

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH WATER & WASTEWATER ADVISORY BOARD

Bob Walden, P.E. Chair
Terry Gorlick
Dan Tucker

Danny Noland, Vice Chair
Gina Jorgensen

Amanda Fleming
Matthew Midgett

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

MSB Assembly Chambers
350 E. Dahlia Ave
Palmer, AK 99645

June 17, 2026

2:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

This regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB) Water and Wastewater Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at the DSJ Building at 350 East Dahlia Avenue in Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 2:28 p.m. by Mr. Bob Walden, P.E.

II. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Water and Wastewater Advisory Board members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Bob Walden, P.E. - present

Mr. Danny Noland - excused

Ms. Amanda Fleming - present

Mr. Terry Gorlick - present

Ms. Gina Jorgensen – present (through TEAMS)

Mr. Matthew Midgett - present

Mr. Dan Tucker - present

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda by Mr. Dan Tucker.

VOTE: No objections. The agenda was approved without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Bob Walden.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. May 6, 2026 (special meeting)

Minutes for the May 6, 2026, special meeting were reviewed by the Board.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Mr. Dan Tucker.

VOTE: The minutes were approved without objection.

VII. AGENCY AND STAFF REPORTS

A. City of Wasilla – Mr. Bob Walden, P.E., Public Works Deputy Director

The City of Wasilla reported that plans for the Hermon water tower within Pressure Zone 4 are approximately 65% complete. Construction is expected to begin in July on the water extension to this area, using a portion of the grant funds provided by the Borough. This work is intended to advance the project ahead of the State's Hermon project. The City is also working to bring an older well, located at the Iditarod Elementary School, back online. The well has not been used for some time, and HDL is assisting with ADEC repermitting. The City anticipates the well may be operational within the next month, providing approximately 300 gallons per minute of much-needed capacity for the system.

On the sewer side, the City continues to move forward at full speed with the discharge system and digester projects. The City has received its core permit to designate the wetlands and continues to coordinate with ADEC.

The City is also at approximately 95% design completion with Stantec for the two additional digesters, which will support improved batching of sludge.

B. City of Palmer – Mr. Matthew Midgett

The City of Palmer had nothing to report.

C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough – Ms. Amanda Fleming

Ms. Amanda reported that discharge operations have been ongoing since May 1. Water quality results have been favorable. She noted that there have been several freeze-up issues, as well as challenges on both the customer and utility sides.

The new storage tank and treatment plant project remains in the land acquisition phase.

VIII. PRESENTATION

Mr. Lyon Kopsack from HDL provided a presentation on the Wasilla-Palmer Water Interconnect. He provided an overview of the current system, outlined the associated challenges, and updated the Board on the project's current status. HDL is expected to have cost estimates for the two proposed routes available this fall. Please see attached presentation slides for additional information.

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*Three minutes per person*)

None.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible adoption of RS 26-01: A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH WATER AND WASTEWATER ADVISORY BOARD REQUESTING ASSEMBLY'S GUIDANCE IN DEFINING THE BOARD'S GOALS AND STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Terry Gorlick moved to adopt RS 26-01.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Terry Gorlick moved to postpone RS 26-01 to the Board's next meeting on September 16, 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Bob Walden, P.E.: Made some good headway.

Mr. Terry Gorlick: Pike fishing is great at the moment.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

A. September 16, 2026, 2:30 p.m., MSB Assembly Chambers

XV. ADJOURNMENT

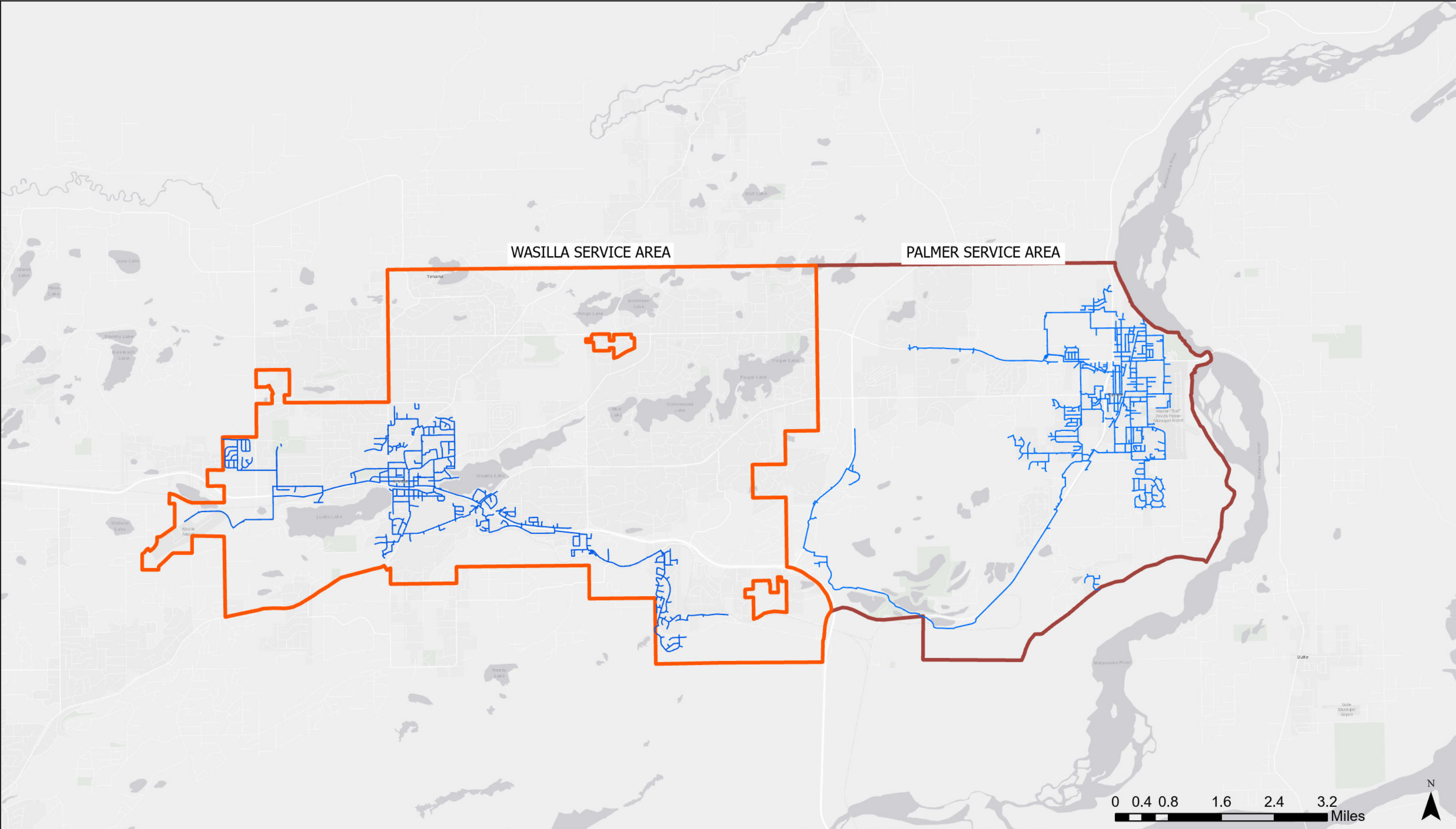
Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Terry Gorlick.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Mr. Bob Walden, P.E. Chair

