Town of Kittery Maine
Town Council Public Workshop

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Flood Insurance Rate Maps

April 7, 2014

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Manages response to national emergencies/disasters.

Administers National Flood Insurance Program.

National Flood Insurance Program Status

$ Billions in debt.
Congress eliminated subsidies.
Owner pay full cost for flood insurance.
Insurance price projected increases 18 to 25%.

National Flood Insurance Program
Flood Insurance Rate Maps
(FIRMs)

What?

Why?

How Made?

Issues?

Response?

FEMA
Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs)

What?

Identify areas where structures may be at risk of flooding.

FEMA
Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs)

Why?

Identify owners that may or must need flood insurance.

FEMA
Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs)
How Made?
Aerial Imagery Information & Calculations

Kittery's current FIRM - 1984.
Preliminary FIRM - 2013

FEMA Preliminary FIRMs

Kittery's Issues?

Discrepancies in Mapping & Calculations

FEMA Preliminary FIRMs

Kittery's Issues / Impacts?
Approximately 75 structures
Coastal Flood Area - 65

Non-Coastal Flood Areas
Approximately 10 properties

FEMA Preliminary FIRMs

Kittery's Issue?

Principal structures proposed to be added to the Flood Hazard Area may not be subject to severe flooding.

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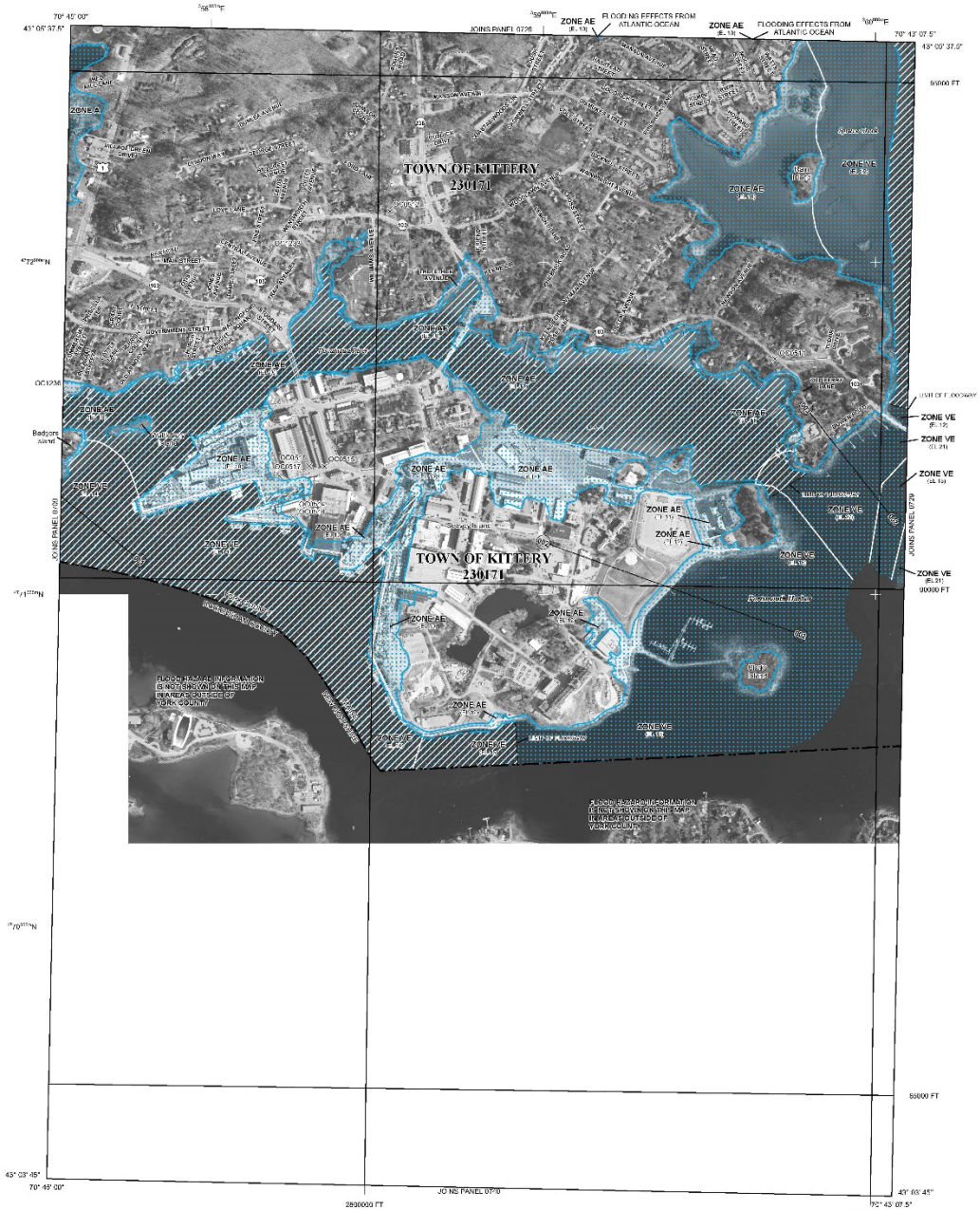

