



STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 12, 2020

Workshop

TO: City Council
FROM: Ken Roberts, Planning Director
AGENDA ITEM: **City-owned Properties**
REVIEWED BY: Ben Prchal, City Planner

BACKGROUND:

City staff has been directed to prepare an inventory of all City-owned property and identify the purpose of each property. The information contained in this report and in the attachments are in response to this request.

ISSUE BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL:

The City Council is being asked to review the inventory of the City-owned properties and provide City staff with direction about any potential changes or needs the City Council may determine for any or all of these properties.

REVIEW AND ANALYSIS:

City Review Process

City staff compiled the list of City-owned properties by reviewing and analyzing Washington County property records. Staff determined there are 231 separate parcels in Lake Elmo that are currently owned by the City of Lake Elmo. Staff then prepared maps that show the location of each of the City-owned properties. For ease of review and mapping, staff divided the city into 4 quadrants to show the properties. I have attached several maps showing the location of the properties to this memo for your reference.

Staff members reviewed each of the City-owned properties to determine the purpose of each parcel. Of the 231 properties, 58 are for storm water ponding, 20 are for trails and paths, 73 are for right-of-way and 39 are part of city parks. I have attached table that identifies each property with a number, its known purpose and size for your reference.

If the City Council determines there may be a better or different use for one or several of the city-owned properties, then staff would recommend the Council direct staff to review and analyze in more detail the purpose and possible future use of each such property. Staff would compile this detailed information about each property and then bring a report back to the City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are no known new fiscal impacts by keeping the properties as is. Some of the properties require on-going maintenance (such as storm water ponds and parks). If the City Council wants to sell or dispose of any of the City owned properties, this would require a review of the history and title of each to determine

how or why the City acquired the property and what if any restrictions may have been placed on each parcel. This study would include more City staff time and research by the City Attorney to prepare.

OPTIONS:

The City Council may:

- Do nothing thus leaving all the properties as they are.
- Direct City staff to further analyze one or some of the city-owned properties. This study could be to determine the history of the property, what purpose it serves now and what if any purpose the City could foresee the property serving in the future.

RECOMMENDATION:

City staff is requesting direction from the City Council as to what, if any, next steps the City should take with any of the City-owned properties.

ATTACHMENTS

- Spread sheet (table) listing City-owned properties
- Maps of City-owned properties

Parcel Number	Category	Acres
1	Right of way	4.49
2	Right of way	0.58
3	Right of way	0.2
4	Right of way	0.32
5	Right of way	0.46
6	Right of way	1.16
7	Right of way	0.02
8	Right of way	0.22
9	Right of way	0.21
10	Stormwater pond	0.76
11	Stormwater pond	1.57
12	Right of way	0.03
13	Stormwater pond	2.88
14	Right of way	0.06
15	Stormwater pond	0.11
16	Right of way	1.01
17	Right of way	2.75
18	Right of way	0.16
19	Right of way	0.92
20	Right of way	2.53
21	Right of way	1.76
22	Right of way	1.52
23	Right of way	0.02
24	Right of way	0.38
25	Stormwater pond	3.08
26	Stormwater pond	0.05
27	Stormwater pond	0.03
28	Stormwater pond	1.13
29	Stormwater pond	1.47
30	Stormwater pond	5.88
31	Right of way	0.07
32	Stormwater pond	1.39
33	Stormwater pond	3.26

34	Right of way	0
35	Right of way	0.29
36	Stormwater pond	3.87
37	Stormwater pond	2.37
38	Stormwater pond	1.46
39	Stormwater pond	1.02
40	Hammes park	1.93
41	Stormwater pond	0.02
42	Stormwater pond	2.02
43	Stormwater pond	2.44
44	Walking trail	4.31
45	Stonegate park	6.04
46	Park/trail	0.39
47	Park/trail	0.22
48	Park/trail	0.21
49	Unidentified parcel	0.11
50	Stormwater pond	5.28
51	Walking trail	0.13
52	Stormwater pond	4.9
53	Stormwater pond/trail	8.72
54	Stormwater pond	0.83
55	Goose Lake park	1.82
56	Right of way	0.36
57	Right of way	3.26
58	Stormwater pond	0.48
59	Right of way	0.23
60	Right of way	2.96
61	Stormwater pond	1.94
62	Right of way	0.14
63	Walking path	0.14
64	Walking path	0.47
65	Walking path	0.13
66	Walking path	0.32
67	Stormwater pond	8.47

