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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

As provided by the state environmental review process adopted in the rules of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 371.41, for projects to be funded through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Equivalency Program and consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 United States Code § 4321, *et seq.*, the TWDB staff has determined that the proposed action identified below may be exempted from formal environmental review requirements:

City of De Kalb, Bowie County, Texas
TWDB DWSRF Project No. 62958
Water System Improvements
Total Financing Amount: \$7,174,307
Loan No. L1001756
Loan No. L1001788
Loan Forgiveness No. LF1001757
Loan Forgiveness No. LF1001758

The City of De Kalb (City) is proposing to use \$7,174,307 in financing from the DWSRF program for the Water System Improvements Project to: 1) replace approximately 56,800 linear feet (LF) of water main, with valve replacement and associated appurtenances; 2) rehabilitate an existing elevated storage tank including repainting, gate valve replacement, and manway replacement; and 3) ground storage tank site rehabilitation including servicing an existing generator, installing an automatic transfer switch, replacing the chlorine gas sensor system, and installing variable frequency drives on existing pumps.

Existing lines will be replaced by new lines in the same or proximate locations. The existing lines will either be removed or abandoned in place. Environmental impacts will be similar to rehabilitation activities and limited to those associated with excavation, pipe installation, and road repair. In some cases, the depth of excavation may be greater than the existing pipe and the location of the replacement pipe may not be immediately adjacent to the existing line (e.g., opposite side of street). Work will occur only within previously disturbed and maintained roadway right-of-way (ROW).

The TWDB may not fund testing, remediation, removal, disposal, or related works for contaminated or potentially contaminated materials. However, the project proponent should ensure that, if found, such materials are tested, removed, and disposed of in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.

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There are no previously recorded significant or potentially significant historical or cultural sites within or adjacent to the project footprint, according to the Texas Historical Commission's Archeological Sites Atlas, nor is the proposed project within a protected area surrounding a historic cemetery, structure, or district. The only line that crosses a stream (West Grizzly Drive) that may qualify as waters of the United States, including wetlands will be constructed using trenchless method for water line installation. The proposed project is not located within the 100-year floodplain; therefore, coordination with the local floodplain administrator was not required. The proposed project is not expected to impact threatened or endangered species or habitat. The American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) may be found in the region but due to the disturbed nature of the project sites, consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) determined that the project would not affect the species (Project Code 2024-0109252).

The staff of the TWDB previously recommended issuance of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) for this project. The decision to grant a CE is allowed because the specified project elements will not cause significant adverse impacts to the quality of the human environment or protected natural resources. 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 §371.42;
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 potential impacts to waters of the U.S., including wetlands, water line crossings of waterways and wetlands will be performed by a trenchless method.

Standard Environmental Conditions

- Consistent with the TWDB Supplemental Construction Contract Conditions (TWDB-0550), the City of De Kalb (City) will abide by the standard emergency condition for the discovery of cultural resources.
- Consistent with the TWDB Supplemental Construction Contract Conditions (TWDB-0550), the City will abide by the standard emergency condition for the discovery of threatened and endangered species.

