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TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

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May 2025 Open Houses

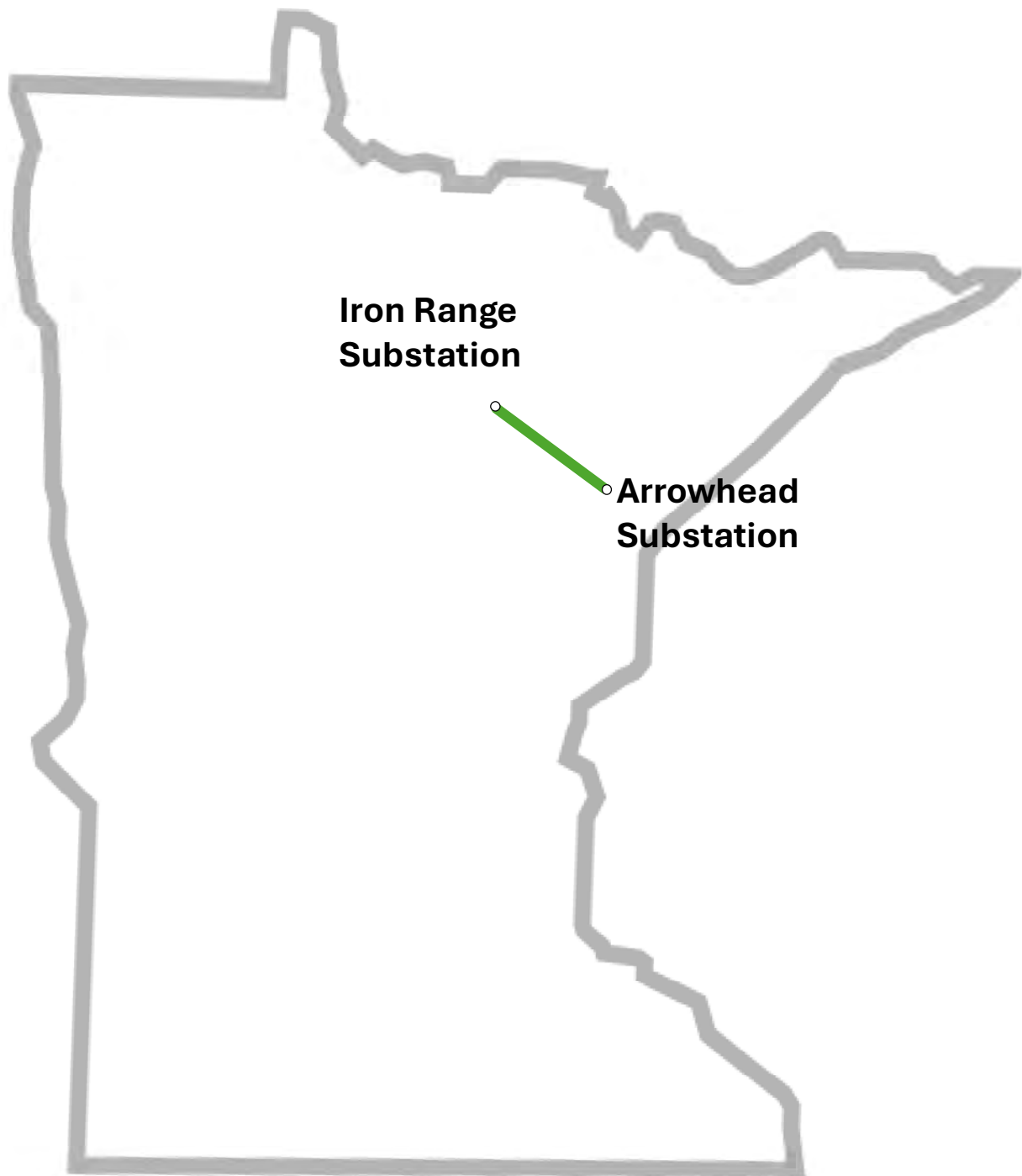
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What constraints should we be aware of?

Agricultural uses, including organic farms
Airports/air navigation facilities
Cemeteries
Communication towers
Conservation areas
Cultural/archaeological resources
Floodplains
Lakes/ponds/rivers/streams/wetlands
Levees/dams
Mines/quarries
Pipelines
Potentially contaminated sites
Railroads
Religious facilities
Residences
Scenic highways
Schools
Sensitive plant/animal species
State/regional/local parks and trails
Wells

Right-of-Way Acquisition

What is right-of-way?

A right-of-way, or ROW, is a strip of land used for a specific purpose such as the construction, operation and maintenance of a road or transmission line. Right-of-way is typically secured as an easement on a property.

What is an easement?

An ownership interest in real property allowing Minnesota Power the right to construct, operate and maintain a transmission line and other associated infrastructure on your property.

Our right-of-way acquisition process:

Project representatives will hold individual meetings with affected landowners to discuss right-of-way needs.



Landowners are contacted to begin right-of-way acquisition process.



An easement is presented to a landowner. An offer based on fair market value is presented.



We work closely with the landowner to resolve concerns and reach an agreement. An easement is recorded.



The utilities construct, operate and maintain the transmission line within the right-of-way.

Additional right-of-way needs may include:

- Construction staging areas
- Substation expansions
- Temporary access roads

Construction

Typical preconstruction and construction activities



- ▲ Initial surveying, right-of-way clearing and access routes



- ▲ Structure staking, surveying and soils investigations as needed

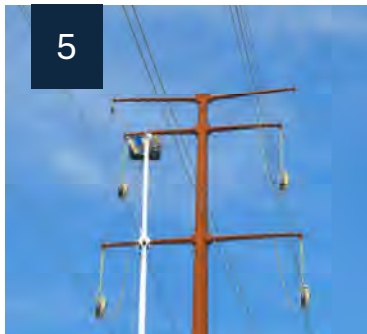


- ▲ Foundation installation

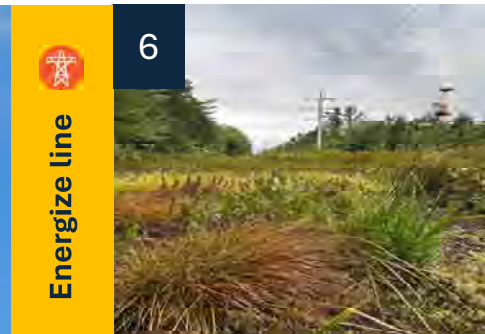
Foundation type may vary depending on structure



- ▲ Assemble and set structures



- ▲ Wire installation

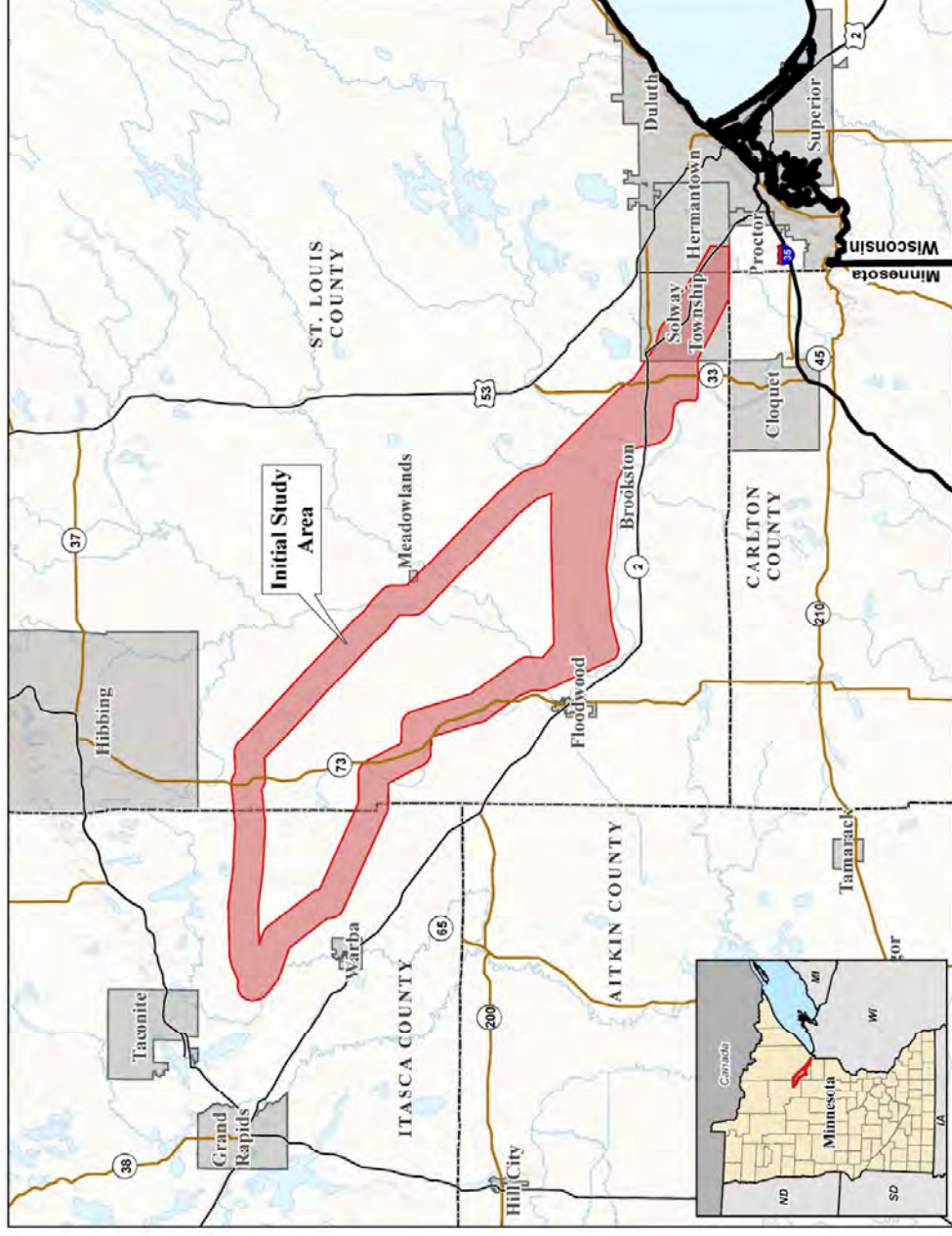


- ▲ Cleanup and restoration

Typical preconstruction survey types:

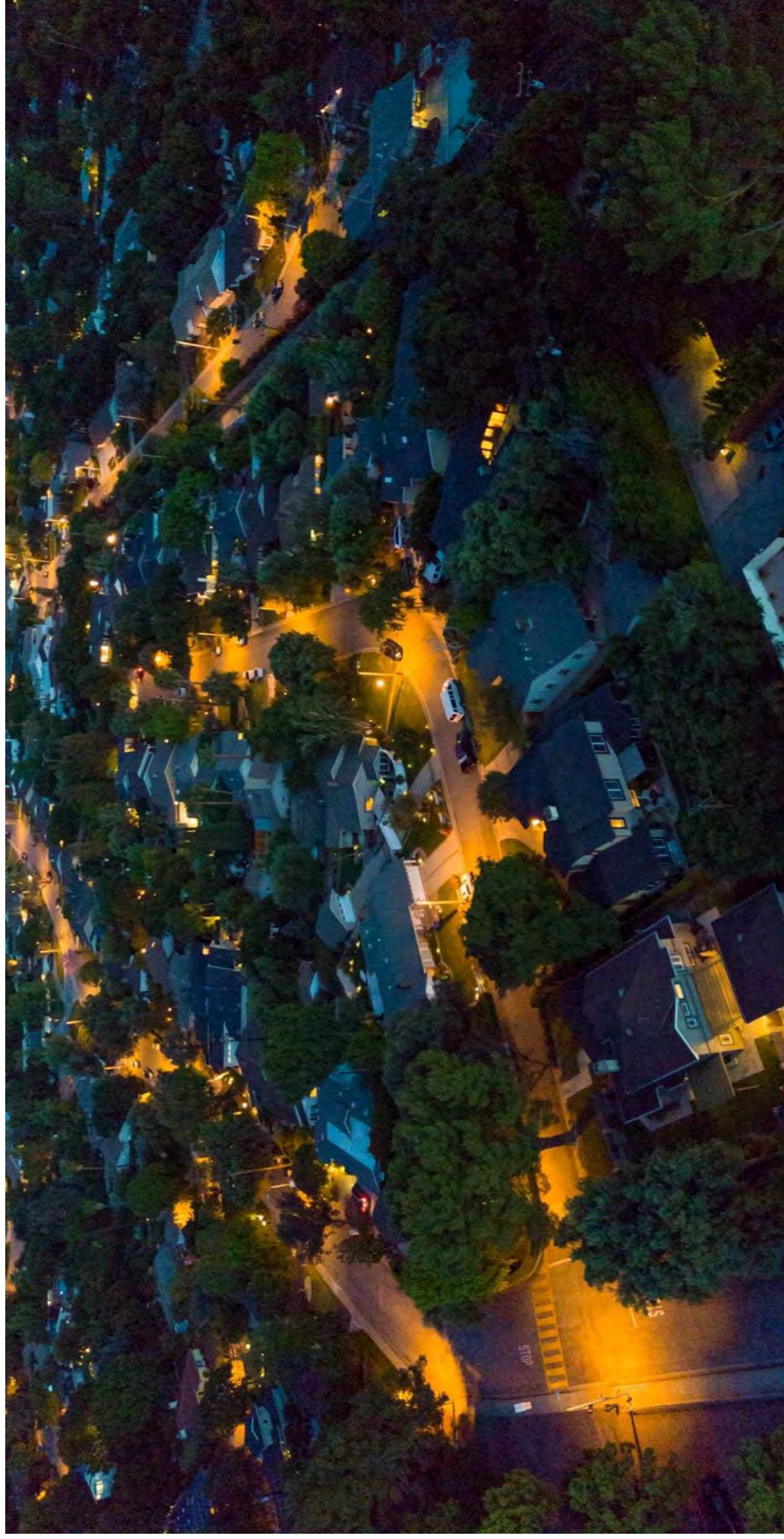
- Field surveys
- Wildlife surveys
- Archaeological surveys
- Wetland and stream surveys
- Soil surveys

Initial Study Area



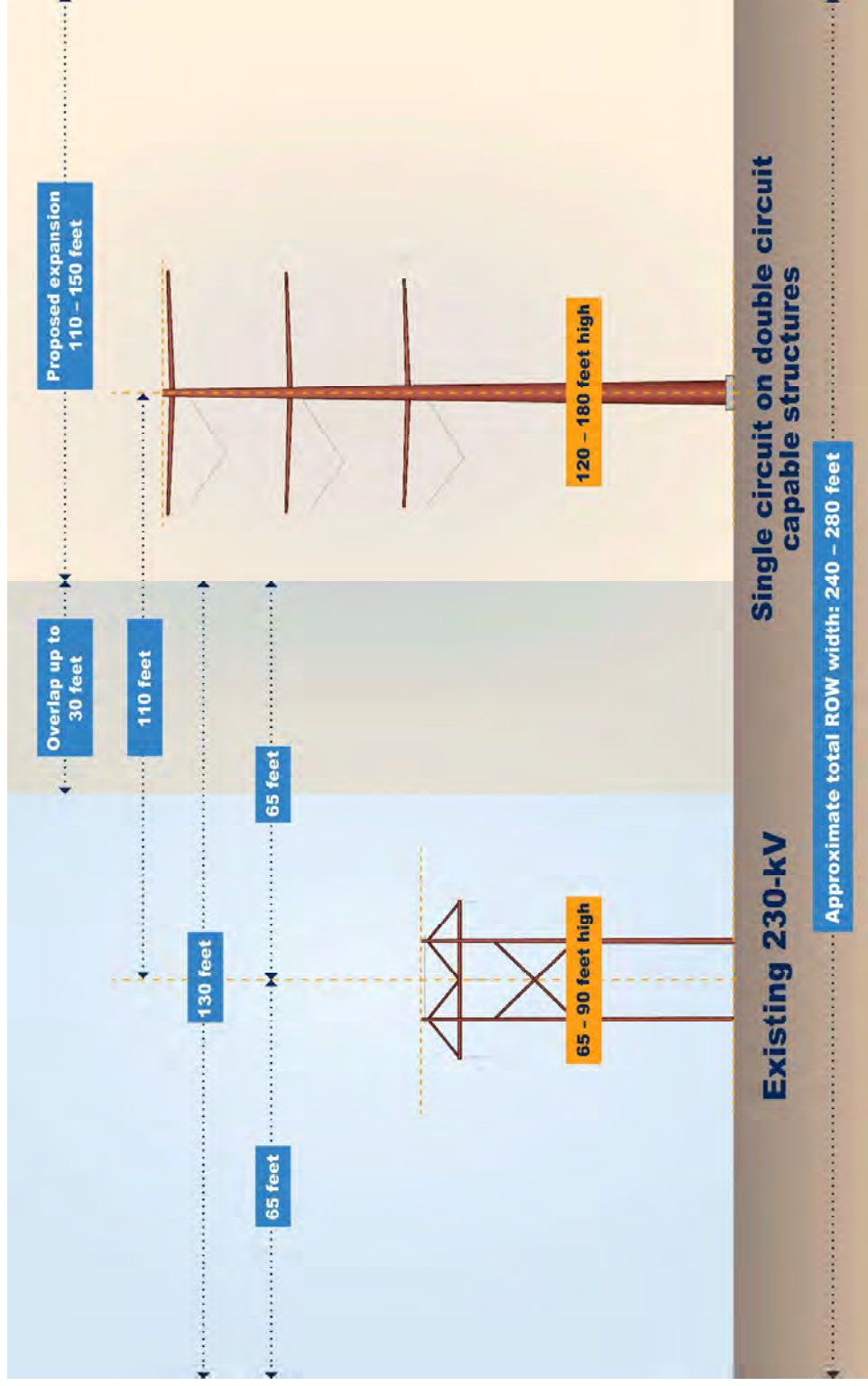
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Right-of-Way (ROW) Typical Construction



Project Timeline

2026-2028

Permitting, engineering,
environmental surveys,
ROW acquisition, and
public engagement



2025

Stakeholder
engagement and
routing



2029-2032

Construction



2032

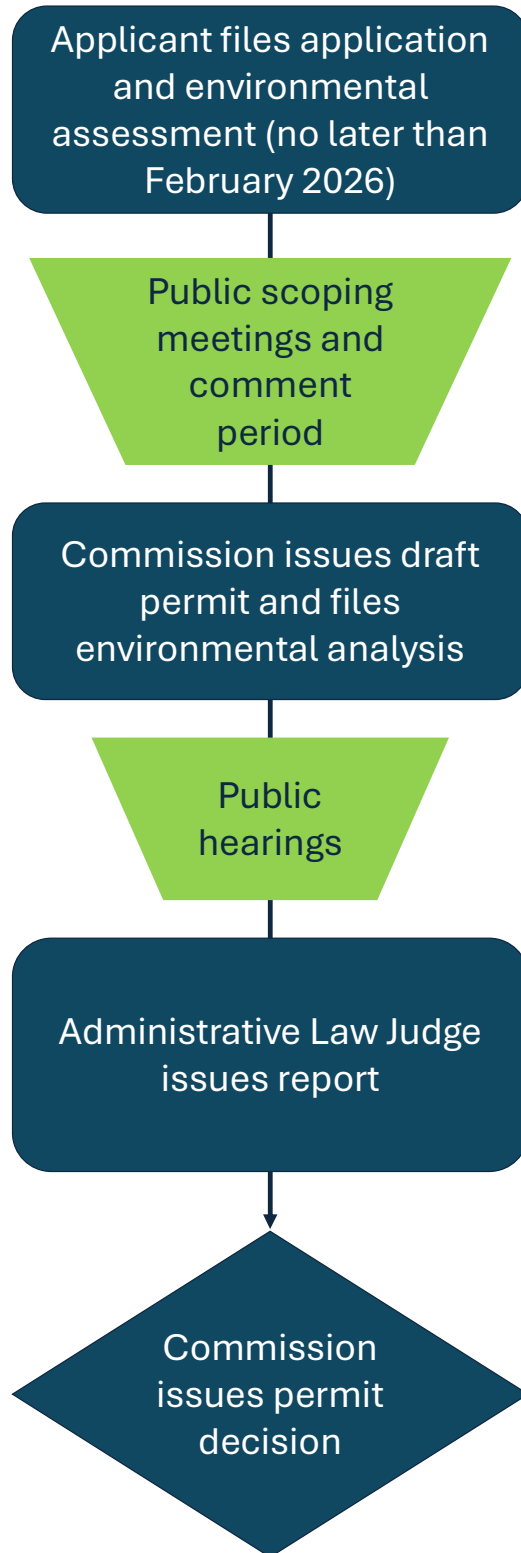
In-service



Permitting

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC)

High-Voltage Transmission Line Permitting Process



Environmental Surveys

Minnesota Power will conduct a variety of studies and surveys during different phases of project development. These field surveys allow the project team to verify or collect new information about the proposed route to help minimize impacts for construction of the transmission line.

Permission will be requested to allow survey teams access to private property to conduct required field surveys. More detailed information will be provided to property owners in advance of teams conducting surveys on private property.

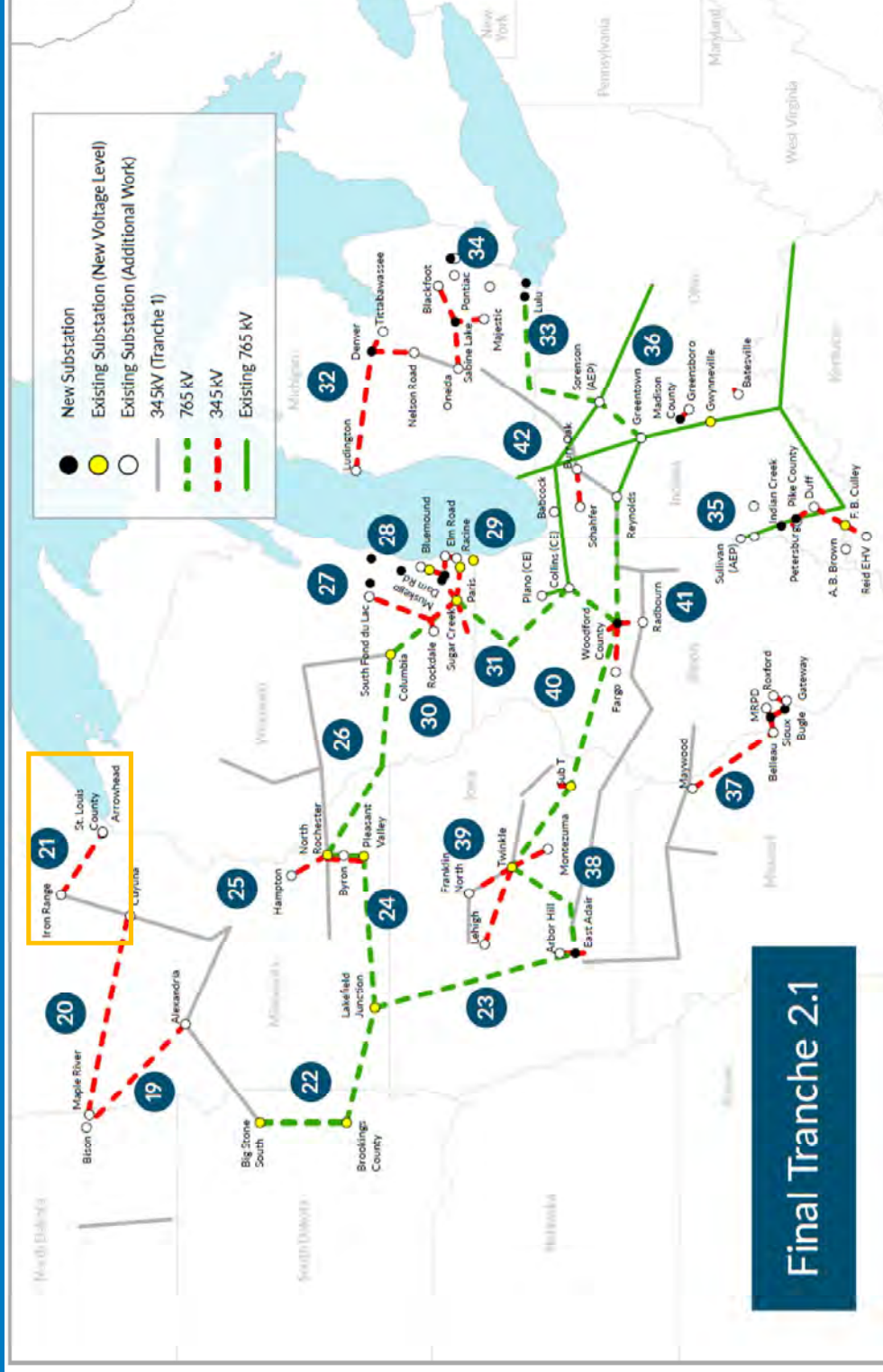


Possible surveys include the following, which may vary by location:

- Geotechnical
- Biological
- Cultural resources
- Wetland and waterbodies
- Invasive species
- Protected species
- Raptor nest

Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO)

Tranche 2.1 Portfolio



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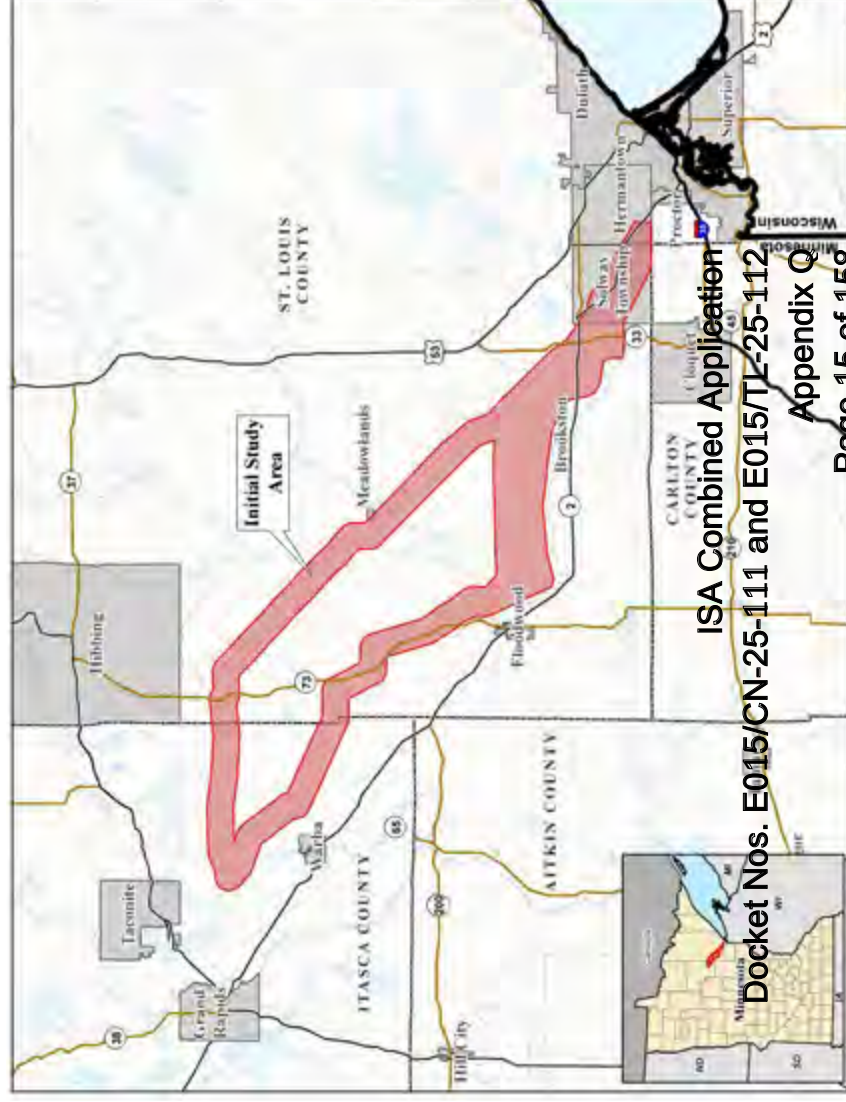
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Project overview

Minnesota Power is proposing to construct an approximately 63-mile-long, 345-kV transmission line from Minnesota Power's Iron Range Substation near Grand Rapids, Minnesota, to Minnesota Power's St. Louis County Substation near Hermantown, with a connection to American Transmission Company's nearby Arrowhead Substation.

The Iron Range – St. Louis County – Arrowhead (ISA) Transmission Project is one in a portfolio of transmission projects approved by the regional grid operator, Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), in its 2024 Long-Range Transmission Planning portfolio. As a part of this larger portfolio, the ISA Transmission Project will:



Enhance grid reliability in the Upper Midwest as grid operating conditions become more variable



Increase grid efficiency as energy is transferred from where it is produced to where it is needed



Meet the growing demand for reliable clean energy in the Upper Midwest

Schedule

2025

Stakeholder engagement and routing

2026-2028

Permitting, engineering, environmental surveys, ROW acquisition, and public engagement

2029-2032

Construction

2032

Anticipated in-service

**The schedule is subject to change.*

Regulatory process

In February 2025, the Applicants filed a notice of intent (NOI) to apply for a combined Certificate of Need and Route Permit for the Project. Under current state regulations, the Applicants have 12 months from the date of the NOI to file the Certificate of Need application. You can subscribe to receive updates from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission regarding the regulatory process. Visit edockets.state.mn.us/documents and enter the docket number you're interested in tracking. For information on the Certificate of Need use docket 25-111 and for the Route Permit use docket 25-112.

Public involvement

The Project team will be contacting landowners to speak with them about the Project. There will also be opportunities for any interested parties to ask questions and provide comments during the permitting process.

