

Farmland

The existing Cambridge Station has farmland adjacent to the east and the south. To the north is 349th Avenue northeast, and to the west is railroad right of way. The southeast quarter comprising approximately 2.8 acres of Great River Energy's property is currently farmed. This 2.8 acres will be taken out of agricultural use to allow for siting of the proposed combustion turbine.

Great River Energy is negotiating with the adjacent land owners to acquire some additional land. Great River Energy is looking at two options. The first is to acquire property extending 200 feet out from the existing site property along the east and south borders (see Figure 1). This would involve removing approximately 7.5 additional acres from agricultural use. The second option would entail acquiring a total of approximately 28.5 acres of land to the east and south of the existing site (see Figure 2). The second option would also involve removing approximately 7.5 additional acres from agricultural use with the remaining farmable land being made available for agricultural lease in the short term. A portion of the 28.5 acres is currently wetlands that are not farmable. In the long term, GRE would consider planting the surrounding land with trees and native prairie grass species. If prairie grass and trees are planted, a total of 18.5 acres would be removed from agricultural use.

The Natural Resource Conservation Service states the soils on the proposed site are classified as "Farmland of statewide importance" but do not specify the site is prime farmland (Letter M. Monte to C.Schmidt, Received March 14, 2004).

Figure 1

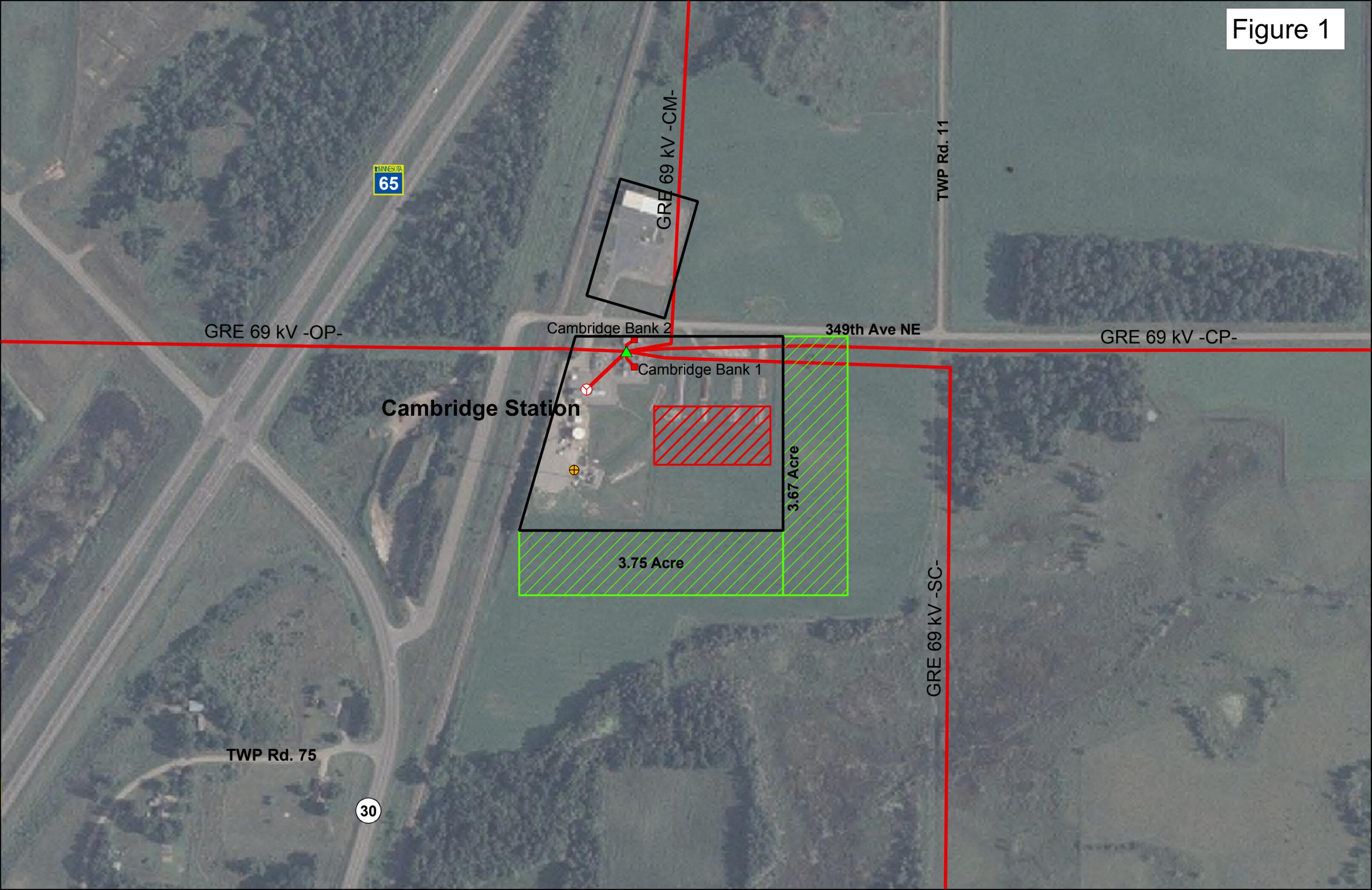


Figure 2

