

# Water Resources Delineation Report

## 20.15 Acres, Lincoln Highway, Kane County, Illinois

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## Executive Summary

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The 20.15-acre study area is located east of the intersection of Lincoln Highway and Watson Road in Kane County, Illinois within Section 04, Township 39 North, Range 6 East. A water resources delineation was performed by Heather Bobich on June 27th, 2023.

The study area encompasses approximately 20.15 acres of privately owned agricultural land. Additional agricultural fields border the site to the east and west, and a large wetland complex borders the site to the immediate south.

A map of the location and size of the water resources identified on the property is shown in Appendix A. Two wetlands were delineated during the June site visit. One 5.58 acre farmed wetland is adjacent to the northern portion of the study area, but does not encroach the property under survey. Approximately 0.07 acre of a large emergent/scrub-shrub wetland complex encroaches the south edge of the survey area. (Table 1). Both wetlands exhibit no hydrologic connection to a traditionally navigable waterway and are likely isolated wetlands.

Table 1. Water Resources Delineated on Site

ID	Type	Latitude	Longitude	Connectivity to Waters of the U.S. <sup>1</sup>	Total Area Within Study Area (Acres/LF)
Wetland A	Forested	41.8902228°N	88.5524184°W	Isolated	0.07
Wetland B	Emergent	41.8934619°N	88.5534056°W	Isolated	0

<sup>1</sup> The final determination of a wetlands' connectivity to Waters of the U.S. is made by the US Army Corps of Engineers.

# Introduction

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## Study Area Description and Location

The 20.15-acre study area is located in Kaneville Township, Kane County, Illinois (Appendix B). The area is located east of the intersection of Lincoln Highway and Watson Road (Appendix C).

The study area contains an agricultural field with a tree line along the east boundary dominated by scattered black cherry (*Prunus serotina*), white mulberry (*Morus alba*), hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*), and a few large bur oaks (*Quercus macrocarpa*). An aerial photograph of the study area is included in Appendix D. Surrounding land use is predominantly occupied by forests, rural residences, and agricultural fields.

## Secondary Source Information

The study area is shown on the Maple Park Quadrangle of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) map (Appendix E). The study area is between 869 and 880 feet above sea level.

A National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) map showing nearby NWI wetlands is located in Appendix F. No mapped wetlands are shown within the study area boundary.

A map from the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey showing the soil types located on and adjacent to the site is found in Appendix G. The *Hydric Soils of the United States* (1991) was reviewed to determine potential hydric soils identified within the study area. Table 2 provides a list of soil types mapped for the site.

Table 2. Soil Types Mapped for the Site

Map Unit	Soil Description	Hydric Determination <sup>1</sup>
198A	Elburn silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Non-hydric
152A	Drummer silty clay loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Hydric
656B	Octagon silt loam, 2 to 4 percent slopes	Non-hydric
103A	Houghton muck, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Hydric

<sup>1</sup>As determined by The Hydric Soils of the United States (1991).

## Methodology

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The Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual (Environmental Laboratory 1987) and Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Midwest Region (US Army Corps of Engineers 2012) were used in delineating wetlands within the study area. Water resources were delineated and surveyed on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The water resources delineation fieldwork, boundary mapping, and data analysis were performed by Heather Bobich. Vegetation, soils, and wetlands maps were prepared using ArcGIS<sup>TM</sup> PRO v.2.8.3. Photopoints, data points, stream lines, and wetland areas were mapped and collected using a Trimble<sup>®</sup> GNSS R1 device.

Streams are identified as linear, flowing water features with defined beds and banks and are classified as ephemeral, intermittent, or perennial based upon flow regime. Ephemeral streams have flowing water only during, and for a short duration after, precipitation events. Intermittent streams have seasonally flowing water, when groundwater and rainfall provide water for stream flow. During dry periods intermittent streams may not have flowing water. Perennial streams have flowing water year-round, receiving water from groundwater and rainfall runoff.

Wetlands are identified based on three criteria: vegetation, soils, and hydrology. An area must meet all three criteria to be considered a jurisdictional wetland. Sampling points were established in the field to determine wetlands boundaries. Data sheets reporting the results of soils, vegetation, and hydrology analyses were completed for each sample station and are located in Appendix J.

Soil samples were obtained to determine the extent of hydric soils on the site. A standard Munsell soil color chart was used to determine the hue, value, and chroma of each soil sample. Soil samples were taken to a depth to adequately make a hydric soil determination. Criteria established by the National Technical Committee for Hydric Soils (1991) were used to determine hydric soils.

Wetland hydrology was characterized during this water resources delineation. Inundation and/or soil saturation were noted for each sample point. Other hydrological indicators, including watermarks, drift lines, sediment deposits, wetlands drainage patterns, blackened leaves, morphological indicators, iron/manganese concretions, and oxidized root zones within the upper soil layers, were documented, if observed.

Quantitative vegetation data were collected at each sampling point. Dominance was estimated by percent areal cover. Four strata were considered for each sample point—trees, saplings/shrubs, herbs, and woody vines. Trees were defined as any woody plant having a diameter at breast height (DBH) greater than 3.0 inches. Saplings and shrubs were those woody plants with a DBH of less than 3.0 inches and greater than 3.2 feet in height. For each stratum, plant species within a plot were identified and percent areal cover was estimated for each species. Thirty-foot-radius plots were used for trees and vines; 15-foot-radius plots were used for saplings and shrubs; and 5-foot-radius plots were used for herbs.