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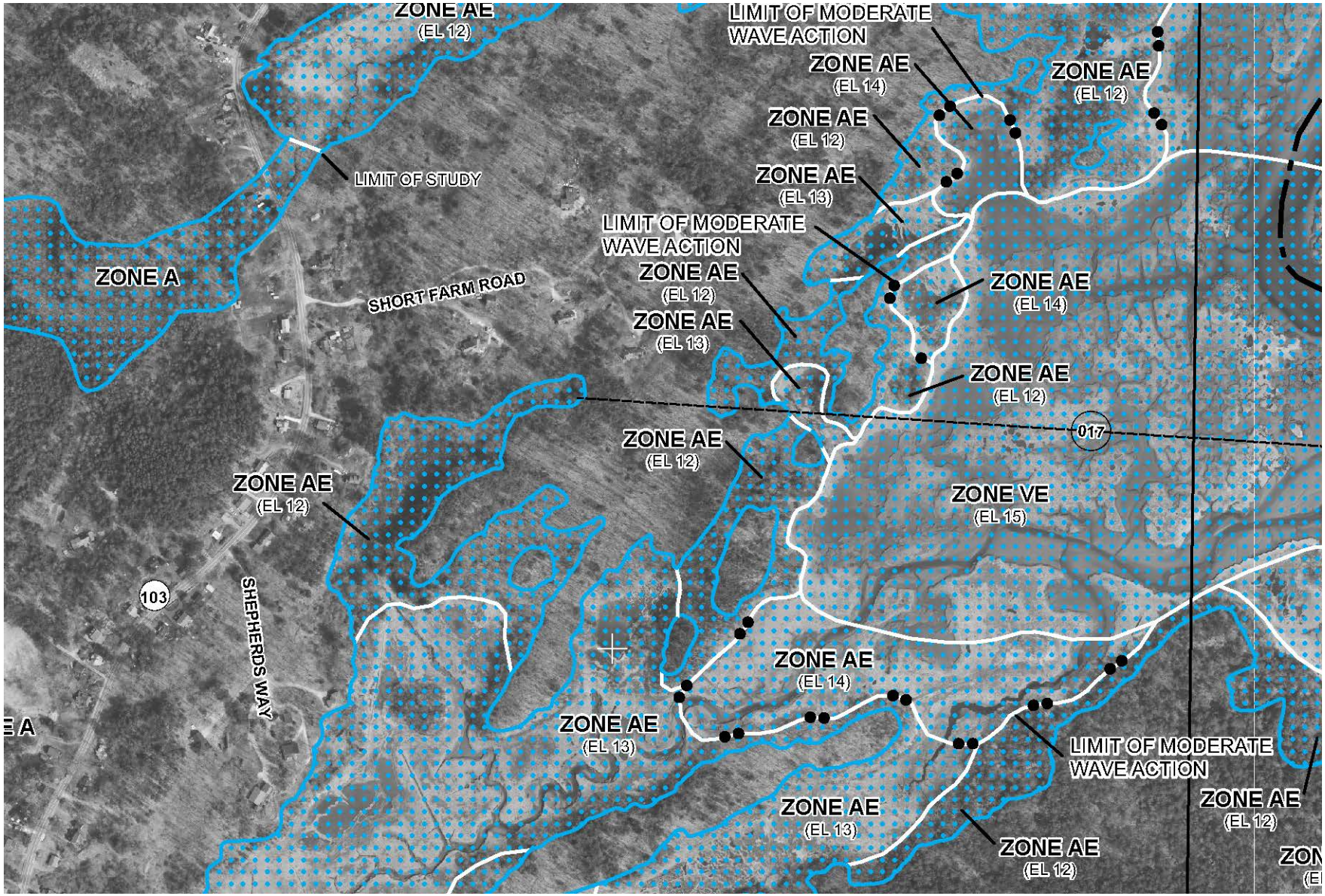
What's an A, AE or VE Zone?

A Zone - a flood hazard area
without a base flood elevation determined.

AE Zone - a flood hazard area.
with a base flood elevation determined.

VE Zone - a coastal flood zone with velocity hazard &
with a base flood elevation determined.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FEMA Preliminary FIRMs

Comparison between Current and Preliminary FIRMs

OVERVIEW MAPS

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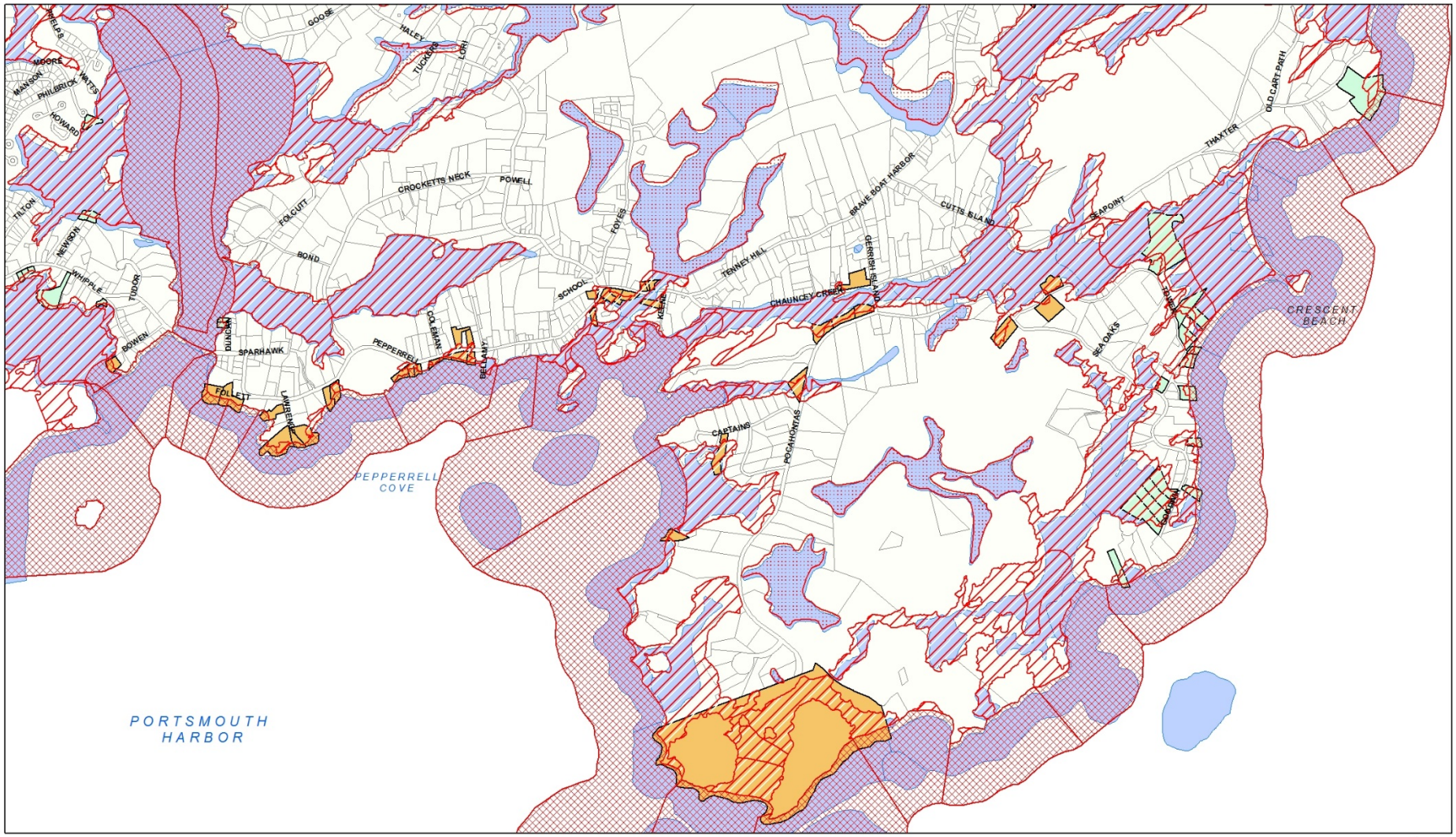

