



TOWN FORUM 2026

Update to the Open Space
and Recreation Plan



INTRODUCTIONS

Davis Field



Carding Mill

WHAT IS AN OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN?



Bruce Freeman Rail Trail

- A document that describes a community's open space and recreation resources
- A road map for action on open space and recreation actions to aid decision makers

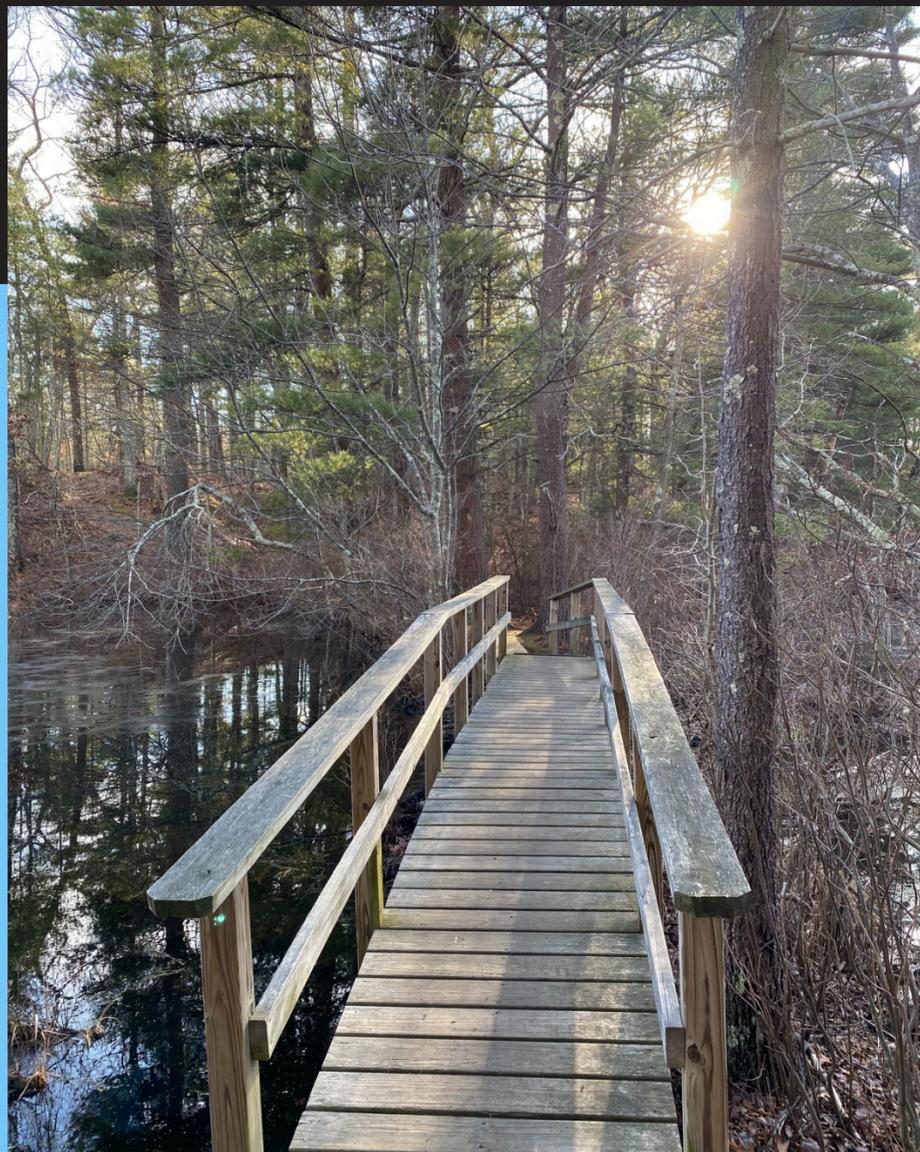
WHAT IS OPEN SPACE?

- Conservation land, forested land, agricultural land, and amenities such as green buffers along roadways or other predominantly undeveloped areas
- Owned by an agency or organization dedicated to conservation or recreation
- This can also refer to undeveloped land with the potential to be used for conservation or recreation purposes, including vacant lots that can be redeveloped into recreation areas or community green spaces



Smile Playground

WHY DOES SUDBURY NEED ONE?



Hop Brook

- To give the public a meaningful way to provide feedback on open space and recreation topics to municipal leaders
- To educate residents about conservation and recreation resources and amenities in the community, as well as an issues Sudbury is facing on these topics
- To integrate many sources of the Town's natural resource data into on document
- To provide eligibility to certain State grant funds

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN ELEMENTS

- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- Community Setting
- Environmental Inventory & Analysis
- Conservation & Recreation Lands Inventory
- Analysis of Needs
- Action Plan
- Public Comments
- Maps



Broadaces Farm

INTRODUCTION

- Statement of Purpose
- Planning Process & Public Participation
- Enhanced Outreach & Public Participation



Parkinson Field

COMMUNITY SETTING



- Regional Context
- Population Characteristics
- Growth & Development Patterns

ENVIRONMENTAL INVENTORY & ANALYSIS

- Soils & Topography
- Water Resources
- Vegetation
- Fisheries & Wildlife
- Scenic Resources & Unique Environments
- Climate Change Impacts



Duck Pond

CONSERVATION & RECREATION LANDS INVENTORY

- Municipally Owned Conservation & Recreation Properties
- Public Properties providing Conservation & Recreation Amenities, but not held by Municipal Conservation or Recreation Departments
- Permanently Protected Private Parcels