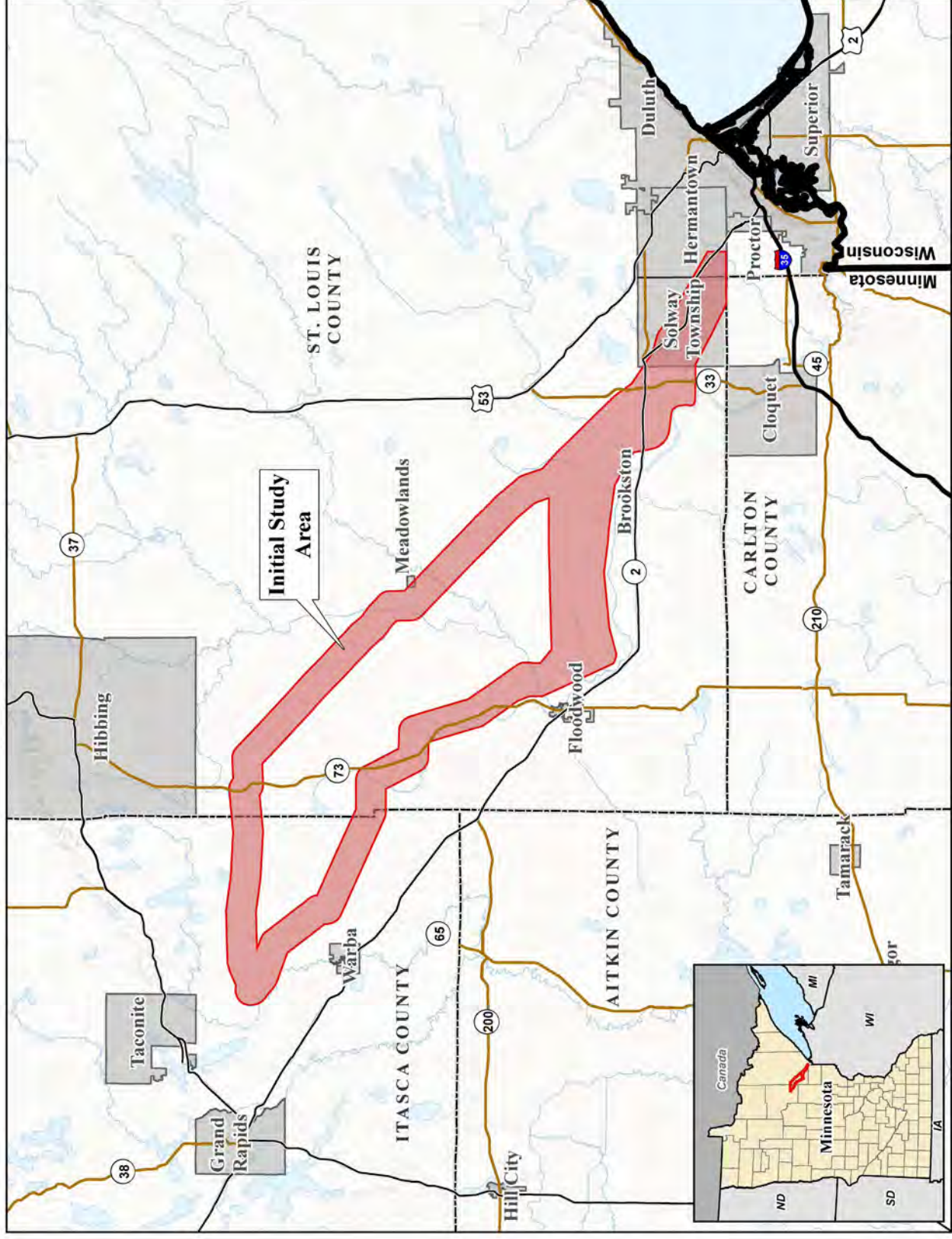
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Right-of-way (ROW) Process

ROW easements allow for the safe construction, operation, and maintenance of linear infrastructure projects including transmission lines. Our team will work closely with landowners during the ROW process to introduce the project and ourselves, answer questions and solicit input, and negotiate and acquire necessary land rights.

Minnesota Power representatives will contact affected landowners and hold individual meetings to discuss the ROW process, including the need for temporary right-of-entry access, negotiation and acquisition of temporary and permanent land rights, and the restoration and damage process.

Four major ROW process phases and anticipated schedule

1 Right-of-entry for temporary access (2026 – 2027) Project representatives will reach out to impacted landowners to request temporary access to a portion of their property. This temporary access is granted through a right-of-entry agreement allowing project team members to conduct surveys and studies to inform the routing process.	2 Easements (2026 – 2028) As the route is defined, impacted landowners will be contacted to begin the ROW negotiation and easement acquisition process. An offer package will be presented to landowners based on fair market value. Our goal is to work closely with landowners to resolve concerns and reach a voluntary agreement. The easement agreement is recorded with the County Recorder.
3 Construction (2029 – 2032) Minnesota Power will construct the transmission line within the ROW while maintaining ongoing communications with landowners. Temporary roads may be needed during construction.	4 Restoration (2029 – 2033) After construction, damages to crops and property will be settled through reimbursement or restoration. Minnesota Power is responsible for maintaining the easement area.

Can this project share ROW with an existing line?

There may be opportunities to overlap the project ROW with an existing transmission line corridor. We estimate up to 30 feet of ROW may be shared between the existing structure and the new structure depending on engineering, construction and topography.

How large of an easement is needed for the Project?

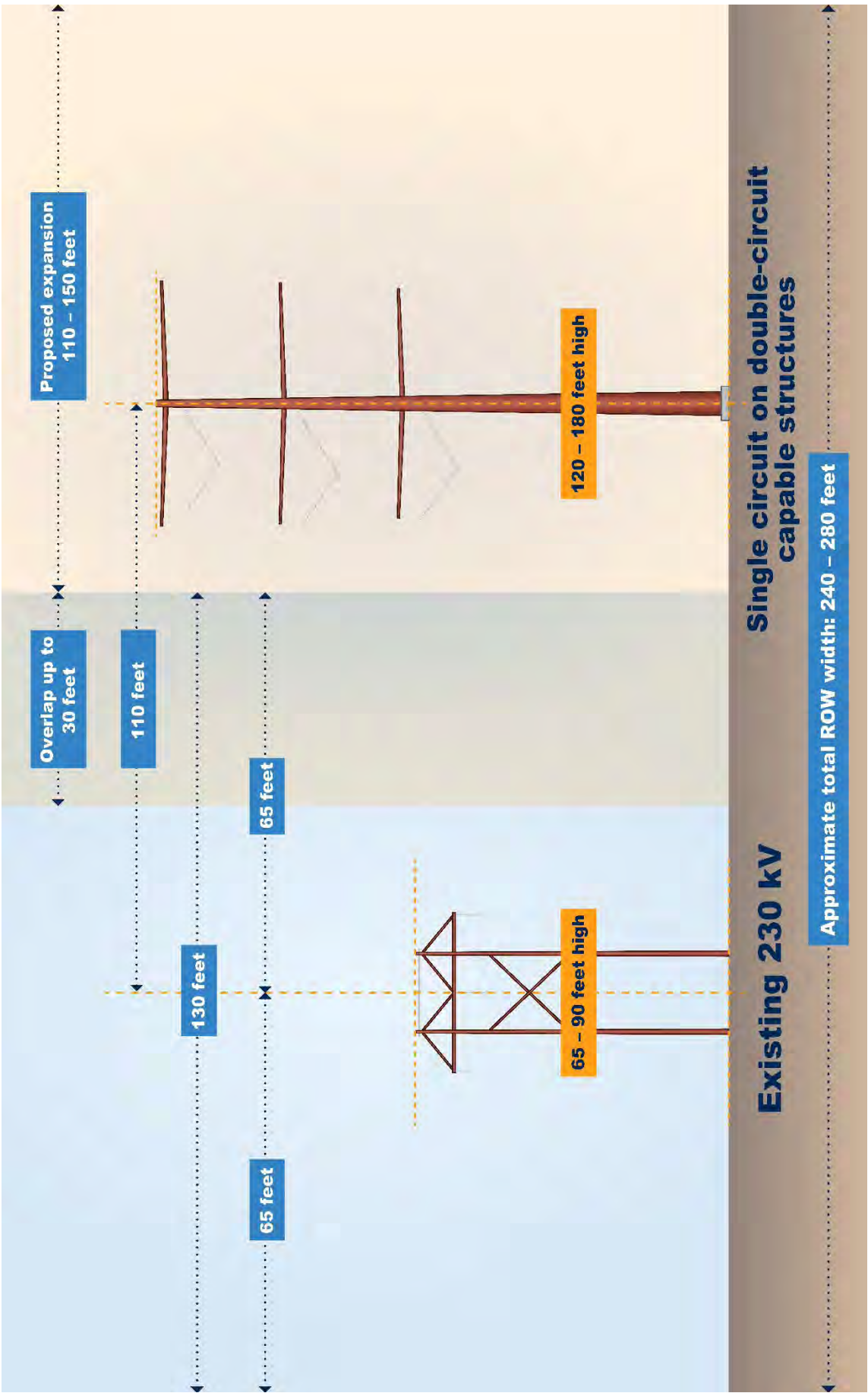
The typical width of the ROW will be a minimum of 150 feet (75 feet on each side of a transmission line). It is sometimes necessary to secure additional permanent ROW at angles or areas where specialty structures are used. It could also be necessary to secure temporary areas next to the permanent ROW for stringing and construction access. The project team will design the route to maximize the distance of the transmission structures from homes and businesses.

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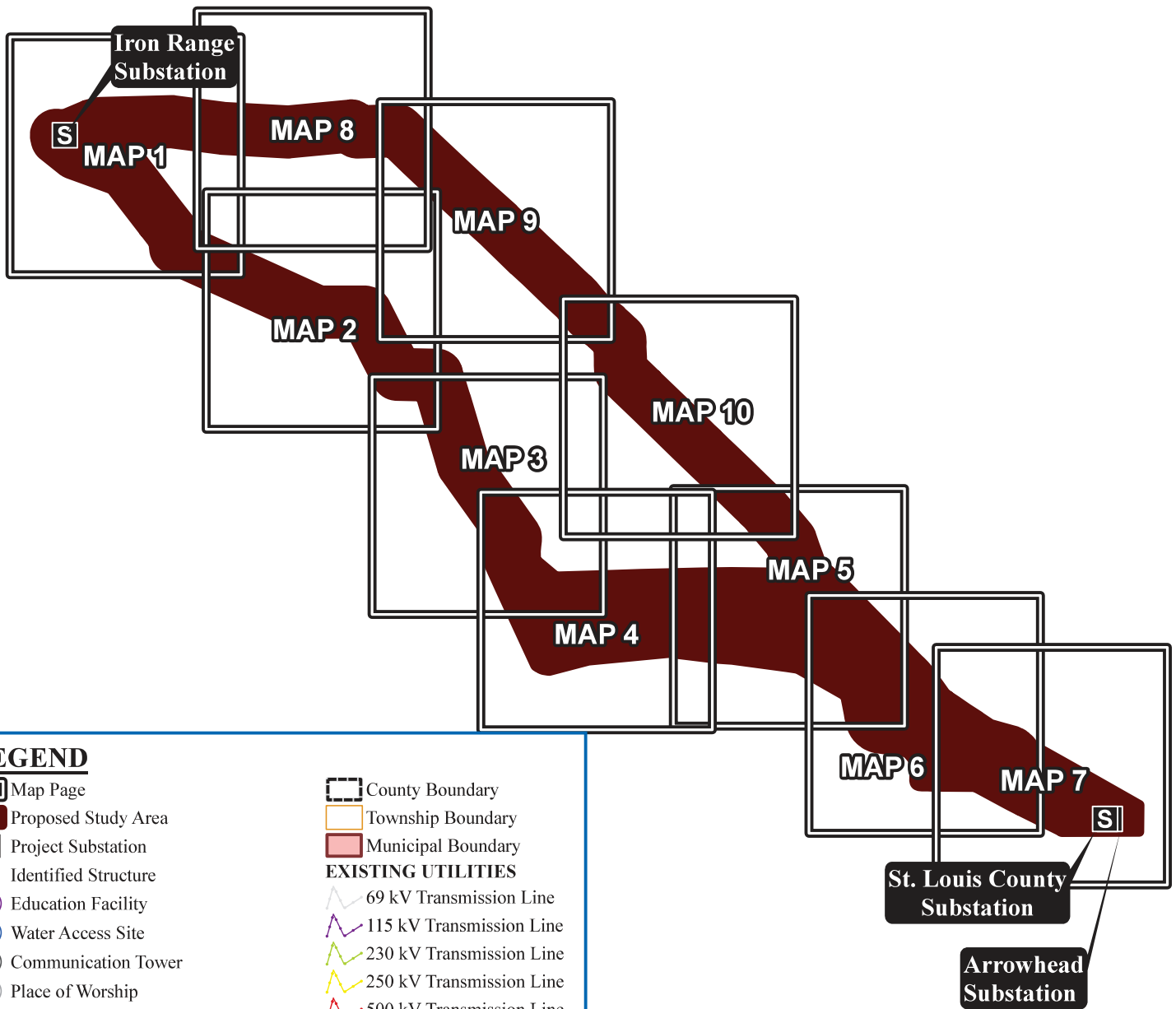
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MAY 2025 OPEN HOUSE MAP SET

IRON RANGE TO ST. LOUIS COUNTY PROJECT - OPEN HOUSE



LEGEND

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Map Page | County Boundary |
| Proposed Study Area | Township Boundary |
| Project Substation | Municipal Boundary |
| Identified Structure | EXISTING UTILITIES |
| Education Facility | 69 kV Transmission Line |
| Water Access Site | 115 kV Transmission Line |
| Communication Tower | 230 kV Transmission Line |
| Place of Worship | 250 kV Transmission Line |
| Cemetery | 500 kV Transmission Line |
| Airport | Pipeline (Oil) |
| Aquatic Management Area (AMA) | Pipeline (Natural Gas) |
| State Forest Land (Fee Surface) | HYDROLOGY |
| Railroad | River/Stream |
| State Trail | Lake, Pond, Reservoir |
| Snowmobile Trail | Public Water Watercourse |
| | Public Water Basin/Wetland |