Any species within a stratum comprising 20% or more of the total plot areal cover was considered to be dominant. Dominant species within all strata were then added to determine the percentage of wetlands vegetation for each sample point. The wetlands vegetation criterion was met if greater than 50% of the dominant vegetation was indicative of wetlands conditions.

Plants with an indicator status of obligate (OBL), facultative wetland (FACW), or facultative (FAC) were considered to be indicative of wetlands conditions. Plants with an indicator status of facultative upland (FACU) or upland (UPL) were considered to be indicative of upland conditions. Plants that could only be identified to genus were sometimes assigned an indicator status based on the professional judgment of Davey Resource Group. These plants were classified as wetlands indicator species (WIS) or upland indicator species (UIS). See Appendix I for a more detailed explanation of wetlands vegetation indicator statuses.

Wetlands that are hydrologically connected to traditional navigable waters of the United States are considered non-isolated and fall under the federal jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

## **Results**

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### **WETLANDS**

#### ***Vegetation***

The site contains planted agricultural fields. Photograph locations are shown in Appendix A. Photographs showing water resources identified on the site are included in Appendix H. Wetland assessment data forms are included in Appendix J.

**Wetland A (0.07 acre on-site)** Dominant vegetation includes black willow (*Salix nigra*, OBL) and reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*, FACW). Non-dominant vegetation observed includes giant ragweed (*Ambrosia trifida*, FAC).

Adjacent upland vegetation is dominantly corn (*Zea mays*, UPL).

**Wetland B (5.58 acre, emergent – entirely off-site)** Dominant vegetation includes straw-colored flat sedge (*Cyperus strigosus*, FACW) and pigweed (*Amaranthus retroflexus*, FACU). Non-dominant vegetation observed includes giant soybeans (*Glycine max*) and hairy crab grass (*Digitaria sanguinalis*, FACU).

Adjacent upland vegetation is dominantly corn (*Zea mays*, UPL).

## Soils

All wetlands delineated on site contained hydric soils. Both wetlands met the Redox Dark Surface (F6) hydric soil indicator.

## Hydrology

Hydrology present in the study area derives from overland flow. The wetlands coincide with low areas with pooling water within agricultural fields. The primary hydrologic indicator identified was Drift Deposits (B3). Secondary indicators identified included Surface Soil Cracks (B6), Geomorphic position (D2), and FAC-Neutral test (D5). Table 4 shows the hydrology indicators observed in each wetland.

This wetlands are not hydrologically connected to a traditionally navigable waterway and are likely considered isolated.

Table 3. Hydrology Indicators for On-Site Wetlands

Wetland	Primary Indicator Numbers	Primary Indicator Descriptions	Secondary Indicator Numbers	Secondary Indicator Descriptions
A			D2, D5	Geomorphic Position, FAC-Neutral Test
B	B3	Drift Deposits	B6, D2, D5	Surface Soil Cracks, Geomorphic Position, FAC-Neutral Test

