



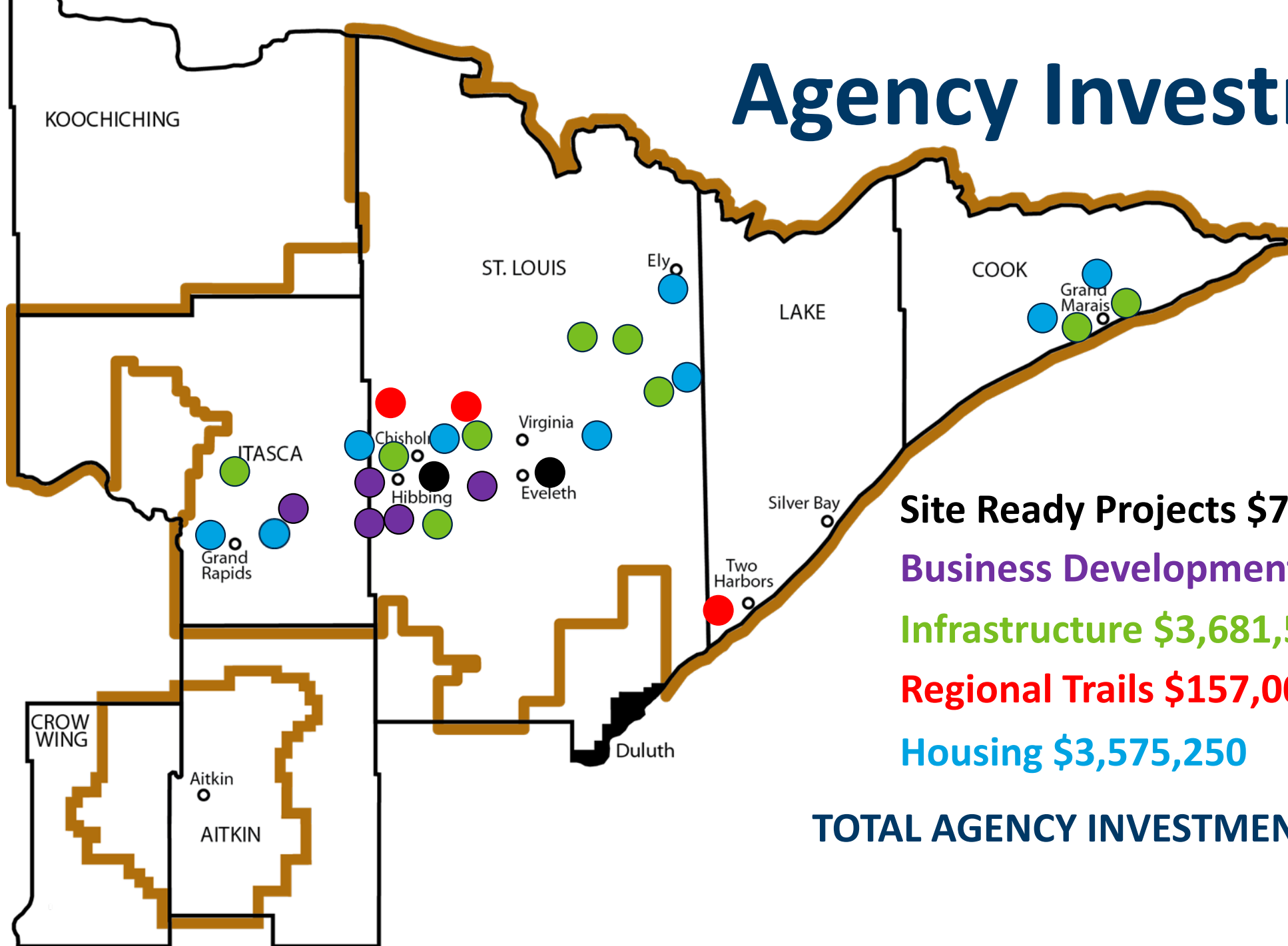
# DEPARTMENT OF IRON RANGE RESOURCES & REHABILITATION

**Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 26, 2024**  
**8:00 a.m.**

## AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of the December 6, 2023, Meeting Minutes
- IV. Commissioner Comments
- V. Business Development Projects
- VI. Broadband, Development & Community Infrastructure Projects
- VII. Regional Trails Projects
- VIII. Housing Projects
- IX. Adjournment