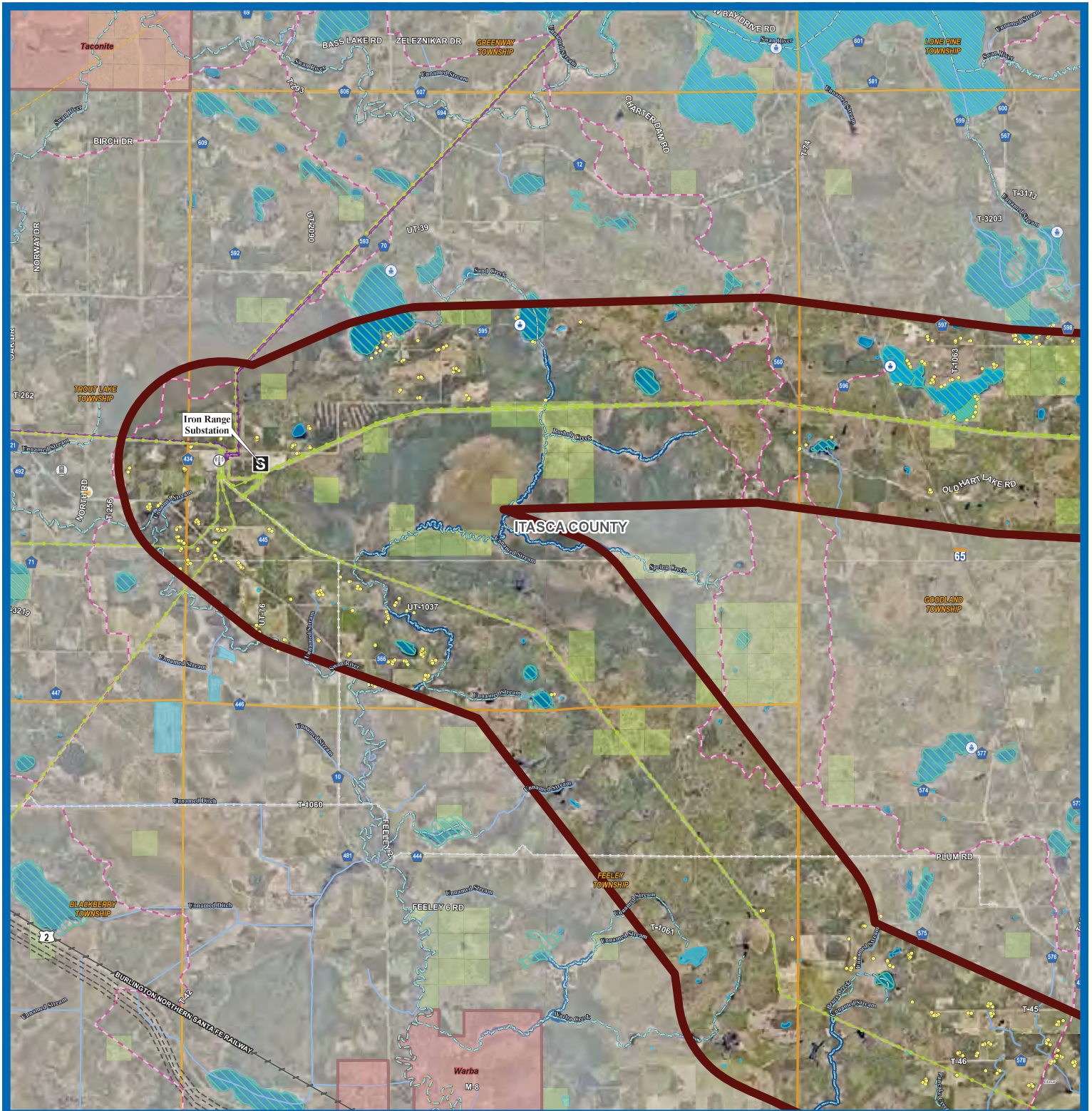
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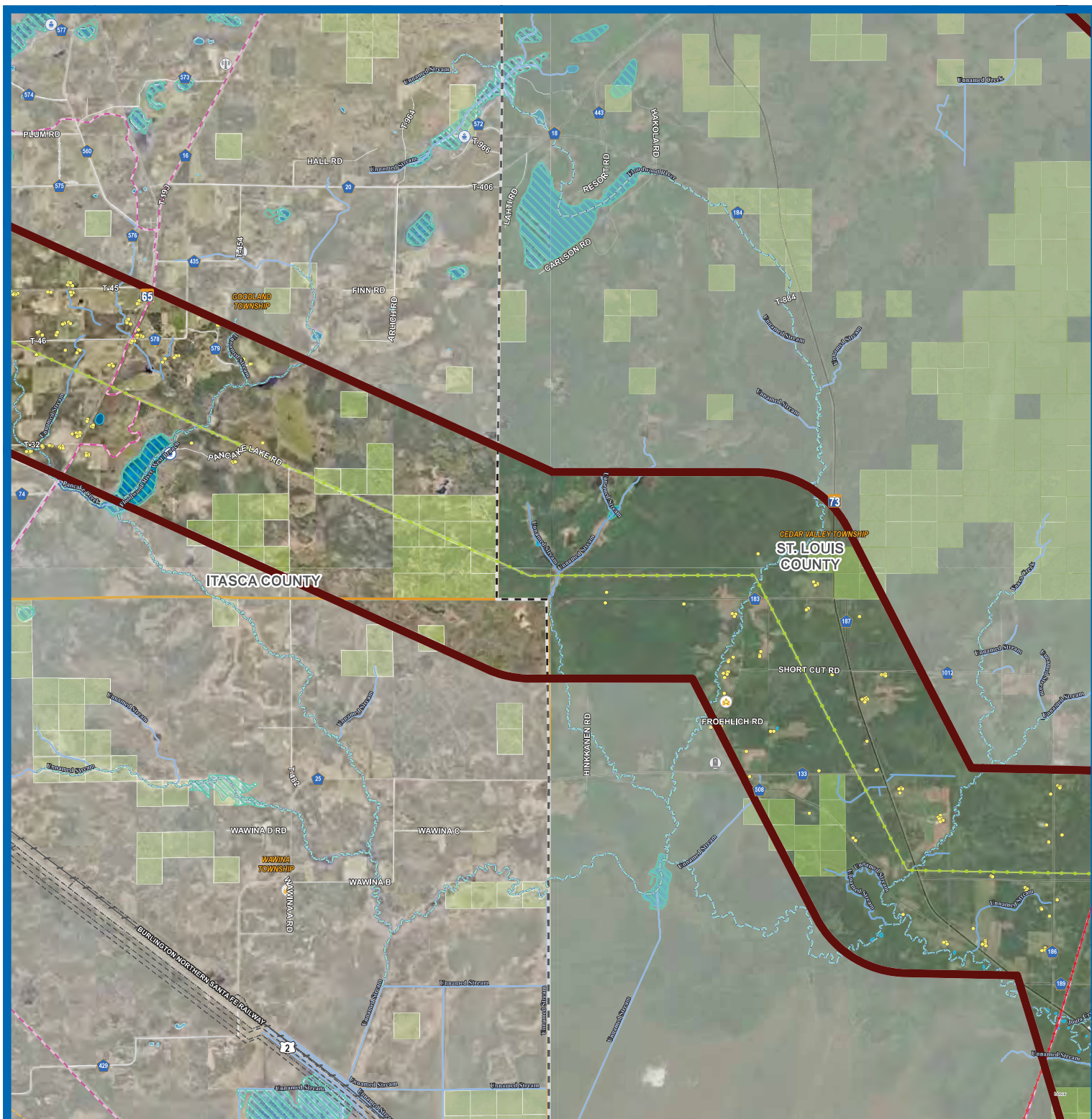
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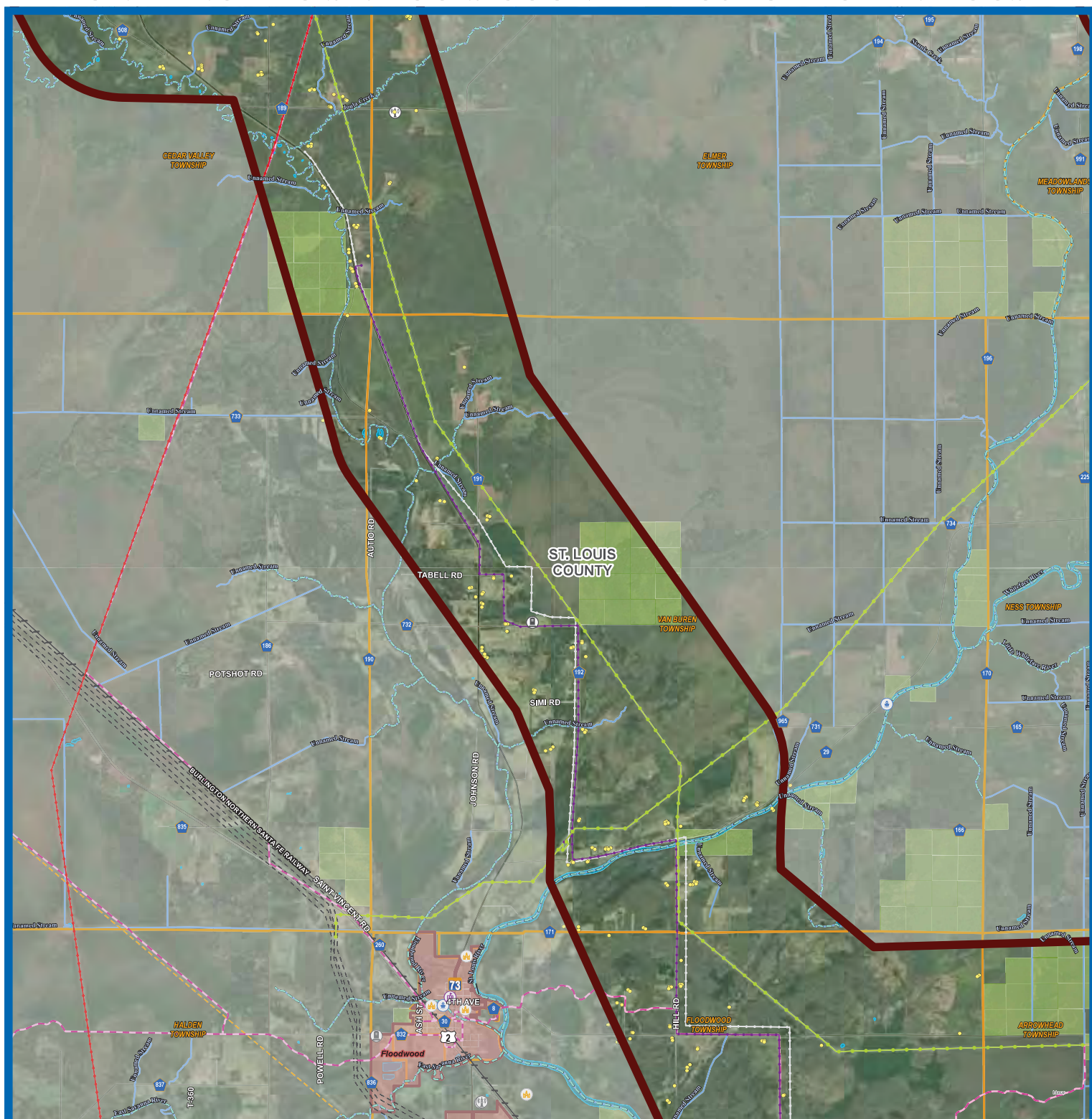
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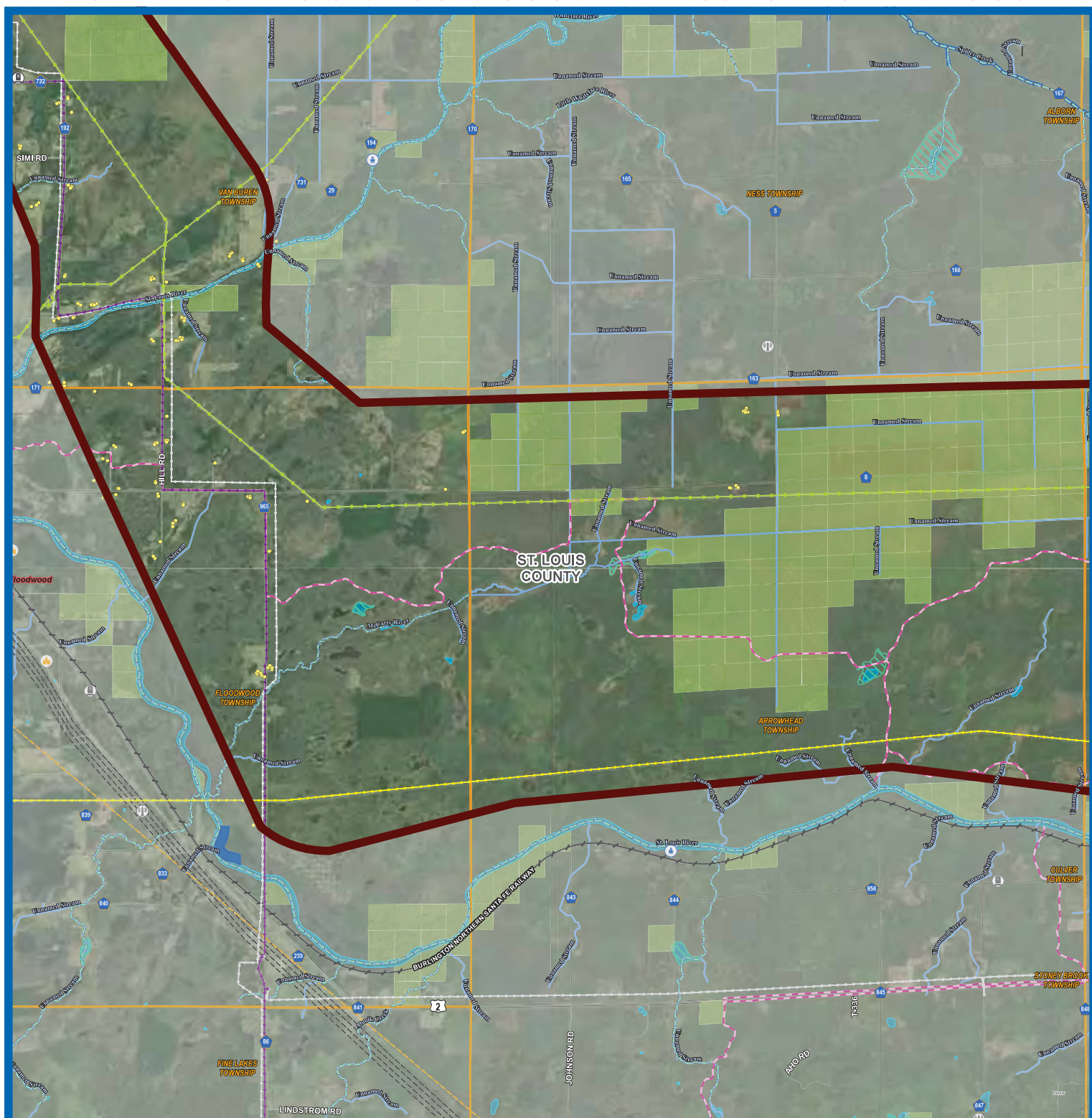
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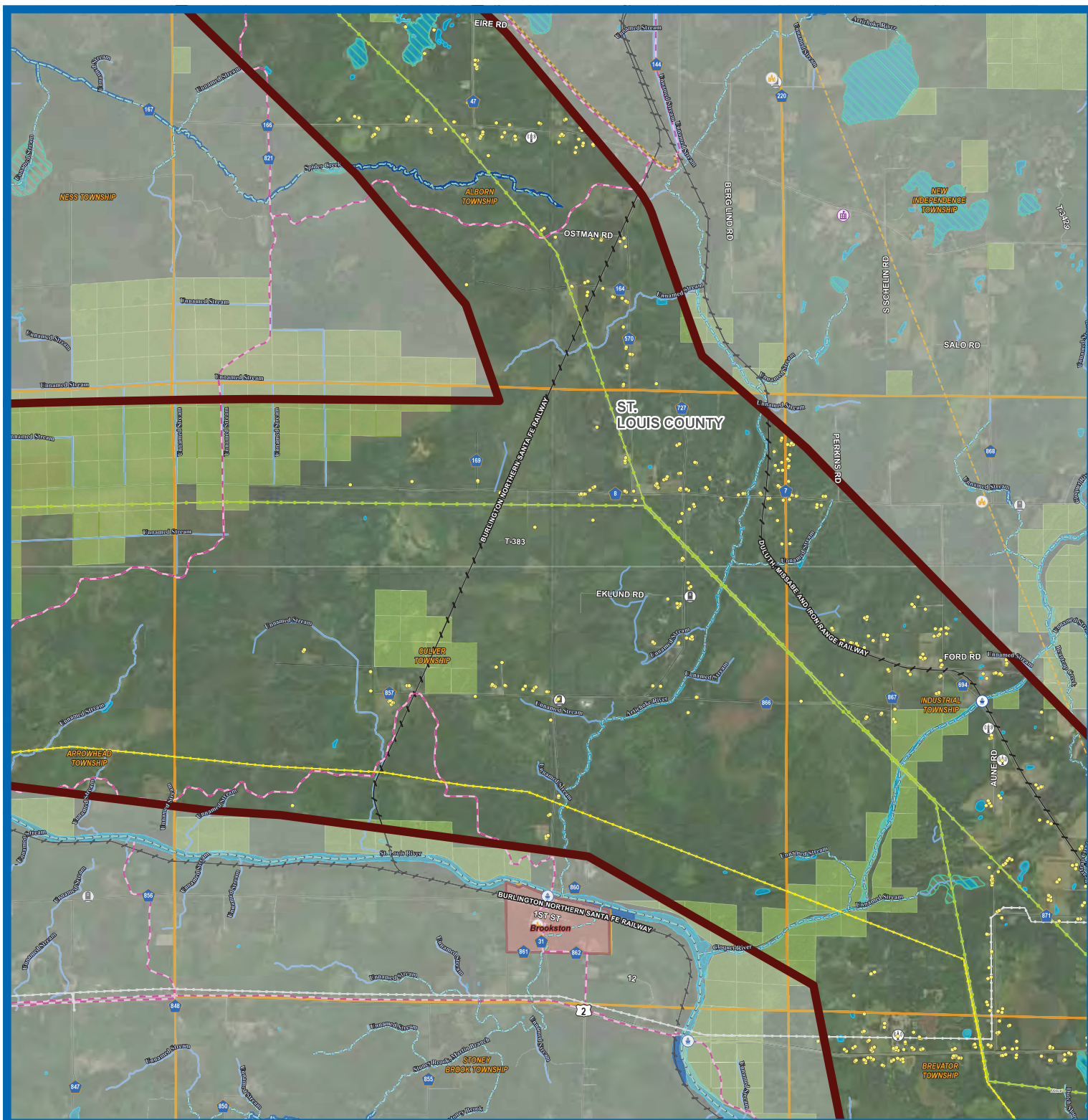
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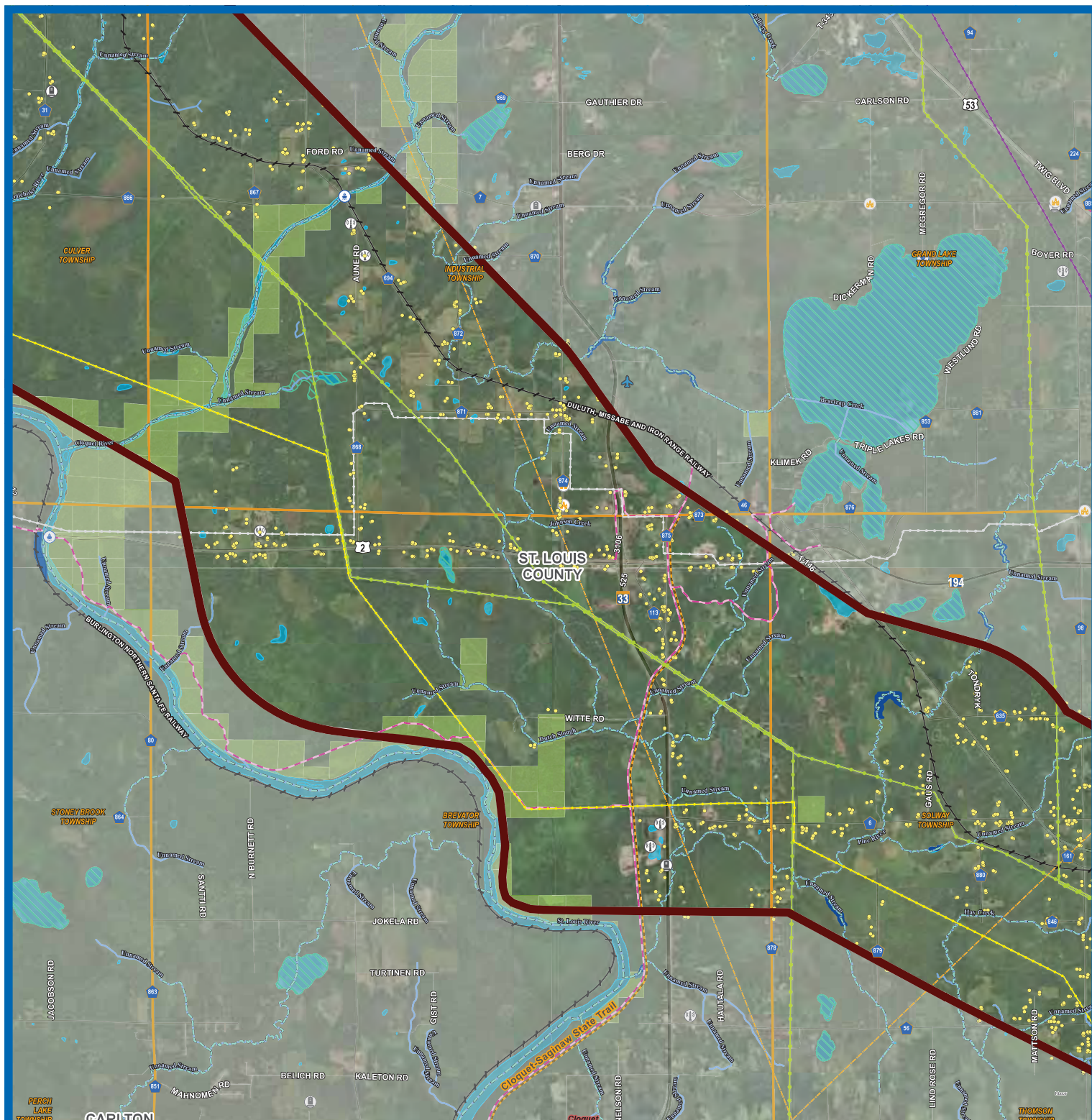
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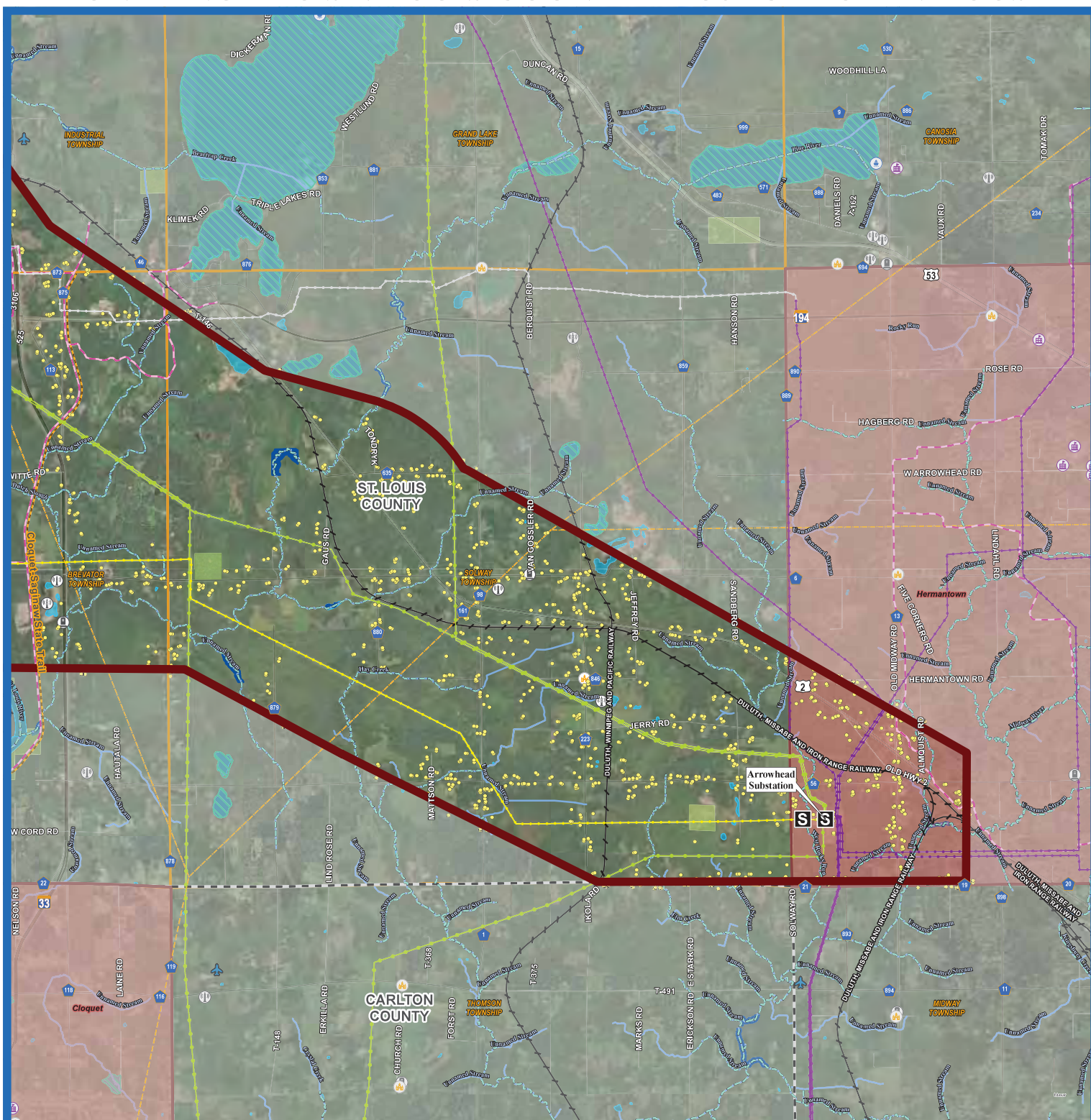
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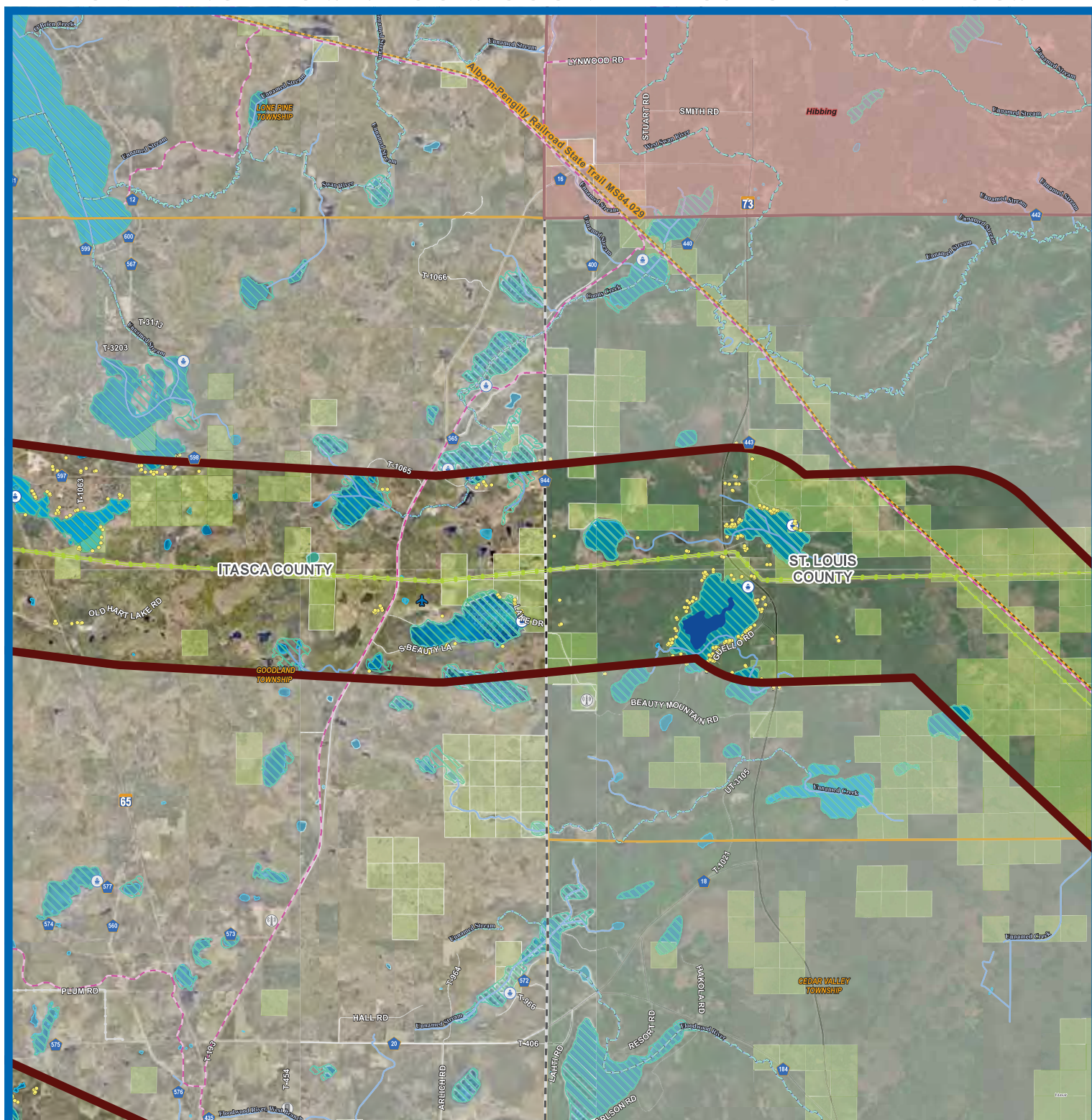
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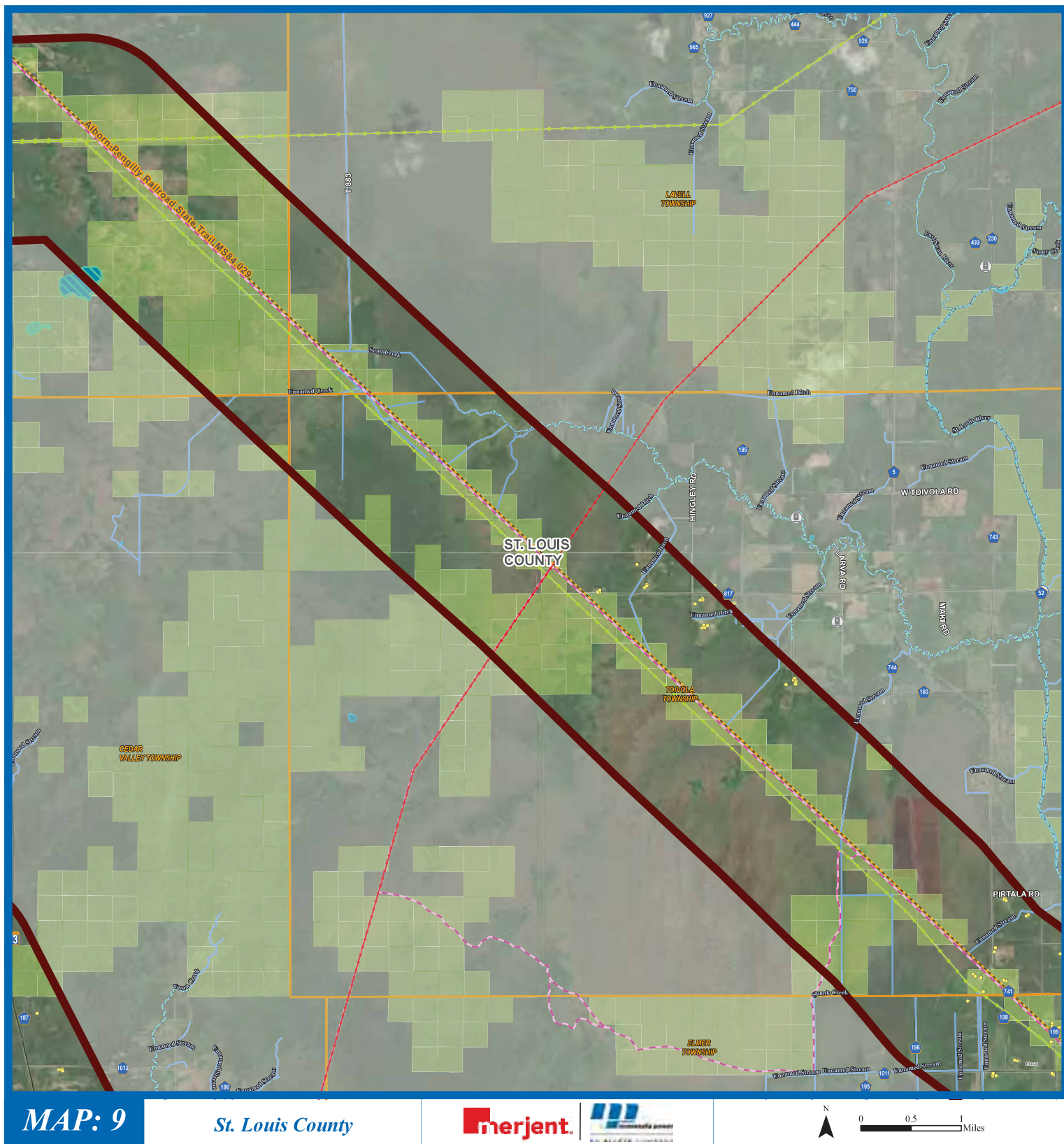
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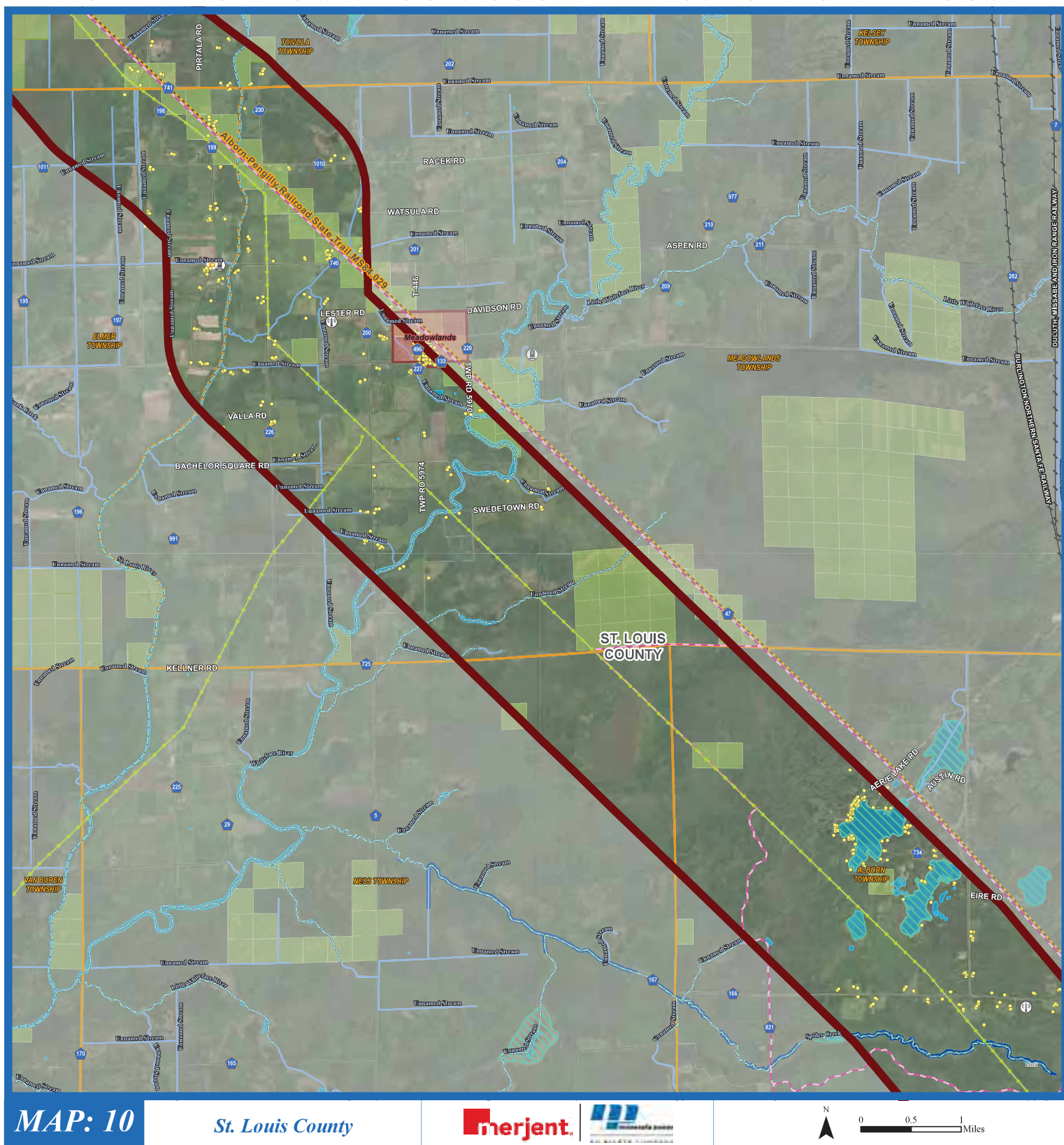
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Subject: ISA Transmission Project May Open Houses

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Minnesota Power invites you to attend any of the Open Houses; the schedule is as follows:

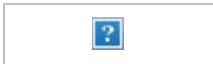
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Minnesota Power is seeking your input on the proposed routes and study area for the Project. If you have questions about the Project or the Open Houses, please contact Zach Golkowski, (218) 355-3366 or zgolkowski@mnpower.com.

Regards,

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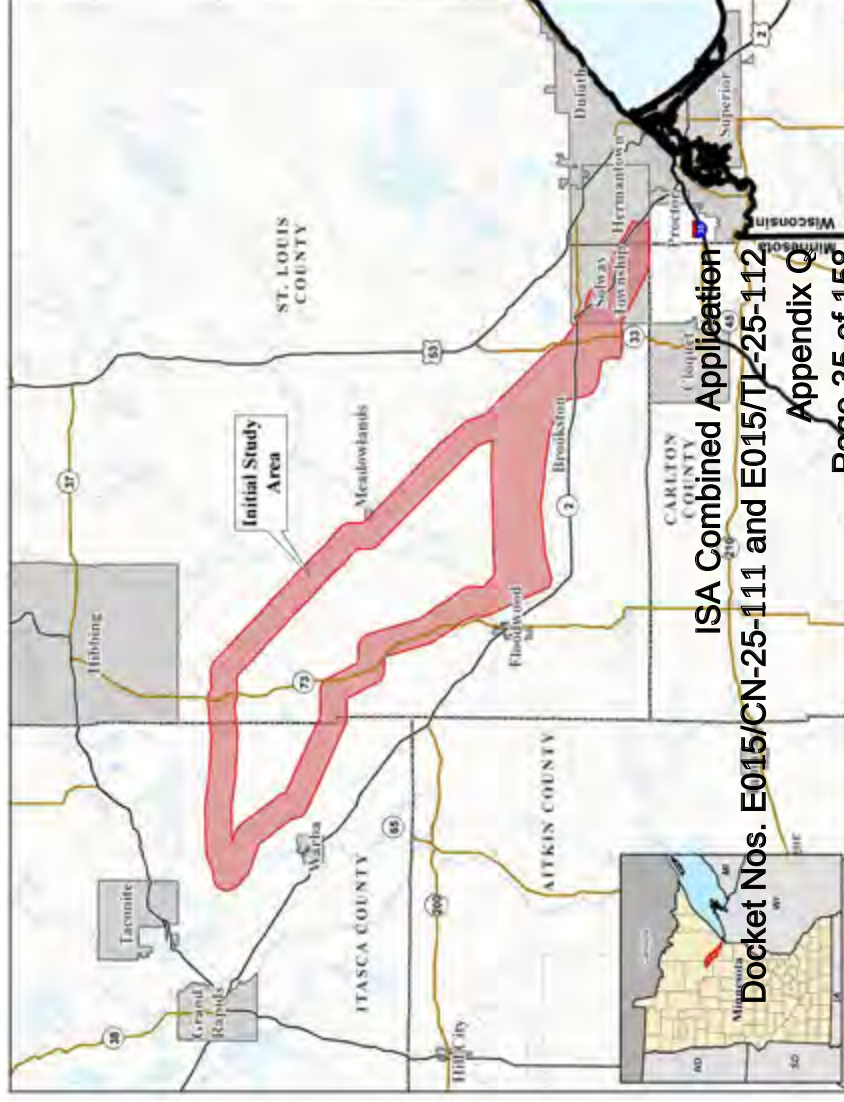
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Subject: ISA Transmission Project May Open Houses

Minnesota Power is hosting Open Houses to introduce the ISA Transmission Project. The proposed ISA Transmission Project is an approximately 63-mile-long 345 kilovolt transmission line between Minnesota Power's Iron Range Substation near Grand Rapids in Itasca County, Minnesota Power's St. Louis County Substation, and American Transmission Company's Arrowhead Substation near Hermantown, Minnesota.

Minnesota Power invites you to attend any of the Open Houses; the schedule is as follows:

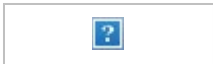
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Minnesota Power is seeking your input on the proposed routes and study area for the Project. If you have questions about the Project or the Open Houses, please contact Zach Golkowski, (218) 355-3366 or zgolkowski@mnpower.com.

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OPEN HOUSE DETAILS

Join Minnesota Power at one of the Open Houses to learn more about the ISA Transmission Project and provide comments.

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1401 NW 3rd Avenue
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

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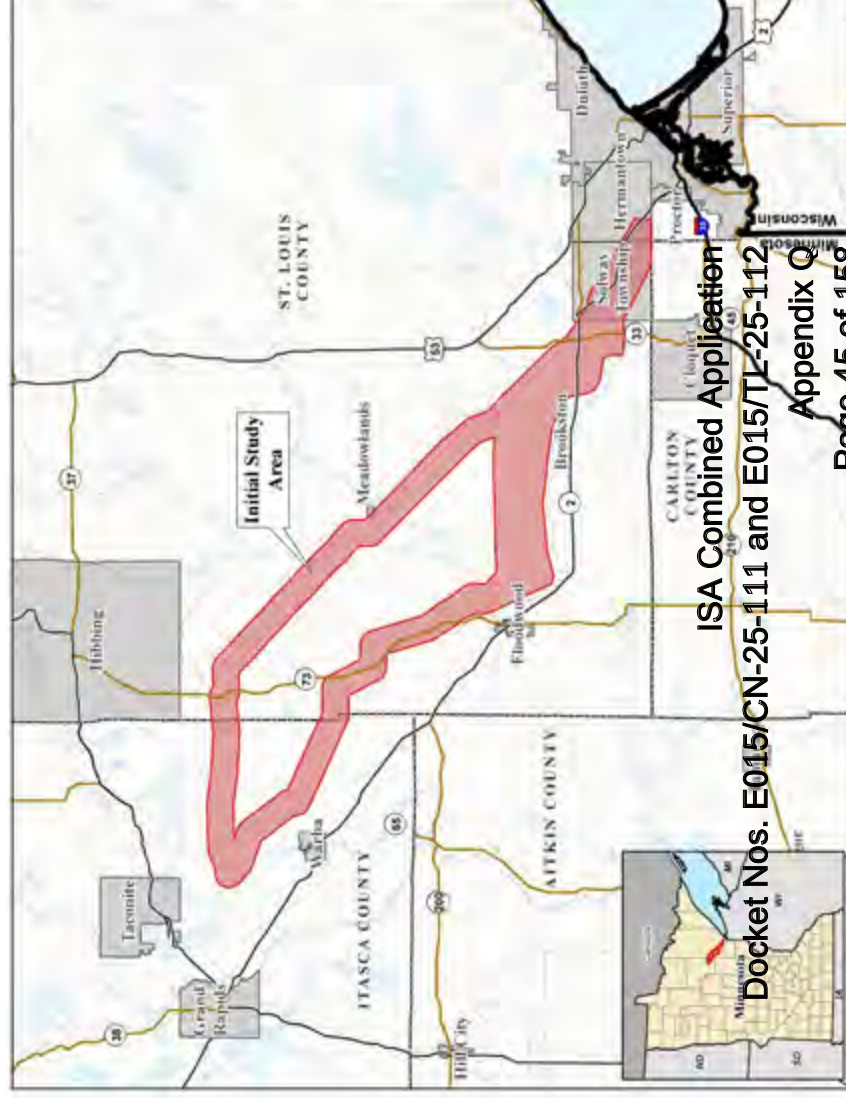
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Iron Range – St. Louis County – Arrowhead ISA TRANSMISSION PROJECT

Minnesota Power



Virtual Open House

Thank you for joining us online today. We greatly appreciate your input in helping us review and refine the preliminary route for this project. On the following slides you'll learn more about the project, review maps, and have the opportunity to provide input about the initial study area.

Who we are

Minnesota Power provides electric service within a 26,000-square-mile area in northeastern Minnesota, supporting comfort, security and quality of life for 150,000 customers, 15 municipalities and some of the largest industrial customers in the United States.

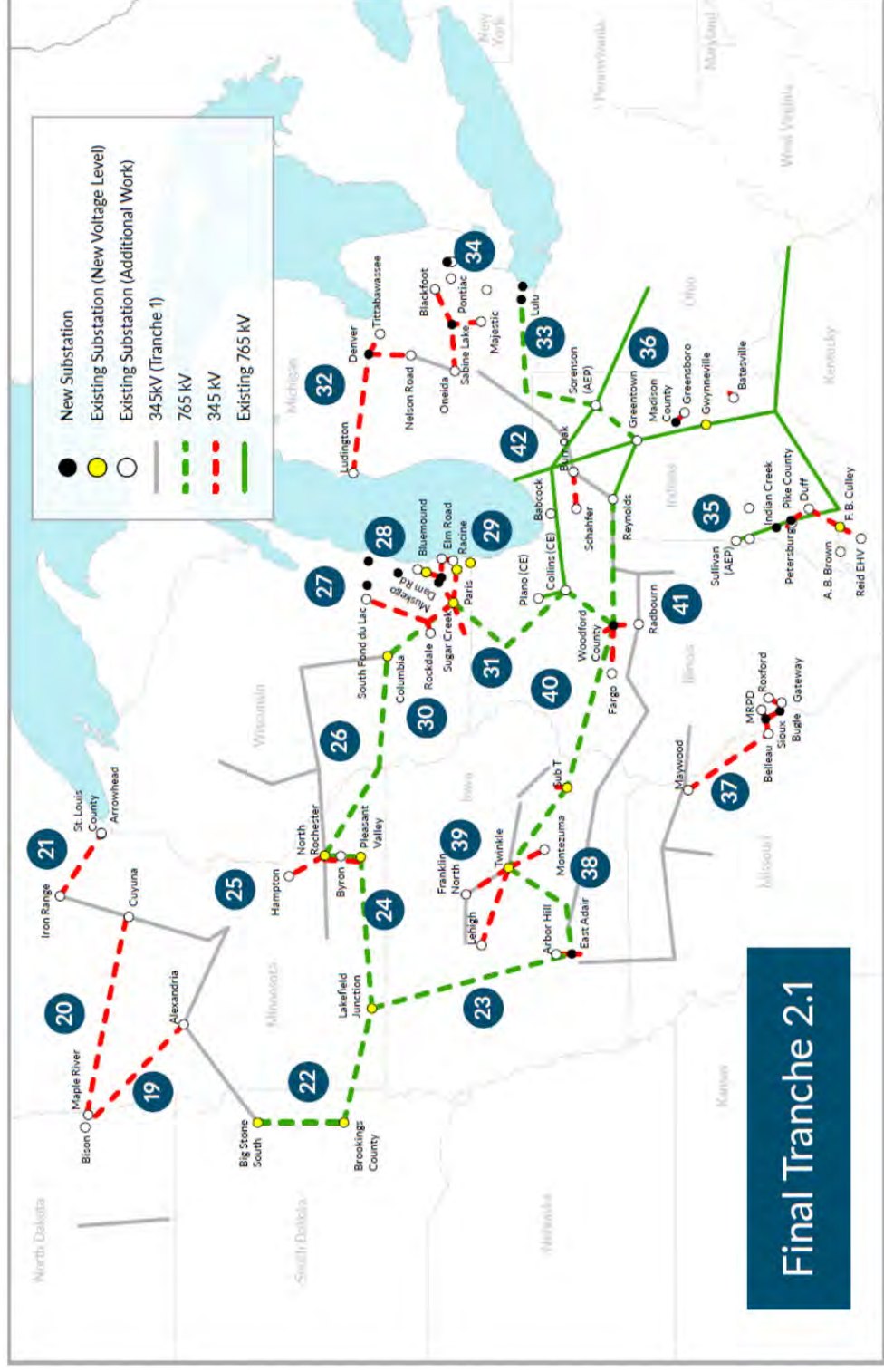


About the Project

Minnesota Power is proposing to construct an approximately 63-mile-long, 345-kV transmission line from Minnesota Power's Iron Range Substation near Grand Rapids, Minnesota, to Minnesota Power's St. Louis County Substation near Hermantown, with a connection to American Transmission Company's nearby Arrowhead Substation.

