Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain and Adjacent Wetland Areas

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Carver, Minnesota has determined that the Carver Levee Reconstruction project supported by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Program Funding (CPF: B-22-CP-MN-0490), is partially located in and may impact the Minnesota River 100-year floodplain and adjacent wetland areas. The city will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives and the potential impacts on floodplain and wetland resources from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

This project will bring the existing Carver Levee up to current Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) certification levels to protect the city's historic district and other structures. The work will require raising and repositioning the levee, replacing the obsolete pump systems, installing retaining structures and internal drainage, and working with FEMA to obtain levee certification. Construction activities within the project area may include but are not limited to tree clearing and grubbing, removal of the current levee, regrading, and reconstructing a new levee and recreational trail. This will be undertaken by a contractor and will include all activity associated with the physical levee construction and installation of materials, such as final engineer design, riparian repairs, material costs, and construction management hours. The HUD grant funding provides \$2,500,000 towards a total project cost of an estimated \$12,000,000.

The project area includes FEMA FIRM Panel #27019C0219D and #27019C0238D. The most recent flood mapping data, dated 2020, was retrieved from the FEMA Map Service Center. As shown in the attached figure, much of the project area will be in the 100 or 500-year floodplain, as this project is specifically for levee reconstruction to reduce flood risk to the city of Carver. Coordination with regulatory authorities and local agencies is underway and will continue throughout the project. The city will ensure all permits and approvals are received prior to construction activities.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains or adjacent wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains and wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in

actions taking place in floodplains or wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by HUD at <u>David.A.Nuccio@hud.gov</u> on or before **Friday**, **August 11, 2023**.

A full description of the project will be made available upon request.

Date of Notice (Chaska Herald & City Website): July 27, 2023

Public Notice:

