

Cross Timbers & Hermitage Accesses

Fifteen-Year Area Management Plan
FY 2017-2031



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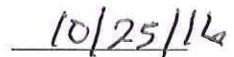
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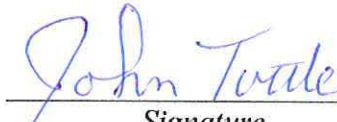
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OVERVIEW

Area Name	Area Number	Date Acquired	Acreage	County	Administrative Responsibility	Maintenance Responsibility
Cross Timbers Access	8127	1981 ¹	44	Hickory	Forestry	Forestry
Hermitage Access	6209	1962	1.7	Hickory	Forestry	Forestry

¹This area is owned by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and leased to the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Statements of Purpose:

A. Strategic Direction

Cross Timbers and Hermitage Accesses are managed to provide public access to the Pomme De Terre River for fishing and other outdoor recreational opportunities.

B. Desired Future Condition

The desired future condition is to provide the public with safe and enjoyable access to the Pomme De Terre River.

C. Federal Aid Statement

N/A

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

I. Special Considerations

Area Name	Priority Areas	Natural Areas
Cross Timbers Access	South Truman Terrestrial Conservation Opportunity Area	None
Hermitage Access	None	None

II. Important Natural Features and Resources

Area Name	Species of Conservation Concern	Caves	Springs
Cross Timbers Access	Yes ¹	None	None
Hermitage Access	None known	None	None

¹Species of conservation concern are known from this area. Area Managers should consult the Natural Heritage Database annually and review all management activities with the Natural History Biologist.

III. Existing Infrastructure

Area Name	Concrete Ramp	Privy	Parking Area #	Camping Sites
Cross Timbers Access	1	1	1	1
Hermitage Access	1	None	1	None

IV. Area Restrictions or Limitations

Area Name	Deed Restrictions	Federal Interest	Easements	Cultural Resources	Endangered Species	Boundary Issues
Cross Timbers Access	Yes ¹	Yes ²	Yes ³	None known	None observed	None
Hermitage Access	None	Yes ²	Yes ⁴	None known	None observed	None

¹Cross Timbers Access is owned by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and leased to the Department under a 25-year lease agreement (05/30/2005-05/29/2030).

²Federal funds may be used in the management of this land. Fish and wildlife agencies may not allow recreational activities and related facilities that would interfere with the purpose for which the State is managing the land. Other uses may be acceptable and must be assessed in each specific situation.

³Truman Lake Flood Pool

⁴Mohr and Miller road easement

MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

V. Terrestrial Resource Management Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities:

- 1) Control and eradicate invasive species as they occur.

Management Objective 1: Manage invasive species.

Strategy 1: Monitor and manage invasive species using chemical, mechanical, or biological methods, as needed. (Forestry)

VI. Aquatic Resource Management Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities:

- 1) Maintain or improve riparian corridors and stream bank vegetation.
- 2) Control invasive aquatic species

Management Objective 1: Maintain or improve the water quality of runoff from the accesses.

Strategy 1: Monitor riparian corridors and stream bank vegetation throughout Cross Timbers and Hermitage Accesses. Conduct management if needed to maintain healthy riparian corridors and stream back vegetation (Fisheries, Forestry)

Strategy 2: Address future accelerated stream bank erosion along the river frontage via management practices as needed. (Fisheries, Forestry)

Strategy 3: Follow the Missouri Department of Conservation's (the Department) *Missouri watershed protection practices recommended for Missouri forests: 2014 management guidelines for maintaining forested watersheds to protect streams* (Missouri Department of Conservation, 2014) and the Department's *Watershed and stream management guidelines for lands and waters managed by Missouri Department of Conservation* (Missouri Department of Conservation, 2009). (Forestry)

Strategy 4: Manage roadways according to appropriate best management practices to minimize runoff and sedimentation into stream resources. (Forestry, Design and Development)

Management Objective 2: Manage the spread of invasive aquatic life.

Strategy 1: Educate users, through signage, about the hazards and prevention of spreading aquatic invasive species. (Fisheries, Outreach and Education)

Strategy 2: Control invasive species as they appear using appropriate methods. (Forestry)

VII. Public Use Management Considerations

Management Objective 1: Ensure proper use of the area by all users.

