

The National Park Service's  
State, Tribal, and Local Plans & Grants  
Environmental Screening Worksheet

This worksheet should be attached to all NEPA documentation and sent to Megan J. Brown, Chief, of State, Tribal, and Local Plans & Grants for final review. This worksheet shall be completed and signed by the Grantee. The Categorical Exclusion Form (if applicable) will be reviewed and signed by Megan J. Brown.

**A. PROJECT INFORMATION**

Project Name: Union Bethel AME Mortar Repair; Accessibility; and Related Improvements Project

Grant Number: P24AP00773

Program Area:

- Development (Pre-Construction / Construction)
- Survey - Archeological
- Testing - Archeological or Pre-Construction

Click here to enter text if other than above.

Project Address: 916 Fifth Avenue South, Great Falls, MT USA 59405

Project Originator/Coordinator: MT SHPO

Owner: Union Bethel AME Church

National Register Status: NR listed

**B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION** [To begin the statutory compliance file, attach to this form, maps, site visit notes, agency consultation, data, reports, categorical exclusion form (if applicable), or other relevant materials.]

The Montana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is working with Union Bethel AME and the Great Falls/Cascade County Certified Local Government (CLG) to initiate the “Union Bethel AME Mortar Repair; Accessibility; and Related Improvements Project” to be funded by STLP Grant #P24AP00773. The NR-listed Union Bethel AME Church stands at 916 Fifth Avenue South, Great Falls, MT. The National Park Service listed the property on September 11, 2003, and assigned it NR Reference #03000924. The draft project specifications, drawings, and photos are enclosed. Attached materials describe work that includes:  Exterior brick and mortar repair;  Construction and installation of lift and accessibility infrastructure to address accessibility issues on the main and lower levels;  Reconfiguration of interior lavatories to meet ADA standards;  Upgrades to the building’s electrical system.

Background Information is attached (if applicable)  Yes  No

**C. SECTION 106 REVIEW**

Are historic resources affected (if yes must complete a Section 106 Review)?  Yes  No

Define your Area of Potential Effect (APE) – include at the minimum the project specific site location:

GREAT FALLS ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, S12, T20 N, R03 E, BLOCK 461, Lot 004, E2 LT 4 AND ALL LT 5

Have all required tribal/public notification consultation steps been completed?  Yes  No

Section 106 maps & photographs are attached?  Yes  No

Section 106 Effects Determination:  No Effect  No Adverse Effect  Adverse Effect

If an Adverse Effect determination has been reached you must contact the National Park Service AND no Categorical Exclusion can be taken. If not, proceed with the Environmental Screening Form to determine IF a Categorical Exclusion can be taken.

## D. RESOURCE EFFECTS TO CONSIDER

Consider the context, duration and intensity of effects on resources.

Are any measurable impacts possible on the following physical, natural or cultural resources?

**Yes? No? Data Needed to Determine?**

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|--|------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Geological resources – soils, bedrock, streambeds, etc.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Needed |
| 2. Air quality   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Needed |
| 3. Soundscapes   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Needed |
| 4. Water quality or quantity   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Needed |
| 5. Streamflow characteristics  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Needed |
| 6. Marine or estuarine resources   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Needed |
| 7. Floodplains or wetlands   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Needed |
| 8. Land use, including occupancy, income, type of use  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Needed |
| 9. Rare or unusual vegetation, old growth timber, riparian   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Needed |
| 10. Species of special concern (plant/animal/state or Federal listed or proposed for listing) or habitat | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Needed |
| 11. Unique ecosystems, biosphere reserves, World Heritage  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Needed |
| 12. Unique or important wildlife or wildlife habitat   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Needed |
| 13. Unique or important fish or fish habitat   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Needed |
| 14. Introduction/promotion of non-native species   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Needed |
| 15. Recreation resources, including supply, demand, visitation, activities, etc.                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Needed |
| 16. Socioeconomics, including employment, occupation, income changes, tax base, infrastructure           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Needed |
| 17. Minority and low-income populations, ethnography, size, migration patterns, etc.                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Needed |
| 18. Energy resources   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Needed |
| 19. Other agency, or tribal, land use plans or policies  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Needed |
| 20. Resource, including energy, conservation potential   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Needed |
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**E. MANDATORY CRITERIA: If implemented, would the proposal?**

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1. Have material adverse effects on public health or safety?  
 Yes  No  Data Needed
2. Have adverse effects on such unique characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands; floodplains; or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the National Register or Natural Landmarks?  
 Yes  No  Data Needed
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects?  
 Yes  No  Data Needed
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially negative environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?  
 Yes  No  Data Needed
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?  
 Yes  No  Data Needed
6. Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?  
 Yes  No  Data Needed
7. Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?  
 Yes  No  Data Needed
8. Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species?  
 Yes  No  Data Needed
9. Violate a federal law, or a state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?  
 Yes  No  Data Needed
10. Have a disproportionate, significant adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898)?  
 Yes  No  Data Needed
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites by Indian religious practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 13007)?  
 Yes  No  Data Needed
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of federally listed noxious weeds (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act). Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of non- native invasive species or actions that may promote the introduction, growth or expansion of the range of nonnative invasive species (EO 13112)?  
 Yes  No  Data Needed

**\*\*\*If you check “YES” to any of the above listed criteria you cannot claim a Categorical Exclusion and must complete either an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement for your project to proceed. Please notify your grant manager at the National Park Service to determine your next steps.**

**Please answer the following questions:**

1. Are the personnel preparing this form familiar with the site, and/or has a site visit been conducted? (Attach additional pages noting when site visit took place, staff attending, etc.)  
Yes, Community Preservation Coordinator/CLG Coordinator Kate Hampton of MT SHPO has visited the site on numerous occasions. Most recently, Hampton visited the property and viewed the exterior and interior of the building in September 2023.
  