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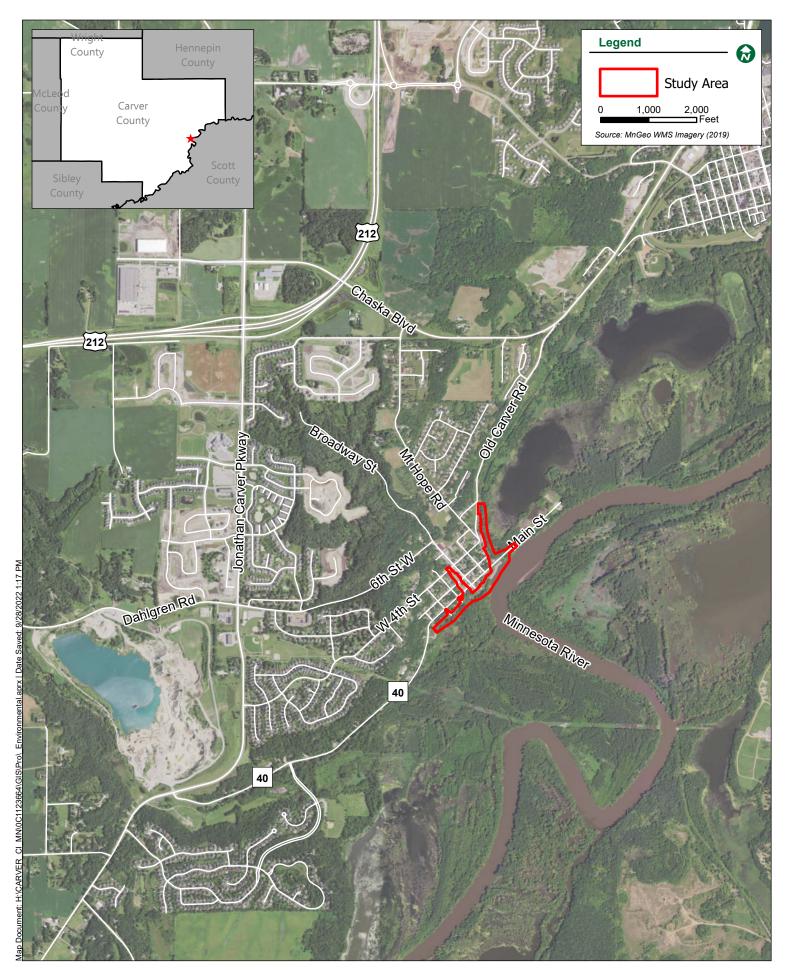
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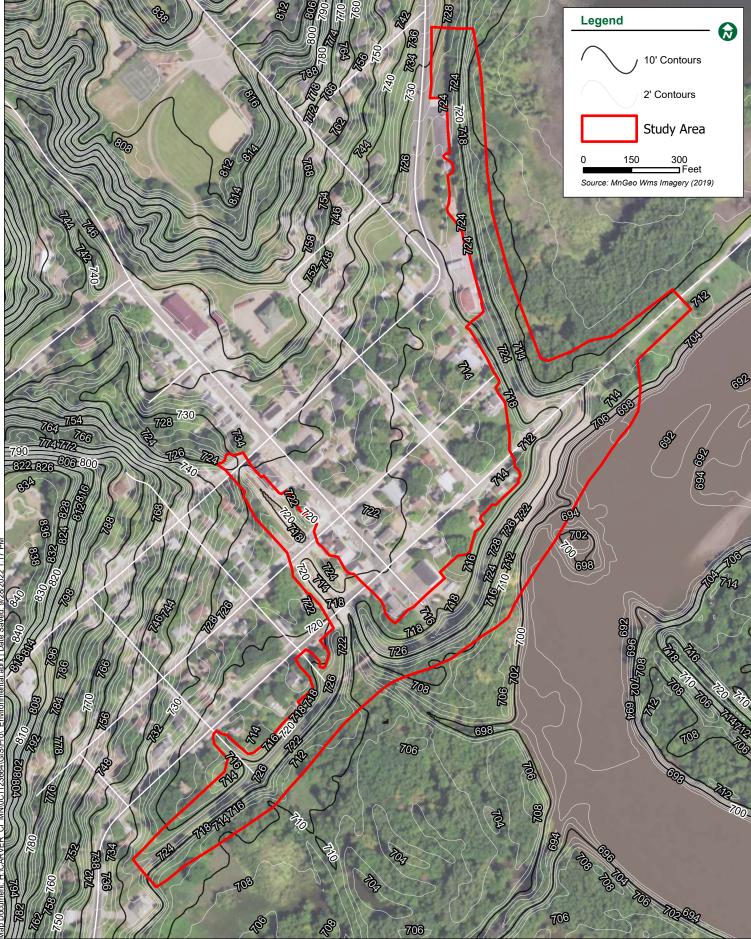
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Exhibit B: 2-Foot LiDAR Contours Map