ATTESTED:

Christina Sands, Board Administrative Support



Legend

Wasilla Water Main

Palmer Water Main

Wasilla Service Boundary

Palmer Service Boundary

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WASILLA-PALMER WATER MAIN INTERCONNECT

CITY OF WASILLA

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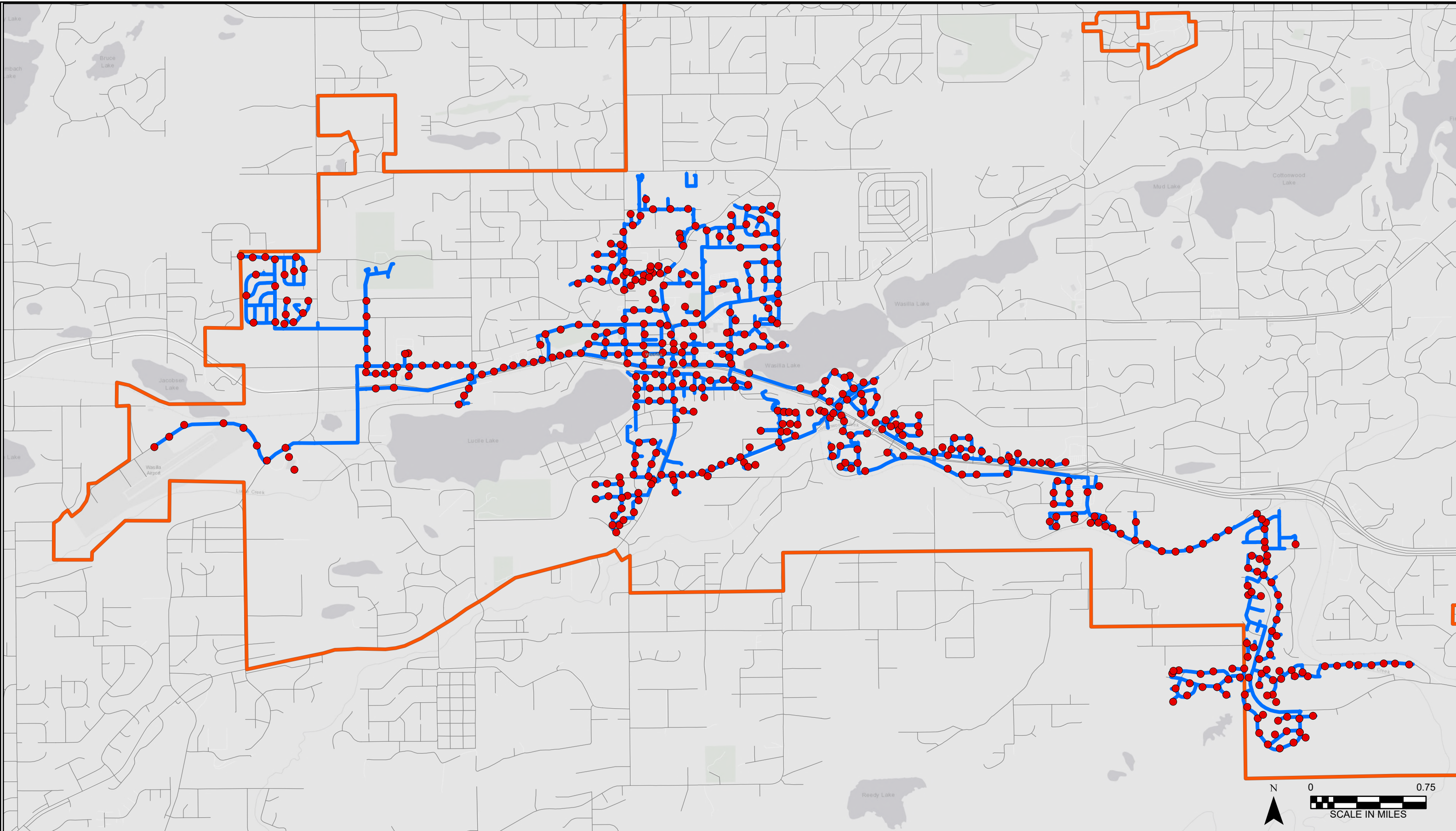
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WASILLA SERVICE BOUNDARY

WASILLA WATER MAIN

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CONCEPTUAL NORTHERN ROUTE LAYOUT

