

# KENDALL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AREAS COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING/MEETING

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#### **AGENDA**

March 28, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

#### <u>CALL TO ORDER – AGRICULTURAL AREAS COMMITTEE</u>

ROLL CALL: Scott Cryder, Mike Homerding, Curt Mitchell, Dan Roberts, and Seth Wormley

SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN (Roll Call Vote After Nominations):

PETITIONS (Roll Call Vote on Findings of Fact and Recommendations):

1. Petition 23 – 02 – Kirk Friestad, Phyllis Friestad, Friestad Farms, Inc., KEJ Farms,

Scott Friestad, Kristin A. Friestad, Jared Friestad, Nicole Hughes, Dana Friestad and

**Laurie Friestad (Pages 2-25)** 

Request: Creation of an Agricultural Area

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18-400-016, and 08-07-200-001

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Friestad on Behalf of the C Robert Friestad and Sharon L Friestad Family Trust, and

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#### NEW BUSINESS/ OLD BUSINESS (Discussion)

1. Review of Minutes of Meeting

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

#### ADJOURN AGRICULTURAL AREAS COMMITTEE (Voice Vote)

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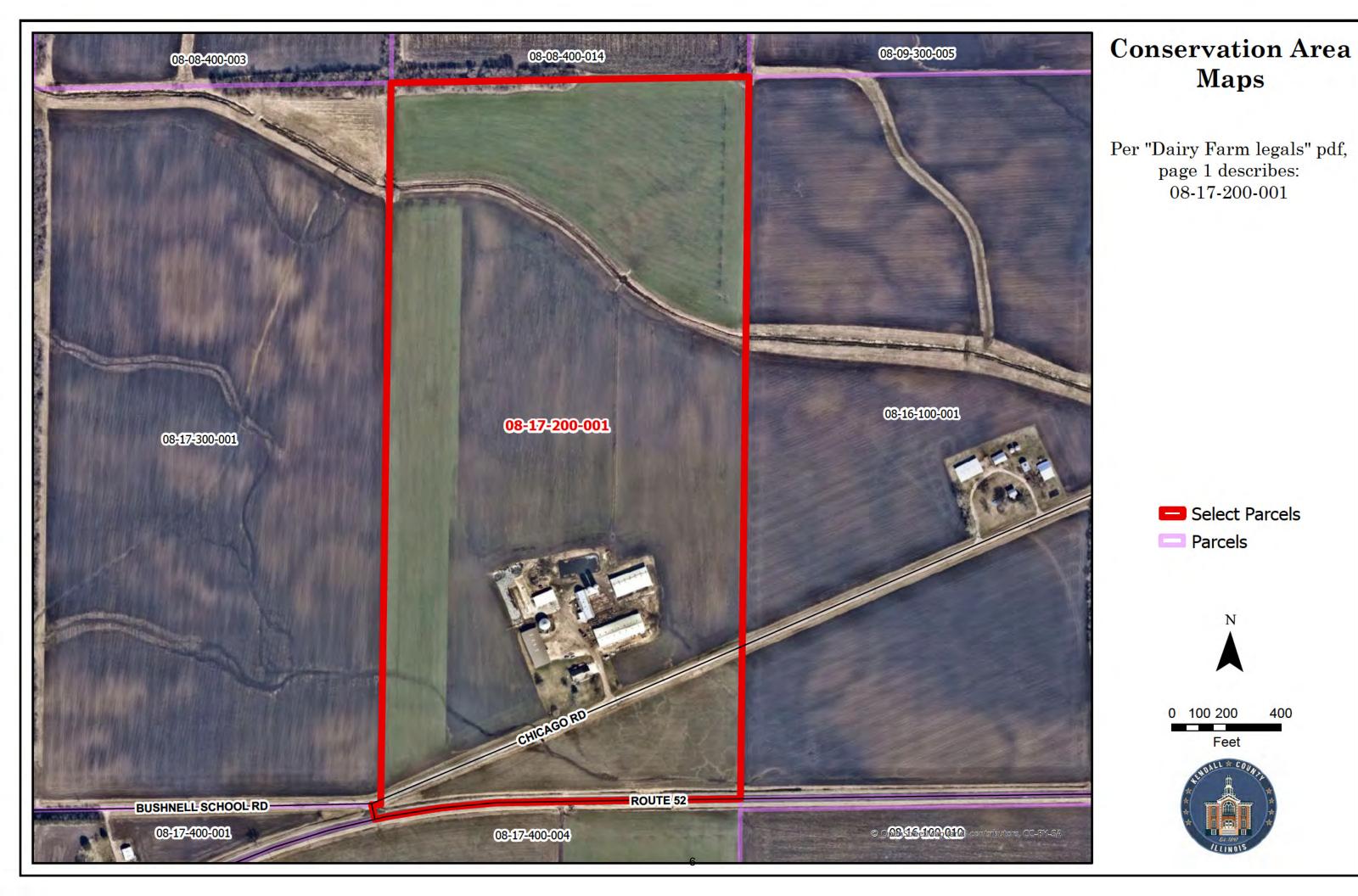
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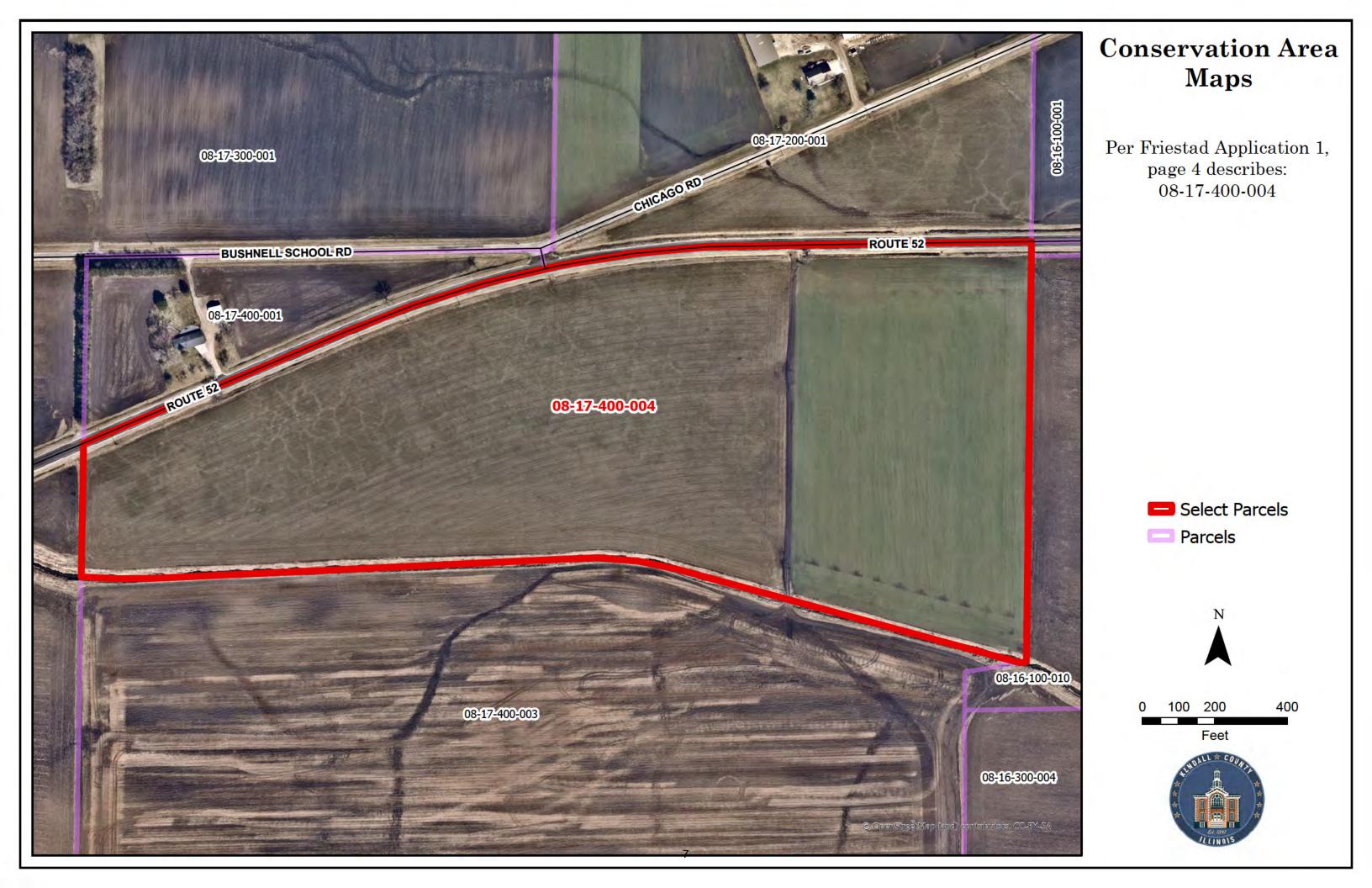
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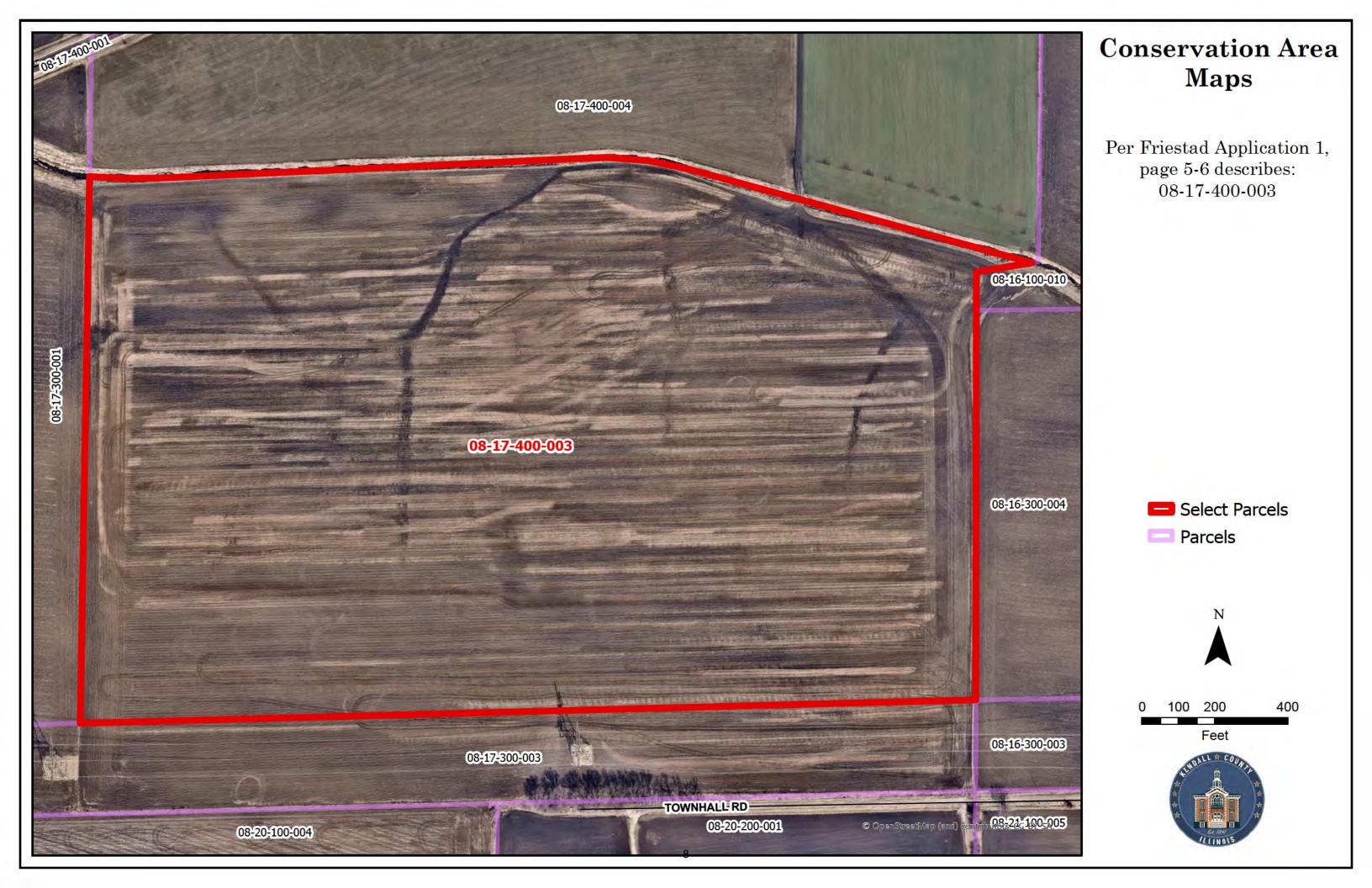
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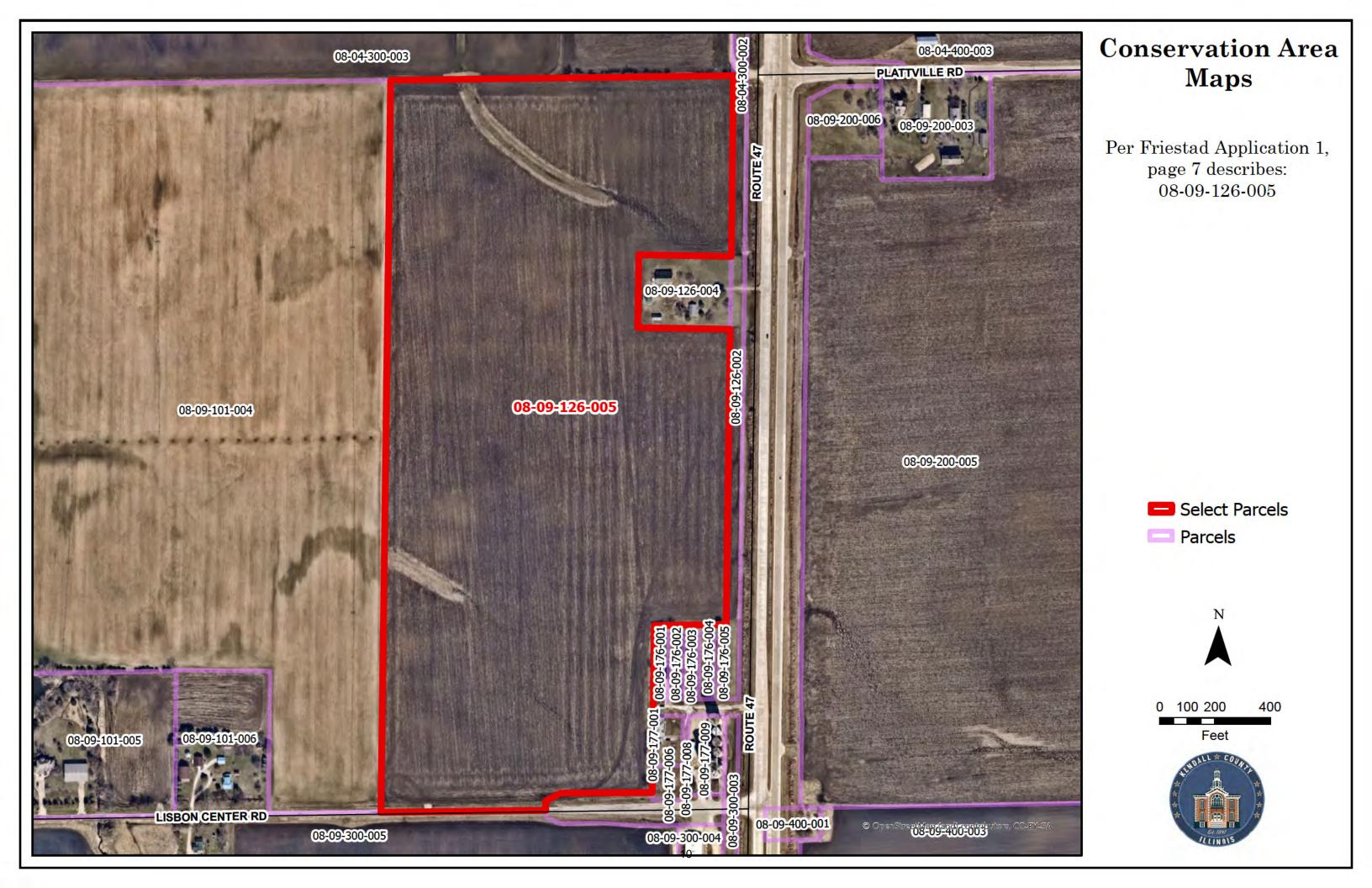