Strategy 1: Maintain signs according to Department policy. (Forestry)

Strategy 2: Periodically patrol the access area to ensure compliance with area regulations. (Protection)

Management Objective 2: Maintain the accesses in a desirable condition for anglers and boaters to use.

Strategy 1: Maintain infrastructure and facilities at the access. (Forestry)

Strategy 2: Monitor boat ramps monthly for scour development and make any needed repairs. (Forestry)

Strategy 3: Clean flood debris from parking lot and boat ramp as soon as practical, but within one month of the water receding. (Forestry)

VIII. Administrative Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities:

- 1) Maintain area so that it is inviting for public use.

Management Objective 1: Maintain the area to agency standards.

Strategy 1: Provide elevated maintenance and inspection frequency during the spring and fall seasons. (Forestry)

MANAGEMENT TIMETABLE

All strategies for this management plan are considered ongoing.

APPENDICES

Public Input Summary:

The draft Cross Timbers & Hermitage Accesses Management Plan was available for public comment July 1-31, 2016. The Missouri Department of Conservation received no comments during this time period.

References:

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Missouri Department of Conservation. (2014). *Missouri watershed protection recommended practices for Missouri forests: 2014 management guidelines for maintaining forested watersheds to protect streams*. Jefferson City, MO: Conservation Commission of the State of Missouri.

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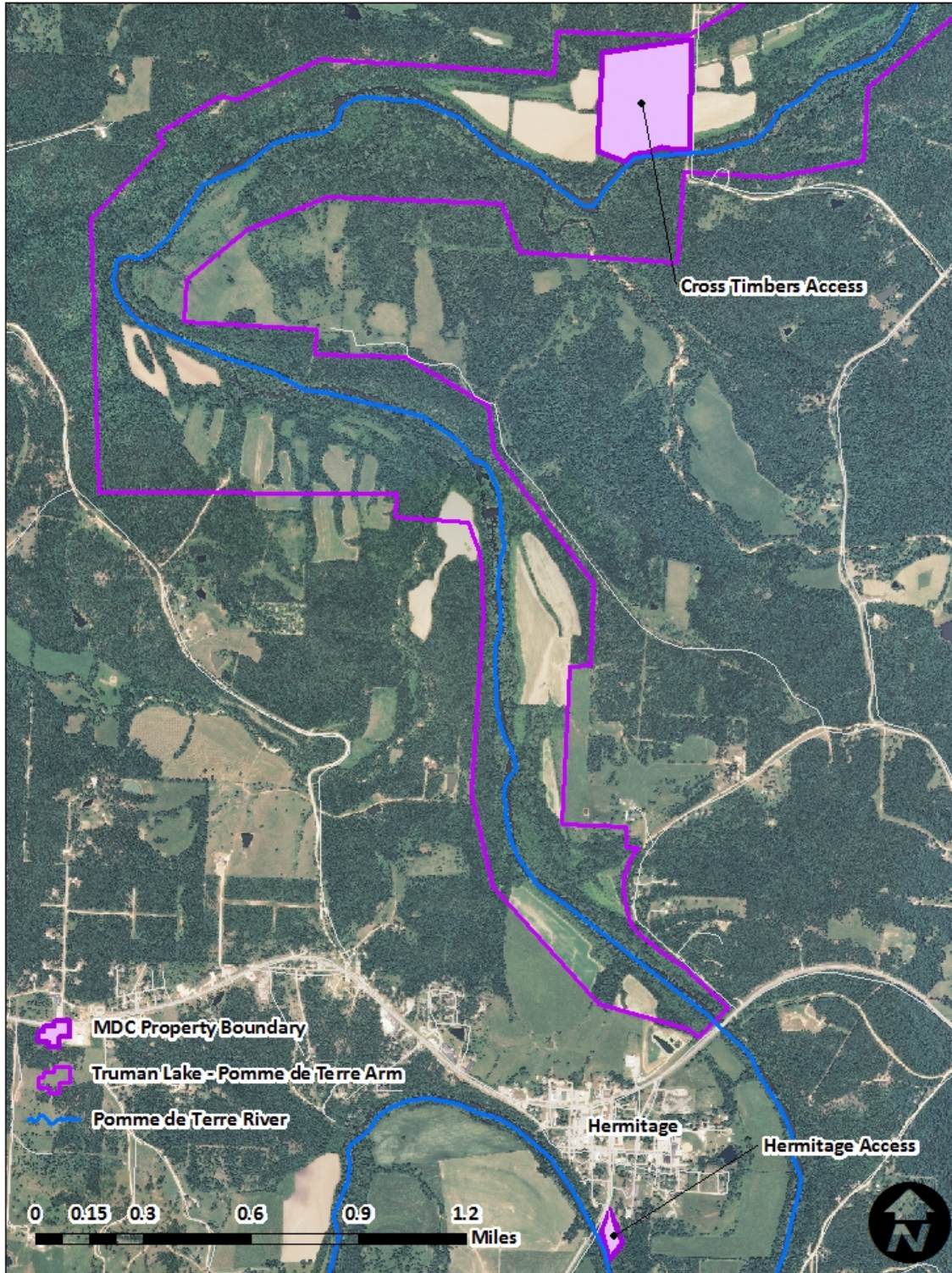
Appendix 4. Cross Timbers Access Easement Map