LEGEND

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- Properties with buildings impacted by the 2013 Preliminary FIRM **TOTAL: APPROX. 78**
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2013 PRELIMINARY FIRM (FLOOD ZONE)

- A (100 YEAR- no flood elevations)
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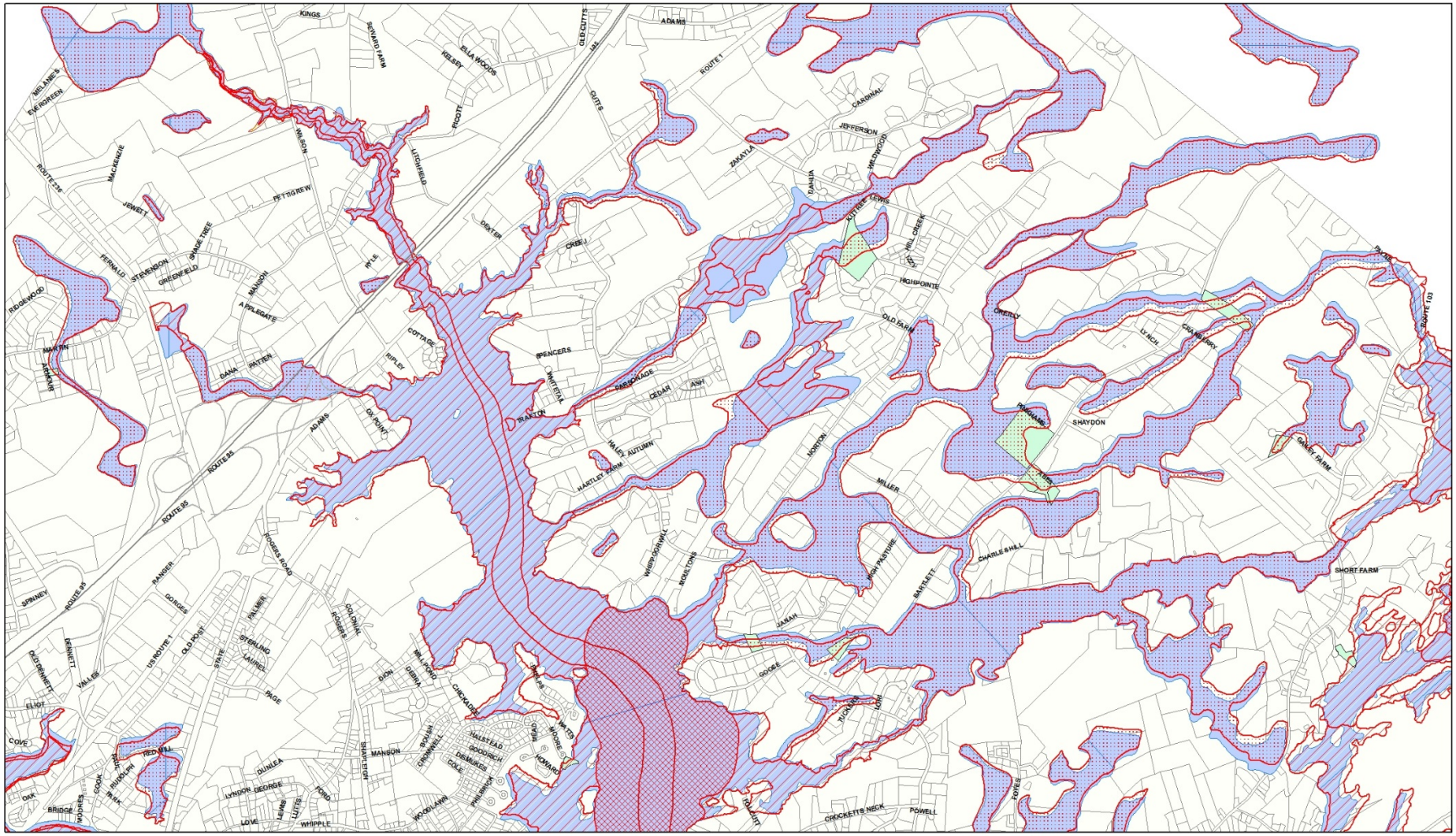
CURRENT FIRM (FLOOD ZONE)