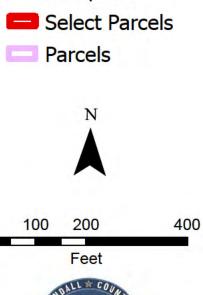


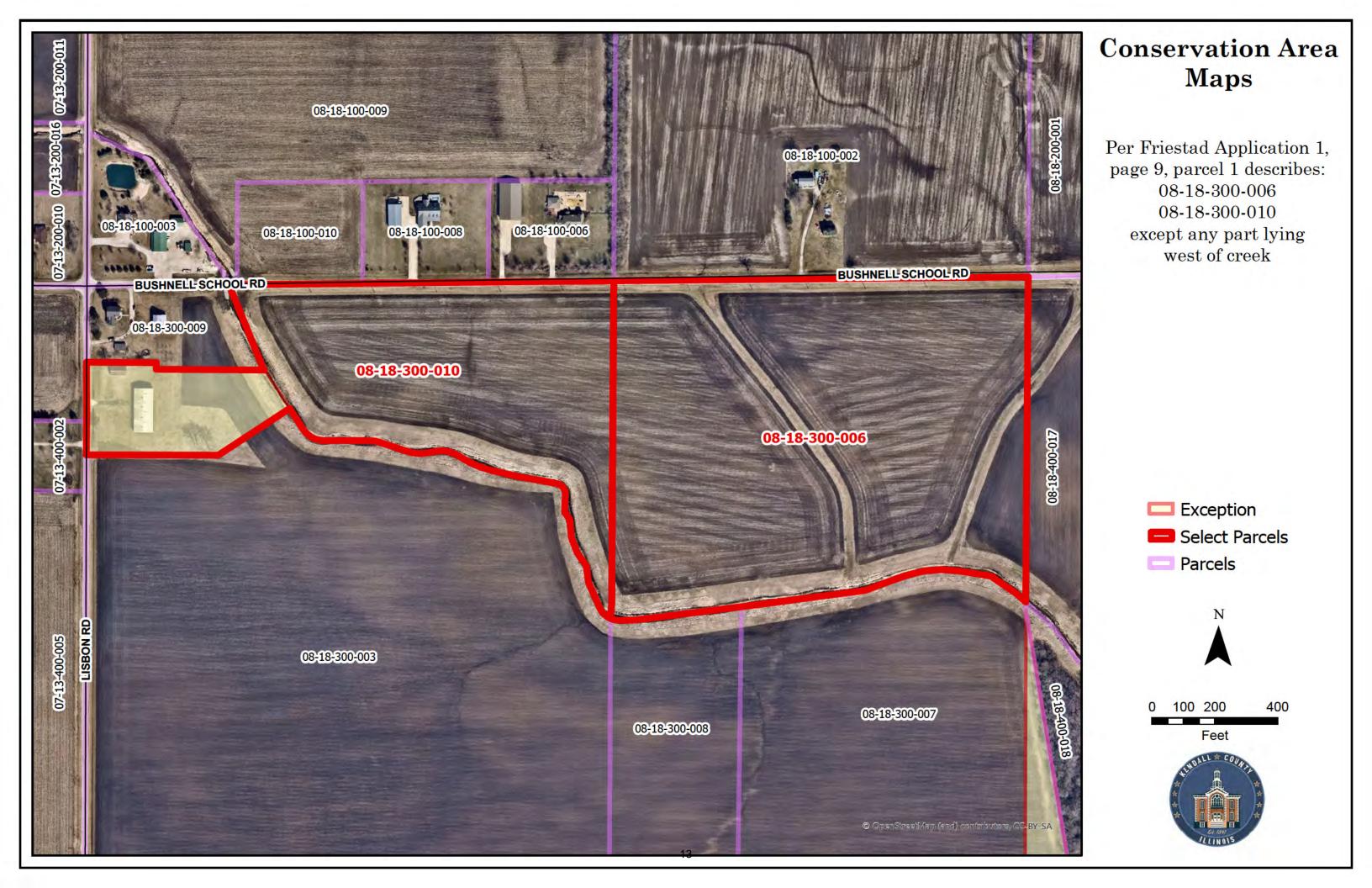


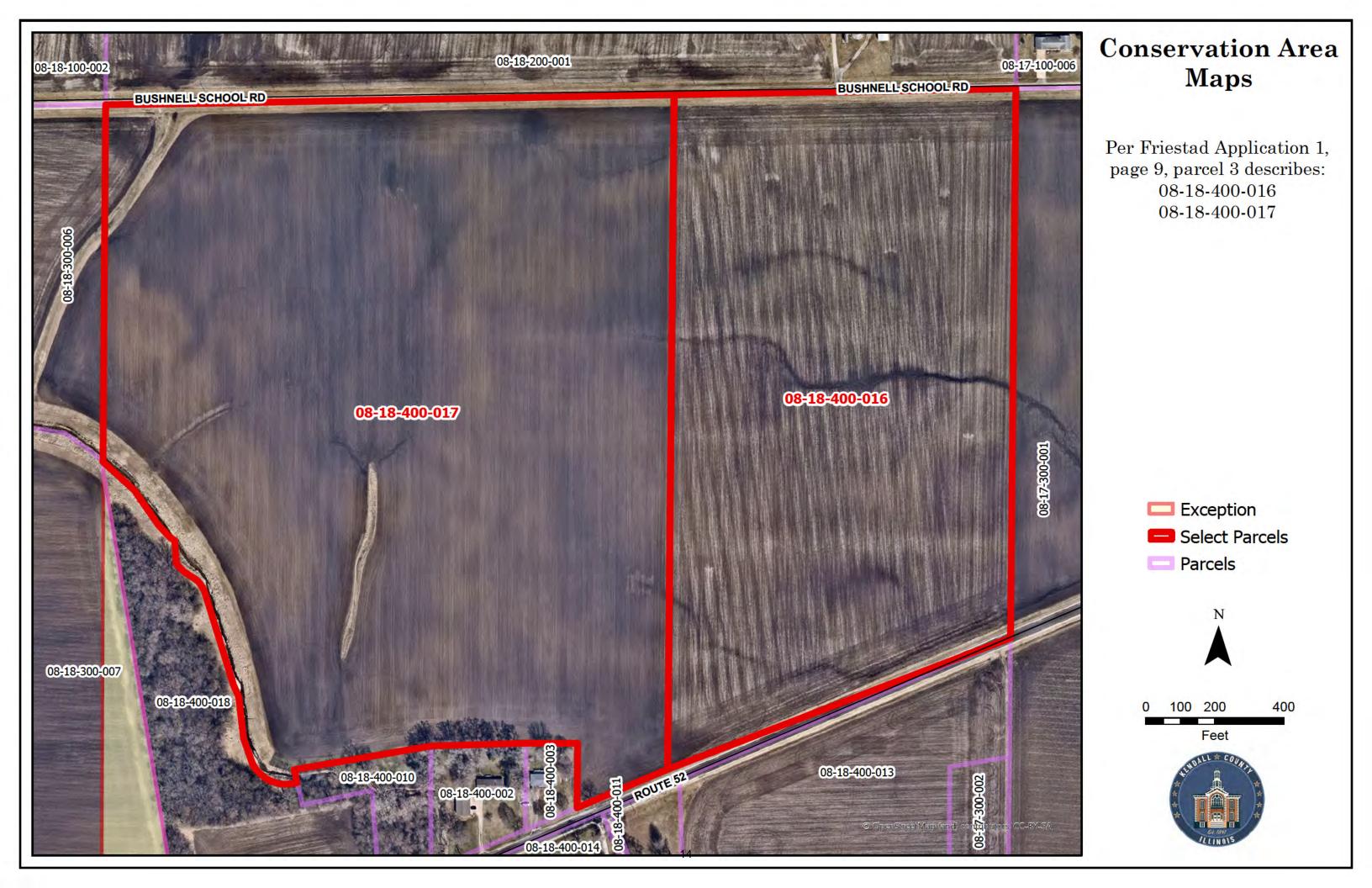


## **Conservation Area** Maps

Per Friestad Application 1, page 8, parcel 5 describes: 08-18-300-007 except any part lying in the southeast quarter







# PUBLIC NOTICE KENDALL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AREAS COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Kendall County Agricultural Areas Committee will hold public hearings on March 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Kendall County Office Building, in Rooms 209 and 210, at 111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, IL.

The purpose of these hearings are to consider comments and make a recommendation regarding the following petitions related to the creation of three (3) agricultural areas:

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The public hearings will be held concerning the original proposals, any written amendments proposed during the thirty (30) day review period, and any recommendations proposed by the county committee or the planning commission.

This petitions and related documents may be viewed at the Kendall County Clerk's Office at 111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois 60560 or the Kendall County website: <a href="https://www.kendallcountyil.gov/departments/planning-building-zoning/petitions">https://www.kendallcountyil.gov/departments/planning-building-zoning/petitions</a>.

Questions can be directed to the Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department telephone number: (630) 553-4139 Fax: (630) 553-4179.

All interested persons may attend and be heard. Written testimony should be directed to the Department, but shall only be entered as part of the record at the discretion of the Kendall County Agricultural Areas Committee.

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#### Kendall County Agricultural Areas Committee



### PLANNING, BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

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February 7, 2023

Paul Pope Village of Lisbon 104 N Canal Street Newark, IL 60541

Re: Notice of Proposed Agricultural Areas (Kendall County Petitions 23-02, 23-03, and 23-04)

Dear Village President Paul Pope:

On or about January 20, 2023, Kendall County received three (3) applications for the creation of Agricultural Areas under the Illinois Agricultural Areas Conservation and Protection Act (505 ILCS 5/).

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 9 of this Act, the County Board of Kendall County wishes to notify you that these applications have been received and that you have thirty (30) days from date of receipt of this letter to object to the creation of the proposed Agricultural Area(s), if land proposed for inclusion in the Agricultural Area is located within one and one half (1 ½) miles of the corporate limits of the Village. If you wish to file an objection to the applicable proposal(s), please send the objection to Matt Asselmeier, Senior Planner, Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Department, 111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, IL 60560.

Maps showing the proposed Agricultural Areas, as the proposal existed on January 27, 2023, are enclosed. Additional Petitions of the Kendall County website. be found the page information can on https://www.kendallcountyil.gov/departments/planning-building-zoning/petitions, and then clicking on Petitions 23-02, 23-03, and 23-04 respectively.

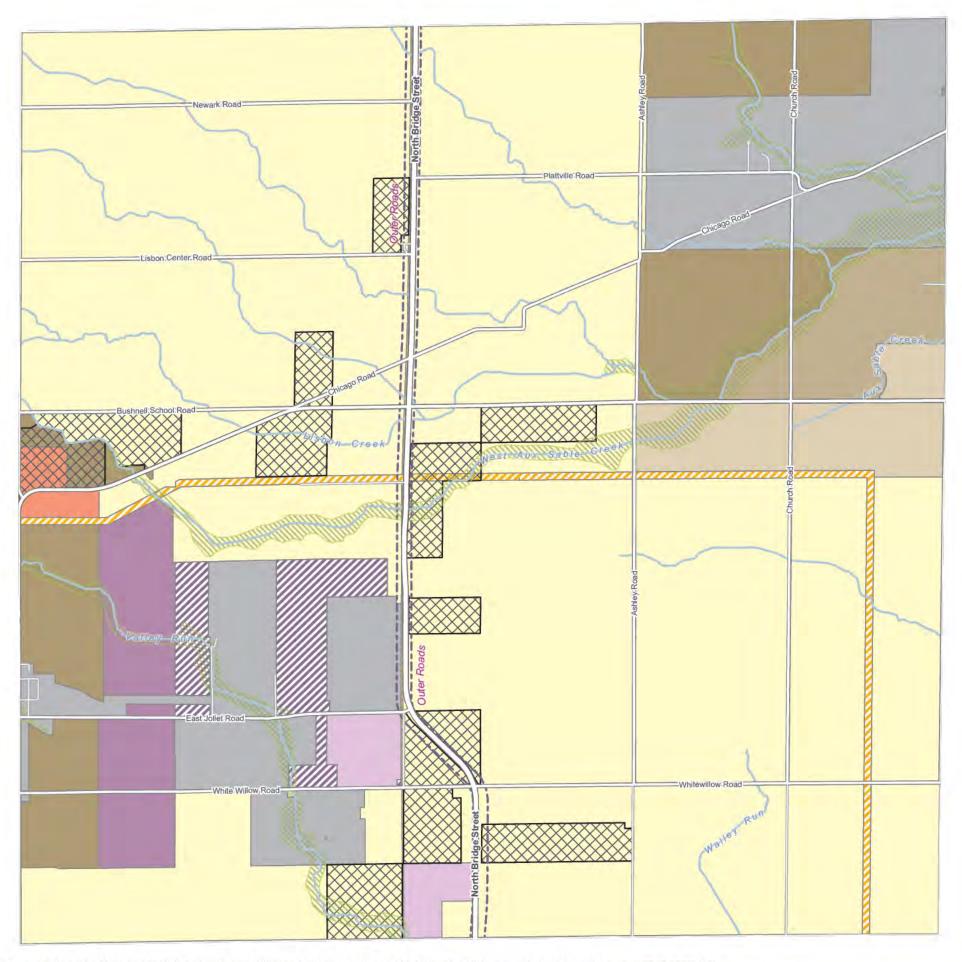
If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Asselmeier.

