

HCDD CDBG DR-2 Program Guidelines Waiver Request

Request No. 2: Addition of Community Revitalization Areas and CRA Outreach Areas to Homeowner Opportunity Program Relocation Options

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 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 is to provide Homeowner Opportunity Program (HOP) applicants the option of relocating to the Community Revitalization Areas (CRAs) (as described in Exhibit A attached hereto) and CRA Outreach Areas (as described in Exhibit B attached hereto) identified in the HCDD CDBG DR-2 Planning process, in addition to such areas as those traditionally the focus of the HOP program.

The Guidelines state (Part B, II, C (Page 25 of 72)) that in relation to the HOP program, "Beneficiaries may not be relocated to FEMA-designated 'High Risk' areas or areas of high minority or poverty concentration." The HCDD CDBG DR-2 program is designed to encourage the transformation of current "High Risk" areas into areas of higher opportunity into which the HOP program is designed to provide applicants the opportunity to relocate. At the request of housing advocates and with the consent of the GLO, the City of Houston committed, as part of the Program, to a robust planning process to determine those areas where the confluence of Program funds and non-Program City funds could be leveraged to affirmatively further fair housing by the creation of Community Revitalization Areas (CRAs), those areas where the City desires to invest funds from the Program, and also CRA Outreach Areas. The intent of the focus on CRAs is to encourage the creation of economically feasible, mixed income developments and communities with diverse populations to the greatest extent possible pursuant to the best practices cited in the Planning Study and the Round 2 Guidelines, as amended. The goal is to transform current "High Risk" areas into the very sort of areas of higher opportunity into which the HOP program is designed to provide applicants the opportunity to relocate.

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

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Approved by:

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GLO

Date

Exhibit A

Please see attached.

