

HCDD CDBG DR-2 Program Guidelines Waiver Request

Request No. 10: Alteration to Preferred Unit Sizes

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 alter the Preferred Unit Sizes for homes to be rehabilitated or reconstructed under only the single family home repair component of the Program.

The Guidelines address Preferred Unit Sizes (Part A, VII., H., a. – e. (pgs 10-11)). The City would like to amend the criteria related to 2 Bedroom units (Part A, VII., H., b.) to match the criteria related to 1 Bedroom units (Part A, VII., H., a.) – “No CDBG DR built home will be only 2 Bedrooms.”

The building of 2 Bedroom homes is not consistent with the intent of Houston’s Program. A primary goal of the City is to use Program funds to encourage the creation of economically feasible, mixed income developments and communities with diverse populations to the greatest extent possible pursuant to best practices cited in the Planning Study and the Round 2 Guidelines, as amended, in the Program’s Community Revitalization Areas (CRAs) (described in Exhibit A attached hereto), those areas where the City desires to invest funds from the Program. In addition to CRAs, the city also will implement the same concepts within the CRA Outreach Areas (described in Exhibit B attached hereto). The City undertook an extensive planning process to identify certain neighborhoods as CRAs that are most likely to leverage Program funds to maximum advantage. Altering the Preferred Unit Sizes for homes rebuilt or built with Program funds will ensure that the homes contribute to the Program’s goals.

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

Submitted by:



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Director

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City of Houston



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Approved by:

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GLO

Date

Exhibit A

Please see attached.

Greater 5th Ward Community Revitalization Area

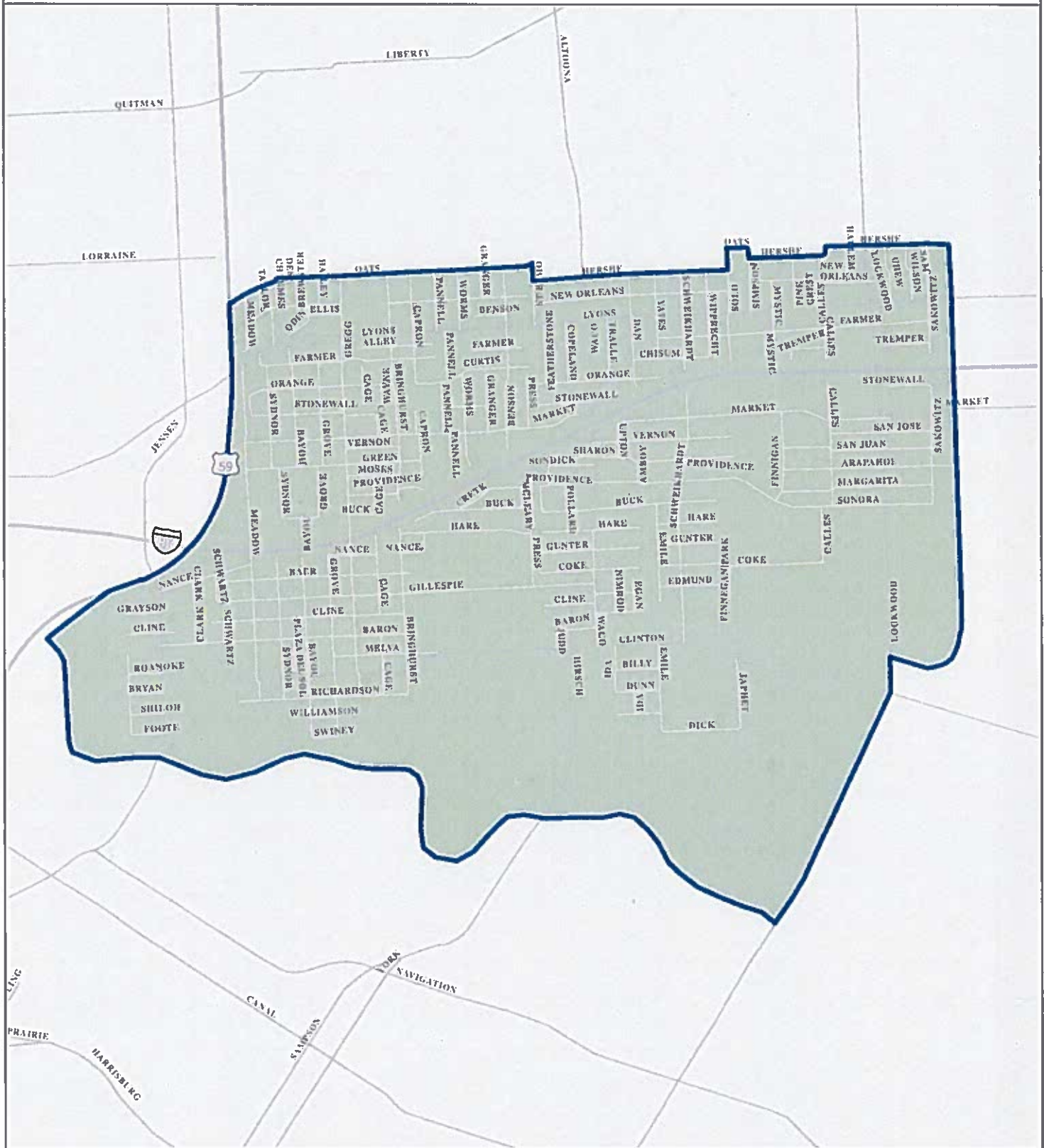
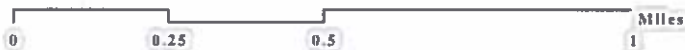