Thanks,

Matt Kellogg, Chairman Kendall County Board

Encs.: Countywide Map

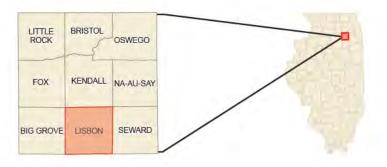
Lisbon Township Map



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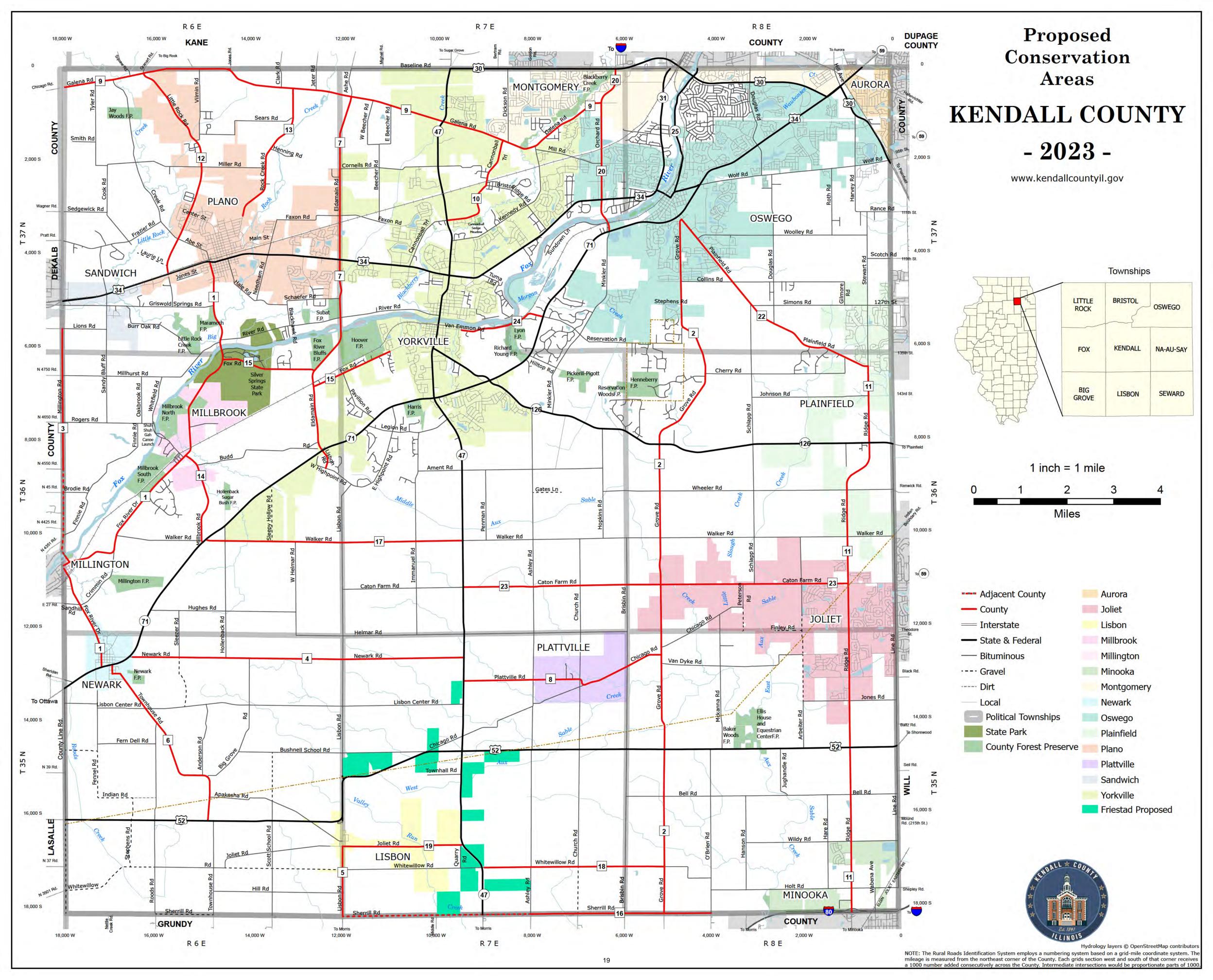


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#### KENDALL COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Kendall County Office Building Rooms 209 and 210 111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois

#### Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Bill Ashton called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Bill Ashton, Eric Bernacki (Left at 8:04 p.m.), Tom Casey, Dave Hamman, Larry Nelson,

Ruben Rodriguez, Bob Stewart, Claire Wilson (Arrived at 7:03 p.m.), and Seth Wormley

Members Absent: Karin McCarthy-Lange

Staff Present: Matthew H. Asselmeier, Senior Planner

Others Present: Michael Cook, Joan Soltwisch, Joe Chow, and Marissa Friestad

#### **PETITION**

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Mr. Asselmeier explained the procedure for establishing Agricultural Areas. He stated that adjoining property owners can add properties to the Area or properties can be removed from the Area within thirty (30) days of the notice running in the newspaper (January 26, 2023). The Agricultural Areas Committee will hold the public hearing on the proposal after the initial thirty (30) day window has expired.

Mr. Asselmeier provided maps showing the locations of the proposed Areas. It was noted that the property identified by parcel number 08-28-400-007 was included in one (1) of the legal descriptions in Petition 23-04 and should not have been included.

Chairman Ashton asked if the acreage had to be contiguous. Mr. Asselmeier responded no.

Member Nelson asked about the impacts to the land. Mr. Asselmeier said that the land would be kept as agricultural for ten (10) years.

Member Nelson asked about impacts on adjacent land. Mr. Asselmeier said the County would be obliged to amended the Future Land Use Map to reflect the Agricultural Areas and examine adjacent land uses to ensure that the no incompatible land uses exists with the Agricultural Area. Agricultural special uses could still be placed on adjoining properties.

Member Hamman asked about the advantages to the landowner to establish an Agricultural Area. Mr. Asselmeier responded that the property owner was declaring that the properties in question would stay agricultural. He also stated that when the State does placements of certain projects, like roadways, the State must note that the Agricultural Area exists and plan accordingly.

Member Nelson asked if the Village of Lisbon would be prevented to developing land at the intersection of Routes 47 and 52. Mr. Asselmeier responded that the Agricultural Area would not prevent a neighboring property owner from rezoning their property.

Member Bernacki left at this time (8:04 p.m.).

Discussion occurred about withdrawing land from an Agricultural Area and the steps for withdrawing land. If an Agricultural Area falls below three hundred fifty (350) acres, the Agricultural Area would be dissolved.

No Agricultural Areas exist in Kendall County; two (2) areas previously existed.

The Villages of Plattville and Lisbon have not yet been notified.

Discussion occurred regarding the composition of the Agricultural Areas Committee.

Marissa Friestad, on behalf of the Petitioners, stated that Petition 23-02 consisted of five hundred sixty-six (566) acres; Petition 23-03 consisted of four hundred thirty-three (433) acres; Petition 23-04 consisted of four hundred seventy-nine (479) acres.

Member Stewart expressed support for the proposal. Members Wormley and Hamman concurred.

The proposed Findings as presented by the Petitioners were as follows:

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Member Stewart made a motion, seconded by Member Nelson, to recommend approval of the Agricultural Area.

The votes on were as follows:

Ayes (8): Ashton, Casey, Hamman, Nelson, Rodriguez, Stewart, Wilson, and Wormley

Nays (0): None

Absent (2): Bernacki and McCarthy-Lange

Abstain (0): None

The motion carried. The proposal will go to Agricultural Areas Committee.

#### CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Wilson made a motion, seconded by Member Hamman, to adjourn. With a voice vote of eight (8) ayes, the motion carried.

The Kendall County Regional Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM Senior Planner

#### Findings of Fact

All impacted property owners consent to their property's inclusion in the proposed area. **This is true.** 

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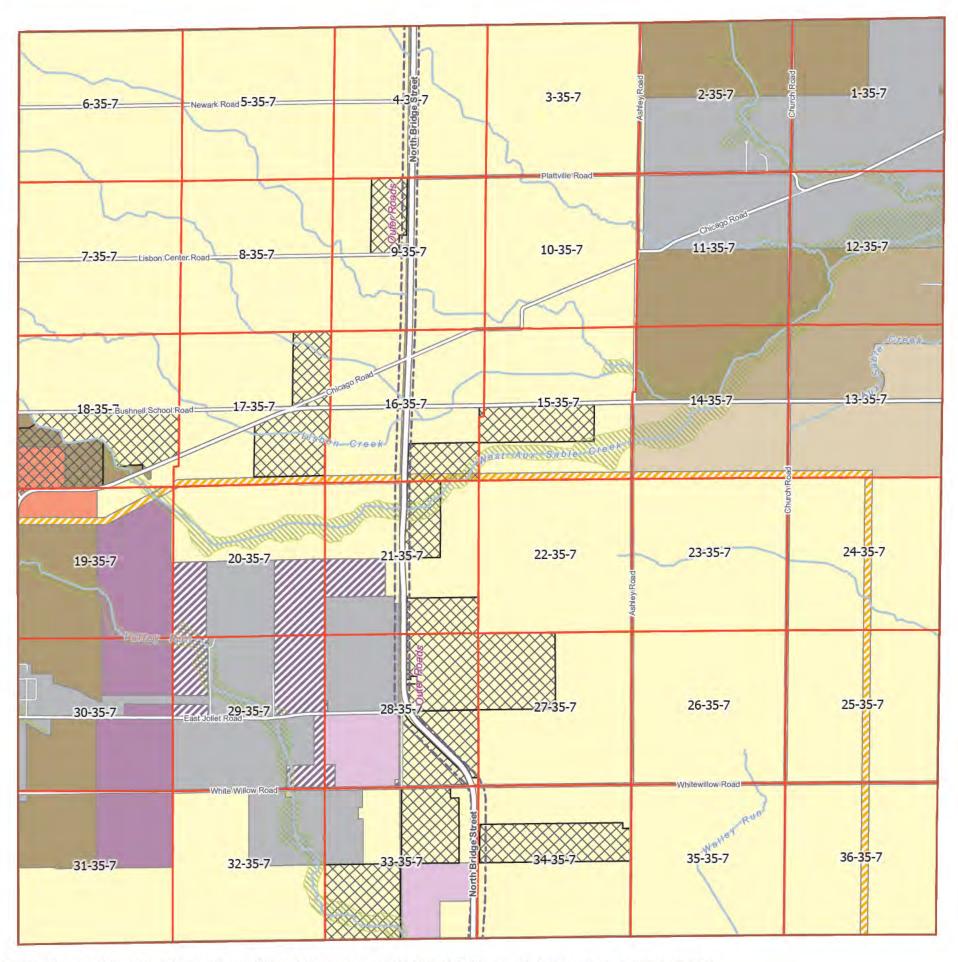
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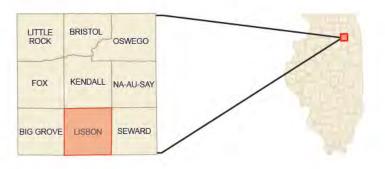
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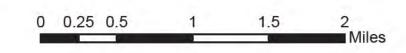
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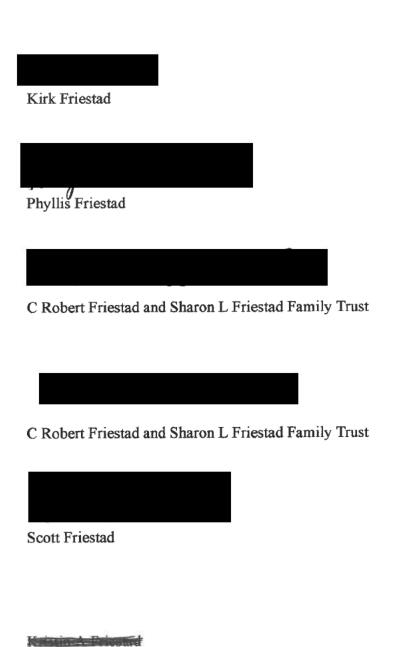
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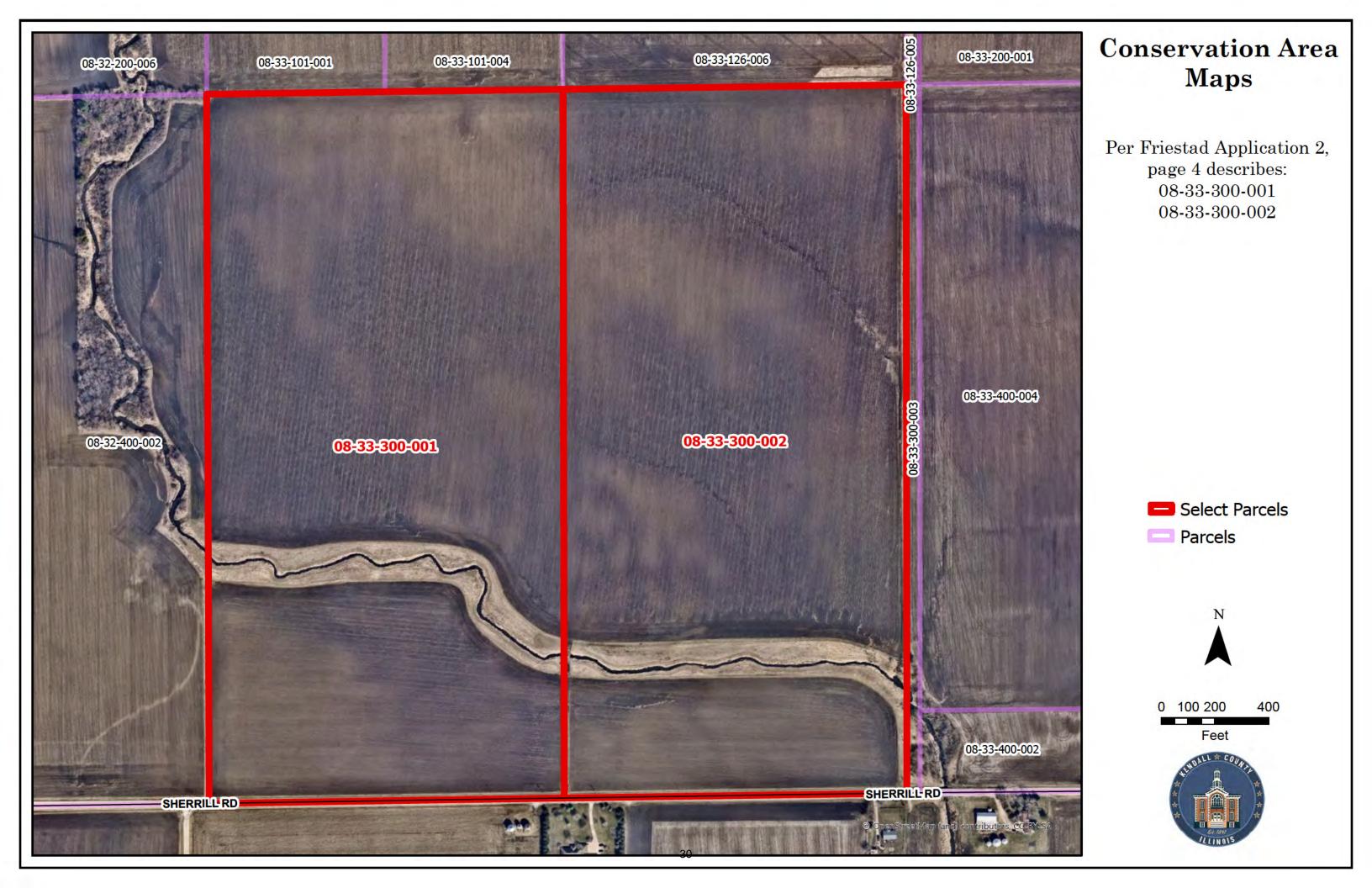
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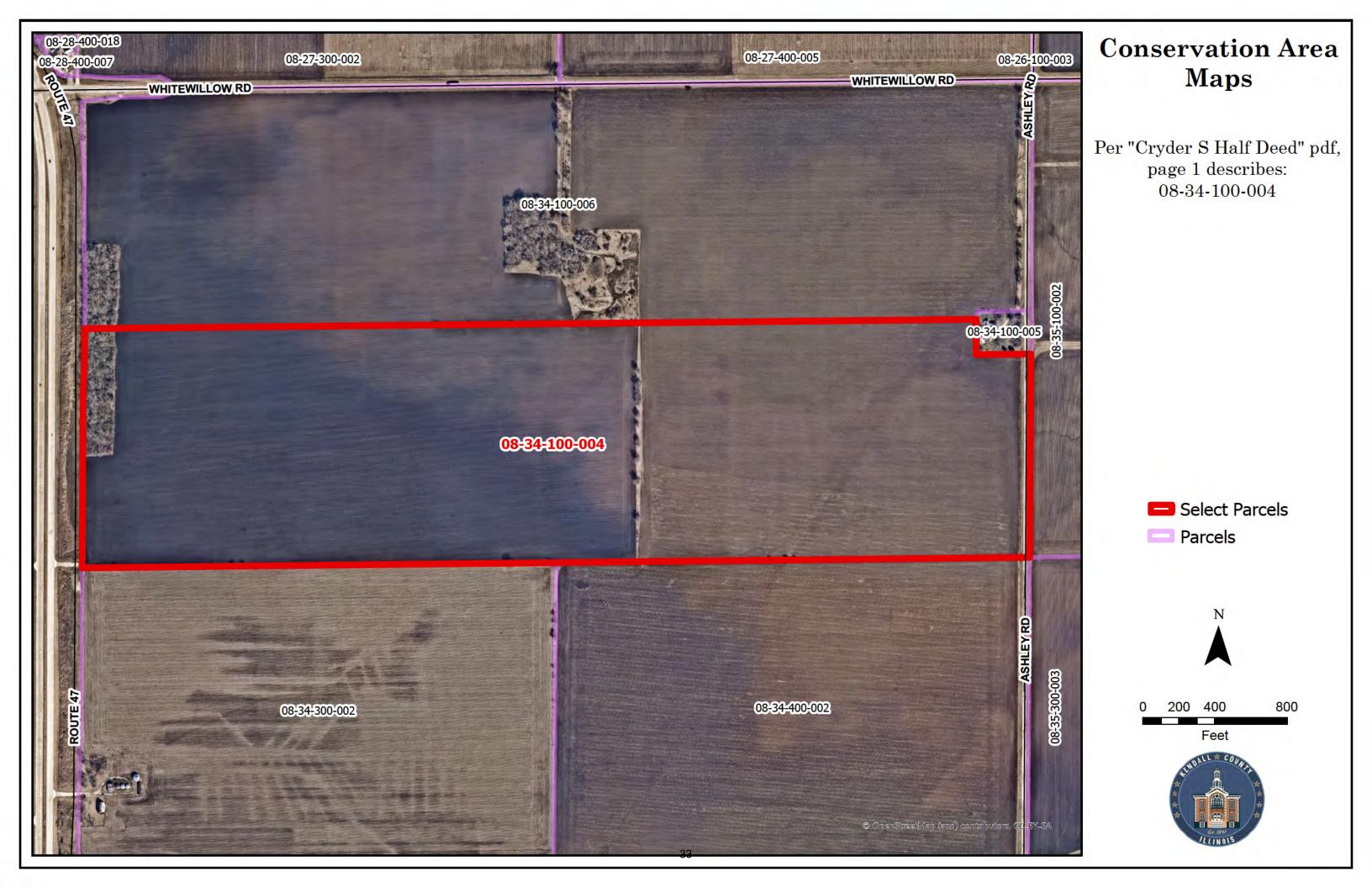
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February 7, 2023