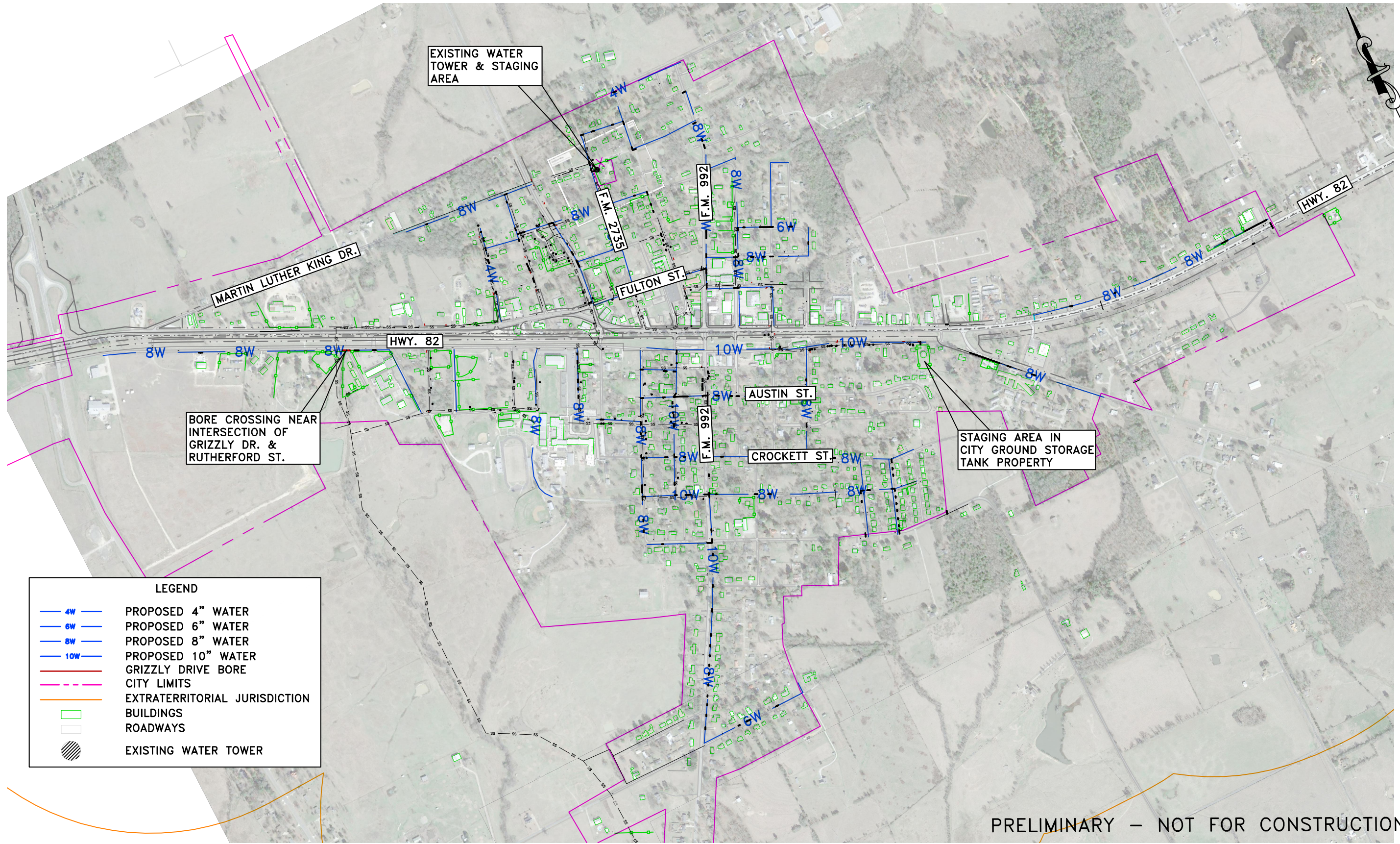
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Comments regarding this determination may be submitted to the Director of Regional Water Project Development, Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231 or via email at RWPD-Environmental@twdb.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

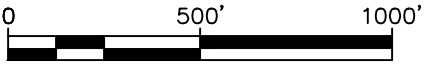
T. Clay Schultz, Ph.D., Director
Regional Water Project Development

