

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

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

June 17, 2026

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

2:30 p.m.

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - II. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM
 - III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING
 - A. May 6, 2026 (special meeting)
 - VI. AGENCY AND STAFF REPORTS
 - VII. PRESENTATION
 - A. Presenter: HDL
Topic: Wasilla-Palmer Water Interconnect
 - VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*Three minutes per person*)
 - IX. 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.
 - X. NEW BUSINESS
 - XI. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD
 - XII. NEXT MEETING
 - A. September 16, 2026, 2:30 pm Assembly Chambers, Palmer
 - XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

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350 E. Dahlia Ave
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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, May 6, 2026, at the DSJ Building at 350 East Dahlia Avenue in Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 2:35 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 at 3:54 pm through TEAMS

Mr. Terry Gorlick – present through TEAMS

Ms. Gina Jorgensen - present

Mr. Matthew Midgett - present

Mr. Dan Tucker - present

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda by Mr. Tucker.

VOTE: The agenda was approved without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Walden.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. March 4, 2026 (regular meeting)

Minutes for the March 4, 2026, regular meeting, were reviewed by the Board.

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

VOTE: The minutes were approved without objection.

VI. AGENCY AND STAFF REPORTS

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

The City of Wasilla continues to address approximately forty frozen septic systems. In addition, the City is awaiting a response from ADEC regarding discharge permitting for the wastewater treatment facility. The City has also engaged HDL to map the wastewater systems.

B. City of Palmer – Mr. Matthew Midgett

The City of Palmer had nothing to report.

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

None.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) Discussion and possible adoption of: **A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH WATER AND WASTEWATER ADVISORY BOARD MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY REGARDING ORDINANCE 26-030 REPEALING MSB 8.25 WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AND MSB 17.55.020(E), IN THEIR ENTIRETY.**

There were two draft resolutions prepared as a starting point for discussion.

a) RS 26-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH WATER AND WASTEWATER ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDING THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY FAIL ORDINANCE 26-030 AND RETAIN MSB 8.25 WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AND MSB 17.55.020(E).

b) RS 26-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH WATER AND WASTEWATER ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF ASSEMBLY ORDINANCE 26-030 REPEALING MSB 8.25 WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AND MSB 17.55.020(E), IN THEIR ENTIRETY.

Mr. Tucker moved to adopt RS 26-02.

Discussion ensued

Mr. Tucker moved to withdraw motion to adopt RS 26-02.

Vote: The motion to withdraw passed with Mr. Gorlick opposed.

Mr. Tucker moved to adopt RS 26-03.

Discussion ensued.

Vote: The motion passed without objection.

IX. RECONSIDERATION

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. Tucker moved to reconsider RS 26-01.

Vote: The motion passed with Mr. Midgett and Mr. Gorlick opposed.

Mr. Walden moved to adopt RS 26-01.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Walden moved to create a committee consisting of Mr. Gorlick and Mr. Tucker to draft amendments to Resolution 26-01.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walden moved to postpone Resolution 26-01 and discuss the amendments drafted by the committee during the next meeting on June 17, 2026.

Vote: The motion passed without objection.

a) COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Bob Walden, P.E.:

Great discussions today, thanks everyone for working through the different topics. It was a very productive meeting.

Ms. Amanda Fleming:

Apologized for not having been able to attend the meeting earlier. Requests not to schedule meetings on the first Wednesday of the month since it collides with her other Board meeting.

Mr. Terry Gorlick:

Thanks everyone for their patience with him today regarding the difficulties he had with joining TEAMS. He apologized.

b) NEXT MEETING

A. June 17, 2026, 2:30 p.m., MSB Assembly Chambers

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Walden.

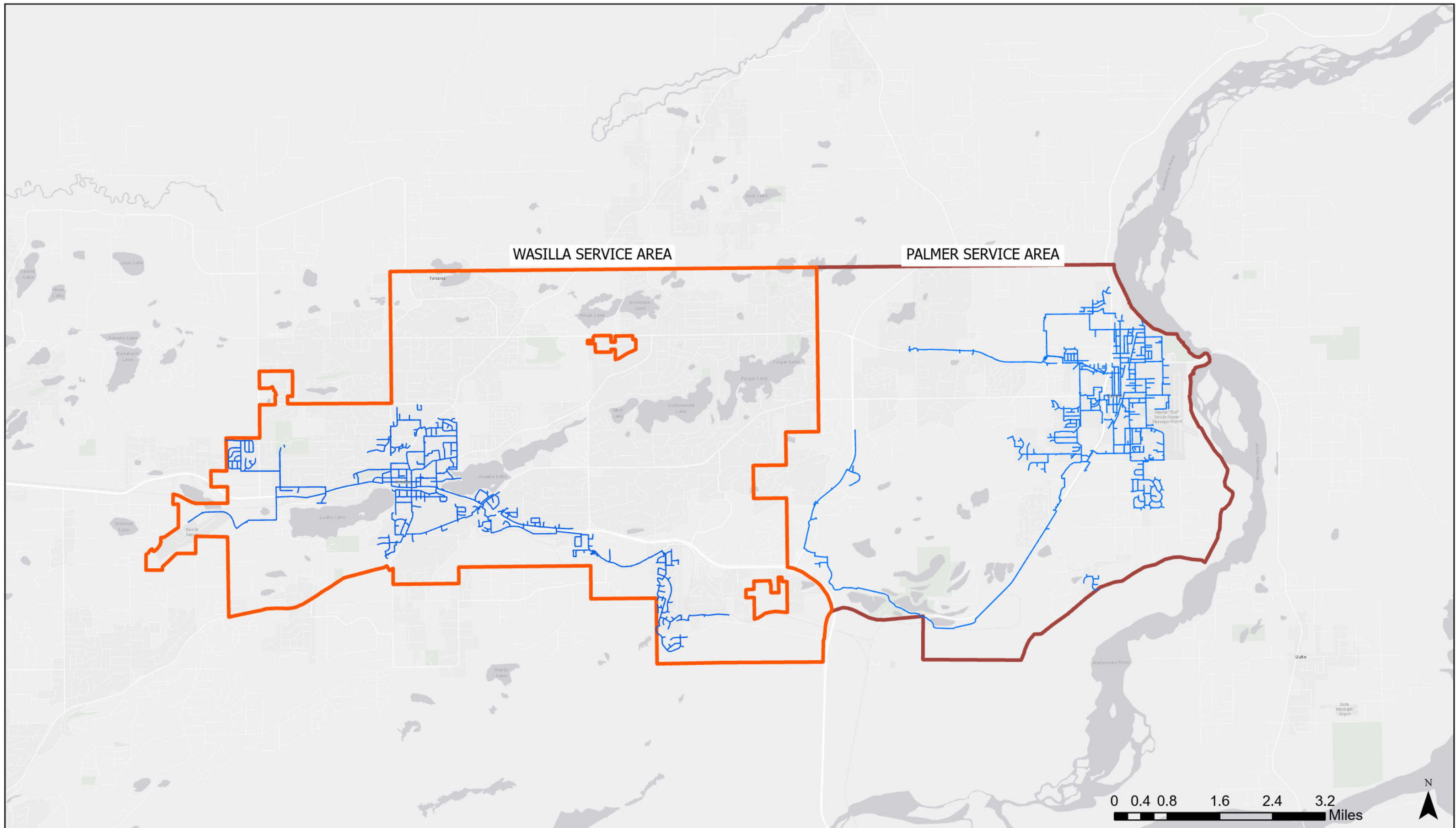
The meeting was adjourned at 4.03 p.m.

