



The Federal Redistribution 2009
QUEENSLAND



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Dear Commissioners,

As the representative for the Federal Electorate of Oxley I wish to put forward my comments in regards to the proposed redistribution of Queensland.

Specifically, my submission will address an anomaly in the Greater Springfield Region which goes against the commissions overarching goals concerning communities of interest.

I also refer you to a number of maps attached to substantiate my argument for changes to the proposed boundaries of the Oxley Electorate.

Yours sincerely,

Bernie Ripoll MP
Federal Member for Oxley

Introduction

In the recently released draft boundaries, as determined by the commission, we saw the electorate of Oxley undertake a considerable amount of change to its current boundaries.

Whilst I accept the findings of the commission I do feel compelled to write a submission in regards to a major anomaly within the draft boundaries of Oxley which were released on the 24 July 2009.

The anomaly relates specifically to the southern part of the Greater Springfield region and the Ipswich East CCD of 3-13-08-11.

Throughout this submission I have kept in mind the need for the division of Oxley remain within quota, but my primary focus is in keeping the already established communities of interest within the electorate strong, whilst keeping change to the seat as minimal as possible.

I have also attached a number of maps for your consideration and to substantiate the argument to have part of the Ipswich East CCD of 3-13-08-11 transferred back into the Oxley Electorate.

Background

On the 24 July 2009 the Australian Electoral Commission handed down the proposed Redistribution of Queensland, which again saw the addition of a new seat to Queensland at the expense of a seat in New South Wales.

The addition of a new seat saw Queensland's representation in the Federal Parliament increase to 30 and the new seat of Wright formed in the South West of Queensland.

The new seat of Wright being formed in this region is of some significance. The Western Corridor is one of the fastest growing regions in the country and the predicted population of this area is predicted to be 1.2 million by 2026.

One of the main drivers of this growth is the Greater Springfield region and it is important that special attention be paid to this area while it continues to grow. Currently the population of Greater Springfield is over 18,000 and is estimated to be 100,000+ by 2030.

Therefore the main points I wish to bring to the commissions attention is the strong community of interest in this area, the obvious and distinct geographic boundaries that surround this master planned community and the importance of keeping the area together to assist with it's future growth.

Community of interest

When the redistribution was handed down it came as a big surprise to all associated with the region to see that the southern part of Greater Springfield (Springfield Greenbank Arterial Road and below) was placed in the seat of Blair rather than the more logical choice of Oxley.

To unnecessarily ostracise this part of the suburb from the rest of its community will no doubt result in a loss of identity between the commercial and industrial parts of the region and the constituents that will be the major users of such facilities.

Facilities that are integral parts to the Greater Springfield Master Plan (Attachment C) which might now be separated from those it was specifically designed for include;

1. **Education City** - presents students with a unique opportunity to gain holistic education and training in the one location and includes the following education providers;
 - The University of Southern Queensland (USQ)
 - The Bremer Institute of TAFE
 - St Peters Lutheran College
 - Union Institute of Language - UIL
 - Australian City College
 - Specialist Training Services
 - MEGT
2. **Health City** - a designated health and wellness precinct that will include;
 - A primary care facility
 - Hospital,
 - Research and Education opportunities
 - Aged care
 - Retirement living
 - A medi-hotel
 - Health-related businesses
3. **Orion Springfield** – the main shopping precinct in the Greater Springfield Region.
4. **Springfield Technology Park**

As you can see from above, a university campus, health and wellness precinct and a large-scale shopping centre have been created to stimulate economic activity within the region, and provide communal facilities and touchpoints around which civic pride can flourish.

Given these reasons the part or even full addition of the Ipswich East CCD of 3-13-08-11 is a logical move given the strong community of interest between this and the remainder of the Greater Springfield region.

Distinct Geographic Boundary (Attachment A)

Cutting the proposed boundary of Oxley off at the Springfield Greenbank Arterial is not the optimal outcome given its close proximity to the Springfield suburb boundary.

It is also important to note that one of the significant planned growth areas (as part of the Greater Springfield development) in the Ipswich East CCD of 3-13-08-11 (Spring Mountain, Attachment C) will not even start to be developed for another three to five years, and planners of this site acknowledge that they will not know the projected growth numbers for another five years. This suggests that Oxley can absorb these proposed changes and still be within close proximity to the commissions quota requirements.

Alternative Outcomes (Attachment B)

Should the commission decide that this is not an option I would like to take this opportunity to suggest another change which could still achieve the important outcome of keeping the Greater Springfield Region intact.

In the report submitted by the Queensland Redistribution Committee the suburb of Collingwood Park was divided between both Oxley and Blair.

Prior to the 2009 redistribution, all 3572 voters from the Collingwood Park suburb were located within the Oxley electorate. Now we see that 2152 voters have been moved to Blair and only 1420 voters remain in Oxley.

The CCD's that now remain in Oxley include;

