

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING DATE: July 21, 2022

FROM: Laura Fischer, General Manager

SUBJECT: Authorize the General Manager to solicit proposals for Urban Greening Grant Tree Planting Project; and upon receipt of proposal authorize the General Manager to award the contract to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder.

ISSUE:

Shall the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to solicit proposals for Urban Greening Grant Tree Planting Project; and upon receipt of proposal authorize the General Manager to award the contract to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder?

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to solicit proposals for Urban Greening Grant Tree Planting Project; and upon receipt of proposal authorize the General Manager to award the contract to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder.

FISCAL IMPACT: The 25% match is included in the budget for each fund.

Funding Reserved for Project via Resolution 2022-08 establishes a reserve budget for the tree planting project.

BACKGROUND:

This project is included in the FY 2022-23 Capital Improvement Plan and is funded via Resolution 2022-09 Reserve Budget. The Board has previously approved the grant application and matching funds.

Attached to this report you will find the information on five varieties of trees that may be requested for the parks. Staff gathered this information with the help of the Rachel Garewal, at County Agriculture Department.

1. **Tabachin Tree-** (From Mrs. Garewal at County) Royal Poinciana aka Tabachin (Delonix regia) – pretty flowers for a short time, good shade. Frost sensitive. Somewhat drought tolerant.
2. **Bottle Tree-** HPUD Staff recommended this one we have this tree at our Rec Center and it is very easy to maintain, and it is a very beautiful tree.
3. **Acacia Tree-** (From Mrs. Garewal at County) Acacia – many varieties available – they are drought tolerant and generally low maintenance trees. There are lots of varieties to choose from and she would recommend them all.
4. **Hibiscus Tiliaceus-** (From Mrs. Garewal at Ag Dept)- They are fast growing, very tropical looking (heat tolerant, dark green leaves, thick canopy, pretty flowers). They tend to grow as more of a bush, but can be pruned up into a tree for shade. They don't get very tall, but they are frost sensitive.

5. **Indian Rosewood**- HPUD Staff recommended. This tree is also known as the Sisu it's an evergreen and very drought resistant. HPUD staff recommended that this tree not be planted near any underground sprinkler lines since it likes to wrap around them.

Staff is requesting authorization for approval of the contract at this time. This will save staff time and help us get the trees planted by the end of October.

CONCLUSION:

As this project was included in the capital improvement budget for FY 2022-23, staff recommends authorizing staff to submit a Request for Proposal for the Tree Planting Project; and to authorize the General Manager to award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

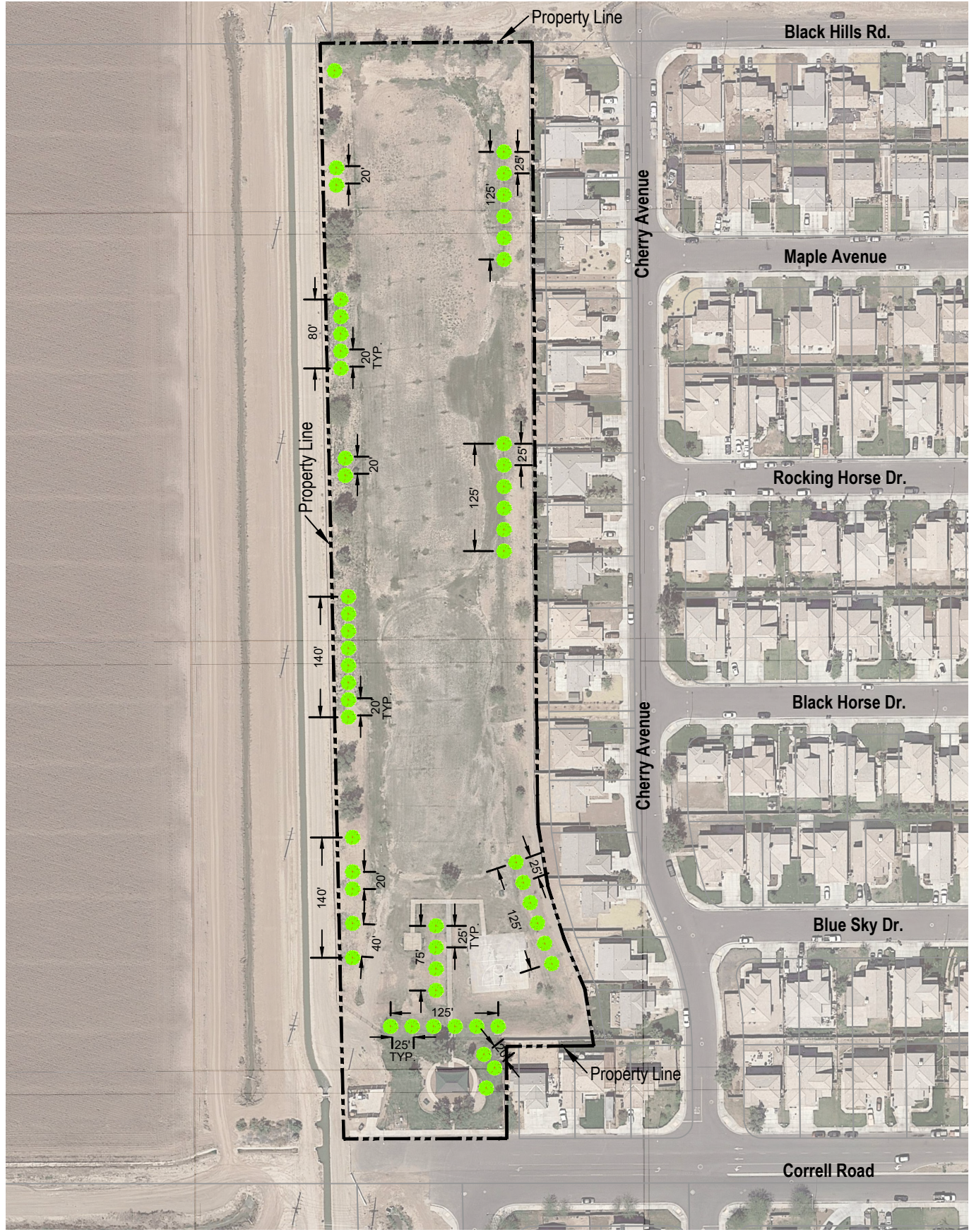
ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) Do not authorize the General Manager to solicit proposals for the planting of the tree project.
- 2) Do not authorize the General Manager to award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, but require the proposal be brought back to the Board for consideration and approval.
- 3) Provide alternate direction to staff.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Fischer, General Manager