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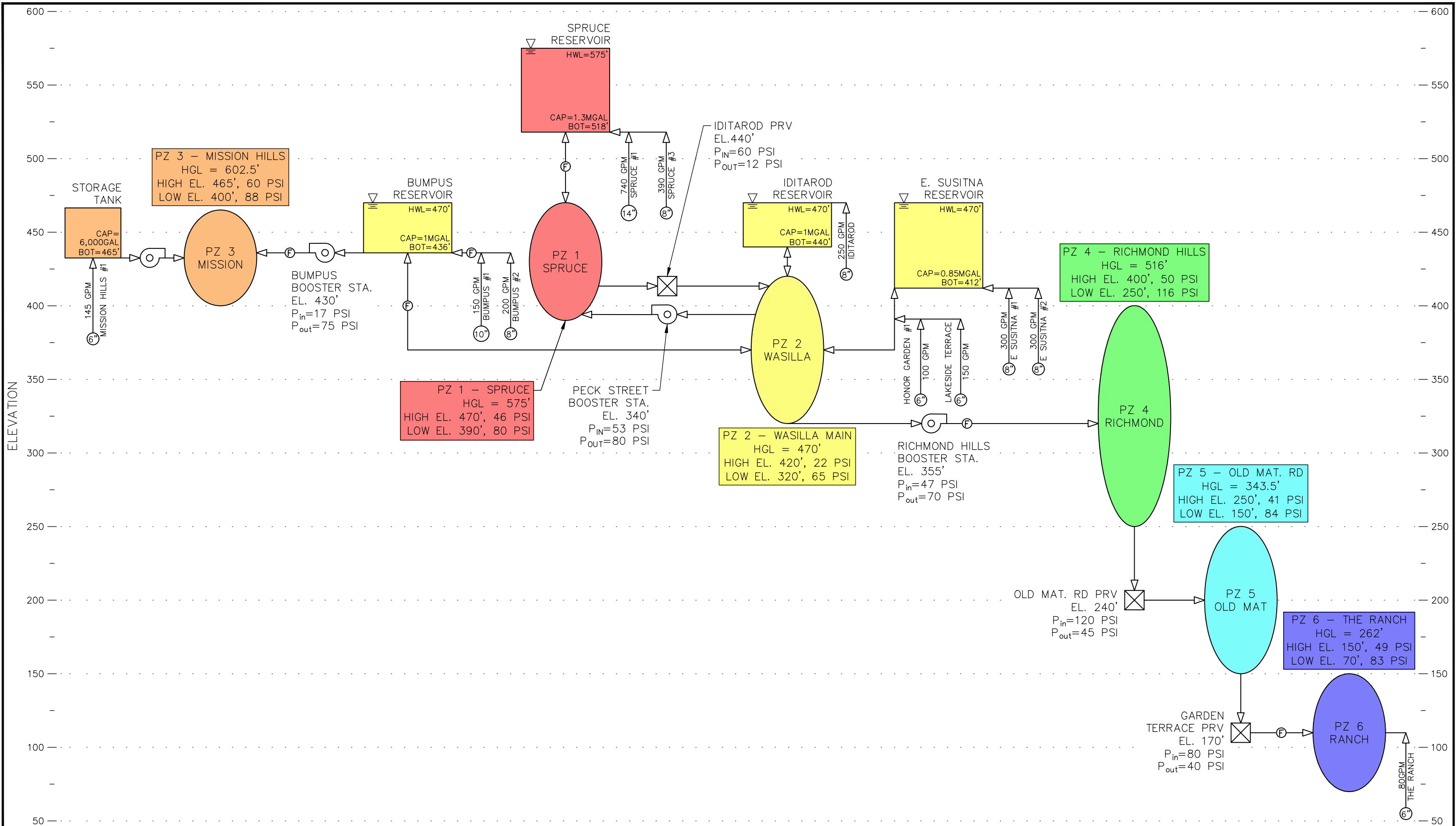
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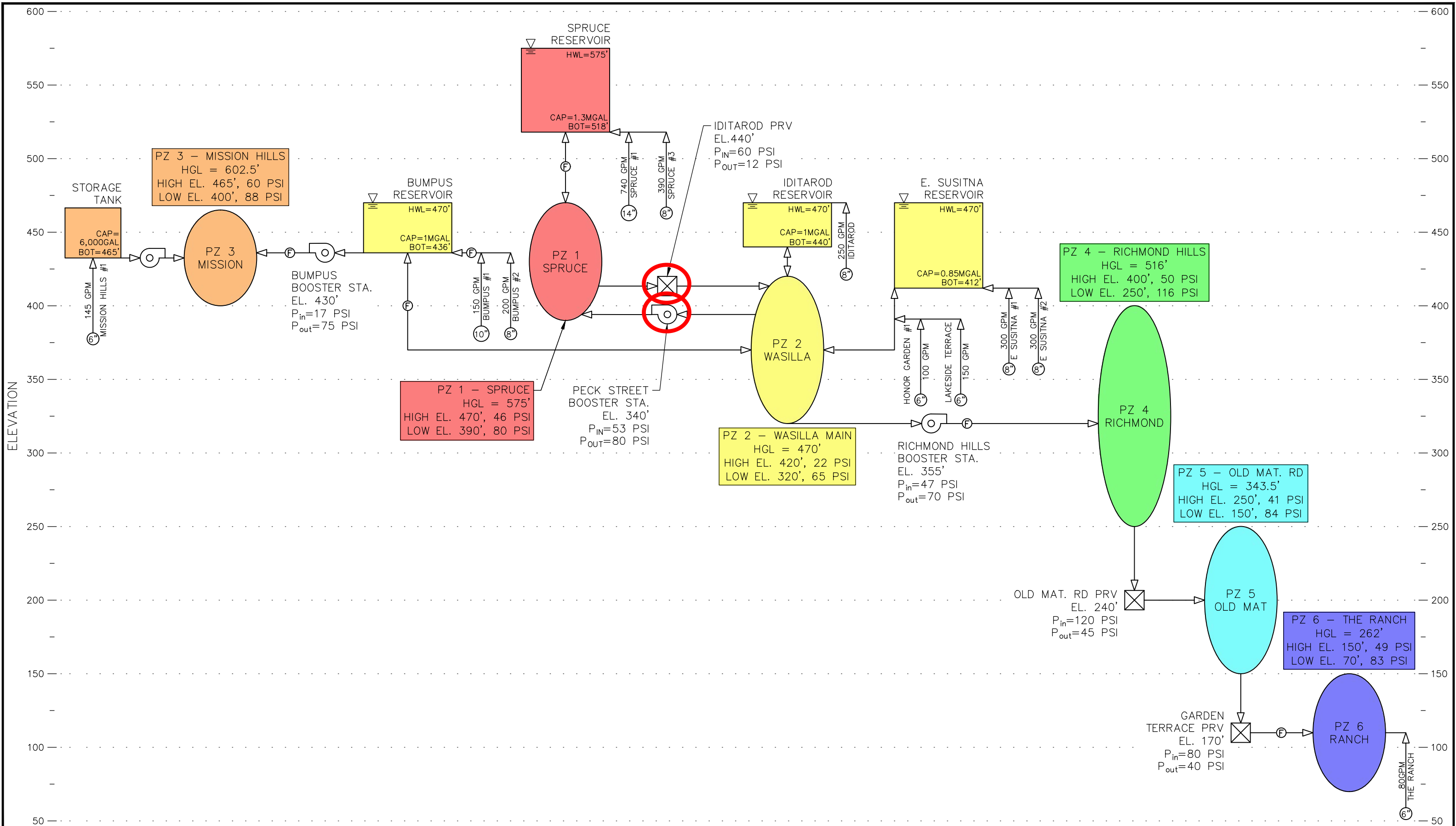
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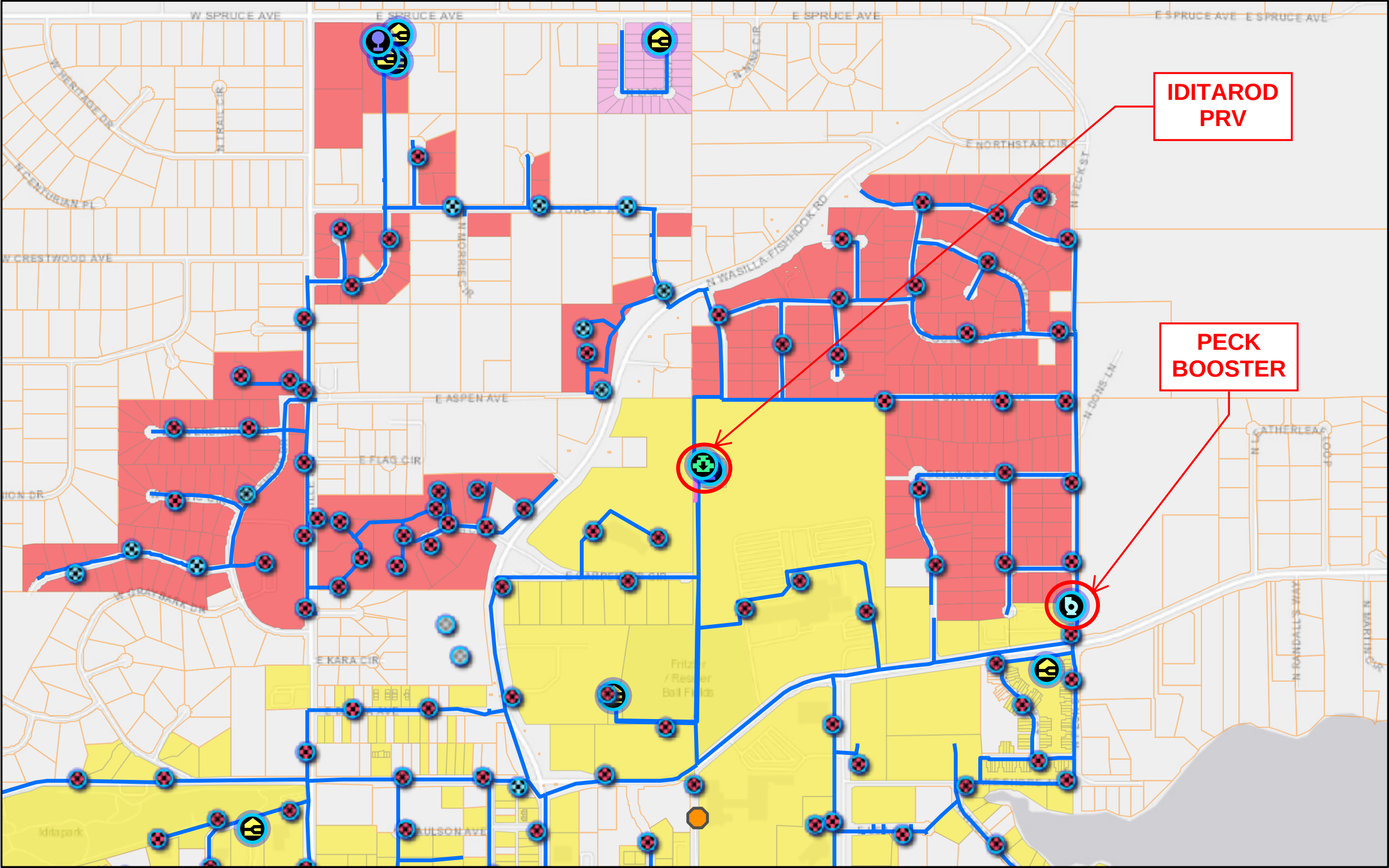
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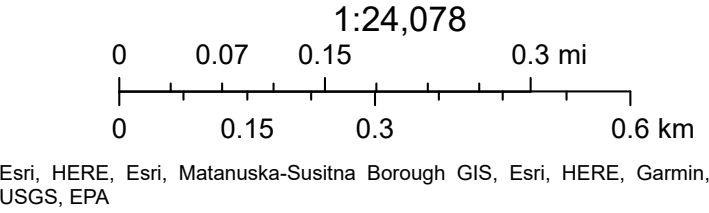