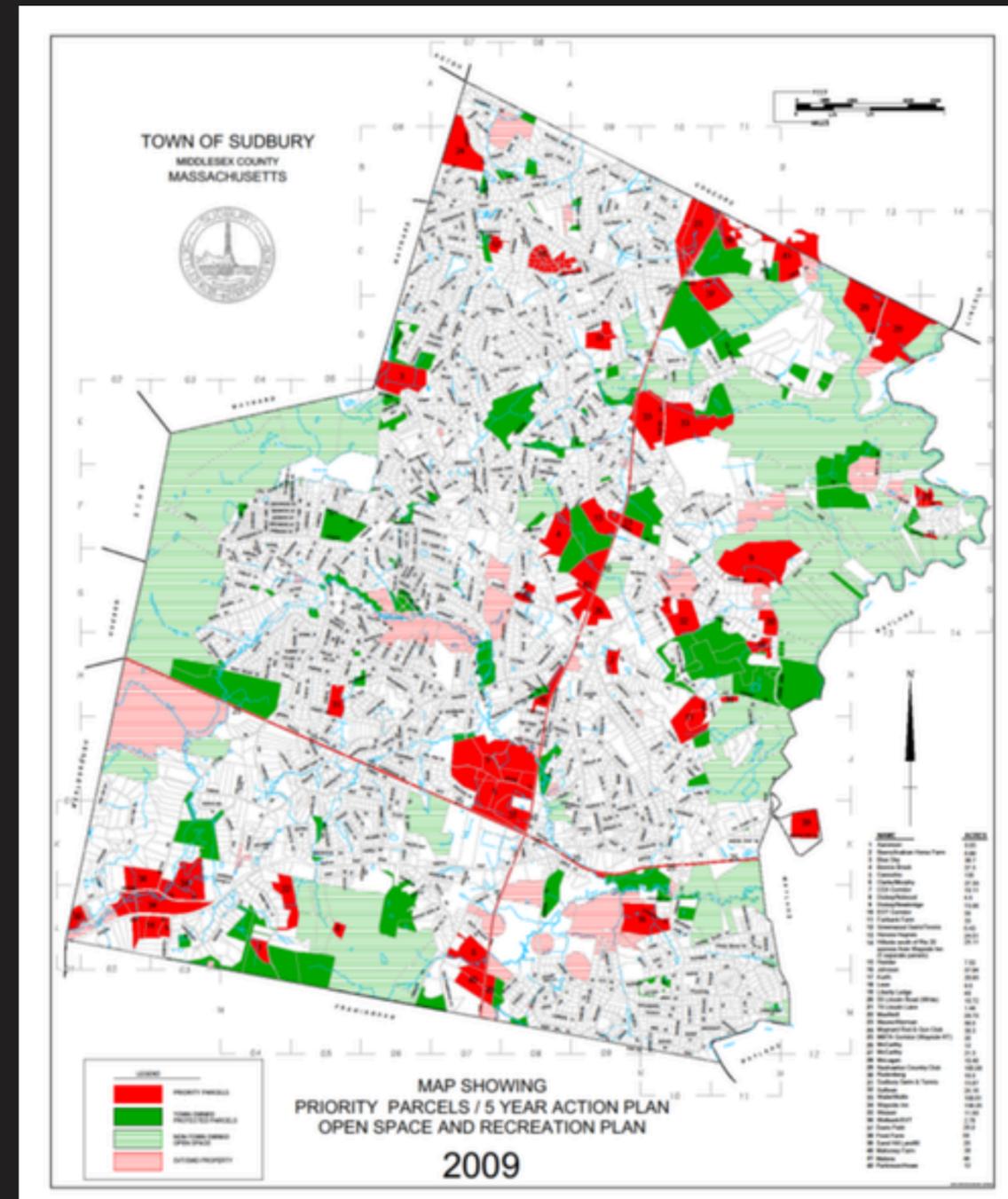
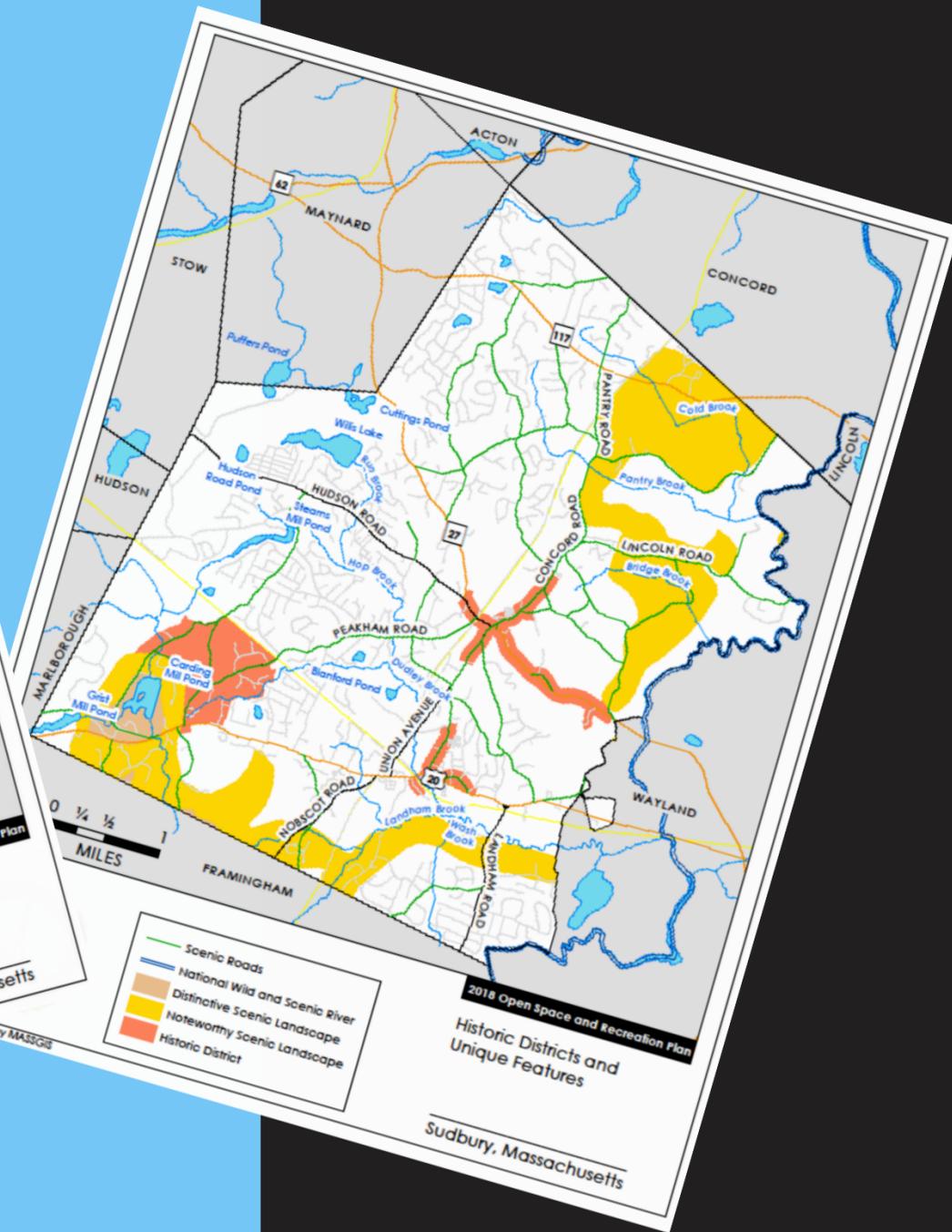
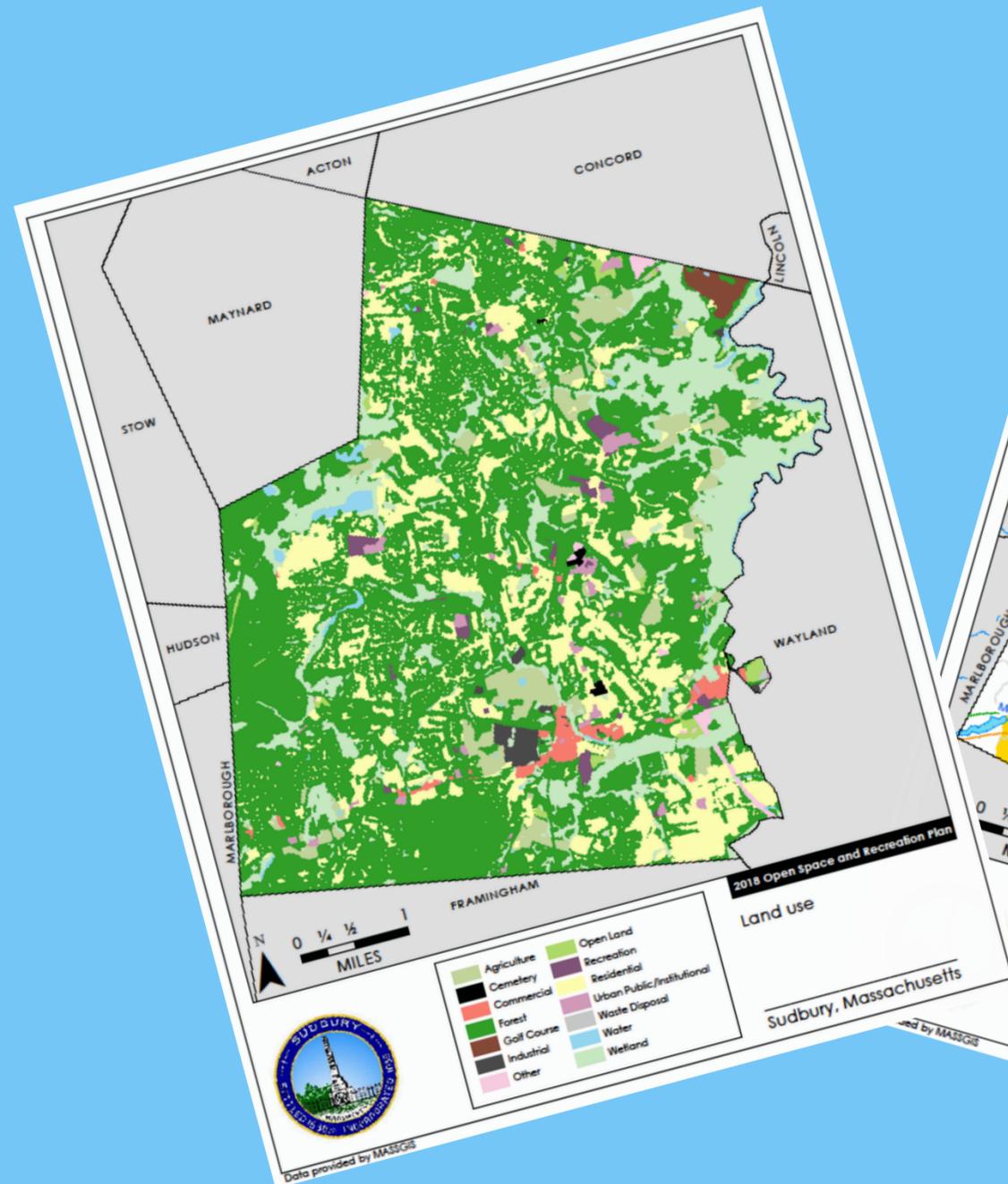
ANALYSIS OF NEEDS

