

Appendix 9

Gary Green Link Master Plan

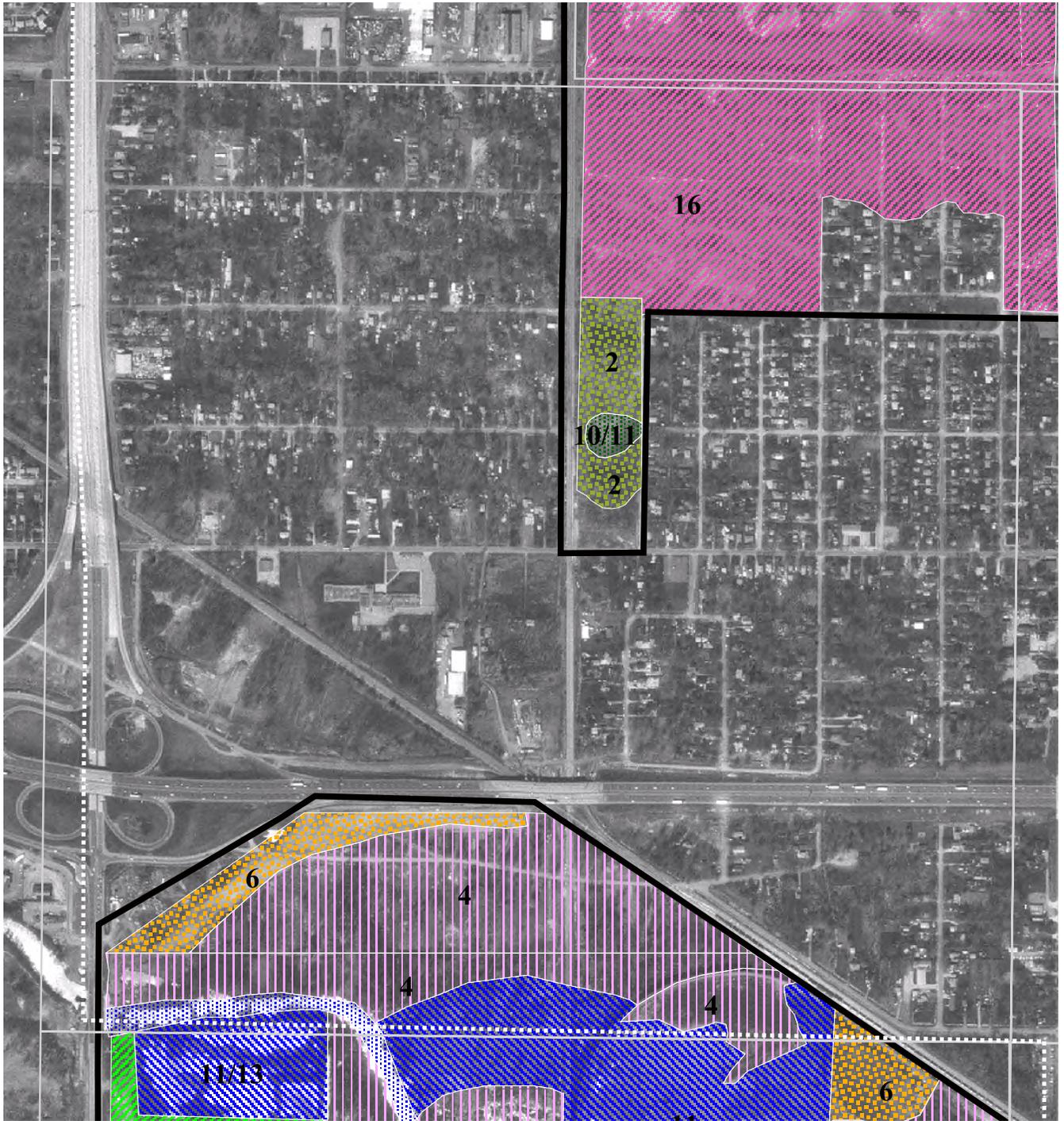


The Gary Green Link Master Plan was completed in February 2005 by Wolff Clements and Associates, Ltd. in association with Applied Ecological Services, Inc., Urban Words, Ltd., McElroy Associates, Inc., and Ambriz Graphic Design. The study was conducted through a grant from Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Lake Michigan Coastal Program, and Great Lakes Coastal Restoration Grants Program.

