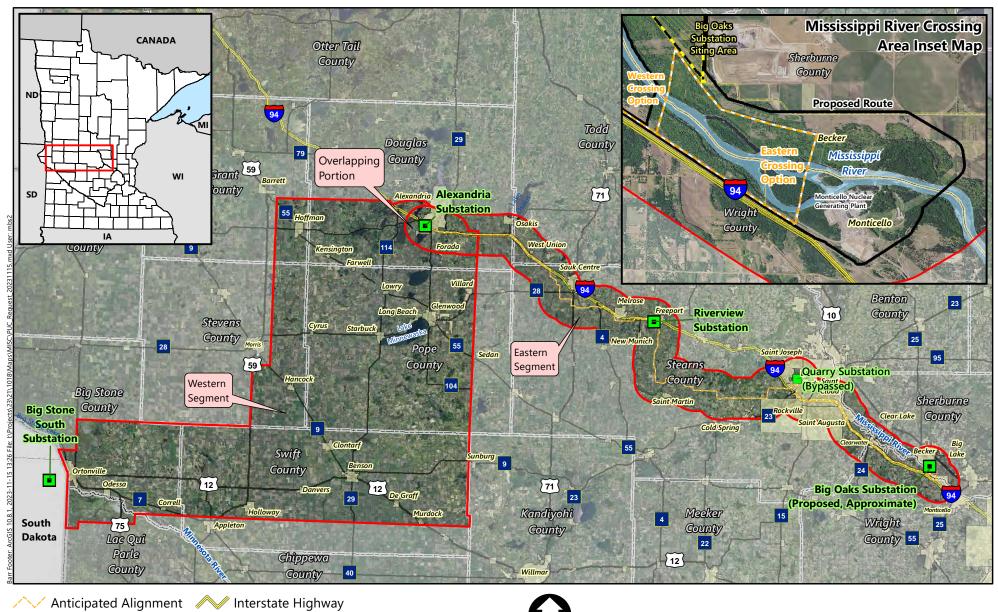
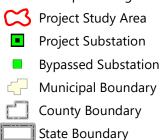
# APPENDIX B: Maps

## Map 1: Project Overview





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US Highway

State Highway

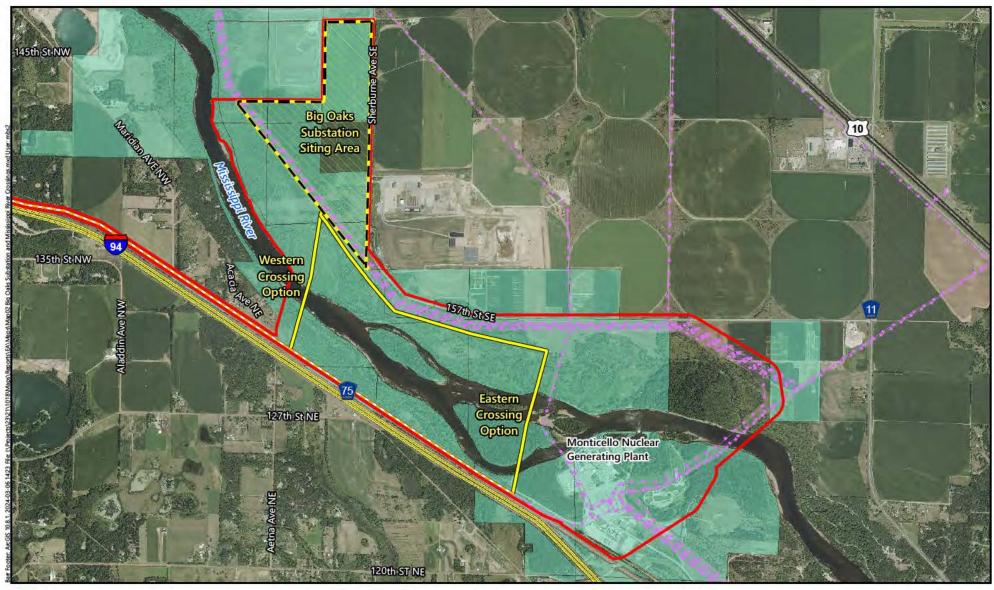
County State-Aid Highway



#### **PROJECT OVERVIEW MAP**

BIG STONE SOUTH TO ALEXANDRIA
AND ALEXANDRIA TO BIG OAKS
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#### Map 2A: River Crossings Overview (Western and Eastern Options)





Anticipated Alignment (Existing)

Anticipated Alignment (New Build)

Existing High-Voltage
Transmission Line

Utility-Owned Parcel



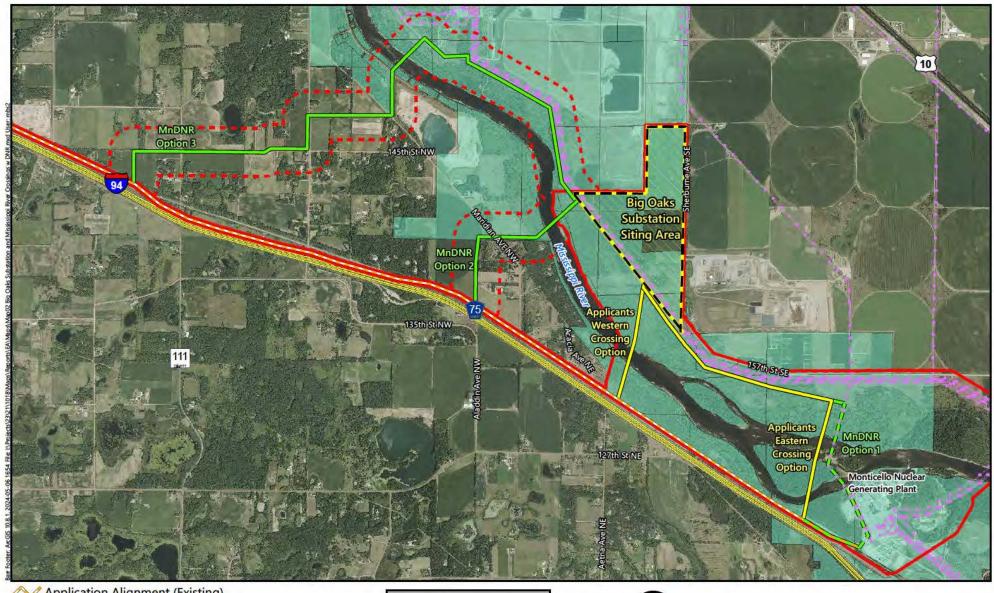


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#### BIG OAKS SUBSTATION AND MISSISSIPPI RIVER CROSSINGS

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## Map 2B: River Crossings Overview (with DNR Alternatives)





Proposed Mississippi Crossing Option (New Build)

♦ MnDNR Mississippi Crossing Option (Rebuild/Expand)

MnDNR Mississippi Crossing Option (Existing)

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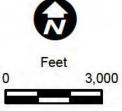
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MnDNR Option Route

Existing High-Voltage Transmission Line

**Utility-Owned Parcel** 



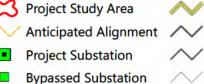


**BIG OAKS SUBSTATION AND** MISSISSIPPI RIVER CROSSINGS

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## Map 3: East Segment Overview





US Highway

State Highway

County State-Aid Highway

Municipal Boundary

Civil Township
County Boundary
State Boundary

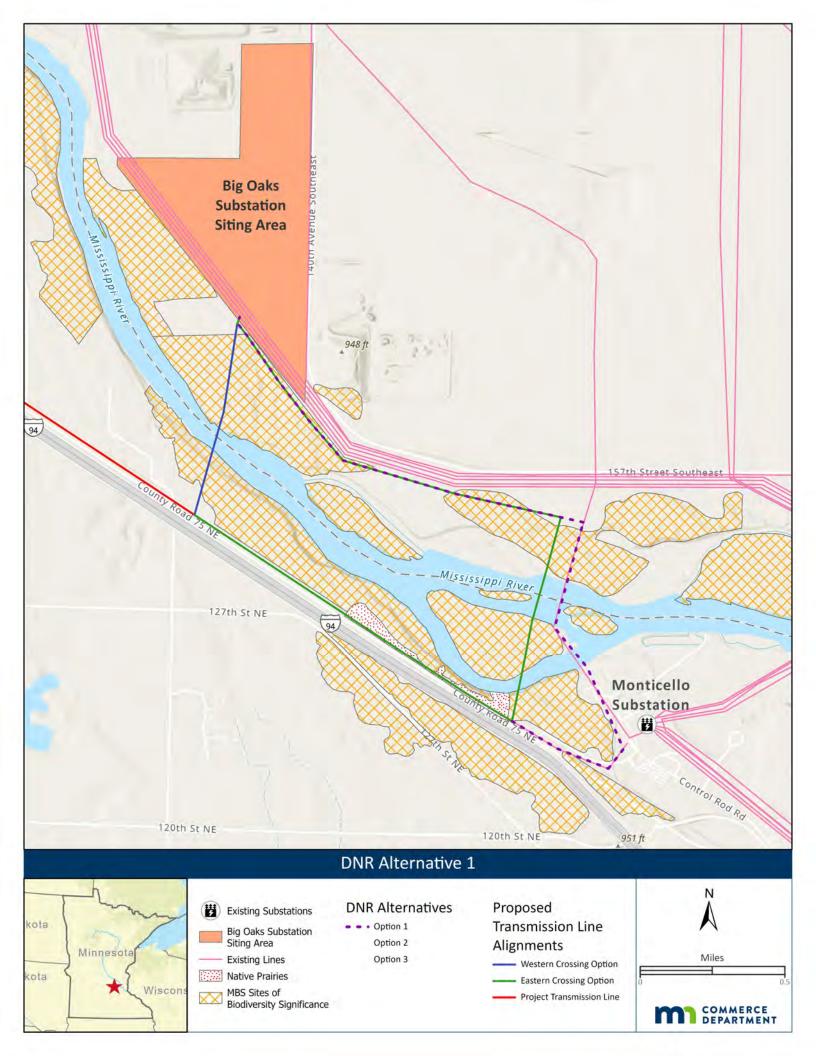


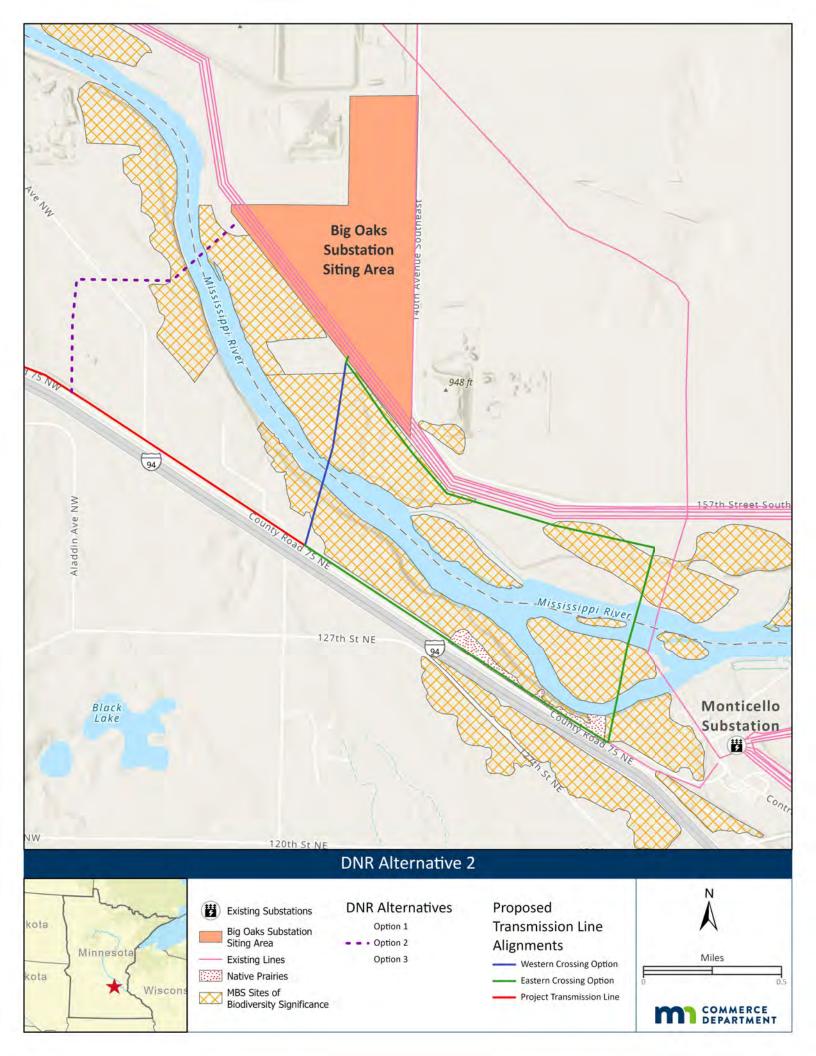
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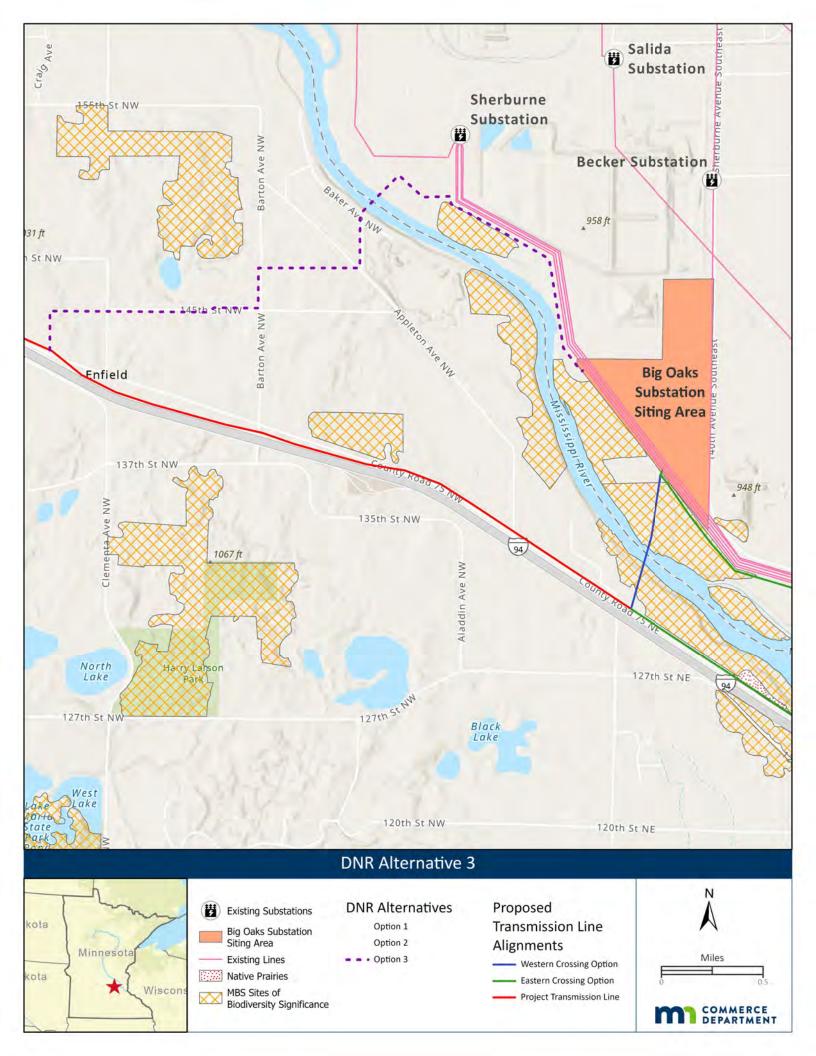
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#### Maps 4A- 4C: DNR Alternatives 1-3







