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March 17, 2009

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Re: West Stevens Wind, LLC  
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DGR Project 850802

Dear Mr. Gimmestad:

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If you have any questions or need further information please call me at 712-472-2531 or e-mail me at [bjennings@dgrnet.com](mailto:bjennings@dgrnet.com). Thank you for your review.

Sincerely,

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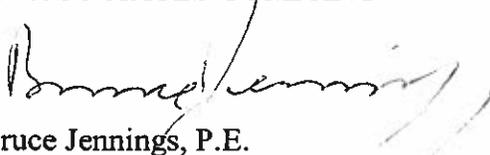
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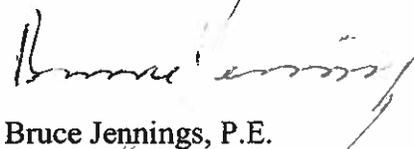
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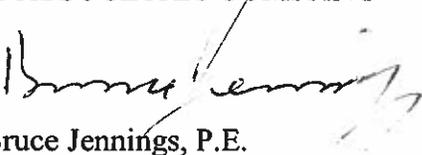
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Dear Mr. Schladweiler:

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RE: West Stevens Wind, LLC – Construction of Thirteen Wind Turbines for Wind Farm  
T125 R44 S16, 17, 28, 29, 33, Stevens County  
DGR Project Number: 850802  
SHPO Number: 2009-1486

Dear Mr. Jennings:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the above project. It has been reviewed pursuant to the responsibilities given the State Historic Preservation Officer by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and the Procedures of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (36CFR800).

Due to the nature of the proposed project, we recommend that an archaeological survey be completed. The survey must meet the requirements of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Identification and Evaluation, and should include an evaluation of National Register eligibility for any properties that are identified. For your information, we have enclosed a list of consultants who have expressed an interest in undertaking such surveys.

If the project area can be documented as previously disturbed or previously surveyed, we will re-evaluate the need for survey. Previously disturbed areas are those where the naturally occurring post-glacial soils and sediments have been recently removed. Any previous survey work must meet contemporary standards.

If you have any questions on our review of this project, please contact me at (651) 259-3456.

Sincerely,



Dennis A. Gimmestad  
Government Programs and Compliance Officer

Enclosure: List of Consultants



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State Historic Preservation Office  
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Last Updated: 3/10/09

This listing is comprised of individuals and firms who have expressed an interest in undertaking contract archaeology in the State of Minnesota. It is provided for informational purposes to those who may require the services of an archaeological consultant. Inclusion on the list does not constitute an endorsement of the consultant's professional qualifications or past performance. The SHPO may remove contractors from the list if no work is completed in Minnesota over a two year period. The SHPO reserves the right to reject contract reports if the principal investigator or other contract personnel do not meet certain minimal qualifications such as the Secretary of the Interior's professional qualifications standards (Federal Register 9/29/83).

It is recommended that work references be checked and multiple bids be obtained before initiating a contractual agreement. The SHPO will not recommend specific contractors, but may be able to comment on previous work reviewed pursuant to state and federal standards and guidelines. The SHPO can be contacted at the Minnesota History Center, 345 Kellogg Boulevard West, St. Paul, MN 55102, 651/259-3450.

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**Subject:** West Stevens wind

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Pam -

I have attached a turbine layout drawing with a quadrangle map background. Hopefully this is what you were looking for.

The turbines will all be erected at sites within currently farmed fields. Each turbine will have a permanent site of under 2 acres. The total land used for the project, including access roads, will be less than 20 acres.

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**Subject:** Lower Sioux Indian Community-Tribal Employment Rights Office  
Good Morning Bruce

Yesterday I received your letter, dated 3-17-2009, from Tribal Council. I will be passing along your information to Pam Halverson our THPO, Tribal Historic Preservation Office. Pam can be reached at 507. 697.2528 office or by email [pamelahalverson@hotmail.com](mailto:pamelahalverson@hotmail.com).

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding Native Employment, 507.430.5945 cell or email [bokeefe@lowersioux.com](mailto:bokeefe@lowersioux.com) . Have a great Day!

