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APPENDIX J: Farmland Protection



ADDENDUM 09-DECEMBER-2022

APPENDIX J - FARMLAND - Proposed ROW Change

US 380 McKinney EIS - Coit Road to FM 1827, Collin County CSJs 0135-02-065, 0135-03-053, and 0135-15-002; Dallas District

PURPOSE OF ADDENDUM:

Changes were made to the proposed right-of-way (ROW) limits for the US 380 McKinney project in the 60% Geometric Schematic Design submittal made on 1-JUL-2022. A copy of that submittal is included in Appendix B of this DEIS. This addendum describes where the changes occurred and summarizes how those changes affected the impacts and findings disclosed in the previously approved technical reports that make up the project appendices. The revised impacts to water features based on the proposed ROW changes are disclosed in the DEIS.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ROW CHANGE

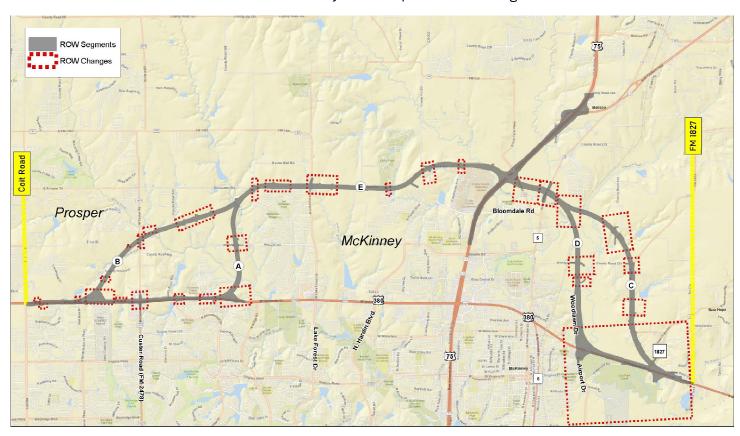
To streamline and accelerate the NEPA process for this project, technical studies were initiated at an early stage in schematic development. Initial technical report submittals were based on the proposed ROW established in JUN-JUL-2021, with progressive modifications made through NOV-2021. The JUL-2022 Geometric Schematic Design submittal reflects the continued refinement of the alternatives and consideration of input received during the MAR-2022 public meeting and ongoing coordination with the City of McKinney, Collin County, and the North Texas Municipal Water District.

The JUL-2022 submittal made adjustments to the proposed ROW limits throughout the length of the proposed alignments to account for drainage, access, and geometric improvements. Areas connecting to existing and planned roadway projects, under the direction of the City of McKinney, have also been included on the schematics and will still be under refinement into the FEIS. A design decision at the crossing of SH 5 in proximity of the East Fork Trinity River also added improvements within the existing ROW extending farther along SH 5 than was previously reviewed.

Figure 1: Proposed ROW Change - November 2021 to July 2022

Build Alternative	November 2021 Proposed ROW (Acres)	July 2022 Proposed ROW (Acres)	Change in Proposed ROW (Acres)
PURPLE ALTERNATIVE W/O SPUR	1,047.7	1,113.9	66.2
PURPLE ALTERNATIVE W/ SPUR	1,069.1	1,133.1	64.0
BLUE ALTERNATIVE W/O SPUR	1,042.0	1,083.5	41.5
BLUE ALTERNATIVE W/ SPUR	1,081.3	1,098.9	17.6
BROWN ALTERNATIVE W/O SPUR	1,010.3	1,056.4	46.1
BROWN ALTERNATIVE W/ SPUR	1,049.5	1,071.8	22.3
GOLD ALTERNATIVE W/O SPUR	1,015.9	1,086.8	70.9
GOLD ALTERNATIVE W/ SPUR	1,037.4	1,106.0	68.6

Illustration of the July 2022 Proposed ROW Changes



EFFECTS OF THE JULY ROW CHANGE ON FARMLAND IMPACTS AND FINDINGS

For all Build Alternatives, the proposed ROW changes increased the total area of proposed ROW used to calculate the impacts to farmlands on the CPA-106 Form submitted to coordinate with the NRCS in March 2022. Overall, the minor proposed ROW changes resulted in no substantial change in farmland impacts.

By Segment:

Total acres of farmland within the proposed ROW of Segment A, including prime farmland and farmland of statewide importance, increased by 5.1 acres due to adjustments in proposed ROW to extend slightly north and south along Custer Rd. at the intersection with existing US 380, and slight extension east where Segment A turns to the north.

Total acres of farmland within the proposed ROW of Segment B, including prime farmland and farmland of statewide importance, increased by 7.7 acres due to adjustments in proposed ROW where Segment B turns to the north, at the crossing of Sleepy Hollow Rd, and multiple minor adjustments along the northern extent of the segment.

Total acres of farmland within the proposed ROW of Segment E, including prime farmland and farmland of statewide importance, increased by 8.5 acres due to widening of the proposed ROW near the western end of the segment along Bloomdale Rd., extension of the proposed ROW north and south at SH 5, and multiple minor adjustments along the extent of the segment.

Total acres of farmland within the proposed ROW of Segment C, including prime farmland and farmland of statewide importance, decreased by 0.2 acres W/O Spur and 0.1 acres W/Spur, due to minor adjustments in proposed ROW along the extent of the segment.

Total acres of farmland within the proposed ROW of Segment D, including prime farmland and farmland of statewide importance, increased by 10.4 acres W/O Spur and 10.2 acres W/Spur due to extension of the proposed ROW east and west along McIntire Rd, extension north along Woodlawn Rd, and extension to the west along existing US 380 at the western end of the segment.

By Build Alternative:

For the Purple Alternative, total acres of prime farmland and farmland of statewide importance increased by 26.8 acres W/O Spur and by 26.7 acres W/Spur.

For the Blue Alternative, total acres of prime farmland and farmland of statewide importance increased by 16.2 acres W/O Spur and by 16.4 acres W/Spur.

For the Brown Alternative, total acres of prime farmland and farmland of statewide importance increased by 27.9 acres W/O Spur and by 43.7 acres W/Spur.

For the Gold Alternative, total acres of prime farmland and farmland of statewide importance increased by 38.5 acres W/O Spur and by 38.4 acres W/Spur.