#### Map 5A: Alexandria Substation Detail





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Anticipated Alignment (New Build)



Existing High-Voltage Transmission Line



Preliminary Substation Footprint Expansion

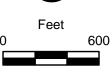


Proposed Right-of-Way



Proposed Route



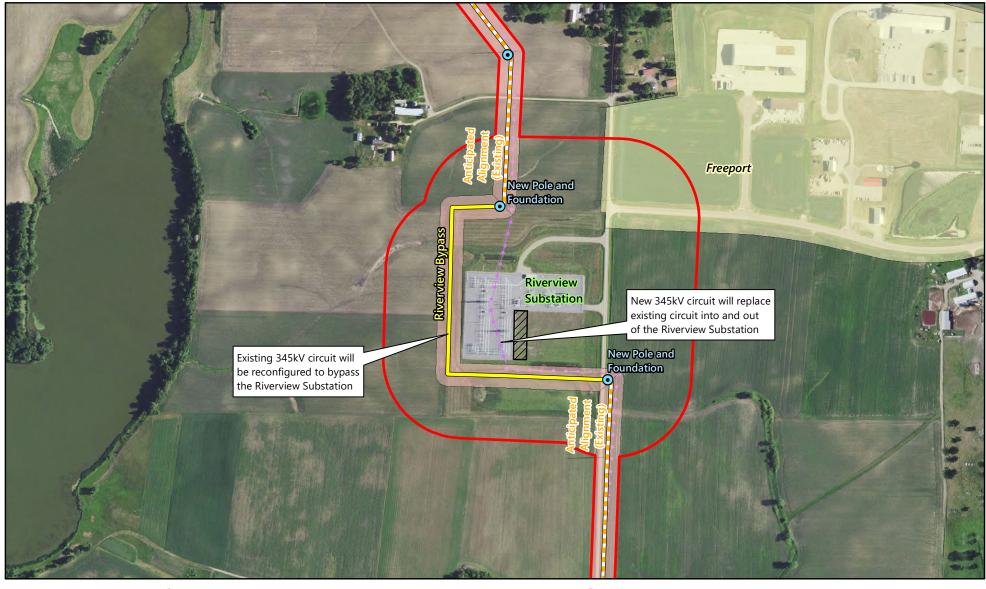


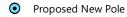
Map 5A

#### ALEXANDRIA SUBSTATION

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## Map 5B: Riverview Substation Bypass Detail





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Proposed Right-of-Way

**Proposed Route** 



Anticipated Alignment (Existing)



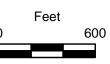


Existing High-Voltage Transmission Line



Preliminary Substation Footprint Expansion





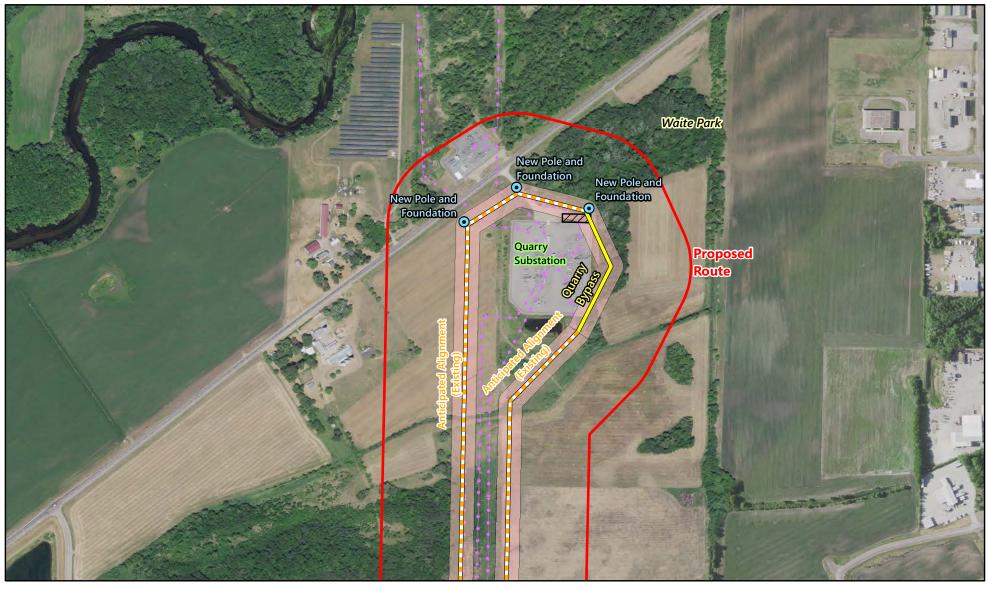
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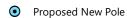
RIVERVIEW SUBSTATION

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### Map 5C: Quarry Substation Bypass Detail





Proposed Right-of-Way



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**Proposed Route** 



Anticipated Alignment (New Build)



Existing High-Voltage Transmission Line



Preliminary Substation Footprint Expansion



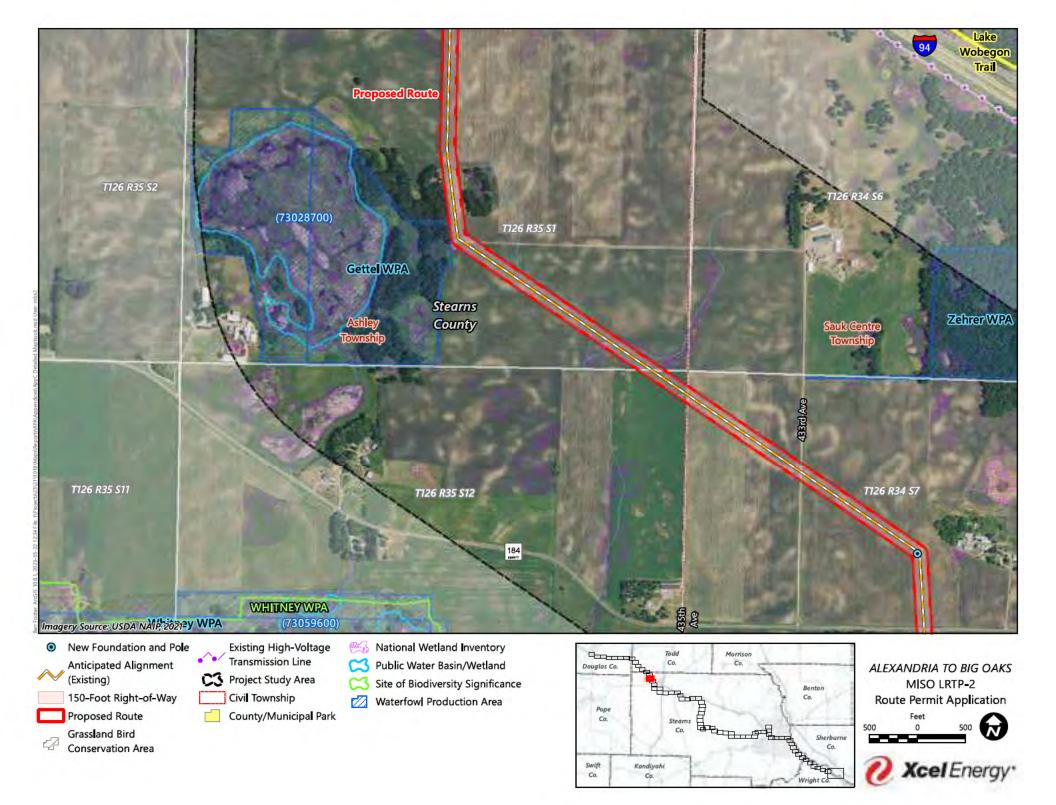
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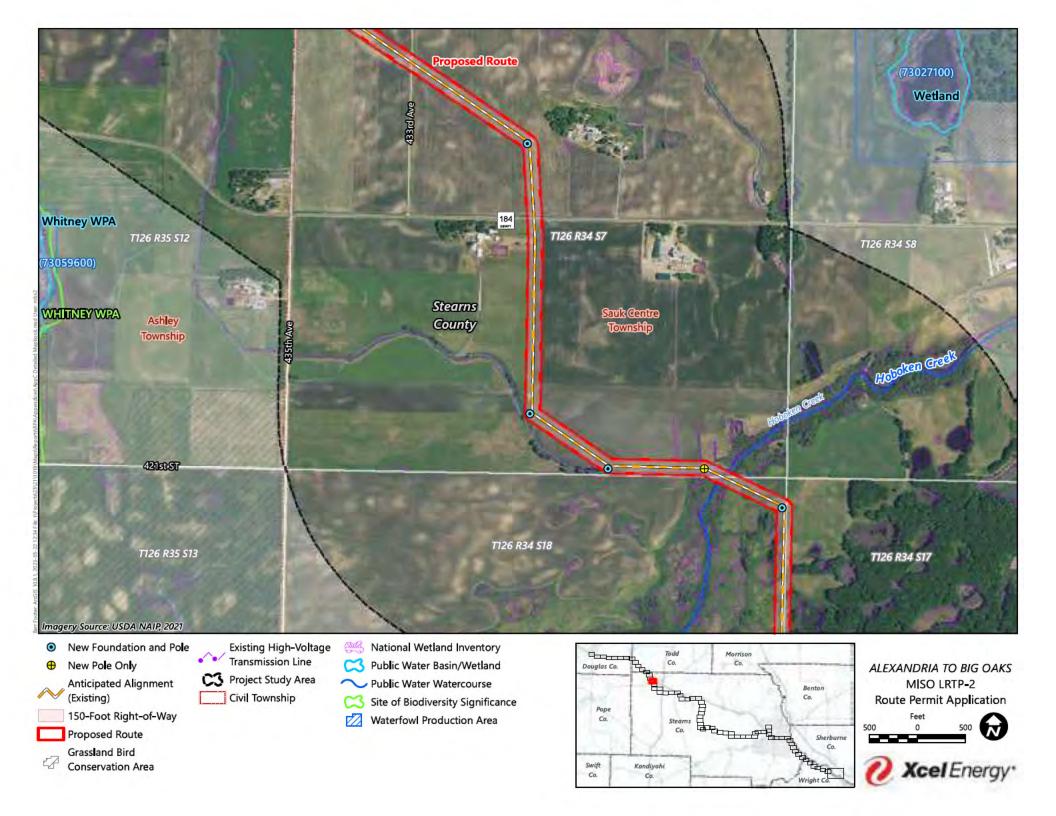
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#### **QUARRY SUBSTATION**

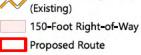
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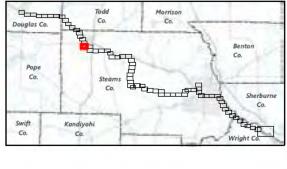
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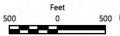