2. Has consultation with all affected agencies or tribes been completed? (Attach additional pages detailing the consultation, including the name, date, and summary of comments from other agency or tribal contacts.)  
Yes consultation has been completed with NPS. There are no additional affected agencies or tribes associated with this project.

**GRANTEE SIGNATORY**

Based on the environmental impact information contained in the statutory compliance file and in this environmental screening form, environmental documentation for the subject project is complete.

Recommended Action: Fund Project

**Approved:**

Grantee \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_  
enter a date.

Date [Click here to](#)

Type Name: Kate Hampton

## Categorical Exclusion Form

Grantee: MT SHPO

Grant funding pool: State Historic Preservation Office Grant

NPS Grant Number:P24AP00773

Project Name, Address, and Grant Number: Union Bethel AME Mortar Repair; Accessibility; and Related Improvements Project, Union Bethel AME Church, 916 Fifth Avenue South, Great Falls, MT 59405, P24AP00773,

Provide the category used to exclude action from further NEPA analysis: F6

Describe any public or agency involvement effort conducted (reference the attached ESF):The Montana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is working with Union Bethel AME and the Great Falls/Cascade County Certified Local Government (CLG) to initiate the “Union Bethel AME Mortar Repair; Accessibility; and Related Improvements Project” to be funded by STLP Grant #P24AP00773. The NR-listed Union Bethel AME Church stands at 916 Fifth Avenue South, Great Falls, MT. The National Park Service listed the property on September 11, 2003, and assigned it NR Reference #03000924. The draft project specifications, drawings, and photos are enclosed. Attached materials describe work that includes:  Exterior brick and mortar repair;  Construction and installation of lift and accessibility infrastructure to address accessibility issues on the main and lower levels;  Reconfiguration of interior lavatories to meet ADA standards;  Upgrades to the building’s electrical system..

On the basis of the environmental impact information in the statutory compliance file, with which I am familiar, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No exceptional circumstances (i.e., all boxes in the ESF are marked “no”) or conditions in section 3-6 apply, and the action is fully described in section 3-4 of DO-12.

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Megan J. Brown  
Chief, State, Tribal, and Local  
Plans & Grants Division

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Date

**Required Attachment:**  
Signed Environmental Screening Worksheet

# ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

## MEPA NEPA Checklist

**MISSION.** Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, through its employees and citizen commission, provides for the stewardship of the fish, wildlife, parks and recreational resources of Montana, while contributing to the quality of life for present and future generations

All Montanans have the right to live in a clean and healthful environment. This environmental analysis is intended to provide an evaluation of the likely impacts to the human environment from proposed actions of the project cited below. This analysis will help the Montana Historical Society fulfill its oversight obligations and satisfy rules and regulations of both the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Please provide a discussion for each section. If no impacts are likely, be sure to discuss the reasoning that led to your determination.

### PART I. PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION

1. Type of proposed action.

Development	_____
Renovation	__X__
Maintenance	_____
Land Acquisition	_____
Equipment Acquisition	_____
Other (Describe)	_____

2. If appropriate, agency responsible for the proposed action.

**Montana Historical Society - SHPO**

3. Name, address phone number and E-mail address of project sponsor.

**Kate Hampton, MT SHPO, 225 N Roberts, Helena, MT 59620-1201**

4. Name of project.

**“Union Bethel AME Mortar Repair; Accessibility; and Related Improvements Project”**

5. If applicable:

Estimated construction/commencement date

**September 15, 2024**

Estimated completion date

**March 31, 2025**

Current status of project design (% complete)

**95%**

6. Location affected by proposed action (county, range and township).

**Cascade County, GREAT FALLS ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, S12, T20 N, R03 E, BLOCK 461, Lot 004, E2 LT 4 AND ALL LT 5.**

7. Project size: estimate the numbers of acres that would be directly affected that are currently:

(a) Developed:  
residential..... \_\_ acres  
industrial ..... \_\_ acres  
commercial **less than one acre**

(b) Open Space/Woodlands/  
Recreation..... \_\_ acres

(c) Wetlands/Riparian  
Areas ..... \_\_ acres

(d) Floodplain ..... \_\_ acres

(e) Productive:  
irrigated cropland..... \_\_ acres  
dry cropland ..... \_\_ acres  
forestry ..... \_\_ acres  
rangeland ..... \_\_ acres  
other..... \_\_ acres

8. Map/site plan: attach an original 8 1/2" x 11" or larger section of the most recent USGS 7.5' series topographic map showing the location and boundaries of the area that would be affected by the proposed action. A different map scale may be substituted if more appropriate or if required by agency rule. If available, a site plan should also be attached.

