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DETERMINATION OF NO EFFECT

TO ALL POTENTIALLY INTERESTED AGENCIES:

Pursuant to the environmental assessment requirements of 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 363.14, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) has determined that proposed action identified below may be exempted from formal environmental review requirements:

City of Alba, Wood County, Texas
TWDB RWF Project No. 21859
Rehab Water Storage Tanks (EST & GST) and Generators
Total Financing Amount: \$1,817,000
Grant No. G1001985

The City of Alba (City) is proposing to use \$1,817,000 in financing from the Rural Water Assistance Fund (RWF) Program to rehabilitate or replace the existing elevated storage tank (EST) and install an onsite generator at the EST site to provide system redundancy. In addition, approximately 12,800 linear feet of aging waterlines and associated appurtenances will be replaced throughout the City to improve system performance and reduce maintenance concerns. All construction activities will take place within previously disturbed areas of the City’s existing right-of-way (ROW) or within sites already developed for utility infrastructure. Existing waterlines will be removed and replaced within the same trench. No new pipeline, extensions, or looping will be required.

The area in which the Lankford Children Cemetery Vicinity occurs is located east of Campbell Street and is intersected by the proposed waterline replacement at Shoemaker Street, according to the Texas Historical Commission’s (THC) Archeological Sites Atlas. Resultingly, the City coordinated with the THC and in a response dated December 10, 2025, the THC stated that the probability of encountering unmarked graves was very low (THC Tracking No. 202602079). A special condition is included as part of this environmental finding for the City to notify construction contractors that if bone or coffin material is encountered during construction of the waterline replacement on Shoemaker Street, work should stop immediately and the THC will be contacted.

To avoid impacts to waters of the United States and aquatic habitat, waterline replacement that crosses any waterbodies will occur using trenchless methods, with bore pits located outside the riparian zones and any potential adjacent wetlands. Specifically, the waterline replacement at Grand Saline Street crosses a stream and the entirety of the line will be installed using trenchless methods. Construction within the existing ROW and easements is not expected to impact threatened or endangered species or habitat.

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The proposed waterline replacement at Grand Saline Street crosses a 100-year floodplain, as designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Projects involving construction in the 100-year floodplain, including replacement or borings, require a floodplain development permit from the local floodplain administrator prior to construction in the 100-year floodplain. This line replacement crosses the floodplain in both the City of Alba and Wood County.

The decision to grant a Determination of No Effect (DNE) is allowed because the specified project elements should not cause significant adverse impacts to the quality of the environment. Documentation supporting this determination is on file at the TWDB.

This determination shall be revoked if it is found that

- (1) the project no longer meets the requirements for categorical exclusion from full environmental review as a result of changes in the project;
- (2) the project involves extraordinary circumstances as described in 31 TAC § 363.14;
or
- (3) the project may violate or has violated federal, state, local, or tribal laws.

The proposed project must comply with the following special and standard environmental conditions:

Special Environmental Conditions

- To avoid impacts to potential waters of the U.S., including wetlands, and aquatic habitat, waterline crossings of waterbodies, will be performed by a trenchless method (horizontal boring or pipe-bursting), with bore pits located outside the riparian zones and any potential adjacent wetlands.
- Consistent with the Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2004, federal Executive Order 11988 as amended by EO 13690, Texas Water Code Section 16.315, and local floodplain development ordinances, a floodplain development permit will be obtained from the floodplain administrators of both the City of Alba and Wood County prior to TWDB approval of plans and specifications and construction in, across, or under a Special Flood Hazard Area; any requirements contained therein will be adhered to.
- The City of Alba (City) will inform construction contractors and crews of the presence of the Lankford Children Cemetery Vicinity east of Campbell Street that if bone, coffin material, or other potential artifacts are encountered during construction of the waterline replacement on Shoemaker Street, work will stop immediately and the Texas Historical Commission (THC) will be contacted.

Standard Environmental Conditions

- Consistent with the TWDB Supplemental Construction Contract Conditions (TWDB-0552), the City will abide by the standard emergency condition for the discovery of cultural resources.
- Consistent with the TWDB Supplemental Construction Contract Conditions (TWDB-0552), the City will abide by the standard emergency condition for the discovery of threatened and endangered species.