Mr. Bob Walden, P.E. Chair

ATTESTED:

Christina Sands, Board Administrative Support

DRAFT



WASILLA SERVICE AREA

PALMER SERVICE AREA



Legend

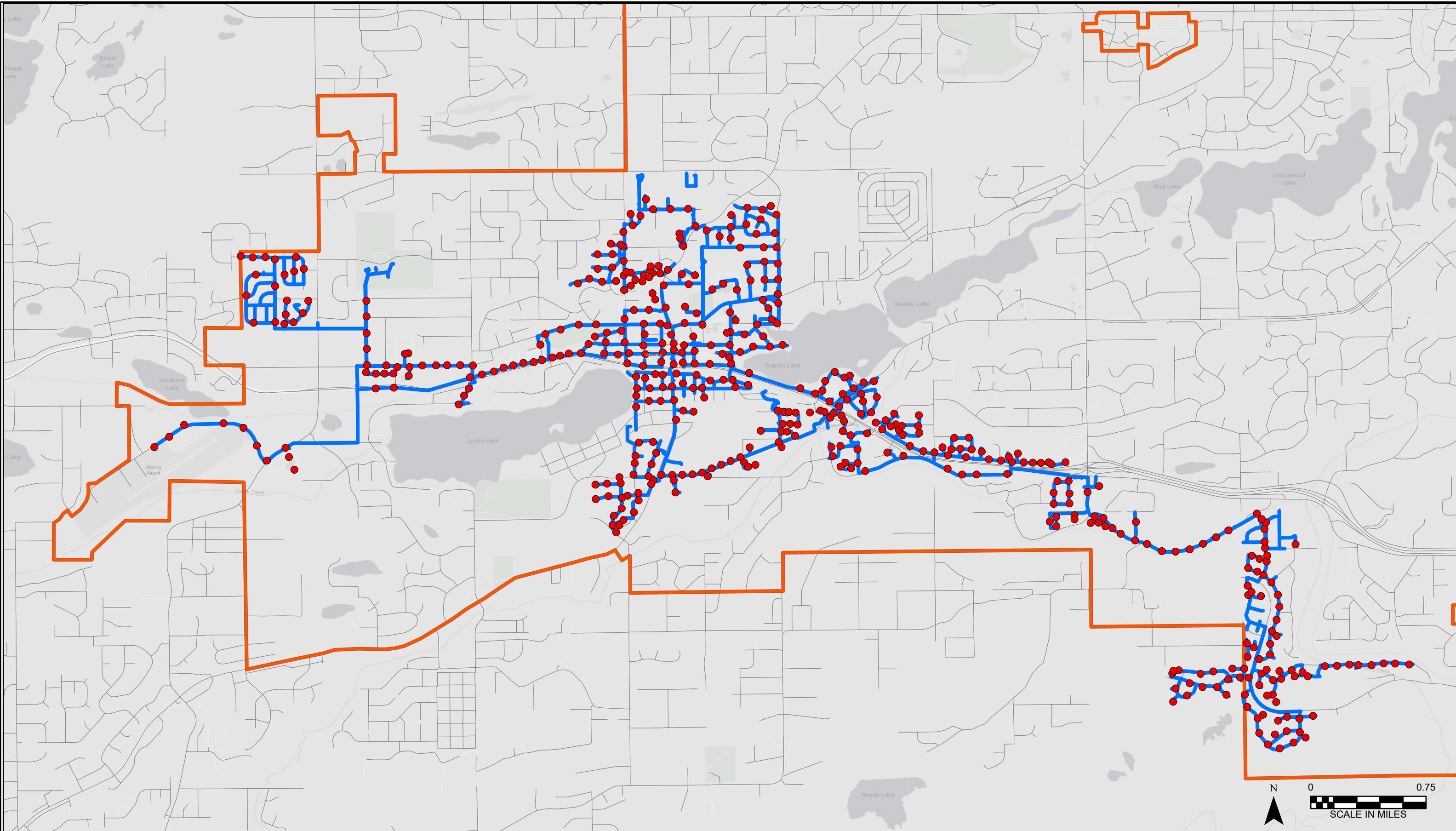
- Wasilla Water Main
- Palmer Water Main
- Wasilla Water and Wastewater Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes
- Boundary
- Palmer Service Boundary

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WASILLA-PALMER WATER MAIN INTERCONNECT

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- LEGEND**
- WASILLA SERVICE BOUNDARY
 - WASILLA WATER MAIN
 - FIRE HYDRANT

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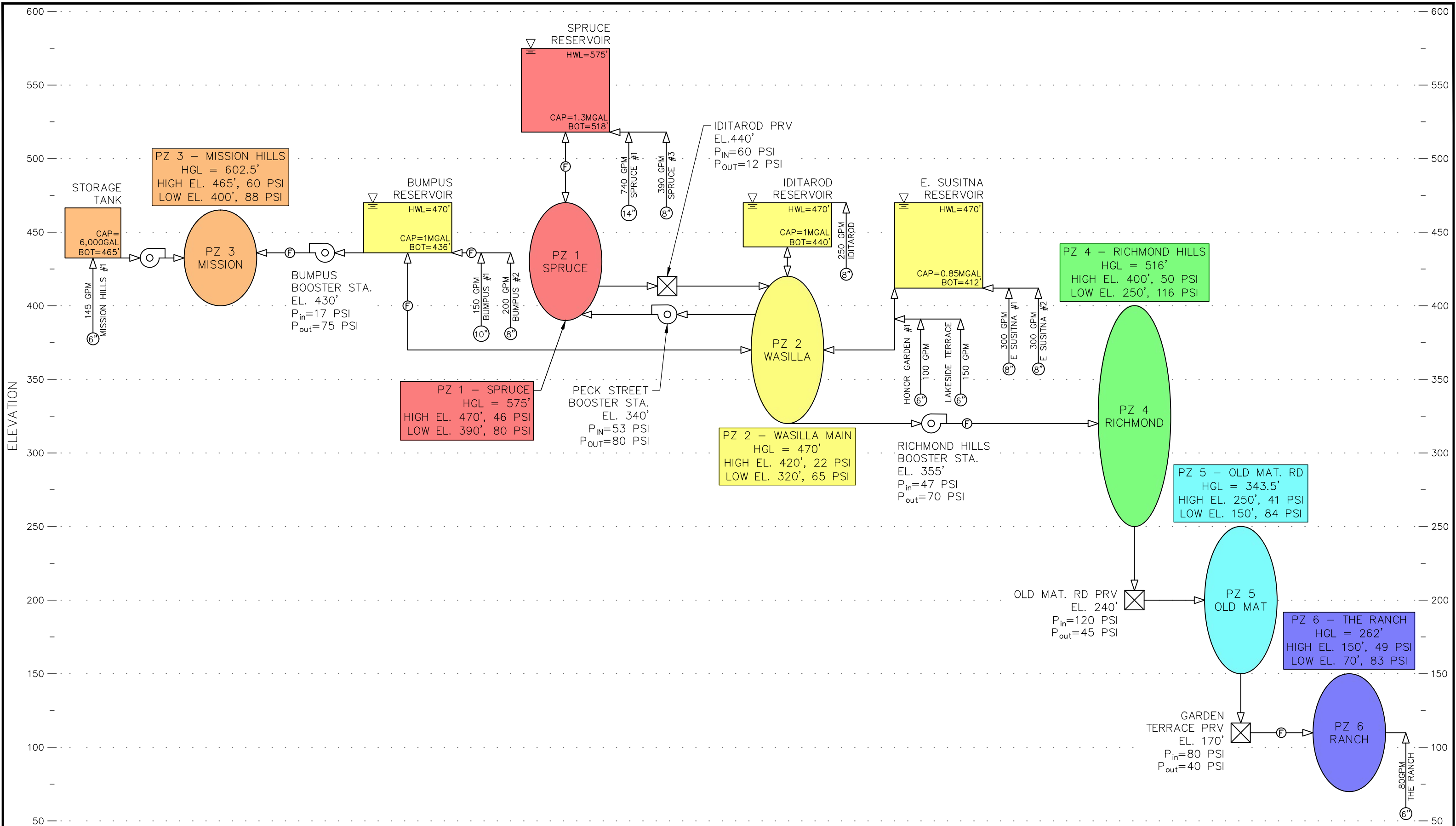


