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September 14, 2021

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, and adopt Negative Declaration ND 01-20;

Adopt a Resolution amending the PlaceType map of the Land Use Element of the General Plan (GPA20-002) to change the PlaceTypes of the subject parks from their existing PlaceTypes to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType;

Declare an Ordinance setting aside and dedicating in perpetuity certain lands owned by the City of Long Beach for public park purposes and uses, read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading;

Declare an Ordinance amending Table 35-2 (Park Dedications/Designations) of the Long Beach Municipal Code (ZCA20-016) to add the 11 subject parks, thereby approving their dedication, read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading; and,

Declare an Ordinance amending the Use District Map (Zoning Map) to change the zoning districts (ZCHG20-008) of the subject parks from their existing zoning districts to the Park (P) zoning district where necessary, and rezone a 456-square-foot, noncontiguous remnant parcel of Orizaba Park from Park (P) to Light Industrial (IL), read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Departments of Development Services and Parks, Recreation and Marine have been working collaboratively for more than five years to assure land records, zoning, dedications, and the General Plan designations of parks within the City of Long Beach (City) are accurate, up-to-date, and consistent across multiple regulatory instruments and documents. This current tranche of requests represents major progress toward updating and ensuring appropriate protections for all City parks. On June 20, 2019, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended the dedication or designation of 28 existing City-owned parks, including any other land use actions needed such as General Plan Amendments, Zoning Code Amendments, and Zone Changes (Attachment A – Parks and Recreation Commission Staff Report). Dedication is the process that applies to City-owned parkland to protect the park in perpetuity for public open space use. The City Charter states that the Parks and Recreation Commission has exclusive authority over all leisure activities in public parks and recreational facilities, controlled or operated by the City; and will recommend to the City Manager and the City Council the dedication of public land for public parks. Together, these regulatory changes provide accurate protections for City parks in perpetuity.

Since June 2019, further assessment of the properties has informed the process and land use actions necessary to ensure the protection and preservation of the parks for open space use by the public in perpetuity by ensuring that each of the 28 park properties has the appropriate General Plan Land Use Element (LUE) PlaceType designation and zoning district and is dedicated as parkland. The 28 parks are being grouped by the type of land use actions required; the subject action represents the first batch that encompasses the required actions for 11 of the parks (Attachment B - Site Vicinity Map; Attachment C – Parks Dedication List; Attachment D – General Plan Amendment Maps; Attachment E - Zone Change Maps; and, Attachment F – Dedication Maps), described in more detail below. Actions include necessary General Plan Amendments, Zone Changes, Zoning Code Amendments, and dedications to protect the parks in perpetuity.

Following are the recommended actions for each of the 11 mini-parks, parks, greenway parks and open spaces subject to this action:

1. **Craftsman Village Park** – General Plan Amendment to change the PlaceType designation from Founding and Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from two-family residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); and, Dedicate.
2. **C. David Molina Park** – Dedicate.
3. **Donald Douglas Plaza** – General Plan Amendment to change the PlaceType designation from Regional Serving Facility (RSF) to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from Douglas Park (PD-32) Planned Development District to Park (P); and, Dedicate.
4. **Grace Park** – General Plan Amendment to change the PlaceType designation from Founding and Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Merge three lots; and, Dedicate.
5. **Jenni Rivera Memorial Park** – Rezone from Commercial Storage (CS) to Park (P); and, Dedicate.
6. **Locust Tot Lot** – General Plan Amendment to change the PlaceType designation from Founding and Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from two-family residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); and, Dedicate.
7. **Mary Molina Community Garden** – General Plan Amendment to change the PlaceType designation from Founding and Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from two-family residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); and, Dedicate.
8. **Miracle on 4th Street Park** – General Plan Amendment to change the PlaceType designation from Neighborhood Serving Center or Corridor Low Density (NSC-L) to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from Neighborhood Commercial and Residential (CNR) to Park (P); and, Dedicate.
9. **Orizaba Park** – General Plan Amendment to change the PlaceType designation from Neighborhood Serving Center or Corridor Low Density (NSC-L) to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from Two-Family Residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); Rezone 456-square-foot, noncontiguous remnant parcel from Park (P) to Light Industrial (IL) and remove from dedication; Merge six lots; and, Dedicate.

10. ***Pacific and 6th Community Garden*** – Rezone from Downtown Specific Plan (PD-30) to Park (P); and, Dedicate.
11. ***Pacific Electric Railway Greenbelt*** – Rezone from Two-Family Residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); and, Dedicate.

On July 15, 2021, the Planning Commission recommended to the City Council the approval of dedications and associated land use actions for these 11 parks (Attachment G – Planning Commission Staff Report). The remainder of the parks will be brought forward for dedication and necessary land use actions at a future date, as they have been identified to have more complex boundary and land use issues that require additional resources to support land surveys needed before any land use actions or dedications can be considered for those parks.

Brief descriptions of the parks subject to this action are provided below:

Mini-Parks

A mini-park is a small park serving neighbors within 1/8 mile, generally less than 2 acres in size (General Plan Open Space and Recreation Element, 2002). Land use actions are being proposed for the following 6 mini-parks:

- ***Craftsman Village Park*** – This approximately 0.34-acre park, opened in 2012, features craftsman style fencing, entry features and lighting, native landscape, walking paths, and a playground. The parkland was purchased by the former Long Beach Redevelopment Agency, and the park improvements were funded by the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program. (District 1)
- ***Donald Douglas Plaza*** – This approximately 0.44-acre existing park is one of several publicly accessible open space amenities provided through the buildout of the Douglas Park Specific Plan (PD-32). The community open space was developed as part of the first phase of the Douglas Park Development and serves as the northeast entrance to the overall development. (District 5)
- ***Locust Tot Lot*** – This approximately 0.09-acre park opened to the public in September 2016 and includes a play structure with climbing and exploratory features, benches, bike racks, picnic tables, and a walkway. (District 6)
- ***Mary Molina Community Garden*** – This community garden was created through a family donation of undeveloped land in 2005 to commemorate avid gardener Mary Molina. The Mary Molina Community Garden is managed by Long Beach Organic, which provides garden plots available for community use. (District 1)
- ***Miracle on 4th St. Park*** – This approximately 0.14-acre park was the City's first mini-park in a new program of building parks on single lots in park deficient areas. Initially leased by the City from the adjoining property owner, the City bought the site in 2004 with Park Impact Fee funds. The park includes a playground, bench seating, turf, mural, and varied landscaping. (District 2)

- ***Pacific and 6th Community Garden*** – This community garden was established in 2001 on a vacant City property acquired by the former Long Beach Redevelopment Agency and was renovated through a Neighborhood Improvement Project Grant in 2011. The community garden is operated by Long Beach Organic and provides garden plots to seniors and the greater public. (District 1)

Parks

A park is a tract of land, most often publicly held, accessible to the general public, for purposes of preserving natural areas and/or promoting the mental and physical health of the community through recreational, cultural and relaxation pursuits. Land use actions are being proposed for the following three parks:

- ***C. David Molina Park*** – This approximately 3.3-acre park, in North Long Beach, opened in 2018 on land that the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency acquired over 10 years prior. The park includes a sports field, shaded playground including accessible swings, landscaping, fitness trail, parking, and restroom facility. (District 8)
- ***Grace Park*** – This approximate 1.12-acre park, opened in 2006, featuring a Picnic Area, Playground, barbecues, benches, a small community garden and pathways. The park was built with funding from the Redevelopment Agency; The California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002; and the City of Long Beach Park Impact Fees. The park was named after Grace Wiley, a nationally known herpetologist and the first woman in her field. (District 8)
- ***Orizaba Park*** – This approximately 3.8-acre park features a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified community center, playground, skate park, basketball court, and restrooms. Former Pacific Electric Right-of-Way is now part of Orizaba Park, and as such a replica of the Red Car that historically ran from Long Beach to Los Angeles is located at Orizaba Park. Land use actions associated with this park include removing from the park dedication area a small, 456-square-foot, noncontiguous remnant parcel of the former Pacific Electric Right-of-Way located at the southwest corner of E. 14th Street and N. Orizaba Avenue. Given the size, location, and irregular shape of this small parcel, it has limited functionality for park purposes and presents a maintenance and operational challenge. (District 4)

Greenway Parks

Greenway parks are characterized as large undeveloped green spaces, often a remnant or odd shaped piece of land left over from development, which can be used for casual recreation uses. Greenways can serve to connect or link recreation opportunities throughout a community. Land use actions are being proposed for the following two greenway parks:

- ***Jenni Rivera Memorial Park*** – This approximately 3.2-acre park, in Central Long Beach, acquired by the former Long Beach Redevelopment Agency provides open space along the Pacific Electric Railway and was funded with Measure A sales tax revenue. It features a mural, grass area, and walkway. (District 6)

- ***Pacific Electric (P.E.) Railway Greenbelt*** – The Pacific Electric Railway Greenbelt site served historically as a portion of the Pacific Electric Railway Balboa Line, linking Orange County to downtown Los Angeles. The site provides a walking trail and native California plants. (Districts 3, 4)

The proposed actions consist of the following land use actions being proposed to ensure the appropriate General Plan LUE PlaceType designation and zoning district are applied to each of the parks to protect them in perpetuity as existing, City-owned parks allocated for public open space use. The specific actions include: General Plan amendments to establish the Open Space (OS) PlaceType designations on specific City-owned parks consistent with their existing park uses; zone changes for existing City-owned parks to the Park (P) zoning district; lot mergers to consolidate parcels; rezoning a noncontiguous, remnant parcel of Orizaba Park so it can have appropriate oversight and be better maintained; and, dedications, as appropriate, for the purposes of developing and protecting City-owned land planned for recreational and open space use.

Cumulatively, the proposed actions are necessary to formally dedicate existing parks and open space. These actions are consistent with the goals and policies of the General Plan Open Space and Recreation Element (OSRE) and LUE, to protect parkland for public open space uses and to equitably increase access to park space in communities with the greatest need. The ongoing program (of which this action is a part) to change the land use (PlaceType) designation and zoning district of existing parks to the appropriate Open Space (OS) PlaceType and Park (P) zoning designation is needed to reflect and memorialize the existing park use and to protect the parks by ensuring development regulations that are aligned with park uses. Lot mergers, as applicable, will be completed through Zoning Administrator hearing and approval. Basic information regarding each subject park, including the existing and proposed zoning and PlaceTypes for each of the 11 parks, is provided in the Parks Dedication List (Attachment C - Parks Dedication List). Positive findings have been made for the proposed General Plan Amendments, Zoning Code Amendments, and Zone Changes (Attachment H – Findings).

General Plan Amendments

Based on a recommendation by the Planning Commission, General Plan Amendments must be approved by the City Council. General Plan Amendments needed for the subject parks were recommended by the Planning Commission to the City Council on July 15, 2021. General Plan Amendments are needed for the eight parks listed below in Table 1. All proposed General Plan Amendments are for parks that do not already have the Open Space (OS) PlaceType designation to be changed from their existing PlaceType to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType. Maps depicting the boundaries of the of properties requiring General Plan Amendments to change the PlaceTypes for each respective park are provided in Attachment D. Again, positive findings have been made for each of the proposed General Plan Amendments. No physical construction or change is proposed by this action; rather, the City Council is requested to approve the change of the General Plan PlaceType to reflect the current conditions and operations of these properties.

Table 1. General Plan Amendments

Name	Current PlaceType	Proposed PlaceType
Craftsman Village Park	Founding and Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN)	Open Space (OS)
Donald Douglas Plaza	Regional Serving Facility (RSF)	Open Space (OS)
Grace Park	Founding and Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN)	Open Space (OS)
Locust Tot Lot	Founding and Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN)	Open Space (OS)
Mary Molina Community Garden	Founding and Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN)	Open Space (OS)
Miracle on 4 th Street Park	Neighborhood Serving Center or Corridor Low Density (NSC-L)	Open Space (OS)
Orizaba Park	Founding and Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN)	Open Space (OS)

General Plan Amendments are proposed for Craftsman Village Park, Grace Park, Locust Tot Lot, and Mary Molina Community Garden to change their PlaceType from Founding and Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType. These are all developed parks or mini-parks that are proposed by this action to change their PlaceType to Open Space (OS) to better reflect the City’s development of these properties as parks. PlaceType changes to Open Space (OS) will be accompanied by zone changes to the Park (P) zoning district and dedication to ensure they are maintained as public parks in perpetuity.

A General Plan Amendment is proposed for Douglas Plaza to change its PlaceType from Regional Serving Facility (RSF) to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType. Douglas Plaza is one of several publicly accessible open space amenities planned in PD-32. Changing the PlaceType of Douglas Plaza to Open Space (OS) will create consistency with the proposed Park (P) zoning and better reflect existing park uses. PlaceType changes to Open Space (OS) will be accompanied by zone changes to the Park (P) zoning district and dedication to help protect the park in perpetuity for public open space use. A General Plan Amendment is proposed for a portion of Orizaba Park to change its PlaceType from Founding and Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) to Open Space (OS). Orizaba Park was expanded over time and changing the PlaceType of the remaining portion of the park, which does not already have the Open Space (OS) PlaceType, will reflect the existing park use. The Founding and Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) PlaceType provides for single-family and low-density housing and neighborhood-serving low-intensity commercial uses and is inconsistent with existing park uses. PlaceType changes to Open Space (OS) will be accompanied by zone changes to the Park (P) zoning district and dedication to help protect the park in perpetuity for public open space use.

Zone Changes

Zone Changes are required to be approved by the City Council upon recommendation by the Planning Commission. Zone changes for the subject parks were recommended by the Planning Commission to the City Council on July 15, 2021. The existing and proposed zoning for each of the 11 parks that are part of this action are provided in Attachment C. No physical construction or change is proposed in this action; rather, the City Council is being requested to adopt zone changes to reflect the current conditions and operations of these properties as parks.

Zone Changes are needed for 9 of the 11 parks listed below in Table 2. Maps depicting the boundaries of the of properties requiring Zone Changes for each respective park are provided in Attachment E. General Plan Amendments are also being proposed for parks on this list that do not already have the Open Space PlaceType designation, to change from their existing PlaceType to the Open Space PlaceType to ensure consistency between the land use designation and zoning of the subject parcels. For each one of these ten parks, the proposed zone change from existing zoning district to the Park (P) zoning district will provide for consistency with the Open Space PlaceType. For one of these parks, the proposed zone change from Park (P) to Light Industrial (IL) cleans up the zoning so that the park can have the appropriate oversight and be better maintained, and is discussed further below.

Table 2. Zone Changes

Name	Current Zoning	Proposed Zoning
Craftsman Village Park	Two-Family Residential (R-2-N)	Park (P)
Donald Douglas Plaza	Douglas Park (PD-32)	Park (P)
Jenni Rivera Memorial Park	Commercial Storage (CS)	Park (P)
Locust Tot Lot	Two-Family Residential (R-2-N)	Park (P)
Mary Molina Community Garden	Two-Family Residential (R-2-N), Community Automobile-Oriented (CCA)	Park (P)
Miracle on 4th Street Park	Neighborhood Commercial and Residential (CNR)	Park (P)
Orizaba Park	Two-Family Residential (R-2-N) and Light Industrial (IL)	Park (P)
Orizaba Park (APN: 7259024902)	Park (P)	Light Industrial (IL)
Pacific and 6th Community Garden	Downtown (PD-30)	Park (P)
P.E. Railway Greenbelt	Two-Family Residential (R-2-N), Pacific Railway (PD-22)	Park (P)

All of the above parks will be rezoned from their respective zones to the Park (P) zoning district. Craftsman Village Park, Locust Tot Lot, and Mary Molina Community Garden are mini-parks (14,392 SF; 4,057 SF; and 7,699 SF, respectively) currently zoned Two-Family Residential (R-2-N). Pacific and 6th Community Garden is a mini-park (2,750 SF) currently zoned Downtown Specific Plan (PD-30). Mary Molina Community Garden and Pacific and 6th Community Garden are operated by Long Beach Organic and provide garden plots that are available to the public. All are mini-parks created relatively recently in residential areas to serve the immediate surrounding community.

This action proposes zone changes for several parks from commercial zones to the Park (P) zone. These are Jenni Rivera Memorial Park [Commercial Storage (CS)], Donald Douglas Plaza [Douglas Park (PD-32)], Mary Molina Community Garden [Community Automobile-Oriented (CCA)], and Miracle on 4th Street Park [Neighborhood Commercial and Residential (CNR)]. Jenni Rivera Memorial Park was formerly RDA property that opened as a park in 2012. Donald Douglas Plaza (15,935 SF) is located in Douglas Park (PD-32) North, Subarea 1. This subarea, located in the northeast corner of Douglas Park, is intended as a mixed-use commercial district of office, retail, entertainment, restaurant, and hotel uses. Douglas Plaza is one of several publicly accessible open space amenities within PD-32. The community open space was developed as part of the first phase of the Douglas Park Development and serves as the northeast entrance to the overall development. A portion of Mary Molina Community

Garden is currently zoned CCA. This community garden was created through a family donation of undeveloped land in 2005 and is currently operated by Long Beach Organic. Miracle on 4th Street Park was the City's first mini-park in a new program of building parks on single lots in park deficient areas. Miracle on 4th Street Park is developed with a playground, bench seating, turf, mural, and varied landscaping, and should be rezoned from Neighborhood Commercial and Residential (CNR) to Park (P) to be consistent with existing park uses.

The majority of Orizaba Park was previously dedicated on December 23, 2003, and is appropriately zoned Park (P). Since 2003, Orizaba Park was expanded through acquisition of blighted industrial properties and developed with various park amenities. The area of Orizaba Park where the basketball court and a portion of an open field were developed is zoned Light Industrial (IL) and is proposed to be rezoned to Park (P) to reflect this expansion and the existing park uses. Adjacent to the west, the area of Orizaba Park, which includes the remainder of the field and a community garden currently leased and managed by Long Beach Organic is currently zoned R-2-N and is similarly proposed to be rezoned to Park (P) to reflect existing uses and to bring cohesive zoning across the entirety of the park. Orizaba Park includes a 456 square foot, noncontiguous remnant parcel of the former Pacific Electric Right-of-Way located in the southwest corner of E. 14th Street and N. Orizaba Avenue. This noncontiguous remnant parcel was dedicated in 2003 (Ordinance No. C-7894). A community organization had received grant funding from Development Service's Housing and Neighborhood Services Bureau for the improvement and future maintenance of the remnant parcel. Over time, this zoning became a barrier to the proper oversight and maintenance of this corner of the property by the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Marine. In light of the challenging conditions associated with this remnant parcel, Economic Development Department staff have been exploring the possible sale of the parcel to the abutting industrial property owner. As a result, this area is proposed to be rezoned from Park (P) to Light Industrial (IL) to bring consistent zoning across the subject parcel and the abutting privately-owned property. The proposed zone change and removal of the area from the dedicated park area reflect future anticipated use and private ownership of the parcel. The City will then complete lot mergers of the remaining parcels that comprise Orizaba Park, which is discussed further in the Dedication section.

A portion of the P.E. Railway Greenbelt between Termino Avenue/8th Street and Bennett Avenue/7th Street was previously dedicated in 2003 and is appropriately zoned Park (P) or Pacific Railway (PD-22). The parcel that is zoned PD-22 includes a commercial building currently operated by Musical Theater West and will retain PD-22 zoning. The parcel at the upper northwest corner (APN: 7254013901) is already appropriately zoned Park (P). The subsequent parcel to the northwest (APN: 7254017901) continues the P.E. Railway Greenbelt, is existing park, and is proposed to be rezoned from R-2-N to Park (P) to reflect the expanded park use. The P.E. Railway Greenbelt from Bennett Avenue/7th Street Ximeno Avenue to E. 4th Street/Park Avenue is comprised of two parcels (APNs: 7241015902, 7250018904) that are proposed to be rezoned from PD-22 (Subarea 12) to Park (P) for consistency with existing park uses. In PD-22, Subarea 12 was previously leased to the operator of a Christmas tree farm; however, park space has since been developed in this area.

Dedication

The City Charter and General Plan Open Space and Recreation Element (OSRE) provide guidance on dedication and parkland replacement requirements that preserve and protect parks in perpetuity for public open space uses. The City Charter outlines that those areas that have been dedicated or designated as public park or recreation areas of the City must not be sold or otherwise alienated unless ratified by an affirmative vote at a municipal election for such purpose; or after a recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Commission to the City Council and a public hearing whereby the City Council determines that said park or recreation areas will be replaced by other dedicated or designated park or recreation areas on substantially an amenity for amenity basis, and at a ratio of at least two to one (2:1) with an approximately equal portion of the replacement land located in the park service area where the land was converted and an approximately equal portion of the replacement land located in a park service area needing parkland as determined by the Parks and Recreation Commission (LBMC Sec. 905). The OSRE calls for formal dedication of all City-owned parks (Policies 4.2, 4.4, 4.5, and 4.8) and requirement that any conversion of parkland be replaced amenity-for-amenity and acre-for-acre at a 2:1 ratio, with one acre of replacement land located in the park service area where the land was converted and an additional acre of replacement land located in a park service area needing parkland (Policy 4.5).

Consistent with the City Charter and the OSRE, the proposed action includes dedicating the 11 parks listed in Attachment C to protect them in perpetuity for public open space use: Craftsman Village Park, C. David Molina Park, Donald Douglas Plaza, Grace Park, Jenni Rivera Memorial Park, Locust Tot Lot, Mary Molina Community Garden, Miracle on 4th Street Park, Orizaba Park, Pacific and 6th Community Garden, and Pacific Electric Railway Greenbelt. Dedication maps for each of the respective parks are provided in Attachment F.

As discussed earlier, there is one exception wherein the proposed action includes a recommendation to rezone a 456-square-foot, noncontiguous remnant parcel at Orizaba Park, located at the southwest corner of E. 14th Street and N. Orizaba Avenue, which was previously zoned Park (P) and dedicated. This area is proposed to be rezoned from Park (P) to Light Industrial (IL) and removed from the dedicated park area to accurately reflect existing use, given the constraints to its use as functional park space, and to facilitate future sale of this remnant parcel to the adjacent owner. While this removes the noncontiguous, remnant parcel from dedicated park area, the 1.2-acre area within Orizaba Park being proposed by this action to be rezoned from R-2-N and IL will be dedicated as park, complying with, and going far beyond, the 2:1 one replacement policy within the required park service area. Additionally, the proposed action dedicates Jenni Rivera Memorial Park (2.9 acres), as well as others within park poor neighborhoods, which provides dedicated park area substantially in excess of that required by the replacement policy and meeting the geographic requirements of the policy to locate replacement parkland in underserved areas.

In summary, the areas to be added to dedicated parkland area exceed by more than double the remnant parcel area to be removed from dedication (456 square feet) resulting in a substantial net increase in dedicated park area per the OSRE by the required ratio of replacement area within the park service area where land was converted and within park service area needing parkland.

This matter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Michael J. Mais on August 24, 2021 and by Budget Analysis Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on August 16, 2021.

Environmental Review

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Negative Declaration was prepared for the Parks Zoning and Dedication Project (Round 1) - May 2021. The environmental report and associated documents were posted on the City website and a notice was published in the Long Beach Press-Telegram on June 1, 2021. The Negative Declaration has been circulated for a 30-day review period until July 1, 2021 (Attachment I – Negative Declaration ND 01-20). As of the date of preparation of this report, one agency comment has been received from the California Department of Transportation indicating that some of the 11 parks are near, but not expected to have a direct adverse impact to, the State Highway System (Attachment J – ND Public Comments).

Public Hearing Notice

In accordance with public hearing notification requirements in Long Beach Municipal Code Section 21.21.302, notice of this public hearing was published in the Long Beach Press-Telegram on August 30, 2021. Notices were also provided to select City libraries that are currently open. Notice posting was provided at City Hall. Public hearing notice posters were posted at the entrance of each of the 11 parks. As of the date of preparation of this report, no written comments have been received. Additionally, notice of the proposed action was distributed through the City's LinkLB e-mail blast system.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on September 14, 2021. Pursuant to Section 21.25.103 of the Zoning Code, this request must be presented to the City Council within 60 days of the Planning Commission hearing, which took place on July 15, 2021. The September 14, 2021 public hearing date was the first available opportunity for the item to be reviewed by the City Council. Lot mergers for applicable parks can then be initiated after City Council's action.

FISCAL IMPACT

This recommendation has no fiscal or staffing impact beyond the budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no anticipated direct impact on local jobs or economic development; however, this recommendation protects park resources and amenities that promote livable neighborhoods and place-based development.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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ATTACHMENTS: RESOLUTION

ORDINANCES (3)

ATTACHMENT A – PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT, JUNE 20, 2019

ATTACHMENT B – SITE VICINITY MAP

ATTACHMENT C – PARKS DEDICATION LIST

ATTACHMENT D – GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT MAPS

ATTACHMENT E – PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE MAPS

ATTACHMENT F – PROPOSED DEDICATION MAPS

ATTACHMENT G – PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT, JULY 15, 2021

ATTACHMENT H – GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FINDINGS

ATTACHMENT I – NEGATIVE DECLARATION ND 01-20

ATTACHMENT J – ND PUBLIC COMMENTS



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RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend to the City Council the dedication or designation of eight (8) properties and recommend to the Planning Commission the dedication of an additional 20 properties that require further land use actions.

DISCUSSION

Protection of Parks for Public Open Space Use

The Open Space and Recreation Element (OSRE) of the City's General Plan, adopted by the City Council on October 15, 2002, calls for formal dedication or designation of parkland so the acreage is preserved as parkland in perpetuity. Relevant policies of the OSRE include:

- 4.1 Inventory and analyze City-owned lands, blighted properties, and former oil drilling sites to identify parcels that can be converted to open space or parks and recreation uses.
- 4.2 Adopt a citywide ratio of eight acres of parkland for each 1,000 residents.
- 4.4 Formally dedicate all City owned parks and designate them to be preserved in perpetuity.
- 4.5 Require that any conversion of parkland be replaced amenity-for-amenity and acre-for-acre at a 2:1 ratio. One acre of replacement land shall be located in the park service area where the land was converted and an additional acre of replacement land shall be located in a park service area needing parkland – as determined by the Recreation Commission.¹

The City Charter states that the Parks and Recreation Commission shall have exclusive authority over all leisure activities in public parks and recreational facilities, controlled or operated by the City; and shall recommend to City Manager and City the dedication of public land for public parks.

¹The "Recreation Commission" is now called the "Parks and Recreation Commission."

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Dedication is the process that applies to City-owned parkland. Designation applies to parkland in Long Beach located in the California Coastal Commission's area of original jurisdiction on State-owned tidelands. In keeping with the General Plan Local Coastal Program (LCP) policies, these parklands are "designated" for public use in perpetuity.

City Charter outlines that those areas that have been dedicated or designated as public park or recreation areas of the City shall not be sold or otherwise alienated unless ratified by an affirmative vote at an election for such purpose; or after a public hearing and the approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission whereby the City Council determines that said park or recreation areas will be replaced by other dedicated or designated park or recreation areas on substantially an amenity for amenity basis, and at a ratio of at least two to one (2:1) with approximately equal portion of the replacement land located in the park service area where the land was converted and an approximately equal portion of the replacement land located in a park service area needing parkland as determined by the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Park and Recreation Commission plays a critical role to ensure all parks are properly accounted for and are formally dedicated or designated so that park land is protected in perpetuity.

Staff periodically conducts an inventory of parkland to ensure the City's inventory is up to date, and this year's inventory of all the City's 170 parks has found that the City's documents, parks maps, and other resources are inconsistent, not fully accounting for park dedications, zoning, parcel boundaries, and other components that are important for preserving and retaining parks. To rectify the identified inconsistencies, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine is partnering with the Departments of Development Services and Technology and Innovation to update GIS addresses and park maps, confirm parcel boundaries and acreage, and complete zoning and other land use actions, including coordinating with the City Attorney's Office to determine whether code amendments are needed to further define dedication, designation, park boundaries, and other relevant terms.

Eight (8) park properties have been identified that will require the Parks and Recreation Commission to recommend approval to the Planning Commission for dedication or designation, and 20 properties have been identified that will require the Parks & Recreation Commission to dedicate and forward on to the Planning Commission and/or City Council for further action. Park locations are provided on a map in Exhibit A (Attached). The eight parks requiring approval by the Parks and Recreation Commission for dedication or designation are detailed in Table A (Attached - Exhibit B). Staff recommends that these properties be dedicated or designated as indicated. P zones and planned development districts (PD) allow for park uses. Park dedication for these parcels within these zoning districts will ensure the preservation of these lands for park uses in perpetuity. If these parks are approved to be dedicated by the Parks and Recreation Commission, staff will record the parcels as dedicated in all applicable City records.

The 20 parks requiring recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Commission to the Planning Commission and/or City Council for dedication are detailed in Table B (Attached - Exhibit C). These parks require other actions such as a lot merger, subdivision, zone change, General Plan conformity or street vacation, which fall within the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission and/or City Council. With this action, these 20 parks are recommended for dedication by the Parks and Recreation Commission, and staff will follow up by placing them on a future Planning Commission

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meeting agenda with further recommended actions. The staff report to the Planning Commission will provide additional technical information pertaining to each of the actions, including CEQA compliance.

FISCAL IMPACT

This action is an administrative item intended to correct inconsistencies. As a result, there is no fiscal impact and no impact to local jobs from the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



MEREDITH REYNOLDS
MANAGER
PARK PLANNING AND PARTNERSHIPS

APPROVED:



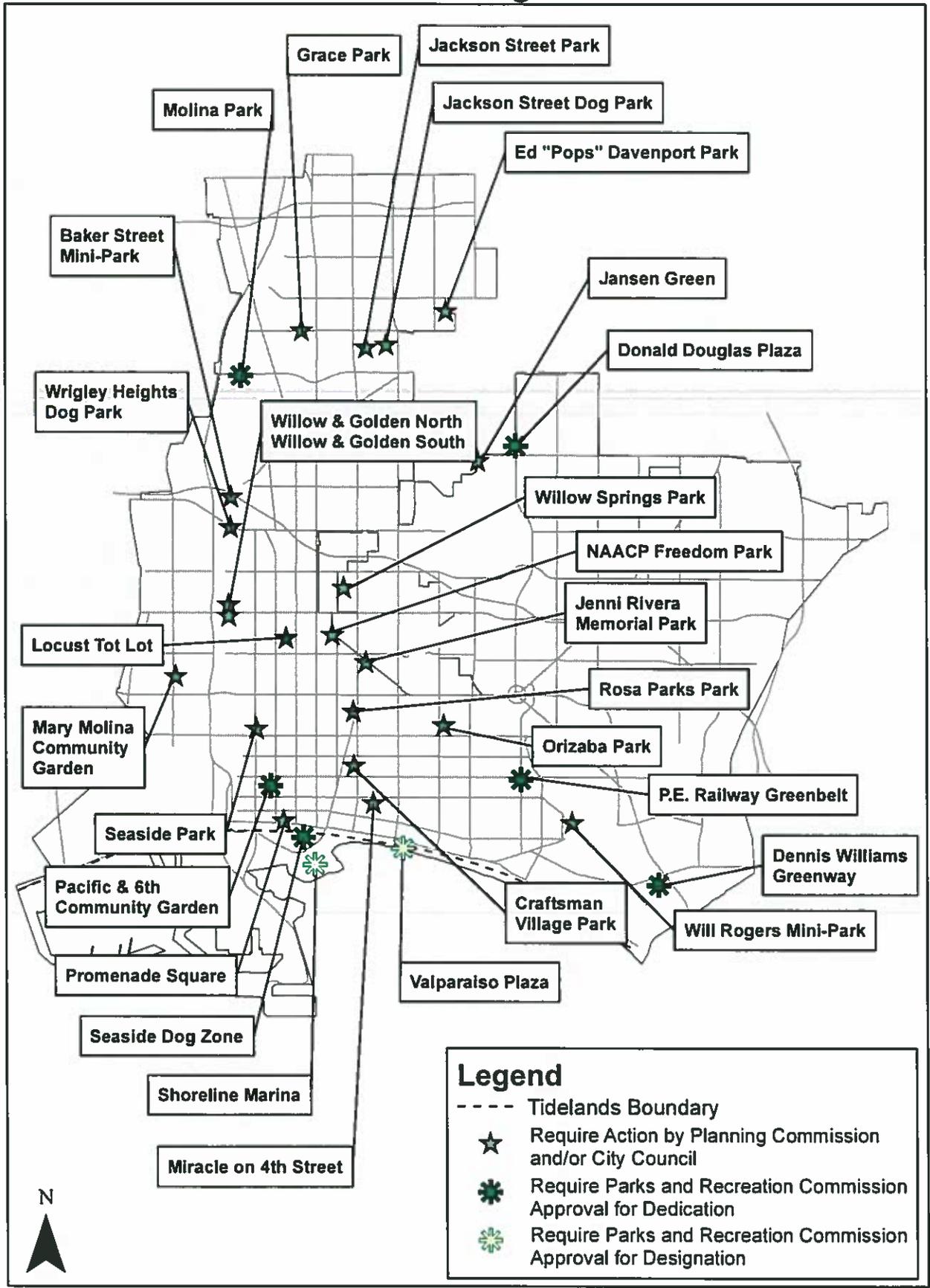
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DIRECTOR

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- Attachments:
- Exhibit A - Map of Park Locations
 - Exhibit B - Table A: Parks Requiring Parks & Recreation Commission Approval for Dedication or Designation
 - Exhibit C - Table B: Parks Requiring Action by Planning Commission and/or City Council

Parks to be Dedicated or Designated

Exhibit A



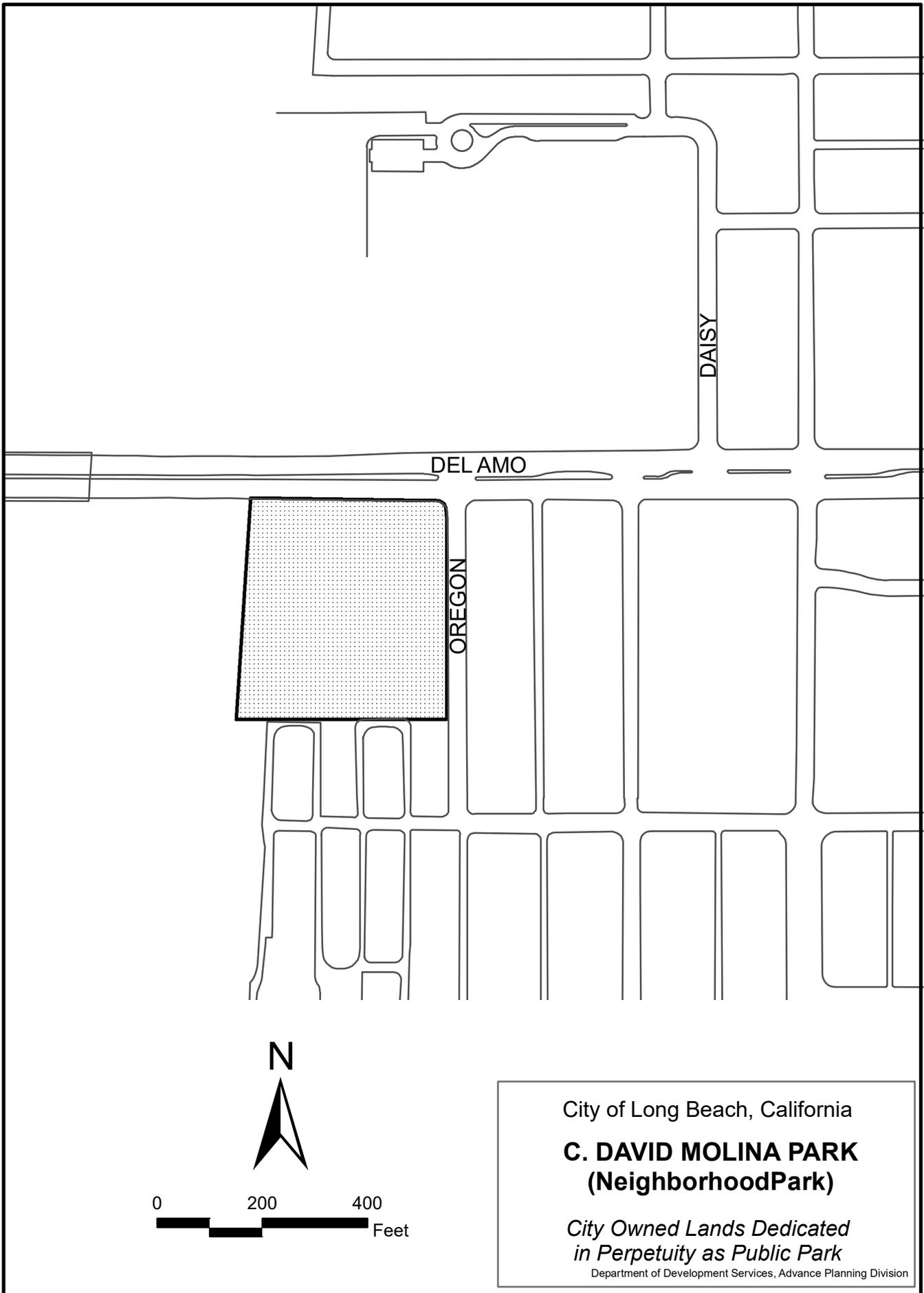
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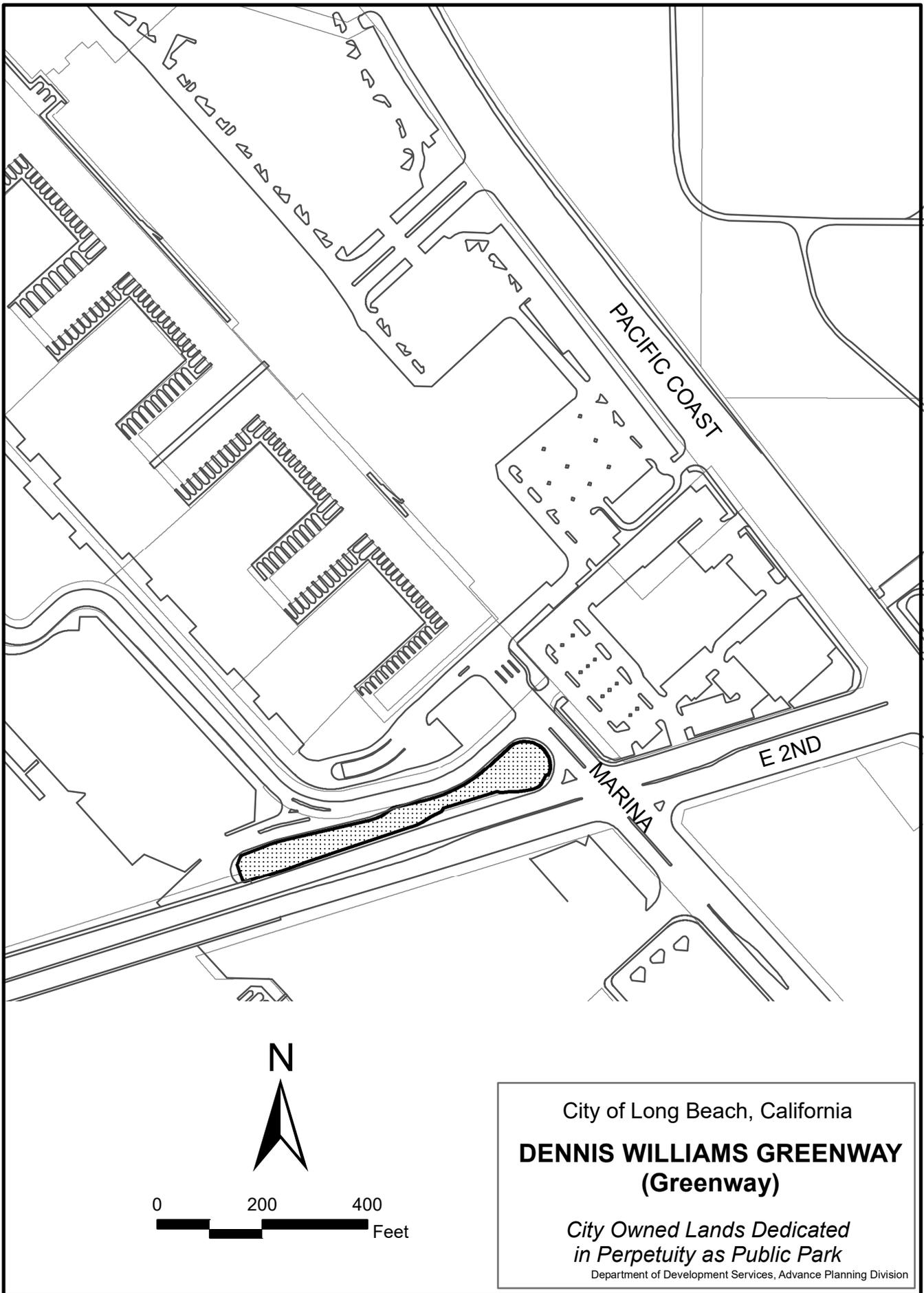
- Tidelands Boundary
- ★ Require Action by Planning Commission and/or City Council
- ✻ Require Parks and Recreation Commission Approval for Dedication
- ✻ Require Parks and Recreation Commission Approval for Designation

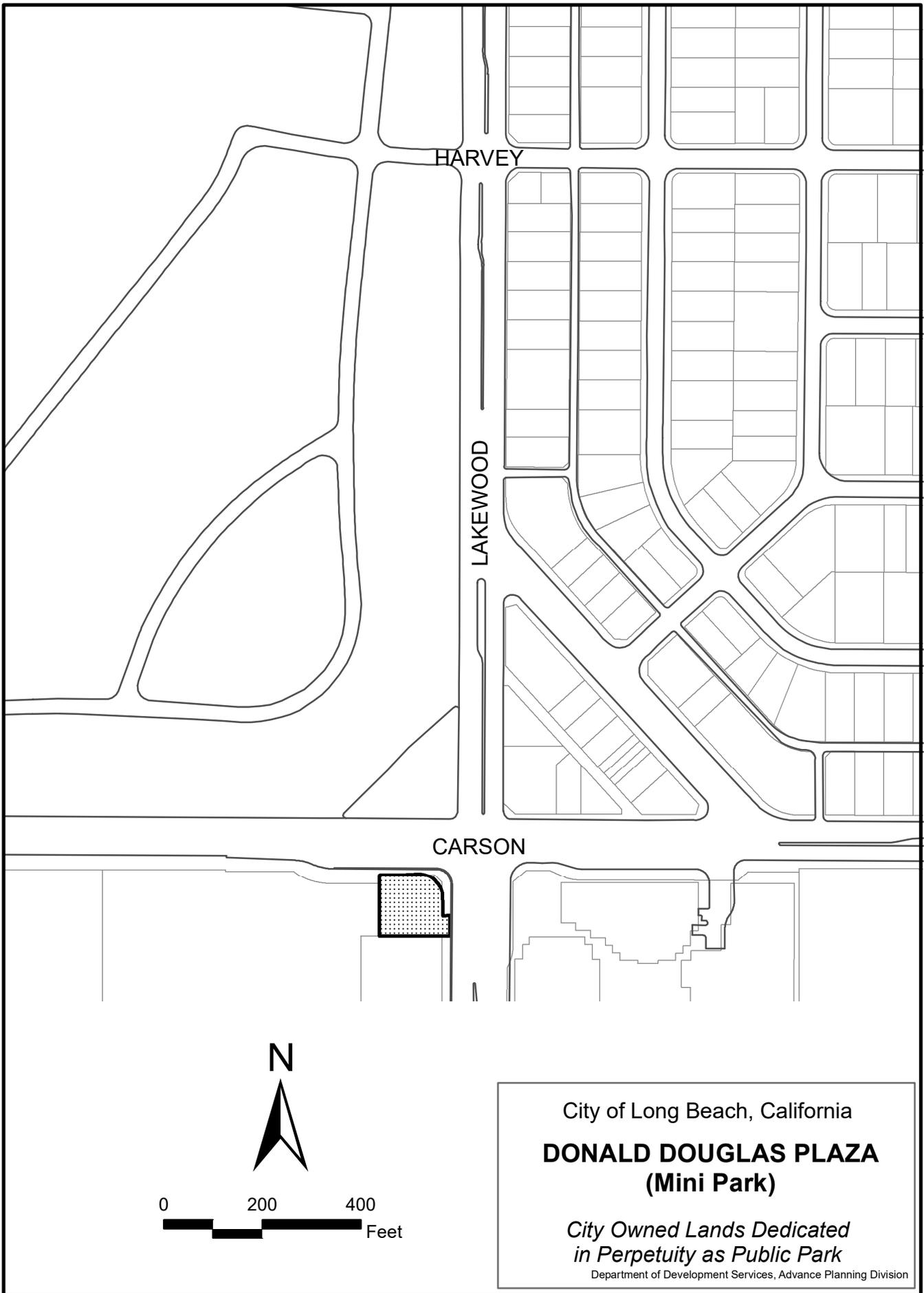
Table A: Parks Requiring Parks & Recreation Commission Approval for Dedication or Designation

Park	Approx. Open Year	Area (acres)*	Current Zoning	Recommended Action
C. David Molina Park	2018	3.71	P	Dedicate
Dennis Williams Greenway	2009	0.71	P	Dedicate
Donald Douglas Plaza	2012	0.44	PD-32	Dedicate
Jackson Street Dog Park	2015	0.16	P	Dedicate
Long Beach Shoreline Marina	1982	104.9	PD-6	Designate
Pacific & 6 th Community Garden	2015	0.60	PD-30	Dedicate
Seaside Dog Zone	2012	0.17	PD-6	Dedicate
Valparaiso Plaza	1977	0.52	P	Designate

*Area according to Parks, Recreation, and Marine Department



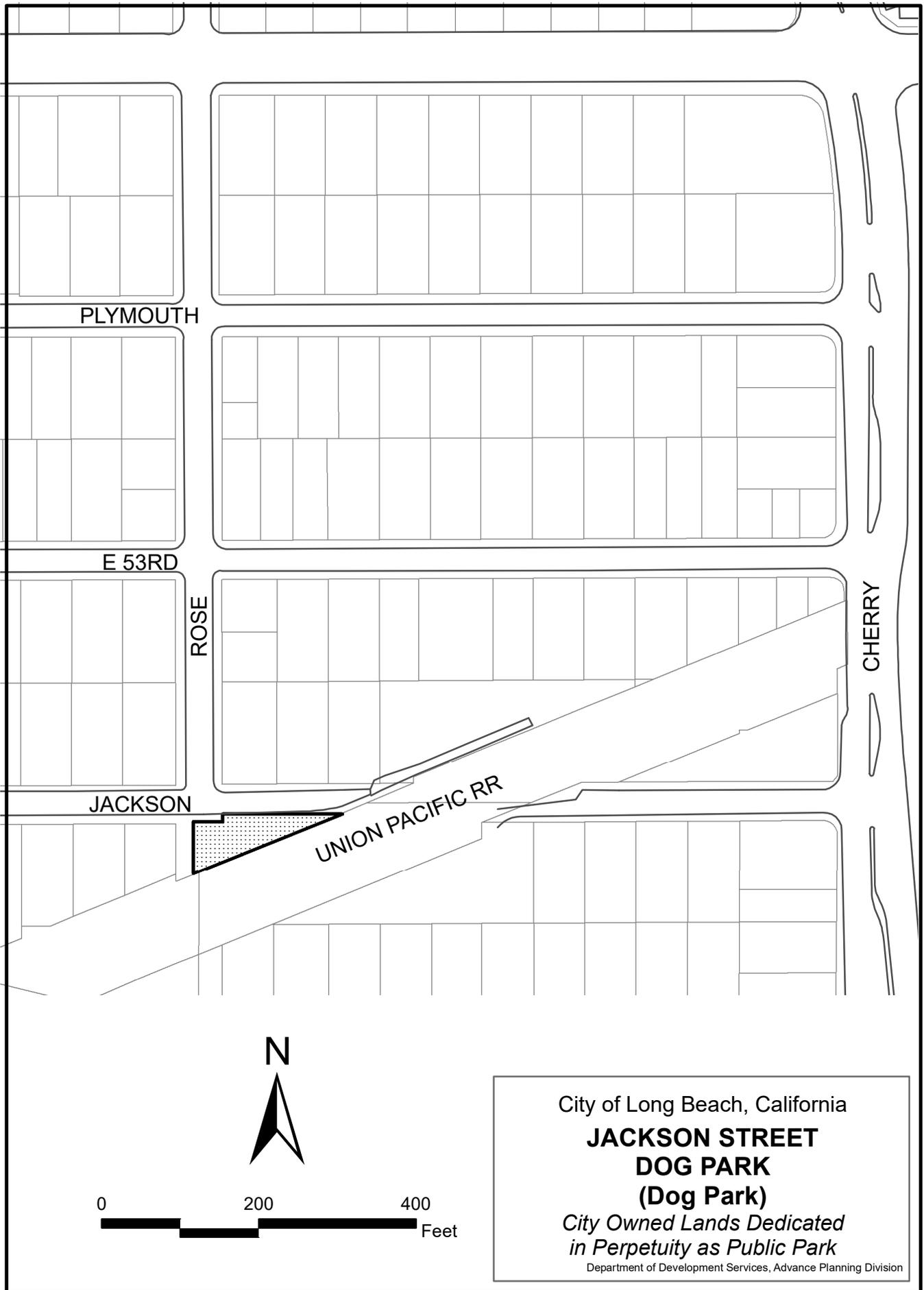




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DONALD DOUGLAS PLAZA
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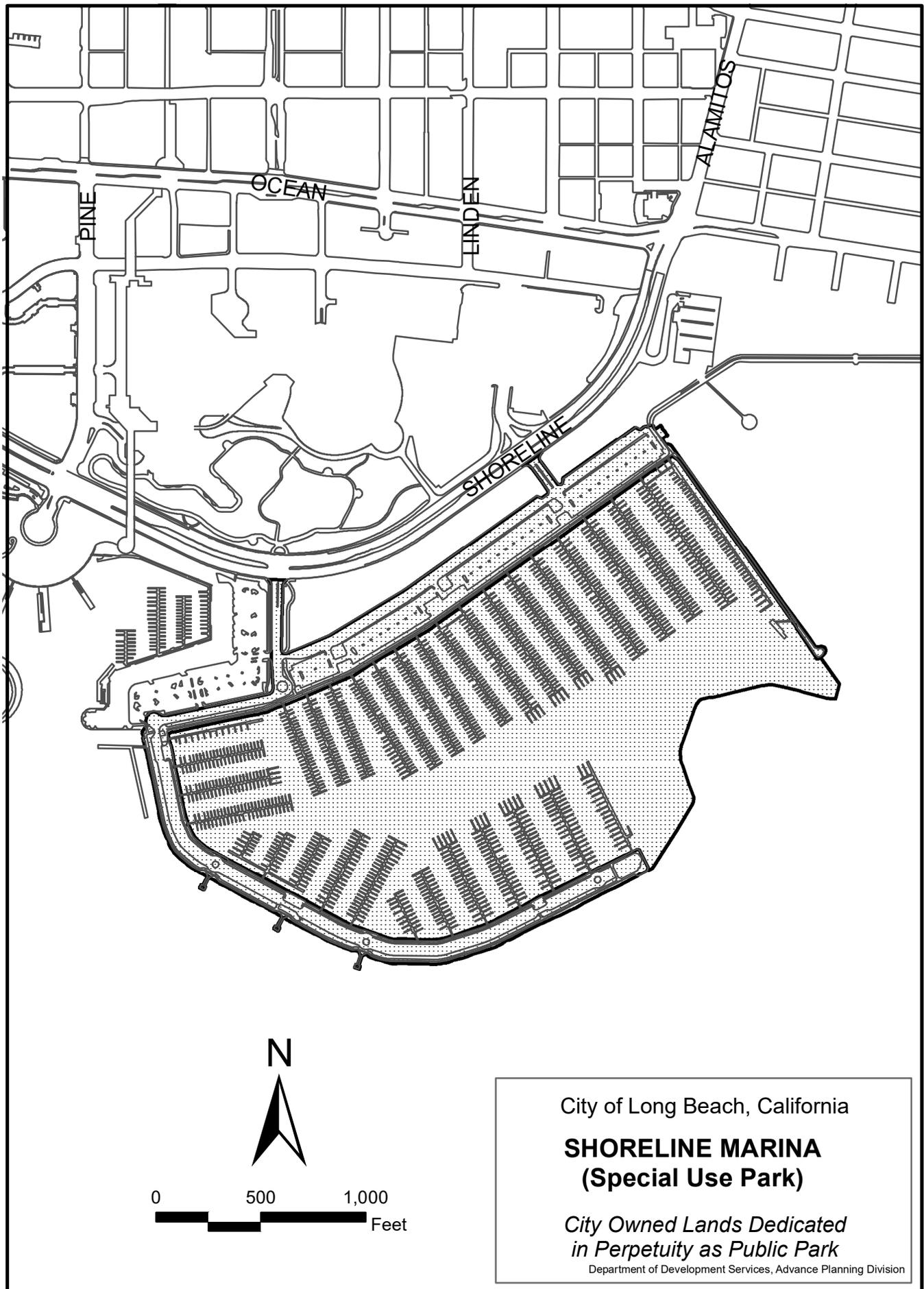