# Agency Investments



**Site Ready Projects \$750,000**

**Business Development \$1,346,500**

**Infrastructure \$3,681,529**

**Regional Trails \$157,000**

**Housing \$3,575,250**

**TOTAL AGENCY INVESTMENT \$9,510,279**

# **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SITE READY PROJECTS**

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# City of Eveleth Jack Pine Industrial Park

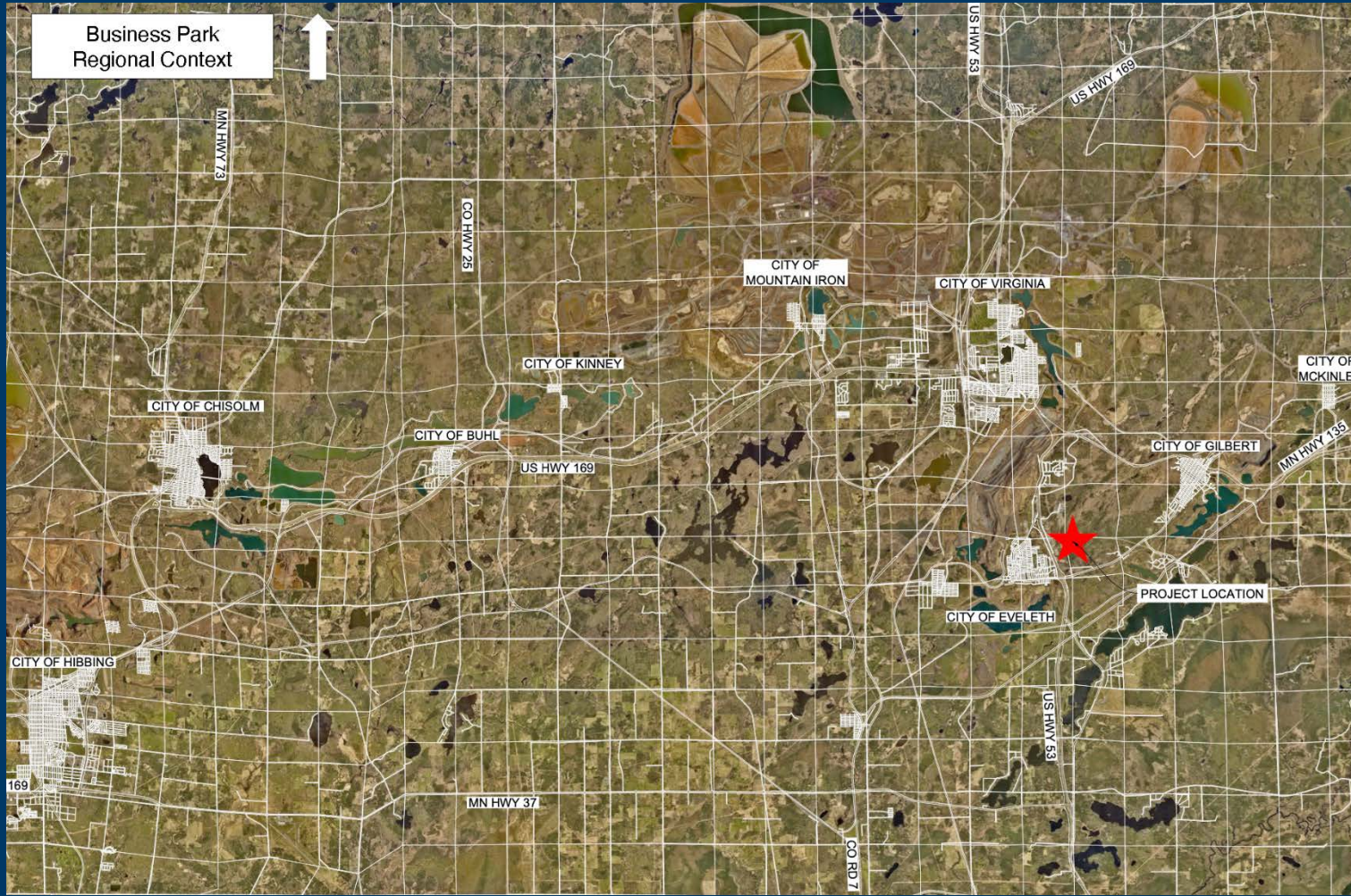
The city of Eveleth plans to develop an industrial park along both sides of the Progress Parkway extension and directly south of the new Rock Ridge Laurentian Elementary School to Highway 37.