3-13-14-11 = 529 enrolled

3-13-14-10 = 397 enrolled

3-13-14-13 = 139 enrolled

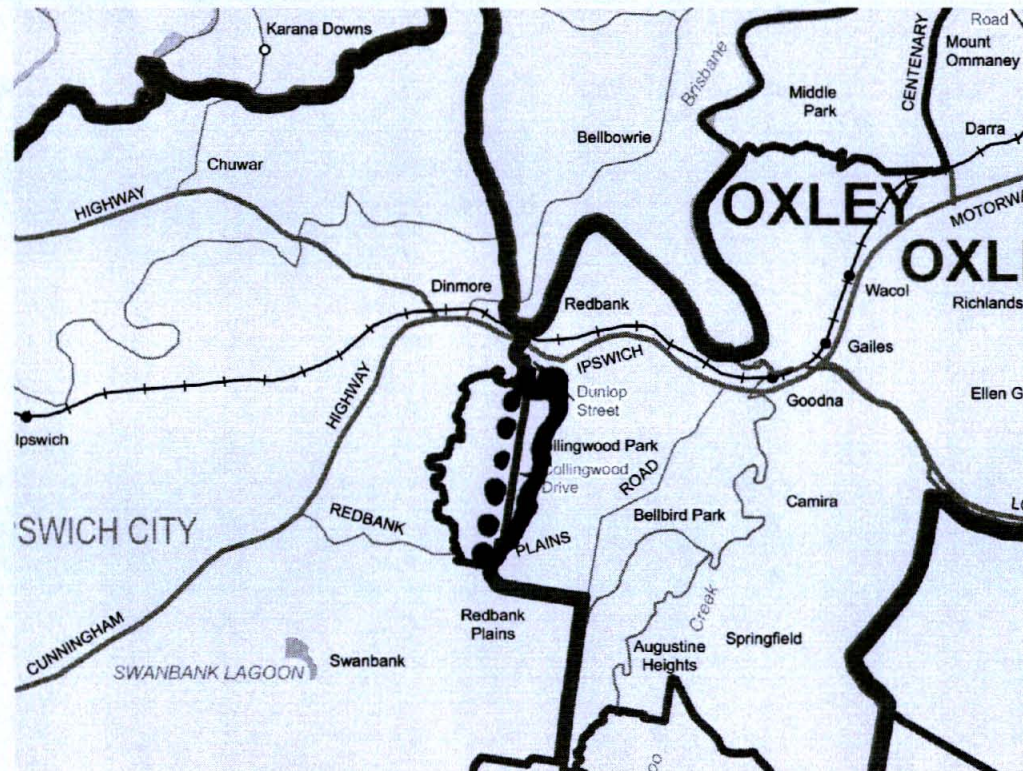
And the shared CCD of 3-13-14-06 see's 355 enrolled in Oxley and 231 now enrolled in Blair.

I would make the suggestion that Goodna Creek now become the new boundary to enable Collingwood Park to be wholly located within the Blair electorate. Therefore all of the CCD's

