

APPENDIX E
FARMLANDS

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Subject: RE: CDBG-DR project Farmland Protection Consultation: Sidney- Circle Drive Neighborhood Development
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Kathryn,
Thanks for your quick response. We have filled in Section VI and VII.

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Subject: RE: CDBG-DR project Farmland Protection Consultation: Sidney- Circle Drive Neighborhood Development

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Hi Alicia,

Attached is the original group of pages you sent me but I did fill in the NRCS portions of the AD 1006 form filled out on page 3. Please complete the rest of the form as required in the instructions. If you need additional help with the lower part I can send you a more extensive document which outlines each question in detail.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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Subject: FW: CDBG-DR project Farmland Protection Consultation: Sidney- Circle Drive Neighborhood Development

Alicia,

Thank you for your request. You can feel free to send all future requests for FPPA, CPA-106 to me at cathy.crotty@ny.usda.gov.

Katie Duncan will be processing your request and will reply to you when completed or with questions.
Cathy Crotty

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Subject: CDBG-DR project Farmland Protection Consultation: Sidney- Circle Drive Neighborhood Development

Dear Ms. Crotty,

The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR), an office of New York State Homes and Community Renewal's (HCR) Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC), on behalf of the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), is currently preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Circle Drive Neighborhood Development project in the Village of Sidney in Delaware County, NY. GOSR is acting as HUD's non-federal representative for the purposes of conducting consultation pursuant to the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA). The proposed project includes acquisition of three properties; construction of 22 Single family homes and 10 two-family unit townhomes; and design and construction of roads, water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure from existing village connections to service the project. The project would disturb approximately 9.18 acres of undeveloped land on portions of three Delaware County, New York.

The purpose of the letter is to provide the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) notice of the proposed project and to document FPPA compliance. The soils on the parcel are shown as prime farmland and farmland of statewide importance. Please find attached the Form AD-1006 for your review and use.

Thanks for your help.

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December 8, 2016

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Re: U.S. Department of Agriculture Farmland Conversion Impact Rating, Circle Drive Neighborhood Development, Village of Sidney, Delaware County, New York

Dear Mr. Capraro:

The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR), acting under the auspices of New York State Homes and Community Renewal's (HCR) Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC), on behalf of the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), is conducting an environmental review under HUD's environmental review regulations (24 CFR Part 58) and New York State's Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) for the Sidney Circle Drive Neighborhood Housing and Infrastructure project, located in the Village of Sidney, Delaware County, New York (see **Figures 1 and 2**). GOSR is acting as HUD's non-federal representative for the purposes of conducting consultation pursuant to the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA). The proposed project includes acquisition of three properties; construction of 22 Single family homes and 10 two-family unit townhomes; and design and construction of roads, water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure from existing village connections to service the project (see attached **Preliminary Site Plan**). The project would disturb approximately 9.18 acres of undeveloped land on portions of three Delaware County, New York, parcels (Parcel numbers 138-2-7.12 [5.4 acres], 138-2-8 [0.8 acres], and 138-2-14.22 [5.5 acres]).

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) notice of the proposed project and to document FPPA compliance. The soils on the parcel are shown as farmland of statewide importance (See **Figure 3**). Please find attached the Form AD-1066 for your review and use.

If you have questions or require additional information regarding this request, please contact me at (518) 474-0755) or Lori.Shirley@nyshcr.org. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori A. Shirley".

Lori A. Shirley
Certifying Officer
Governor's Office of Storm Recovery
NYS Homes and Community Renewal

Attachments:

Form AD-1006

Figure 1: Project Location Map

Figure 2: Project Area Map

Figure 3: Protected Soils Map

Preliminary Site Plan with draft infrastructure pathway

FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Date Of Land Evaluation Request			
Name of Project		Federal Agency Involved			
Proposed Land Use		County and State			
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		Date Request Received By NRCS		Person Completing Form:	
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 State or Local Site Assessment System		Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS		
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					
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly					
C. Total Acres In Site					
PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information					
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland					
B. Total Acres Statewide Important or 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 NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion Relative Value of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)					
PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Site Assessment Criteria <i>(Criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5 b. For Corridor project use form NRCS-CPA-106)</i>		Maximum Points	Site A	Site B	Site C
1. Area In Non-urban Use		(15)			
2. Perimeter In Non-urban Use		(10)			
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed		(20)			
4. Protection Provided By State and Local Government		(20)			
5. Distance From Urban Built-up Area		(15)			
6. Distance To Urban Support Services		(15)			
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average		(10)			
8. Creation Of Non-farmable Farmland		(10)			
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services		(5)			
10. On-Farm Investments		(20)			
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services		(10)			
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use		(10)			
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS		160			
PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)		100			
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or local site assessment)		160			
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:					
Name of Federal agency representative completing this form:					Date:

