

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
FOR THE PRAIRIE ISLAND INDIAN COMMUNITY  
NORTH ELK RUN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND  
FEE-TO-TRUST PROJECT**

Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has approved a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Prairie Island Indian Community (Tribe) North Elk Run Community Development and Fee-to-Trust Project pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 United States Code [USC] §4321 et seq.). The Proposed Action is the acquisition by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) of approximately 781 acres partially located in unincorporated Olmsted County and partially located in the City of Pine Island, Minnesota (Project Site) in federal trust status for the Prairie Island Indian Community (PIIC; Tribe) for tribal residential and community development purposes (Proposed Action). The EA has been completed in accordance with requirements set forth in NEPA (42 USC § 4321 et seq.); the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR § 1500 et seq.); and the BIA NEPA Handbook (59 Indian Affairs Manual 3-H). The Project Site is located directly east of Highway 52 and is partially within unincorporated Olmsted County and partially within the City of Pine Island, Minnesota. The Project Site includes land on either side of White Pine Road SE and either side of E White Bridge Road.

Based on the EA, it has been determined that the Proposed Action will not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, therefore, an EIS is not required. The FONSI is a finding on environmental effects, not a decision to proceed, therefore it cannot be appealed. 25 CFR Part 2.7 requires a 30-day appeal period after the decision to proceed with the action is made before the action may be implemented. Appeal information will be made publicly available when the decision to proceed is made.

The EA and FONSI are available for public review online at <http://www.PIICCommunityEA.com>.

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