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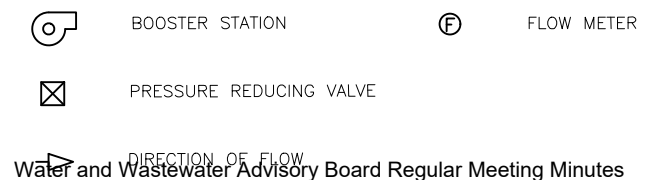
**WASILLA-PALMER WATER MAIN INTERCONNECT
 CONCEPTUAL NORTHERN ROUTE LAYOUT**

CITY OF WASILLA

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ELEVATION



ABBREVIATIONS

CAP	CAPACITY	PSI	POUNDS PER SQUARE INCH
EL	ELEVATION	PZ	PRESSURE ZONE
GPM	GALLONS PER MINUTE	STA.	STATION
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HWL	HIGH WATER LEVEL		
MGAL	MILLION GALLONS		
P	PRESSURE		
PRV	PRESSURE REDUCING VALVE		

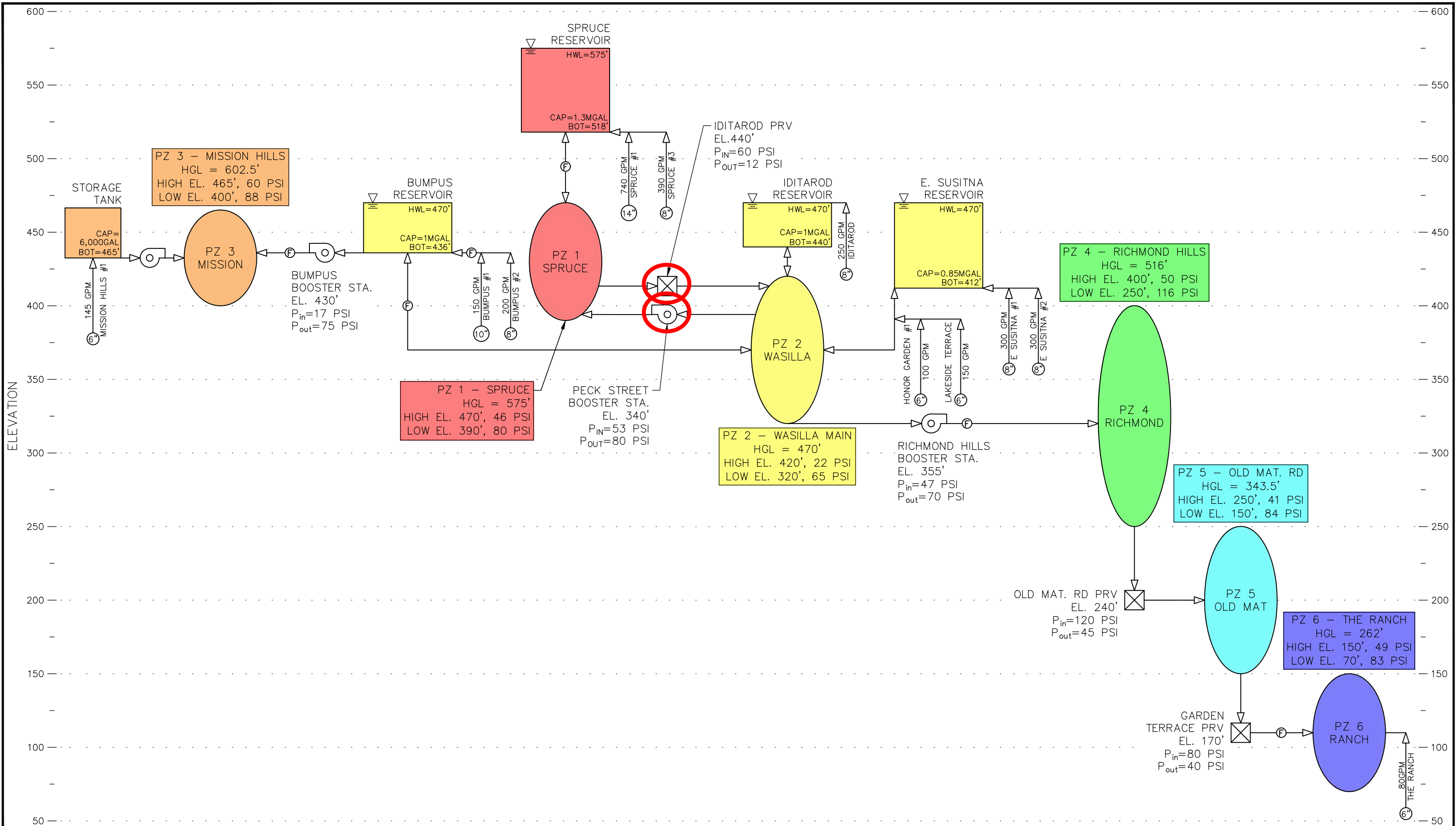
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FIGURE 2: EXISTING WATER SYSTEM SCHEMATIC
 CITY OF WASILLA
 WASILLA, ALASKA

