

HCDD CDBG DR-2 Program Guidelines Waiver Request

Request No. 8: Use of LJA Damage Data

Date: July 9, 2013

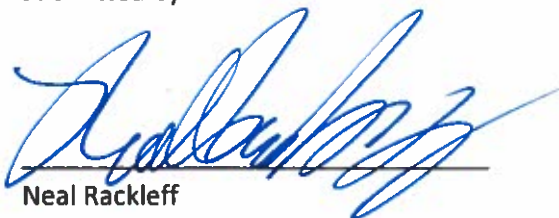
The City of Houston (the City), for the Hurricane Ike/Dolly Round II Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program (the Program), believes that it is in the best interest of the residents of the City of Houston to modify the Texas General Land Office (GLO) Round 2 Housing Program Guidelines (the Round 2 Guidelines), and therefore requests the following waiver.

The purpose of this waiver request is to allow the City to use damage data collected by LJA Engineering, Inc. (LJA), in their original 2008 field survey to be used as proof of damage related to Hurricane Ike to single-family homes, on equal footing with the documents identified in the Guidelines (Part A, VI., h., i. (FEMA, SBA or Insurance award letters)).

The Guidelines provide that to receive Program benefits, applicants must demonstrate proof of damage caused by Hurricane Ike (Part A, VI., C., h.). The use of data provided by LJA is appropriate because Harris County Housing Authority contracted with LJA to provide an initial damage assessment soon after Hurricane Ike. LJA hired independent contractors to conduct field surveys of hurricane damage throughout the City shortly after the storm. The City has used this data for planning purposes and found the data to be reliable. The LJA data is reliable, third-party information, and its use would expedite the execution of the Program.

The City of Houston requests that GLO grant this waiver to the Round 2 Guidelines.

Submitted by:



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Director

Housing and Community Development Department
City of Houston



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Approved by:

Jorge Ramirez
GLO

Date

Exhibit A

Please see attached.

Northside Village Community Revitalization Area

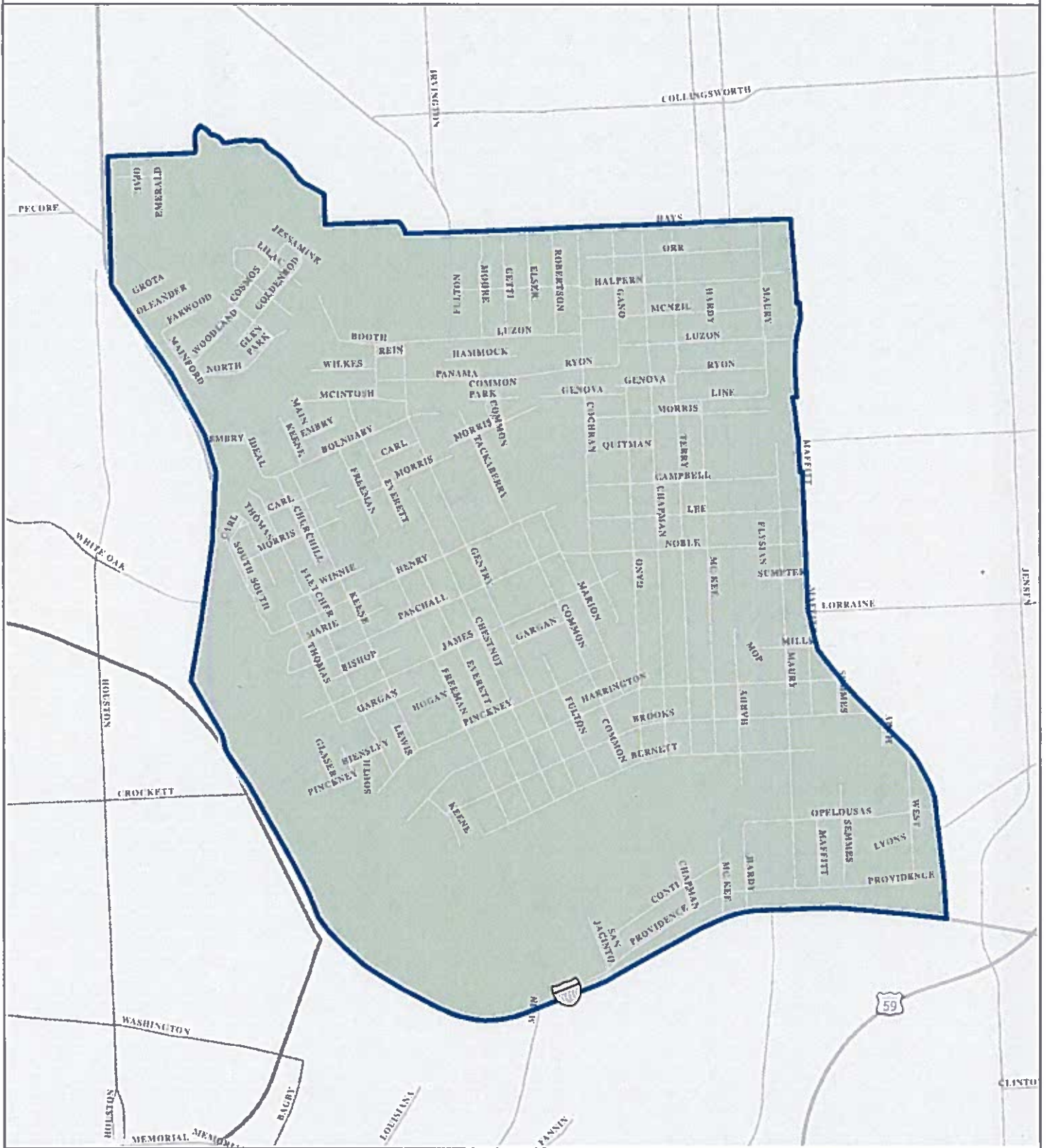
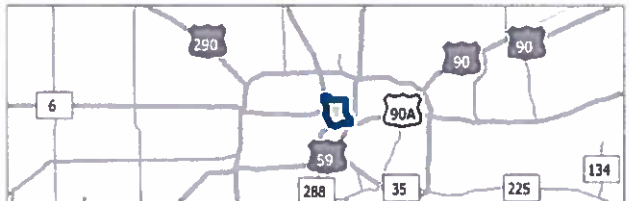
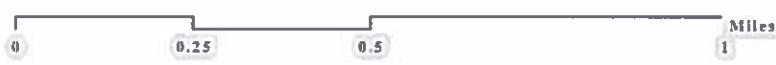