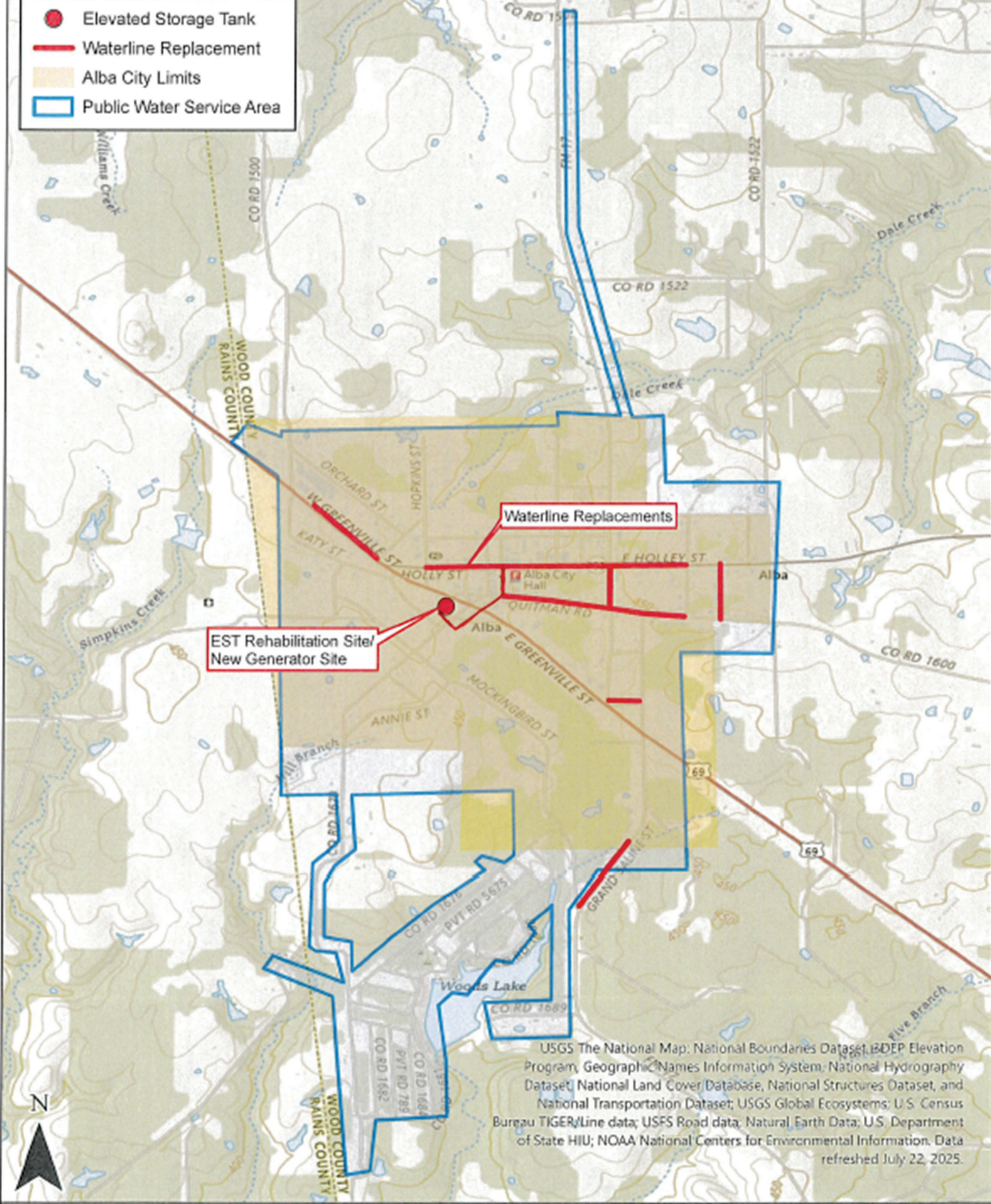
Comments regarding this determination may be submitted to the Director of Regional Water Project Development, Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231 or via email at RWPD-Environmental@twdb.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

T. Clay Schultz, Ph.D., Director
Regional Water Project Development

Enclosures

- Elevated Storage Tank
- Waterline Replacement
- Alba City Limits
- Public Water Service Area



