
Appendix F

Farmland Conversion Form (AD 1006) and Correspondence Letters



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Cass County
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Dear District Conservationist:

Please find enclosed the Farmland Conversion Impact Rating Form, AD-1006, for impacts to Prime or Statewide Important Farmland for the proposed TH 371 North Improvement Project. We are preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the project, which includes reconstruction Highway 371 from County Road (CR) 18 in the City of Nisswa to CR 2/42 in Pine River. Enclosed is a figure indicating the alignment alternatives being considered in the DEIS. As you can see the four build alternatives (Alts. 2, 3, 4, and 5) share the same corridor through the portion of the project in Cass County. Therefore, the potential farmland impacts are the same for the build alternatives. Through careful review of the soil survey and preliminary layouts, we have determined that approximately 7.3 acres of Statewide Important (731 Sanborn loamy sand, 0-3%) are located within the footprint of the proposed four-lane improvement. The results of our analysis are provided for your review. If you have any questions or comments regarding this analysis of Prime or Statewide Important Farmland within the proposed project area, please feel free to contact me at 651.765.2945.

Sincerely,

SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON INC.

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Planner

c: Tony Hughes, Mn/DOT Project Manager

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FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Date Of Land Evaluation Request	
Name Of Project Hwy 371		Federal Agency Involved	
Proposed Land Use Highway Improvement Project		County And State Cass + Crow Wing Cty's, Minn.	
PART II (To be completed by SCS)		Date Request Received By SCS	
Does the site contain prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland? <i>(If no, the FPPA does not apply - do not complete additional parts of this form)</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Acres Irrigated _____ Average Farm Size _____
Major Crop(s)	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres _____ % _____	Amount Of Farmland As Defined In FPPA Acres _____ % _____	
Name Of Land Evaluation System Used	Name Of Local Site Assessment System	Date Land Evaluation Returned By SCS	
PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Alternative Site Rating	
		Site A	Site B
		Site C	Site D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly		7.3	
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly		14.5	
C. Total Acres In Site		126.4	
PART IV (To be completed by SCS) - Land Evaluation Information			
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland			
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland			
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted			
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value			
PART V (To be completed by SCS) - Land Evaluation Criterion			
Relative Value Of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)			
PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Maximum Points	
Site Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(b))			
1. Area In Nonurban Use	15	15	
2. Perimeter In Nonurban Use	10	10	
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed	20	12	
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20	20	
5. Distance From Urban Builtup Area	15	0	
6. Distance To Urban Support Services	15	0	
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10	4	
8. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25	0	
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	1	
10. On-Farm Investments	20	3	
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25	0	
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	3	
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS	160	68	
PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)			
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100		
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	68	
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260		
Site Selected:	Date Of Selection	Was A Local Site Assessment Used? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Reason For Selection:			