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March 20, 2023

RE: Tree Clearing Project  
Drainage District No. 37 (Clay County, Iowa)  
JWA Project No: E-22021

Dear Landowner:

We write to inform you that the tree clearing project for Drainage District No. 37 (DD37) in Clay County will commence very soon, as early as this week. You own land abutting/adjacent to the ditch in the area where work will be taking place. Please read through the information below and contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

**Contract:**

Bids were opened for the Drainage District No. 37 (DD37) tree clearing project on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The contract was awarded for the Bid Alternate to the low bidder Reutzel Excavating, Inc. in the amount of **\$828,376.50**. The contract completion date is June 1, 2024.

**Project Description:**

In general, the work consists of clearing trees growing within and adjacent to the channel of the Main Open Ditch of DD37, along with the construction of two (2) permanent access lanes on the west side of 300<sup>th</sup> Ave. The intent is to remove the trees that are currently a problem, those that will be a problem soon, and those that are necessary in order for equipment access and navigation. Herbicide will be applied to the stumps of trees that are sawn. In general, the extent of planned tree clearing is 75 feet from the center of the channel. However, no more trees will be removed than necessary as part of this project. If you wish to have additional trees removed by the contractor you will need to make separate arrangements with them directly, at your expense.

**Fencing:**

We note that there are existing fences in place along the ditch which will need to be removed in order to complete the work. If you have fences that are actively used to keep in animals, or if you have any other concerns or specific requests, we ask that you contact the contractor for coordination. Otherwise, best professional judgment will be used and fences in very poor condition will be removed and buried.

**Access/Work Limits/Damages:**

The contractor will need to have access to the ditch at the several road crossings along its length. See the enclosed map for anticipated access locations. If you have concerns, please contact the contractor, or myself. Work limits are what is reasonably necessary to complete the work. Every effort will be made to minimize crop damages. However, if crop damages occur, they will be measured and documented, and reimbursed as part of the completion hearing once construction is completed. We recommend that you plant crops as you normally would. Please note that damages within the 150 ft ditch right-of-way are not eligible for reimbursement, although this would apply to very little, if any, area.

**Contact Information:**

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Sincerely,

**JACOBSON-WESTERGARD & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Collin Klingbeil".

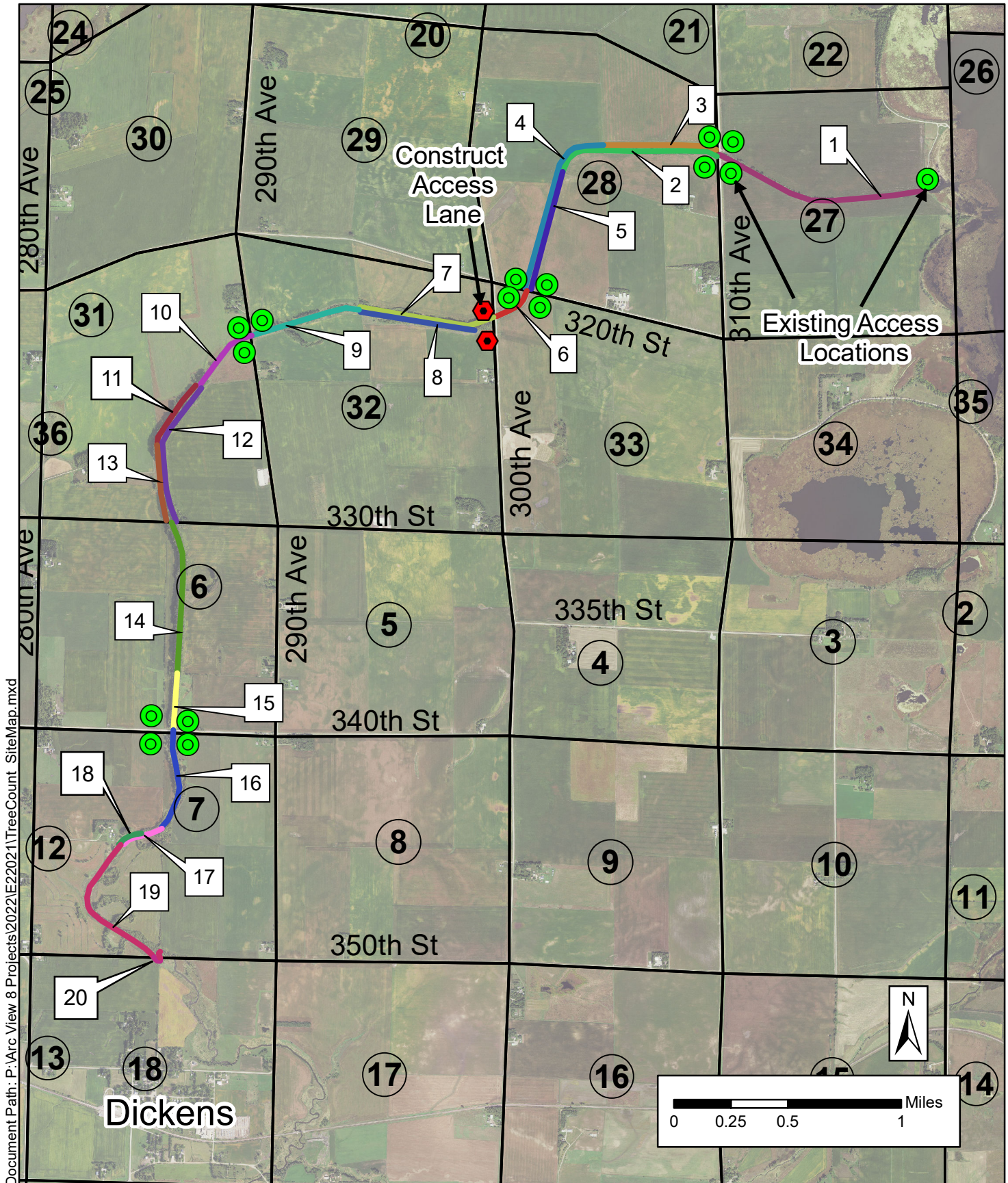
Collin J. Klingbeil, P.E.