Regards, Beth O'Keefe

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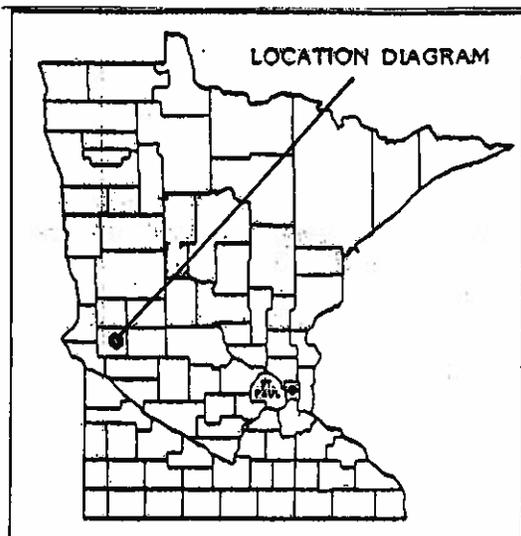
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## ARCHIVAL/LITERATURE RESEARCH FOR PARTS OF T125N-R44W, WEST STEVENS WIND, STEVENS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REPORT

No. 476

By  
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## INTRODUCTION

This report represents an archival and literature research for parts of Everglades Township (T125N-R44W) in Stevens County, Minnesota. The purpose of the background check for the area within this report is to determine what prehistoric, historic or architectural properties exist or do not exist on the proposed area of potential effect. The archival and literature research was conducted for DeWild Grant Reckert and Associates Company in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

**Proposed Project:** The future proposed project is the construction of 13 wind turbines in Everglades Township, Stevens County, Minnesota (See map inserts).

**Location:** The wind turbines are tentatively proposed to be constructed on parts of Sections 16, 17, 28, 29, 33, T125N, R44W. The records check included these sections and the area within 1 mile of the proposed wind turbine sites. See figure 1 below for the archival and literature research boundaries.

