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**RE: Cultural Resources Review TM2025-0212
Century City Site
City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County
T7N R21E Section 12
UWM-CRM Project 2024-1035**

Dear Mr. Timm,

The following presents the results of the cultural resources review for the Century City site in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County. This review is designed to address stipulations relating to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (and 36 CFR part 800), as well as Wis. Stats. §44.40 and §157.70.

Project Description

The City of Milwaukee acquired 84 acres of the former A.O. Smith/Tower Automotive complex in 2009 and cleared the site of both aboveground and underground improvements between 2010-2015. The City also conducted extensive environmental cleanup which included underground storage tank removal, soil excavation, and groundwater treatment. The City installed updated infrastructure (sewer, water, electrical, gas, and fiber) to support new manufacturing uses within the business park. The overall goal of the Century City Business Park is to attract new manufacturers and provide jobs for area residents.

Archaeological Review

As part of this review the Wisconsin Historic Preservation Database (WHPD) and the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) were consulted, as well as relevant previous reporting and archival materials, to assess the presence of previously reported archaeological and burial sites within the proposed project area. The review identified five previously recorded archaeological sites within one mile of the project location (Attachment 4; Table 1). There are no previously recorded sites coincident with or adjacent to the proposed work.

Historic aerial imagery (Attachment 3) as well as the known history of the project location indicate that the entire project area was previously the location of a now-demolished industrial complex.

Recommendations

1. Relative to archaeological resources, there are no previously recorded archaeological sites coincident with the project area. Furthermore, the entire project area has been subject to prior disturbance. No further investigations are recommended.
2. Relative to burial sites, there are no burial sites coincident with the proposed project and no further coordination is required.

Please contact Jennifer Picard, at jpgicard@uwm.edu or at (414) 251-8566, with any questions and/or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Principal Investigator

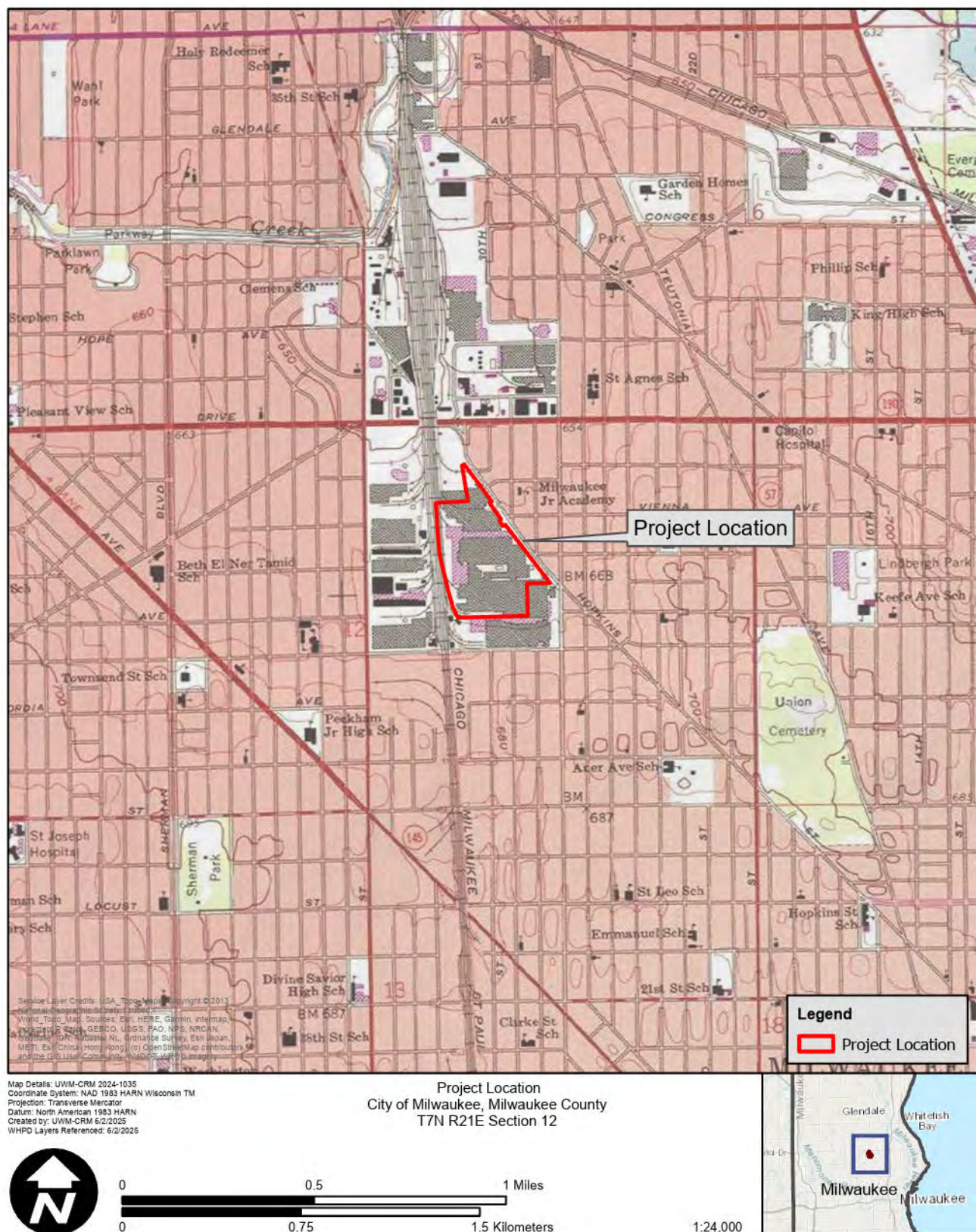
Table 1. Previously Recorded Archaeological Sites within One Mile of the Project Location.