68	Stormwater pond	1.41
69	Unidentified parcel	0.68
70	Stormwater pond	6.34
71	Walking path	0.35
72	Walking path	0.17
73	Walking path	0.22
74	Walking path	0.4
75	Walking path	0.29
76	Walking path/ Stromwater	12.11
77	Watertower	0.46
78	Watertower	1.43
79	Unidentified parcel	0.49
80	Ridge park	23.47
81	Right of way	0.5
82	Lift station	0.19
83	Stormwater pond	0.56
84	Stormwater pond	3.75
85	Walking trail	0.15
86	Stormwater pond	3.6
87	Homested park	2.7
88	Stormwater pond	3.33
89	Walking trail	4.32
90	Right of way	0.55
91	Right of way	0.48
92	Stormwater pond	2.98
93	Stormwater pond	0.16
94	Stormwater pond	4.17
95	Stormwater pond	2.01
96	Legion Ave N. park	6.1
97	Unused right of way	0.28
98	Right of way	0.05
99	Right of way	0.05
100	Right of way	0.05
101	Right of way	0.05

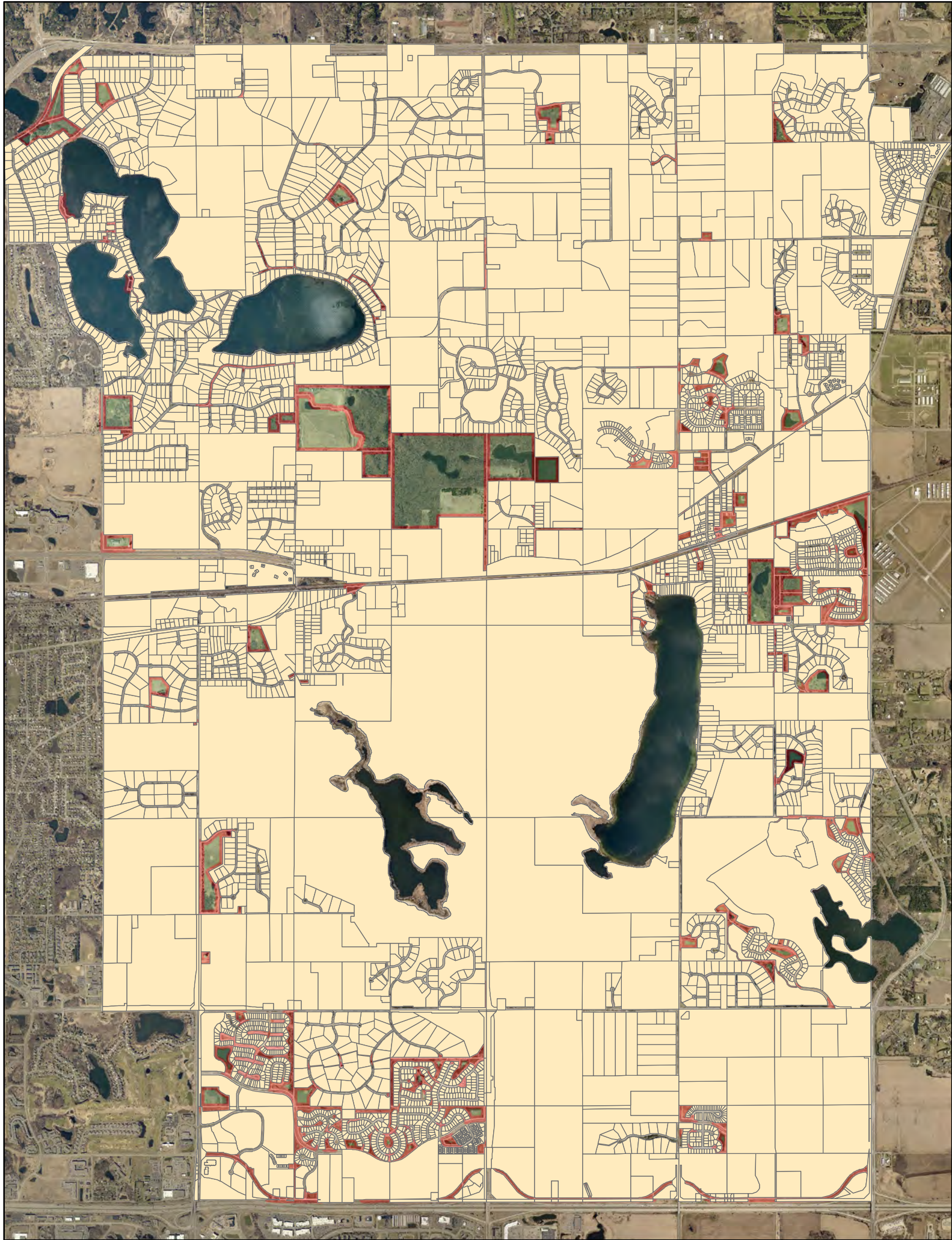
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108	Right of way	0.1
109	Right of way	0.02
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111	Right of way	0.07
112	Right of way	0.02
113	Stormwater drainage	0.36
114	Open space	0.26
115	Heritage park	8.21
116	Right of way	0.14
117	Stormwater drainage	0.37
118	Stormwater pond	1.77
119	Right of way	0.54
120	Unidentified parcel	0.55
121	Pump house	0.16
122	Heights park	6.6
123	Heights park	0.29
124	Stormwater drainage	0.37
125	Tablyn park	8.62
126	Public works building	7.5
127	Pebble park	0.34
128	Right of way	1.17
129	Sunfish park	13.49
130	Sunfish park	151.7
131	Community septic system	0.97
132	Right of way	0.67
133	Right of way	0.86
134	Unidentified parcel	0.28
135	Right of way	0.23