9. Narrative summary of the proposed action or project including the benefits and purpose of the proposed action.

**The draft project specifications, drawings, and photos are enclosed. Attached materials describe work that includes:**

- Exterior brick and mortar repair;**
- Construction and installation of lift and accessibility infrastructure to address accessibility issues on the main and lower levels;**
- Reconfiguration of interior lavatories to meet ADA standards;**
- Upgrades to the building's electrical system.**

**The project will benefit the community by stabilizing and bringing a historic bulign into productive use.**

10. Description and analysis of reasonable alternatives (including the MEPA-required no action alternative). At a minimum, the following three alternatives must be presented.

- a). Preferred Alternative: Fund project as described in narrative and application materials.
- b). No-action Alternative: No funding provided by SHPO, project does not go forward.
- c). Additional Alternatives: Project moves forward without funding as described in application. Time period extended, no federal or state oversight.

11. Listing of each local, state or federal agency that has overlapping or additional jurisdiction.

(a) Permits		
Agency Name: City of Great Falls Building Department	Permit: Building Permit	Date Filed: TBA

(b) Funding	
Agency Name: NPS	Funding Amount: \$497,712

(c) Other Overlapping or Additional Jurisdictional Responsibilities	
Agency Name: Great Falls/Cascade County Certified Local Government	Type of Responsibility: Project administration partner

12. Name of Preparer(s) of this Environmental Checklist:

Kate Hampton

14. Date submitted. 8/12/2024



## PART II. ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

**PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT.** At the bottom of this “Land Resources” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on land resources. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects of the action as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

1. LAND RESOURCES Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
a. Soil instability or changes in geologic substructure?		X				
b. Disruption, displacement, erosion, compaction, moisture loss, or over-covering of soil which would reduce productivity or fertility?		X				
c. Destruction, covering or modification of any unique geologic or physical features?		X				
d. Changes in siltation, deposition or erosion patterns that may modify the channel of a river or stream or the bed or shore of a lake?		X				
e. Exposure of people or property to earthquakes, landslides, ground failure, or other natural hazard?		X				
f. Other		X				

**While some excavation limited to a small area immediately adjacent to the existing building, will take place, the disturbance will not be large enough to result in soil instability or changes in the geologic substructure. The project will not affect the productivity or fertility of potential agricultural land, nor affect any unique features or bodies of water, as the project is confined to an urban parcel. Qualified soil engineers conducted an assessment of the property’s soil qualities (available upon request) and determined the appropriate measures to ensure the stability of the building and to rule out any hazards.**

**Because the project is limited to the footprint and a small extension adjacent to an existing building, none of the 3 alternatives will result in alteration to land resources.**

*NTL Engineering & Geoscience, Inc., “Geotechnical Investigation Report: African Methodist Episcopal Church, Great Falls, MT” January 28, 2005.*

**PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT.** At the bottom of this “Air” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on air resources. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects of the action as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

2. AIR  Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
a. Emission of air pollutants or deterioration of ambient air quality? (also see 13 (c))			X		yes	
b. Creation of objectionable odors?		X				
c. Alteration of air movement, moisture, or temperature patterns or any change in climate, either locally or regionally?		X				
d. Adverse effects on vegetation, including crops, due to increased emissions of pollutants?		X				
e. Any discharge that will conflict with federal or state air quality regs?		X				
f. Other		X				

**Air quality may be temporarily and minorly affected due to dust and exhaust from equipment but will be confined to construction days and will have no lasting effects. No significant impacts to air quality are anticipated.**

**While odors may be associated with primer and paint under Alternatives 1 and 3, they would be negligible and of extremely short duration and limited to immediate area of the jobsite. Alternative 2 would not result in any odors.**

**Because the project is limited to the footprint and a small extension adjacent to an existing building, none of the 3 alternatives will result in alteration of air movement, moisture, temperature patterns, change in climate, adverse effects on vegetation, nor discharges in conflict with air quality regs.**

**PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT.** At the bottom of this “Water” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on water resources. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

3. WATER	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
<b>Will the proposed action result in:</b>						
a. Discharge into surface water or any alteration of surface water quality including but not limited to temperature, dissolved oxygen or turbidity?		X				
b. Changes in drainage patterns or the rate and amount of surface runoff?		X				
c. Alteration of the course or magnitude of floodwater or other flows?		X				
d. Changes in the amount of surface water in any water body or creation of a new water body?		X				
e. Exposure of people or property to water related hazards such as flooding?		X				
f. Changes in the quality of groundwater?		X				
g. Changes in the quantity of groundwater?		X				
h. Increase in risk of contamination of surface or groundwater?		X				
i. Effects on any existing water right or reservation?		X				
j. Effects on other water users as a result of any alteration in surface or groundwater quality?		X				
k. Effects on other users as a result of any alteration in surface or groundwater quantity?		X				
l. Effects to a designated floodplain?		X				
m. Any discharge that will affect federal or state water quality regulations?		X				
n. Other:		X				

**Because the project is limited to the footprint of the existing building the project Alternatives 1, 2, and 3 will have no effect on discharge, drainage, flooding, or groundwater. The property stands outside the 100-year floodplain, Zone X “area of minimal flood hazard.” (see attached FEMA firmette).**

**PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT.** At the bottom of this “Vegetation” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on vegetative resources. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

4. VEGETATION	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. Changes in the diversity, productivity or abundance of plant species (including trees, shrubs, grass, crops, and aquatic plants)?		X				
b. Alteration of a plant community?		X				
c. Adverse effects on any unique, rare, threatened, or endangered species?		X				
d. Reduction in acreage or productivity of any agricultural land?		X				
e. Establishment or spread of noxious weeds?			X		yes	
f. Effects to wetlands or prime and unique farmland?		X				
g. Other:		X				

