

June 12, 2014

#### RE: A-Mill Artist Lofts Hydroelectric Project – Joint Agency Meeting Friday, June 27, 2014 at 10:00 am – Minneapolis Central Library

To Whom It May Concern,

Minneapolis Leased Housing Associates IV, Limited Partnership is pursuing a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license to construct and operate the A-Mill Artist Lofts Hydroelectric Project, located in Minneapolis, Minnesota on the east bank of the Mississippi River at Upper St. Anthony Falls. An application is being prepared for a license to rehabilitate existing facilities and generate hydropower solely for the needs of A-Mill Artist Lofts. The existing intake structure is located at the river edge near 219 SE Main Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414. An existing tunnel from this location conveys water to a drop shaft in the A-Mill Artist Lofts at 301 Main Street SE. There is an existing tailrace in the back water of the Mississippi River below A-Mill Lofts. To engage with the public and resource agencies, a consultation meeting has been scheduled to solicit comments on its proposed license application. This meeting will take place at the time and location described below:

# Friday, June 27 at 10:00 am at the Minneapolis Central Library, Doty Board Room, located at 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis.

We have enclosed a meeting agenda, the project description, and several figures illustrating the project components for your information and review. Additional project information is available at: *www.amillartistloftshydroproject.com*. If you have any questions, you may contact me at (763) 354-5640, or via email at *amillartistloftshydroproject@gmail.com*.

Best regards,

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Enclosures:

Meeting Agenda Project Description Project Figures A Mill Artist Lofts Hydroelectric Project Joint Agency Meeting Agenda June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Purpose of the Meeting
- 3. Introductions
- 4. Description of the Proposed Project
- 5. Planned Studies
- 6. Discussion

#### A Mill Artist Lofts Hydroelectric Project

### **Project Description**

## June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014

#### 1. A-Mill Artist Lofts Redevelopment Overview:

- The A Mill Artist Lofts project is an adaptive reuse of the Pillsbury A-Mill on the Mississippi River in Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Building was completed in 1881 and was used to mill flour for Pillsbury
- Building is being redeveloped into 251 Live-Work Affordable Artist Lofts
- Total development cost of \$156 million
- Financed with a combination of Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Federal Historic Tax Credits, and State Historic Tax Credits

#### 2. History of Water Resource:

- Built in 1881 with the construction of the A-Mill
- Two drop shafts provided mechanical power to flour milling operations
- Bulkhead installed in approximately 1956, switched at that time to electricity to power flour milling operations
- Water rights date back to 1856 when MN was a territory