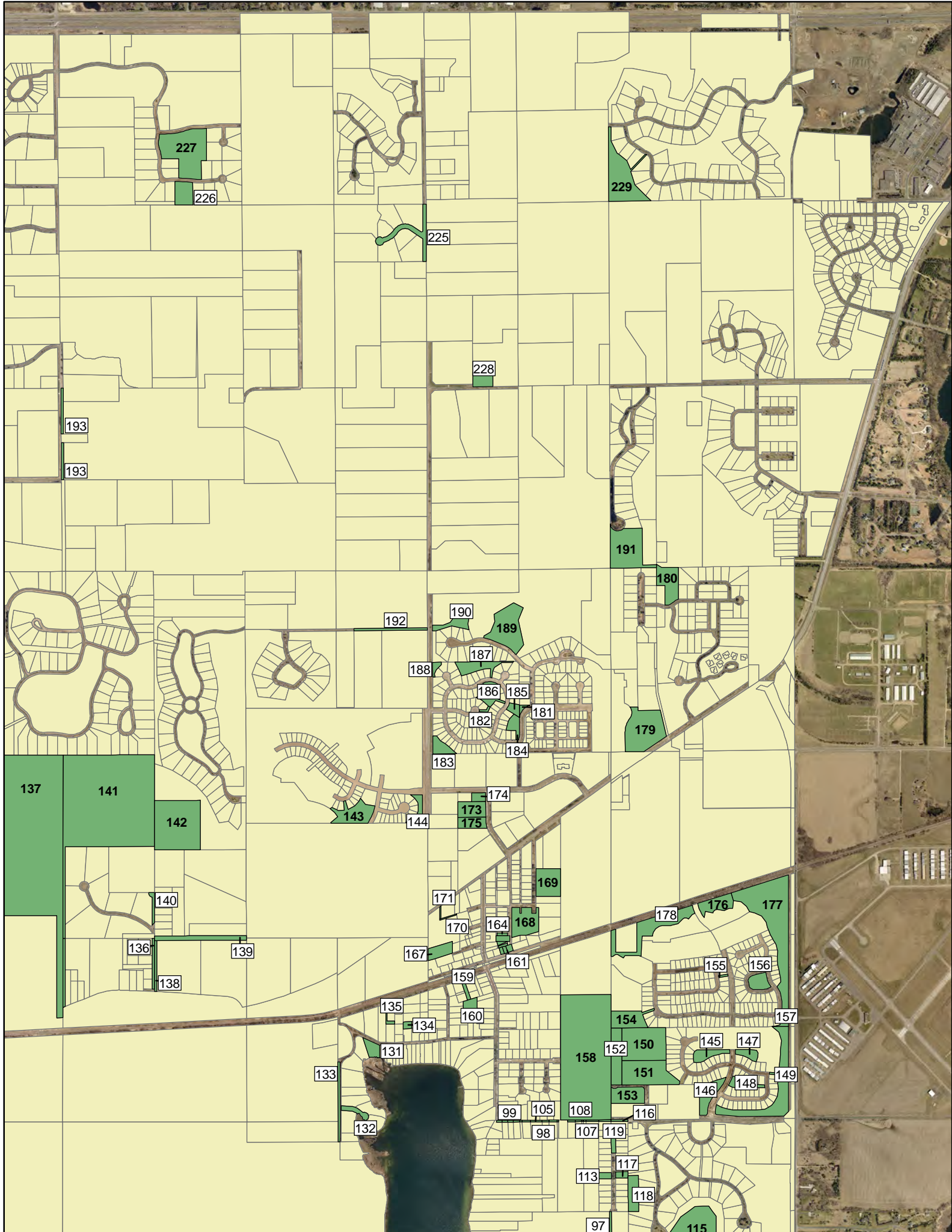
136	Right of way	0.55
137	Right of way	0.75
138	Right of way	0.56
139	Walking trail	2
140	Sunfish park	0.41
141	Sunfish park	40.71
142	Sunfish park	10.69
143	Stormwater pond	3.14
144	Stormwater pond	0.97
145	Stormwater pond	1.31
146	Stormwater pond	2.21
147	Stormwater pond	0.83
148	Stormwater pond	1
149	Stormwater pond	6.5
150	Reid park	6.83
151	Reid park	5.69
152	Reid park	2.9
153	Water tower	2.55
154	Walking path	2.75
155	Walking path	0.09
156	Easton Village park	1.36
157	Right of way	0.63
158	Reid park	30
159	Right of way	0.34
160	Watertower	1.19
161	Right of way	0.2
162	Right of way	0.11
163	Right of way	0.11
164	Right of way	0.38
165	Lake Elmo Fire Department	0.09
166	Lake Elmo Fire Department	0.1
167	Community septic system	1.37
168	Lions park	3.36
169	VFW park	3.23

