

**APPENDIX B**  
**Native American Consultation**



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Santee Sioux Nation  
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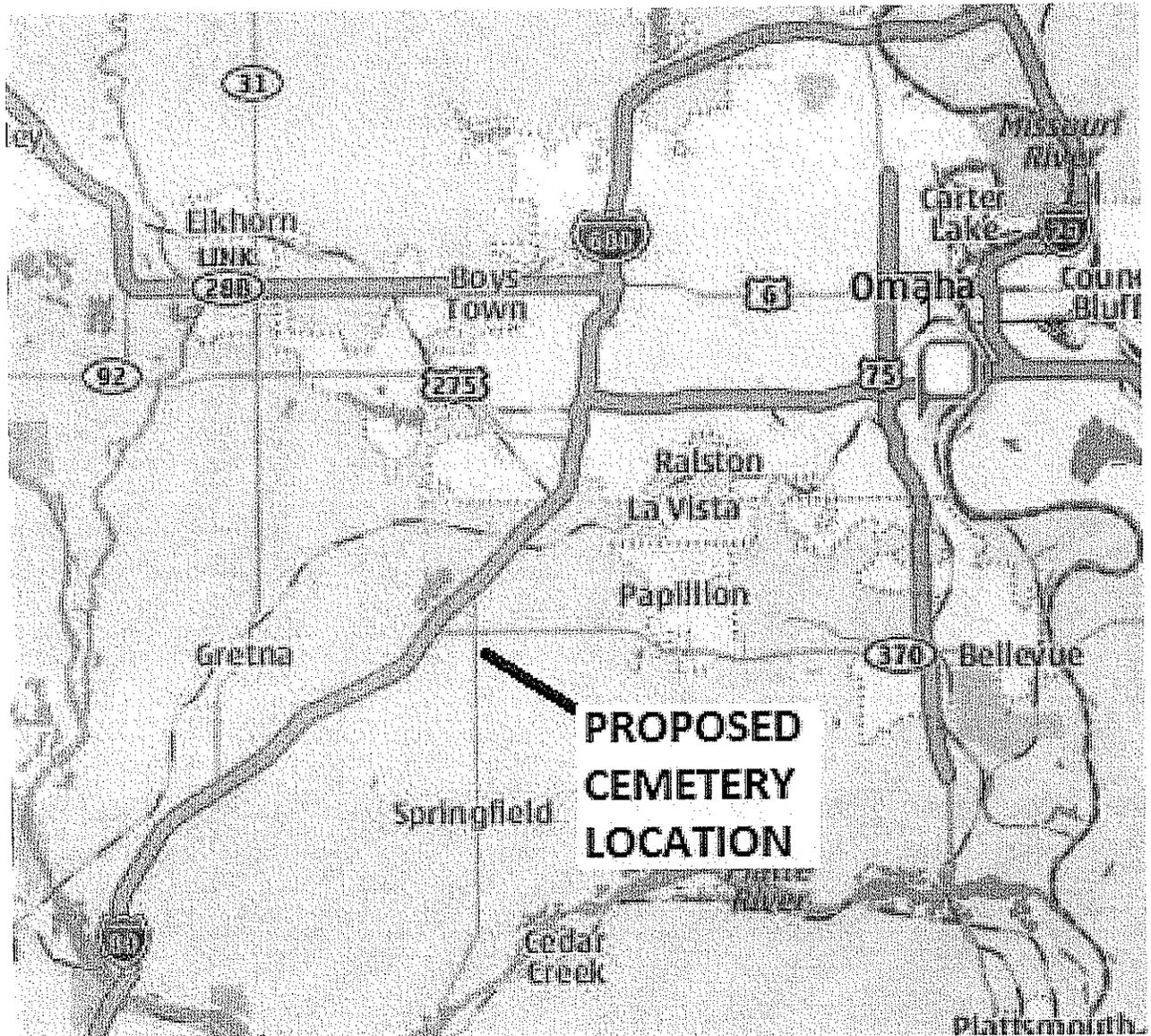
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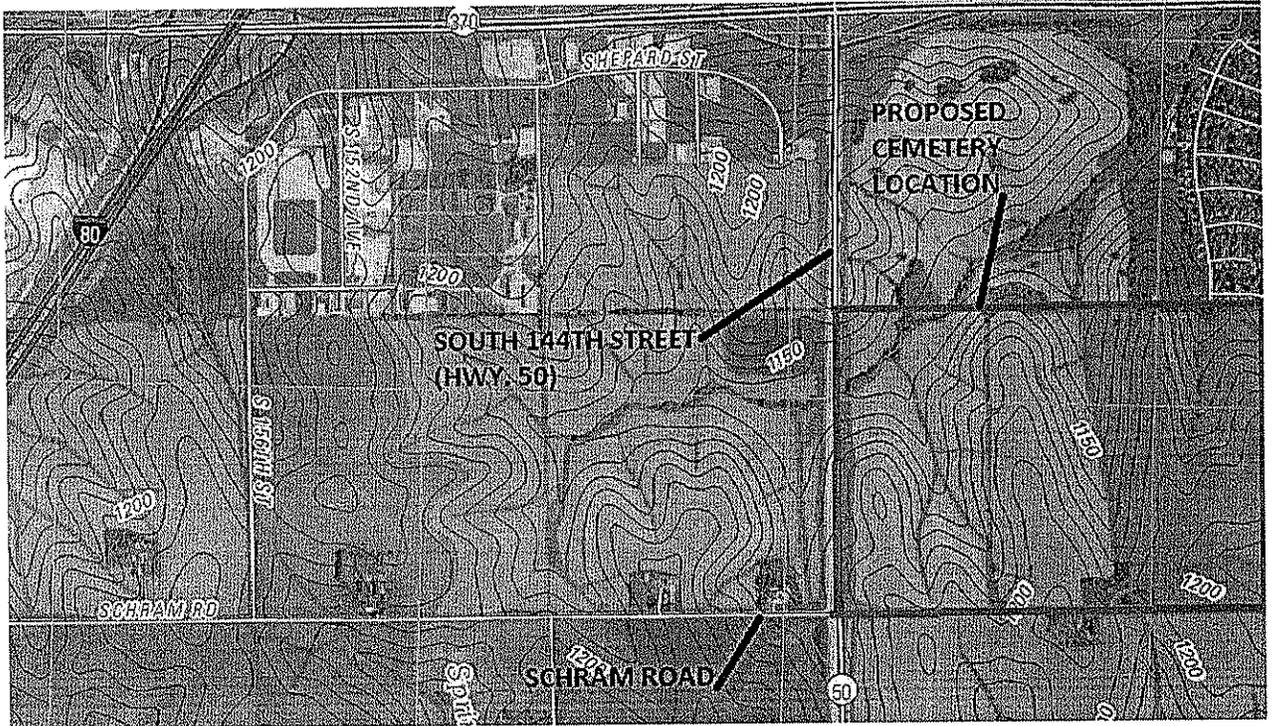
**ATTACHMENT 1A**