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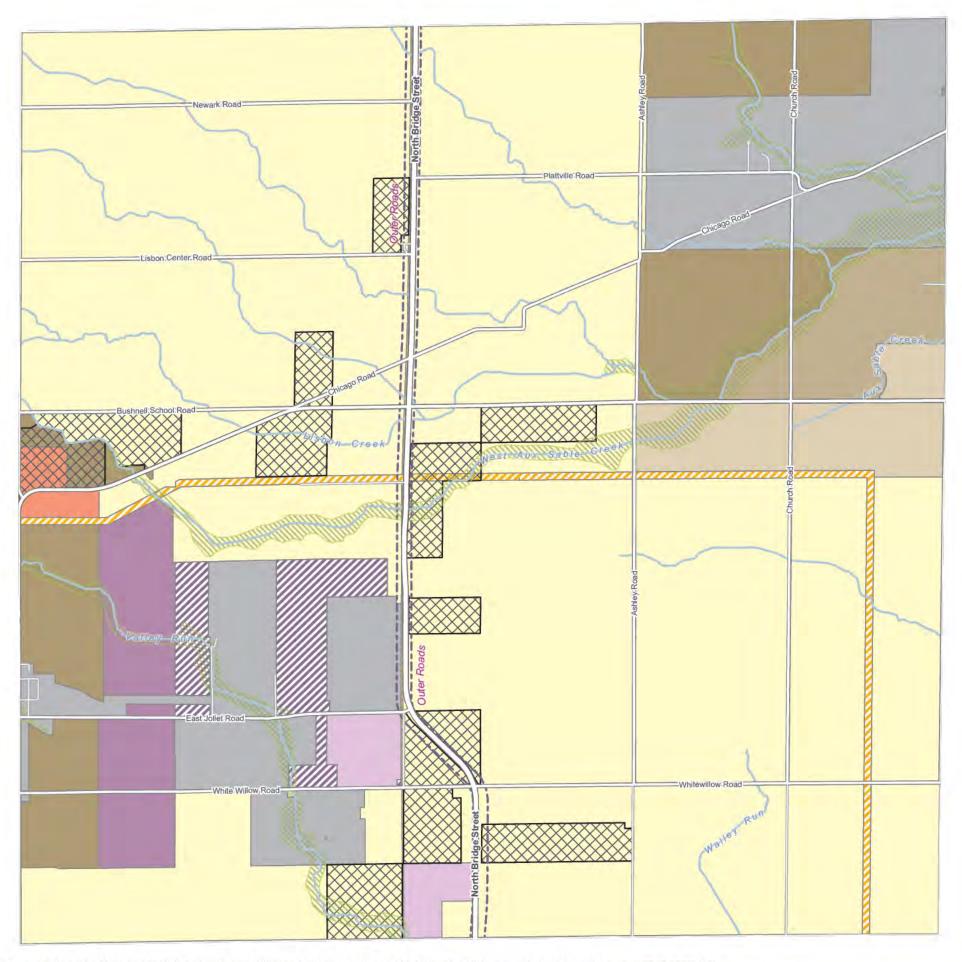
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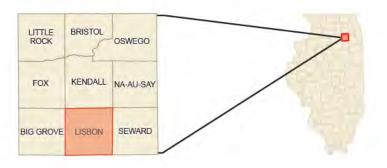
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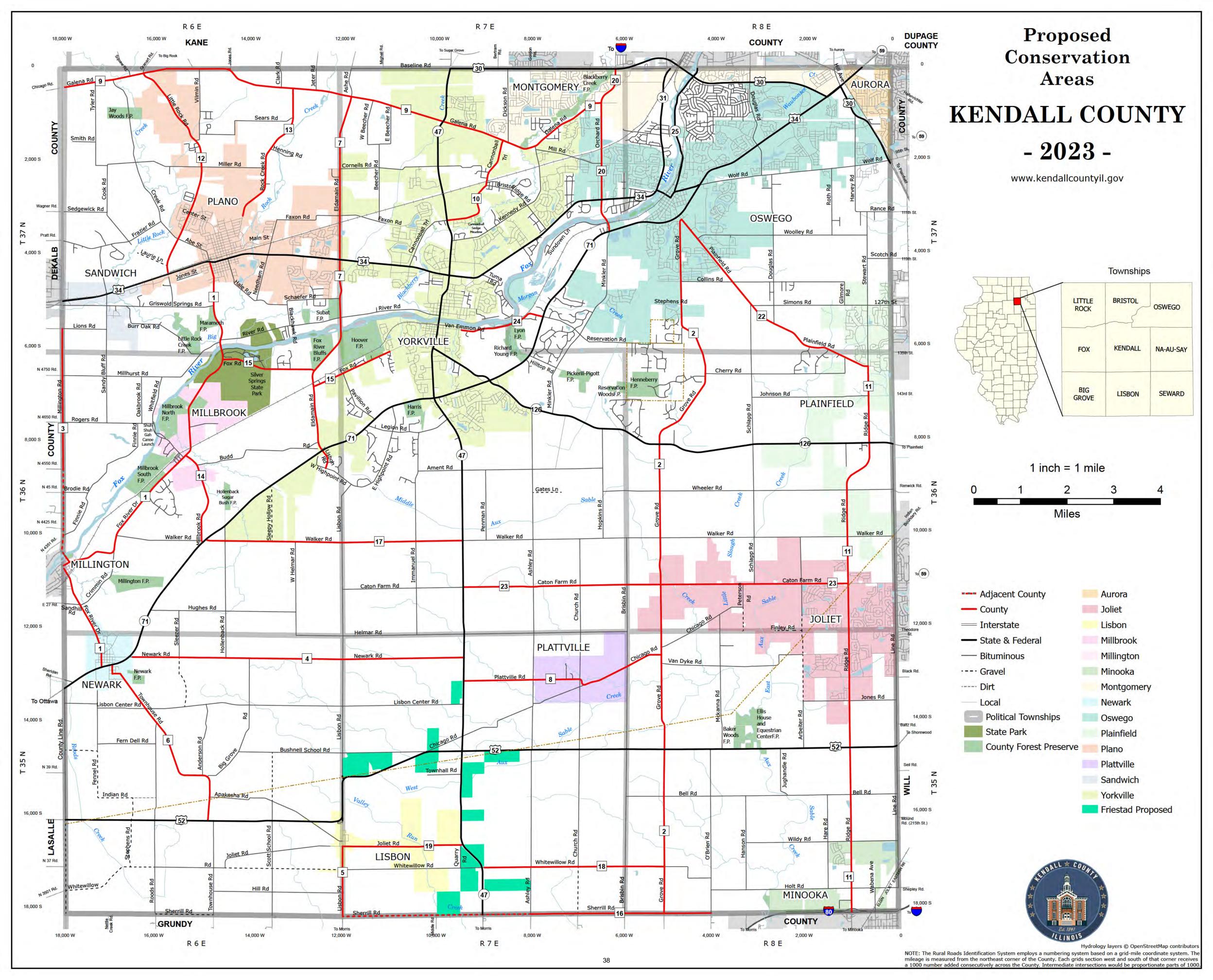












### KENDALL COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Kendall County Office Building Rooms 209 and 210 111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois

#### Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Bill Ashton called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Bill Ashton, Eric Bernacki (Left at 8:04 p.m.), Tom Casey, Dave Hamman, Larry Nelson,

Ruben Rodriguez, Bob Stewart, Claire Wilson (Arrived at 7:03 p.m.), and Seth Wormley

Members Absent: Karin McCarthy-Lange

Staff Present: Matthew H. Asselmeier, Senior Planner

Others Present: Michael Cook, Joan Soltwisch, Joe Chow, and Marissa Friestad

#### **PETITION**

<u>Petition 23 – 02 – Kirk Friestad, Phyllis Friestad, Friestad Farms, Inc., KEJ Farms, Scott Friestad, Kristin A. Friestad, Jared Friestad, Nicole Hughes, Dana Friestad and Laurie Friestad</u>

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Mr. Asselmeier explained the procedure for establishing Agricultural Areas. He stated that adjoining property owners can add properties to the Area or properties can be removed from the Area within thirty (30) days of the notice running in the newspaper (January 26, 2023). The Agricultural Areas Committee will hold the public hearing on the proposal after the initial thirty (30) day window has expired.

Mr. Asselmeier provided maps showing the locations of the proposed Areas. It was noted that the property identified by parcel number 08-28-400-007 was included in one (1) of the legal descriptions in Petition 23-04 and should not have been included.

Chairman Ashton asked if the acreage had to be contiguous. Mr. Asselmeier responded no.

Member Nelson asked about the impacts to the land. Mr. Asselmeier said that the land would be kept as agricultural for ten (10) years.

Member Nelson asked about impacts on adjacent land. Mr. Asselmeier said the County would be obliged to amended the Future Land Use Map to reflect the Agricultural Areas and examine adjacent land uses to ensure that the no incompatible land uses exists with the Agricultural Area. Agricultural special uses could still be placed on adjoining properties.

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Member Bernacki left at this time (8:04 p.m.).