- Summary of Natural Resource Protection Needs
- Summary of Community's Outdoor Recreation Needs
- Management Needs



Haskell Playground

EXAMPLE MAPS



SUDBURY'S OSRP TIMELINE

- January 2026 – Contract Signed with BSC Group
- February 2026 – Town Forum
- February – March 2026 – Survey Outreach
- February – April 2026 – GIS Mapping
- May 2026 – Public Input Forum
- September 2026 – Public Forum of Draft Recommendations
- December 2026 – Final Draft Submission

Featherland Park



2009-2013 Open Space and Recreation Plan

Goal 1

Preserve the Town character through permanent protection of undeveloped land, surface water bodies and wetlands, agricultural lands and uses, publicly cherished viewsapes and historic sites

Goal 2

Protect land areas and migration corridors for the well-being of indigenous fauna and flora

Goal 3

Protect water quality and quantity of the Town's water supply, though both aquifer protection and water use education

Goal 4

Protect and restore the quality of the Town's ponds and waterways

Goal 5

Provide and maintain a diversity of conservation and recreation land uses reflecting the interests and needs of the whole community, including opportunities for both active and passive recreation

Goal 6

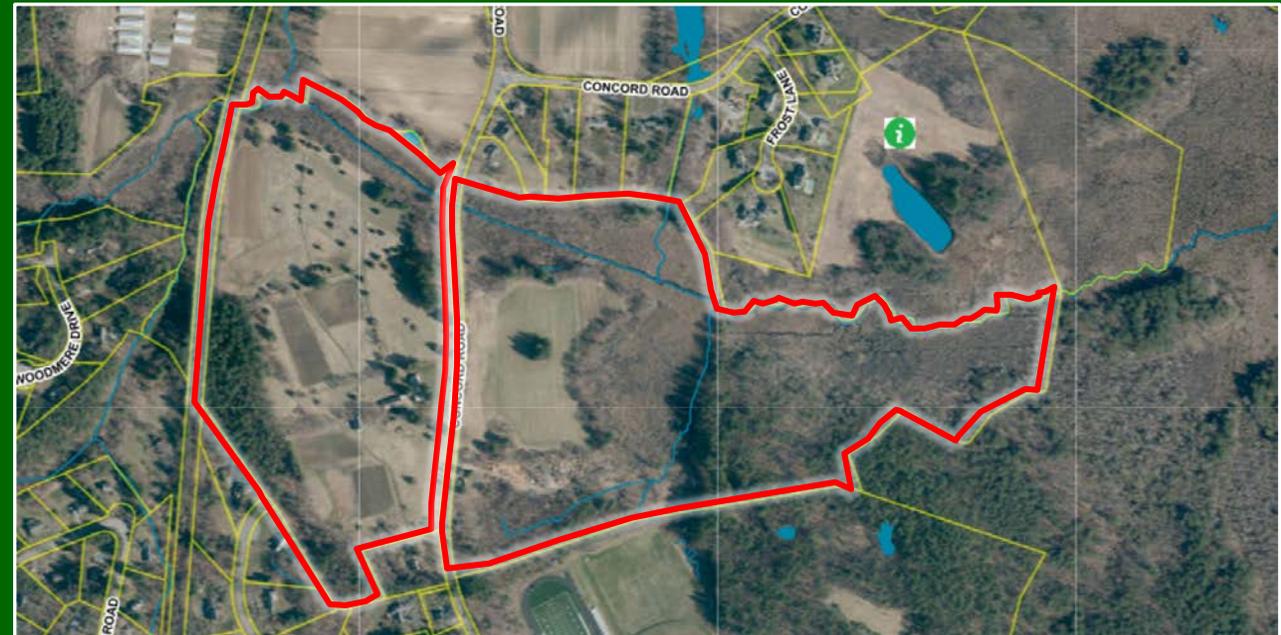
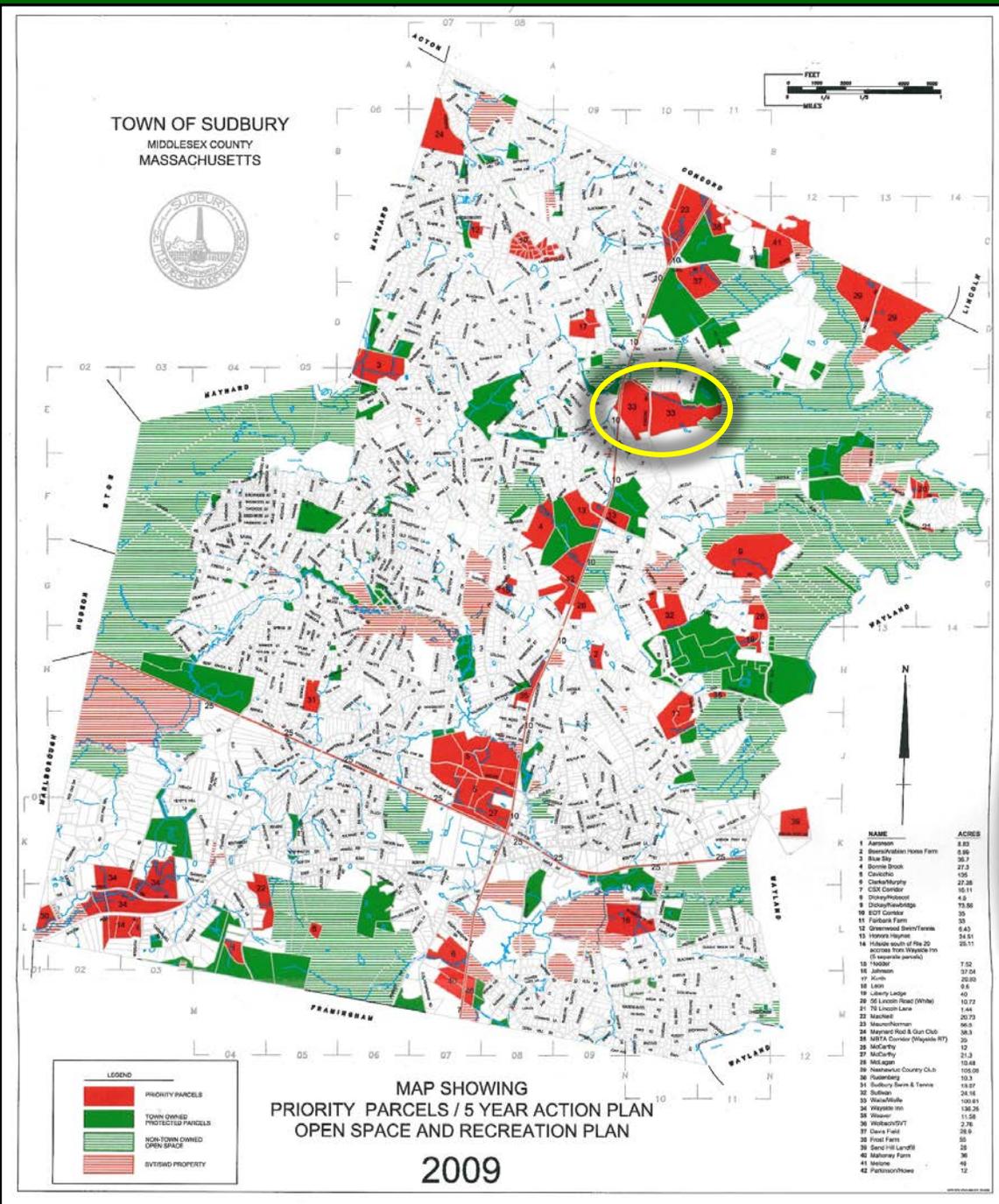
Develop and maintain trail linkages by connecting old and creating new walkways and trails for non-motorized recreation.