Northside Village Community Revitalization Area

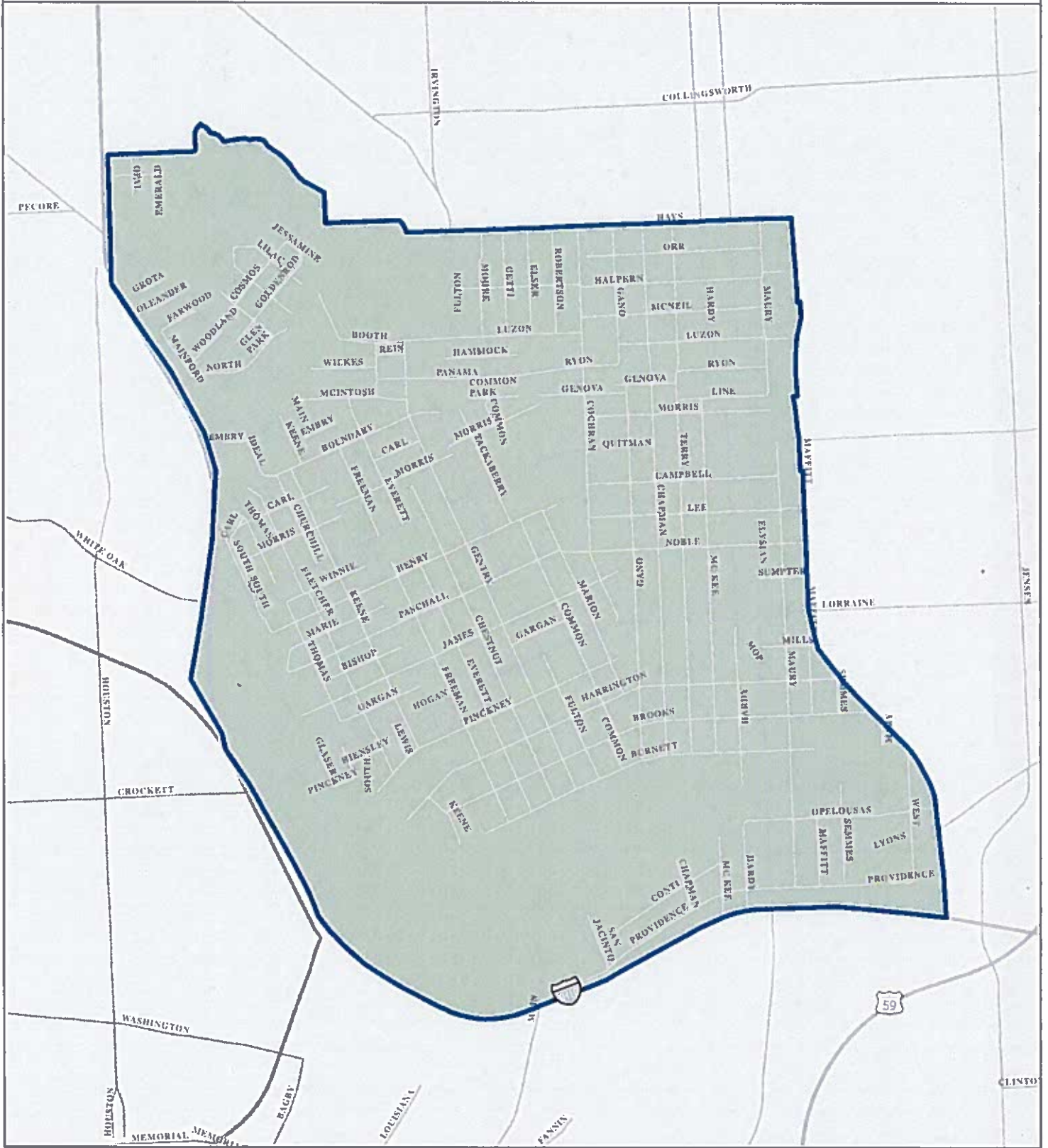


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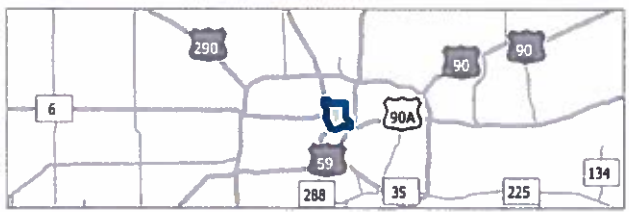


Exhibit B

Please see attached.