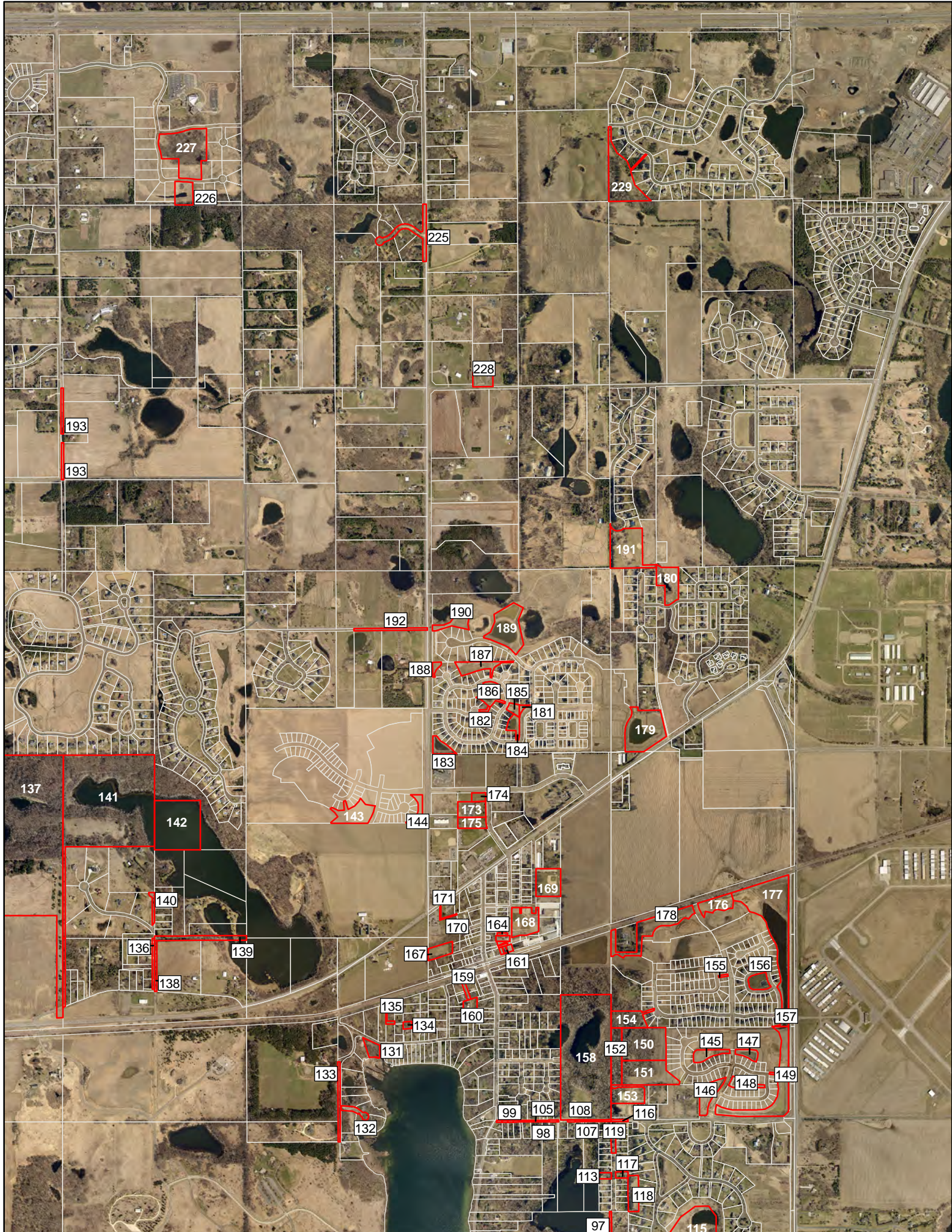
170	Walking path	0.09
171	Walking path	0.06
172	Lake Elmo Fire Department	0.14
173	City Hall	2.06
174	City Hall	0.58
175	City Hall	1.5
176	Stormwater pond	2.14
177	Stormwater pond	13.18
178	Stormwater pond/trail	4.94
179	Stormwater pond	6.67
180	Stormwater pond	3.04
181	Walking path	0.2
182	Walking path	0.13
183	Stormwater pond	1.13
184	Stormwater pond	0.94
185	Firefly park	0.55
186	Stormwater pond	1.5
187	Stormwater pond	1.97
188	Stormwater pond	0.33
189	Stormwater pond	5.43
190	Walking path	1.51
191	Tana Ridge park	6.14
192	Right of way	0.8
193	Right of way	0.9
194	Sunfish park	61.68
195	Landfill	47.46
196	Drain field	0.23
197	Right of way	2.6
198	Unidentified parcel	3.7
199	Unidentified parcel	3.33
200	Right of way	4.71
201	Pebble park	18.33
202	Pebble park	0.87
203	Right of way	0.33