Site Ready Diligence Phase I - \$450,000

- Market analysis, conceptual planning/design, EAW
- Title, wetlands, geotechnical
- Preliminary design, engineering
- Plan implementation, zoning, subdivision, platting
- Final design and engineering for two city-owned pads

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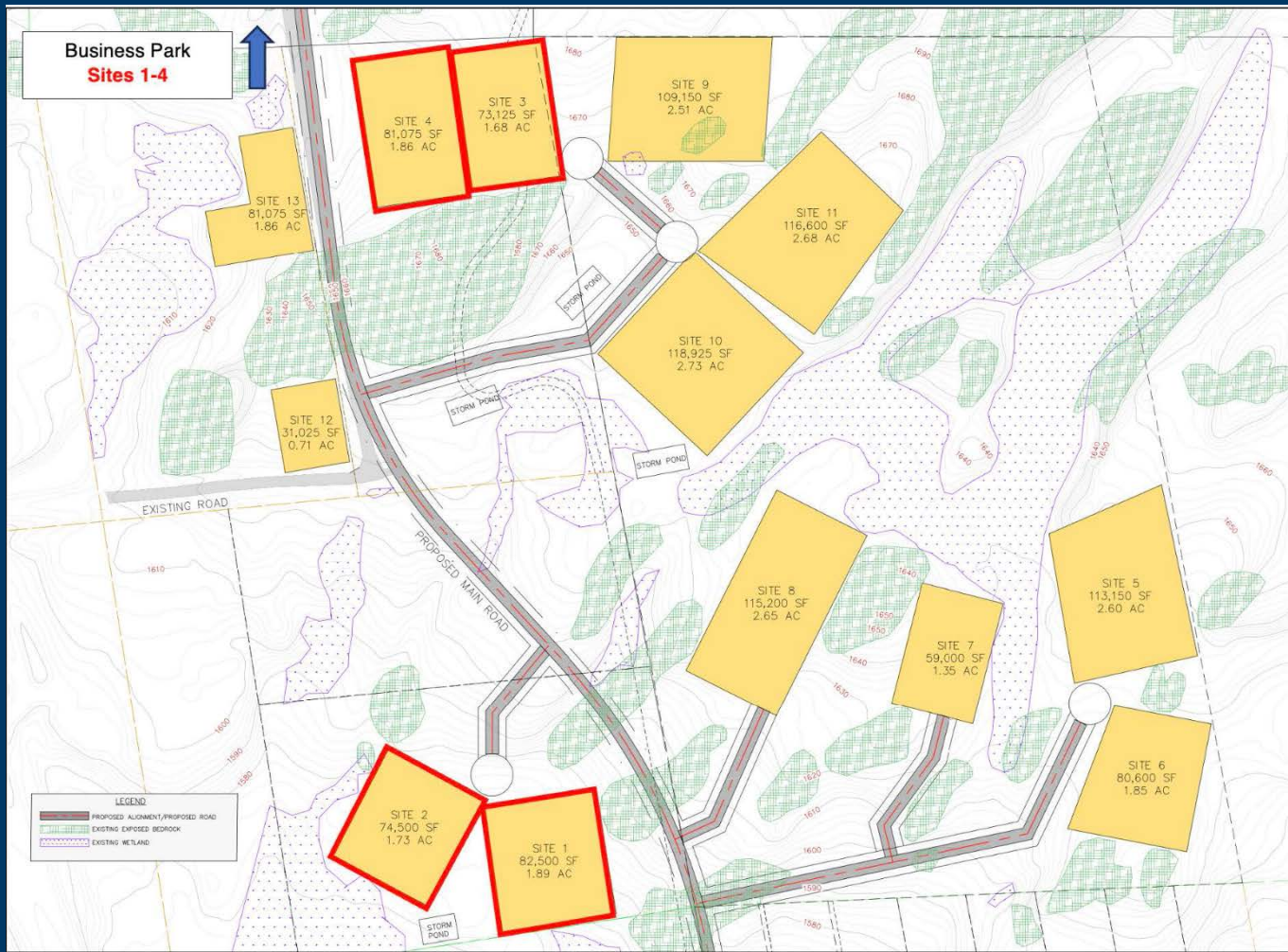