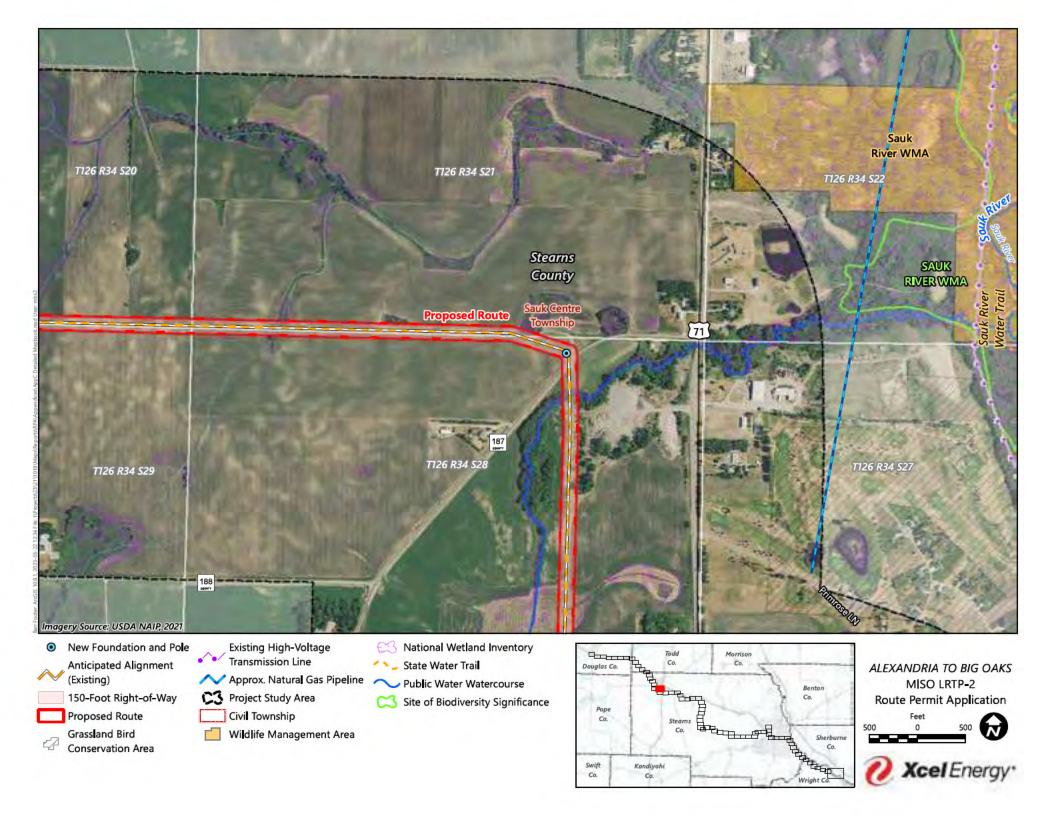










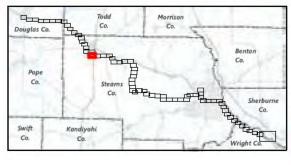




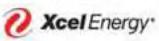
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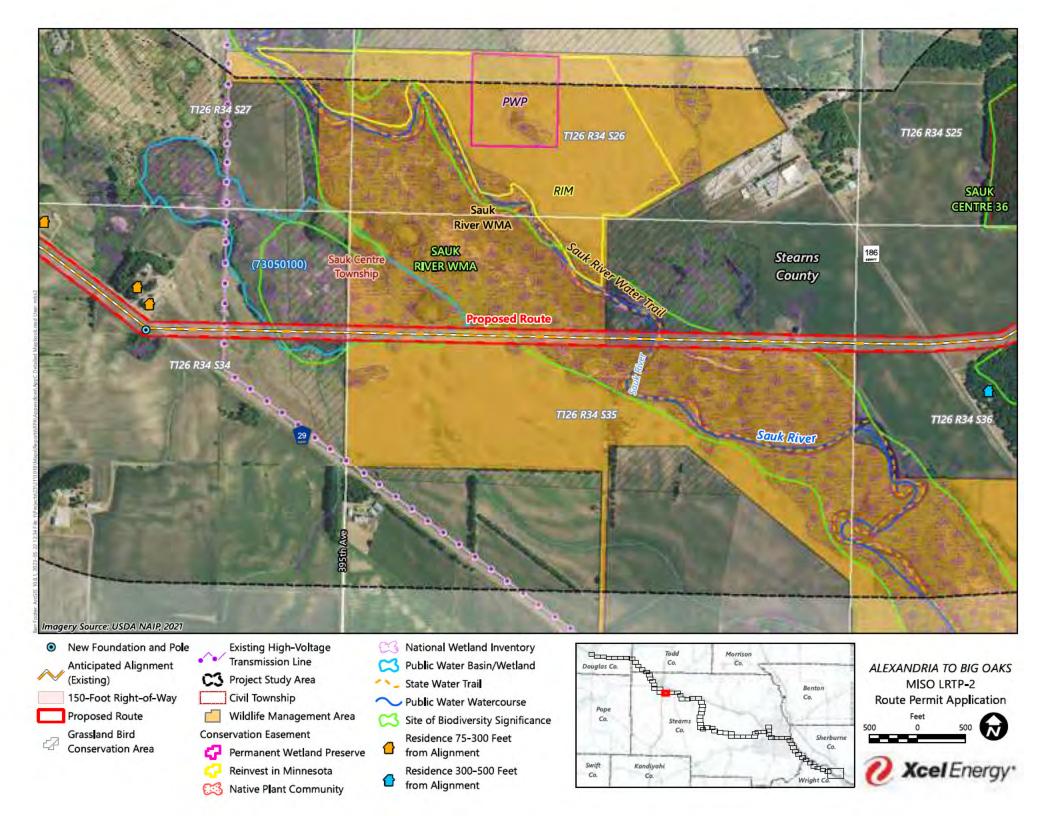
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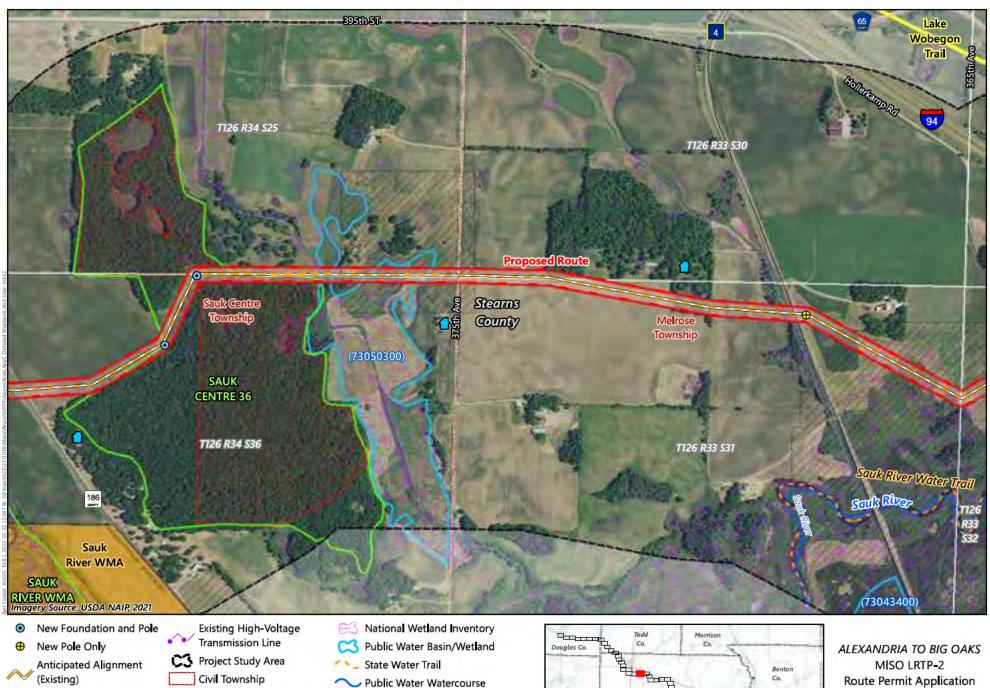
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150-Foot Right-of-Way

**Proposed Route** 

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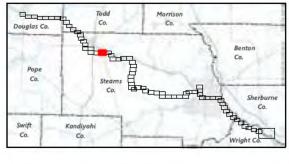
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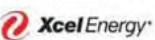
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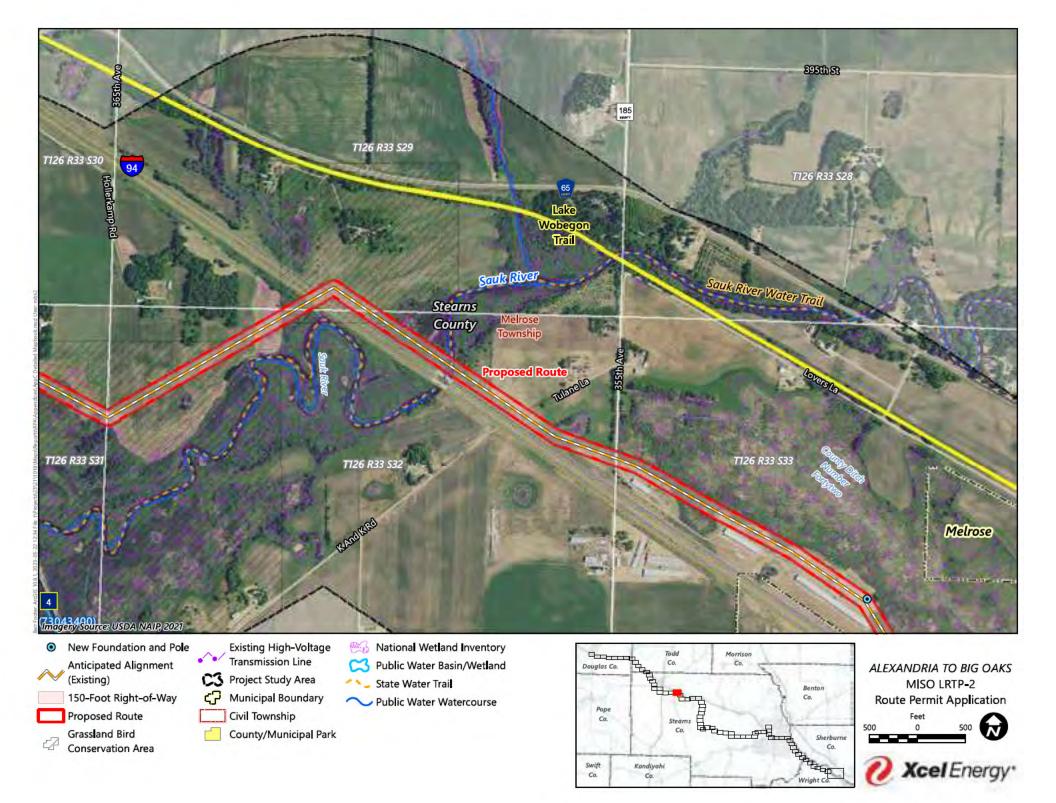
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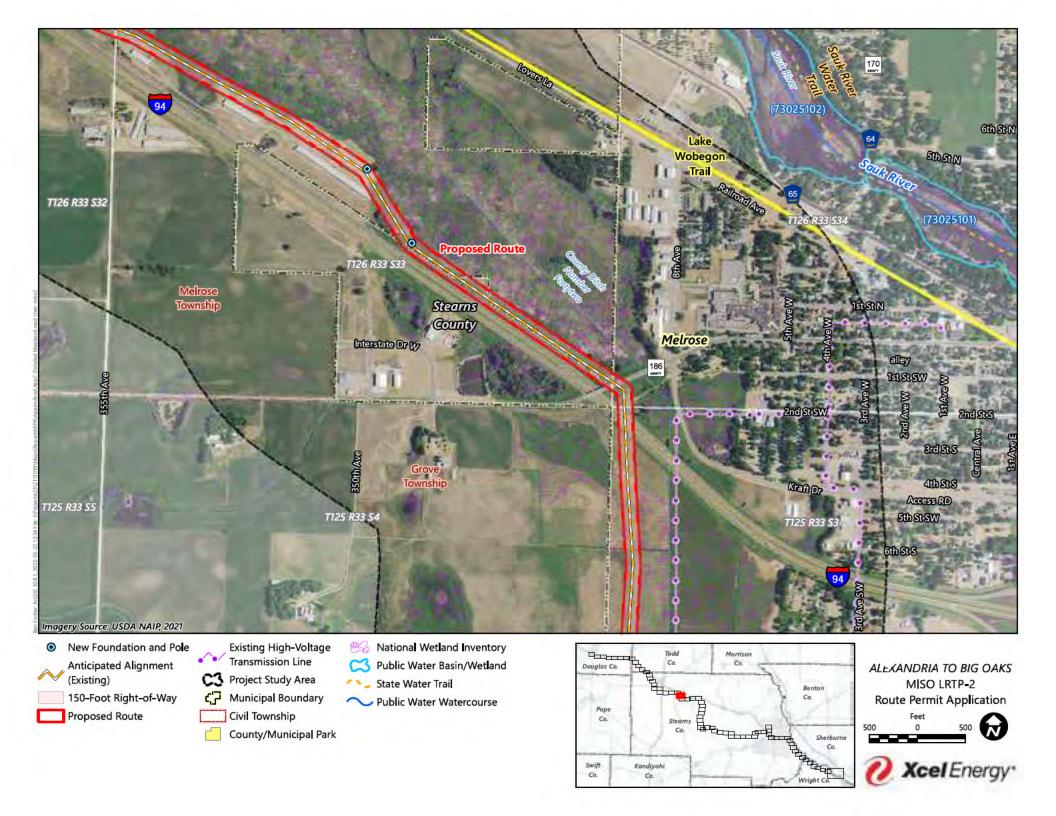
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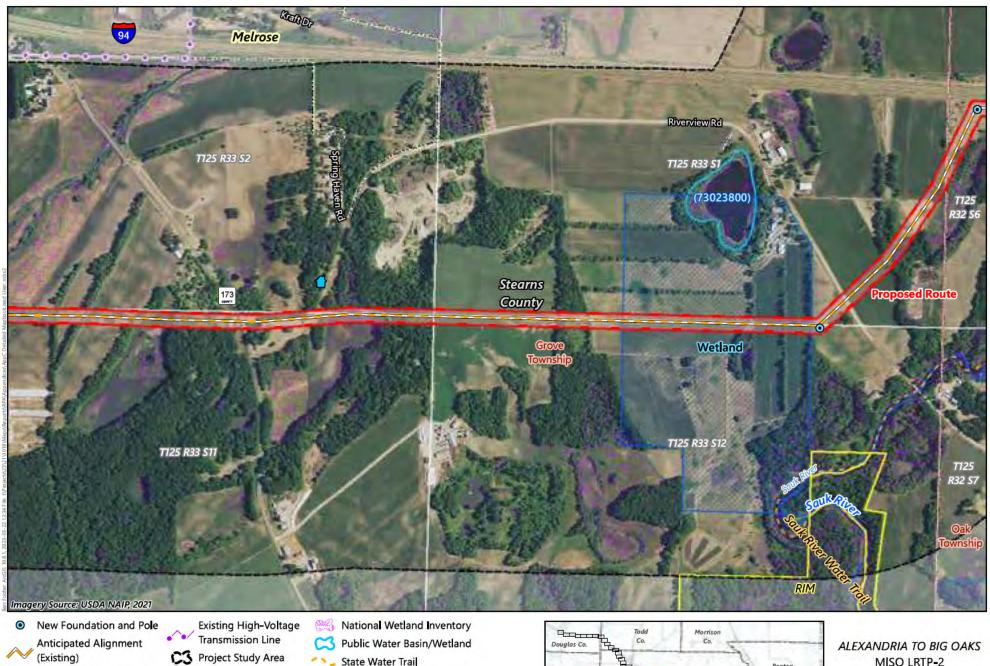