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**JACKSON STREET
DOG PARK
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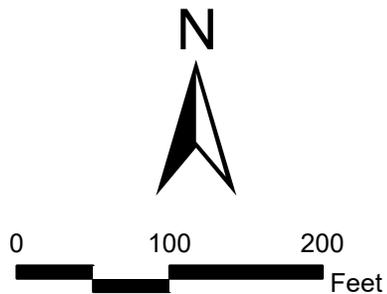
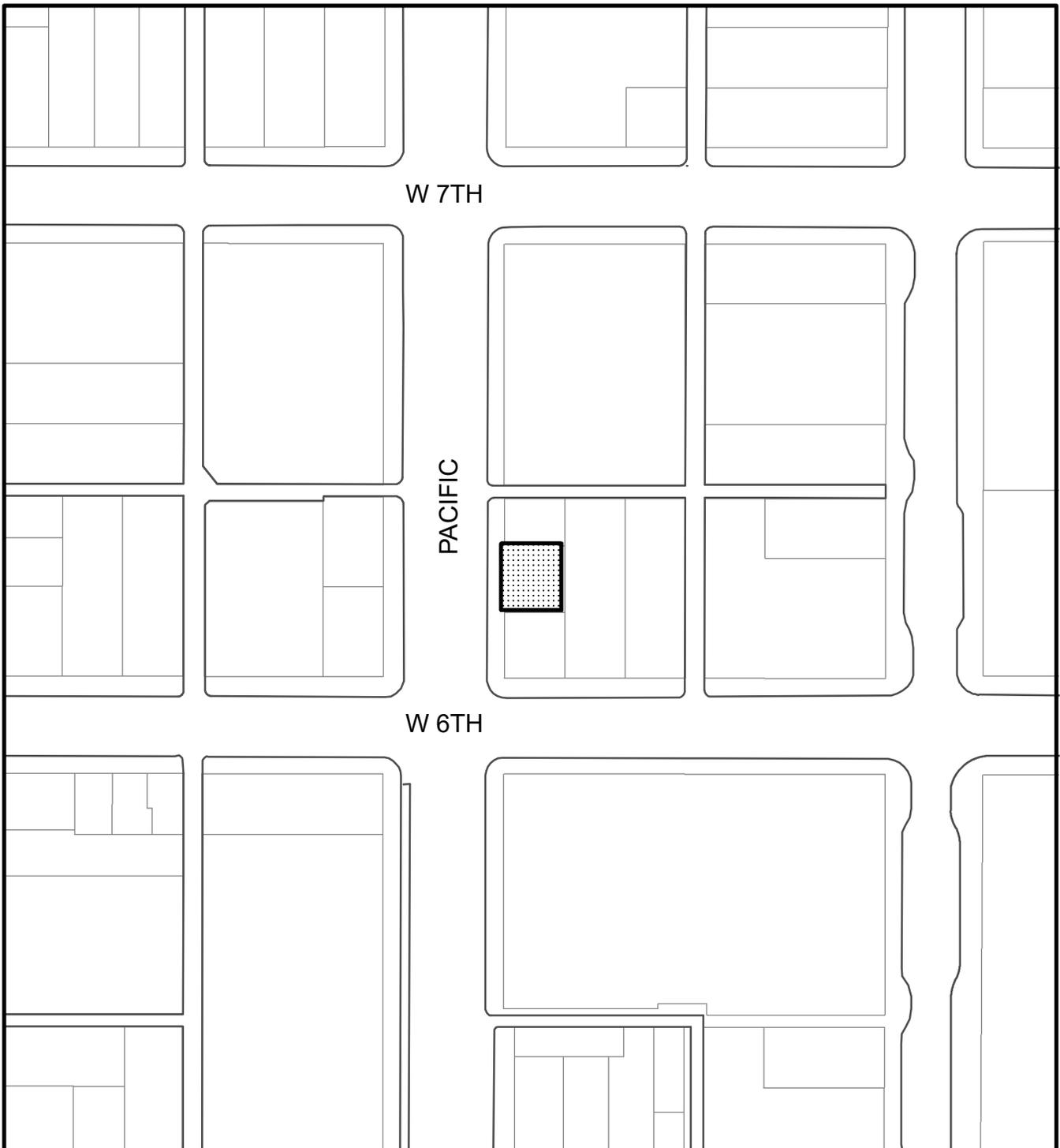


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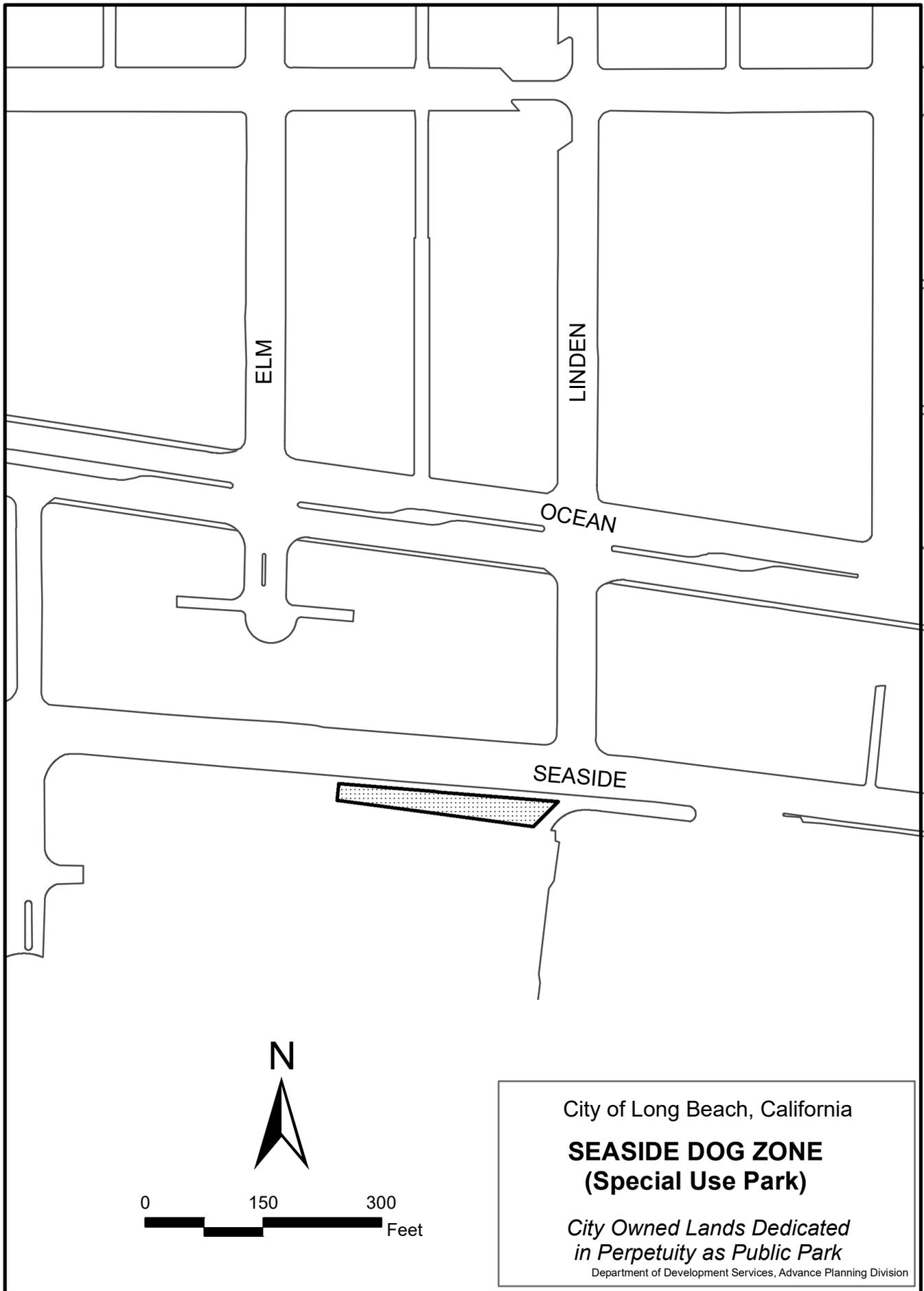
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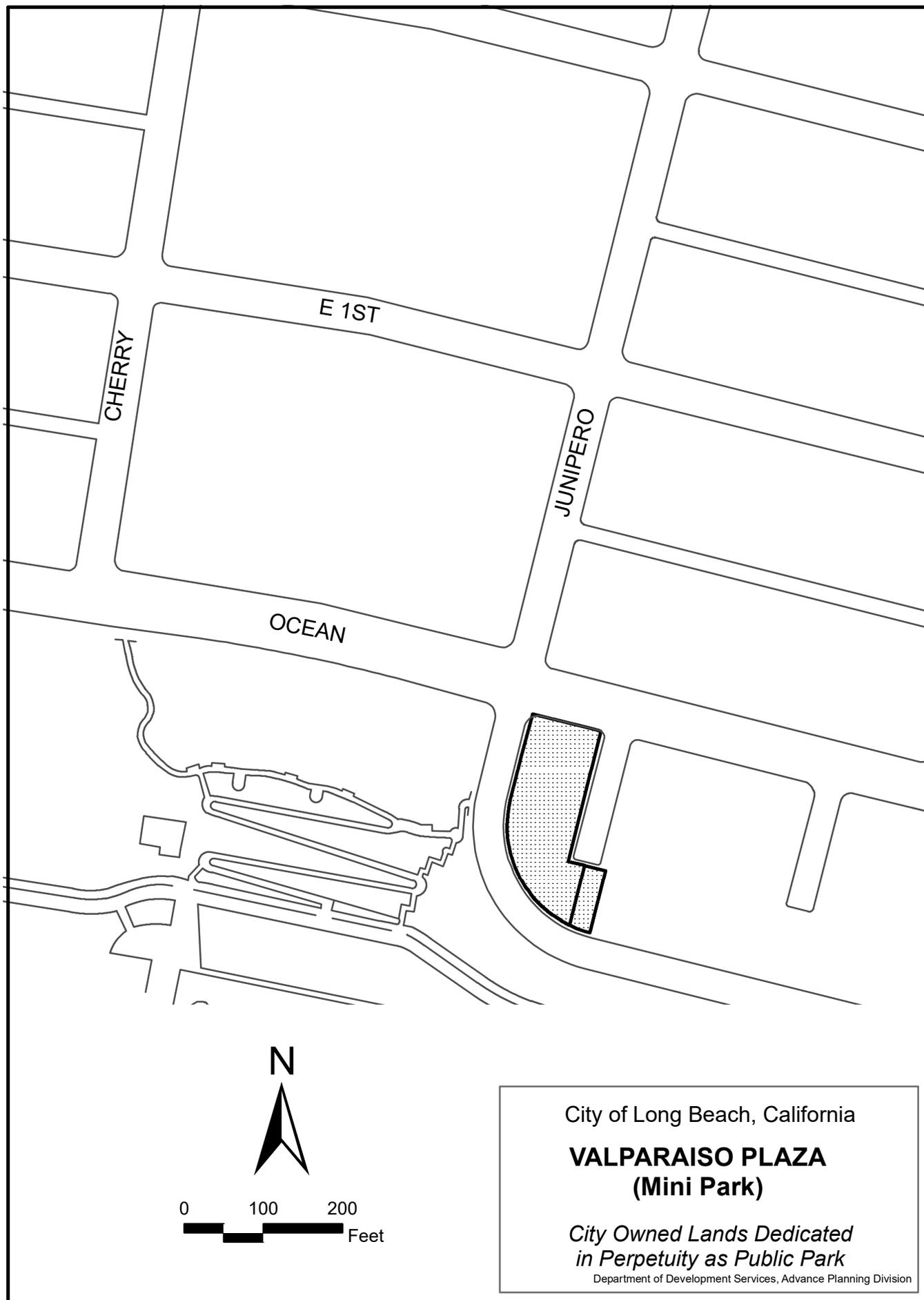
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**PACIFIC & 6TH
COMMUNITY GARDEN
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**VALPARAISO PLAZA
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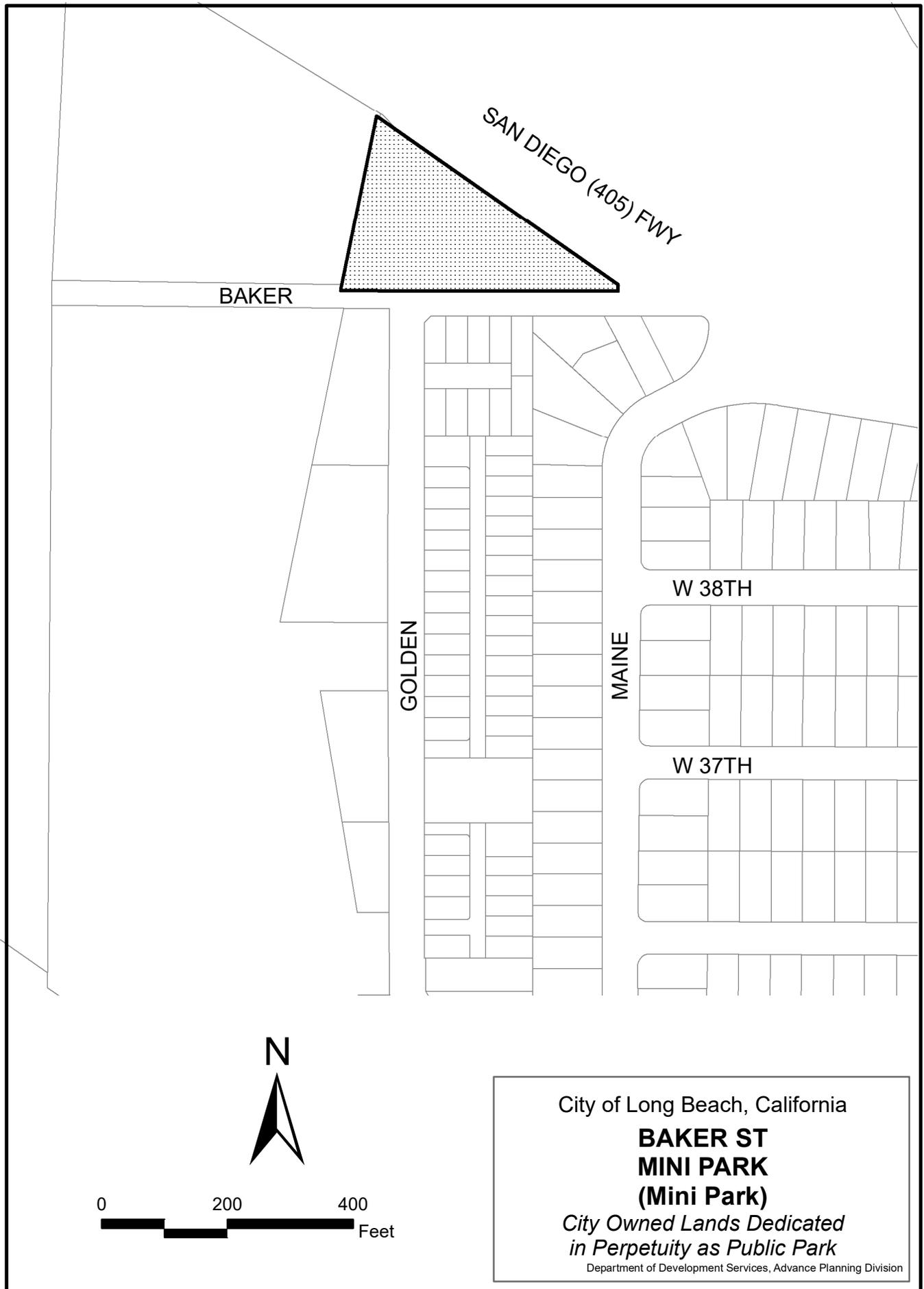
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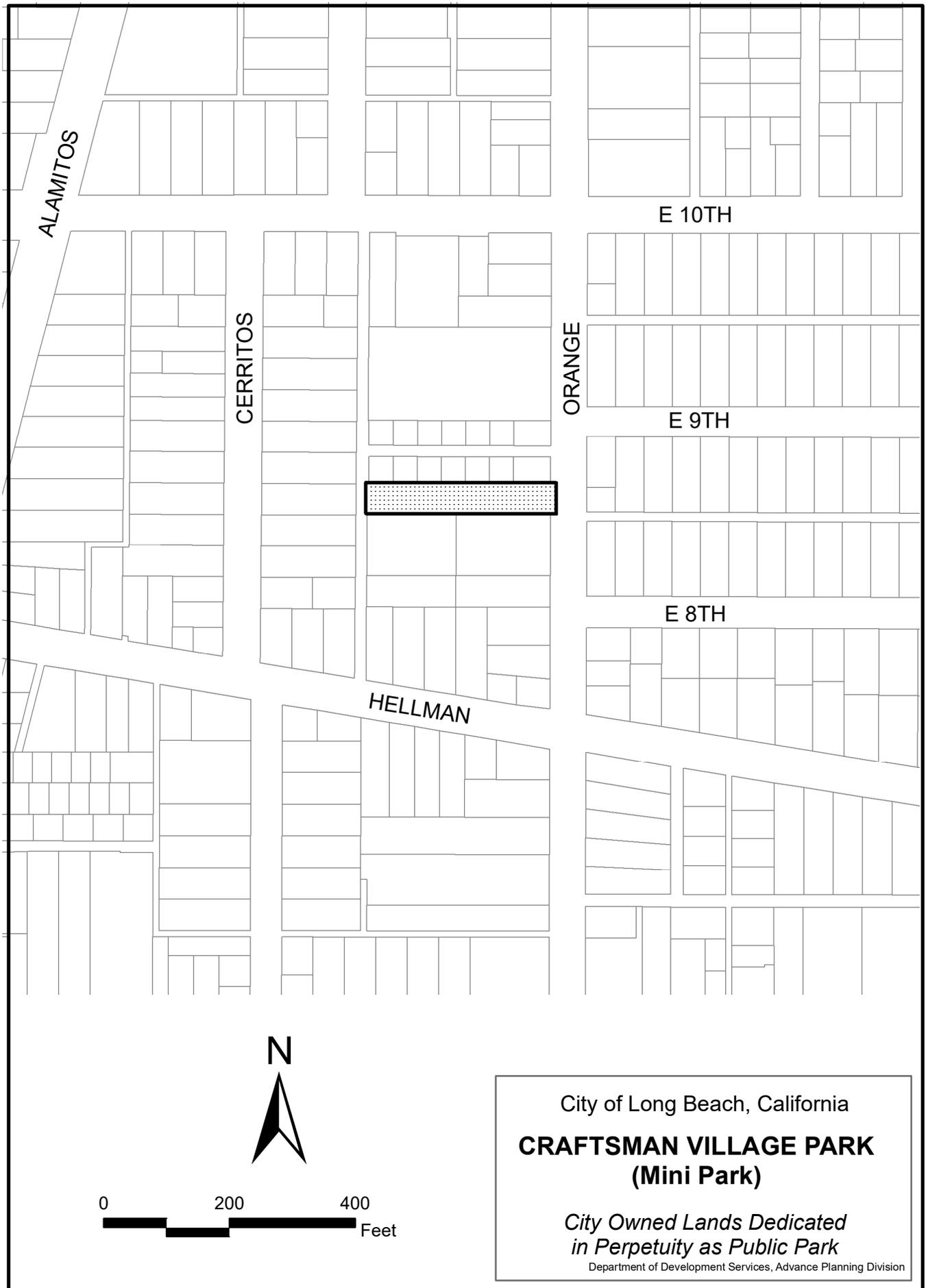
Park	Approx. Open Year	Area* (acres)	Current Zoning	Recommended Action				
				Dedication (PRC)	Lot Merger/ Subdivision (PC)	Rezone** (CC)	GP Conformity (CC)	Vacation (PW)
Baker St Mini Park	2013	1.45	PR, CS, R-1-N	●	●	P	●	
Craftsman Village Park	2013	0.34	R-2-N	●		P	●	
Ed "Pops" Davenport Park	2006	11.55	P, R-1-N, RM	●	●	●	●	
Grace Park	2006	1.23	P	●	●			
Jackson Park	2015	3.20	P, R-1-N	●	●			
Jenni Rivera Park	2012	3.20	CS	●		P	●	
Locust Tot Lot	2016	0.13	R-2-N	●		P	●	
Mary Molina Community Garden	2012	0.19	P	●			●	
Miracle on 4 th St	2000	0.17	CNR	●		P	●	
NAACP Freedom Park	2012	2.82	PD-22, CS	●	●	●	●	●
Orizaba Park	1938	4.13	P, IL, R-2-N	●	●	●	●	
P.E. Railway Greenbelt ²	2016-2018	10.39	P, PD-22, R-1-N, CCA			●	●	
Promenade Square Park	1983	0.68	PD-30	●				●
Rosa Parks Park	2011	0.74	R-3-4, R-4-R	●		P (pending)	●	
Seaside Park	2011	2.42	P	●	●			
Will Rogers Mini Park	1978	1.78	I, PD-1		●	●	●	
Willow & Golden North	2008	0.89	P	●	●			●
Willow & Golden South	2008	1.13	P	●	●			●
Willow Springs Park	2012	48.24	P, IM, CCA	●	●	P	●	
Wrigley Heights Dog Park	2011	2.03	CS	●	●	P	●	

*Area according to Parks, Recreation, and Marine Department

**P = change to P zoning district, ● = recommended rezoning to be determined

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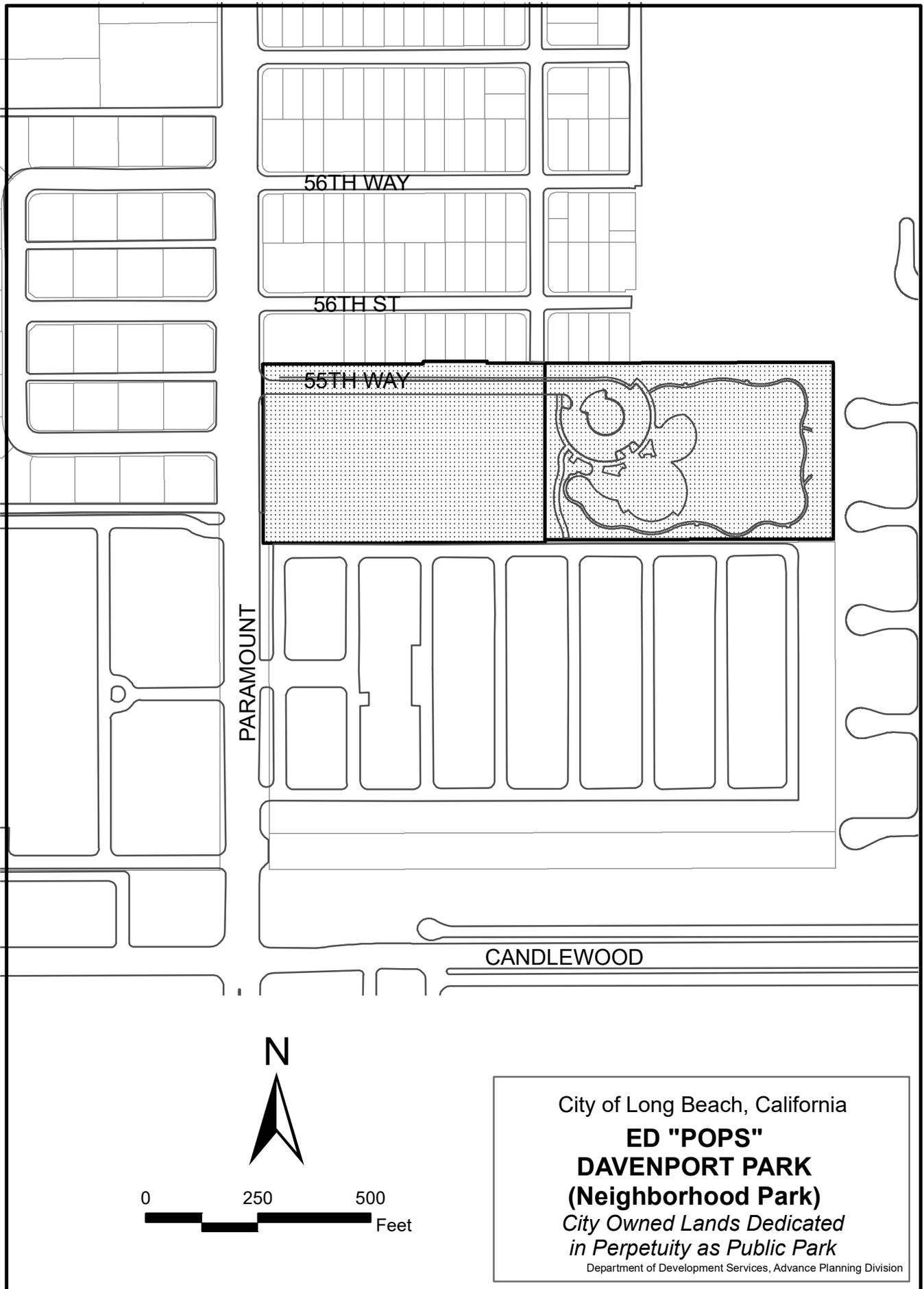




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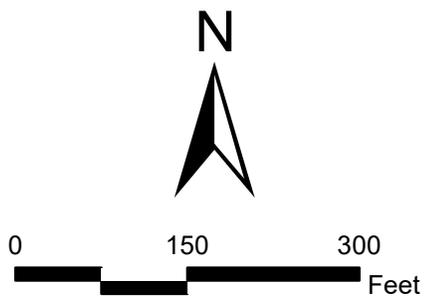
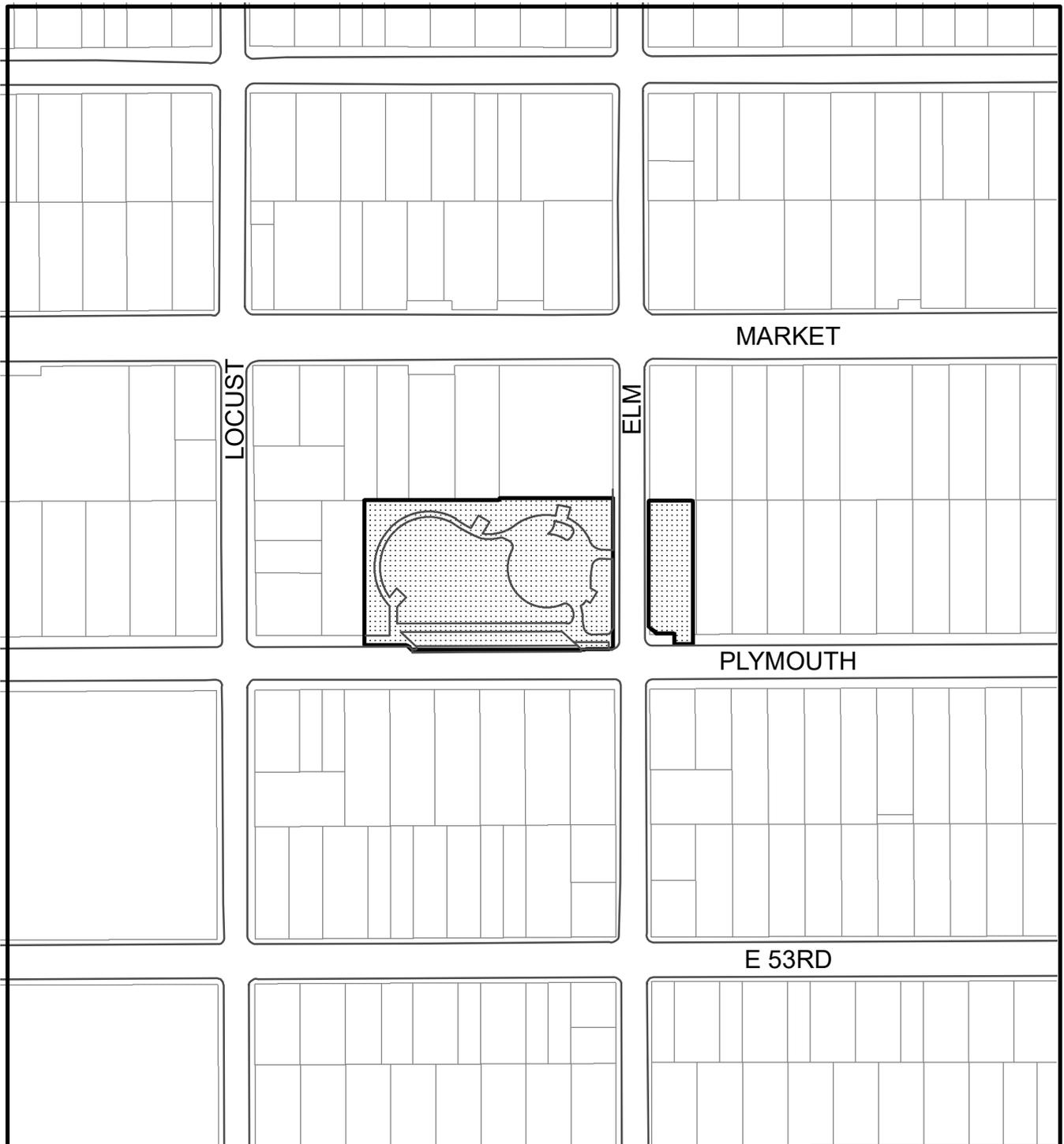


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**ED "POPS"
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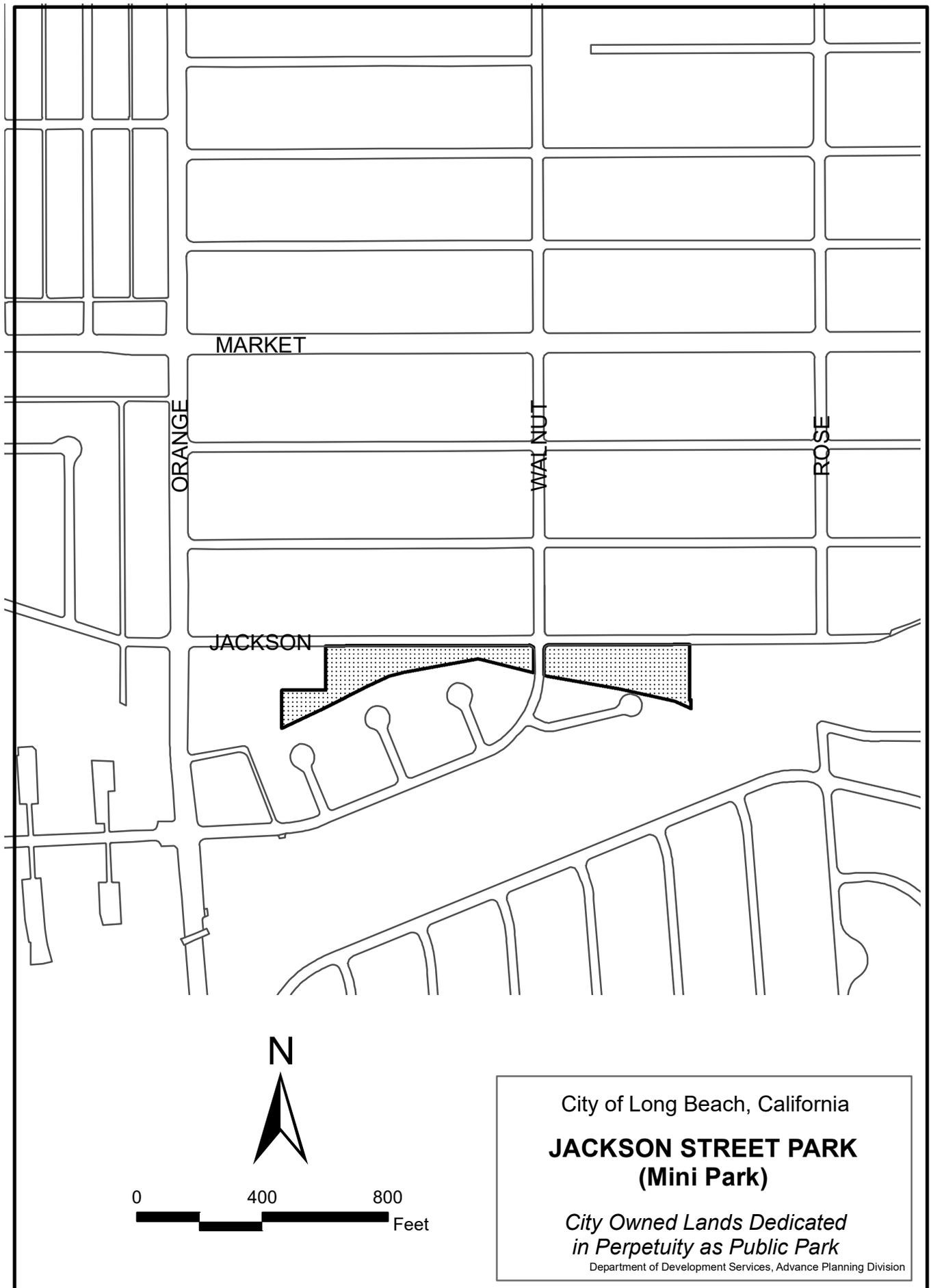


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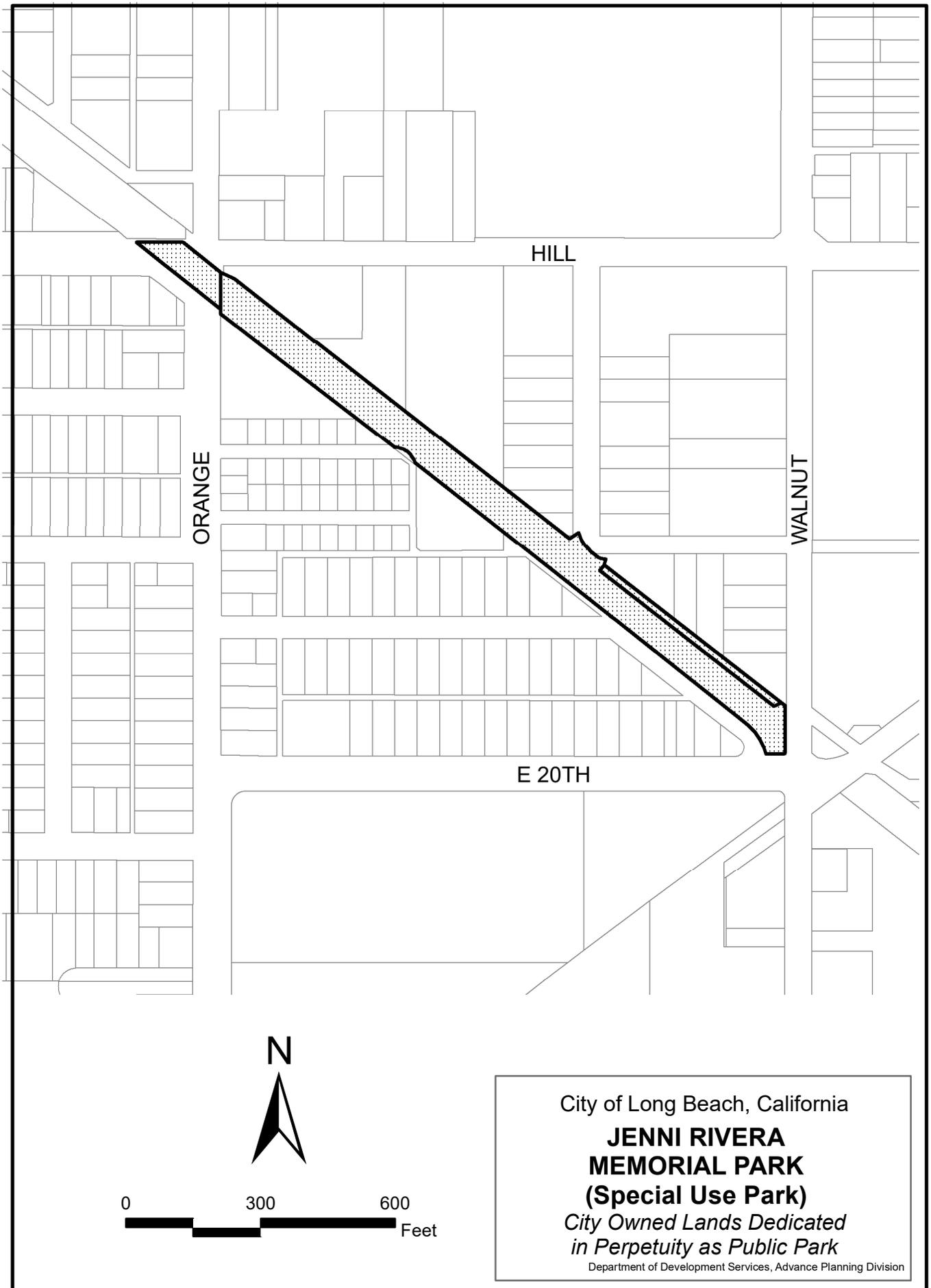
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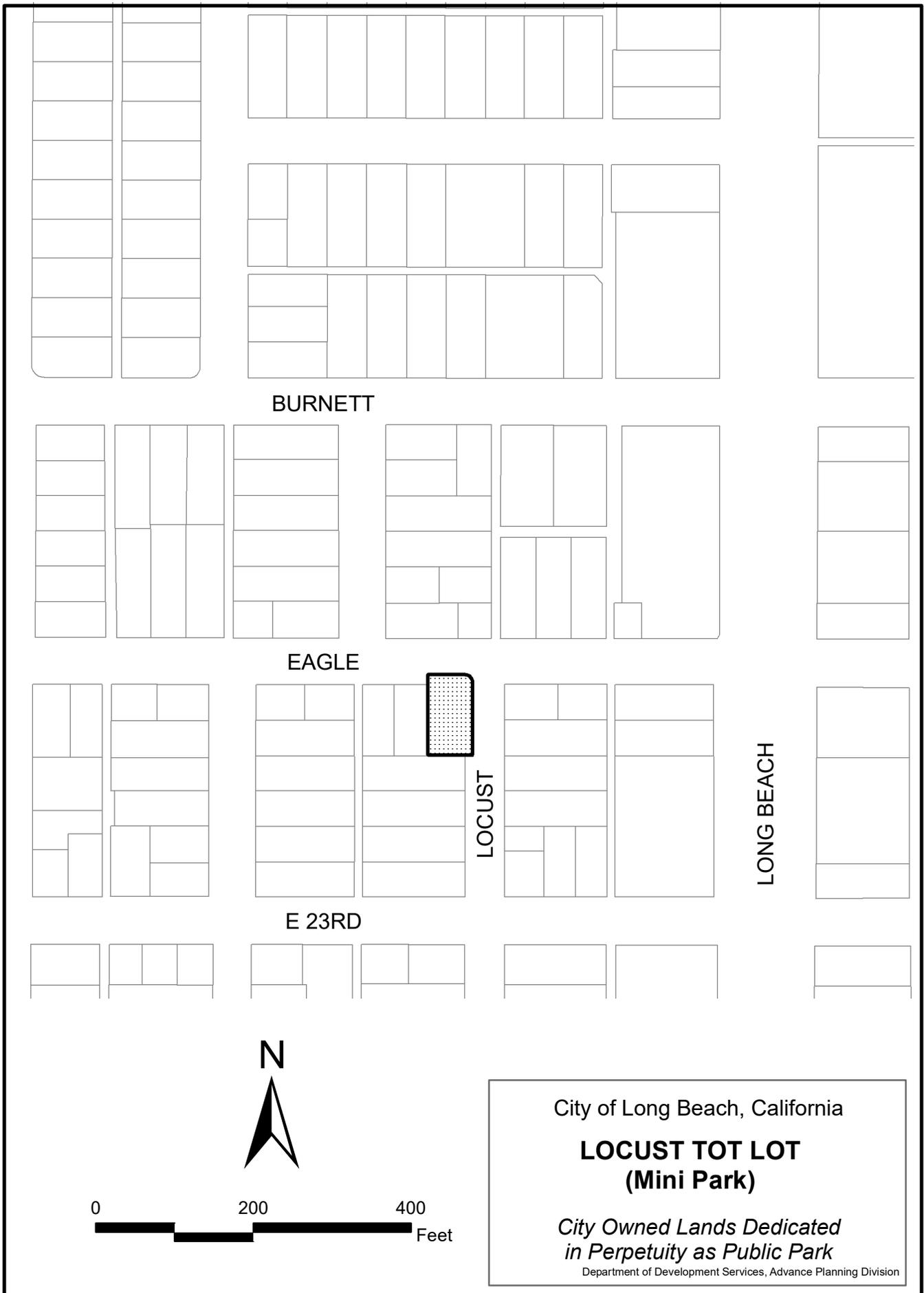
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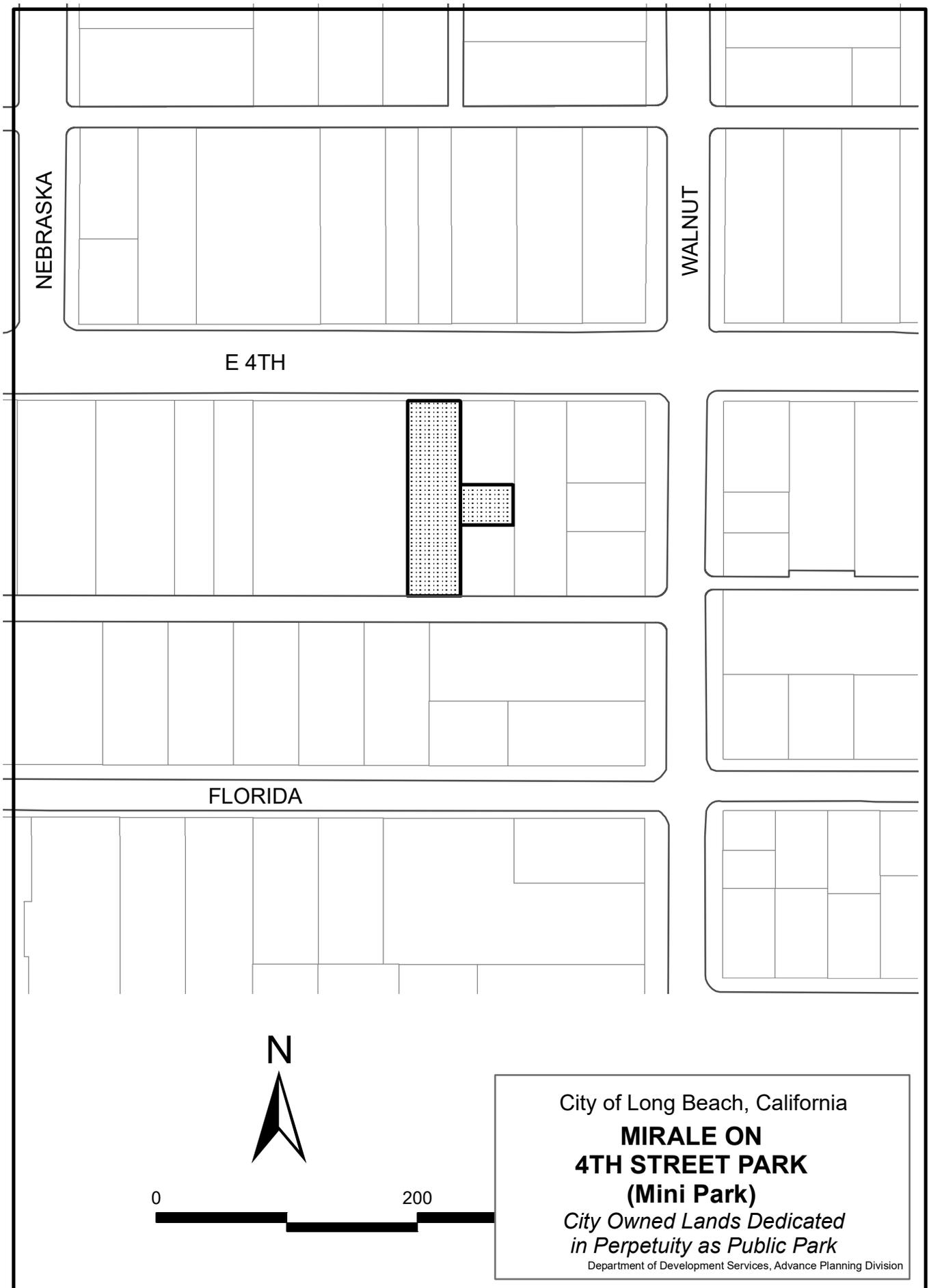


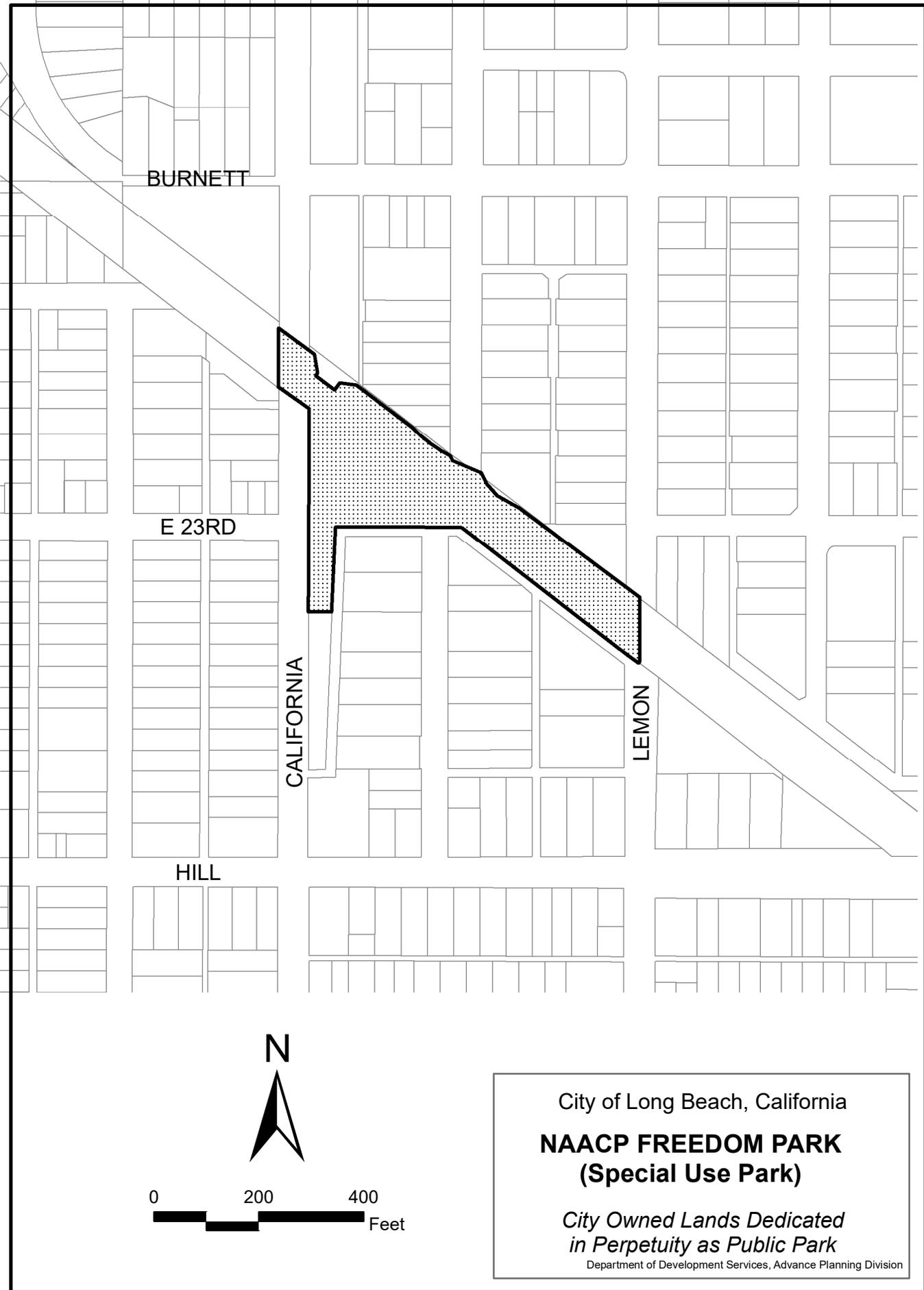
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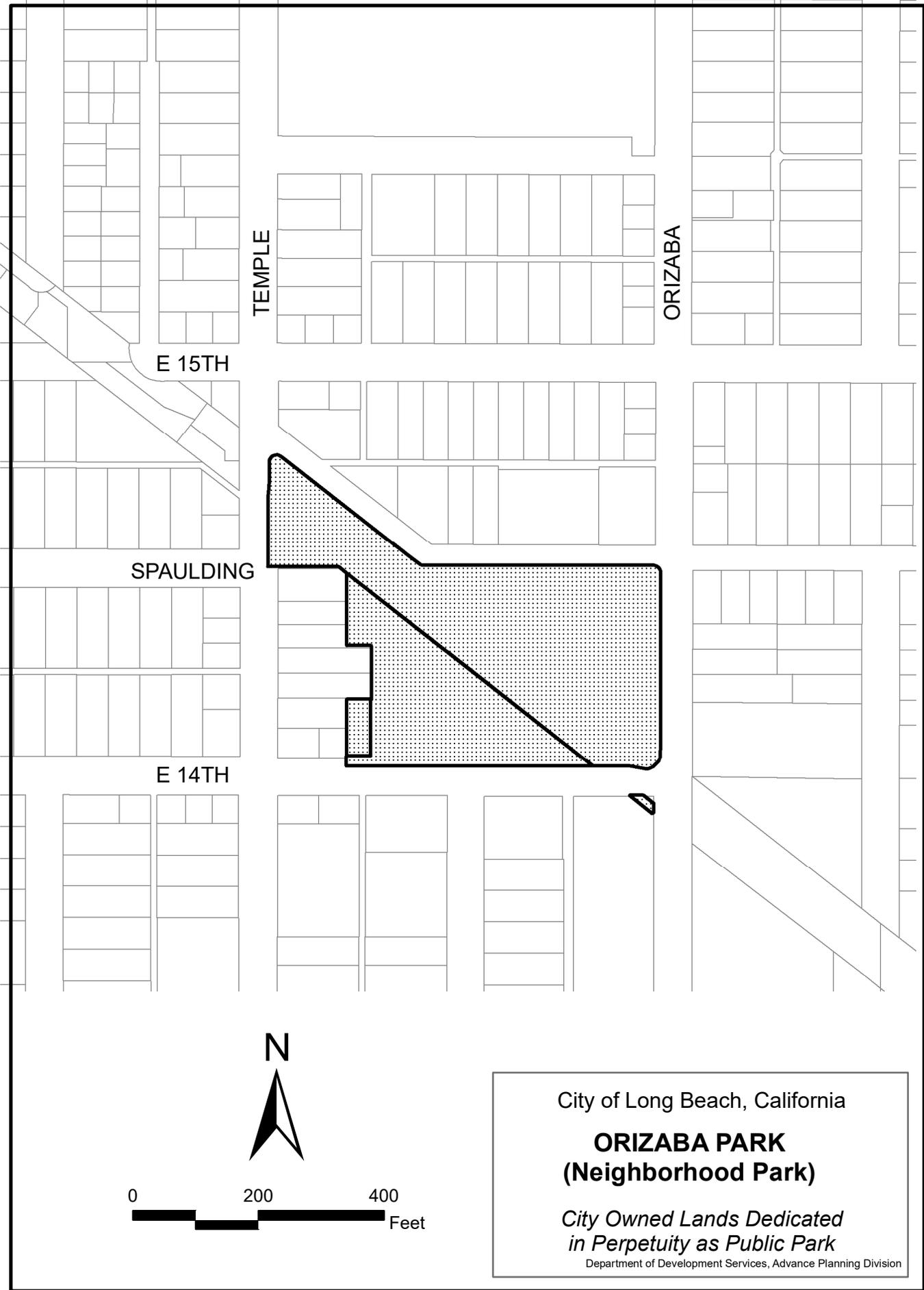