and 1420 voters in Oxley would be transferred and able to be represented by just the one Member of Parliament.

Should these changes to Collingwood Park occur that would enable the commission to transfer the Ipswich East CCD 3-13-08-11 back into the Oxley electorate, unite the Greater Springfield Region and remain close to the commissions 2012 projections.

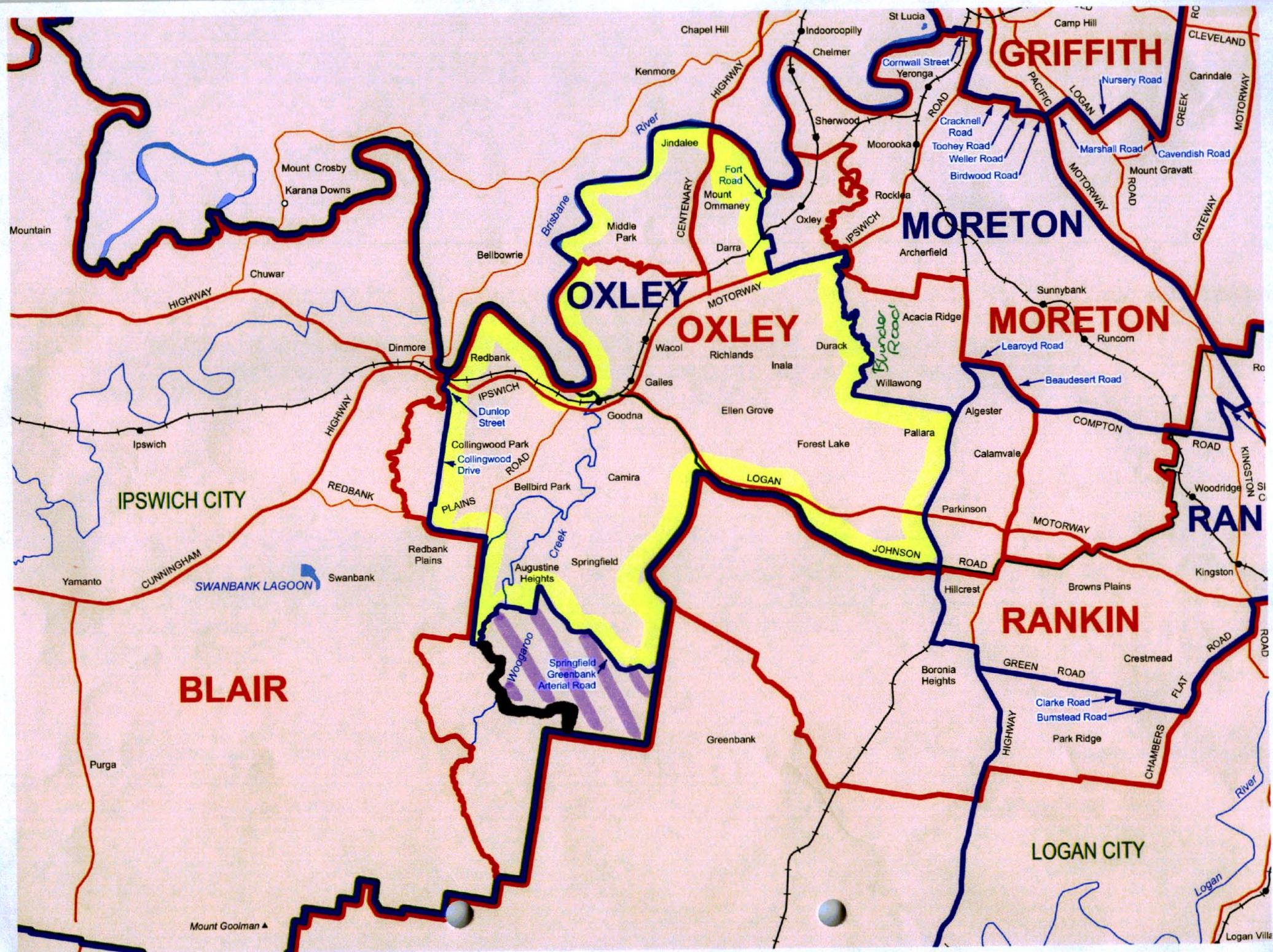
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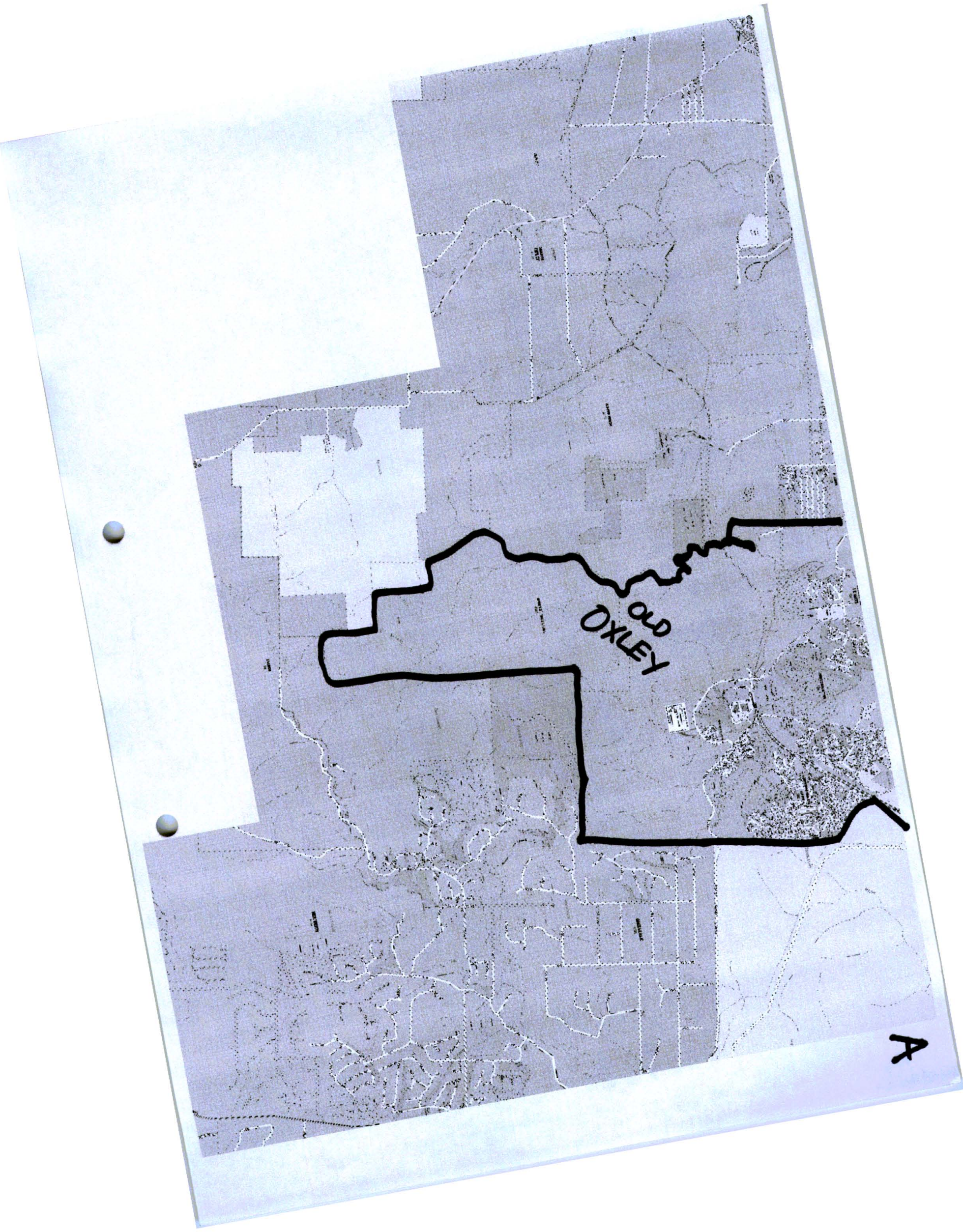