Goal 7

Continue to provide outreach to increase awareness among residents of the range of the Town's open space and recreational assets, and their possible uses and entry points

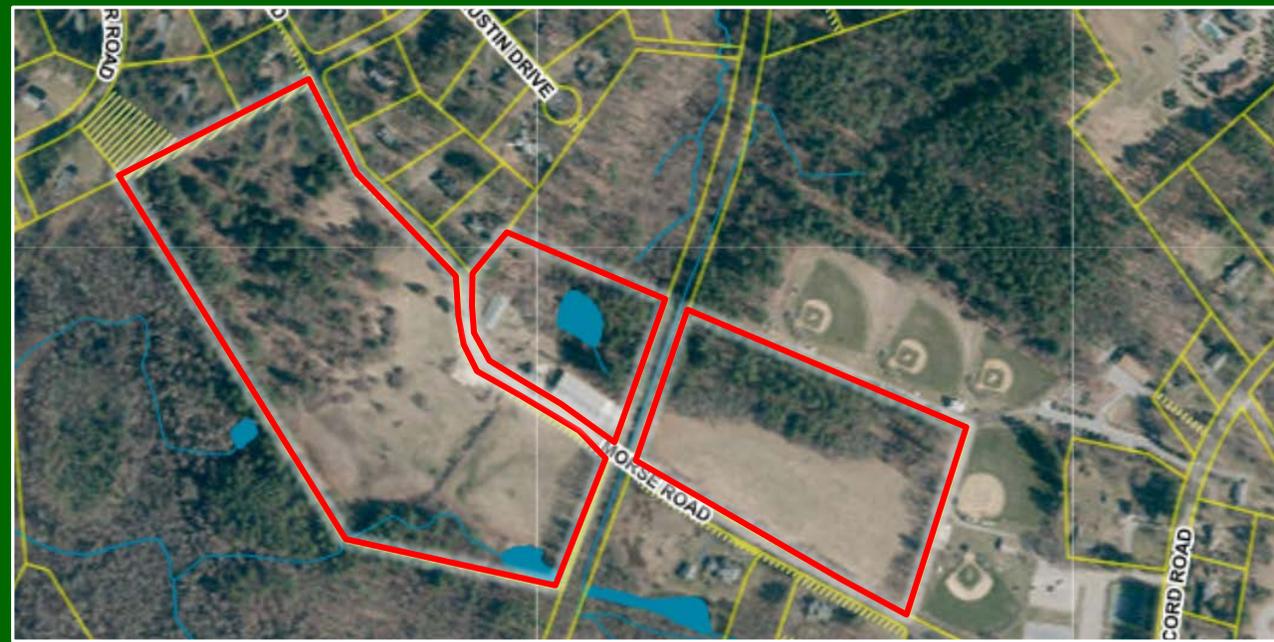
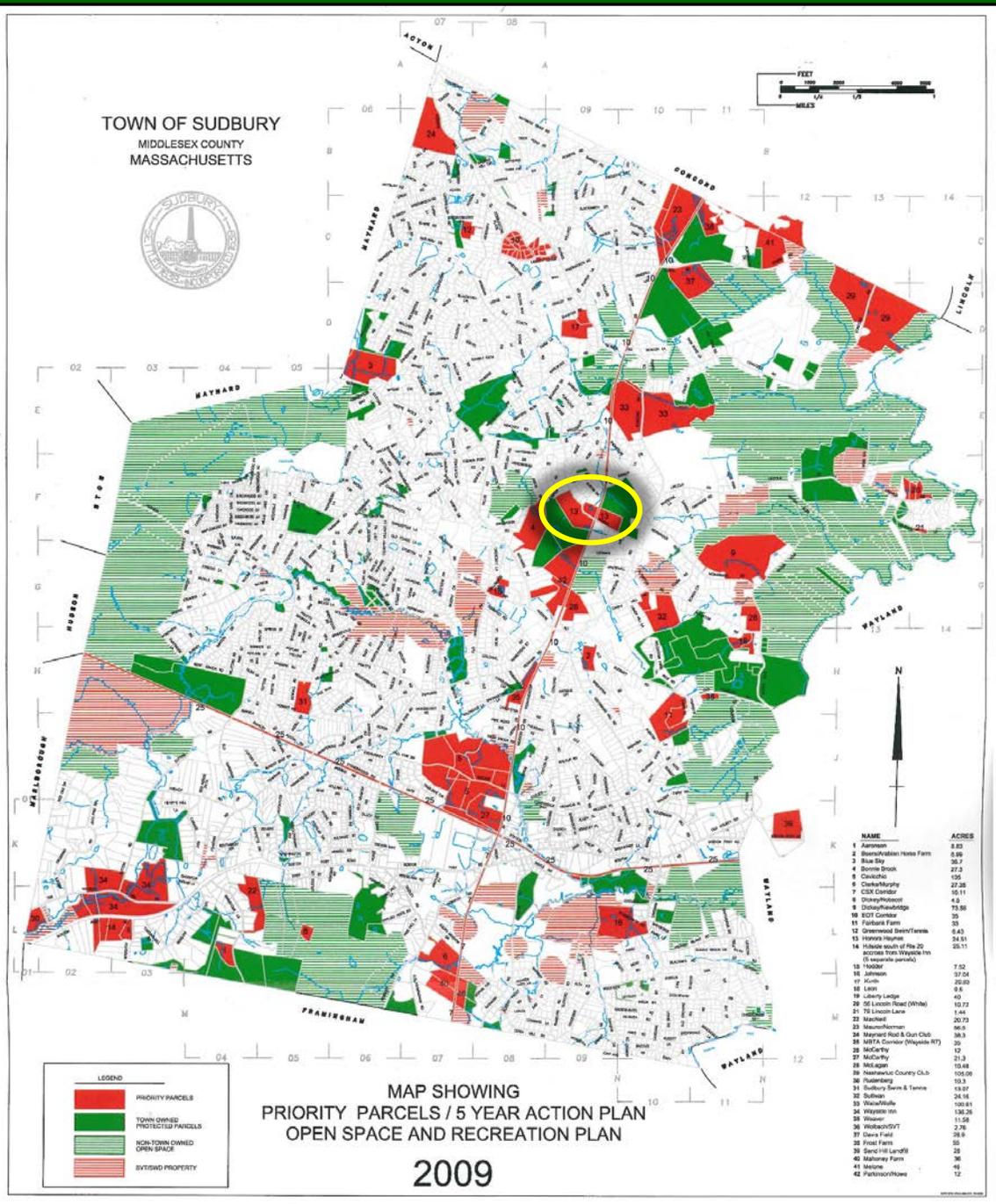
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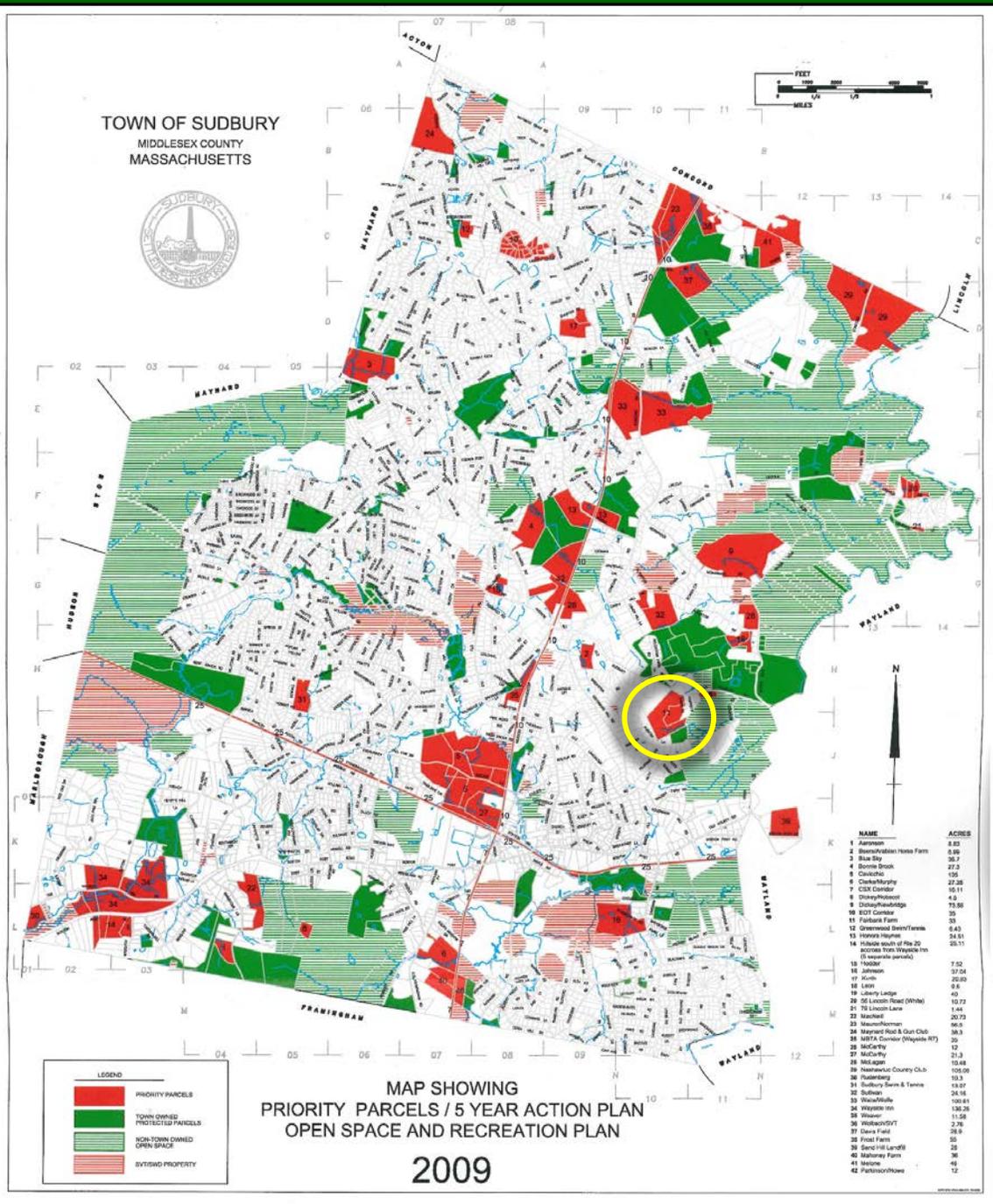