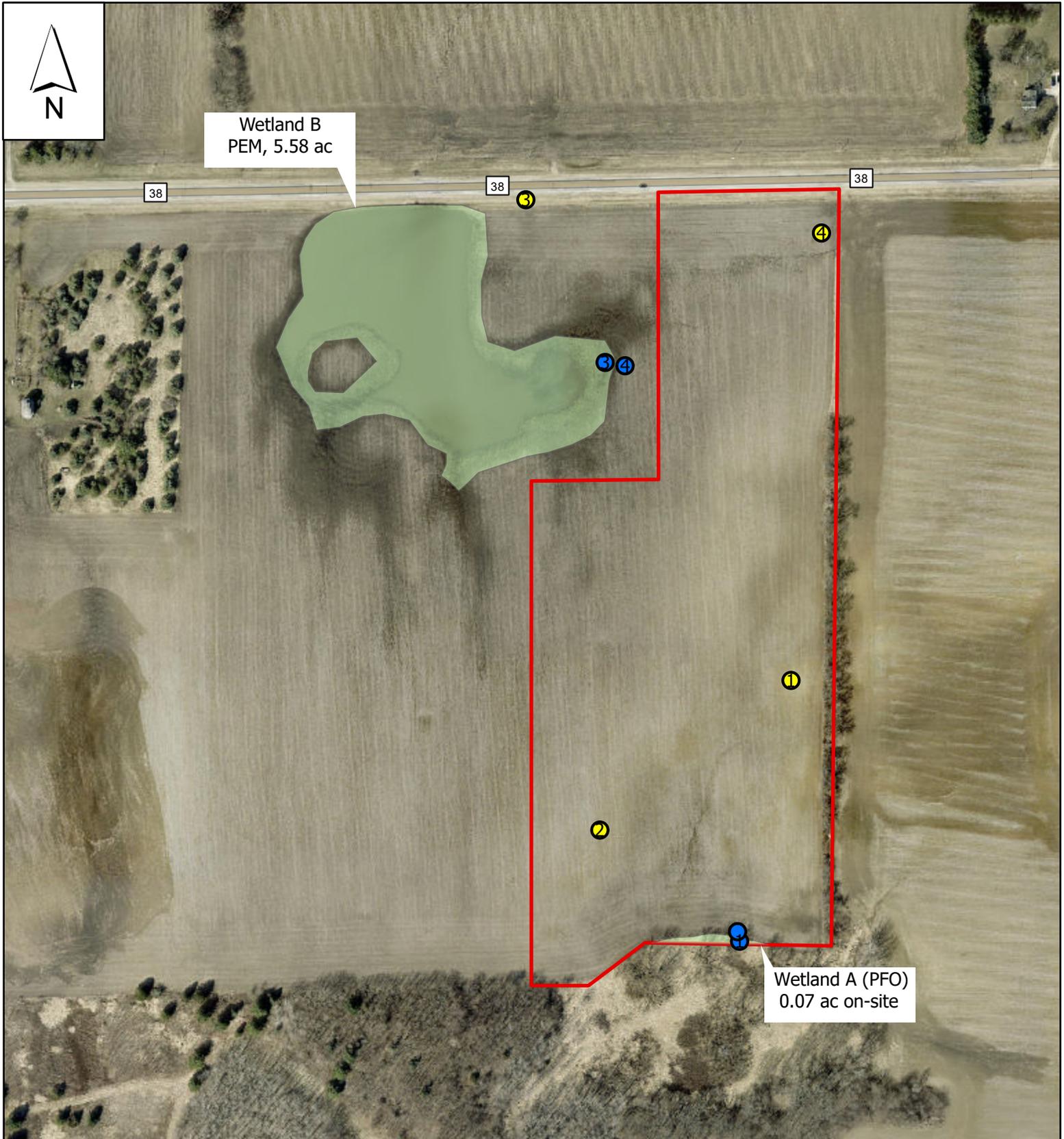
## Conclusions

Two wetlands were found within or near the study area. One 5.58 acre farmed wetland is adjacent to the study area. One 0.07 acre emergent wetland is located along the southern border of the study area.

All water resource studies conducted by Davey Resource Group are objective and based strictly on professional judgment. Davey Resource Group and its employees have no vested interest in this property or the proposed project. Appendix K contains references used in the creation of this report.

All wetlands delineations must be verified by the US Army Corps of Engineers to be considered official. This wetlands delineation is reflective of environmental conditions at the time the

# Appendix A: Mapped Water Resources



**DAVEY**   
**Resource Group**

Date: June 28, 2023

Site Location: Lincoln Highway,  
Kaneville Township, Kane County, Illinois

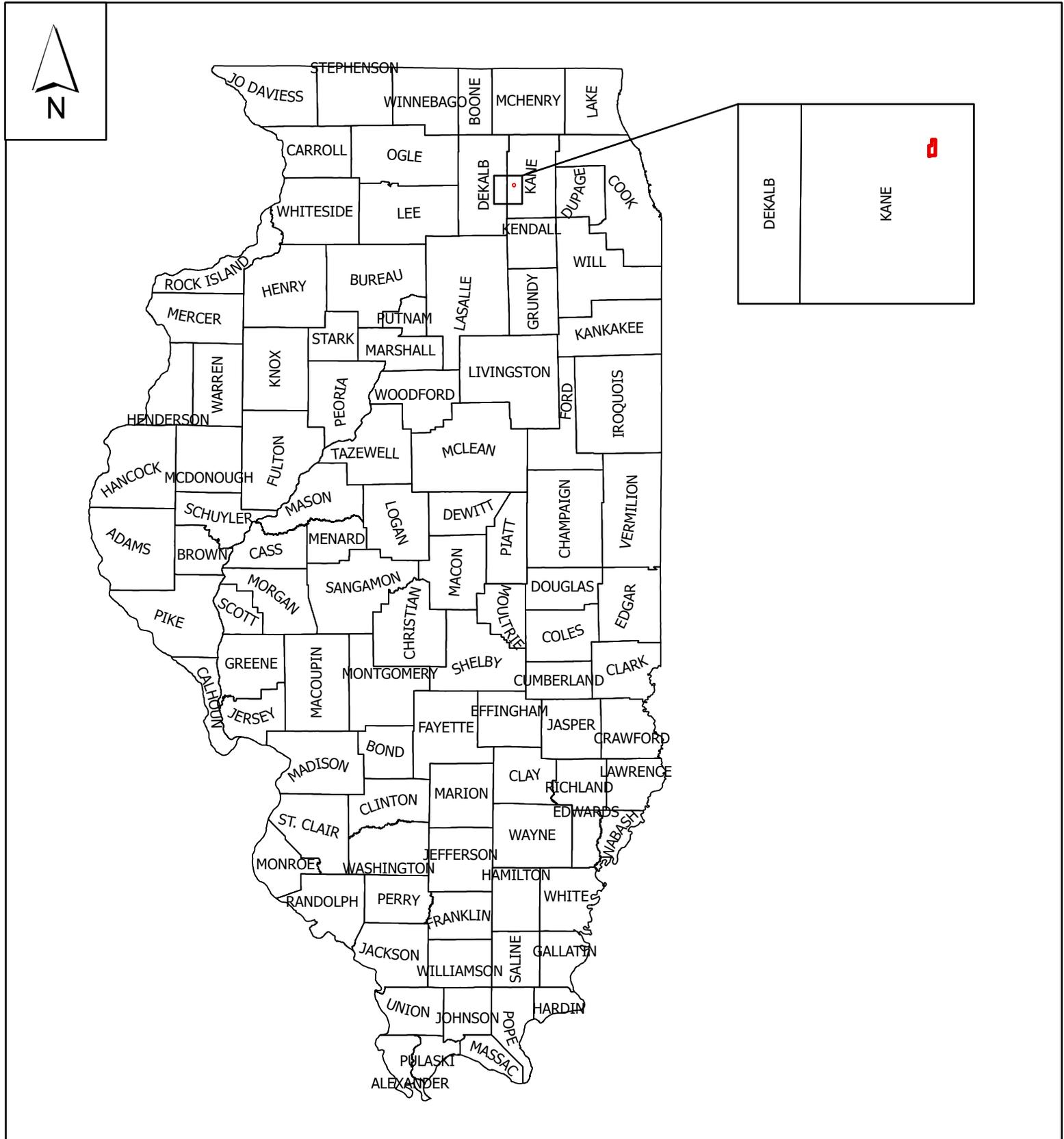
Sources: Esri World Imagery Hybrid. Imagery  
Date 2021.