(See Instructions on reverse side)

STEPS IN THE PROCESSING THE FARMLAND AND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING FORM

- Step 1 - Federal agencies (or Federally funded projects) involved in proposed projects that may convert farmland, as defined in the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) to nonagricultural uses, will initially complete Parts I and III of the form. For Corridor type projects, the Federal agency shall use form NRCS-CPA-106 in place of form AD-1006. The Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) process may also be accessed by visiting the FPPA website, <http://fppa.nrcs.usda.gov/lesa/>.
- Step 2 - Originator (Federal Agency) will send one original copy of the form together with appropriate scaled maps indicating location(s) of project site(s), to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) local Field Office or USDA Service Center and retain a copy for their files. (NRCS has offices in most counties in the U.S. The USDA Office Information Locator may be found at http://offices.usda.gov/scripts/ndISAPI.dll/oip_public/USA_map, or the offices can usually be found in the Phone Book under U.S. Government, Department of Agriculture. A list of field offices is available from the NRCS State Conservationist and State Office in each State.)
- Step 3 - NRCS will, within 10 working days after receipt of the completed form, make a determination as to whether the site(s) of the proposed project contains prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland. (When a site visit or land evaluation system design is needed, NRCS will respond within 30 working days.
- Step 4 - For sites where farmland covered by the FPPA will be converted by the proposed project, NRCS will complete Parts II, IV and V of the form.
- Step 5 - NRCS will return the original copy of the form to the Federal agency involved in the project, and retain a file copy for NRCS records.
- Step 6 - The Federal agency involved in the proposed project will complete Parts VI and VII of the form and return the form with the final selected site to the servicing NRCS office.
- Step 7 - The Federal agency providing financial or technical assistance to the proposed project will make a determination as to whether the proposed conversion is consistent with the FPPA.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING FORM

(For Federal Agency)

Part I: When completing the "County and State" questions, list all the local governments that are responsible for local land use controls where site(s) are to be evaluated.

Part III: When completing item B (Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly), include the following:

1. Acres not being directly converted but that would no longer be capable of being farmed after the conversion, because the conversion would restrict access to them or other major change in the ability to use the land for agriculture.
2. Acres planned to receive services from an infrastructure project as indicated in the project justification (e.g. highways, utilities planned build out capacity) that will cause a direct conversion.

Part VI: Do not complete Part VI using the standard format if a State or Local site assessment is used. With local and NRCS assistance, use the local Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA).

1. Assign the maximum points for each site assessment criterion as shown in § 658.5(b) of CFR. In cases of corridor-type project such as transportation, power line and flood control, criteria #5 and #6 will not apply and will, be weighted zero, however, criterion #8 will be weighed a maximum of 25 points and criterion #11 a maximum of 25 points.
2. Federal agencies may assign relative weights among the 12 site assessment criteria other than those shown on the FPPA rule after submitting individual agency FPPA policy for review and comment to NRCS. In all cases where other weights are assigned, relative adjustments must be made to maintain the maximum total points at 160. For project sites where the total points equal or exceed 160, consider alternative actions, as appropriate, that could reduce adverse impacts (e.g. Alternative Sites, Modifications or Mitigation).

Part VII: In computing the "Total Site Assessment Points" where a State or local site assessment is used and the total maximum number of points is other than 160, convert the site assessment points to a base of 160.

Example: if the Site Assessment maximum is 200 points, and the alternative Site "A" is rated 180 points:

$$\frac{\text{Total points assigned Site A}}{\text{Maximum points possible}} = \frac{180}{200} \times 160 = 144 \text{ points for Site A}$$

For assistance in completing this form or FPPA process, contact the local NRCS Field Office or USDA Service Center.