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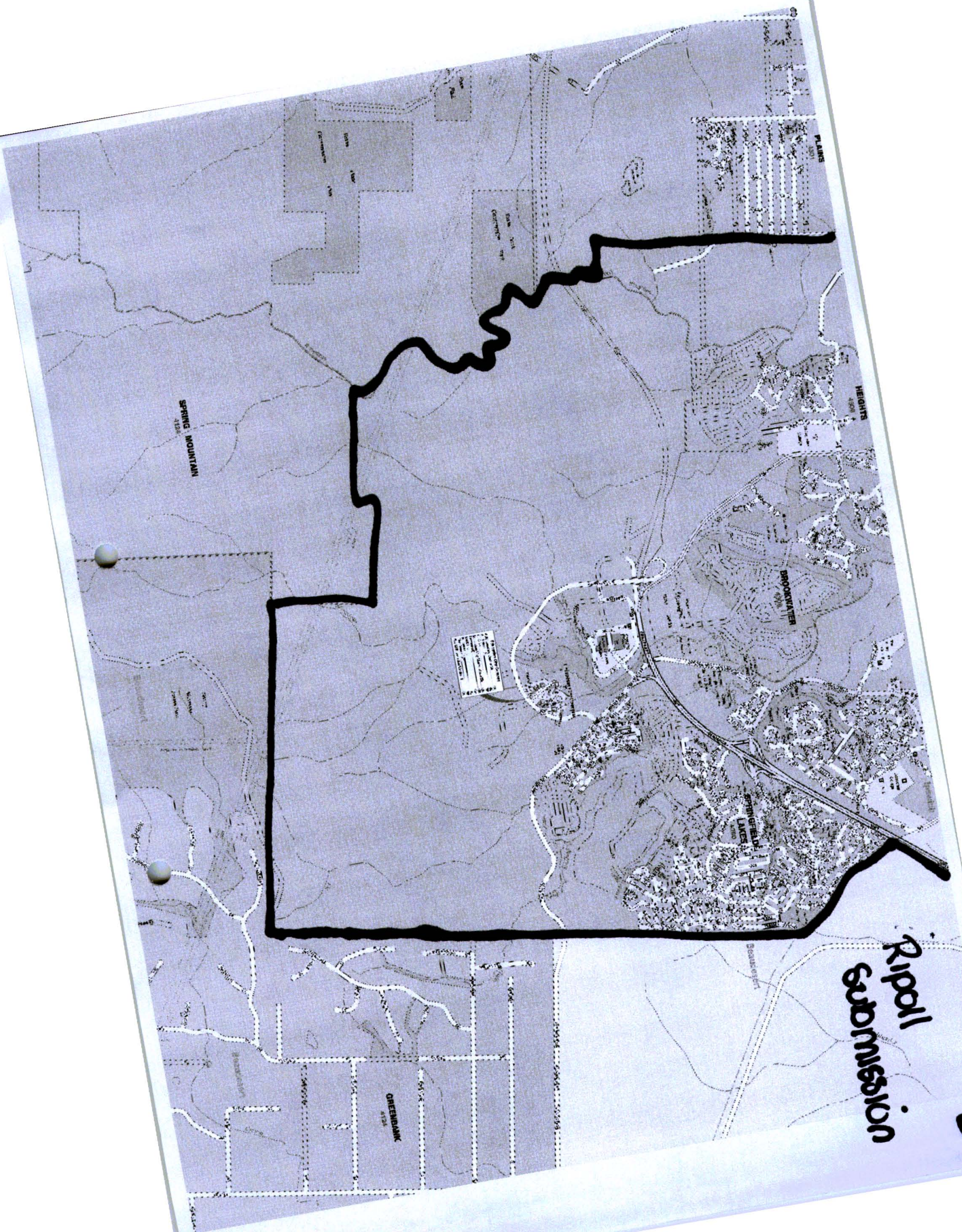
ATTACHMENT A
SUGGESTED NEW OXLEY BOUNDARIES