MISO, the regional grid operator, approved this project as part of a regional plan.

Learn more at misoenergy.org



Project need



*Enhance grid
reliability in the Upper
Midwest as grid
operating conditions
become more
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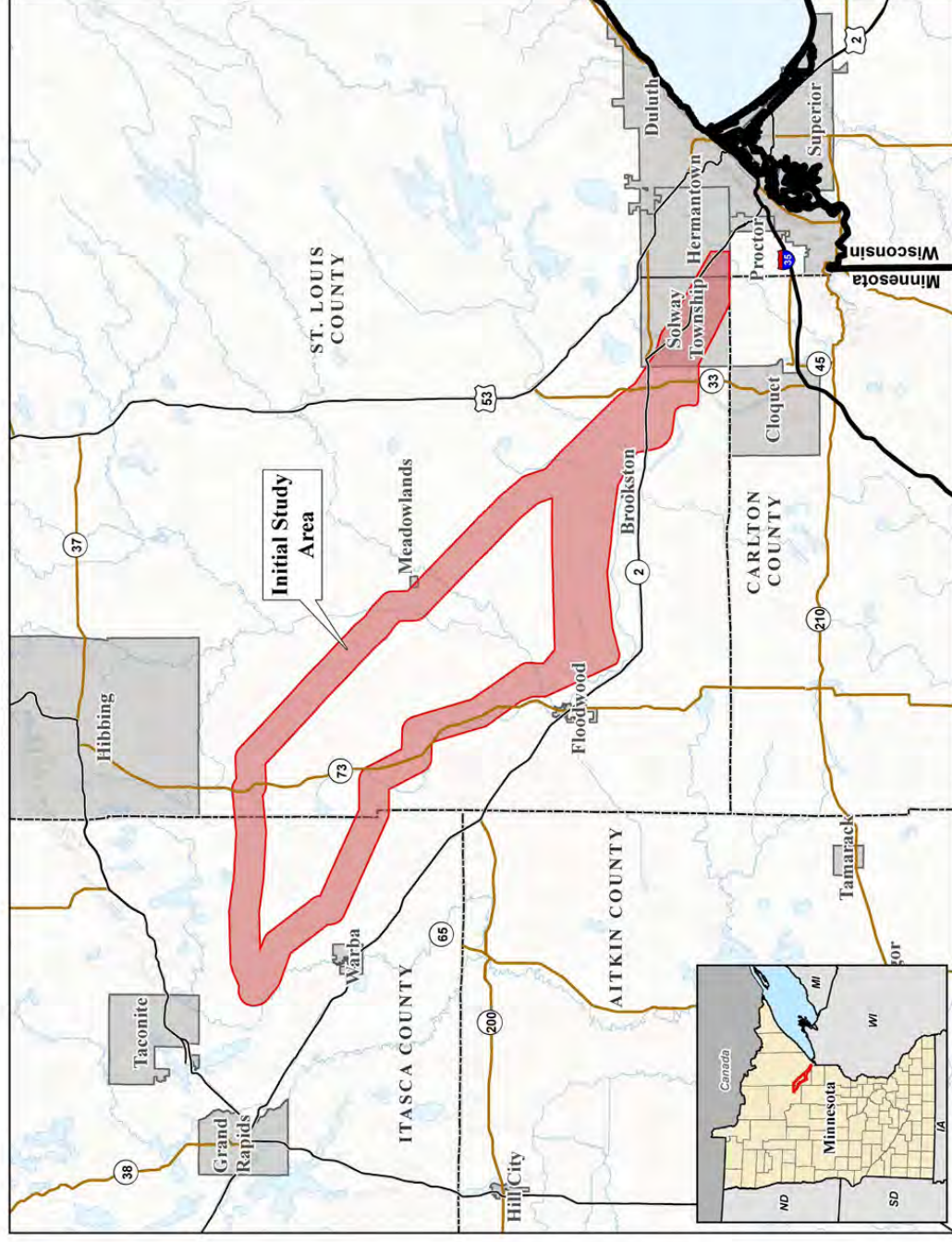
*Increase grid
efficiency as energy
is transferred from
where it is produced
to where it is needed*



*Meet the growing
demand for reliable
clean energy in the
Upper Midwest*

Initial Study Area

The Study Area will be evaluated for potential routing opportunities based on stakeholder feedback



Project components

A new, approximately 62-mile-long, single-circuit 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line built on double-circuit capable structures from Minnesota Power's Iron Range Substation near Grand Rapids in Itasca County, Minnesota to Minnesota Power's St. Louis County Substation near Hermantown, Minnesota

A new, approximately 1-mile-long double circuit 345 kV transmission line from Minnesota Power's St. Louis County Substation to American Transmission Company's Arrowhead Substation near Hermantown, St. Louis County, Minnesota

Project timeline

2026-2028



2025

Stakeholder engagement and routing

Permitting, engineering, environmental surveys, ROW acquisition, and public engagement



2029-2032

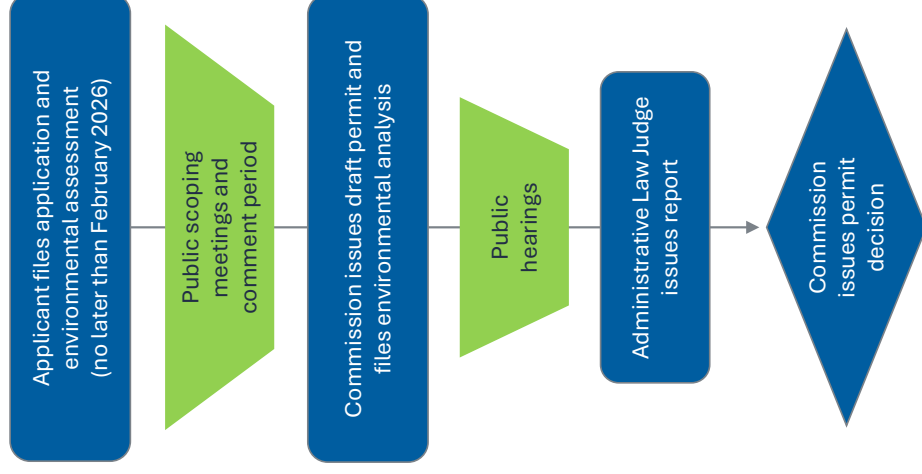
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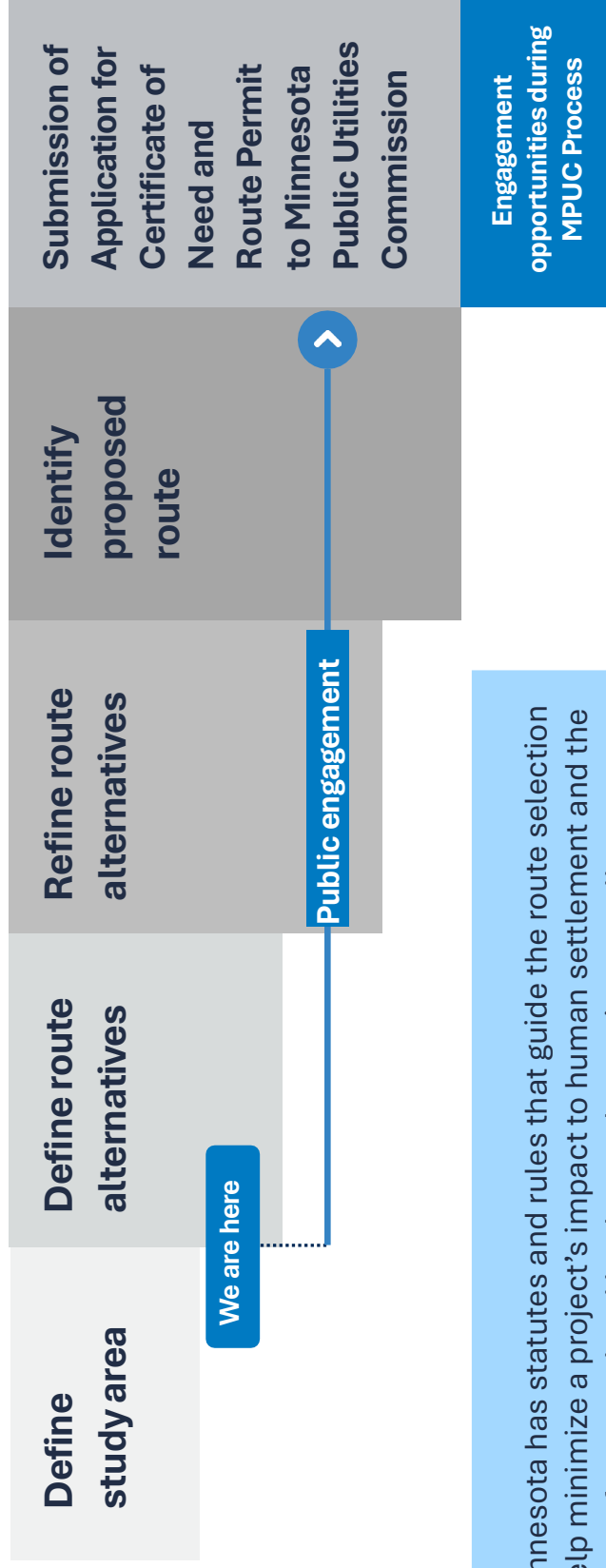
Anticipated in-service



Permitting timeline



Our routing process & input opportunities



The state of Minnesota has statutes and rules that guide the route selection process and help minimize a project's impact to human settlement and the environment. Input from you, local leaders and agencies as well as our own expertise is critical as we develop and finalize a route.

Routing process considerations

The criteria for route development is set by Minnesota statute and guides our routing process. To route a project, we consider:

- Opportunities
- Constraints
- Engineering and construction considerations

Anticipated studies

Field surveys allow the project team to verify or collect new information about the proposed route to help minimize impacts for construction of the transmission line. Studies may include:

- Geotechnical
- Biological
- Cultural resources
- Wetland and waterbodies
- Invasive species
- Protected species
- Raptor nests



Right-of-way

What is a right-of-way?

A right-of-way, or ROW, is a strip of land used for a specific purpose such as the construction, operation and maintenance of a road or transmission line. Right-of-way is typically secured as an easement on a property.

What is an easement?

An ownership interest in real property allowing Minnesota Power the right to construct, operate and maintain a transmission line and other associated infrastructure on your property.

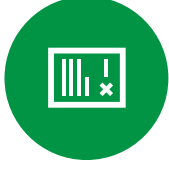
Our right-of-way acquisition process



Landowners are contacted to begin right-of-way acquisition process.



An easement is presented to a landowner. An offer based on fair market value is presented.



We work closely with the landowner to resolve concerns and reach an agreement. An easement is recorded.

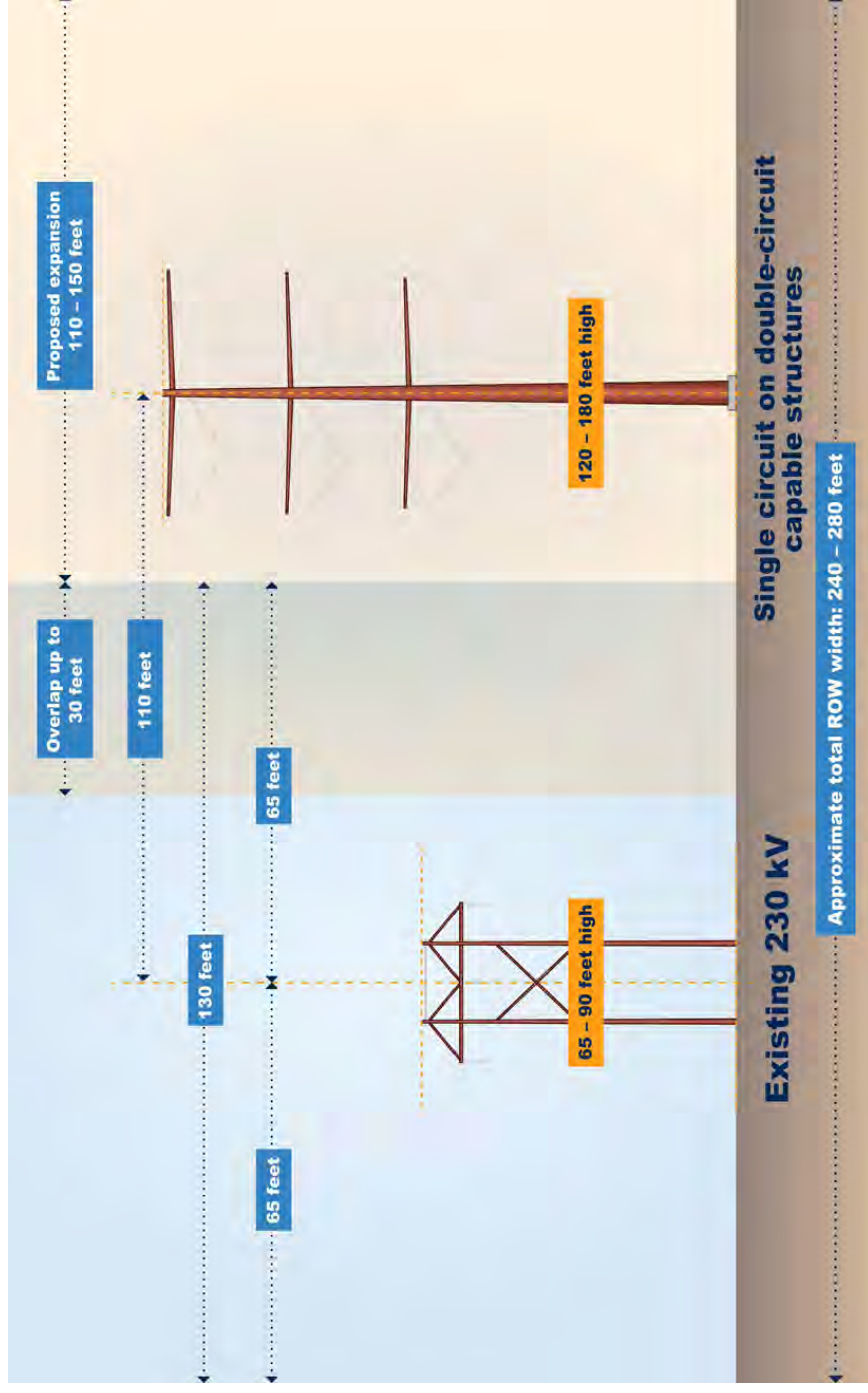


The utilities construct, operate, and maintain the transmission line within the right-of-way.

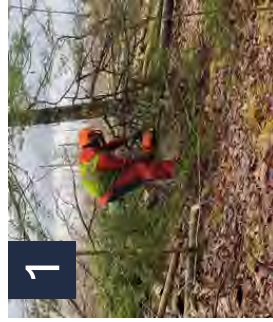
Typical design

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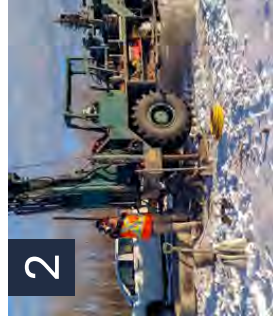
- Land use/land cover
- Topography
- Water/wetlands
- Soil types



Typical preconstruction and construction activities



1 Initial surveying, right-of-way clearing and access routes

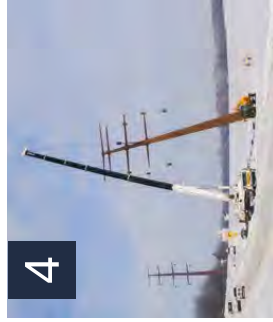


2 Structure staking, surveying and soils investigations as needed

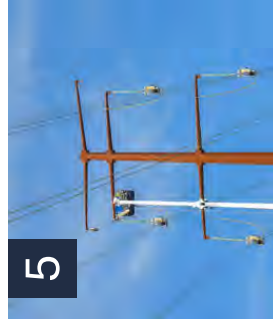


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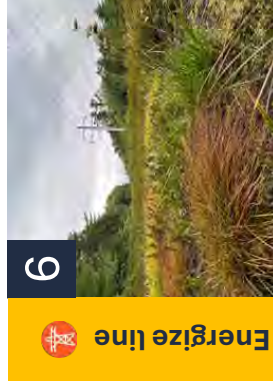
Foundation type may vary depending on structure



4 Assemble and set structures

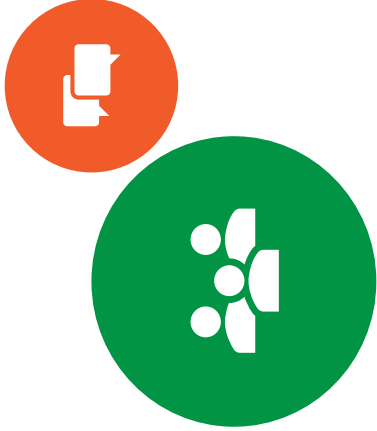


5 Wire installation



6 Cleanup and restoration

Connect with us!



- Email the project team:
connect@ISATransmissionProject.com
- Call the project hotline: **1-888-510-5303**
- Sign up to receive project updates or submit a comment: **ISATransmissionProject.com/contact-us**

You can also sign up to receive updates from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Visit **edockets.state.mn.us/documents** and enter the docket number:

- Certificate of Need docket number 25-111
- Route Permit docket number 25-112

Thank you!



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Public invited to learn about Minnesota Power's plans for new 345-kV transmission line to support grid reliability and regional growth

Minnesota Power is hosting a series of open houses this week where members of the public can learn about the company's proposed 63-mile-long, 345-kV transmission line from its Iron Range Substation near Grand Rapids, Minnesota, to its St. Louis County Substation near Hermantown, Minnesota, with a connection to American Transmission Company's nearby Arrowhead Substation.

The Iron Range – St. Louis County – Arrowhead (ISA) Transmission Project is one in a portfolio of transmission projects approved by the regional grid operator, Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), in its 2024 Long-Range Transmission Planning portfolio. As a part of this larger portfolio, the ISA Transmission Project will:

- Enhance regional transfer capability and grid reliability in the Upper Midwest, providing flexibility as grid operating conditions become more variable;
- Increase economic efficiency and relieve congestion as energy is transferred from where it is produced to where it is needed; and
- Support load growth, fleet transition, and electrification as the demand for reliable clean energy increases across the region.

The open houses are an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide valuable input to determine the best possible route for the project. Project displays and detailed maps will be available for review, and project team members will be available to answer questions. The open house schedule is as follows:

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For more information about the project and to view a map of the initial study area, visit ISATransmissionProject.com. To ask a question, leave a comment, or be added to the project mailing list, send an email to connect@ISATransmissionProject.com or call the project hotline at 1-888-510-5303.

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Minnesota Power calculates and reports carbon emissions based on the GHG Protocol. Details in ALLETE's Corporate Sustainability Report.

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Over 280 characters (Facebook, Instagram, etc.):

1. Facebook post:

Sunday, May 18

Join us at an open house near you and learn about the Iron Range St. Louis County Arrowhead Transmission Project.

The proposed ISA Transmission Project is an approximately 63-mile-long 345 kilovolt transmission line between Grand Rapids and Hermantown, Minnesota, designed to maintain a reliable, resilient, and flexible grid for our customers and communities.

Tuesday, May 20, 1- 3 p.m.

Yanmar Arena

1401 NW 3rd Avenue

Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Tuesday, May 20, 5 – 8 p.m.

Meadowlands Community Center

7758 Western Avenue

Meadowlands, MN 55765

Wednesday, May 21, 5 – 8 p.m.

Floodwood Event Center

201 W 7th Avenue

Floodwood, MN 55736

Thursday, May 22, 12 – 2 p.m.

Hermantown Government Center/City Hall – Training Center
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2. Facebook post, Monday, May 19 targeting Grand Rapids

Join us at an open house tomorrow, Tuesday, May 20 from 1 – 3 p.m., at the Yanmar Arena to learn about the Iron Range St. Louis County Arrowhead Transmission Project.

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3. Facebook post, Tuesday, May 20 targeting Meadowlands, Floodwood, Cloquet

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We're hosting open houses in Meadowlands, Floodwood, Hermantown and Cloquet. Here are the details:

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We're hosting Open Houses to introduce the ISA Transmission Project. Join us on one of the dates below to learn more. We look forward to hearing your feedback!

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Wednesday, May 21: Floodwood

Thursday, May 22: Hermantown & Solway Township



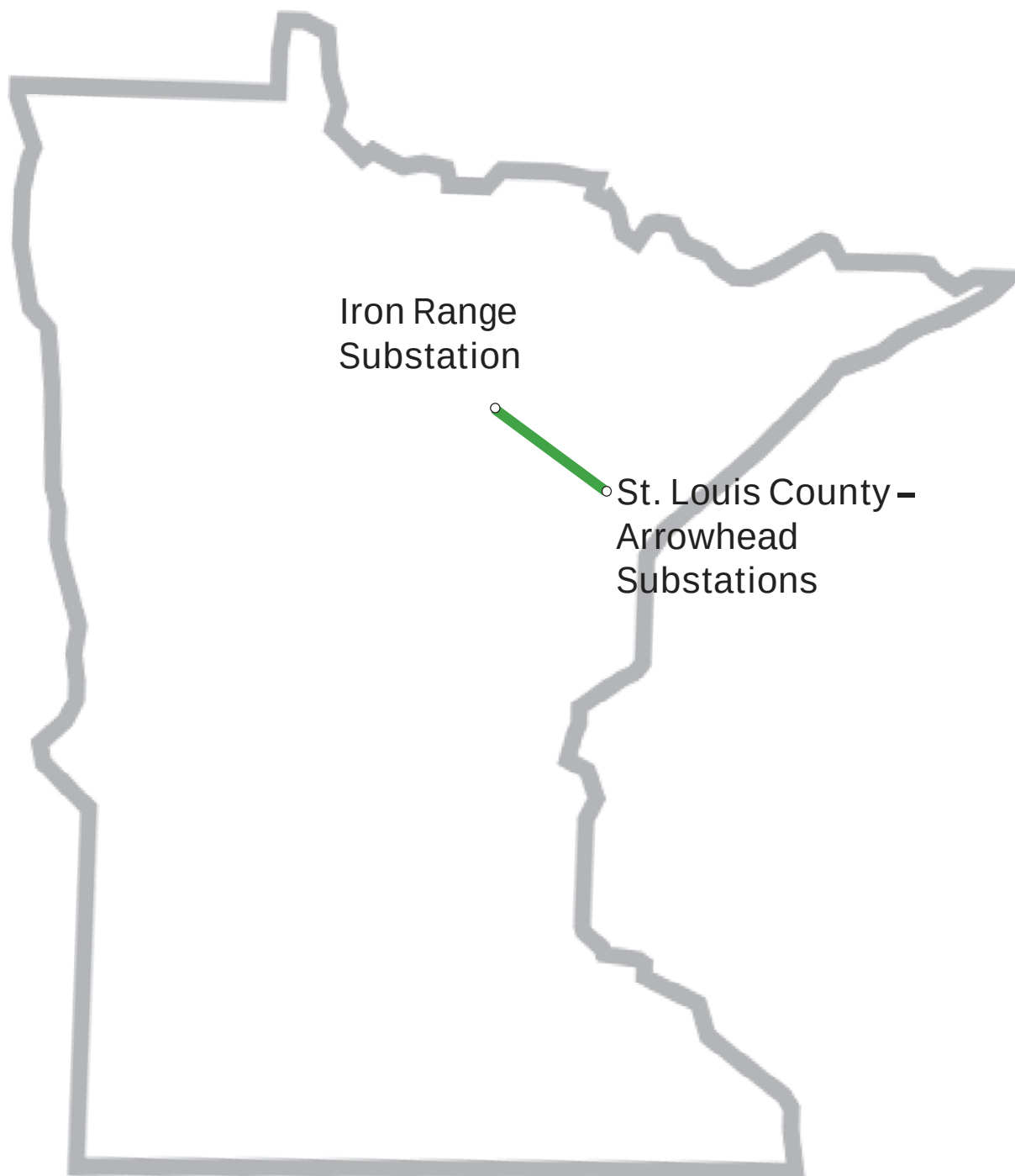
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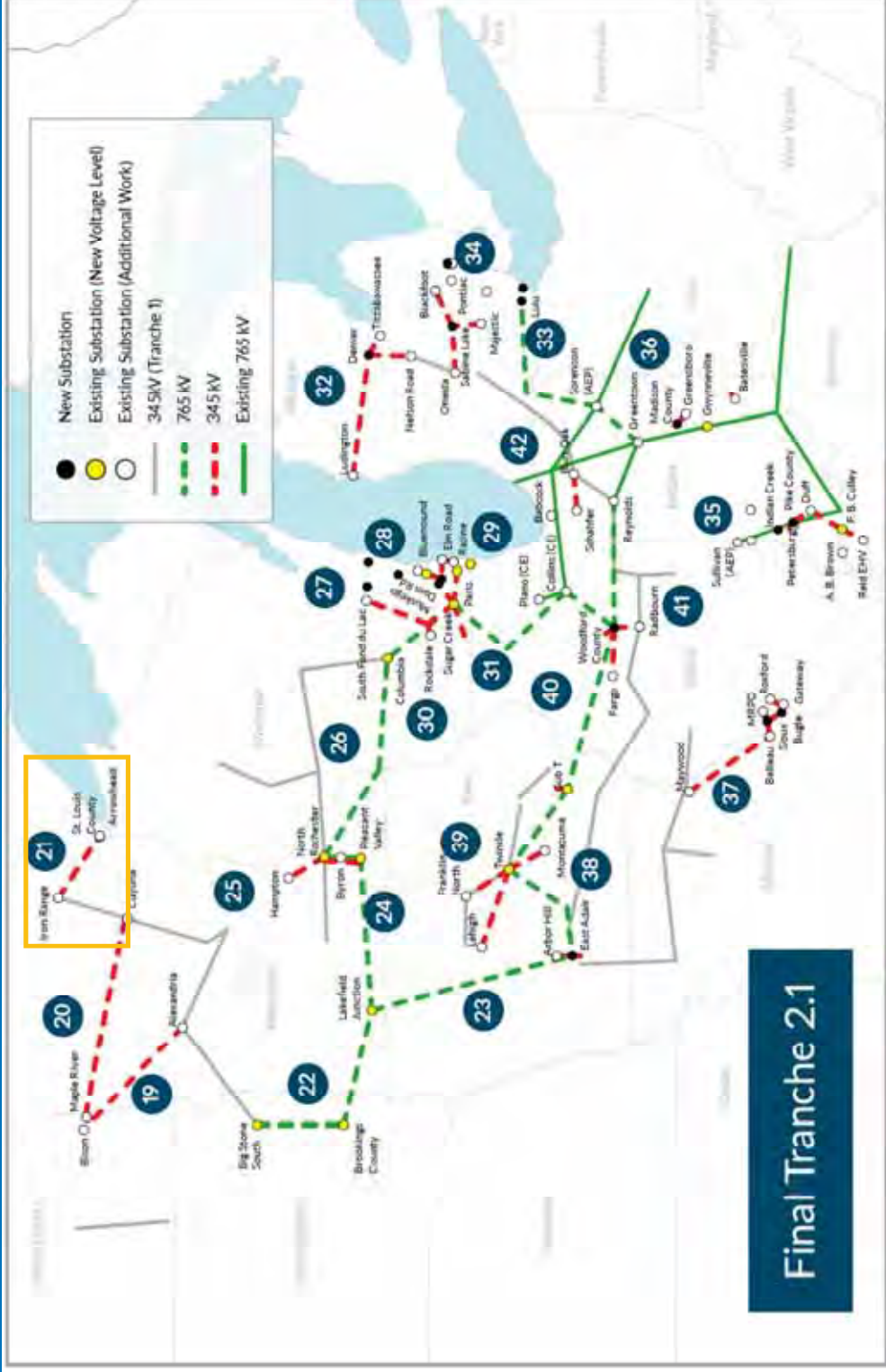
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Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO)

Tranche 2.1 Portfolio



ISA Transmission Project

Right-of-Way Acquisition

What is right-of-way?

A right-of-way, or ROW, is a strip of land used for a specific purpose such as the construction, operation and maintenance of a road or transmission line. Right-of-way is typically secured as an easement on a property.

What is an easement?

An ownership interest in real property allowing Minnesota Power the right to construct, operate and maintain a transmission line and other associated infrastructure on your property.

Our right-of-way acquisition process:

Project representatives will hold individual meetings with affected landowners to discuss right-of-way needs.



Landowners are contacted to begin right-of-way acquisition process.



An easement is presented to a landowner. An offer based on fair market value is presented.



We work closely with the landowner to resolve concerns and reach an agreement. An easement is recorded.



The utilities construct, operate and maintain the transmission line within the right-of-way.