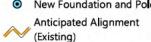












150-Foot Right-of-Way

**Proposed Route** 

Municipal Boundary Civil Township

Conservation Easement

Reinvest in Minnesota

Public Water Watercourse

Waterfow Production Area

Residence 300-500 Feet from Alignment

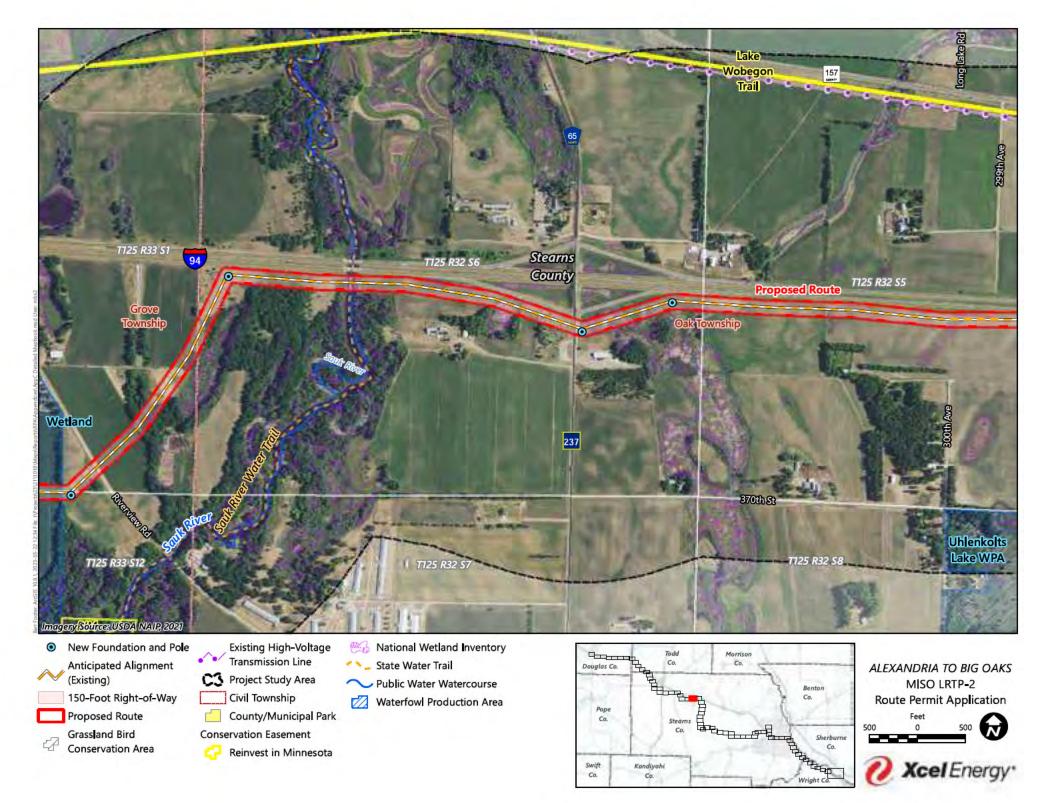


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**Anticipated Alignment** (Existing)

**Anticipated Alignment** (New Build)

150-Foot Right-of-Way **Preliminary Substation** 

Conservation Area

Footprint Expansion

**Proposed Route** 

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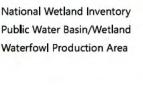
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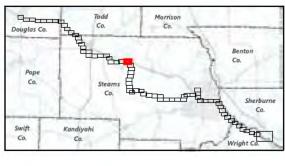
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Project Study Area

Municipal Boundary

Civil Township County/Municipal Park





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(Existing)

Anticipated Alignment (New Build)

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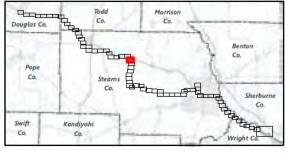
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Project Study Area

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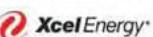
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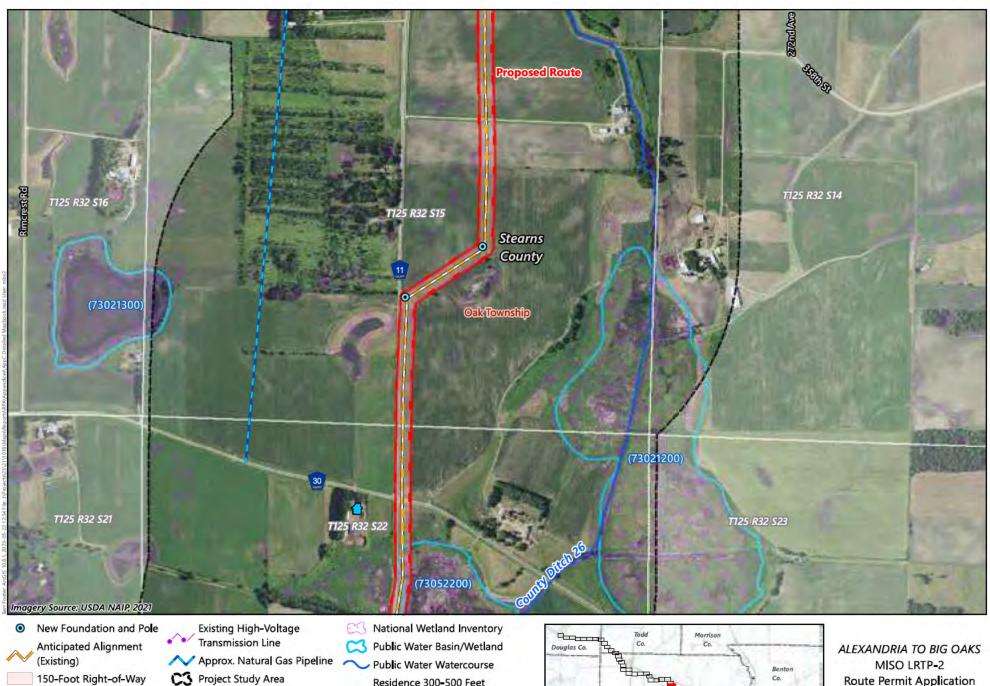


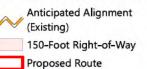


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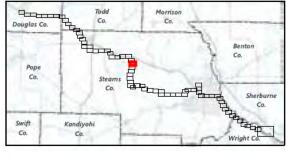






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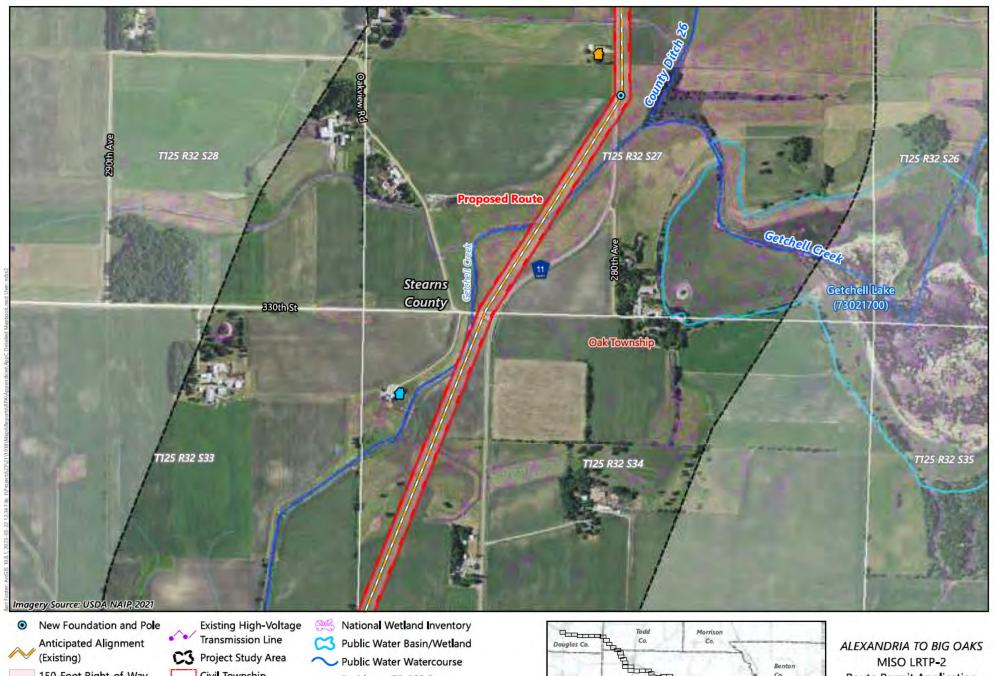
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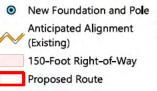


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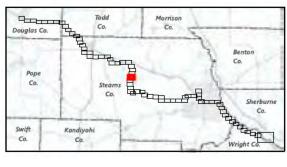




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Residence 300-500 Feet from Alignment



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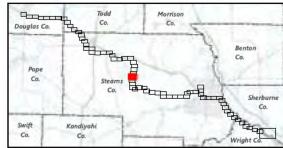
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Proposed Route

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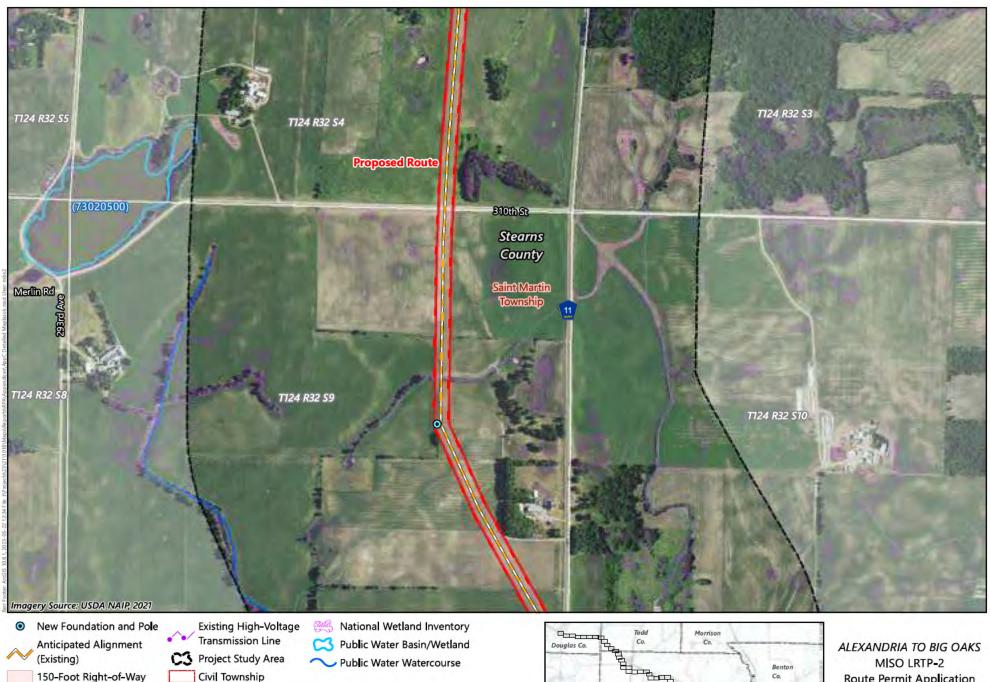


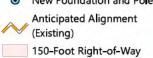
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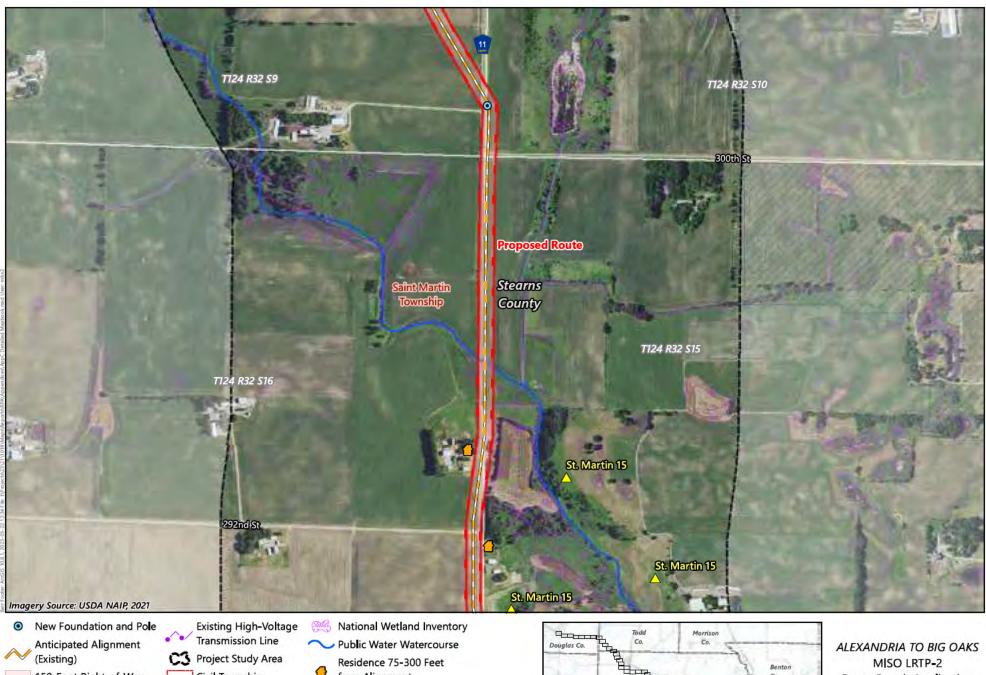
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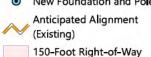
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Proposed Route