The objective of the study was to find a natural resources greenway around the City of Gary through the use of public process. The ring around the city would connect the Grand Calumet River, Little Calumet River and the Lake Michigan shoreline. Relevant objectives of this project were to:

- Identify, protect, and restore globally significant natural resources
- Identify, protect, and restore other locally significant natural resources, natural areas, and open spaces
- Extend the green corridor that is already part of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and other protected public lands
- Provide recreational opportunity as a bicycle/pedestrian multi-use trail

As part of this study a detailed land inventory map was created following the proposed ring around the city to connect the Little Calumet River, Grand Calumet River and the Lake Michigan shoreline. This land use inventory map was used to assist in determining areas of natural buffers and riparian areas along the corridor being looked at in the Little Calumet River Watershed Management Plan. The following maps are those that cover the area overlapping between the two studies.



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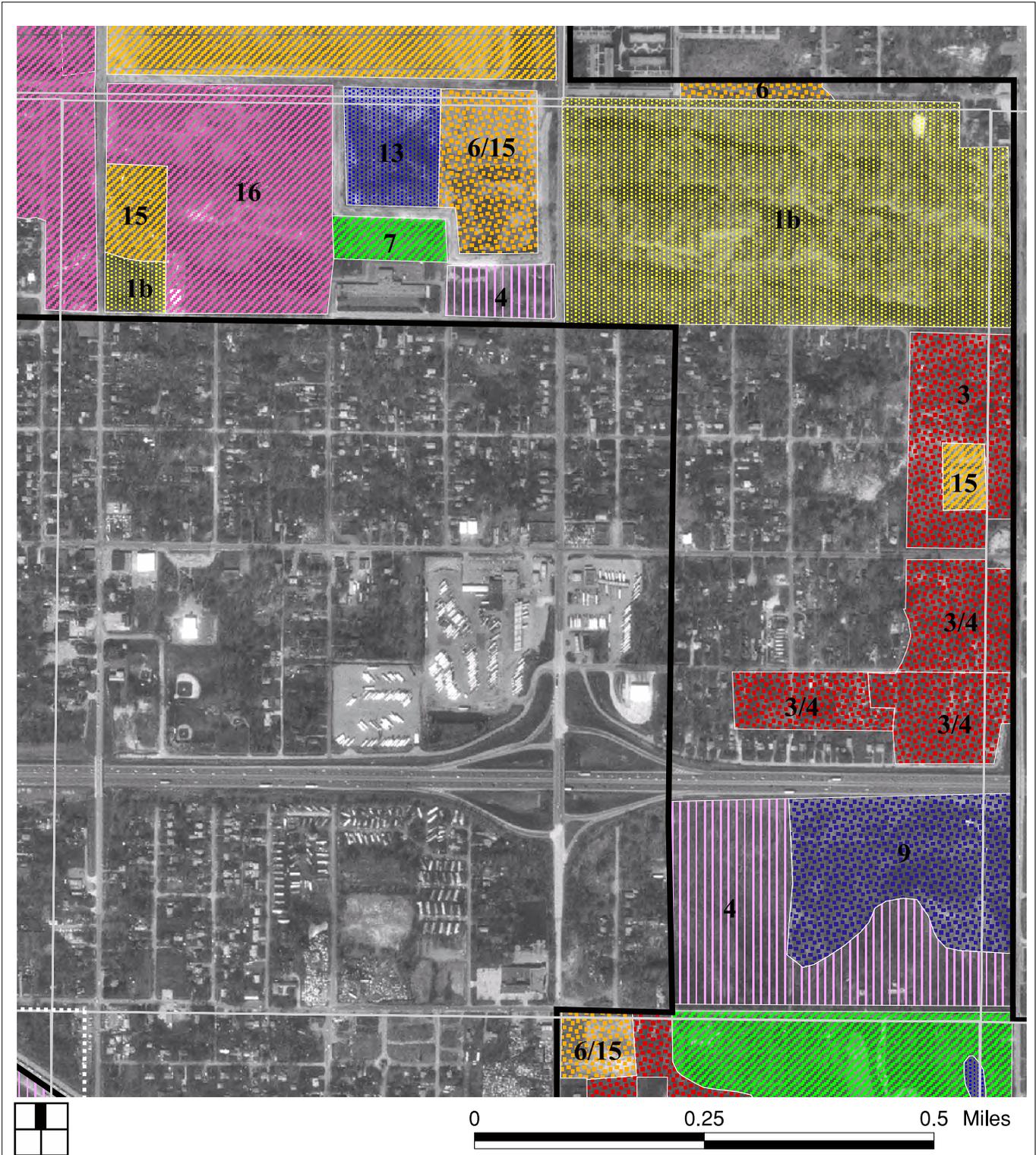
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| City Limit | Corridor Boundary | | |
| Land Cover/Vegetation Community | | | |
| (1) Dune/swale
(1a) Not Degraded
(1b) Degraded | (6) Old field | (12) Wet meadow | |
| (2) Oak savanna/woodland | (7) Turf | (13) Pond/open water | |
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Map Location