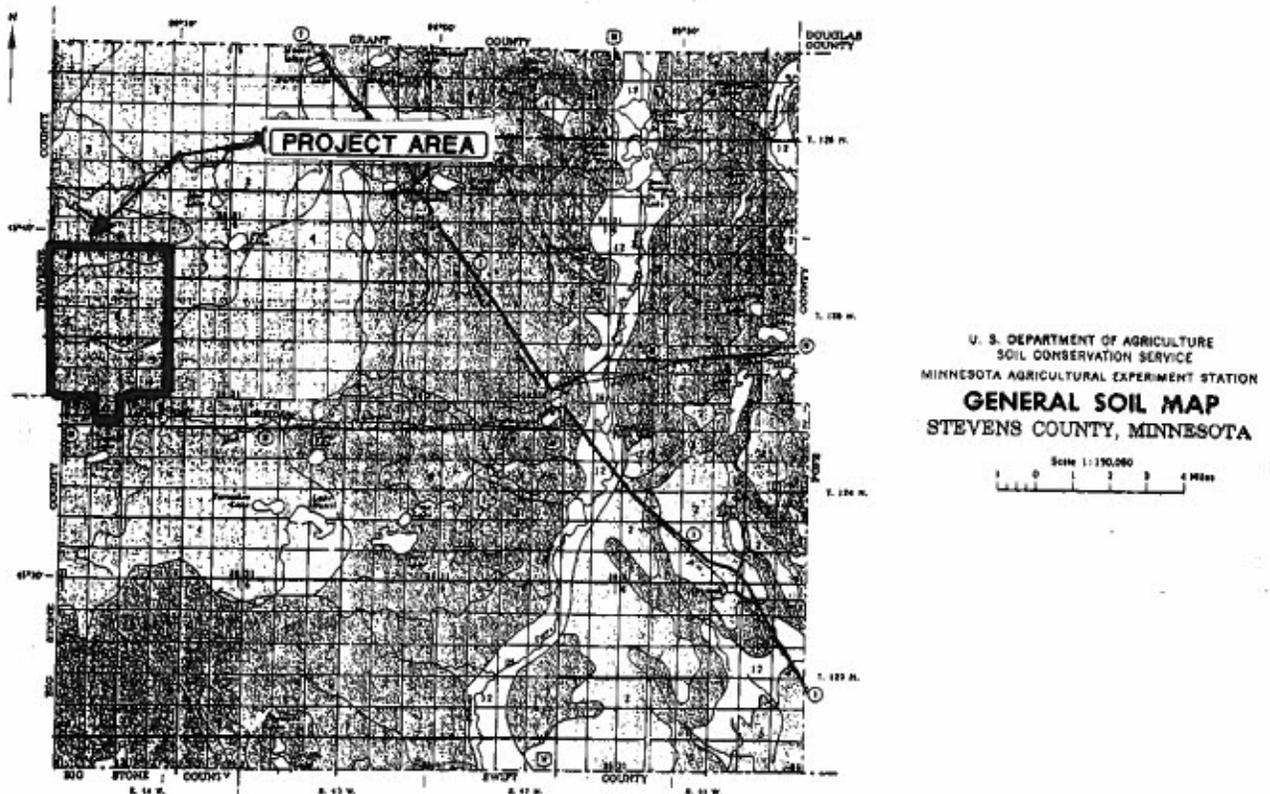


Figure 1. Soil map shows the area on which an archival records check was conducted (USDA: 1971).

*County:* Stevens  
*Project:* Wind turbines  
*Watershed:* Mustinka River  
*Geomorphic Region:* Des Moines Lobe  
*Parent Material:* Glacial till  
*Soil Associates:* McIntosh-Winger, and Bearden-Glyndon  
*Presettlement Vegetation:* Tall prairie grasses, legumes and treed waterways  
*Soil Age:* <12,000 years old

## RESULTS OF ARCHIVAL / LITERATURE RESEARCH

A prior record and archival search was conducted at the Office of the State Archaeologist (OSA) in St. Paul, Minnesota, regarding previously surveyed areas, previously recorded archaeological properties, plat map review and the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) for the project area within this report.

*Previous Archaeological Field Investigations:* There are no state site forms recorded that indicate the area of potential effect was field investigated.

*Previously Recorded Prehistoric Properties 9500BC-1700AD:* There are no previously recorded prehistoric properties located within the study area.

*Previously Recorded Historic Properties 1700AD-1985AD:* There are no previously recorded historic properties located within the study area.

*National Register of Historic Places (NRHP):* There are no National Register of Historic Places properties within 300 feet of the area of potential effect.

*Plat Maps:* Maps reviewed between the years 1851 (Trygg), 1874 (Andreas), 1909 (Ogle), 1985 (USDOT) and USGS maps from 1914 show no rural cemeteries, isolated gravesites, family plots, rural post offices, abandoned townsites, rural businesses, or miscellaneous historic structures on the direct proposed project areas. USGS maps from 1910 show 3 rural schools located within the study area boundaries and are listed below. They are not located on the proposed direct project area.

<i>Map Number:</i>	47601	(See Appendix A)
<i>Type:</i>	Rural School No. 55	
<i>Location:</i>	E ¼ Corner Section 6-124-44	

<i>Map Number:</i>	47602	(See Appendix A)
<i>Type:</i>	Rural School No. 56	
<i>Location:</i>	NW ¼ NE ¼ Section 9-125-44	

<i>Map Number:</i>	47603	(See Appendix A)
<i>Type:</i>	Rural School No. 43	
<i>Location:</i>	NE Corner Section 10-125-44	

## SUMMARY

In summary, the background research found no previously recorded archaeological sites within the study area. And, there are no National Register of Historic Places sites within the area researched. Plat maps from 1910 show three rural schools on the project area boundaries and not within 500 feet of the direct proposed wind turbine sites.