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	PRESSURE REDUCING VALVE		
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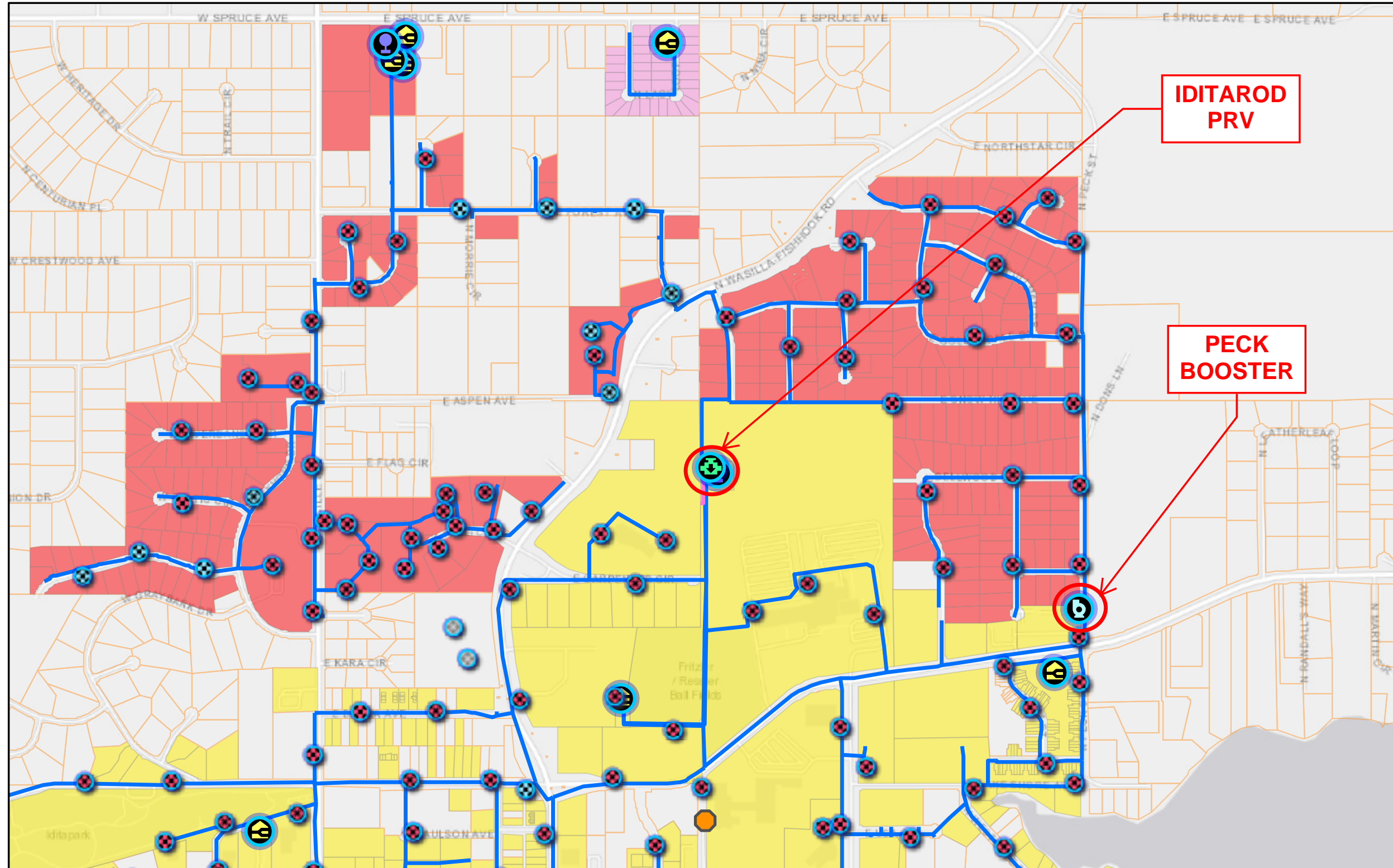
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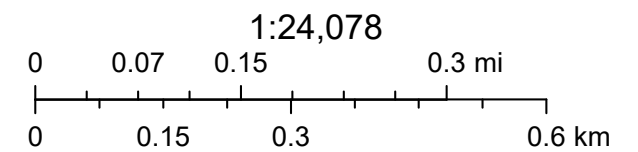
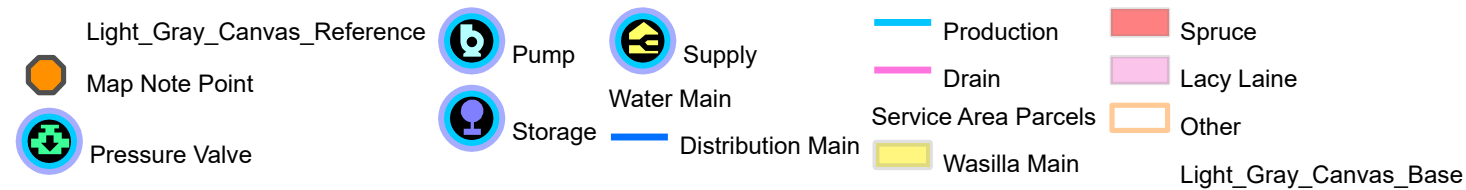
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Wasilla Water Asset Collector