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**MARY MOLINA
 COMMUNITY GARDEN**
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NAACP FREEDOM PARK
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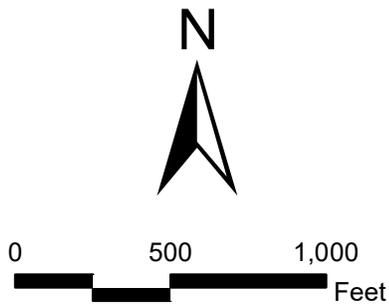
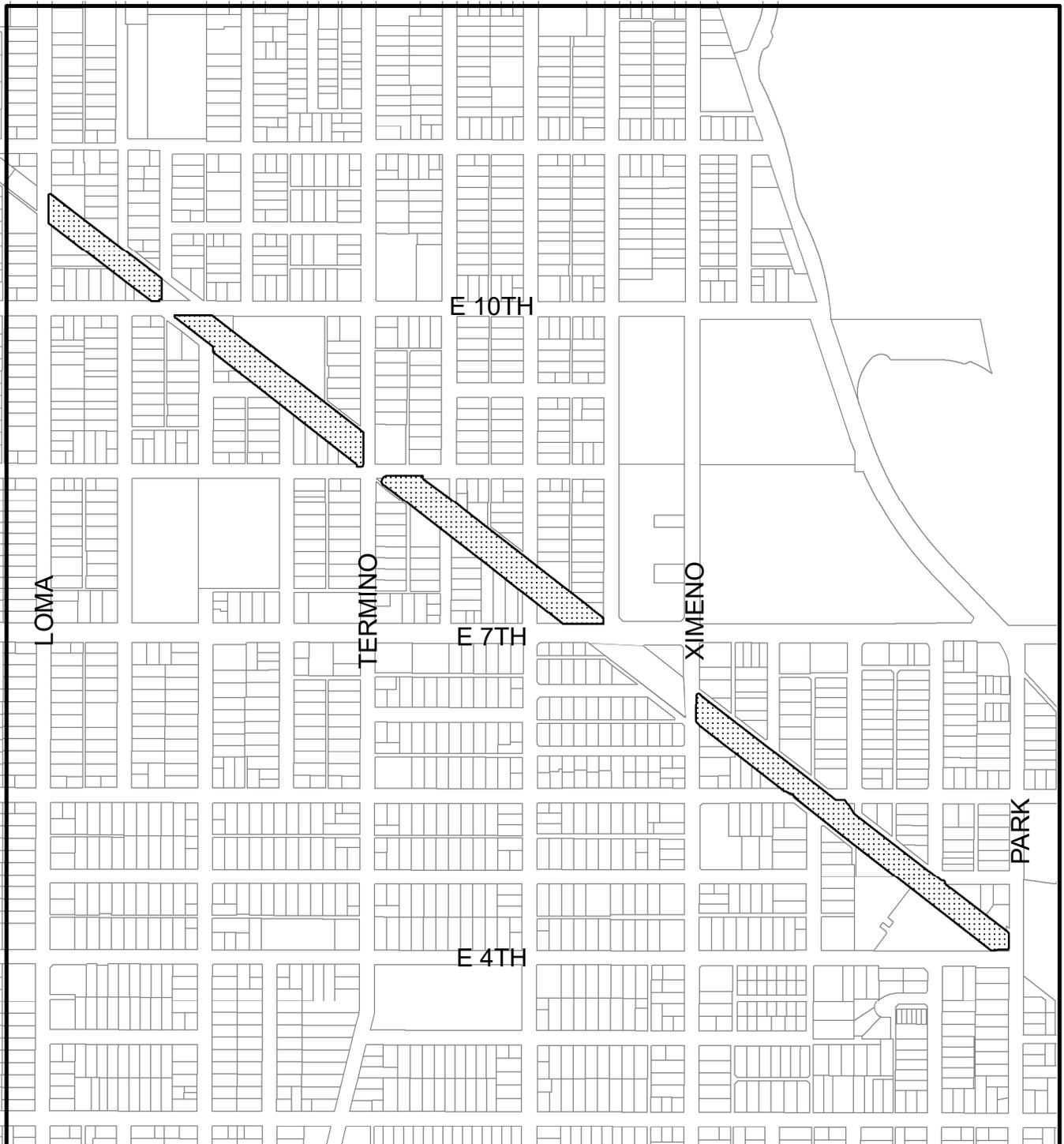


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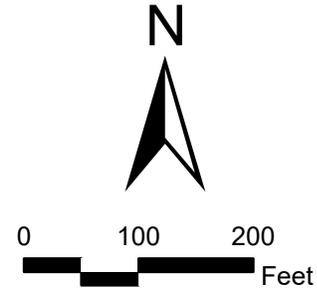
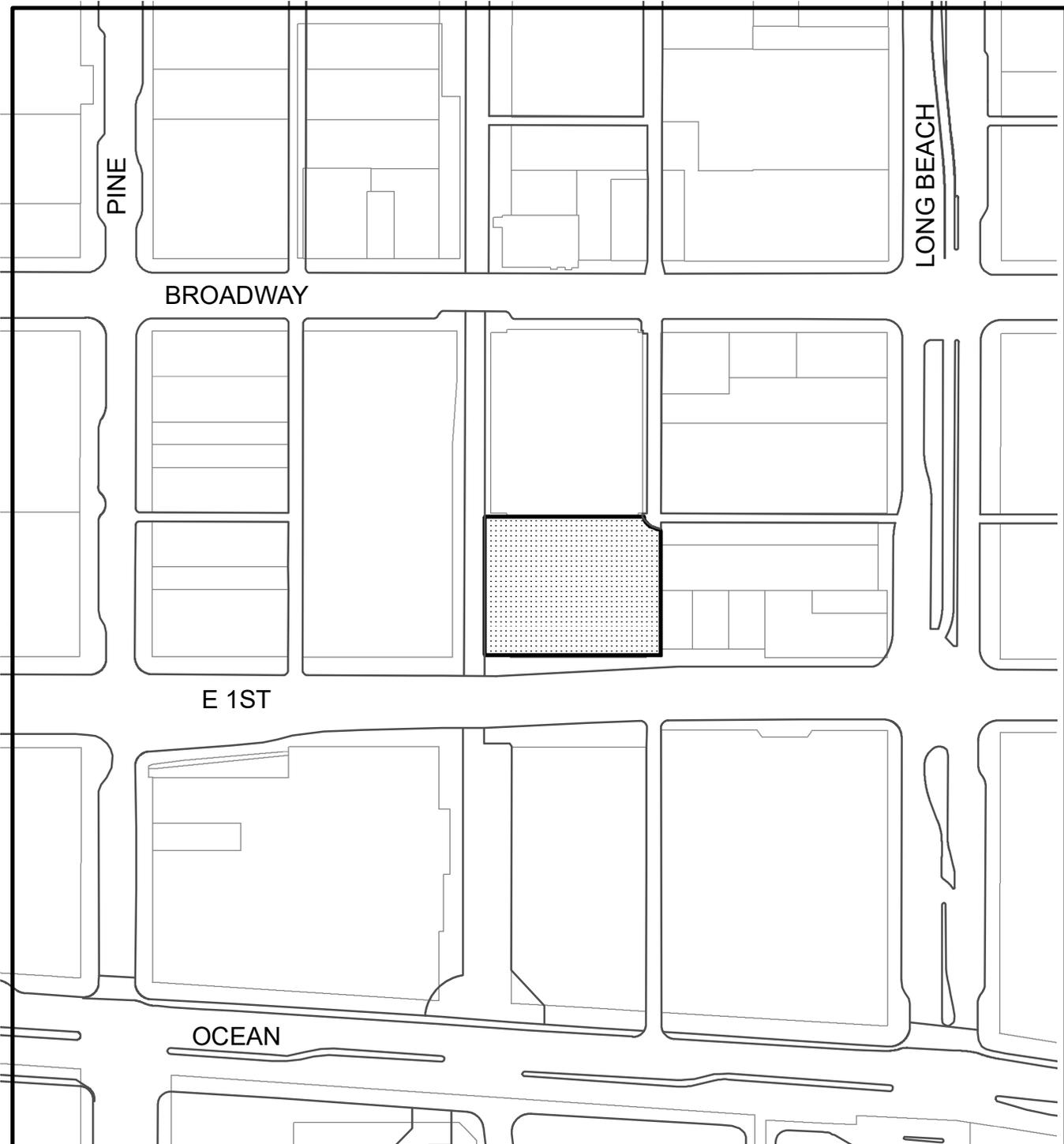
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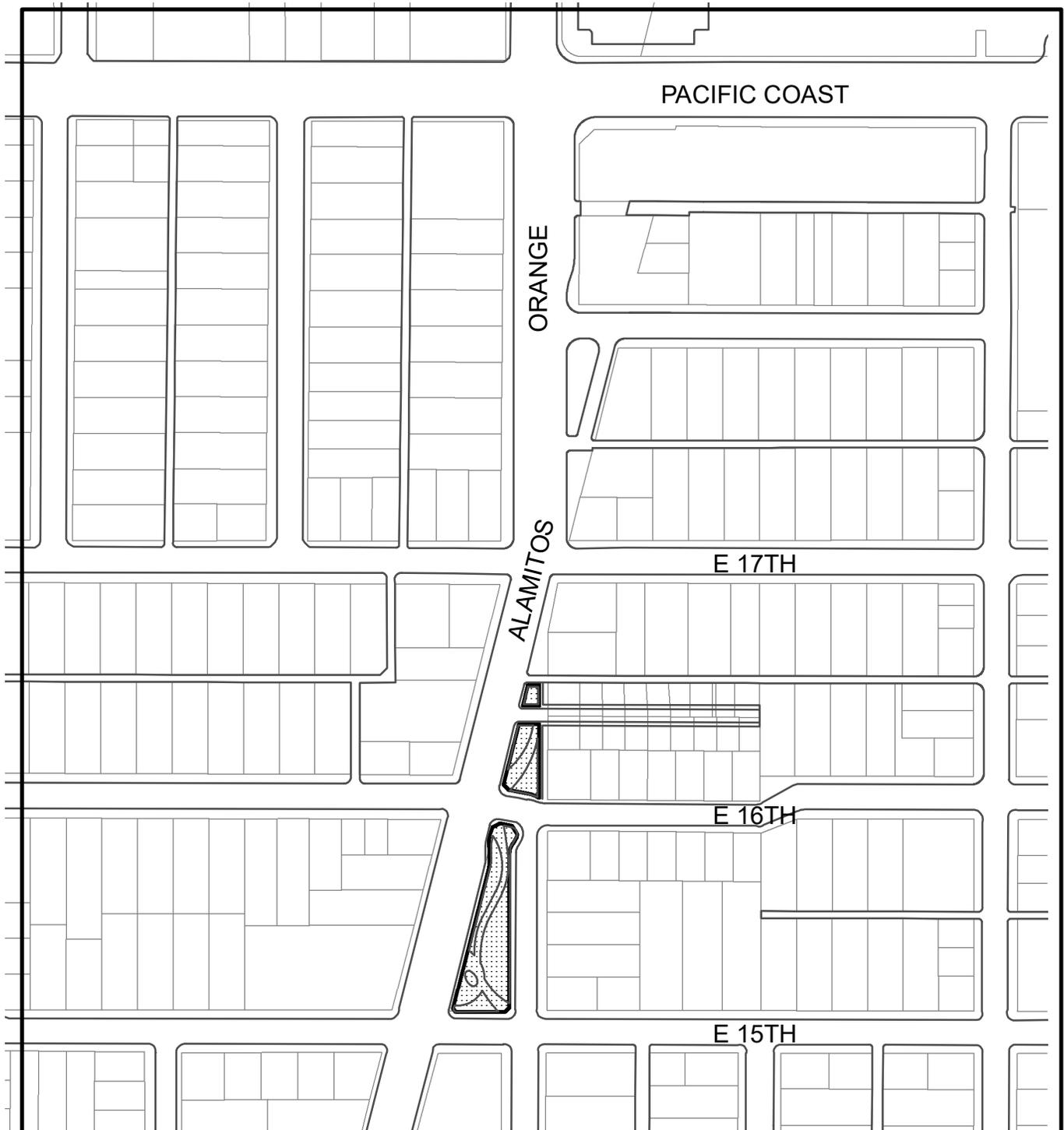
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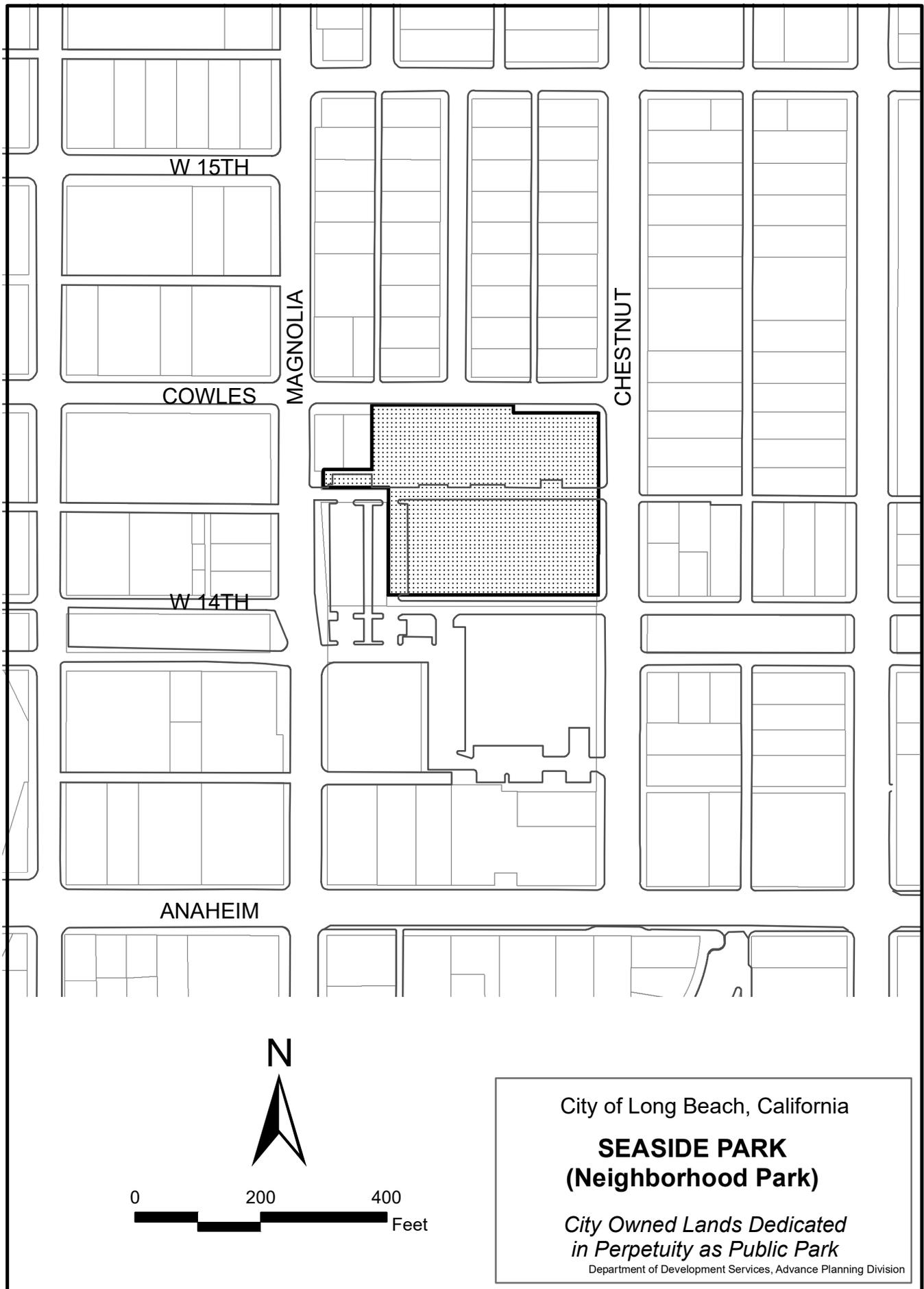


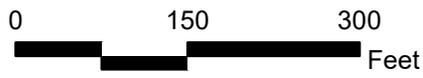
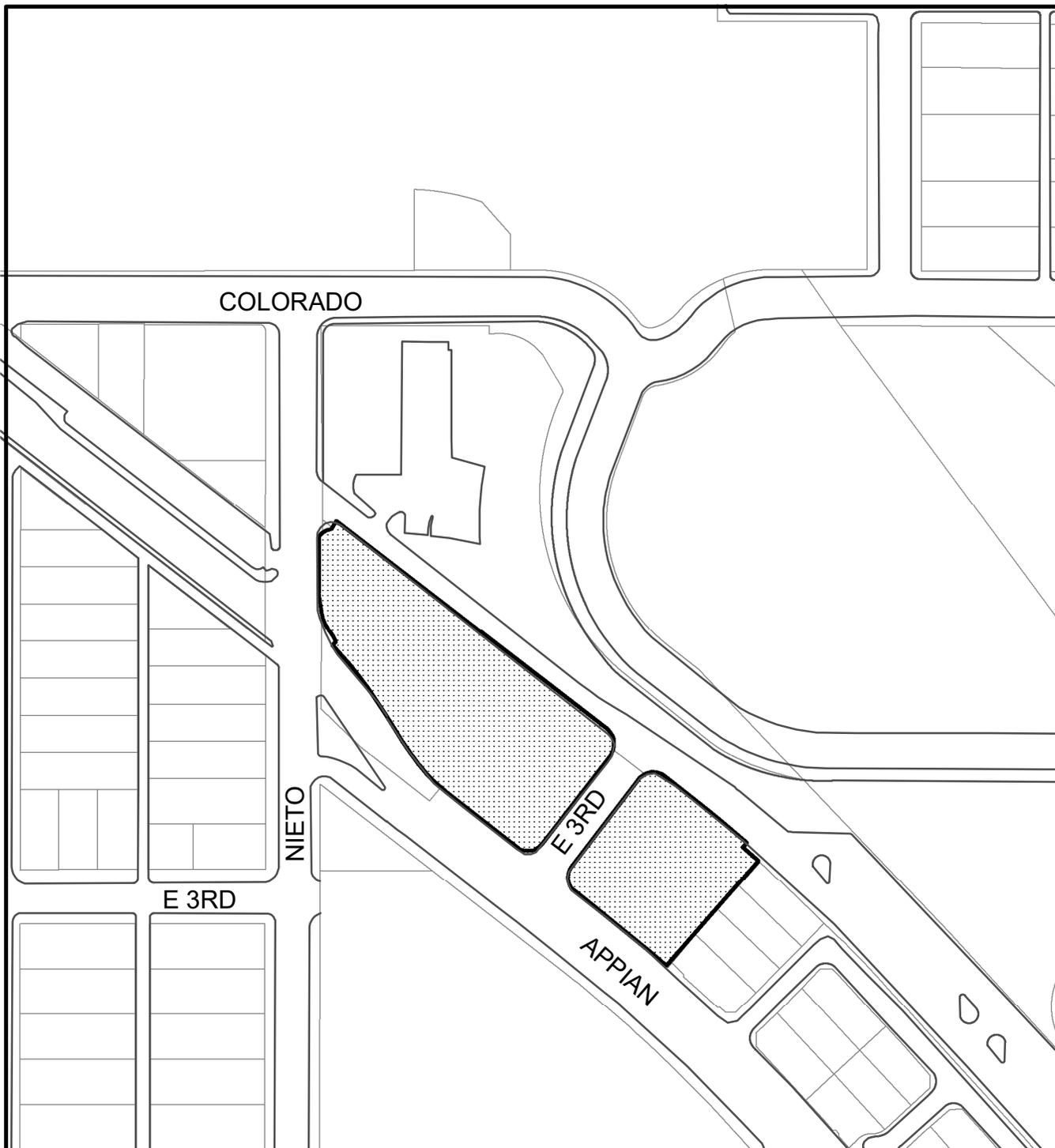
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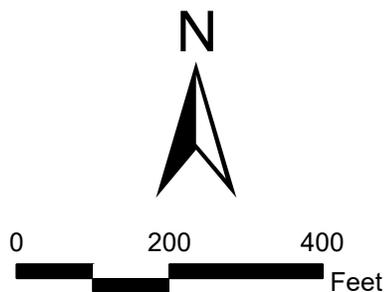
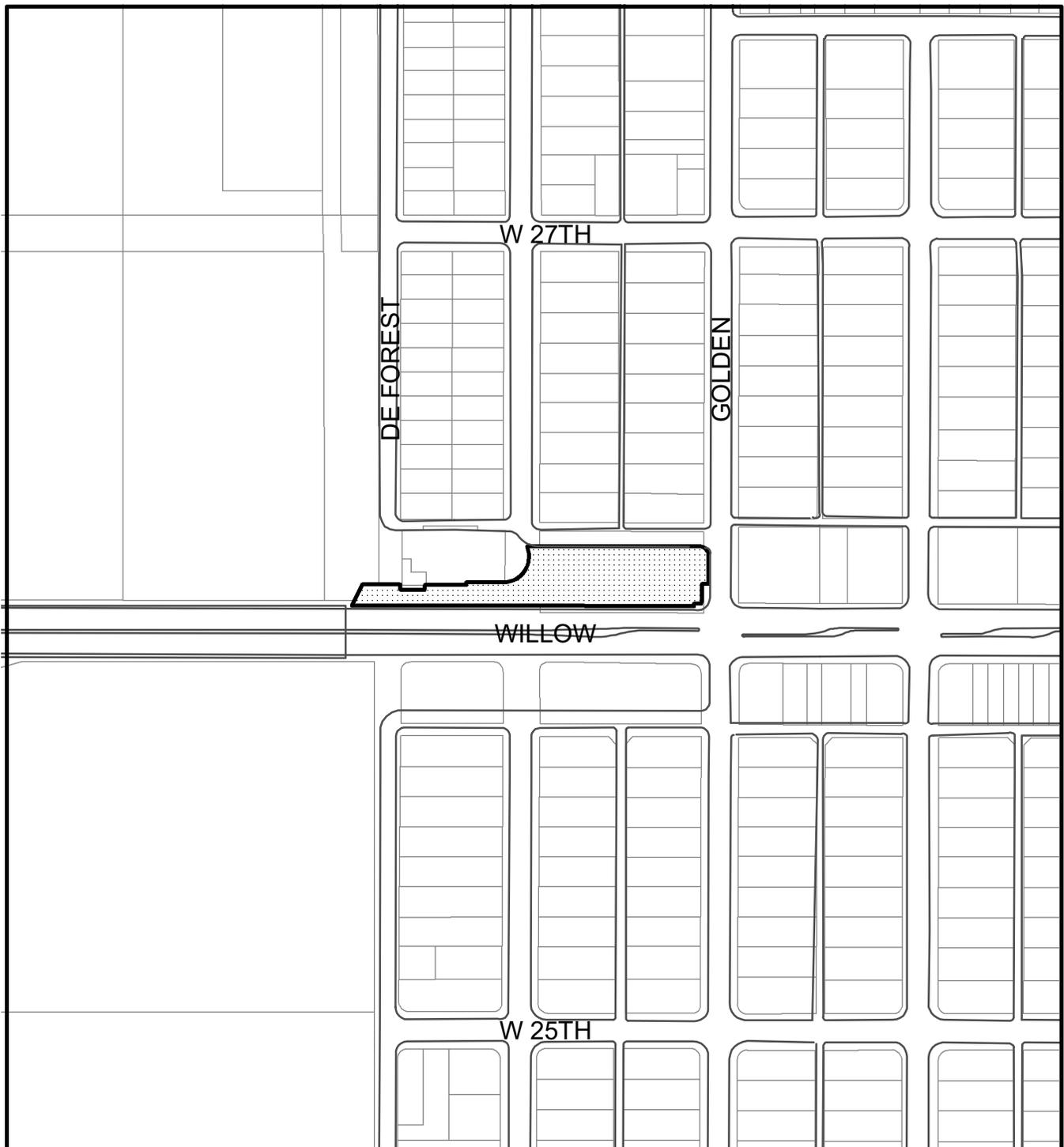
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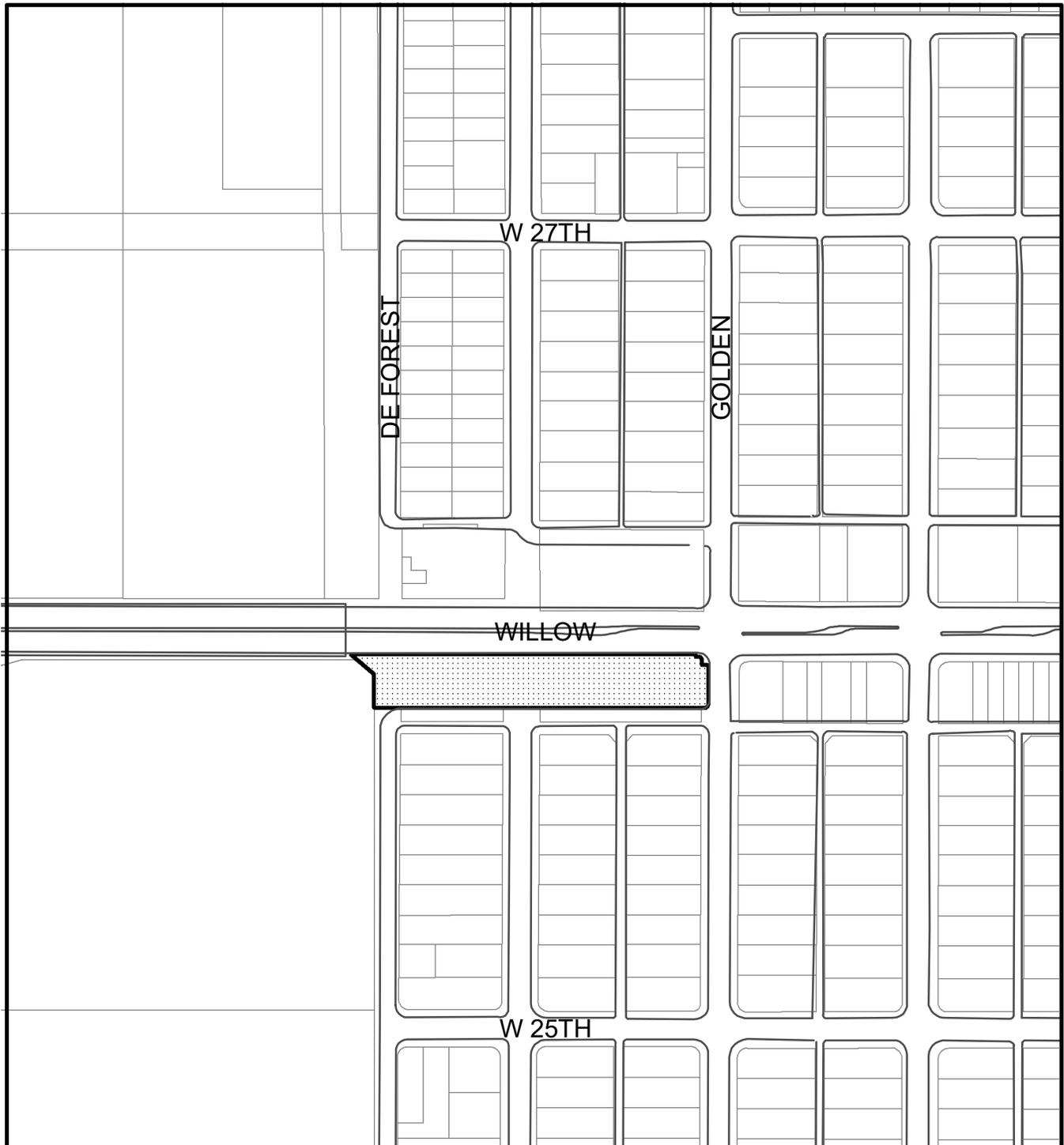




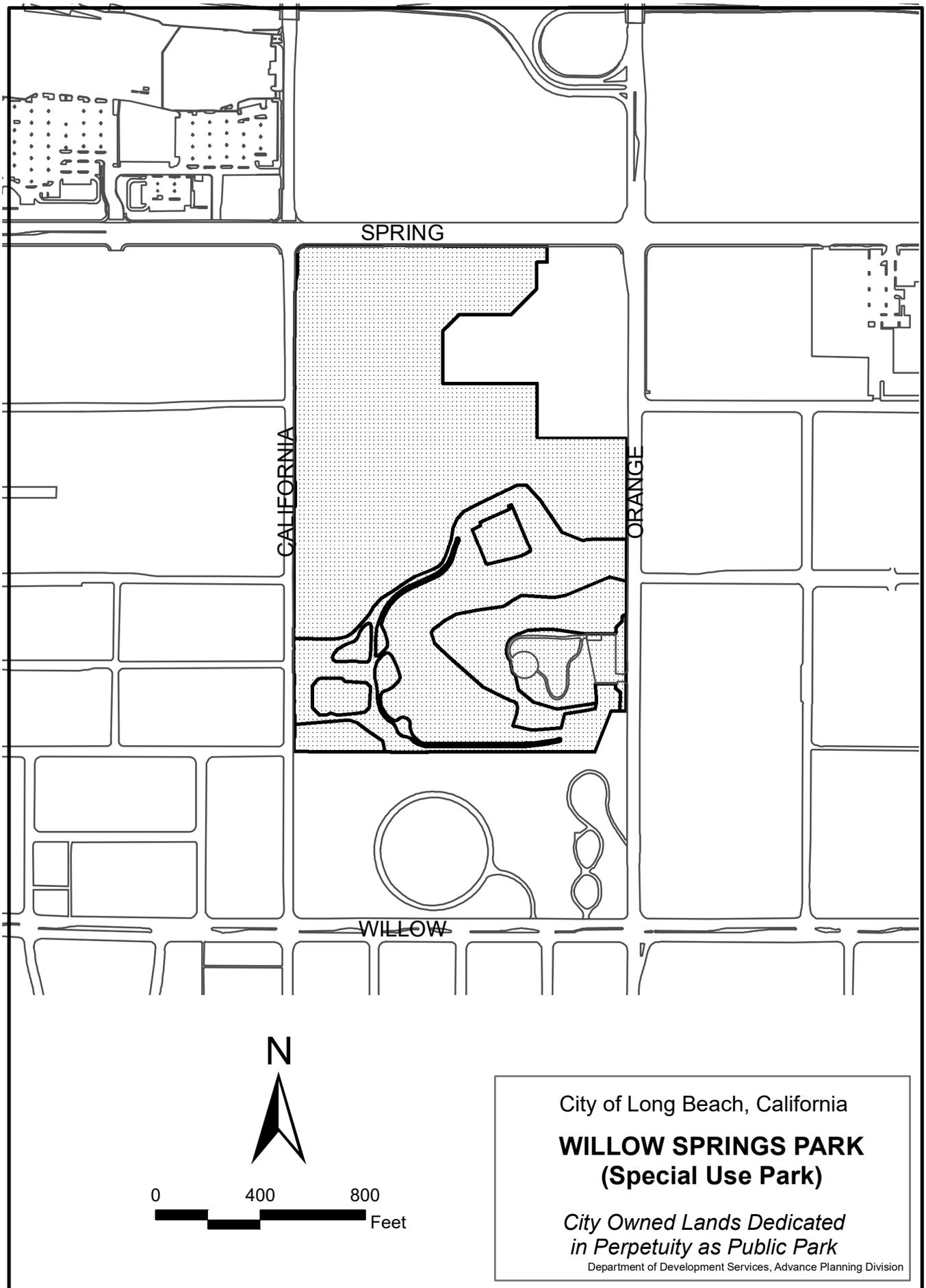
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WILL ROGERS MINI PARK
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**WILLOW & GOLDEN NORTH
MINI PARK
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**WILLOW & GOLDEN SOUTH
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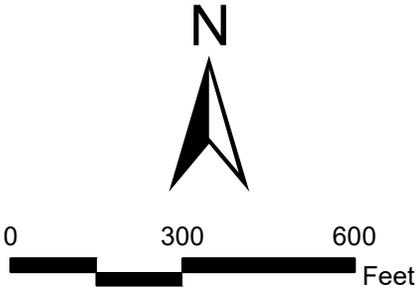
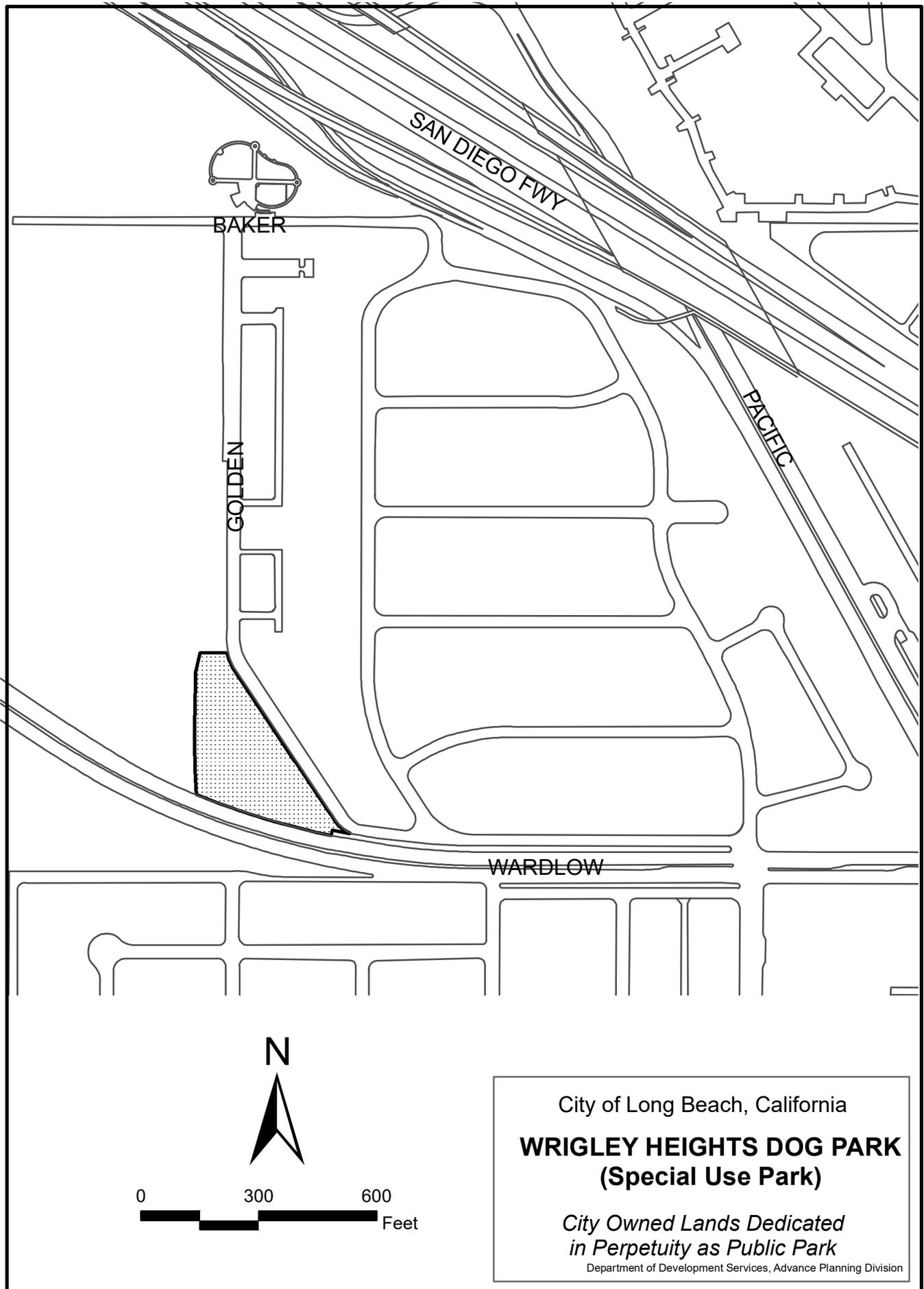


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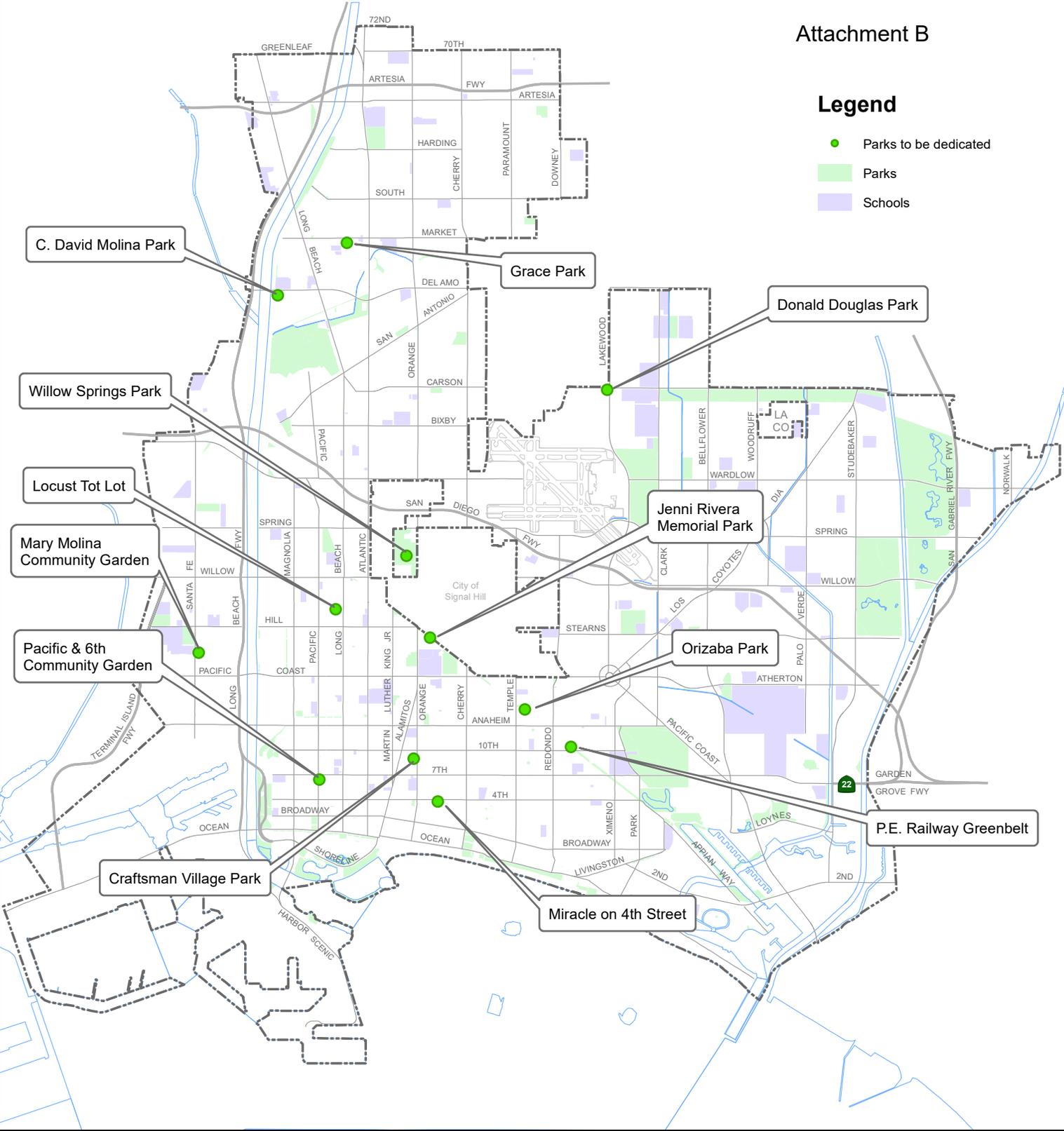
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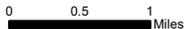
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WRIGLEY HEIGHTS DOG PARK
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Legend

- Parks to be dedicated
- Parks
- Schools



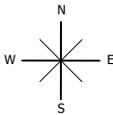
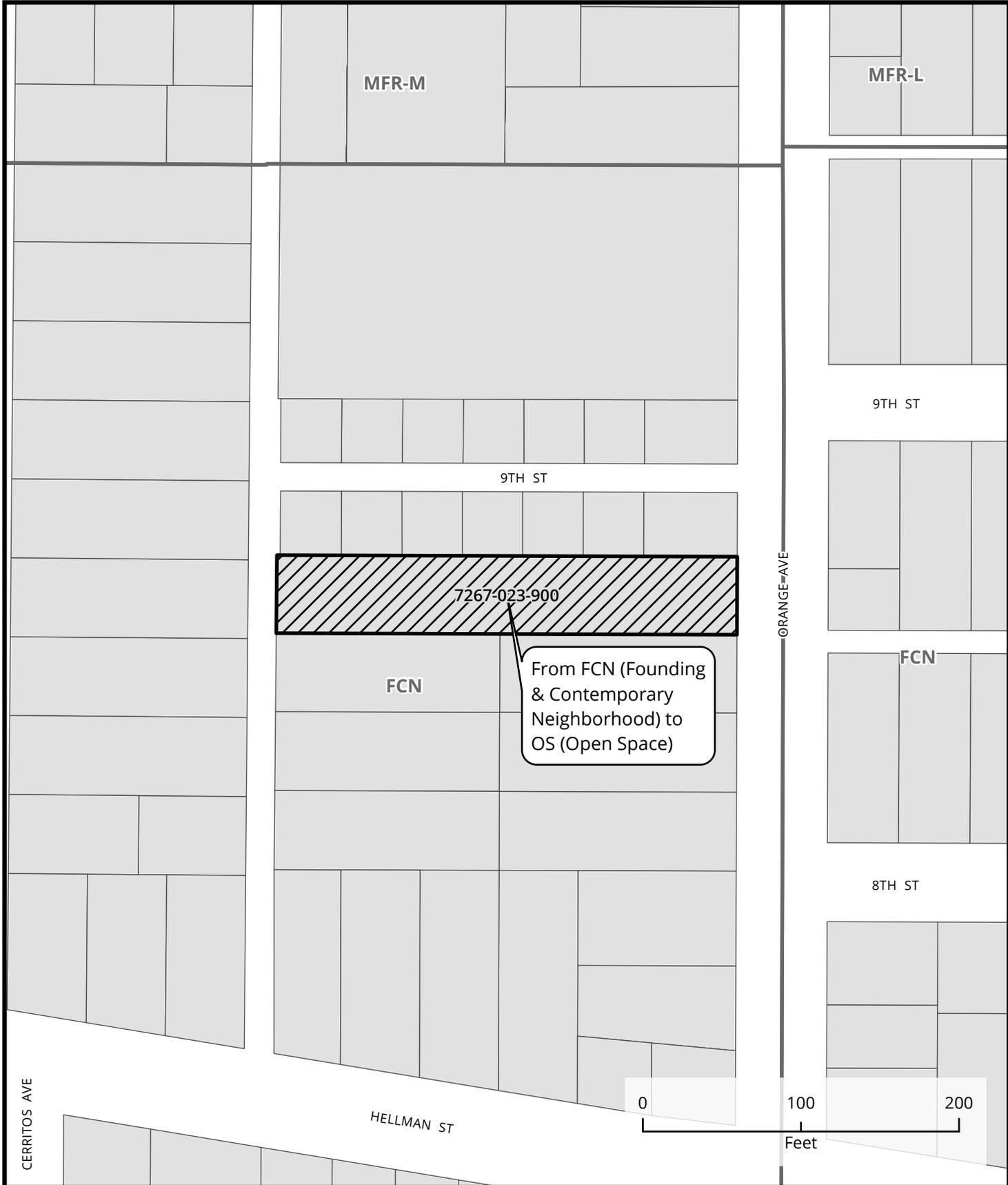
Parks to be Dedicated



Parks Dedication List (7/15/2021)

Attachment C

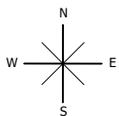
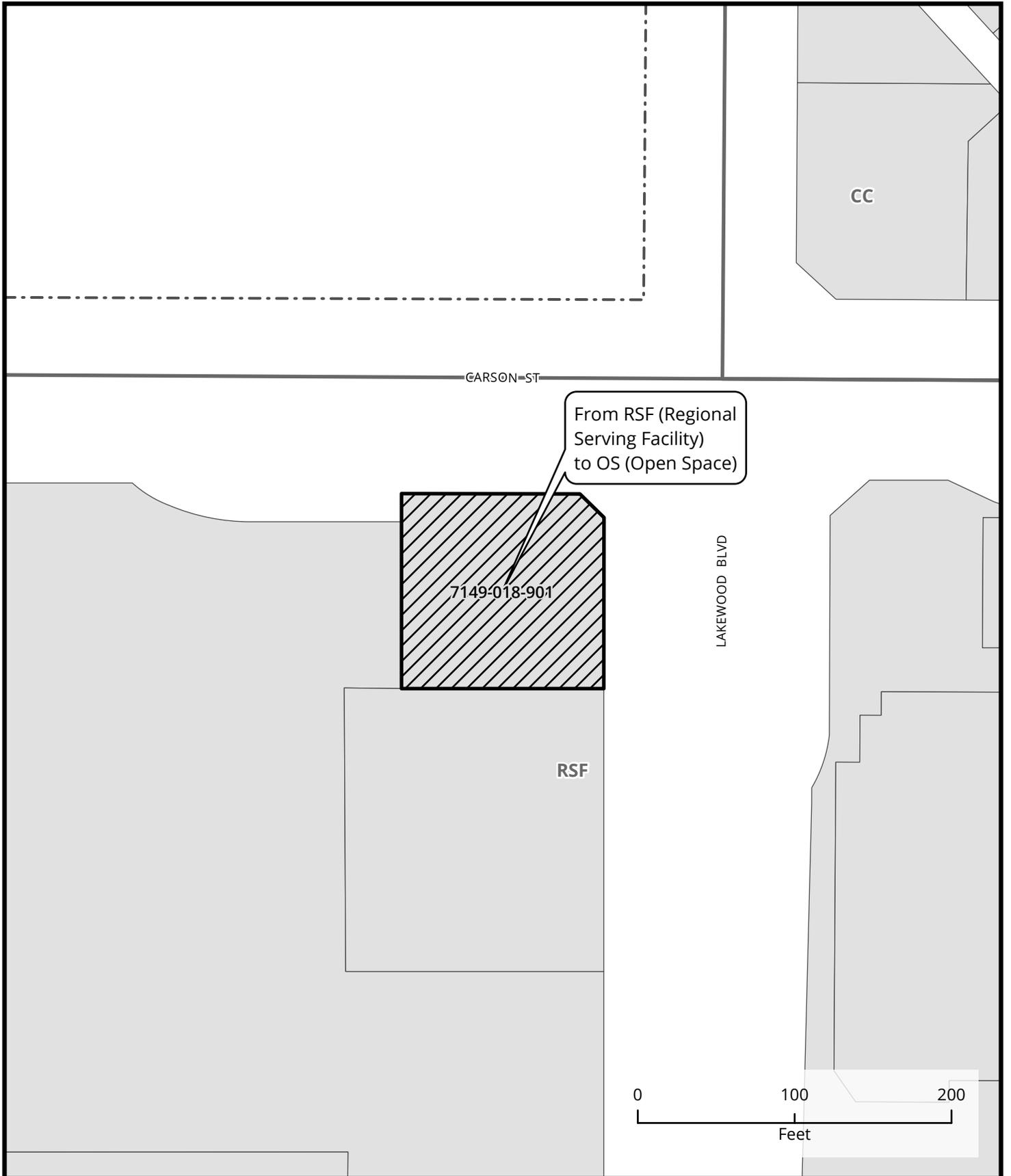
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1	Craftsman Village Park	851 Orange Avenue	7267023900	0.3	Two-Family Residential (R-2-N)	Park (P)	Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN)	Open Space (OS)	General Plan Amendment, Rezone, Dedicate
2	C. David Molina Park	4951 Oregon Avenue	7133018900	3.7	Park (P)	Park (P) (no change)	Open Space (OS)	Open Space (OS) (no change)	Dedicate
3	Donald Douglas Park	4069 N. Lakewood Boulevard	7149018901	0.4	Douglas Park (PD-32)	P (Park)	RSF (Regional Serving Facility)	Open Space (OS)	General Plan Amendment, Rezone, Dedicate
4	Grace Park	Elm Avenue & Plymouth Street	7131004900 7131004901 7130001901	1.2	Park (P)	Park (P) (no change)	Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN)	Open Space (OS)	General Plan Amendment, Lot Merger, Dedicate
5	Jenni Rivera Memorial Park	From E. Hill Street & Orange Drive to E. 20th Street & Walnut Avenue	7210041900	2.9	Commercial Storage (CS)	P (Park)	Open Space (OS)	Open Space (OS)	Rezone, Dedicate
6	Locust Tot Lot	2331 Locust Avenue	7208014901	0.1	Two-Family Residential (R-2-N)	P (Park)	Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN)	Open Space (OS)	General Plan Amendment, Rezone, Dedicate
7	Mary Molina Community Garden	1640 W. 20th Street	7431019903	0.2	Two-Family Residential (R-2-N), Community Automobile-Oriented (CCA)	P (Park)	Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN)	Open Space (OS)	General Plan Amendment, Rezone, Dedicate
8	Miracle on 4th Street	1518 E. 4th Street	7275007900	0.2	Neighborhood Commercial & Residential (CNR)	P (Park)	Open Space OS	Open Space (OS)	Rezone, Dedicate
9a	Orizaba Park	1435 Orizaba Avenue	7259024900 7259024902	2.6	Park (P)	Park (P) (no change)	Open Space (OS)	Open Space (OS) (no change)	Lot Merger, Dedicate
9b	Orizaba Park	1435 Orizaba Avenue	7259024908 7259024906	0.8	Light Industrial (IL)	Park (P)	Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN)	Open Space (OS)	General Plan Amendment, Rezone, Lot Merger, Dedicate
9c	Orizaba Park	1435 Orizaba Avenue	7259024904 7259024905	0.4	Two-Family Residential (R-2-N)	P (Park)	Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN)	Open Space (OS)	General Plan Amendment, Rezone, Lot Merger, Dedicate
9d	Orizaba Park	n/a	7259024902	0.1	Park (P)	Light Industrial (IL)	Neo Industrial (NI)	Neo Industrial (NI) (no change)	Rezone, Lot Merger, Remove from Dedication
10	Pacific & 6th Community Garden	620 Pacific Avenue	7273024900	0.6	Downtown (PD-30)	P (Park)	Open Space (OS)	Open Space (OS)	Rezone, Dedicate
11a	Pacific Electric (P.E.) Railway Greenbelt	From Loma Avenue & E. 11th Street to Grand Avenue & E. 10th Street	7254013901	1.4	Park (P)	Park (P)	Open Space (OS)	Open Space (OS)	Dedicate
11b	Pacific Electric (P.E.) Railway Greenbelt	From Grand Avenue & E. 10th Street to Termino Avenue & E. 8th Street	7254017901	2.3	Two-Family Residential (R-2-N)	Park (P)	Open Space (OS)	Open Space (OS)	Rezone, Dedicate
11c	Pacific Electric (P.E.) Railway Greenbelt	From Ximeno Avenue & E. 7th Street to Park Avenue & E. 4th Street	7241015902 7250018904	3.6	Pacific Railway (PD-22)	Park (P)	Open Space (OS)	Open Space (OS) (no change)	Rezone, Dedicate
12a	Willow Springs Park	2745 Orange Avenue	7212009914	1.3	Medium Industrial (IM)	Park (P)	Open Space (OS)	Open Space (OS)	Rezone (IM portion), Lot Merger, Dedicate
12b	Willow Springs Park	2745 Orange Avenue	7212009914	36.4	SP-3-OS	SP-3-OS (no change)	Community Commercial (CC); Open Space (OS)	Open Space (OS)	General Pan Amendment, Lot Merger, Dedicate
12c	Willow Springs Park	2745 Orange Avenue	7212009913 7212009915	11.3	Park (P)	Park (P) (no change)	Open Space (OS)	Open Space (OS) (no change)	Lot Merger, Dedicate



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 Craftsman Village Park

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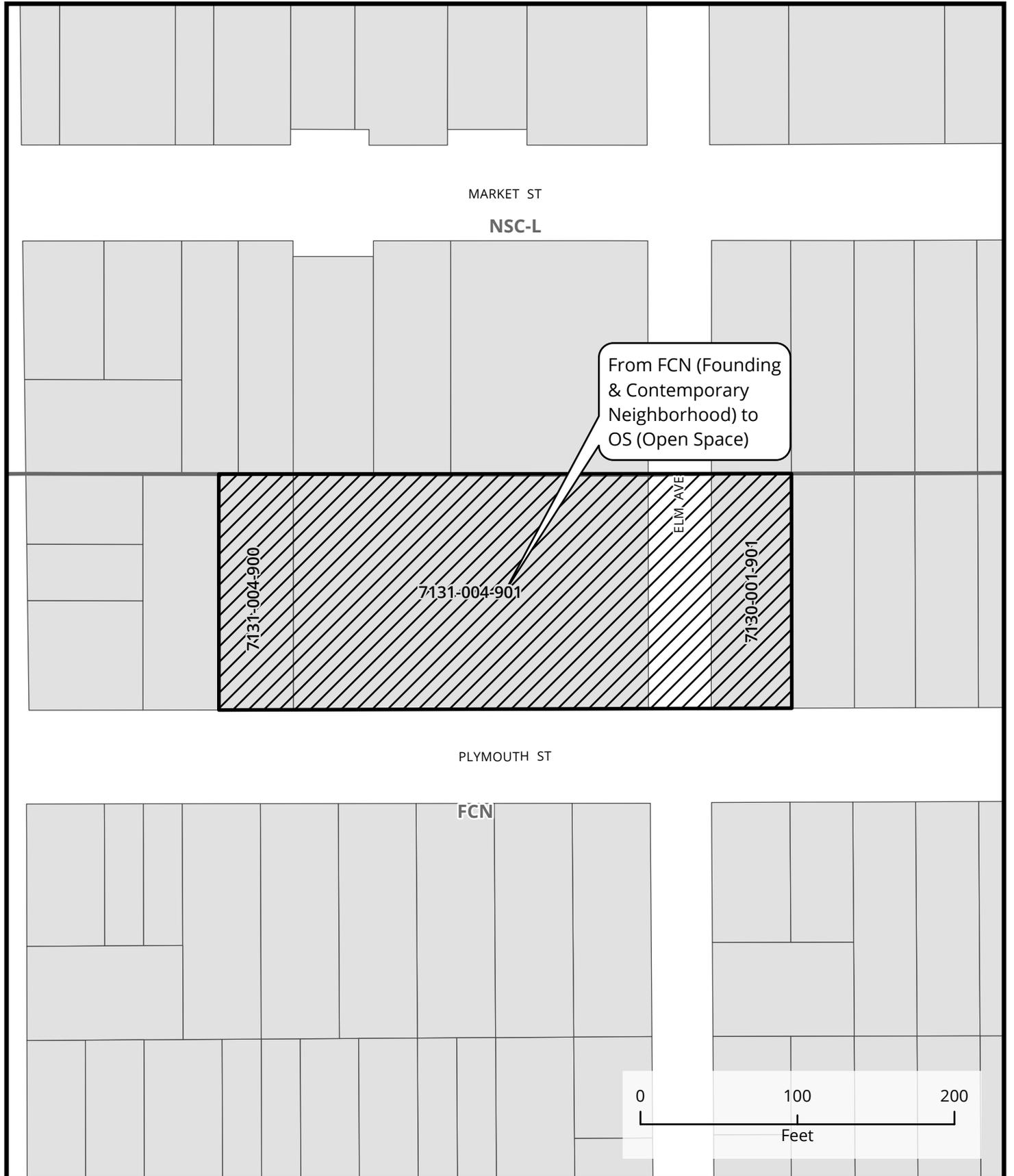