Acres Homes CRA Outreach Area

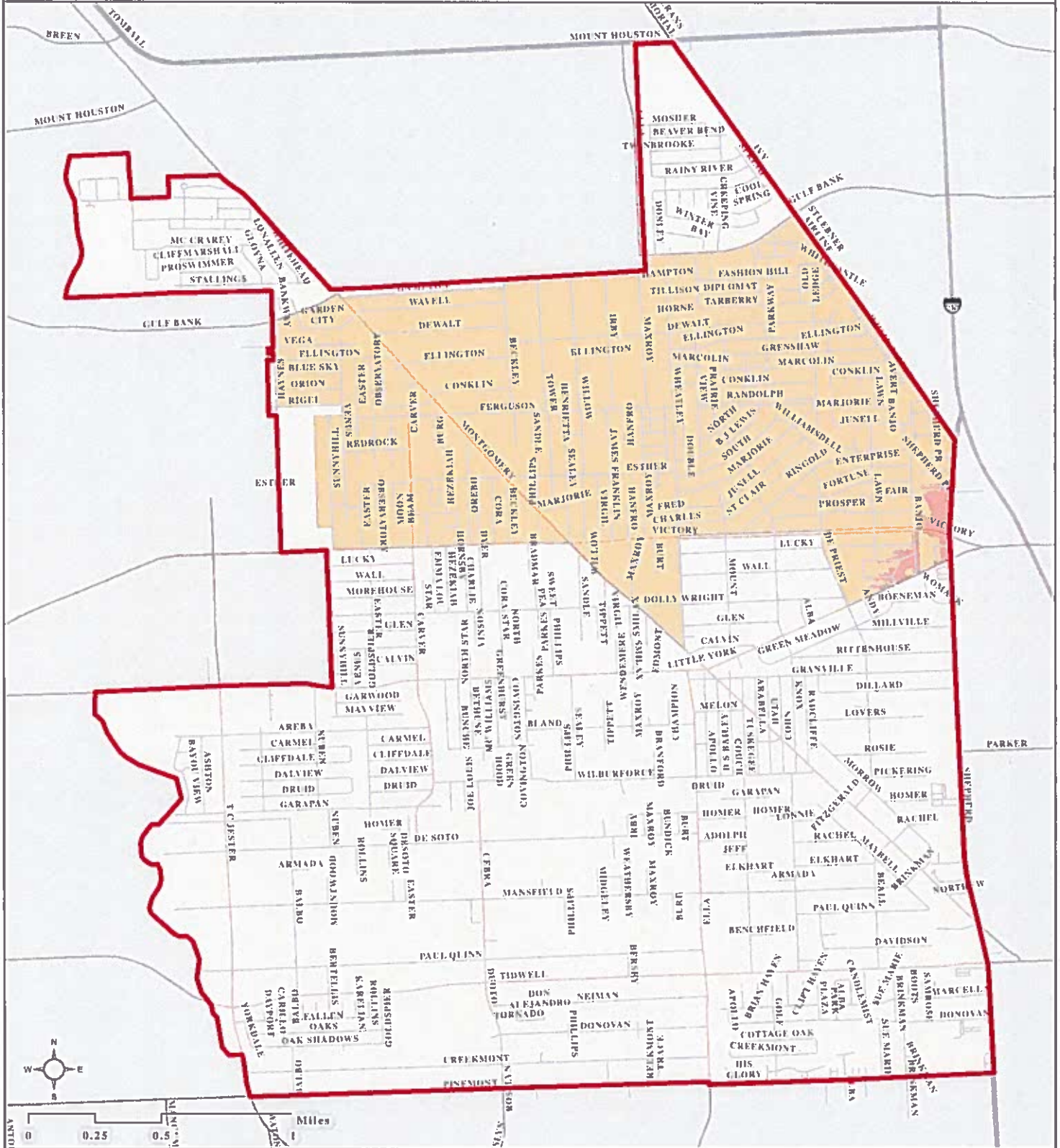
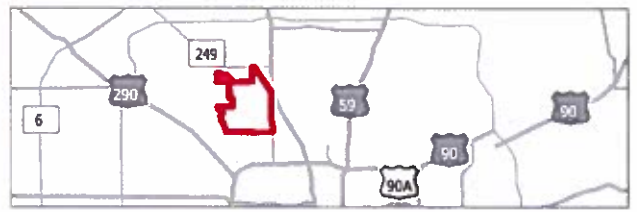


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- Tertiary Target Area
- CRA Outreach Area Boundary