Enclosures



PRELIMINARY — NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

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PROPOSED WATER IMPROVEMENTS

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LEGEND

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PROPOSED 4" WATER

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PROPOSED 10" WATER

SIB PROJECT 8" WATER

SIB PROJECT 10" WATER

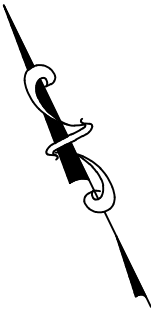
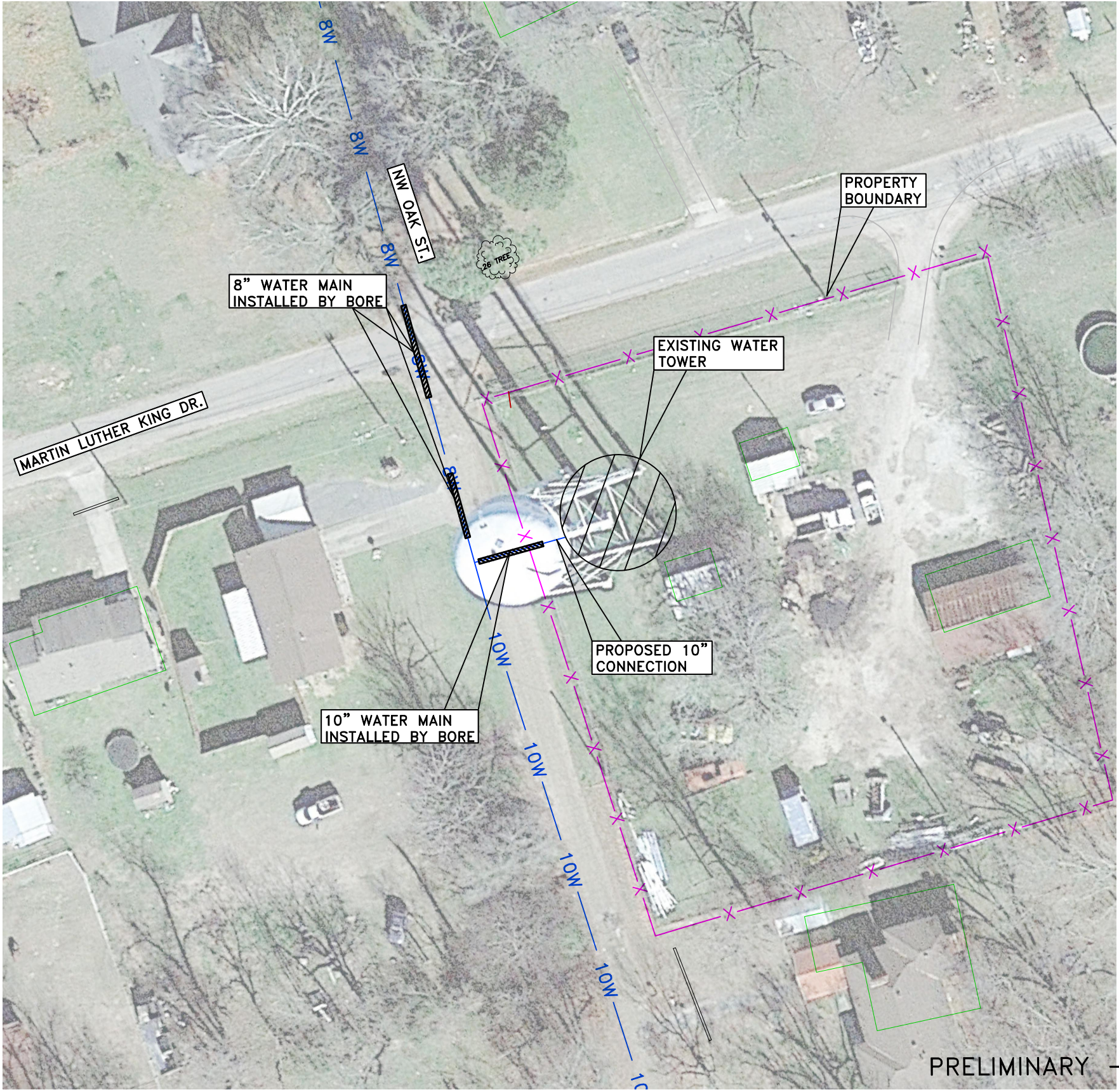
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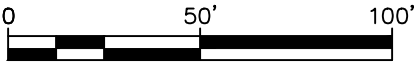
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