Environmental Issues: Railroad corridor

Site Name: Railroad Corridor

Site Address: No current address

Current Use: Inactive railroad corridor, railroad tracks and ties remain on-site

### **Photographs**





Looking north across the property

2012 aerial photograph from Bing Maps



Looking east-southeast across the property

### **Historical Summary**

Year	Use		Source (↑ North)
1892- 1902	The property appears developed with the St. Paul Duluth railroad. Multiple buildings are depicted within the railroad right-of-way including warehouses, scales, lumber areas, coal sheds, and residences. An irregular-shaped station and associated platform is depicted in the central portion of the property (Near N 61st Ave W) and a station (West End Station) is depicted in the central portion of the property near N 62nd Ave W. Keene Creek intersects the north-central portion of the property; the railroad appears on a tressel over the creek.	Fire insurance map, historic plat map	1892 fire insurance map
1908- 1924	Property land use appears relatively unchanged, although the railroad is depicted as the Northern Pacific railroad. Features previously not identified include the following: an irregular-shaped, unlabeled building and coal shed associated with Burn's Lumber in the northern portion of the property, a square-shaped building identified as "Mfg. Cement Blocks" in the central portion of the property (near Main and N 61st Ave W), and three buildings (an oil house, a hand car house, and an unlabeled structure) in the south-central portion of the property. The previously identified stations and platforms are not depicted.	Fire insurance maps, historic plat map	1908 fire insurance map
1930- 1955	Land use of the property appears relatively unchanged. Notable structures include the following: a rectangular-shaped structure associated with Luck Bros. Feed & Fuel near the intersection of Nicollet Avenue and N 59th Avenue W, and a coal shed and brick storage building adjacent to Polk Street and S 61st Ave W. The cement block facility previously noted near Main and N 61st Ave appears to be renovated to a "Cement Block Facility" on the 1949 fire insurance map. This facility is not present on the 1963 fire insurance map.	Aerial photographs, fire insurance maps	1949 fire insurance map

Year	Use		Source (↑ North)
1963- 1966	Land use appears relatively unchanged, although the structures associated with Burn's Lumber are no longer present.	Aerial photographs, fire insurance maps	1966 aerial photograph
1972	Land use appears unchanged with the exception of the current Interstate 35, present in the northern-most portion of the property.	Aerial photographs	1972 aerial photograph
1980- present	The property appears developed as it is today.	Aerial photographs	2010 aerial photograph

### **Regulatory Review**

This property was not identified on the regulatory databases reviewed.

### **Land-Based Classifications Standards**

Dimensions	Code	Classifications
Activity	5400	Trains or other rail movement
Function	4120	Rail transportation
Structural Character	5000	Linear or network feature
Site Development Character	5300	Developed site with roads, train tracks, and other linear structures
Ownership	9100	Unclassifiable ownership or restriction on the use

### **Property Attributes**

Category	Comments		
PID	010-4510-07960		
Legal Description	Lot 0000, Block 000, West Duluth 5th Division		
Acres	13.26		
Parking	No parking areas present		
Topography	Level		
FEMA Flood Zone	North-central portion of site along creek within Zone B, areas subject to 100-year flood; remaining portions of Site are within Zone C, areas of minimal flooding		
Census Tract	34		
Proximity to Highway Access	Adjacent to Interstate 35		
Existing Buildings	None presently		
Previous Investigation	None		