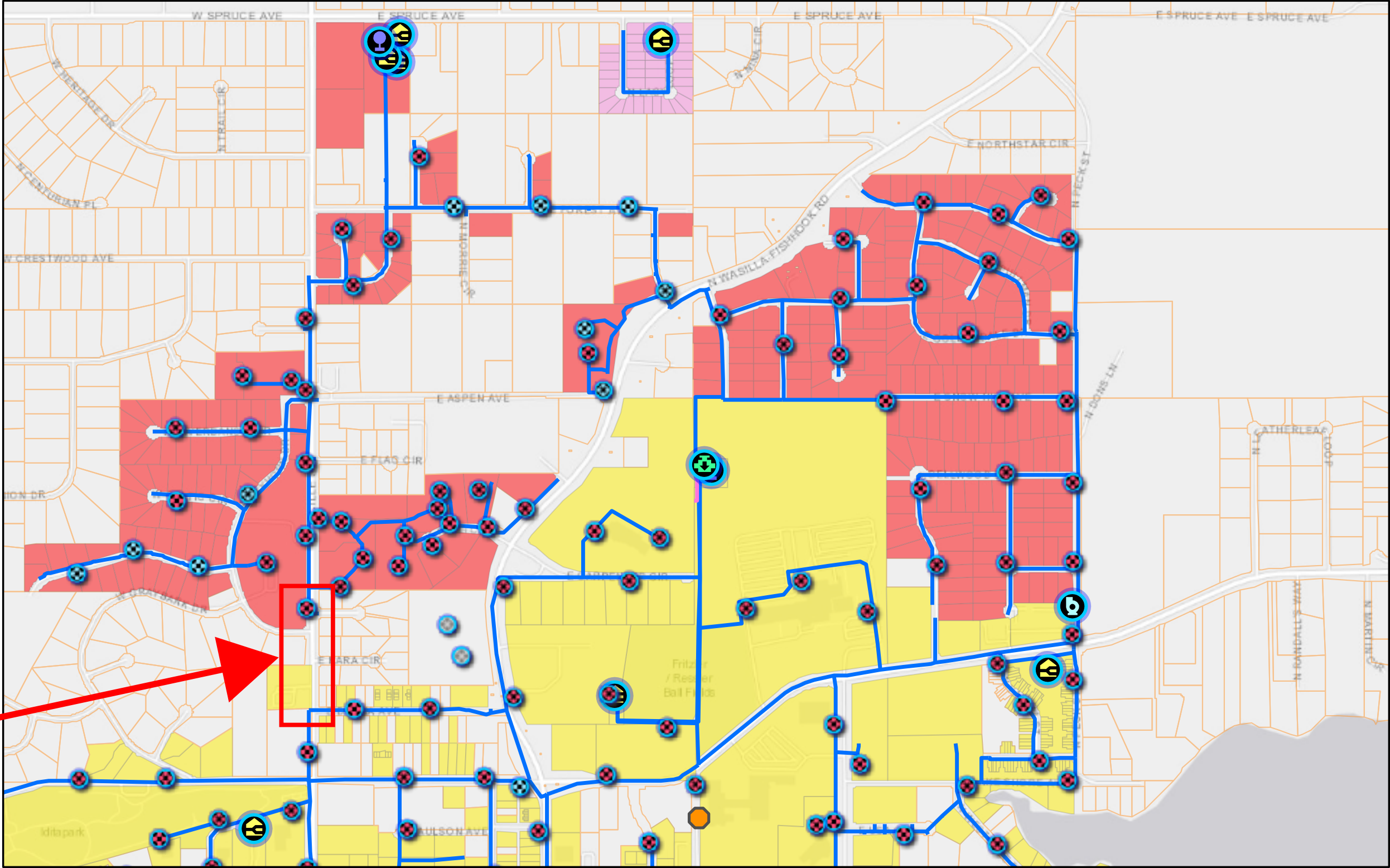


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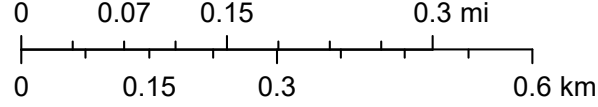
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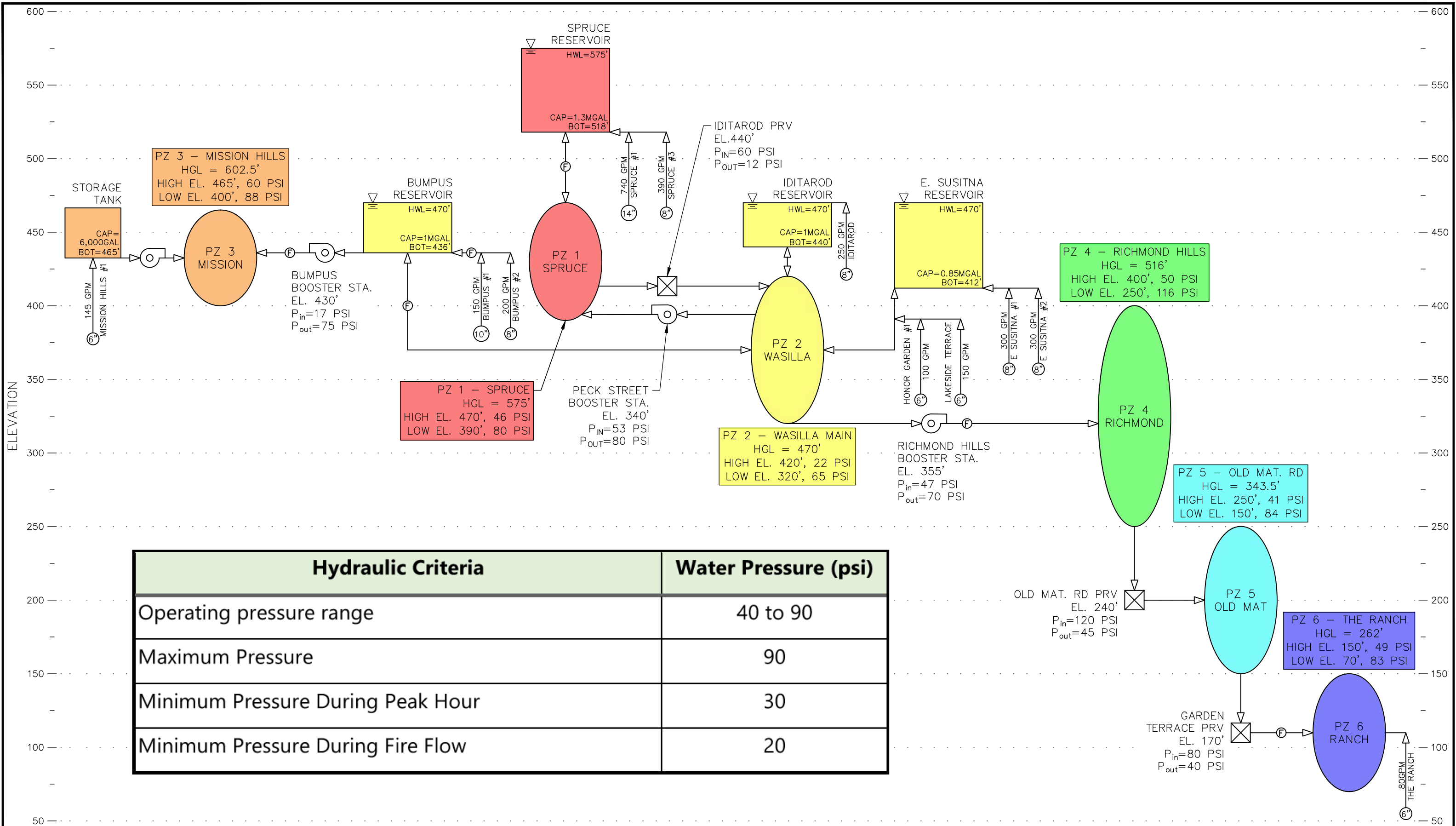
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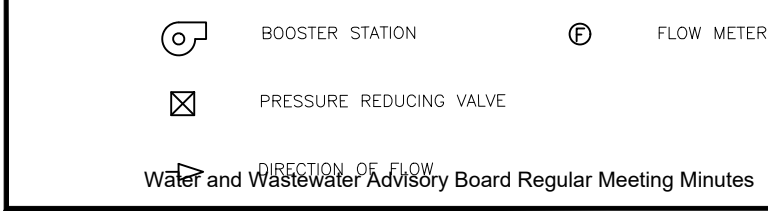
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- Map Note Point
- Pressure Valve
- Pump
- Storage
- Supply
- Water Main
- Distribution Main
- Production
- Drain
- Service Area Parcels
- Wasilla Main
- Spruce
- Lacy Laine
- Other
- Light_Gray_Canvas_Base



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Hydraulic Criteria	Water Pressure (psi)
Operating pressure range	40 to 90
Maximum Pressure	90
Minimum Pressure During Peak Hour	30
Minimum Pressure During Fire Flow	20



