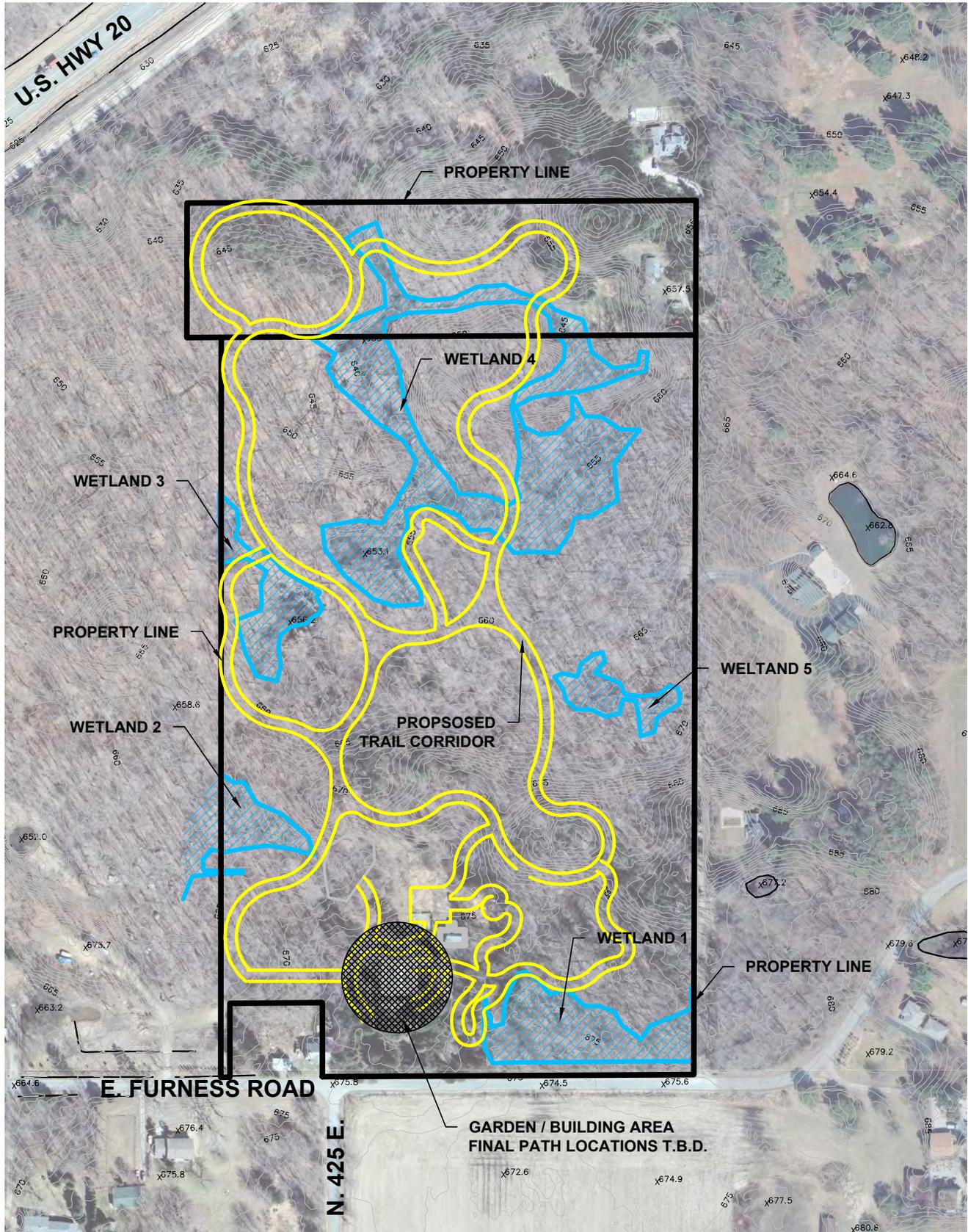


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**BRINCKA CROSS TRAIL  
USGS MAP  
EXHIBIT 1**