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City Limit **W** Corridor Boundary

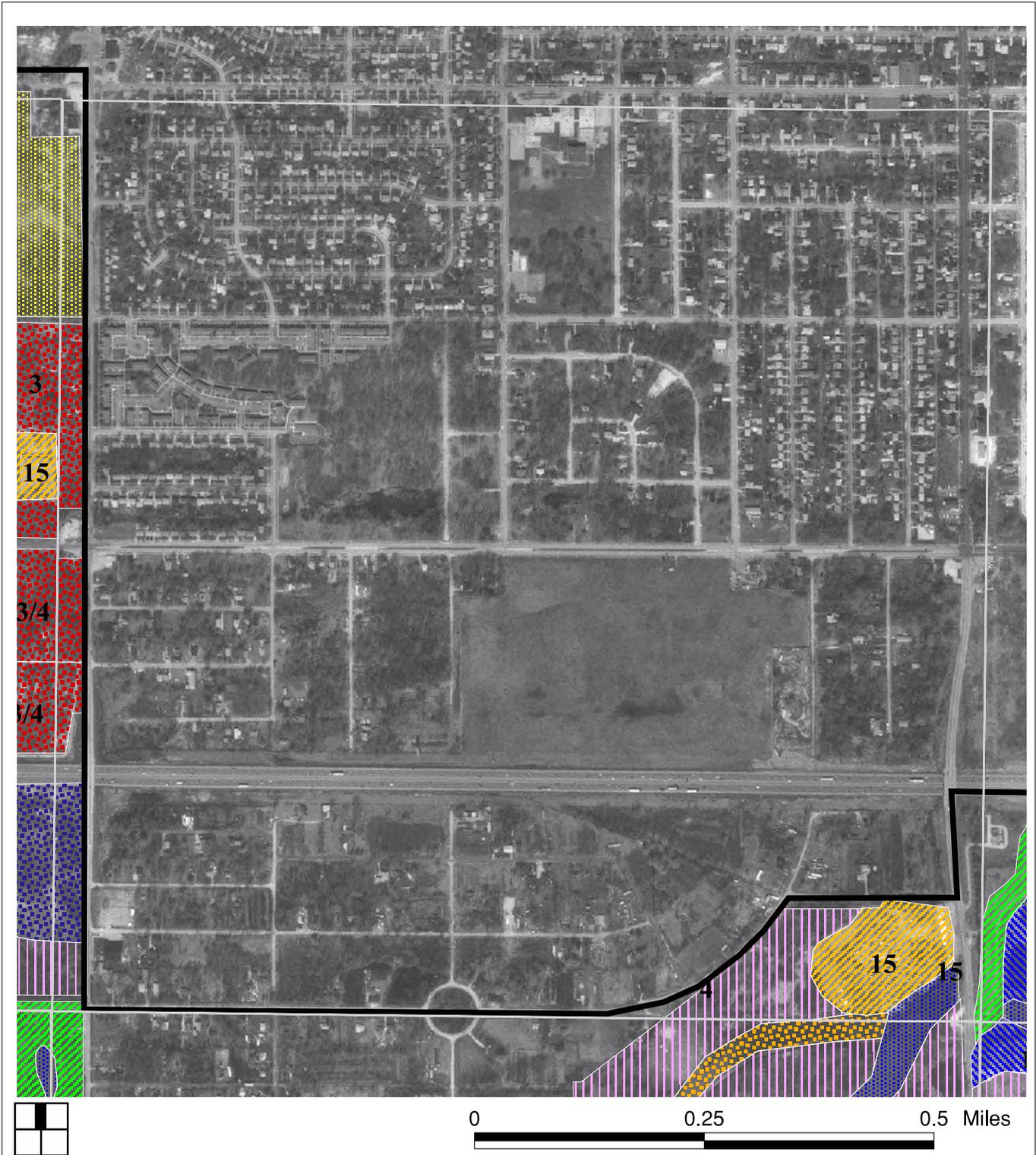
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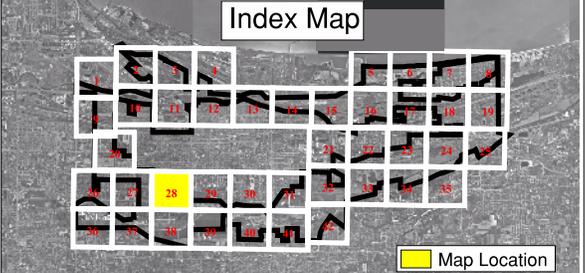