Attachments: Pictures of Trees
Layout for Tree Planting



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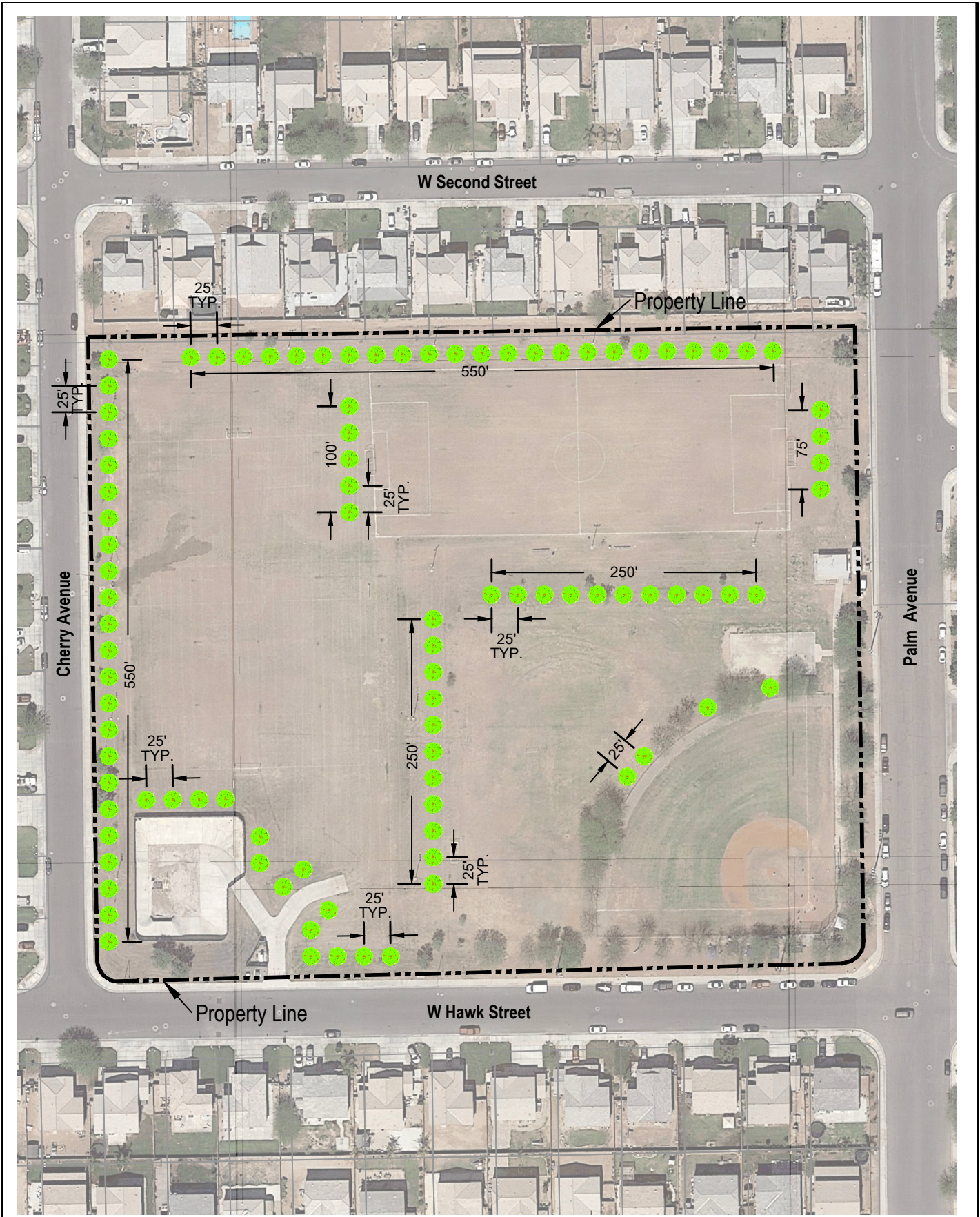