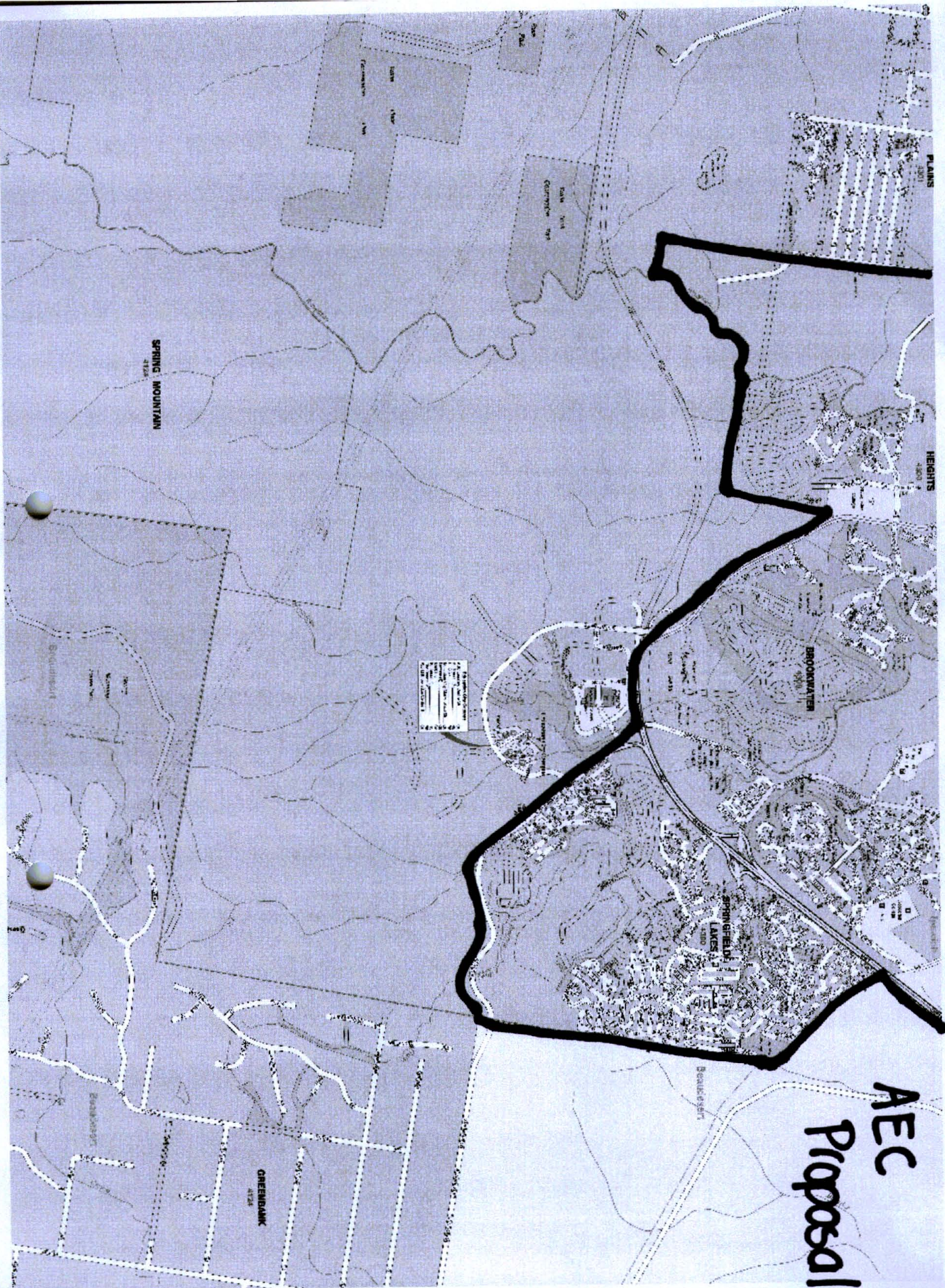


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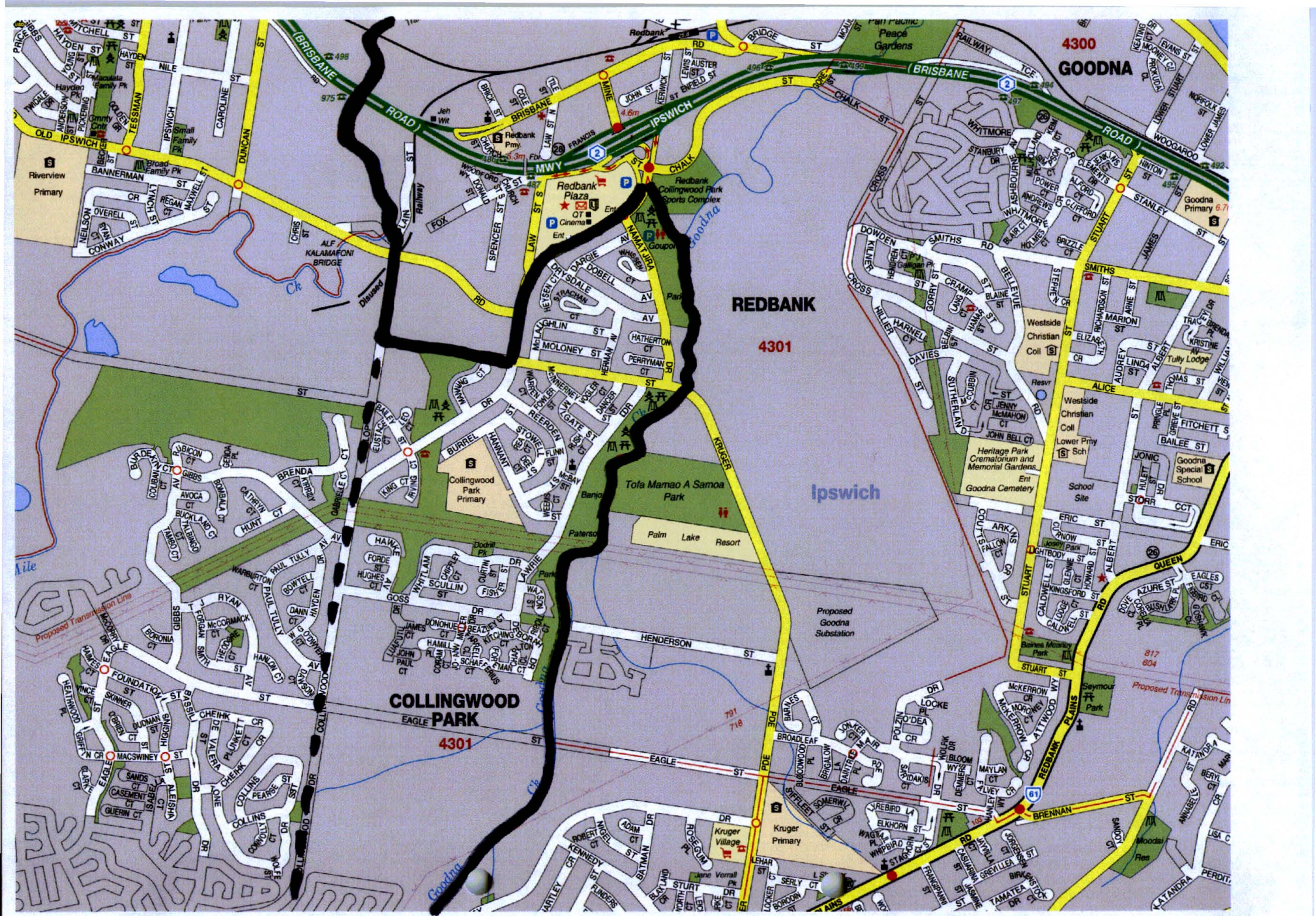