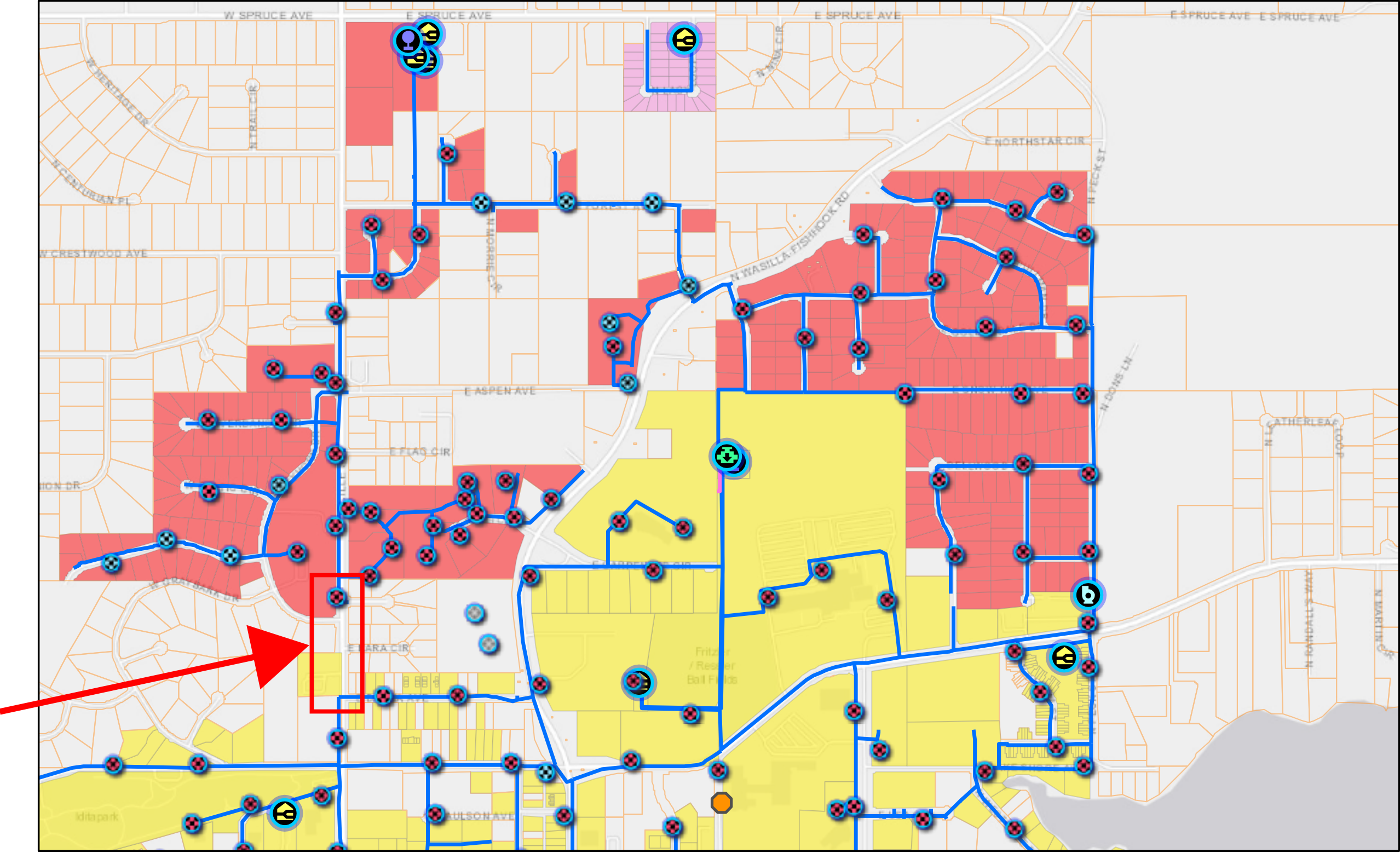
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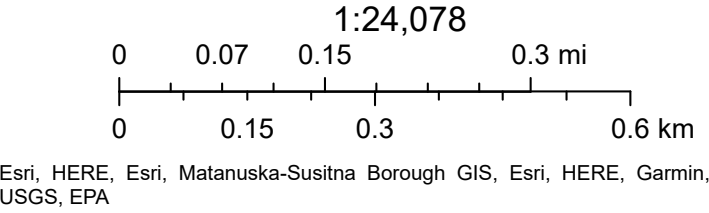
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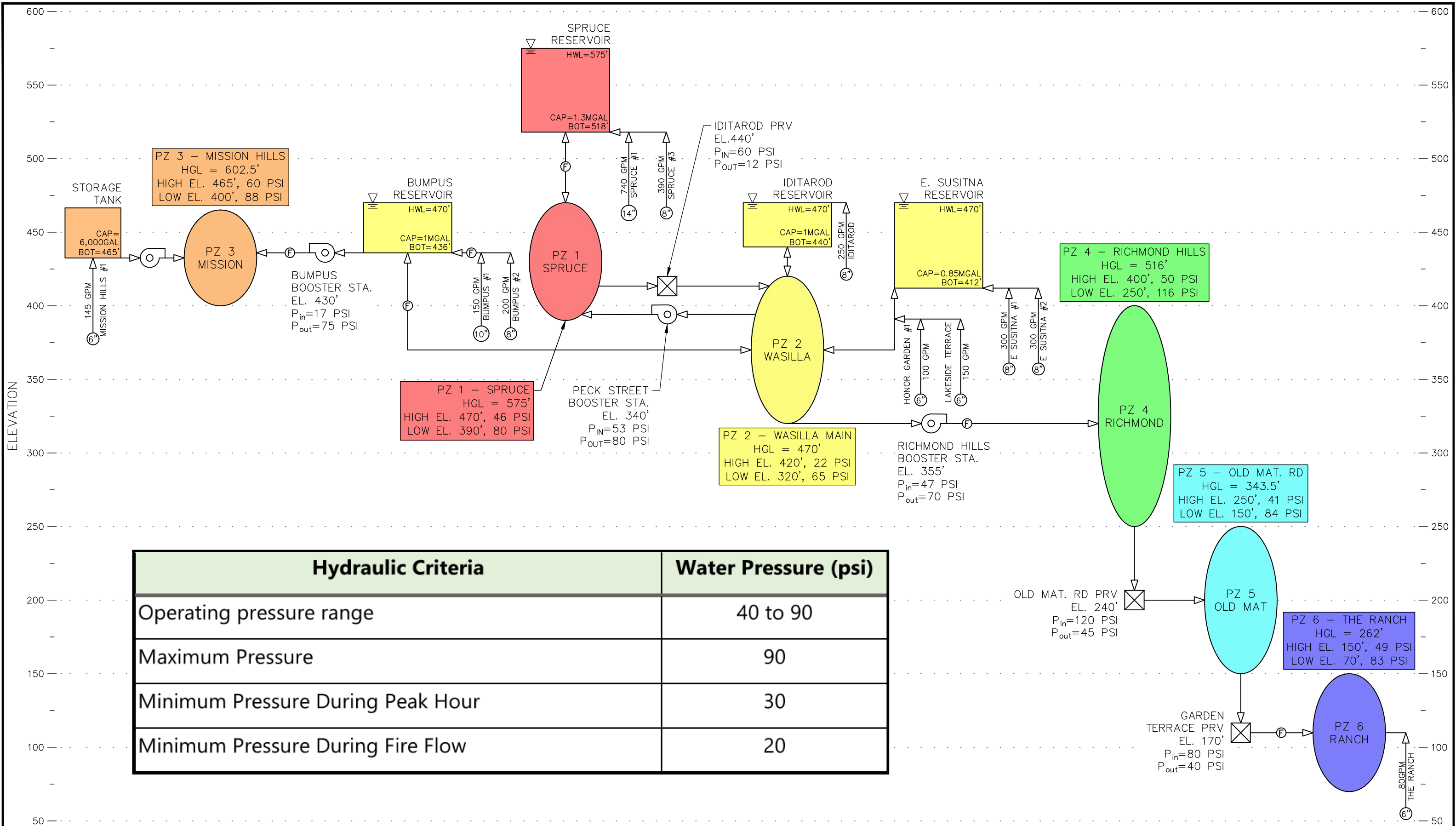