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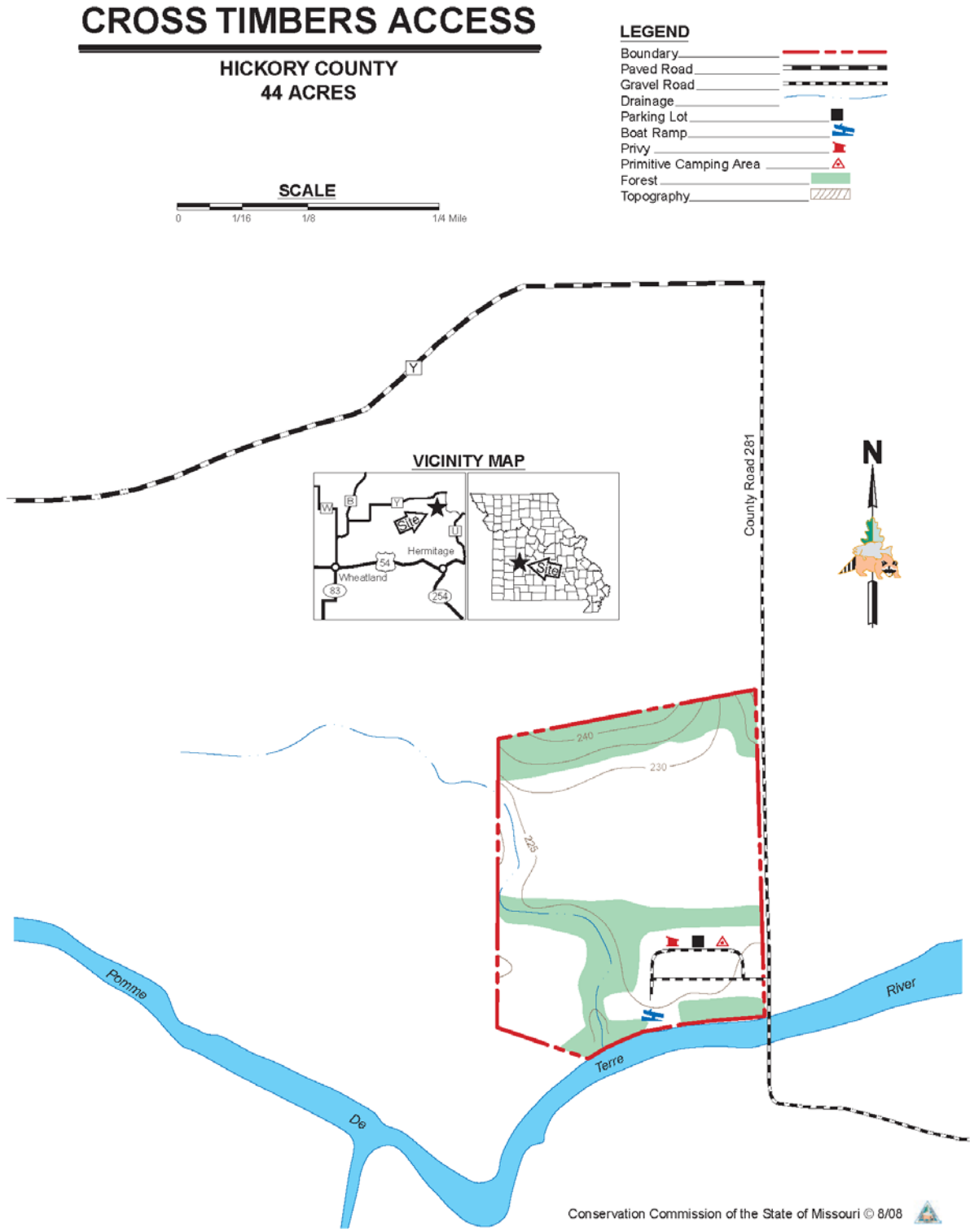
Appendix 2. Cross Timbers Access Area Background