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OST/South Union Community Revitalization Area

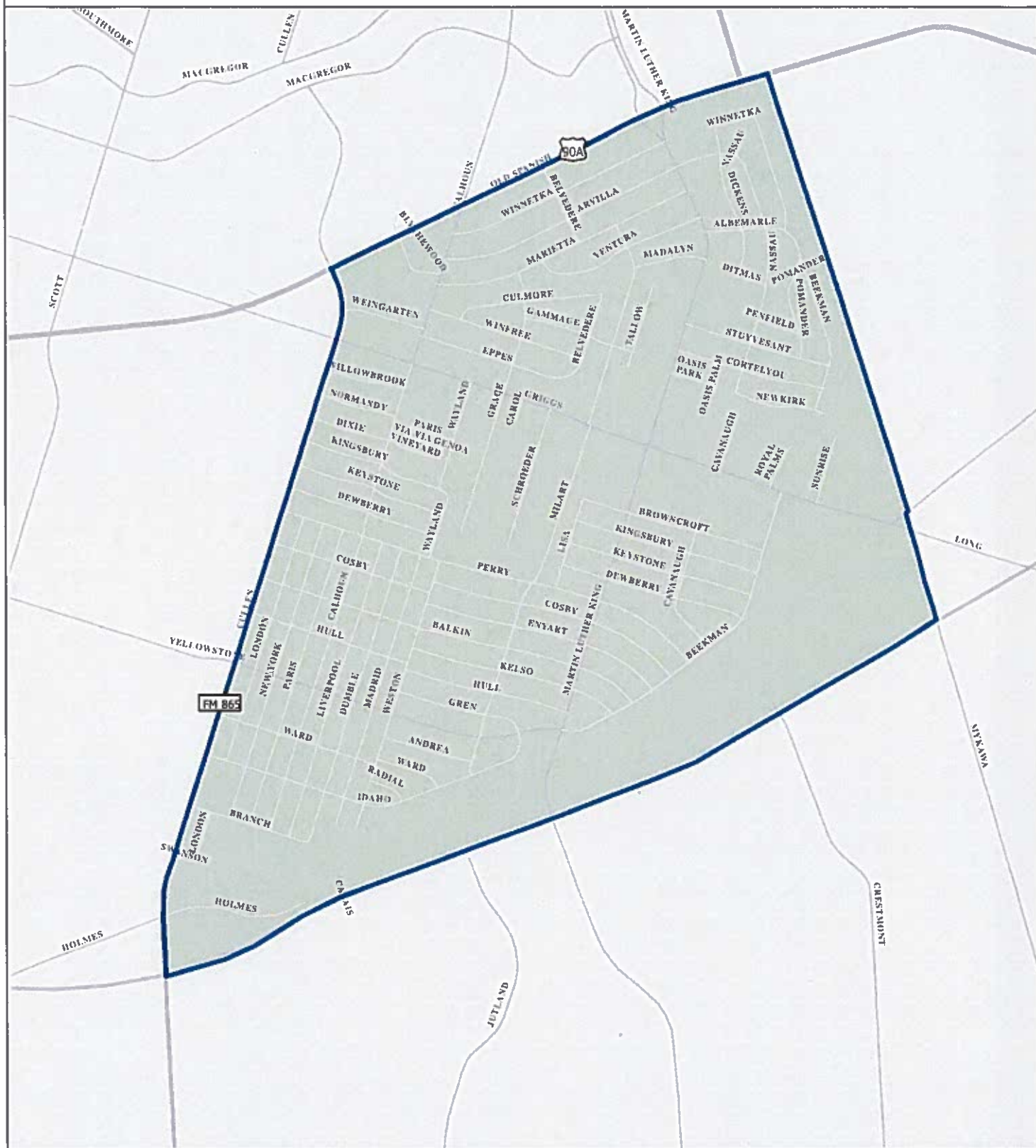


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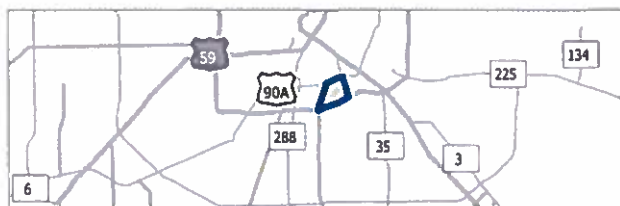