Greater 5th Ward CRA Outreach Area

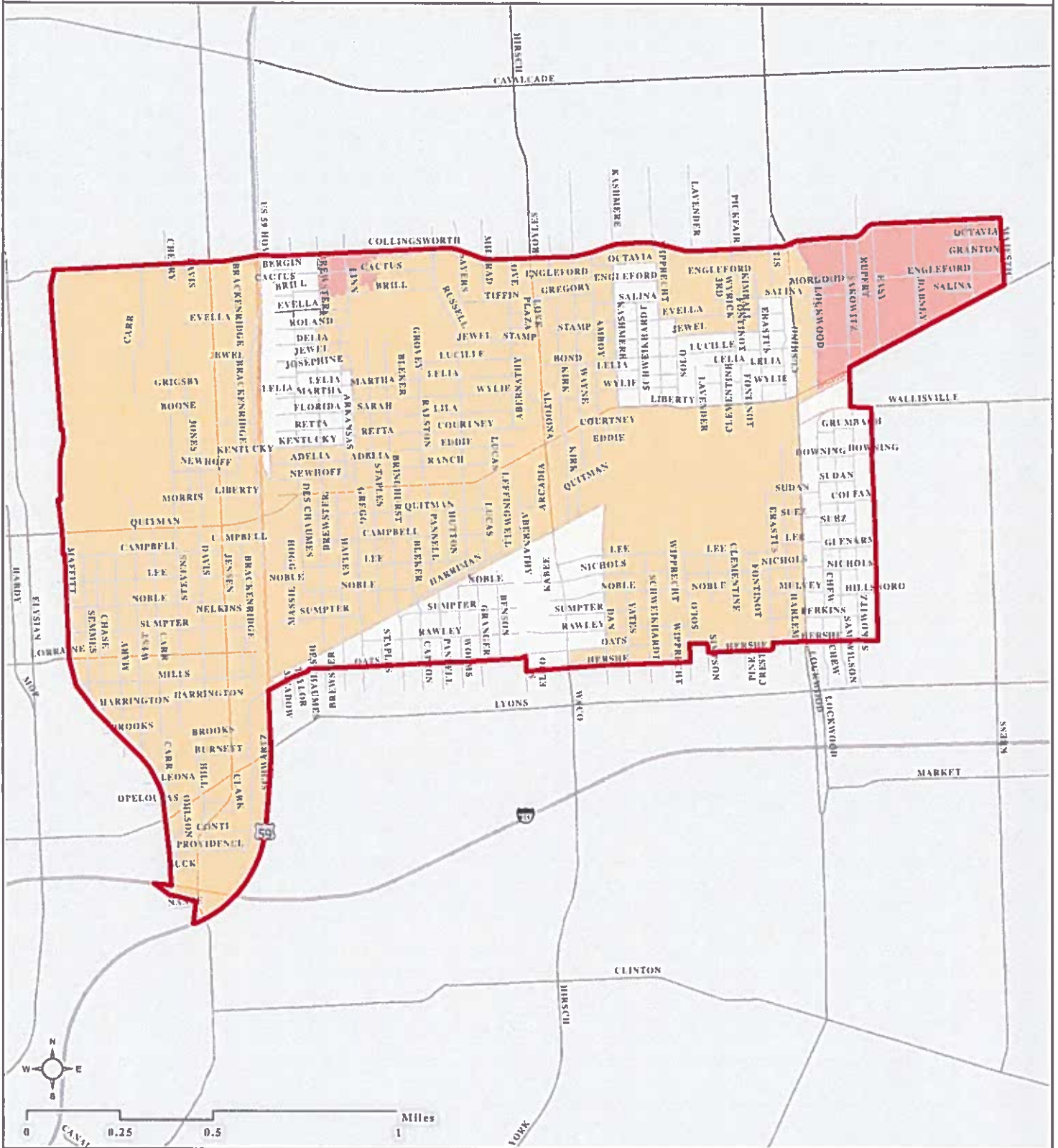
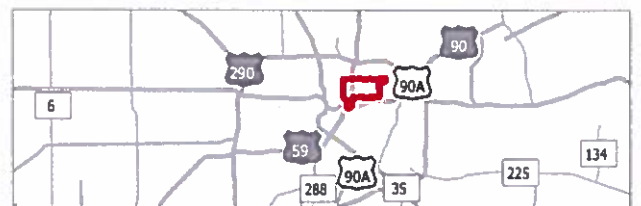


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OST/South Union CRA Outreach Area

