June 10, 2019

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RE: Wetland Delineation
MnDOT Truck Station, Parcel 340-0010-03220, Eveleth, MN

WSP USA has prepared this letter report to document the results of a wetland delineation completed for the 22.5 acre MnDOT Truck Station, Parcel 340-0010-03220 in Eveleth, MN (**Attachment I, Figure 1**). WSP was on-site to conduct the wetland delineation on June 7, 2019. Normal climactic conditions were present for this time of year during the growing season with precipitation slightly below normal in the weeks preceding the delineation.

Wetlands within the delineation area were identified and delineated using the procedures described in the *U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Wetlands Delineation Manual* and the *Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Northcentral and Northeast Region*. Specifics of observed vegetation, hydrology, and soil characteristics of the Site wetlands are included on the USACE Wetland Determination Data Forms for Routine Determination provided in **Attachment II**.

No wetlands were observed on the property. The majority of the delineation area consists of a former gravel pit and remains unvegetated. The dominant plant community surrounding the gravel pit is a mixed coniferous and deciduous forest. Two sampling points (SP1 and SP2) were completed to document the absence of wetlands. SP1 was completed in the lowest point of the former gravel pit and SP2 was completed in the surrounding forest plant community. The soils in both SP1 and SP2 were well drained and no wetland criteria was observed. WSP completed a meander survey of the delineation area that included all the lowest elevations identified on topographic and Lidar maps. No other wetland characteristics were observed. No wetlands were classified on the National Wetland Inventory on this parcel.

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If you have any questions regarding this report, or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me at 218-336-2284.

Sincerely,

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Attachment I

Figure 1 – Wetland Boundaries and Sampling Point Locations

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FIGURE 1

WETLAND BOUNDARIES AND
SAMPLING POINT LOCATIONS
JUNE, 2019

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Attachment II

US Army Corps of Engineers Wetland Determination Data Forms

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Northcentral and Northeast Region

Project/Site: MnDOT Truck Station City/County: Eveleth Sampling Date: 06/07/19

Applicant/Owner: TKDA State: MN Sampling Point: SP1

Investigator(s): WSP - Rob Peterson Section, Township, Range: Sec 17, T5N7, R17W

Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): toeslope Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave concave Slope %: 0-1

Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR K Lat: Long: Datum:

Soil Map Unit Name: GP - Pits, gravel-Udipsamments complex NWI classification: None

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation X, Soil X, or Hydrology significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No

Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes	No X	**Is the Sampled Area**
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes	No	**within a Wetland?** **Yes** **No** X
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes	No X	If yes, optional Wetland Site ID:

Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures here or in a separate report.)
SP1 was completed at the lowest point within the former gravel pit. Gravel pit area is essentially unvegetated due to use by ATVs.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)

- Surface Water (A1)
- High Water Table (A2)
- Saturation (A3)
- Water Marks (B1)
- Sediment Deposits (B2)
- Drift Deposits (B3)
- Algal Mat or Crust (B4)
- Iron Deposits (B5)
- Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)
- Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)
- Water-Stained Leaves (B9)
- Aquatic Fauna (B13)
- Marl Deposits (B15)
- Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)
- Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)
- Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)
- Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)
- Thin Muck Surface (C7)
- Other (Explain in Remarks)

Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)

- Surface Soil Cracks (B6)
- Drainage Patterns (B10)
- Moss Trim Lines (B16)
- Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- Crayfish Burrows (C8)
- Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)
- Geomorphic Position (D2)
- Shallow Aquitard (D3)
- Microtopographic Relief (D4)
- FAC-Neutral Test (D5)

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present?	Yes	No X	Depth (inches):
Water Table Present?	Yes	No X	Depth (inches):
Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe)	Yes	No X	Depth (inches):

Wetland Hydrology Present? **Yes** **No** X

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:
No wetland hydrology observed.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants. Sampling Point: SP1

Tree Stratum (Plot size:)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
	=Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size:)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
	=Total Cover		
Herb Stratum (Plot size:)			
1. *Achillea millefolium*	10	Yes	FACU
2. *Potentilla argentea*	5	Yes	FACU
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
11.			
12.			
	15 =Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size:)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
	=Total Cover		

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 0 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 0.0% (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	0	x 2 =	0
FAC species	0	x 3 =	0
FACU species	15	x 4 =	60
UPL species	0	x 5 =	0
Column Totals:	15 (A)		60 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 4.00

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%

___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0[1]

___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations[1] (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation[1] (Explain)

[1]Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Definitions of Vegetation Strata:

Tree – Woody plants 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.

Sapling/shrub – Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH and greater than or equal to 3.28 ft (1 m) tall.

Herb – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall.