Exhibit B

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Acres Homes CRA Outreach Area

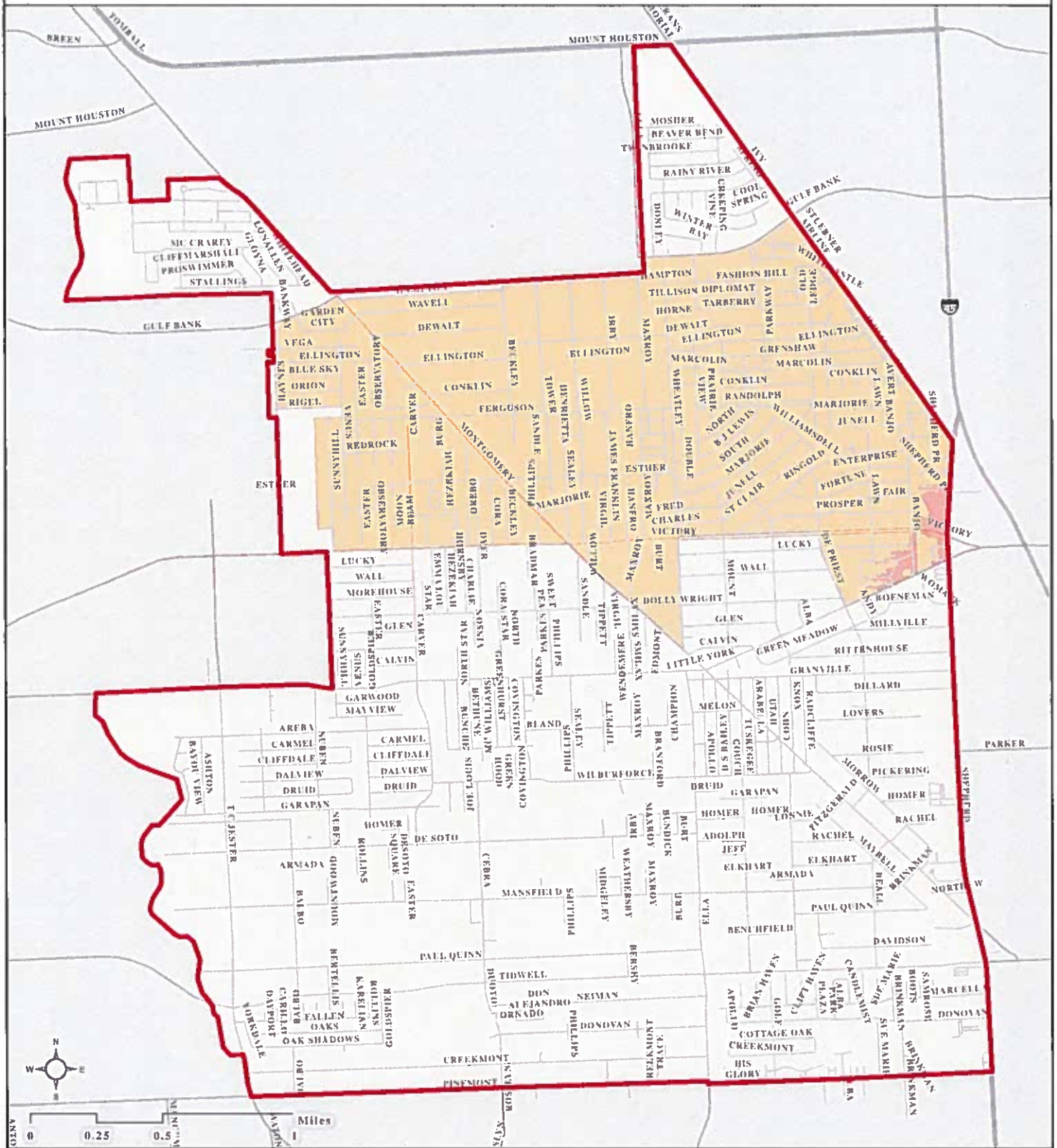
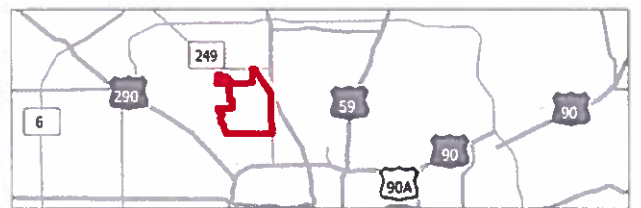