**EST Rehabilitation Site/
New Generator Site**

Waterline Replacements

Alba City Hall

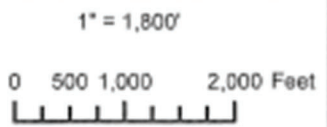
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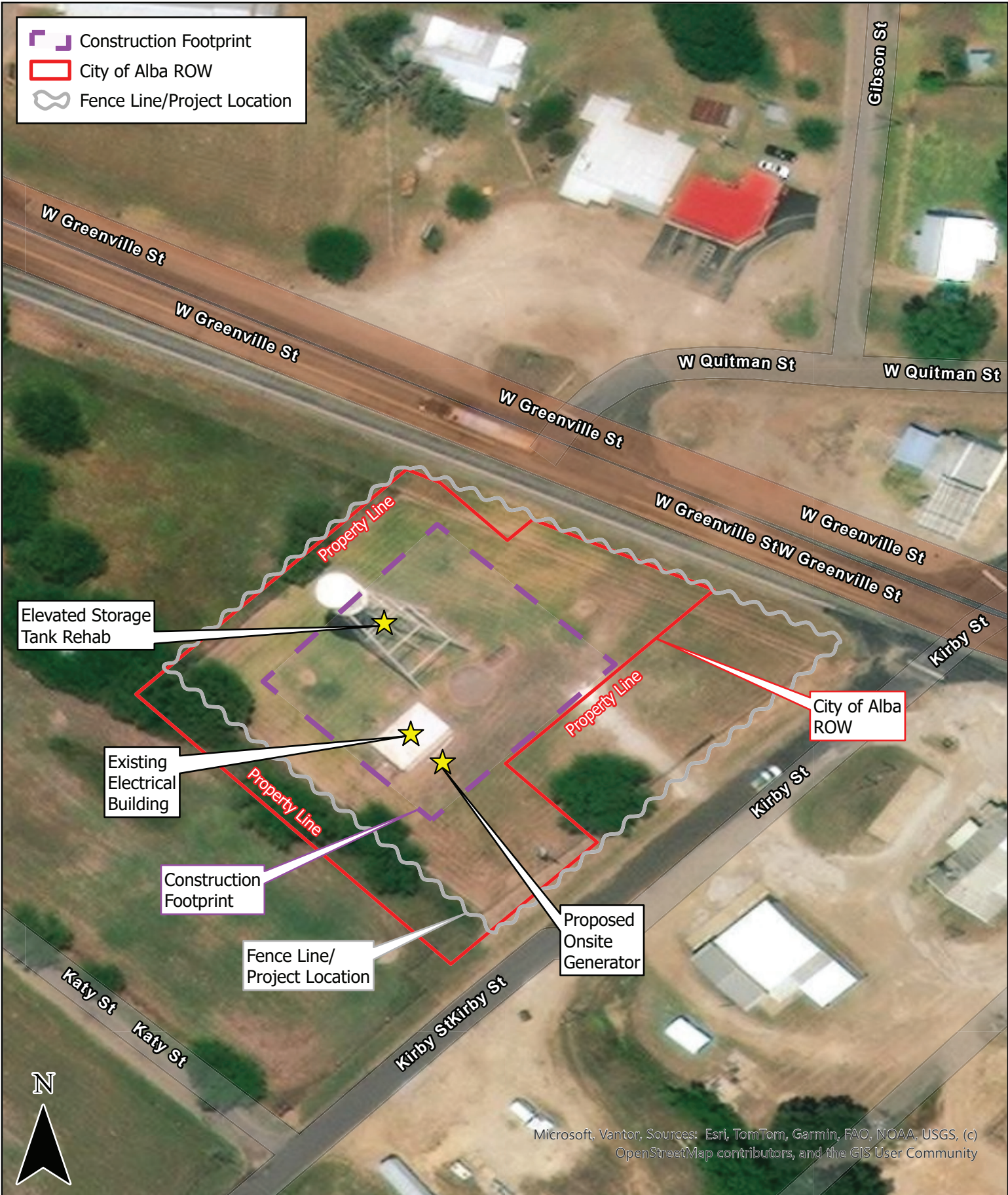
USGS The National Map; National Boundaries Dataset; NED Elevation Program; Geographic Names Information System; National Hydrography Dataset; National Land Cover Database; National Structures Dataset; and National Transportation Dataset; USGS Global Ecosystems; U.S. Census Bureau TIGER/Line data; USFS Road data; Natural Earth Data; U.S. Department of State HIU; NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information. Data refreshed July 22, 2025.