- A; AE; AO; VE

0 1,250 2,500 5,000 7,500 10,000 Feet

1 inch = 1,250 feet

OVERVIEW OF PROPERTIES THAT MAY HAVE STRUCTURES THAT ARE NEWLY IMPACTED INLAND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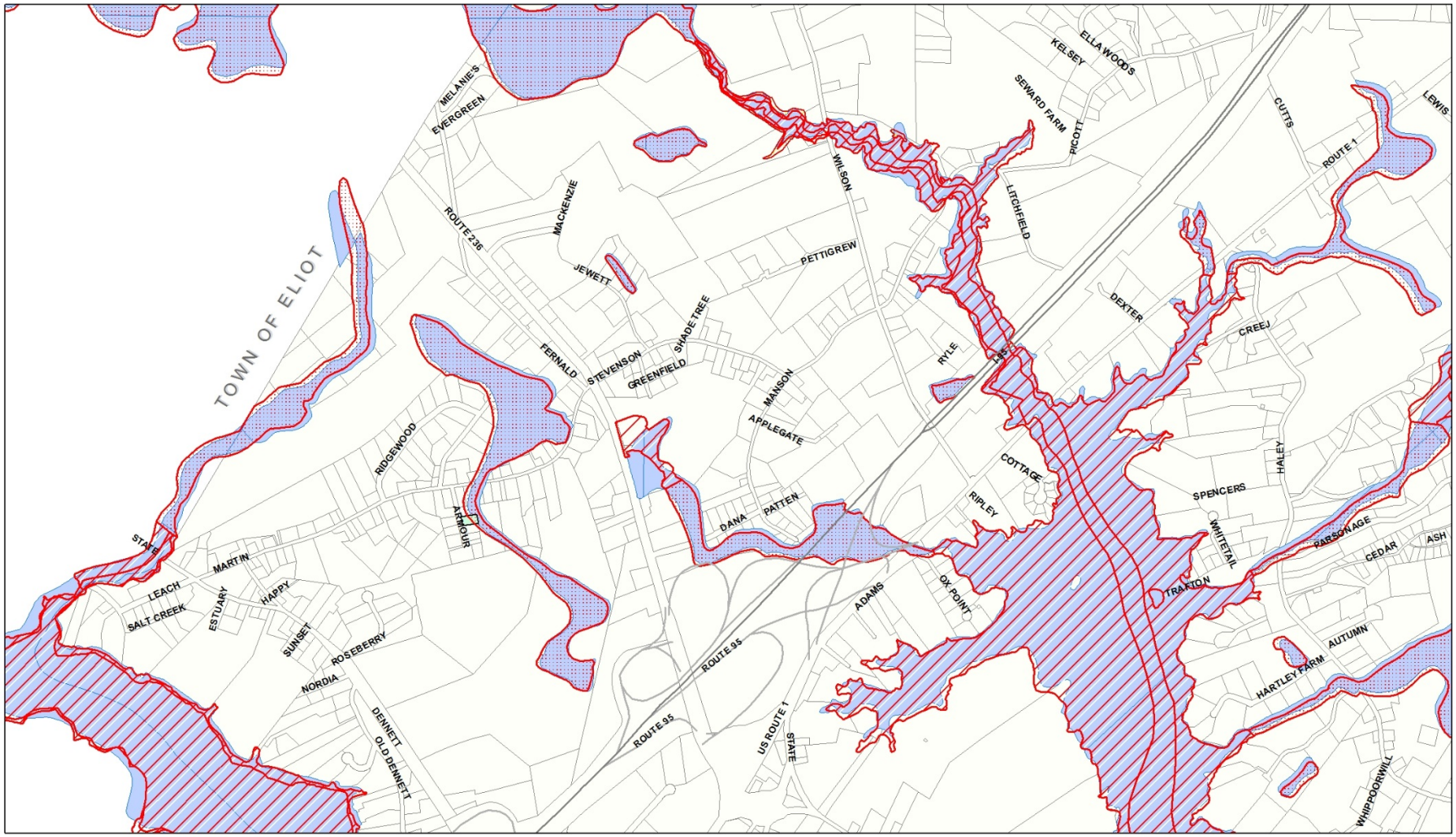

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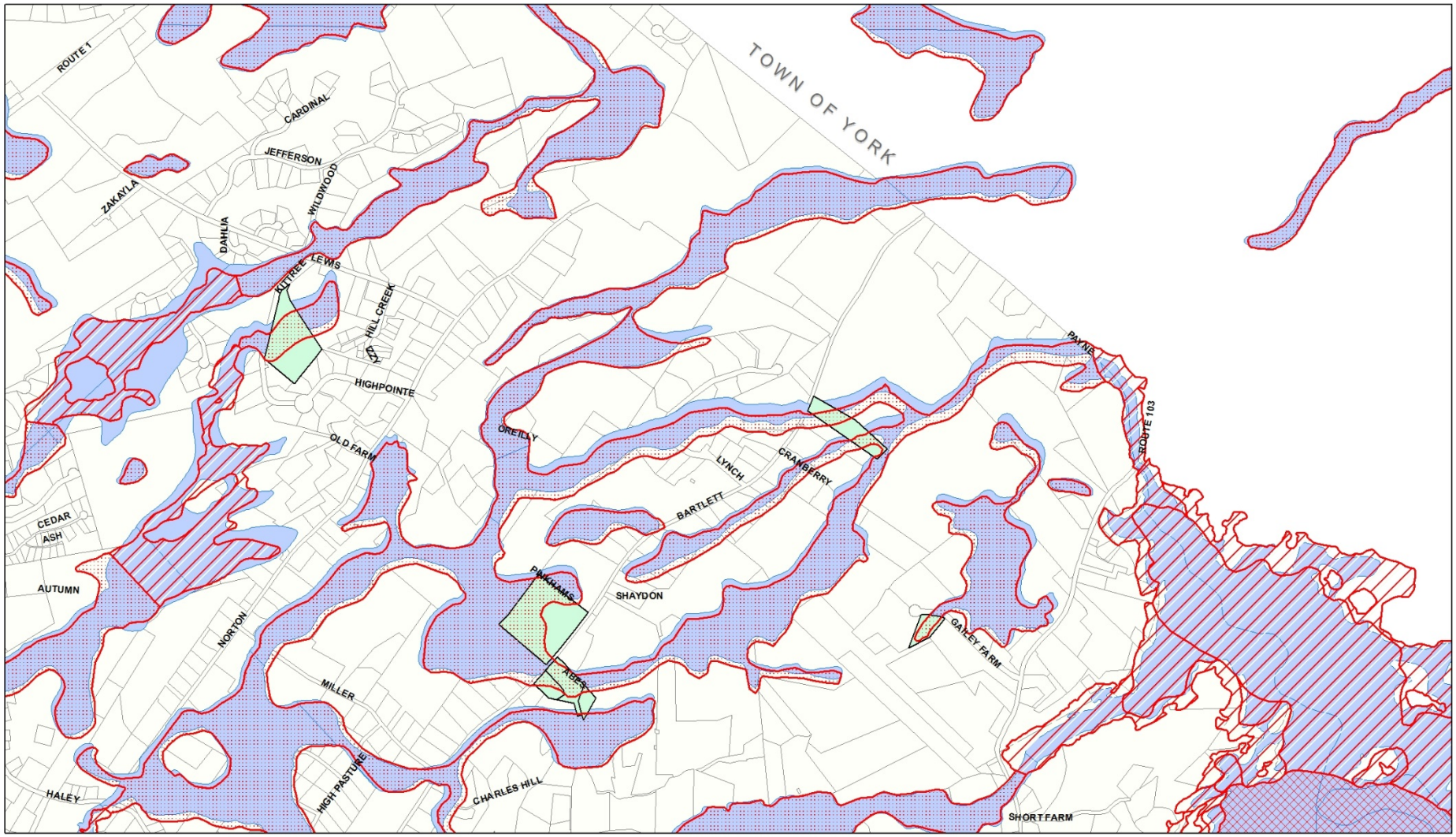