Business Park  
Area Context









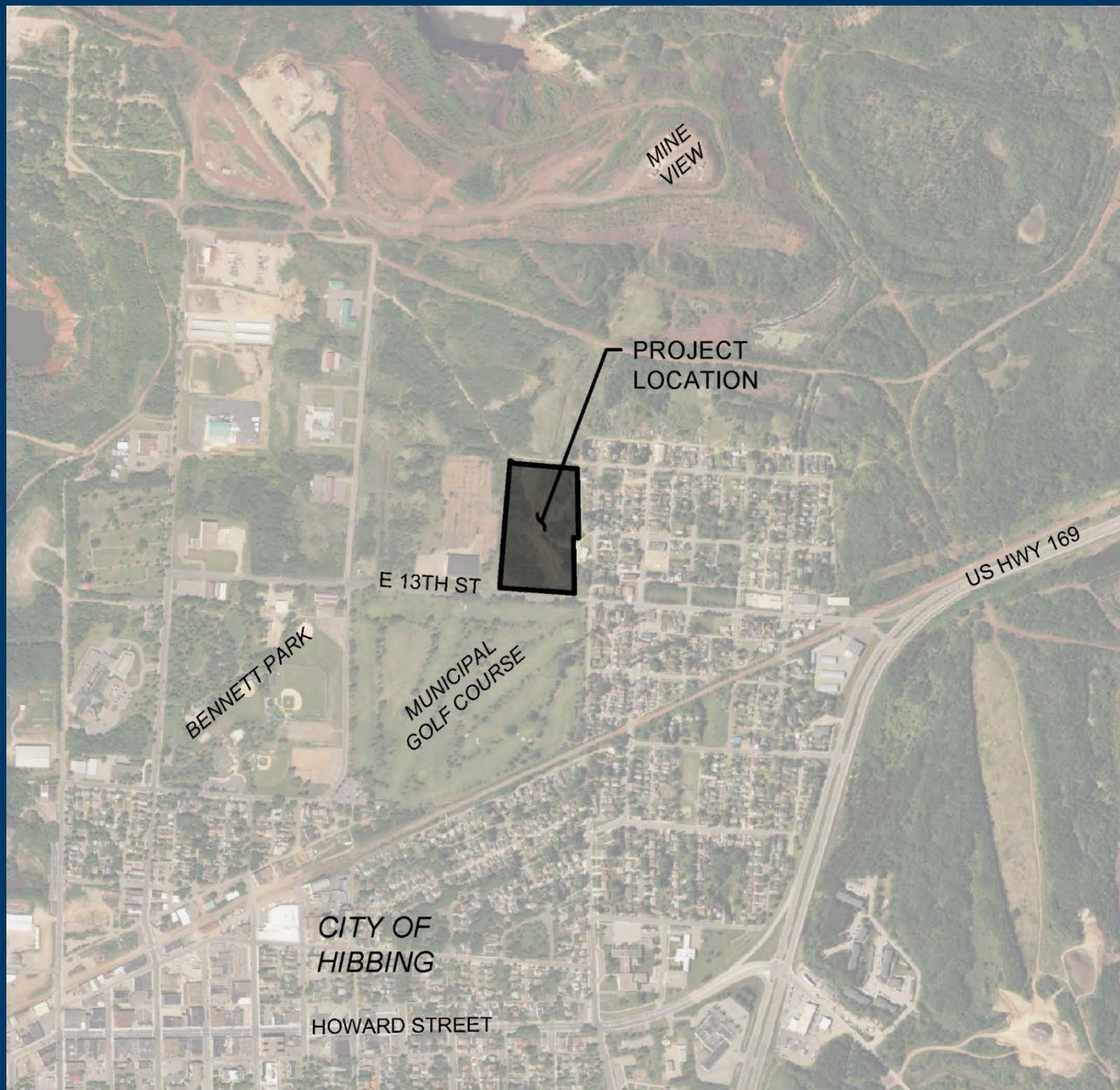
# City of Hibbing Industrial Site

The city of Hibbing plans to develop a 9.13-acre industrial parcel on the north side of East 13th Street with close access to U.S. Highway 169. This is to accommodate future growth plans of Advance Machine Guarding Solutions (AMGS).

Final Site Development and Schematic Design- \$300,000

- Site investigation, title, environmental, wetlands, geotechnical
- Building preliminary design, engineering
- Building Phase I of final design, engineering

*Resolution No. 24-018*









# BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

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# Advanced Machine Guarding Solutions

**Agency Investment:** \$437,500

**Total Project Investment:** \$1,250,000

**Number of Jobs: Retained: 8**  
**Created: 12-20**

**Project:** Purchase of automated production equipment which will allow AMGS to significantly increase production to accept larger orders which they are currently turning down.

***Resolution No. 24-019***

# Ellefson Off Highway, Inc

**Agency Investment: \$209,000**

**Total Project Investment: \$418,000**

**Number of Jobs: Retained: 19  
Created: 3+**

**Project:** Purchase of a 2006 Taylor Forklift Model T650L to replace their current aging model.

***Resolution No. 24-020***



# Hibbing Fabricators, Inc.

**Agency Investment: \$425,000**

**Total Project Investment: \$850,000**

**Number of Jobs: Retained: 34  
Created: TBD**

**Project:** Purchase of a 2023 model year LVD Strippit V30-1530-L Punch Laser Combination Machine to replace an aging model.

***Resolution No. 24-021***

# Pro Blast Technology, Inc.

**Agency Investment: \$175,000**

**Total Project Investment: \$350,000**

**Number of Jobs: Retained: 12  
Created: 0**

**Project:** Manufacturing facility roof repairs and  
purchase of a 2024 PF60LP Fork Lift

***Resolution No. 24-022***

**Agency Investment: \$100,000**

**Total Project Investment: \$288,750**

**Number of Jobs: Retained: 34  
Created: 0**

**Project:** Purchase of a 2008 Grove GMK5165 165 Ton All Terrain Crane for the ability of reaching heights and expanding their bidding capacity.

***Resolution No. 24-023***



# BROADBAND, DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

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# Broadband, Development & Community Infrastructure Projects

## Purpose

- Broadband Infrastructure grants assist projects that help households and businesses reach the state of Minnesota broadband speed goal - broadband with download speeds of at least 100 megabits per second and upload speeds of at least 20 megabits per second.
- Development Infrastructure grants assist with infrastructure projects that support business development.
- Community Infrastructure grants assist projects that support residential infrastructure and public facility improvements.