Because the project is limited to the footprint and a small extension of the existing building, and workers vehicles will be limited to paved roads and parking lots, the project will not have direct impacts to vegetation. A search of the Montana Natural Heritage database found no plant species of concern in the immediate project area, but did in the Great Falls area as a whole. Each reported occurrence was observed more than 100 years ago. They include:

- ⊕ Vascular Plants - *Carex sychnocephala* (Many-headed Sedge)  
SO Count: 1Obs Count: 1Earliest Obs: 1891Recent Obs: 1891
- ⊕ Vascular Plants - *Centunculus minimus* (Chaffweed)  
SO Count: 1Obs Count: 1Earliest Obs: 1891Recent Obs: 1891
- ⊕ Vascular Plants - *Impatiens aurella* (Pale-yellow Jewel-weed)  
SO Count: 1Obs Count: 1Earliest Obs: 1886Recent Obs: 1886
- ⊕ Vascular Plants - *Muhlenbergia andina* (Foxtail Muhly)  
SO Count: 1Obs Count: 1Earliest Obs: 1891Recent Obs: 1891
- ⊕ Vascular Plants - *Pediomelum hypogaeum var. hypogaeum* (Little Indian Breadroot)  
SO Count: 1Obs Count: 1Earliest Obs: 1886Recent Obs: 1886
- ⊕ Bryophytes - *Henediella heimii* (Heim's Henediella Moss)  
SO Count: 1Obs Count: 1Earliest Obs: 1887Recent Obs: 1887

(<http://mtnhp.org/mapviewer/?t=7>, Montana Plant Species of Concern Report. Montana Natural Heritage Program. Retrieved on 08/8/2024), from <http://mtnhp.org> and there is a small risk of vehicles transporting seeds and noxious plant material inadvertently with the vehicle tires, etc. The short duration of the work time, limited disturbance, and use of paved and compacted roads and lots, will minimize the potential spread. No action (Alternative 2) would not increase the number of vehicles in the project area.

**PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT.** At the bottom of this “Fish/Wildlife” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on fish and wildlife resources. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

5. FISH/WILDLIFE	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. Deterioration of critical fish or wildlife habitat?		X				
b. Changes in the diversity or abundance of game animals or bird species?		X				
c. Changes in the diversity or abundance of nongame species?		X				
d. Introduction of new species into an area?		X				
e. Creation of a barrier to the migration or movement of animals?		X				
f. Adverse effects on any unique, rare, threatened, or endangered species?		X				
g. Increase in conditions that stress wildlife populations or limit abundance (including harassment, legal or illegal harvest or other human activity)?		X				
h. Adverse effects to threatened/endangered species or their habitat?		X				
i. Introduction or exportation of any species not presently or historically occurring in the affected location?		X				
j. Other:						

**Because the project is limited to the footprint of the existing building and only a small extension, and workers and their vehicles will be limited to paved roads and previously disturbed parking lots and driveways, the project will not have direct impacts to wildlife or habitat. While no observations of unique, rare, threatened, or endangered species appear in the immediate vicinity of the project area on the Natural Heritage Map Viewer (<http://mtnhp.org/MapViewer/>), a more extensive view of the area indicates observations of numerous species, particularly numerous bird species. Species of Concern observed include Great Blue Heron, Chestnut-collared Longspur, Thick-billed Longspur, Spiny Softshell Turtle. Under Alternatives 1 and 3, workers will:**

- Promptly clean up any project related spills, litter, garbage, debris, etc.
- No overnight camping within the project vicinity, except in designated campgrounds, by any crew member or other personnel associated with this project

**Based on a review of the Montana Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Program Mapper (<https://sagegrouse.mt.gov/projects>), the proposed project is not mapped in an Executive Order (EO) Area for Sage Grouse Habitat. As such, Sage Grouse are not anticipated to be adversely affected by this work.**

**HUMAN ENVIRONMENT.** At the bottom of this “Noise/Electrical Effects” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects of noise and electrical activities. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

6. NOISE/ELECTRICAL EFFECTS	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. Increases in existing noise levels?			X		yes	
b. Exposure of people to severe or nuisance noise levels?		X				
c. Creation of electrostatic or electromagnetic effects that could be detrimental to human health or property?		X				
d. Interference with radio or television reception and operation?		X				
e. Other:						

**Under Alternatives 1 and 3, There will be construction noise related to the project. No additional permanent increase in noise will occur as a result of construction activities and these activities are anticipated to be short-term and will occur during daylight hours. Because the project will involve only carpentry and painting, no equipment will interfere with electrostatic or electromagnetic levels. No impacts are anticipated regarding radio/television interference.**

**HUMAN ENVIRONMENT.** At the bottom of this “Land Use” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on land use. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects.