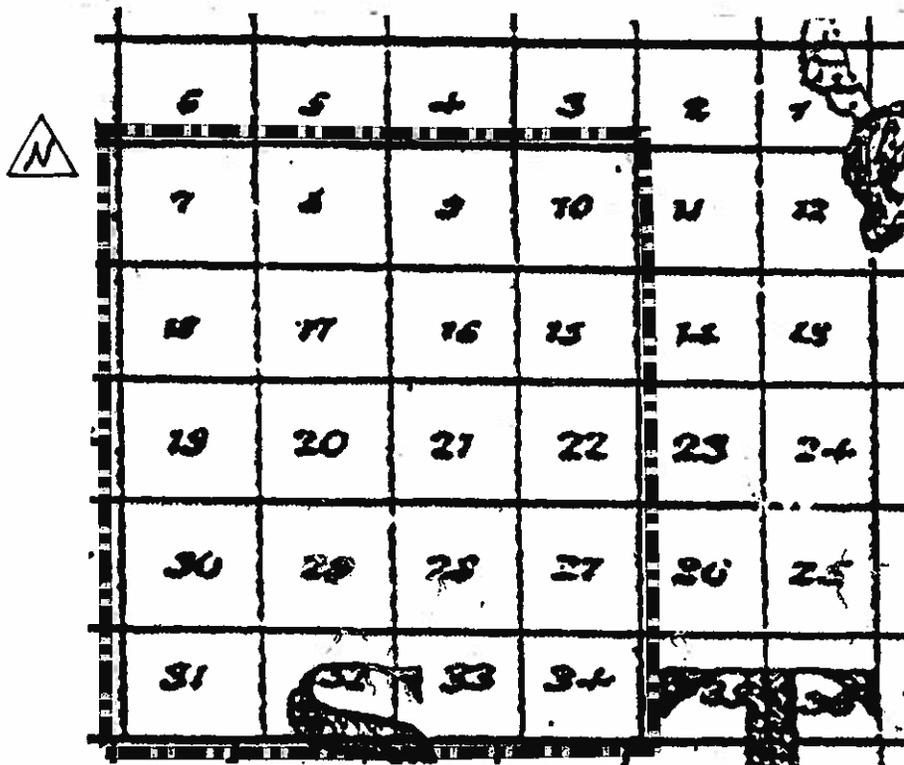
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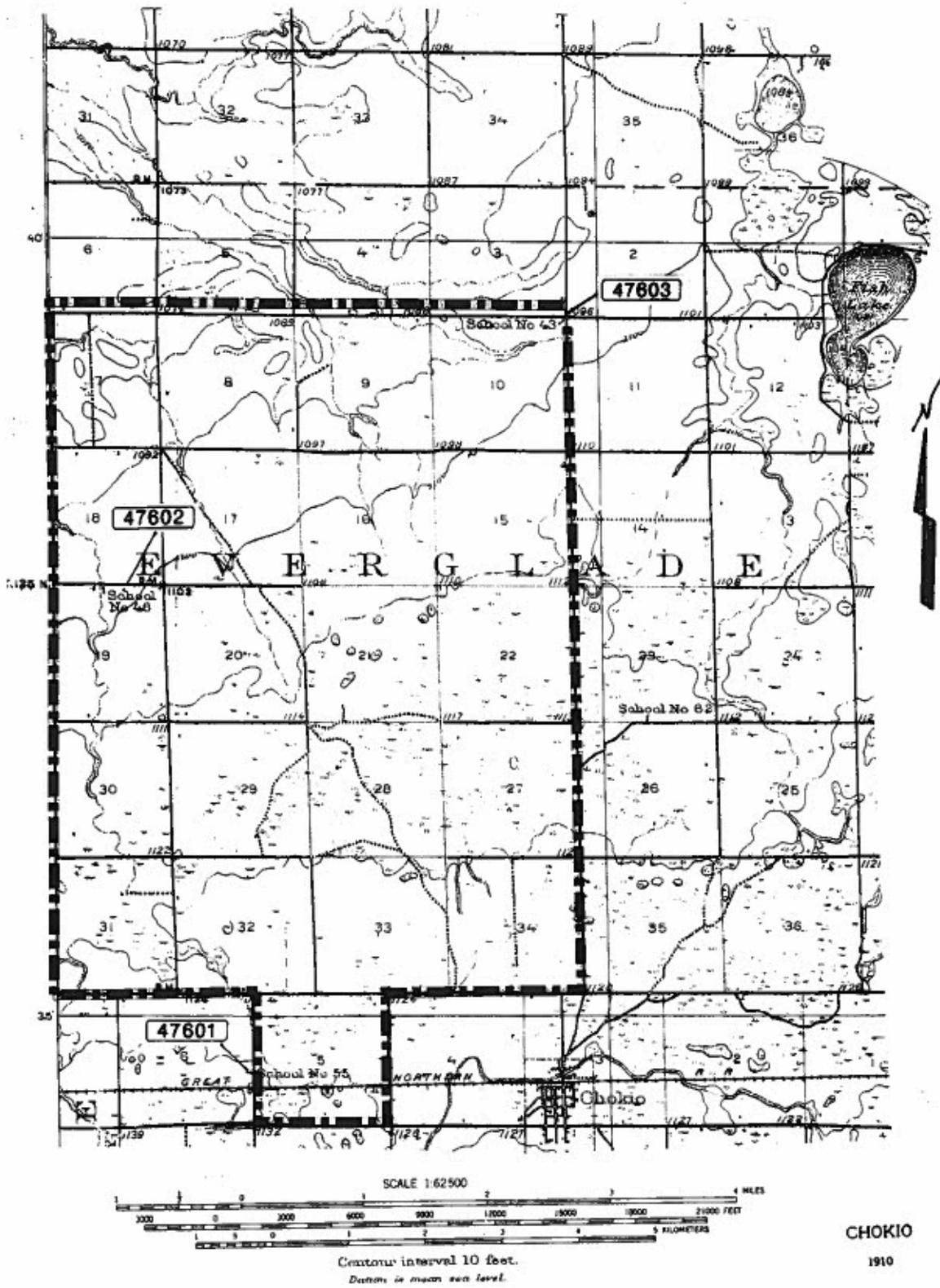
**Plat Maps**