Figure 2: Comparison of Farmland Impacts By Build Alternative W/O Spur

Prime and Statewide Important	Purple Alternative		Blue Alternative		Brown Alternative		Gold Alternative	
Farmland	Acres (NOV- 2021)	Acres (JULY- 2022)						
Total Area within the Proposed ROW	1,047.7	1,113.9	1,042.0	1,083.5	1,010.3	1,056.4	1,016.0	1,086.8
Total Area of Mapped Prime and Statewide Important Farmland within Proposed ROW	321.1	347.9	315.8	332.0	304.8	332.7	310.1	348.6
Area of Mapped Prime Farmland	281.1	305.8	275.8	289.9	277.8	294.2	283.1	310.1
Area of Mapped Farmland of Statewide Importance	39.9	42.1	39.9	42.1	27.0	38.5	27.0	38.5
Total Acreage of Proposed ROW in Urbanized Areas (McKinney UA)	922.0	980.1	857.8	891.8	826.0	850.9	890.3	939.3

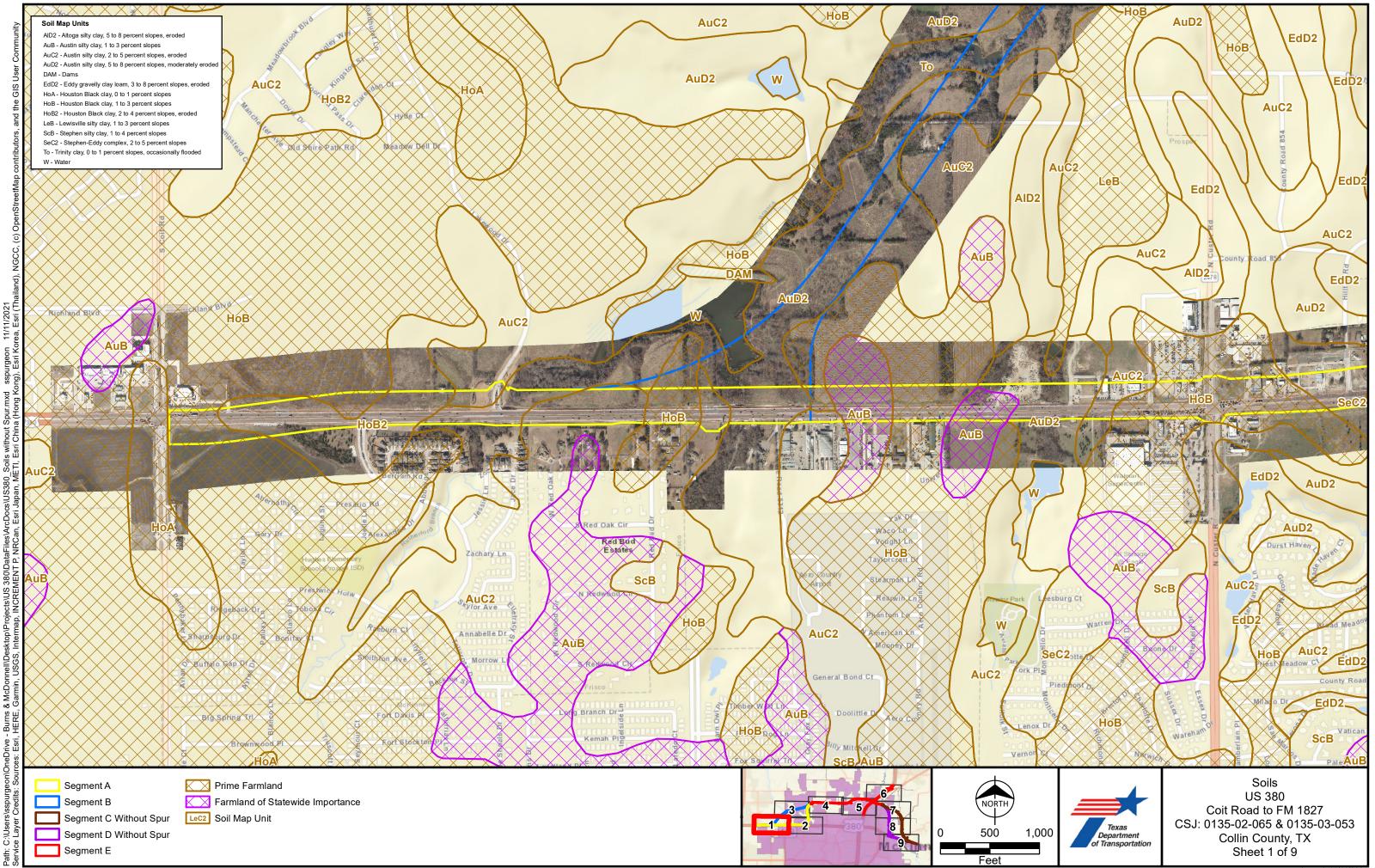