Discussion occurred about withdrawing land from an Agricultural Area and the steps for withdrawing land. If an Agricultural Area falls below three hundred fifty (350) acres, the Agricultural Area would be dissolved.

No Agricultural Areas exist in Kendall County; two (2) areas previously existed.

The Villages of Plattville and Lisbon have not yet been notified.

Discussion occurred regarding the composition of the Agricultural Areas Committee.

Marissa Friestad, on behalf of the Petitioners, stated that Petition 23-02 consisted of five hundred sixty-six (566) acres; Petition 23-03 consisted of four hundred thirty-three (433) acres; Petition 23-04 consisted of four hundred seventy-nine (479) acres.

Member Stewart expressed support for the proposal. Members Wormley and Hamman concurred.

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Member Stewart made a motion, seconded by Member Nelson, to recommend approval of the Agricultural Area.

The votes on were as follows:

Ayes (8): Ashton, Casey, Hamman, Nelson, Rodriguez, Stewart, Wilson, and Wormley

Nays (0): None

Absent (2): Bernacki and McCarthy-Lange

Abstain (0): None

The motion carried. The proposal will go to Agricultural Areas Committee.

### CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Wilson made a motion, seconded by Member Hamman, to adjourn. With a voice vote of eight (8) ayes, the motion carried.

The Kendall County Regional Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM Senior Planner

#### Findings of Fact

All impacted property owners consent to their property's inclusion in the proposed area. **This is true.** 

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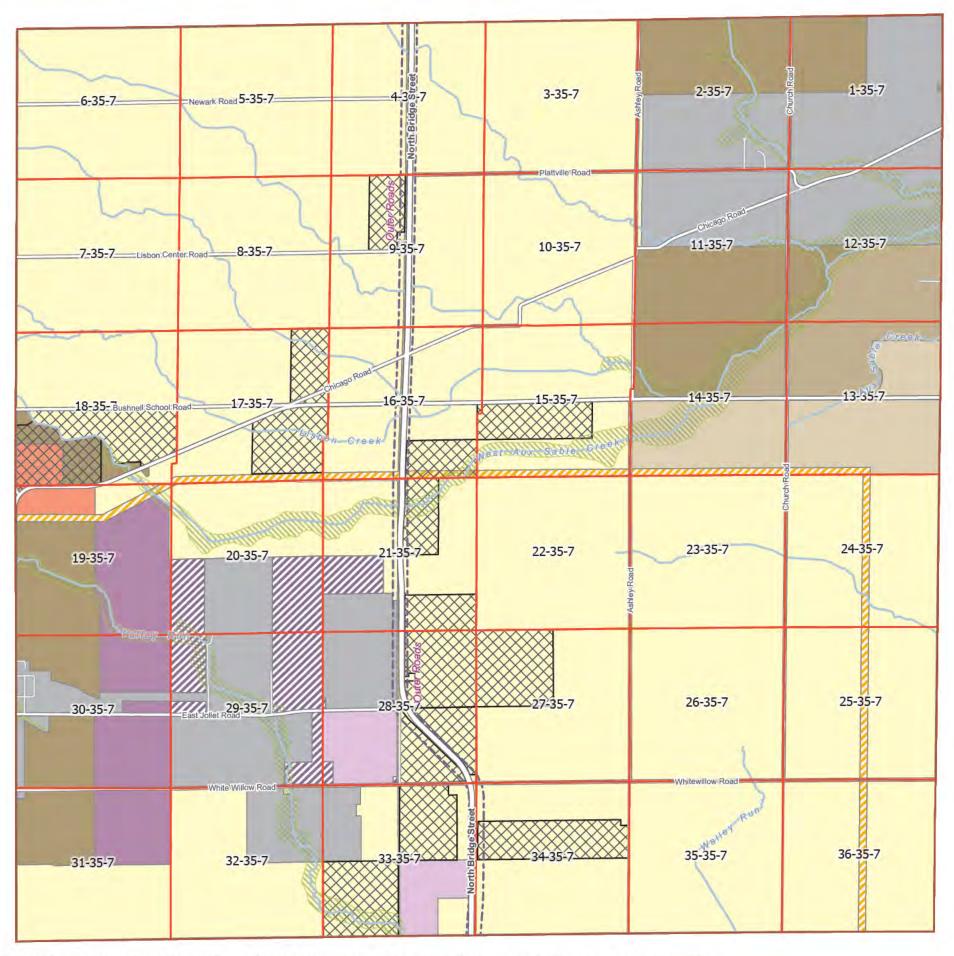
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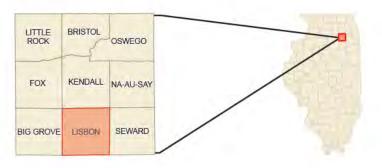
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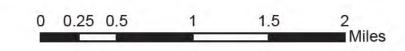


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### Kendall County Board

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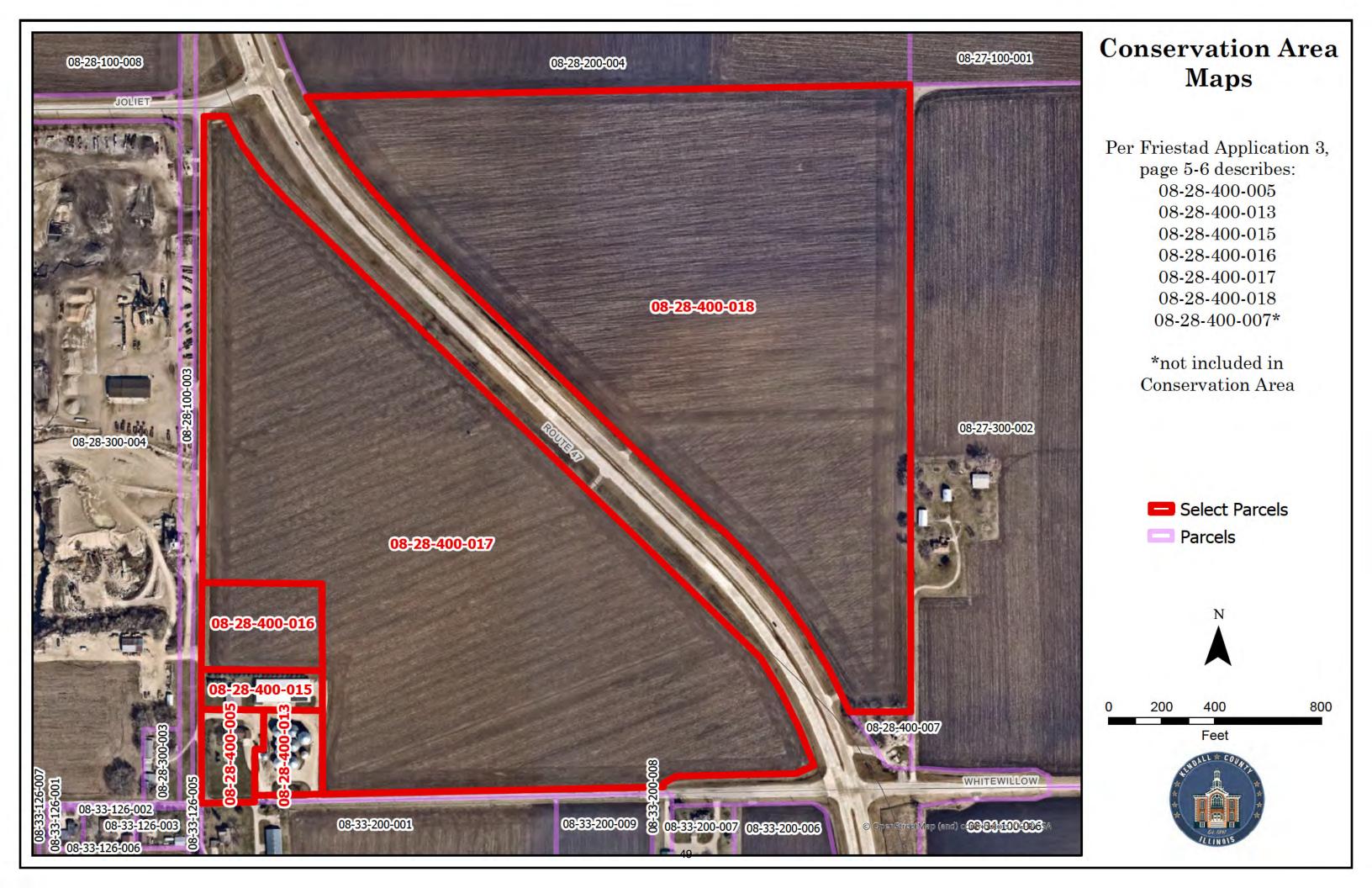
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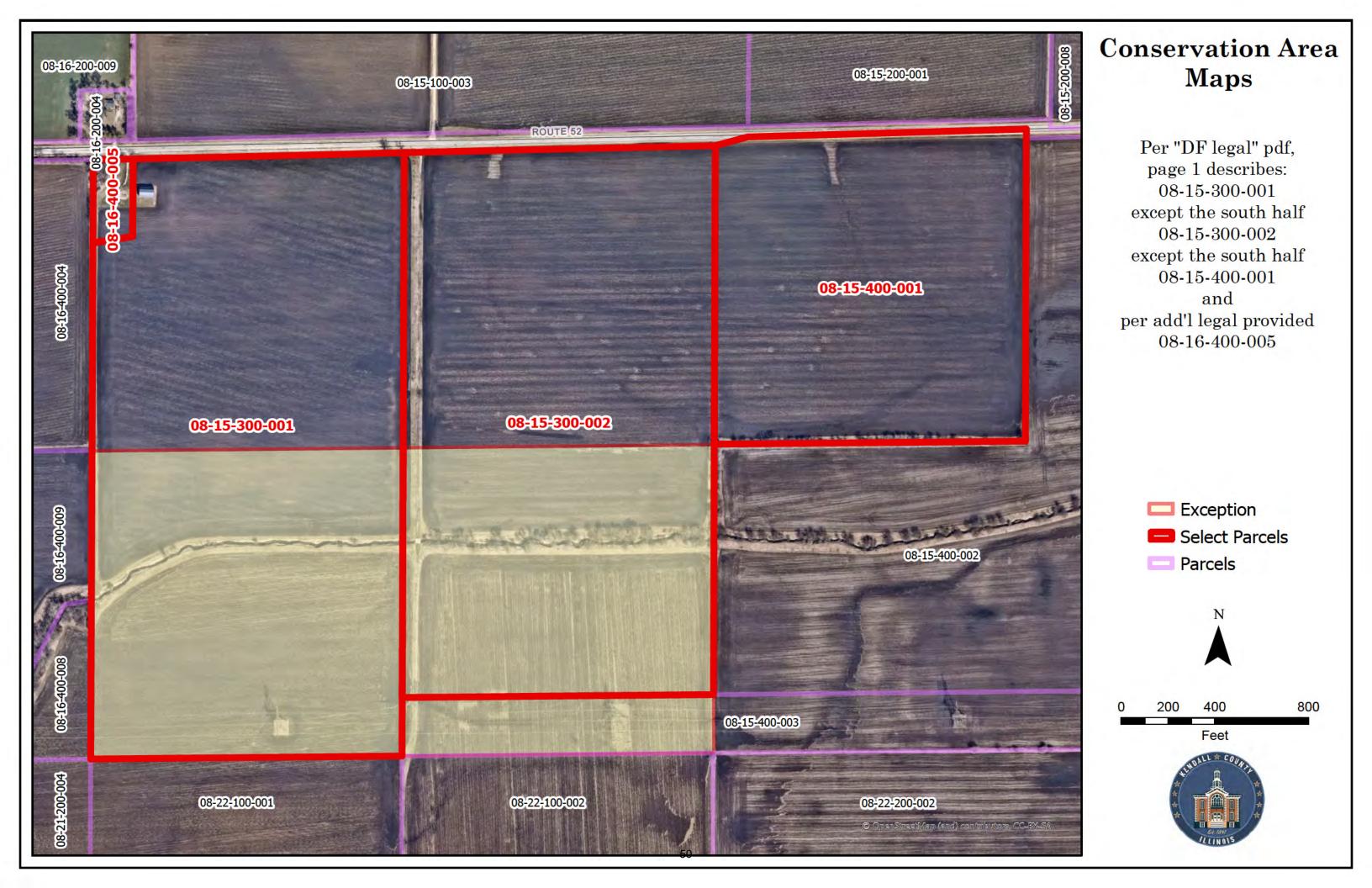
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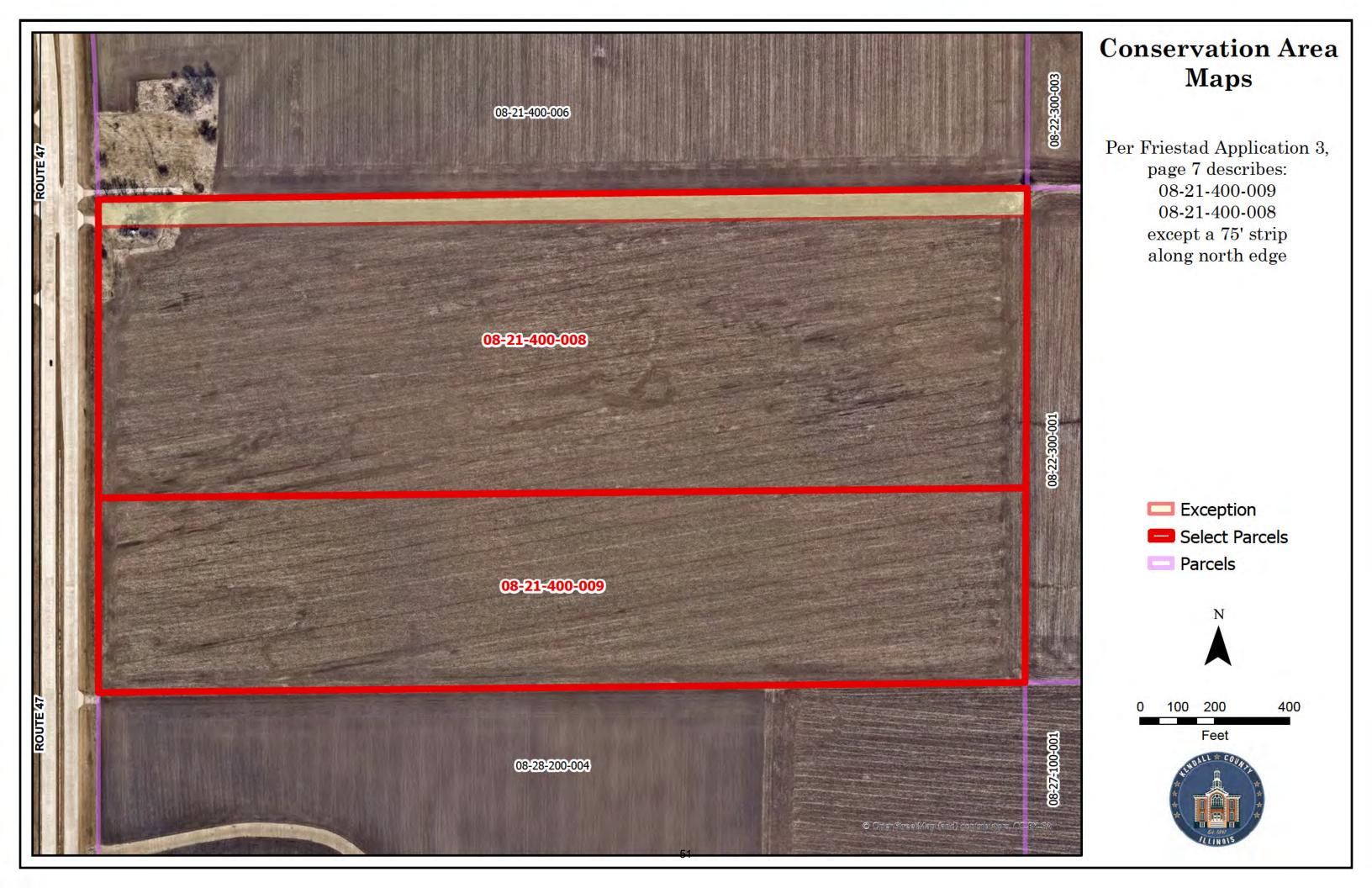
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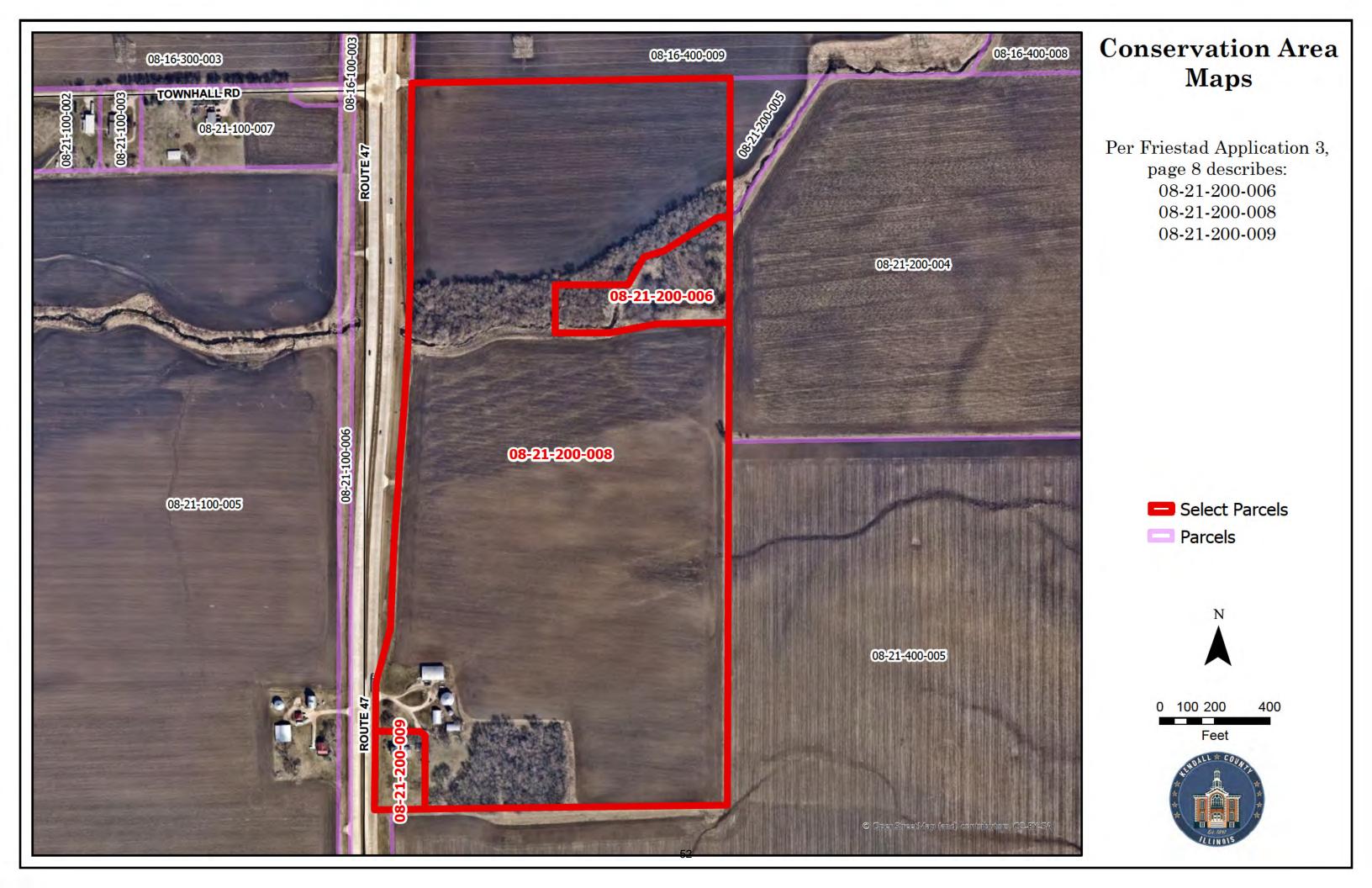
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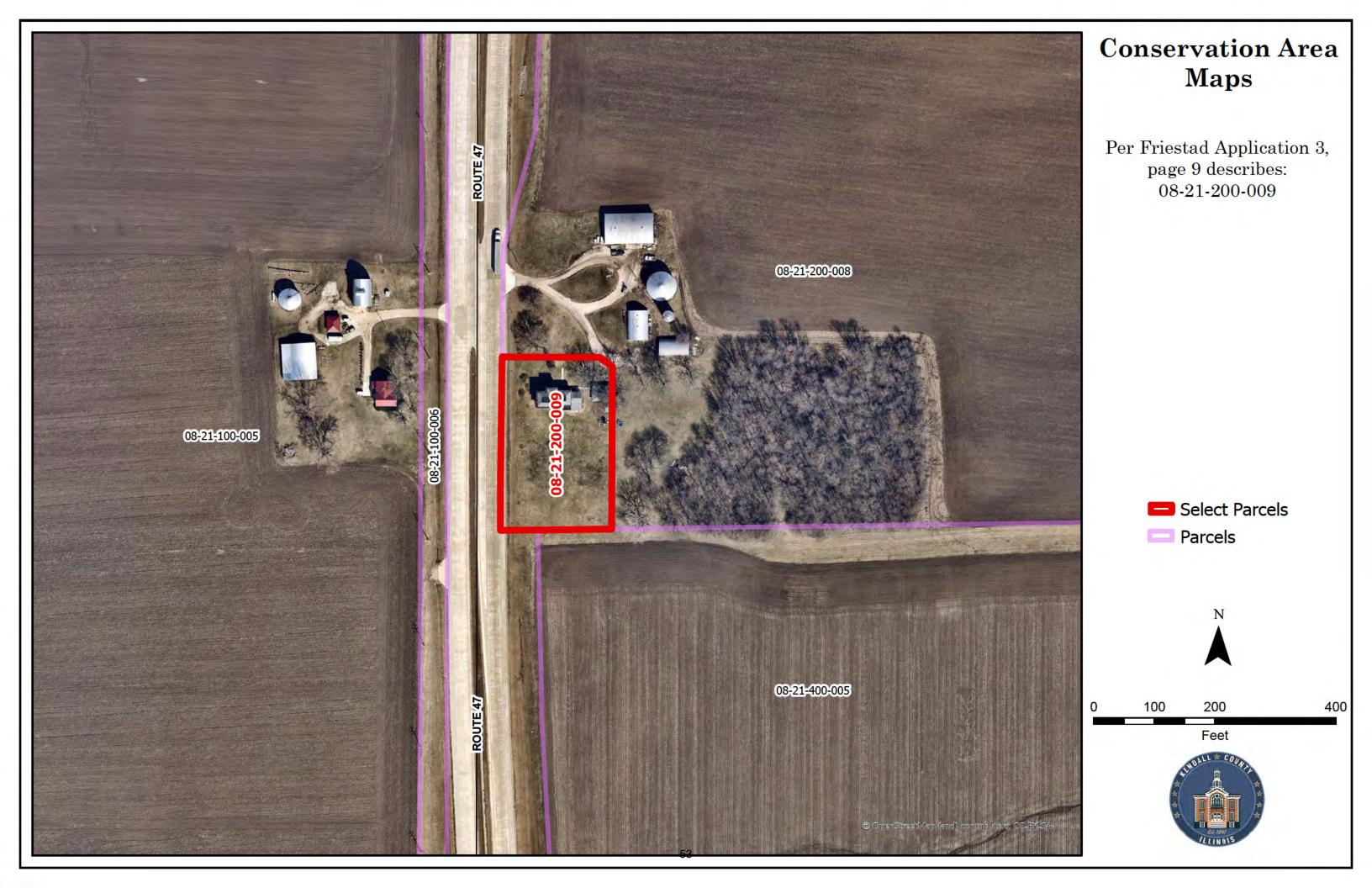