EXHIBIT A



Northside Village Community Revitalization Area

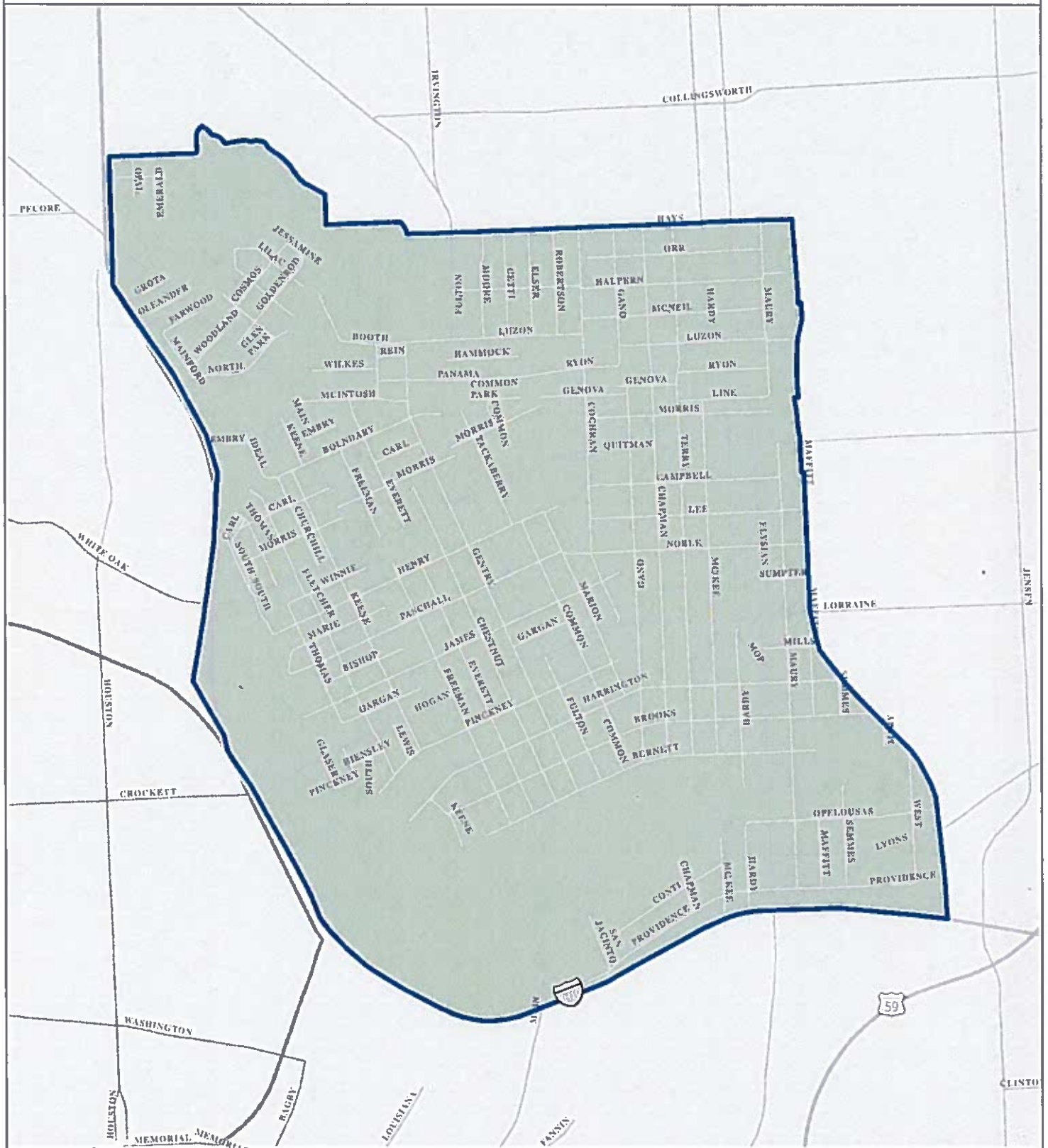
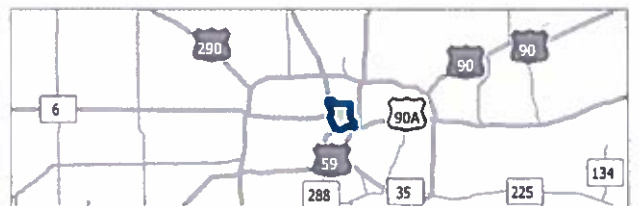
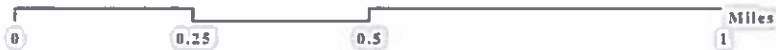


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OST/South Union Community Revitalization Area