## Economic Impact

- # of Infrastructure Projects: 9
- Agency Investment: \$3,681,529
- Total Investment: \$48,524,989

# Broadband Infrastructure Projects

Grantee	Project Description	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	Expand fiber broadband to 442 unserved and underserved households in the reservation boundaries. The agency previously supported the project in 2019 with a \$579,272 Broadband Infrastructure grant. The purpose of this amendment is to support 50% of the increased construction costs.	\$261,184	\$522,369

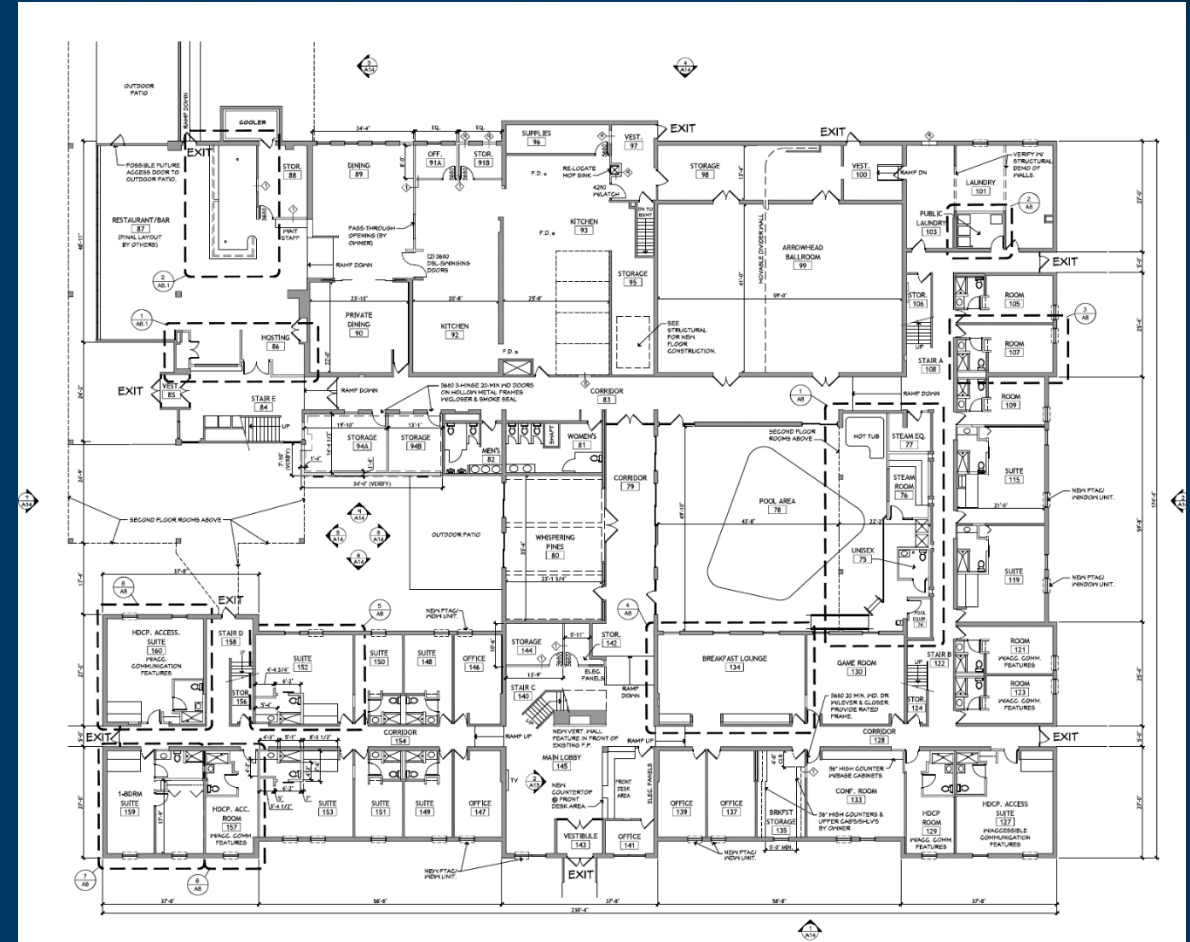


# City of Hibbing

Agency Investment: \$250,000

Total Project Investment: \$6,610,000

**Project:** The project consists of funding the city with a grant to be administered by the Hibbing Economic Development Authority (HEDA). HEDA will administer the grant funds through their revolving loan fund and provide loan funding as part of the hotel redevelopment project. The repayment of loan funds to HEDA by the developer will be used for future HEDA loans to assist additional businesses in Hibbing.



# City of Mountain Iron

**Agency Investment: \$400,000**

**Total Project Investment: \$1,205,000**

**Project:** The project consists of new road and utility extensions and electric upgrades to serve new and existing business development. The city plans to extend water and sewer utilities and the road on Enterprise Drive Northeast, which will open 15 acres for new business development. The city will upgrade electric utilities and underground conductors to allow for a voltage conversion in a large area of Rock Ridge and Unity to increase development capacity.



# Cook County/Grand Marais Joint Economic Development Authority

**Agency Investment: \$400,000**

**Total Project Investment: \$18,172,000**

**Project:** The project consists of infrastructure and site work for the development of a 10,000-square-foot mixed-use commercial space. The “Mayhew Commercial Project” will feature an event center, lodging units, a restaurant, retail spaces, lounge and rooftop open space. The lodging units will complement the event center, and the restaurant will serve as both a dining facility and caterer for the event center.