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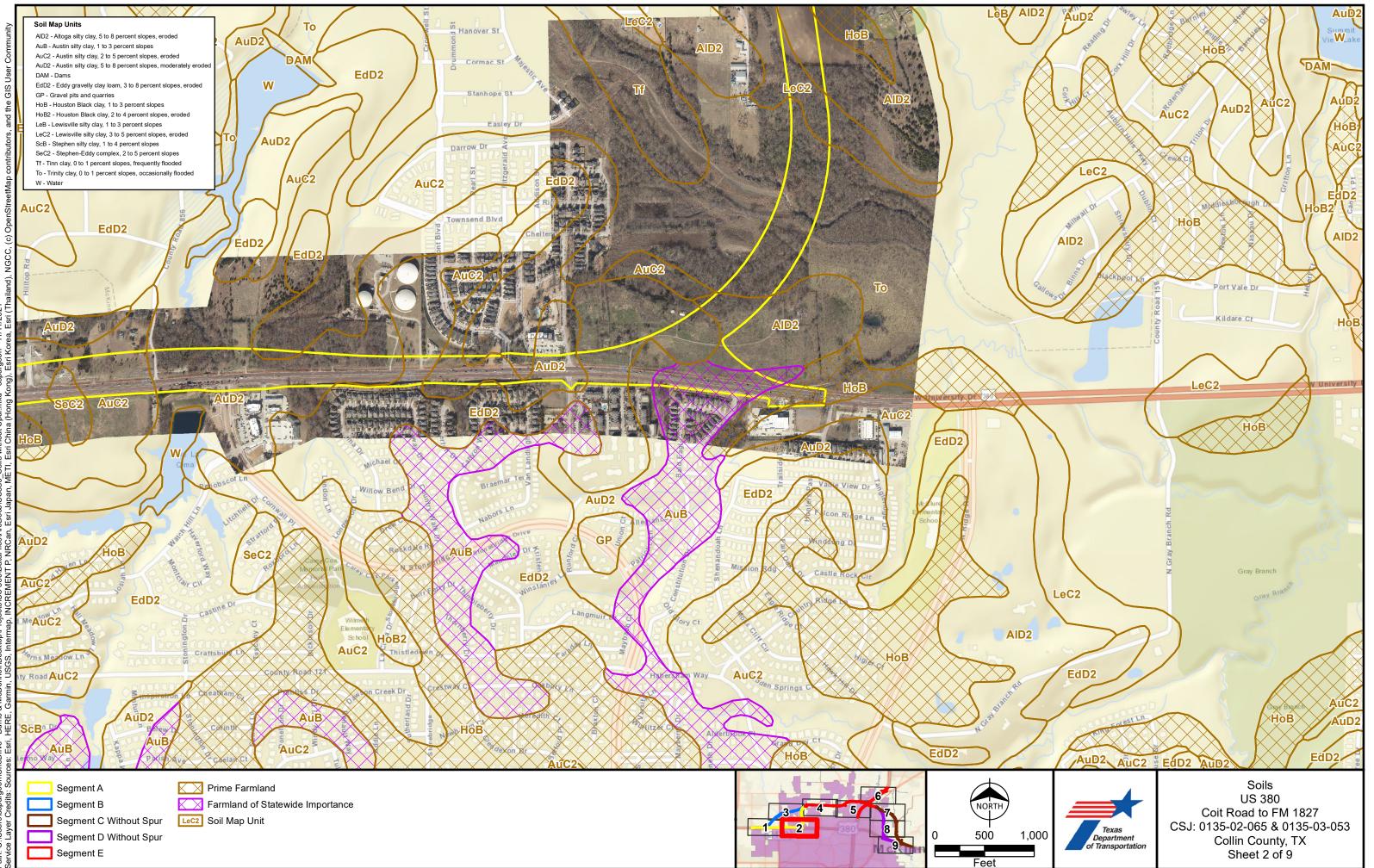
Prime and Statewide Important	Purple Alternative		Blue Alternative		Brown Alternative			
Farmland	Acres (NOV- 2021)	Acres (JULY- 2022)						
Total Area within the Proposed ROW	1,069.1	1,133.1	1,081.3	1,098.9	1,049.5	1,106.0	1,037.4	1,106.0
Total Area of Mapped Prime and Statewide Important Farmland within Proposed ROW	321.1	347.8	315.8	332.2	304.8	348.5	310.1	348.5
Area of Mapped Prime Farmland	281.1	305.6	275.8	290.0	277.8	294.4	283.1	310.0
Area of Mapped Farmland of Statewide Importance	39.9	42.1	39.9	42.1	27.0	38.5	27.0	38.5
Total Acreage of Proposed ROW in Urbanized Areas (McKinney UA)	943.3	999.4	895.7	907.2	863.9	866.4	911.6	866.4