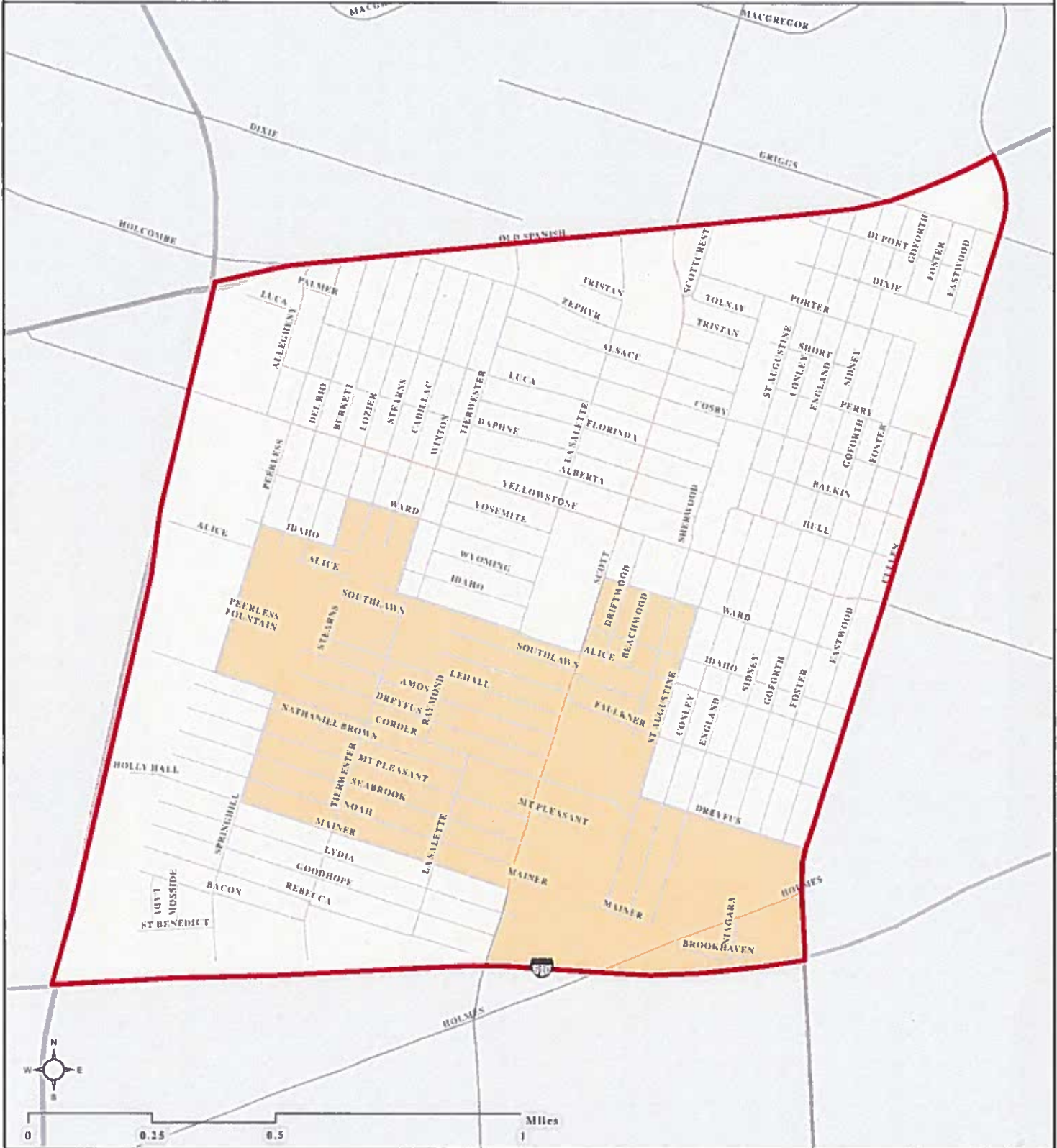
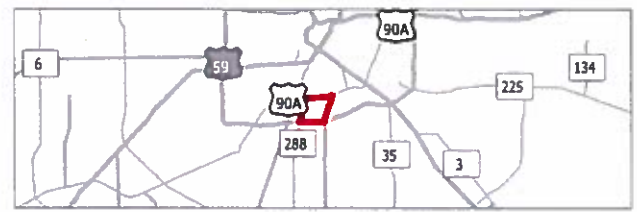