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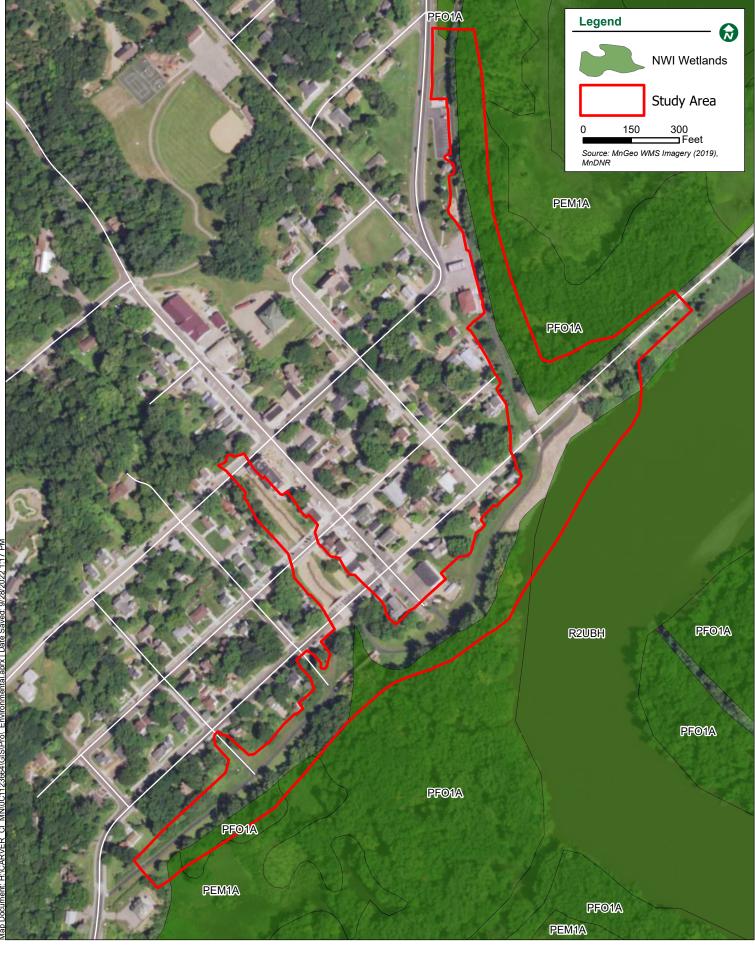
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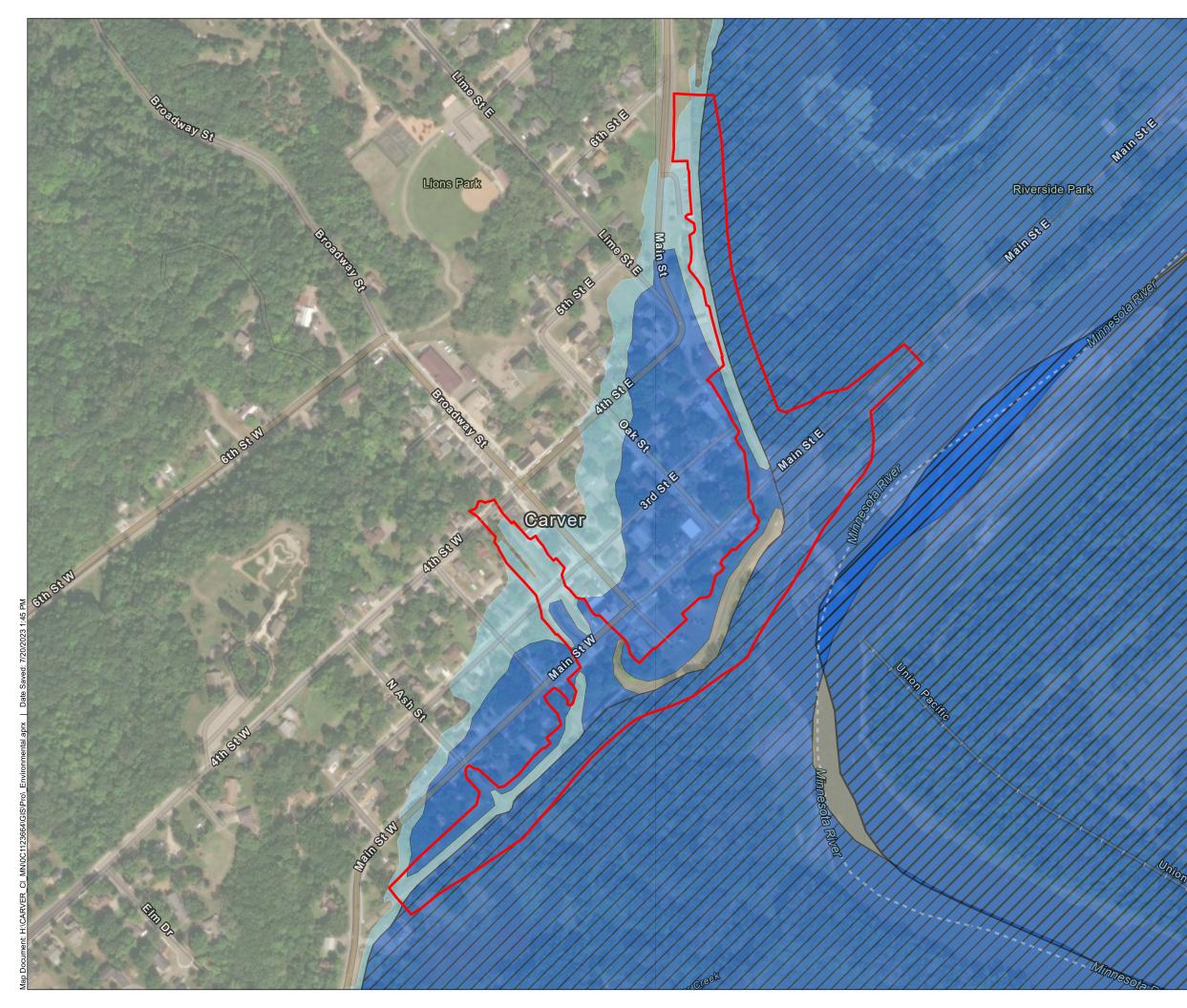
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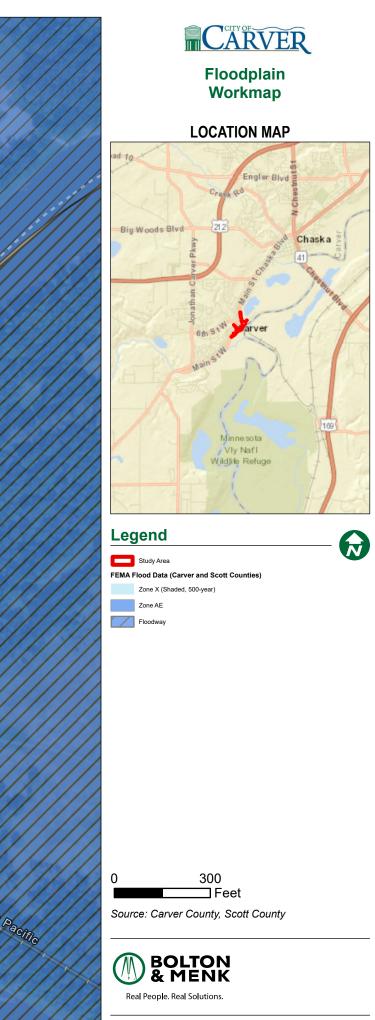
Exhibit C: National Wetlands Inventory Map