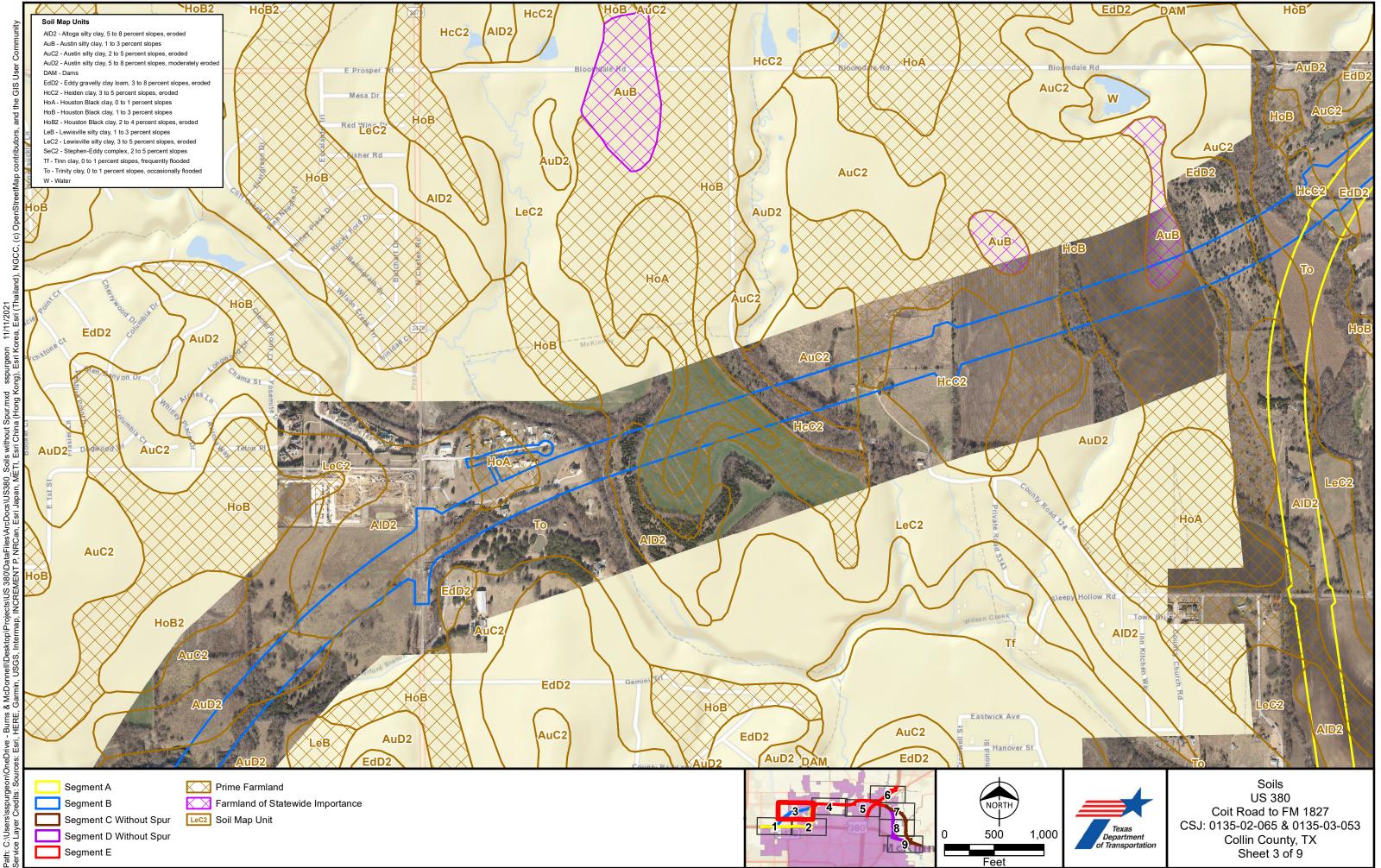
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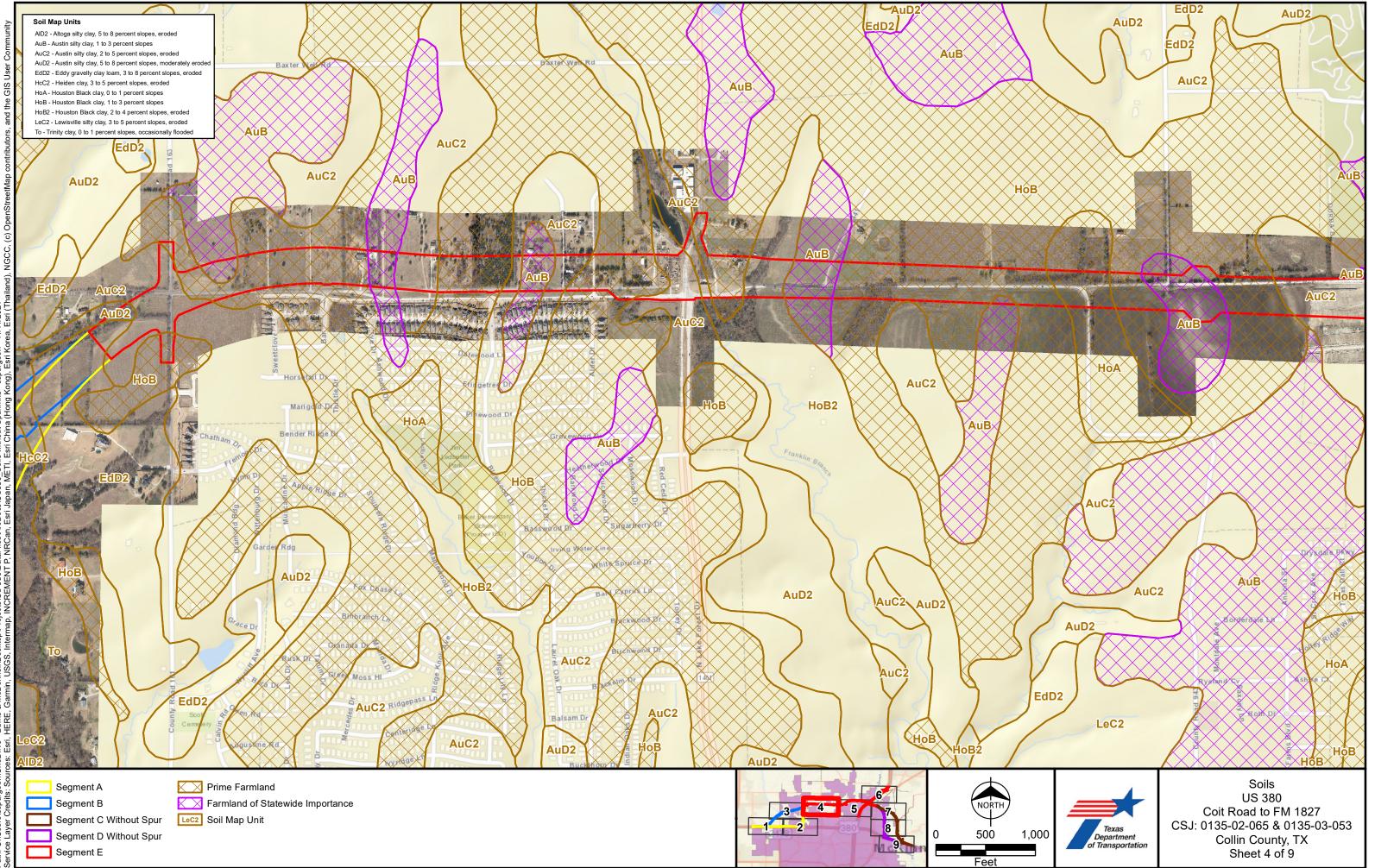
FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS

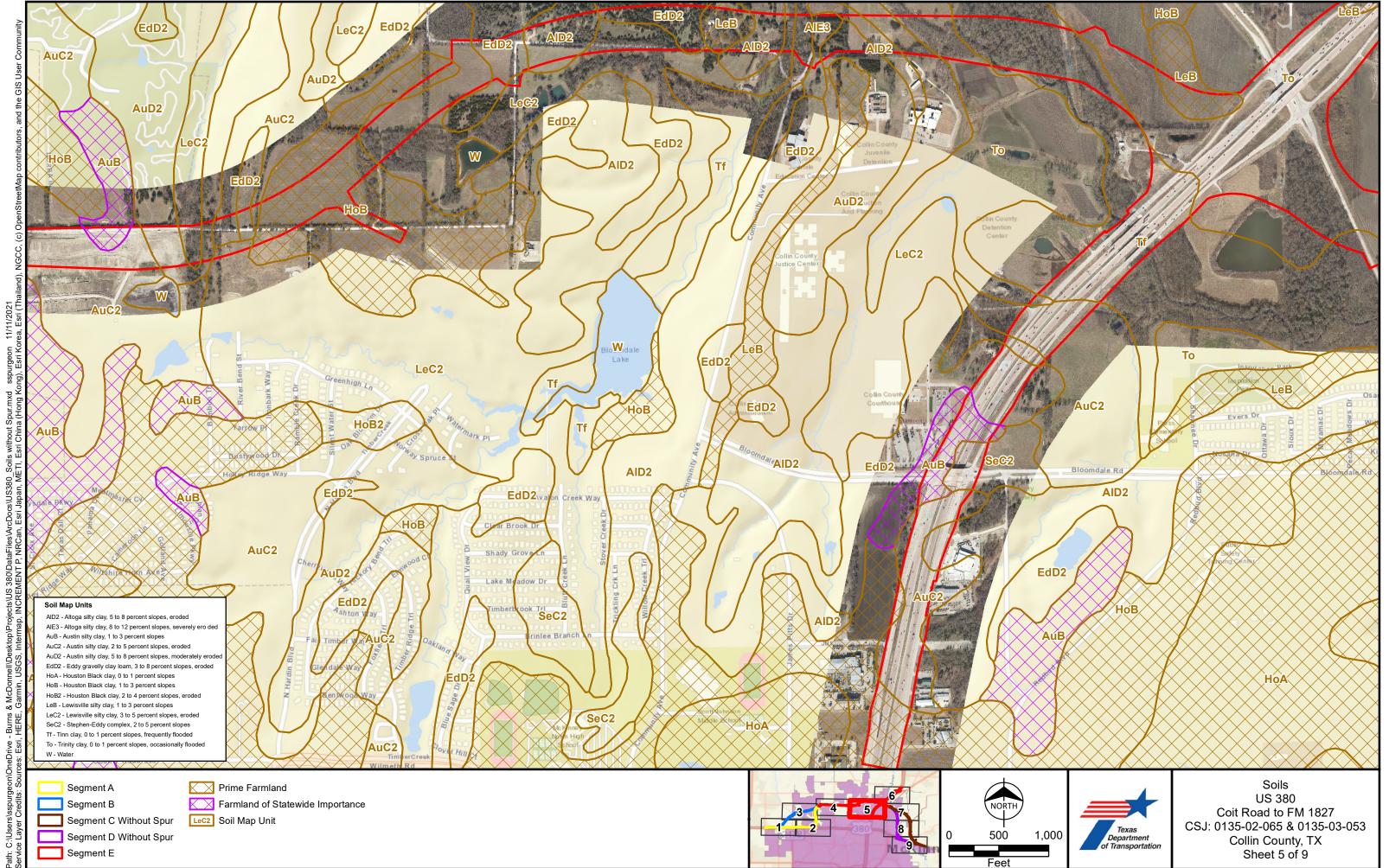
PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)			Date of Land Evaluation Request Sheet 1 of						
1. Name of Project			5. Federal Agency Involved						
2. Type of Project			6. County and State						
PART II (To be completed by NRC	CS)		Date Request Received by NRCS 2.			2. Person	2. Person Completing Form		
Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmlar (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this for			,	res No]	4. Acres Ir	rigated Average	Farm Size	
5. Major Crop(s)	·	6. Farmable Land		nment Jurisdiction		7. Amount	of Farmland As D	efined in FPPA	
		Acres:		%		Acres:		%	
8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Us	sed	9. Name of Local	Site Asse	ssment System		10. Date L	and Evaluation Re	eturned by NRCS	
PART III (To be completed by Fed	deral Agency)			Alternati					
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Direct	etly			Purple	Brov	vn	Blue	Gold	
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indir		Services			+			 	
C. Total Acres In Corridor	ectly, Of 10 Receive C	ei vices			+				
PART IV (To be completed by NI	RCS) Land Evaluation	on Information							
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Fa						+			
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local									
C. Percentage Of Farmland in Coun		To Be Converted	1		1				
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt.	·								
PART V (To be completed by NRCS)) Land Evaluation Info	rmation Criterion	Relative						
value of Farmland to Be Serviced of									
PART VI (To be completed by Fede	eral Agency) Corrido	r N	l aximum						
Assessment Criteria (These criteria	a are explained in 7 (CFR 658.5(c))	Points						
1. Area in Nonurban Use			15						
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use			10						
Percent Of Corridor Being Fare	med		20						
4. Protection Provided By State A	and Local Government		20						
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Con	npared To Average		10						
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farm	land		25						
7. Availablility Of Farm Support S	ervices		5						
8. On-Farm Investments			20						
Effects Of Conversion On Farr			25						
10. Compatibility With Existing Ag			10		-	-		<u> </u>	
TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSME			160		<u> </u>				
PART VII (To be completed by Fed	deral Agency)								
Relative Value Of Farmland (From	Part V)		100						
Total Corridor Assessment (From F assessment)	Part VI above or a local	site	160						
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above	2 lines)		260						
Corridor Selected:	2. Total Acres of Farm	lands to be 3	. Date Of S	Selection:	/ \//ac	· A Local Site	Assessment Use	<u> </u>	
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						YES	NO		
5. Reason For Selection:									
Signature of Person Completing this F	Part:					DATE			
NOTE: Complete a form for ea	ch segment with r	nore than one	Alternat	e Corridor					