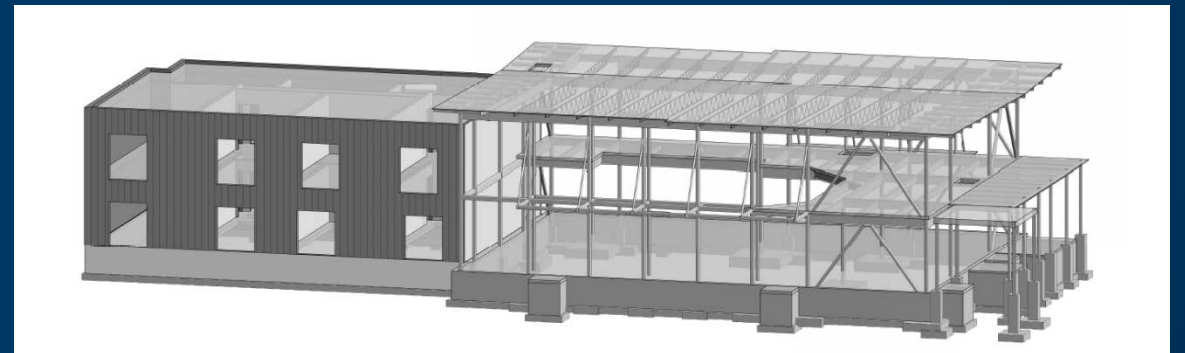


# Cook County/Grand Marais Joint Economic Development Authority

**Agency Investment: \$400,000**

**Total Project Investment: \$5,576,336**

**Project:** The project consists of infrastructure and site work for the development of a 9,300-square-foot mixed-use commercial space. Papa Charlie's restaurant and event venue at Lutsen Mountains operated for 27 years prior to a fire in June 2023 that resulted in a total loss. The new building will include a restaurant, event center, bar/lounge and four lodging units for resort guests.



# Community Infrastructure Projects

Grantee	Project Description	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
City of Aurora	The project is phase II of the new East Range water system.	\$500,000	\$10,000,000
City of Chisholm	The project consists of facility upgrades to the Chet Tomassoni Arena and Curling Club.	\$1,000,000	\$5,360,524
Itasca County	The project consists of construction of a new dump station and well house for a county campground.	\$100,000	\$272,565
City of Tower	The project consists of new water and sewer utilities, storm water, road reconstruction and airport technology upgrades.	\$370,345	\$806,195



# Broadband, Development & Community Infrastructure Projects

## Economic Impact

- # of Infrastructure Projects: 9
- Agency Investment: \$3,681,529
- Total Investment: \$48,524,989

***Resolution No. 24-024***

# REGIONAL TRAILS PROJECTS

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# Regional Trails Projects

## Purpose

Regional Trails grants provide funding to assist the design, engineering and construction of various types of trails.