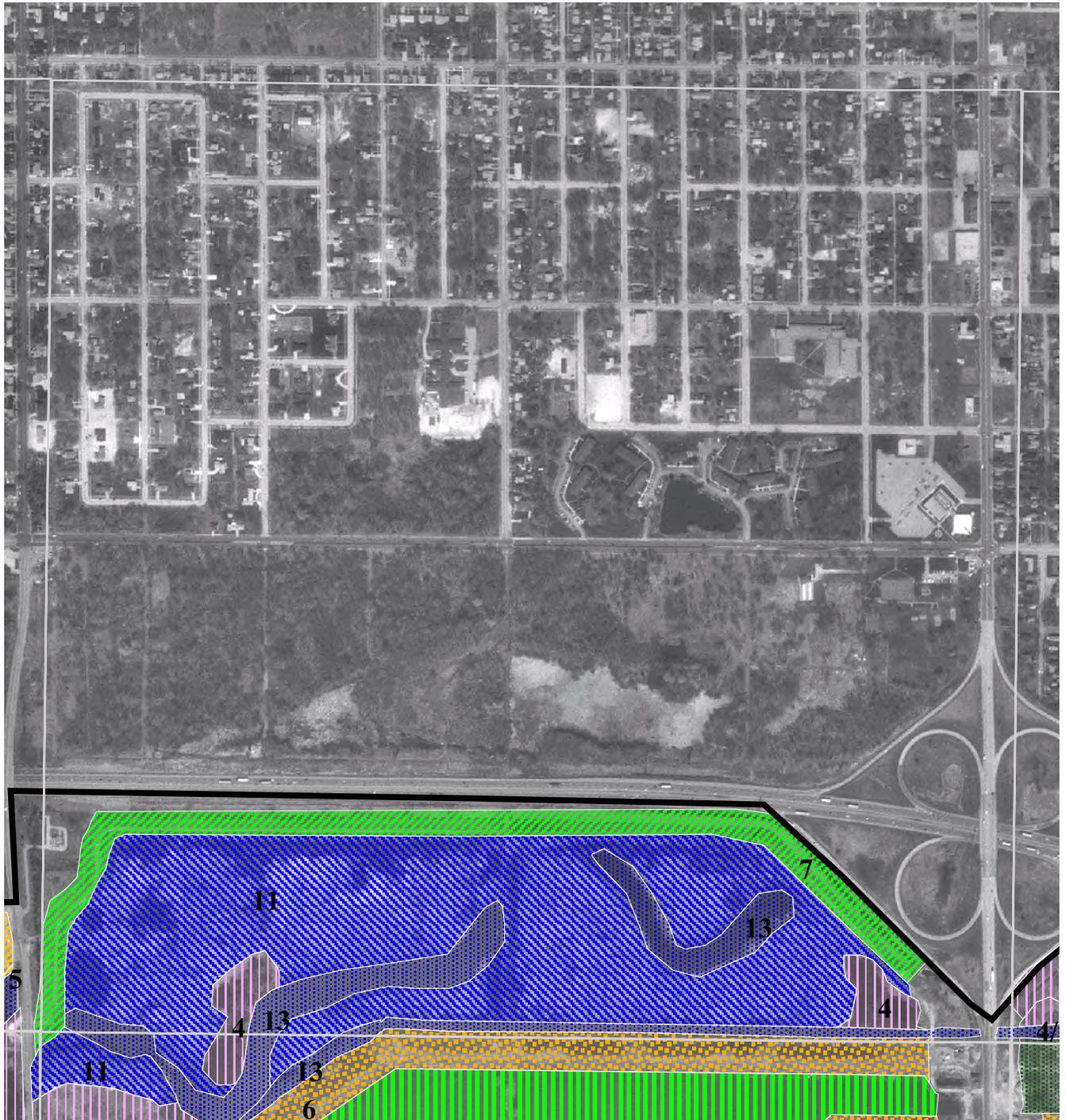
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