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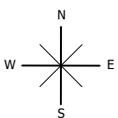
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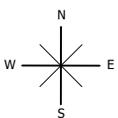
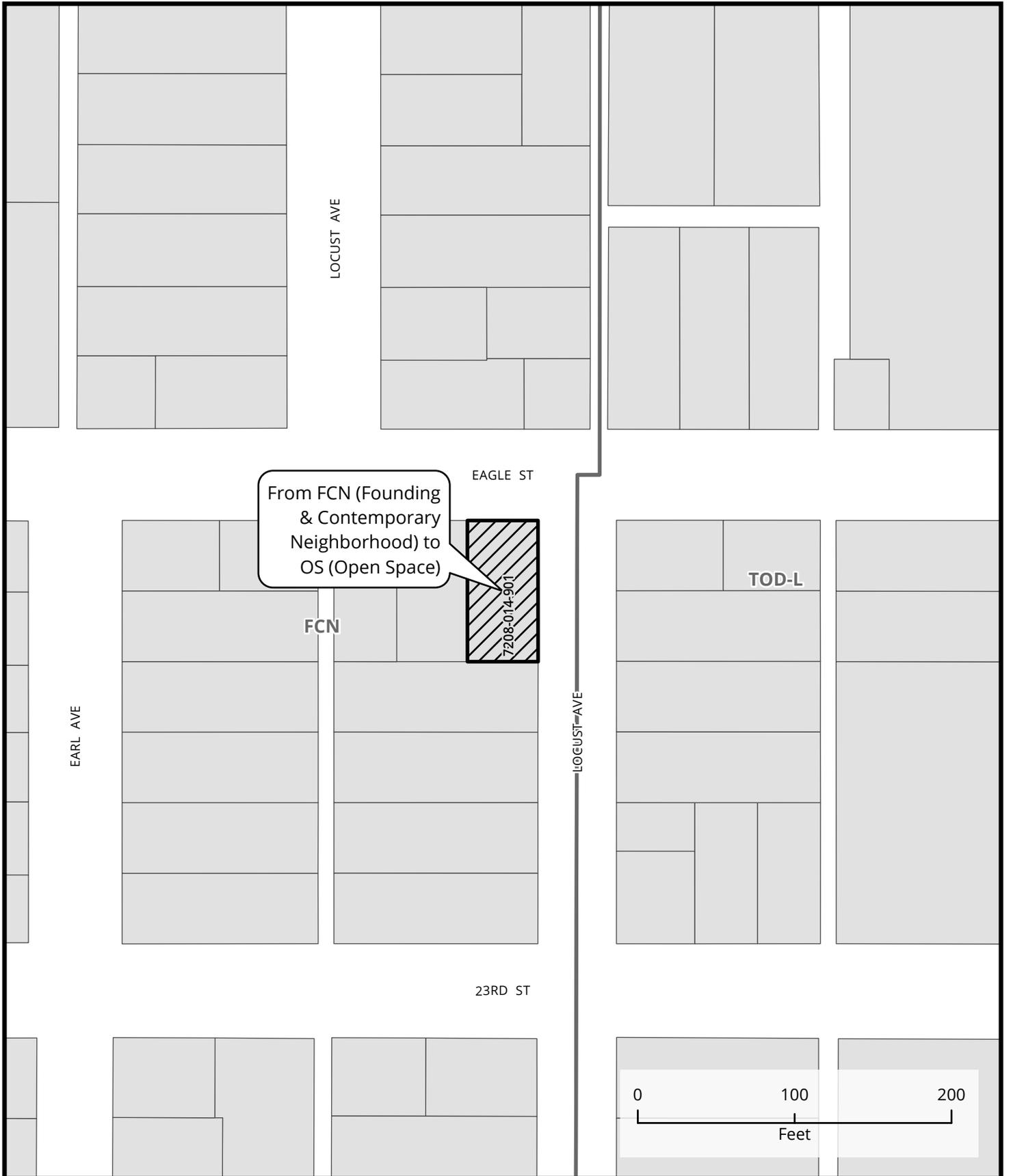




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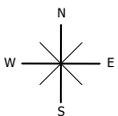




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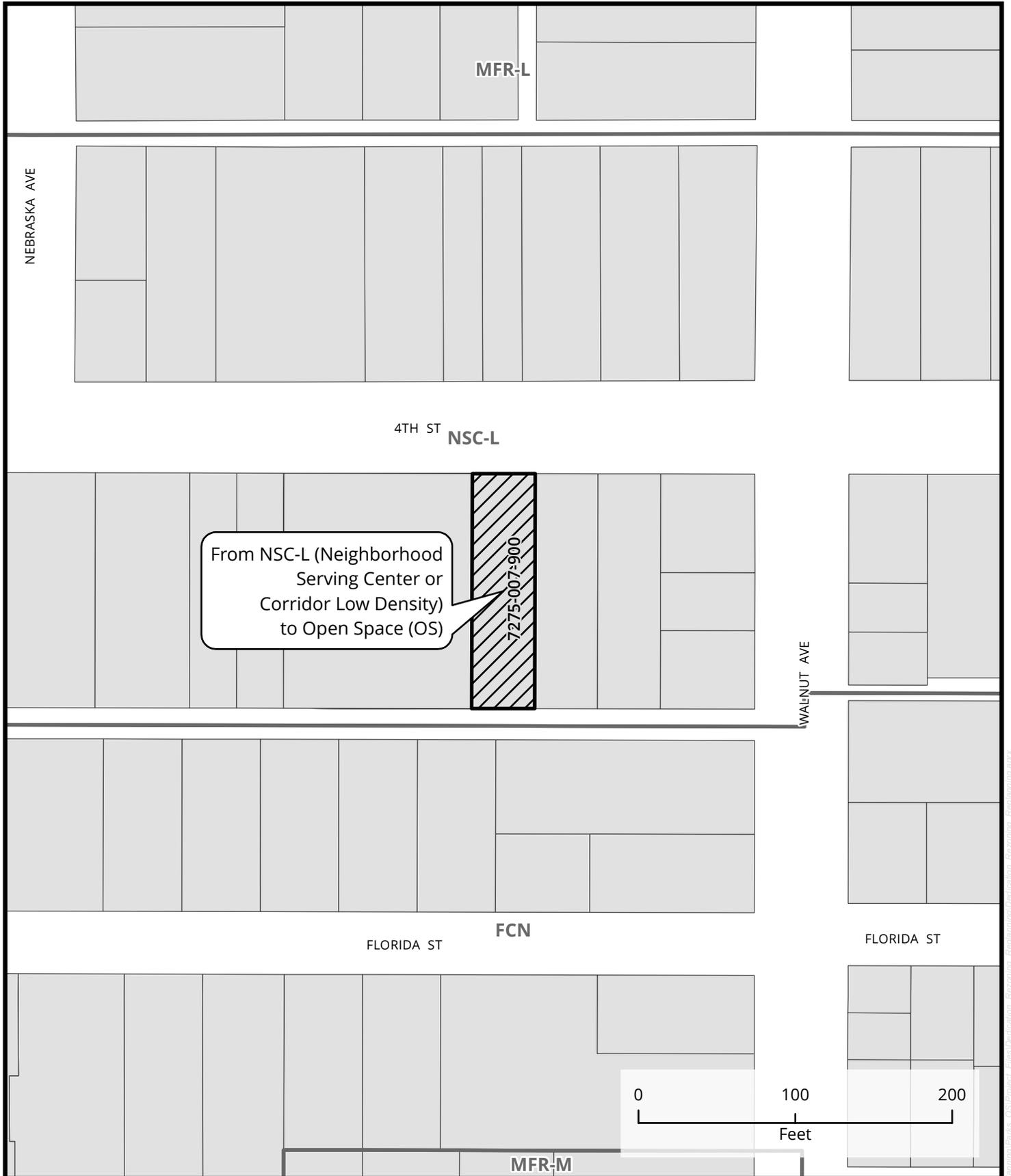




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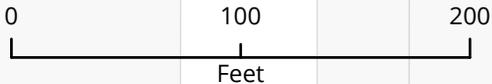
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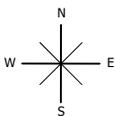
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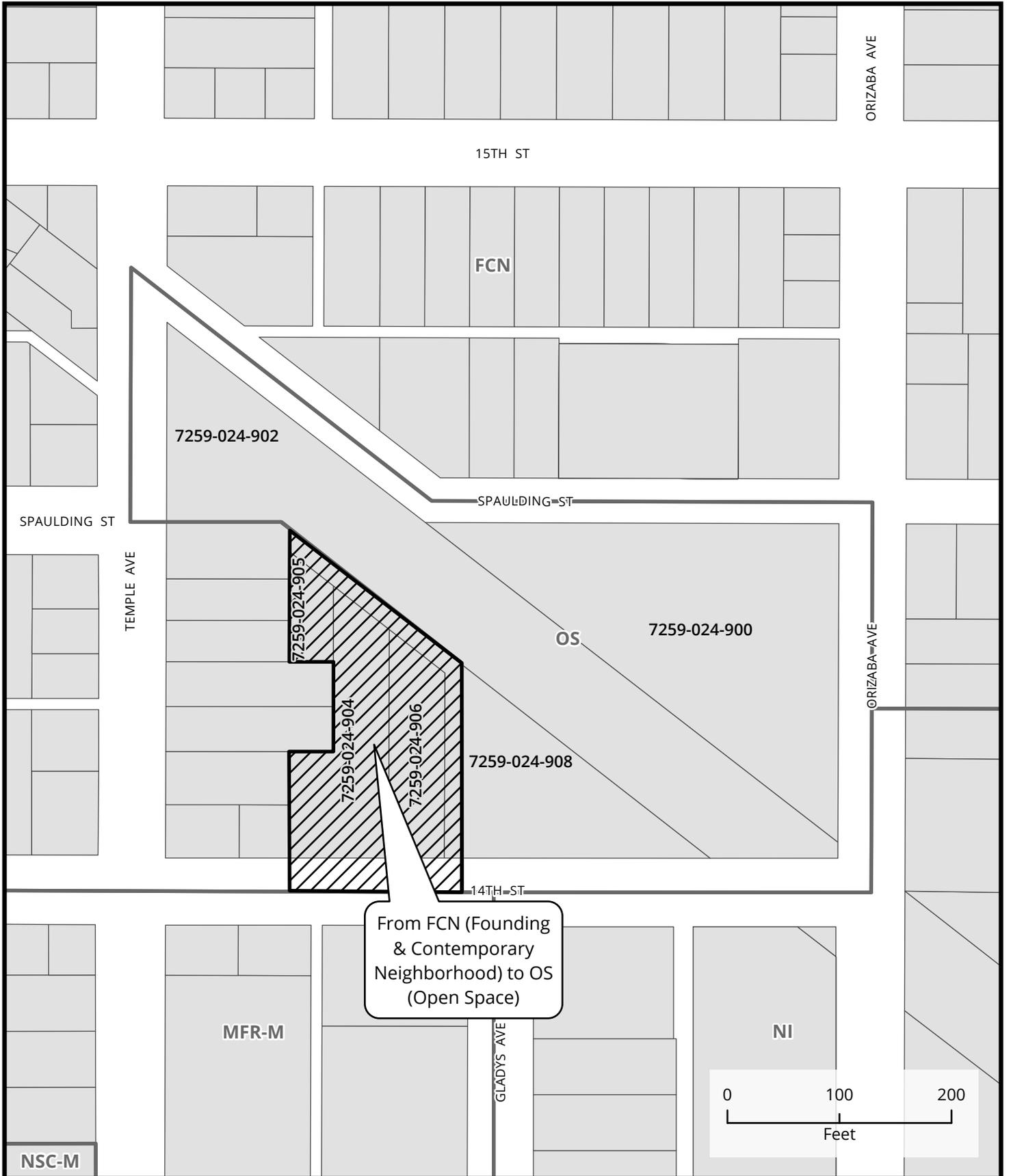
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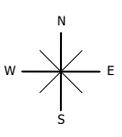


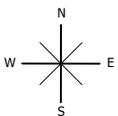
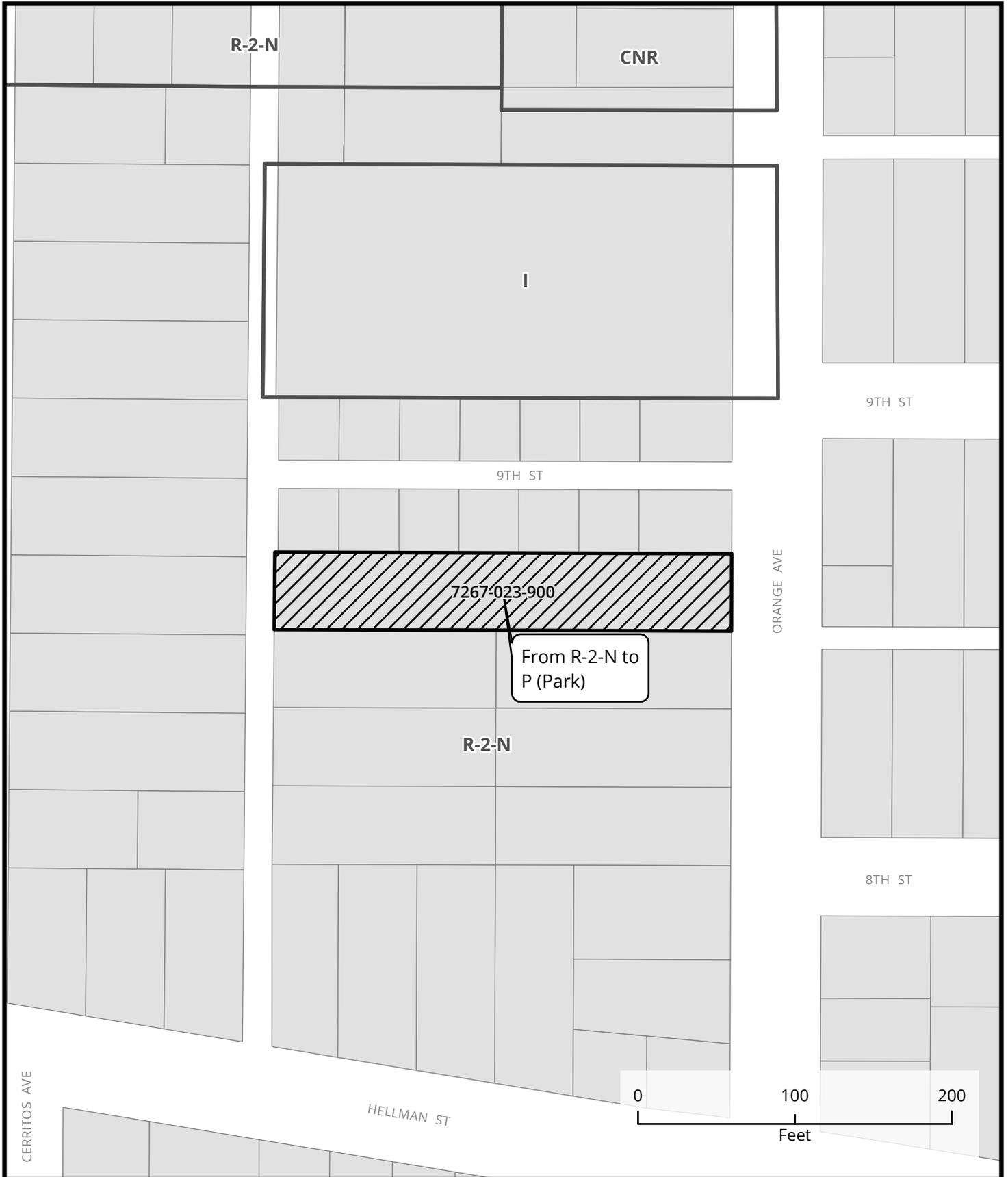


From FCN (Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood) to OS (Open Space)

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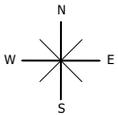
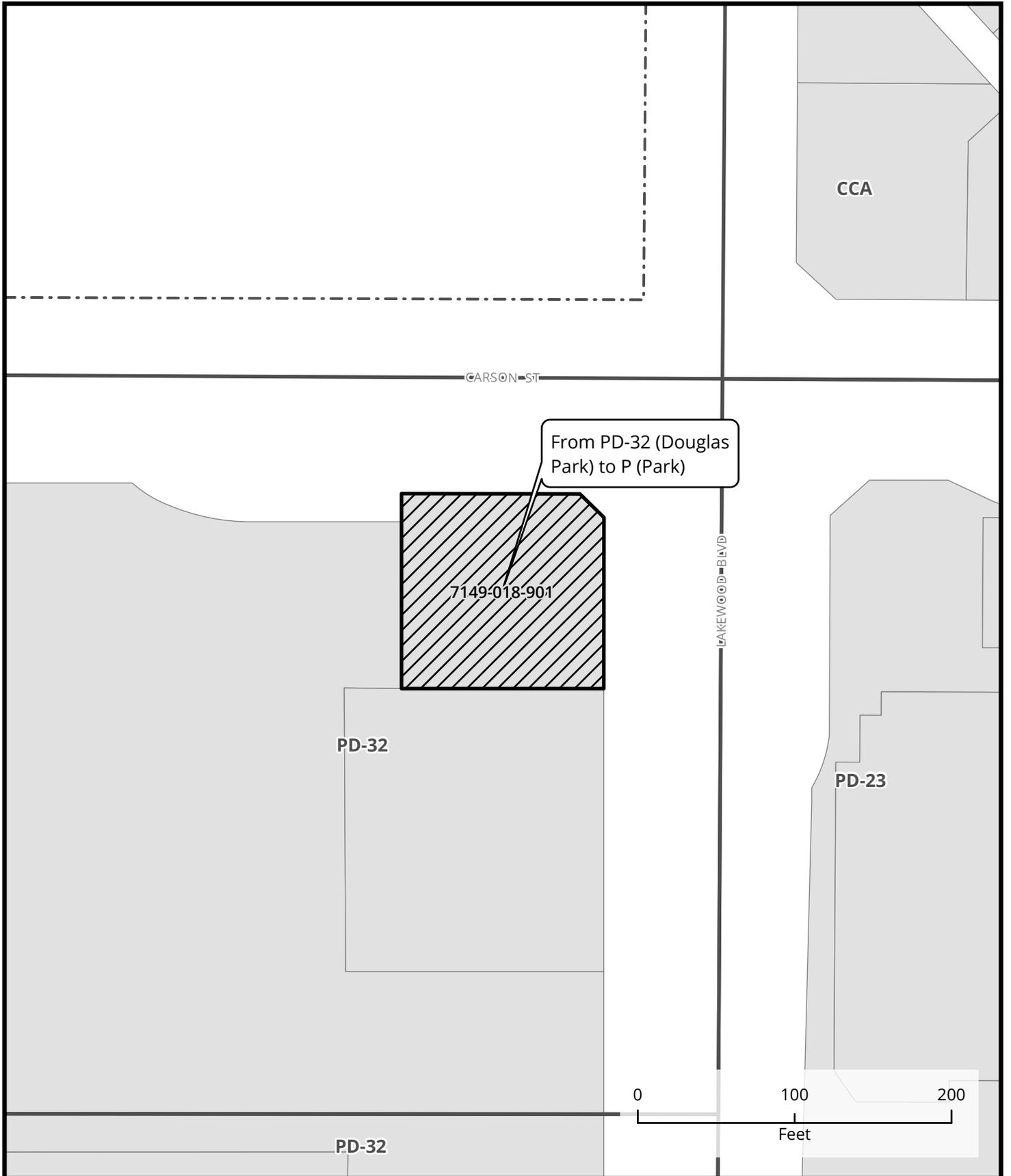




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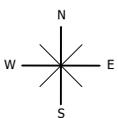
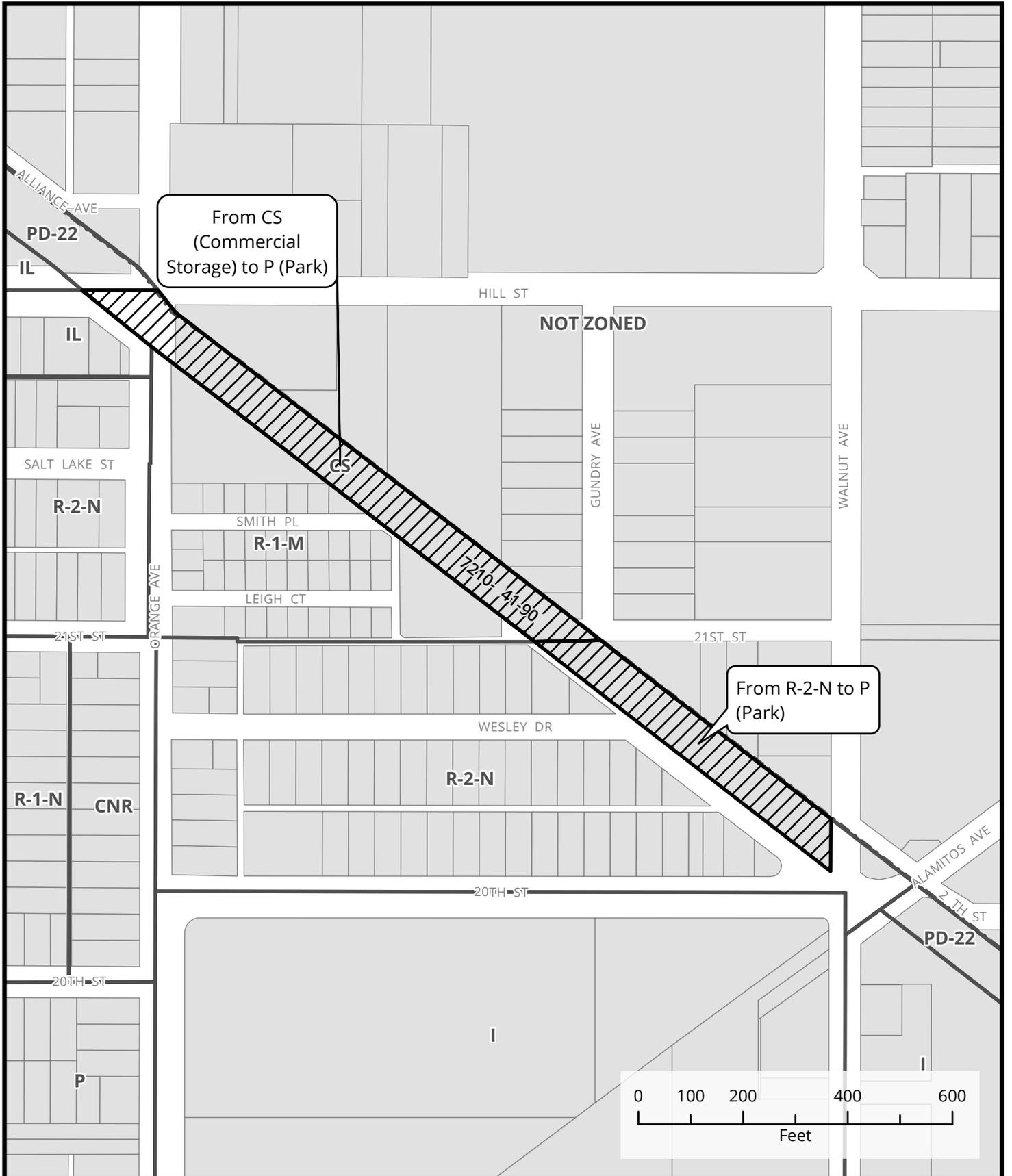




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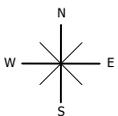
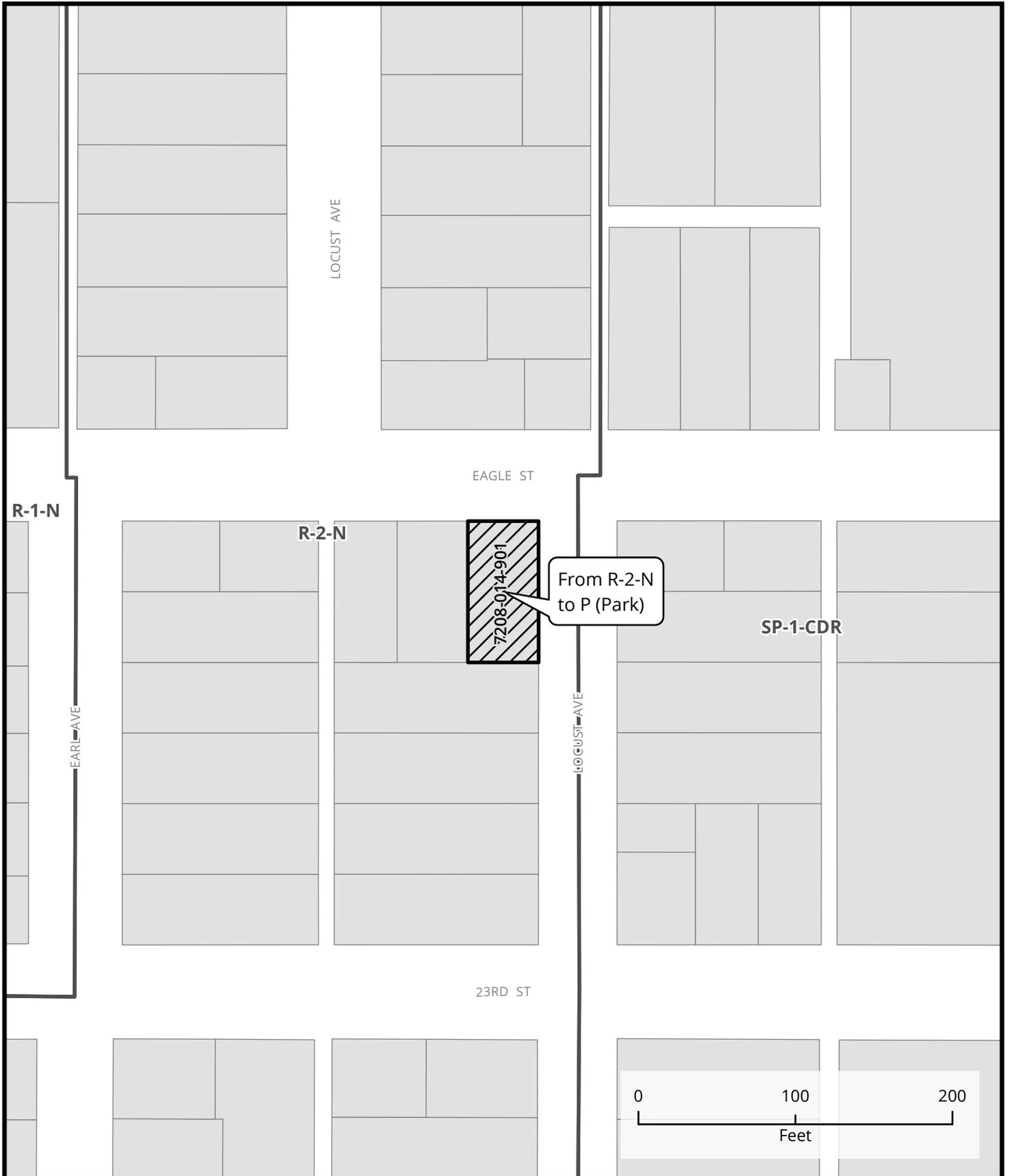




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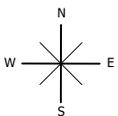




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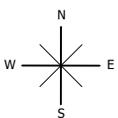
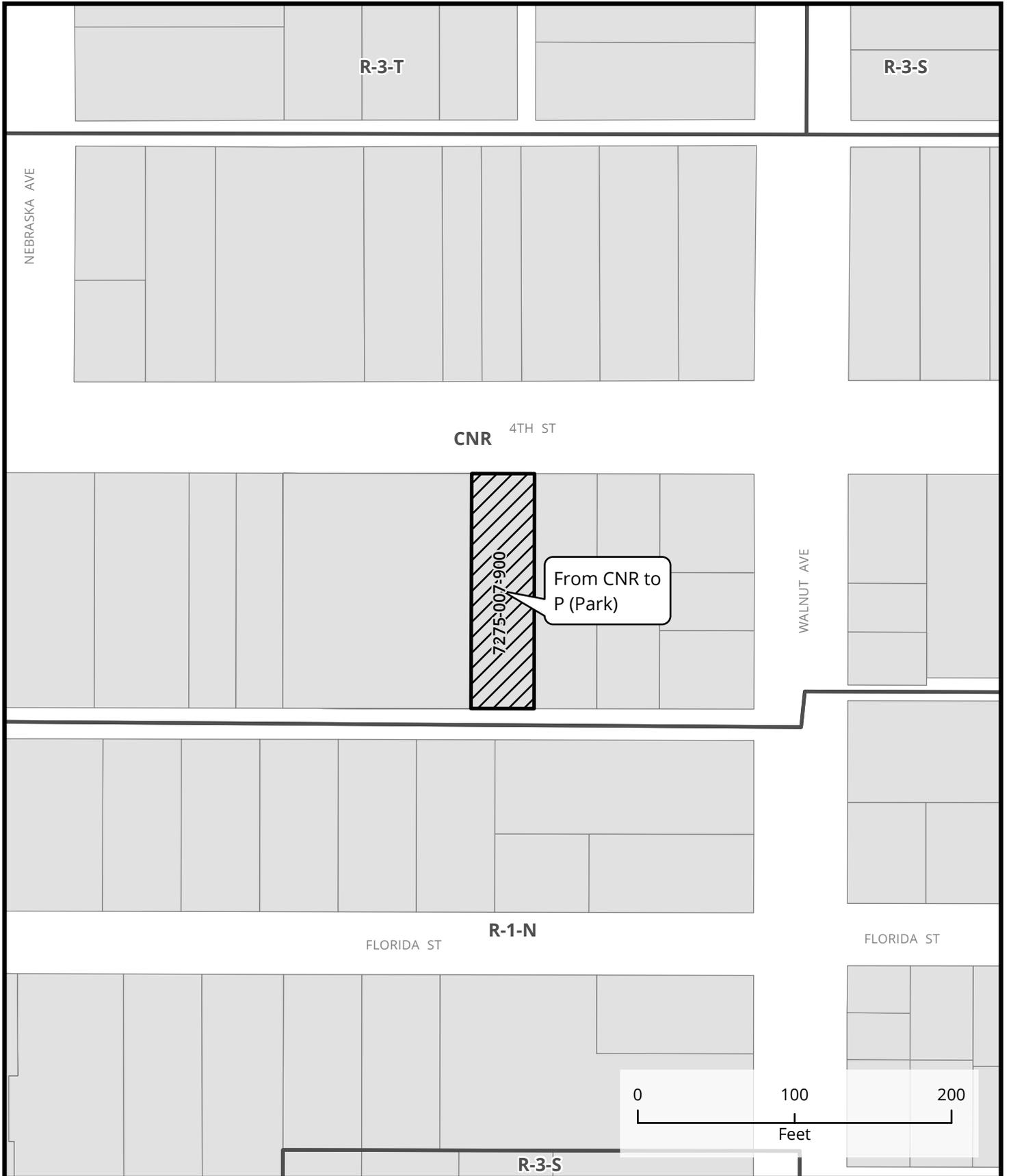




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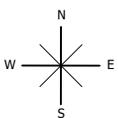
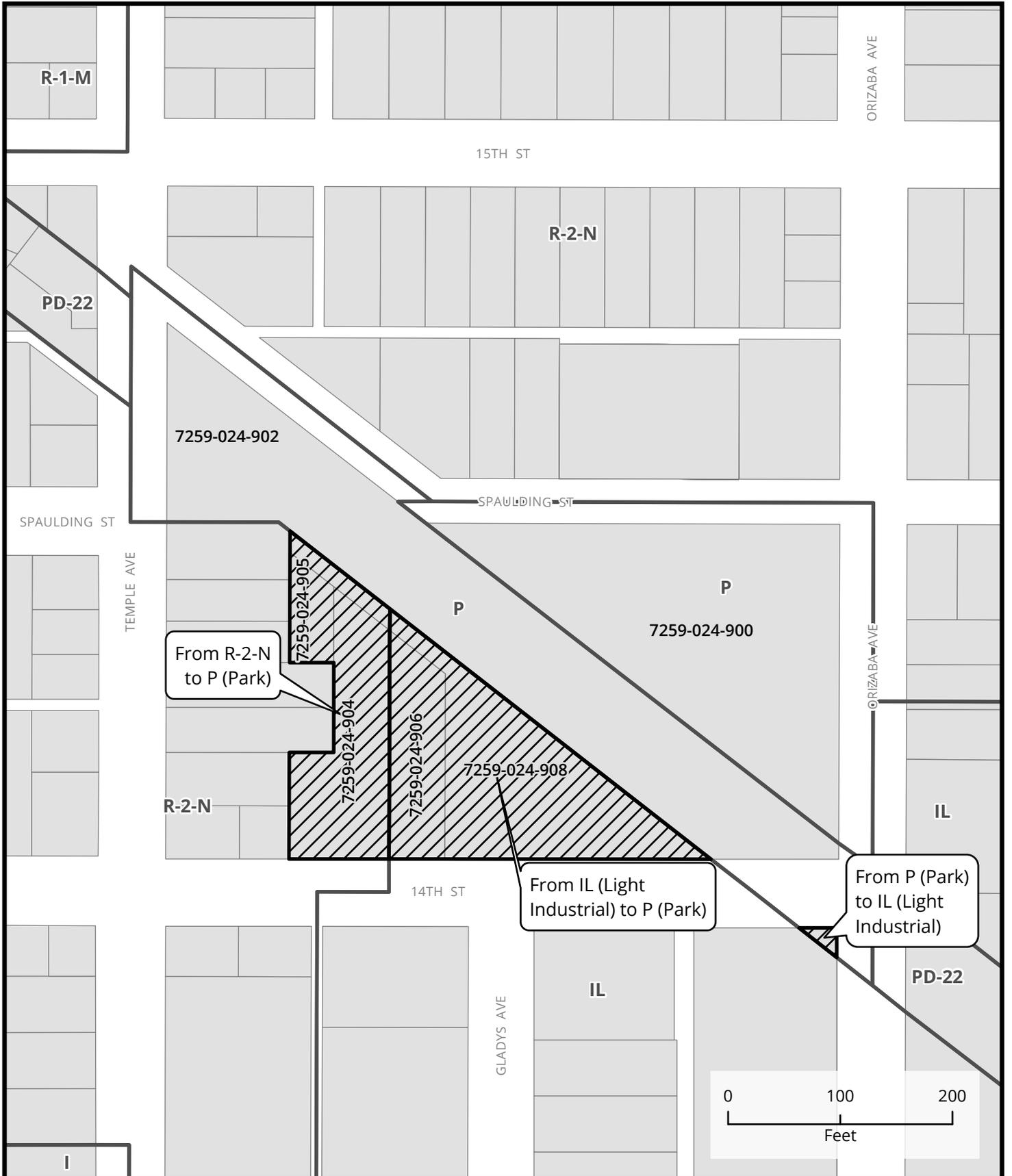




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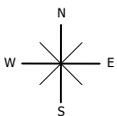
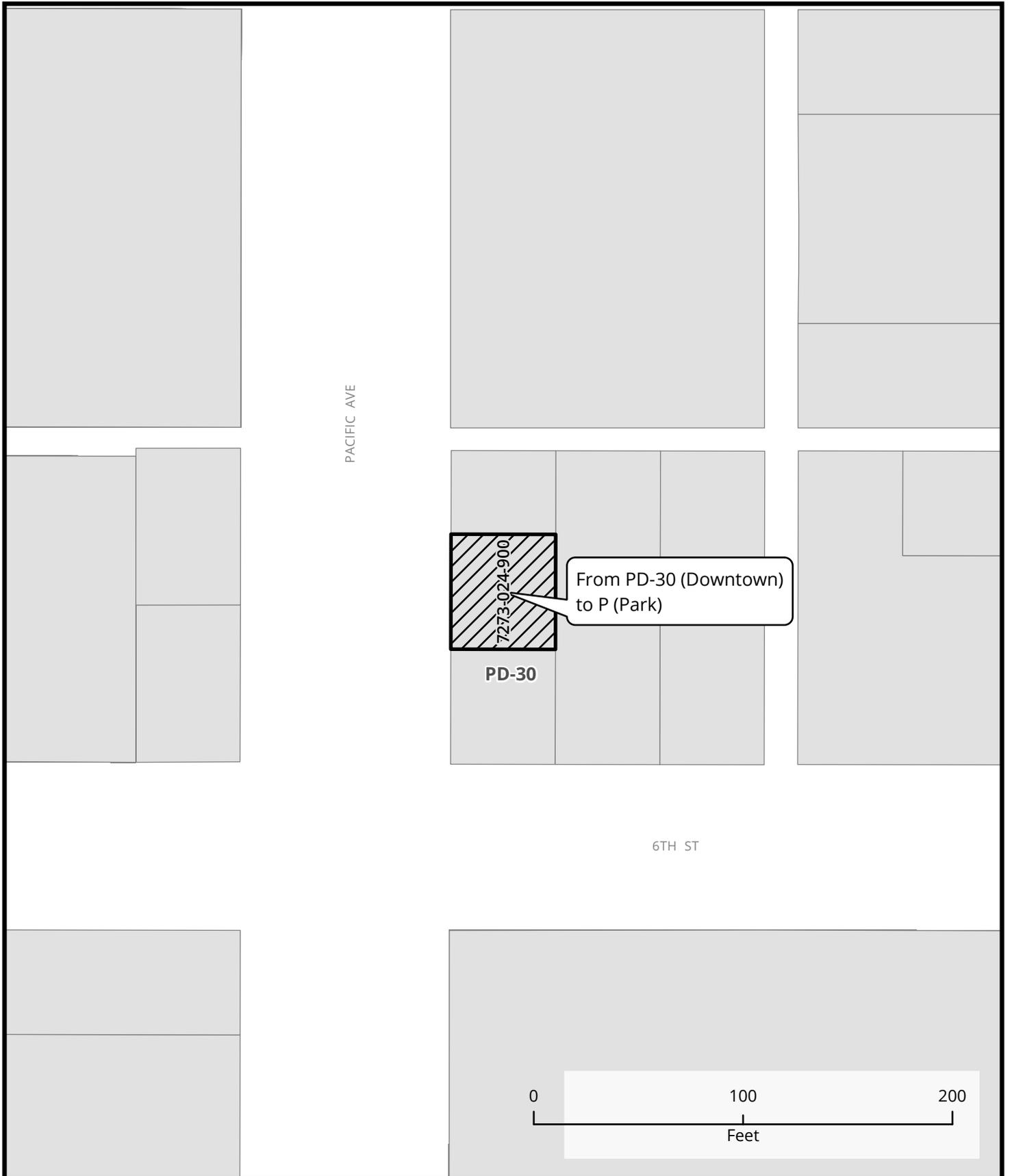




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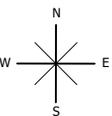
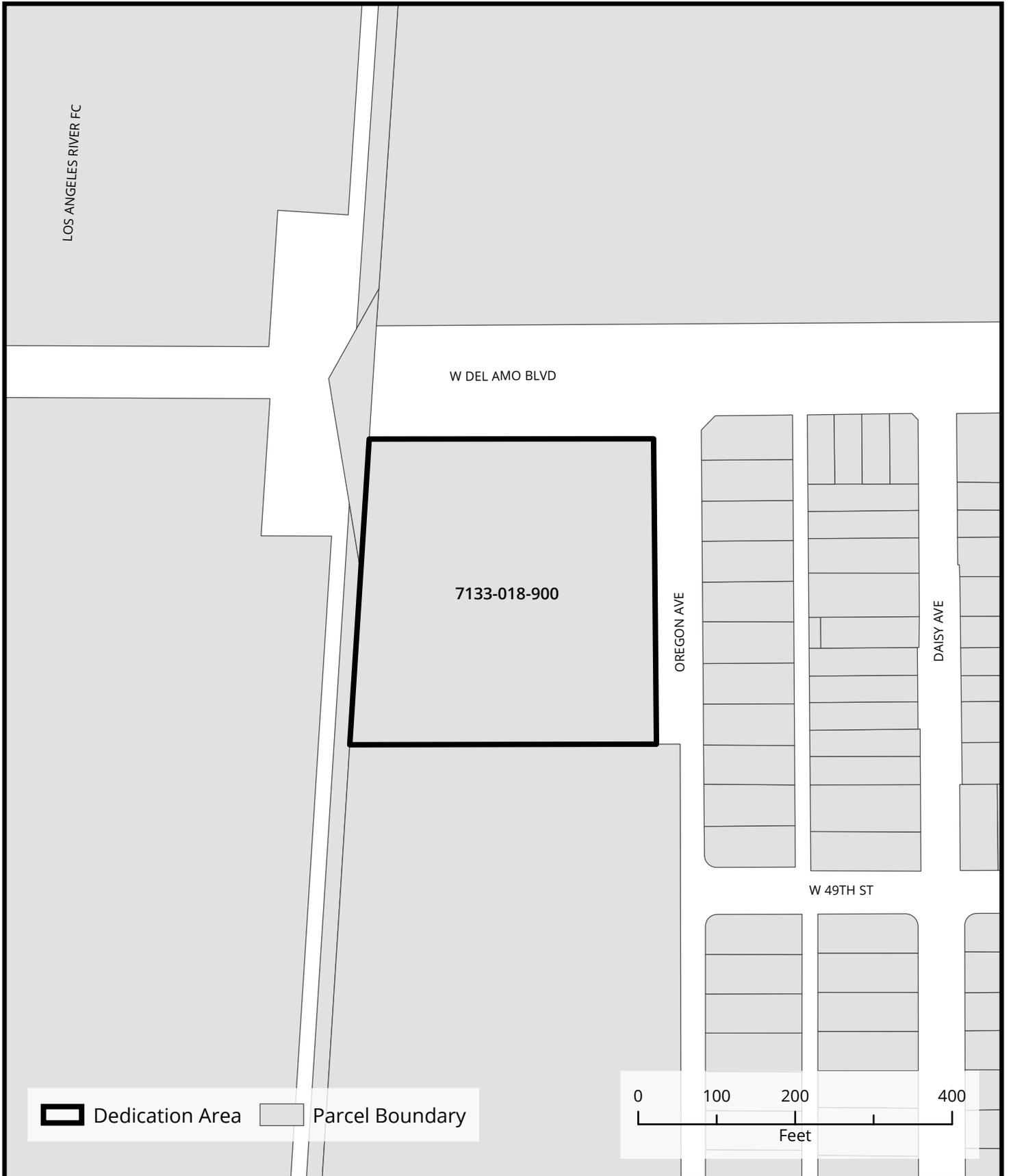




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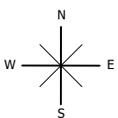


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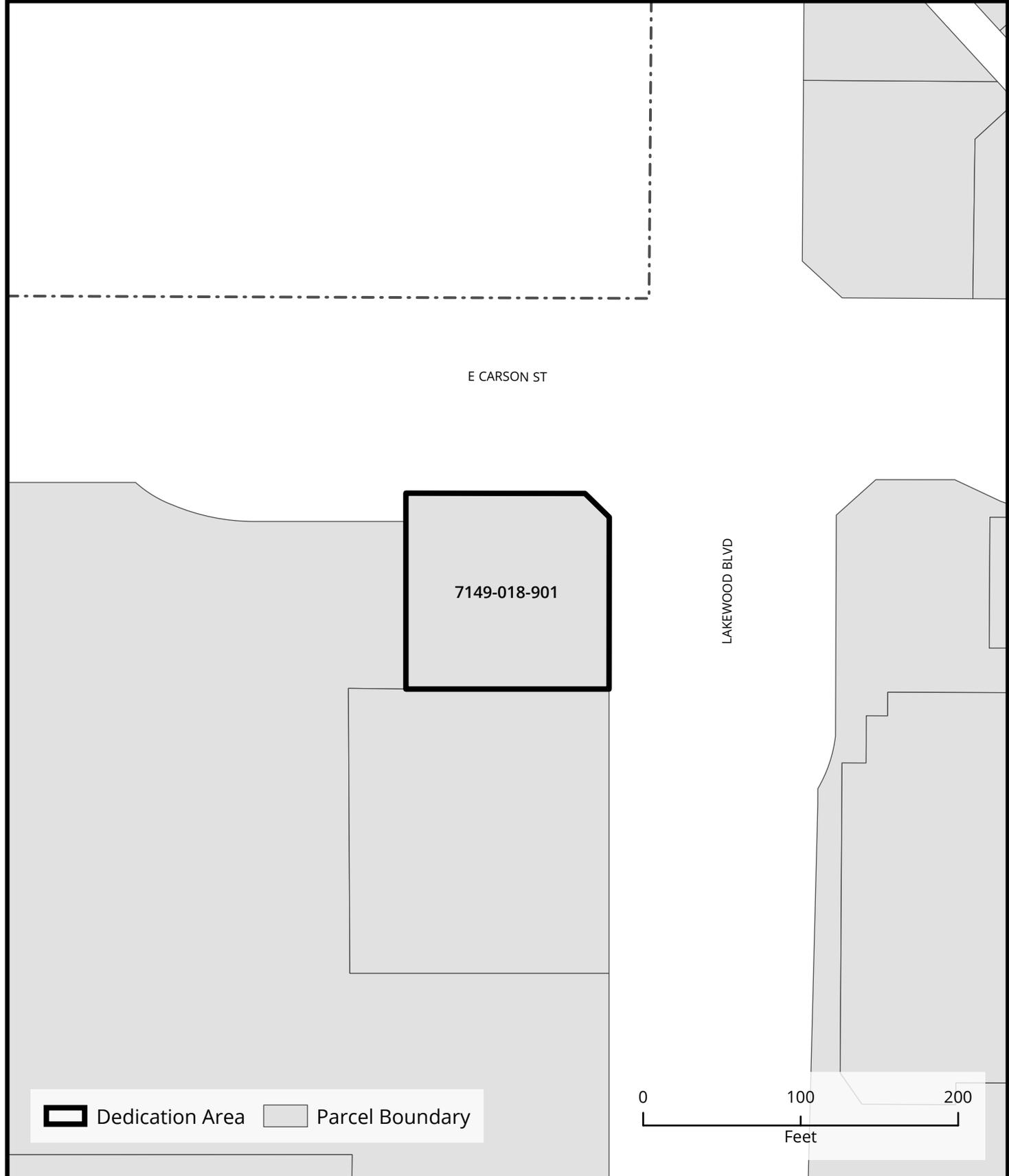




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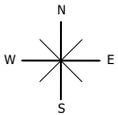
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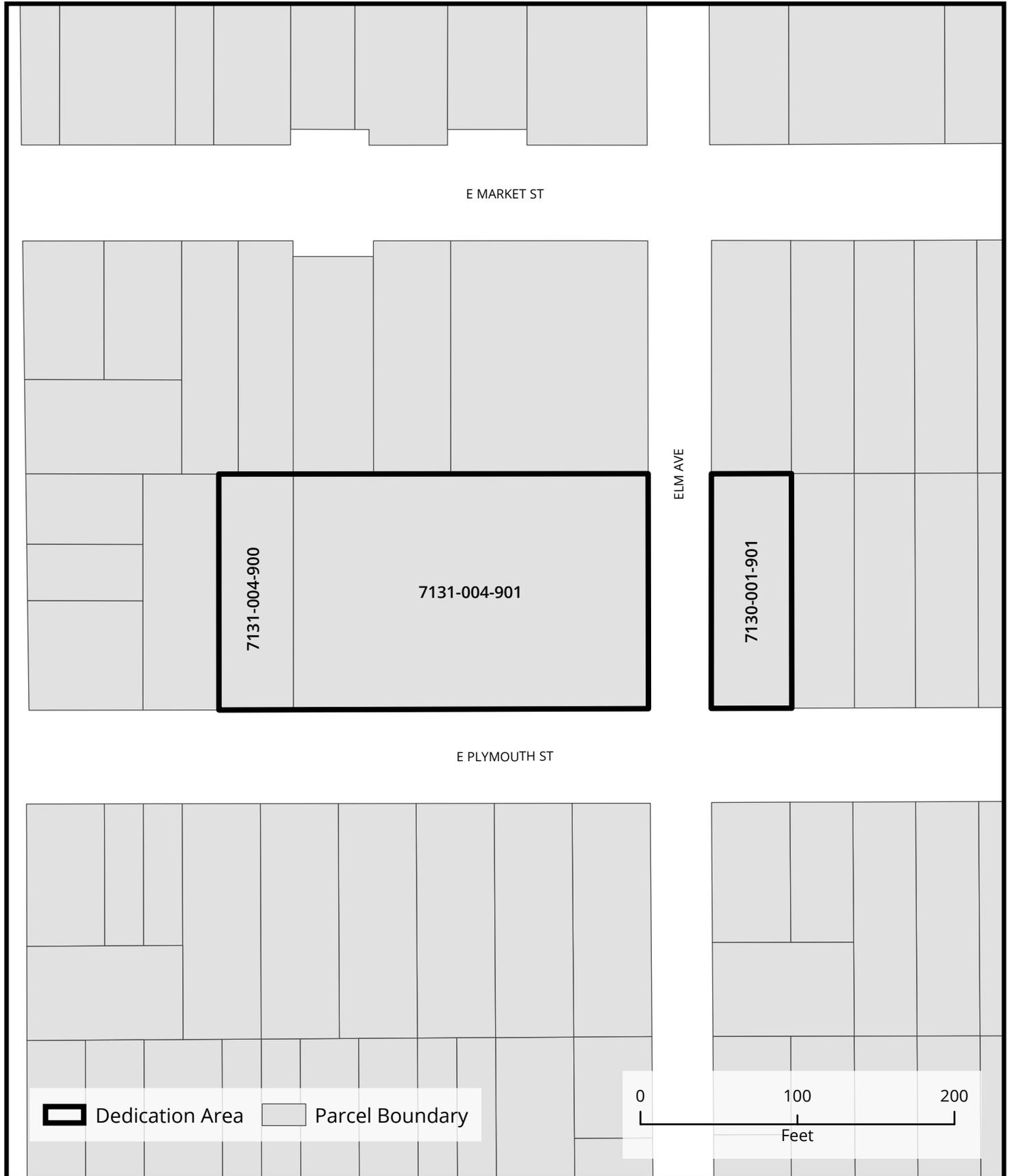


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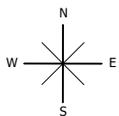
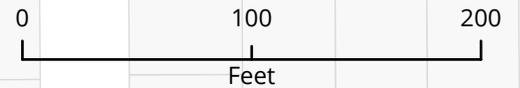
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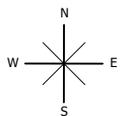
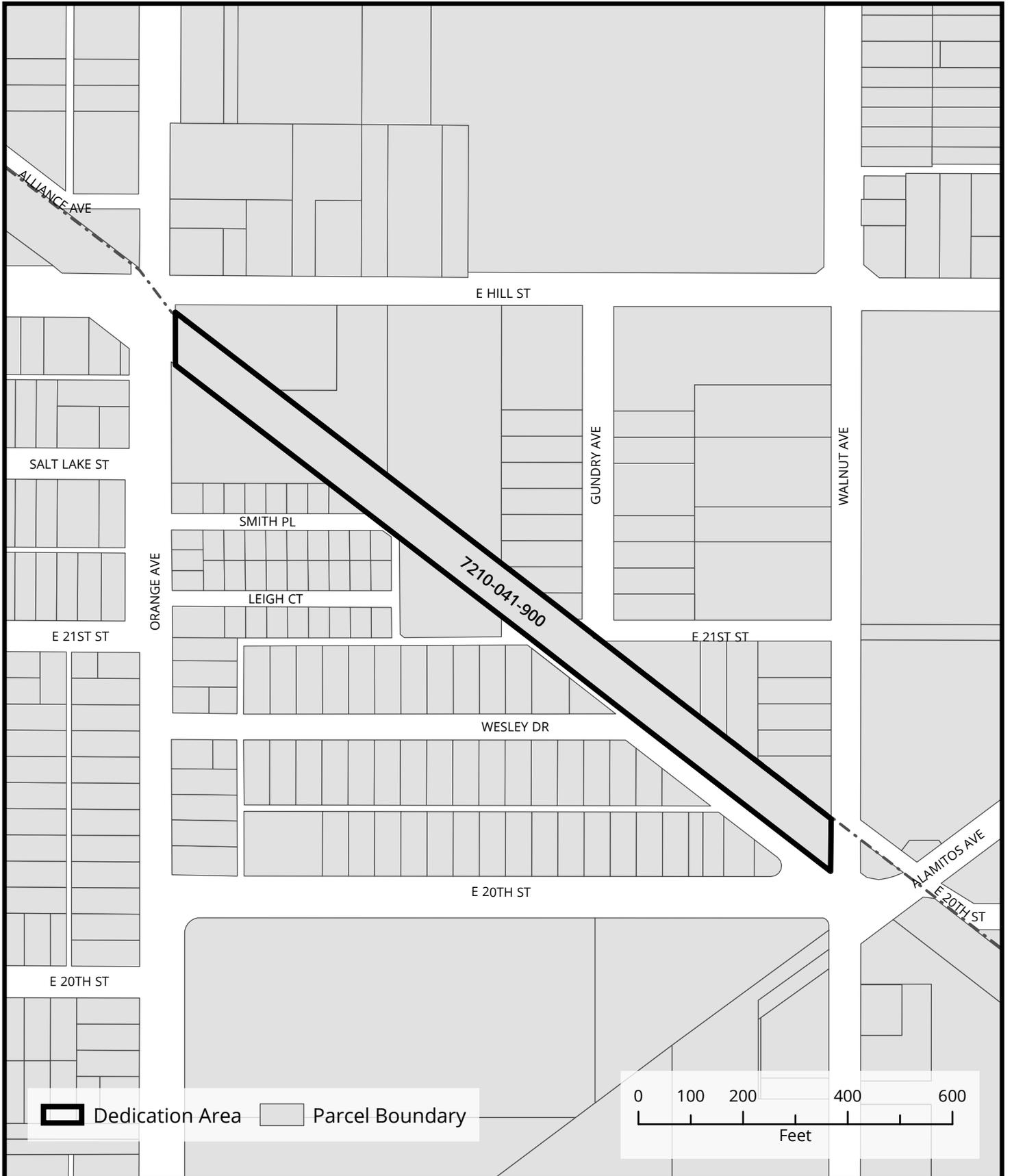