**City of Alba
TWDB RWAF Application
USGS Map**



-  Construction Footprint
-  City of Alba ROW
-  Fence Line/Project Location



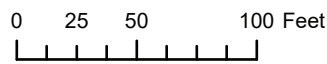
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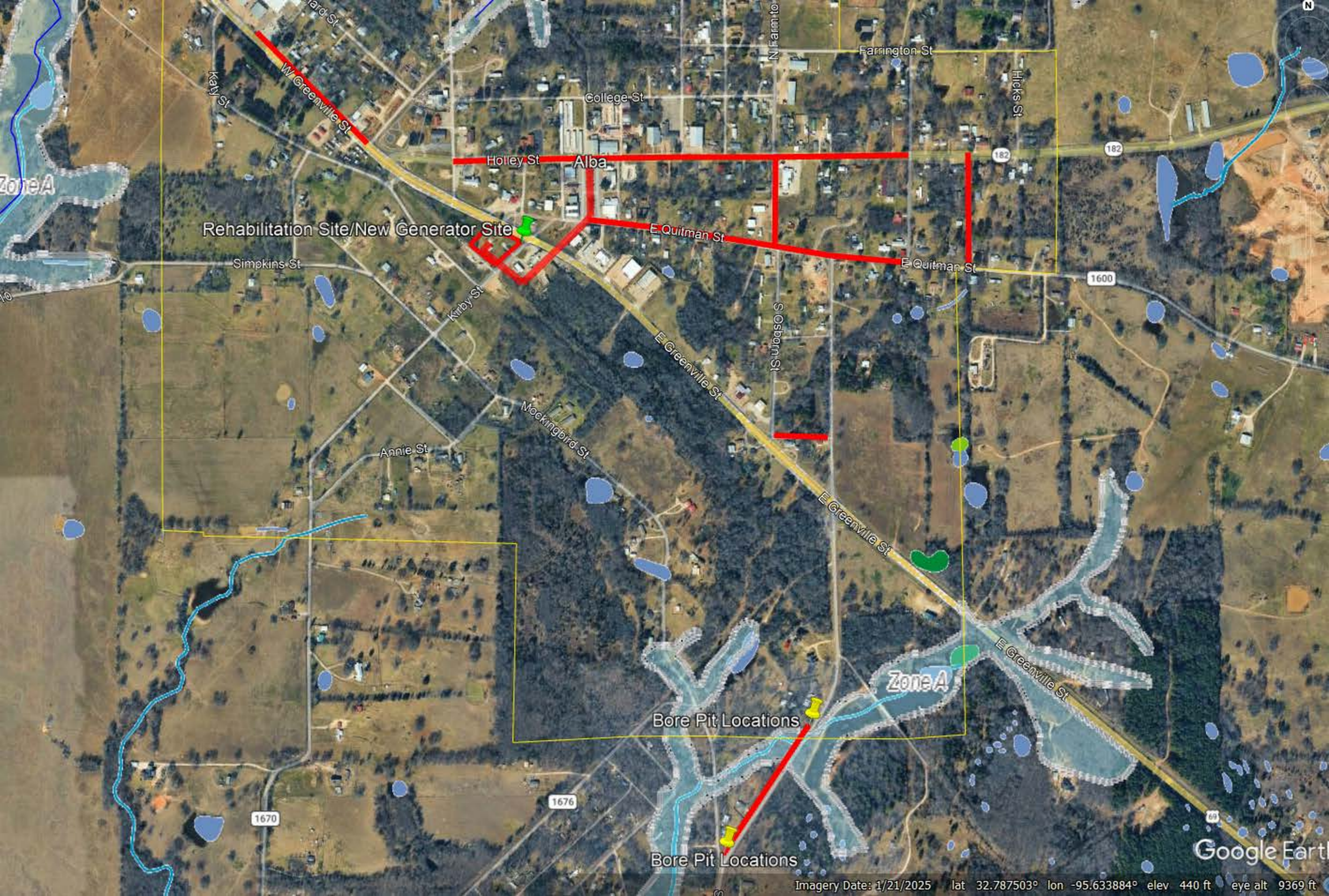


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City of Alba
 TWDB RWF Waterloss Improvements
 Proposed EST Improvements
 Construction Footprint Map

1" = 80'





Rehabilitation Site/New Generator Site

Bore Pit Locations

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Zone A

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