204	Lake Olson	0.09
205	Lake Olson	0.51
206	Lake Olson	0.3
207	Right of way	1.48
208	Right of way	1.22
209	Lake Demontreville shore line	1.55
210	Demontreville Wildlife park	8.72
211	Demontreville Wildlife park	14.76
212	Demontreville Wildlife park	3.21
213	Right of way	0.05
214	Drain field	0.14
215	Stormwater pond	0.18
216	Stormwater pond	0.14
217	Drain field	0.16
218	Right of way	0.05
219	Unidentified parcel	0.25
220	Demontreville park	6.33
221	Right of way	0.06
222	Kleis park	6.94
223	Right of way	0
224	Right of way	0
225	Right of way	2.23
226	Stormwater pond	1.97
227	Stormwater pond	8.31
228	Pumphouse	1.38
229	St. Croix's Sanctuary	6.37
230	Former 3M property	172.6
231	Former 3M property	7.65
	TOTAL	978.5

Group categories	# of Parcels	Acres by group
# of right of way	73	47.58
# of stormwater ponds	58	162.78
# of parks	39	471.2
# of trails/walking path	20	30.06
# of unidentified parcels	8	9.39
# of City building	7	11.97
# of City water building	7	7.36
	TOTAL	740.34







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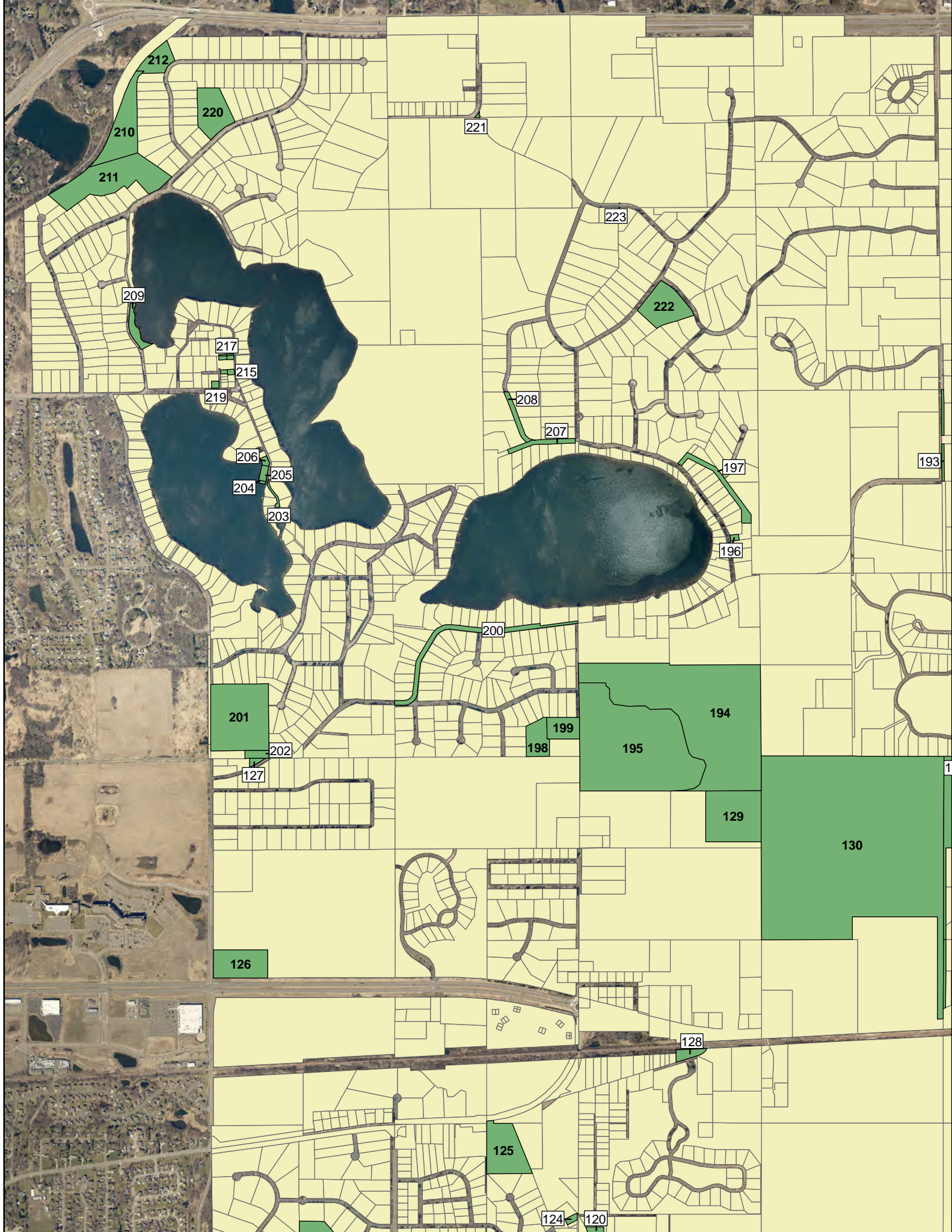
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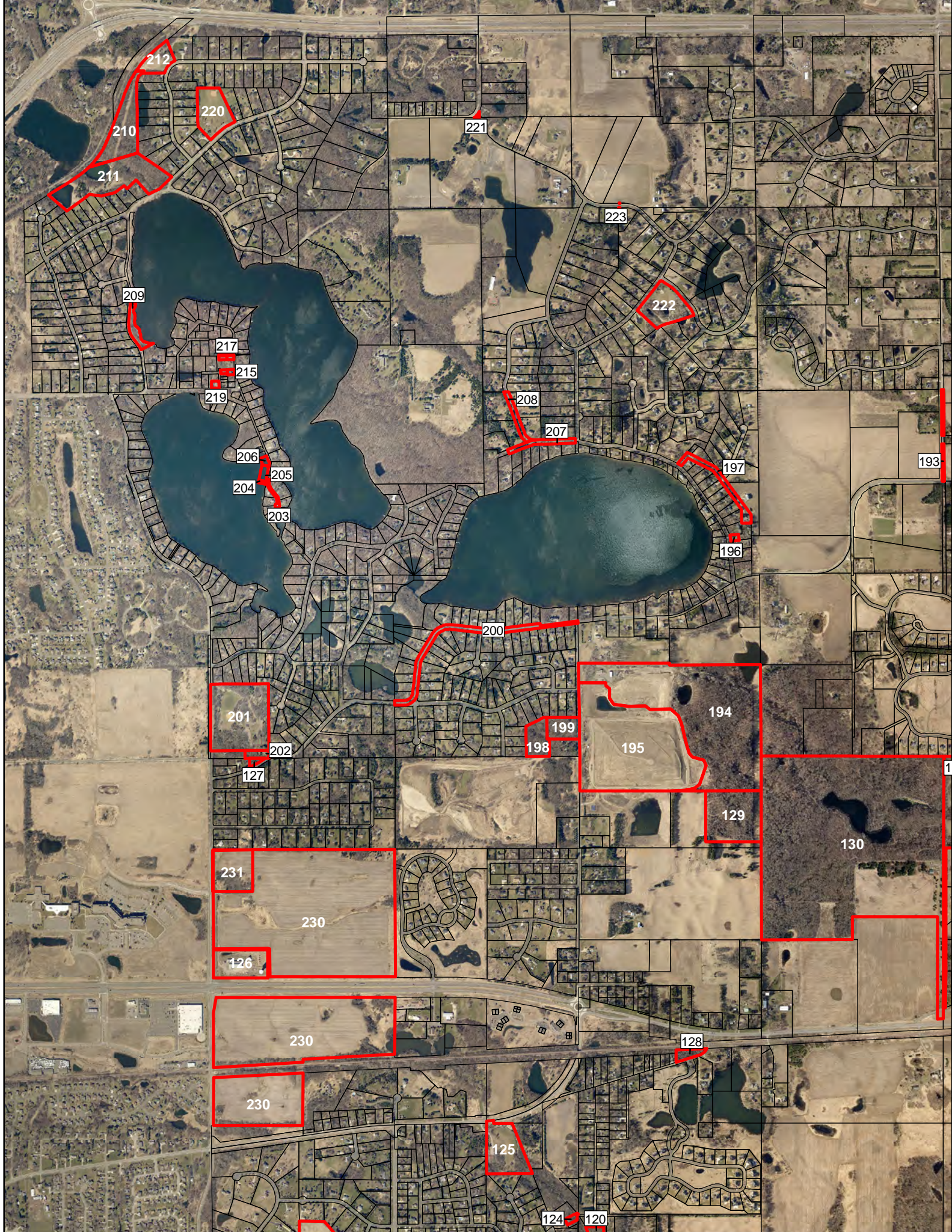
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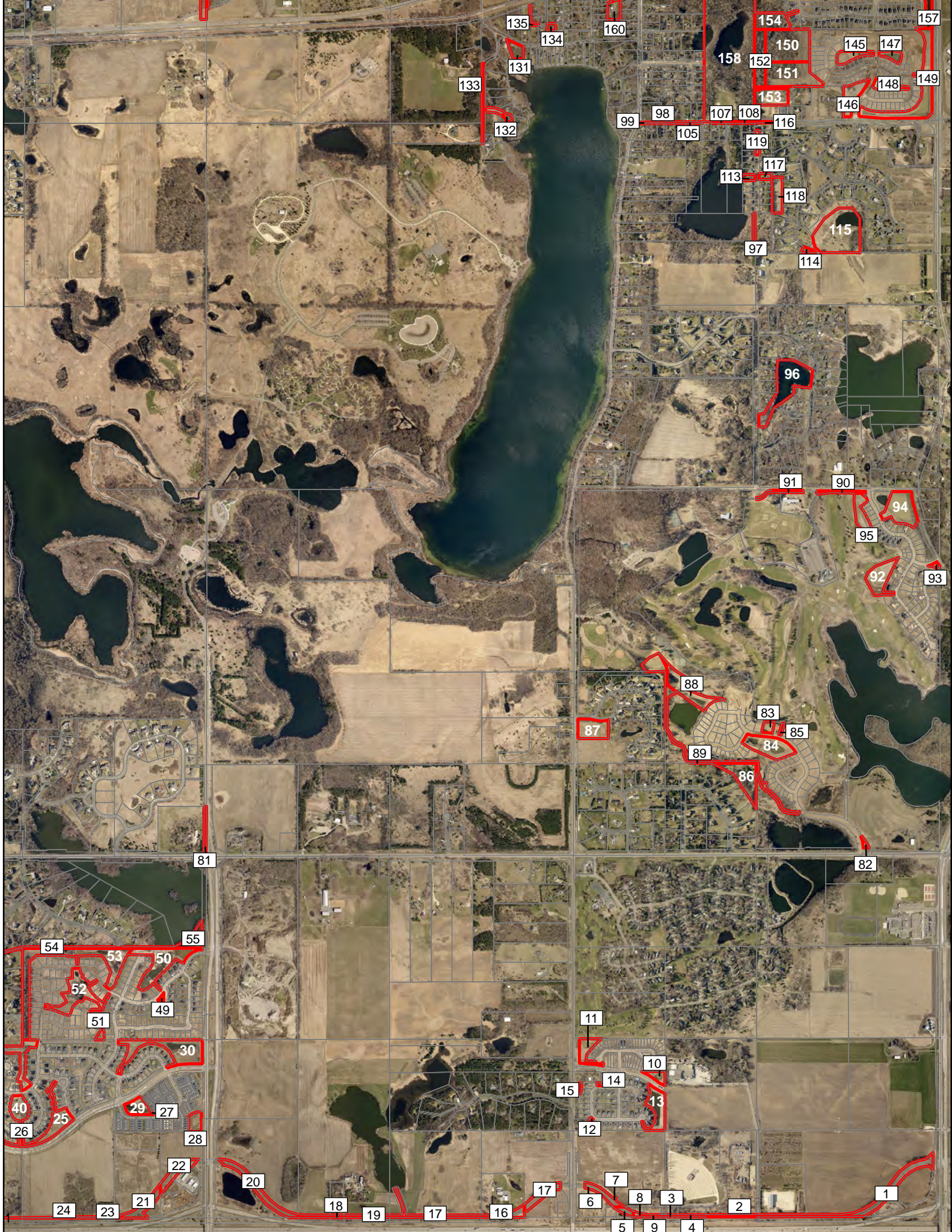
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