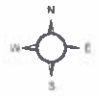
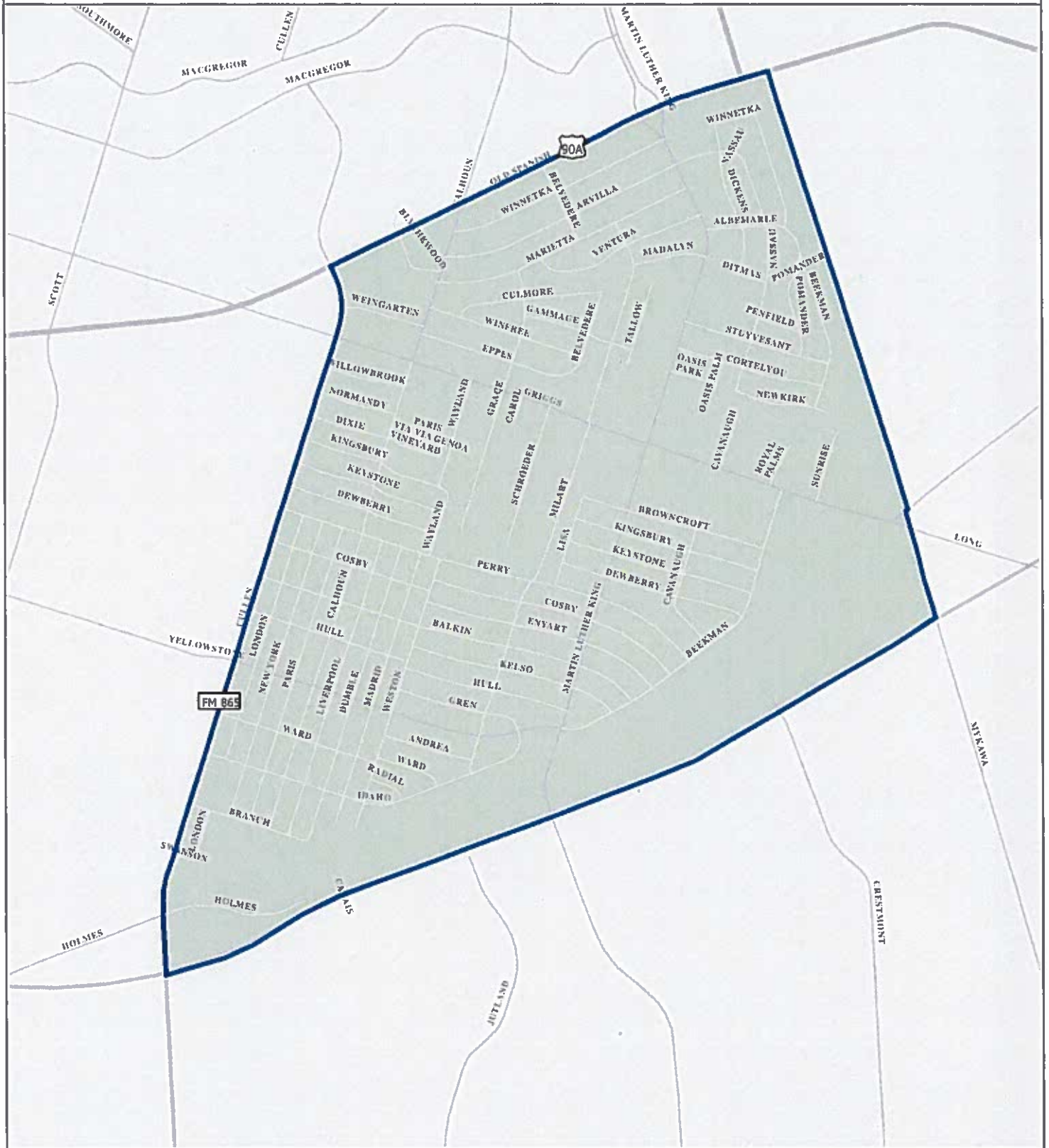


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Exhibit B

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Acres Homes CRA Outreach Area