NRCS employees, consult the FPPA Manual and/or policy for additional instructions to complete the AD-1006 form.

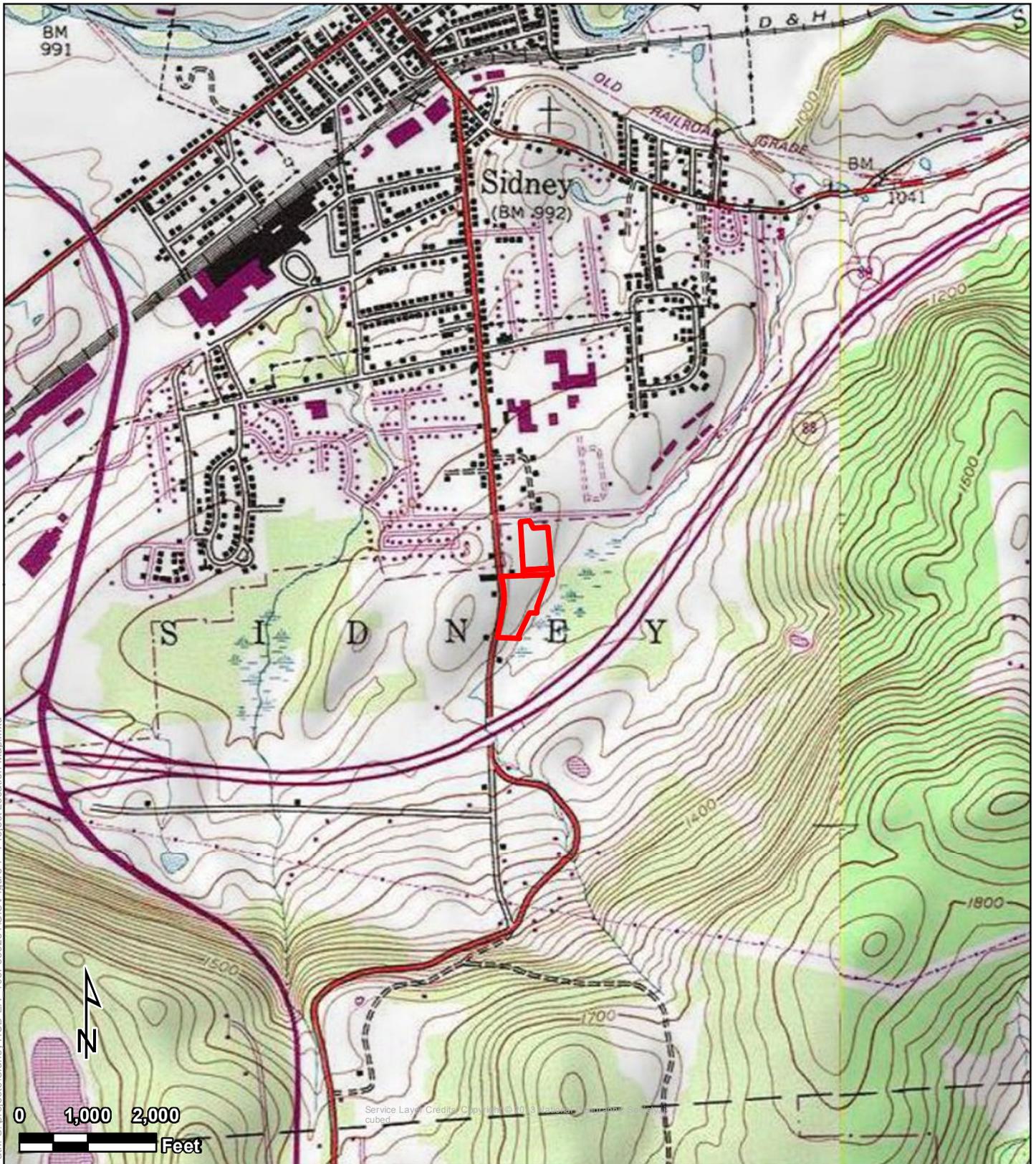


Figure 1

Project Location Map

Legend
 Project Area

Sidney Circle Drive Neighborhood
 Housing and Infrastructure
 West Main Street
 Village of Sidney
 Delaware County, New York