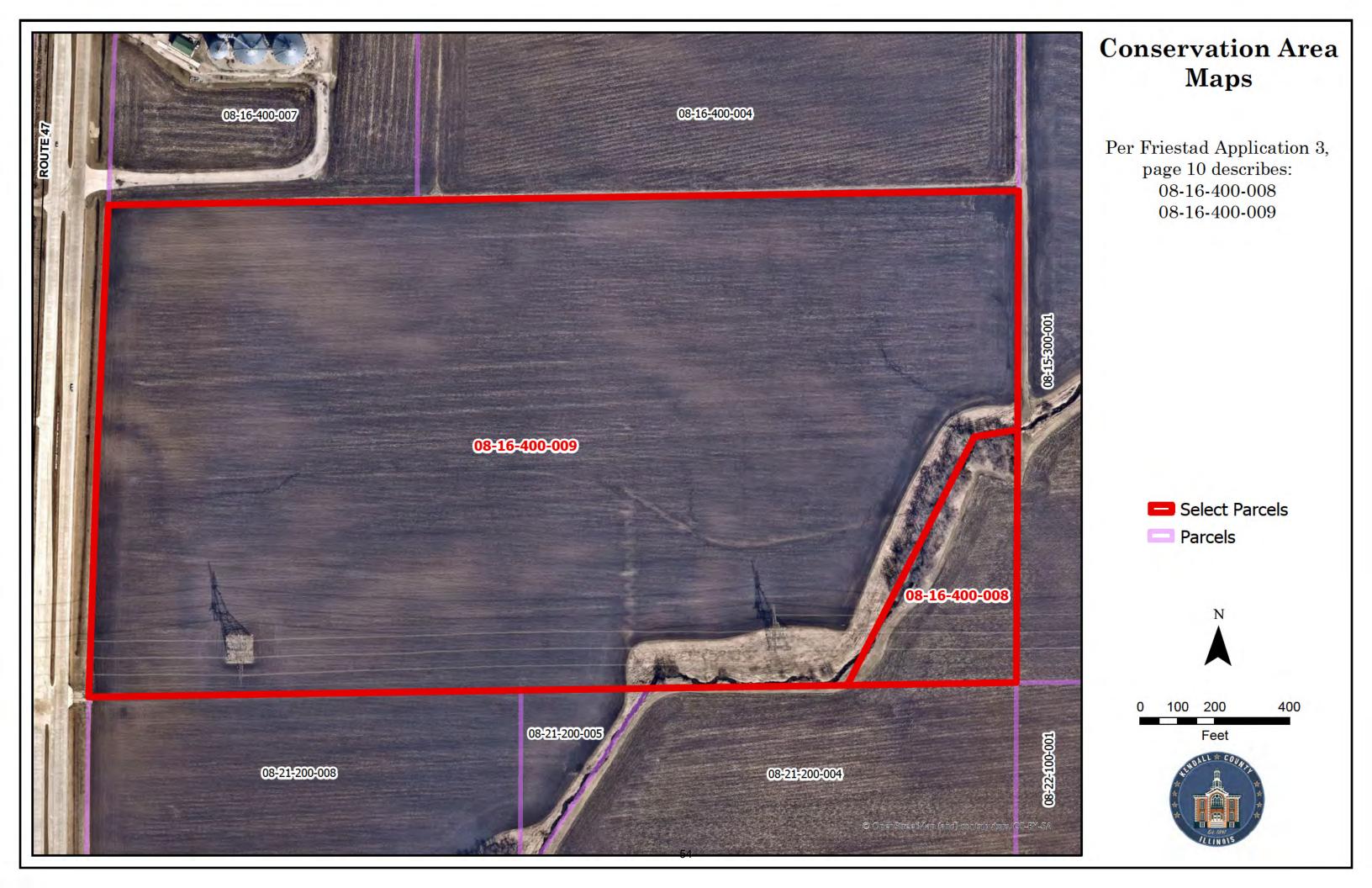


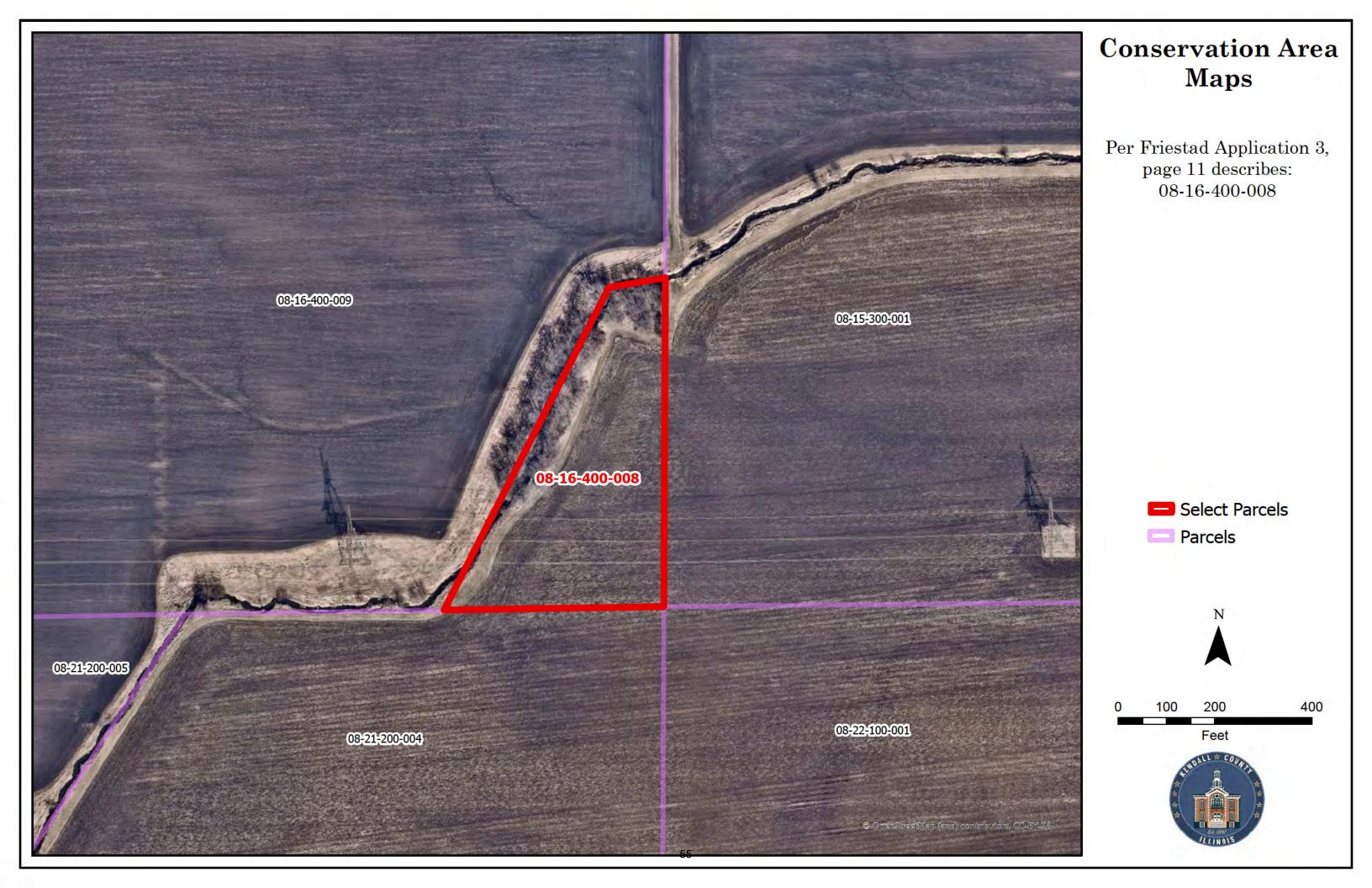


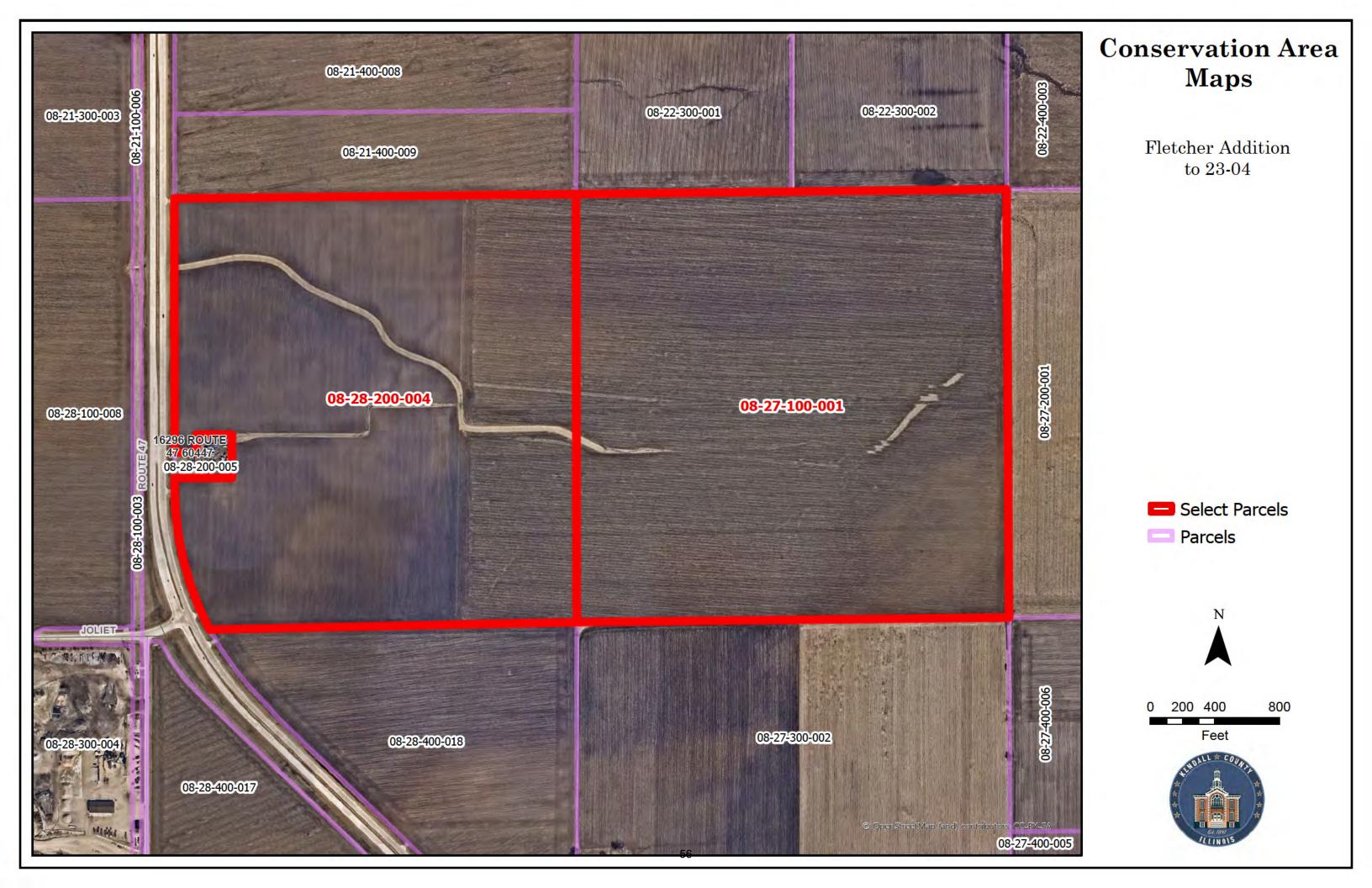












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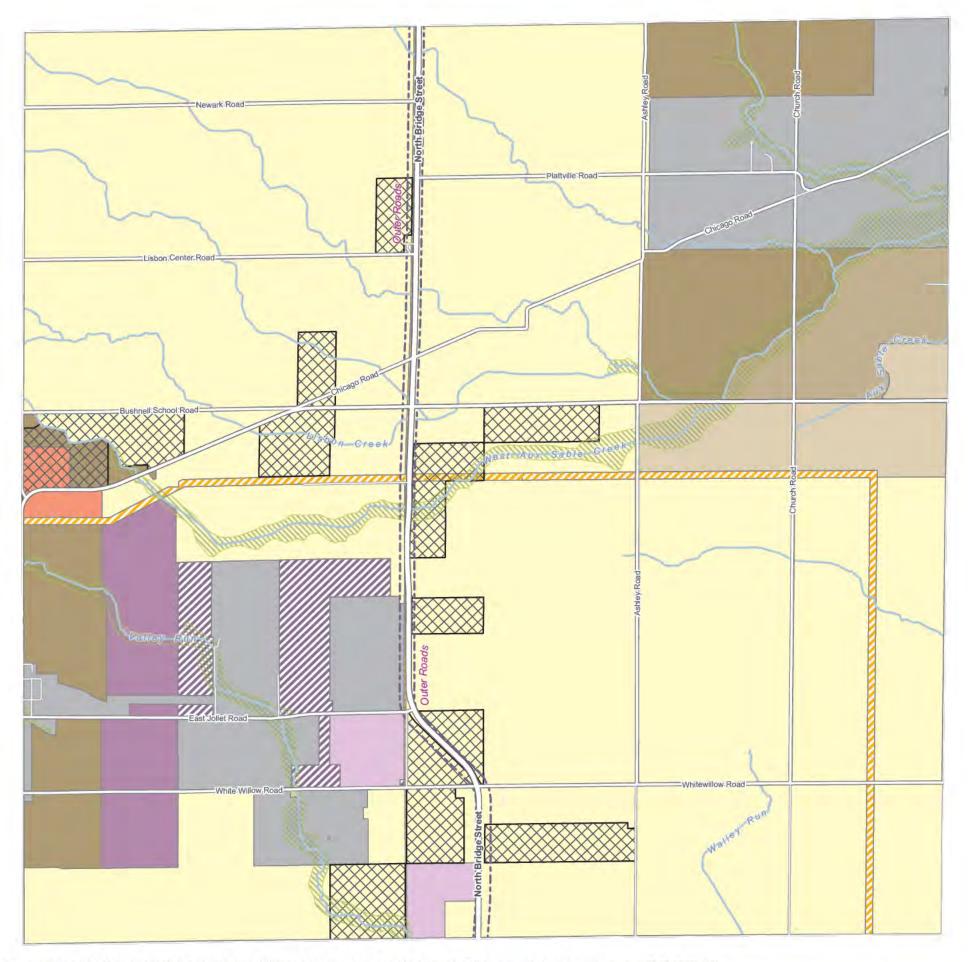
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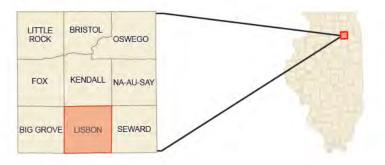
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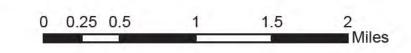


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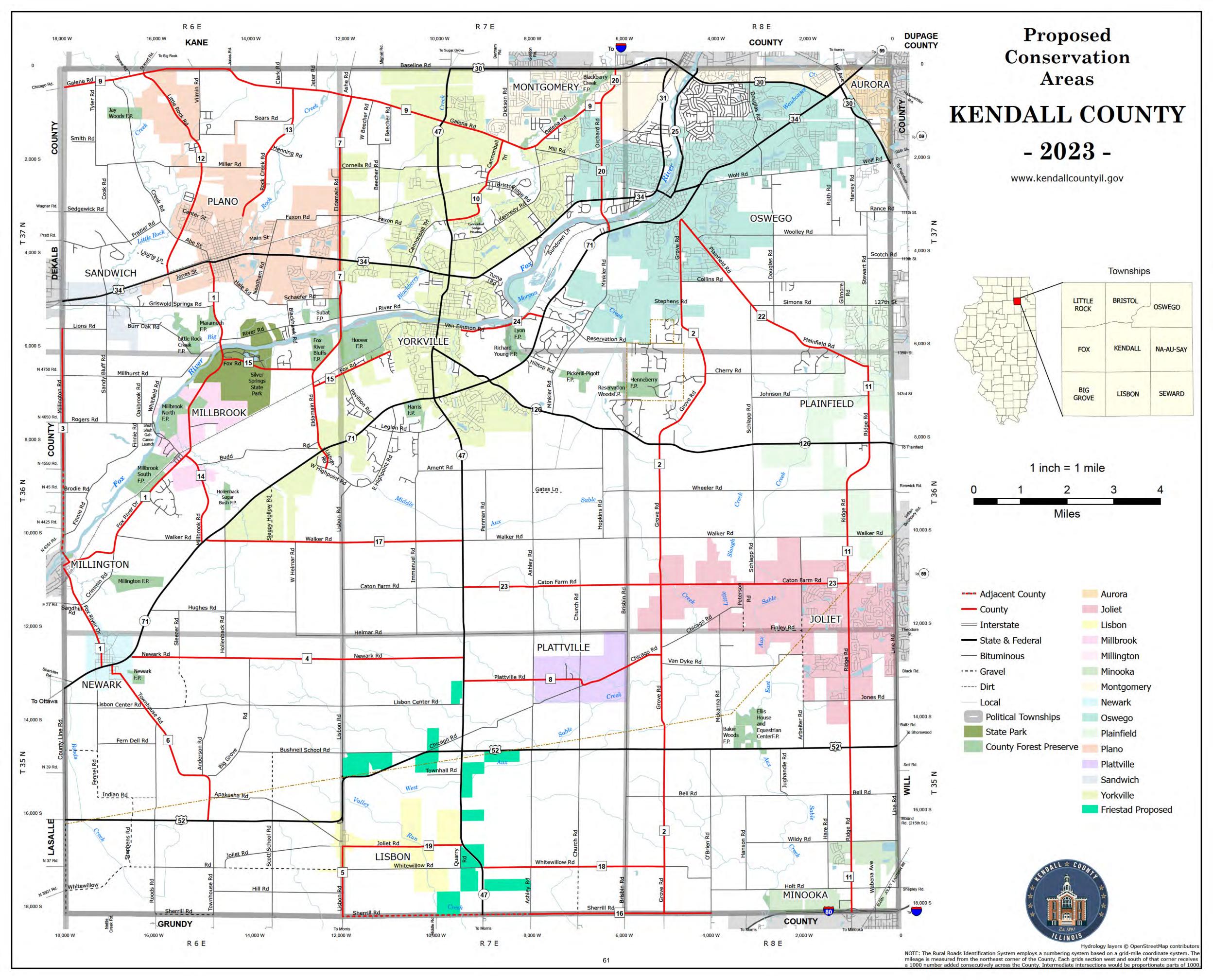




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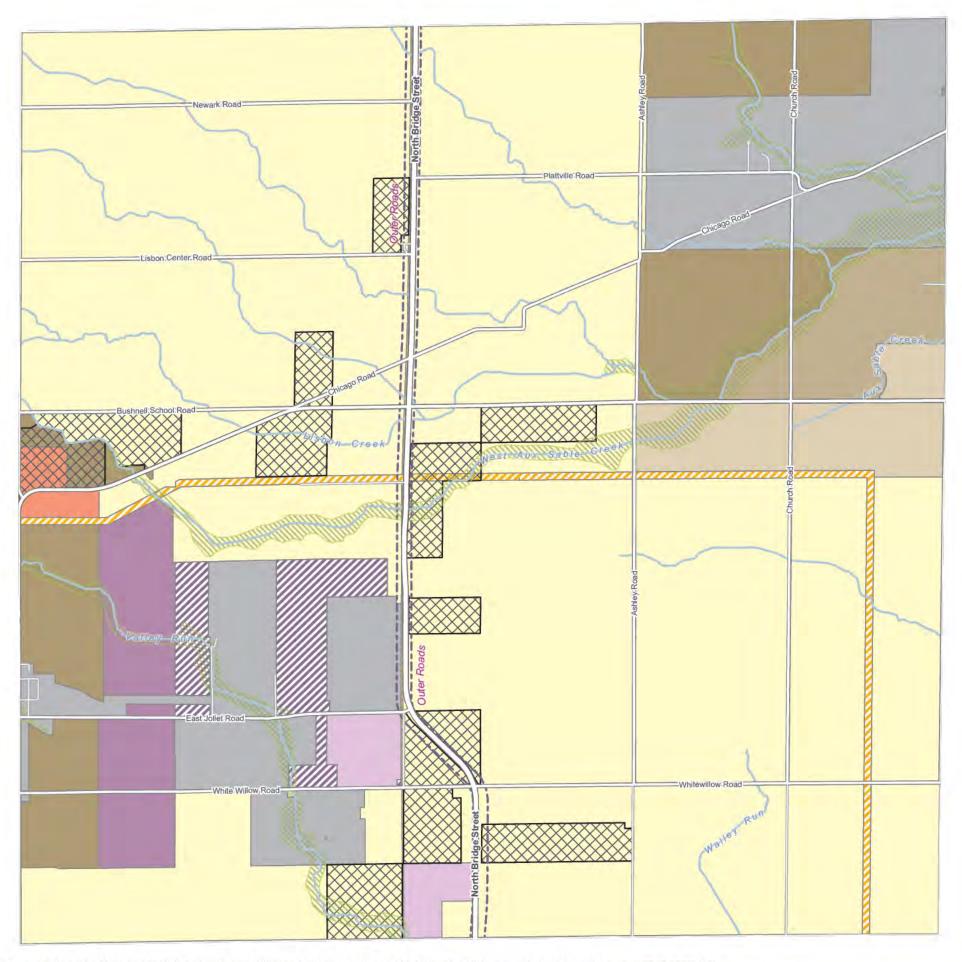
If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Asselmeier.