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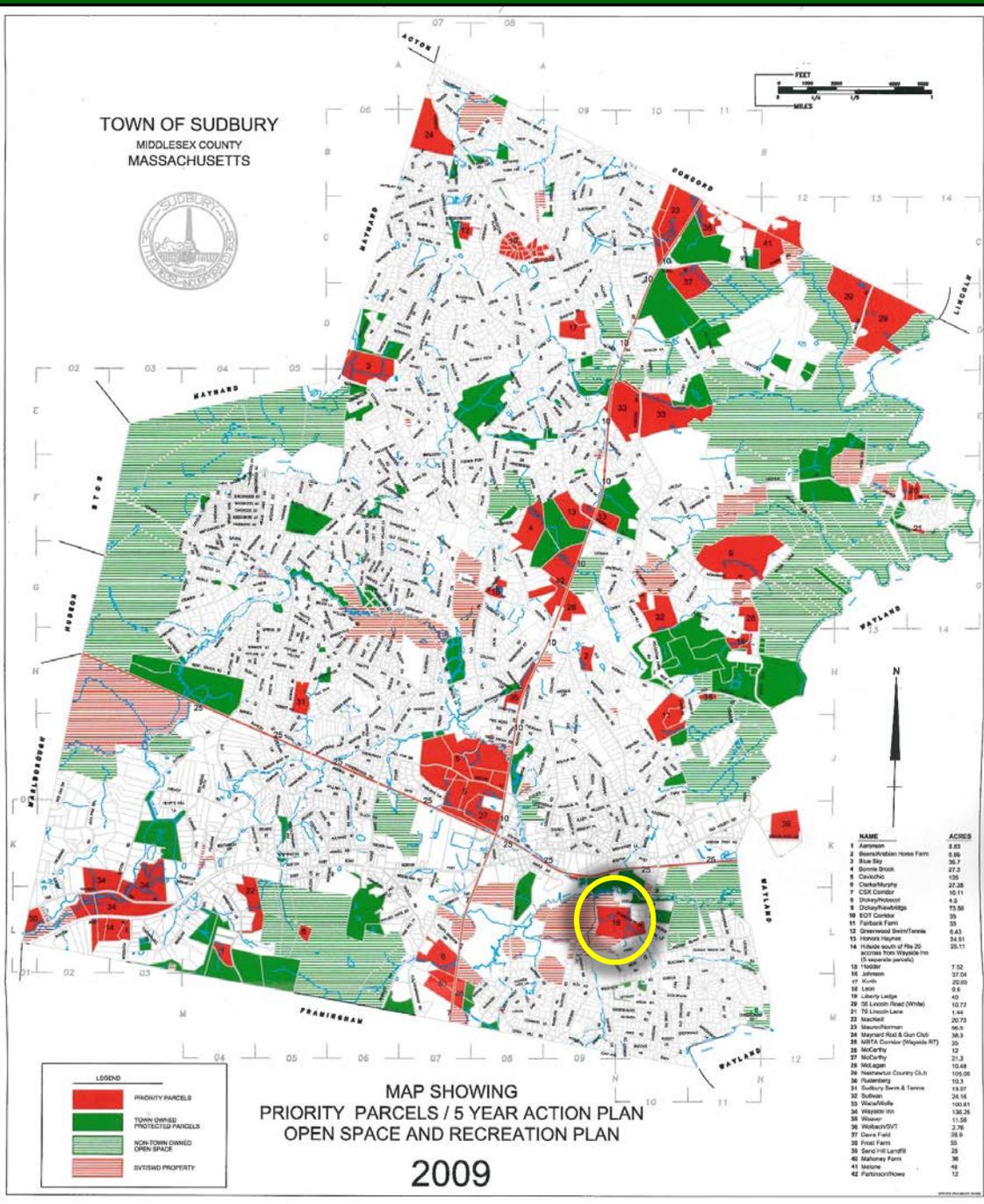
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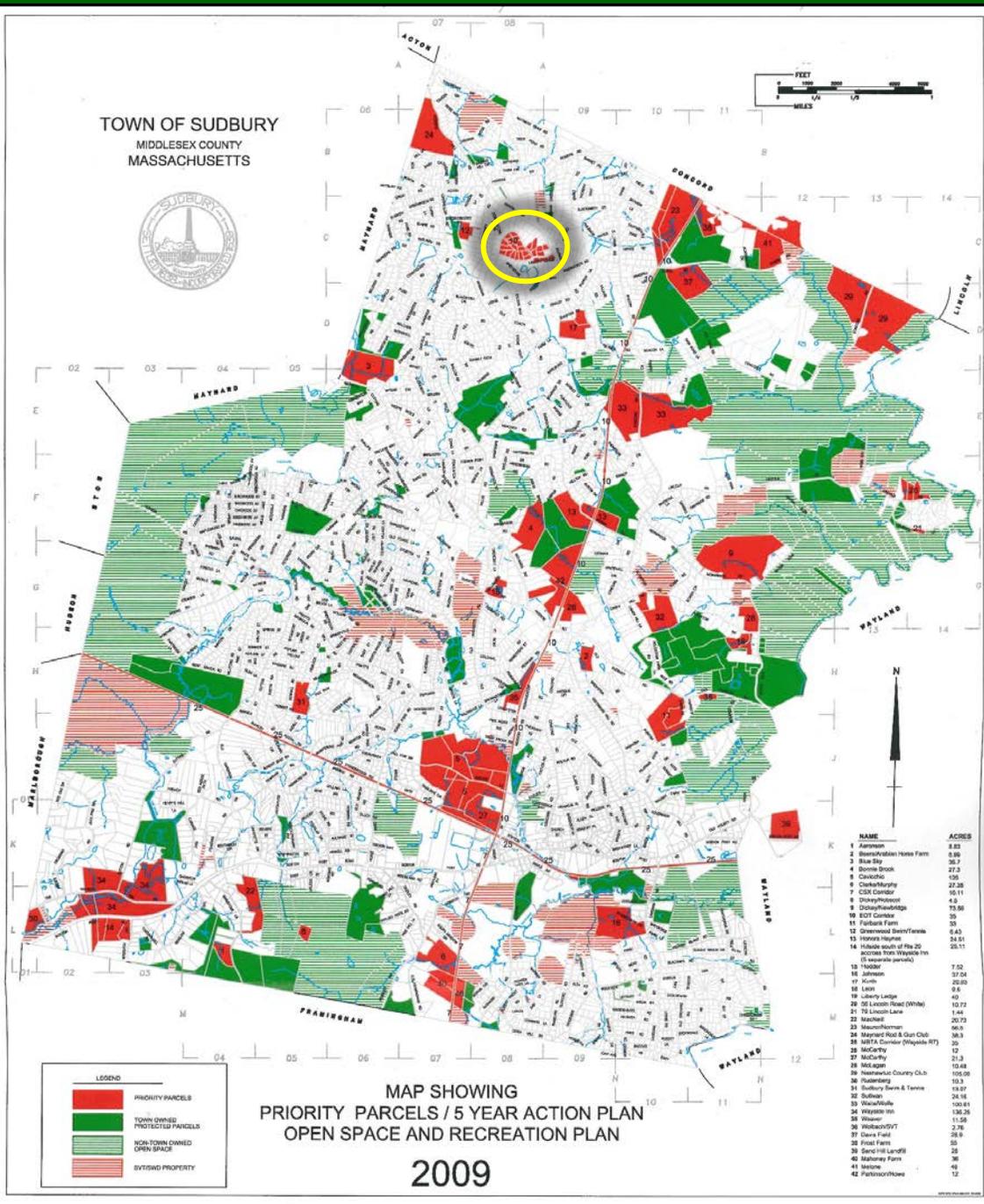
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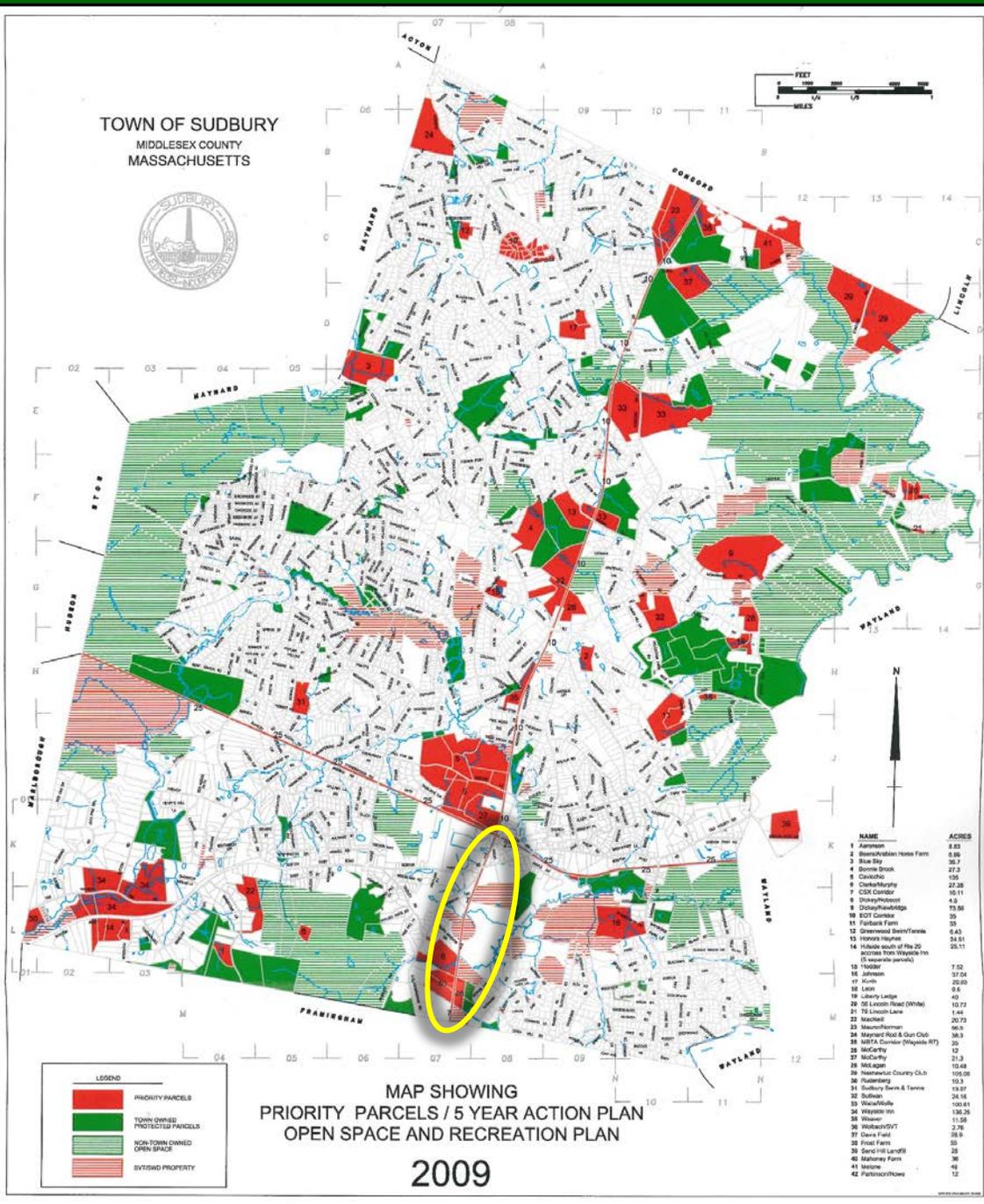
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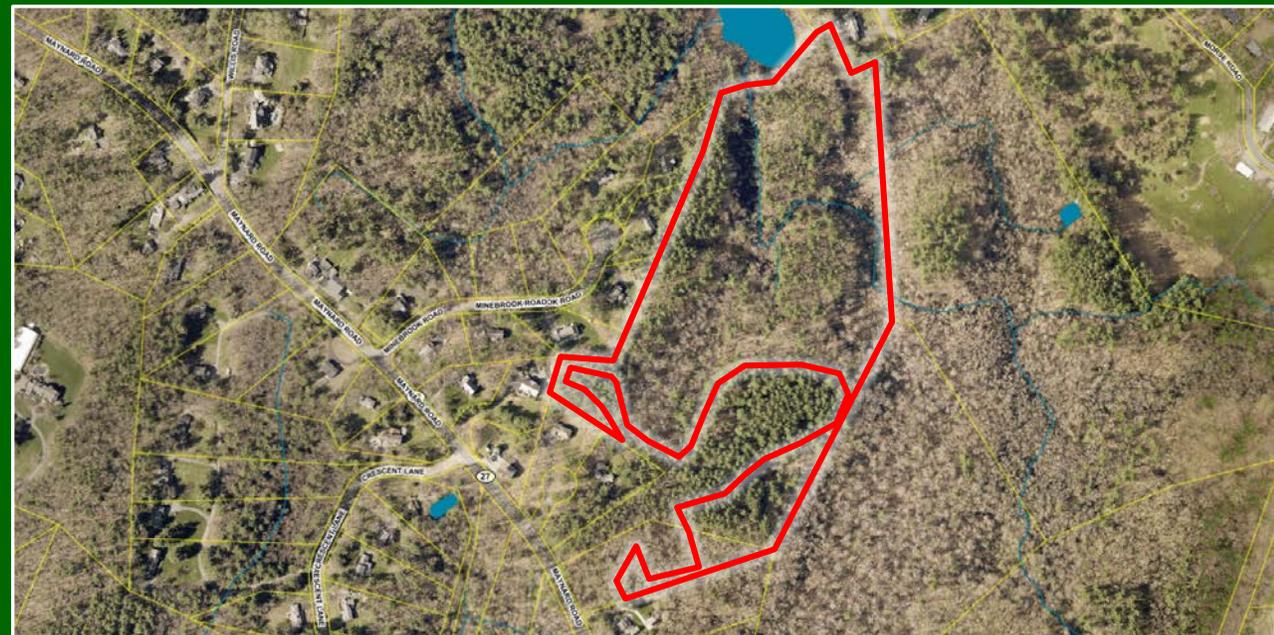
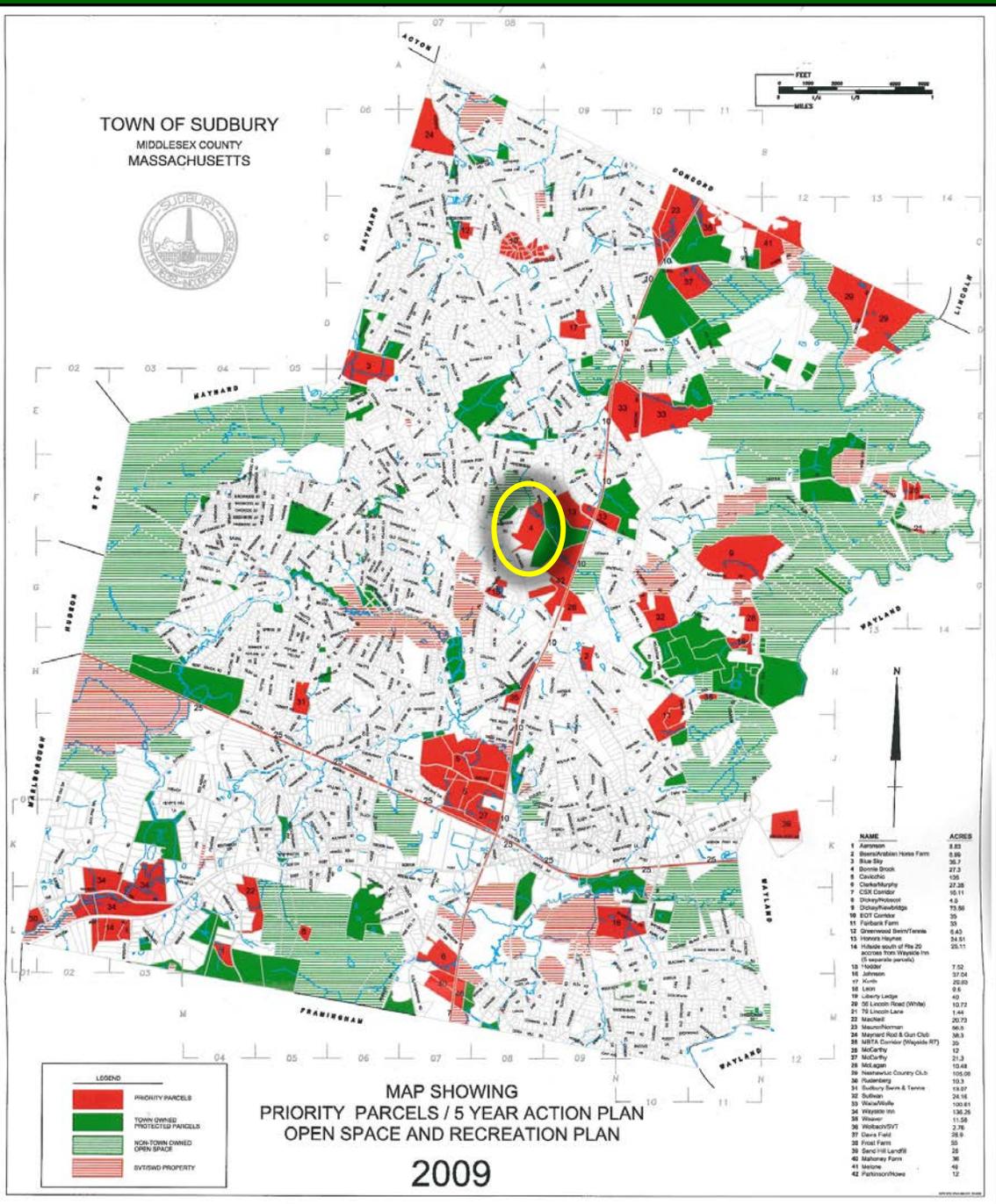