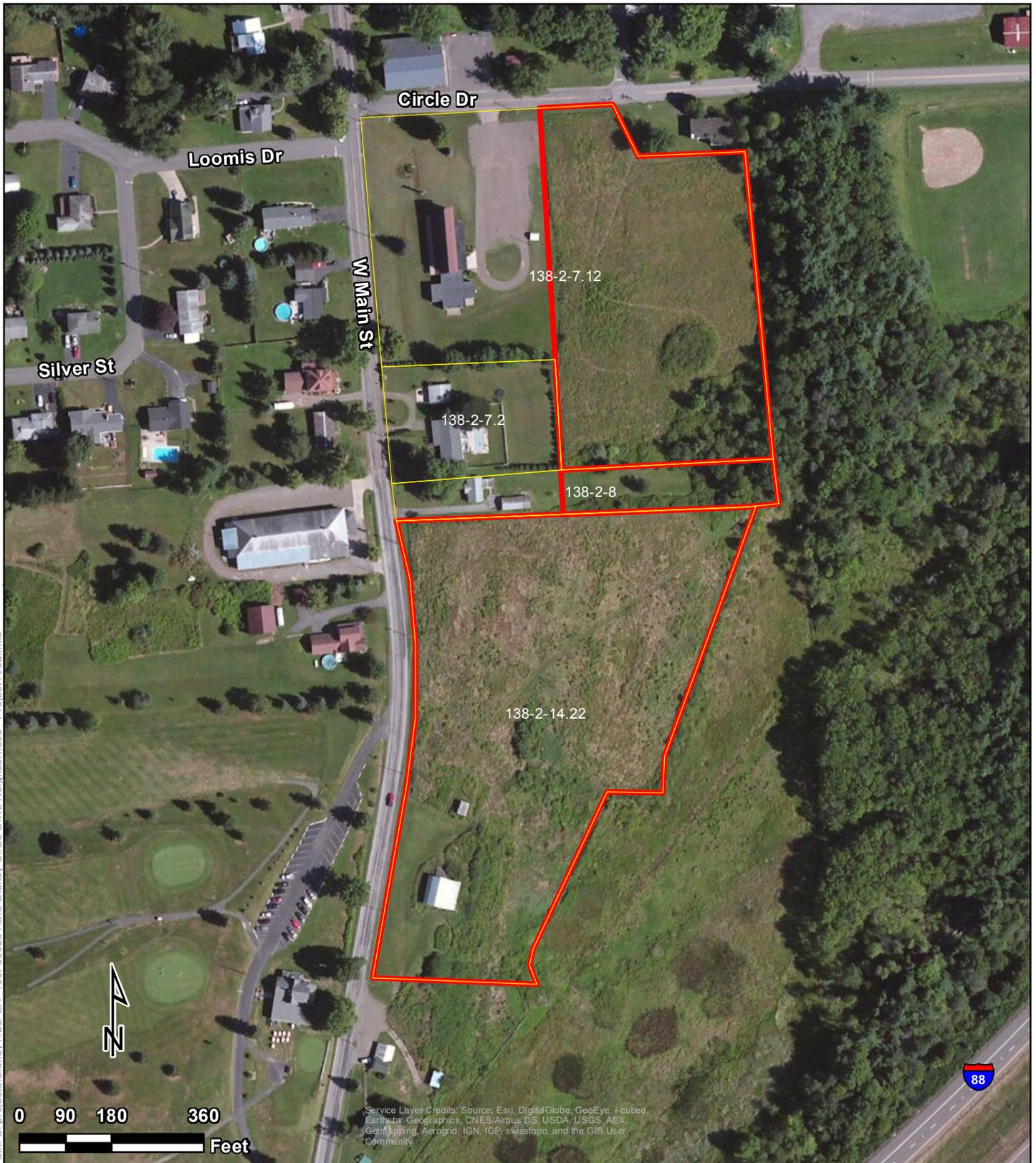


Figure 2

Project Area Map

Sidney Circle Drive Neighborhood
 Housing and Infrastructure
 West Main Street
 Village of Sidney
 Delaware County, New York