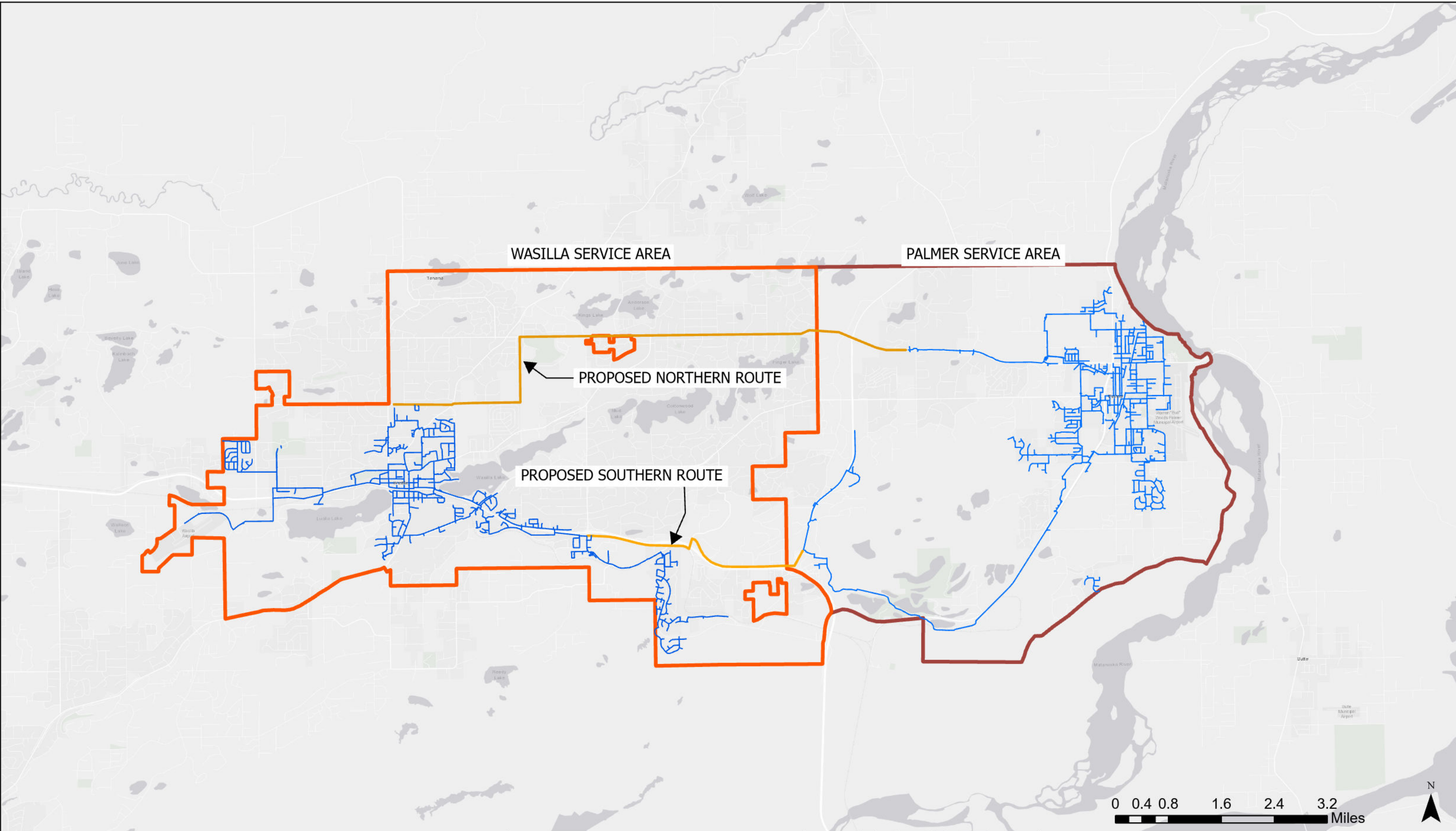
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 Wasilla Water Main	 Proposed Northern Route	 Wasilla Service Boundary
 Proposed Southern Route	 Palmer Water Main	 Palmer Service Boundary