Cross Timbers Access is situated on the Pomme de Terre River. From Wheatland, take Route B north 2 miles, then Route Y east 5.5 miles until the pavement ends, then County Road 281 south 0.75 mile. The Department is currently leasing the Cross Timbers Access from the U. S. Army Corp of Engineers on a term of 25 years.

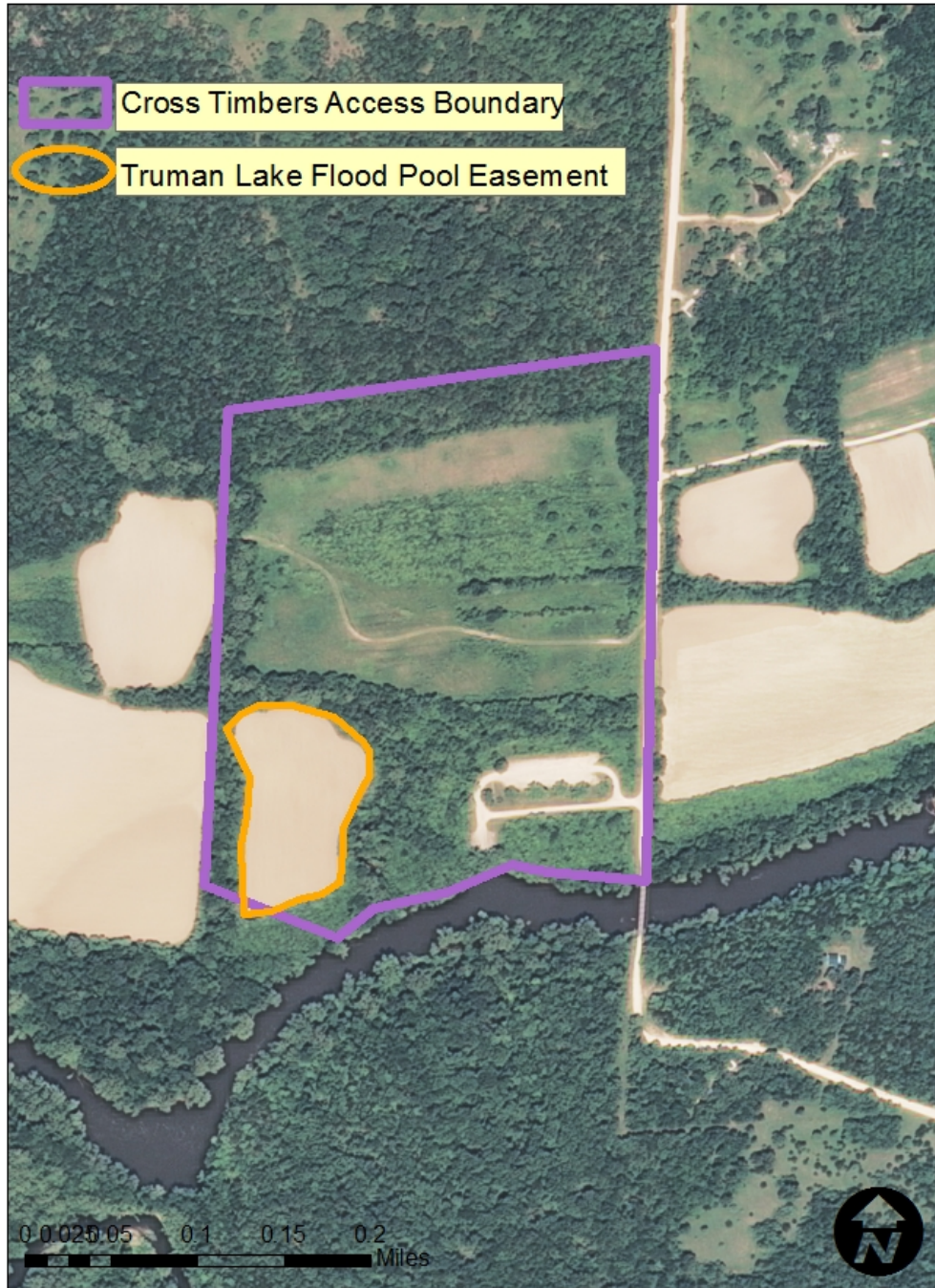
Current Land and Water Types

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Bottomland/Riparian Forest	24		55
Old Field	20		45
Total	44		100
Stream Frontage (first-order and above)		0.25	