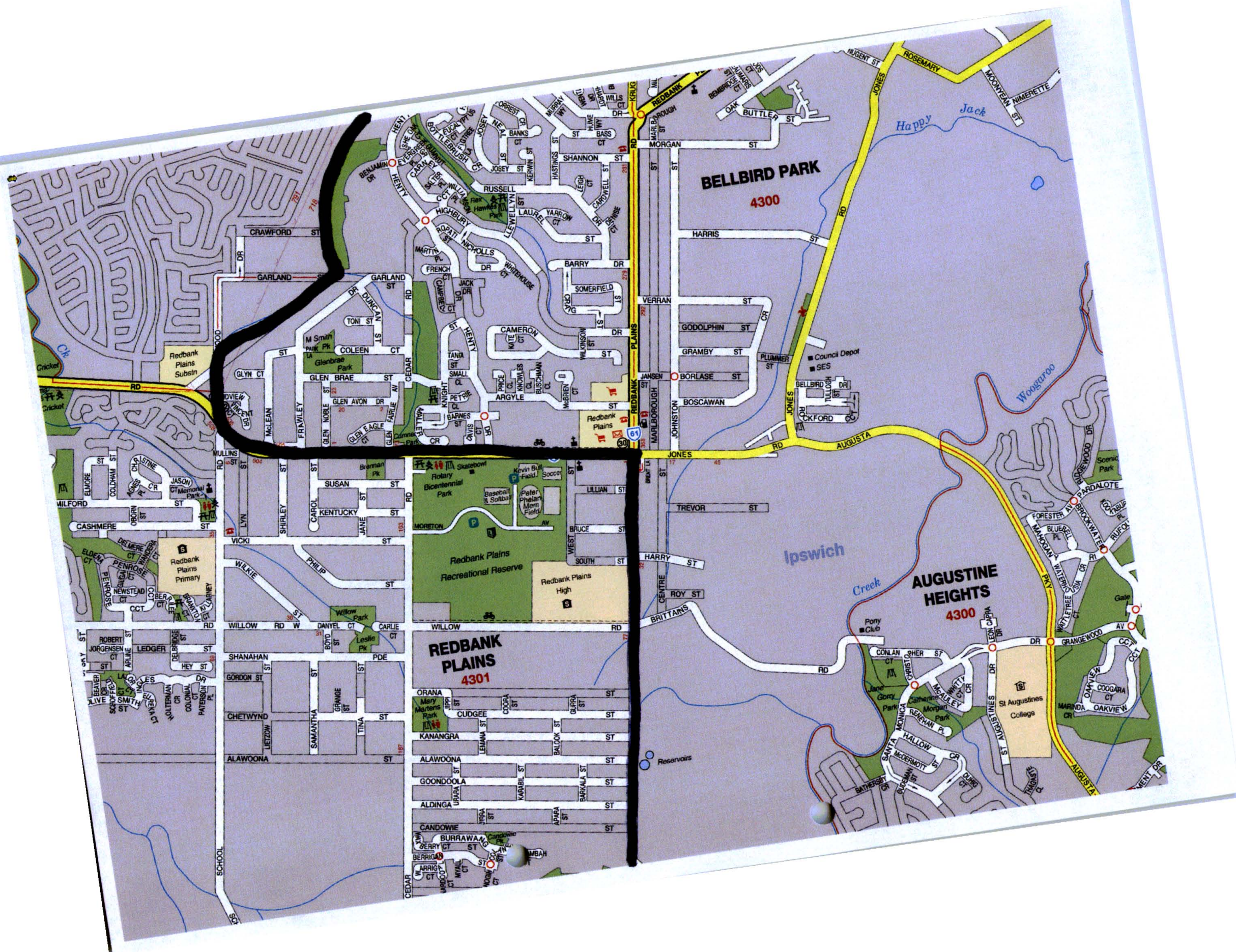
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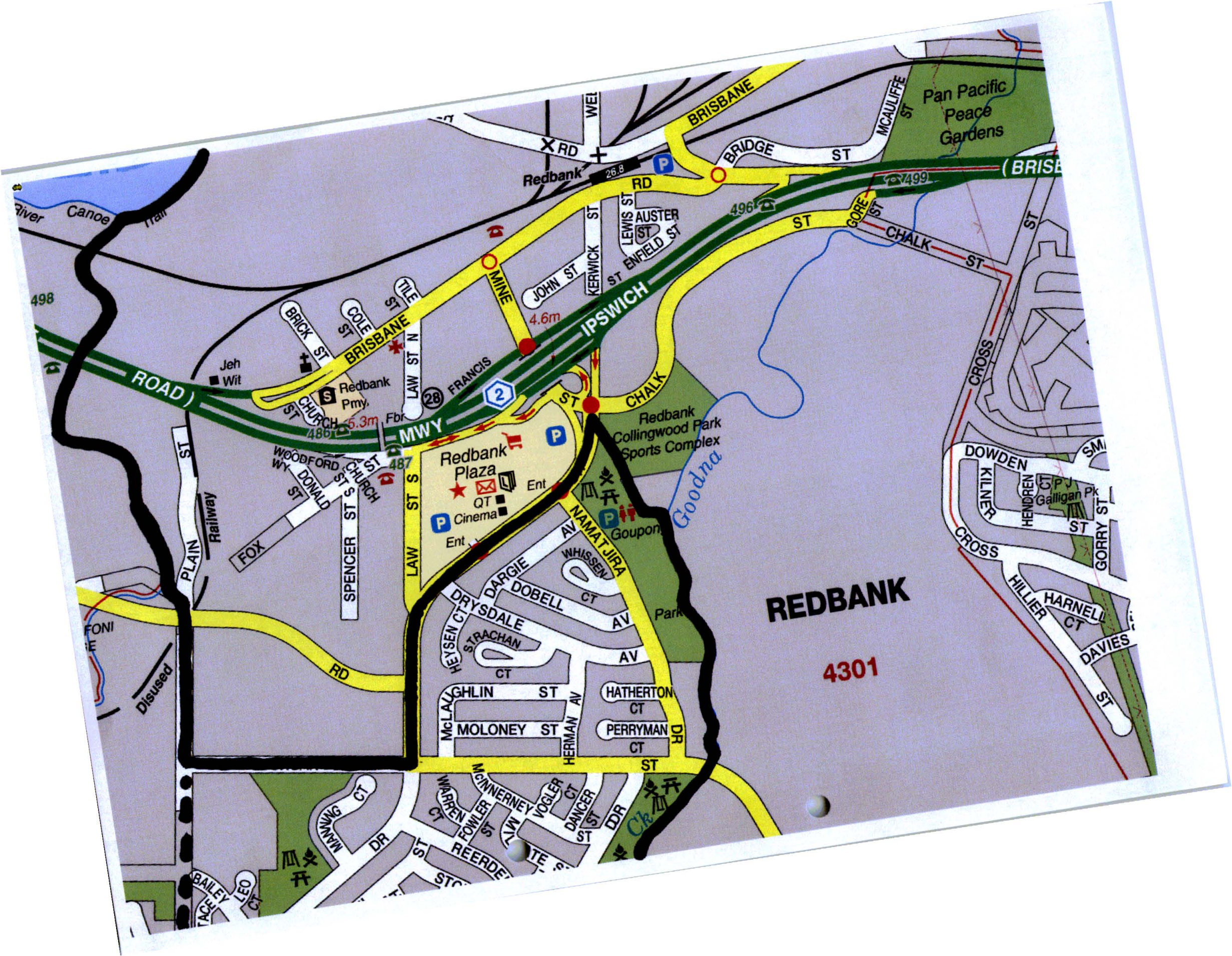