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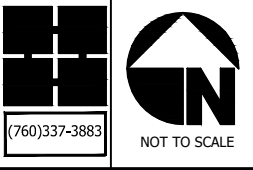
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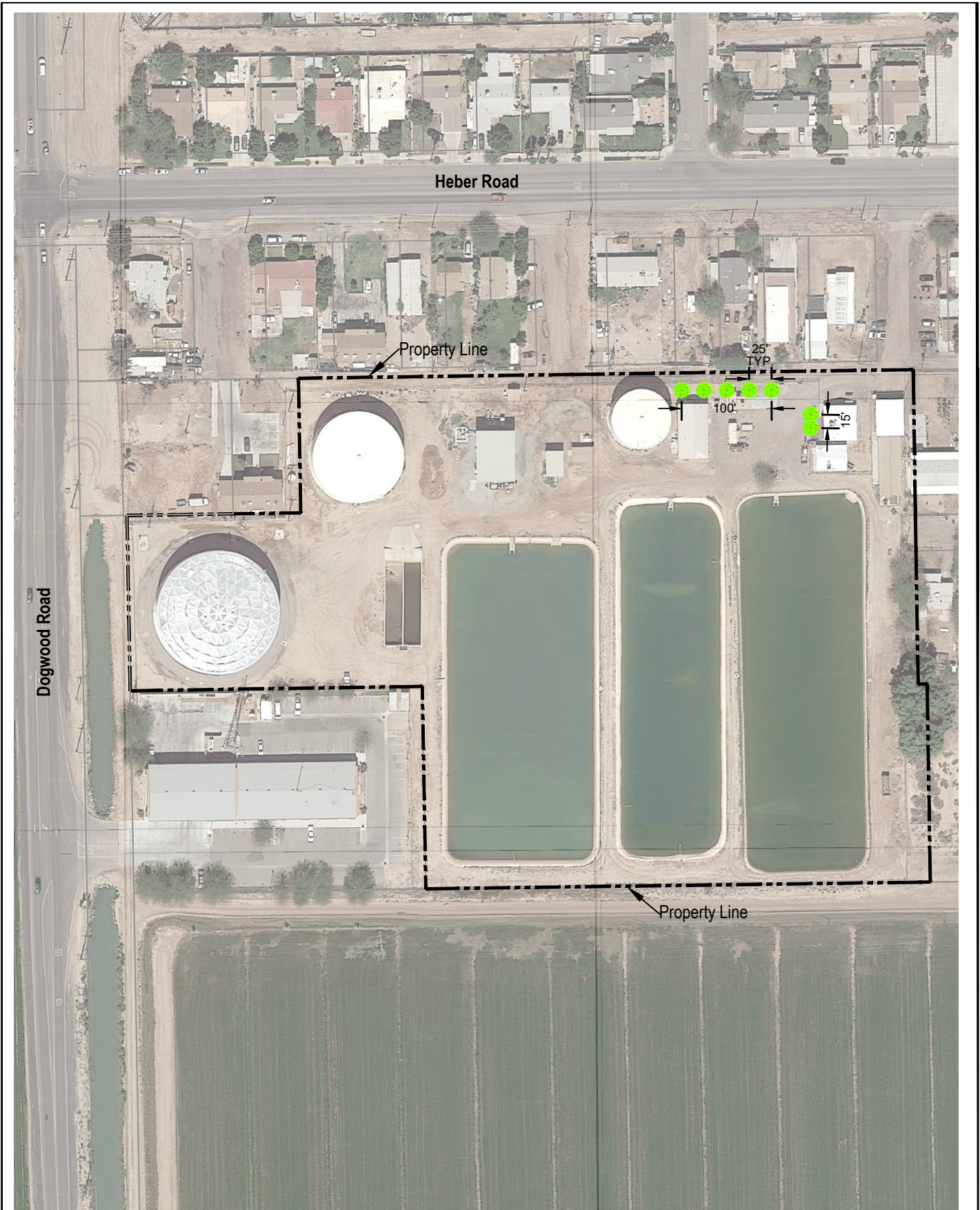


