



City of Grand Forks
Staff Report
Committee of the Whole June 23, 2025
City Council – July 7, 2025

APPROVED & ACCEPTED
by City Council

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Agenda Item: Bids for City Projects #8848 (District #365), #8849 (District #620), 8966 (District #621) – Utilities for 47th Ave S, S 30th St, and S 34th St (Columbia Rd to S 34th St and 45th Ave S to 47th Ave S)

Submitted by: Engineering Department, Christian Danielson, PE (Assistant City Engineer)

Staff Recommended Action: Award contract **Alternative #1 – RCP Sewer – to low bidder Robinson Excavating in the amount of \$2,399,711.92 for City Projects #8848 (District #365), #8849 (District #620), 8966 (District #621) – Utilities for 47th Ave S, S 30th St, and S 34th St (Columbia Rd to S 34th St and 45th Ave S to 47th Ave S)**

Committee Recommended Action: Motion by Fridolfs, second by Lunski to move agenda item to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Action: Motion by Weigel to approve with contingency, second by Fridolfs. Motion carried unanimously.

BACKGROUND:

Bids for this project were received on June 19, 2025. 6 bids were received and all 6 were opened. The low bid was submitted by Robinson Excavating in the amount of \$2,399,711.92. This bid is approximately 34% under the Engineer’s Estimate of \$3,635,080.00.

As the upcoming 47th Ave Interchange project progresses closer towards implementation, the City has a requirement to provide all of the connecting infrastructure for the interchange. These projects are the first pieces of the infrastructure buildout. They will provide water, wastewater, and stormwater services for the area. These projects are proposed to be funded through a combination of special assessments, grant money, and City funds. This area of the City is in the process of being annexed and platted. It is anticipated that those processes will be complete prior to the award of bids.

These utilities will not only serve as the connection point for future expansion towards the interchange, but also provide the area with City utilities so that they have the amenities available to develop. As the interchange project gets closer to implementation, this area of 47th Ave. S is anticipated to become desirable development land, and these projects will allow the City to get ahead of development.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