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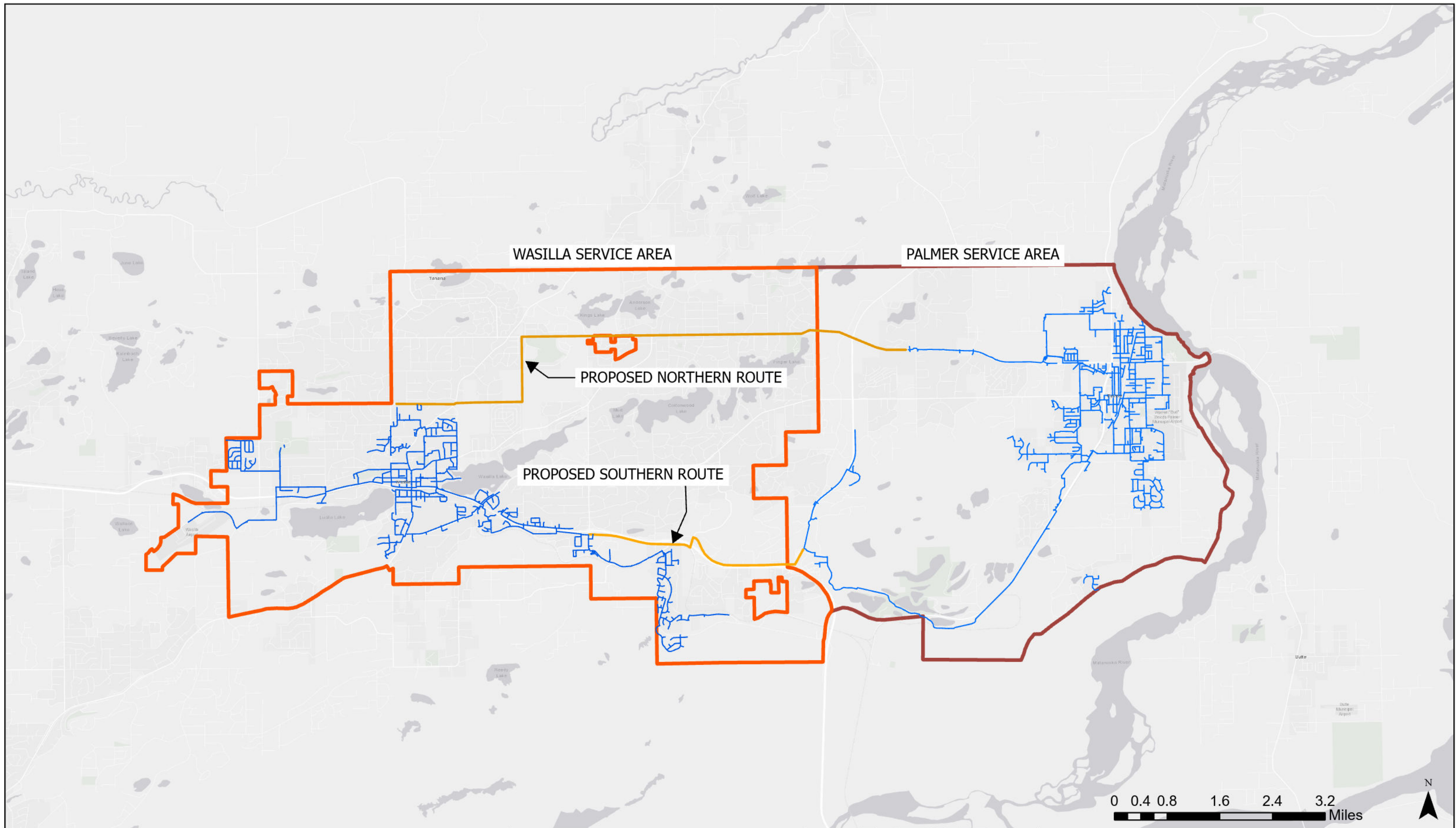
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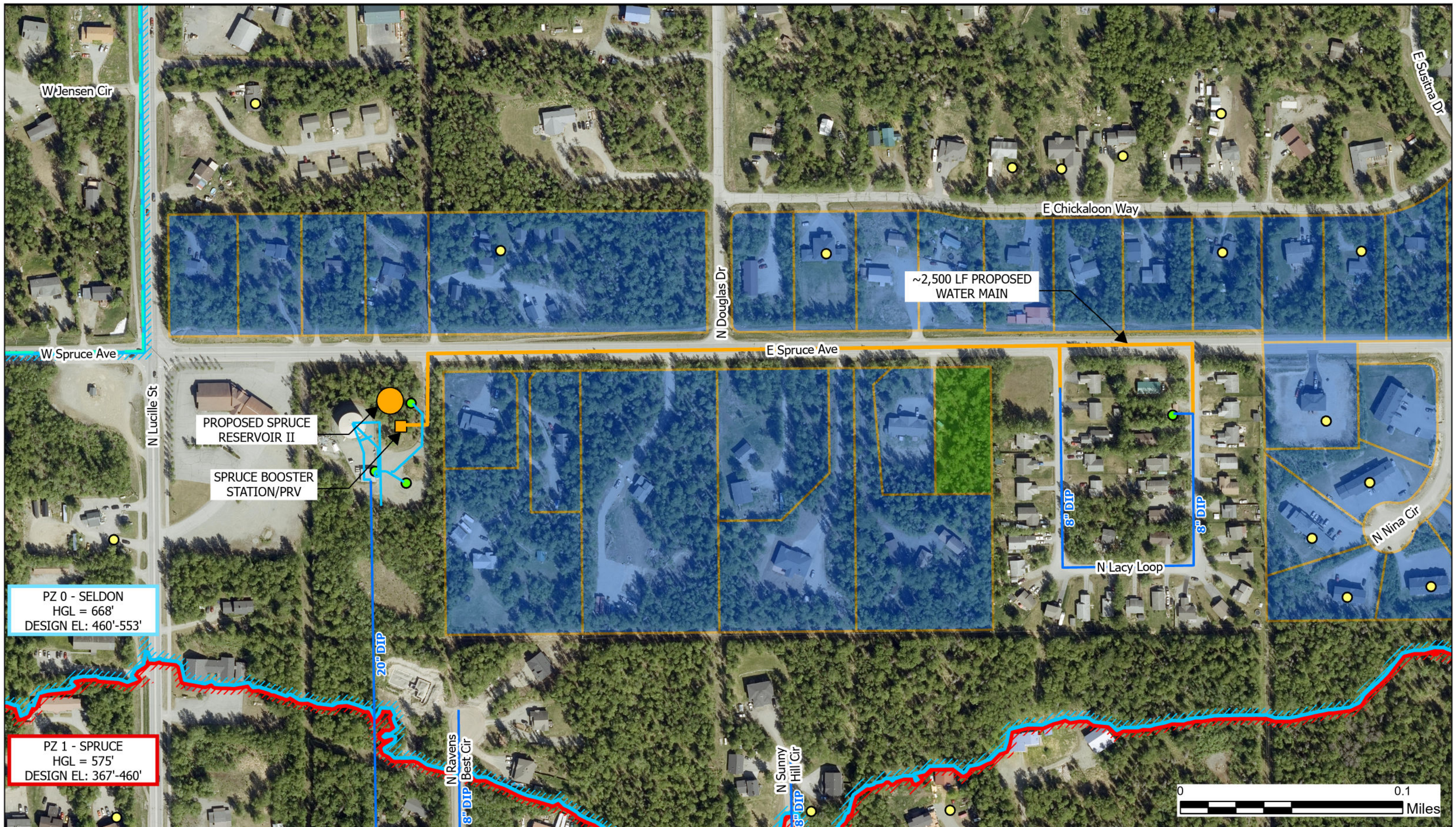


Legend		
Wasilla Water Main	Proposed Northern Route	Wasilla Service Boundary
Proposed Southern Route	Palmer Water Main	Palmer Service Boundary
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PZ 0 - SELDON
HGL = 668'
DESIGN EL: 460'-553'

PZ 1 - SPRUCE
HGL = 575'
DESIGN EL: 367'-460'