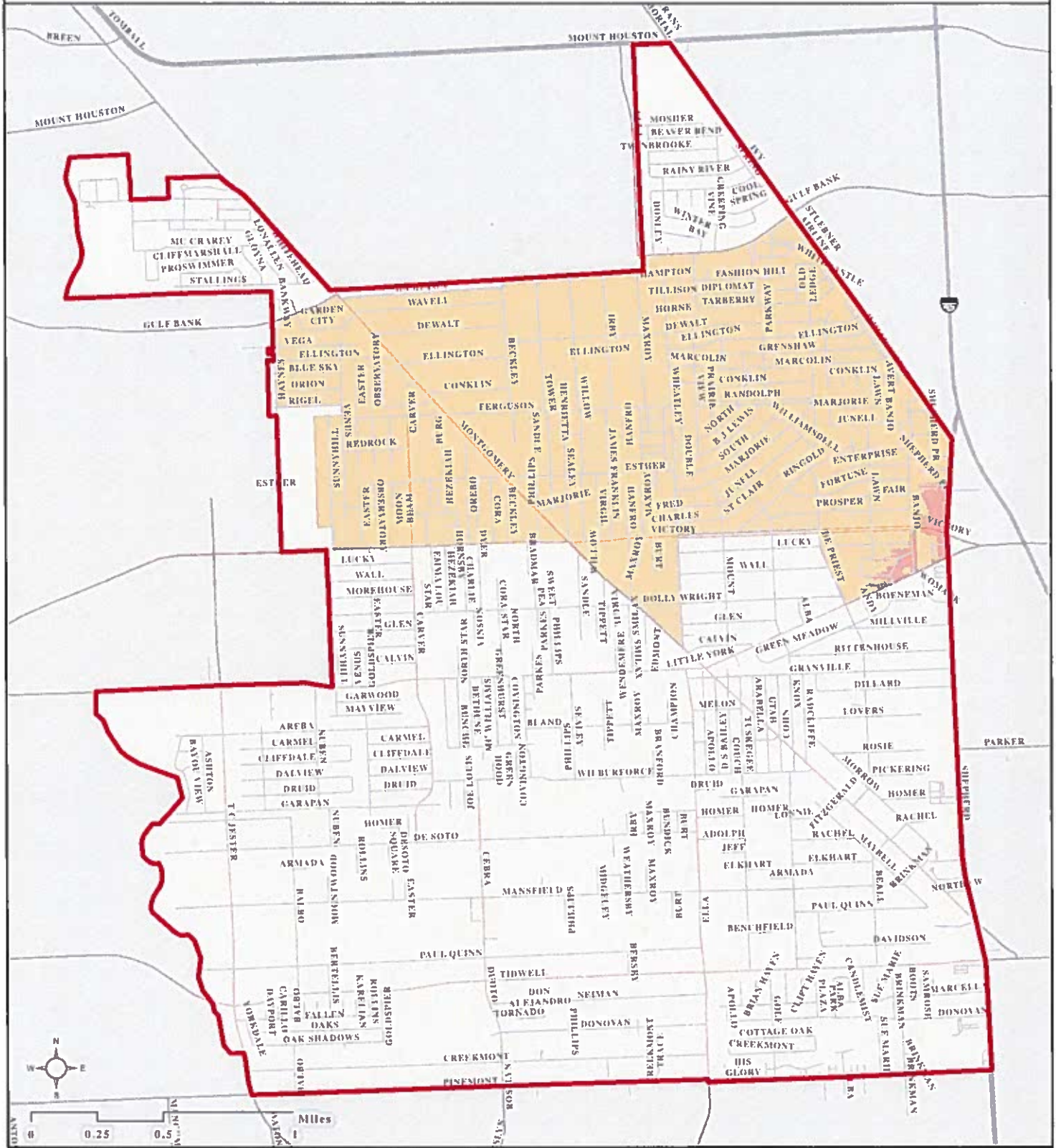
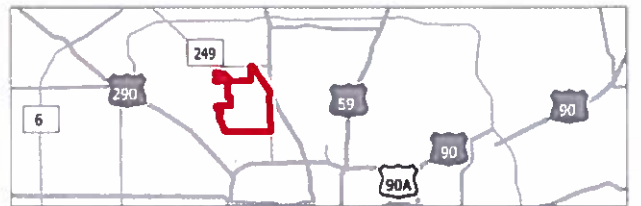


EXHIBIT B

- Primary Target Area
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- Tertiary Target Area
- CRA Outreach Area Boundary