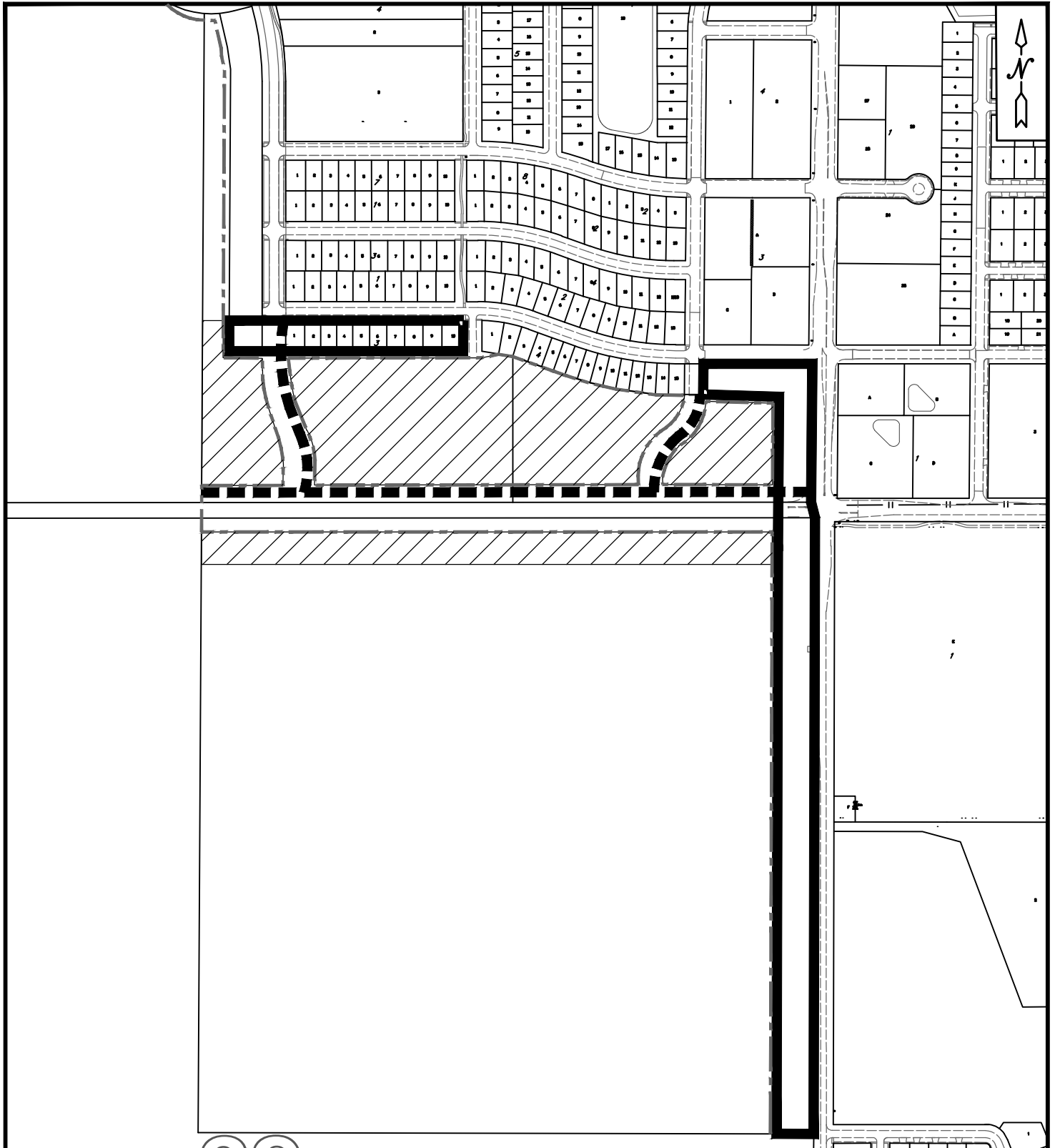
- Bids were received on June 19, 2025.
- A total of 6 bids were received and 6 bids were opened.
- The bids ranged from \$2,399,711.92 to \$3,755,376.00 for Alternate #1 – RCP Storm Sewer.
- The bids ranged from \$2,568,068.97 to \$3,498,914 for Alternate #2 – Polypropylene Pipe Storm Sewer.
- The lowest bid was submitted by Robinson Excavating for both Alternates.
- The low bid was for Alternate #1 – RCP Storm Sewer in the amount of \$2,399,711.92.
- The Engineer’s Estimate \$3,635,080.
- The low bid is approximately 34% under the Engineer’s Estimate.
- These projects are not protestable as per ND Century Code 40-22-15.
- Because this area is largely not annexed, a majority of the special assessments will be future assessments applied at a time when the area is brought into the City.
- Sanitary is proposed to be funded through special assessments to the benefitting properties.
- A portion of Project #8848 (Watermain) is to be funded with a City Share of the costs exceeding a typical 8” watermain.
- Funding for the local share on watermain will be from a combination of special assessment of the benefitting property owners, a City Share on the watermain for large pipe, and a 60% State Water Commission Cost sharing on the watermain.
- City Share on watermain is anticipated to be funded from the Fund 5300 – Water.
- Storm sewer is proposed to be funded through special assessments to benefitting properties excluding the 48” pipe on S 34th St. for future pond drainage.
- The future pond drainage pipe is proposed to be funded using Fund 4154 – Flood Protection Capital Maintenance because the interconnection of those future ponds to South End Drainway was a recommendation of the 2025 South End Drainway Overland Flooding Study to prevent flooding on the south end of the City.
- The projects are planned to be completed in time to pave 47th Ave S in 2026.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Abstract of Bids (1 page)
- District Map (1 page)

Abstract of Bids Received
City Project No. 8848/8849/8966
Project Name-Wtr/Storm 47th AS & San Sewer on S 34th & 30th
Bid Opening - 2:00 PM on Thursday, June 19, 2025

Contractor	Acknowledge Addendums 1, 2 & 3	Bid Bond	Contractor's License	Base Bid w/Alt #1 (RCP Pipe)	Base Bid w/Alt #2 (PP Pipe)
1 Robinson Excavating Grand Forks, ND	X	X	X	\$2,399,711.92	\$2,568,068.97
2 United Crane & Excavationg Grand Forks, ND	X	X	X	\$2,597,058.28	\$3,111,677.40
3 RJ Zavoral & Sons East Grand Forks, MN	X	X	X	\$2,860,195.50	\$3,192,066.50
4 JR Ferche Inc. Rice, MN	X	X	X	\$3,235,359.80	\$3,222,059.90
5 Molstad Excavating Grand Forks, ND	X	X	X	\$3,320,196.65	\$2,958,611.65
6 Flatland Enterprise Bryant, SD	X	X	X	\$3,755,376.00	\$3,498,914.00
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<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>				\$3,635,080.00	\$3,559,350.00



