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SCOPING NOTICE

Request for Public Comments

September 30, 2014

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is pursuing a commercial ground lease of a Trust Lands parcel located at 1539 11th Avenue in Helena, Montana. The primary purpose is to lease approximately 1 acre of land to generate revenue according to the Trust Lands mandate. The beneficiaries of revenue from this parcel are both Montana State University and the University of Montana. The sole proposal received by DNRC, currently under consideration, would be a ground lease to a developer who would demolish the existing structures and redevelop the site as a build-to-suit commercial office building.

The department is currently conducting an analysis under the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) of the impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed ground lease and redevelopment. By this letter, DNRC is requesting comments under MEPA regarding the proposed ground lease, including the intended demolition of Mills Hall and redevelopment of the site for commercial use which is similar to the uses of the parcels in the surrounding area.

To ensure your comments are considered as part of the MEPA process, they must be received no later than 5:00 pm on **October 30, 2014**.

Comments may be sent to

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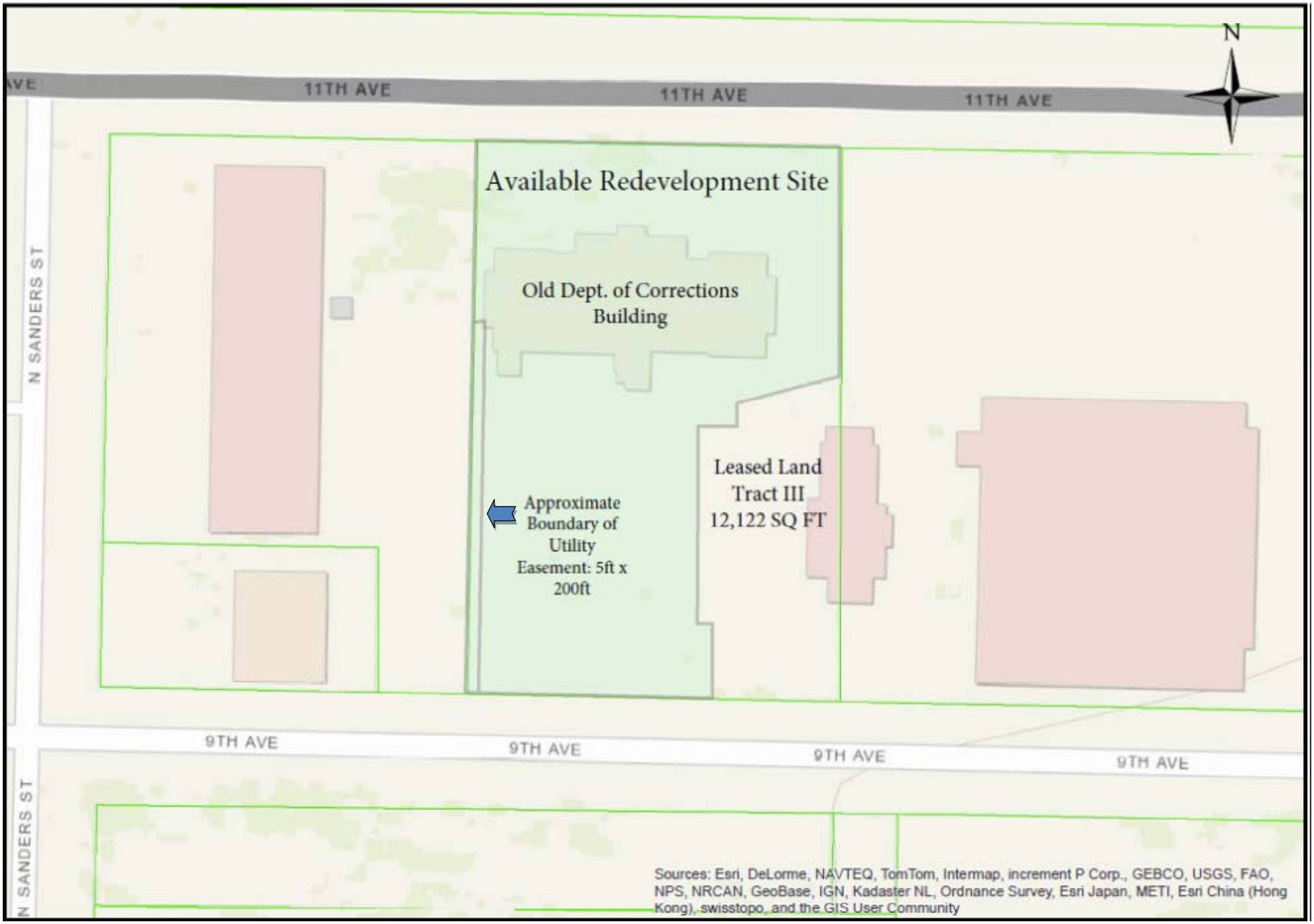
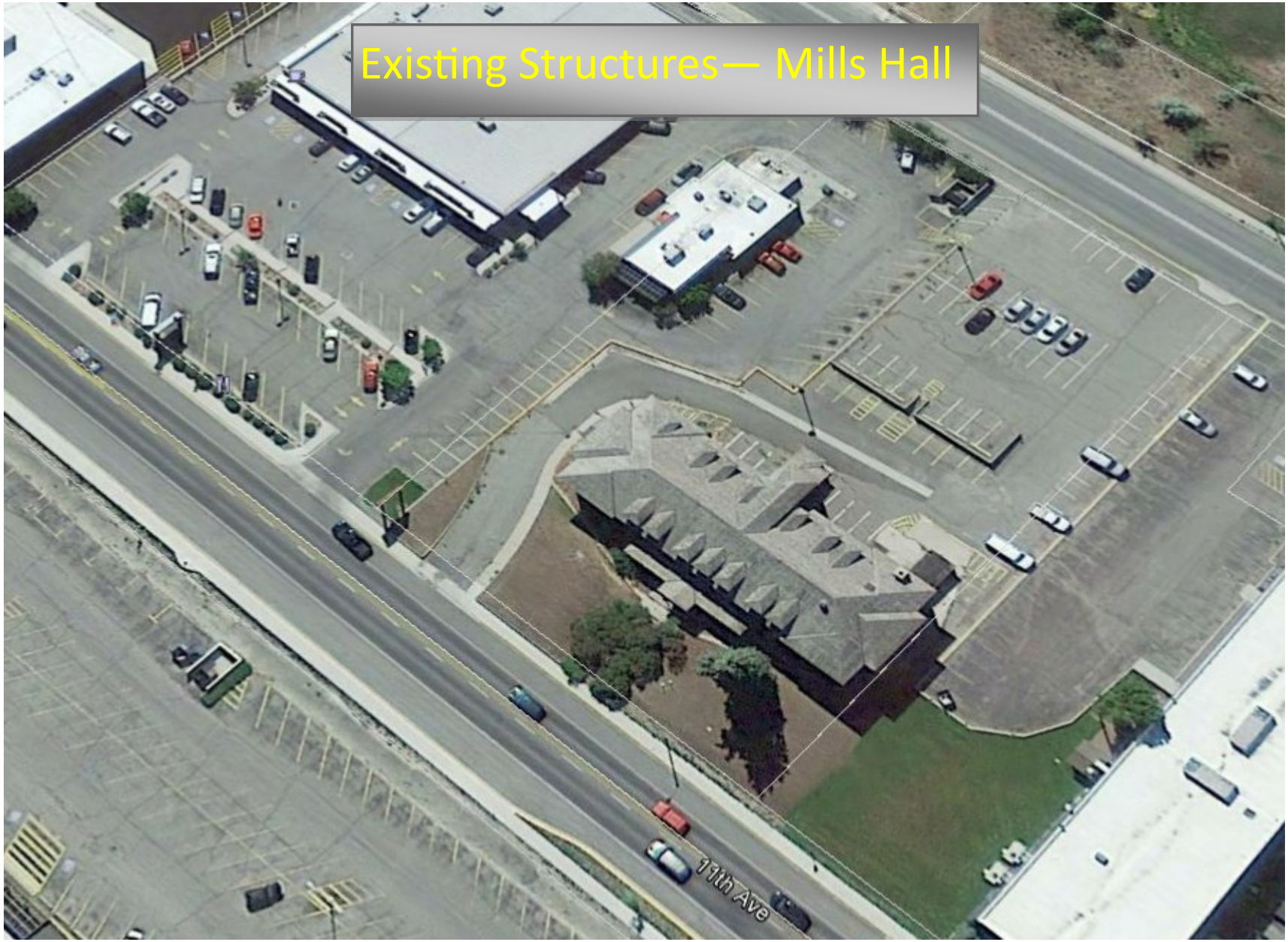
Additional information on the commercial leasing program within DNRC's Trust Lands Management Division is available on the website:
http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/Trust/Commercial/Default.asp

See the next page for a site map of the parcel.

Lot D, Cannon CW Addition to the City of Helena



State of Montana Trust Lands Parcel in Helena, MT
Site Layout— Current as of September 2014



Site and Parking Rendering