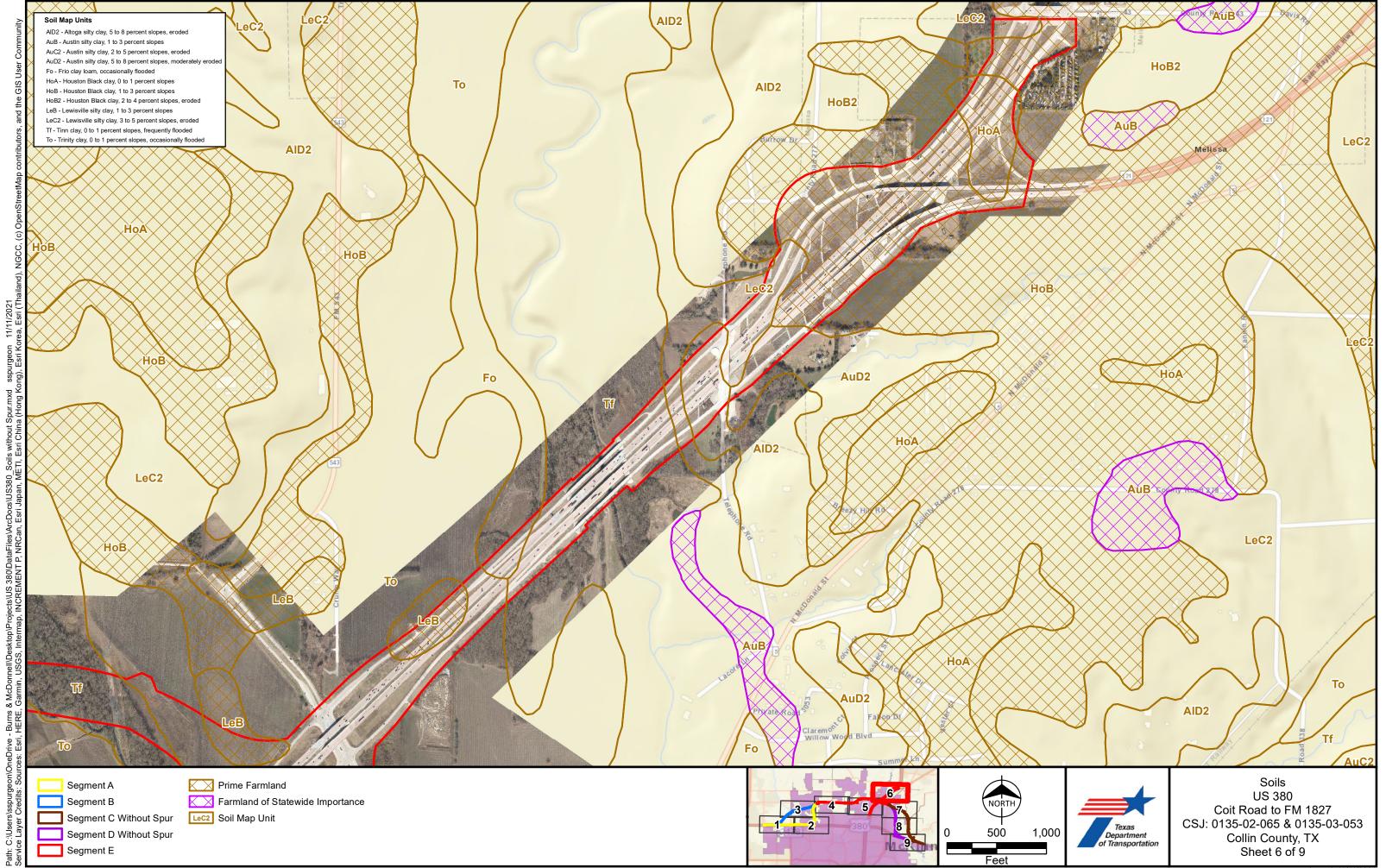


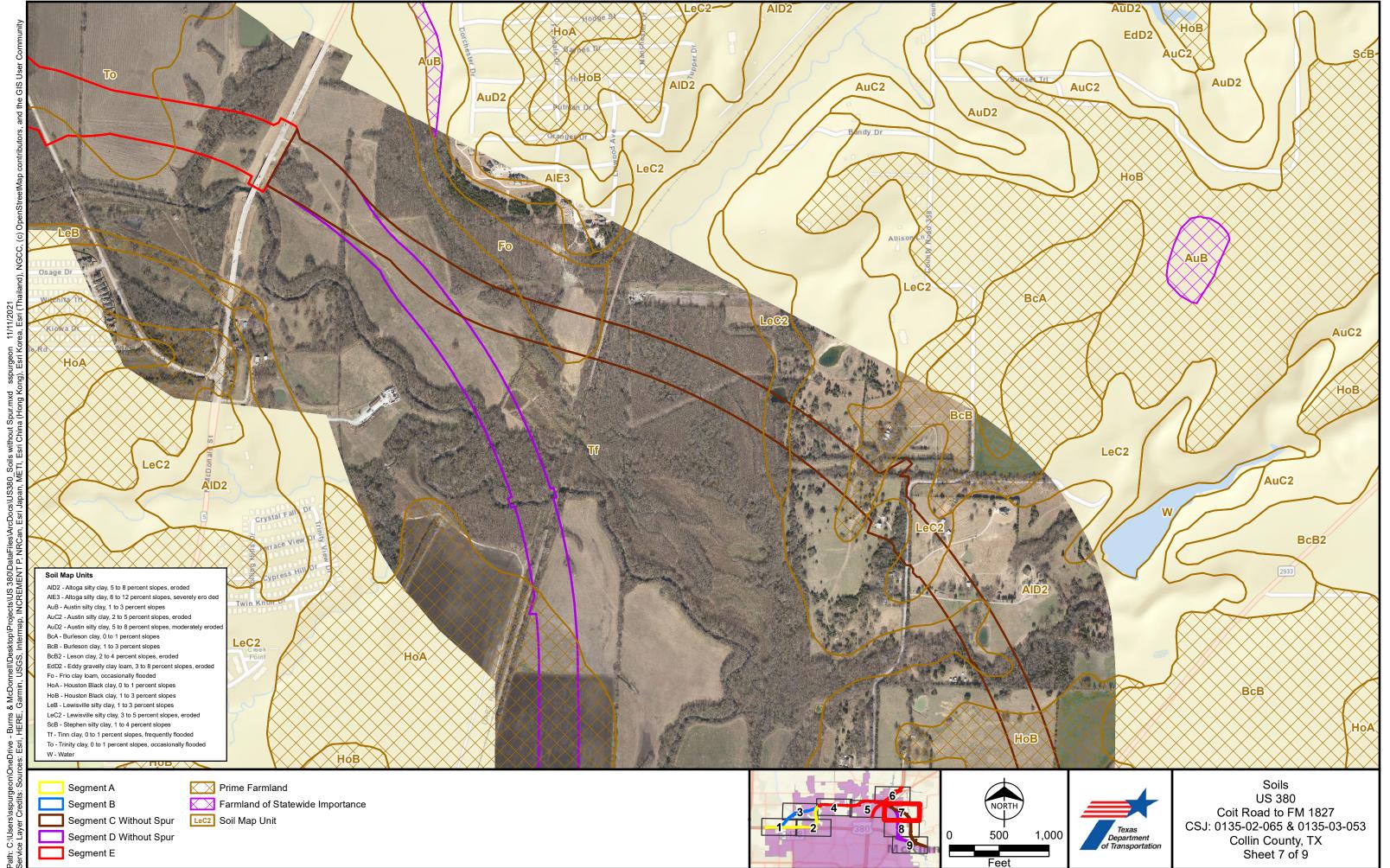


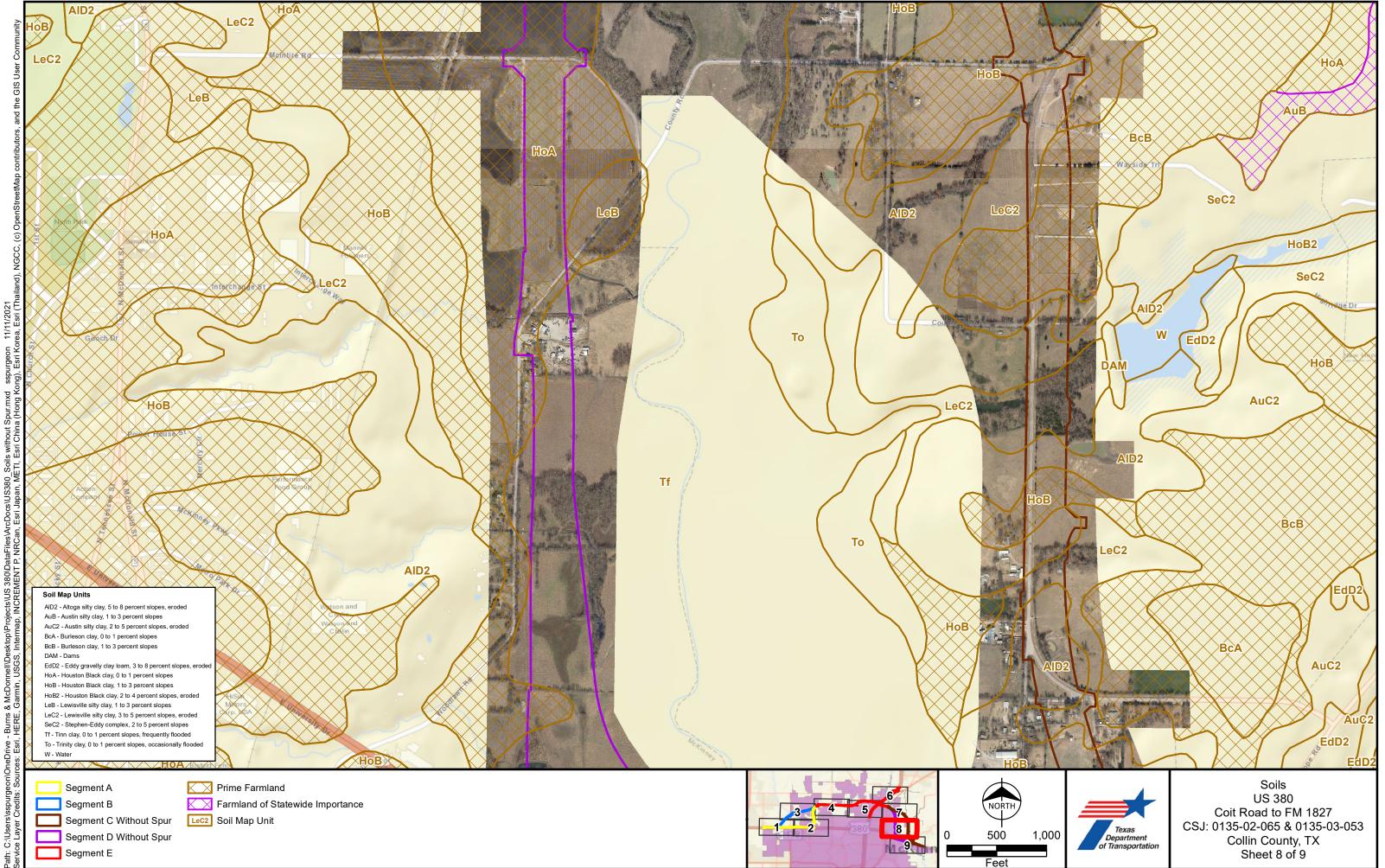


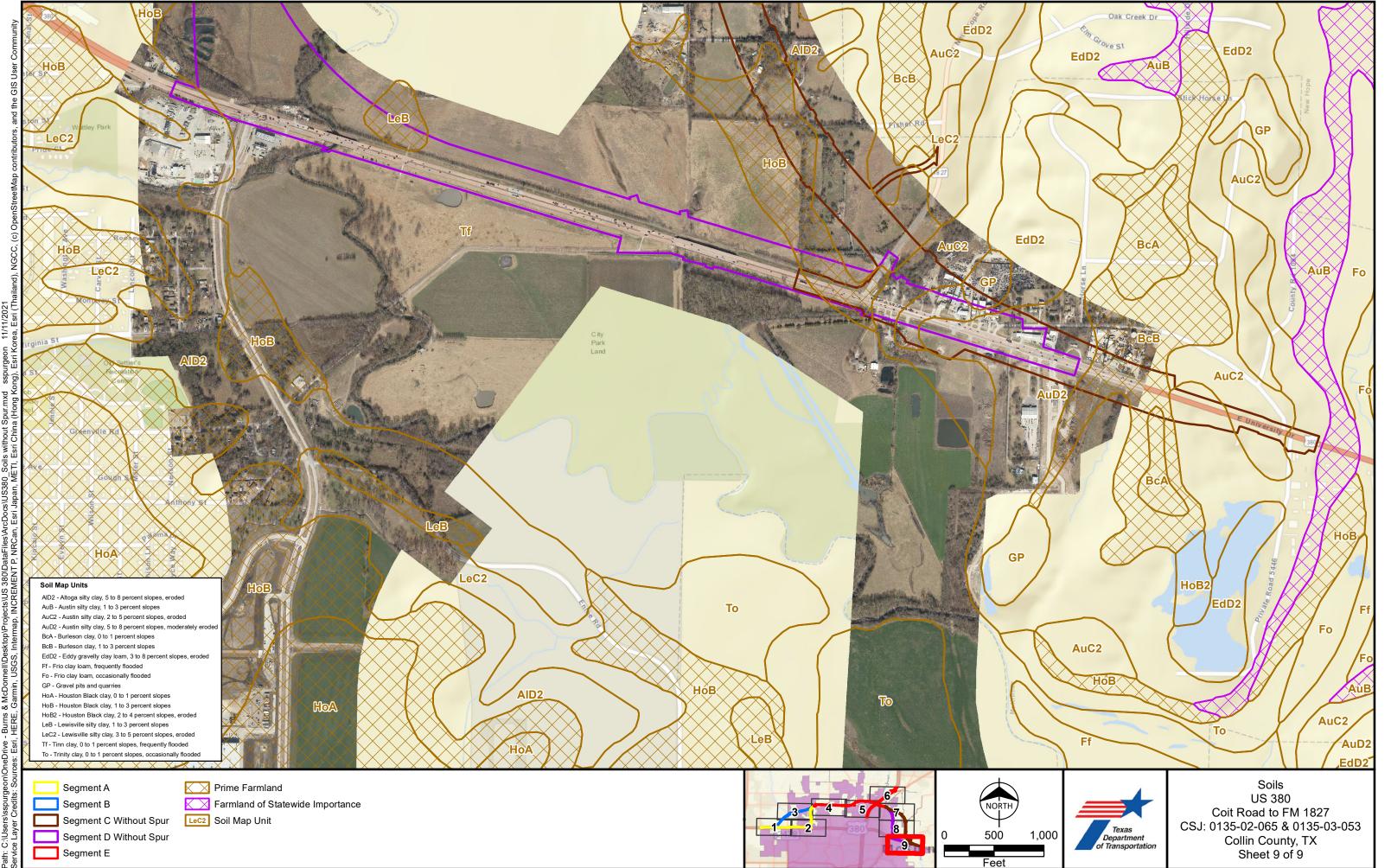












CORRIDOR - TYPE SITE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The following criteria are to be used for projects that have a linear or corridor - type site configuration connecting two distant points, and crossing several different tracts of land. These include utility lines, highways, railroads, stream improvements, and flood control systems. Federal agencies are to assess the suitability of each corridor - type site or design alternative for protection as farmland along with the land evaluation information.