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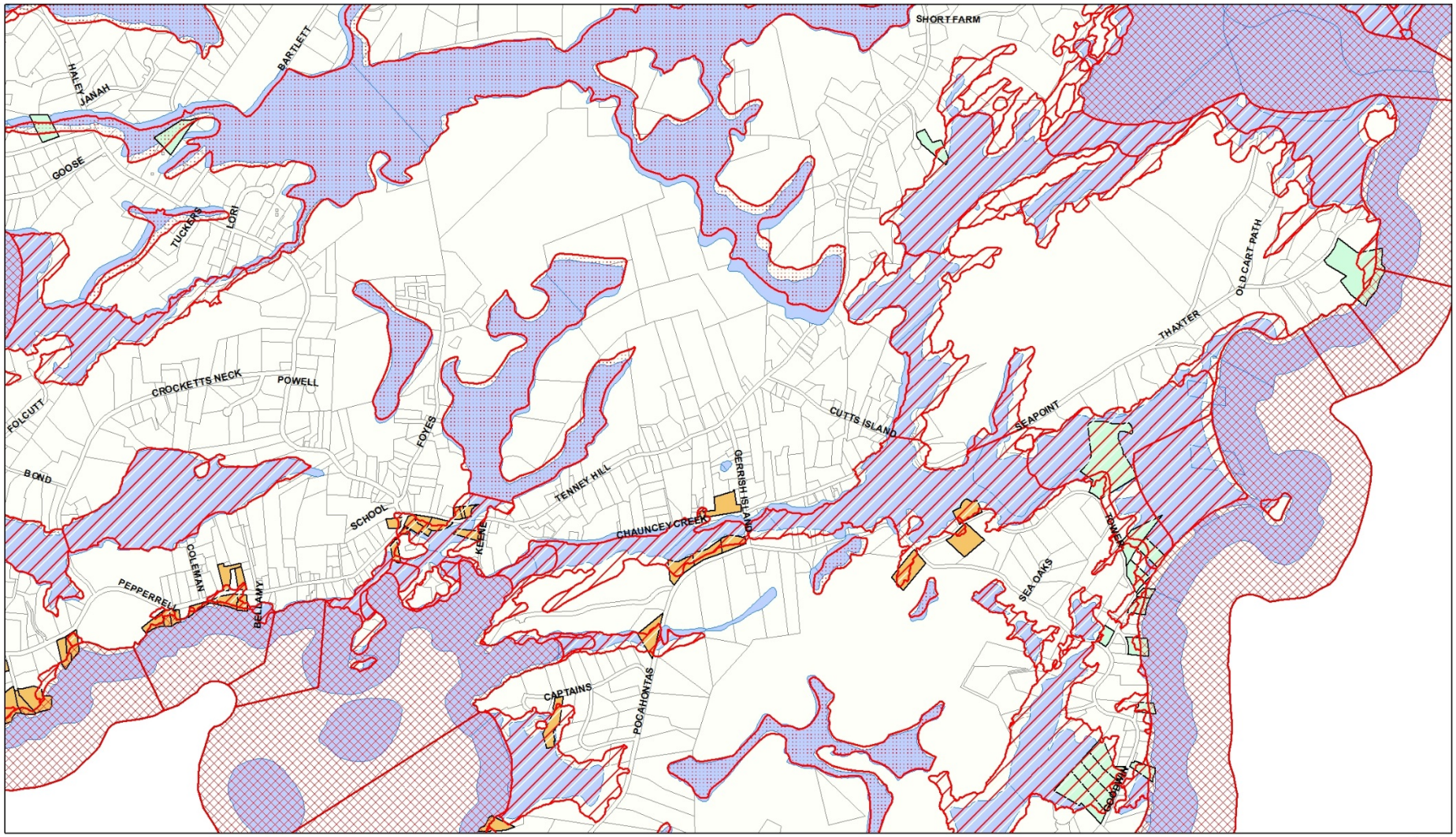