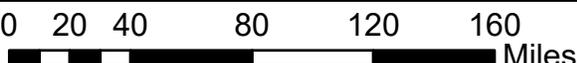
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Feet

Legend

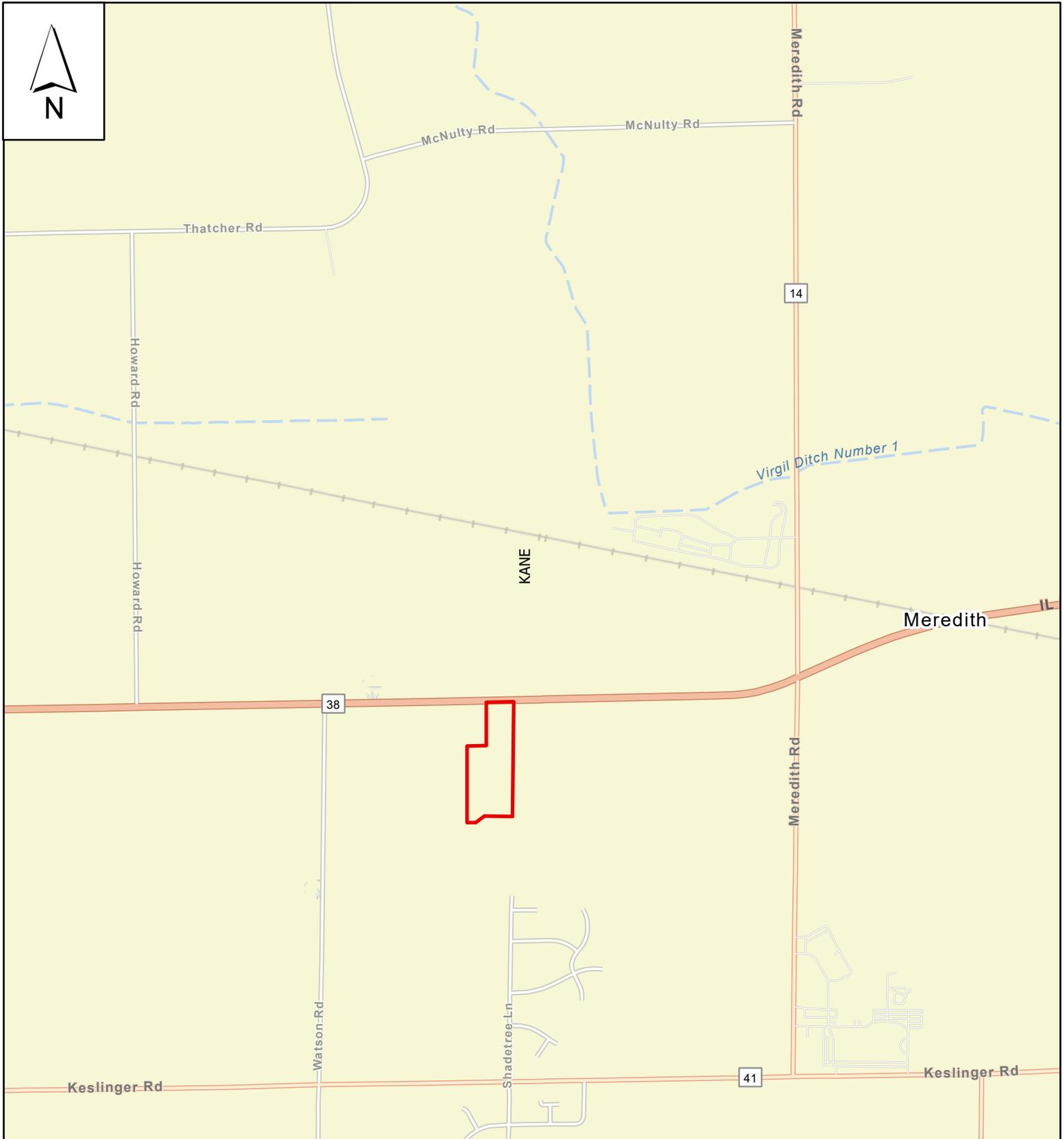
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-  Data Point
-  Wetlands
-  Study Area

# Appendix B: Project Area on Illinois County Map



	Site Location: Lincoln Highway, Kaneville Township, Kane County, Illinois	<b>Legend</b>  County Boundaries  Study Area
	Sources: Esri World Imagery Hybrid. Imagery Date 2021.	
Date: June 28, 2023		

# Appendix C: Study Area on Highway Map



**DAVEY**   
**Resource Group**

Date: June 28, 2023

Site Location: Lincoln Highway,  
 Kaneville Township, Kane County, Illinois

Sources: Esri World Imagery Hybrid. Imagery  
 Date 2021.