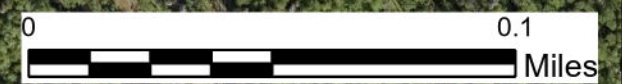
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	WELL	
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	PROPOSED ROUTE	
	EXISTING WATER MAIN	
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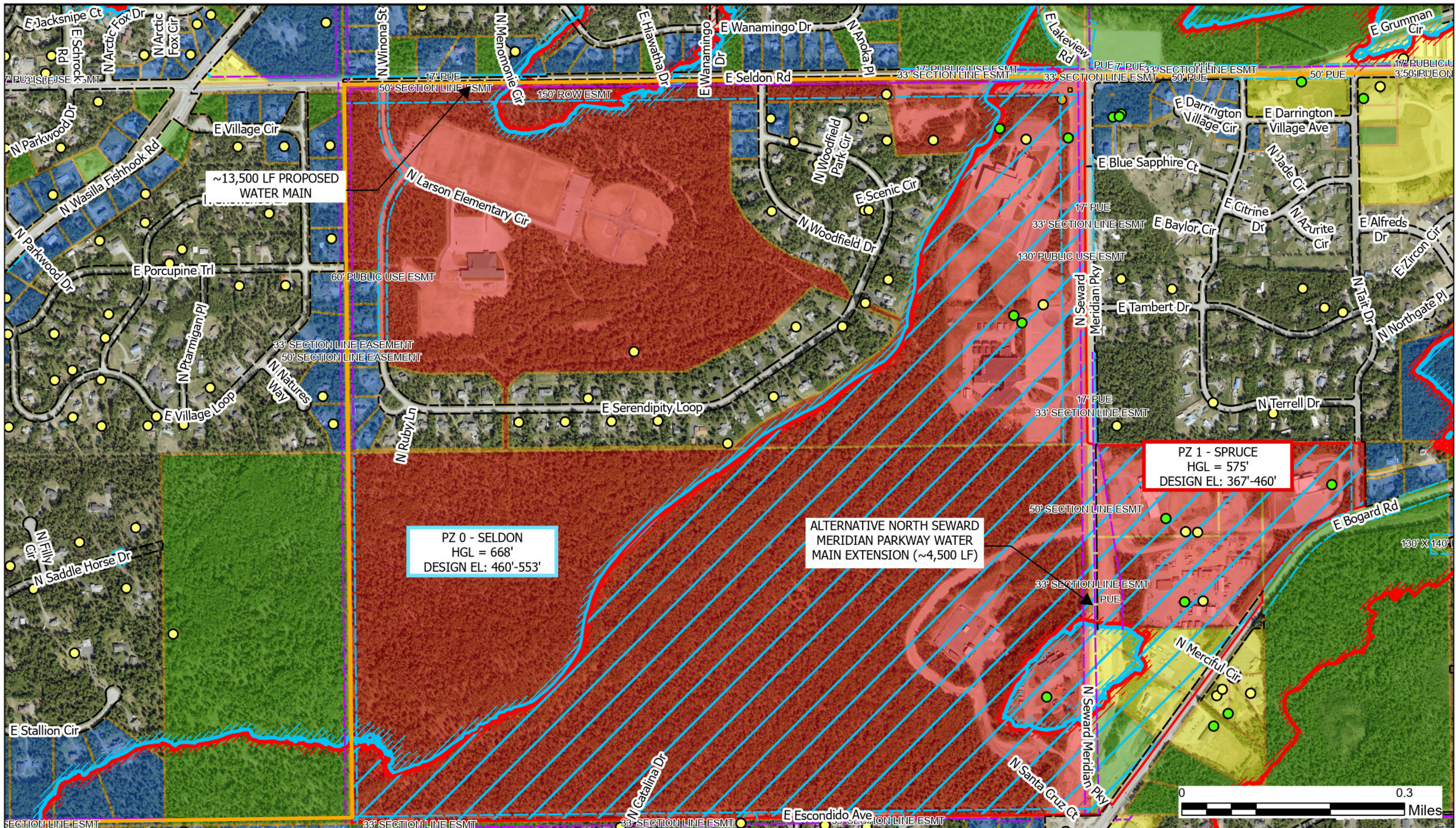
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Proposed Spruce Reservoir II not analyzed or required for interconnection

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WASILLA-PALMER WATER MAIN INTERCONNECT
NORTHERN PHASE I: LACY LAINE EXTENSION
CITY OF WASILLA

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	COMMERCIAL		WELL		TRANSMISSION MAIN
	GOVERNMENT		PSWID WELL		SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY
	RESIDENTIAL				ROW ROAD
	VACANT				ROW EASEMENT
	PROPOSED ROUTE INFRASTRUCTURE				SECTION LINE EASEMENT

NOTES:
 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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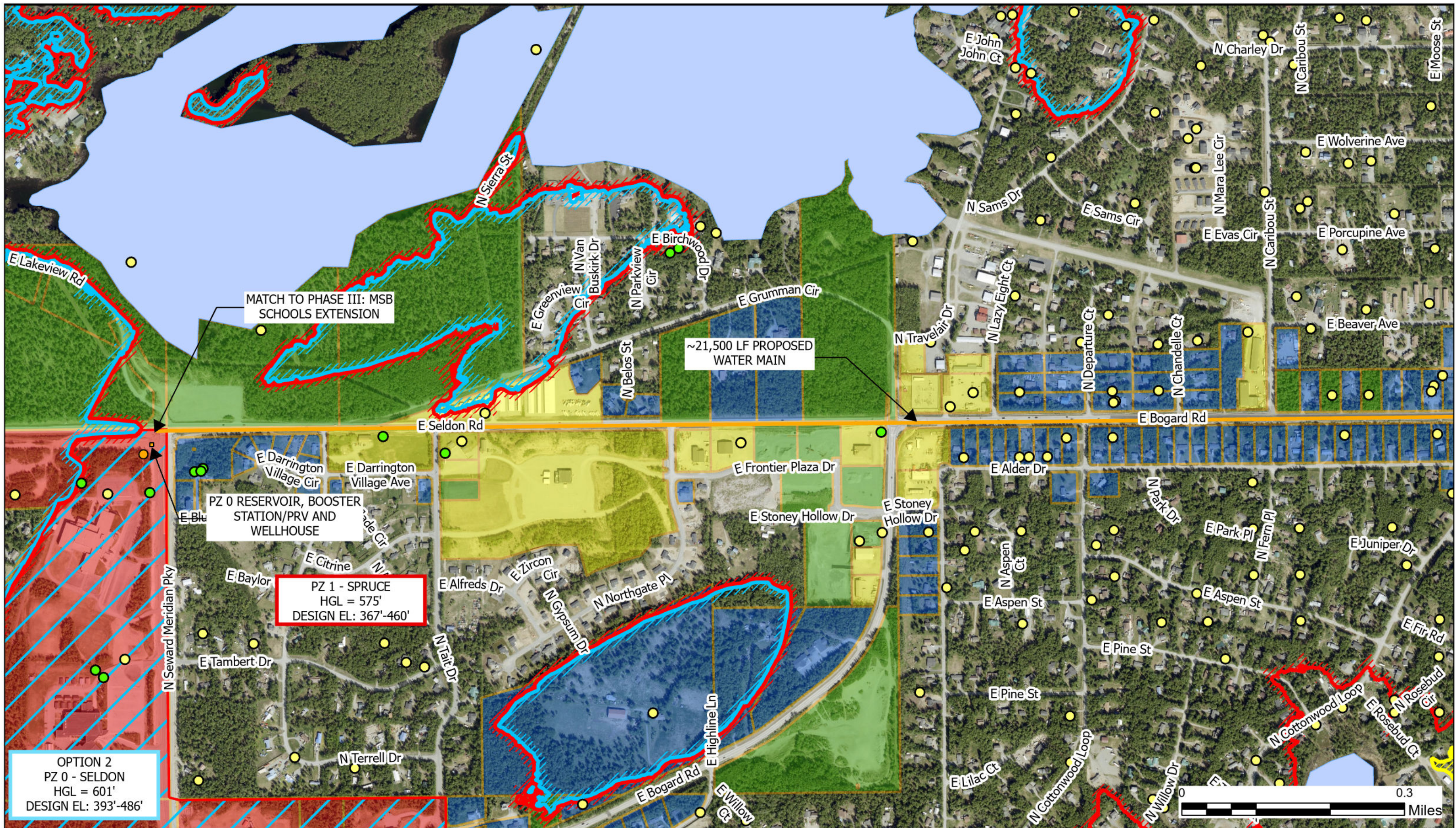
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**WASILLA-PALMER WATER MAIN INTERCONNECT
 NORTHERN PHASE II: MSB SCHOOLS EXTENSION**

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OPTION 2
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 DESIGN EL: 393'-486'