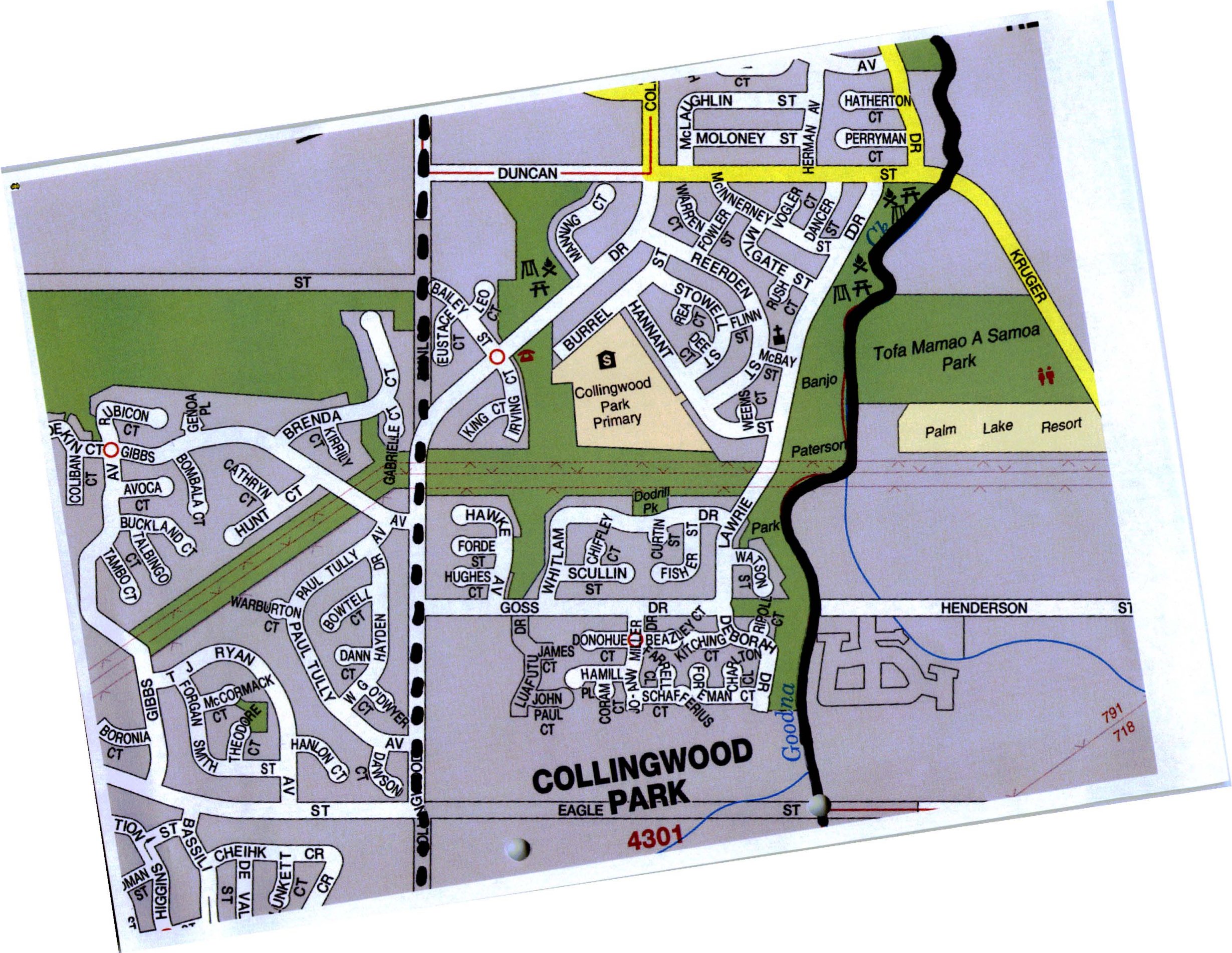
ATTACHMENT B

**SUGGESTED NEW OXLEY BOUNDARIES
ALTERNATIVE OUTCOMES**









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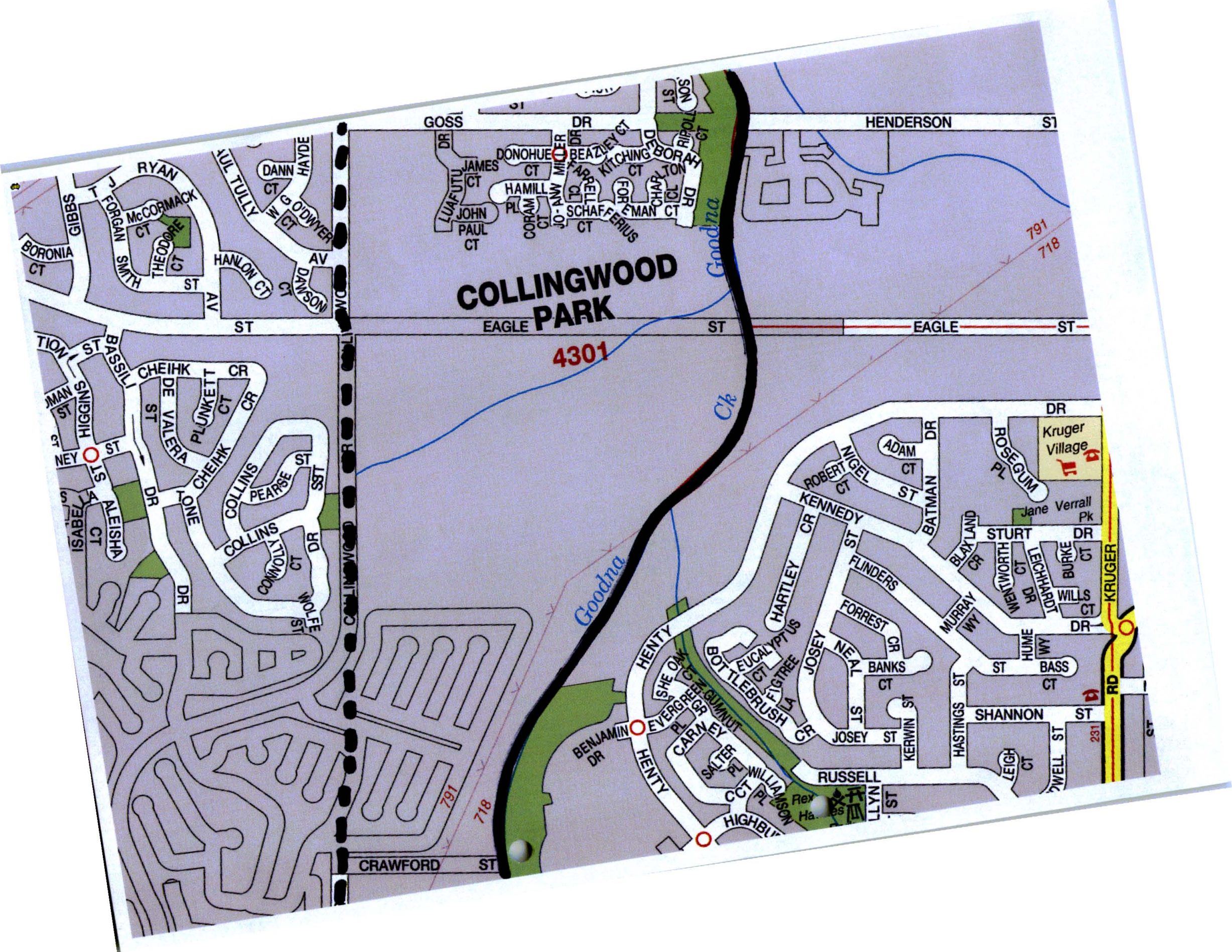
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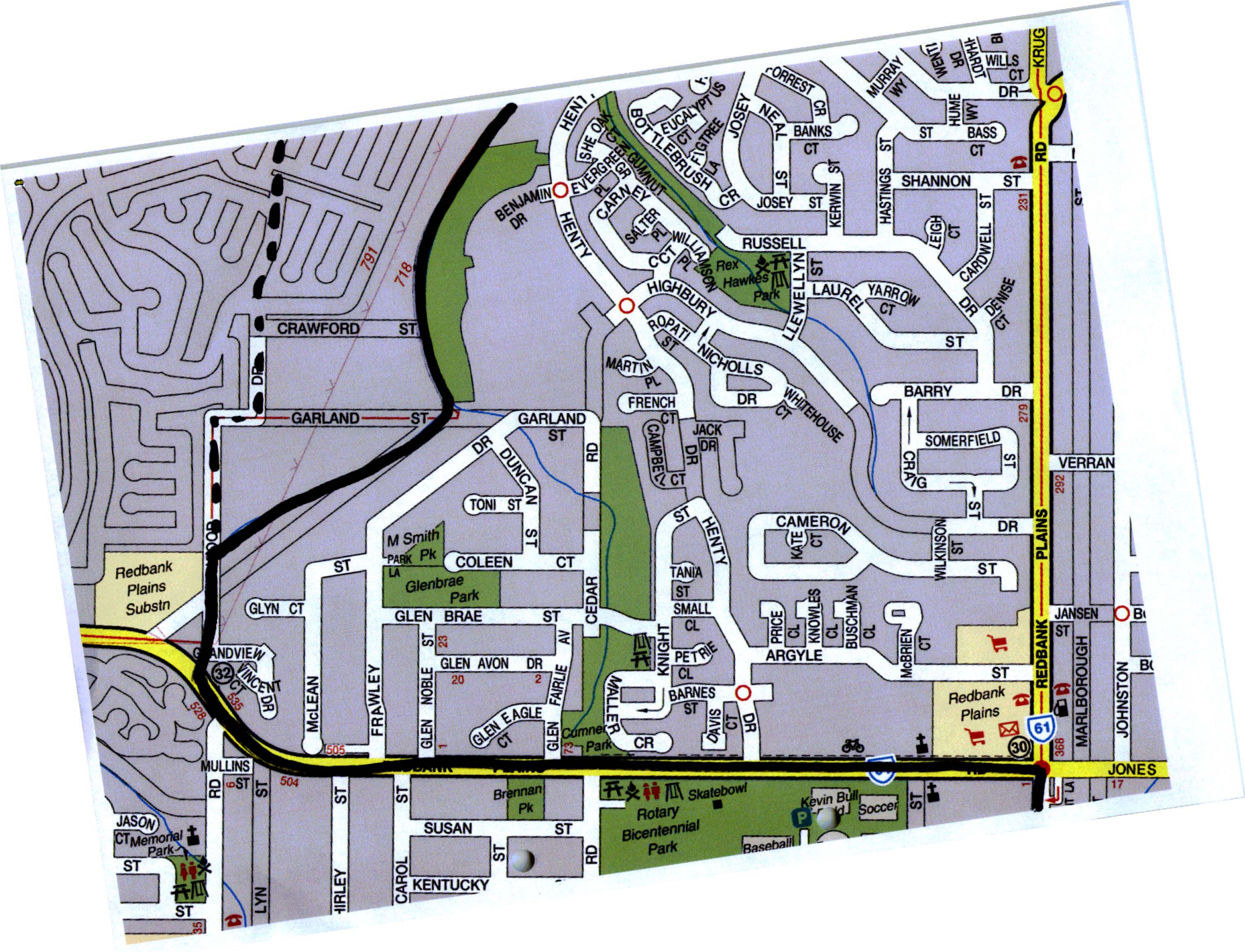
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ATTACHMENT C

THE GREATER SPRINGFIELD PLAN

A guide to Australia's most exciting new city.

GreaterSpringfield
Greater Possibilities
A SPRINGFIELD LAND CORPORATION INITIATIVE

01 SUBURBS/RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES

- Augustine Heights
- Brookwater
- Springfield
- Springfield Lakes
- Springfield Central
- Spring Mountain

02 PRECINCT AREAS

- Brookwater Village
- Education City
- Future Mixed-Use Precinct
- Gateway
- Health City Springfield
- Parkside Business Address
- Orion Springfield Town Centre
- Robelle Domain
- Springfield Technology Park
- Future Residential Areas

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04 COMMERCIAL/BUSINESS ADDRESSES

1. Brookwater Village.....D6
2. City Point.....E8
3. Commercial Drive Business Centre.....H4
4. Gateway.....D7