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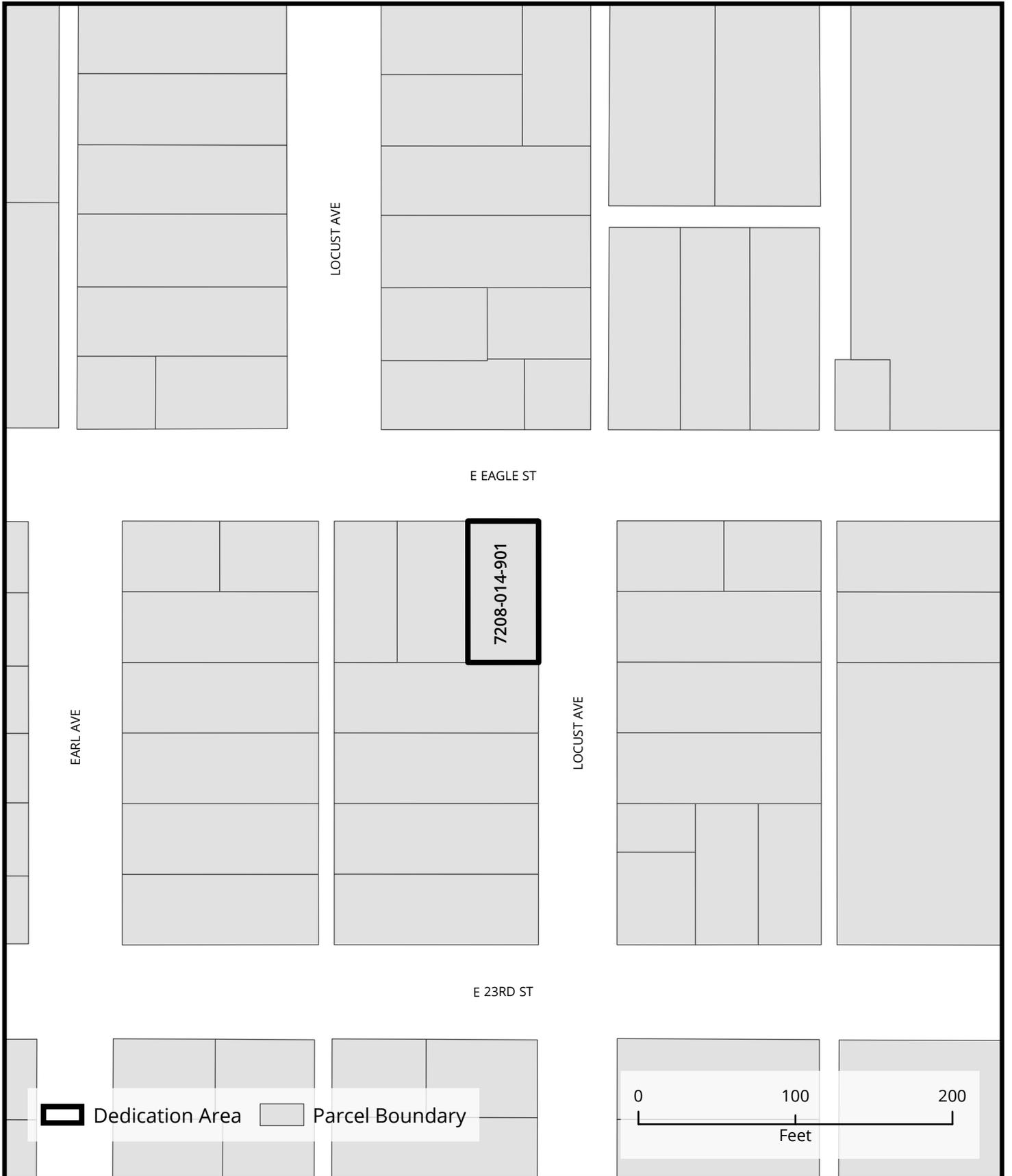


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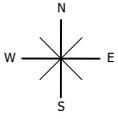
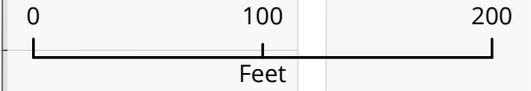
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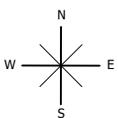


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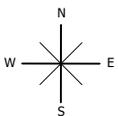
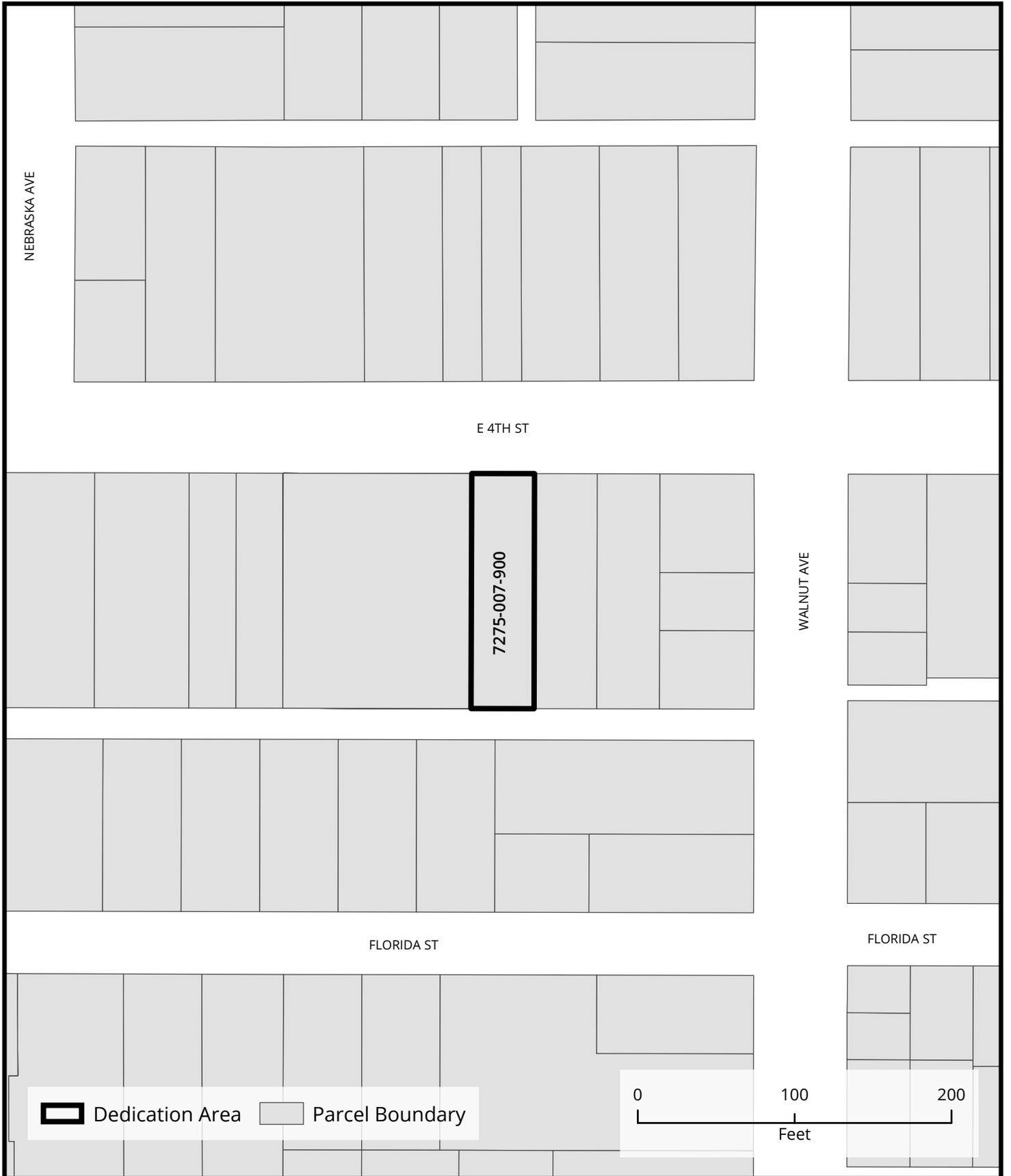


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Mary Molina Community Garden

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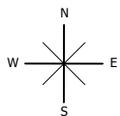
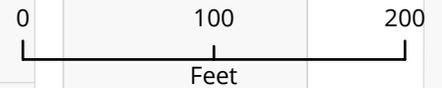
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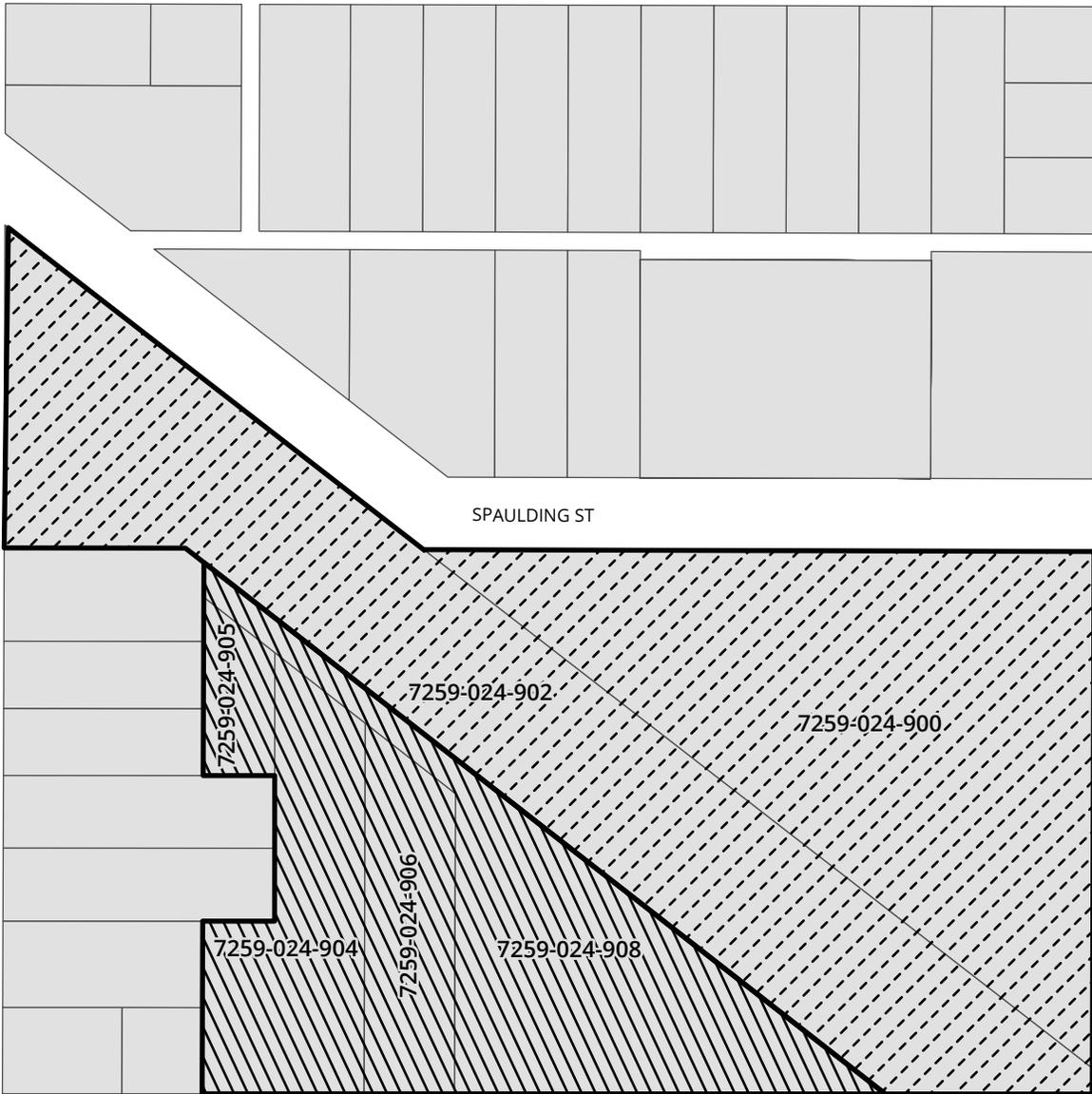
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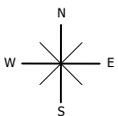
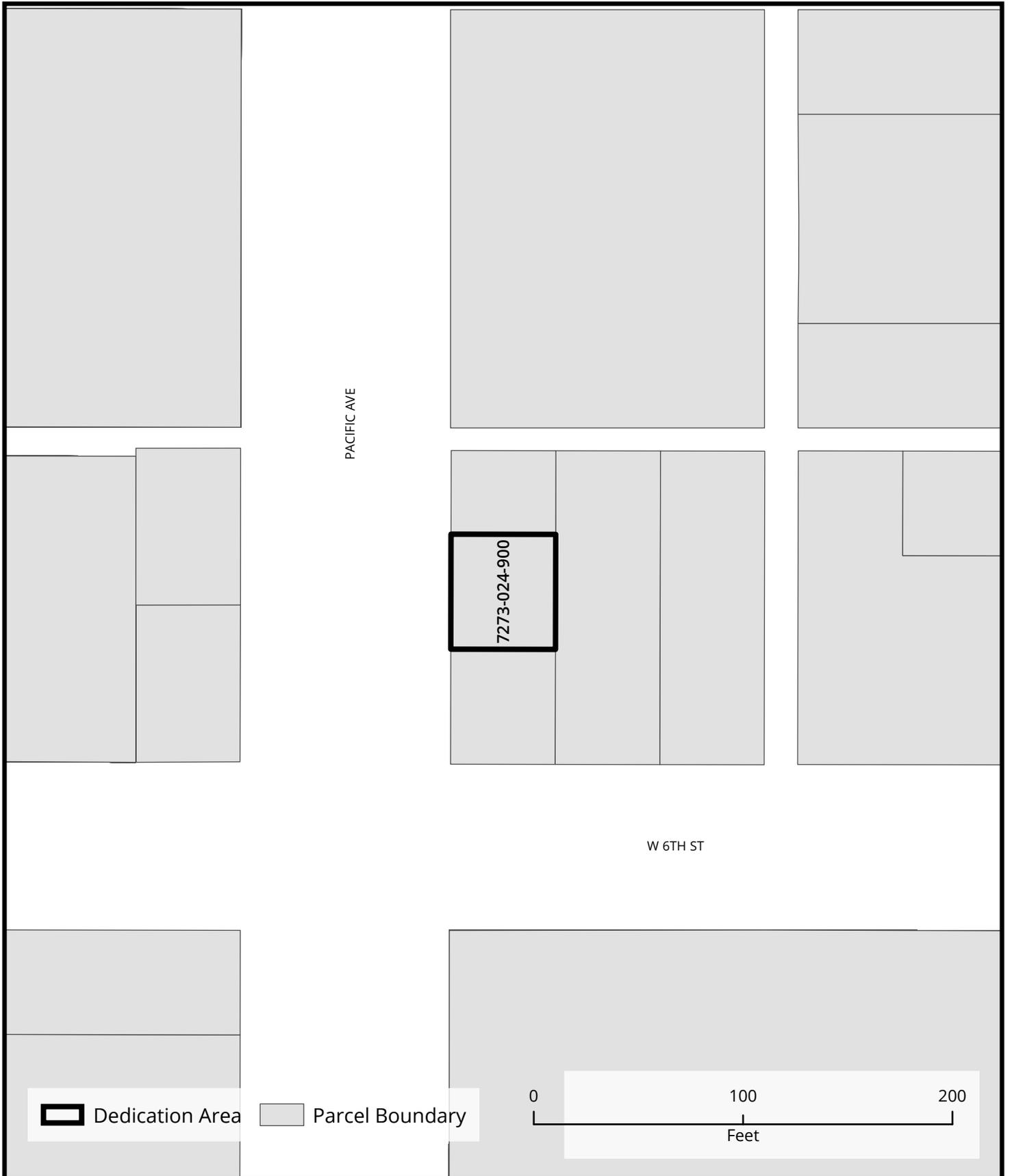


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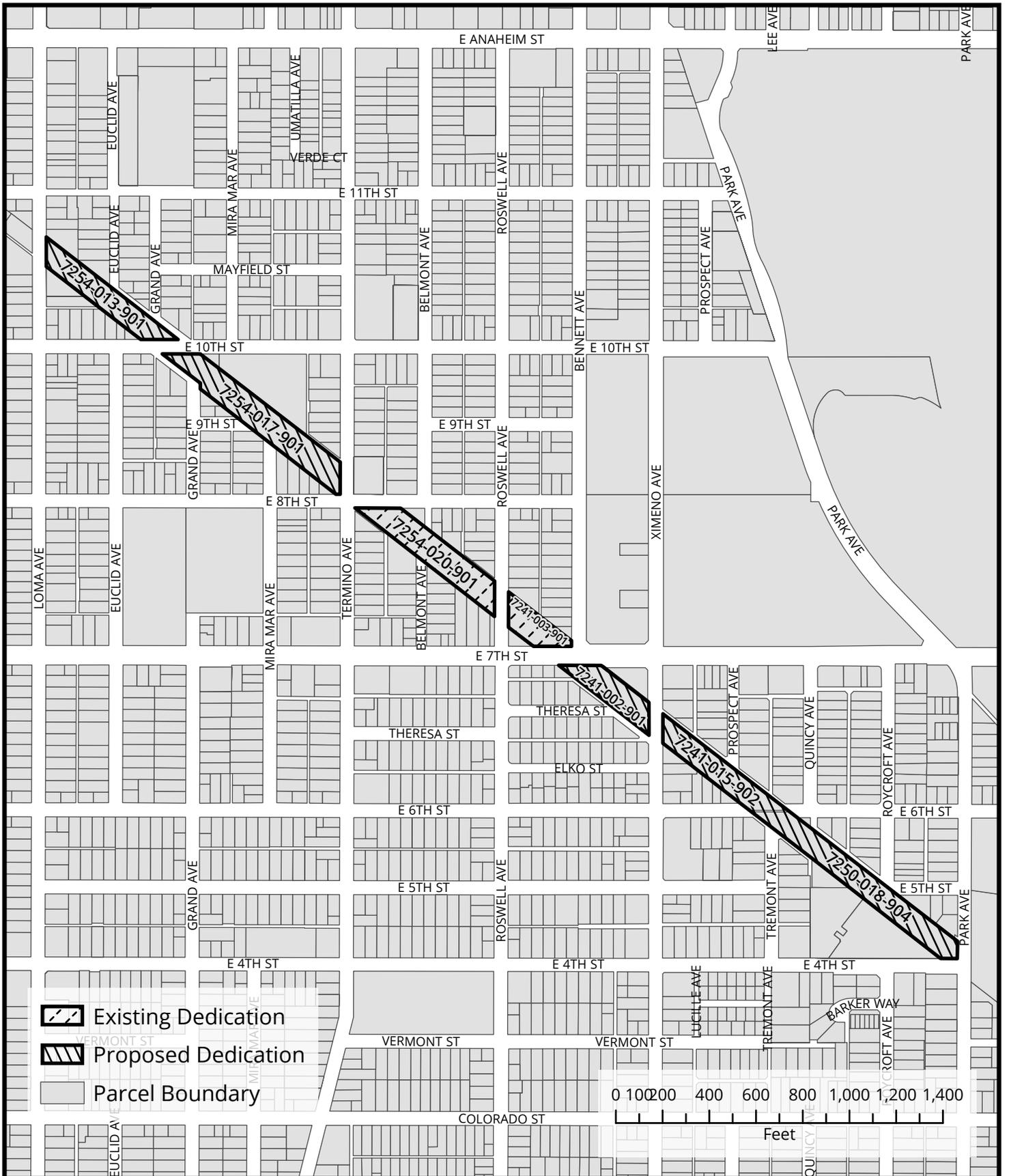


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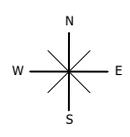




PROPOSED PARK DEDICATION

PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY GREENBELT

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AGENDA ITEM No. 4

July 15, 2021

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City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the City Council adopt the following actions to establish land use (PlaceType) designations and zoning districts and to dedicate, as public open space and parkland 12 existing, City-owned mini-parks, parks, greenway parks and natural open spaces:

- 1) Accept Negative Declaration ND 01-20 for the Parks Zoning & Dedication Project (Round 1) - May 2021;
- 2) Approve a General Plan Amendment (GPA20-002) to the PlaceType map of the Land Use Element of the General Plan to change the PlaceTypes of the subject parks from their existing PlaceTypes to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType;
- 3) Approve a Zoning Code Amendment (ZCA20-016) modifying Title 21 of the Long Beach Municipal Code to add the 12 subject parks to Table 35-2 (Park Dedications/Designations);
- 4) Approve a Zone Change (ZCHG20-008) to change the zoning districts of the subject parks from their existing zoning districts to the Park (P) zoning district where necessary, and rezone a 0.1 acre, noncontiguous remnant parcel of Orizaba Park from Park (P) to Light Industrial (IL) so that it can have appropriate oversight and be better maintained; and
- 5) Approve dedication of the 12 subject parks in perpetuity for public open space use, and;
- 6) Remove the 0.1 acre, noncontiguous remnant parcel located at the southwest corner of E. 14th Street and N. Orizaba Ave. from the area dedicated as Orizaba Park.

Following are the recommended actions for each of the twelve mini-parks, parks, greenway parks and open spaces subject to this action:



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- Craftsman Village Park – General Plan Amendment to change the PlaceType designation from Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from two-family residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); and Dedicate.
- C. David Molina Park – Dedicate.
- Donald Douglas Plaza – General Plan Amendment to change the PlaceType designation from Regional Serving Facility (RSF) to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from Douglas Park (PD-32) Planned Development District to Park (P); and Dedicate.
- Grace Park – General Plan Amendment to change the PlaceType designation from Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Merge three (3) lots; and Dedicate.
- Jenni Rivera Memorial Park – Rezone from Commercial Storage (CS) to Park (P); and Dedicate.
- Locust Tot Lot – General Plan Amendment to change the PlaceType designation from Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from two-family residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); and Dedicate.
- Mary Molina Community Garden – General Plan Amendment to change the PlaceType designation from Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from two-family residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); and Dedicate.
- Miracle on 4th Street Park – Rezone from Neighborhood Commercial & Residential (CNR) to Park (P); and Dedicate.
- Orizaba Park – General Plan Amendment to change the PlaceType designation from Neighborhood Serving Center or Corridor Low Density (NSC-L) to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from Two-Family Residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); Rezone 0.1 acre, noncontiguous remnant parcel from Park (P) to Light Industrial (IL) and remove from dedication; Merge six (6) lots; and Dedicate.
- Pacific & 6th Community Garden – Rezone from Downtown Specific Plan (PD-30) to Park (P); and Dedicate.
- Pacific Electric Railway Greenbelt – Rezone from Two-Family Residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); and Dedicate.
- Willow Springs Park – General Plan Amendment to change the PlaceType designation from Community Commercial (CC) to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from Medium Industrial (IM) to Park (P) consistent with parcel boundary; and Dedicate.

APPLICANT: City of Long Beach, Development Services Department
411 West Ocean Boulevard, 3rd Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802
(Application No. 2011-21)

BACKGROUND

The Department of Development Services and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine have been working collaboratively for more than five years to assure land records, zoning, dedications and the general plan references of the parks within the City are all accurate and up-to-date across multiple regulatory instruments and documents. This current tranche of requests represents major progress toward updating and modernizing appropriate protections for all the City's parks. On June 20, 2019, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended the dedication or designation of 28 existing City-owned parks, including any other land use actions needed such as General Plan Amendments, Zoning Code Amendments, and Zone Changes (Attachment A – Parks, Recreation and Marine Commission Staff Report, June 20, 2019). Dedication is the process that applies to City-owned parkland to protect the park in perpetuity for public open space use. The City Charter states that the Parks and Recreation Commission shall have exclusive authority over all leisure activities in public parks and recreational facilities, controlled or operated by the City; and shall recommend to the City Manager and the City the dedication of public land for public parks.

Since June 2019, further assessment of the properties has informed the process and land use actions necessary to give each of the parks the appropriate LUE PlaceType designation and zone and to dedicate as parkland each of the 28 park properties in order to ensure ongoing protection of the parks. The 28 parks are being grouped by the type of land uses actions required; the subject action represents the first batch that encompasses the required actions associated with 12 of the parks (Attachment B - Site Vicinity Map; Attachment C – Parks Dedication List; Attachment D – General Plan Amendment Maps; Attachment E - Zone Change Maps; and Attachment F – Dedication Maps), described in more detail below and include the requisite General Plan Amendments, Zone Changes, Zoning Code Amendments, and dedications for Planning Commission approval and recommendation to the City Council. The remainder of the parks will be brought forward for dedication and necessary land use actions at a future date, as they have been identified to have more complex boundary and land use issues that require additional research beforehand.

Brief descriptions of the parks are provided below:

Mini-Park

A mini-park is a small park serving neighbors within 1/8 mile, generally less than two acres in size¹. Land use actions are being proposed for the following six mini-parks:

Craftsman Village Park – This is a 0.34 acre park, opened in 2012, features craftsman style fencing, entry features and lighting, native landscape, walking paths and a playground. The park land was purchased by the former Long Beach Redevelopment Agency, and the park

¹ Long Beach General Plan Open Space and Recreation Element, 2002.

improvements were funded by the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program. (District 1)

Donald Douglas Plaza – This approximately 0.44 acre existing park is one of several publicly accessible open space amenities provided through the buildout of the Douglas Park Specific Plan (PD-32). The community open space was developed as part of the first phase of the Douglas Park Development and serves as the northeast entrance to the overall development (District 5).

Locust Tot Lot – This 0.09 acre park opened to the public in September 2016 and includes a play structure with climbing and exploratory features, benches, bike racks, picnic tables, and a walkway (District 6).

Mary Molina Community Garden – This community garden was created through a family donation of undeveloped land in 2005 to commemorate avid gardener Mary Molina. The Mary Molina Community Garden is managed by Long Beach Organic², which provides garden plots available for community use. (District 1)

Miracle on 4th St. Park – This approximately 0.14 acre park was the City's first mini-park in a new program of building parks on single lots in park deficient areas. Initially leased by the City from the adjoining property owner, the City bought the site in 2004 with Park Impact Fee funds. The park includes a playground, bench seating, turf, mural, and varied landscaping. (District 2)

Pacific & 6th Community Garden – This community garden was established in 2001 on a vacant City property acquired by the former Long Beach Redevelopment Agency and was renovated through a Neighborhood Improvement Project Grant in 2011. The community garden is operated by Long Beach Organic and provides garden plots to seniors and the greater public. (District 1)

Park

A park is a tract of land, most often publicly held, accessible to the general public, for purposes of preserving natural areas and/or promoting the mental and physical health of the community through recreational, cultural and relaxation pursuits. Land use actions are being proposed for the following three parks:

C. David Molina Park – Located in North Long Beach, this approximately 3.3 acre park opened in 2018 on land that the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency acquired over 10 years prior. The

² On March 16, 2021, the City Council approved a lease with Long Beach Organic for the management and operation of several community gardens including Molina Community Garden for five years from February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2026 with two, three-year options to renew:
<https://longbeach.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4819208&GUID=A1089843-256B-4598-9B53-805AC4B1CFA3&Options=&Search=>

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park includes a sports field, shaded playground including accessible swings, landscaping, fitness trail, parking, and restroom facility. (District 1)

Grace Park – Grace Park is a 1.12 acre park, opened in 2006, featuring a Picnic Area, Playground, barbecues, benches, a small community garden and pathways. The park was built with funding from the Redevelopment Agency; The California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002; and the City of Long Beach Park Impact Fees. The park was named after Grace Wiley, a nationally known herpetologist and the first woman in her field. (District 8)

Orizaba Park – This approximately 3.8 acre park features a LEED certified community center, playground, skate park, basketball court, and restrooms. Former Pacific Electric Right-of-Way is now part of Orizaba Park, and as such a replica of the Red Car that historically ran from Long Beach to Los Angeles is located at Orizaba Park. Land use actions associated with this park include removing from the park dedication area a small, 0.1 acre, noncontiguous remnant parcel of the former Pacific Electric Right-of-Way located at the southwest corner of E. 14th Street and N. Orizaba Ave. Given the size, location and irregular shape of this small parcel, it has limited functionality for park purposes and presents a maintenance and operational challenge. (District 4)

Greenway Park

Greenway Parks are characterized as large undeveloped green spaces, often a remnant or odd shaped piece of land left over from development, which can be used for casual recreation uses. Greenways can serve to connect or link recreation opportunities throughout a community. Land use actions are being proposed for the following two greenway parks:

Jenni Rivera Memorial Park – Located in Central Long Beach, this approximately 3.2 acre park acquired by the former Long Beach Redevelopment Agency provides open space along the Pacific Electric Railway and was funded with Measure A sales tax revenue. It features a mural, grass area, and walkway. (District 6)

Pacific Electric (P.E.) Railway Greenbelt – The Pacific Electric Railway Greenbelt site served historically as a portion of the Pacific Electric Railway Balboa Line, linking Orange County to downtown Los Angeles. The site provides a walking trail and native California plants. (Districts 3 and 4)

Natural Resource Open Space

Open space is any area of land or water that is essentially unimproved and largely devoted to an undeveloped or unconstructed type of use. Land use actions are being proposed for the following natural resource open space:

Willow Springs Park

Willow Springs Park is 48-acre site that preserves the history of the site as the first water source for Long Beach in 1882. The Willow Springs Wetlands Restoration Project, which opened in

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October 2017, restored 11 acres of the site which includes a walking loop through a series of water-capturing bio-swales that flow to one acre of restored seasonal wetlands and habitat with native plants and trees, a constructed spring that mimics the original spring that provided water to early Long Beach, a water retention basin that cleans and diverts water to be reused on-site, and serves as an outdoor environmental education classroom. (District 7)

DISCUSSION

The proposed project consists of the following land use actions being proposed in order to ensure the appropriate General Plan Land Use Element (LUE) PlaceType designation and zoning district are applied to each of the parks in order to protect them in perpetuity as existing, City-owned parks allocated for public open space use. The specific actions include: General Plan amendments to make land use designations (PlaceTypes) of specific City-owned parks consistent with their existing park uses, by changing them to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType; zone changes for existing City-owned parks to the Park (P) zoning district; lot mergers to consolidate parcels; rezone a noncontiguous, remnant parcel of Orizaba Park so it can have appropriate oversight and be better maintained; and dedications, as appropriate, for the purposes of the development of new green space particularly in park-poor communities.

Cumulatively, the proposed actions are necessary to formally dedicate existing parks and open space. These actions are consistent with the goals and policies of the Open Space and Recreation Element (OSRE) and the General Plan Land Use Element (LUE) to protect parkland for public open space uses and to equitably increase access to park space in communities with the greatest need. The ongoing program (of which this action is a part) to change the land use (PlaceType) designation and zoning district of existing parks to the appropriate Open Space (OS) PlaceType and Park (P) zoning designation is needed to reflect and memorialize the existing park use and to protect the parks by ensuring development regulations that are aligned with park uses. Properties needing lot mergers will be completed through Zoning Administrator hearing and approval.

General Plan Amendments

General Plan Amendments are required to be reviewed by the Planning Commission and recommended to the City Council for final approval. The existing and proposed PlaceTypes for each of the twelve parks that are part of this project are provided in Attachment C. No physical construction or change is proposed by this action; rather the Planning Commission is requested to approve the change of the General Plan PlaceType to reflect the current conditions and operations of these properties.

General Plan Amendments are needed for the seven parks listed below in Table 1. All proposed General Plan Amendments are for parks that do not already have the Open Space (OS) PlaceType designation to be changed from their existing PlaceType to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType. Maps depicting the boundaries of the of properties requiring General Plan Amendments to change the PlaceTypes for each respective park are provided in Attachment D. Positive findings have been made for the proposed General Plan Amendments, Zoning Code Amendments, and Zone Changes (Attachment G – Findings).

Table 1. General Plan Amendments

Name	Current PlaceType	Proposed PlaceType
Craftsman Village Park	Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN)	Open Space (OS)
Donald Douglas Plaza	Regional Serving Facility (RSF)	Open Space (OS)
Grace Park	Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN)	Open Space (OS)
Locust Tot Lot	Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN)	Open Space (OS)
Mary Molina Community Garden	Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN)	Open Space (OS)
Orizaba Park	Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN)	Open Space (OS)
Willow Springs	Open Space (OS) and Community Commercial (CC)	Open Space (OS)

General Plan Amendments are proposed for Craftsman Village Park, Grace Park, Locust Tot Lot, and Mary Molina Community Garden to change their PlaceType from Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType. These are all developed parks or mini-parks that are proposed by this project to change their PlaceType to Open Space (OS) to better reflect the City's development of these properties as parks. PlaceType changes to Open Space (OS) will be accompanied by zone changes to the Park (P) zoning district and dedication to ensure they are maintained as public parks in perpetuity.

A General Plan Amendment is proposed for Douglas Plaza to change its PlaceType from Regional Serving Facility (RSF) to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType. Douglas Plaza is one of several publicly accessible open space amenities planned in PD-32. Changing the PlaceType of Douglas Plaza to Open Space (OS) will create consistency with the proposed Park (P) zoning and better reflect existing park uses. PlaceType changes to Open Space (OS) will be accompanied by zone changes to the Park (P) zoning district and dedication to help protect the park in perpetuity for public open space use. A General Plan Amendment is proposed for a portion of Orizaba Park to change its PlaceType from Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) to Open Space (OS). Orizaba Park was expanded over time and changing the PlaceType of the remaining portion of the park which does not already have the Open Space (OS) PlaceType will reflect the existing park use. The Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) PlaceType provides for single-family and low-density housing and neighborhood-serving low-intensity commercial uses and is inconsistent with existing park uses. PlaceType changes to Open Space (OS) will be accompanied by zone changes to the Park (P) zoning district and dedication to help protect the park in perpetuity for public open space use.

A General Plan Amendment is proposed for Willow Springs Park to change the PlaceType of the northwest corner of the park from Community Commercial (CC) to Open Space (OS). The recently adopted Globemaster Specific Plan included a zone change of the area from Community Automobile-Oriented (CCA), Park (P) to Open Space (SP-3-OS).³ This General Plan Amendment will facilitate consistency between the PlaceType and zoning per the Globemaster Specific Plan.

Zone Changes

Zone Changes are required to be reviewed by the Planning Commission and recommended to the City Council for final approval. The existing and proposed zoning for each of the twelve parks that are part of this project are provided in Attachment C. No physical construction or change is proposed in this action, rather the Planning Commission is requested to forward the recommendation to City Council to change the zoning to reflect the current conditions and operations of these properties as parks.

Zone Changes are needed for ten of the twelve parks listed below in Table 2. Maps depicting the boundaries of the of properties requiring Zone Changes for each respective park are provided in Attachment E. General Plan Amendments are also being proposed for parks on this list that do not already have the Open Space PlaceType designation, to change from their existing PlaceType to the Open Space PlaceType to ensure consistency between the land use designation and zoning of the subject parcels. For each one of these ten parks, the proposed zone change from existing zoning district to the Park (P) zoning district will provide for consistency with the Open Space PlaceType. For one of these parks, the proposed zone change from Park (P) to Light Industrial (IL) cleans up the zoning so that the park can have the appropriate oversight and be better maintained, and is discussed further below.

³ Globemaster Corridor-Zoning Map. Adopted by City Council on May 18, 2021.
<https://longbeach.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4942570&GUID=FF232427-DEF2-47DC-AA59-A67E32E34615&Options=&Search=>

Table 2. Zone Changes

Name	Current Zoning	Proposed Zoning
Craftsman Village Park	Two-Family Residential (R-2-N)	Park (P)
Donald Douglas Plaza	Douglas Park (PD-32)	Park (P)
Jenni Rivera Memorial Park	Commercial Storage (CS)	Park (P)
Locust Tot Lot	Two-Family Residential (R-2-N)	Park (P)
Mary Molina Community Garden	Two-Family Residential (R-2-N), Community Automobile-Oriented (CCA)	Park (P)
Miracle on 4th Street Park	Neighborhood Commercial and Residential (CNR)	Park (P)
Orizaba Park	Two-Family Residential (R-2-N) and Light Industrial (IL)	Park (P)
Orizaba Park (APN: 7259024902)	Park (P)	Light Industrial (IL) ⁴
Pacific & 6th Community Garden	Downtown (PD-30)	Park (P)
P.E. Railway Greenbelt	Two-Family Residential (R-2-N), Pacific Railway (PD-22)	Park (P)
Willow Springs Park	Medium Industrial (IM)	Park (P)

All of the above parks will be rezoned from their respective zones to the Park (P) zoning district. Craftsman Village Park, Locust Tot Lot, and Mary Molina Community Garden are mini-parks (14,392 SF; 4,057 SF; and 7,699 SF respectively) currently zoned Two-Family Residential (R-2-N). Pacific and 6th Community Garden is a mini-park (2,750 SF) currently zoned Downtown Specific Plan (PD-30). Mary Molina Community Garden and Pacific and 6th Community Garden are operated by Long Beach Organic and provide garden plots that are available to the public. All are mini-parks created relatively recently in residential areas to serve the immediate surrounding community.

This project proposes zone changes for several parks from commercial zones to the Park (P) zone. These are Jenni Rivera Memorial Park [Commercial Storage (CS)], Donald Douglas Plaza [Douglas Park (PD-32)], Mary Molina Community Garden [Community Automobile-Oriented (CCA)], and Miracle on 4th Street Park [Neighborhood Commercial and Residential (CNR)]. Jenni Rivera Memorial Park was formerly RDA property that opened as a park in 2012. Donald Douglas Plaza (15,935 SF) is located in Douglas Park (PD-32) North, Subarea 1. This subarea, located in the northeast corner of Douglas Park, is intended as a mixed-use

⁴ This approximately 0.1 acre noncontiguous, remnant parcel to the former Pacific Electric Right-of-Way is zoned Park (P) and was previously dedicated. Over time, the Park (P) zoning became a barrier to appropriate oversight and maintenance of the parcel and is thus being recommended to be rezoned to Light Industrial (IL). Further discussion is included in the body of the staff report.

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commercial district of office, retail, entertainment, restaurant and hotel uses. Douglas Plaza is one of several publicly accessible open space amenities within PD-32. The community open space was developed as part of the first phase of the Douglas Park Development and serves as the northeast entrance to the overall development. A portion of Mary Molina Community Garden is currently zoned CCA. This community garden was created through a family donation of undeveloped land in 2005 and is currently operated by Long Beach Organic. Miracle on 4th Street Park was the City's first mini-park in a new program of building parks on single lots in park deficient areas. Miracle on 4th Street Park is developed with a playground, bench seating, turf, mural, and varied landscaping, and should be rezoned from Neighborhood Commercial and Residential (CNR) to Park (P) to be consistent with existing park uses.

The majority of Orizaba Park was previously dedicated on December 23, 2003 and is appropriately zoned Park (P). Since 2003, Orizaba Park was expanded through acquisition of blighted industrial properties and developed with various park amenities. The area of Orizaba Park where the basketball court and a portion of an open field were developed is zoned Light Industrial (IL) and is proposed to be rezoned to Park (P) to reflect this expansion and the existing park uses. Adjacent to the west, the area of Orizaba Park which includes the remainder of the field and a community garden currently leased and managed by Long Beach Organic is currently zoned R-2-N and is similarly proposed to be rezoned to Park (P) to reflect existing uses and to bring cohesive zoning across the entirety of the park. Orizaba Park includes a 456 SF, noncontiguous remnant parcel of the former Pacific Electric Right-of-Way located in the southwest corner of E. 14th Street and N. Orizaba Ave. This contiguous remnant parcel was dedicated in 2003.⁵ A community organization had received grant funding from the Housing and Neighborhood Services Bureau for the improvement and future maintenance of the remnant parcel.⁶ Over time, this zoning became a barrier to the proper oversight and maintenance of this corner of the property by the Parks, Recreation, and Marine Department. In light of the challenging conditions associated with this remnant, Economic Development Department staff has been exploring the possible sale of the parcel to the abutting industrial property owner. As a result this area is proposed to be rezoned from Park (P) to Light Industrial (IL) bring consistent zoning across the subject parcel and the abutting privately owned property. The proposed zone change and removing the area from the dedicated park area reflect future anticipated use and private ownership of the parcel. The City will then complete lot mergers of the remaining parcels that comprise Orizaba Park. Further discussion is included in the Dedication section of the staff report.

A portion of the P.E. Railway Greenbelt between Termino Avenue/8th Street and Bennett Avenue/7th Street was previously dedicated in 2003 and is appropriately zoned Park (P) or Pacific Railway (PD-22).⁷ The parcel that is zoned PD-22 includes a commercial building currently operated by Musical Theater West and will retain PD-22 zoning. The parcel at the

⁵ Ordinance No. C-7894. Adopted by City Council on December 23, 2003.

⁶ Parks, Recreation, and Marine Commission. September 4, 2012 Agenda Item:
<http://longbeach.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=2093568&GUID=65AA0266-8A22-4AE0-BE14-F14C8ABBE5EF>

⁷ Ordinance No. C-7894. Adopted by City Council on December 23, 2003.

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upper northwest corner (APN: 7254013901) is already appropriately zoned Park (P). The subsequent parcel to the northwest (APN: 7254017901) continues the P.E. Railway Greenbelt, is existing park, and is proposed to be rezoned from R-2-N to Park (P) to reflect the expanded park use. The P.E. Railway Greenbelt from Bennett Avenue/7th Street Ximeno Ave to E. 4th Street/Park Avenue is comprised of two parcels (APNs: 7241015902, 7250018904) that are proposed to be rezoned from PD-22 (Subarea 12) to P for consistency with existing park uses. In PD-22, Subarea 12 was previously leased to the operator of a Christmas tree farm, however park space has since been developed in this area.

A 1.3 acre area on the eastern side of Willow Springs Park (APN: 7212009914) is currently zoned Medium Industrial (IM). The area (APN: 7212009021) to the northeast of Willow Springs Park where E. Spring Street and Orange Avenue meet is owned by Signal Hill Petroleum, Inc. and zoned Medium Industrial (IM). To the south of this privately owned parcel, the 1.3 acre area that is zoned Medium Industrial (IM) is within the City-owned parcel (APN: 7212009914) that is Willow Springs Park and zoned Park (P). The LUE PlaceType for this area is currently Open Space (OS), so the proposal to rezone from Medium Industrial (IM) to Park (P) bring the parcel's zoning into consistency with the existing Open Space (OS) PlaceType.

Dedication

The City Charter and General Plan Open Space and Recreation Element (OSRE) provide guidance on dedication and parkland replacement requirements that preserve and protect parks in perpetuity for public open space uses. The City Charter outlines that those areas that have been dedicated or designated as public park or recreation areas of the City shall not be sold or otherwise alienated unless ratified by an affirmative vote at a municipal election for such purpose; or after a recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Commission to the City Council and a public hearing whereby the City Council determines that said park or recreation areas will be replaced by other dedicated or designated park or recreation areas on substantially an amenity for amenity basis, and at a ratio of at least two to one (2:1) with an approximately equal portion of the replacement land located in the park service area where the land was converted and an approximately equal portion of the replacement land located in a park service area needing parkland as determined by the Parks and Recreation Commission (LBMC Sec. 905). The OSRE calls for formal dedication of all City owned parks (Policies 4.2, 4.4, 4.5, and 4.8) and requirement that any conversion of parkland be replaced amenity-for-amenity and acre-for-acre at a 2:1 ratio, with one acre of replacement land located in the park service area where the land was converted and an additional acre of replacement land located in a park service area needing parkland (Policy 4.5).

Consistent with the City Charter and the OSRE, the proposed project includes an action to dedicate the 12 parks listed in Attachment C to protect them in perpetuity for public open space use: Craftsman Village Park, C. David Molina Park, Donald Douglas Plaza, Grace Park, Jenni Rivera Memorial Park, Locust Tot Lot, Mary Molina Community Garden, Miracle on 4th Street Park, Orizaba Park, Pacific & 6th Community Garden, Pacific Electric Railway Greenbelt, and

Willow Springs. Dedication maps for each of the respective parks are provided in Attachment F.

As discussed above, there is one exception wherein the proposed project includes a recommendation to rezone a 0.1 acre, noncontiguous remnant parcel at Orizaba Park, located at the southwest corner of E. 14th Street and N. Orizaba Ave., which was previously zoned Park (P) and dedicated. This area is proposed to be rezoned from Park (P) to Light Industrial (IL) and removed from the dedicated park area to accurately reflect existing use, given the constraints to its use as functional park space, and to facilitate future sale of this remnant parcel to the adjacent owner. While this removes the noncontiguous, remnant parcel from dedicated park area, the 1.2-acre area within Orizaba Park being proposed by this action to be rezoned from R-2-N and IL will be dedicated as park, complying with the 2:1 one replacement policy within the required park service area. Additionally, the Project dedicates Jenni Rivera Memorial Park (2.9 acres), as well as others within park poor neighborhoods, which provides dedicated park area substantially in excess of that required by the replacement policy and meeting the geographic requirements of the policy to locate replacement parkland in underserved areas.

In sum, the areas to be added to dedicated parkland area exceeds by more than double the remnant parcel area to be removed from dedication (0.1 acres) resulting in a net increase in dedicated park area per the OSRE by the required ratio of replacement area within the park service area where land was converted and within park service area needing parkland.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with public hearing notification requirements, in Long Beach Municipal Code Section 21.21.302, notice of this public hearing was published in the Long Beach Press-Telegram on June 30, 2021. Notices were also provided to City libraries that are currently open. Notice posting was provided at City Hall. Public hearing notice posters were posted at the entrance of each of the 12 parks. As of the date of preparation of this report, no comments have been received. Additionally, notice of the proposed project was distributed through the City's LinkLB e-mail blast system.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Negative Declaration was prepared for the Parks Zoning and Dedication Project (Round 1) - May 2021. The environmental report and associated documents were posted on the City website and a notice was published in the Long Beach Press-Telegram on June 1, 2021. The Negative Declaration has been circulated for a 30-day review period until July 1, 2021 (Attachment H – Negative Declaration ND 01-20). As of the date of preparation of this report, one agency comment has been received from the California Department of Transportation indicating that some of the 12 parks are near but not expected to have a direct adverse impact to the State Highway System (Attachment I – ND Public Comments).

Respectfully submitted,

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- Attachment A - Parks, Recreation, and Marine Commission Staff Report, June 20, 2019
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GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FINDINGS
Twelve parks at various location citywide
Application No. 2011-21 (GPA20-002)
July 15, 2021 (Planning Commission)

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65358, the City Council shall not approve a General Plan Amendment unless the following findings are made. The General Plan amendments being proposed are amendments to the General Plan Land Use Element Map to change the PlaceType designation of seven City-owned parks from their current PlaceType designation to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType, as shown on Attachment D of the Staff Report corresponding to Application No. 2011-21 (GPA20-002). These findings and analysis are presented for consideration, adoption and incorporation into the record of proceedings:

1. THE PROPOSED CHANGE WILL BENEFIT THE PUBLIC INTEREST; AND

Positive Finding: The proposed project will facilitate the cleanup of land use and zoning designations for existing, City owned parks so that they have the appropriate General Plan Open Space PlaceType and Park zoning designation. These changes will appropriately reflect the existing land use, ensure that development regulations are aligned with park uses, and protect the respective park uses in perpetuity for public open space use. The City Charter and General Plan Open Space and Recreation Element (OSRE) provide guidance on dedication and parkland replacement requirements that help protect parks in perpetuity for public open space uses. The City Charter and OSRE require that dedicated parkland that is converted to other uses be replaced at a ratio of at least two to one (2:1) with approximately equal portion of the replacement land located in the park service area where the land was converted and an approximately equal portion of the replacement land located in a park service area needing parkland as determined by the Parks and Recreation Commission. In total, the subject project proposes to dedicate 12 parks to protect them in perpetuity for public open space use, seven of which also require a General Plan Amendment to designate the properties as Open Space PlaceType, which was established for the express purpose of ensuring land in the City is devoted to parks, open space and recreational which is deemed an important land use that is necessary for the purpose of promoting the emotional and physical health of urban residents through contact with natural environments. This also implements the General Plan Land Use Element (LUE) and general City efforts to increase the amount of parkland per resident, including the conversion of vacant and underutilized land and particularly in areas that are park poor, by helping ensure that General Plan land use designations and development standards are aligned with park uses and that the parks are protected in perpetuity for public open space uses.

2. THE PROPOSED CHANGE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE ZONING DESIGNATIONS.

Positive Finding: General Plan Amendments are needed for the seven parks listed in Table 1 (Attachment D). The parks that are a part of this project that do not already have the Open Space PlaceType designation are proposed for General Plan Amendment to change from their existing PlaceType to the Open Space PlaceType to reflect the current conditions and operations of these properties as parks and open spaces.

Zone Changes are proposed to change parks from existing zoning districts to the Park (P) zoning district to bring consistency among the General Plan PlaceType designation, the zoning and the existing park uses. These Zone Changes necessitate General Plan Amendments from existing PlaceTypes to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType. This will allow General Plan Land Use Element PlaceTypes and Zoning Districts to be consistent with each other and with existing park uses.

Table 1. General Plan Amendments

Name	Current PlaceType	Proposed PlaceType	Proposed Zoning
Craftsman Village Park	Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (N)	Open Space (OS)	Park (P)
Donald Douglas Plaza	Regional Serving Facility (RSF)	Open Space (OS)	Park (P)
Grace Park	Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (N)	Open Space (OS)	Park (P)
Locust Tot Lot	Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (N)	Open Space (OS)	Park (P)
Mary Molina Community Garden	Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (N)	Open Space (OS)	Park (P)
Orizaba Park	Neighborhood Serving Center or Corridor Low Density (NSC-L)	Open Space (OS)	Park (P)
Willow Springs Park	Open Space (OS) and Community Commercial (CC)	Open Space (OS)	SP-3-OS

ZONING CODE AMENDMENT FINDINGS
Twelve parks at various location citywide
Application No. 2011-21 (ZCA20-016)
July 15, 2021 (Planning Commission)

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 65853 and 65855, the Planning Commission shall render a decision on any proposed Zoning Code Amendment and transmit the reasons for the recommendation, and the relationship of the proposed amendment to the applicable general and specific plans, to the City Council. The proposed Zoning Code Amendment (ZCA) modifies Title 21 of the Long Beach Municipal Code to add 12 parks to Table 35-2 (Park Dedications/Designations) which are dedicated and by virtue of that dedication parks that are protected in perpetuity for public open space uses. These findings and analysis are presented for consideration, adoption and incorporation into the record of proceedings.

1. THE AMENDMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH OBJECTIVES, PRINCIPLES, AND STANDARDS OF THE GENERAL PLAN; AND

Positive Finding: The General Plan Open Space and Recreation Element (OSRE), adopted by the City Council in 2002, calls for formal dedication or designation of parkland so the acreage is preserved as parkland in perpetuity. Relevant policies of the OSRE include:

- 4.1 Inventory and analyze City-owned lands, blighted properties, and former oil drilling sites to identify parcels that can be converted to open space or parks and recreation uses.
- 4.2. Adopt a citywide ratio of eight acres of parkland for each 1,000 residents.
- 4.4. Formally dedicate all City owned parks and designate them to be preserved in perpetuity
- 4.5. Require that any conversion of parkland be replaced amenity-for-amenity and acre-for-acre at a 2:1 ratio. One acre of replacement land shall be located in the park service area where the land was converted and an additional acre of replacement land shall be located in a park service area needing parkland - as determined by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Additionally, the General Plan Land Use Element (LUE), adopted by City Council in December 2019, calls for increasing access to, amount of and distribution of green space (Goal No. 8), and particularly in urban areas (Strategy No. 18). Relevant policies of the LUE include:

- LUE Policy 18-10: Prioritize vacant and underutilized land for the development of new green space, including parks, community gardens and local urban farms in park-poor communities.
- LUE Policy 18-11: Identify and inventory potential community garden or urban farm sites within existing parks, public easements, rights-of-way and

schoolyards, and prioritize site use as community gardens in appropriate locations.

- LUE Policy 19-1: Develop and maintain a high-quality network of natural and urban parks and open spaces that meet the needs of families, young adults, seniors, children and disabled individuals.
- LUE Policy 19-2: Explore opportunities to create mini-parks and parklets within urbanized and growth areas of the City.
- LUE Policy 19-3: Provide a balanced level of parks and recreational facilities to all areas of the City.