#### 3. Dominium Ownership of A-Mill & Tunnels:

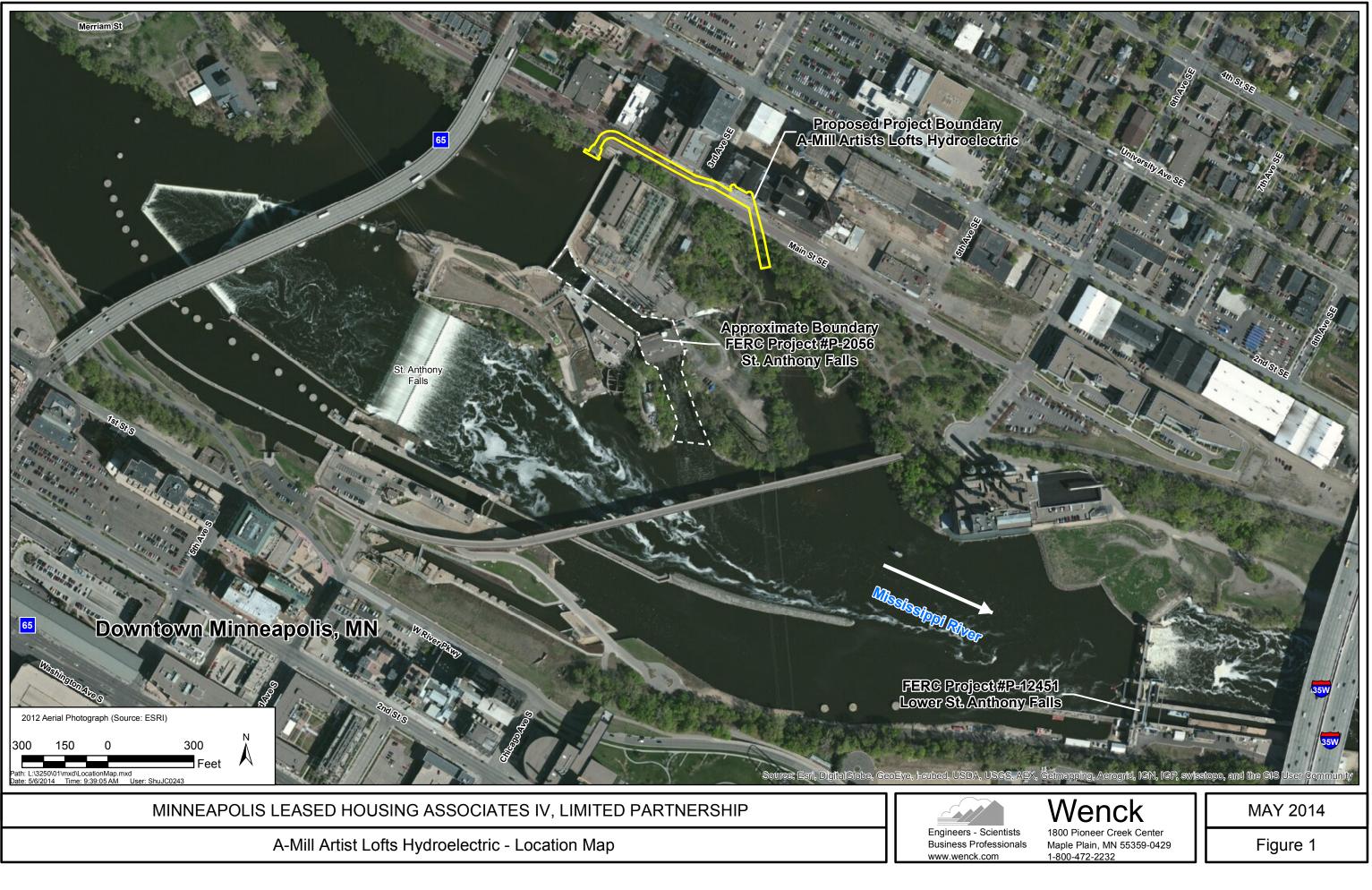
- Fee simple for A-Mill, including drop shafts and other portions of the infrastructure
- 999 Year Lease for water rights (12.44 mill powers or approximately 300 cfs)
  Includes rights to maintain, repair, improve the tunnels

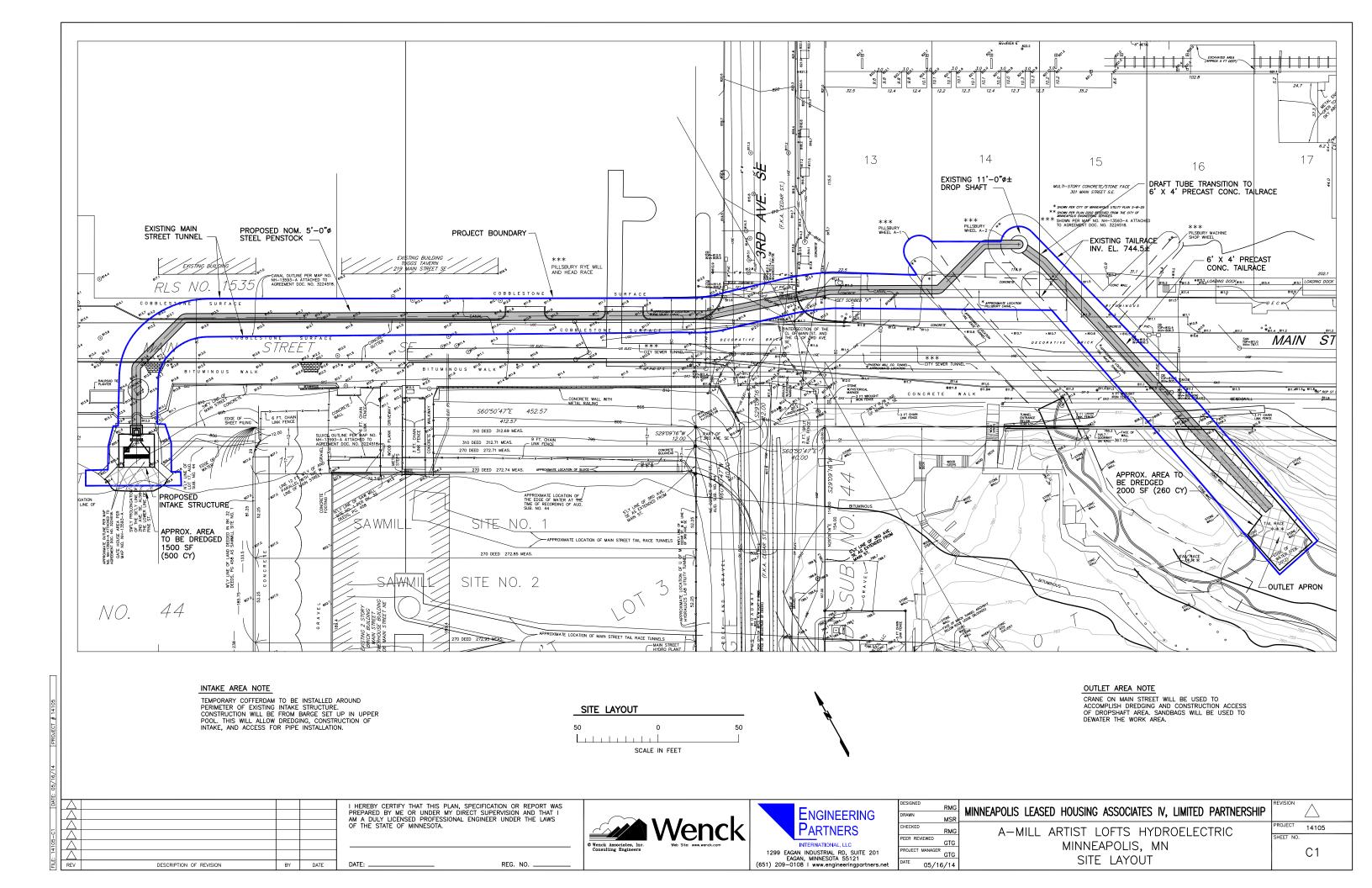
#### 4. Desired Outcome:

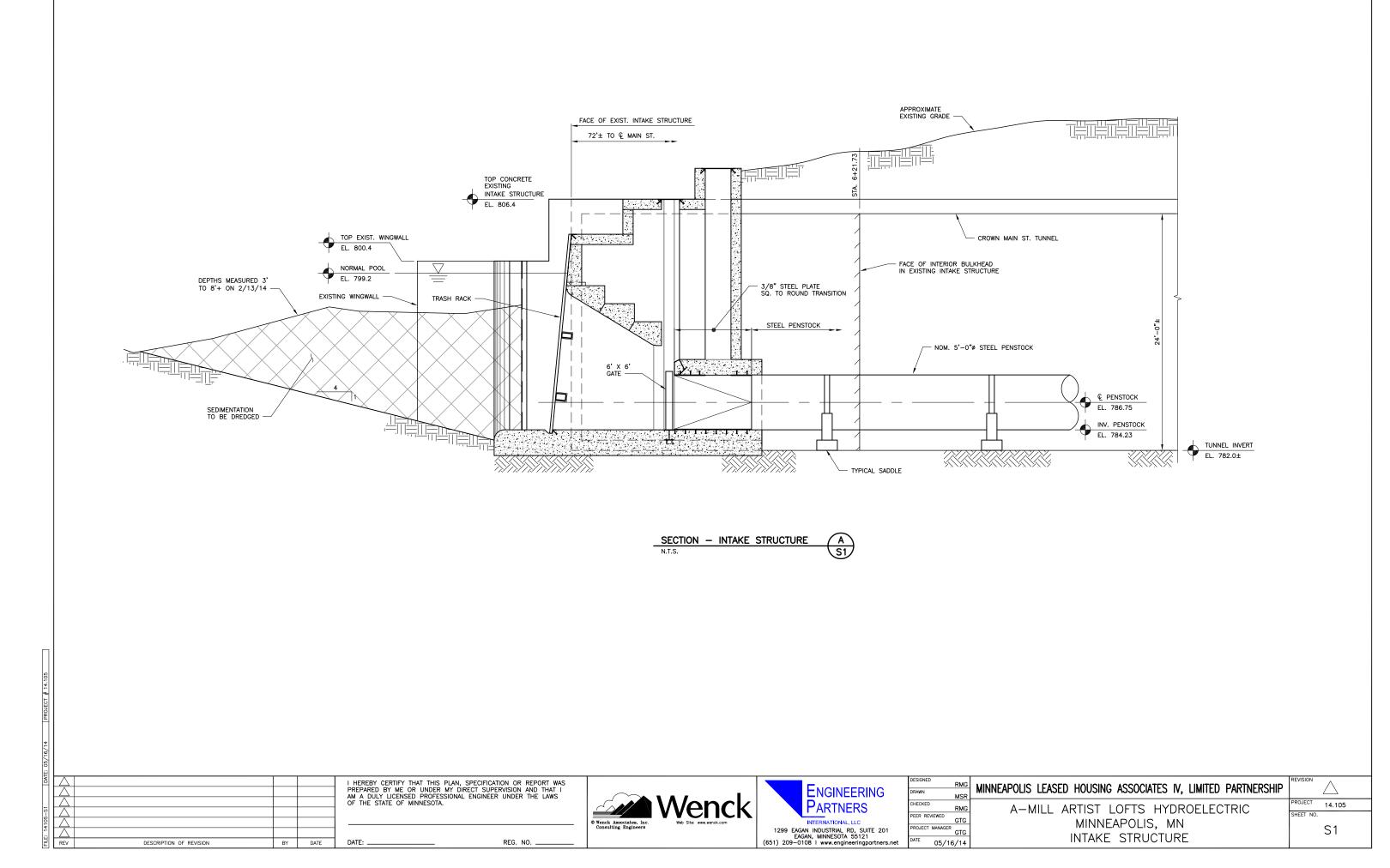
- Produce hydroelectricity for all 251 units and common areas in the complex
- Roughly 600 kW utilizing the existing historic infrastructure
  Utilizing approximately 200 cfs of 300 available cfs
- Designed to not produce excess electricity
- Possible Interpretive Center/Museum in A-Mill Basement

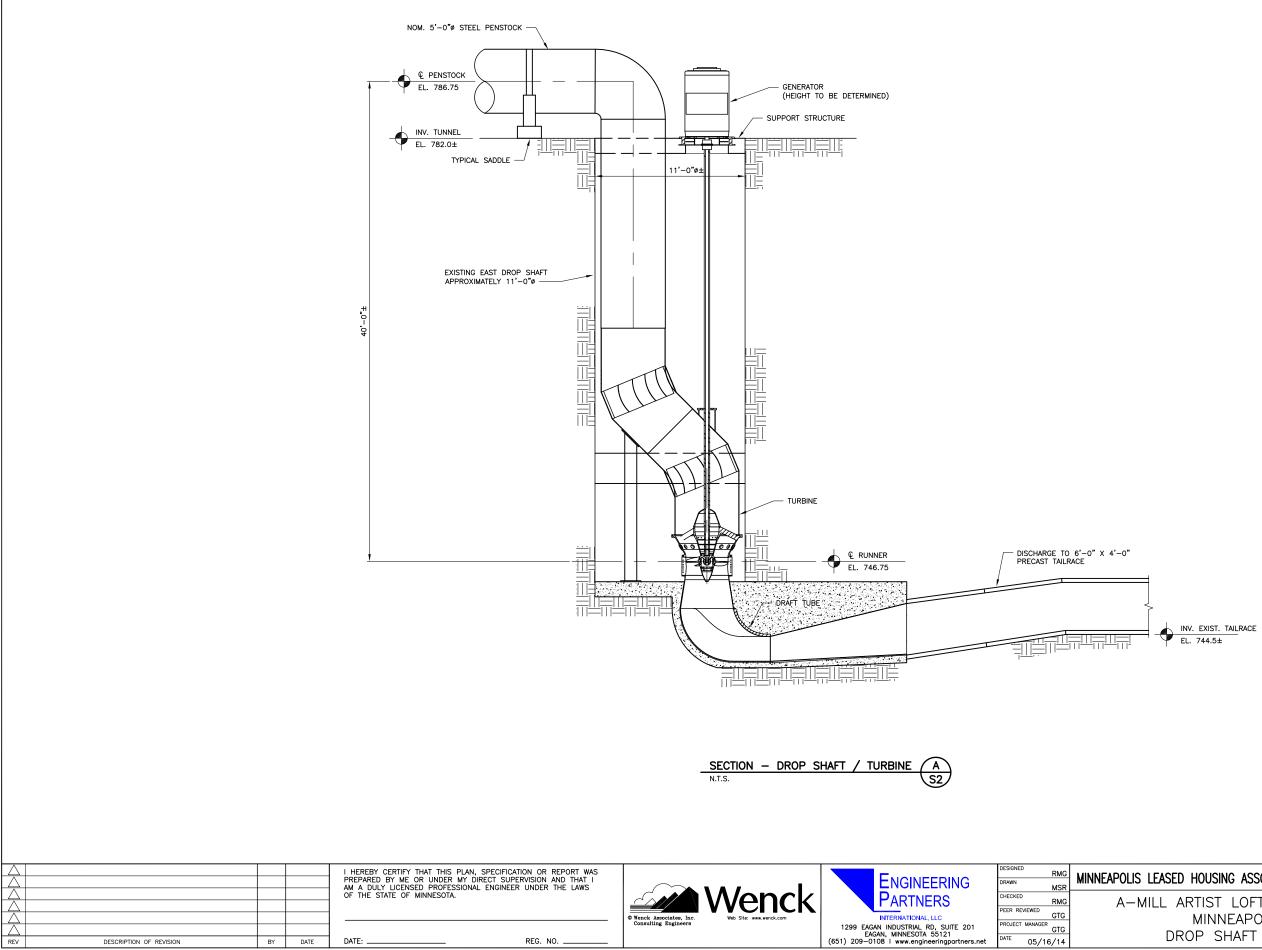
#### 5. Timing:

- Project design and planning currently underway
- Hoping to begin construction in early 2015
- Project needs to completed and placed in service prior to the end of 2015 to claim Historic and Low Income tax credits



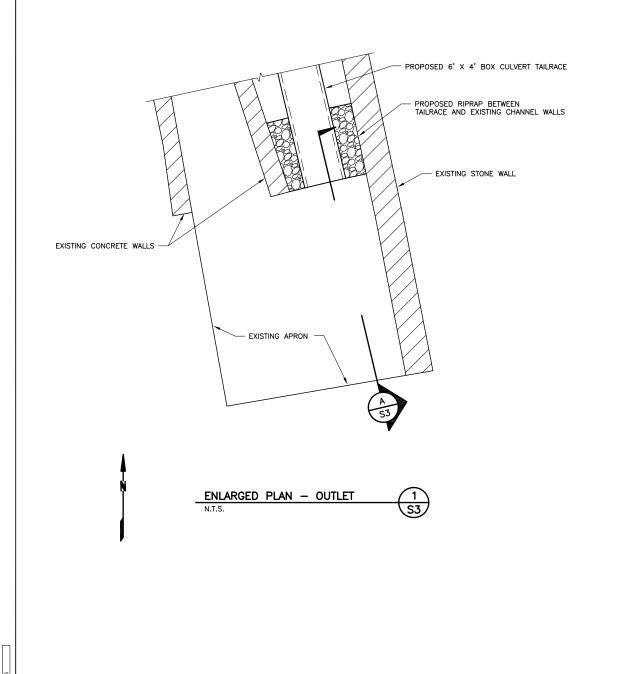


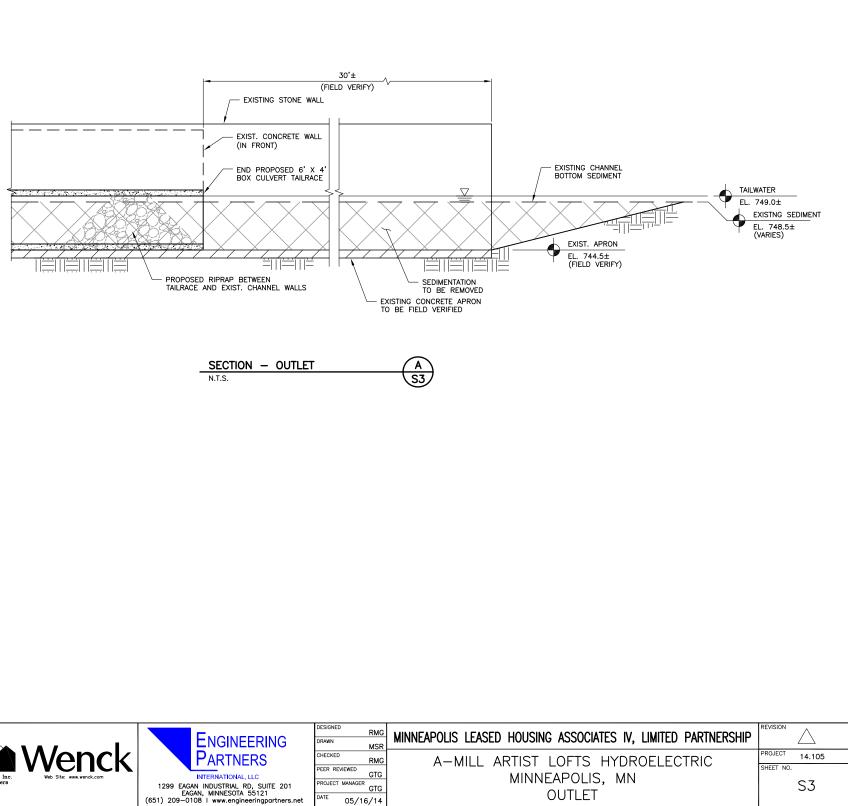


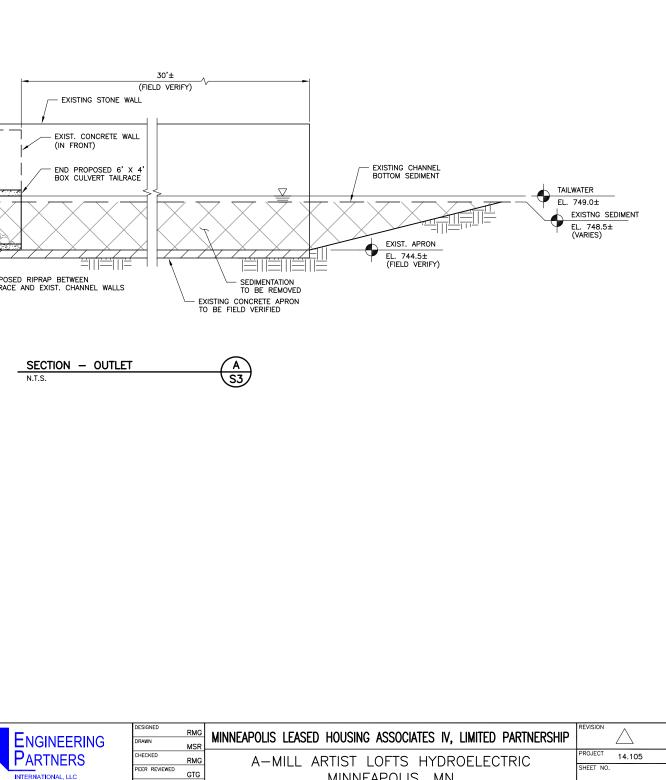


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