## Economic Impact

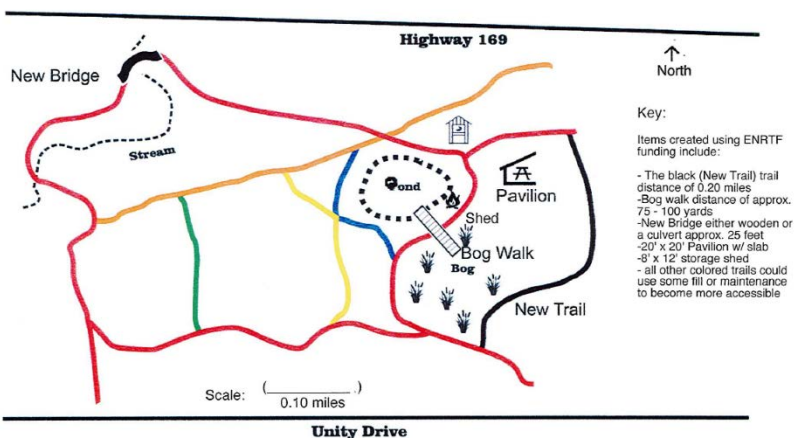
- Regional Trails Projects: 3
- Agency Investment: \$157,000
- Total Investment: \$517,300



# Regional Trails Projects

Grantee	Project Description	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
City of Mountain Iron	Outdoor Classroom and Trails	\$82,000	\$164,000

## Mountain Iron-Buhl School Forest





# Regional Trails Projects

Grantee	Project Description	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
Northeast Regional ATV Trail Joint Powers Board	ATV Trail Master Planning	\$25,000	\$50,000



# Regional Trails Projects

Grantee	Project Description	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
PathBlazers Snowmobile Club	Snowmobile Groomer Purchase	\$50,000	\$303,300



# Regional Trails Projects

Project	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
City of Mountain Iron	\$82,000	\$164,000
Northeast Regional ATV Trail Joint Powers Board	\$25,000	\$50,000
PathBlazers Snowmobile Club	\$50,000	\$303,300
Total	\$157,000	\$517,300

*Resolution No. 24-025*

## HOUSING PROJECTS

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# Housing Projects

## Purpose

Housing grants assist projects or programs that result in the creation of new housing units or the rehabilitation of existing housing units. The program supports housing solutions that align with local priorities and regional employer's needs.

## Economic Impact

- # of Projects: **10**
- Agency Investment: **\$3,575,250**
- Total Project Investment: **\$53,611,848**
- New Housing Units: **225**
- Rehabilitated Housing Units: **26**
- New Lots for Future Housing Units: **67**



# Housing Projects

Project	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
City of Bovey	\$280,000	\$1,750,000
City of Chisholm	\$500,000	\$1,798,500
City of Ely	\$850,000	\$8,845,180
City of Grand Rapids	\$600,000	\$28,924,411
Cook County Housing and Redevelopment Authority – Bjorkberg	\$225,000	\$646,250
Cook County Housing and Redevelopment Authority – Temperance Trails	\$100,000	\$1,259,794
Cook County Housing and Redevelopment Authority – The Heights	\$630,000	\$8,134,713
North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity	\$130,000	\$962,500

# Housing Programs

Project	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency	\$250,000	\$1,250,000
Aurora Housing and Redevelopment Authority	\$10,250	\$40,500
Total	\$3,575,250	\$53,611,848

*Resolution No. 24-026*

# THANK YOU

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