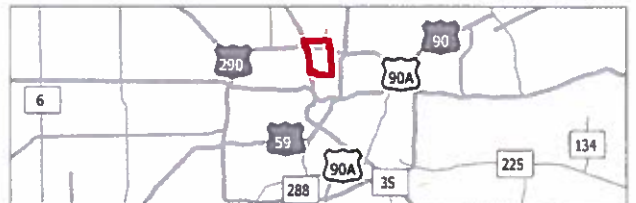


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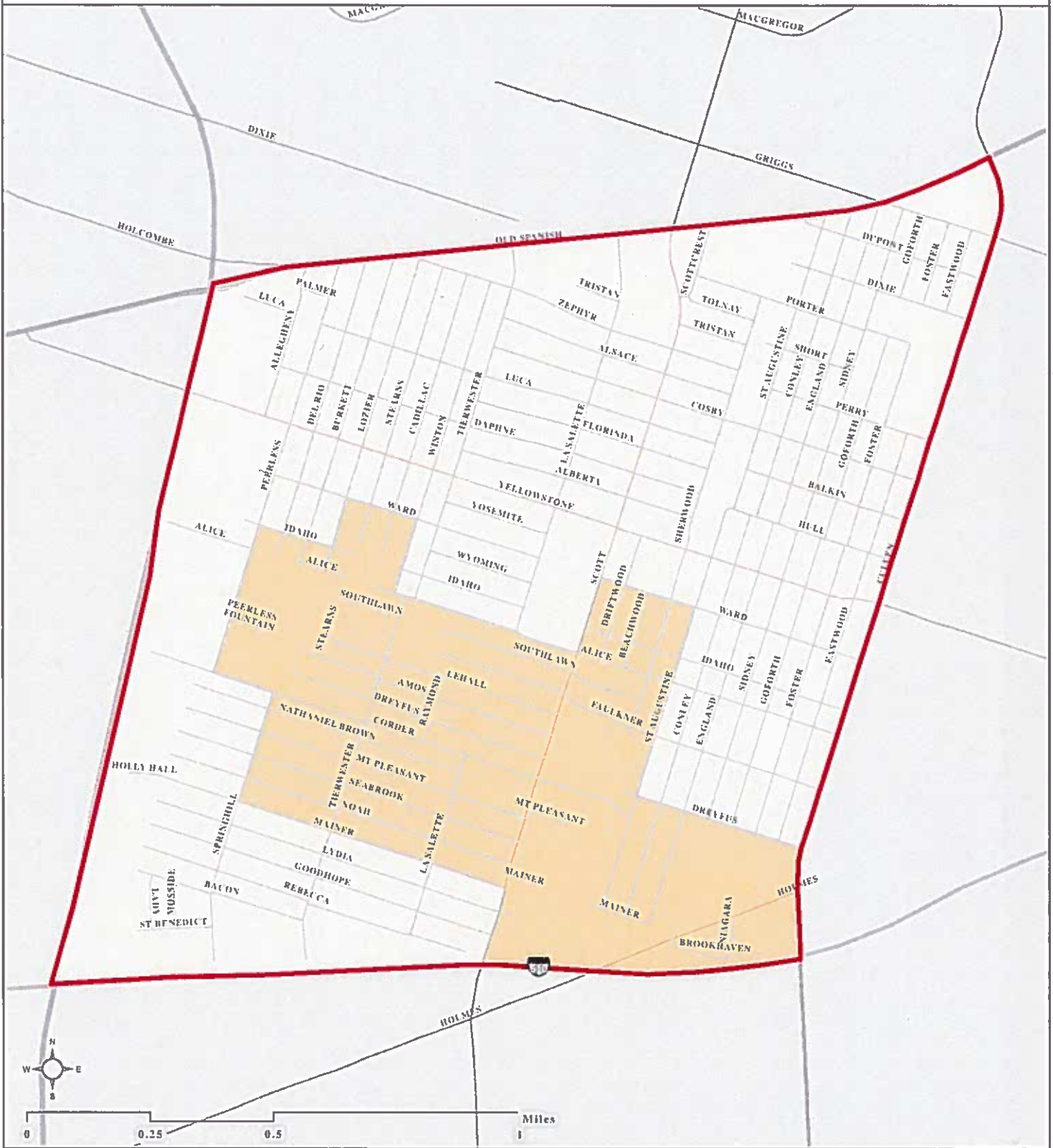