7. LAND USE  Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
a. Alteration of or interference with the productivity or profitability of the existing land use of an area?		X				
b. A conflict with a designated natural area or area of unusual scientific or educational importance?		X				
c. A conflict with any existing land use whose presence would constrain or potentially prohibit the proposed action?		X				
d. Adverse effects on, or relocation of, residences?			X		yes	
e. Compliance with existing land policies for land use, transportation, and open space?		X				
f. Increased traffic hazards, traffic volume, or speed limits or effects on existing transportation facilities or patterns of movement of people and goods?		X				
g. Other:						

**The project area is an urban parcel within a residential neighborhood. The project will not conflict with a designated natural area or area of unusual scientific or educational importance, nor with existing land uses. Effects on neighboring residences would be limited to short-term noise during the project. A secondary effect may be increased foot and vehicular traffic volume related to improved accessibility to the building.**

**HUMAN ENVIRONMENT.** At the bottom of this “Risk/Health Hazards” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects of risks and health hazards. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects of the action as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

8. RISK/HEALTH HAZARDS	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. Risk of an explosion or release of hazardous substances (including, but not limited to oil, pesticides, chemicals, or radiation) in the event of an accident or other forms of disruption?		X				
b. Effects on existing emergency response or emergency evacuation plan or create need for a new plan?		X				
c. Creation of any human health hazard or potential hazard?		X				
d. Disturbance to any sites with known or potential deposits of hazardous materials?		X				
e. The use of any chemical toxicants?		X				
f. Other:						

**This rehabilitation project will consist of restoration within the building’s original footprint and a small extension. The project scope of work does not include the use of hazardous substances. Under Alternatives 1 and 3, EPDM, paint, and cleaning supplies will be used and disposed of according to the manufacturer’s instructions and local and state laws and recommendations.**



**HUMAN ENVIRONMENT.** At the bottom of this “Community Impact” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on the community. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

9. COMMUNITY IMPACT	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. Alteration of the location, distribution, density, or growth rate of the human population of an area?		X				
b. Alteration of the social structure of a community?		X				
c. Alteration of the level or distribution of employment or community or personal income?		X				
d. Changes in industrial or commercial activity?		X				
e. Increased traffic hazards or effects on existing transportation facilities or patterns of movement of people and goods?		X				
f. Other:						

**While the immediate project impact will provide construction jobs to local residents, long-term, the project also has the potential to have a beneficial impact on the community by enhancing local social services. Great Falls boasts parking and road capacity appropriate to accommodate the immediate construction project and increased commercial activity, such that there will be no increase in traffic hazards, effects on facilities, nor patterns of movement.**

**HUMAN ENVIRONMENT.** At the bottom of this “Public Services/Taxes/Utilities” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on public services, taxes and utilities. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

10. PUBLIC SERVICES/TAXES/UTILITIES	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. An effect upon, or result in a need for new or altered, governmental services in any of the following areas: fire or police protection, schools, parks/recreational facilities, roads or other public maintenance, water supply, sewer or septic systems, solid waste disposal, health, or other governmental services? If so, specify:		X				
b. Effects on the local or state tax base and revenues?		X				
c. A need for new facilities or substantial alterations of any of the following utilities: electric power, natural gas, other fuel supply or distribution systems, or communications?		X				
d. Increased used of any energy source?		X				
e. Other.						

**The proponents for the project (Alternatives 1 and 3) do not anticipate an effect upon or need for new or altered governmental services in the short term or the long term. The project will not require changes or upgrades to fire/police protection or other public maintenance facilities or utilities. The project will result in improvements to the appearance and stability of the building. While the use of power tools may increase electricity consumption for the property during the course of the project, that increase will be minimal and temporary. Gasoline consumption necessitated by travel for the work crews again will be minimal and temporary.**

**HUMAN ENVIRONMENT.** At the bottom of this “Aesthetics/Recreation” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on aesthetics & recreation. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

11. AESTHETICS/RECREATION	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. Alteration of any scenic vista or creation of an aesthetically offensive site or effect that is open to public view?		X				
b. Alteration of the aesthetic character of a community or neighborhood?		X				
c. Alteration of the quality or quantity of recreational/tourism opportunities and settings? (Attach Tourism Report)		X				
d. Adverse effects to any designated or proposed wild or scenic rivers, trails or wilderness areas?		X				
e. Other:						

**The project entails preserving and restoring original, aesthetically pleasing features of an existing building, and therefore will not alter scenic vistas, and will improve the public view of the community. The historic character of the property will be retained and preserved. The replacement of intact or repairable historic materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided. Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will also be preserved. The existing condition of historic features will be evaluated to determine the appropriate level of intervention needed. Where the severity of deterioration requires repair or limited replacement of a distinctive feature, the new material will match the old in composition, design, color, and texture.”**

**No designated nor proposed Wilderness Areas, Wild and Scenic Rivers, nor trails are in the immediate project area. ([https://data.fs.usda.gov/geodata/other fs/wilderness/stateMap.php?stateID=MT](https://data.fs.usda.gov/geodata/other_fs/wilderness/stateMap.php?stateID=MT) and <https://www.rivers.gov/>) The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail runs southeast of the project, but outside the APE. (<https://nps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d89951079a374f28ab4a3b9fc41025dd>) Given the relatively contained nature of the project, no impacts to wilderness, rivers, nor trails is anticipated.**

**HUMAN ENVIRONMENT.** At the bottom of this “Cultural/historical Resources” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on cultural/historical resources. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

12. CULTURAL/HISTORICAL RESOURCES  Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
a. Destruction or alteration of any site, structure or object of prehistoric historic, or paleontological importance?		X				
b. Physical changes that would affect unique cultural values?			X		yes	
c. Effects on existing religious or sacred uses of a site or area?		X				
d. Adverse effects to historic or cultural resources?		X				
e. Other:						