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- CRA Outreach Area Boundary



Greater 5th Ward CRA Outreach Area

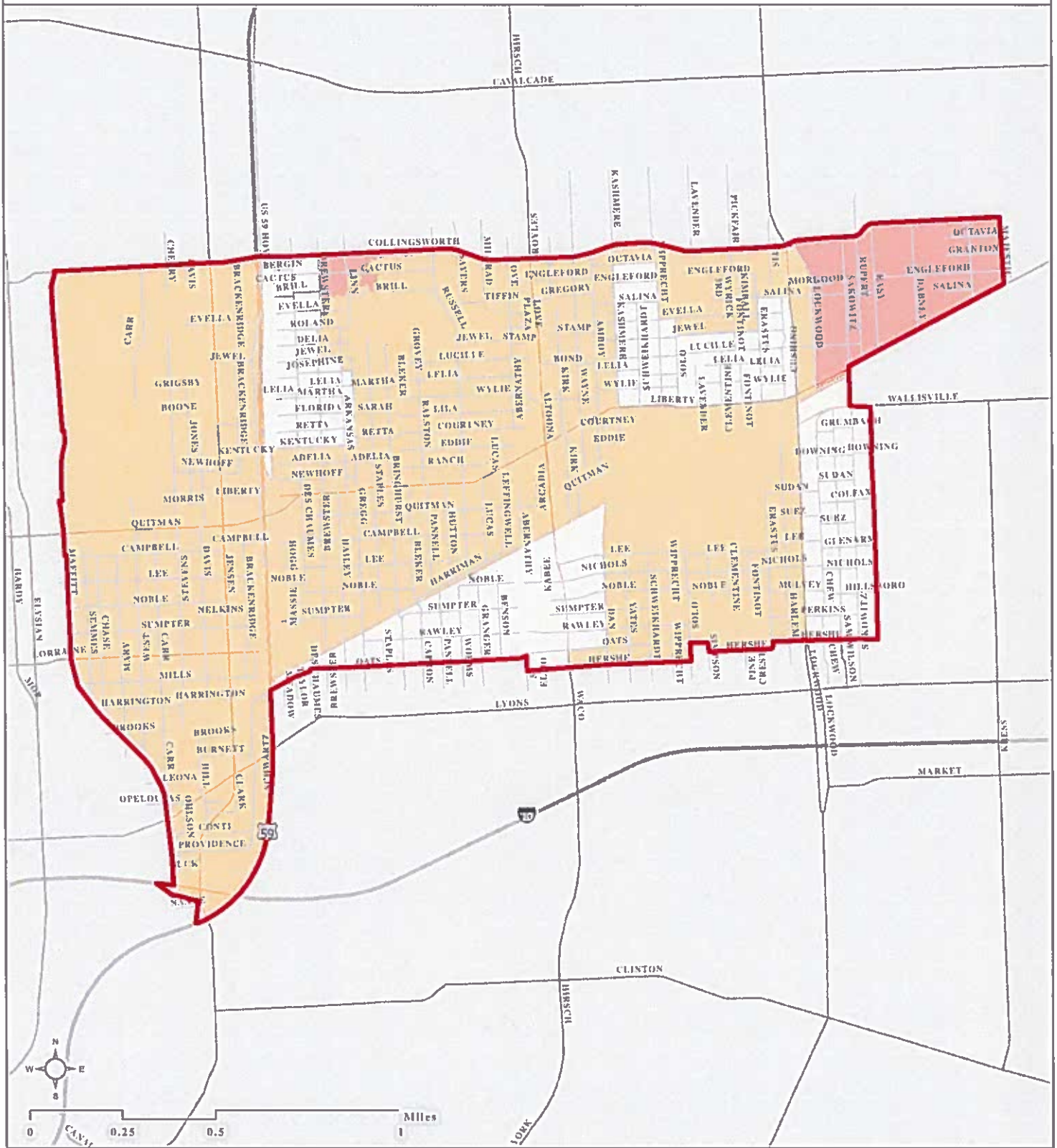
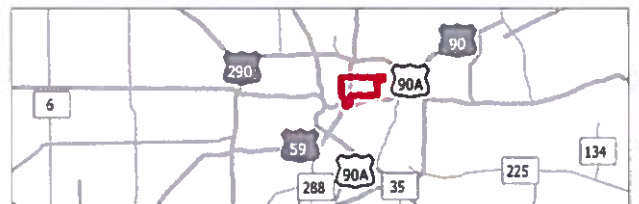