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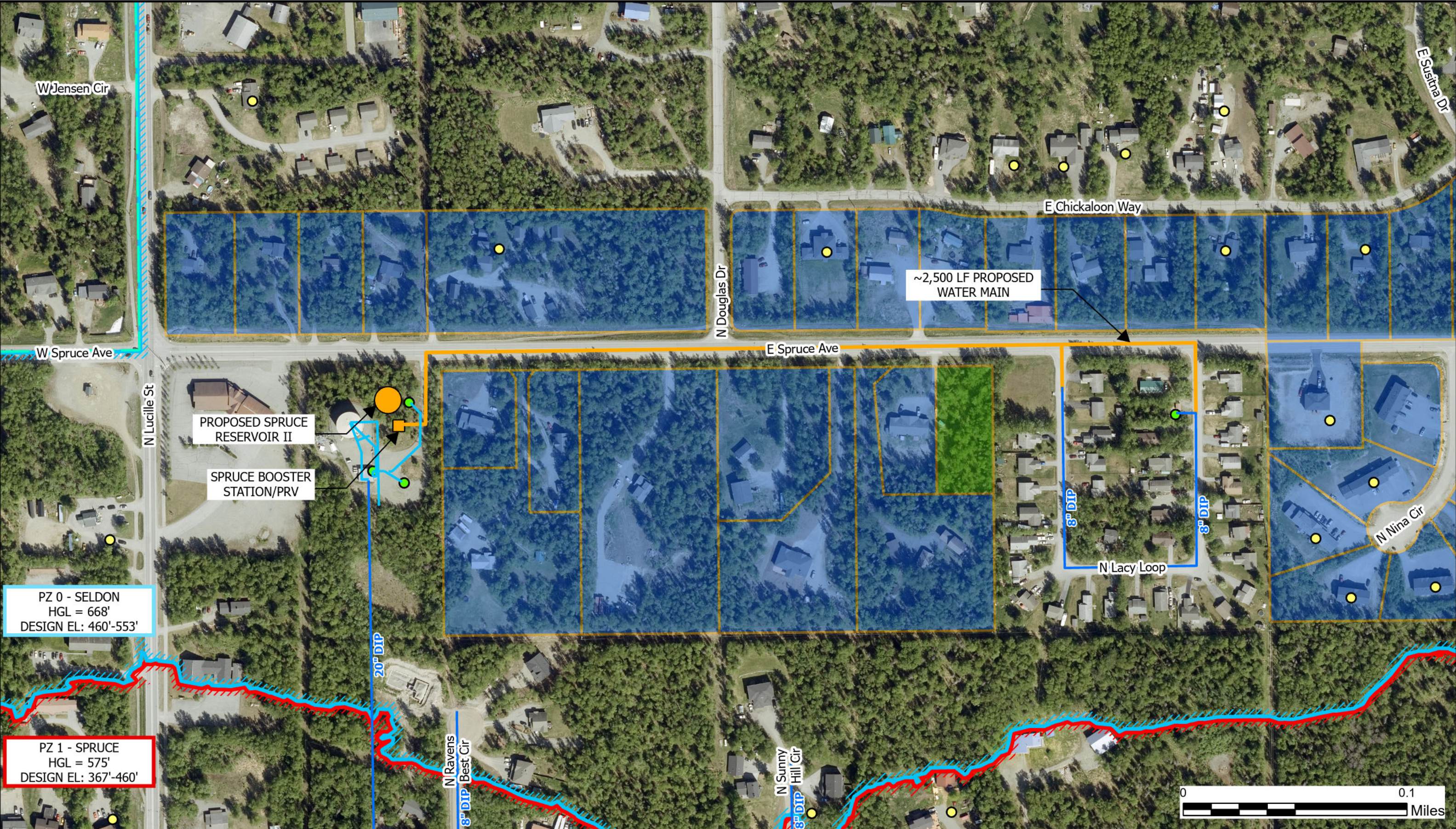


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WELL

PSWID WELL

EXISTING WATER MAIN

PROPOSED WATER MAIN

PROPOSED ROUTE INFRASTRUCTURE

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Proposed Spruce Reservoir II not analyzed or required for interconnection