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National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette



Legend

93°37'50"W 44°46'N SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) Zone A. V. A9 With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS **Regulatory Floodway** 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes. Zone X OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D NO SCREEN Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X Effective LOMRs T115N R23W S17 OTHER AREAS Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone D T115N R23W S18 - - - - Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer GENERAL STRUCTURES LIIII Levee, Dike, or Floodwall **AREAOFMINIMALFLOODHAZARD** Zone X 20.2 Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance 17.5 Water Surface Elevation **CITYOFCARVER Coastal Transect** Zone AE mm 513 mm Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE) 275233 Limit of Study 27019C0238D FLOODWAY Jurisdiction Boundary **Coastal Transect Baseline** eff. 12/2 OTHER Profile Baseline 27019C0219D FEATURES Hydrographic Feature eff. 12/21/2018 SCOT 1 OUNTY **Digital Data Available** 270428 No Digital Data Available MAP PANELS Unmapped FLOODWAY Zone AE The pin displayed on the map is an approximate point selected by the user and does not represent an authoritative property location. 27139C0015E This map complies with FEMA's standards for the use of eff. 2/12/2021 digital flood maps if it is not void as described below. The basemap shown complies with FEMA's basemap accuracy standards T115N R23W S20 The flood hazard information is derived directly from the T115N R23W 13. authoritative NFHL web services provided by FEMA. This map was exported on 5/5/2023 at 12:13 PM and does not reflect changes or amendments subsequent to this date and time. The NFHL and effective information may change or become superseded by new data over time. T115N R23W S20 This map image is void if the one or more of the following map elements do not appear: basemap imagery, flood zone labels, legend, scale bar, map creation date, community identifiers, FIRM panel number, and FIRM effective date. Map images for 93°37'12"W 44°45'35"N Feet 1:6.000 unmapped and unmodernized areas cannot be used for regulatory purposes. 250 500 1,000 1.500 2.000

Basemap: USGS National Map: Orthoimagery: Data refreshed October, 2020

NOTES TO USERS

This map is for use in administering the National Flood Insurance Program. It does not necessarily identify all areas subject to flooding, particularly from local drainage sources of small size. The **community map repository** should be consulted for possible updated or additional flood hazard information.