Staff's inventory of parkland has found that several parks and open spaces have inconsistent PlaceTypes, zoning designations and boundaries, and that they need to be dedicated to be protected in perpetuity for public open space use. The proposed project will correct park and open space PlaceTypes, zoning designations and boundaries so that they are consistent with each other and reflective of existing park uses. This will allow greater adherence to the relevant policies of the OSRE above, which establishes a goal of eight acres of parkland per resident, calls for dedication of City-owned parks to be preserved in perpetuity, and requires that any parkland conversion be replaced at a 2:1 ratio thereby helping ensure the maintenance of parks and open space acreage. Additionally, the Project will implement the above LUE policies that aim to increase access to, the amount of and distribution of green space throughout the City.

2. THE AMENDMENT WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE CHARACTER, LIVABILITY OR APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY, AND IS IN CONFORMITY WITH PUBLIC NECESSITY, CONVENIENCE, GENERAL WELFARE, AND GOOD PLANNING PRACTICE.

Positive Finding: This project formally recognizes and dedicates existing parks and open spaces and ensures the appropriate development standards are applicable to the subject parks and open space uses through the zoning code text and corresponding amendments to the General Plan Land Use Element Map. Many of these parks, such as Orizaba Park and Craftsman Village Park, have been developed consistent with character of the surrounding neighborhood and promote livability through increased neighborhood access to parks and quality park amenities. This project is in conformity with public necessity, convenience, and general welfare by supporting City efforts to increase the amount of parkland per resident citywide and by neighborhood, particularly in areas that are park poor, by helping ensure that development standards are aligned with park uses and that the parks are protected in perpetuity for public open space uses. Studies show that access to parks and open space has a positive impact on human health, but that low income and communities of color often experience a disproportionate lack of access to green space. Additionally, this project is in conformity with good planning practice because it corrects and clarifies park and open space boundaries, PlaceTypes, and zoning designations so that they are consistent with each other and reflective of existing park uses. The proposed Zoning Code Amendment

memorializes dedication of the subject parks, thereby helping protect them in perpetuity for public open space use.

ZONE CHANGE FINDINGS
Twelve parks at various location citywide
Application No. 2011-21 (ZCHG20-008)
July 15, 2021 (Planning Commission)

The project proposes zone changes to the zoning map for twelve City-owned parks citywide, in order to establish the appropriate Park (P) zoning district as a means to protect in perpetuity the existing the mini-parks, parks, greenway parks and natural open spaces for public open space use and to ensure use and development standards appropriate to the use. Pursuant to Section 21.25.106 of the Long Beach Municipal Code, in all cases, the Planning Commission and the City Council shall be required to make the following findings of fact before rezoning a parcel. These findings and staff analysis are presented for consideration, adoption and incorporation into the record of proceedings:

1. THE PROPOSED CHANGE WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE CHARACTER, LIVEABILITY OR APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SURROUNDING AREA; AND

Positive Finding: The proposed project will facilitate the cleanup of land use and zoning designations for existing parks so that they have the appropriate Park (P) zoning district. These changes will appropriately reflect the existing land use, ensure that development regulations are aligned with park uses, and protect the respective park uses in perpetuity for public open space use. The subject project proposes the land use actions that will facilitate the dedication of 12 parks to protect them in perpetuity for public open space use. This supports General Plan Land Use Element (LUE) and Open Space and Recreation Element (OSRE) policies and general City efforts to increase the amount of parkland per resident citywide and by neighborhood, particularly in areas that are park poor, by helping ensure that development standards provided by the zoning code are aligned with park uses, and that the parks are not only preserved for public open space use in perpetuity but that parks and opens spaces are protected from inappropriate development; the P zoning district both allows only a limited range of uses and has restrictive development standards intended to limit site coverage of designated parkland in order to maximize open and natural space for the health and enjoyment of City residents. Studies show that access to parks and open space has a positive impact on human health, but that low income and communities of color often have disproportionate access to green space. This project implements LUE policies that increase access to, amount of and distribution of green space throughout the City. Existing parks were developed considering and enhancing character, livability, and contribution to appropriate development of the surrounding area.

2. THE PROPOSED CHANGE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL PLAN.

Positive Finding: The proposed Zone Change rezones ten existing parks from their respective, existing zoning districts to the Parks (P) zoning district and rezones a

0.1-acre, noncontiguous remnant parcel of Orizaba Park from Park (P) to Light Industrial (IL). This land use cleanup facilitates the parks being formally dedicated to help protect them in perpetuity for public open space uses. The Orizaba Park rezone of the remnant parcel facilitates appropriate oversight and better maintenance. The General Plan Open Space and Recreation Element (OSRE), adopted by the City Council on October 15, 2002, calls for formal dedication or designation of parkland so the acreage is preserved as parkland in perpetuity. Relevant policies of the OSRE include:

- 4.1 Inventory and analyze City-owned lands, blighted properties, and former oil drilling sites to identify parcels that can be converted to open space or parks and recreation uses.
- 4.2. Adopt a citywide ratio of eight acres of parkland for each 1,000 residents.
- 4.4. Formally dedicate all City owned parks and designate them to be preserved in perpetuity
- 4.5. Require that any conversion of parkland be replaced amenity-for-amenity and acre-for-acre at a 2:1 ratio. One acre of replacement land shall be located in the park service area where the land was converted and an additional acre of replacement land shall be located in a park service area needing parkland - as determined by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Additionally, the General Plan Land Use Element (LUE), adopted by City Council in December 2019, calls for increasing access to, amount of and distribution of green space (Goal No. 8), and particularly in urban areas (Strategy No. 18). Relevant policies of the LUE include:

- LUE Policy 18-10: Prioritize vacant and underutilized land for the development of new green space, including parks, community gardens and local urban farms in park-poor communities.
- LUE Policy 18-11: Identify and inventory potential community garden or urban farm sites within existing parks, public easements, rights-of-way and schoolyards, and prioritize site use as community gardens in appropriate locations.
- LUE Policy 19-1: Develop and maintain a high-quality network of natural and urban parks and open spaces that meet the needs of families, young adults, seniors, children and disabled individuals.
- LUE Policy 19-2: Explore opportunities to create mini-parks and parklets within urbanized and growth areas of the City.
- LUE Policy 19-3: Provide a balanced level of parks and recreational facilities to all areas of the City.

Staff's inventory of parkland has found that several parks and open spaces have inconsistent PlaceTypes, zoning designations and boundaries, and that they need to be dedicated to be protected in perpetuity for public open space use. This Project will correct park and open space PlaceTypes, zoning designations and

boundaries so that they are consistent with each other and reflective of existing park uses. This will allow greater adherence to the relevant policies of the OSRE above, which establishes a goal of eight acres of parkland per resident, calls for dedication of City-owned parks to be preserved in perpetuity, and requires that any parkland conversion be replaced at a 2:1 ratio thereby helping ensure the maintenance of parks and open space acreage. Additionally, the Project will implement the above LUE policies that increase access to, amount of and distribution of green space throughout the City. Table 2 shows the proposed PlaceType and Zone Changes for the parks for which Zone Changes to the Park (P) zoning district are proposed (Exhibit E), with exception of the noncontiguous, remnant Orizaba parcel for which a zone change from Park (P) to Light Industrial (L) is proposed.

In the dedication of Orizaba Park in 2003, a 0.1-acre noncontiguous, remnant parcel of the former Pacific Electric Railway located at the southwest corner of E. 14th Street and N. Orizaba Ave. was dedicated. Over time, various factors, including City ownership and Parks (P) zoning became a barrier to the proper oversight and maintenance of this small, noncontiguous and irregularly shaped corner of the property, which is not functional for park purposes and has posed operational and maintenance challenges. As a result. The City is exploring the sale of the remnant property to an adjacent property (adjacent parcel (APN: 7259021500). This area must be rezoned from Park (P) to Light Industrial (IL) and removed from the dedicated park area in order to be joined with the adjacent parcel and to accurately reflect existing operations. This aligns with General Plan policies for ensuring proper maintenance and upkeep of public land and LUE policies to reduce blight.

Table 2. Zone Changes

Name	Current Zoning	Proposed PlaceType	Proposed Zoning
Craftsman Village Park	Two-family residential (R-2-N)	Open Space (OS)	Park (P)
Donald Douglas Plaza	Douglas Park (PD-32)	Open Space (OS)	Park (P)
Jenni Rivera Memorial Park	Commercial Storage (CS)	Open Space (OS)	Park (P)
Locust Tot Lot	Two-family residential (R-2-N)	Open Space (OS)	Park (P)
Mary Molina Community Garden	Two-family residential (R-2-N), Community automobile-oriented (CCA)	Open Space (OS)	Park (P)
Miracle on 4th Street Park	Neighborhood commercial and residential (CNR)	Open Space (OS)	Park (P)
Orizaba Park	Two-family residential (R-2-N) and Light Industrial (IL)	Open Space (OS)	Park (P)
Orizaba Park (APN: 7259024902)	Park (P)	Neo Industrial (NI) (no change)	Light Industrial (IL)
Pacific & 6th Community Garden	Downtown (PD-30)	Open Space (OS)	Park (P)
P.E. Railway Greenbelt	Two-family residential (R-2-N), Pacific Railway (PD-22)	Open Space (OS)	Park (P)
Willow Springs Park	Medium industrial (IM)	Open Space (OS)	SP-3-OS



City of Long Beach
Parks Zoning & Dedication Project
(May 2021)

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INITIAL STUDY

Project Title:

City of Long Beach Parks Zoning & Dedication (Part 1) – May 2021

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General Plan:

The proposed Parks Zoning and Dedication Project would cover various General Plan land use designations (PlaceTypes) that apply to various zoning districts and Planned Development (PD) districts in the City of Long Beach.

Zoning:

The proposed Parks Zoning and Dedication Project would cover various zoning districts and Planned Development Districts in the City of Long Beach.

Project Description:

The proposed Parks Zoning and Dedication Project (Part 1) – May 2021 (Project) would consist of: General Plan amendments to change land use designations (PlaceTypes) of specific City-owned parks from their current General Plan Land Use Element PlaceTypes to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType; zone changes from existing zoning districts to the Park (P) zoning district; lot mergers to consolidate parcels; and dedications, as appropriate, for the purpose of protecting them in perpetuity for public open space use, consistent with the policies of the Open Space and Recreation Element (OSRE) of the City's General Plan.¹ Other land use actions may be required to correct park boundaries in land titles to bring the parks' General Plan PlaceTypes and zoning into consistency

¹Program 4.4. Formally dedicate all City owned parks and designate them to be preserved in perpetuity. Program 4.5. Require that any conversion of parkland be replaced amenity-for-amenity and acre-for-acre at a 2:1 ratio. Long Beach General Plan OSRE 2002.

with each other. The Project will facilitate cleanup of land use and zoning designations of existing parks so that they have the appropriate Open Space (OS) PlaceType and Park (P) zoning designation, in order both to appropriately reflect the existing land use and to protect the park use by ensuring development regulations that are aligned with park uses.

The affected parks are categorized as the following²:

Mini-Park

A small park serving neighbors within 1/8 mile, generally less than two acres in size:

- Craftsman Village Park – General Plan Amendment to change the Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) to Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from two-family residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); and Dedicate.
- Donald Douglas Park – General Plan Amendment to change the Regional Serving Facility (RSF) to Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from Douglas Park (PD-32) to Park (P); and Dedicate.
- Locust Tot Lot – General Plan Amendment to change the Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) to Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from two-family residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); and Dedicate.
- Mary Molina Community Garden – General Plan Amendment to change the Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) to Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from two-family residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); and Dedicate.
- Miracle on 4th Street Park – Rezone from neighborhood commercial & residential (CNR) to Park (P); and Dedicate.
- Pacific & 6th Community Garden – Rezone from Downtown Specific Plan (PD-30) to Park (P); and Dedicate.

Park

A tract of land, most often publicly held, accessible to the general public, for purposes of preserving natural areas and/or promoting the mental and physical health of the community through recreational, cultural and relaxation pursuits:

- C. David Molina Park – Dedicate.
- Grace Park – General Plan Amendment to change the Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) to Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Merge three (3) lots; and Dedicate.
- Orizaba Park – General Plan Amendment to change the Neighborhood Serving Center or Corridor Low Density (NSC-L) to Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from two-family residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); Untie remnant portion of parcel in southwest corner; Merge six (6) lots; and Dedicate.

Greenway Park

A largely undeveloped green space, often a remnant or odd shaped piece of land left over from development, which can be used for casual recreation uses. Greenways can serve to connect or link recreation opportunities throughout a community:

² Long Beach General Plan Open Space and Recreation Element, 2002.

- Jenni Rivera Memorial Park – Rezone from Commercial Storage (CS) to Park (P); and Dedicate.
- Pacific Electric Railway Greenbelt – Rezone from two-family residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); and Dedicate.

Natural Resource Open Space

Open space is any area of land or water that is essentially unimproved and largely devoted to an undeveloped or unconstructed type of use:

- Willow Springs Park – Rezone from Medium industrial (IM) to Park (P) consistent with parcel boundary; and Dedicate.

Surrounding land uses and settings:

The affected parks are located throughout the City of Long Beach and abut various land uses. The City of Long Beach is adjacent to the following municipalities: City of Los Angeles (Wilmington, Port of Los Angeles), Carson, Compton, Paramount, Bellflower, Lakewood, Hawaiian Gardens, Cypress, Los Alamitos and Seal Beach. It is also adjacent to the unincorporated communities of Rancho Dominguez and Rossmoor. In addition, the City of Signal Hill is completely surrounded by the City of Long Beach.

Public agencies whose approval is required:

Long Beach Planning Commission (recommend City Council adopt Negative Declaration 01-20 and approve land use actions associated with the Parks Zoning and Dedication Project – May 2021)

Long Beach City Council (adopt Negative Declaration 01-20, adopt General Plan amendments, zoning district changes, and other actions, as applicable, and Dedicate Parks, as appropriate, associated with the Parks Zoning & Dedication Project – May 2021)

Long Beach Zoning Administrator (approve and record lot mergers associated with the Parks Zoning & Dedication Project – May 2021)

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a “Potentially Significant Impact,” as indicated by the checklist on the following pages:

<input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Services
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture / Forestry Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazards and Hazardous Materials	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation
<input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology / Water Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use / Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Cultural Resources
<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Utilities / Service Systems
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy	<input type="checkbox"/> Noise	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire
<input type="checkbox"/> Geology / Soils	<input type="checkbox"/> Population / Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance

DETERMINATION:

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a “potentially significant impact” or “potentially significant unless mitigated” impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis, as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.



 Jennifer Ly
 Planner

5/26/2021

 Date

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

- 1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except “No Impact” answers that are supported adequately by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parenthesis following each question. A “No Impact” answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g. the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A “No Impact” answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g. the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project specific screening analysis).
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3) Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. “Potentially Significant Impact” is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more “Potentially Significant Impact” entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 4) “Negative Declaration; Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation” applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from “Potentially Significant Impact” to a “Less Than Significant Impact.” The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from “Earlier Analysis,” as described in (5) below, may be cross-referenced).
- 5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or Negative Declaration (per Section 15063(c)(3)(D)). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
 - a) Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
 - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effect were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
 - c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are “Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated,” describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.

- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
- 7) Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 8) This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.
- 9) The explanation of each issue should identify:
 - a) the significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
 - b) the mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance.

I. AESTHETICS. Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:

a. Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project would not result in substantial adverse effects to any scenic vistas. The City’s topography is relatively flat, with scenic vistas of the ocean to the south and Palos Verdes Hills to the west. In addition, distant views of the San Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountains to the north, as well as the Santa Ana Mountains to the east are occasionally available to the public on days of clear visibility (primarily during the winter months).

The Project involves changes to General Plan PlaceTypes and zoning districts for properties that are currently being used as parks and open space (refer to the Project Description on page 1). While zoning districts provide the specific standards and regulations that guide the use and physical development of land, General Plan land use designations or “PlaceTypes” established by the General Plan Land Use Element, adopted in December 2019, provide policy guidance on land use, form and character-defining features. The Project will facilitate cleanup of land use designations of existing parks so that they have the appropriate Open Space (OS) PlaceType and Park (P) zoning designation, in order both to appropriately reflect the existing land use and to protect the park uses by ensuring development regulations that are aligned with park uses..

The Open Space PlaceType provides for the preservation of land that has distinctive scenic, natural or cultural features and supports recreational open space, applying to areas that are undeveloped, generally free from development or developed with very low-intensity uses. The purpose of the proposed changes to parks zoning and PlaceType designations is to facilitate consistency between the existing park uses and their General Plan Land Use Element PlaceType and Zoning designations, and ultimately dedicate existing parks and open space to be preserved in perpetuity for public open space use, consistent with the policies of the Open Space and Recreation Element (OSRE) of the City’s General Plan. The Project has the potential to facilitate protection of scenic vistas through changing the PlaceTypes and zoning districts of existing parks to reflect their park land uses, to designations that are lower-intensity and more protective of scenic and other natural features.

The Park zoning district is a low-intensity zoning designation that limits site coverage to a percentage of total park area and allows limited park-serving development such as recreation spaces or restrooms. These updates do not modify the existing height limitation in the Park zoning district of 30 feet and in

some cases the rezoning will lower the maximum heights compared to existing zoning designations.

Overall, the Project does not include or facilitate any new physical improvements and therefore would not facilitate any physical improvements that would result in adverse impacts to scenic vistas. Any future discretionary project within the City would be evaluated individually at each location and undergo environmental clearance as required. While every future development scenario cannot be anticipated at this time, the Project is not anticipated to result in negative impacts to the City’s visual environment. Therefore, no further analysis is required.

b. Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The proposed Project does not include or facilitate any physical improvements that would result in impacts to scenic resources. Furthermore, the Project is a policy action that would not result in changes physical improvements including changes in height or density of development at subject locations, and consequently, the project would not impact views of scenic resources in the planning area. No scenic resources, trees or rock outcroppings would be damaged due to Project implementation. There would, therefore, be no impact to any scenic resource and no further analysis is required.

c. In nonurbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project applies to all properties within the City of Long Beach, which is an urbanized area, and is surrounded by other urbanized areas. The proposed Project does not include or facilitate any physical improvements that would conflict with applicable zoning or other regulations governing scenic quality. As a result of implementation of the proposed Project, the existing scenic quality of the planning area would remain unchanged. Any future discretionary project within the City would be evaluated individually, on a site by site basis, and project-specific

mitigation would be proposed as needed. Therefore, the proposed Project would not substantially degrade the existing scenic quality of the planning area and its surroundings. The Project is not anticipated to degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views and is not in conflict with applicable zoning or other regulations governing scenic quality.

d. Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The proposed Project does not include or facilitate any physical improvements that would result in new impacts to day or nighttime views in the area. There would not be any new sources of substantial light or glare as a result of project implementation. Any future developments and land use activities would be required to undergo environmental clearance and comply with all applicable regulations, including Title 21 of the Long Beach Municipal Code (Zoning Ordinance). Title 21 includes development standards that prevent and reduce light and glare and future projects would be required to comply with these standards. Further, should any new sources of light be proposed as part of future projects, each future project within the City would be evaluated individually, and project-specific mitigation would be proposed as needed. No impacts related to substantial light or glare are anticipated, and no further analysis is required.

II. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES

In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state’s inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:

a. Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to nonagricultural use?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The City is highly urbanized and is almost entirely developed. As such, there are no areas within the City that are designated as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance on maps prepared as part of the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency. The proposed project would not convert farmland to a nonagricultural use or result in the conversion of farmland to a nonagricultural use. Therefore, no adverse impacts to agricultural resources would occur, and no mitigation would be required.

b. Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

There are no areas currently zoned in the City for traditional agricultural uses. The City allows urban agriculture including in parks and other zoning districts, however this project does not have any impact on those allowances. Therefore, approval of the proposed project would not conflict with existing zoning for agricultural uses or a Williamson Act contract or contribute to environmental changes that would result in the conversion of farmland to a nonagricultural use. Therefore, no impacts to zoning for agricultural resources would occur, and no mitigation would be required.

c. Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code Section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code Section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code Section 51104(g))?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

As previously stated, the City of Long Beach is highly urbanized and is almost entirely developed. As such, there are no properties within the City that are currently being used for timberland production, are zoned as forest land or timberland, or contain forest land or timberland. Therefore, no impacts to forest land resources would occur, and no mitigation would be required.

d. Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

As previously stated, there are no properties within the City that contain forest land. As such, approval of the proposed project would not contribute to environmental changes that could result in conversion of forest land to a non-forest use. Therefore, no impacts to forest land would occur.

e. Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The City does not contain any agricultural uses; therefore, approval of the proposed project would not convert farmland to a nonagricultural use. Likewise, the proposed project would not contribute to environmental changes that would indirectly result in conversion of farmland to nonagricultural use. Therefore, no impacts to agricultural resources would occur, and no mitigation would be required.

III. AIR QUALITY

The South Coast Air Basin is subject to some of the worst air pollution in the nation, attributable to its topography, climate, meteorological conditions, large population base, and dispersed urban land use patterns.

Air quality conditions are affected by the rate and location of pollutant emissions and by climatic conditions that influence the movement and dispersion of pollutants. Atmospheric forces such as wind speed, wind direction, and air temperature gradients, along with local and regional topography, determine how air pollutant emissions affect air quality.

The South Coast Air Basin has a limited capability to disperse air contaminants because of its low wind speeds and persistent temperature inversions. In the Long Beach area, predominantly daily winds consist of morning onshore airflow from the southwest at a mean speed of 7.3 miles per hour and afternoon and evening offshore airflow from the northwest at 0.2 to 4.7 miles per hour with little variability between seasons. Summer wind speeds average slightly higher than winter wind speeds. The prevailing winds carry air contaminants northward and then eastward over Whittier, Covina, Pomona and Riverside.

The majority of pollutants found in the Los Angeles County atmosphere originate from automobile exhausts as unburned hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen and other materials. Of the five major pollutant types (carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, reactive organic gases, sulfur oxides, and particulates), only sulfur oxide emissions are produced mostly by sources other than automobile exhaust.

Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management district or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

a. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has determined that if a project is consistent with the growth forecasts for the subregion in which it is located, it is consistent with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP), and regional emissions are mitigated by the control strategies specified in the AQMP. The purpose of the Project is to facilitate consistency between the existing park uses and their General Plan PlaceType and Zoning designations and ultimately dedicate existing parks to be preserved in perpetuity for public open space use, consistent with the policies of the Open Space and Recreation Element (OSRE) of the City's General Plan.

The Project would better align appropriate development regulations with existing park uses. Overall, the proposed Open Space (OS) PlaceType and Park (P) zoning district are more reflective of existing park uses and would facilitate dedication to preserve in perpetuity for public open space use. For example, the Park (P) zoning district is a low-intensity zoning designation that limits site coverage to a percentage of total park area. The Project does not include or facilitate any physical improvements that would conflict with the AQMP. Any future discretionary project within the City would be evaluated individually and be required to propose project-specific mitigation as needed.

The Project will not increase development potential, rather the Project is generally more protective of the environment. For example, portions of Willow Springs Park and Jenni Rivera Memorial Park are zoned Medium Industrial (IM) or Commercial Storage (CS) respectively. Rezoning these areas to Park will replace IM and CS development standards with those of the Park zoning designation. This will limit site coverage to a percentage of total park area and will facilitate their dedication, helping preserve them in perpetuity for public open space use. Overall, it is anticipated that the Project will facilitate the dedication of parks and open space

that may enable less pollution being generated by development. For example, the Park (P) zoning designation would discourage building development and associated energy use consistent with IM and CS zoning districts. Additionally, trees and vegetation in parks can help reduce air pollution by directly removing pollutants and reducing temperatures. Poor air quality is a secondary impact of extreme heat, and the Long Beach Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment Results indicates that the number of extreme heat days in Long Beach per year is projected to increase. This Project is consistent with programs contained in the General Plan Open Space and Recreation Element that protect park and open space, in particular 1) formally dedicating City-owned parks to be preserved in perpetuity for public open space use 2) helping the City achieve the established goal of eight (8) acres of parkland per 1,000 residents and 3) requiring that any conversion of parkland to another use be replaced at a 2:1 ratio.

The total amount of future development was contemplated in the General Plan, SCAG Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), and the resulting AQMP which was based on the RTP/SCS. Build-out consistent with the projections within the AQMP does not create impacts beyond those already analyzed in the RTP/SCS and AQMP. Since this Project does not propose any specific developments or increases in height, density or intensity of land uses in a manner that would conflict with the SCAG growth forecasts, it would be consistent with the AQMP and therefore no further analysis is required.

IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES. Would the project?

- a. Have a substantial adverse impact, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?**

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project does not include any physical development that would remove or impact any existing or planned natural habitats. Instead, the Project is more protective of the natural habitat on existing parks and open space by changing PlaceTypes to Open Space (OS) and rezoning parcels to Park (P). Of the parks that are affected by this Project, Willow Springs Park is a Natural Resource Open Space that consists of restored natural habitat. The Project consists of rezoning approximately 1.5 acres on the eastern portion of the park from Medium Industrial (IM) to Park (P) consistent with the parcel boundary, and dedicating the 48 acres of existing open space for preservation in perpetuity for public open space use. Rezoning these acres to Park will facilitate consistency between existing park uses and the respective zoning, as well as help protect park land in perpetuity for public open space use. The Project involves adopting General Plan amendments to change current PlaceTypes to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType, rezoning sites to Park (P), and dedicating to be preserved in perpetuity for public open space use several largely undeveloped ribbons of green spaces (Greenway Parks) and small neighborhood parks generally less than two acres in size (Mini-Parks). Mini-Parks parks are modestly sized and generally located in highly urbanized areas but may provide the benefit of natural habitat. The Project would protect existing park land and limit future uses to those that are very low-intensity, respect natural environmental characteristics, and is compatible with the open space uses. The Long Beach Municipal Code limits site coverage in the Parks zoning district to ten percent (10%) in community parks, seven percent (7%) in neighborhood parks, two percent (2%) in regional parks, and one percent (1%) in mini and greenway parks. No further environmental analysis is required.

- b. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?**

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project does not include any physical development that would remove or impact any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community. Of the parks that are affected by this Project, Willow Springs Park is a Natural Resource Open Space that consists of restored riparian habitat. The Project consists of dedicating the 48 acres of existing open space to be preserved in perpetuity for public open space use, as well as rezoning approximately 1.5 acres on the eastern portion of the park from Medium Industrial (IM) to Park (P) consistent with the parcel boundary. Rezoning these acres to Park will facilitate consistency between existing park uses and the respective zoning and PlaceType designation, limit the allowed development intensity for the purposes of preserving natural areas thereby helping protect park land in perpetuity for public open space use. This will be more protective of riparian habitat at Willow Springs Park. Please see Section IV.a. above for further discussion. No further environmental analysis is required.

c. Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project does not include any physical development that would have adverse effect on wetland areas. Of the parks that are affected by this Project, Willow Springs Park is a Natural Resource Open Space that consists of wetlands. The Project consists of rezoning approximately 1.5 acres on the eastern portion of the park from Medium Industrial (IM) to Park (P) consistent with the parcel boundary, and dedicating the 48 acres of existing open space to be preserved in perpetuity for public open space use. Rezoning these acres to Park will facilitate consistency between existing park uses and the respective zoning, as well as help protect park land in perpetuity. These land use actions will be more protective of Willow Springs Park which includes a historic riparian wetland zone. Please see Section IV.a. above for further discussion. No further environmental analysis is required.

d. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project does not include any physical development that would alter or adversely impact any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, corridors, or nursery sites. Of the parks that are affected by this Project, Willow Springs Park is a Natural Resource Open Space that provides wildlife habitat. The Project consists of rezoning approximately 1.5 acres on the eastern portion of the park from Medium Industrial (IM) to Park (P) consistent with the parcel boundary and dedicating the 48 acres of existing open space to be preserved in perpetuity for public open space use. Rezoning these acres to Park will facilitate consistency between existing park uses and the respective zoning, as well as help protect park land in perpetuity for public open space use. These land use actions will be more protective of Willow Springs Park which includes a historic riparian wetland zone. Please see Section IV.a. above for further discussion. No further environmental analysis is required.

e. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project is consistent with the General Plan and in conformity with all local policies and regulations. The Project helps implement the General Plan Open Space and Recreation Element (OSRE), which calls for formal dedication of parkland so that acreage is preserved in perpetuity for public open space use. The Project would not alter or eliminate any existing or future policy or ordinance protecting biological resources. No further environmental analysis is required.

f. Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project would not have any adverse effects on any existing or future habitat conservation plans. Instead, the Project helps implement the Open Space and Recreation Element (OSRE) which calls for formal dedication of parkland so that acreage is preserved in perpetuity for public open space use. Please see Sections IV.a. through e. above for further discussion.

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES. Would the project:

a. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to Section §15064.5?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The City of Long Beach is an urbanized community and nearly all properties within the City (except for areas such as protected park lands) have been previously disturbed and/or developed. This Project does not propose any construction and would not promote, encourage, or enable activities that could remove, degrade, or in any way adversely impact local historic resources. Instead, the Project would better protect any existing historic resources located on parks by significantly limiting development potential as consistent with the Open Space (OS) PlaceType and Park (P) zoning district and through dedication in perpetuity for public open space use. For example, Willow Springs Park and Jenni Rivera Memorial Park both represent and illustrate aspects of the historical and cultural significance of the City. Willow Springs Park preserves the unique topography of the site and restores the wetlands that played a pivotal role in the City of Long Beach's establishment in the late 1800s. Jenni Rivera Memorial Park provides open space along the Pacific Electric Right of Way, which was once a major interurban railway that operated between Los Angeles and Long Beach, and is named after Jenni Rivera, a Long Beach native and Latin Grammy nominated singer. The Project protects historical resources associated with parks and open space. No further environmental analysis is required.

b. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section §15064.5?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Implementation of the Project does not include any construction and therefore would not result in any specific construction activities involving extensive excavation. Therefore it is not anticipated to affect or destroy any archaeological resources due to its geographic location. The Project does not lessen existing legal protections of archaeological resources nor tribal consultation requirements on individual projects. Please see Section V.a. above for further discussion.

c. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project does not propose any activities that would involve extensive excavation that could result in the disturbance of any designated cemetery or other burial ground or place of interment. Please see Sections V.a. through b. for further discussion.

VI. ENERGY. Would the project:

a. Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project involves adopting General Plan amendments to change PlaceTypes to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType, rezoning existing parks and open space to the Park (P) zoning district, merging lots to consolidate park parcels, and dedicating parks to be preserved in perpetuity for public open space use. The Project would help preserve parks and open space, potentially reducing the urban heat island effect. Trees, grasses, and other vegetation cool the air, whereas impervious surfaces absorb more sunlight. Reducing the urban heat island effect may reduce the need for energy resources for air conditioning. Any future development projects and land use activities on park sites would be limited consistent with the Open Space (OS) PlaceType and Park (P) zoning and would be required to comply with all applicable regulations, including Long Beach Municipal Code Title 21 (Long Beach Zoning Ordinance) and Part 6 (California Energy Code) of Title 24 (California Building Standards Code). Since Project implementation would not directly or indirectly result in wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation, no further analysis is required.

b. Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy efficiency?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project would not conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency—see Section VI.a. above.

VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS. Would the project:

a. Directly or indirectly cause potential adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:

i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Per Plate 2, Fault Map with Special Study Zones, of the Seismic Safety Element of the General Plan, the most significant fault system in the City is the Newport-Inglewood fault zone. This fault zone runs in a northwest to southeast angle across the southern half of the City. The Project involves land use actions that result in the dedication of park land in perpetuity for public open space use and does not involve any proposed development or construction.

ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Newport-Inglewood fault zone could create substantial ground shaking if a seismic event occurred along that fault. Similarly, a strong seismic event on any other fault system in Southern California has the potential to create considerable levels of ground shaking throughout the City. However, numerous variables determine the level of damage to a specific location. Given these variables, it is not possible to determine the level of damage that may occur on the site during a seismic event. Additionally, the Project is a policy action that would not result in physical development, including changes in height or density of development, at subject locations. Any future land uses must conform to all applicable State and local building codes relative to seismic safety. Please see Section VII.a.i. above for further discussion.

iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Per Plate 7, Liquefaction Potential Areas, of the Seismic Safety Element, most of the City is in areas of either minimal or low liquefaction potential. The only exceptions are in the southeastern portion of the City, where there is significant liquefaction potential, and the western portion (most of the area west of Pacific Avenue and south of the 405 freeway), where there is either moderate or significant liquefaction potential. Furthermore, the Project is a policy action that would not result in any physical development at subject locations.

Please see Section VII.a.i. through ii. above for further discussion.

iv) Landslides?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Per the Seismic Safety Element, the City is relatively flat and characterized by slopes that are not high (less than 50 feet) or steep (generally sloping flatter than 1-1/2:1, horizontal to vertical). The State Seismic Hazard Zone map of the Long Beach Quadrangle indicates that the lack of steep terrain (except for a few slopes on Signal Hill and Reservoir Hill) results in only about 0.1 percent of the City lying within the earthquake-induced landslide zone for this quadrangle. Furthermore, the Project is a policy action that would not result in any physical development at subject locations. Therefore, no impact would be expected and no further environmental analysis is required. Please see Section VII.a.i. through iii. above for further discussion.

b. Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project is a policy action to facilitate the dedication of existing parks and open space in perpetuity for public open space uses and does not propose any construction projects at this time. Any future development projects and land use activities on park sites would be limited consistent with the Open Space (OS)

PlaceType and Park (P) zoning district and would be evaluated individually and be required to comply with all applicable regulations, including all applicable construction standards regarding erosion control, including best management practices to minimize runoff and erosion impacts from earth-moving activities such as excavation, recontouring and compaction. The Project includes no construction. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

c. Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section VII.b. above for discussion. All land uses subject to the regulations of the Project would be constructed in compliance with all applicable building code requirements regarding soil stability.

d. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Sections VII.b. and c. above for explanation.

e. Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project involves conducting General Plan amendments to change PlaceTypes to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType, rezoning existing parks and open space to the Park (P) zoning district, merging lots to consolidate park parcels, and dedicating parks to be preserved in perpetuity for public open space use. The entire City is served by an existing sewer system and therefore, has no need for septic tanks or any other alternative wastewater disposal systems. No further environmental analysis is required.

f. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

Potentially Significant Impact

Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation

Less Than Significant Impact

No Impact

Since the Project does not propose any excavation or construction it is not expected to adversely impact any paleontological resources or geologic features.

VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. Would the project?

a. Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

California is a substantial contributor of global greenhouse gases (GHGs), emitting over 400 million tons of carbon dioxide per year. Climate studies indicate that California is likely to see an increase of three to four degrees Fahrenheit over the next century. Methane is also an important GHG that potentially contributes to global climate change. GHGs are global in their effect. As primary GHGs have a long lifetime in the atmosphere, accumulate over time, and are generally well-mixed, their impact on the atmosphere is mostly independent of the point of emission.

The Project would not result in direct or indirect GHG impacts. The Project would not result in any new construction, nor does it increase development potential in the City. Instead, the Project helps preserve parks and open space, potentially reducing the urban heat island effect. Trees, grasses, and other vegetation cool the air, whereas impervious surfaces absorb more sunlight. Reducing the urban heat island effect may reduce the need for energy resources for air conditioning, thereby reducing GHG emissions. By facilitating the dedication of parks to be preserved in perpetuity for public open space uses, the Project helps enhance the provision of parks in neighborhoods. This could potentially contribute to an overall reduction in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) by residents being able to walk or use active transportation to access local parks, instead of driving to access green spaces. For example, the Project would dedicate C. David Molina Park, which was completed and opened in 2018, to be preserved in perpetuity for public open space use, as part of a larger effort to increase park and open space areas in North Long Beach. No further environmental analysis is required.

b. Conflict with an applicable plan, policy, or regulations adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section VIII.a. above for discussion. The Project would not permit any land use operations that would conflict with any plans, policies or regulations related to the reduction of GHG emissions. No further environmental analysis is required.

IX. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. Would the project:

a. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project involves adopting General Plan amendments to change PlaceTypes to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType, rezoning existing parks and open space to the Park (P) zoning district, merging lots to consolidate park parcels, and dedicating parks to be preserved in perpetuity for public open space use. No significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials is anticipated. However, should any future land uses or activities subject to the provisions of this Project involve the handling and disposal of hazardous or potentially hazardous materials, they would be required to fully comply with Long Beach Municipal Code Sections 8.86 through 8.88, as well as all existing State safety regulations. No further environmental analysis is required.

b. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section IX.a. above for discussion.

c. Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one quarter-mile of an existing or proposed school?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section IX.a. above for discussion. The Project involves land use actions to dedicate parks in perpetuity for public open space use. There is no anticipated hazardous emission or handling of hazardous materials, substances or waste.

d. Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites (Cortese) List is a planning document used by the State, local agencies, and developers to comply with CEQA requirements in providing information about the location of hazardous materials release sites. Any future land uses that would be regulated by the provisions of this Project would not be permitted to create any significant hazards to the public or the environment by operating at a location included in the Cortese List. Please see Section IX.a. above for further discussion.

e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Long Beach Airport is located within the City, just north of the 405 freeway between Cherry Avenue and Lakewood Boulevard. The Project involves land use actions to change PlaceTypes, re-zone, and dedicate parks in perpetuity for public open space use. Of the parks that are part of the Project, Donald Douglas Plaza is located within two miles of the Long Beach Airport. The Project would change the PlaceType from Regional Serving Facility (RSF) to Open Space (OS) and rezone Douglas Park from Douglas Park (PD-32) to Park (P). This will result in zoning designations and PlaceTypes that are consistent with recreational open space and dedication to preserve in perpetuity for public open space use. The Project would not alter air traffic patterns or encourage future developments that could conflict with established Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) flight protection zones. Please see Section IX.a. above for further discussion.

f. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project would not encourage or otherwise set forth any policies or recommendations that could potentially impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. No further environmental analysis is required.

g. Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The City is a highly urbanized community and there are no properties located adjacent to wildland areas. The Project involves policy actions to change existing PlaceTypes and zoning districts to be reflective of existing park uses. There is no risk of exposing people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires. No further environmental analysis is required.

X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY. Would the project:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has produced a series of Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) designating potential flood zones (based on the projected inundation limits as well as the 100-year flood as delineated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers).

a. Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or groundwater quality?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project does not include any physical development that would violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or groundwater quality. Instead, the Project facilitates the dedication of park land in perpetuity for public open space use. Unlike impervious surfaces, natural vegetation and grass filters water, which can help improve groundwater quality. The Project would be consistent with all chapters of the General Plan, including the Conservation Element. All activities subject to the provisions of this Project would be required to be in full compliance with all

applicable federal, State, and local water quality standards and regulations. No further environmental analysis is required.

b. Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section X.a. above for discussion. The City is a highly urbanized community with the water system infrastructure fully in place to accommodate future development consistent with the General Plan.

c. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:

i) result in a substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site;

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project does not encourage or enable any alterations to existing draining patterns, the course of streams or rivers, or the addition of impervious surfaces. Please see Section X.a. above for discussion.

ii) substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site;

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Sections X.a. and c. above for discussion. This Project does not propose any development, and future development will continue to be subject to all applicable regulations that require new development and redevelopment projects that create, add, or replace 500 square feet or more to comply with Low Impact Development (LID) to manage stormwater runoff.

iii) create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial sources of polluted runoff; or

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Sections X.a. and c. above for discussion. The City’s existing storm water drainage system is adequate to accommodate runoff from any future land uses subject to the provisions of this Project. The Project would not adversely affect provisions for retention and infiltration of stormwater consistent with the City’s LID policies.

iv) impede or redirect flood flows?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section X.a. and c. above for discussion.

d. In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, would the project risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

According to Plate 11, Areas of Potential Flooding, of the Public Safety Element, most of Long Beach is not within a zone susceptible to tsunami run up or seiche and strong currents. Potential tsunami hazards would be limited to properties and public improvements near the coastline, while harbor and channel areas would be susceptible to seiche and strong currents. While the identified areas can be susceptible to inundation associated with such natural events, assigning the Park (P) zoning district and Open Space (OS) PlaceType to existing parks and open space protects these areas from development, thereby preserving permeable surfaces and other features that facilitate water absorption and filtration of pollutants. Additionally, any future park-related development project would be subject to the regulations of the Park (P) zoning district where it is located and undergo its own environmental clearance as required. Development standards are in place to help mitigate flood risk for development projects located in flood zones, such as measuring height from Base Flood Elevation. The Project itself, which consists of dedicating park land in perpetuity for public open space uses, does not

propose any development and would not risk release of pollutants due to project inundation; therefore, no further environmental analysis is required.

e. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project does not propose any development and would not directly or indirectly conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan—see Section X.a. above.

XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING. Would the project:

a. Physically divide an established community?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project would not directly or indirectly divide any established community as a result of these changes. No further environmental analysis is required.

b. Cause a significant environmental impact due to conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project does not conflict with any land use plans, policies, or regulations. Rather, the Project is consistent with goals and objectives in the existing General Plan Open Space and Recreation Element (OSRE) and Land Use Element (LUE), as well as extreme heat adaptation strategies contained in the City’s draft Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP). The Project advances the Open Space and Recreation Element (OSRE) by dedicating parks and open space in perpetuity for public open space uses, thereby helping the City achieve the established goal of eight (8) acres of parkland for each 1,000 residents and requiring that any conversion of parkland to another use be replaced at a 2:1 ratio. The Project advances the Land Use Element (LUE) by providing for the preservation of land that has distinctive scenic, natural or cultural features and supports recreational

open space, applying to areas that are undeveloped, generally free from development or developed with very low-intensity uses. The Project advances the Urban Forest Management Plan, Sustainable City Action Plan, and draft Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) by protecting existing vegetative cover, helping reduce the urban heat island effect, potentially resulting in lower energy demand for air conditioning and thus fewer emissions from energy consumption. Impacts to existing local regulations would, therefore, be less than significant.

XII. MINERAL RESOURCES. Would the project:

Historically, the primary mineral resources within the City of Long Beach have been oil and natural gas. However, oil and gas extraction operations have diminished over the last century as the resources have become depleted. Today, extraction operations continue but on a reduced scale compared to past levels.

a. Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project does not propose any alteration of local mineral resource land uses, and there are no mineral resource activities that would be altered or displaced by Project implementation. No further discussion is required.

b. Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section XII.a. above for discussion.

XIII. NOISE. Would the project result in:

Noise is defined as unwanted sound that disturbs human activity. Environmental noise levels typically fluctuate over time, and different types of noise descriptors are used to account for this variability. Noise level measurements include intensity, frequency, and duration, as well as time of occurrence.

Some land uses are considered more sensitive to ambient noise levels than other uses due to the amount of noise exposure and the types of activities involved. Residences, motels, hotels, schools, libraries, churches, nursing homes, auditoriums, parks and outdoor recreation areas are more sensitive to noise than are commercial and industrial land uses.

a. Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards

established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project involves policy actions to facilitate the dedication of existing parks and open space in perpetuity for public open space uses and does not propose any construction projects at this time. New land uses that may be permitted as a result of the Project would be accompanied by operational performance standards and conditions consistent with the Park (P) zoning designation and would be required to undergo its own environmental clearance. Any future park-related development and park activities would be required to comply with the noise regulations contained in the Noise Ordinance.

Future construction activities related to park development consistent with the Park (P) zoning district could involve various types of short-term noise impacts from trucks, earth-moving equipment, and paving equipment. However, future projects would undergo their own review as required by CEQA, and all future construction activities and land use operations must be performed in compliance with the City's Noise Ordinance. Project implementation would not alter the Noise Ordinance provisions or exempt any future land uses or improvements from local noise controls. The local Noise Ordinance would continue to regulate all future land use construction and operational noise levels. No further environmental analysis of this issue is necessary.

b. Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section XIII.a. above for discussion. Project implementation would occur in compliance with local noise and vibration controls.

c. For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Long Beach Airport is located within the City just north of the 405 freeway between Cherry Avenue and Lakewood Boulevard. Of all the parks that are part of the Project, Donald Douglas Plaza is the only one located within two miles of the Long Beach Airport. The Project would provide a General Plan amendment to change the PlaceType from Regional Serving Facility (RSF) to Open Space (OS) rezone from Douglas Park (PD-32) to Park (P), and dedicate Douglas Park. This will result in a PlaceType and zoning district that are less intensive than current PlaceTypes and zoning designations and consistent with recreational open space and therefore would not expose people living or working in the project area to excessive noise levels. Any future development near the Long Beach Airport would be in compliance with all applicable local and FAA requirements. The Project would not alter air traffic patterns or encourage developments that could conflict with established Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) flight protection zones. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING. Would the project:

a. Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project involves General Plan amendments to change current PlaceTypes to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType, rezoning to Park (P), and dedicating existing parks and open space to be preserved in perpetuity for public open space use (see Project Description). The Project does not represent an increase in density or intensification of use, rather the resulting zoning district and PlaceType changes would provide for less intensive uses than existing land use designations. Future park-related developments would be required to undergo their own environmental clearance as required. As appropriate, future park-related developments would be accompanied by performance standards, to minimize potential impacts and further ensure harmony among new and existing development. In some cases, future park-related developments would be accompanied by conditions of approval applied through the site plan review process. Additionally, future park-related developments may also require additional environmental review where mitigations may be included to address potential environmental impacts. The Project does not propose any development and is not expected to directly or indirectly induce population growth. No further environmental analysis is required.

b. Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project does not set forth or encourage any policies, activities or implementation measures that would directly or indirectly displace existing residential units in the City. No further environmental analysis is required.

XV. PUBLIC SERVICES. Would the project:

Fire protection would be provided by the Long Beach Fire Department. The Department has 23 stations in the City. The Department is divided into bureaus of Fire Prevention, Fire Suppression, the Bureau of Instruction, and the Bureau of Technical Services. The Fire Department is accountable for medical, paramedic, and other first aid rescue calls from the community.

Police protection would be provided by the Long Beach Police Department. The Department is divided into bureaus of Administration, Investigation, and Patrol. The City is divided into four Patrol Divisions: East, West, North and South.

The City of Long Beach is served by the Long Beach Unified School District, which also serves the City of Signal Hill, Catalina Island and a large portion of the City of Lakewood.

Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

a. Fire protection?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project involves General Plan amendments to change current PlaceTypes to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType, rezoning parcels to Park (P), and dedicating existing parks and open space to be preserved in perpetuity for public open space use. The Project is not intended to directly or indirectly induce population growth that could result in increased demand for fire protection services or fire protection

facilities. All new development, including park-related developments will continue to be subject to fire code review during the building plan check process. As parks and open space that are affected by the Project are City-owned, it is not anticipated to have any effect on fire facilities impact fees. No further environmental analysis is required.

b. Police protection?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Similar to Section XV.a. above, since the Project is not intended to directly or indirectly induce population growth, the Project would not significantly increase demands for police protection service, nor require provision of new police facilities. As parks and open space that are affected by the Project are City-owned, it is not anticipated to have any effect on Police Facilities Development Impact Fees.

c. Schools?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Since the Project is not intended to directly or indirectly induce population growth, the Project would not result in any significant increased demand for public school services or facilities. As parks and open space that are affected by the Project are City-owned, it is not anticipated to have any effect on School Impact Fees.

d. Parks?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Since the Project is not intended to directly or indirectly induce population growth, the Project would not generate any significant additional demand for provision of park services or facilities by the City. As parks and open space that are affected by the Project are City-owned, it is not anticipated to have any effect on Park Impact Fees.

e. Other public facilities?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

No other impacts have been identified that would require the provision of new or physically-altered governmental facilities. As parks and open space that are affected by the Project are City-owned, it is not anticipated to have any effect on sewer, transportation, and storm water impact fees. New park-related developments would be subject to review by the applicable departments during the development review process to upgrade facilities, as necessary.

XVI. RECREATION

a. Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project does not alter land use regulations that would increase population density or facilitate population growth and is not intended to directly or indirectly induce population growth that could result in increased demand for recreational facilities. No further environmental analysis is required.

b. Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section XVI.a. above. No further environmental analysis is required.

XVII. TRANSPORTATION. Would the project:

a. Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project involves General Plan amendments to change current PlaceTypes to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType, rezoning parcels to Park (P), and dedicating existing parks and open space to be preserved in perpetuity for public open space use (see Project Description). The Project involves PlaceType and zone changes to create more consistency between PlaceTypes, zoning districts and existing park uses and will not conflict with a program plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system. Of the parks addressed as part of this Project, Jenni Rivera Memorial Park and Pacific Electric Railway Greenbelt are Greenway Parks that enhance bicycle connectivity and bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. These greenway parks are consistent with the vision and goals of the General Plan Mobility Element to develop a multi-modal network. Specifically, the bicycle and pedestrian connectivity facilitated by these greenway parks implements a measure in the Mobility Element that calls for reconfiguring surplus rights-of-way to greenbelts with bicycles and pedestrian facilities. By facilitating the dedication of parks and open space to be preserved in perpetuity for public open space uses, the Project helps enhance the provision of green space in neighborhoods, which could potentially contribute to an overall reduction in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) by providing residents options for being able to walk or use active transportation to access local parks, instead of driving to access green spaces. The Project is intended to implement the City's Land Use strategies/policies, Open Space and Recreation Element (OSRE), and strategies contained in the Sustainable City Action Plan. No further environmental analysis is required.

b. Conflict with or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines § 15064.3, subdivision (b)?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section XVII.a. for discussion. Since the Project consists of policy changes that are consistent with existing land uses, there would be no new Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) impacts created. Because two parks that are affected by this Project, Jenni Rivera Memorial Park and Pacific Electric Railway Greenbelt, involve reconfiguring surplus right-of-way to greenbelts with bicycles and pedestrian facilities, the Project could minimally help reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) by enhancing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. The Project helps enhance the provision of parks in neighborhoods and could potentially contribute to an overall reduction in VMT by residents being able to walk or use active transportation to access local parks, instead of driving to access green spaces, which may lead to a decrease in VMT and idling of local traffic. Overall, the Project would encourage the long-term provision of parks throughout the City.

c. Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project does not include any development and would not create or encourage any hazardous transportation-related design features or incompatible uses. No further environmental analysis is required.

d. Result in inadequate emergency access?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project does not propose or encourage any specific land uses, developments or transportation network modifications that would have the potential to result in deficient or inadequate emergency access routes. Additionally, any future land uses within the City would be evaluated individually and would comply with existing development standards that ensure emergency access. No further environmental analysis is required.

XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

a. Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code Section § 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, that is:

i. Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historic Resources, or in a local register of historic resources as defined in Public Resources Code Section 5020.1(k), or

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section V. (Cultural Resources) above. Project implementation would not result in any construction activities including any specific

construction activities involving extensive excavation, and therefore would not be anticipated to significantly affect or destroy any Native American tribal cultural resources. In some cases, the Project changes existing PlaceTypes and zoning districts to the less-intensive Open Space (OS) PlaceType and Park (P) zoning district in order to dedicate existing parks and open space in perpetuity as public open space. This decreases the development potential of affected parcels. While parks may be developed to a maximum percentage of site coverage, the probability of encountering a tribal cultural resource or human remains is low, and any occurrence or discovery is subject to existing protections under California law. No further environmental analysis is required.

- ii. **A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1? In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.**

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

Please see Section XVIII.a. above. The City has no substantial evidence of any significant resource impacted by the land use actions facilitating the dedication of existing parks and open space to preserve as public open space. During the discretionary review of individual, park-related development projects, the City will provide locational information to potentially impacted tribal officials and will conduct formal consultation, as may be required. No further environmental analysis is required at this time.

XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. Would the project:

- a. **Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?**

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

b. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

c. Result in a determination by the waste water treatment provider, which serves or may serve the project that has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the providers existing commitments?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

d. Generate solid waste in excess of state or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

e. Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

For Sections XIX.a. through e.: The Project would facilitate the dedication of existing parks and open space in perpetuity for public open space uses. The Project does not represent an increase in density or intensification of uses, rather it will decrease the future development potential of existing parks and open space. While park-related development is allowed by the Park (P) zoning district, there is a maximum site coverage allowed up to ten percent (10%) depending on park type. These modifications reduce the development potential from that which is allowed under the current zoning designations of existing parks and open space affected by this Project. The Project would not be expected to place any undue burden on any utility or service system.

The City of Long Beach is an urbanized setting with all utilities and services fully in place. Future demands for utilities and service systems have been anticipated

in the General Plan goals, policies, and programs for future growth. Any future discretionary project would be evaluated individually and as appropriate, would require project-specific utilities and service systems modifications. However, all utilities are projected to be able to meet demand. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

XX. WILDFIRE

If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project:

a. Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

b. Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

c. Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

d. Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

For Sections XX.a. through d.: The City of Long Beach has not been identified as a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone Project by CAL Fire, nor is the City in or near a State Responsibility Area. The Project involves changing current PlaceTypes to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType, rezoning existing parks and open space to Park (P), and dedicating to preserve areas in perpetuity for public open space use, and would not be expected to impair emergency plans, exacerbate wildfire risks and expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire place. The Project would not require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment. Lastly, as discussed in Section VII.iv. above, the City is relatively flat and characterized by slopes that are not high (less than 50 feet) or steep (generally sloping flatter than 1-1/2:1, horizontal to vertical). The Project would not be expected to expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire instability, or drainage changes. No further environmental analysis is necessary.

XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

- a. **Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?**

Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

As determined in Section IV. Biological Resources and Section V. Cultural Resources, the Project would have no significant adverse impacts on biological or cultural resources. The Project would not degrade the quality of the environment, impact any natural habitats, affect any fish or wildlife populations, threaten any plant or animal communities, alter the number or restrict the range of any rare or endangered plants or animals, or eliminate any examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory.

- b. **Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (“Cumulatively considerable” means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?**

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project does not propose any development and would not contribute to any cumulative growth effects beyond what is anticipated for the City's future in the General Plan.

c. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

- Potentially Significant Impact Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation Less Than Significant Impact No Impact

The Project would not directly or indirectly cause any substantial adverse effects on human beings. For this reason, the City has concluded that this Project can be implemented without causing significant adverse environmental effects and determined that the Negative Declaration is the appropriate type of CEQA documentation.

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Attachment J



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

June 7, 2021

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RE: City of Long Beach Parks Zoning and
Dedication Project (Part 1) – Negative
Declaration (ND)
SCH # 2021060008
GTS # 07-LA-2021-03607
Vic. LA-710/PM: 5.576

Dear Jennifer Ly:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced ND. The proposed project will facilitate the cleanup of land use and zoning designations for existing parks so that they have the appropriate Open Space place type and Park zoning designation. These changes will ensure that existing land uses are appropriately identified, and that park uses align with development regulations. The City of Long Beach is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project affects 12 parks located throughout the City, some of which are near state facilities such as the Interstate 710, Interstate 405, and State Route 1. However, from reviewing the ND Caltrans does not expect this project to have a direct adverse impact to the State Highway System.

If you have any questions about these comments, please contact Emily Gibson, the project coordinator, at Emily.Gibson@dot.ca.gov, and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2021-03607.

Sincerely,

Frances Duong

FRANCES DUONG
Acting IGR/CEQA Branch Chief
cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse

1 RESOLUTION NO.

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH ADOPTING, AFTER PUBLIC
5 HEARING, AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND USE ELEMENT
6 OF THE GENERAL PLAN OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH
7 RELATING TO CHANGING THE PLACETYPES OF THE
8 SUBJECT PARKS TO OPEN SPACE (OS) IN THE CITY OF
9 LONG BEACH

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11 The City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

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13 Section 1. The City Council does hereby find, determine and declare:

14 A. The City Council of the City of Long Beach has adopted, pursuant
15 to Section 65302 of the California Government Code, a Land Use Element as part of the
16 City's General Plan.

17 B. The City Council desires to amend the Land Use Element of the
18 General Plan of the City of Long Beach as set forth in this resolution.

19 C. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on July 15, 2021,
20 on proposed amendments to the Land Use Element of the General Plan of the City of
21 Long Beach. At that hearing, the Planning Commission gave full consideration to all
22 pertinent facts, information, proposals, environmental documentation and
23 recommendations respecting the proposed amendment, and to the views expressed at
24 the public hearing, and afforded full opportunity for public input and participation.

25 D. Following receipt and consideration of all appropriate environmental
26 documentation, full hearings and deliberation, the City Planning Commission voted on
27 July 15, 2021, to recommend approval of the amendment to the Land Use Element of
28 the City of Long Beach General Plan and further directed that said recommendation be

1 forwarded to the City Council for its consideration.

2 E. That on September 14, 2021, the City Council conducted a duly
3 noticed public hearing at which time full consideration was given to all pertinent facts,
4 information, proposals, environmental documentation and recommendations respecting
5 the proposed amendment to the Land Use Element of the General Plan, and to the
6 views expressed at the public hearing, and afforded full opportunity for public input and
7 participation.

8 F. Following receipt and consideration of all appropriate environmental
9 documentation, full hearings and deliberation, the City Council did concur with the
10 recommendations of the Planning Commission and did approve, adopt and certify the
11 environmental documentation and the amendments to the Land Use Element of the
12 General Plan changing the existing PlaceTypes to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType as
13 shown on the maps attached hereto as Exhibit A for the following parks:

14	Craftsman Village Park	Change from Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) PlaceType to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType
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16	Donald Douglas Plaza	Change from Regional Serving Facility (RSF) PlaceType to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType
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18	Grace Park	Change from Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) PlaceType to Open Space (OS) PlaceType
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20	Locust Tot Lot	Change from Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) PlaceType to Open Space (OS) PlaceType
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22	Mary Molina Community Garden	Change from Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) PlaceType to Open Space (OS) PlaceType
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24	Miracle on 4 th Street Park	Change from Neighborhood Serving Center or Corridor Low Density (NSC-L) to Open Space (OS) PlaceType
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26	Orizaba Park	Change from Neighborhood Serving Center or Corridor Low Density (NSC-L) PlaceType to Open Space (OS) PlaceType
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Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2021, by the following vote:

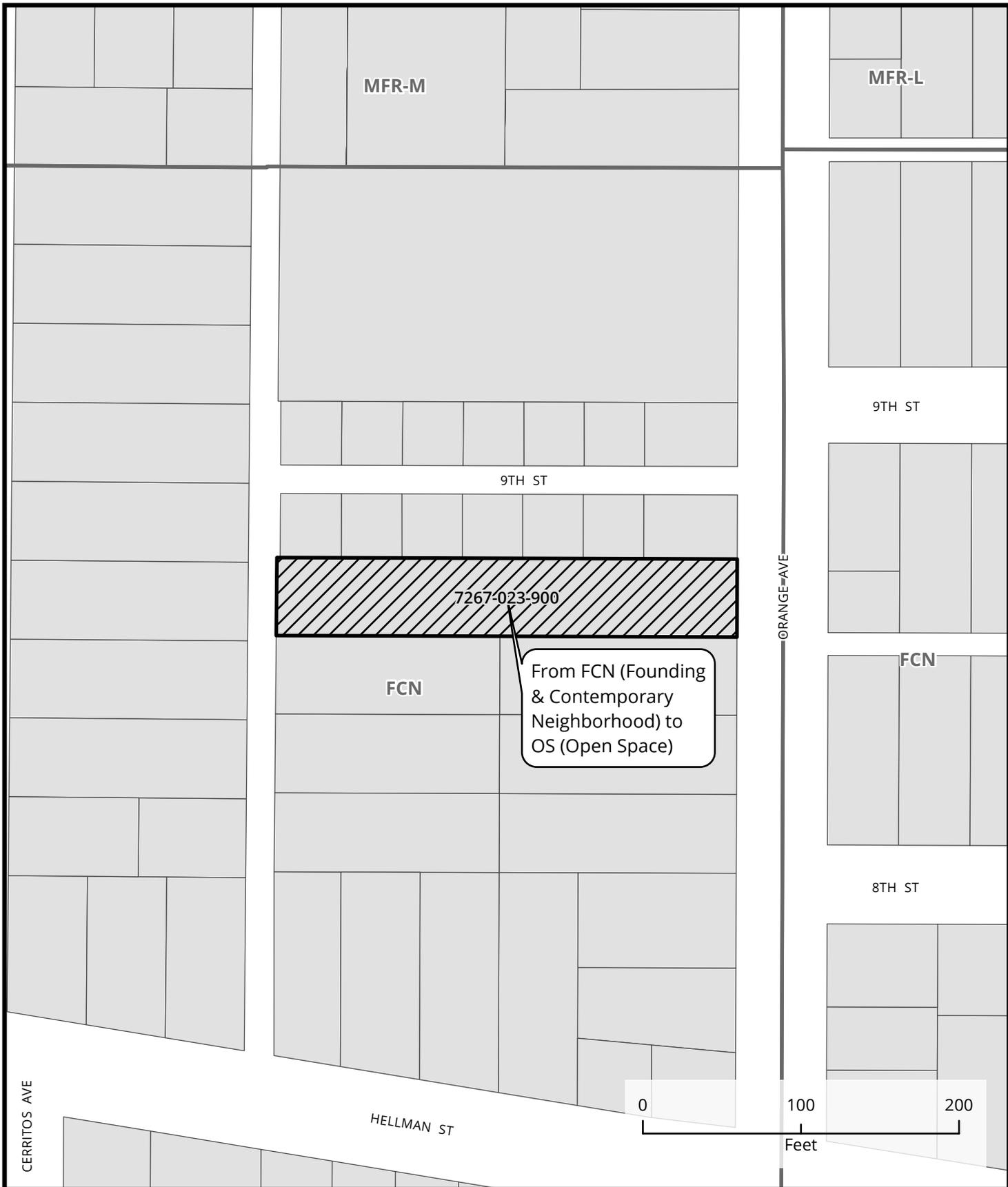
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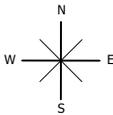
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City Clerk



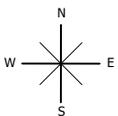
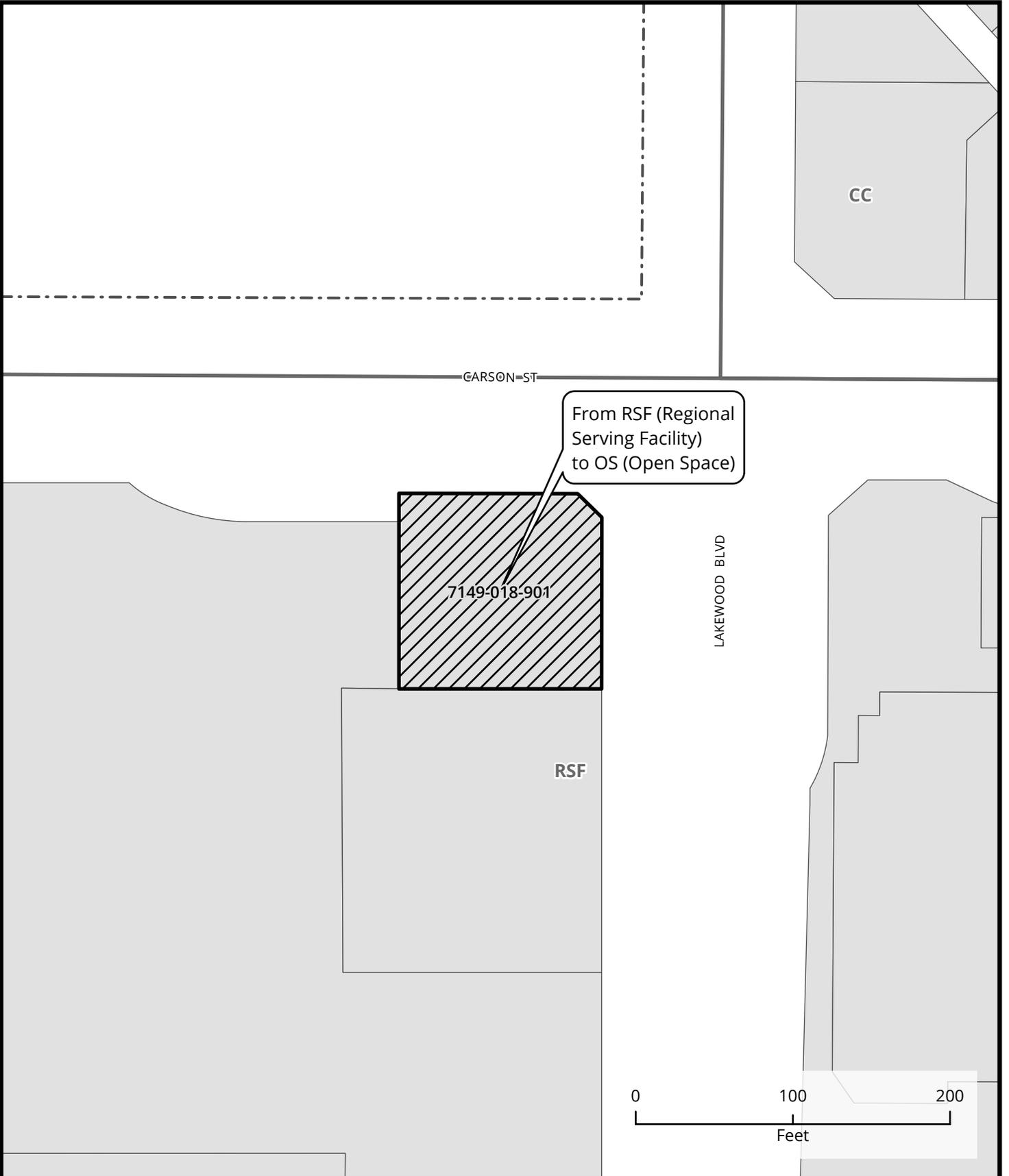
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GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT
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 Craftsman Village Park

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GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT
 AMENDMENT TO PAGE 26 OF THE PLACETYPE MAP
 Donald Douglas Park

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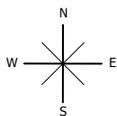
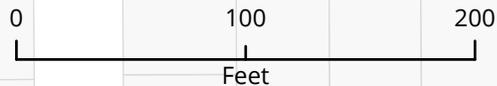
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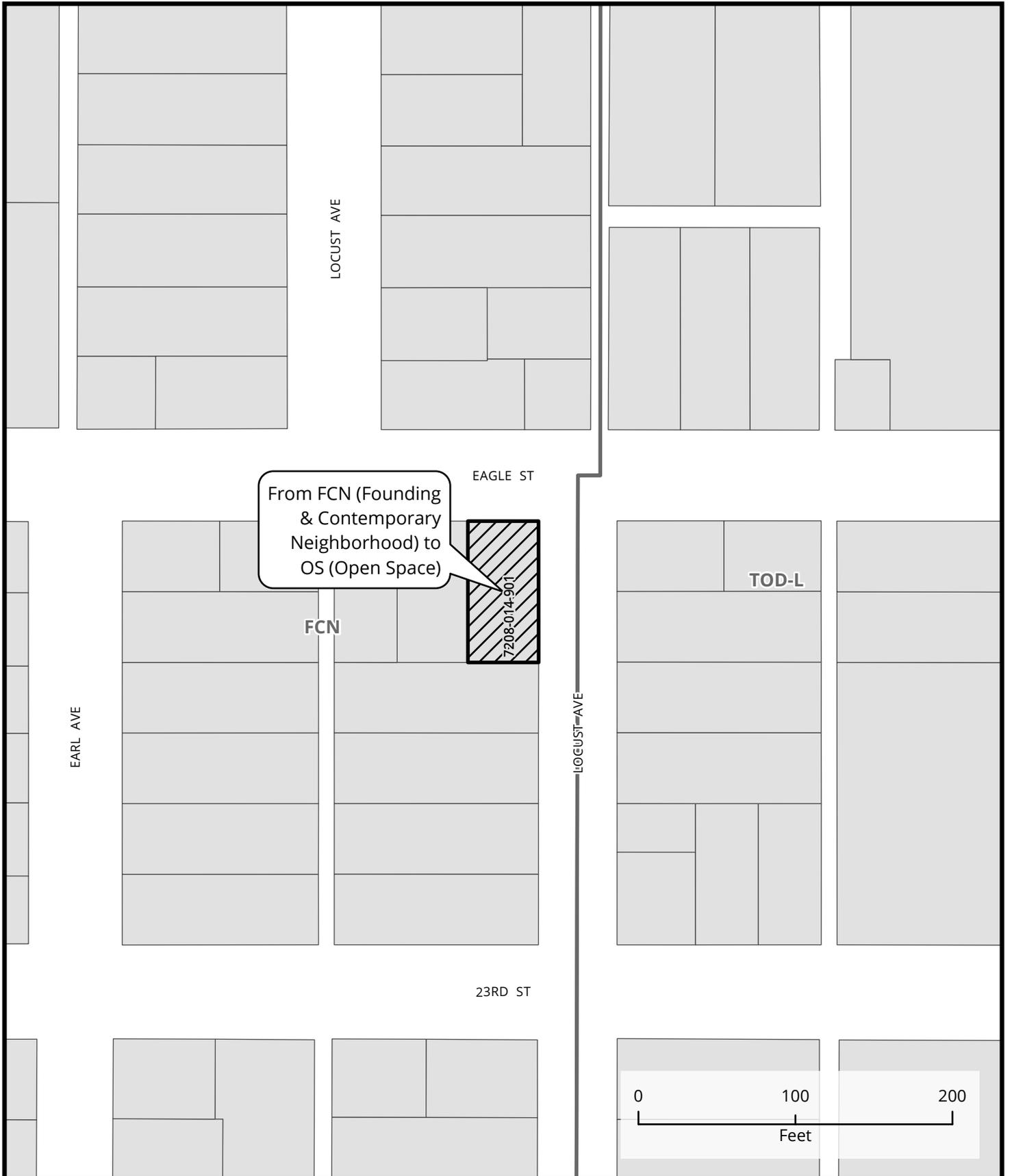


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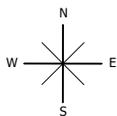
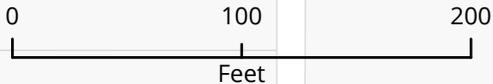
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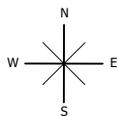
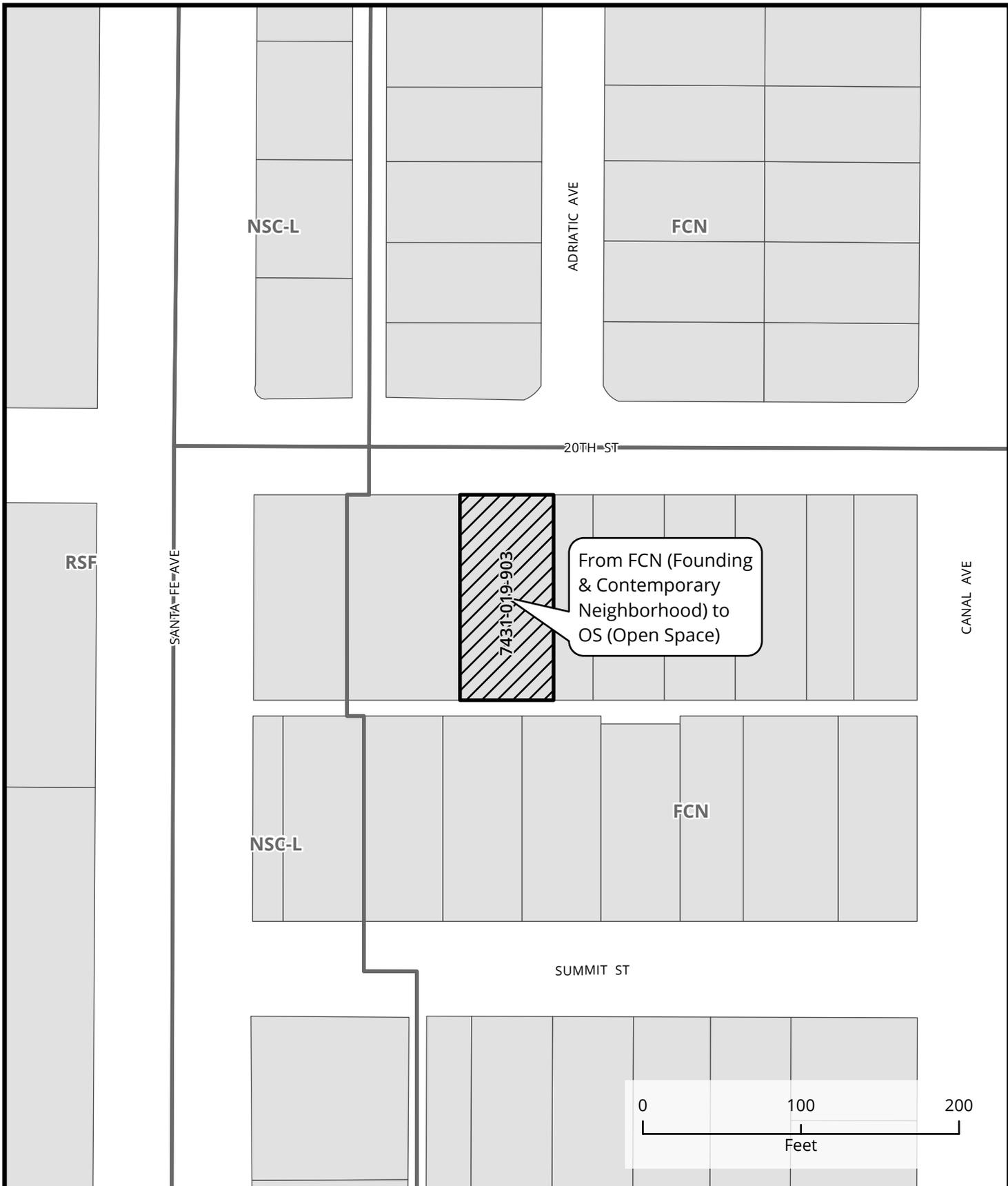
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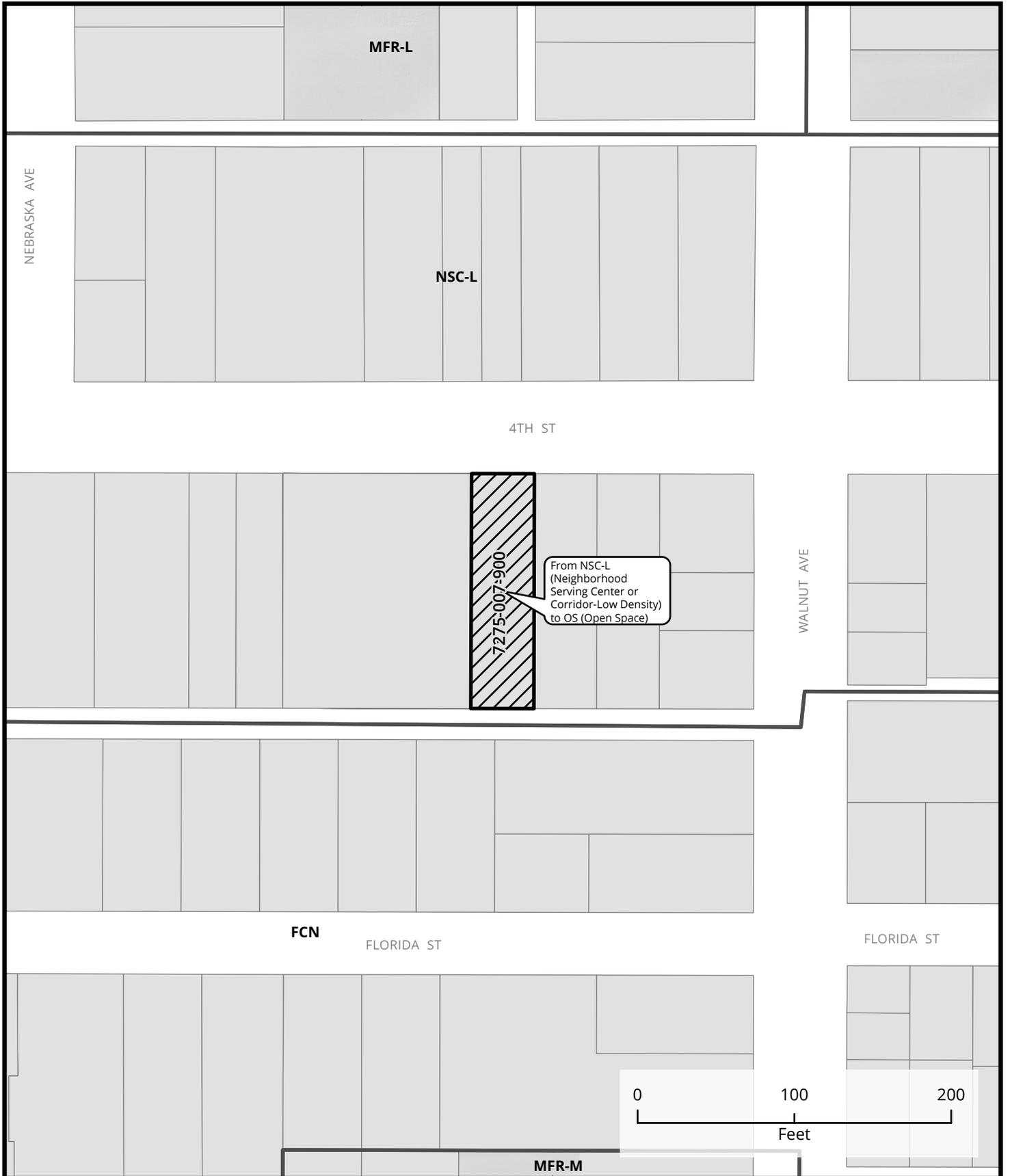




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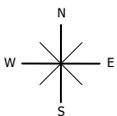


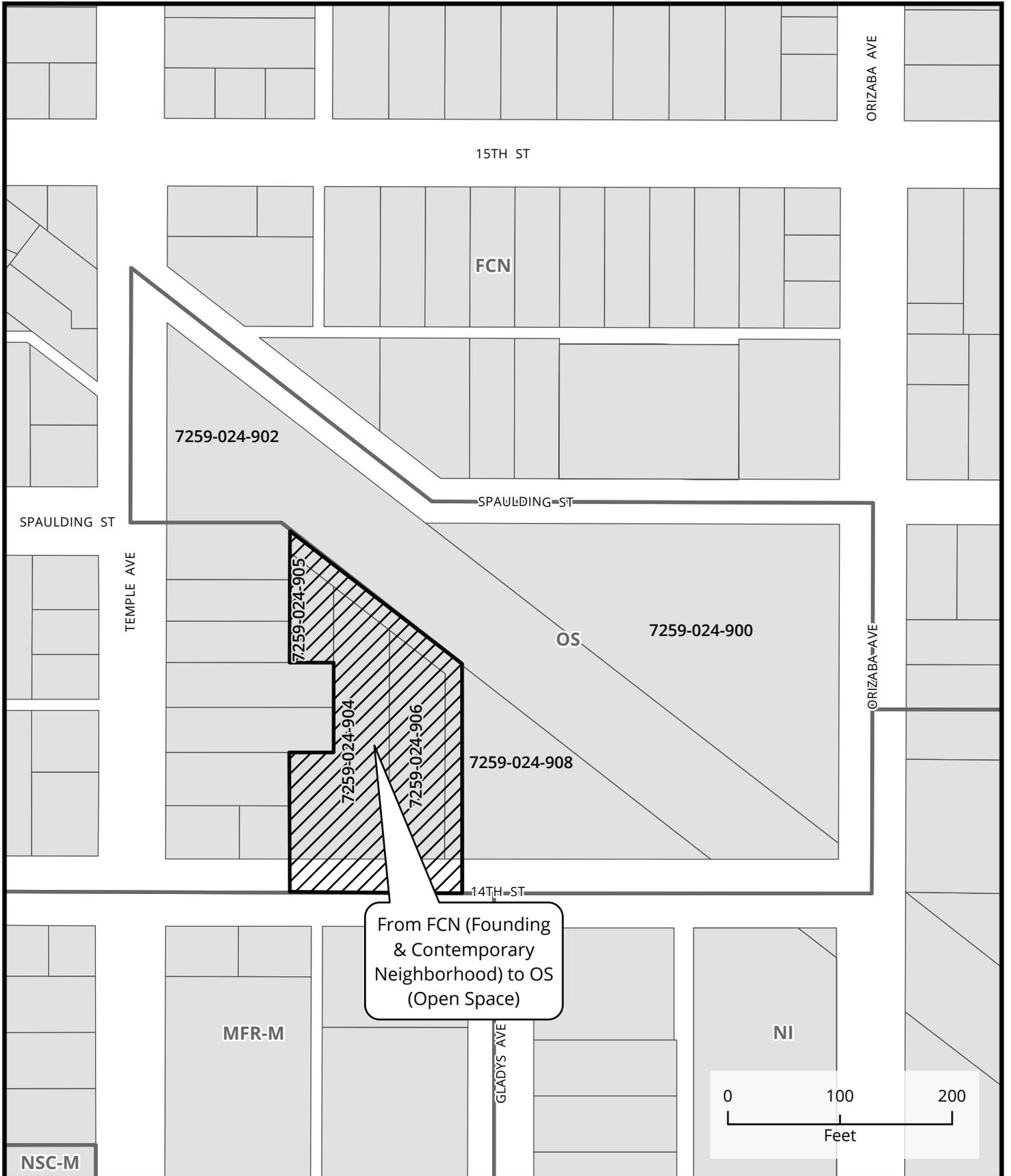
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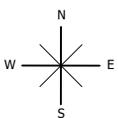
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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH SETTING ASIDE AND DEDICATING
IN PERPETUITY CERTAIN LANDS OWNED BY THE CITY OF
LONG BEACH FOR PUBLIC PARK PURPOSES AND USES

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2019, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended the designation or dedication of 28 existing City-owned parks, of which twelve (12) parks are the subject of this resolution;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, at its hearing on July 15, 2021, recommended to the City Council the approval of dedications in perpetuity and associated land use actions for the batch of 12 parks, namely, Craftsman Village Park, C. David Molina Park, Donald Douglas Plaza, Grace Park, Jenni Rivera Memorial Park, Locust Tot Lot, Mary Molina Community Garden, Miracle on 4th Street Park, Orizaba Park, Pacific & 6th Community Garden, and Pacific Electric Railway Greenbelt;

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds that the proposed dedication in perpetuity of 12 parks will not adversely affect the character, livability or appropriate development of the surrounding properties and that the proposed amendments are consistent with the goals, objectives and provisions of the General Plan, including the Land Use Element, and the Open Space and Recreation Element thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of Long Beach ordains as follows:

Section 1. Park Dedication.

In accordance with the goals, objectives, policies and programs of the Land Use Element, and the Open Space and Recreation Element of the General Plan of the City of Long Beach, the following areas of the City are hereby set aside and dedicated in perpetuity for public park purposes:

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Park Name

- Craftsman Village Park
- C. David Molina Park
- Donald Douglas Plaza
- Grace Park
- Jenni Rivera Memorial Park
- Locust Tot Lot
- Mary Molina Community Garden
- Miracle on 4th Street Park
- Orizaba Park
- Pacific & 6th Community Garden
- Pacific Electric Railway Greenbelt.

Section 2. The boundaries of said parks are outlined on the maps attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A".

Section 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by the City Council and cause it to be posted in three conspicuous places in the City of Long Beach, and it shall take effect on the thirty-first day after it is approved by the Mayor.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2021, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

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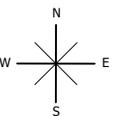
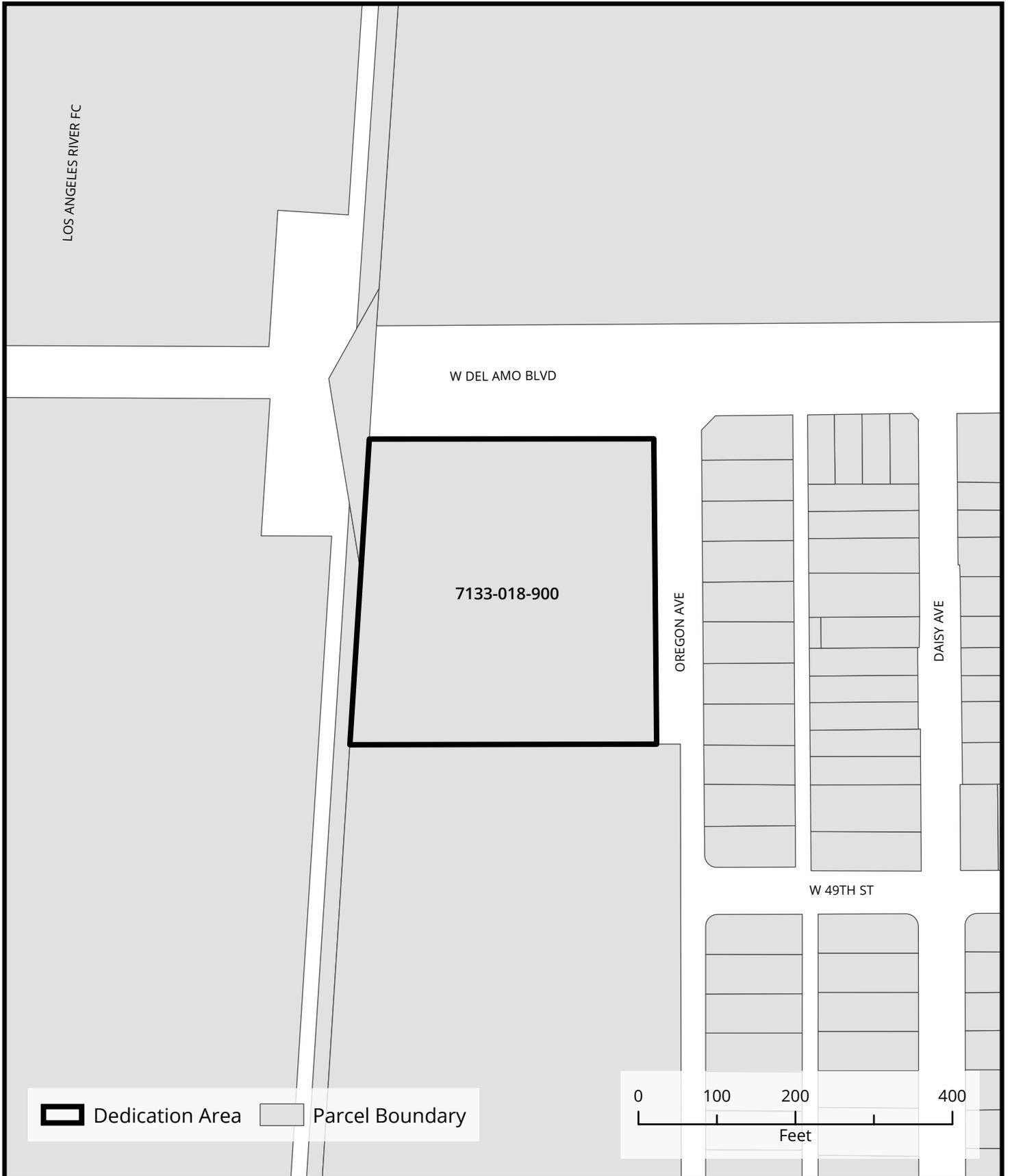
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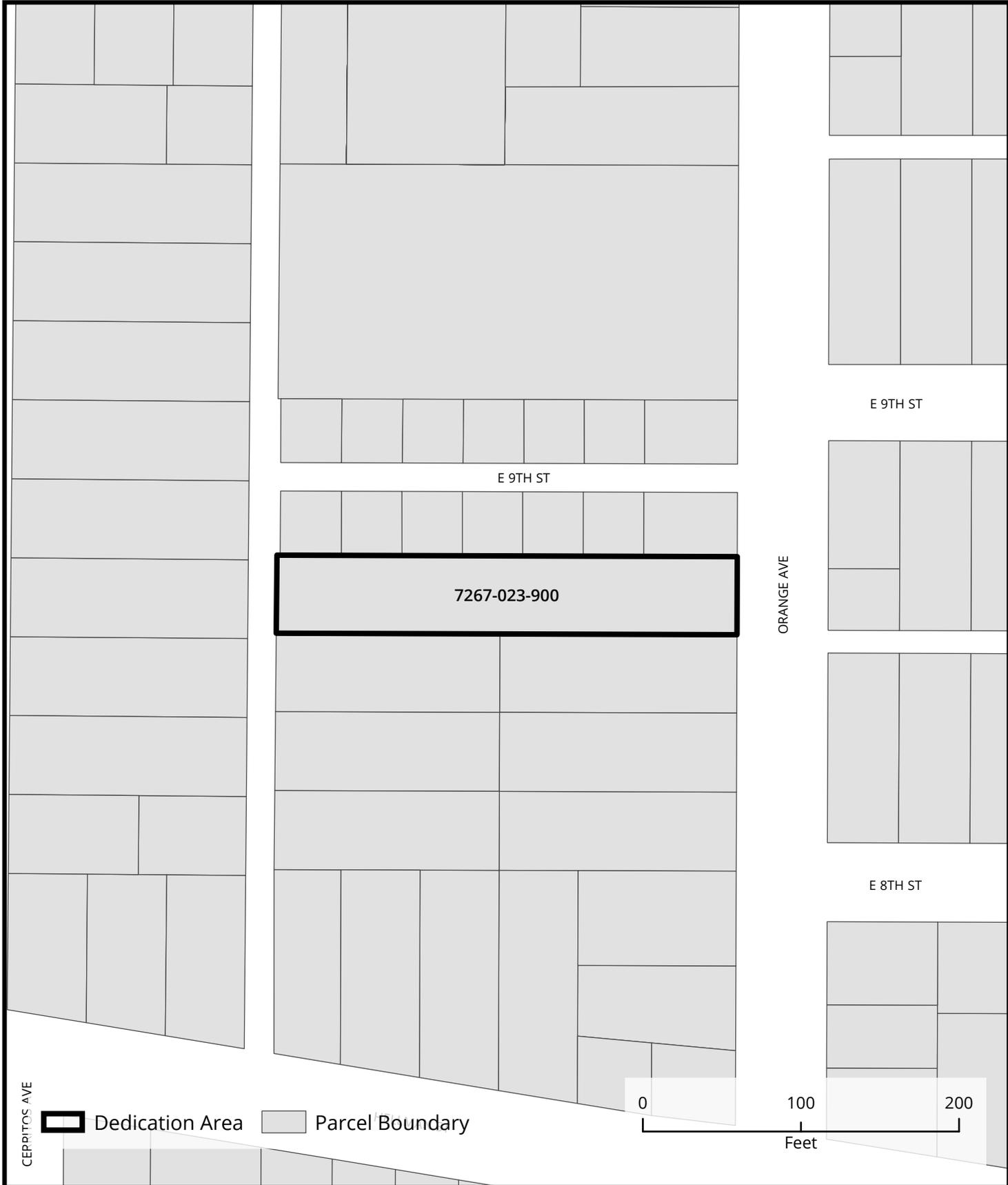
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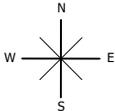
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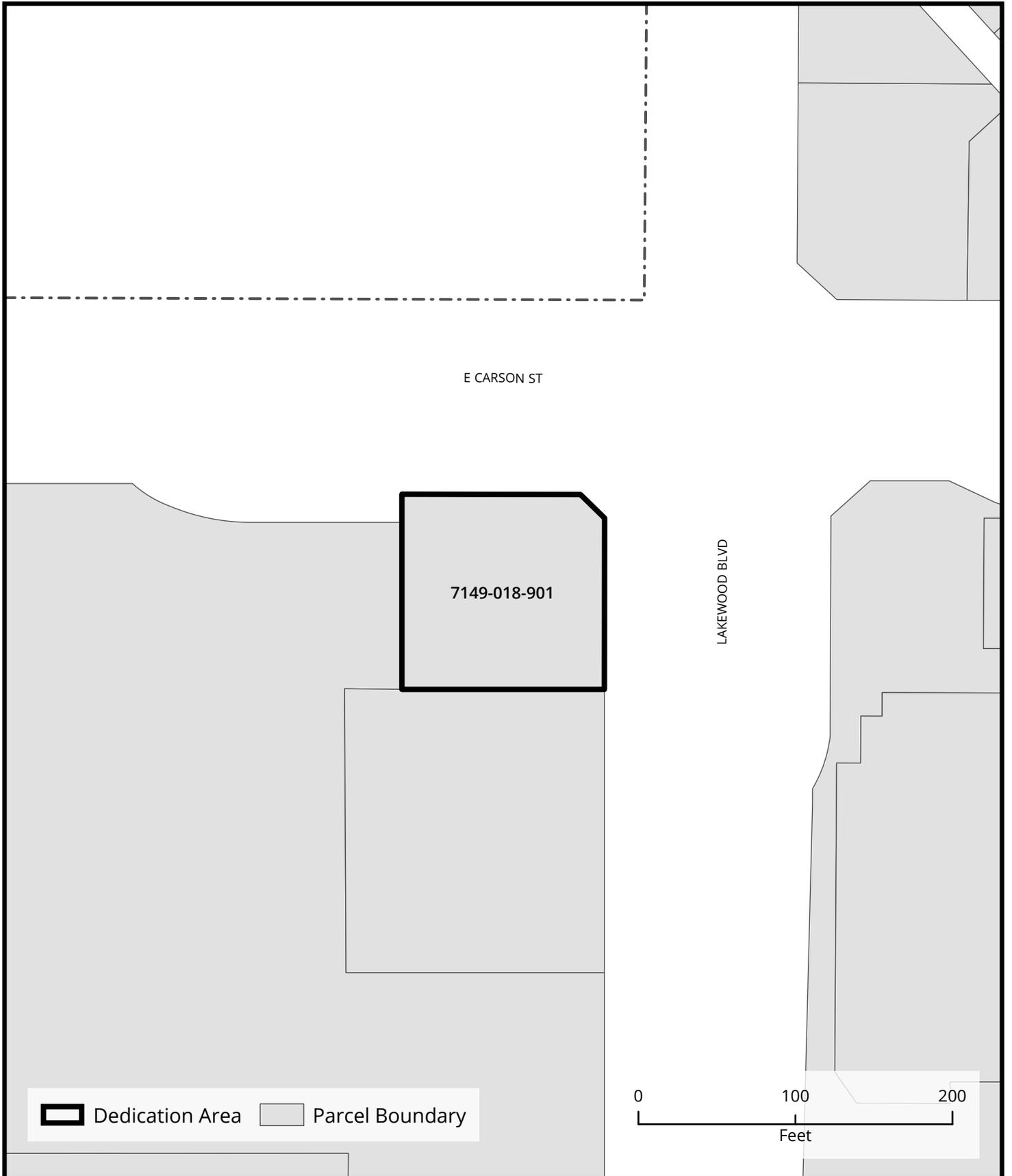


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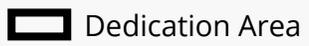




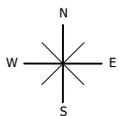
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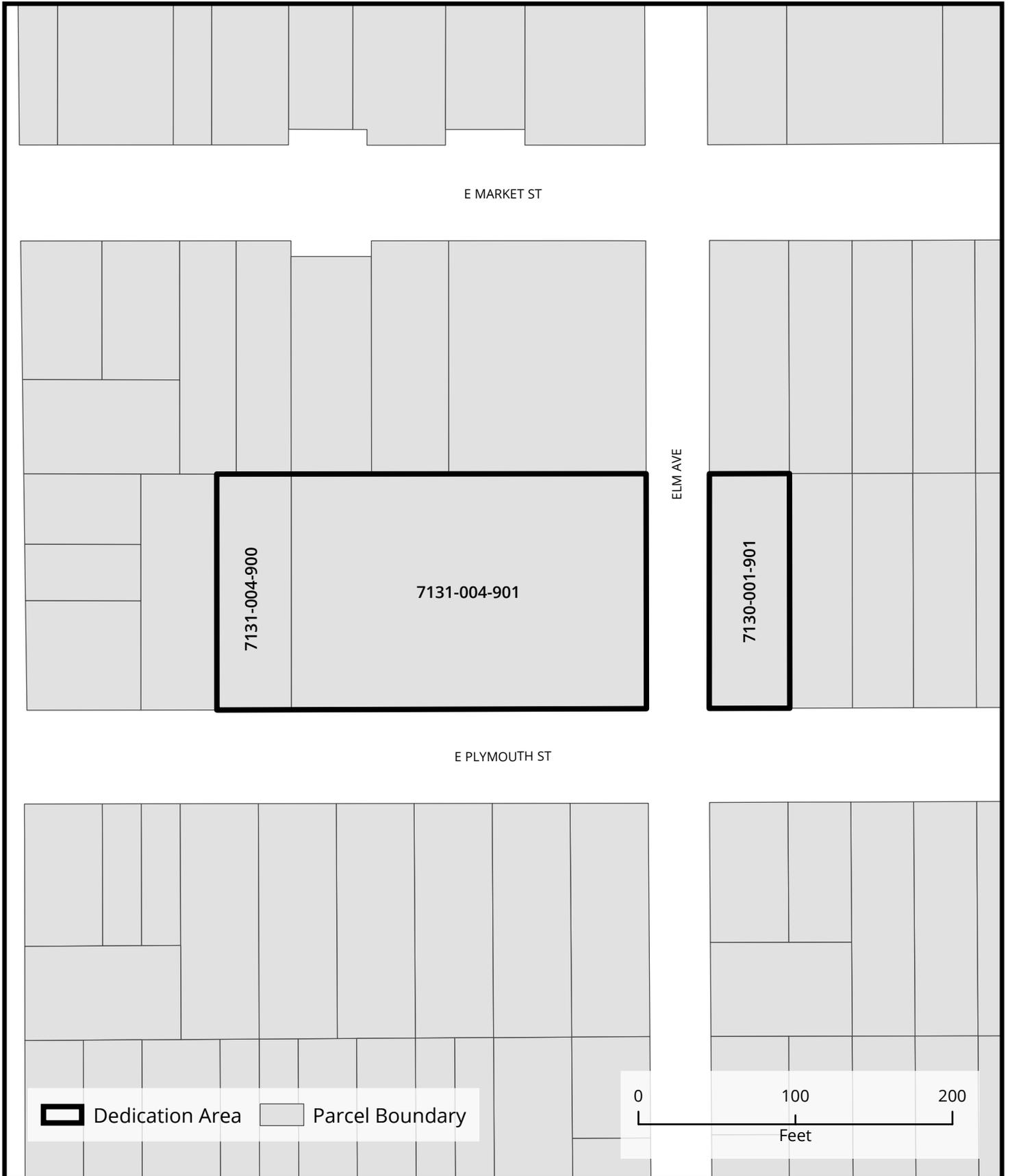


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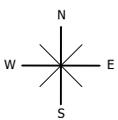
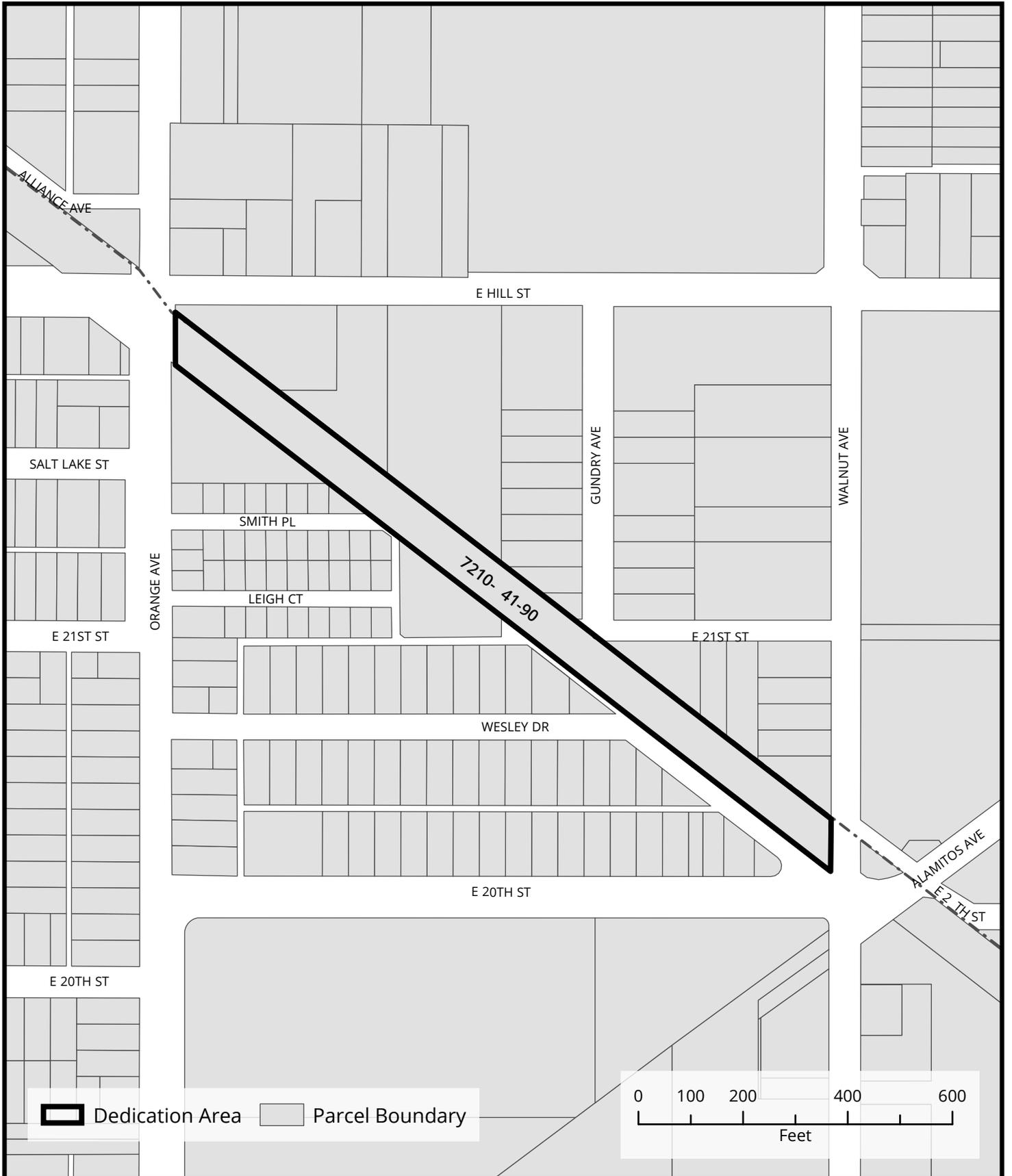


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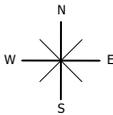
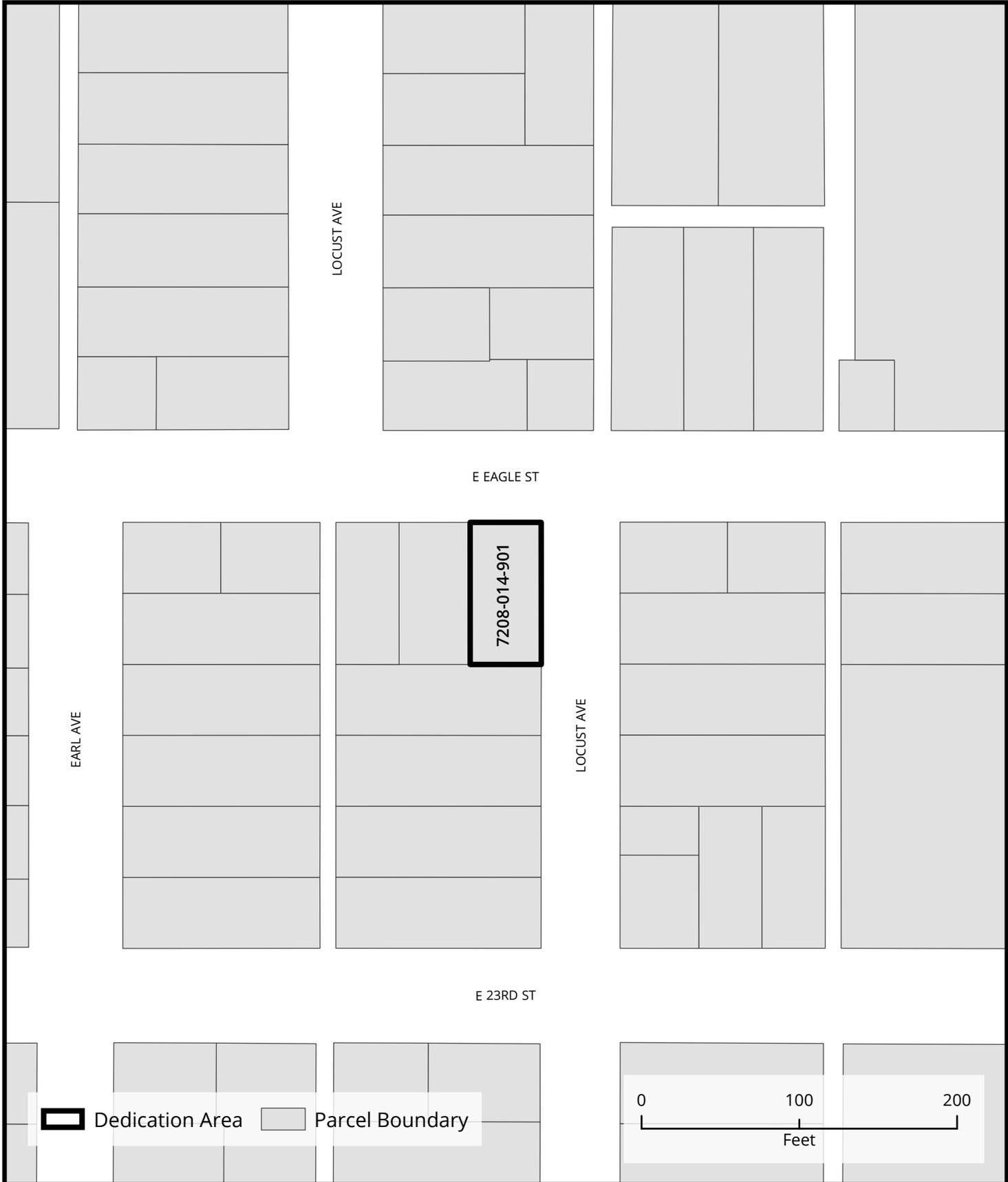