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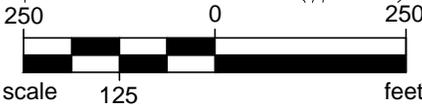
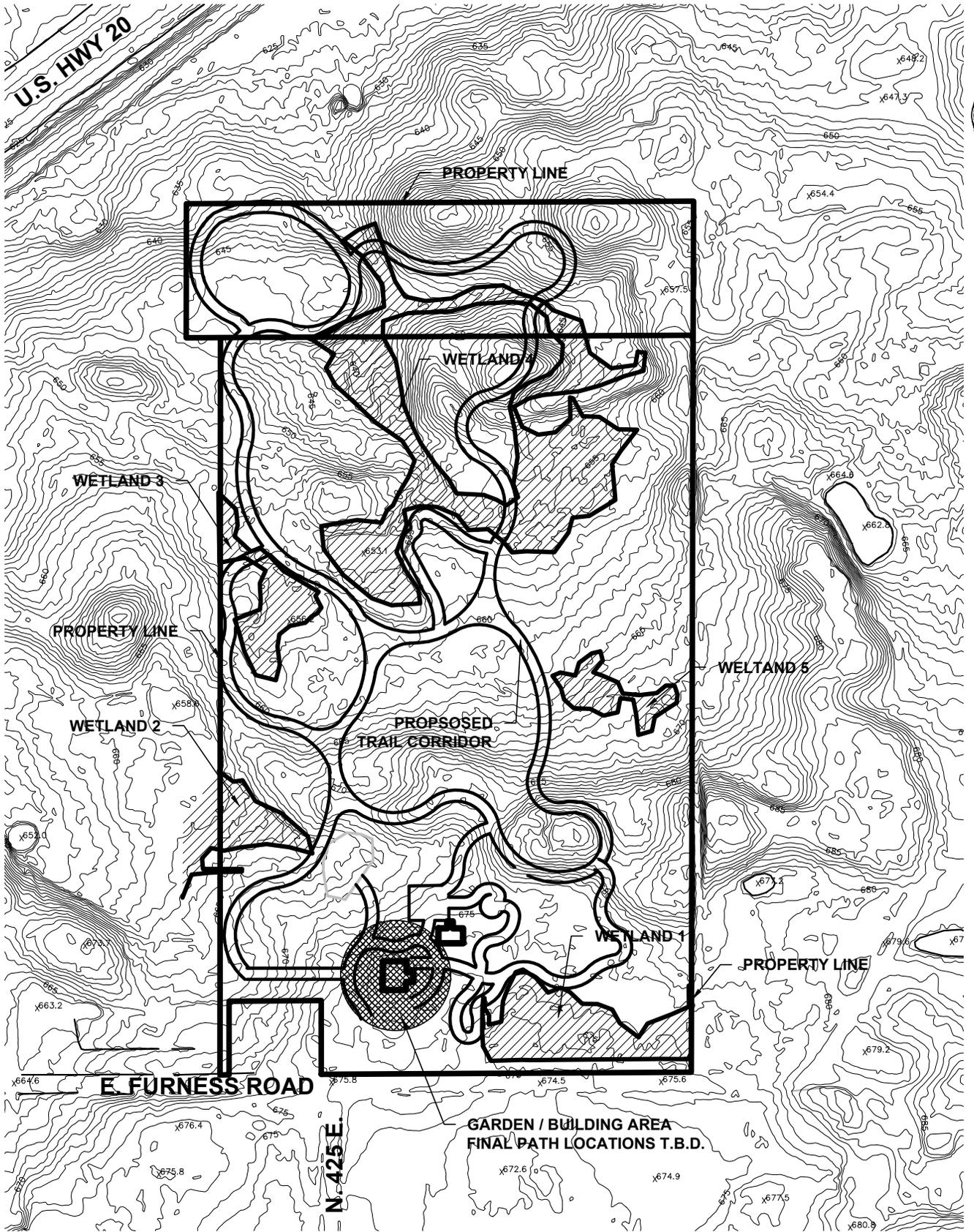


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**BRINCKA CROSS TRAIL  
SITE SURROUNDINGS PLAN  
EXHIBIT 2**

DATE:  
01-30-14  
SCALE:  
1"=250'



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# BRINCKA CROSS TRAIL SITE TOPOGRAPHY MAP EXHIBIT 3

DATE:  
01-30-14  
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