**Because the project will take place on an existing developed lot and adhere to the SOI Standards for Rehabilitation, the proponents do not anticipate any physical changes that will adversely affect unique cultural values or religious/sacred uses of the area. The project scope of work includes ground disturbance, and an archaeological survey will take place to ensure that nor underground cultural or paleontological resources will be affected. Should the project encounter such resources, the appropriate intervention will take place. The project will result in the restoration of a National Register-listed property, and therefore benefit the property’s unique cultural values.**

**HUMAN ENVIRONMENT.** At the bottom of this “Summary Evaluation of Significance” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects. Even if you have checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

13. SUMMARY EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action, considered as a whole:						
a. Have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (A project or program may result in impacts on two or more separate resources which create a significant effect when considered together or in total.)		X				
b. Involve potential risks or adverse effects which are uncertain but extremely hazardous if they were to occur?		X				
c. Potentially conflict with the substantive requirements of any local, state, or federal law, regulation, standard or formal plan?		X				
d. Establish a precedent or likelihood that future actions with significant environmental impacts will be proposed?		X				
e. Generate substantial debate or controversy about the nature of the impacts that would be created?		X				
f. Have organized opposition or generate substantial public controversy?		X				
Additional information requested:						
g. List any federal or state permits required.						

**The relatively limited potential area of effect and limited scope of the project contribute to the determination that Alternatives 1 and 3 will have no substantial cumulative effect to the area environment. Significant effects identified throughout this checklist/report consistently bear a beneficial effect to the human environment. Overall, however, the project seeks to contribute to the stabilization of a single building, rather than a largescale transformation and development.**

### **PART III. ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST CONCLUSION SECTION**

1. Discuss the cumulative and secondary effects of this project as a whole. These are impacts to the human environment that, individually, may be minor for a specific project, but, when considered in combination to other actions, may result in significant impacts.
2. Based on the significance criteria evaluated in this Environmental Checklist (Part II), is an EIS required?

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO   X  

If an EIS is not required, explain why the current checklist level of review is appropriate.

**The checklist process allowed for consideration of the project’s potential for effects on the environment. Through the course of the research required, no substantial or unmitigable potential adverse effects were identified. Instead, several benefits to resource were summarized in the review. The project (Alternatives 1 and 3) will provide a long-term positive benefit to the cultural resource and the community.**

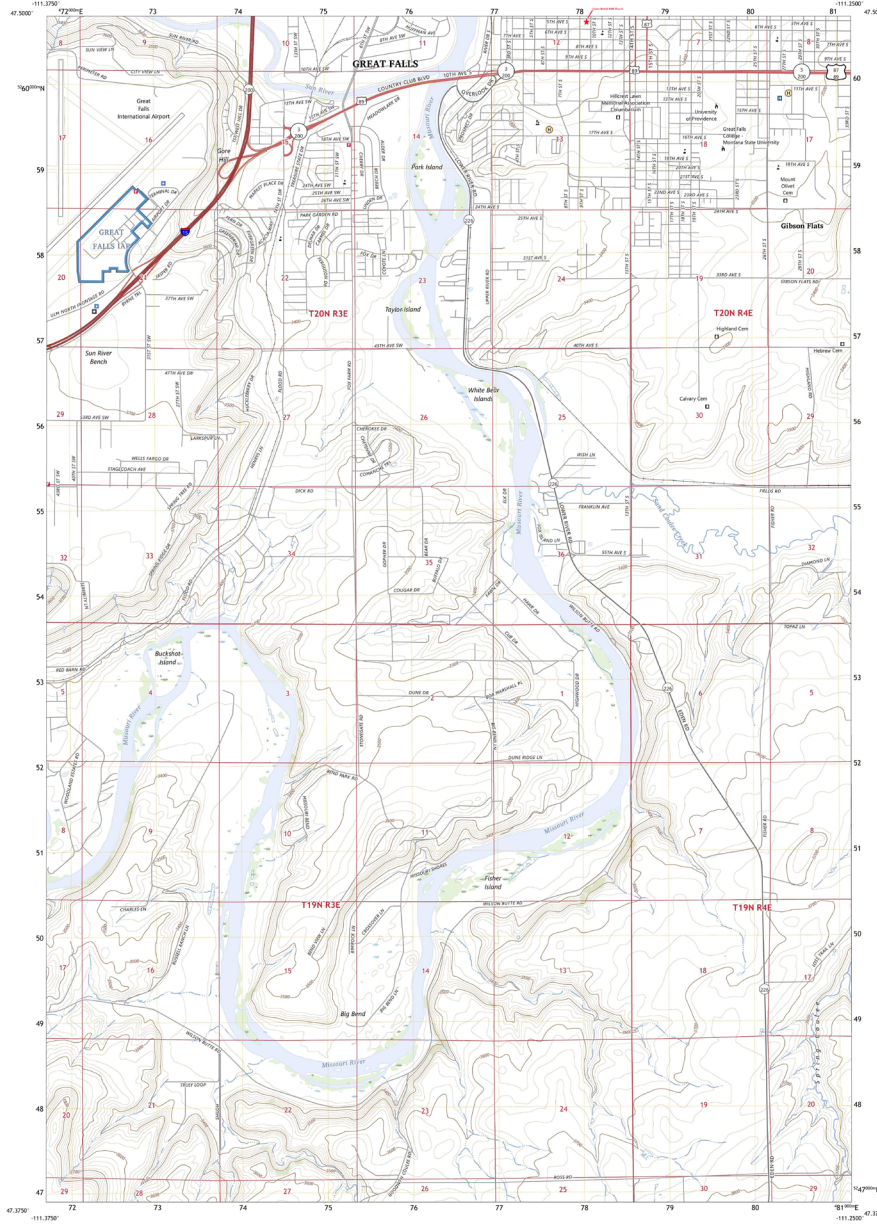
**The Montana Historical Society State Historic Preservation Office will initiate a 30-day public comment period for the project, a dedicated webpage with links to relevant documents, and a public meeting. All public comments will be duly considered and integrated in the final environmental checklist for the project. That final document will include: a description of the nature of the public comments received during the official public comment period; a number tally of comments in support of the project and the numbers against; and a summary of the most important comments received and responses to these comments. Copies of all public notices and comments received will be kept on file.**