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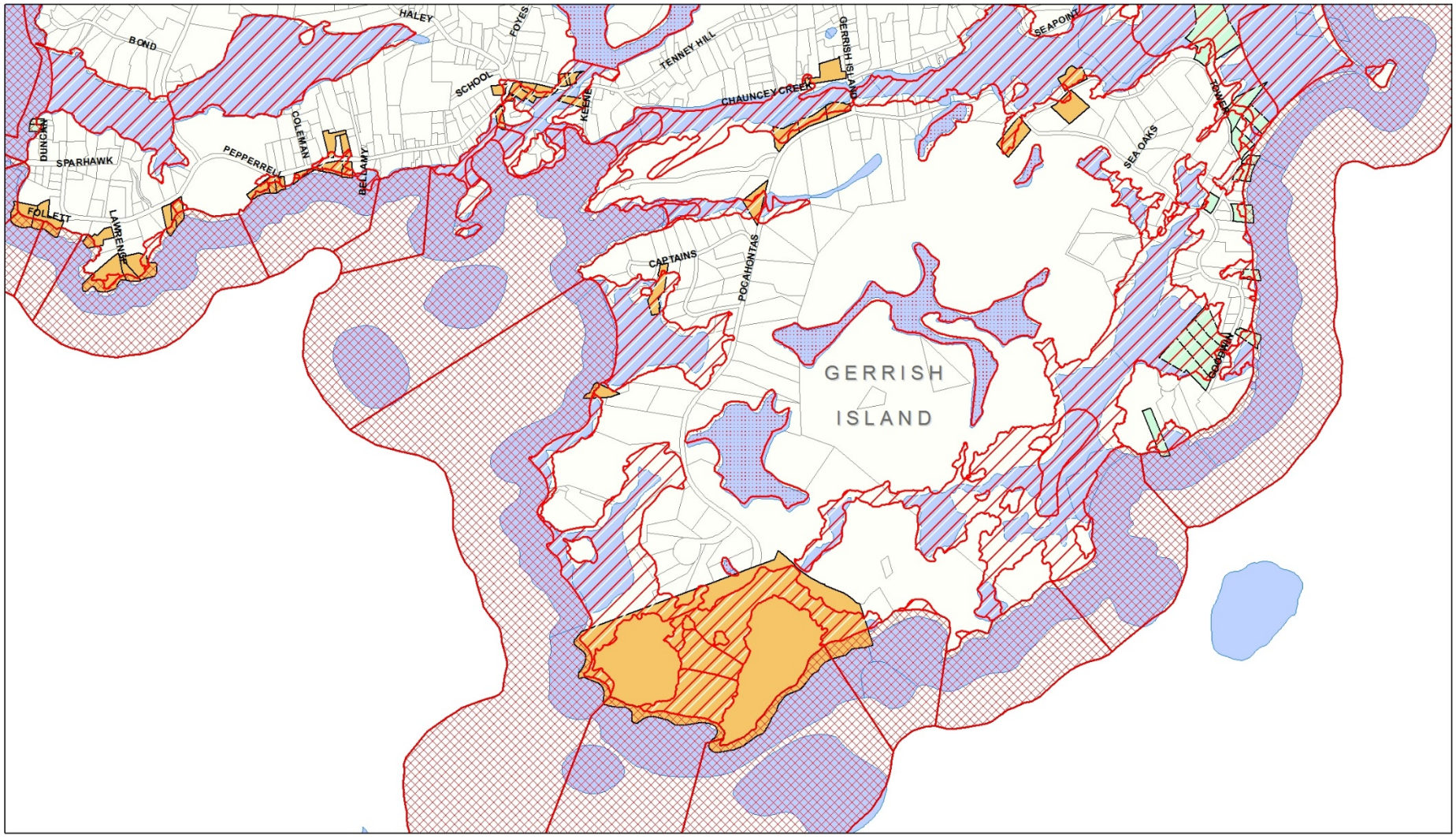

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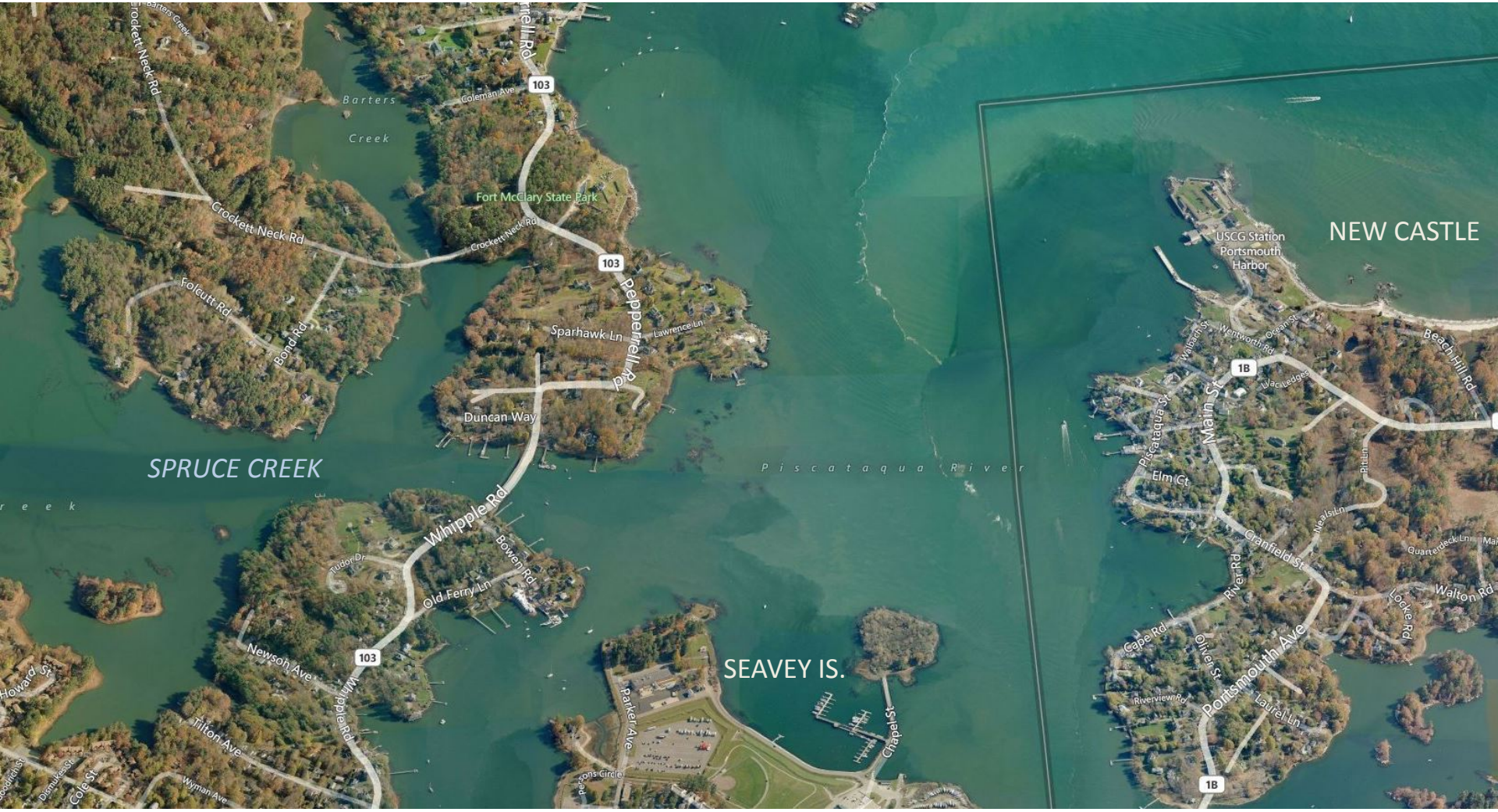

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Duncan
Sparhawk Ln
Orrekells Neck Rd
Pepperell Rd
Pollett Ln
McNamara
Lawrence Ln