State Site	Burial Site	Site Name	Site Type	Culture
MI-0159	N/A	N/A	Campsite/Village	Unknown
MI-0095	BMI-0143	Burleigh and Fourteenth Cemetery	Cemetery/Burial	Unknown Prehistoric
MI-0532	BMI-0074	Hopkins Street Cemetery	Cemetery/Burial	Historic Euro-American
N/A	BMI-0030	St. Johanne's Cemetery	Cemetery/Burial	Historic Euro-American
N/A	BMI-0031	Union Cemetery	Cemetery/Burial	Historic Euro-American

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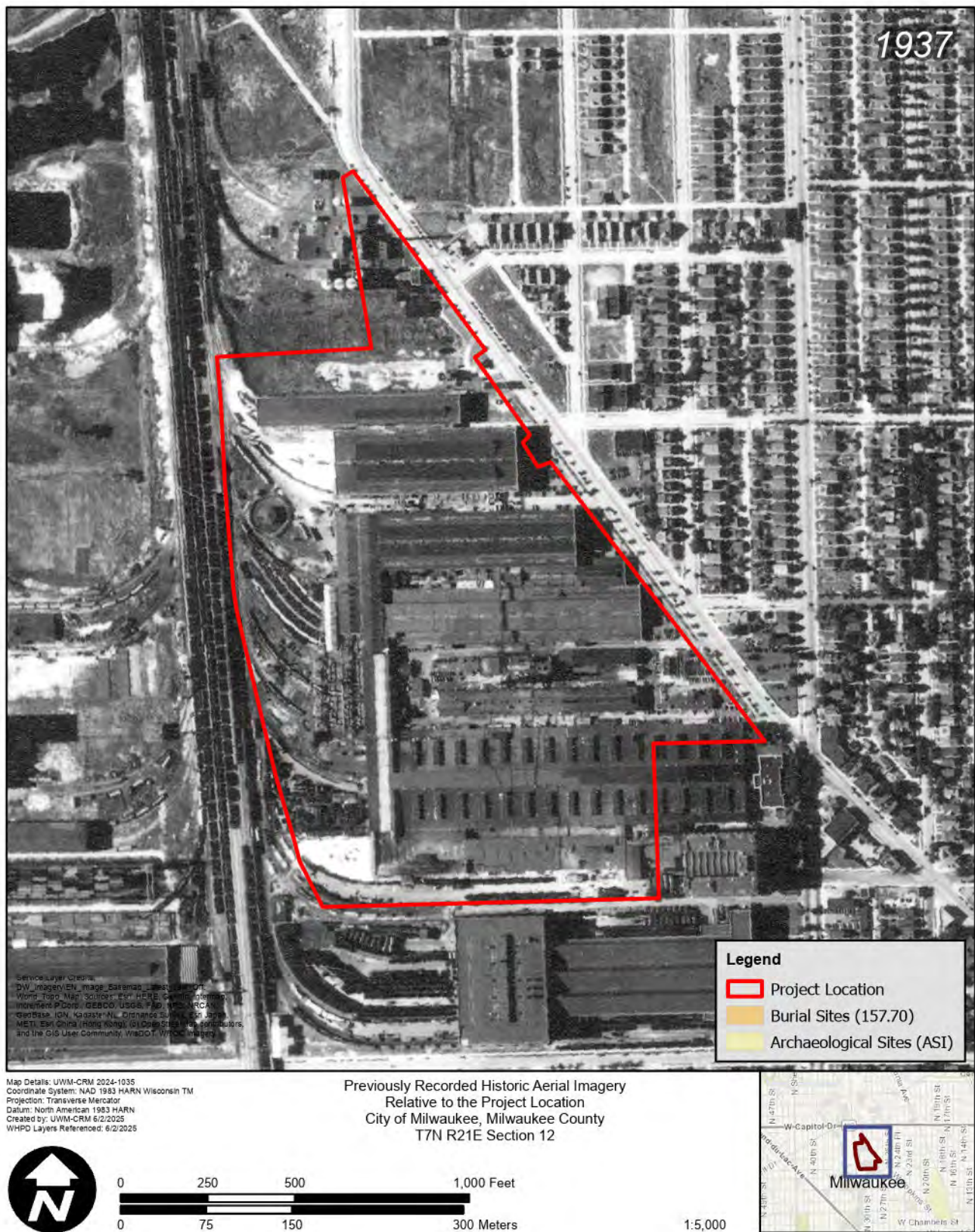
Attachment 1. Project location (topographic).