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Sunnyside CRA Outreach Area

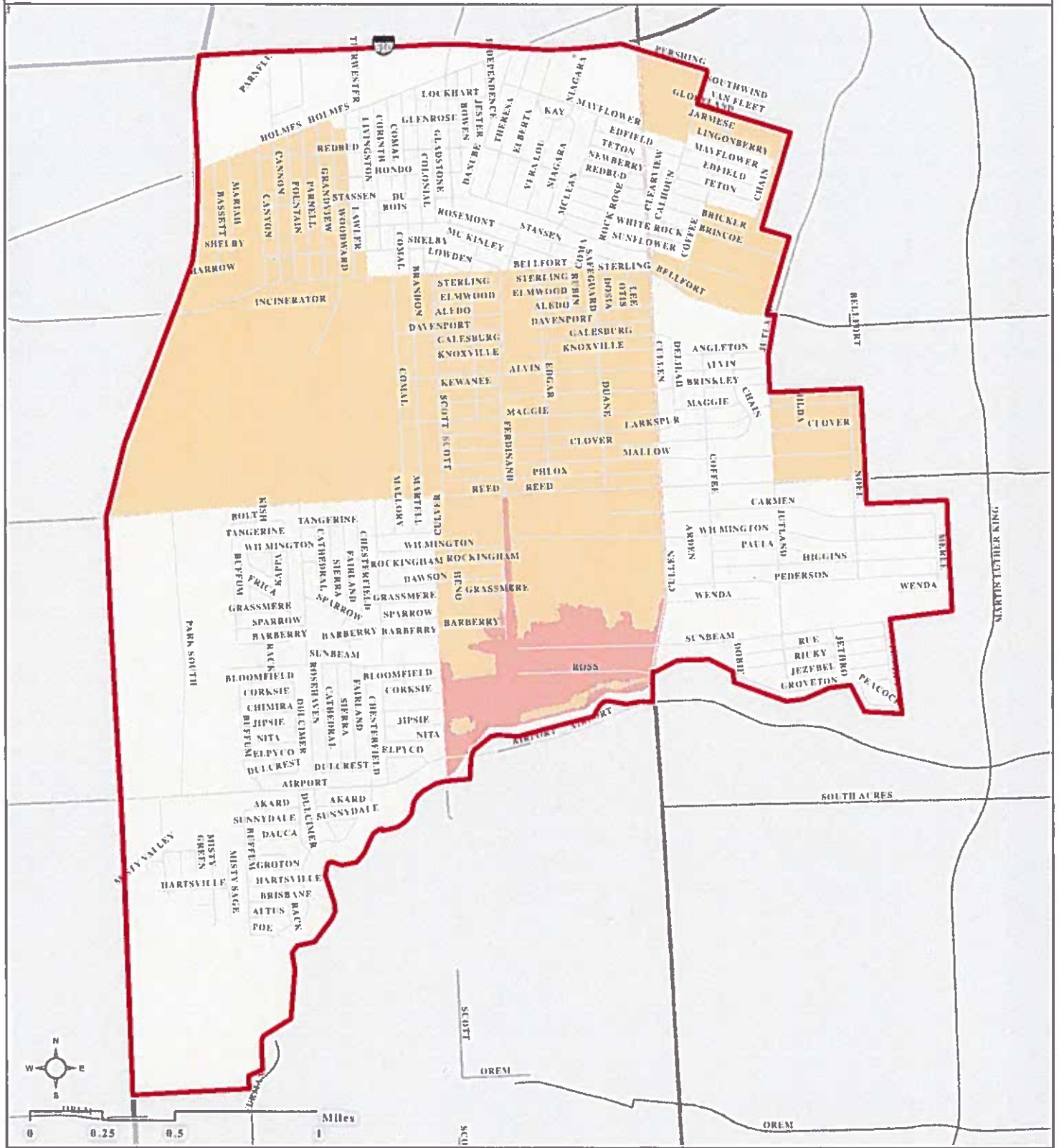


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