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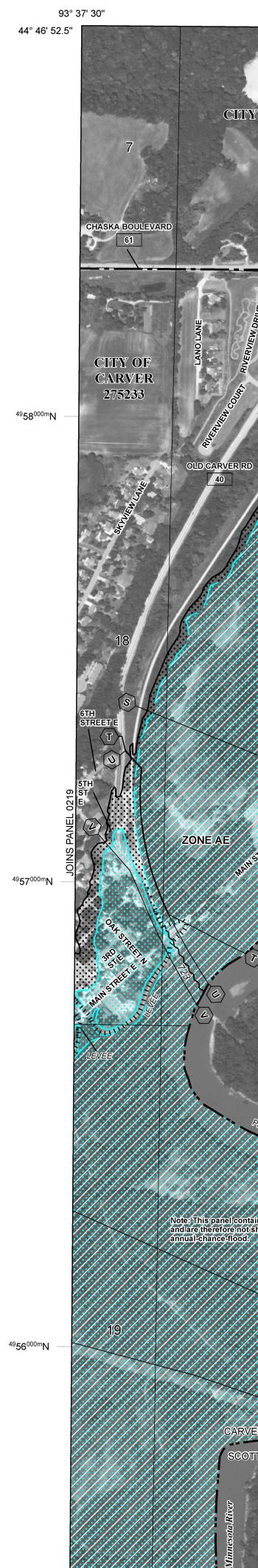
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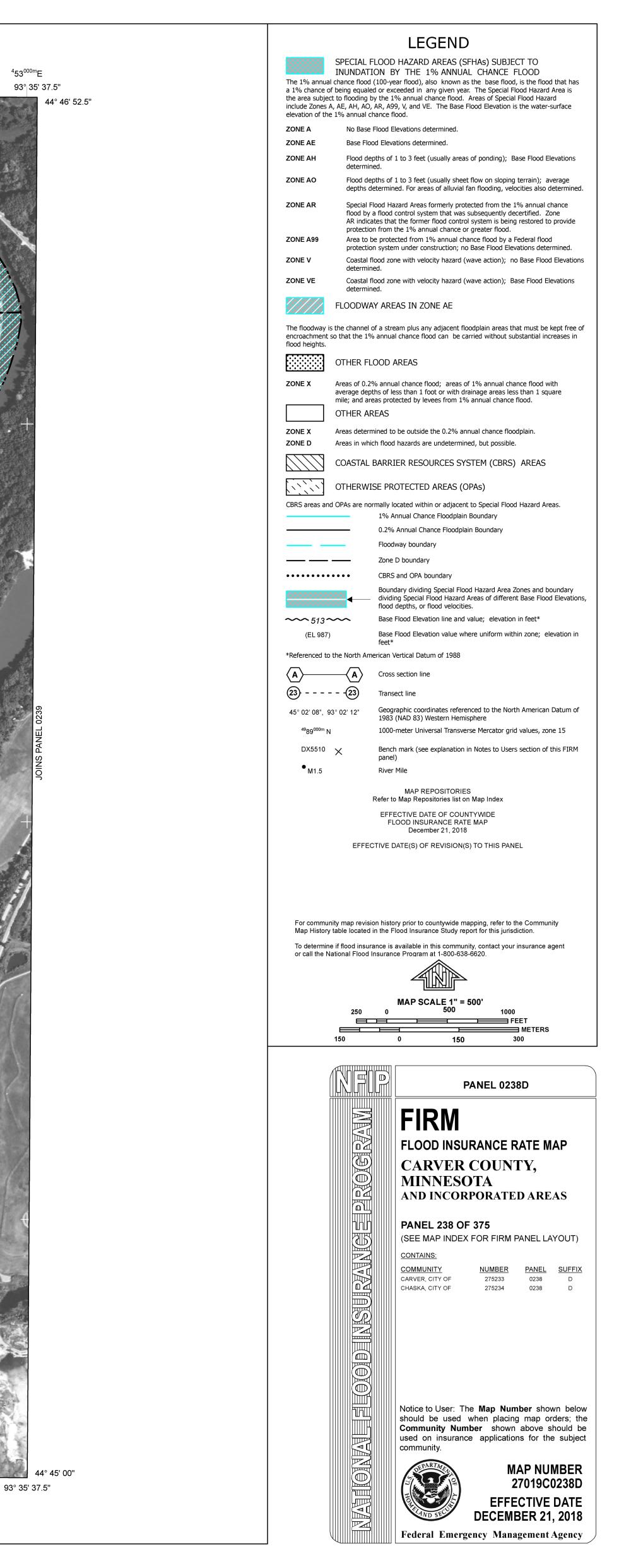