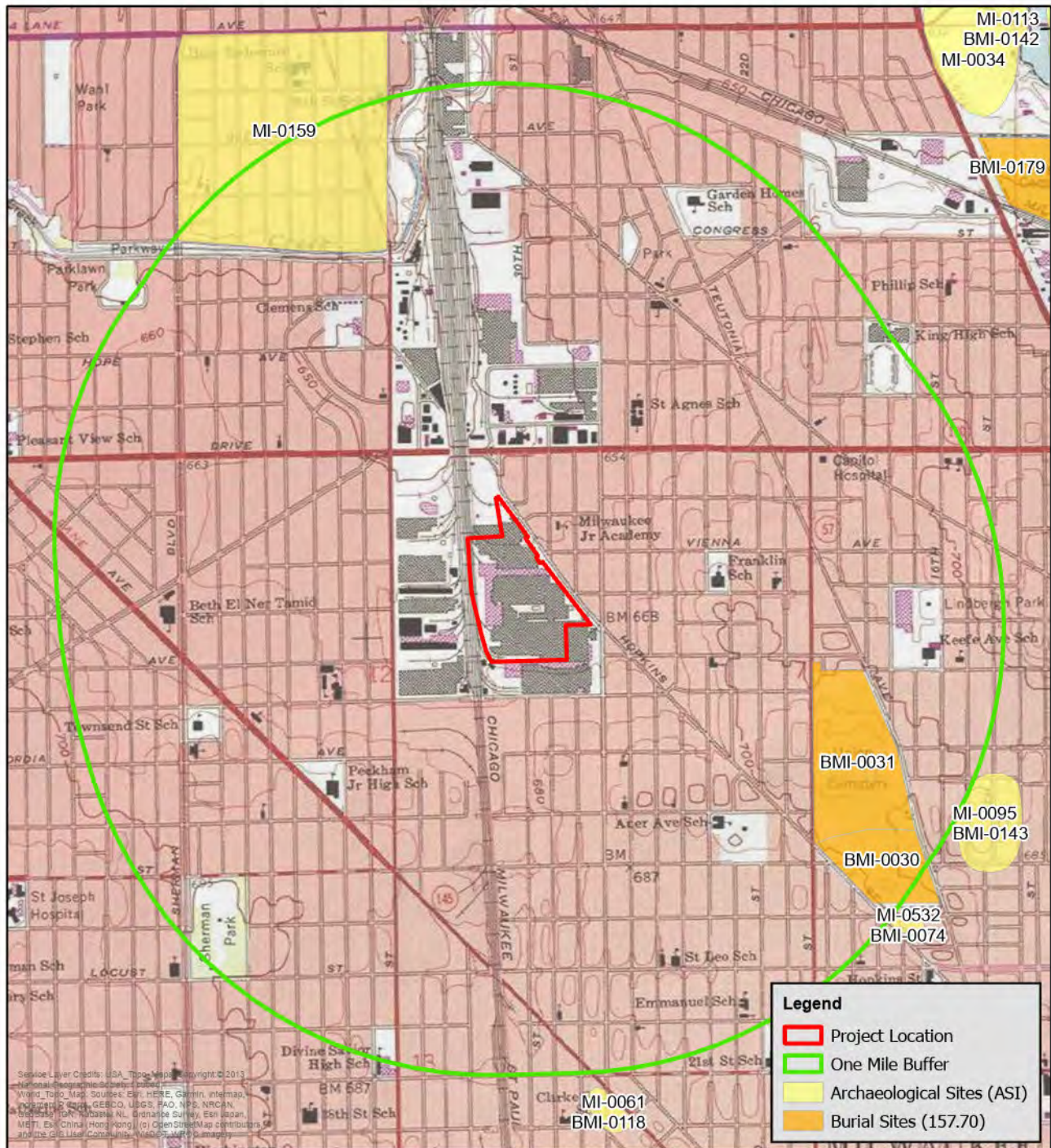
Attachment 2. Project location (aerial).



Attachment 3. Historic aerial image of the project area (1937).



Attachment 4. Previously recorded archaeological sites within one mile of the project location.



Map Details: UWM-CRM 2024-1035
 Coordinate System: NAD 1983 HARN Wisconsin TM
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Previously Recorded Archaeological Sites
 Within One Mile of the Project Location
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Attachment 6. Hillshade imagery of the project location.