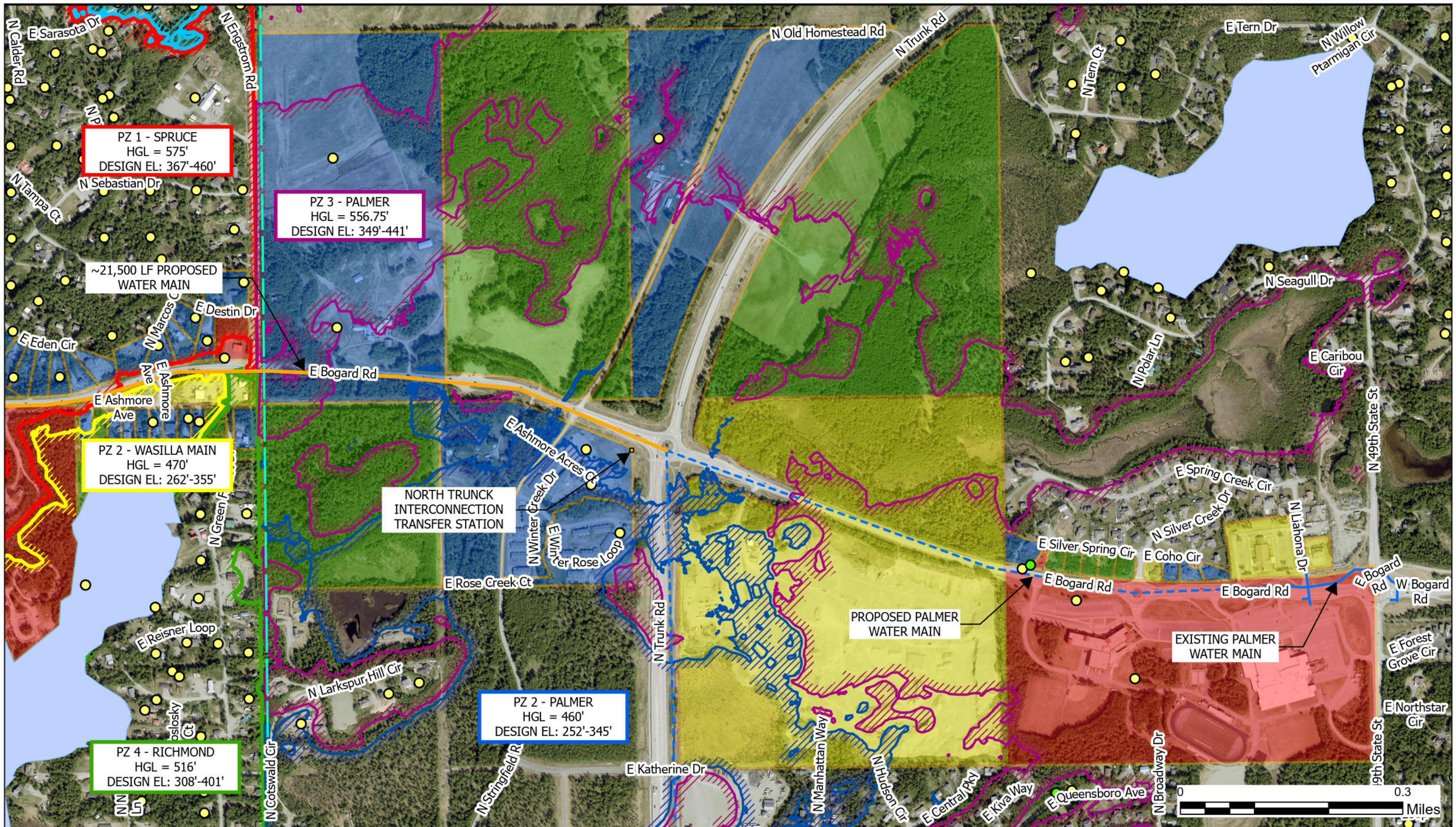
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	EXISTING WATER MAIN	
	PROPOSED WATER MAIN	
	PROPOSED ROUTE	
	INFRASTRUCTURE	

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WASILLA-PALMER WATER MAIN INTERCONNECT
NORTHERN PHASE III: INTERCONNECTION
 CITY OF WASILLA

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PZ 1 - SPRUCE
HGL = 575'
DESIGN EL: 367'-460'

PZ 3 - PALMER
HGL = 556.75'
DESIGN EL: 349'-441'

PZ 2 - WASILLA MAIN
HGL = 470'
DESIGN EL: 262'-355'

NORTH TRUNK
INTERCONNECTION
TRANSFER STATION

PZ 2 - PALMER
HGL = 460'
DESIGN EL: 252'-345'

PZ 4 - RICHMOND
HGL = 516'
DESIGN EL: 308'-401'

LEGEND		
 COMMERCIAL	 SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY	 EXISTING WATER MAIN
 GOVERNMENT	● WELL	 PROPOSED WATER MAIN
 RESIDENTIAL	● PSWID WELL	 PROPOSED ROUTE
 VACANT		 INFRASTRUCTURE

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WASILLA-PALMER WATER MAIN INTERCONNECT
NORTHERN PHASE III: INTERCONNECTION

CITY OF WASILLA

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Action:

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 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.

WHEREAS, in 2011 the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly adopted ordinance 11-087 establishing the Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board (WSAB) for the purpose of advising the Assembly on issues relating to wastewater and septage issues within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2022 the WSAB passed Resolution 22-01 in support of advancing a preliminary engineering report for the Septage Treatment Facility Project; and

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2022 the MSB Assembly adopted Resolution Serial Number 22-071, directing staff to discontinue efforts toward a septage treatment facility project; and

WHEREAS, that same Resolution resolved that the Board is to be disbanded upon adoption of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2022, Ordinance Serial Number 22-099, was presented to repeal MSB 4.70, Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board (Board's name at that time), which would have dissolved the Board. However, the ordinance failed. MSB 4.70 remained in effect with no changes to its content; and

Resolution Serial No. 26-01

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2023 the Board established through Board Resolution 23-01 new goals such as 1) On a continuing basis, assess the current wastewater and septage handling situation and conditions and identify and propose potential alternatives, should the current options be compromised or terminated; 2) review and maintain past alternative options; 3) investigate new and evolving methods, means and opportunities for wastewater and septage treatment, and; 4) continue to inform and educate the Assembly regarding wastewater and septage issues that could affect Borough residents.

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2023 Borough Manager Mike Brown came to the Board's special meeting informing the Board of the Borough's collaboration with the cities of Palmer and Wasilla regarding future water and wastewater system improvements, including a possible interconnect between the two cities' water systems. The Borough Manager stated he would like the Board to be involved with these efforts in the future. The Manager emphasized that water and wastewater infrastructure needs must be addressed prior to addressing septage; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2024, the Assembly adopted the Ordinance Serial No. 24-045 which changed the Board's name from Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board to Water and Wastewater Advisory Board; and

Resolution Serial No. 26-01

WHEREAS, during the remainder of 2024 through present time and in accordance with direction from the Assembly and Manager Brown, the Board has focused on water and wastewater issues including presentations and updates from the City of Wasilla regarding the study of the interconnect between the two cities' water systems; and

WHEREAS, the Board has also received updates from the City of Palmer regarding their new facilities and a new pump station supplying water to the Colony schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board feels as though they are sufficiently informed on water infrastructure related topics; and

WHEREAS, the Board receives an increasing number of concerns both inside and outside the cities' boundaries regarding failure of private septic systems installed in the 1970s and 80s and the Board would like to investigate/study this issue and generate data that can be used to determine solutions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Water and Wastewater Advisory Board requests Assembly guidance in defining future goals and requests strategic direction from the Assembly.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Water and Wastewater Advisory Board this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Resolution Serial No. 26-01

MR. BOB WALDEN, PE, Chair

ATTEST:

CHRISTINA SANDS, Board Administrative Support

(SEAL)

DRAFT

YES:

NO:

Resolution Serial No. 26-01