**1874-1985**

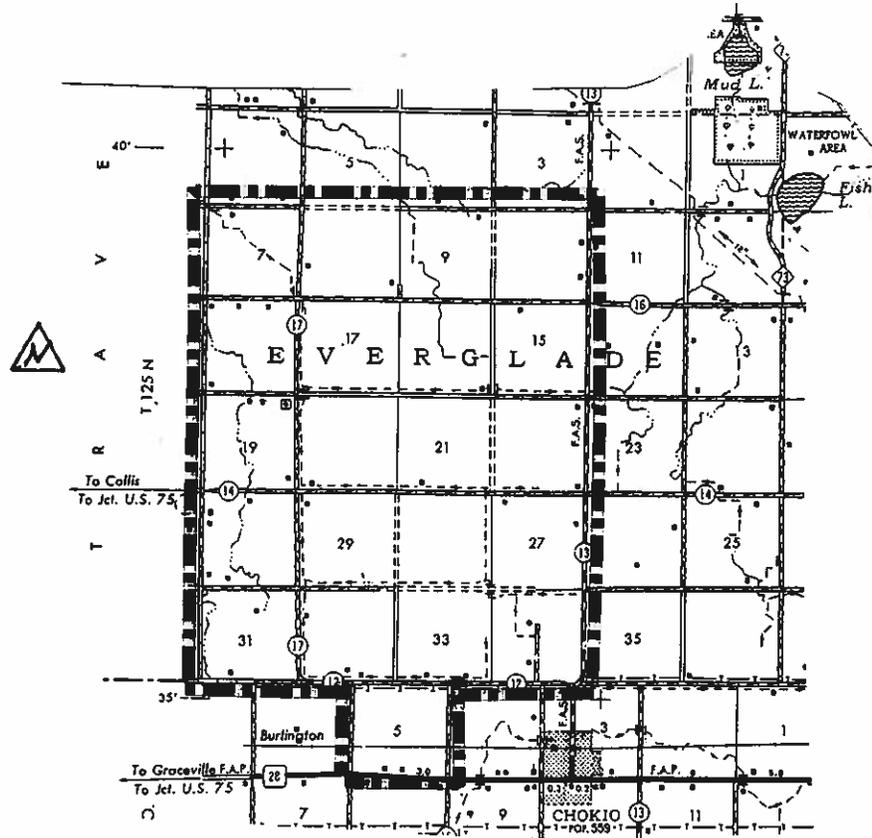


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The 1874 map shows the project study area boundaries  
(Andreas: 1874).



The 1910 map shows the project study area boundaries and three rural school locations (USGS: 1910).



The 1985 map shows the project study area boundaries (USDOT: 1985).