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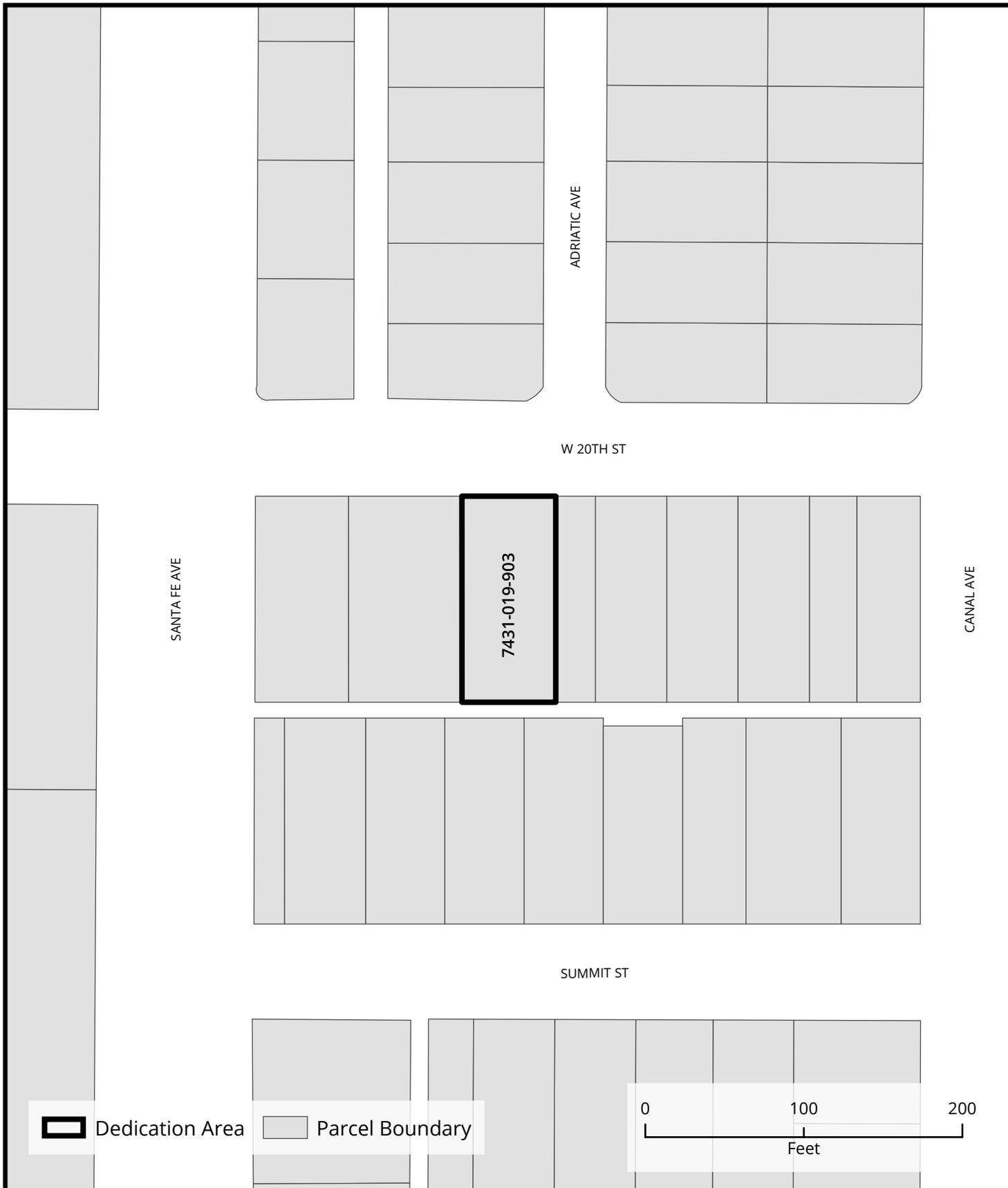


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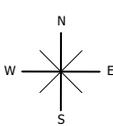
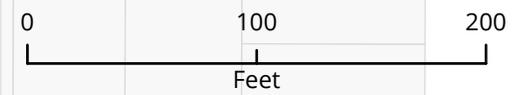
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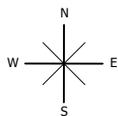
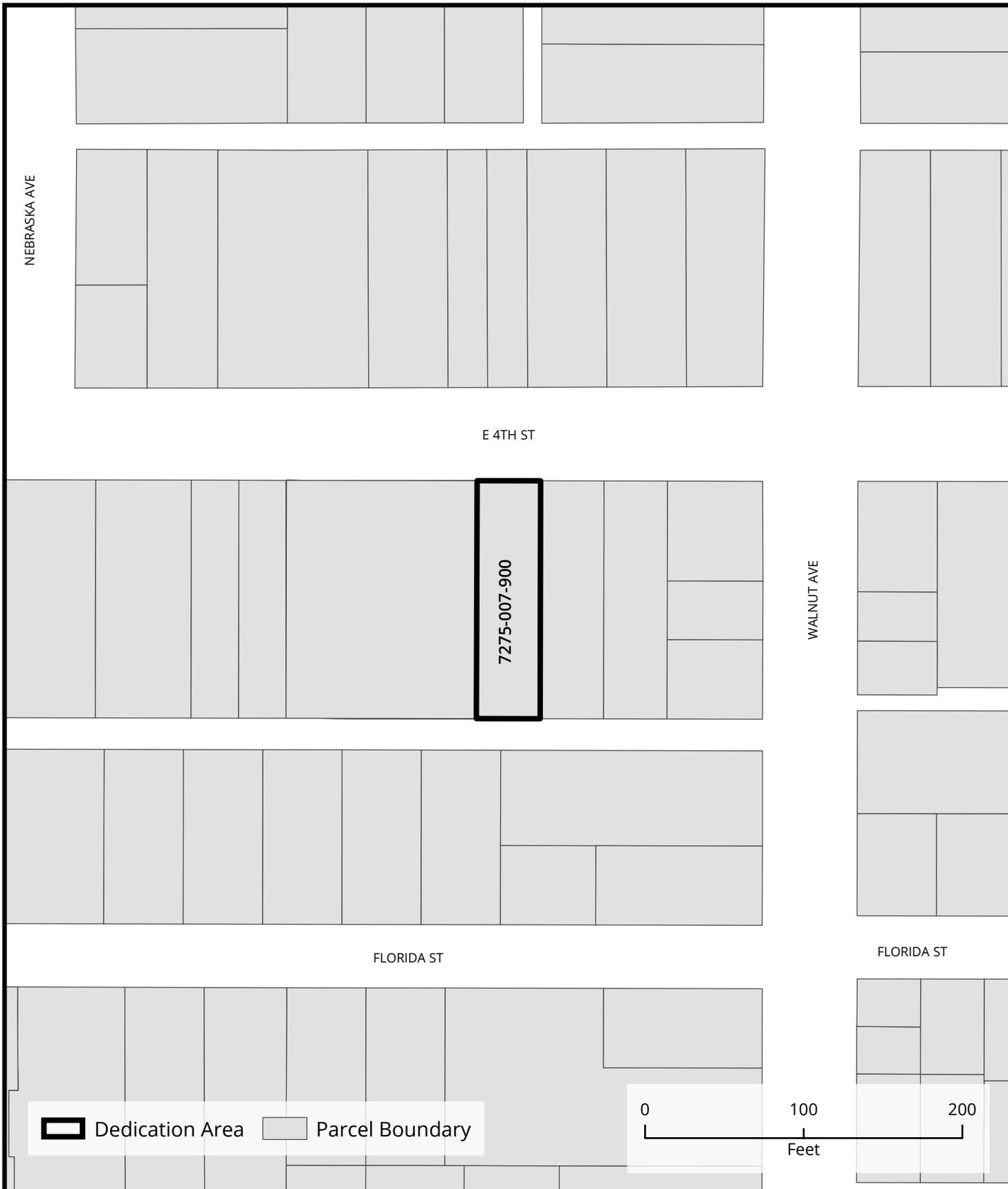
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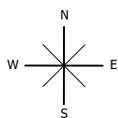
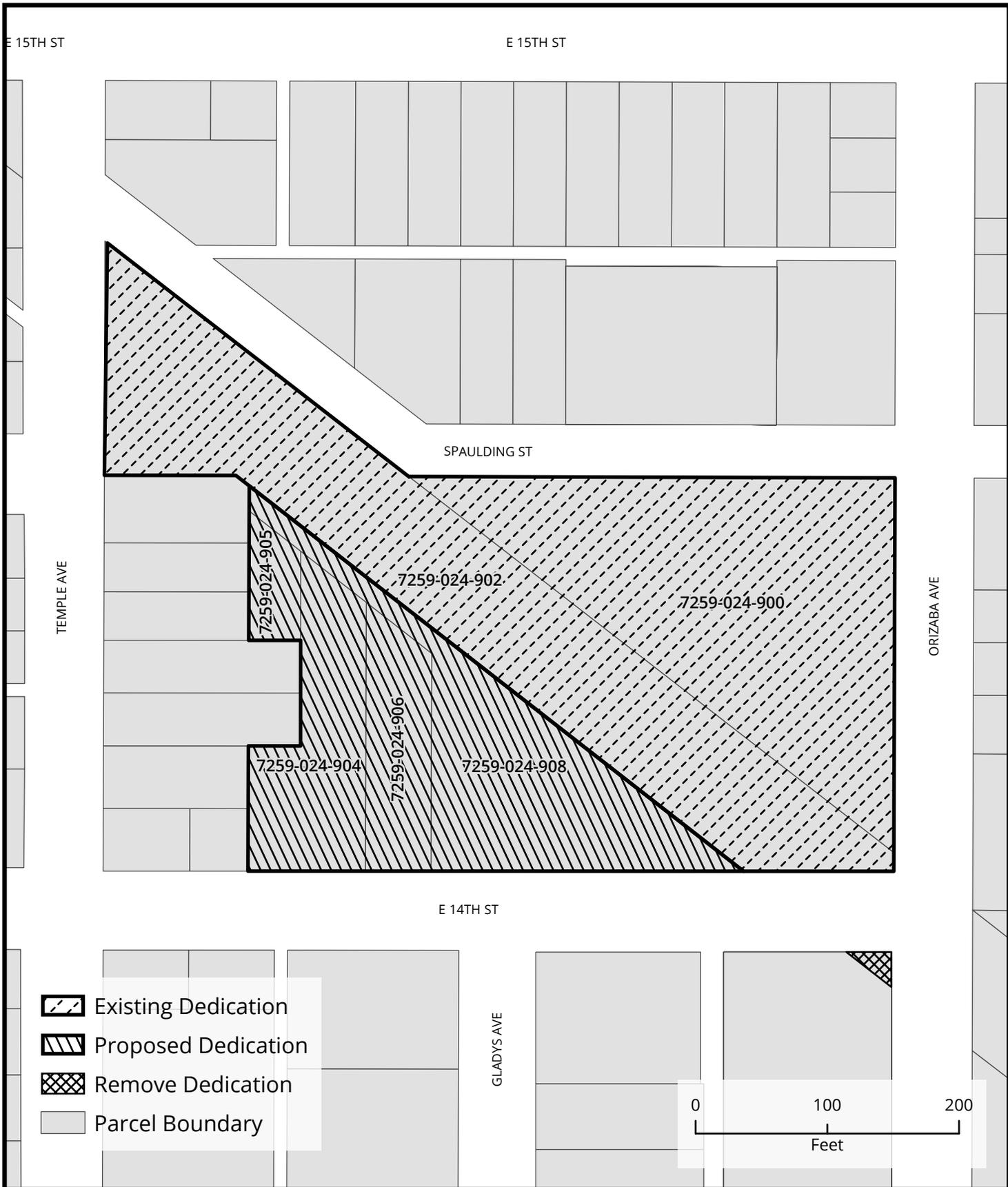


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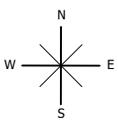
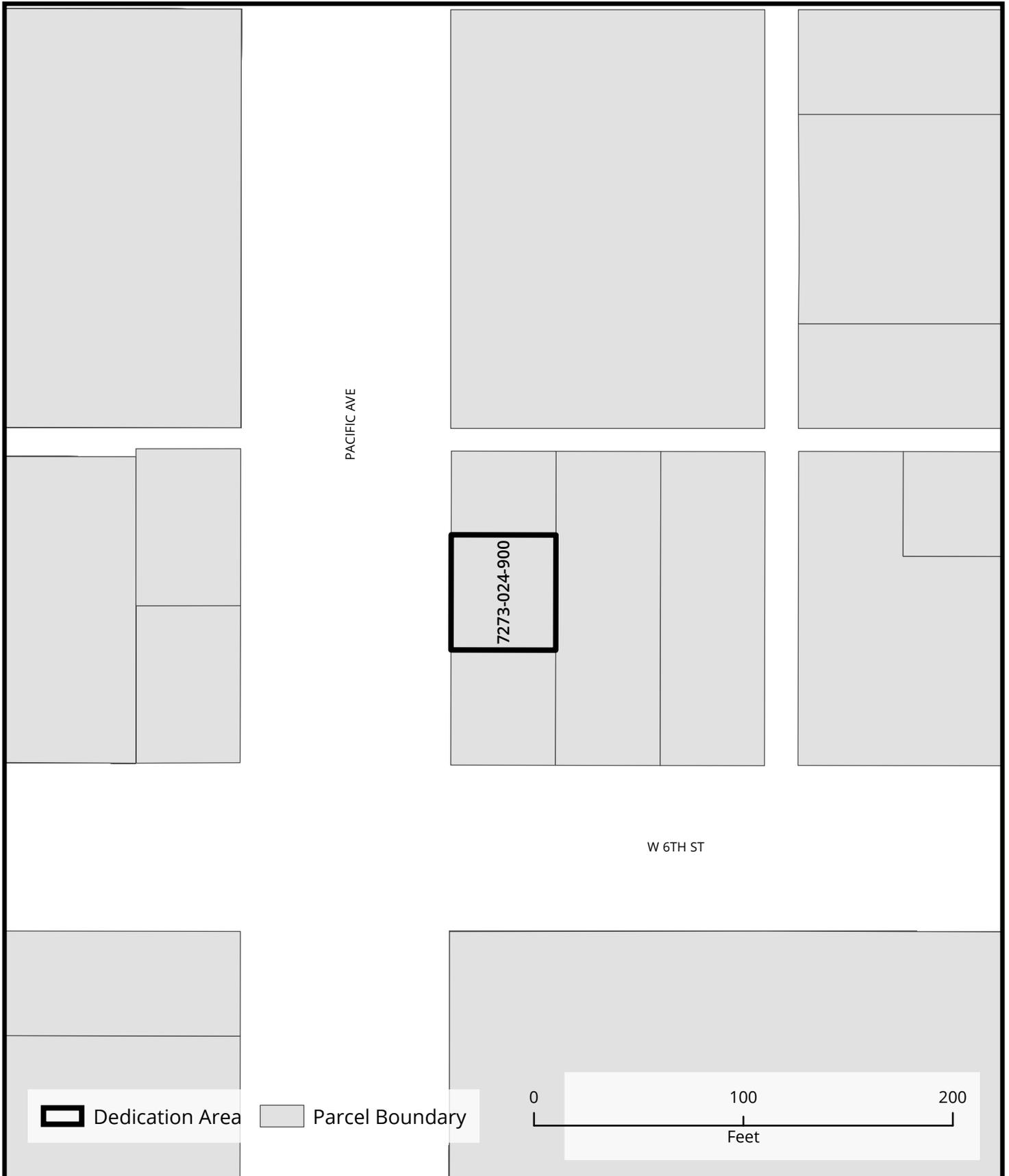


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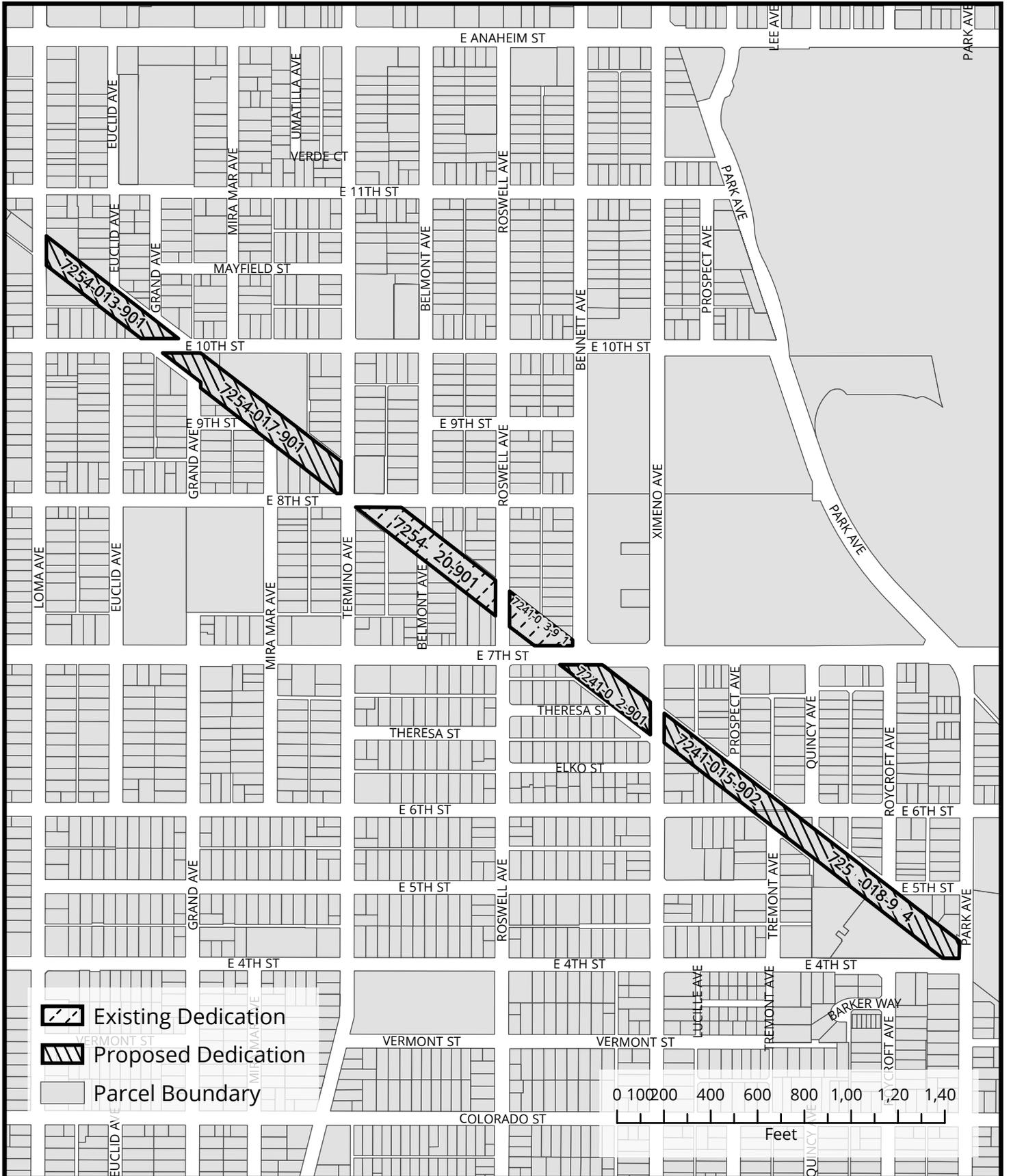


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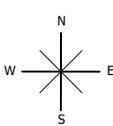
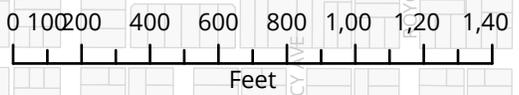
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-  Existing Dedication
-  Proposed Dedication
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Bixby	C	Dedicated	P
Bixby Knolls	N	Dedicated	P
Bouton Creek	M	Dedicated	P
Bluff	G	Dedicated	P
Burton Chace	M	Dedicated	P
California Recreation Center	N	Dedicated	P
Carroll	M	Dedicated	P
Cesar Chavez	C	Dedicated	PD-30 and PR
C. David Molina	N	Dedicated	P
Channel View	G	Dedicated	PD-1
Cherry	C	Dedicated	P
Chittick Field	SU	County owned	P
College Estates	N	Dedicated	P
Colonnade	M	Dedicated	R-1-S
Colorado Lagoon	SU	Designated	P
Coolidge	N	Dedicated	P
Craftsman Village	M	Dedicated	P
Crocker Plaza (Victory)	G	Dedicated	PD-6
Daisy Avenue	G	Dedicated	P
Davies Launch Ramp	SU	Designated	P
Deforest	N	Dedicated	P
Deforest Nature Trail	SU	County owned	P
Donald Douglas Plaza	M	Dedicated	P
Douglas	M	Dedicated	P
Downtown Marina Mole	SU	Designated	PD-6
Drake	N	Dedicated	PD-10

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East Village Arts	M	Dedicated	PD-30
El Dorado Park West	C	Dedicated	P
El Dorado Park Golf Course	GC	Dedicated	P
El Dorado Regional Park	R	Dedicated	P
El Dorado - Nature/Community Gardens	SU	Dedicated	P
Fellowship	M	Dedicated	PD-22
Fourteenth Street	M	Dedicated	PD-29 and P
Golden Shore Marine Reserve	SU	Designated	PD-6 and PD-21
Golden Shore RV	SU	Designated	PD-6 and PD-21
Grace	N	Dedicated	P
Heartwell	C	Dedicated	P
Heartwell (Campfire)	SU	Dedicated	Institutional
Heartwell Park Golf Course	GC	Dedicated	P
Houghton	C	Dedicated	P
Hudson	N	Dedicated	P
Jack Dunster Marine Reserve	SU	Dedicated	PD-1
Jack Nichol	G	Dedicated	PD-1
Jackson Street	M	Dedicated	R-1-N and P
Jenni Rivera Memorial	G	Dedicated	P
La Bella Fontana di Napoli	SU	Dedicated	P
Leeway Sailing Center	SU	Designated	P
Lilly	M	Dedicated	P
Lincoln	SU	Dedicated	PD-30
Livingston Drive	M	Dedicated	P
LB Aquarium of the Pacific	SU	Designated	PD-6
LB Museum of Art	SU	Dedicated	P

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Locust Tot Lot	M	Dedicated	P
Lookout	M	Dedicated	P
Los Altos	N	Dedicated	P
Los Altos Plaza	M	Dedicated	P
Los Cerritos	N	Dedicated	P
MacArthur	N	Dedicated	P
Marina Green	SU	Designated	PD-6 and P
Marina Vista	N	Designated	PD-1
Marine Park (Mother's Beach)	SU	Designated	P
Marine Stadium	SU	Designated	PD-1 and P
Martin Luther King Jr.	C	Dedicated	P
Mary Molina Community Garden	M	Dedicated	P
Maurice "Mossy" Kent	M	Designated	PD-4
Miracle on 4th Street	M	Dedicated	P
Naples Plaza (Overlook Park)	N	Dedicated	P
Orizaba	N	Dedicated	P
Pacific & 6th Community Garden	M	Dedicated	P
Pacific Electric Right-of-Way	G	Dedicated	P
Pan American	N	Dedicated	P
Peace	M	Dedicated	P
Plaza Zaferia	M	Dedicated	P
Queen Mary Events	SU	Designated	PD-21
Rainbow Harbor Esplanade	SU	Designated	PD-6
Rainbow Lagoon	SU	Designated	PD-6
Ramona	N	Dedicated	P
Recreation	C	Dedicated	P

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Recreation Park Golf Course	GC	Dedicated	P
Recreation - 9 Hole (North of 6th Street)	GC	Dedicated	P
Recreation - 9 Hole (South of 6th Street)	GC	Designated	P
Rose	M	Dedicated	P
Rotary Centennial	M	Dedicated	PD-22
Santa Cruz (Victory)	M	Dedicated	PD-6
Scherer	C	Dedicated	P
Shoreline Aquatic	SU	Designated	PD-6
Silverado	C	Dedicated	P
Sims Pond	SU	Dedicated	PD-1
Skylinks	GC	Dedicated	P
Sleepy Hollow	G	Dedicated	P
Somerset	N	Dedicated	P
South Shore Launch Ramp	SU	Designated	PD-21
South Street Parkway	G	Dedicated	P
Stearns Champions	C	Dedicated	P
Treasure Island	M	Dedicated	P
Veterans	C	Dedicated	P
Victory	G	Dedicated	PD-6
Wardlow	N	Dedicated	P
Whaley	N	Dedicated	P
Will Rogers	M	Dedicated	Institutional/PD-1
Wrigley	G	County owned	P

N = Neighborhood; C = Community; M = Mini; SU = Special Use; GC = Golf Course; G = Greenway

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Section 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by the City Council and cause it to be posted in three conspicuous places in the City of Long Beach, and it shall take effect on the thirty-first day after it is approved by the Mayor.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2021, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Councilmembers:	_____

Noes:	Councilmembers:	_____

Absent:	Councilmembers:	_____

Recusal(s):	Councilmembers:	_____

City Clerk

Approved: _____

Mayor

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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH AMENDING THE USE DISTRICT
MAP OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AS SAID MAP HAS
BEEN ESTABLISHED AND AMENDED BY AMENDING
PORTIONS OF PARTS 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, AND 24 OF SAID
MAP FOR PARKS REZONING

The City Council of the City of Long Beach ordains as follows:

Section 1. Environmental documentation having been prepared, received, considered, approved, and certified as required by law, and the City Council hereby finding that the proposed change will not adversely affect the character, livability or appropriate development of the surrounding area and that the proposed change is consistent with the goals, objectives and provisions of the General Plan, the official Use District Map of the City of Long Beach, as established and amended, is further amended by amending portions of Parts 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, and 24 to change zoning districts to the following parks from their existing zoning districts to the Park (P) zoning district:

Craftsman Village Park	Rezone from Two-Family Residential (R-2-N) to Park (P)
Donald Douglas Plaza	Rezone from Douglas Park (PD-32) Planned Development District to Park (P)
Jenni Rivera Memorial Park	Rezone from Commercial Storage (CS) to Park (P)
Locust Tot Lot	Rezone from Two Family Residential (R-2-N) to Park (P)
Mary Molina Park	Rezone from Two-Family Residential (R-2-N) to Park (P)

1	Miracle on 4 th Street Park	Rezone from Neighborhood Commercial & Residential (CNR) to Park (P)
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3	Orizaba Park	Rezone from Two-Family Residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); and
4	Orizaba Park	Remove 456 square foot, noncontiguous remnant parcel from Orizaba Park and rezone noncontiguous remnant parcel from Park (P) to Light Industrial (IL)
5		
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7	Pacific & 6 th Community Garden	Rezone from Downtown Specific Plan (PD-30) to Park (P)
8		
9	Pacific Electric Railway Greenbelt	Rezone from Two-Family Residential (R-2-N) to Park (P)

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Section 2. Those portions of Parts 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, and 24 of said Map that are amended by this ordinance are depicted on Exhibit "A" which maps are attached hereto and by this reference made a part of this ordinance and the official Use District Map of the City.

Section 3. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by the City Council and cause it to be posted in three conspicuous places in the City of Long Beach, and it shall take effect on the thirty-first day after it is approved by the Mayor.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2021, by the following vote:

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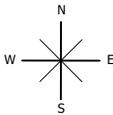
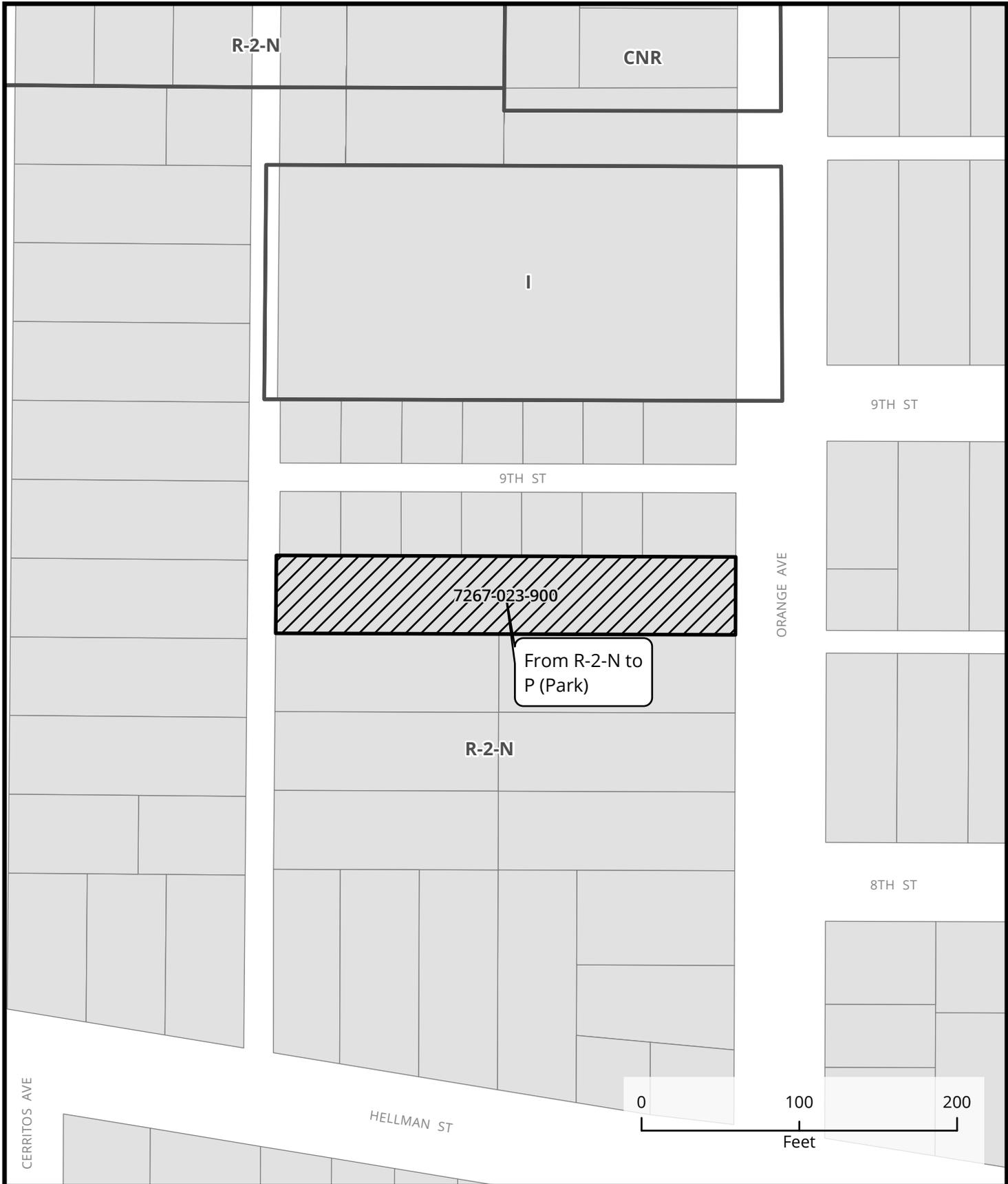
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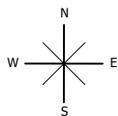
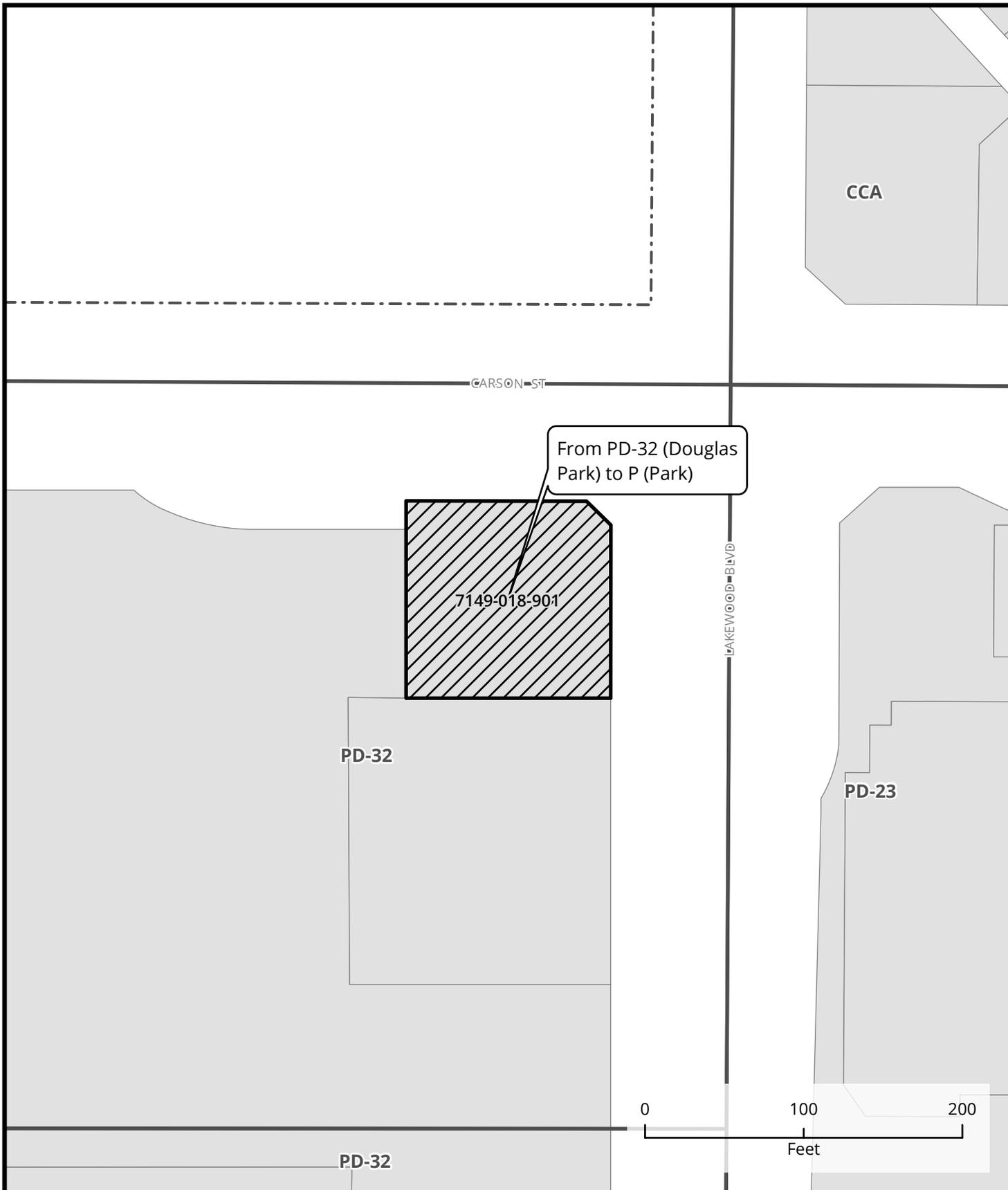
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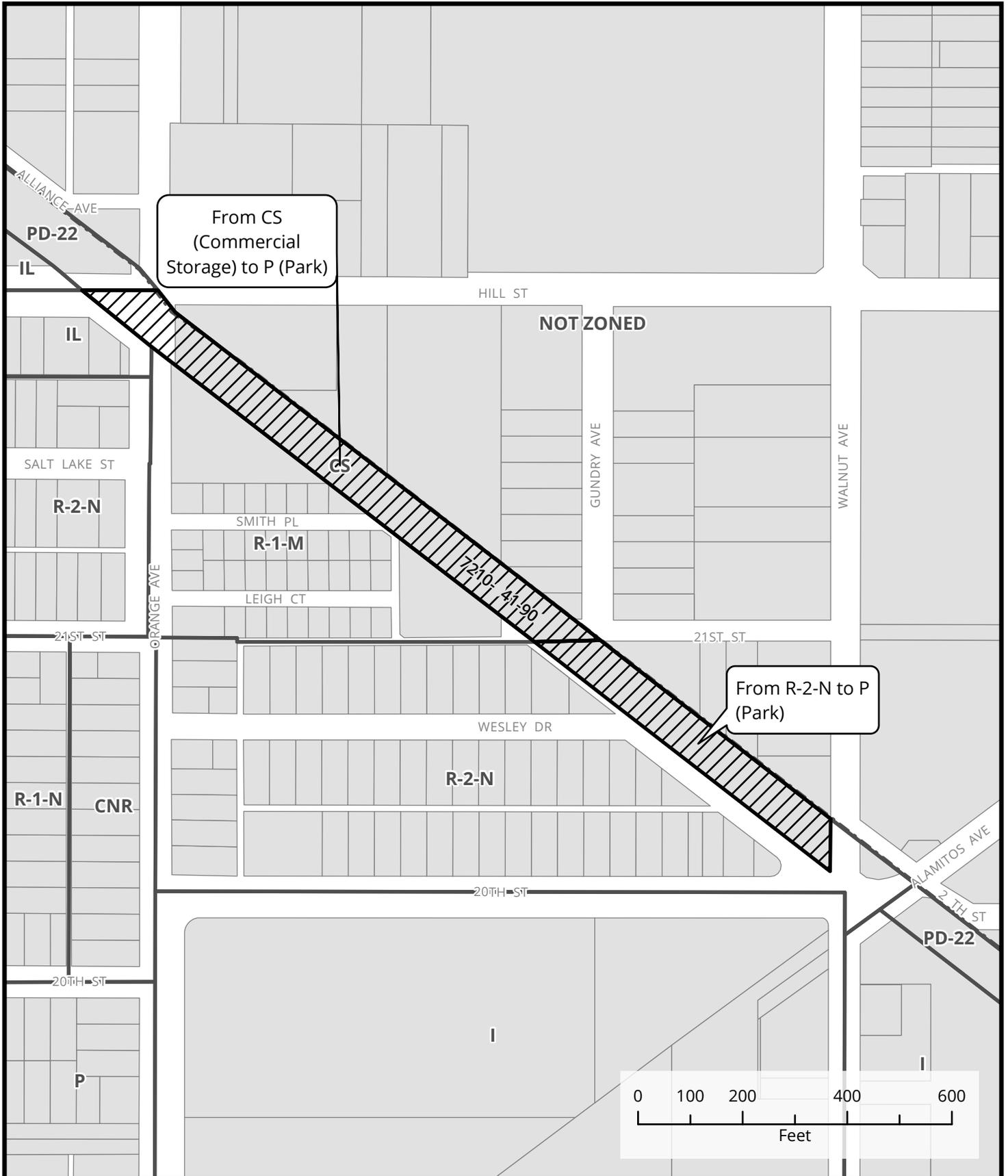


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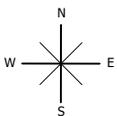


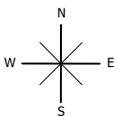
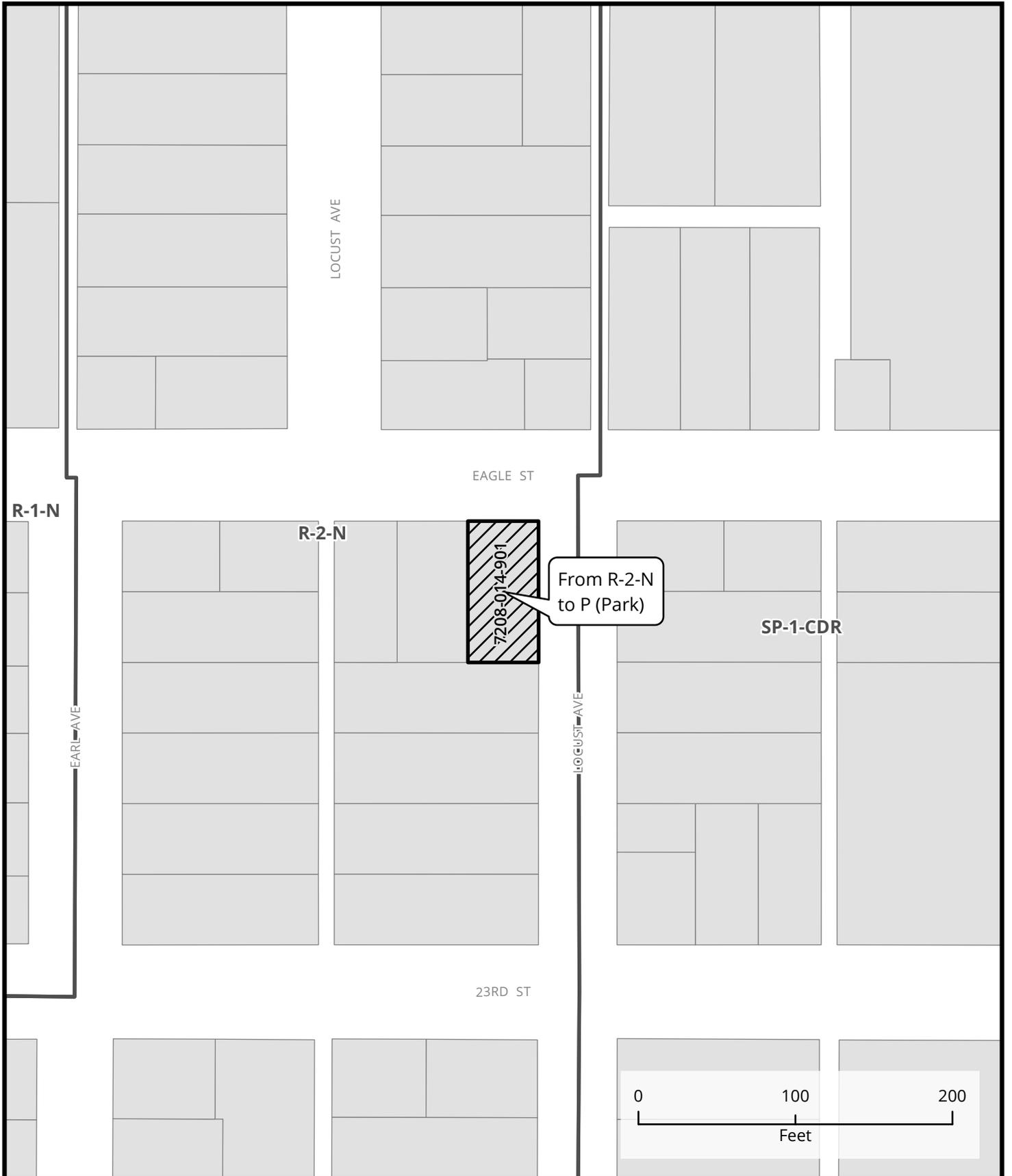


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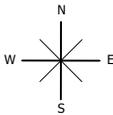
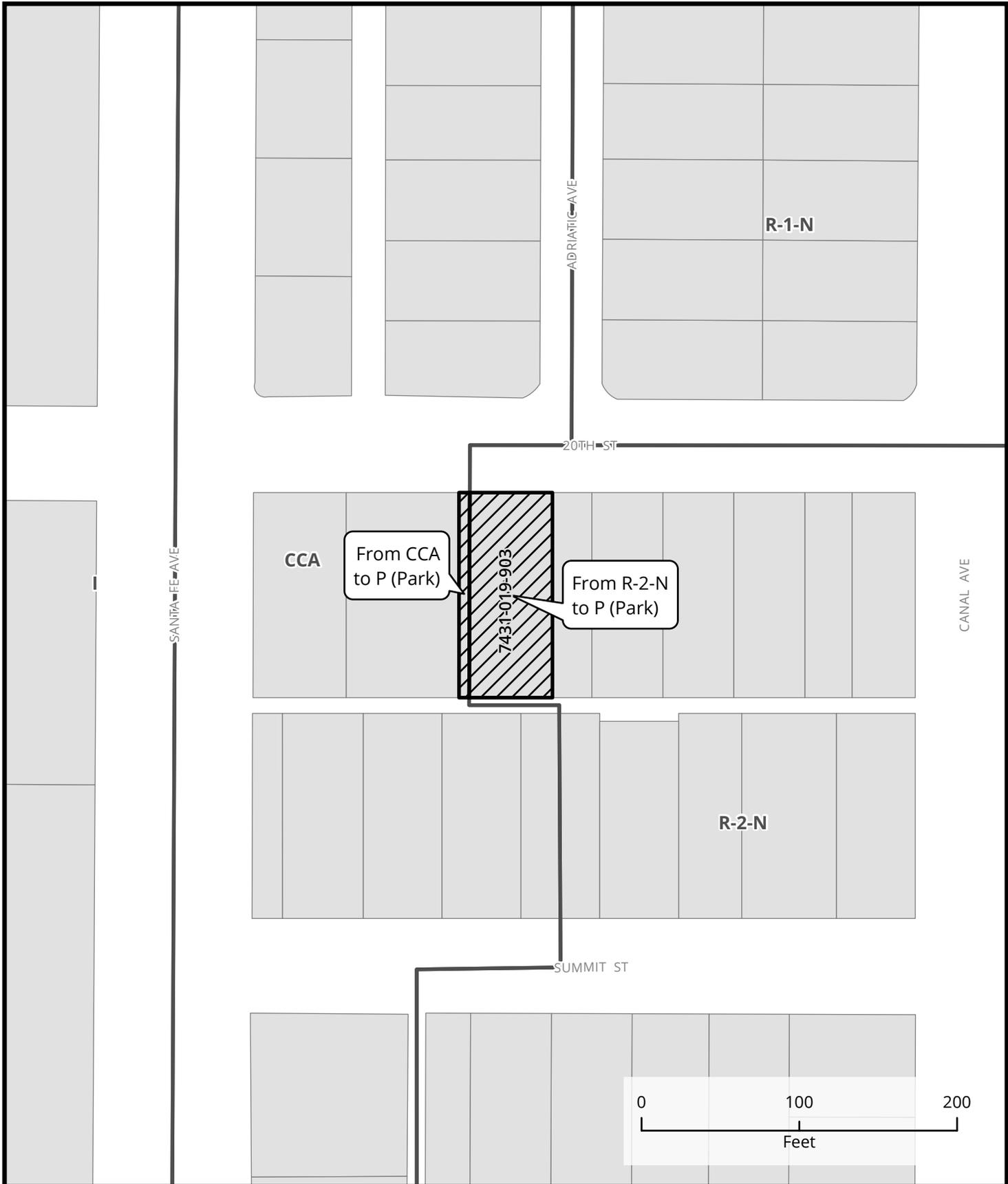




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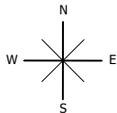


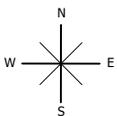
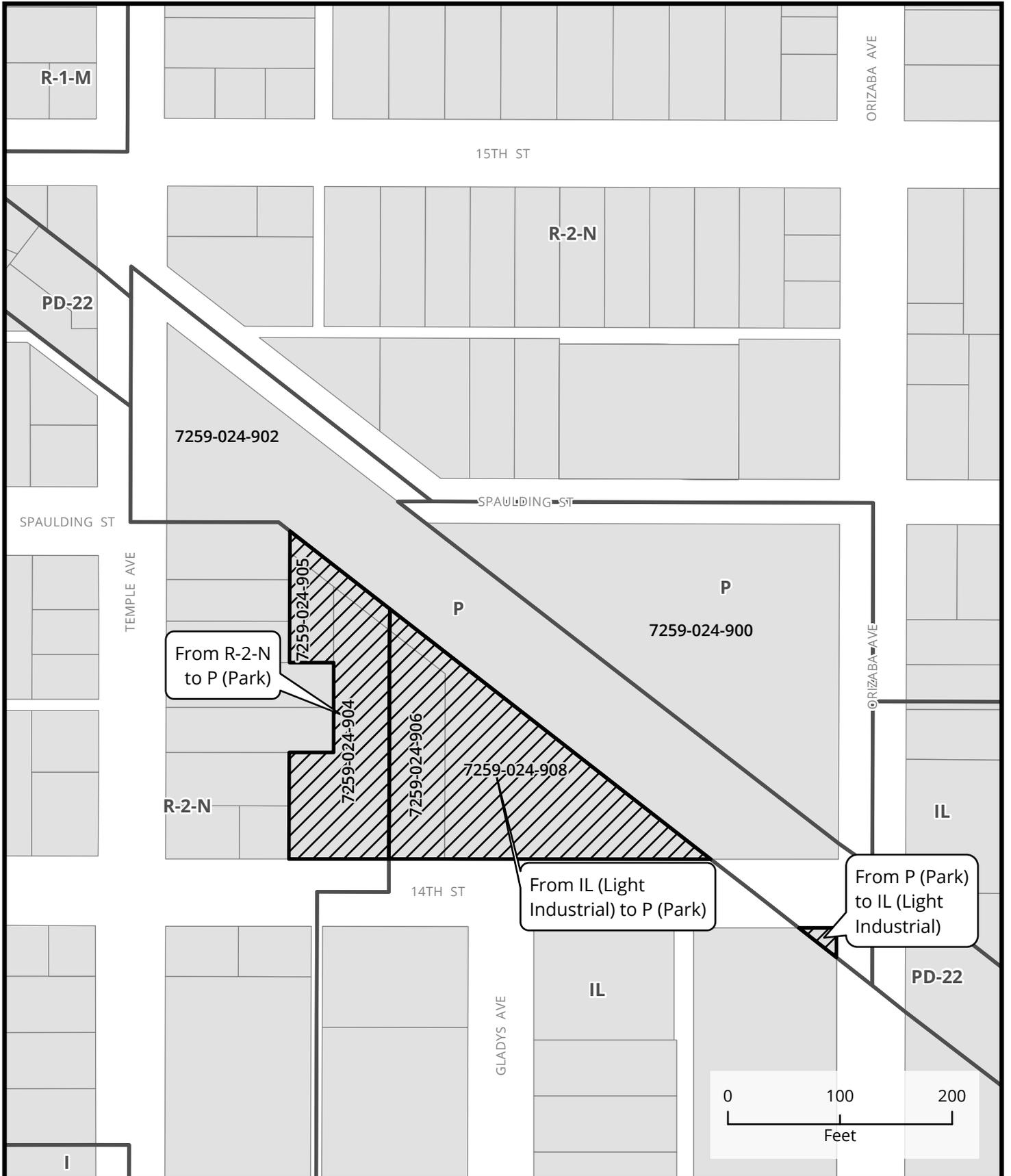


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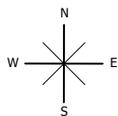
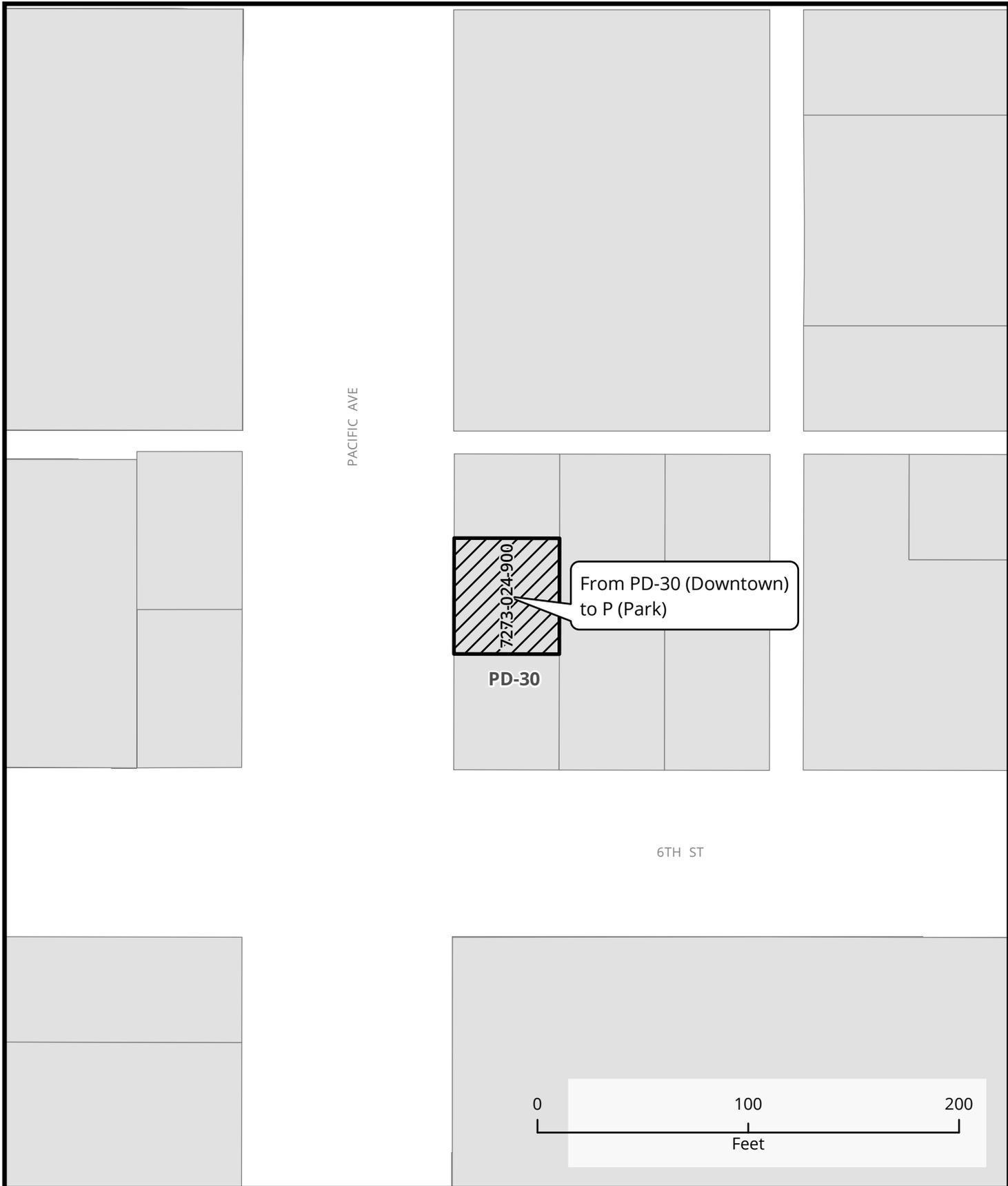


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AMENDMENT TO PART 11 OF THE ZONING MAP
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AMENDMENT TO PART 9 OF THE ZONING MAP
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