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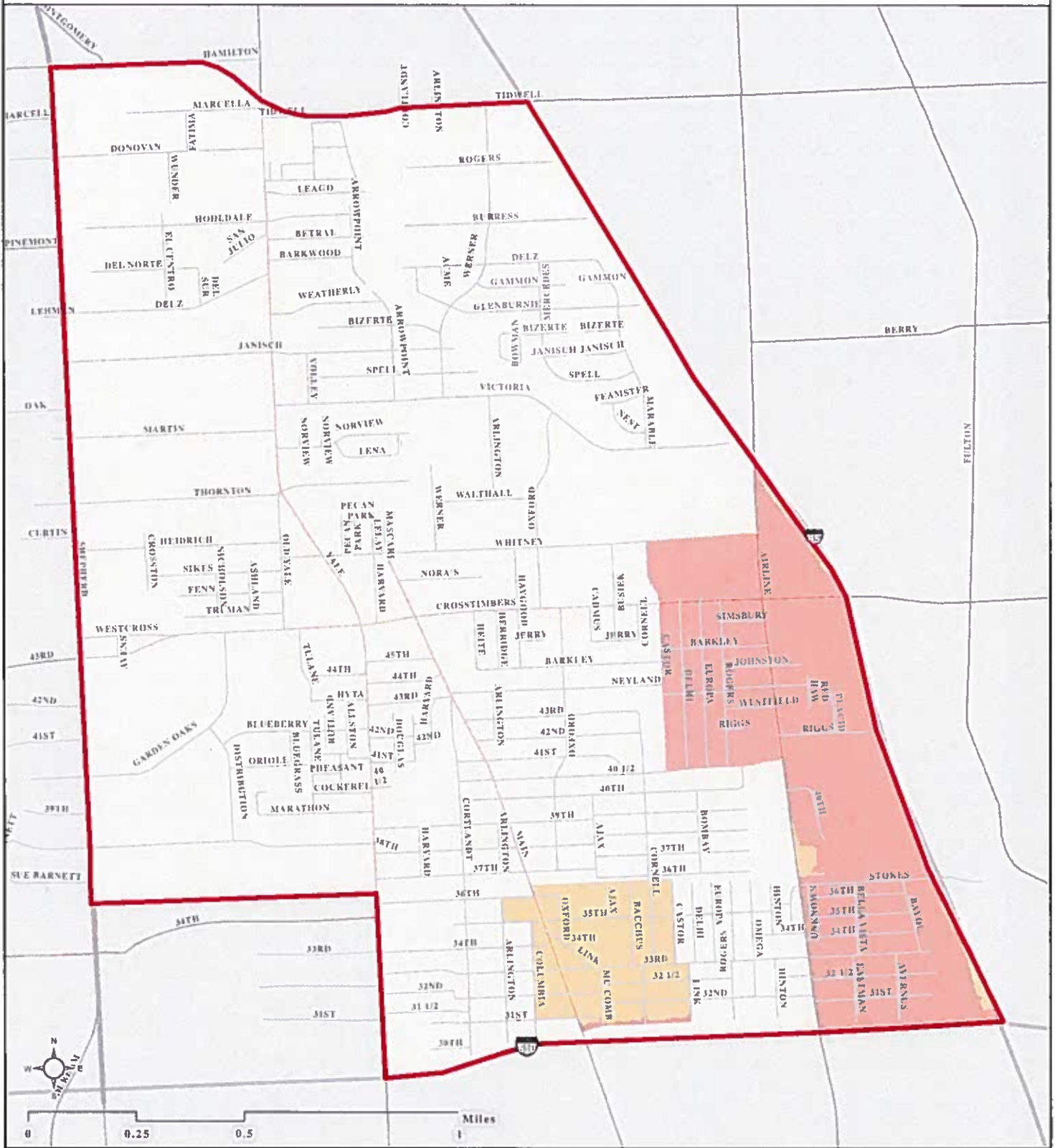