Appendix 3. Cross Timbers Access Area Map



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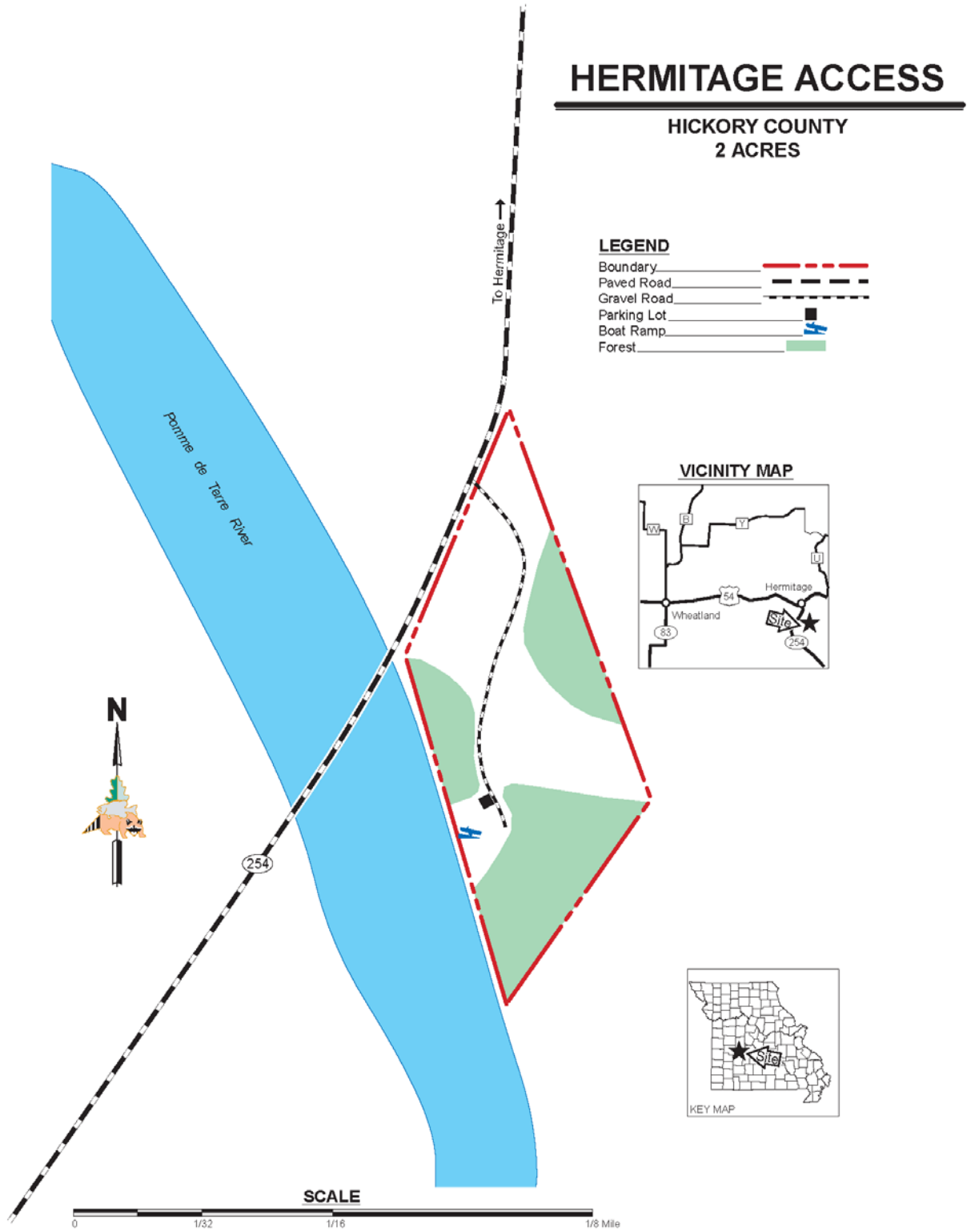
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Hermitage Access is situated on the Pomme de Terre River. From Hermitage, take Highway 254 south 0.25 mile.