Woody vines – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in height.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? **Yes** ___ **No** X

Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)
Gravel pit area was very sparsely vegetated in the sampling location.

SOIL

Sampling Point SP1

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth	Matrix		Redox Features					
(inches)	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0-24	10YR 4/3						Sandy	with gravel

[1]Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains.

[2]Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators:

- ___ Histosol (A1)
- ___ Histic Epipedon (A2)
- ___ Black Histic (A3)
- ___ Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)
- ___ Stratified Layers (A5)
- ___ Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)
- ___ Thick Dark Surface (A12)
- ___ Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)
- ___ Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)
- ___ Sandy Redox (S5)
- ___ Stripped Matrix (S6)
- ___ Dark Surface (S7)
- ___ Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (**LRR R, MLRA 149B**)
- ___ Thin Dark Surface (S9) (**LRR R, MLRA 149B**)
- ___ High Chroma Sands (S11) (**LRR K, L)**
- ___ Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (**LRR K, L**)
- ___ Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)
- ___ Depleted Matrix (F3)
- ___ Redox Dark Surface (F6)
- ___ Depleted Dark Surface (F7)
- ___ Redox Depressions (F8)
- ___ Marl (F10) (**LRR K, L**)

Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils[3]:

- ___ 2 cm Muck (A10) (**LRR K, L, MLRA 149B**)
- ___ Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (**LRR K, L, R**)
- ___ 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (**LRR K, L, R**)
- ___ Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (**LRR K, L**)
- ___ Thin Dark Surface (S9) (**LRR K, L**)
- ___ Iron-Manganese Masses (F12) (**LRR K, L, R**)
- ___ Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) (**MLRA 149B**)
- ___ Mesic Spodic (TA6) (**MLRA 144A, 145, 149B**)
- ___ Red Parent Material (F21)
- ___ Very Shallow Dark Surface (F22)
- ___ Other (Explain in Remarks)

[3]Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (if observed):

Type: _____

Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? **Yes** ____ **No** ____

Remarks:

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WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Northcentral and Northeast Region

Project/Site: MnDOT Truck Station City/County: Eveleth Sampling Date: 06/07/19

Applicant/Owner: TKDA State: MN Sampling Point: SP2

Investigator(s): WSP - Rob Peterson Section, Township, Range: Sec 17, T5N7, R17W

Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): Shoulder Local relief (concave, convex, none): convex Slope %: 2-3

Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR K Lat: Long: Datum:

Soil Map Unit Name: B17B - Graycalm-Biwabik complex, 1 to 6 percent slopes NWI classification: None

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No

Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes	No X	**Is the Sampled Area**
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes	No X	**within a Wetland?** **Yes** **No** X
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes	No X	If yes, optional Wetland Site ID:

Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures here or in a separate report.)
SP2 was completed in a typical setting of the mixed forest plant community.

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)

- Surface Water (A1)
- High Water Table (A2)
- Saturation (A3)
- Water Marks (B1)
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Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe)	Yes	No X	Depth (inches):

Wetland Hydrology Present? **Yes** **No** X

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:
No wetland hydrology observed.

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants. Sampling Point: SP2

Tree Stratum (Plot size:)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1. *Pinus resinosa*	40	Yes	FACU
2. *Populus tremuloides*	10	No	FAC
3. *Abies balsamea*	10	No	FAC
4. *Acer rubrum*	2	No	FAC
5.			
6.			
7.			
	62	=Total Cover	
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size:)			
1. *Abies balsamea*	5	Yes	FAC
2. *Prunus virginiana*	2	Yes	FACU
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
	7	=Total Cover	
Herb Stratum (Plot size:)			
1. *Maianthemum canadense*	30	Yes	FACU
2. *Eurybia macrophylla*	20	Yes	UPL
3. *Diervilla lonicera*	10	No	UPL
4. *Pteridium aquilinum*	5	No	FACU
5. *Aralia nudicaulis*	5	No	FACU
6. *Anemone canadensis*	5	No	FACW
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
11.			
12.			
	75	=Total Cover	
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size:)			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
		=Total Cover	

Dominance Test worksheet:

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 1 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 5 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 20.0% (A/B)

Prevalence Index worksheet:

Total % Cover of:		Multiply by:	
OBL species	0	x 1 =	0
FACW species	5	x 2 =	10
FAC species	27	x 3 =	81
FACU species	82	x 4 =	328
UPL species	30	x 5 =	150
Column Totals:	144 (A)		569 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.95

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Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? **Yes** ___ **No** X

Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)

SOIL

Sampling Point SP2

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth	Matrix		Redox Features					
(inches)	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type[1]	Loc[2]	Texture	Remarks
0-3	10YR 3/3	100					Loamy/Clayey	
3-14	10YR 4/4	100					Sandy	
14-24	10YR 4/4	100					Sandy	with gravel

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