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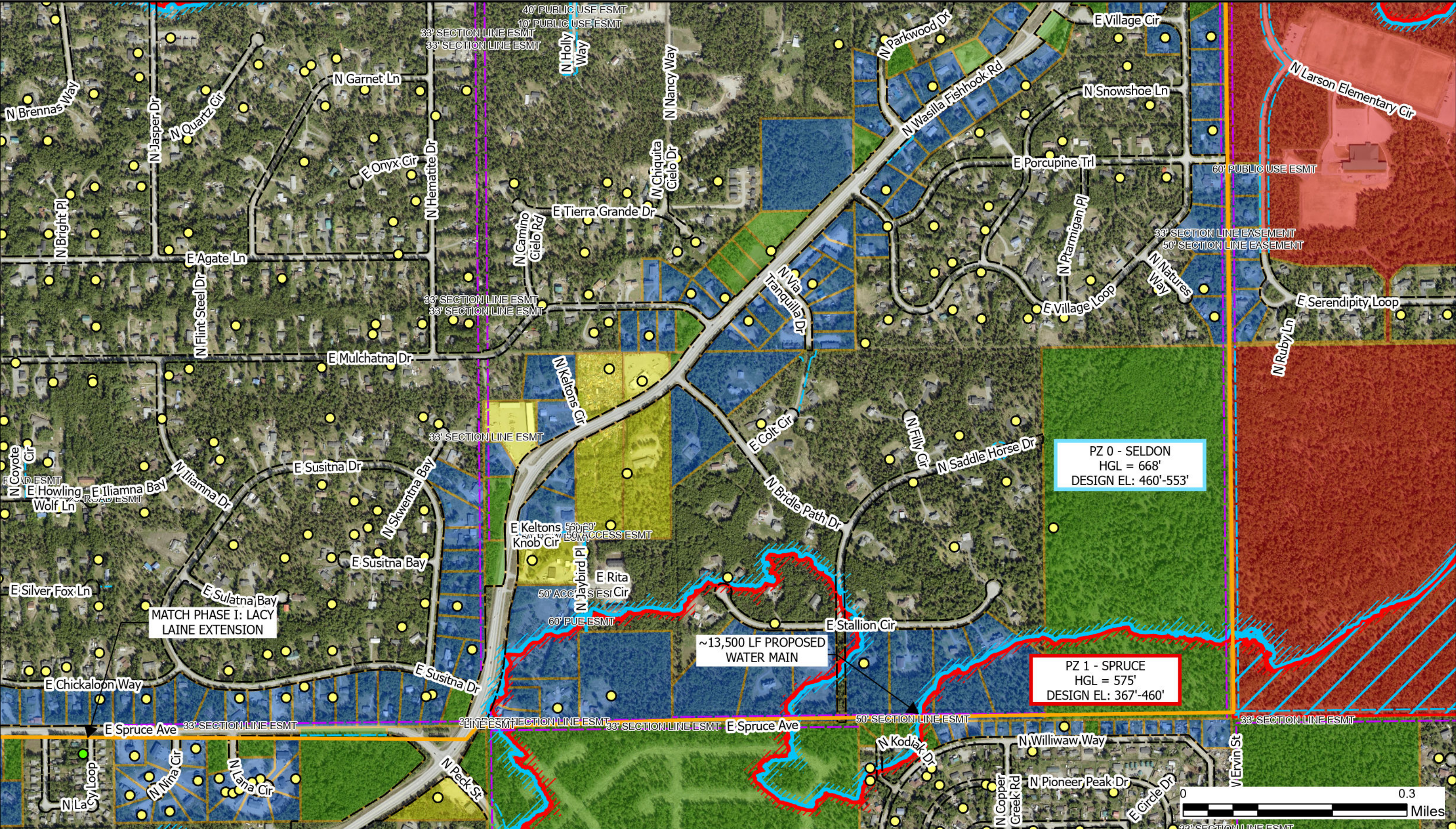
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NORTHERN PHASE II: MSB SCHOOLS EXTENSION

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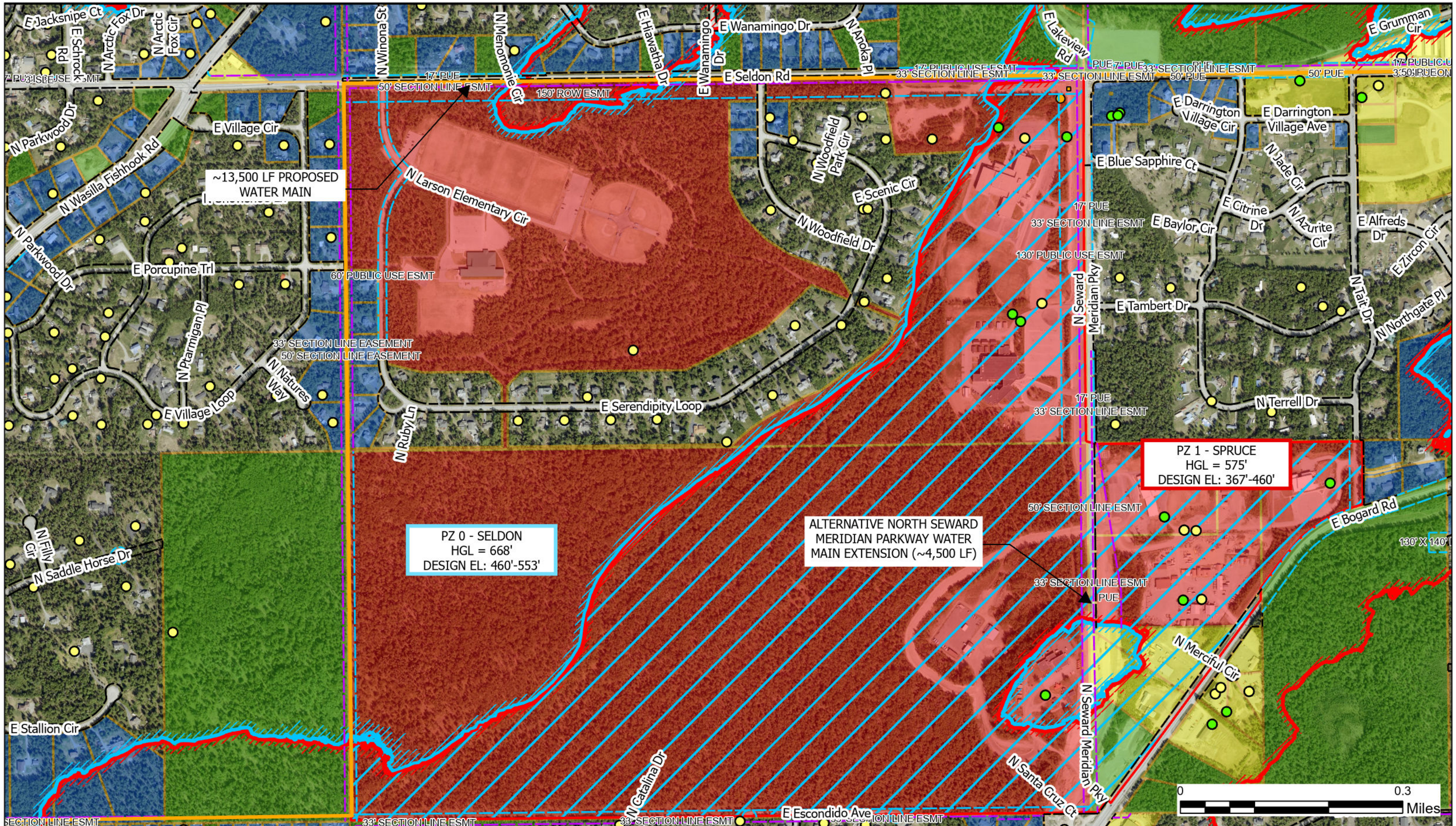
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HYDRAULIC GRADE LINE OF PZ0 MAY BE MANIPULATED (OPTION 2) TO INCLUDE SCHOOL AREA (BLUE HATCH AREA) WITHOUT SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTING SERVICABILITY EXTENTS OF PZ0.