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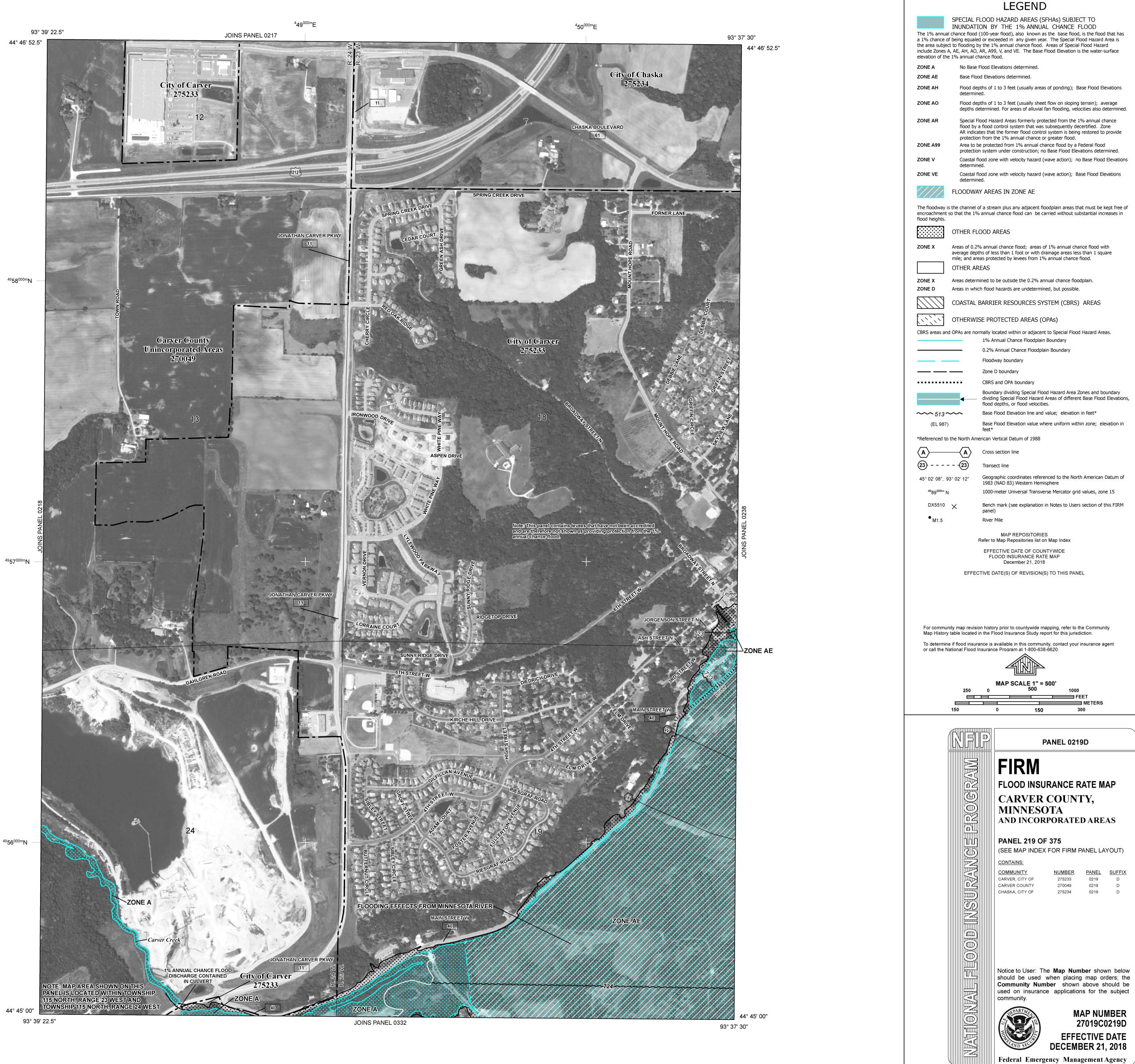
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