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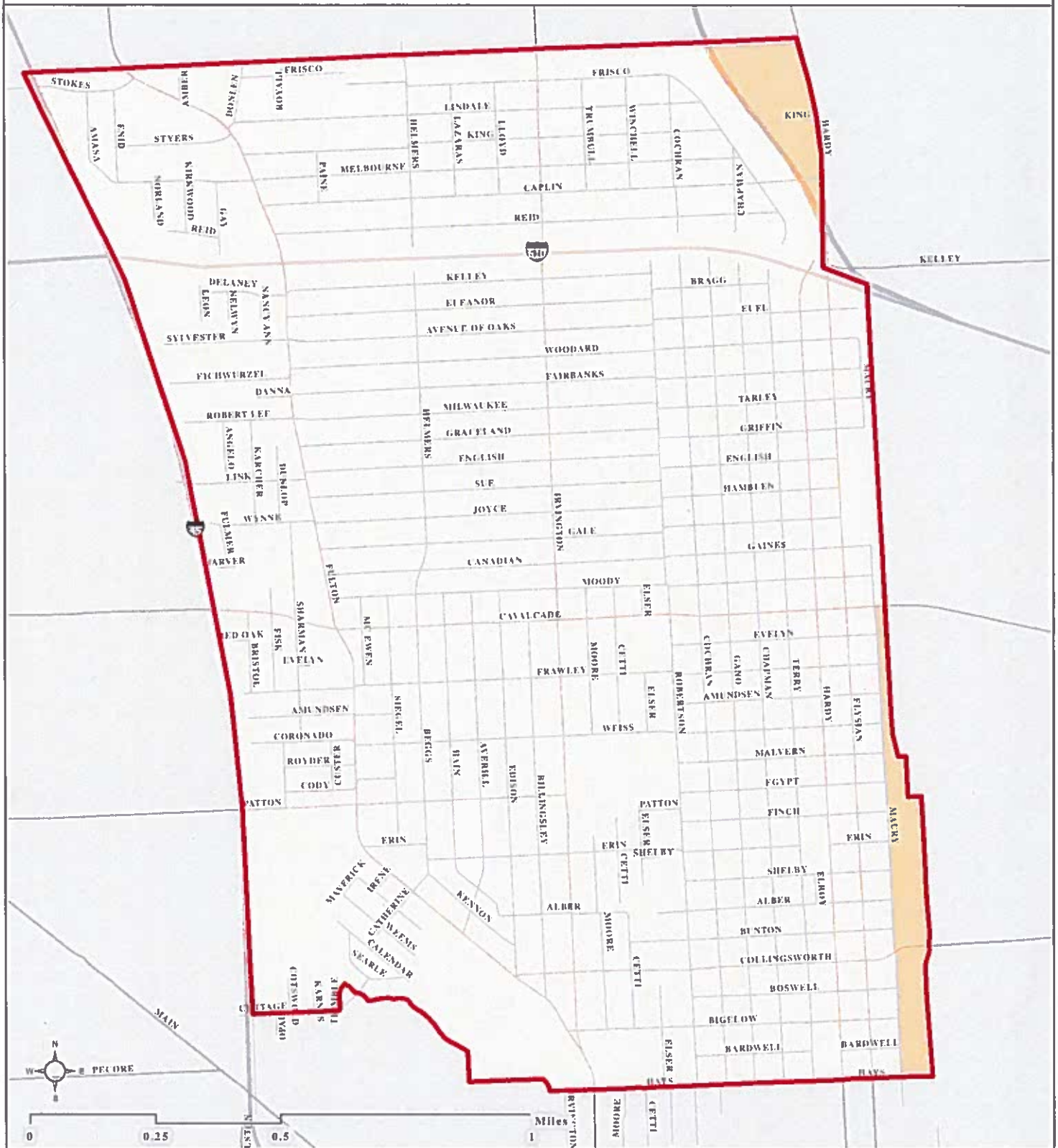
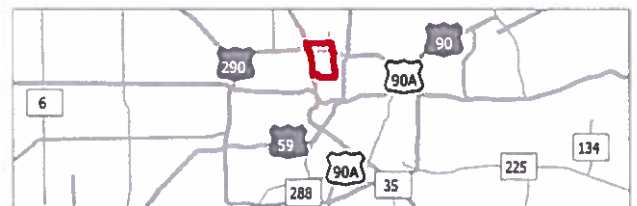