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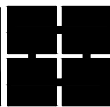
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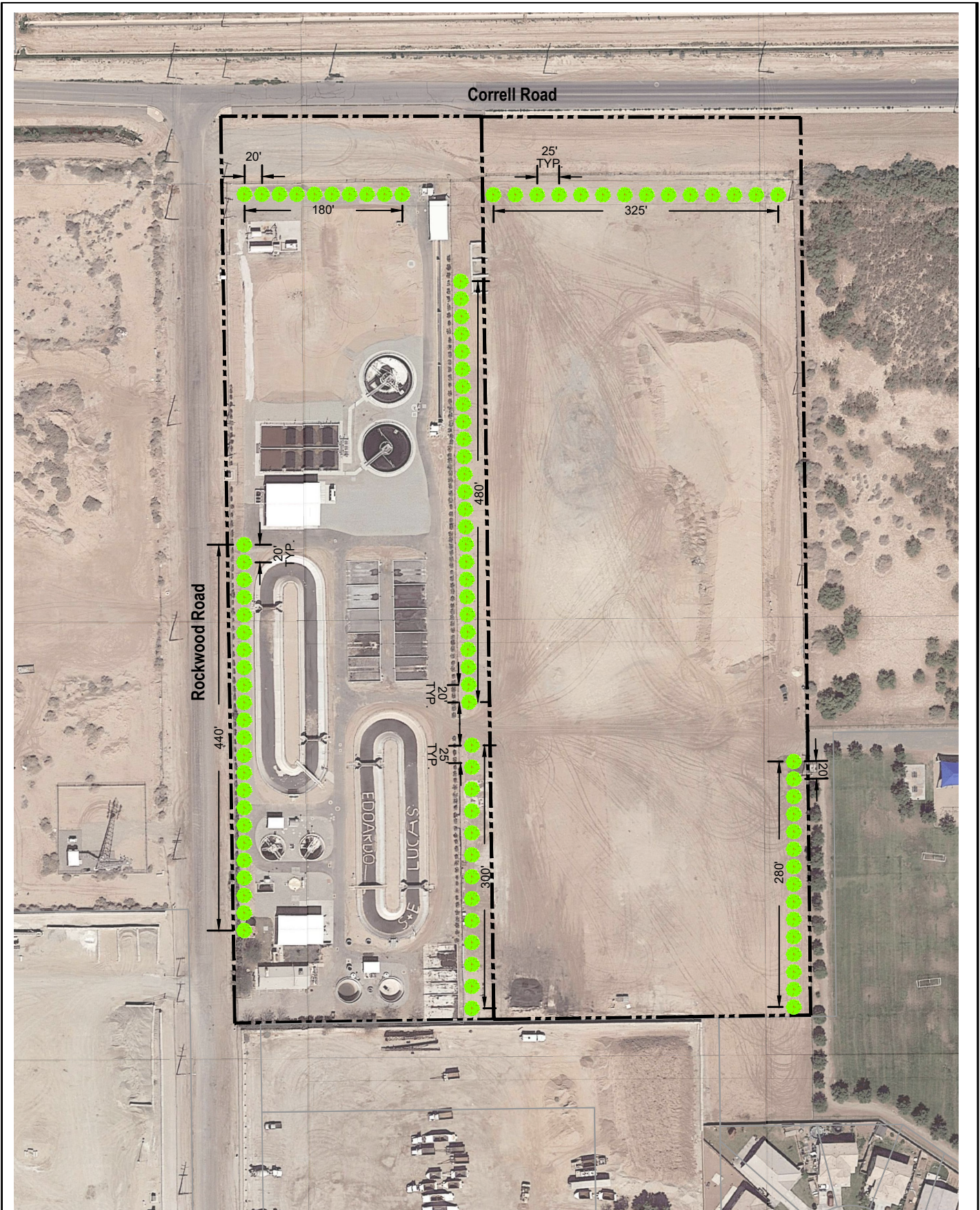


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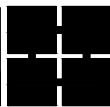
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Small red identification tag at the base of the tree trunk.





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