Thanks,

Matt Kellogg, Chairman Kendall County Board

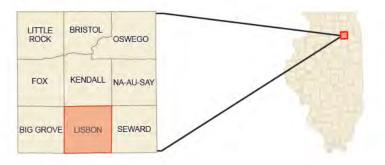
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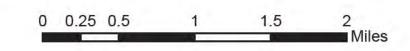


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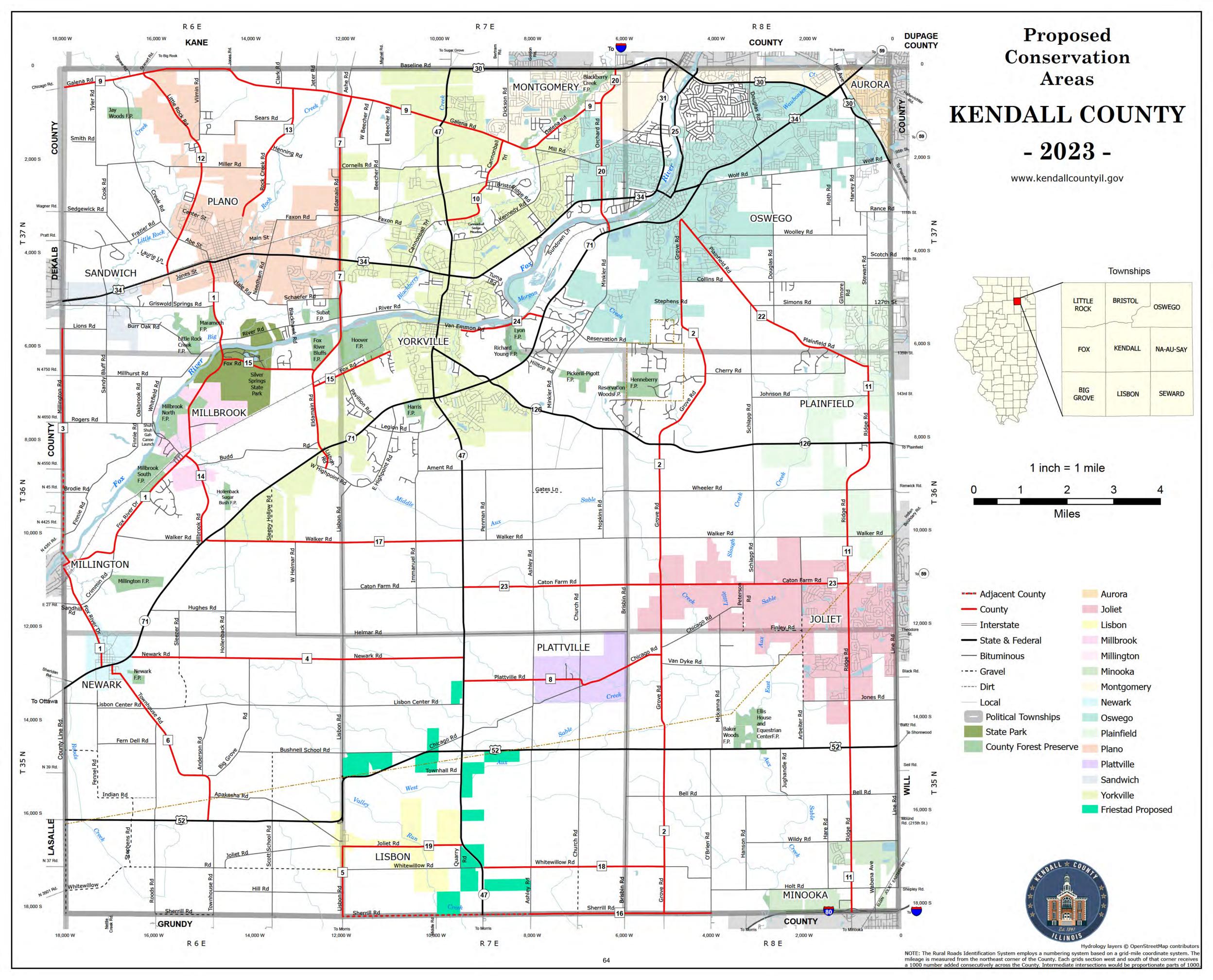




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### KENDALL COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

### Kendall County Office Building Rooms 209 and 210 111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois

### Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Bill Ashton called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Bill Ashton, Eric Bernacki (Left at 8:04 p.m.), Tom Casey, Dave Hamman, Larry Nelson,

Ruben Rodriguez, Bob Stewart, Claire Wilson (Arrived at 7:03 p.m.), and Seth Wormley

Members Absent: Karin McCarthy-Lange

Staff Present: Matthew H. Asselmeier, Senior Planner

Others Present: Michael Cook, Joan Soltwisch, Joe Chow, and Marissa Friestad

#### **PETITION**

<u>Petition 23 – 02 – Kirk Friestad, Phyllis Friestad, Friestad Farms, Inc., KEJ Farms, Scott Friestad, Kristin A. Friestad, Jared Friestad, Nicole Hughes, Dana Friestad and Laurie Friestad</u>

<u>Petition 23 – 03 – Kirk Friestad, Phyllis Friestad, C Robert Friestad and Sharon L. Friestad on Behalf of</u> the C Robert Friestad and Sharon L Friestad Family Trust, and Scott Friestad

### <u>Petition 23 – 04 – Dana Friestad, Laurie M. Friestad, C Robert Friestad and Sharon L Friestad on Behalf</u> of the C Robert Friestad and Sharon L. Friestad Family Trust, Scott Friestad, and Kristin A. Friestad

Mr. Asselmeier explained the procedure for establishing Agricultural Areas. He stated that adjoining property owners can add properties to the Area or properties can be removed from the Area within thirty (30) days of the notice running in the newspaper (January 26, 2023). The Agricultural Areas Committee will hold the public hearing on the proposal after the initial thirty (30) day window has expired.

Mr. Asselmeier provided maps showing the locations of the proposed Areas. It was noted that the property identified by parcel number 08-28-400-007 was included in one (1) of the legal descriptions in Petition 23-04 and should not have been included.

Chairman Ashton asked if the acreage had to be contiguous. Mr. Asselmeier responded no.

Member Nelson asked about the impacts to the land. Mr. Asselmeier said that the land would be kept as agricultural for ten (10) years.

Member Nelson asked about impacts on adjacent land. Mr. Asselmeier said the County would be obliged to amended the Future Land Use Map to reflect the Agricultural Areas and examine adjacent land uses to ensure that the no incompatible land uses exists with the Agricultural Area. Agricultural special uses could still be placed on adjoining properties.

Member Hamman asked about the advantages to the landowner to establish an Agricultural Area. Mr. Asselmeier responded that the property owner was declaring that the properties in question would stay agricultural. He also stated that when the State does placements of certain projects, like roadways, the State must note that the Agricultural Area exists and plan accordingly.

Member Nelson asked if the Village of Lisbon would be prevented to developing land at the intersection of Routes 47 and 52. Mr. Asselmeier responded that the Agricultural Area would not prevent a neighboring property owner from rezoning their property.

Member Bernacki left at this time (8:04 p.m.).

Discussion occurred about withdrawing land from an Agricultural Area and the steps for withdrawing land. If an Agricultural Area falls below three hundred fifty (350) acres, the Agricultural Area would be dissolved.

No Agricultural Areas exist in Kendall County; two (2) areas previously existed.

The Villages of Plattville and Lisbon have not yet been notified.

Discussion occurred regarding the composition of the Agricultural Areas Committee.

Marissa Friestad, on behalf of the Petitioners, stated that Petition 23-02 consisted of five hundred sixty-six (566) acres; Petition 23-03 consisted of four hundred thirty-three (433) acres; Petition 23-04 consisted of four hundred seventy-nine (479) acres.

Member Stewart expressed support for the proposal. Members Wormley and Hamman concurred.

The proposed Findings as presented by the Petitioners were as follows:

The viability of active farming within the proposed area and in areas adjacent thereto.

The area in the proposed Agriculture Conservation Area is actively being farmed. The area consists of highly productive farmland with the ability to produce high yielding crops in an area with strong markets.

The presence of any viable farmlands within the proposed area and adjacent thereto that are not now in active farming.

The areas in the proposed Agriculture Conservation Area are actively being farmed. There is land in the area that is being mined and land that is currently zoned for mining, but currently being farmed.

The nature and extent of land uses other than active farming within the proposed area and adjacent thereto.

The acres in the proposed Agriculture Conservation are currently zoned agriculture. Some of the acres are underlaid with limestone consistent with the land in the area zoned mining. Putting land in the conservation area preserves the limestone and allows the County to save this resource for a future time, if needed. The conservation area would not hinder mining operations in any way.

County developmental patterns and needs.

The area of the proposed Agriculture Conservation Area is zoned Agriculture and consistent with the current Lisbon Township Future Land Use Map.

The existence of a conservation plan approved by the local soil and water conservation district.

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- 10. Serve as a source of local tax revenues, providing economic stability in rural areas.

Member Stewart made a motion, seconded by Member Nelson, to recommend approval of the Agricultural Area.

The votes on were as follows:

Ayes (8): Ashton, Casey, Hamman, Nelson, Rodriguez, Stewart, Wilson, and Wormley

Nays (0): None

Absent (2): Bernacki and McCarthy-Lange

Abstain (0): None

The motion carried. The proposal will go to Agricultural Areas Committee.

### CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Wilson made a motion, seconded by Member Hamman, to adjourn. With a voice vote of eight (8) ayes, the motion carried.

The Kendall County Regional Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM Senior Planner

#### Findings of Fact

All impacted property owners consent to their property's inclusion in the proposed area. **This is true.** 

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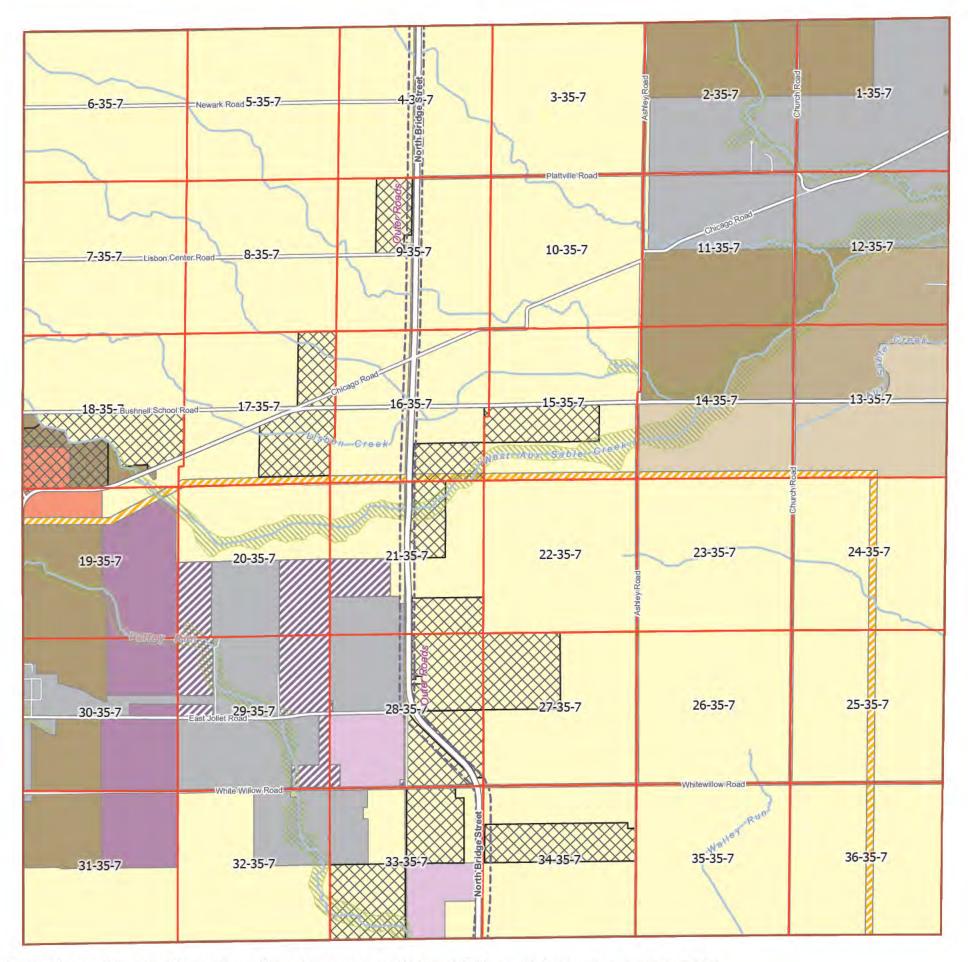
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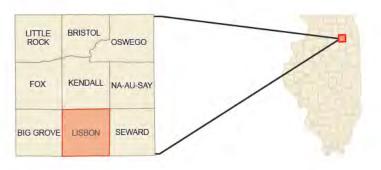
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