



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
Office of Construction & Facilities Management  
Washington DC 20420**

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*Sent via email*

**SUBJECT: Notice of Scoping for the Proposed Land Acquisition for the Expansion of the Western New York National Cemetery [VA ID# NCA-2024-0001]**

Dear Valued Stakeholder:

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is proposing to acquire approximately 92 acres east of the Western New York National Cemetery (WNYNC) at 1254 Indian Falls Rd., Corfu, NY 14036, for future development (Figures 1 and 2). The purpose of the Proposed Action is to provide additional land for future development of the WNYNC to serve the projected interment needs of Veterans in the area after the current burial space is depleted.

VA is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action. VA is preparing the EA in accordance with the regulations implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S. Code 4321 - 4370), as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500-1508), and VA's NEPA regulations (38 CFR Part 26).

VA is requesting input on the scope of issues for analysis, potential alternatives, or information/analyses relevant to the Proposed Action. The EA will evaluate the potential direct and indirect impacts to the environment resulting from the Proposed Action and alternatives, as well as cumulative impacts with other actions and projects in the project area.

Through this notice, VA is also providing the public with information about the undertaking and seeking public comment and input about the undertaking's effects on historic properties pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended, (54 USC § 306108), and its implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800 – Protection of Historic Properties). VA is using its procedures for public involvement under NEPA in lieu of public involvement requirements in Subpart B of the Section 106 regulations per 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). This notice does not serve as an invitation to consult under Section 106, it is solely to seek and consider the views of the public. VA will initiate its Section 106 review and send invitations to consulting parties separately.

If you have comments on the scope of the EA, the range of alternatives, and environmental issues for in depth analysis, please email your comments to [vacoenvironment@va.gov](mailto:vacoenvironment@va.gov) with the subject line "WNYNC Expansion EA".

VA anticipates publishing the Draft EA for a 30-day public review and comment period. VA will notify stakeholders, publish a notice of availability of the Draft EA in the *Buffalo News*, and invite comments on the Draft EA at that time.

Respectfully,

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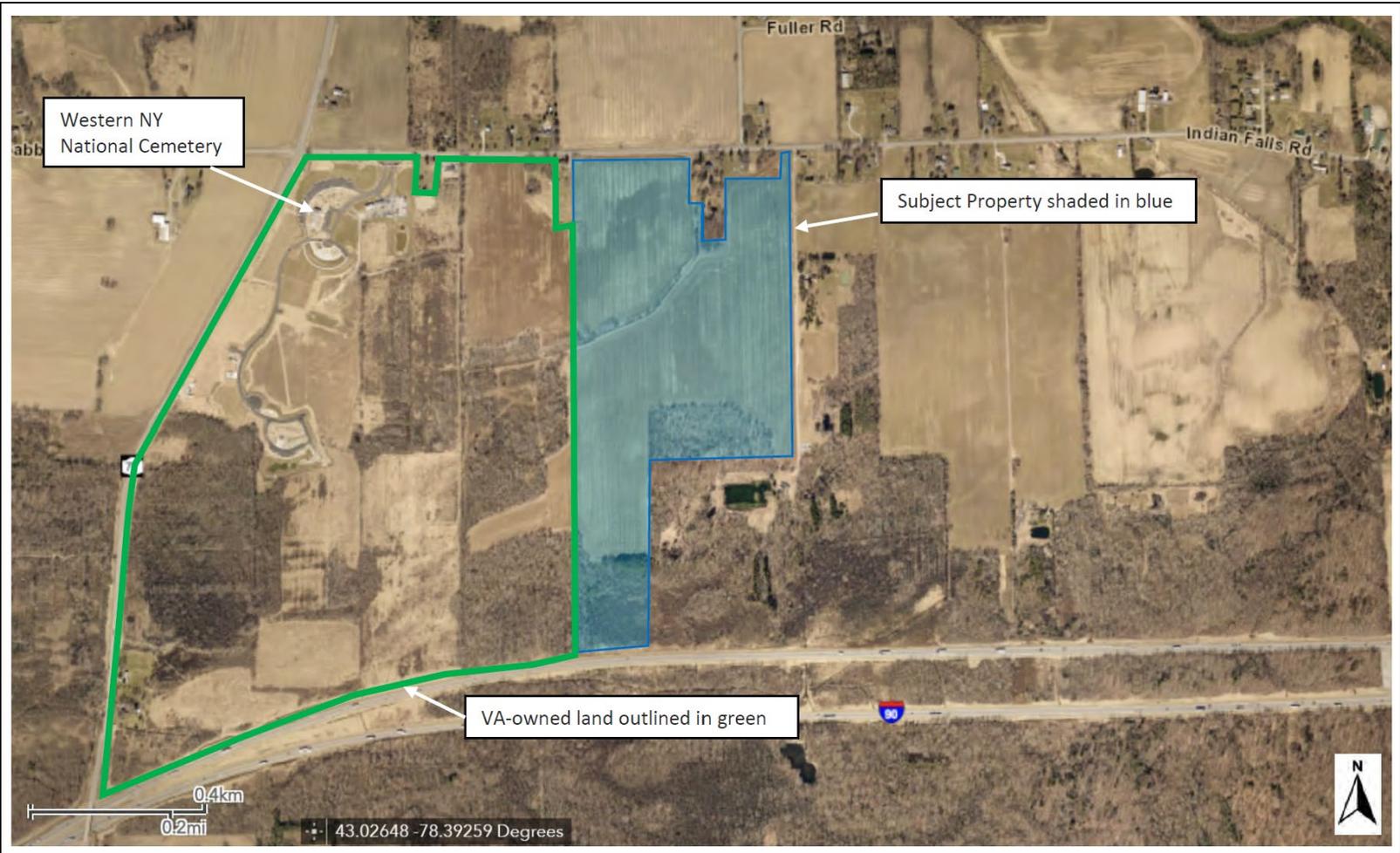


Figure 2. Map of Land Acquisition Parcel