Legend

- Project Area
- Project Area Parcels



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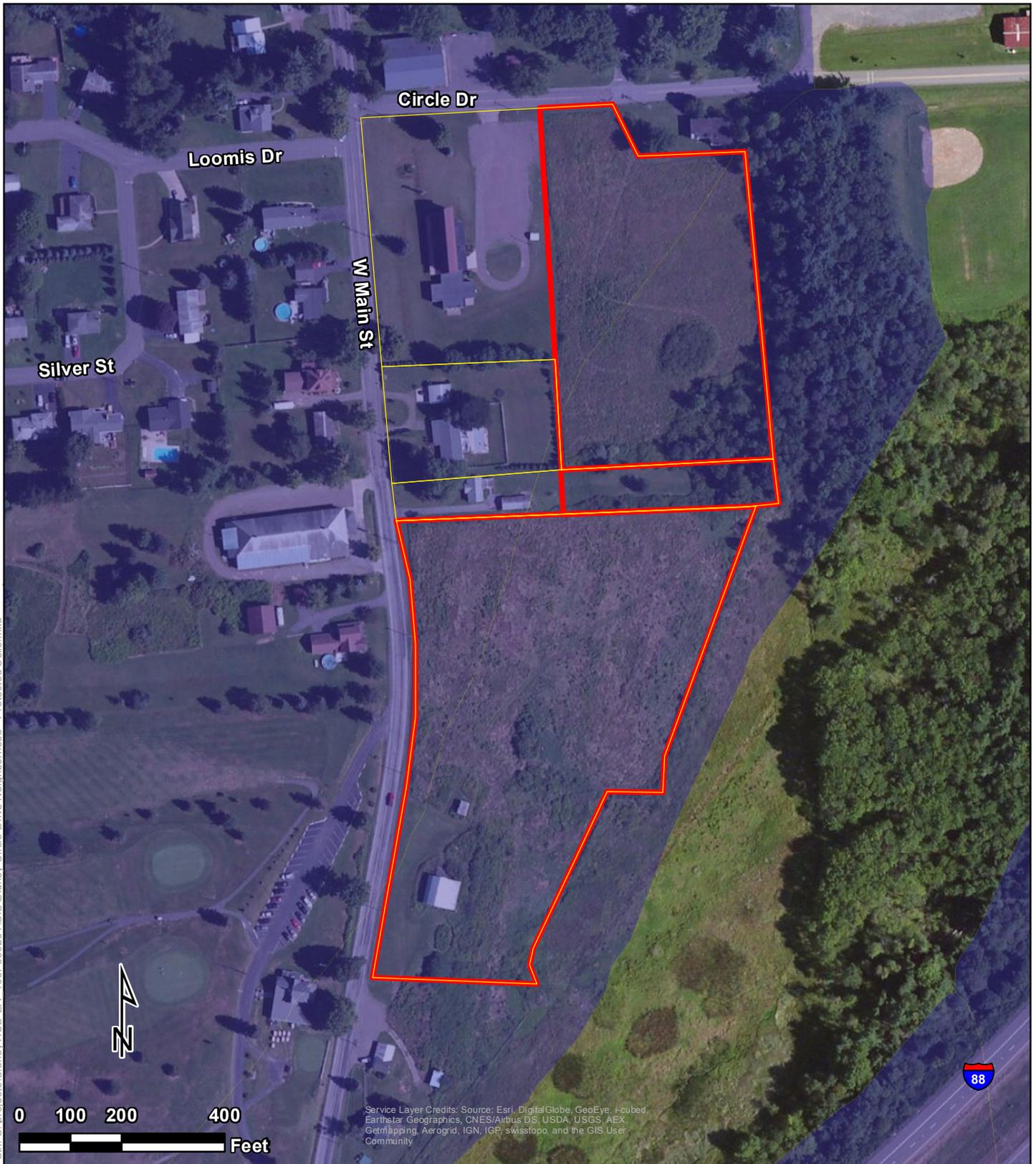


Figure 3

Legend

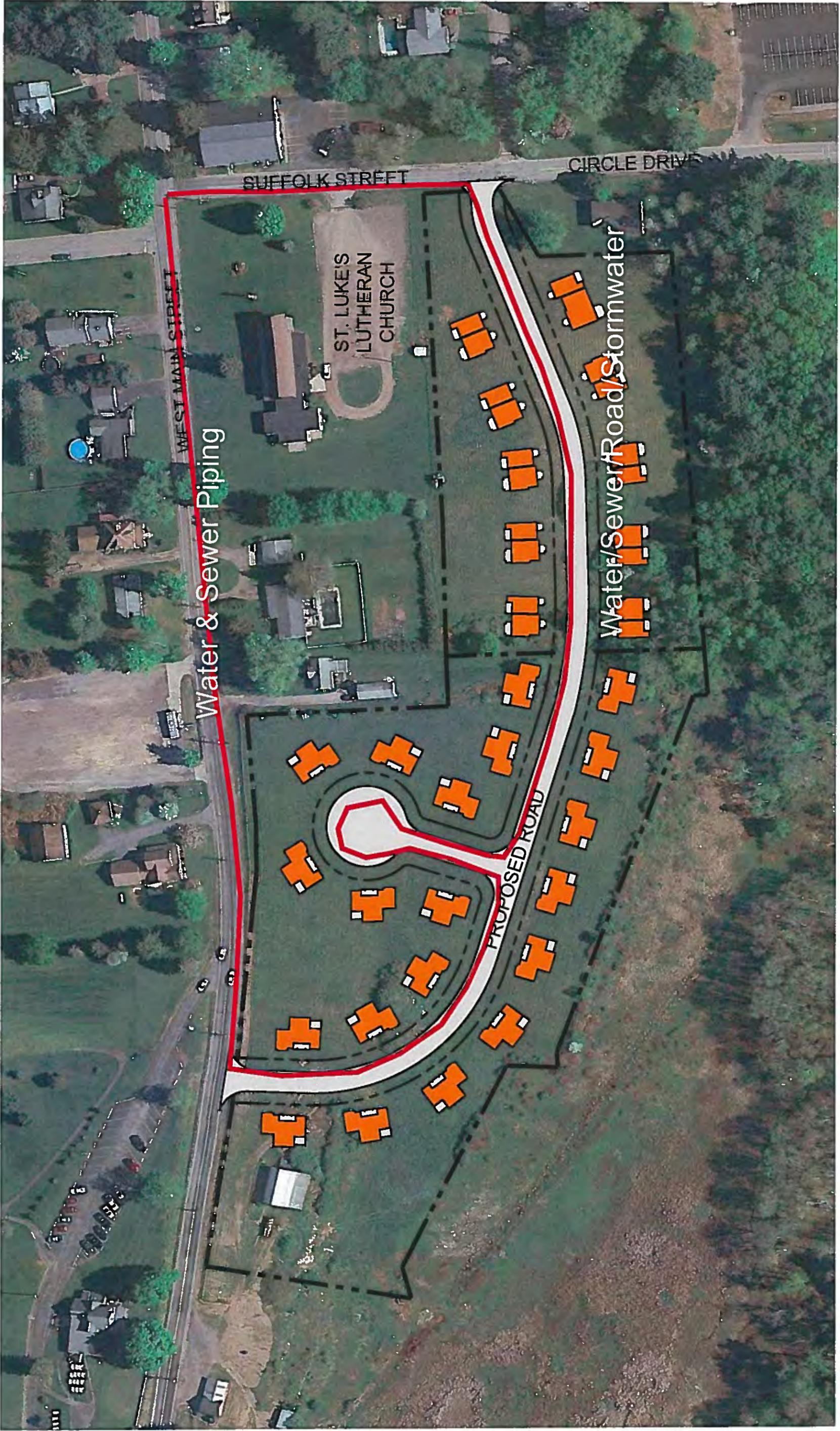
- Project Area
- Project Area Parcels
- All areas are prime farmland
- Farmland of statewide importance
- Prime farmland if drained

Protected Soils Map

Sidney Circle Drive Neighborhood
 Housing and Infrastructure
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CONCEPTUAL HOUSING PLAN

West Main Street
Sidney, New York

CONCEPTUAL HOUSING PLAN

MARCH 30, 2016

Figure 4, Preliminary Site Plan