0 1,500 3,000 6,000  
 Feet

**Legend**

-  County Boundaries
-  Study Area

# Appendix D: Study Area on Aerial Photograph



**DAVEY**   
**Resource Group**

Date: June 28, 2023

Site Location: Lincoln Highway,  
Kaneville Township, Kane County, Illinois

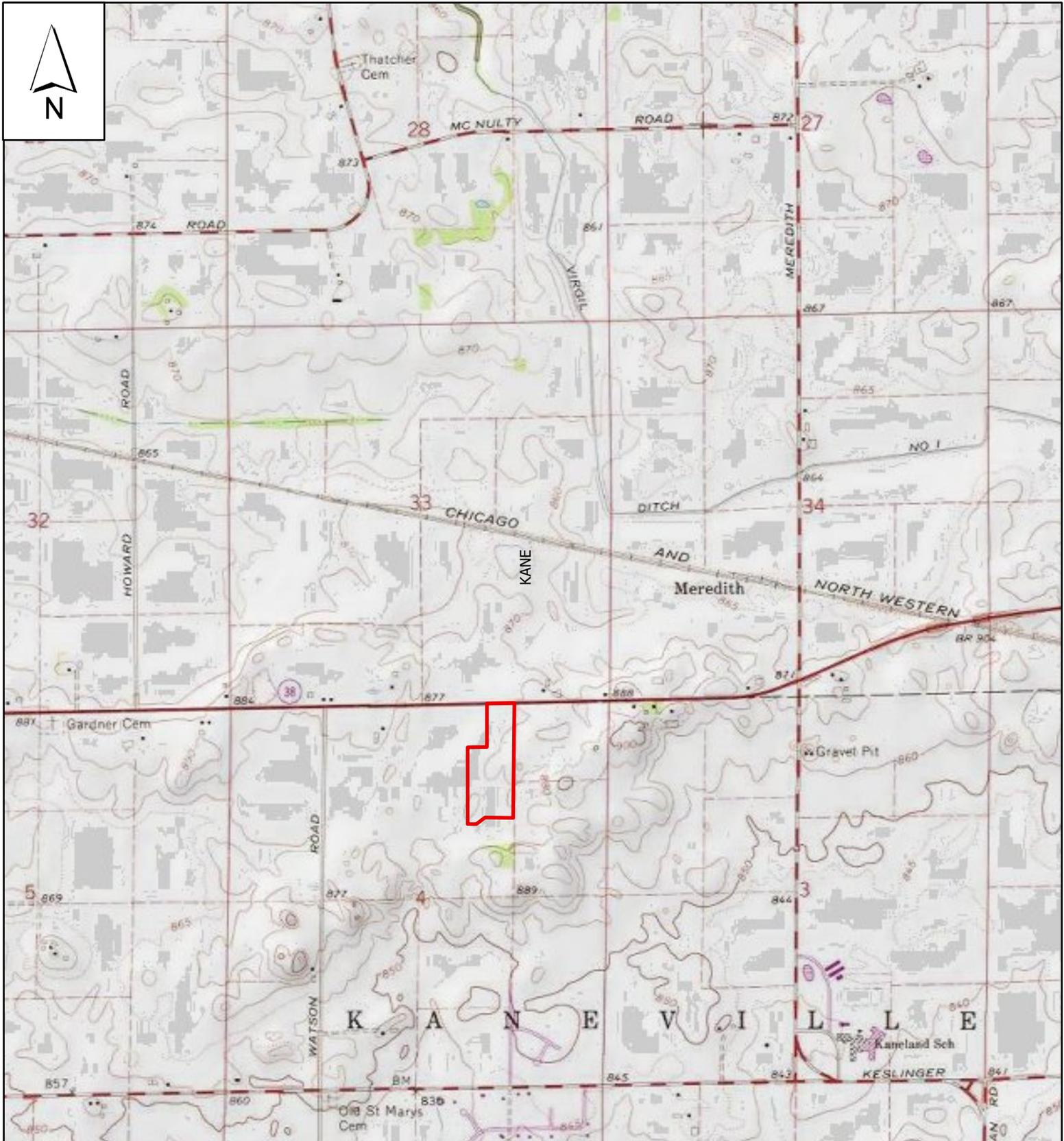
Sources: Esri World Imagery Hybrid. Imagery  
Date 2021.

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Feet

Legend

 Study Area

# Appendix E: Study Area on USGS 7.5 Minute Topographic Map



**DAVEY**   
**Resource Group**

Date: June 28, 2023

Site Location: Lincoln Highway,  
 Kaneville Township, Kane County, Illinois

Sources: Esri World Imagery Hybrid. Imagery  
 Date 2021.

0 1,500 3,000 6,000  
 Feet

**Legend**

-  County Boundaries
-  Study Area

# Appendix F: Study Area on National Wetland Inventory Map



**DAVEY**   
**Resource Group**

Date: June 28, 2023

Site Location: Lincoln Highway,  
 Kaneville Township, Kane County, Illinois

Sources: Esri World Imagery Hybrid. Imagery  
 Date 2021.