5. Health City Springfield.....G10
6. Orion Springfield Town Centre.....F9
7. Parkside Business Address.....F10
8. Spring Lake Metro.....H7
9. Springfield Technology Park.....D7

05 EDUCATION & CHILDCARE CENTRES

10. Childcare and Early Learning Centres.....D5, D6, F10, H4, H5, H7, G10
11. Education City.....G10
 - Childcare and Early Learning Centres
 - Higher Education
 - St. Peter's Lutheran College
 - Student Accommodation
 - Union Institute of Languages
 - University of Southern Queensland
12. Staines Memorial College.....G4
13. St Augustine's Catholic College.....D5
14. The Springfield College.....G5, G7
15. Woodcrest College State and High School.....I5

06 PARKLANDS/RECREATION

16. Brookwater Golf Club.....E6
17. District Parks.....E3, F5, H4, H11, I8
18. Future Sporting Ovals.....F8, F11
19. Lakes.....H7, H9
20. Robelle Domain (Springfield Central Parklands).....F9

07 SHOPPING AND DINING

21. Brookwater Golf Club.....E6
22. Magnolia Restaurant.....E6
23. Orion Springfield Town Centre.....F9
24. Spring Lake Metro.....H7
25. Springfield Fair Shopping Village.....H4
26. The Corner.....D6

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