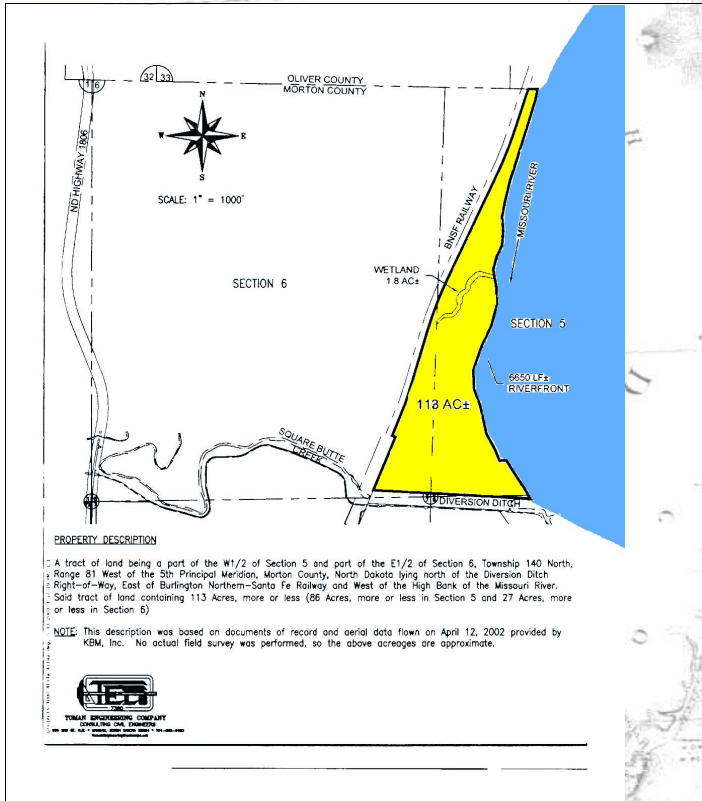


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The Trust coordinated the first Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP) in North Dakota.

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) Farm and Ranch Lands Program is a voluntary program that helps farmers and ranchers keep their land in agriculture. The program provides matching funds with existing farm and land protection programs to purchase conservation easements. FRPP is authorized in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. The American Foundation for Wildlife (AFW) purchased the conservation easement from landowners north of Mandan in Morton County. A long list of coalition partners made the project possible. Noteworthy among them are the ND Conservation Fund and

Foundation, established by the late Gary Raedeke, and the Dacotah Chapter of the Sierra Club. The landowners agreed not to convert their land to nonagricultural uses and to develop and implement a conservation plan. The landowners retained all rights to use the property for agricultural purposes. The Trust coordinated all contacts and agreements with landowners, provided matching funds, and coordinated the easement closing.

It is our hope that this project is the first of multiple phases of land protection that will preserve a portion of the view shed of the historic Double Ditch Indian Village.