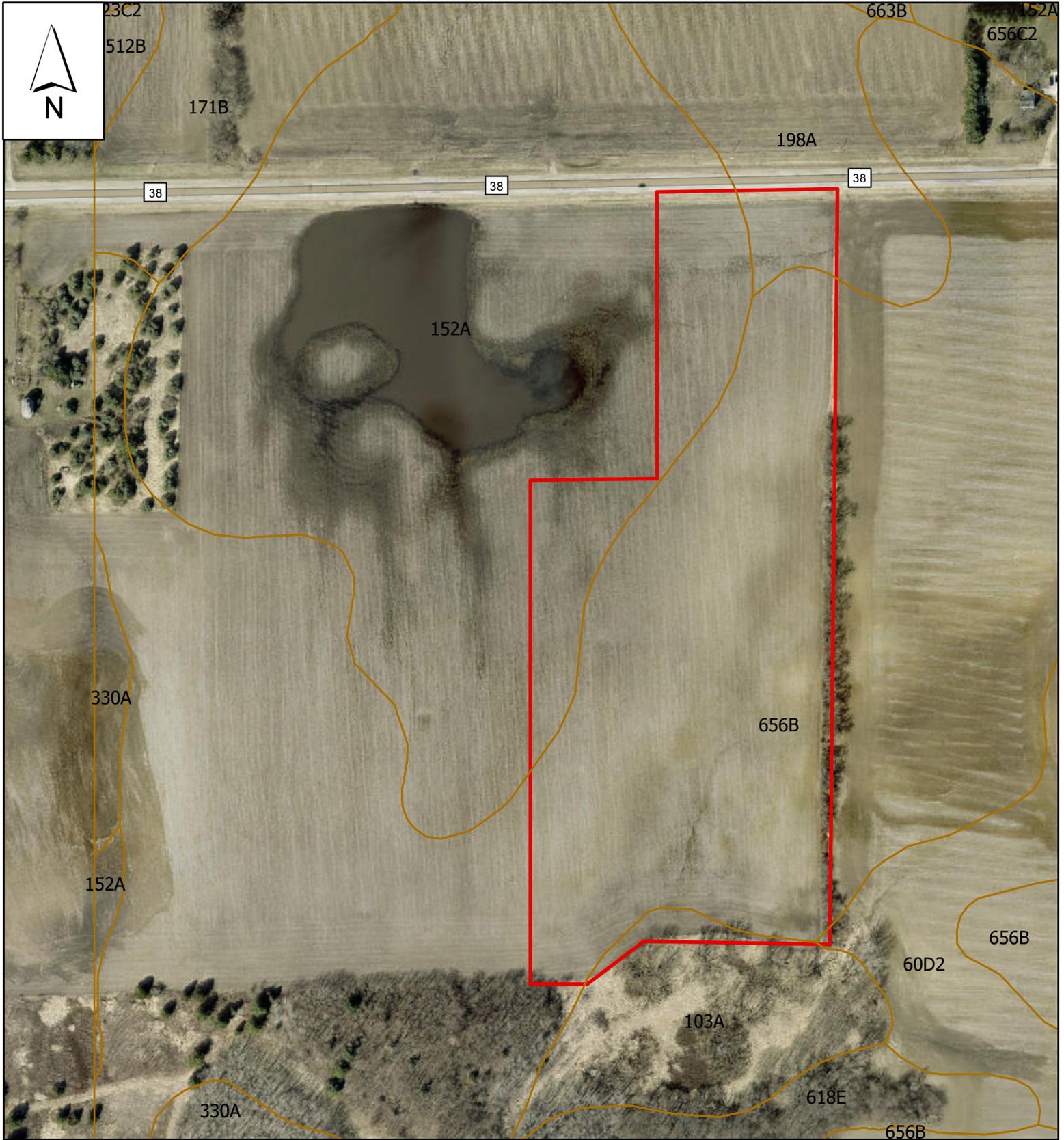
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 Feet

Legend

 NWI

 Study Area

# Appendix G: Study Area on National Soil Survey Map



**DAVEY**   
**Resource Group**

Date: June 28, 2023

Site Location: Lincoln Highway,  
 Kaneville Township, Kane County, Illinois

Sources: Esri World Imagery Hybrid. Imagery  
 Date 2021.

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 Feet

Legend

-  Soils
-  Study Area

## Appendix H Site Photographs



DP 1, View looking north



DP 1, View looking east



DP 1. View looking south



DP 1. View looking west



DP 2. View looking north



DP 2. View looking east

**Appendix H**  
**Continued**



DP 2. View looking south



DP 2. View looking west



DP 3. View looking north



DP 3. View looking east



DP 3. View looking south



DP 3. View looking west

**Appendix H**  
**Continued**



DP 4. View looking north



DP 4. View looking east



DP 4. View looking south



DP 4. View looking west



PP1. View looking north



PP1. View looking east

**Appendix H**  
**Continued**



PP1. View looking south



PP1. View looking west



PP2. View looking north



PP2. View looking east



PP2. View looking south



PP2. View looking west

**Appendix H**  
**Continued**



PP3. View looking east



PP3. View looking west



PP4. View looking north



PP4. View looking east



PP4. View looking south



PP4. View looking west

## **Appendix I**

### **Definition of Wetlands Vegetation Indicator Status (from Lichvar et al 2016)**

**Obligate Wetlands (OBL).** Almost always is a hydrophyte, rarely in uplands.

**Facultative Wetlands (FACW).** Usually is a hydrophyte but occasionally found in uplands.

**Facultative (FAC).** Commonly occurs as either a hydrophyte or non-hydrophyte.

**Facultative Upland (FACU).** Occasionally is a hydrophyte but usually occurs in uplands.

**Obligate Upland (UPL).** Rarely is a hydrophyte, almost always in uplands.

Species for which little or no information was available to base an indicator status were assigned a no indicator (NI) status. An asterisk (\*) after the indicator status indicates that the indicator status was based on limited ecological information.

The wetlands indicator categories should not be equated to degrees of wetness. Many obligate wetlands species occur in permanently or semipermanently flooded wetlands, but a number of obligates also occur, and some are restricted to wetlands that are only temporarily or seasonally flooded. The facultative upland species include a diverse collection of plants that range from weedy species adapted to exist in a number of environmentally stressful or disturbed sites (including wetlands), to species in which a portion of the gene pool (an ecotype) always occurs in wetlands. Both the weedy and ecotype representatives of the facultative upland category occur in seasonally and semipermanently flooded wetlands.

Davey Resource Group has added two additional indicators for situations when plants can only be identified to genus. A Wetlands Indicator Species (WIS) is a plant that is most likely obligate wetlands, facultative wetlands, or facultative. An Upland Indicator Species (UIS) is a plant that is most likely indicative of upland or facultative upland conditions. These additional indicators are used when species identification is not possible. A variety of factors are part of the UIS and WIS assignments. Indicator statuses of all locally occurring members of the genus in question are considered, as are the health and size of the population and the indicator status of nearby plants.

***Appendix J***  
***Vegetation, Hydrology, and Soils Data Sheets***

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Midwest Region**

Project/Site: Hatch Solar Farm City/County: Maple Park / Kane Sampling Date: 2023-06-27  
 Applicant/Owner: Horizon Solar Power State: Illinois Sampling Point: DP1  
 Investigator(s): Heather Bobich Section, Township, Range: S4 T39N R6E  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Depression Local relief (concave, convex, none): Concave  
 Slope (%): 2 Lat: 41.8902056 Long: -88.5520816 Datum: WGS 84  
 Soil Map Unit Name: 103A - Houghton muck, 0 to 2 percent slopes NWI classification: PFO

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes  No  (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology  significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes  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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Hydric Soil Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Remarks:	

**VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.**

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet:
1. <u>Salix nigra</u>	<u>30</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>OBL</u>	Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>2</u> (A)
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>2</u> (B)
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100</u> (A/B)
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>30%</u> = Total Cover				
Shrub/Strawberry Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Prevalence Index worksheet:
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	OBL species <u>30</u> x 1 = <u>30</u>
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	FACW species <u>100</u> x 2 = <u>200</u>
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	FAC species <u>5</u> x 3 = <u>15</u>
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	FACU species <u>0</u> x 4 = <u>0</u>
_____ = Total Cover				UPL species <u>0</u> x 5 = <u>0</u>
				Column Totals: <u>135</u> (A) <u>245</u> (B)
				Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>1.81</u>
Herb Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
1. <u>Phalaris arundinacea</u>	<u>100</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>FACW</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
2. <u>Ambrosia trifida</u>	<u>5</u>	_____	<u>FAC</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup>
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	
9. _____	_____	_____	_____	
10. _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>105%</u> = Total Cover				<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)				



**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Midwest Region**

Project/Site: Hatch Solar Farm City/County: Maple Park / Kane Sampling Date: 2023-06-27  
 Applicant/Owner: Horizon Solar Power State: Illinois Sampling Point: DP2  
 Investigator(s): Heather Bobich Section, Township, Range: S9 T39N R6E  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Flat Local relief (concave, convex, none): None  
 Slope (%): 0 Lat: 41.8902599 Long: -88.5520981 Datum: WGS 84  
 Soil Map Unit Name: 103A - Houghton muck, 0 to 2 percent slopes NWI classification: None

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes  No  (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology  significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes  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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydric Soil Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Remarks:	

**VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.**

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____ )	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet:
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0</u> (A)
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>0</u> (B)
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>NaN</u> (A/B)
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: _____ )	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Prevalence Index worksheet:
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	OBL species <u>0</u> x 1 = <u>0</u>
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	FACW species <u>0</u> x 2 = <u>0</u>
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	FAC species <u>0</u> x 3 = <u>0</u>
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	FACU species <u>0</u> x 4 = <u>0</u>
_____ = Total Cover				UPL species <u>0</u> x 5 = <u>0</u>
				Column Totals: <u>0</u> (A) <u>0</u> (B)
				Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>NaN</u>
Herb Stratum (Plot size: _____ )	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
1. <u>Zea mays</u>	<u>100</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup>
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	
9. _____	_____	_____	_____	
10. _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>100%</u> = Total Cover				<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____ )	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)				



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Remarks:	

**VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.**

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
Herb Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	
1. <u>Cyperus strigosus</u>	<u>10</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>FACW</u>	
2. <u>Amaranthus retroflexus</u>	<u>7</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>FACU</u>	
3. <u>Glycine max</u>	<u>5</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>FACU</u>	
4. <u>Digitaria sanguinalis</u>	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>FACU</u>	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	
9. _____	_____	_____	_____	
10. _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>23%</u> = Total Cover				
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = 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: 2 (B)  
 Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 50 (A/B)

**Prevalence Index worksheet:**  
 Total % Cover of: \_\_\_\_\_ Multiply by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 OBL species 0 x 1 = 0  
 FACW species 10 x 2 = 20  
 FAC species 0 x 3 = 0  
 FACU species 8 x 4 = 32  
 UPL species 0 x 5 = 0  
 Column Totals: 18 (A) 52 (B)  
 Prevalence Index = B/A = 2.89

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**  
 \_\_\_ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation  
 \_\_\_ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%  
 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0<sup>1</sup>  
 \_\_\_ 4 - Morphological Adaptations<sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)  
 \_\_\_ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation<sup>1</sup> (Explain)