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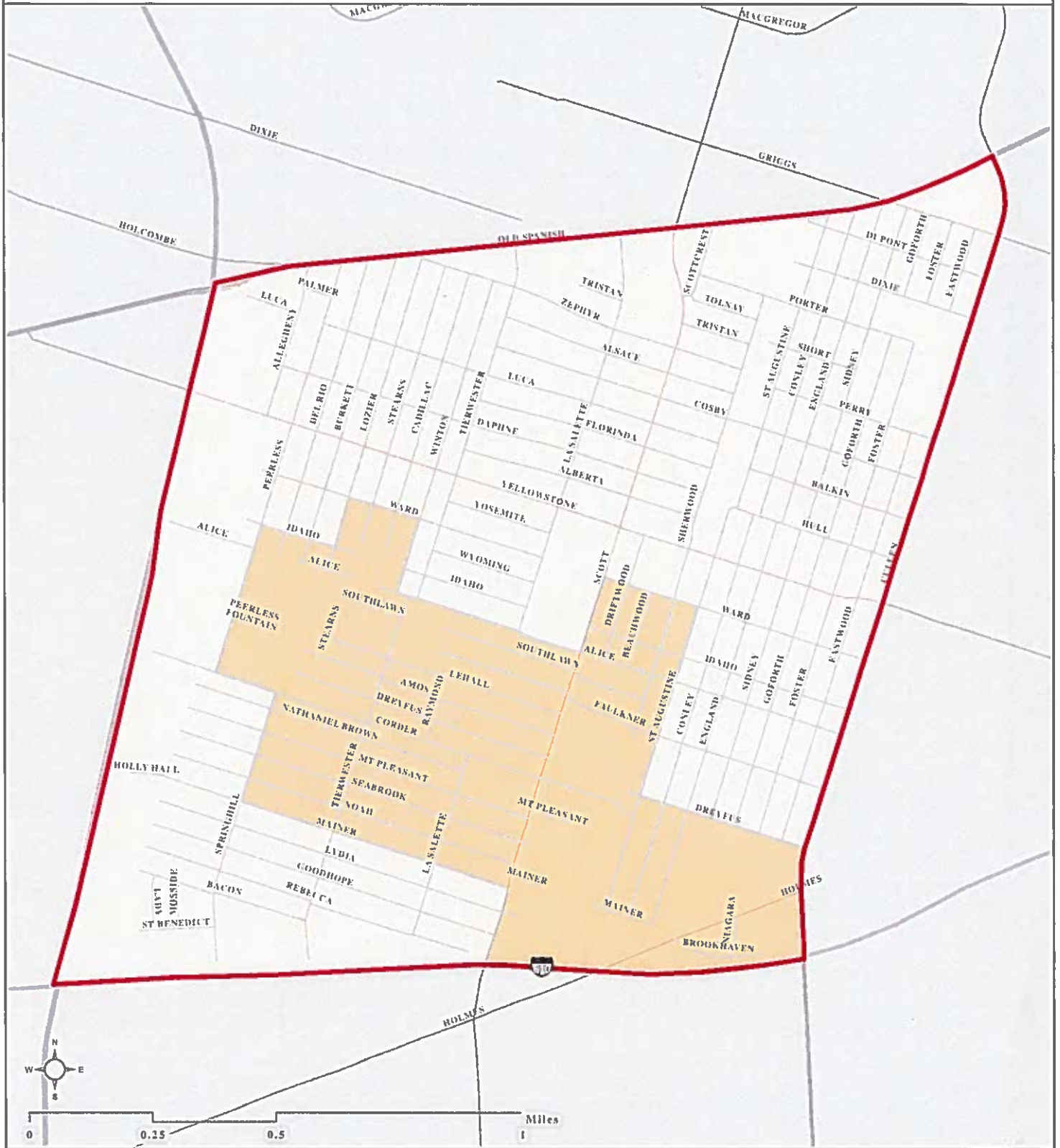
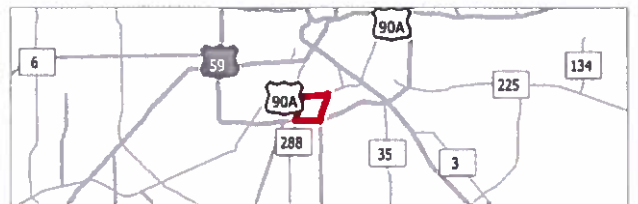