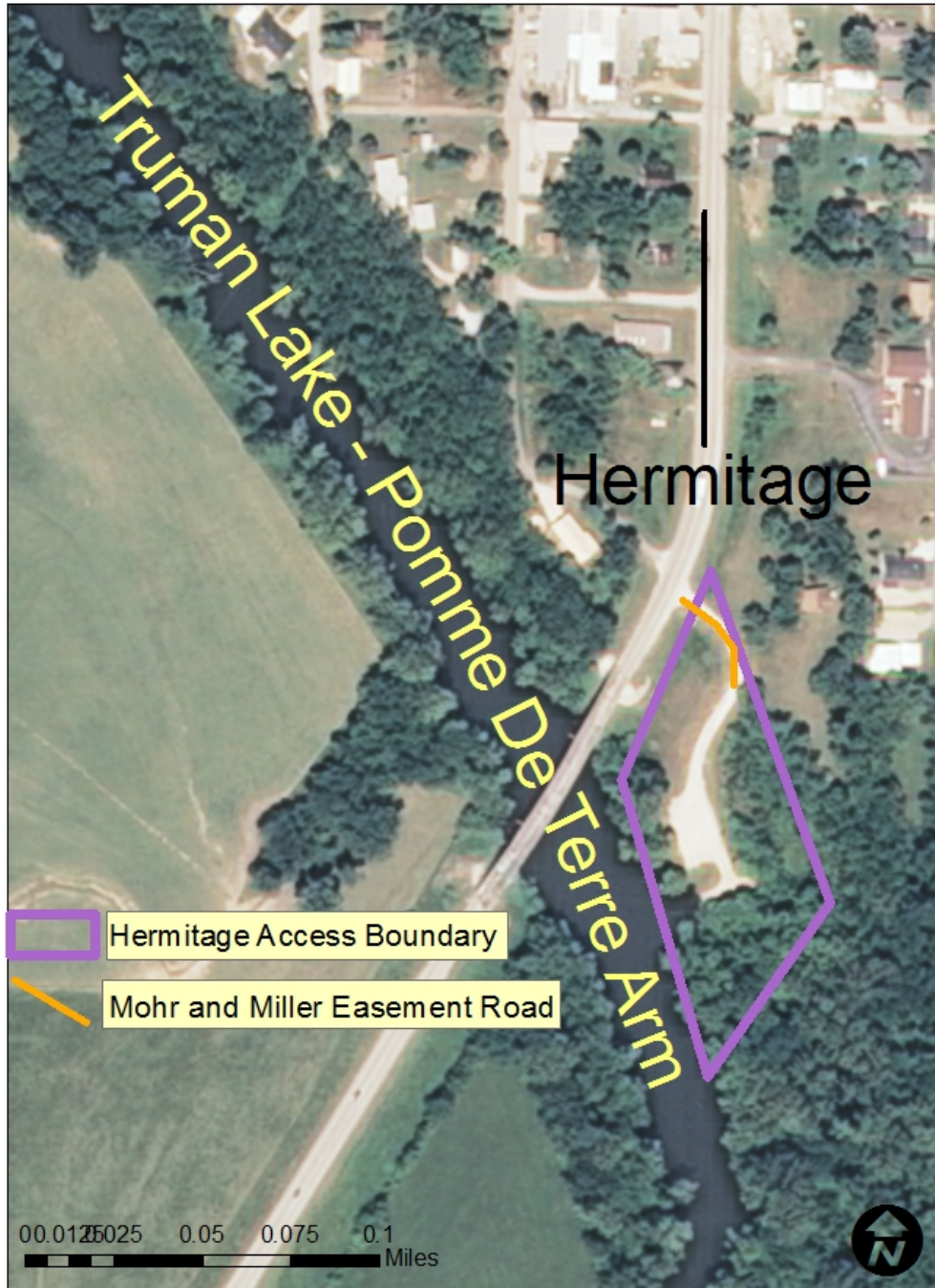
Current Land and Water Types

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Bottomland/Riparian Forest	1.7		100
Stream Frontage (first-order and above)		0.1	

Appendix 6. Hermitage Access Area Map



Appendix 7. Hermitage Access Easement Map



Appendix 8. Hermitage Access Easement Map