(1) How much land is in nonurban use within a radius of 1.0 mile from where the project is intended?
 More than 90 percent - 15 points
 90 to 20 percent - 14 to 1 point(s)
 Less than 20 percent - 0 points

(2) How much of the perimeter of the site borders on land in nonurban use? More than 90 percent - 10 points 90 to 20 percent - 9 to 1 point(s) Less than 20 percent - 0 points

(3) How much of the site has been farmed (managed for a scheduled harvest or timber activity) more than five of the last 10 years?

More than 90 percent - 20 points 90 to 20 percent - 19 to 1 point(s) Less than 20 percent - 0 points

(4) Is the site subject to state or unit of local government policies or programs to protect farmland or covered by private programs to protect farmland?

Site is protected - 20 points Site is not protected - 0 points

(5) Is the farm unit(s) containing the site (before the project) as large as the average - size farming unit in the County? (Average farm sizes in each county are available from the NRCS field offices in each state. Data are from the latest available Census of Agriculture, Acreage or Farm Units in Operation with \$1,000 or more in sales.)
As large or larger - 10 points

Below average - deduct 1 point for each 5 percent below the average, down to 0 points if 50 percent or more below average - 9 to 0 points

(6) If the site is chosen for the project, how much of the remaining land on the farm will become non-farmable because of interference with land patterns?

Acreage equal to more than 25 percent of acres directly converted by the project - 25 points

Acreage equal to between 25 and 5 percent of the acres directly converted by the project - 1 to 24 point(s)

Acreage equal to less than 5 percent of the acres directly converted by the project - 0 points

(7) Does the site have available adequate supply of farm support services and markets, i.e., farm suppliers, equipment dealers, processing and storage facilities and farmer's markets?

All required services are available - 5 points

Some required services are available - 4 to 1 point(s)

No required services are available - 0 points

(8) Does the site have substantial and well-maintained on-farm investments such as barns, other storage building, fruit trees and vines, field terraces, drainage, irrigation, waterways, or other soil and water conservation measures?

High amount of on-farm investment - 20 points

Moderate amount of on-farm investment - 19 to 1 point(s)

No on-farm investment - 0 points

(9) Would the project at this site, by converting farmland to nonagricultural use, reduce the demand for farm support services so as to jeopardize the continued existence of these support services and thus, the viability of the farms remaining in the area? Substantial reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted - 25 points Some reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted - 1 to 24 point(s)

No significant reduction in demand for support services if the site is converted - 0 points

(10) Is the kind and intensity of the proposed use of the site sufficiently incompatible with agriculture that it is likely to contribute to the eventual conversion of surrounding farmland to nonagricultural use?

Proposed project is incompatible to existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 10 points

Proposed project is tolerable to existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 9 to 1 point(s)

Proposed project is fully compatible with existing agricultural use of surrounding farmland - 0 points

0135-02-065 etc. US 380 - Farmland Conversion (60% Schematic ROW)			Segment A	Segment B	Segment C W/Spur	Segment C W/O Spur	Segment D W/Spur	Segment D W/O Spur	Segment E
Soil Symbol Unit Symbol	Soil Map Unit Name	Farmland Class	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
AID2	Altoga silty clay, 5 to 8 percent slopes, eroded	Not prime farmland	34.24	18.36	68.87	68.87	8.72	2.54	21.73
AIE3	Altoga silty clay, 8 to 12 percent slopes, severely ero ded	Not prime farmland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.90
AuB	Austin silty clay, 1 to 3 percent slopes	Farmland of statewide importance	14.94	1.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
AuC2	Austin silty clay, 2 to 5 percent slopes, eroded	Not prime farmland	39.17	27.66	17.14	9.82	3.23	3.23	53.59
AuD2	Austin silty clay, 5 to 8 percent slopes, moderately eroded	Not prime farmland	53.95	55.14	23.27	23.19	11.68	9.47	12.28
ВсА	Burleson clay, 0 to 1 percent slopes	All areas are prime farmland	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00
ВсВ	Burleson clay, 1 to 3 percent slopes	All areas are prime farmland	0.00	0.00	24.38	24.38	0.00	0.00	0.00
EdD2	Eddy gravelly clay loam, 3 to 8 percent slopes, eroded	Not prime farmland	20.37	13.03	6.30	6.09	4.22	4.22	19.19
Fo	Frio clay loam, occasionally flooded	Not prime farmland	0.00	0.00	6.02	6.02	0.00	0.00	3.05
GP	Gravel pits and quarries	Not prime farmland	0.00	0.00	1.17	1.17	0.10	0.10	0.00
HcC2	Heiden clay, 3 to 5 percent slopes, eroded	Not prime farmland	1.87	18.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
НоА	Houston Black clay, 0 to 1 percent slopes	All areas are prime farmland	0.00	8.67	0.00	0.00	48.21	48.21	17.04
НоВ	Houston Black clay, 1 to 3 percent slopes	All areas are prime farmland	44.30	37.63	32.00	32.00	10.33	10.33	143.44
HoB2	Houston Black clay, 2 to 4 percent slopes, eroded	Not prime farmland	14.00	14.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.27
LeB	Lewisville silty clay, 1 to 3 percent slopes	All areas are prime farmland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.36	3.36	14.45
LeC2	Lewisville silty clay, 3 to 5 percent slopes, eroded	Not prime farmland	5.15	0.57	33.80	33.80	0.00	0.00	38.66
SeC2	Stephen-Eddy complex, 2 to 5 percent slopes	Not prime farmland	1.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.33
Tf	Tinn clay, 0 to 1 percent slopes, frequently flooded	Not prime farmland	0.00	0.00	73.08	51.16	193.98	180.97	77.94
То	Trinity clay, 0 to 1 percent slopes, occasionally flooded	Not prime farmland	23.86	24.74	9.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	94.78
W	Water	Not prime farmland	0.00	1.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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		Total acres in Corridor	253.65	221.90	295.98	256.71	283.83	262.44	531.66
		Total Acres w/in McKinney Urbanized Area	253.65	221.90	227.28	189.39	274.92	253.62	414.75
		Total Acres of Prime Farmland	44.30	46.30	56.59	56.59	61.90	61.90	174.93
		Total Acres of Statewide Important Farmland	14.94	1.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00

	Purple Alternative A+E+D	Blue Alternative A+E+C	Brown Alternative B+E+C	Gold Alternative B+E+D
prime farmland w/Spur	281.13 ac	275.82 ac	277.82 ac	283.13 ac
prime farmland w/o Spur	281.13 ac	275.82 ac	277.82 ac	283.13 ac
statewide important w/Spur	39.94 ac	39.94 ac	26.98 ac	26.98 ac
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