NORTH

3-149
Village Green Dr
8-43
3-111
3-147
State Rd
3-148
3-114
3-01
3-128
3-147C
Port Av
3-147A
3-02
3-147B
3-04
STATE ROAD
4-189
3-06
3-05
3-145
3-07
WATER
DISTRICT
Love Ln

3-119
3-111
3-147
3-149
Village Green Dr
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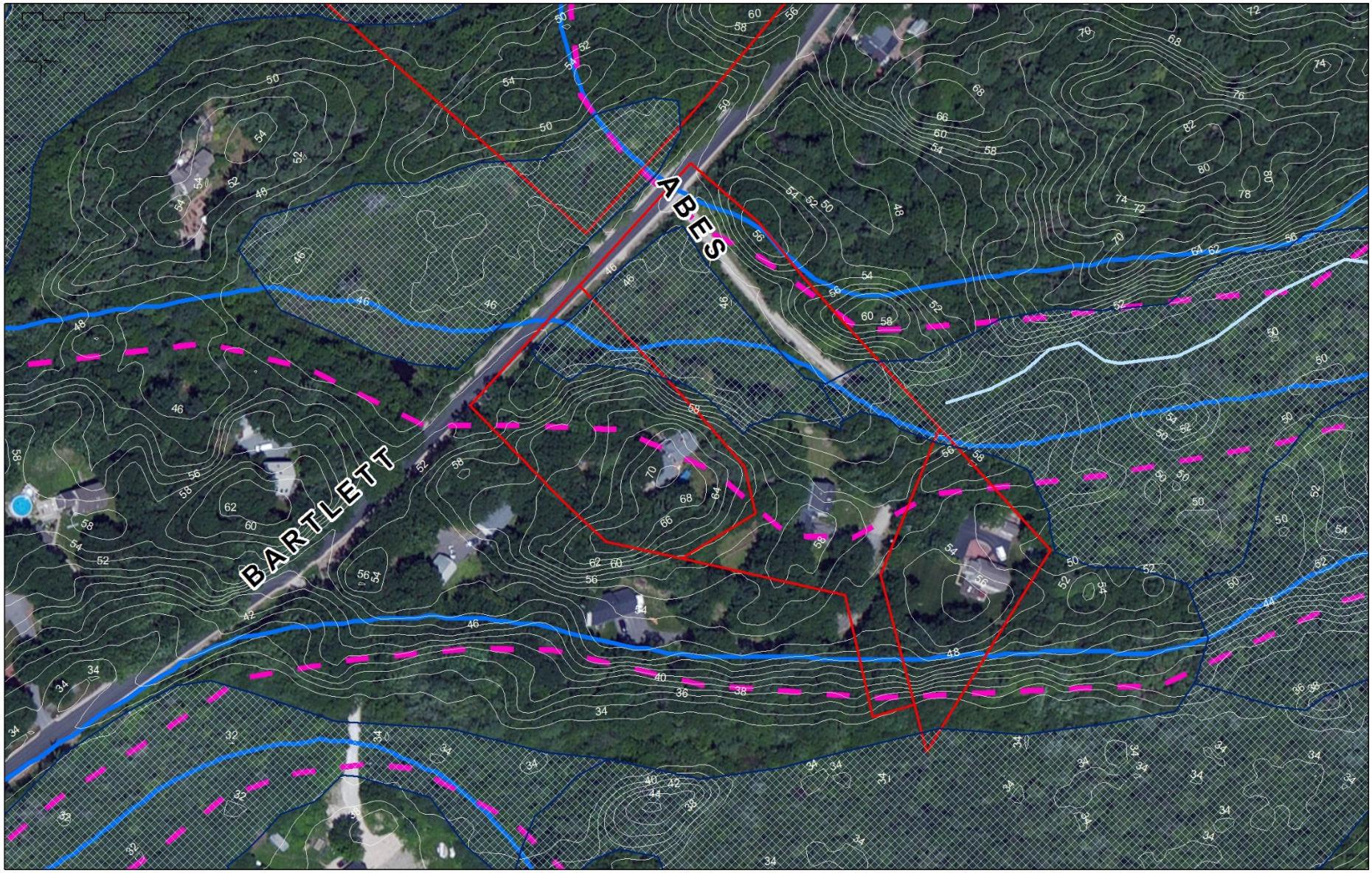
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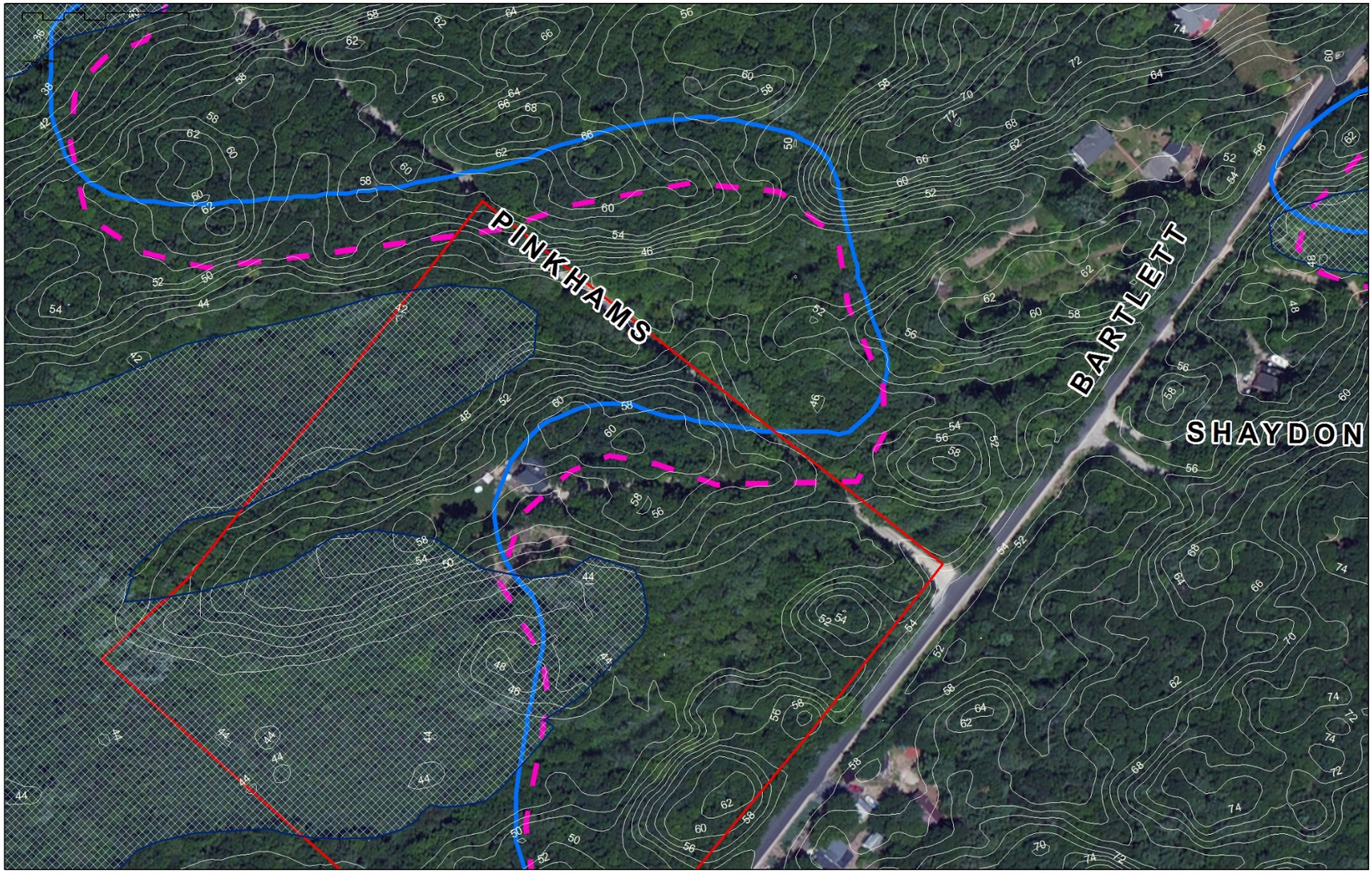
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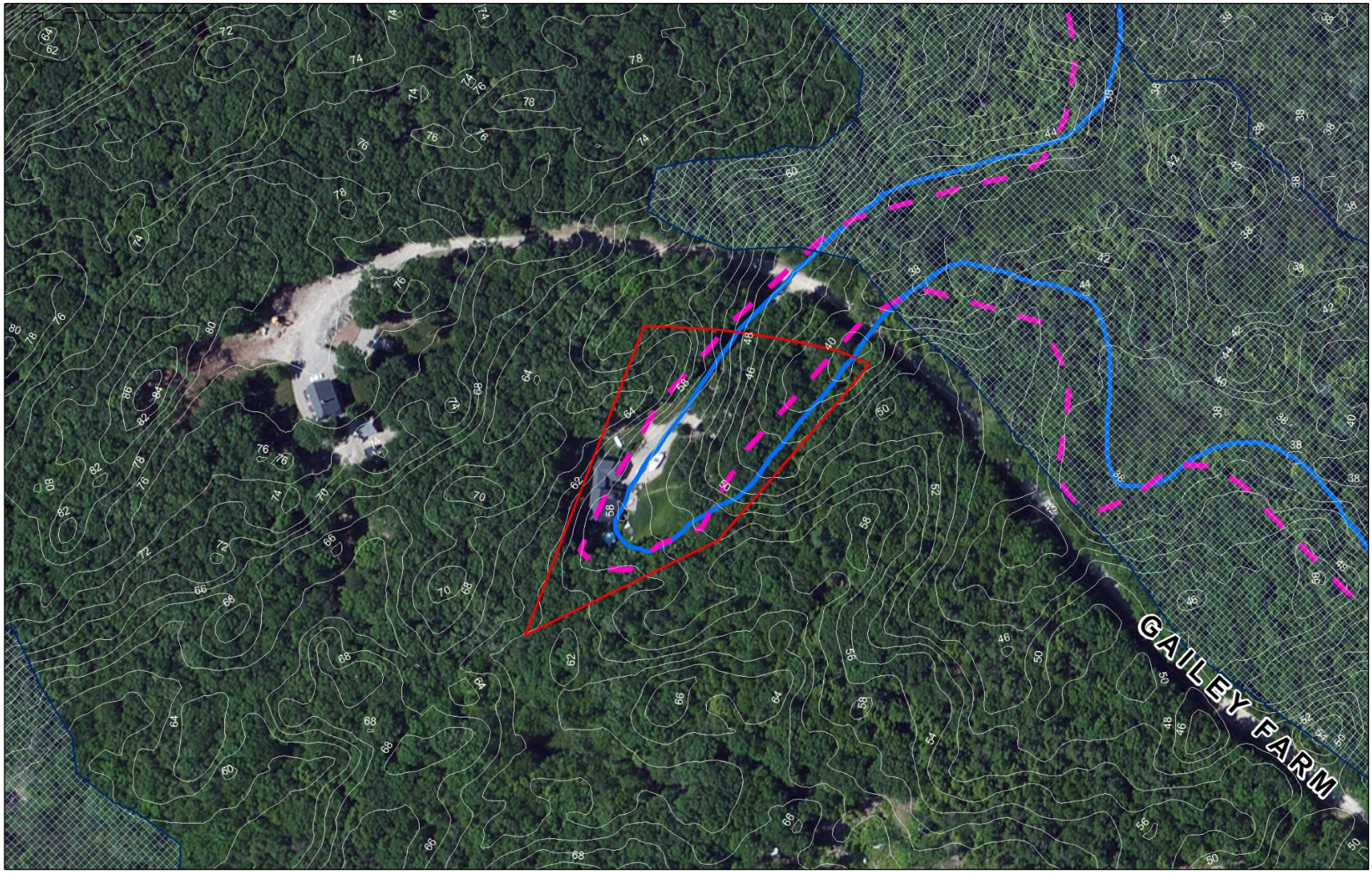
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Town Appeal
$20,000

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Action/ Appeal?

When?

Mid April 2014?
Then Within 90 Days

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Your Response ? Action / Option
per State MFMP ?
Get Flood Insurance
When?
Now/ Before new FIRMs
Why?
Priced at current premium amount.

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