Site Location Map (Street Map)  
Proposed National Cemetery  
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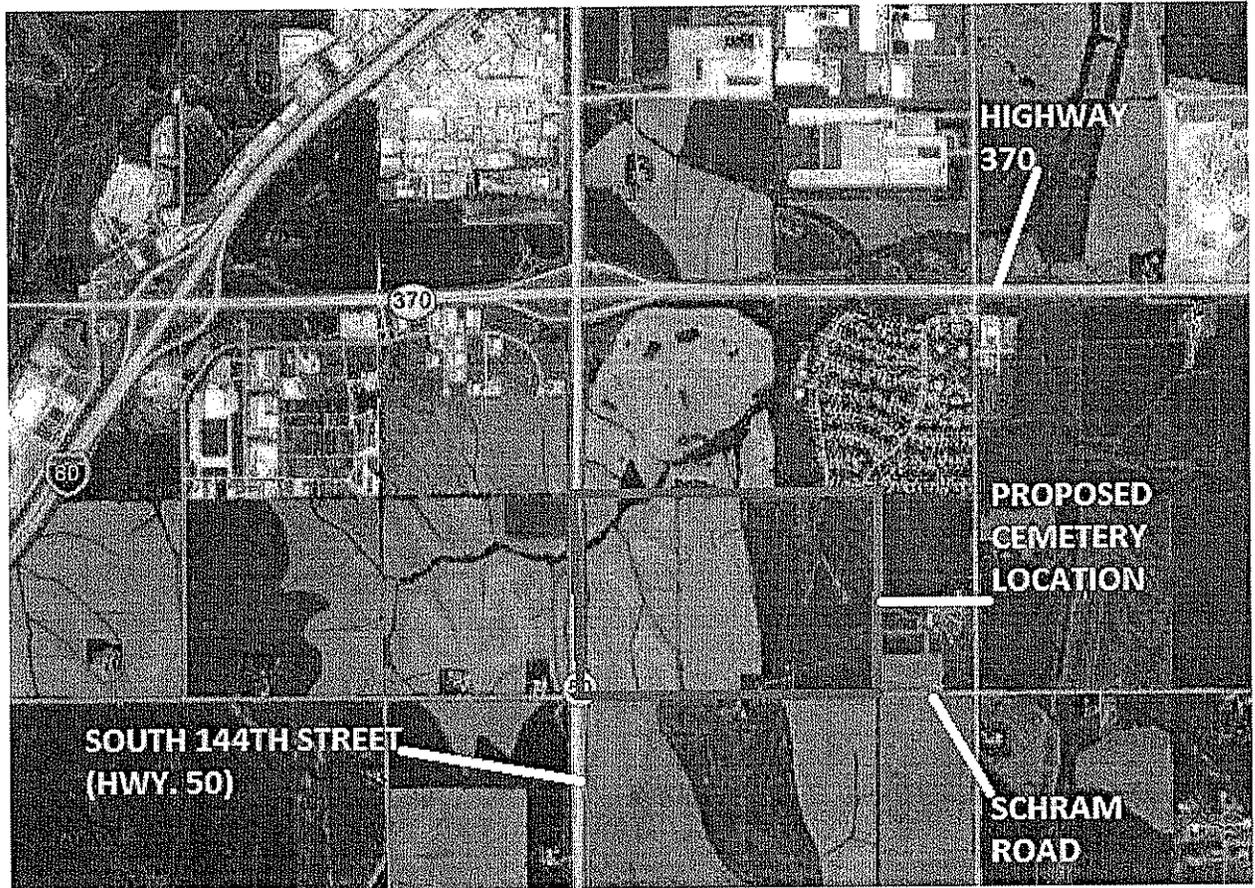
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Site Location Map (2011 Topographic Map)  
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Site Location Map (2010 Aerial Photograph)  
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HIGHWAY  
370

PROPOSED  
CEMETERY  
LOCATION

SOUTH 144TH STREET  
(HWY. 50)

SCHRAM  
ROAD

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