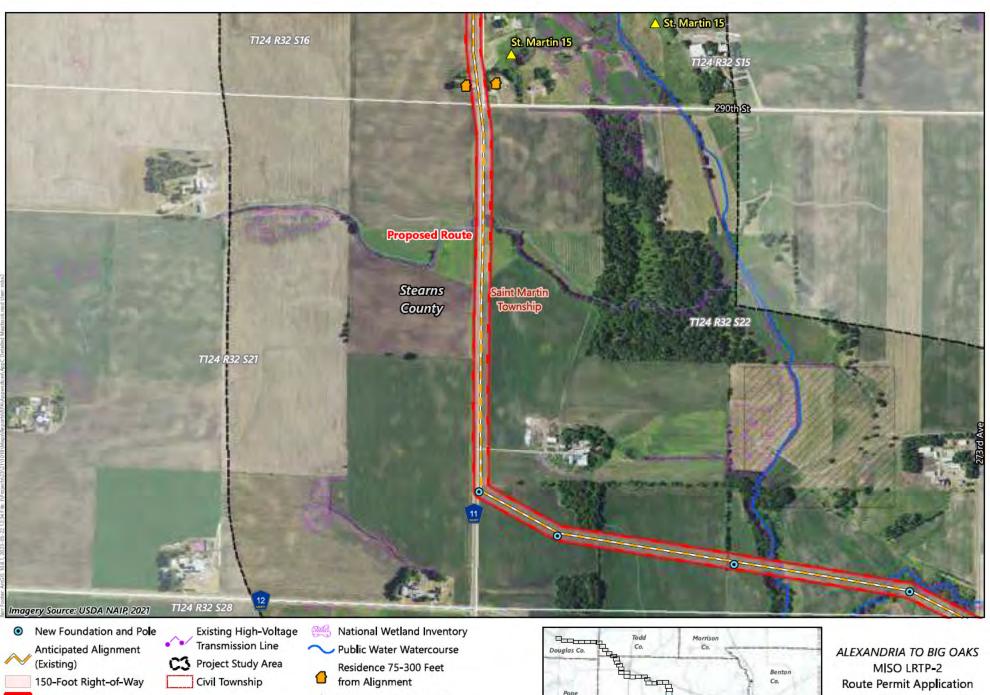
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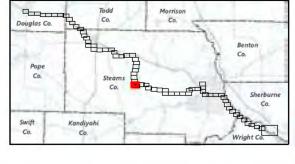






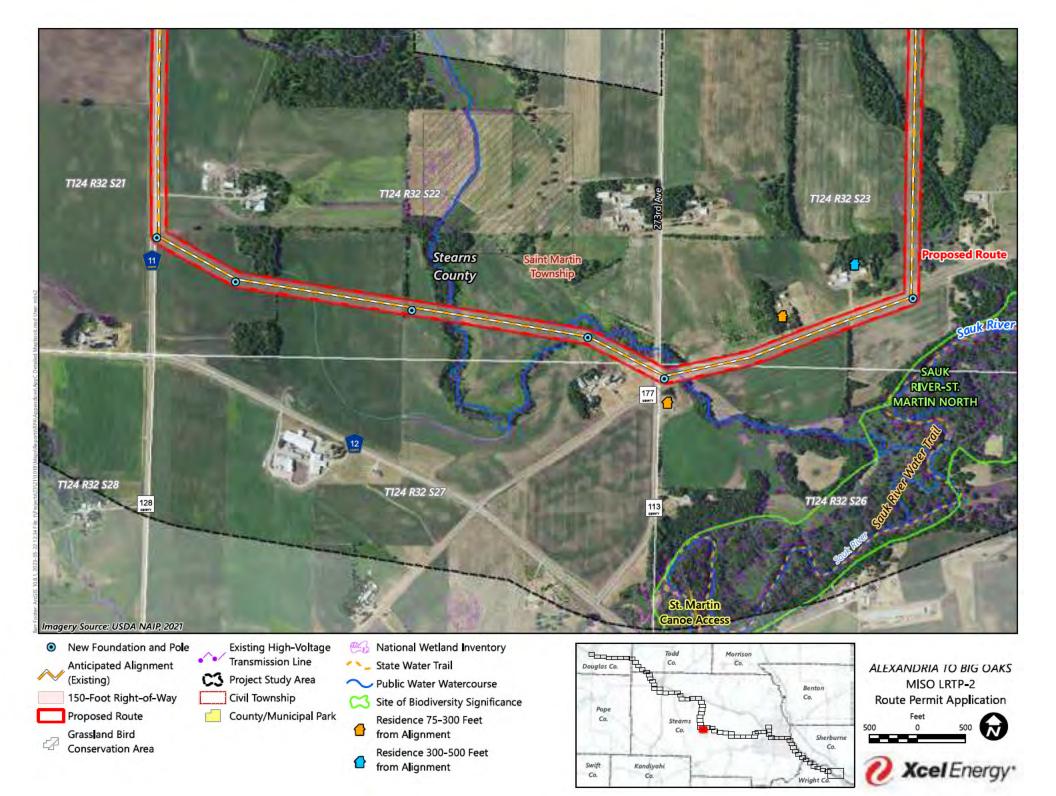


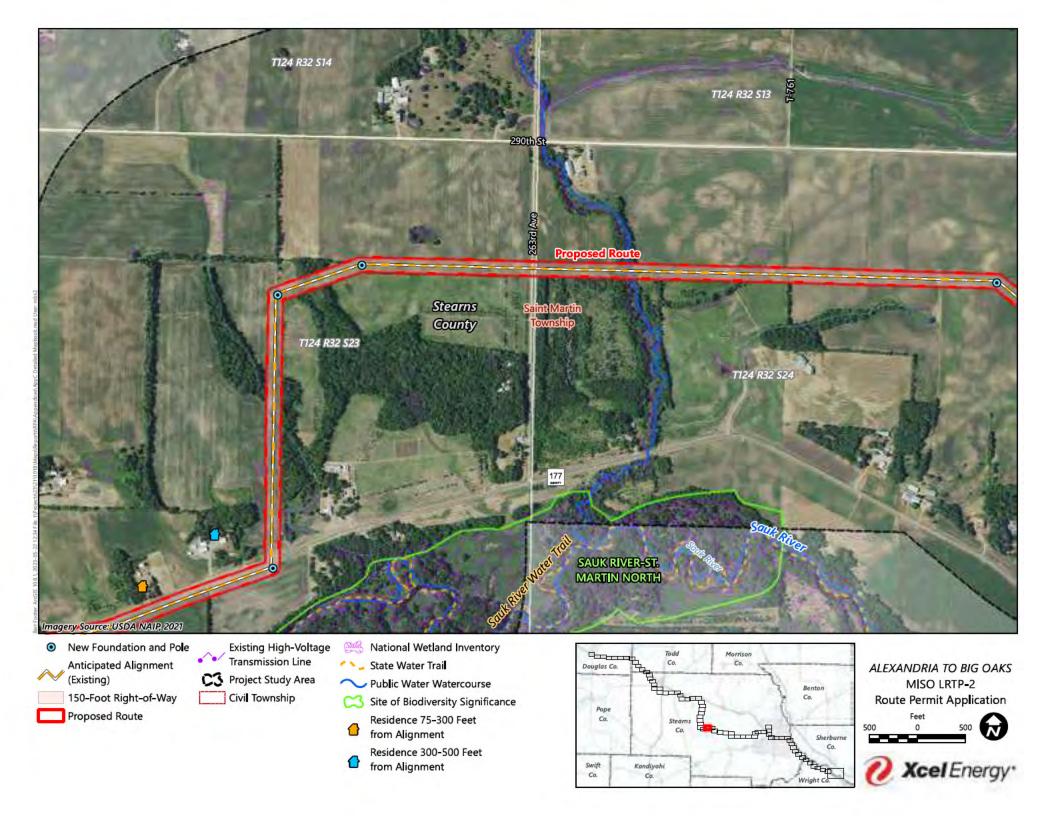
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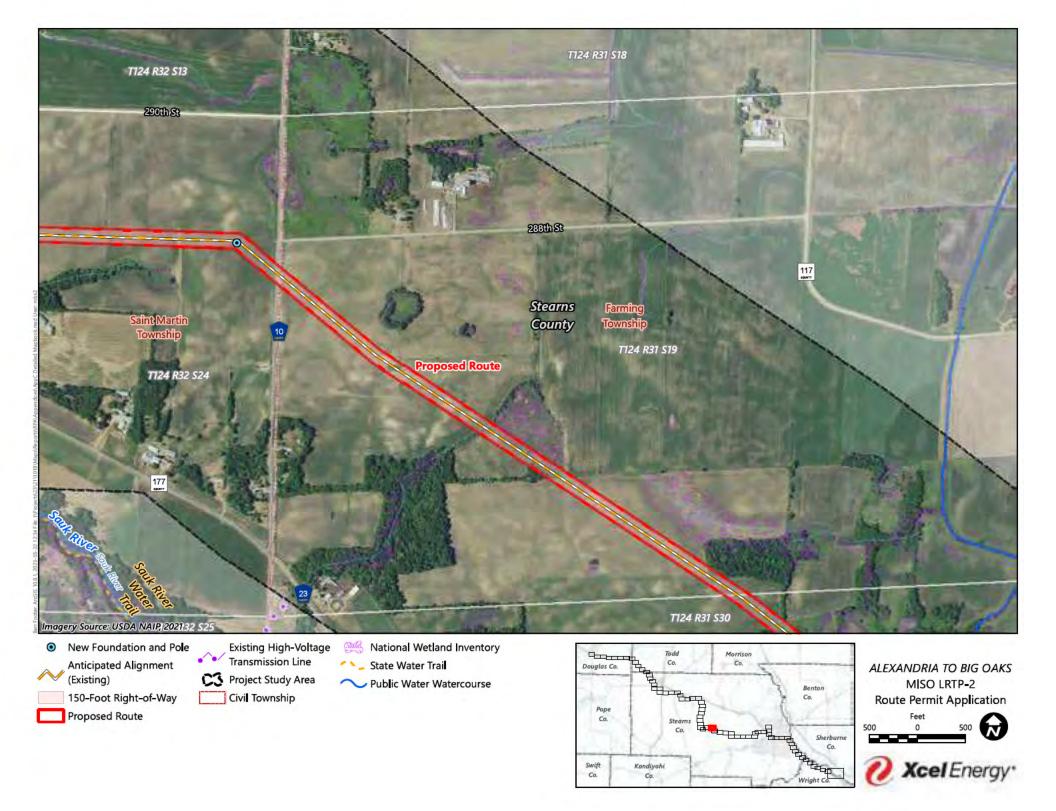






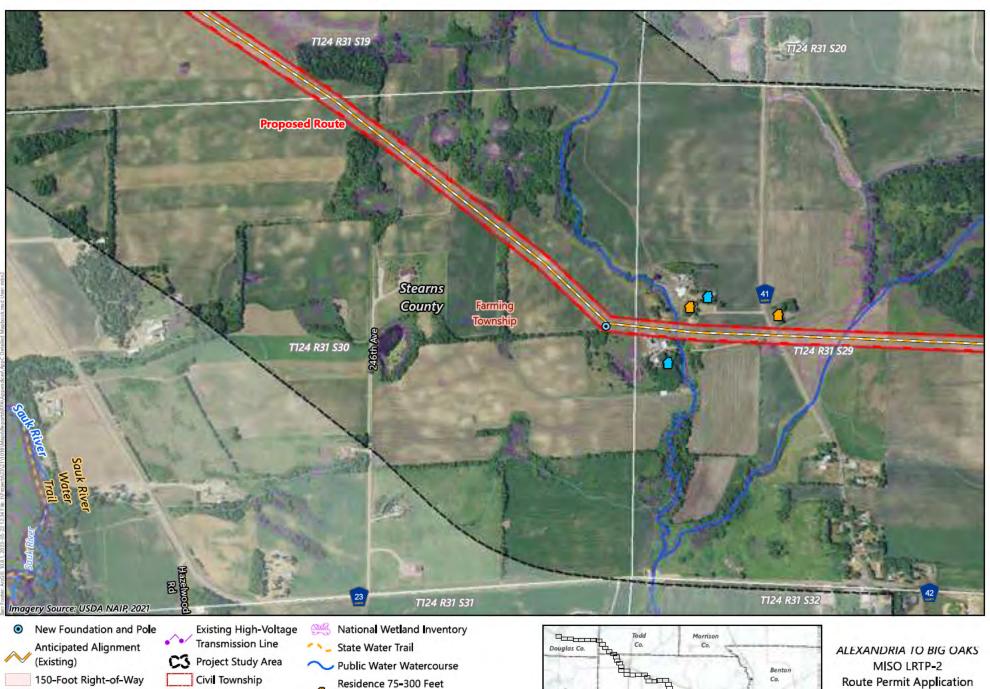


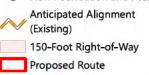




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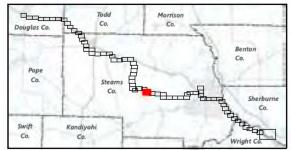
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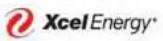


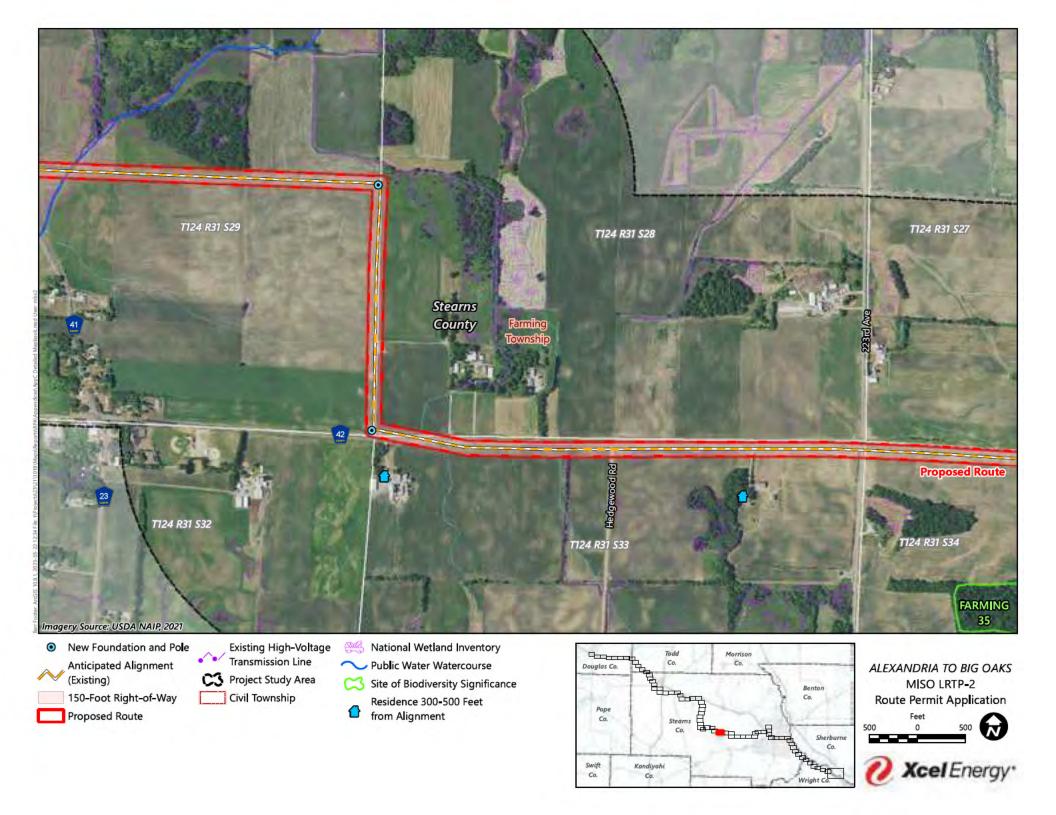
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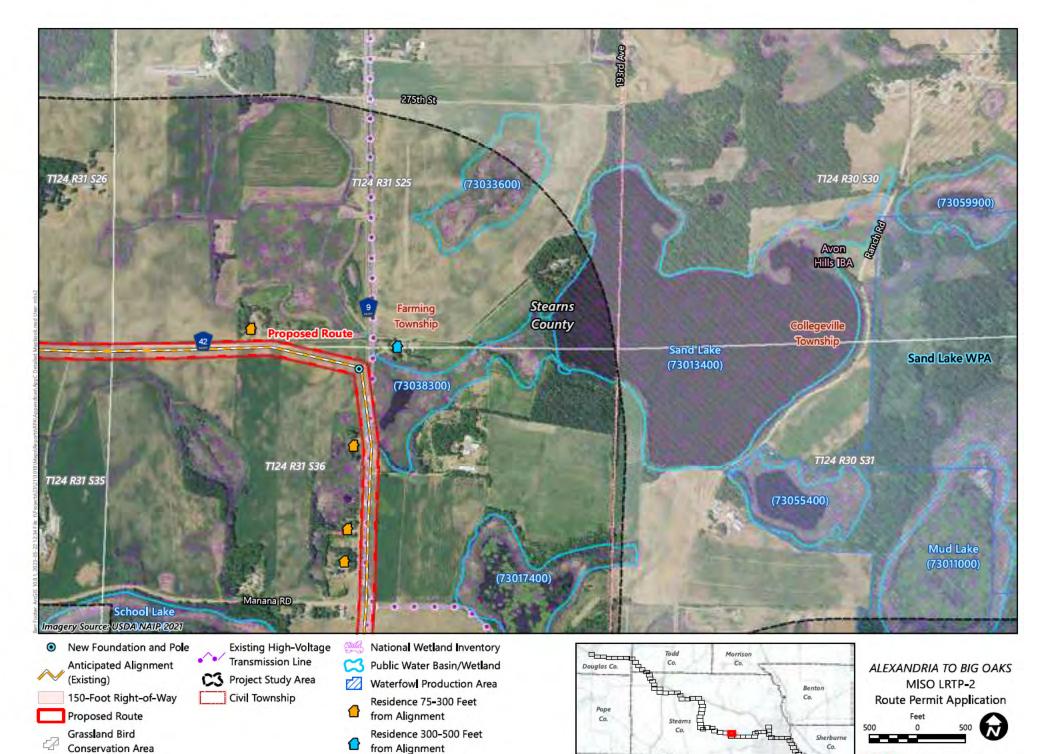
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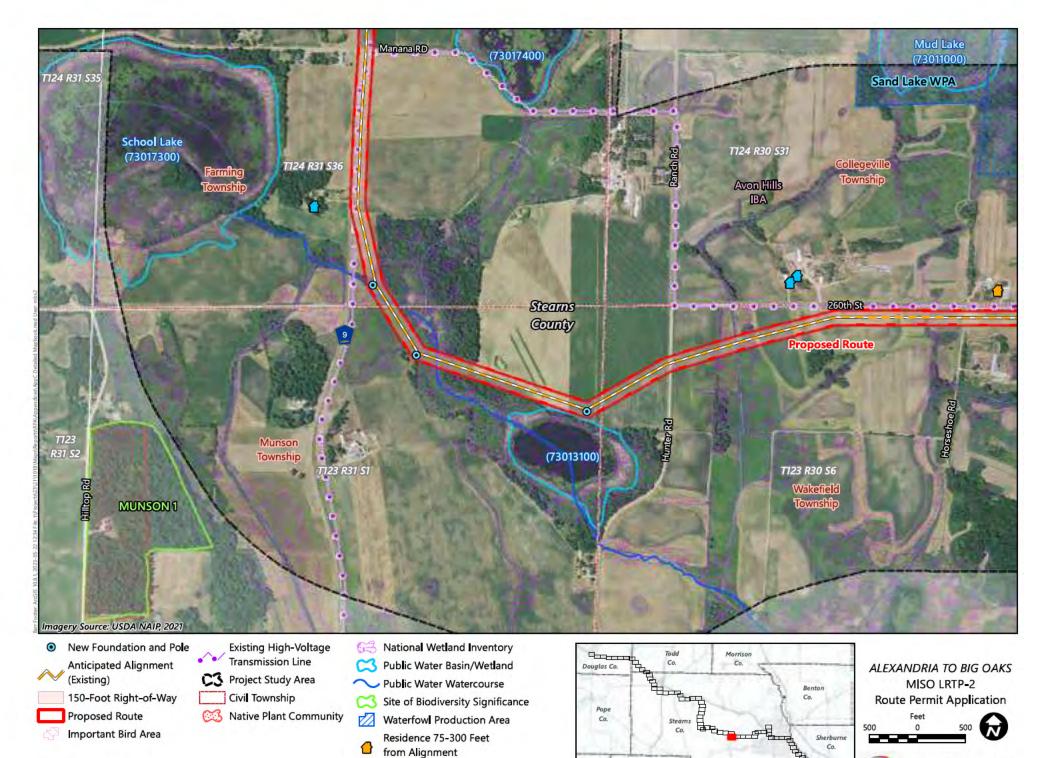




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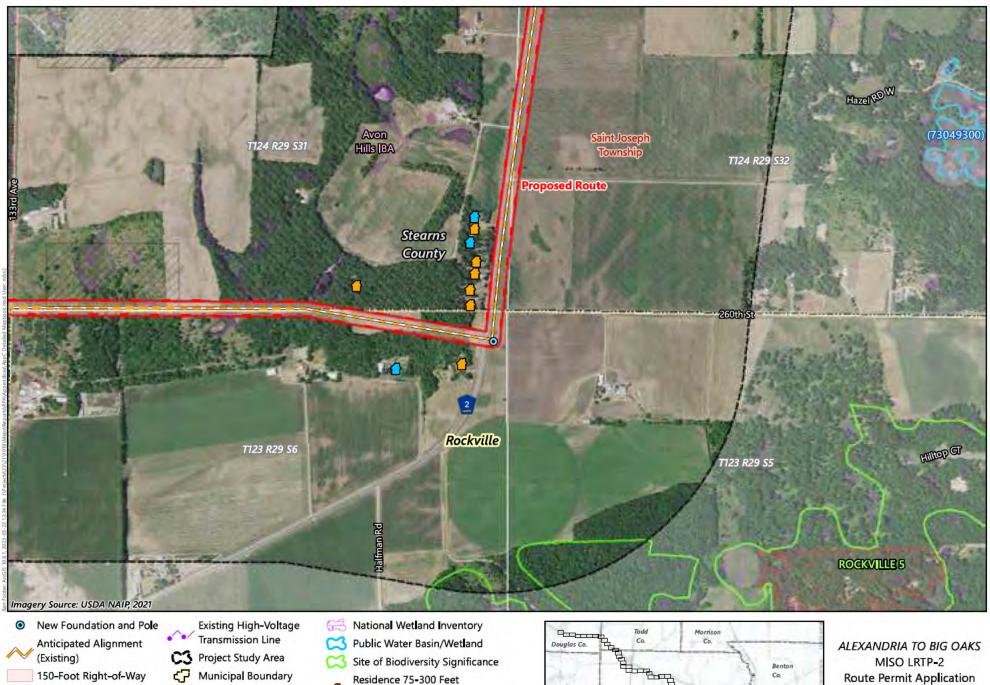
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150-Foot Right-of-Way

Proposed Route

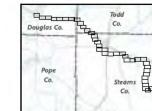
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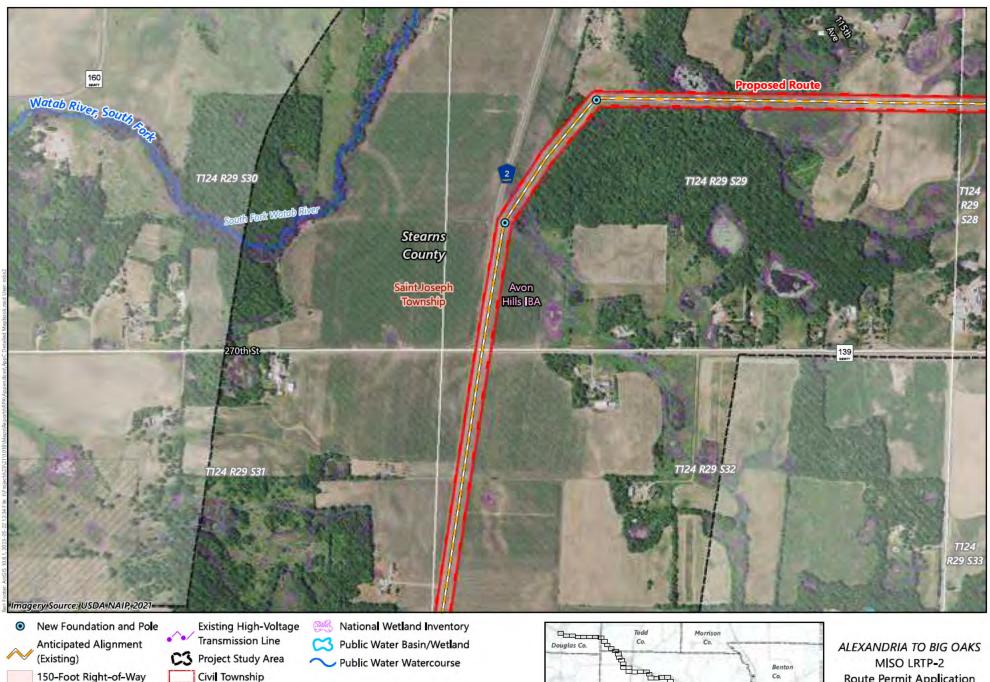


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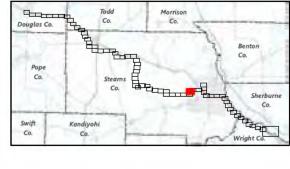


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Proposed Route

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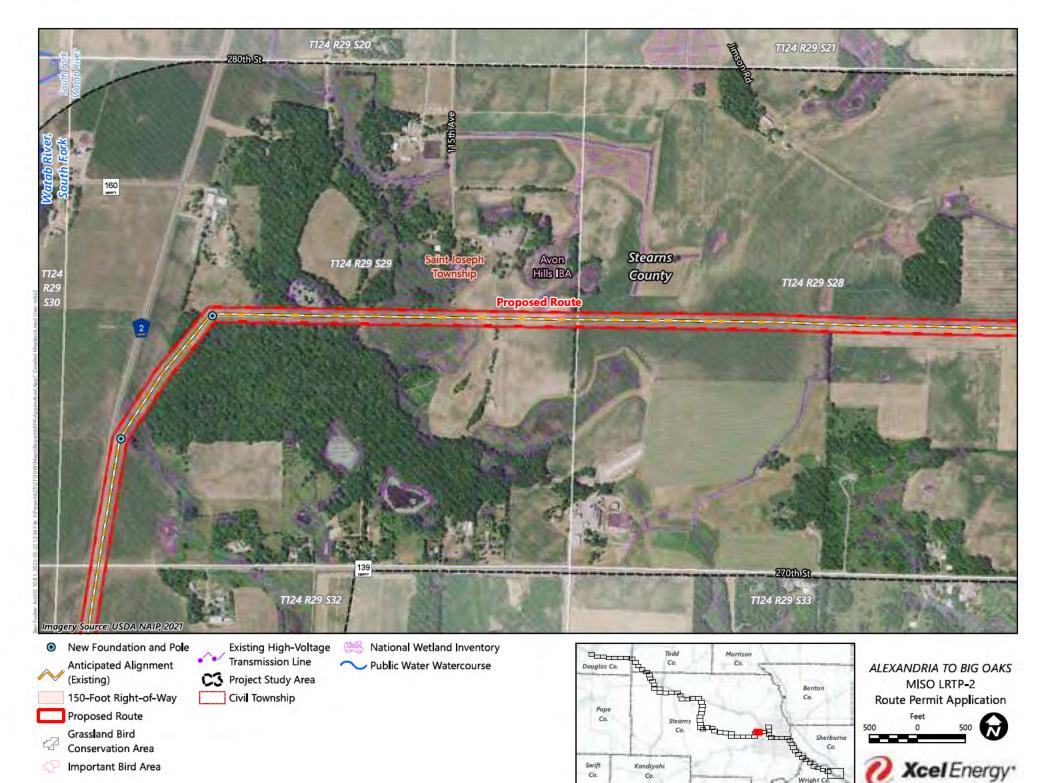
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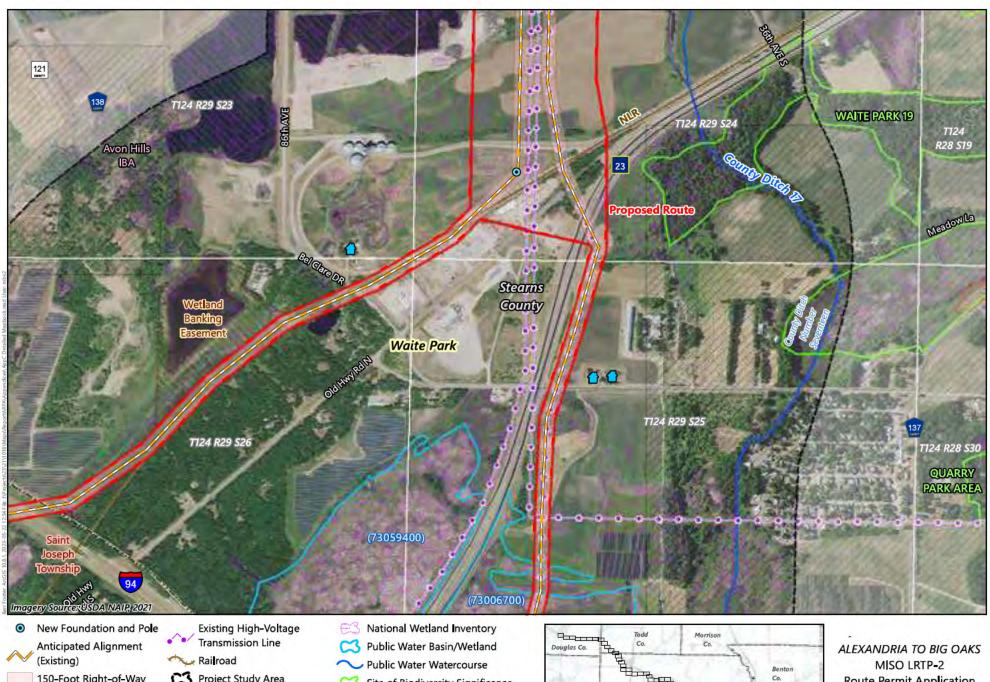