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Sunnyside CRA Outreach Area

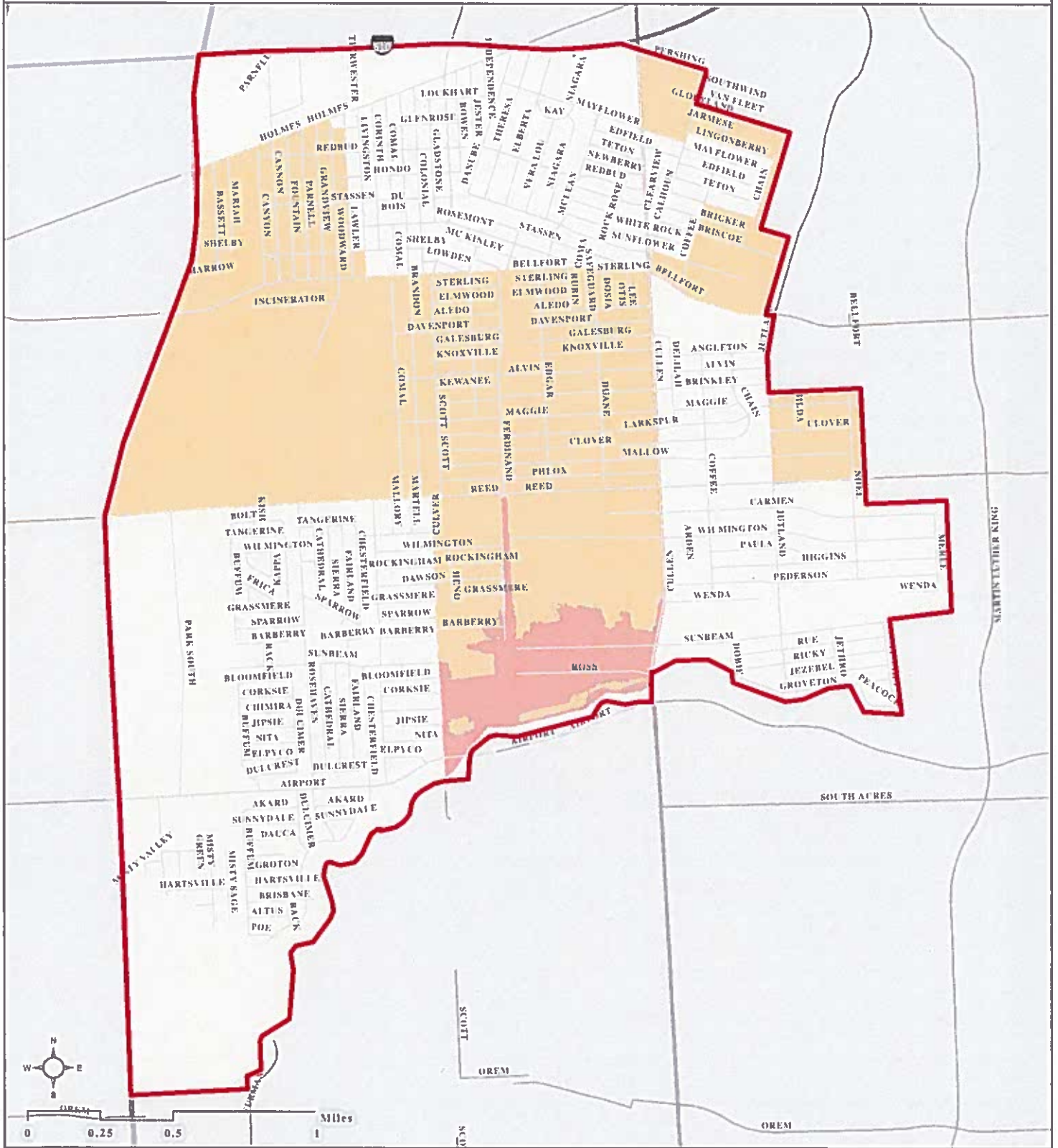


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