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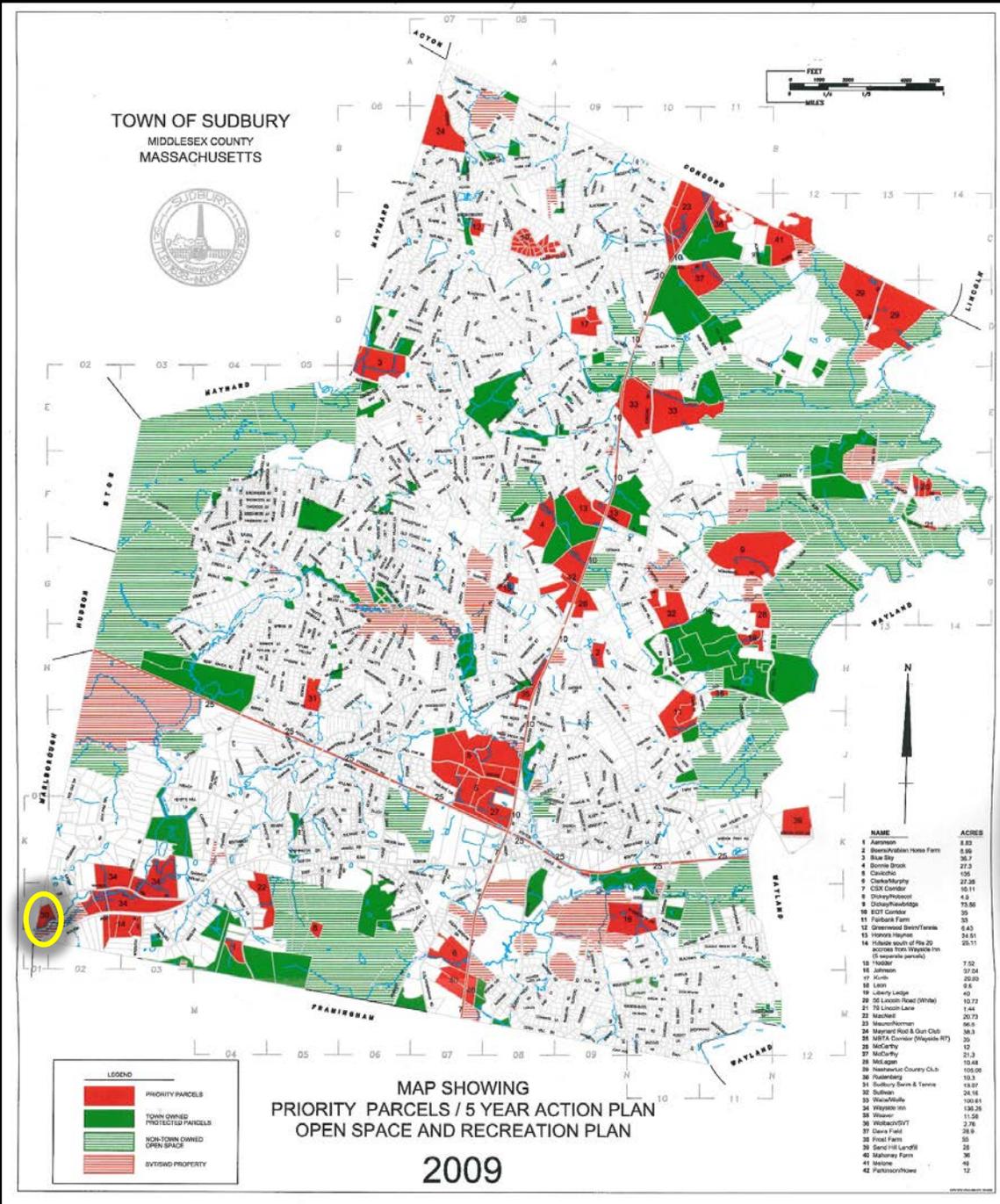
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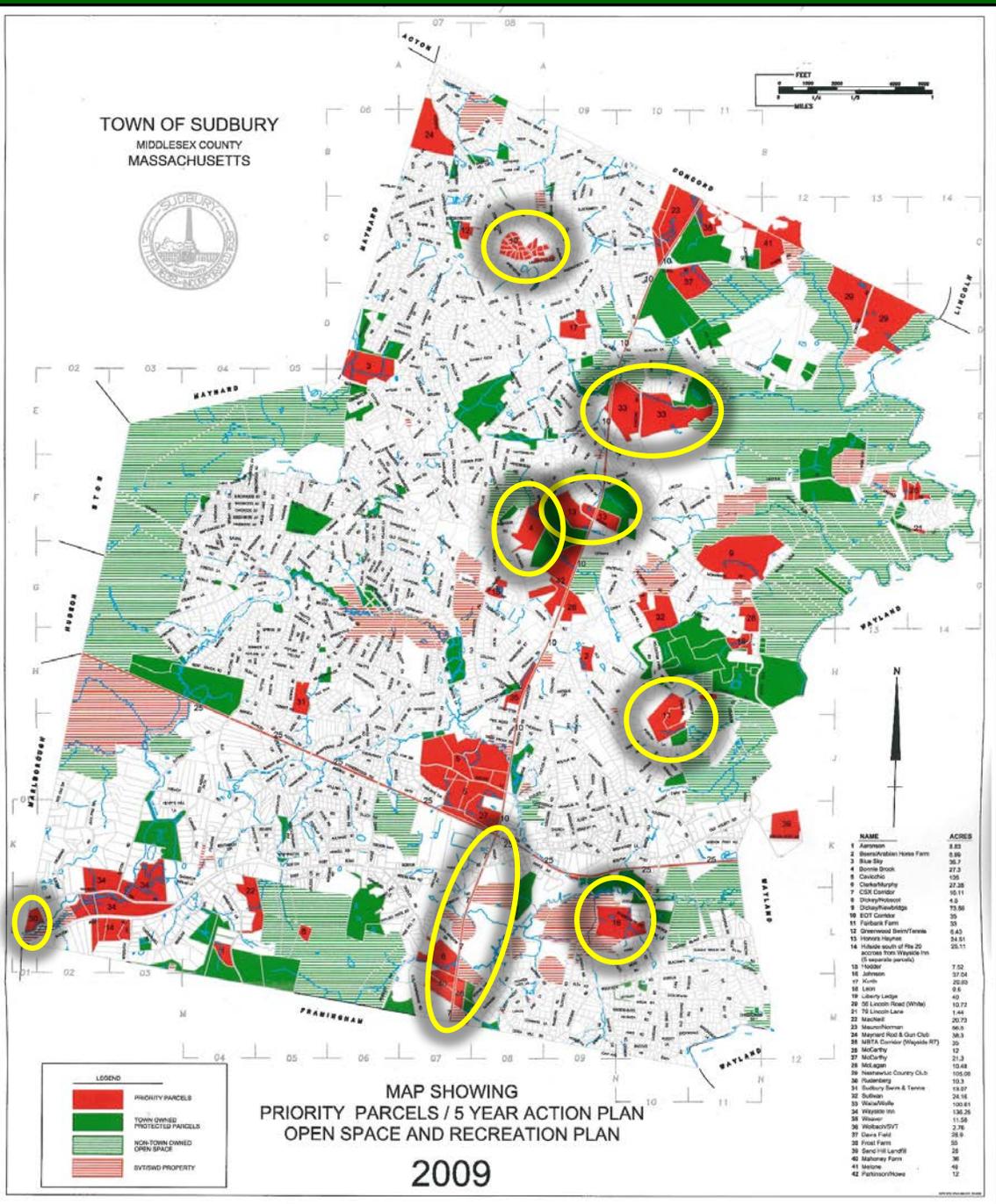
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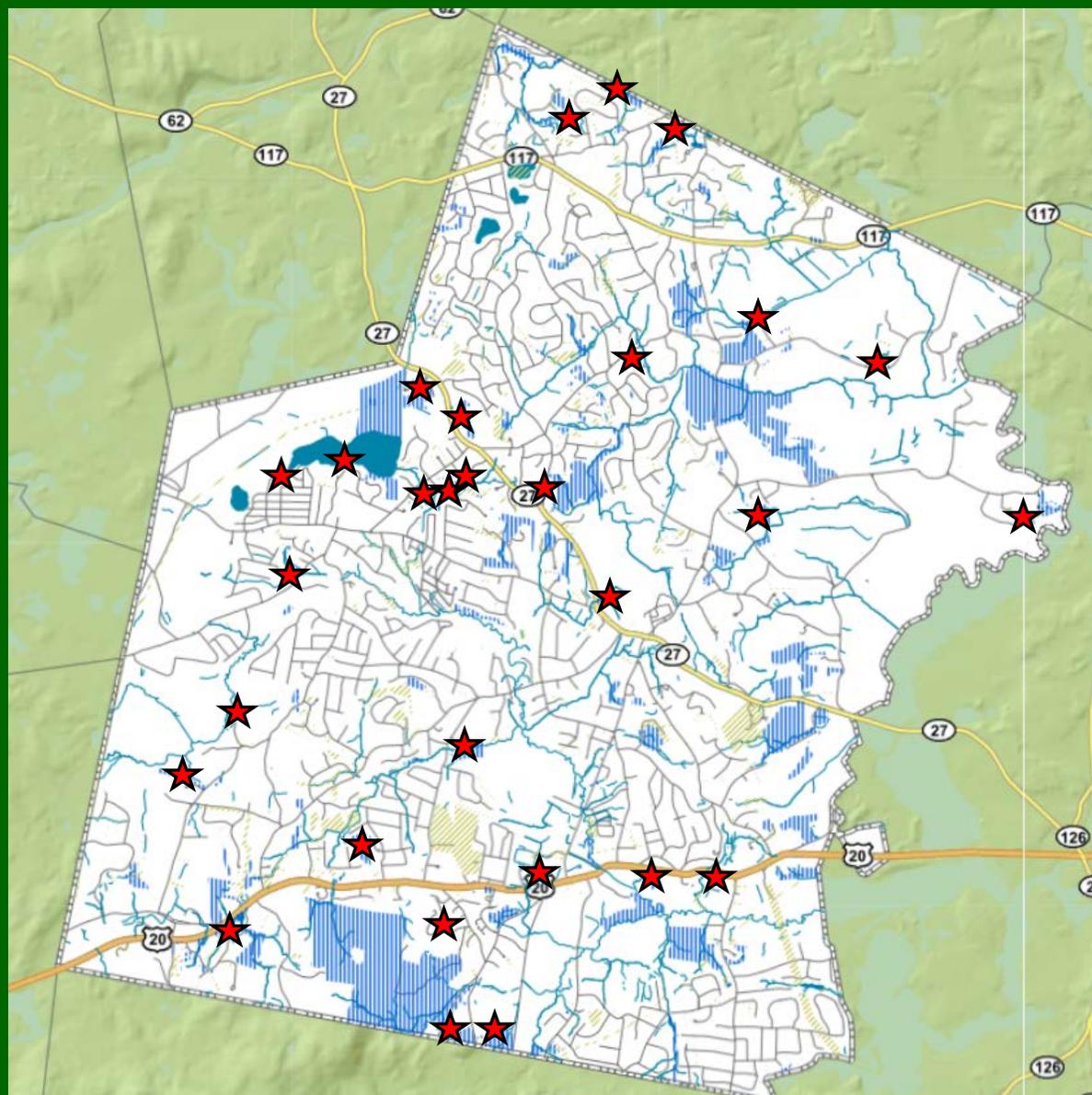


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TOTAL: Over 283 Acres
21% of Priorities Identified in 2009





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Address	Acreage
8 Singing Hill Road	5.83
27 Sawmill Road	5.82
Cail Farm	0.42
307 Boston Post Road	2.28
249 Dutton Road	0.61
41 Lincoln Lane	0.52
181 Dutton Road	4
75 Harness Lane	2.83
Camperdown Lane	6.24
460 Boston Post Road	3.58
47 Bigelow Drive	2.01
Arboretum Way	10.73
54 Moore Road	2.44
Dudley Brook Preserve	9.37
941 Concord Road	1.04
36 Willis Road	0.84
34 Musket Lane	2.6
92 Fairbank Road	2.75
12 Maynard Road	3.62
Livermore Estates	8.63
87 Cudworth Lane	3.62
Mahoney Farms - Old Framingham	15
Mahoney Farms - Nobscot	3.09
0 Washington Drive	3.8
Nolan Estates	8.6
38 Birchwood Drive	0.33
24 Tippling Rock Road	1
38 Field Road	3.53
225 Boston Post Road	3.23
Total	118.36



THANK YOU

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