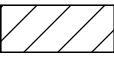


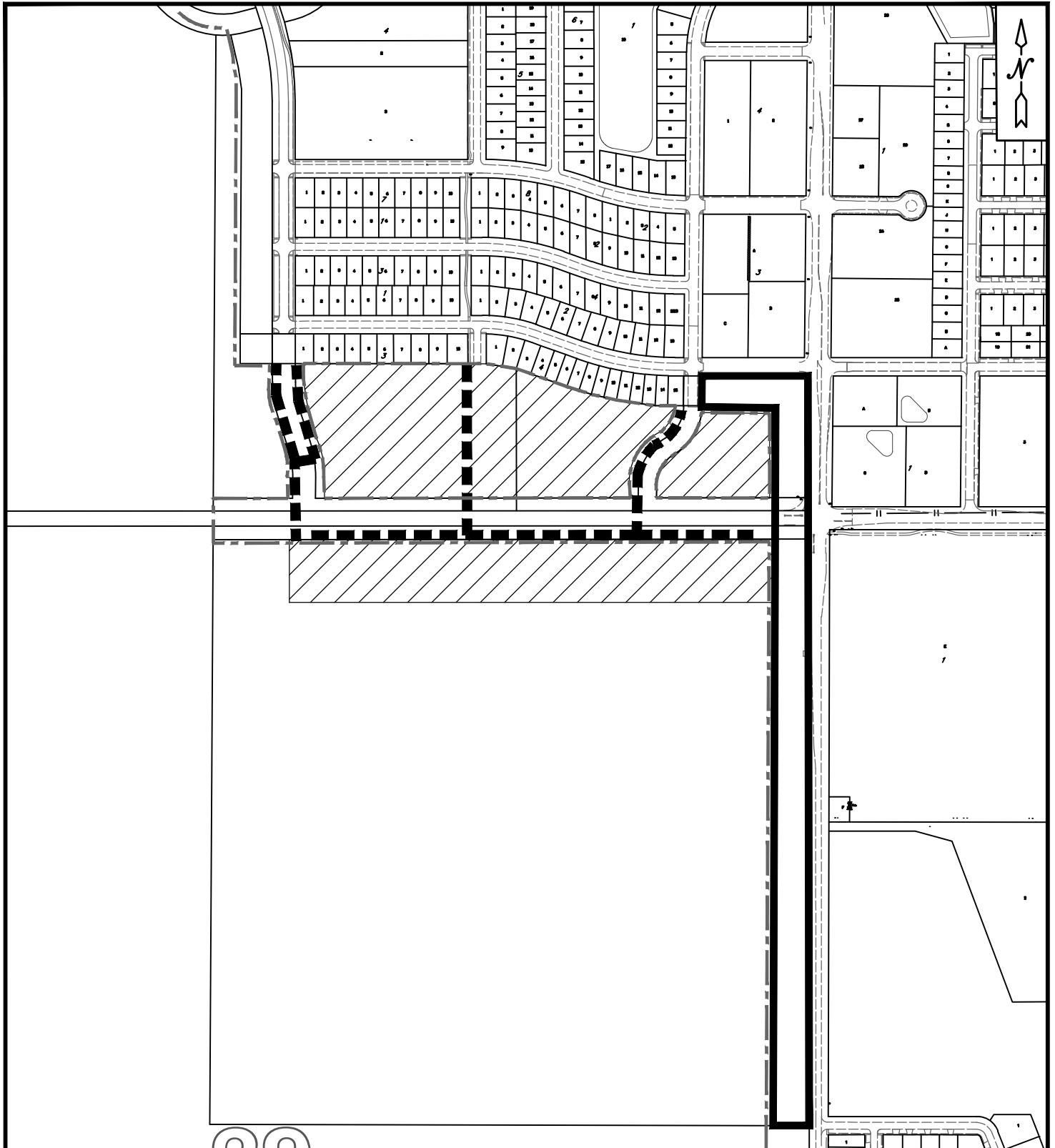
WATERMAIN FOR
47TH AVE S (COLUMBIA RD TO S 34TH ST)
S 30TH ST (45TH AVE S TO 47TH AVE S)
S 34TH ST (45TH AVE S TO 47TH AVE S)

PROJECT # 8848

DISTRICT # 365

LEGEND

-  ASSESSMENT DISTRICT BOUNDARY
-  PROJECT LIMITS CITY LIMITS
-  FUTURE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT




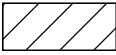


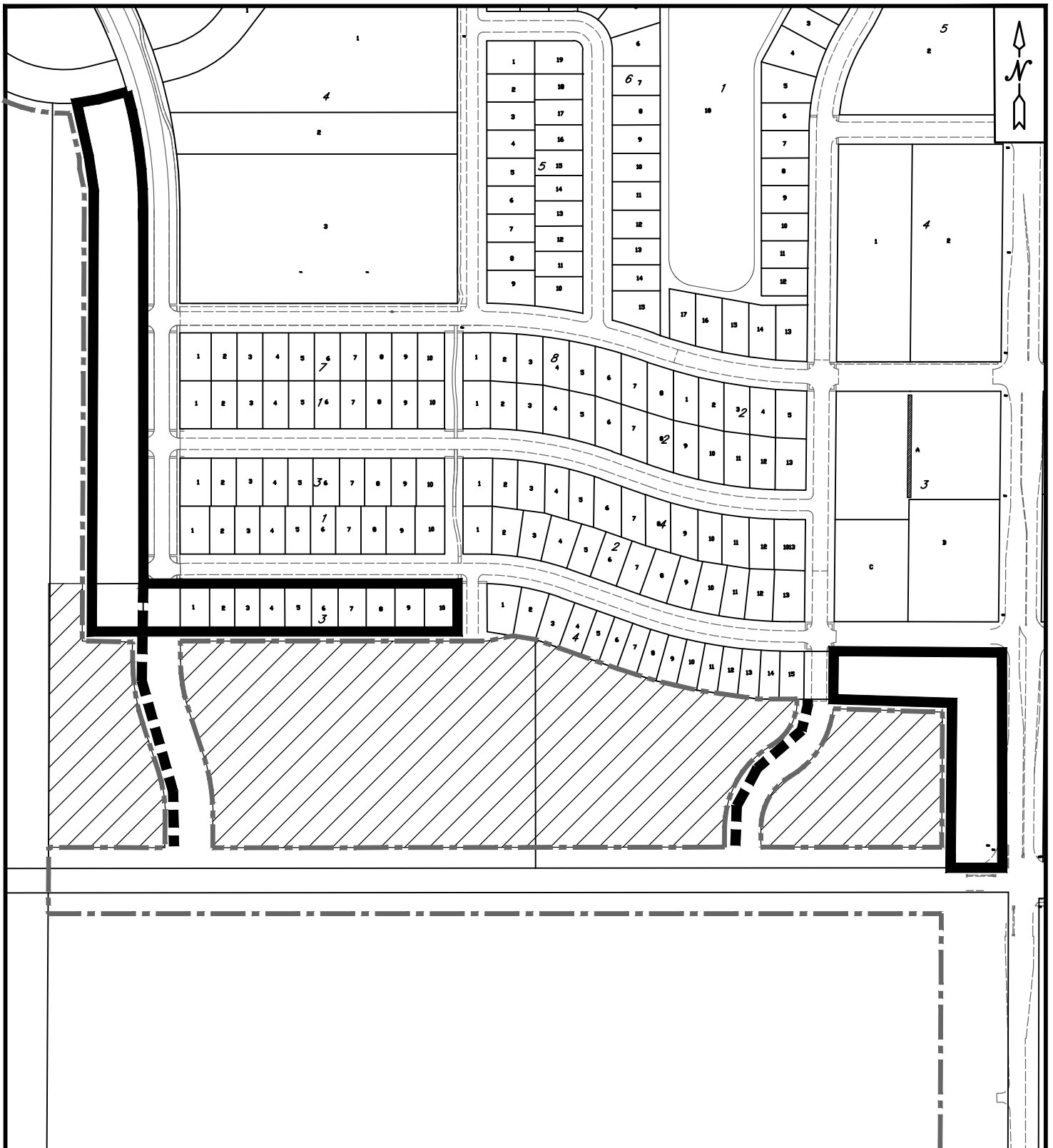
**STORM SEWER FOR
 47TH AVE S (COLUMBIA RD TO S 34TH ST)
 S 30TH ST (45TH AVE S TO 47TH AVE S)
 S 32ND ST (45TH AVE S TO 47TH AVE S)**

PROJECT # 8849

DISTRICT # 620

LEGEND

-  ASSESSMENT DISTRICT BOUNDARY
-  PROJECT LIMITS
-  CITY LIMITS
-  FUTURE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT



SANITARY SEWER FOR S 30TH ST & 34TH ST (45TH AVE S TO 47TH AVE S)

LEGEND

PROJECT # 8966

DISTRICT # 621

ASSESSMENT DISTRICT BOUNDARY

PROJECT LIMITS

CITY LIMITS

FUTURE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT