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Anna Beckman, PG
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**RE: Proposed Yellowstone Industrial Park
City of Marshfield, Wisconsin
State-Level Archaeological and Architecture/History Review**

Dear Ms. Beckman:

The above-referenced project in Marshfield will construct an industrial park along Yellowstone Drive just east of County A and existing industrial properties. Activities associated with the project include the construction of new streets, underground utilities, stormwater management features, commercial/industrial buildings, and two rail spur extensions. The approximately 170-acre project site (both a north and south parcel) is shown on Figure 1.

Commonwealth Heritage Group, LLC (Commonwealth) has completed an archaeological and architecture/history review of the project in accordance with Wisconsin Statute §44.40. This statute requires the consideration of effects to properties listed on, or determined eligible for listing on, the National Register of Historic Places (National Register); previously surveyed and recorded in the Wisconsin Historic Preservation Database (WHPD); and/or locally designated as historic places under Wisconsin Statute §44.45. Additionally, under Wisconsin Statute §157.70, all human burials are protected from disturbance.

A review of the WHPD indicated there are no previously surveyed above-ground resources (buildings and structures), archaeological sites, or cemetery/burial sites within the project site (Figure 2). The nearest previously surveyed resource is a 1954 building at 2611 Yellowstone Drive historically associated with the Marshfield Agricultural Research Station of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The building has not been evaluated for the National Register and the research station has moved to nearby Stratford in recent years. The Marshfield Agricultural Research Station was established in 1912 and is one of 12 University of Wisconsin research stations in the state. The proposed industrial park will be constructed on agricultural land adjacent to the former research station and will have no effects on extant buildings associated with that facility where historic agricultural research was conducted that may or may not have been important. There already are numerous industrial properties in this area of Marshfield. Other previously surveyed resources in the vicinity of the project (e.g. AHI #55852 west of the project site) are associated with the Wood County Asylum and are no longer extant.

Commonwealth concludes that no historic properties or protected human burial sites will be affected by the project under Wisconsin Statutes §44.40 and §157.70. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding the results of our archaeological and architecture/history review or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Rainka". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Greg Rainka
Cultural Resources Specialist

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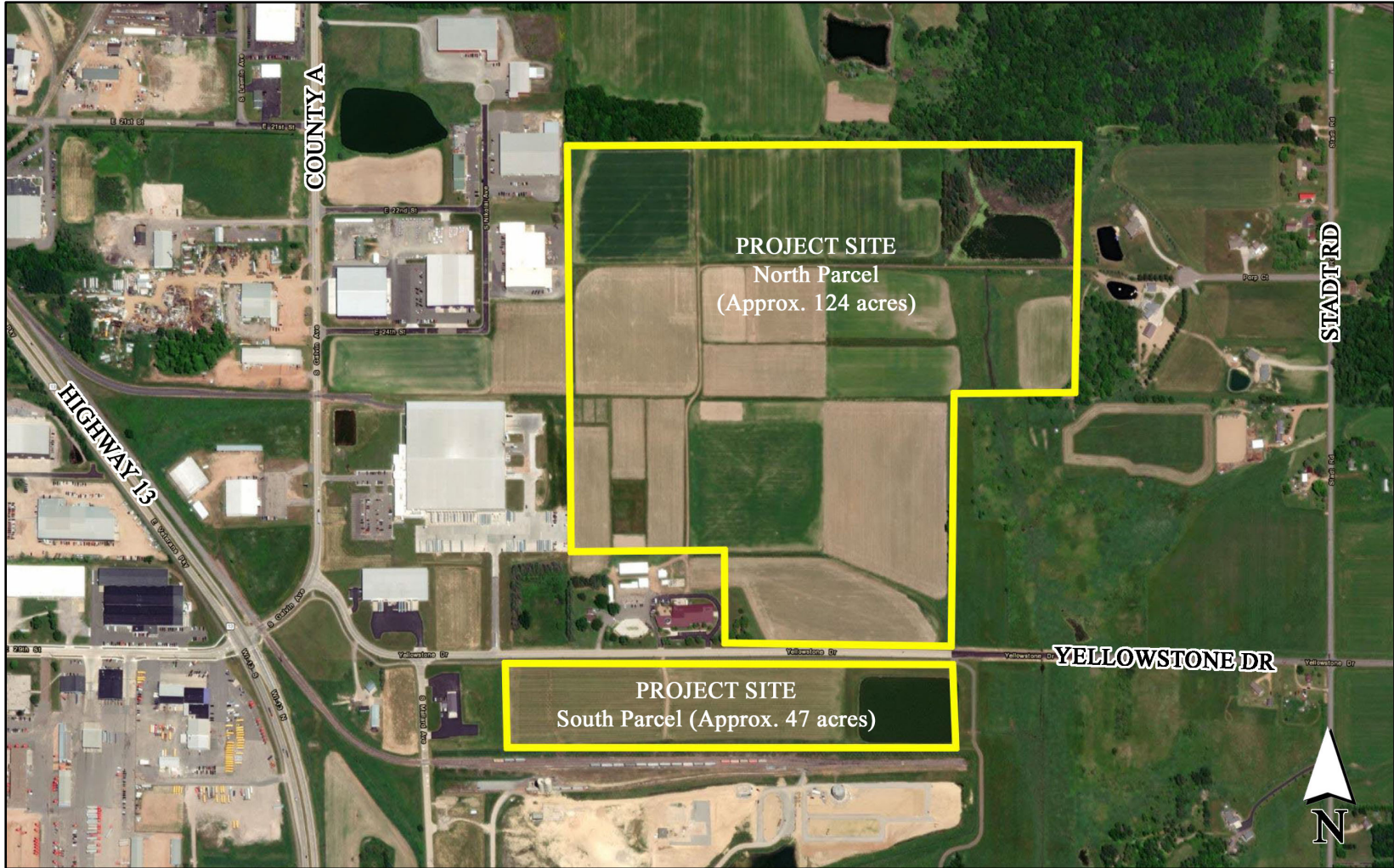


Figure 1. Project Location
Base Image Source: Google Earth

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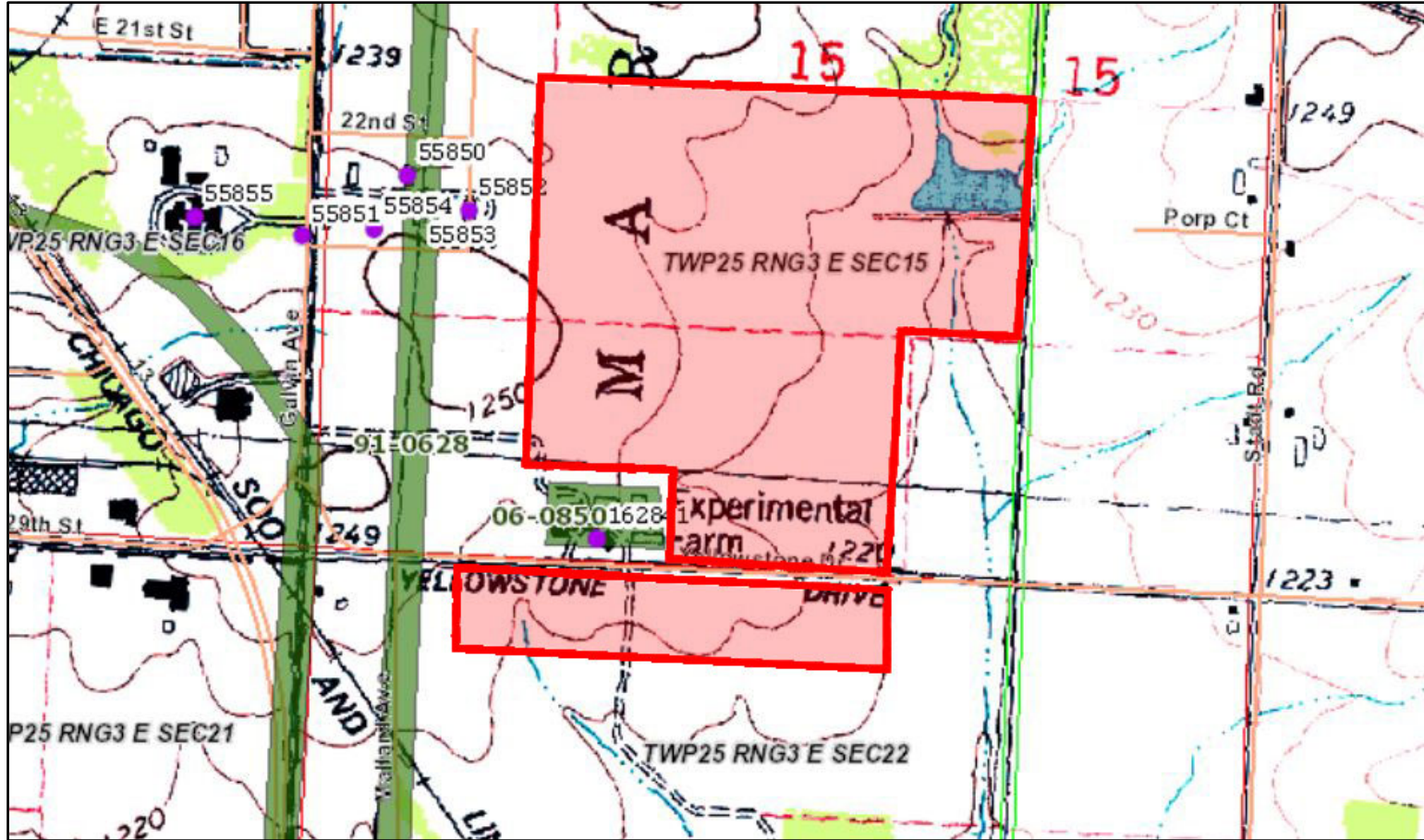


Figure 2. WHPD Map of the Project Area (Project Site in Red)