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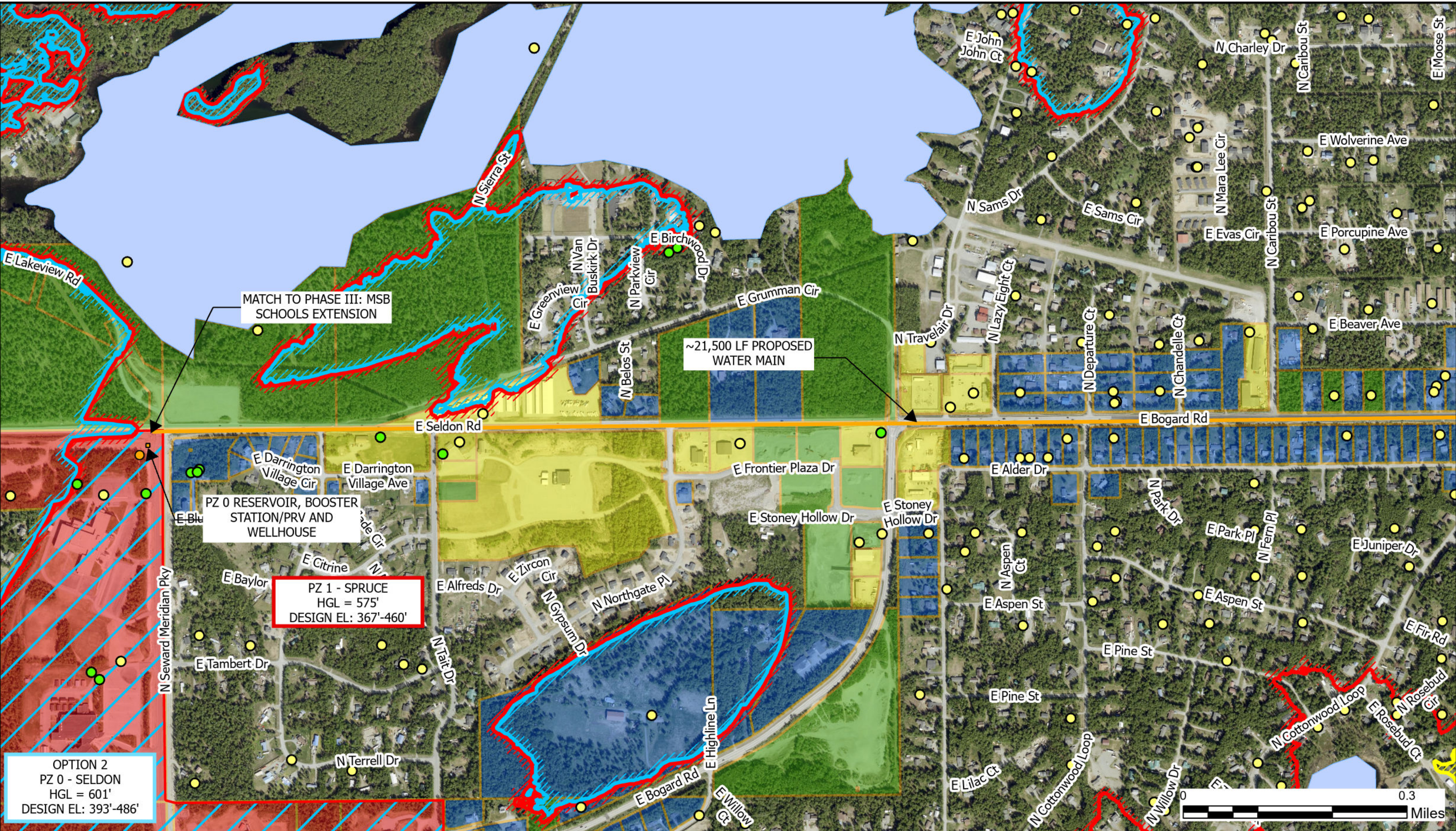
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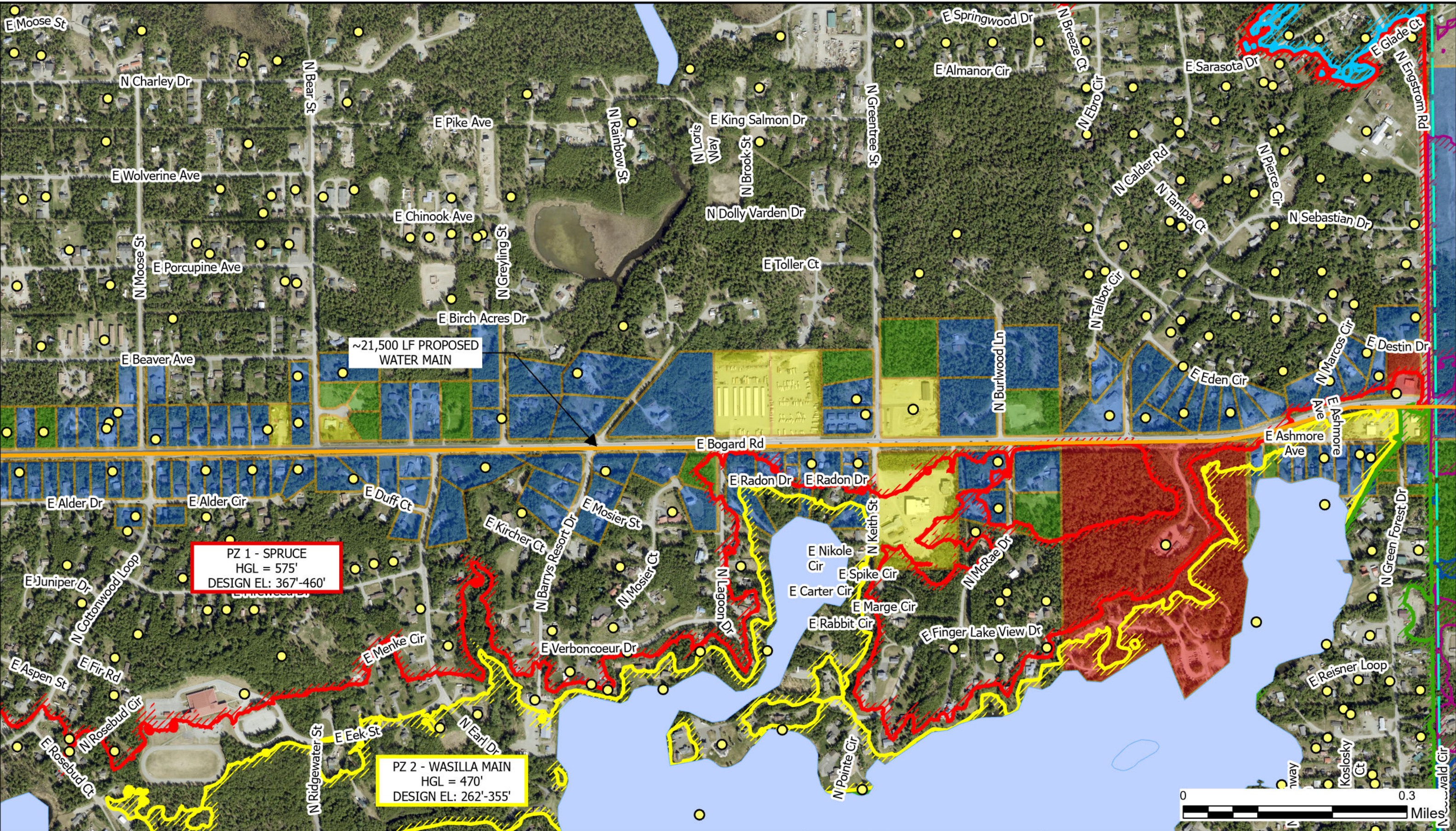
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