<sup>1</sup>Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?** Yes  No

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

**SOIL**

Sampling Point: DP3

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)								
Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0 - 4	10YR 2/1	100					Silty Clay Loam	
4 - 16	10YR 2/1	93	10YR 3/6	7	C	M	Clay Loam	
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-								
-								
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<sup>1</sup>Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains.      <sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

<b>Hydric Soil Indicators:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Histosol (A1) <input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon (A2) <input type="checkbox"/> Black Histic (A3) <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide (A4) <input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Layers (A5) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 cm Muck (A10) <input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11) <input type="checkbox"/> Thick Dark Surface (A12) <input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1) <input type="checkbox"/> 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3)	<b>Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils<sup>3</sup>:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4) <input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Redox (S5) <input type="checkbox"/> Stripped Matrix (S6) <input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) <input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2) <input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Matrix (F3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Redox Dark Surface (F6) <input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Dark Surface (F7) <input type="checkbox"/> Redox Depressions (F8) <input type="checkbox"/> Coast Prairie Redox (A16) <input type="checkbox"/> Dark Surface (S7) <input type="checkbox"/> Iron-Manganese Masses (F12) <input type="checkbox"/> Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
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<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

<b>Restrictive Layer (if observed):</b> Type: _____ Depth (Inches): _____	Hydric Soil Present?    Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Remarks:  
**Soil too compact to dig deeper than 16"**

**HYDROLOGY**

<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b>		
Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required: check all that apply)	Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1) <input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3) <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1) <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3) <input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or Crust (B4) <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5) <input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) <input type="checkbox"/> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Fauna (B13) <input type="checkbox"/> True Aquatic Plants (B14) <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) <input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) <input type="checkbox"/> Thin Muck Surface (C7) <input type="checkbox"/> Gauge or Well Data (D9) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6) <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10) <input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crayfish Burrows (C8) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) <input type="checkbox"/> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2) <input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ Water Table Present?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ Saturation Present?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ (includes capillary fringe)		Wetland Hydrology Present?    Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:		
Remarks:		

**WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Midwest Region**

Project/Site: Hatch Solar Farm City/County: Maple Park / Kane Sampling Date: 2023-06-27  
 Applicant/Owner: Horizon Solar Power State: Illinois Sampling Point: DP4  
 Investigator(s): Heather Bobich Section, Township, Range: S9 T39N R6E  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Flat Local relief (concave, convex, none): None  
 Slope (%): 0 Lat: 41.8935464 Long: -88.5529793 Datum: WGS 84  
 Soil Map Unit Name: 152A - Drummer silty clay loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes NWI classification: None

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes  No  (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology  significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes  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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydric Soil Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Remarks:	

**VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.**

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet:
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0</u> (A)
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>0</u> (B)
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>NaN</u> (A/B)
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
<b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b>				
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: _____)		Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____		
1. _____	_____	OBL species	<u>0</u>	x 1 = <u>0</u>
2. _____	_____	FACW species	<u>0</u>	x 2 = <u>0</u>
3. _____	_____	FAC species	<u>0</u>	x 3 = <u>0</u>
4. _____	_____	FACU species	<u>0</u>	x 4 = <u>0</u>
5. _____	_____	UPL species	<u>0</u>	x 5 = <u>0</u>
_____ = Total Cover				Column Totals: <u>0</u> (A) <u>0</u> (B)
Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>NaN</u>				
<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b>				
___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation				
___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%				
___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup>				
___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)				
___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)				
<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.				
<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Herb Stratum (Plot size: _____) 1. <u>Zea mays</u> 100 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____ 10. _____ _____ = Total Cover				
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____) 1. _____ 2. _____ _____ = Total Cover				
Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)				

**SOIL**

Sampling Point: DP4

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)								
Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0 - 12	10YR 2/1	100					Silty Clay Loam	
12 - 16	10YR 2/1	93	10YR 3/6	7	C	M	Clay Loam	
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<sup>1</sup>Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains.      <sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

<b>Hydric Soil Indicators:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Histosol (A1) <input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon (A2) <input type="checkbox"/> Black Histic (A3) <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide (A4) <input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Layers (A5) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 cm Muck (A10) <input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11) <input type="checkbox"/> Thick Dark Surface (A12) <input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1) <input type="checkbox"/> 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3)	<b>Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils<sup>3</sup>:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4) <input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Redox (S5) <input type="checkbox"/> Stripped Matrix (S6) <input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) <input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2) <input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Matrix (F3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Redox Dark Surface (F6) <input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Dark Surface (F7) <input type="checkbox"/> Redox Depressions (F8) <input type="checkbox"/> Coast Prairie Redox (A16) <input type="checkbox"/> Dark Surface (S7) <input type="checkbox"/> Iron-Manganese Masses (F12) <input type="checkbox"/> Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
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<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

<b>Restrictive Layer (if observed):</b> Type: _____ Depth (inches): _____	Hydric Soil Present?    Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Remarks:

**HYDROLOGY**

<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b>		
<b>Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required: check all that apply)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1) <input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3) <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1) <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2) <input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3) <input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or Crust (B4) <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5) <input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) <input type="checkbox"/> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Fauna (B13) <input type="checkbox"/> True Aquatic Plants (B14) <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) <input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) <input type="checkbox"/> Thin Muck Surface (C7) <input type="checkbox"/> Gauge or Well Data (D9) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)	<b>Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6) <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10) <input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2) <input type="checkbox"/> Crayfish Burrows (C8) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) <input type="checkbox"/> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) <input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2) <input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present?    Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ Water Table Present?    Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ Saturation Present?    Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ (includes capillary fringe)		<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes _____    No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:		
Remarks:		

## Appendix K

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