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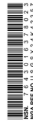
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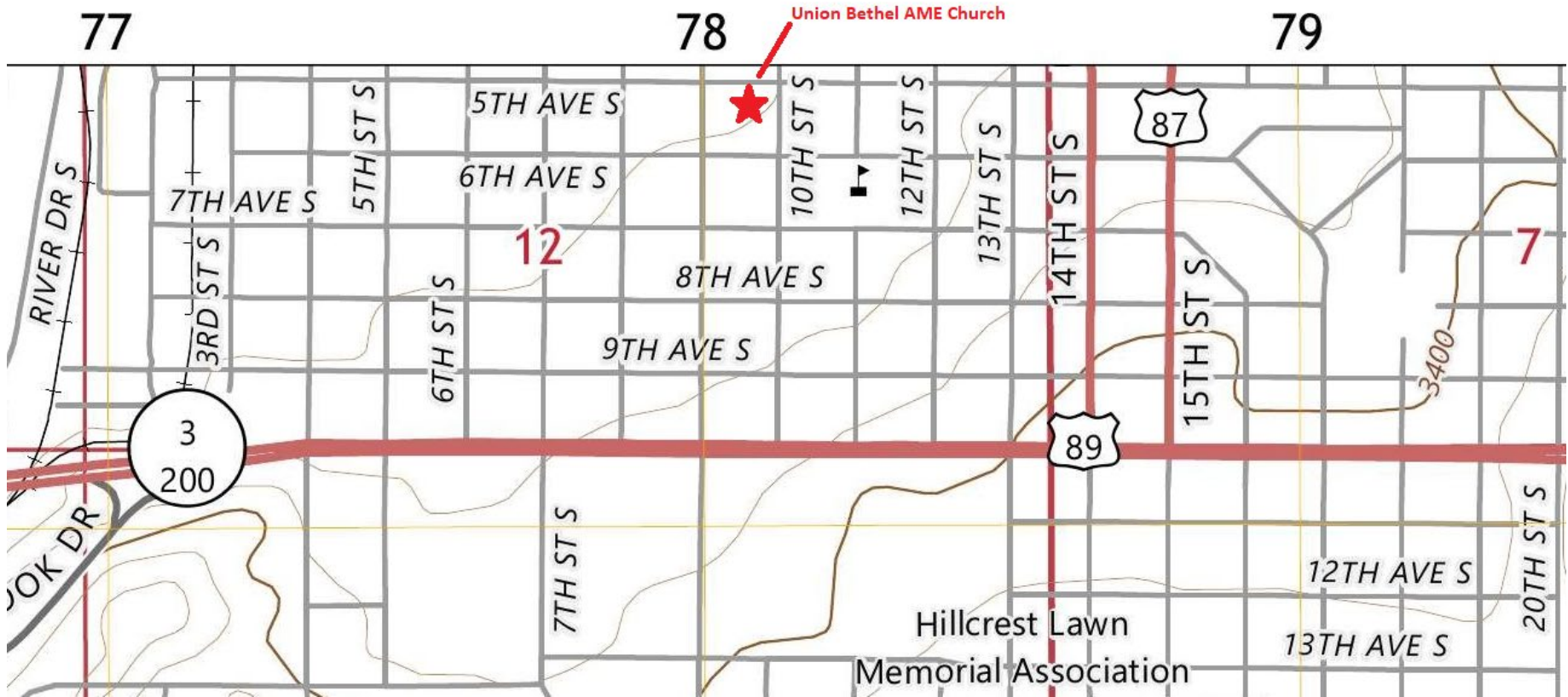


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Parcel Location

Montana Cadastral Mapping Project

916 Fifth Avenue South, Great Falls, MT

Geocode: 02-3015-12-4-30-13-0000

Legal Description: Great Falls Original Townsite, S12, T20 N, R03 E, Block 461, Lot 004, E2 LT 4 AND ALL LT 5

02-3015-12-4-30-13-0000  
916 5TH AVE S GREAT FALLS, MT 59405

8th-St-S, 9th-St-S, 10th-St-S, 11th-St-S, 12th-St-S, 13th-St-S  
4th-Ave-S, 5th-Ave-S, 6th-Ave-S

**PROPERTY INFORMATION**

Property Address: 916 5TH AVE S GREAT FALLS, MT 59405  
Geocode: 02-3015-12-4-30-13-0000  
Tax Year: 2024