150-Foot Right-of-Way

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Municipal Boundary

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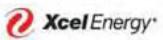
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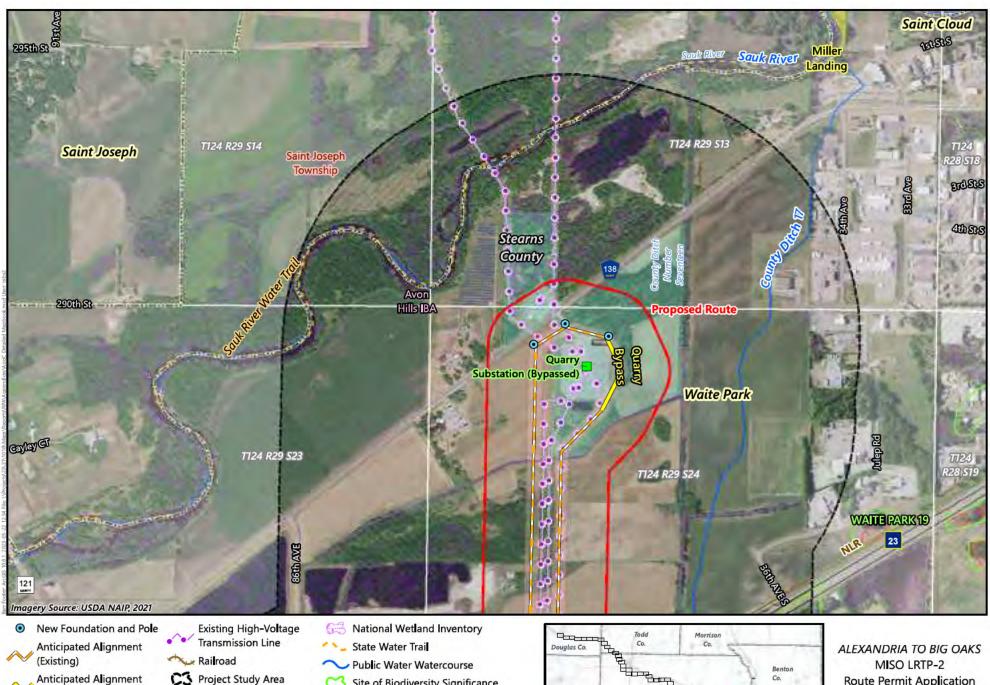
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Anticipated Alignment (New Build)

150-Foot Right-of-Way **Preliminary Substation Footprint Expansion** 

Proposed Route

Xcel-Owned Parcel

Municipal Boundary

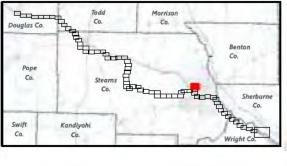
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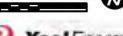
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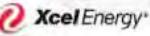
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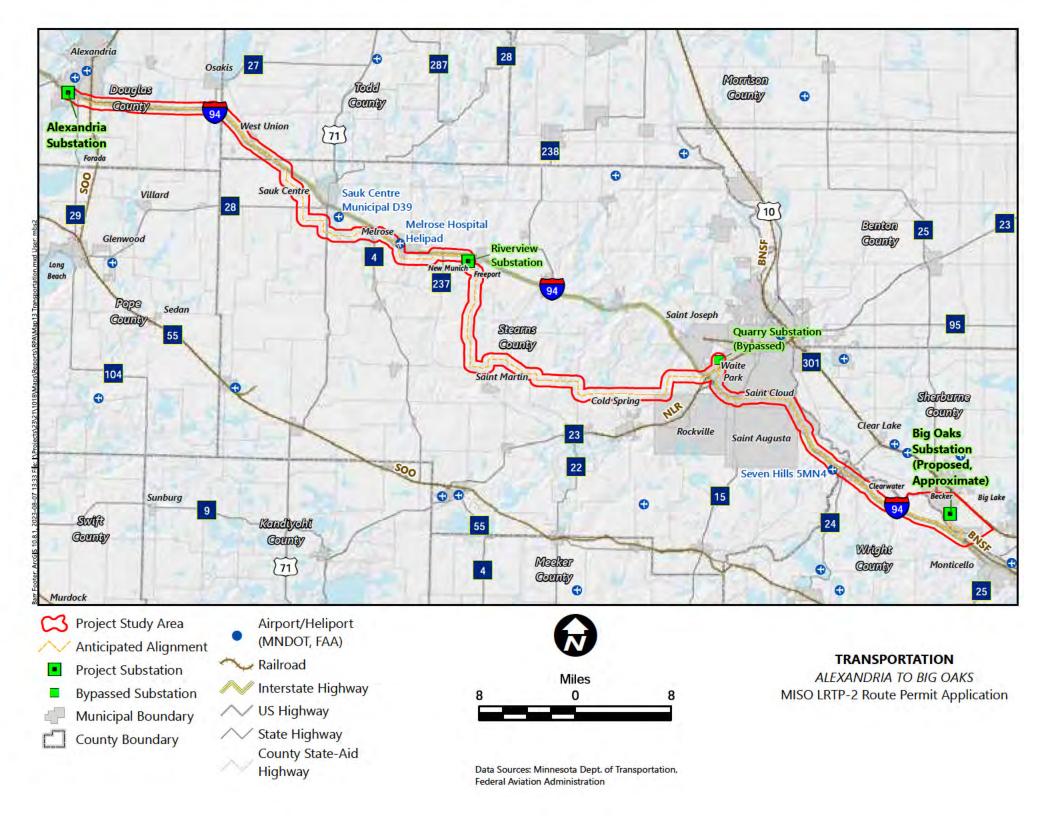




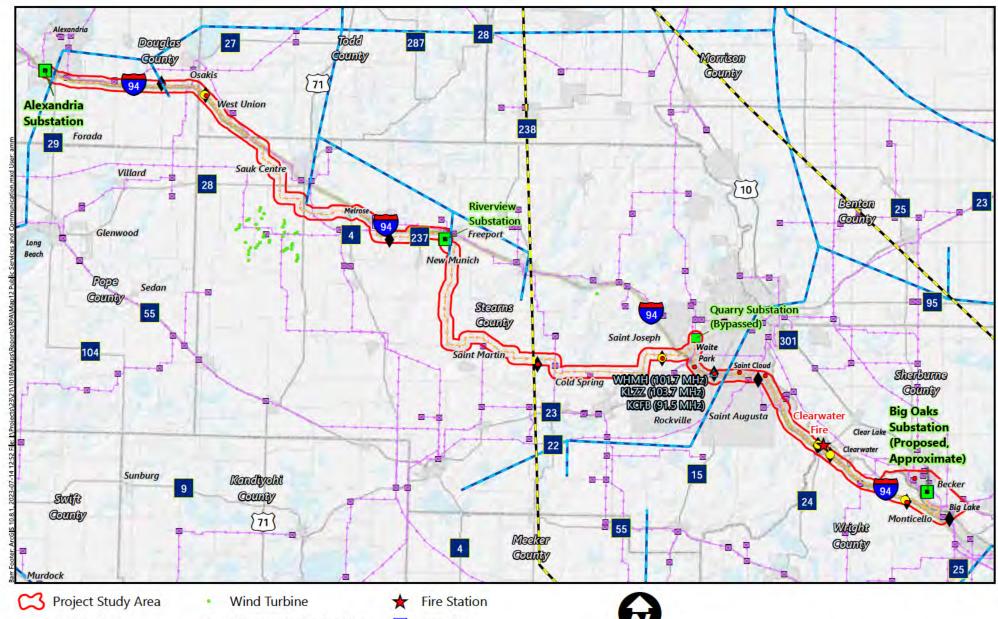


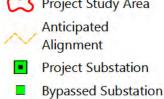


## Map 7: Transportation



### Map 8: Pipelines and Public Services





- **Existing Substation** Existing High-Voltage Transmission Line
- Microwave Service Site
- **FM Radio Transmitter**
- Cellular Tower
- Antenna Structure

Approx. Underground Pipeline

Crude Oil

Natural Gas



Municipal Boundary

County Boundary

Interstate Highway

**US Highway** 

State Highway

County State-Aid Highway



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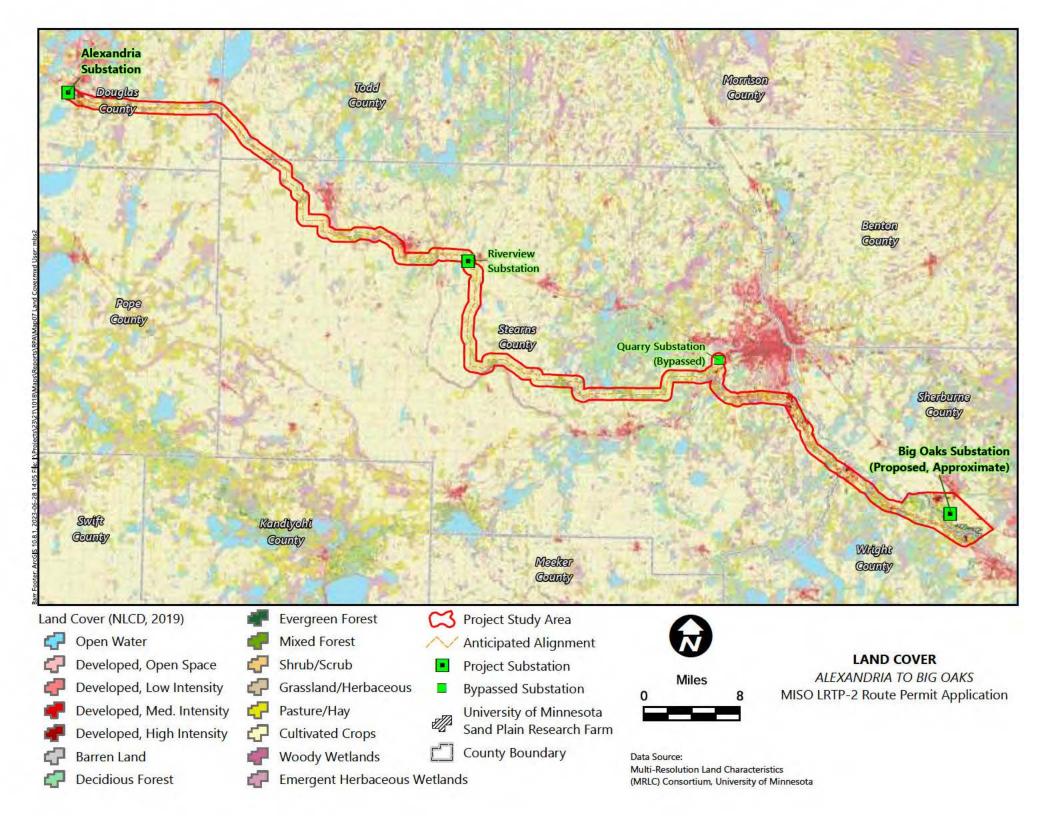
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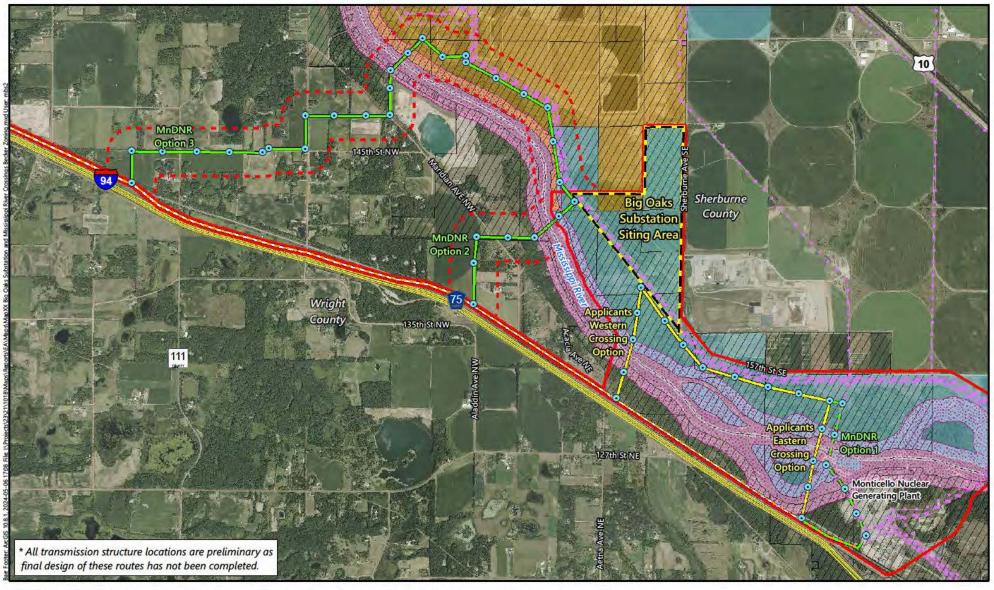
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#### Map 9: NLCD Land Cover