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Sunnyside CRA Outreach Area

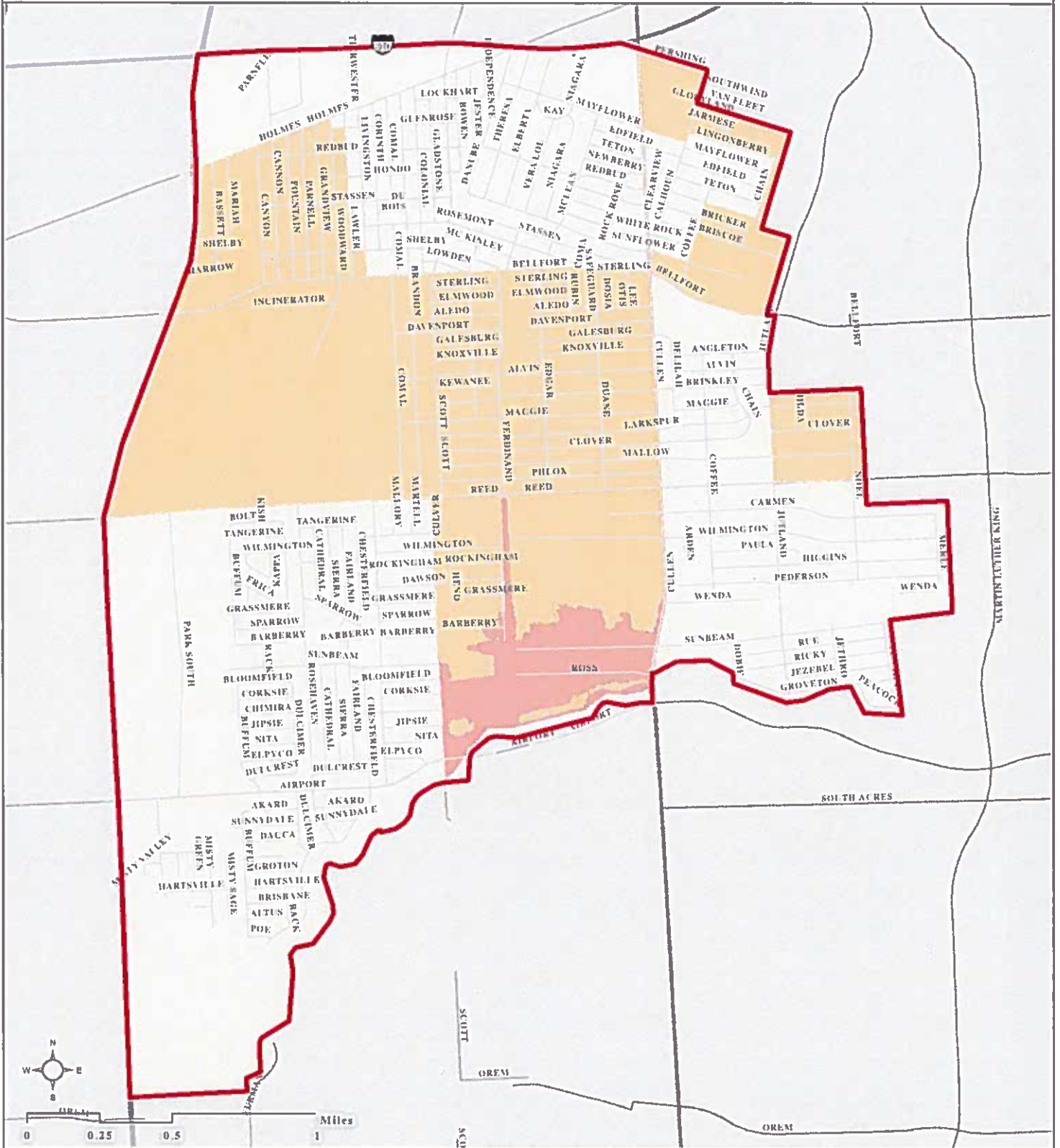


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