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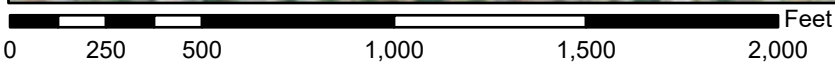
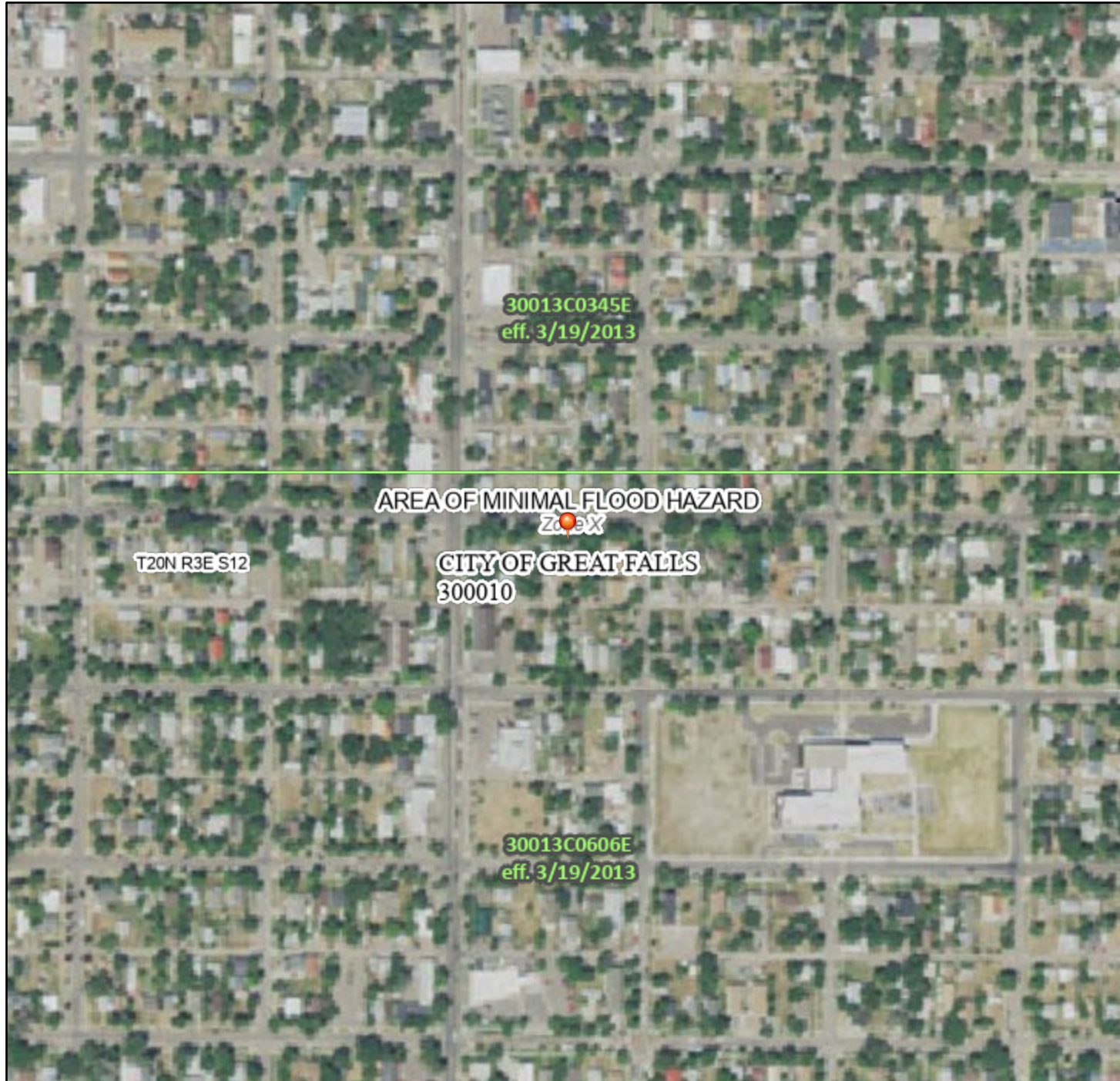
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Geocode: 02-3015-12-4-30-13-0000	Assessment Code: 0000246000
Primary Owner: UNION BETHEL A M E CHURCH 916 5TH AVE S GREAT FALLS, MT 59405-2227 <i>Note: See Owners section for all owners</i>	Property Address: 916 5TH AVE S GREAT FALLS, MT 59405
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# National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette



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## Legend

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SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS		Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) <i>Zone A, V, A99</i>
		With BFE or Depth <i>Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR</i>
		Regulatory Floodway
OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD		0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile <i>Zone X</i>
		Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard <i>Zone X</i>
		Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes. <i>Zone X</i>
		Area with Flood Risk due to Levee <i>Zone D</i>
OTHER AREAS		NO SCREEN Area of Minimal Flood Hazard <i>Zone X</i>
		Effective LOMRs
GENERAL STRUCTURES		Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard <i>Zone D</i>
		Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer
		Levee, Dike, or Floodwall
OTHER FEATURES		Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation
		Coastal Transect
		Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
		Limit of Study
		Jurisdiction Boundary
MAP PANELS		Coastal Transect Baseline
		Profile Baseline
		Hydrographic Feature
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