### Map 10: Zoning and Structure Locations at River Crossing





Proposed Mississippi Crossing
Option (New Build)

MnDNR Mississippi Crossing
Option (Rebuild/Expand)

MnDNR Mississippi Crossing
Option (Existing)

MnDNR Mississippi Crossing
Option (New Build)

Proposed New Pole Location\*

Proposed Route

MnDNR Option Route

Shoreland District

Industrial 2

Utility-Owned Parcel

City of Becker Zoning District

Agriculture

Existing High-Voltage Transmission Line

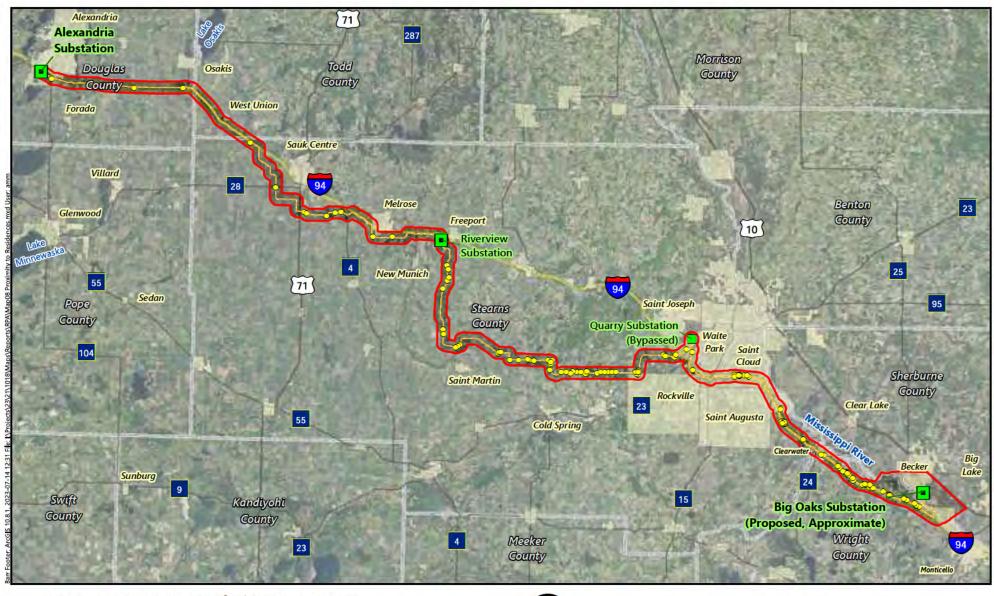


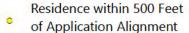
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#### CITY OF BECKER ZONING DISTRICTS AT BIG OAKS SUBSTATION AND MISSISSIPPI RIVER CROSSINGS

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### Map 11: Residences Along Alignment







Anticipated Alignment

- Project Substation
- Bypassed Substation



County State-Aid Highway
Municipal Boundary

County Boundary

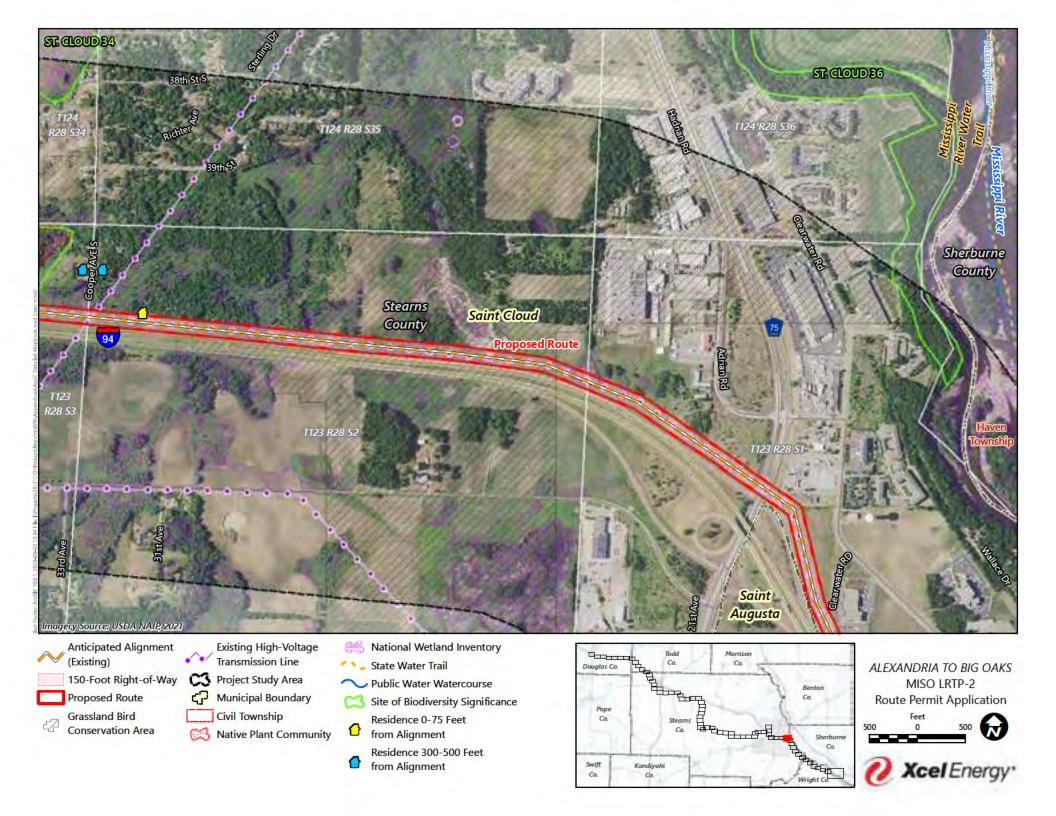
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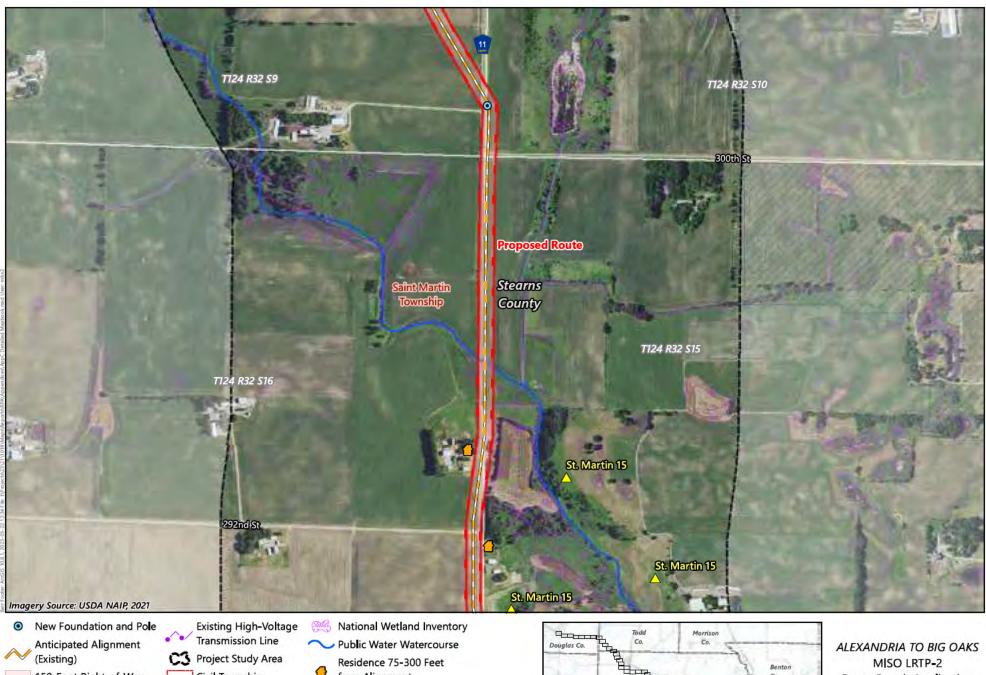
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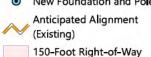
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#### Map 12: Nearest Residence



Map 13: Calcareous Fen





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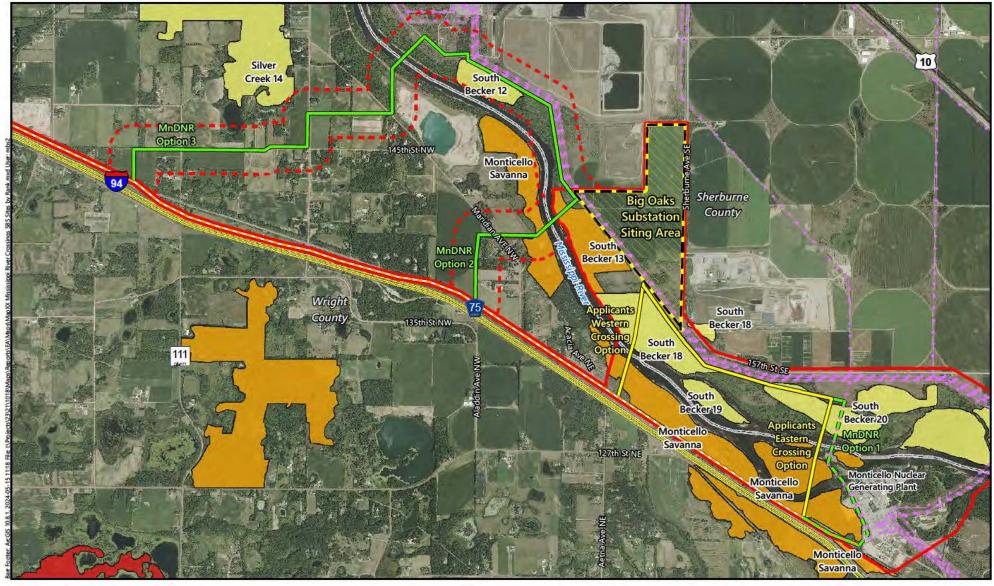
Calcareous Fen Location







#### Map 14: SBS Sites by Rank at River Crossing





Proposed Mississippi Crossing Option (New Build)

MnDNR Mississippi Crossing Option (Rebuild/Expand)

MnDNR Mississippi Crossing Option (Existing)

MnDNR Mississippi Crossing Option (New Build)

Proposed Route

MnDNR Option Route

Existing High-Voltage Transmission Line

Site of Biodiversity Significance by Significance Ranking

**Outstanding** 

**High** 

Moderate

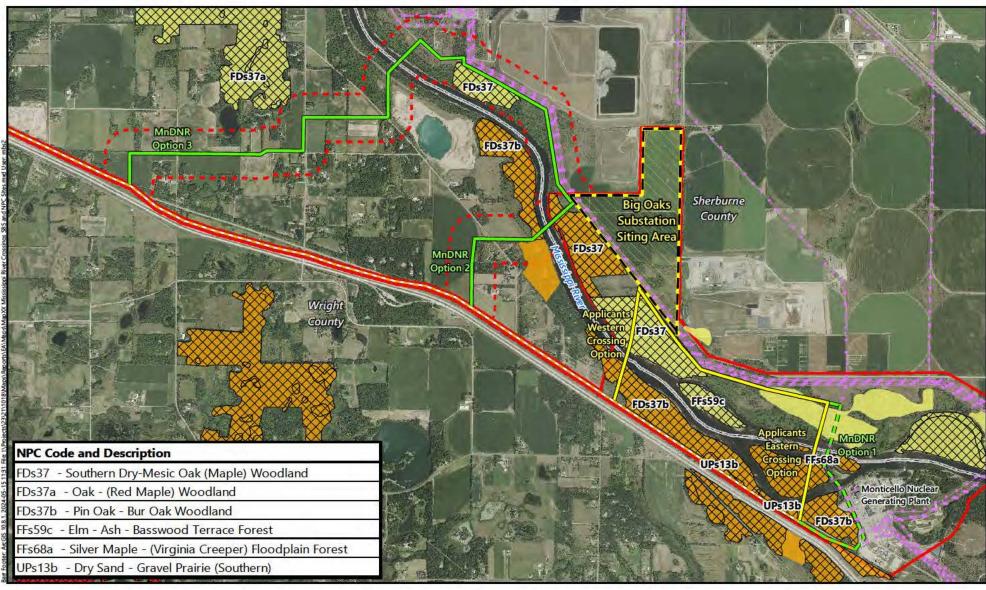


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#### MISSISSIPPI RIVER CROSSING SITES OF BIODIVERSITY SIGNIFICANCE

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### Map 15: SBS Sites and Native Plant Communities at River Crossing





Proposed Mississippi Crossing Option (New Build)

MnDNR Mississippi Crossing Option (Rebuild/Expand)

MnDNR Mississippi Crossing Option (Existing)

MnDNR Mississippi Crossing Option (New Build)

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MnDNR Option Route

Existing High-Voltage Transmission Line

Native Plant Community\*
Site of Biodiversity Significance
by Significance Ranking

M Outstanding

Migh

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\* Labeled with NPC Code



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