Additional right-of-way needs may include:

- Construction staging areas
- Substation expansions
- Temporary access roads

Construction

Typical preconstruction and construction activities



- ▲ Initial surveying, right-of-way clearing and access routes



- ▲ Structure staking, surveying and soils investigations as needed

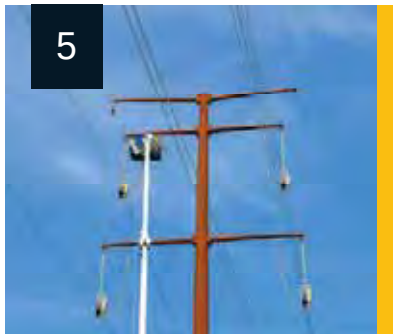


- ▲ Foundation installation

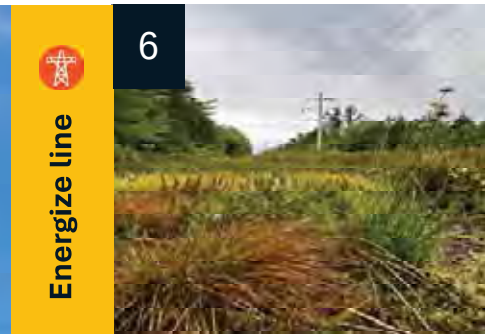
Foundation type may vary depending on structure



- ▲ Assemble and set structures



- ▲ Wire installation

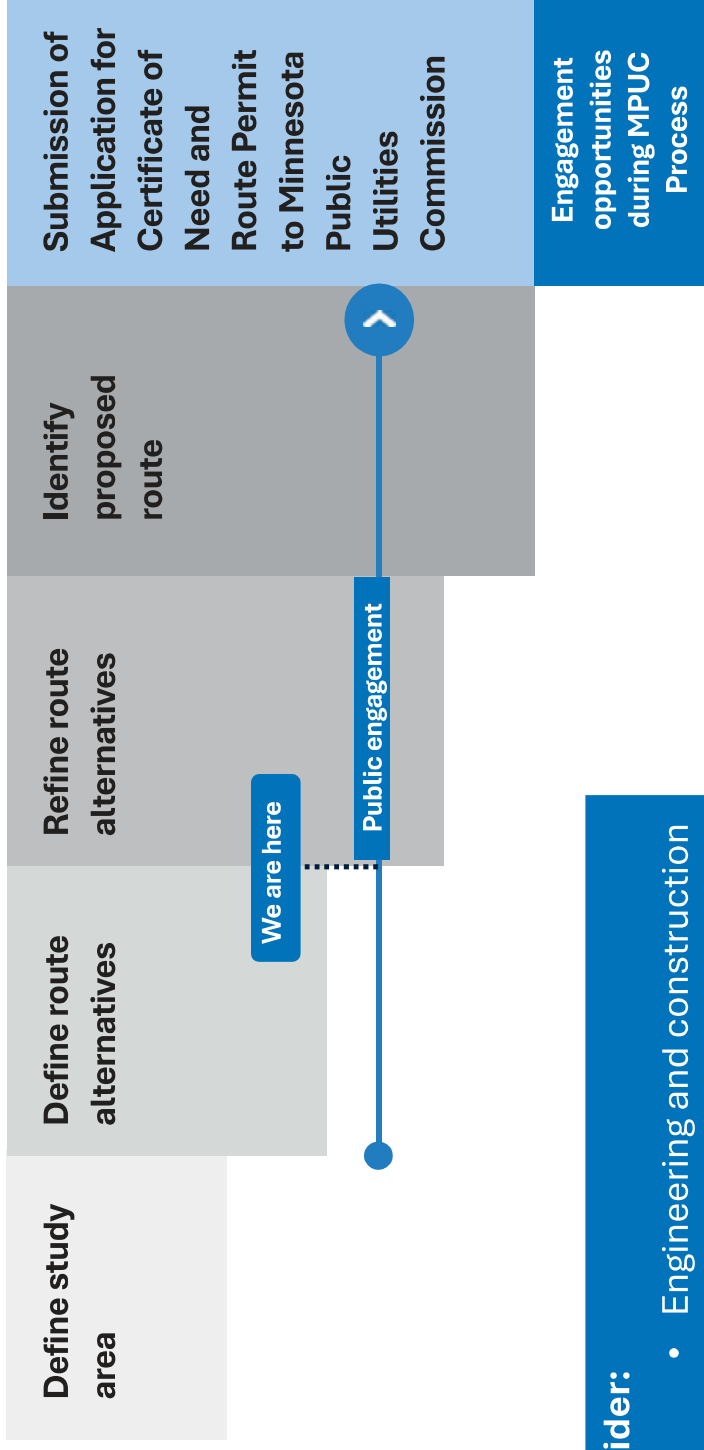


- ▲ Cleanup and restoration

Typical preconstruction survey types:

- Field surveys
- Wildlife surveys
- Archaeological surveys
- Wetland and stream surveys
- Soil surveys

Our Routing Process



To route a project, we consider:

- Opportunities
- Constraints
- Engineering and construction considerations

Your input matters

We need your help to identify opportunities and constraints



ISA Transmission Project

Project Need



Enhance grid reliability in the Upper Midwest as grid operating conditions become more variable

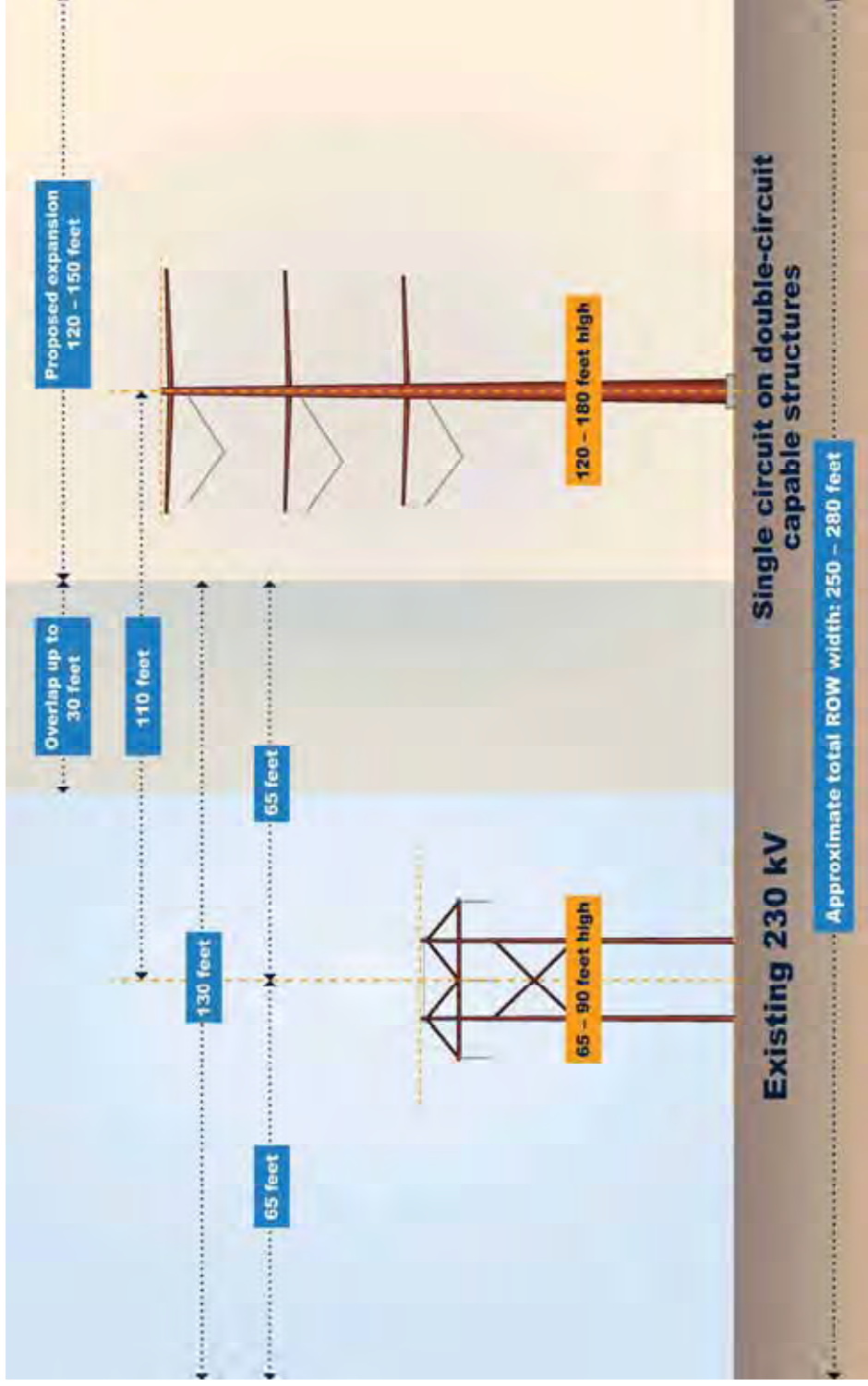


Increase grid efficiency as energy is transferred from where it is produced to where it is needed



Meet the growing demand for reliable clean energy in the Upper Midwest

Right-of-Way (ROW) Typical Construction



Project Timeline

2026-2028

Permitting, engineering,
environmental surveys,
ROW acquisition, and
public engagement



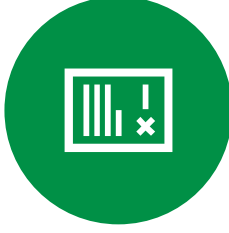
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Stakeholder
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2029-2032

Construction



2032

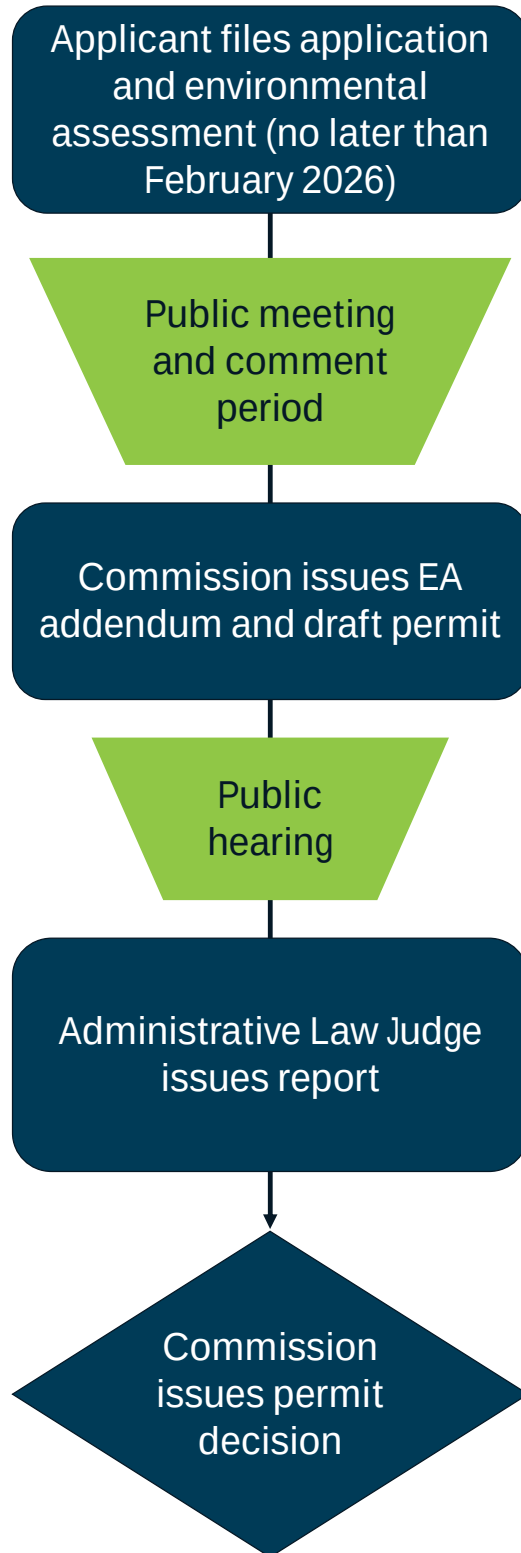
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Permitting

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC)

High-Voltage Transmission Line Permitting Process



Environmental Surveys

Minnesota Power will conduct a variety of studies and surveys during different phases of project development. These field surveys allow the project team to verify or collect new information about the proposed route to help minimize impacts for construction of the transmission line.

Permission will be requested for right of entry to allow survey teams access to private property to conduct required field surveys. More detailed information will be provided to property owners in advance of teams conducting surveys on private property.



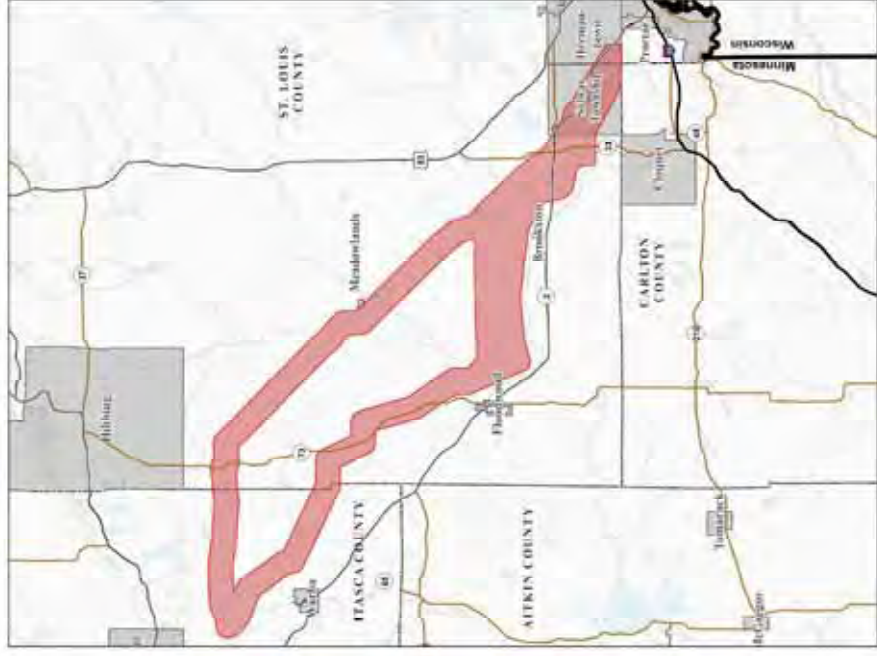
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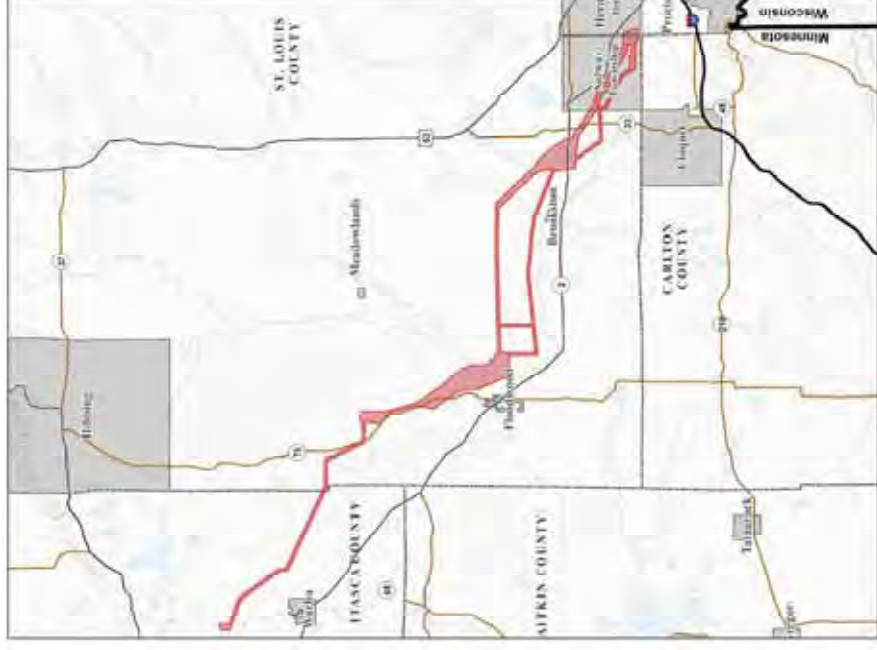
- Geotechnical
- Biological
- Cultural resources
- Wetland and waterbodies
- Invasive species
- Protected species
- Raptor nest

Your Input Matters

Study Area



Preliminary Route

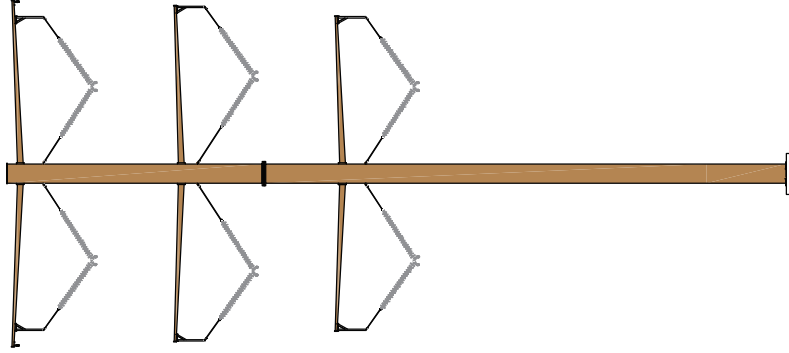


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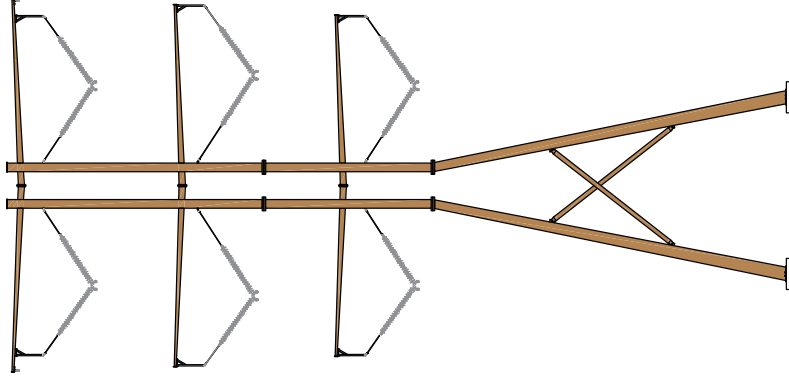
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- Proximity to Residences
- Wildlife
- Wetlands and Water Resources
- Sensitive Natural Resources

Potential Structure Design Concepts

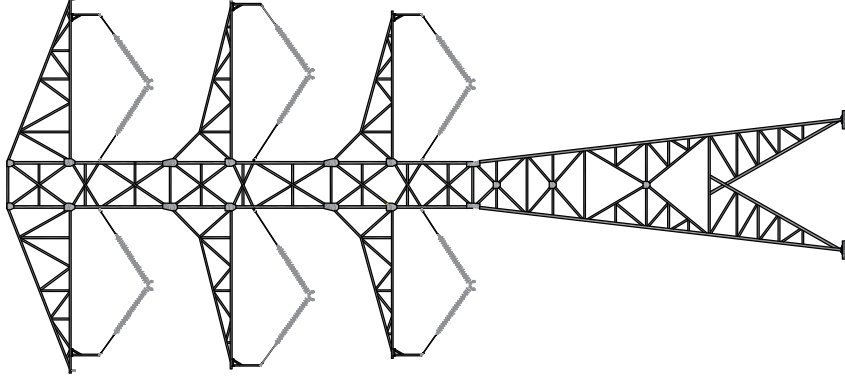
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OPEN HOUSE DETAILS

WEDNESDAY, AUG 6, 12:00-2:00PM

Coleraine City Hall
Nyberg Community Center
302 Roosevelt Avenue
Coleraine, MN 55722

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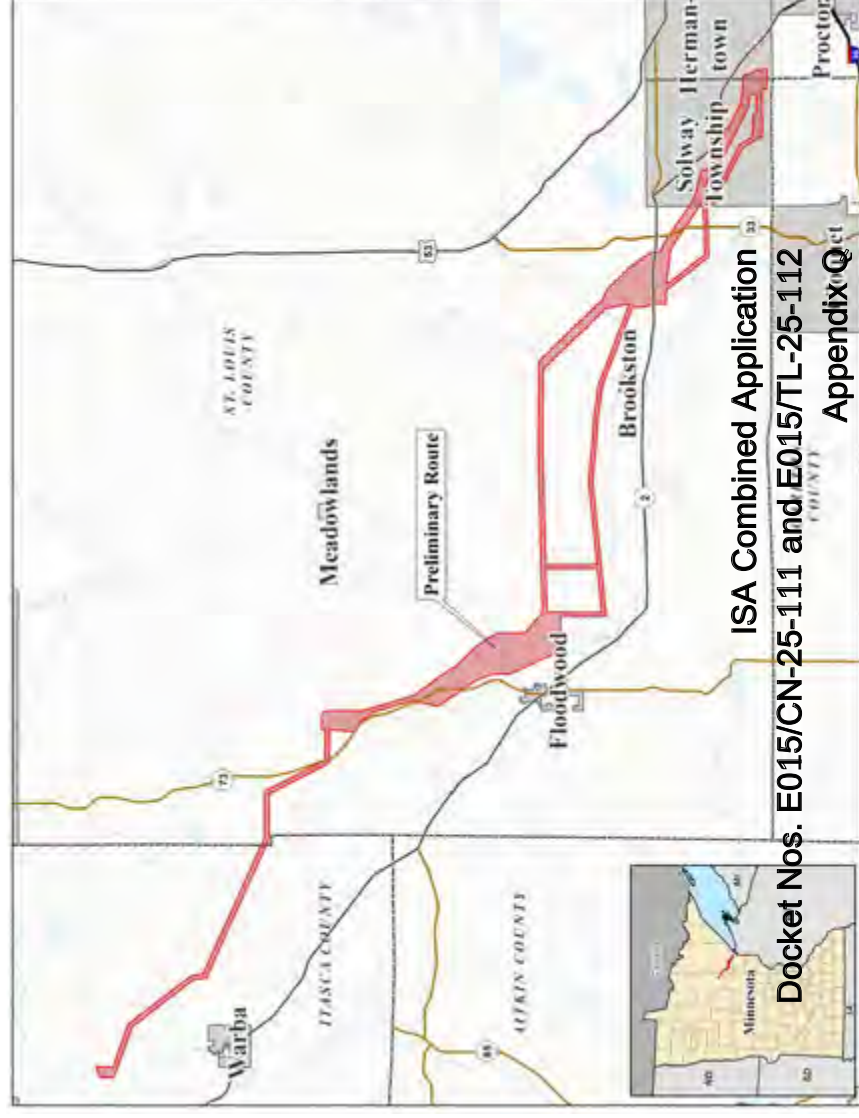
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Join Minnesota Power at one of the Open Houses to receive updates and to provide comments on the ISA Transmission Project.



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Minnesota Power
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Duluth, MN 55802



Iron Range – St. Louis County – Arrowhead ISA TRANSMISSION PROJECT

Project overview

Minnesota Power is proposing to construct an approximately 63-mile-long, 345 kilovolt transmission line from Minnesota Power's Iron Range Substation near Grand Rapids, Minnesota, to Minnesota Power's St. Louis County Substation near Hermantown, with a connection to American Transmission Company's nearby Arrowhead Substation.

The Iron Range – St. Louis County – Arrowhead (ISA) Transmission Project is one in a portfolio of transmission projects approved by the regional grid operator, Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), in its 2024 Long-Range Transmission Planning portfolio. As a part of this larger portfolio, the ISA Transmission Project will:



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Meet the growing demand for reliable clean energy in the Upper Midwest

Schedule

2025

Stakeholder engagement and routing

2026-2028

Permitting, engineering, environmental surveys, ROW acquisition, and public engagement

2029-2032

Construction

2032

Anticipated in-service

**The schedule is subject to change.*

Regulatory process

In February 2025, the Applicants filed a notice of intent (NOI) to apply for a combined Certificate of Need and Route Permit for the Project. Under current state regulations, the Applicants have 12 months from the date of the NOI to file the Certificate of Need application. You can subscribe to receive updates from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission regarding the regulatory process. Visit edockets.state.mn.us/documents and enter the docket number you're interested in tracking. For information on the Certificate of Need use docket 25-111 and for the Route Permit use docket 25-112.

Public involvement

The Project team will be contacting landowners to speak with them about the Project. There will also be opportunities for any interested parties to ask questions and provide comments during the permitting process.

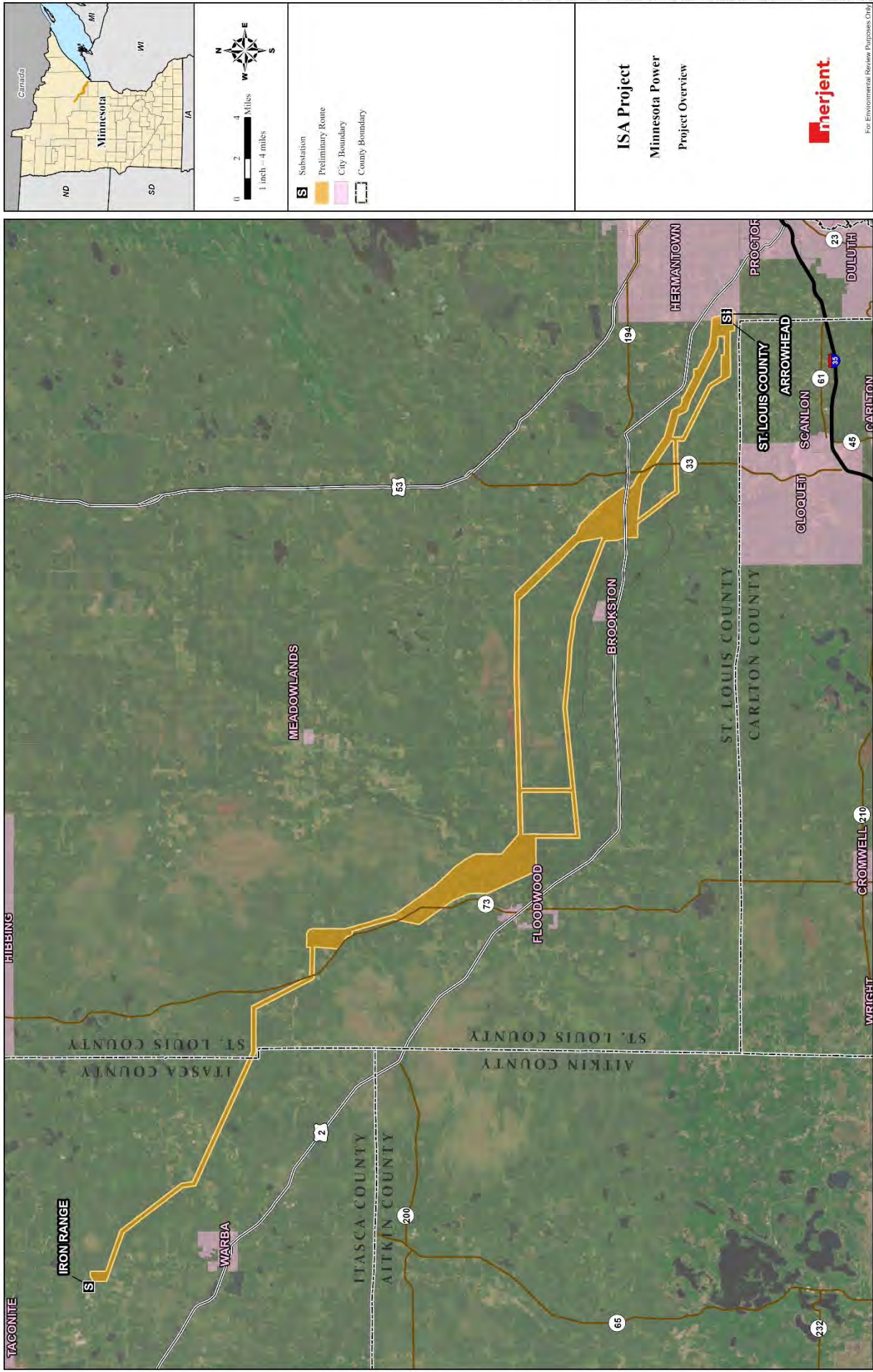
Connect with us

Stay up to date on the project by signing up for email updates or talking to a project team member.

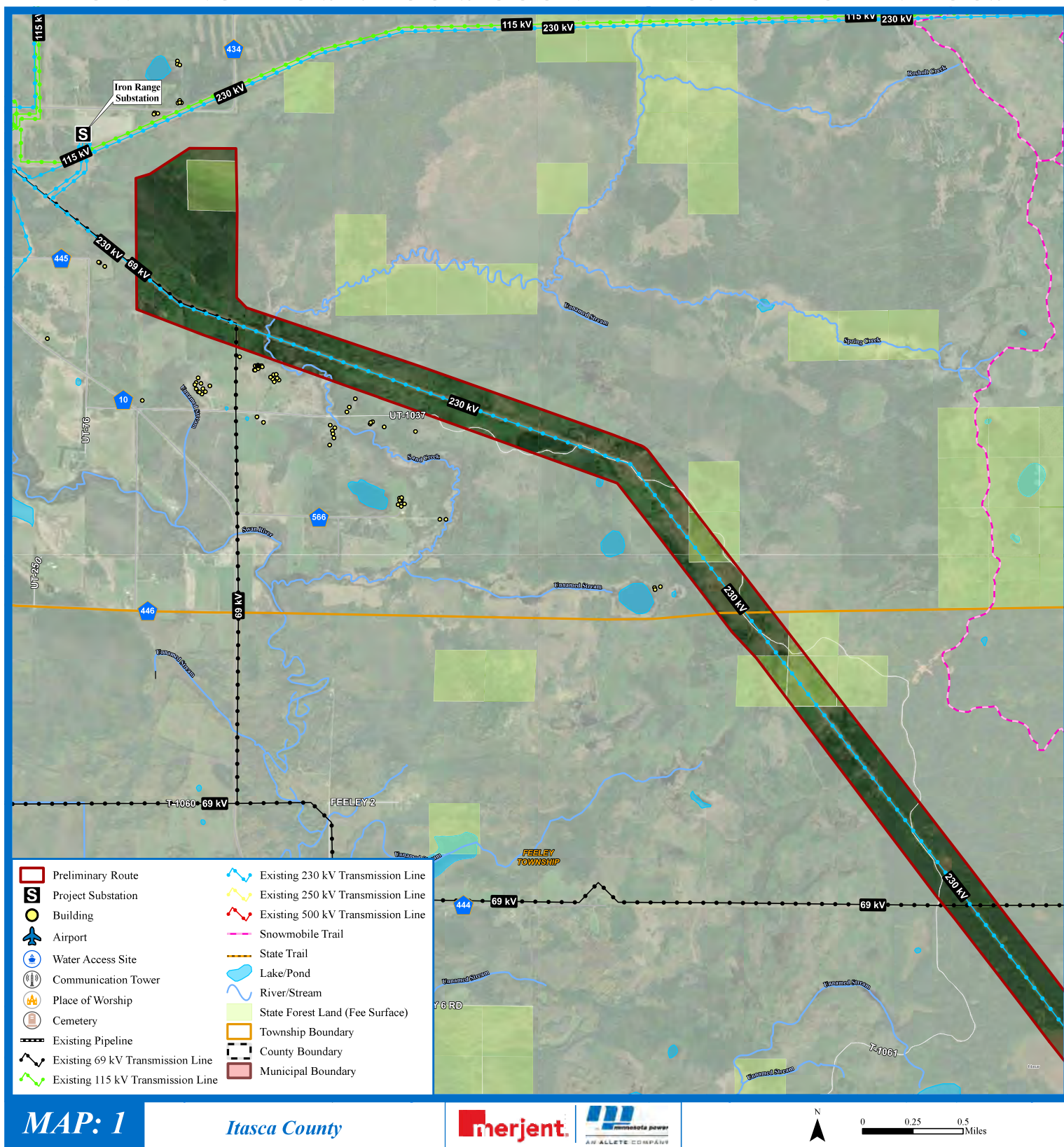
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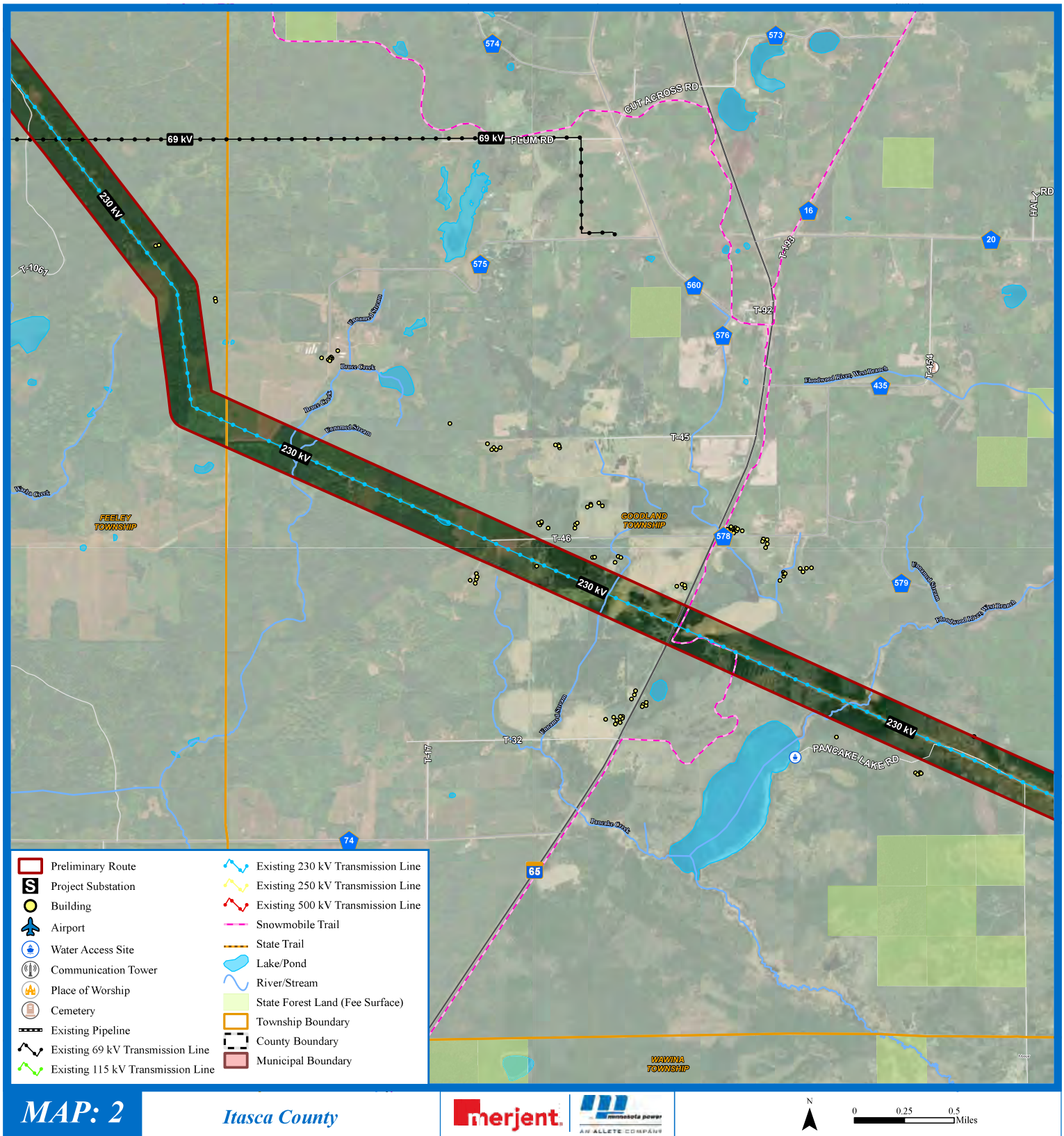
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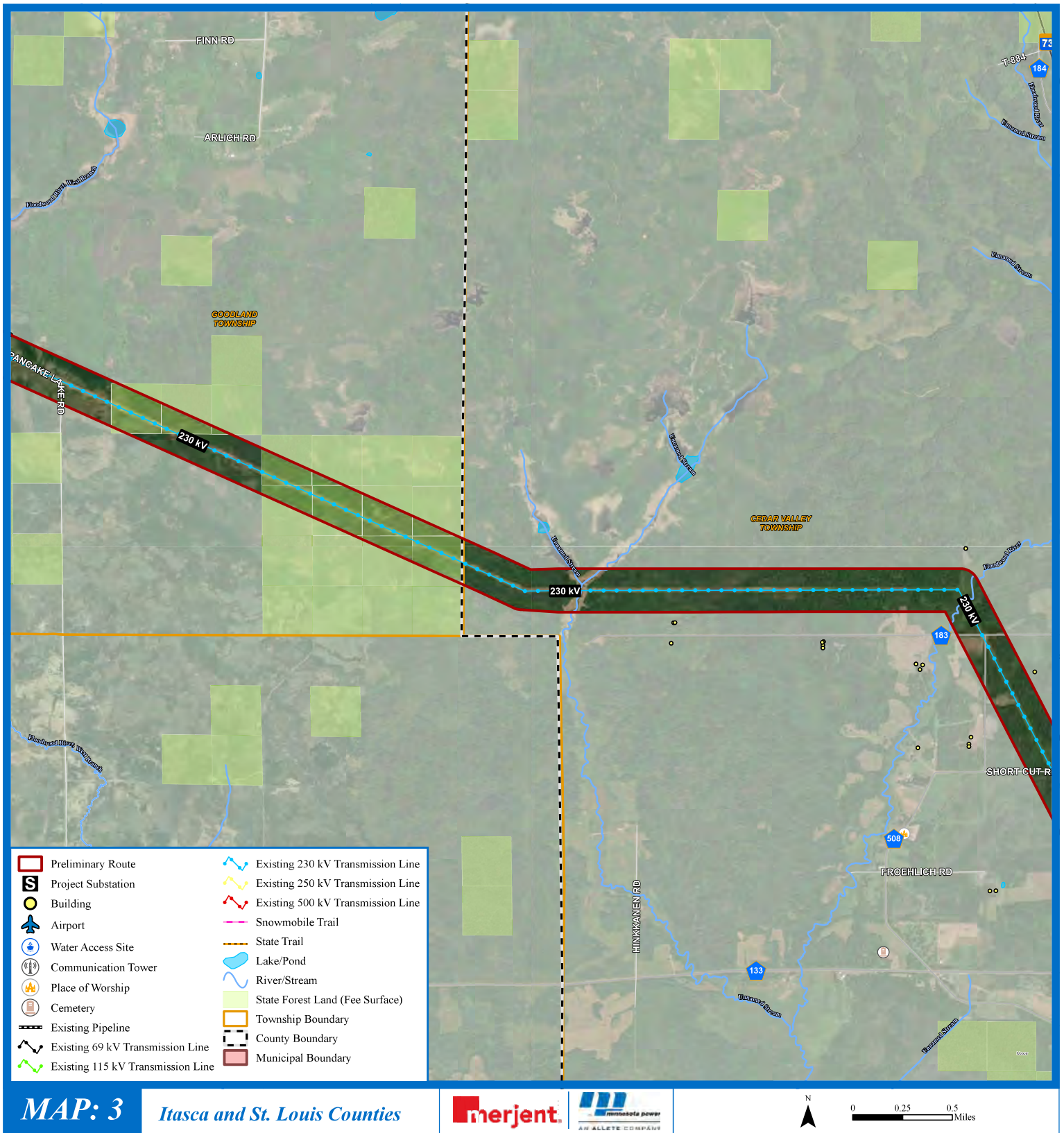


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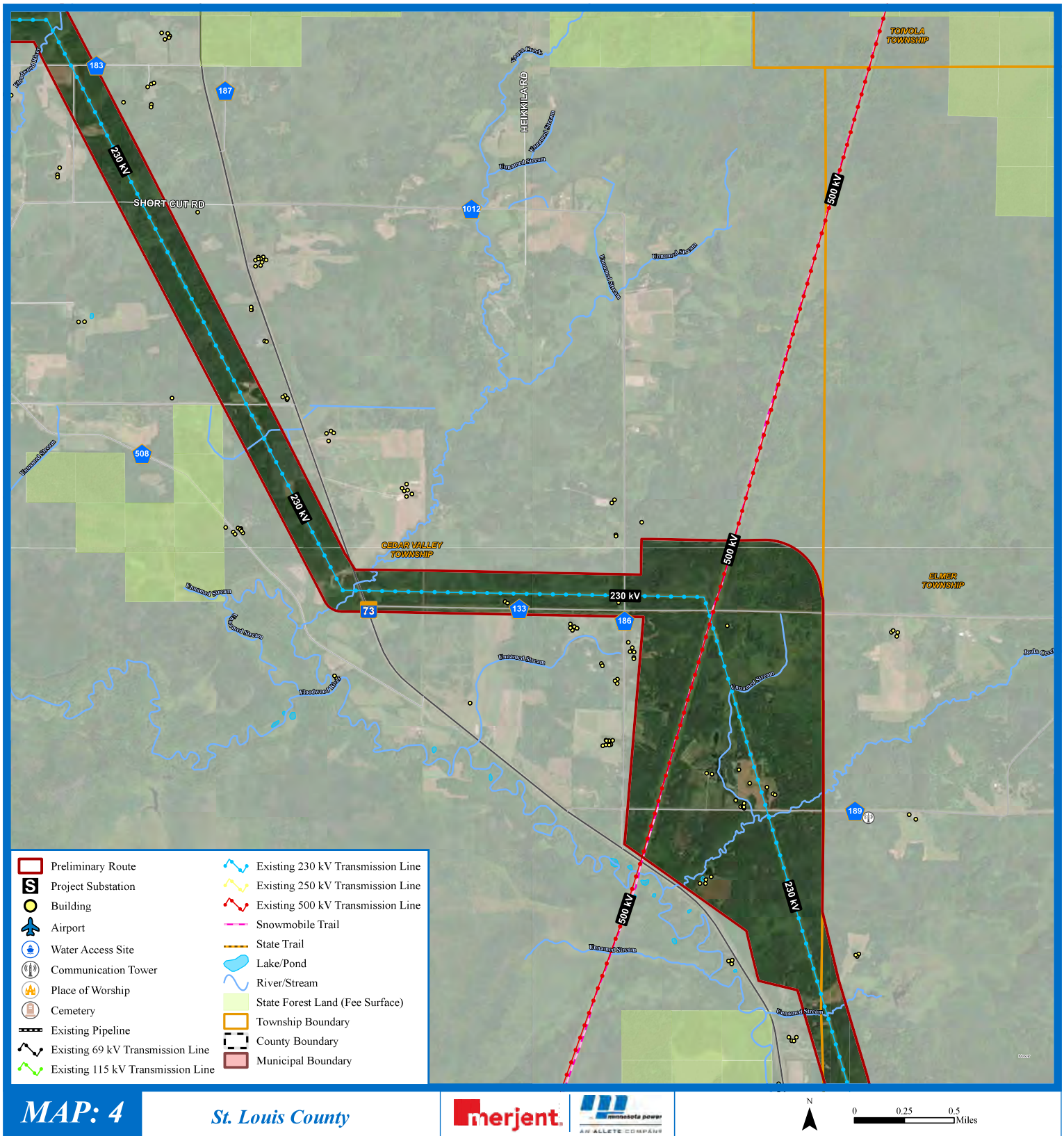
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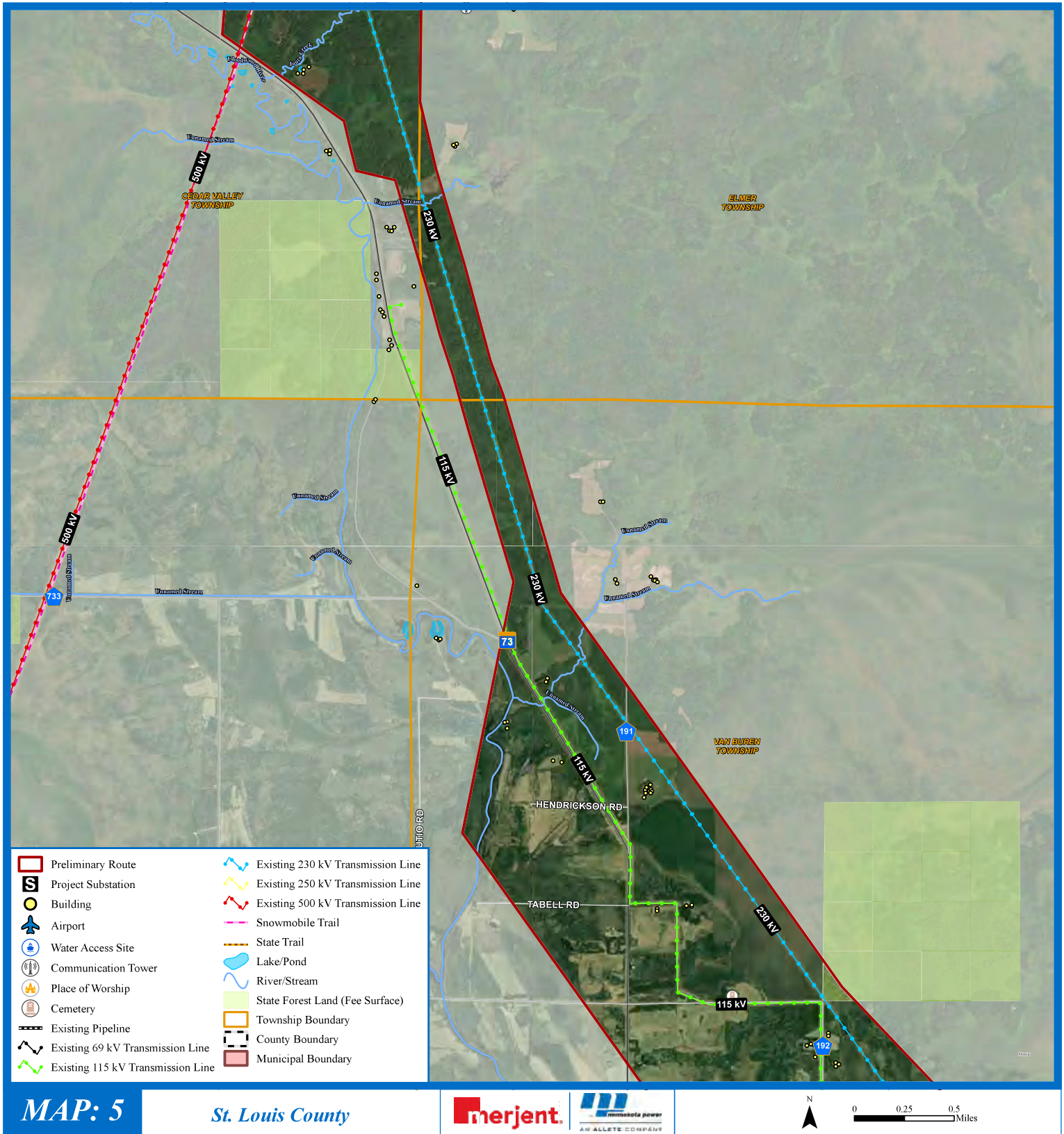
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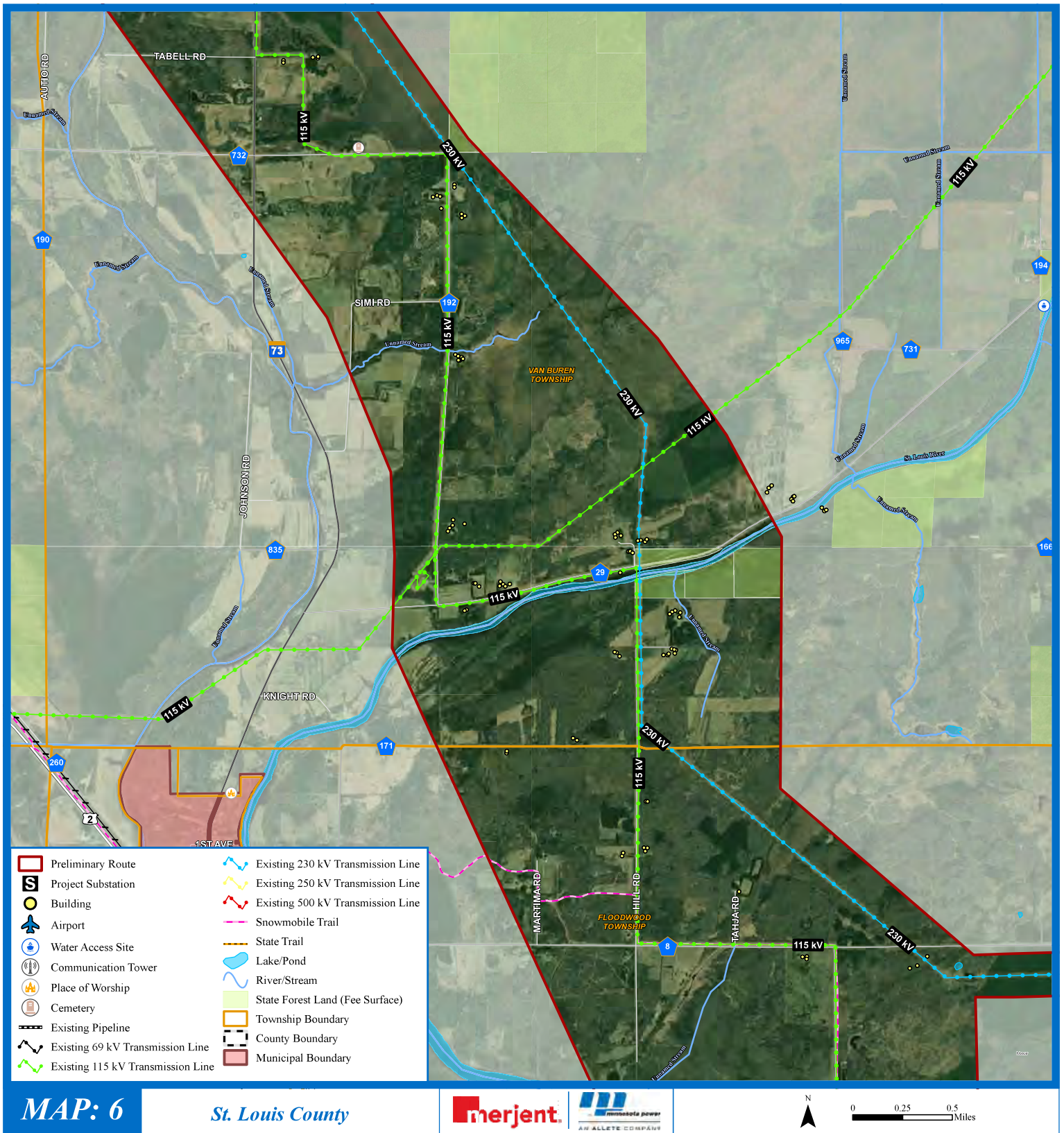
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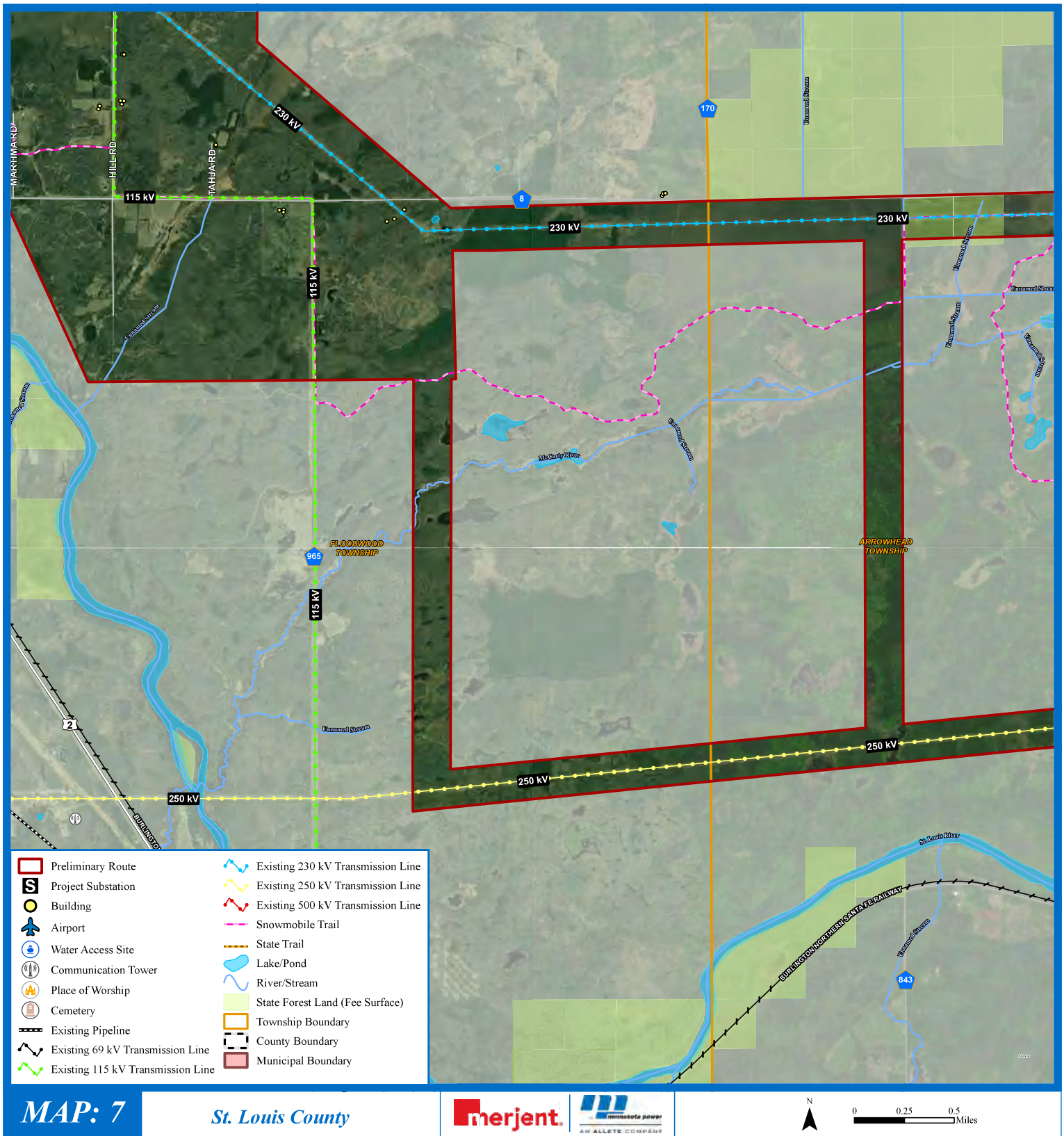
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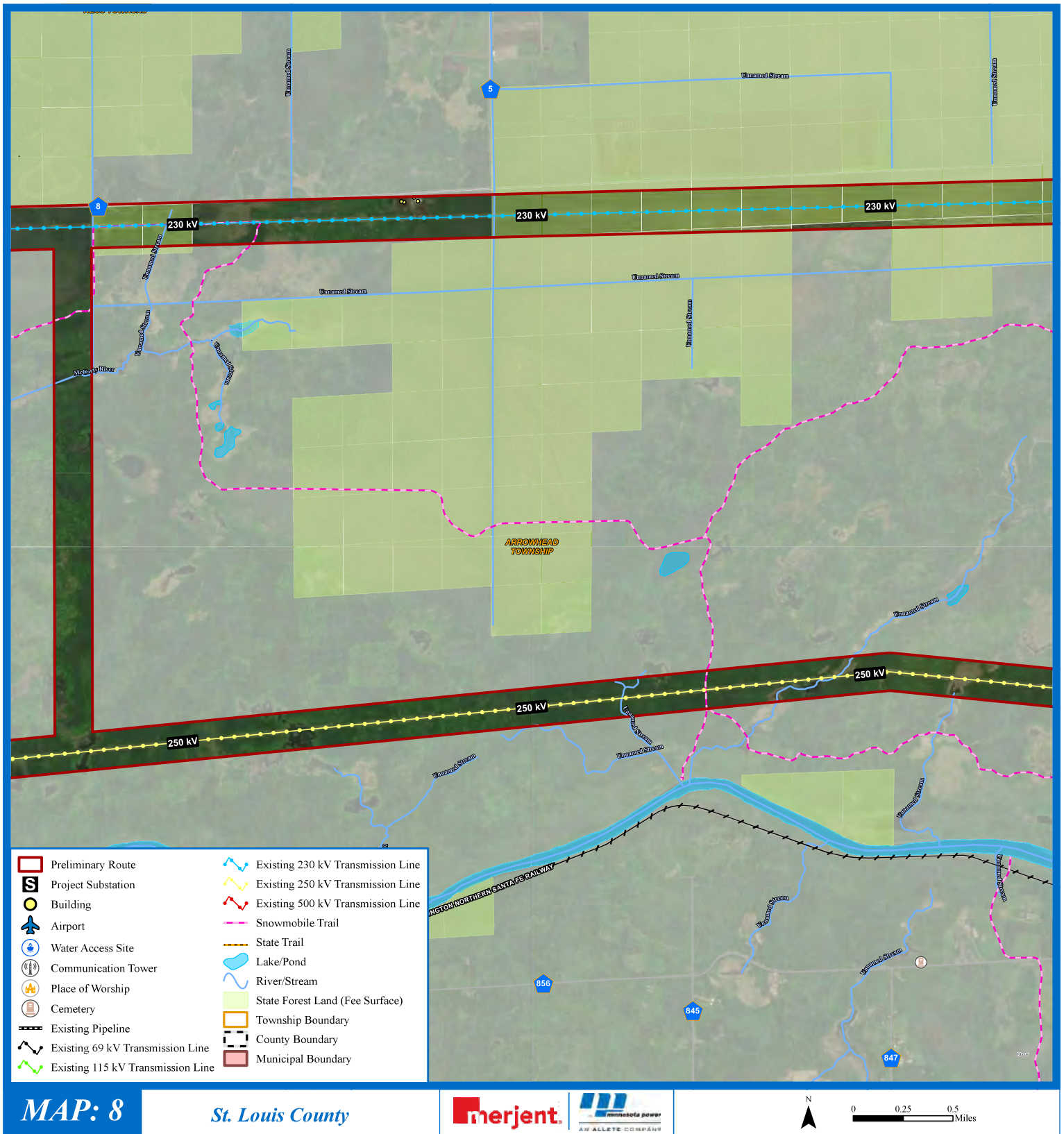
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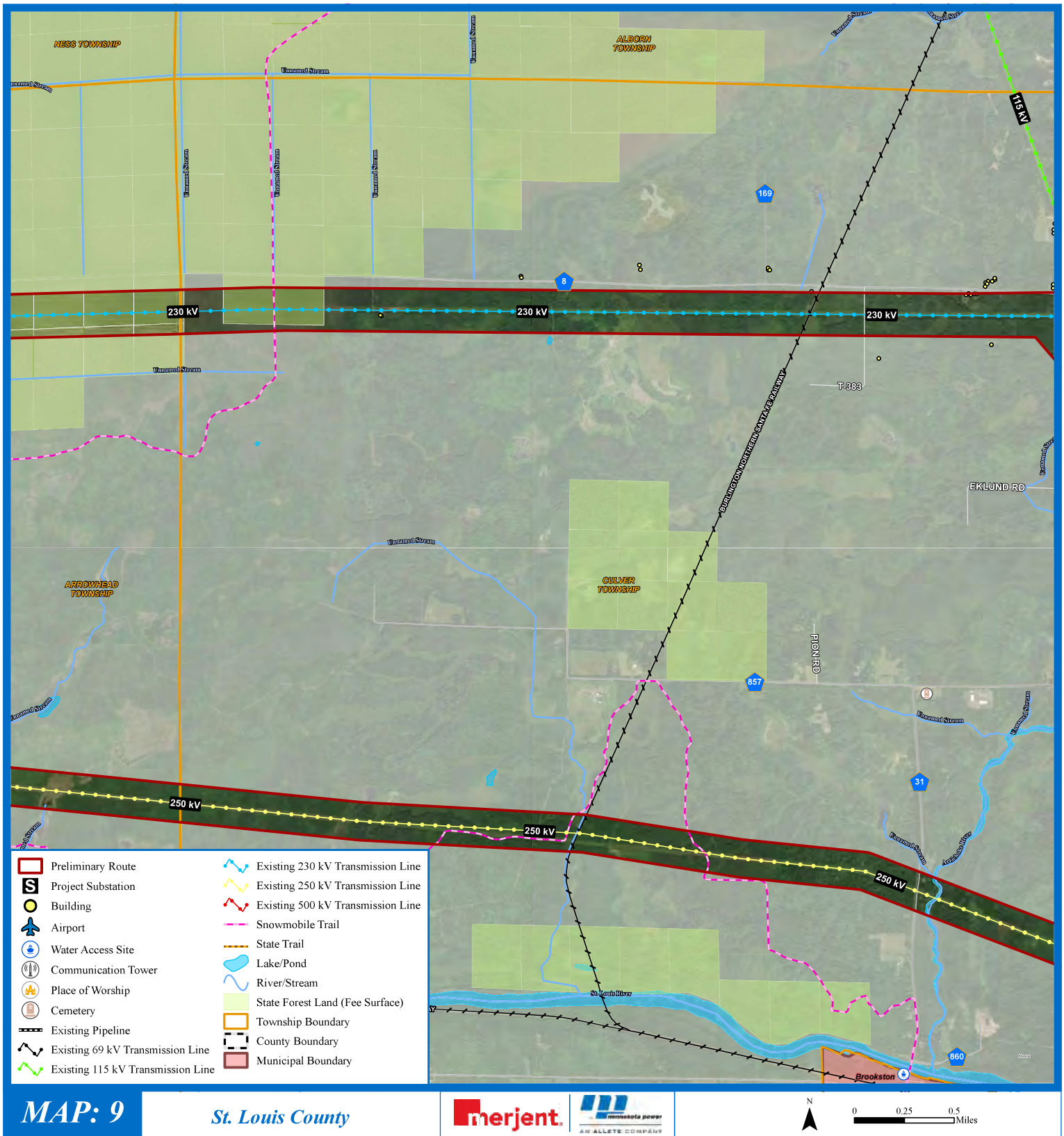
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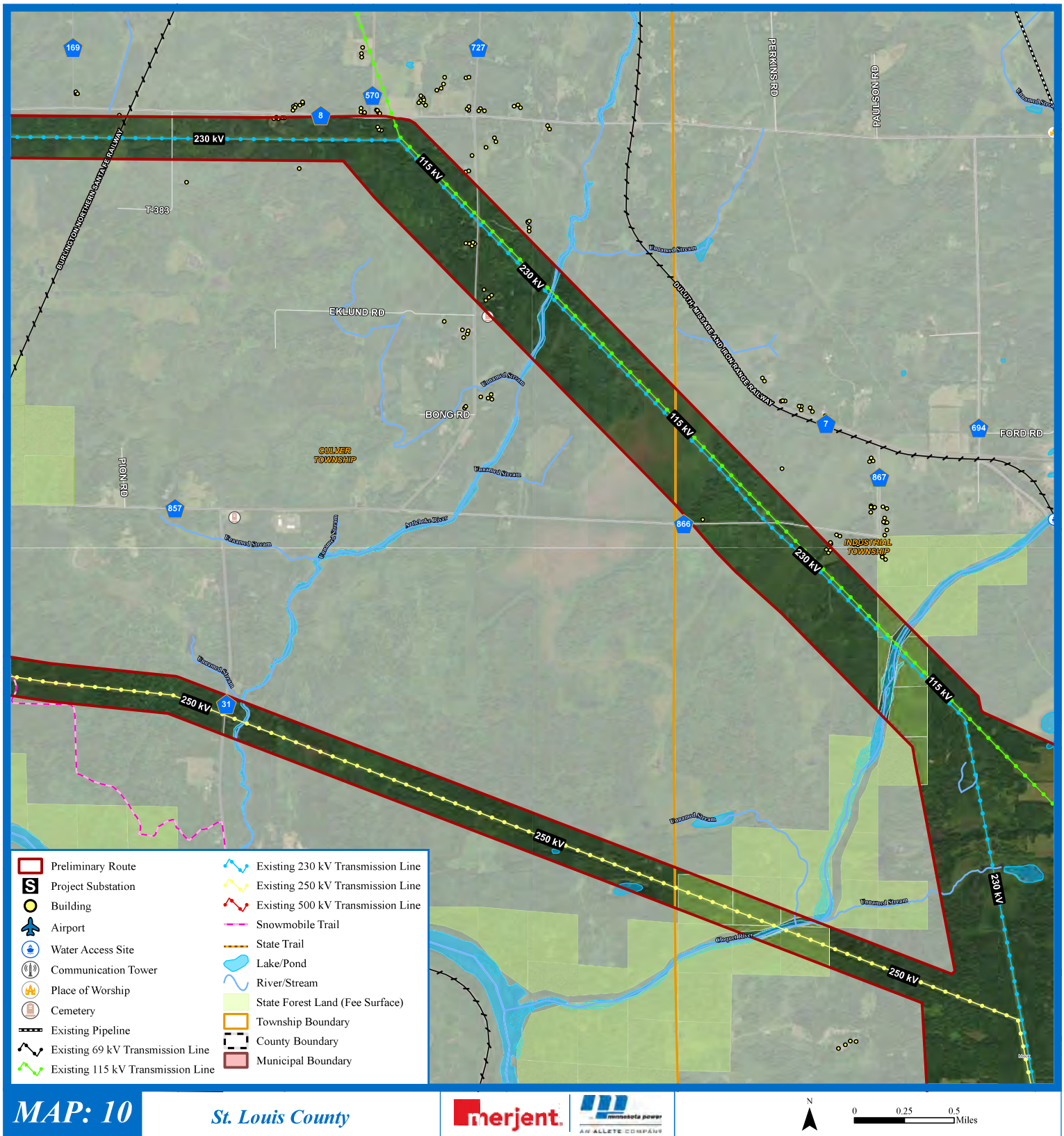
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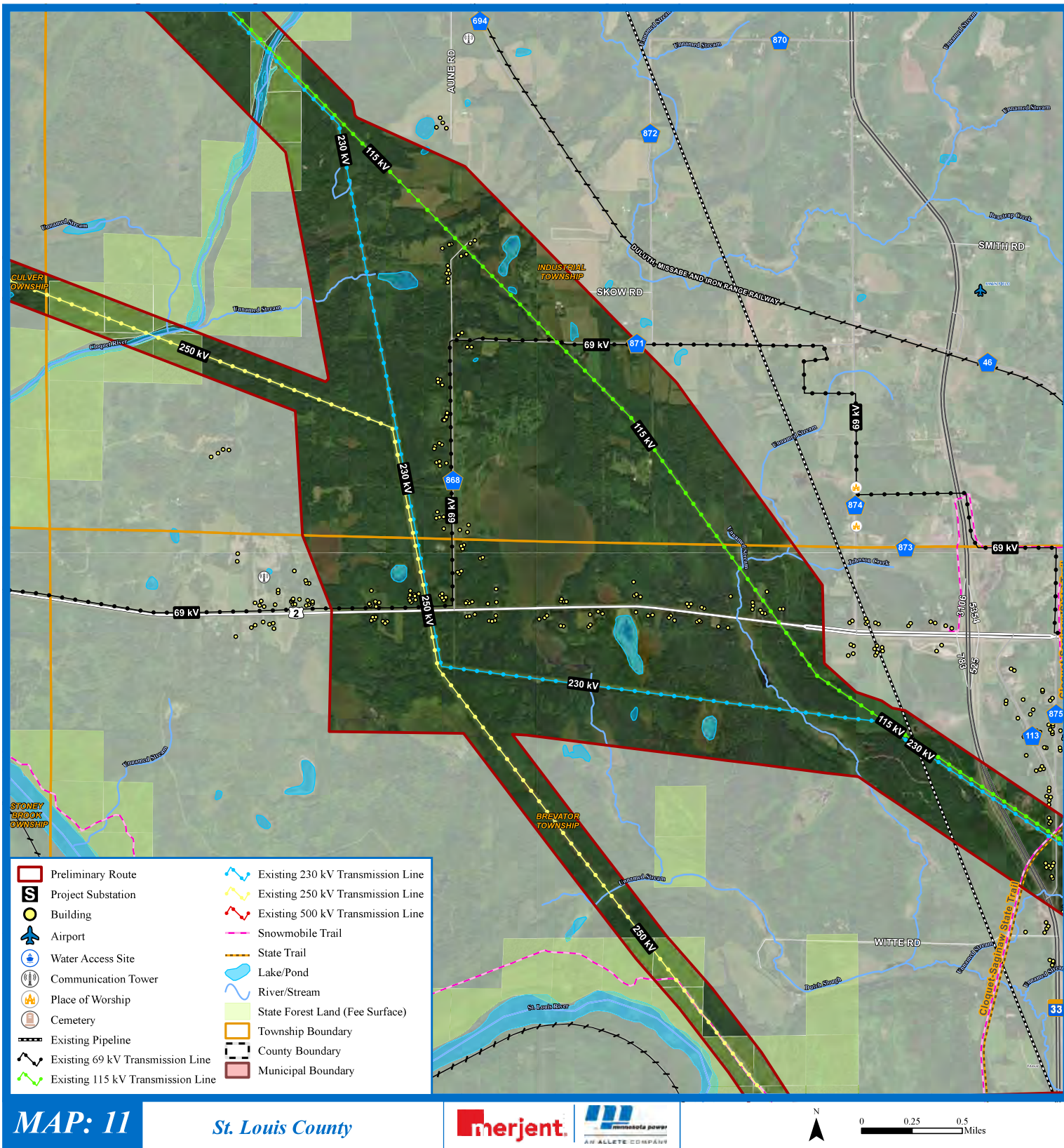
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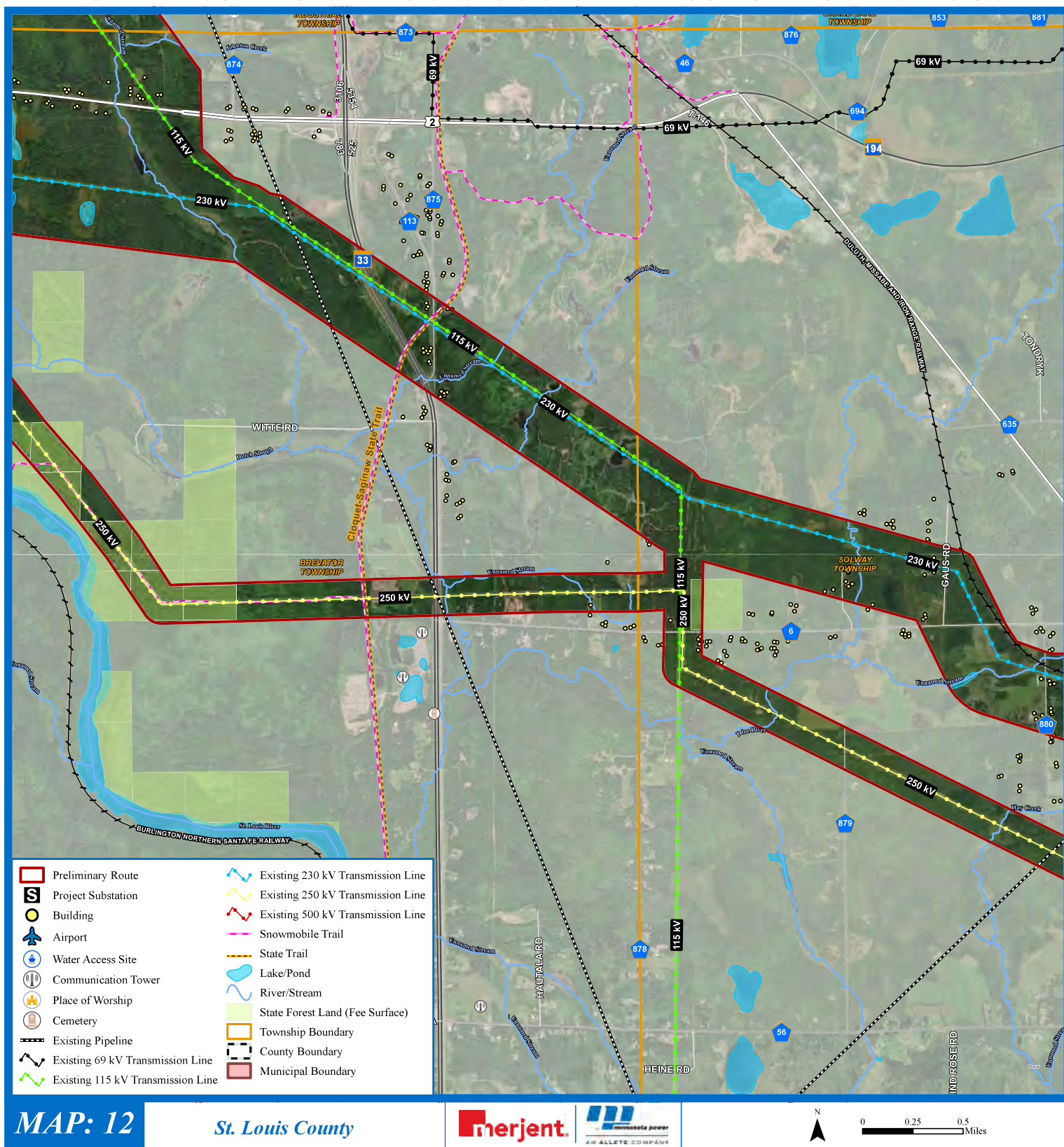


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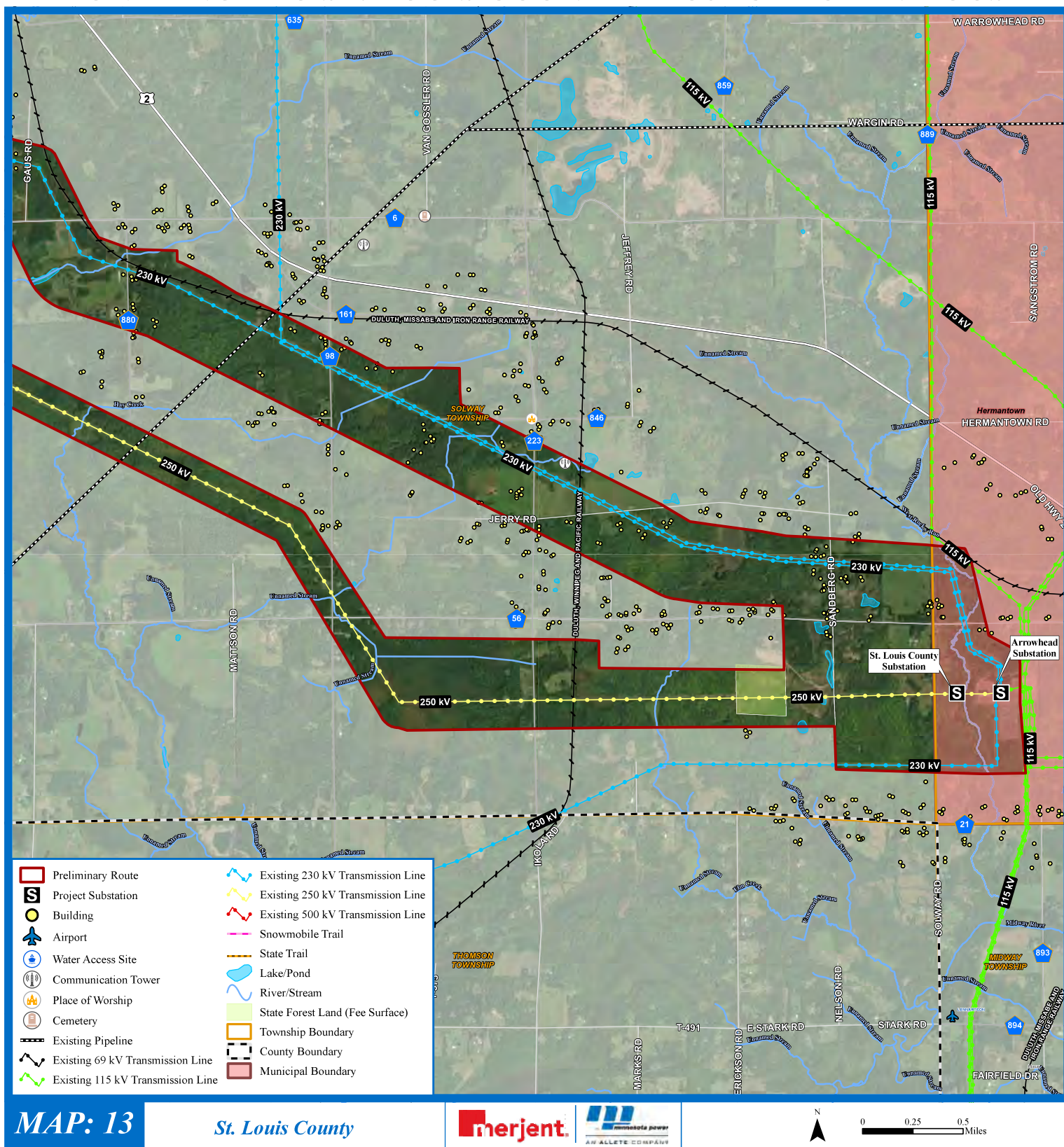
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From: Mandy Bohnenblust <mandy.bohnenblust@merjent.com>
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2025 11:03 AM
Cc: Zach Golkowski (MP) <zgolkowski@mnpower.com>; Dan Flo <dan.flo@merjent.com>; Marissa Honeycutt <marissa.honeycutt@merjent.com>
Subject: ISA Transmission Project August Open Houses

Good Morning,

Minnesota Power is hosting a second round of open houses to seek input on the ISA Transmission Project's preliminary route. The proposed ISA Transmission Project is an approximately 63-mile-long 345 kilovolt transmission line between Minnesota Power's Iron Range Substation near Grand Rapids in Itasca County, Minnesota Power's St. Louis County Substation, and American Transmission Company's Arrowhead Substation near Hermantown, Minnesota.

Based on input received during the first phase of public open houses in May 2025, and through coordination with tribes and agencies, Minnesota Power refined the initial study area to identify a preliminary route. Stakeholder comments included feedback on routing and impacts to aesthetics, wildlife, landowner property interests, and environmental resources. Please find a map of the preliminary route attached to this email.

Stakeholder and landowner feedback on the preliminary route will help inform and guide the process of creating a final proposed route, which will be included in the application for a Route Permit and Certificate of Need to be filed later this year with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Minnesota Power invites you to attend any of the open houses; the schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, August 6	Thursday, August 7
12:00 – 2:00 PM Coleraine City Hall Nyberg Community Center 302 Roosevelt Ave Coleraine, MN 55722	1:00-3:00 PM Hermantown Government Center/ City Hall – Training Center 5105 Maple Grove Road Hermantown, MN 55811

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If you have questions about the Project or the open houses, please contact Zach Golkowski, Minnesota Power's project manager, at (218) 355-3366 or zgolkowski@mnpower.com. You can also find more information about the Project at ISATransmissionProject.com.

Regards,

Mandy Bohnenblust on behalf of
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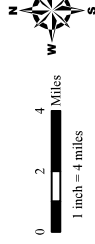
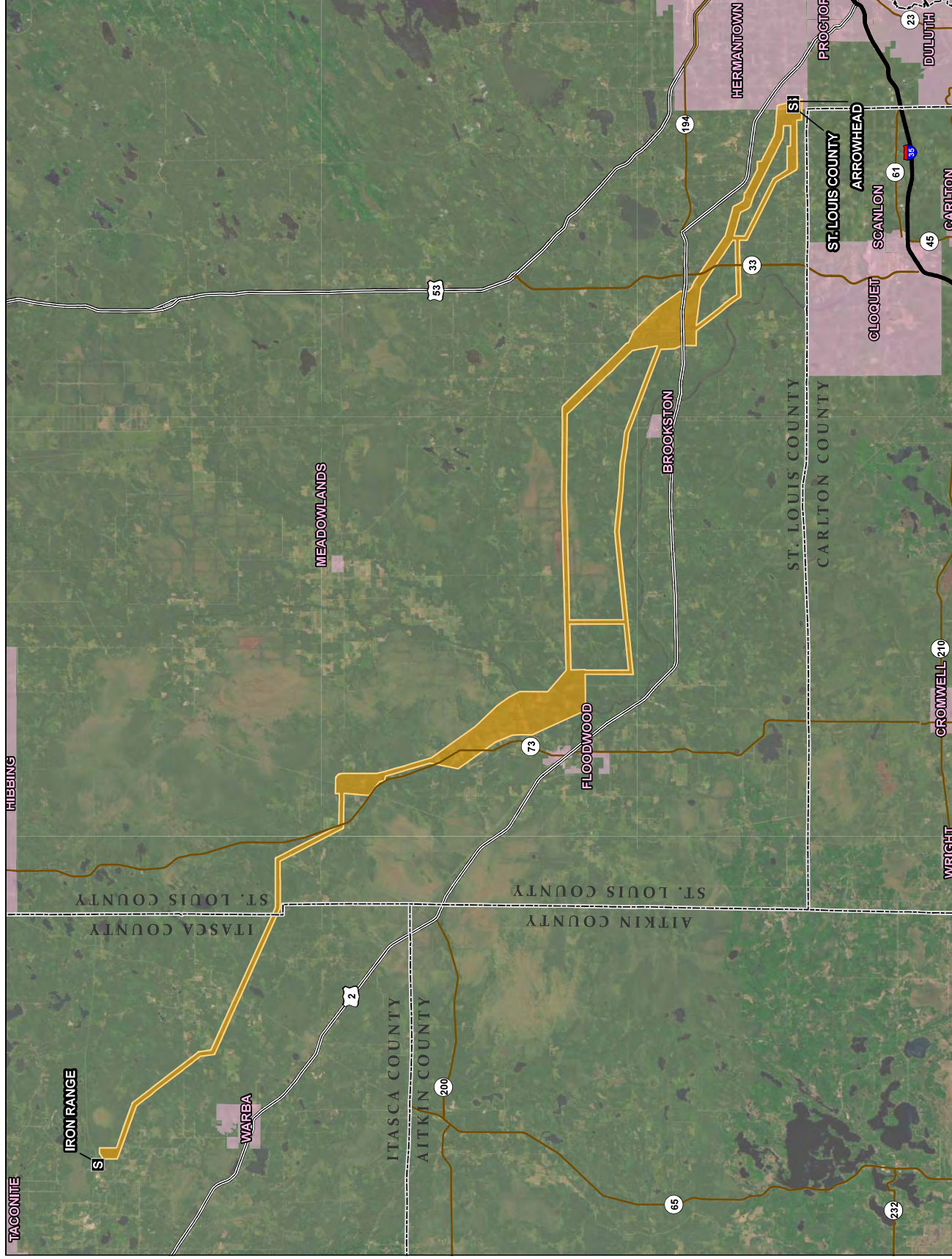
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Preliminary Route Map



- S** Substation
- Preliminary Route
- City Boundary
- County Boundary

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Minnesota Power
 Project Overview



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August 2025 Open House Email - Federal, State, and Local Agencies

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Subject: ISA Transmission Project August Open Houses

Good Morning,

Minnesota Power is hosting a second round of open houses to seek input on the ISA Transmission Project's preliminary route. The proposed ISA Transmission Project is an approximately 63-mile-long 345 kilovolt transmission line between Minnesota Power's Iron Range Substation near Grand Rapids in Itasca County, Minnesota Power's St. Louis County Substation, and American Transmission Company's Arrowhead Substation near Hermantown, Minnesota.

Based on input received during the first phase of public open houses in May 2025, and through coordination with tribes and agencies, Minnesota Power refined the initial study area to identify a preliminary route. Stakeholder comments included feedback on routing and impacts to aesthetics, wildlife, landowner property interests, and environmental resources. Please find a map of the preliminary route attached to this email.

Stakeholder and landowner feedback on the preliminary route will help inform and guide the process of creating a final proposed route, which will be included in the application for a Route Permit and Certificate of Need to be filed later this year with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Minnesota Power invites you to attend any of the open houses; the schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, August 6	Thursday, August 7
12:00 – 2:00 PM Coleraine City Hall Nyberg Community Center 302 Roosevelt Ave Coleraine, MN 55722	1:00-3:00 PM Hermantown Government Center/ City Hall – Training Center 5105 Maple Grove Road Hermantown, MN 55811

5:00-7:00 PM

Floodwood Event Center
201 W 7th Avenue
Floodwood, MN 55736

5:00-7:00 PM

Solway Town Hall
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If you have questions about the Project or the open houses, please contact Zach Golkowski, Minnesota Power's project manager, at (218) 355-3366 or zgolkowski@mnpower.com. You can also find more information about the Project at ISATransmissionProject.com.

Regards,

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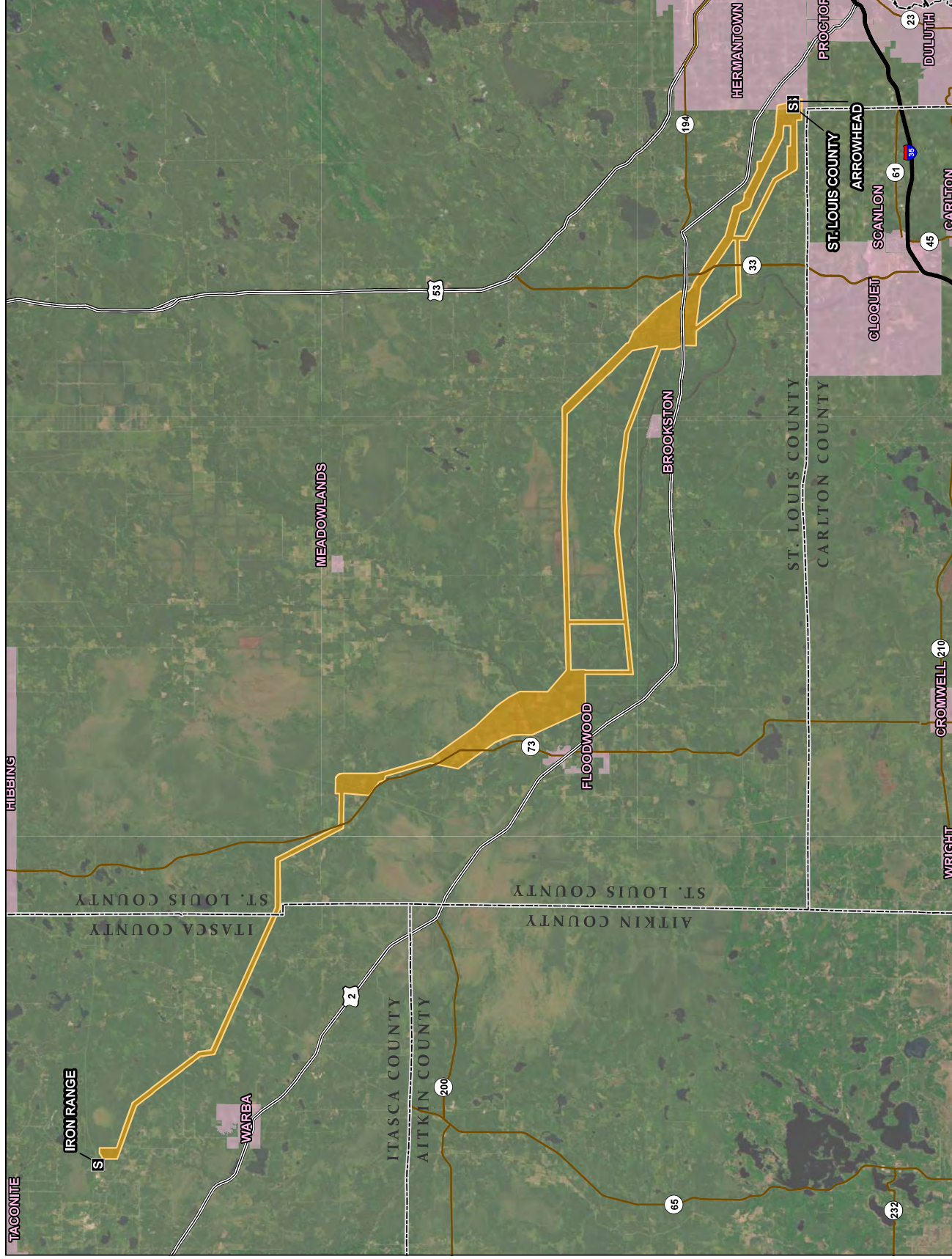
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Preliminary Route Map



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1 inch = 4 miles

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S Substation
 Preliminary Route
 City Boundary
 County Boundary

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August 2025 Open House Email – Tribal Nations

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Iron Range – St. Louis County – Arrowhead ISA TRANSMISSION PROJECT

August 2025

Minnesota Power



Virtual Open House

Thank you for joining us online today. We greatly appreciate your input in helping us review and refine the preliminary route for this project. On the following slides you'll learn more about the project, review maps, and have the opportunity to provide input about the preliminary route.

Who we are

Minnesota Power provides electric service within a 26,000-square-mile area in northeastern Minnesota, supporting comfort, security and quality of life for 150,000 customers, 15 municipalities and some of the largest industrial customers in the United States.

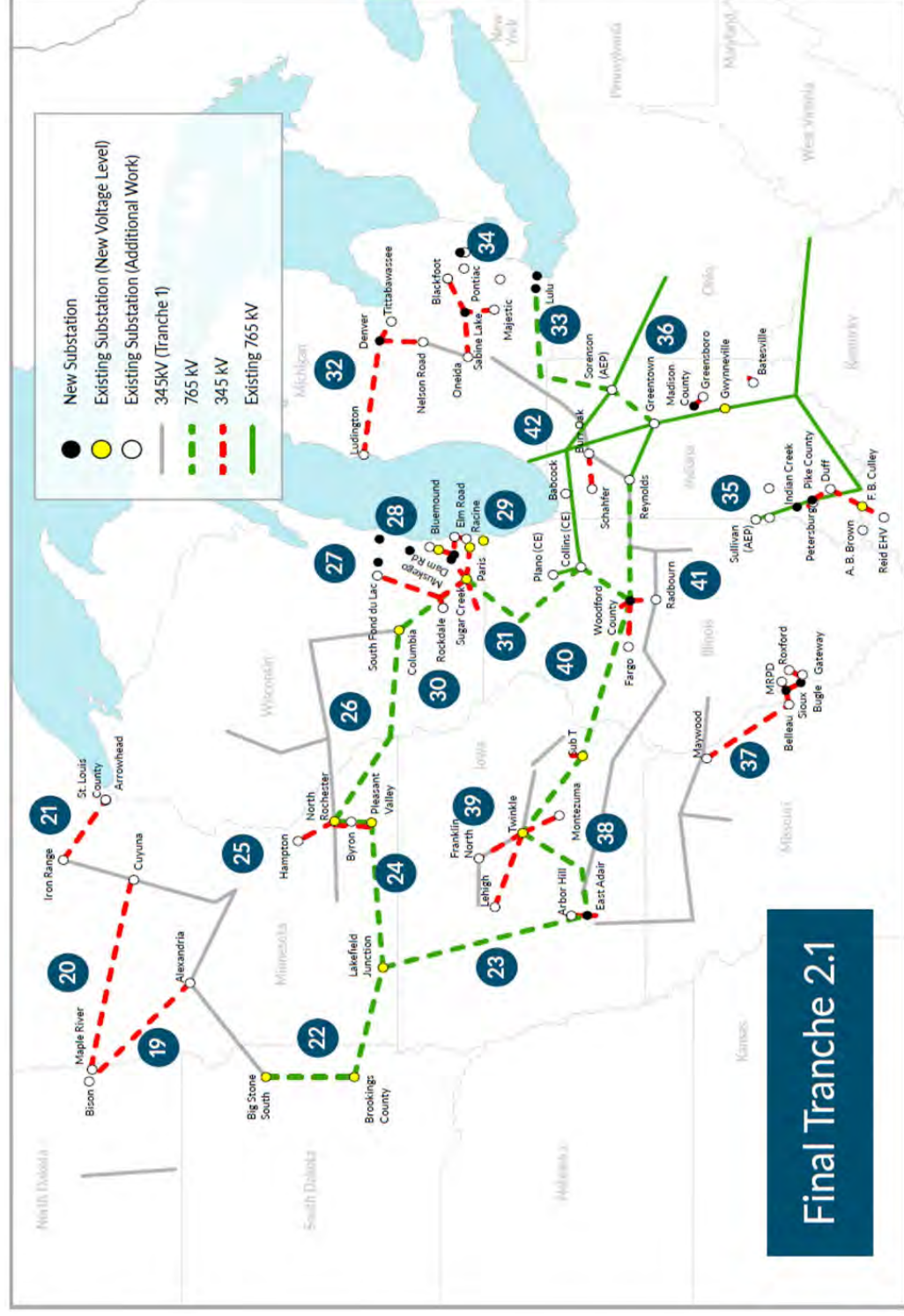
About the Project

Minnesota Power is proposing to construct an approximately 63-mile-long, 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from Minnesota Power's Iron Range Substation near Grand Rapids, Minnesota, to Minnesota Power's St. Louis County Substation near Hermantown, with a connection to American Transmission Company's nearby Arrowhead Substation.



MISO, the regional grid operator, approved this project as part of a regional plan.

Learn more at misoenergy.org



Project need



*Enhance grid
reliability in the Upper
Midwest as grid
operating conditions
become more
variable*



*Increase grid
efficiency as energy
is transferred from
where it is produced
to where it is needed*



*Meet the growing
demand for reliable
clean energy in the
Upper Midwest*

Project components

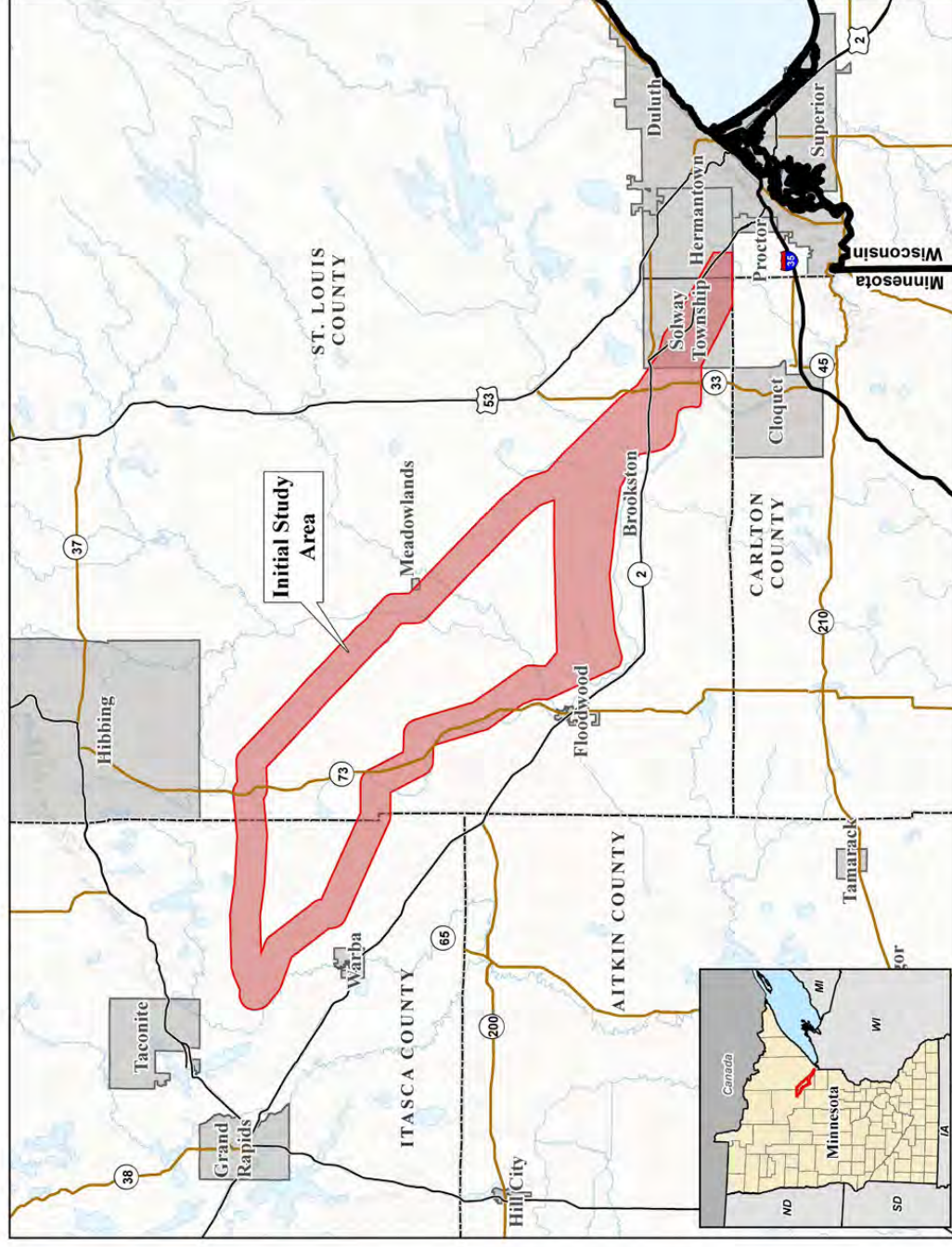
A new, approximately 62-mile-long, single-circuit 345 kV transmission line built on double-circuit capable structures from Minnesota Power's Iron Range Substation near Grand Rapids in Itasca County, Minnesota to Minnesota Power's St. Louis County Substation near Hermantown, Minnesota

A new, approximately 1-mile-long double-circuit 345 kV transmission line from Minnesota Power's St. Louis County Substation to American Transmission Company's Arrowhead Substation near Hermantown, St. Louis County, Minnesota

Where we've been

- Website launched in May 2025
- Open houses in May 2025
 - Invited agencies, tribes, and more than 2,000 landowners in the Initial Study Area: Grand Rapids, Floodwood, Meadowlands, Hermantown, and Solway Township
- Received, recorded, and responded to stakeholder feedback
- Agency and stakeholder meetings

Initial Study Area



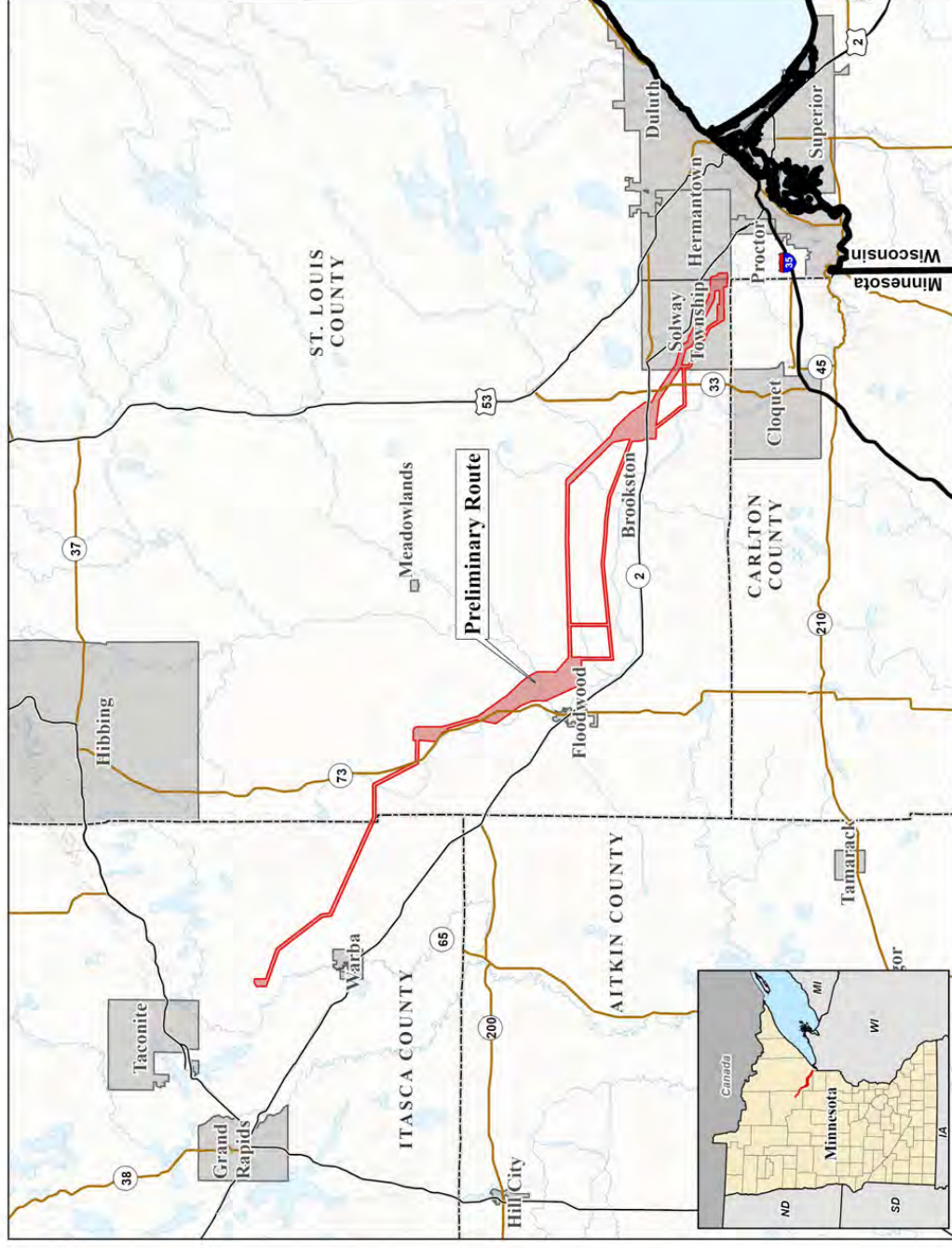
Where we are now

- Drafting joint Certificate of Need and Route Permit Application to be submitted to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
- Drafting the Environmental Assessment
- Continuing to respond to feedback and meet with landowners
- Refined the Initial Study Area to develop a Preliminary Route
- Open houses in August 2025
 - Invited agencies, tribes, and more than 500 landowners within the Preliminary Route: Coleraine, Floodwood, Hermantown, and Solway Township

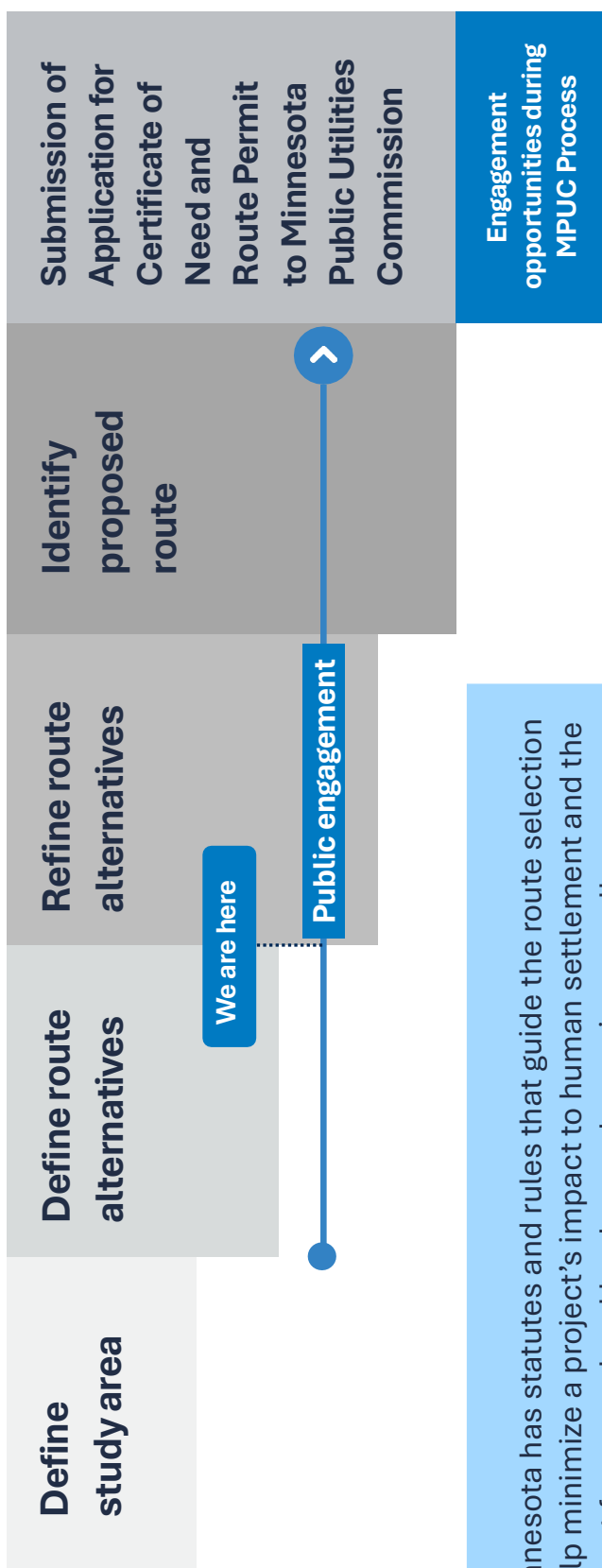
Preliminary Route

Routing opportunities were evaluated based on stakeholder feedback

- Public lands
- Proximity to residences
- Wildlife
- Wetlands and water resources
- Sensitive natural resources



Our routing process & input opportunities



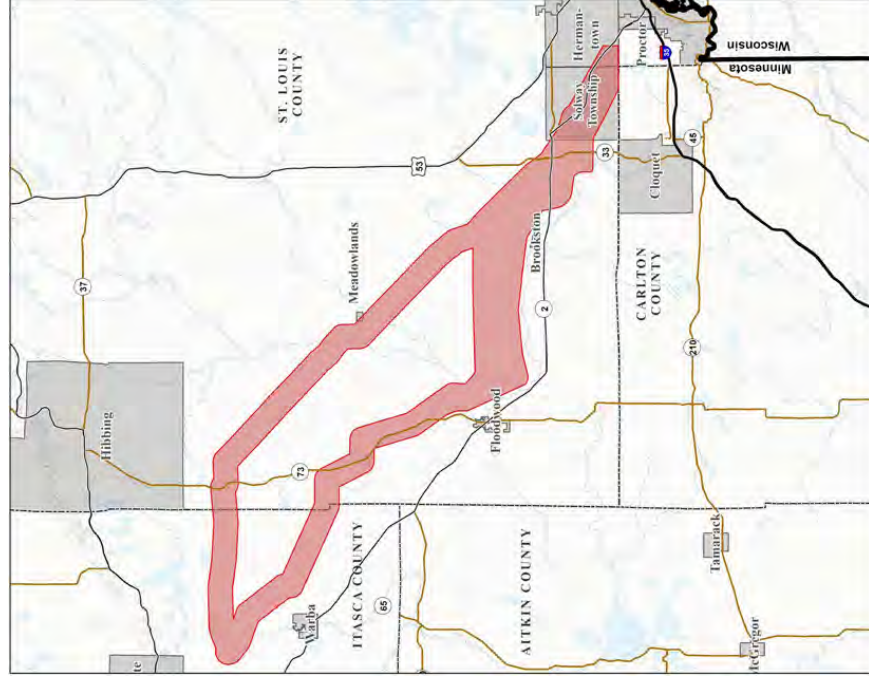
The state of Minnesota has statutes and rules that guide the route selection process and help minimize a project's impact to human settlement and the environment. Input from you, local leaders and agencies as well as our own expertise is critical as we develop and finalize a route.

Routing process considerations

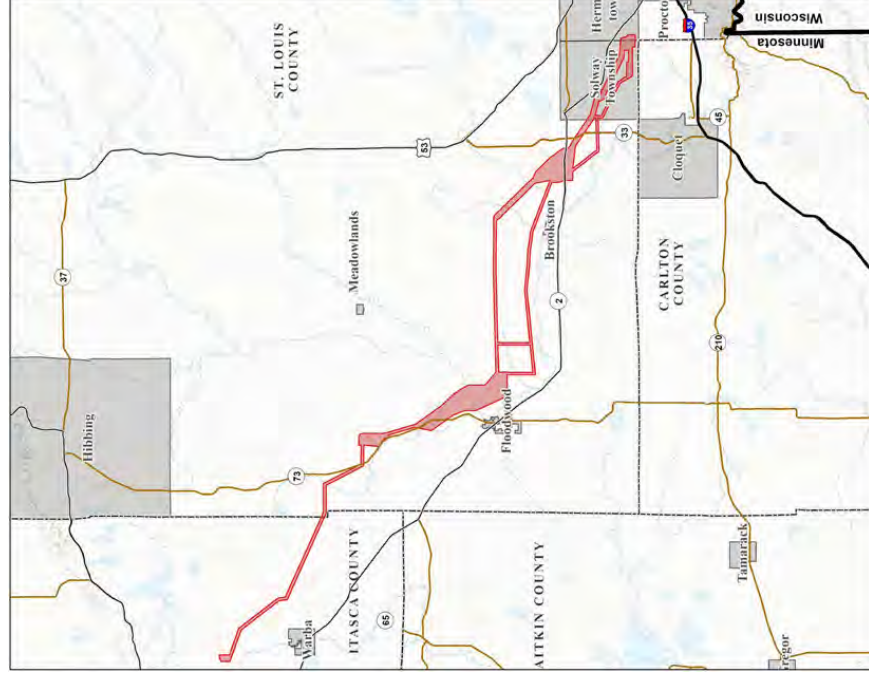
The criteria for route development is set by Minnesota statute and guides our routing process. To route a project, we consider:

- Opportunities
- Constraints
- Engineering and construction considerations

Study Area Map



Preliminary Route Map



Where we are going

- Continued agency and stakeholder coordination
- Refine the Route and Alignment
- File Certificate of Need/Route Permit Application and Environmental Assessment
(by February 2026)

Project timeline

2026-2028



2025

Stakeholder engagement and routing

Permitting, engineering, environmental surveys, ROW acquisition, and public engagement



2029-2032

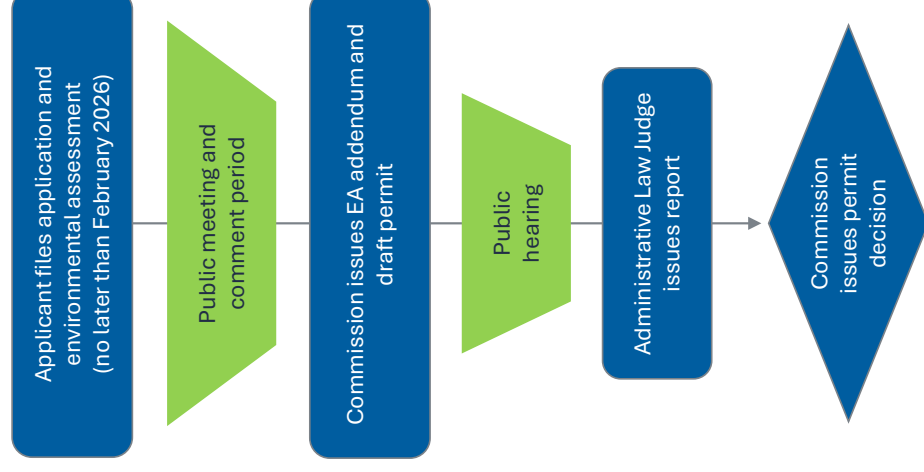
Construction

2032

Anticipated in-service



Permitting timeline



Anticipated studies

Field surveys allow the project team to verify or collect new information about the proposed route to help minimize impacts for construction of the transmission line. Studies may include:

- Geotechnical
- Biological
- Cultural resources
- Wetland and waterbodies
- Invasive species
- Protected species
- Raptor nests



Right-of-way

What is a right-of-way?

A right-of-way, or ROW, is a strip of land used for a specific purpose such as the construction, operation and maintenance of a road or transmission line. Right-of-way is typically secured as an easement on a property.

What is an easement?

An ownership interest in real property allowing Minnesota Power the right to construct, operate and maintain a transmission line and other associated infrastructure on your property.

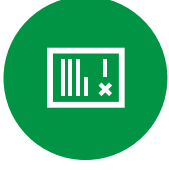
Our right-of-way acquisition process



Landowners are contacted to begin right-of-way acquisition process.



An easement is presented to a landowner. An offer based on fair market value is presented.



We work closely with the landowner to resolve concerns and reach an agreement. An easement is recorded.

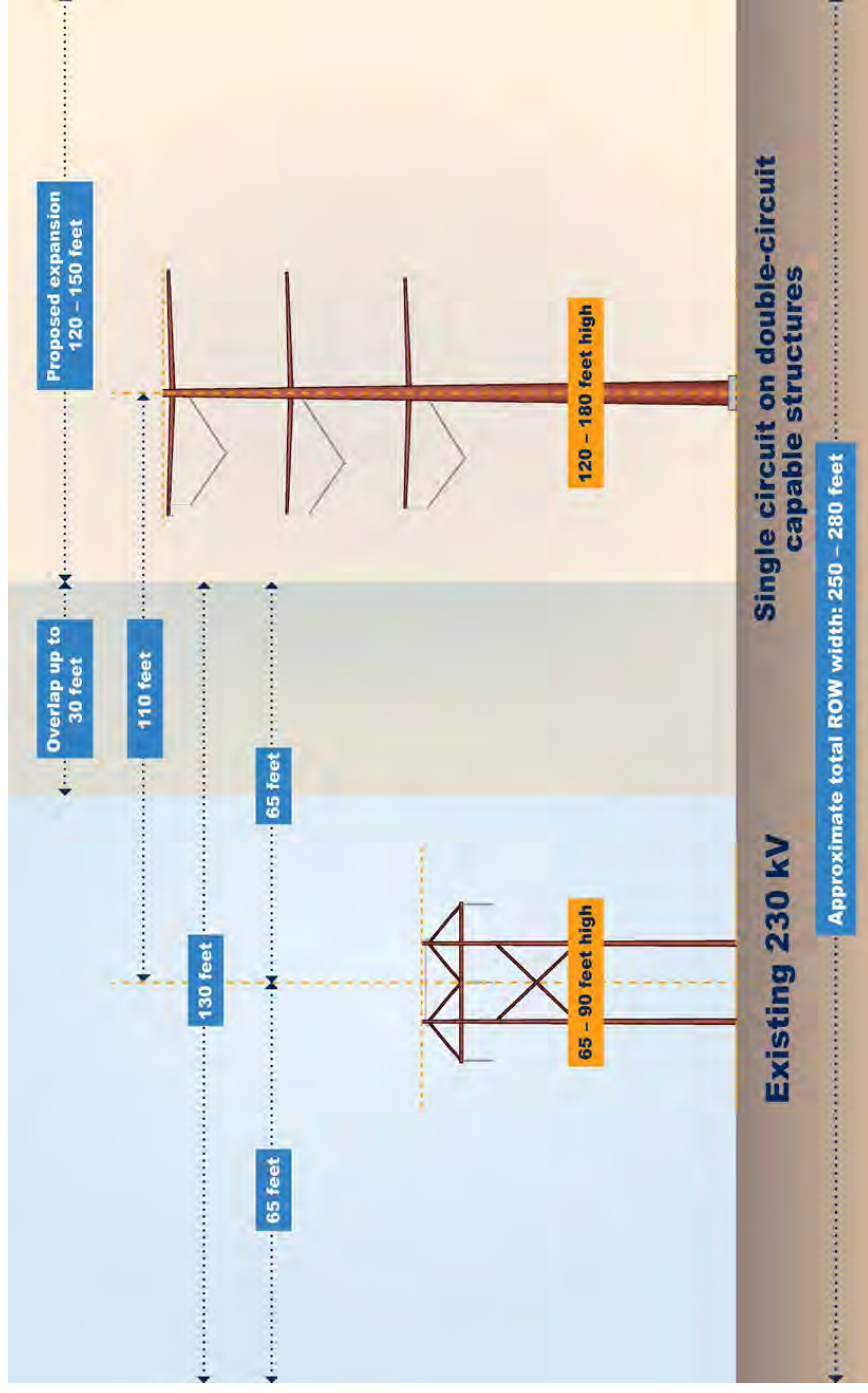


The utilities construct, operate, and maintain the transmission line within the right-of-way.

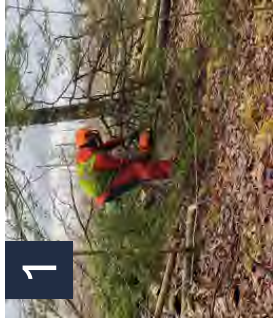
Typical design

Structure type factors:

- Land use/land cover
- Topography
- Water/wetlands
- Soil types

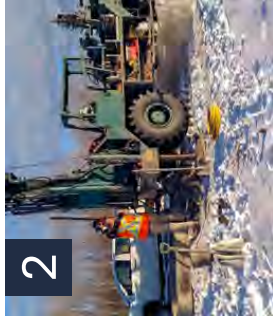


Typical preconstruction and construction activities



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Initial surveying, right-of-way clearing and access routes



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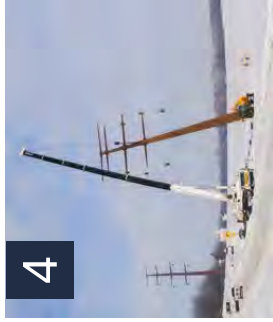
Structure staking, surveying and soils investigations as needed



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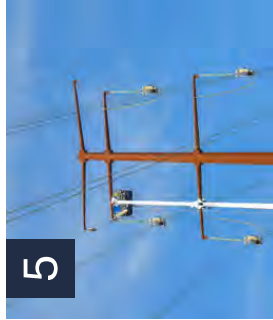
Foundation installation

Foundation type may vary depending on structure



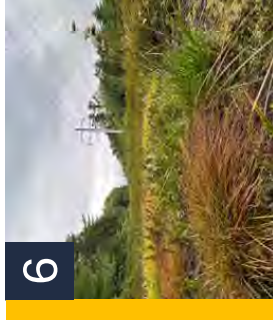
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Assemble and set structures



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Wire installation

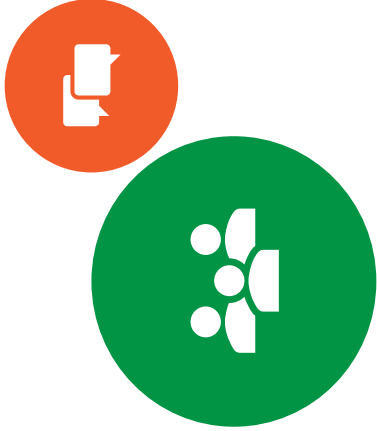


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Cleanup and restoration

Energize Line

Connect with us!



- Email the project team:
connect@ISATransmissionProject.com
- Call the project hotline: **1-888-510-5303**
- Sign up to receive project updates or submit a comment: ISATransmissionProject.com/contact-us

You can also sign up to receive updates from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Visit edockets.state.mn.us/documents and enter the docket number:

- Certificate of Need docket number 25-111
- Route Permit docket number 25-112

Thank you!



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Public invited to attend open houses for Minnesota Power’s new 345-kV transmission line’s preliminary route

Minnesota Power is hosting a series of open houses this week where members of the public can ask questions and provide input on the ISA Transmission Project’s preliminary route.

The ISA Transmission Project is Minnesota Power’s proposed 63-mile-long, 345-kV transmission line from its Iron Range Substation near Grand Rapids, Minnesota, to its St. Louis County Substation near Hermantown, Minnesota, with a connection to American Transmission Company’s nearby Arrowhead Substation.

Based on input gathered during the first phase of public open houses in May and coordination with tribes and agencies, Minnesota Power refined the initial study area to identify a preliminary route. This second round of open houses will help identify the proposed route that will be submitted to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

ISA, the Iron Range – St. Louis County – Arrowhead Transmission Project, is one of the transmission projects approved by the regional grid operator, Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), in its 2024 Long-Range Transmission Planning portfolio. The project is an investment in supporting and strengthening a reliable, resilient and flexible grid as the demand for energy grows and more renewable energy comes online.

The open house schedule is in the table below. Project displays and detailed maps will be available for review, and project team members will be available to answer questions.

Wednesday, August 6	Thursday, August 7
Noon – 2:00 PM Coleraine City Hall/Nyberg Community Center 302 Roosevelt Ave Coleraine, MN 55722	1:00-3:00 PM Hermantown Government Center/City Hall – Training Center 5105 Maple Grove Road Hermantown, MN 55811
5:00-7:00 PM Floodwood Event Center 201 W 7th Avenue Floodwood, MN 55736	5:00-7:00 PM Solway Town Hall 4029 Munger Shaw Road Cloquet, MN 55720

For more information about the project or to view the virtual, self-guided open house, visit ISATransmissionProject.com. To ask a question, leave a comment, or be added to the project mailing list, send an email to connect@ISATransmissionProject.com or call the project hotline at 1-888-510-5303.

Minnesota Power provides electric service within a 26,000-square-mile area in northeastern Minnesota, supporting comfort, security and quality of life for 150,000 customers, 14 municipalities and some of the largest industrial customers in the United States. More information can be found at mnpower.com. *ALE-CORP*

ALLETE, Inc. is an energy company headquartered in Duluth, Minnesota. In addition to its electric utilities, Minnesota Power and Superior Water, Light and Power of Wisconsin, ALLETE owns ALLETE Clean Energy, based in Duluth; BNI Energy in Bismarck, N.D.; and New Energy Equity, headquartered in Annapolis, Maryland; and has an 8% equity interest in the American Transmission Co. More information about ALLETE is available at www.allete.com.

Minnesota Power calculates and reports carbon emissions based on the GHG Protocol. Details in ALLETE's Corporate Sustainability Report.

The statements contained in this release and statements that ALLETE may make orally in connection with this release that are not historical facts, are forward-looking statements. Actual results may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties and investors are directed to the risks discussed in documents filed by ALLETE with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

ISA Transmission Project
Social Media Releases – Open Houses August 2025

Over 280 characters (Facebook, Instagram, etc.):

1. Facebook post, Sunday, August 3

Join us at an open house near you to hear about updates to the ISA Transmission Project and provide input on the preliminary route.

The proposed ISA Transmission Project is an approximately 63-mile-long, 345-kilovolt transmission line between Grand Rapids and Hermantown, Minnesota, designed to maintain a reliable, resilient, and flexible grid for our customers and communities.

Wednesday, August 6, 12 – 2 p.m.

Coleraine City Hall

Nyberg Community Center

302 Roosevelt Ave

Coleraine, MN 55722

Wednesday, August 6, 5 – 7 p.m.

Floodwood Event Center

201 W 7th Avenue

Floodwood, MN 55736

Thursday, August 7, 1 – 3 p.m.

Hermantown Government Center/City Hall – Training Center

5105 Maple Grove Road

Hermantown, MN 55811

Thursday, August 7, 5 – 7p.m.

Solway Town Hall

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Cloquet, MN 55720

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2. Facebook post, Tuesday, August 5 targeting Coleraine/Grand Rapids Area

Join us at an open house tomorrow, Wednesday, Aug. 6, from 12 – 2 p.m., at the Nyberg Community Center to hear about updates to the ISA Transmission Project and provide input on the preliminary route.

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Here are the details:

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Coleraine, MN 55722

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3. Facebook post, Wednesday, August 6 targeting Floodwood, Hermantown, Cloquet

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We're hosting open houses in Floodwood, Hermantown and Cloquet. Here are the details:

Wednesday, August 6, 5 – 7 p.m.

Floodwood Event Center

201 W 7th Avenue

Floodwood, MN 55736

Thursday, August 7, 1 – 3 p.m.

Hermantown Government Center/City Hall – Training Center

5105 Maple Grove Road

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Under 280 characters (X):

We're hosting open houses to provide updates about the ISA Transmission Project. Join us to learn more and provide input. More about a reliable, resilient grid at ISATransmissionProject.com.

Wednesday, Aug. 6: Coleraine & Floodwood

Thursday, Aug. 7: Hermantown & Solway Township



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Commenter's Phone Number

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