Cc: Trustees of Drainage District No. 37  
Reutzel Excavating, Inc., Contractor



# Drainage District No. 37 Tree Clearing Sites, and Project Access

Clay County, Iowa



# Tree Count Site Guide

Site #	Landowner	Bank	Location Description	S-T-R
1	Jacques Farms, LLC	Both	From outlet of Trumbull to County Rd N14	27-97-35
2	Swan, Robert & Lynn Hunter	Right	From N14 downstream 4,000 ft	28-97-35
3	Crouse Family Trust	Left	From N14 downstream 2,700 ft	28-97-35
4	Wyatt, Jean & David Farms	Left	From Crouse property line to 320th St	28-97-35
5	Metcalf, John	Right	From Swan property line to 320th St	28-97-35
6	Metcalf, John	Both	From 320th St to 300th Ave crossing	33-97-35
7	Kendall, Loretta Trust	Left	From 300th Ave about 3,150 ft west	32-97-35
8	Derner, Kathleen	Right	From about 600 ft west of 300th Ave about 2,500 ft west	32-97-35
9	Melanie's LLC	Both	from Kendall & Derner property line west to 290th Ave	32-97-35
10	Hanson, Lanny & Nancy	Both	From 290th Ave to south parcel line (~1,700 ft)	31-97-35
11	Hanson, Lanny & Nancy	Left	From end of site 10 about 1,850 ft downstream	31-97-35
12	BWT Holdings, LLLP	Right	From end of site 10 to south line of S31 (~3,500 ft)	31-97-35
13	Groenewold, Sherry	Left	From end of site 11 to south line of S31	31-97-35
14	Toland	Both	From south line of S31 south about 3/4 mile	6-96-35
15	Sorenson, Jon & Linda, Baum Diane	Both	From site 14 south to 340th St (about 1/4 mile)	6-96-35
16	Sorenson, Jon & Linda, Baum Diane	Both	From 340th St south about 2,300 ft	7-96-35
17	Loudermilk, Jennifer	Both/Right	Both sides From site 16 downstream 500 ft, then right bank for another 500 ft	7-96-35
18	Galbraith, Lynn L	Left	left bank opposite 500 feet from site 17	7-96-35
19	Chambers, Colleen	Both	From site 17/18 downstream to south line of S7	7-96-35
20	Jo's Family Farms, LLC	Both	Meander in NE NE 1/4 of section 18	18-96-35