

July 7, 2022

Ms. Angel Gochee-Goins
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**Subject: Early Coordination Letter, Porter County, Marquette Greenway Trail –
Calumet Segment, Porter County, Indiana**

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Ms. Christie Stanifer
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**Subject: Early Coordination Letter, Porter County, Marquette Greenway Trail –
Calumet Segment, Porter County, Indiana**

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South Shore Trails

Subject: Early Coordination Letter, Porter County, Marquette Greenway Trail – Calumet Segment, Porter County, Indiana

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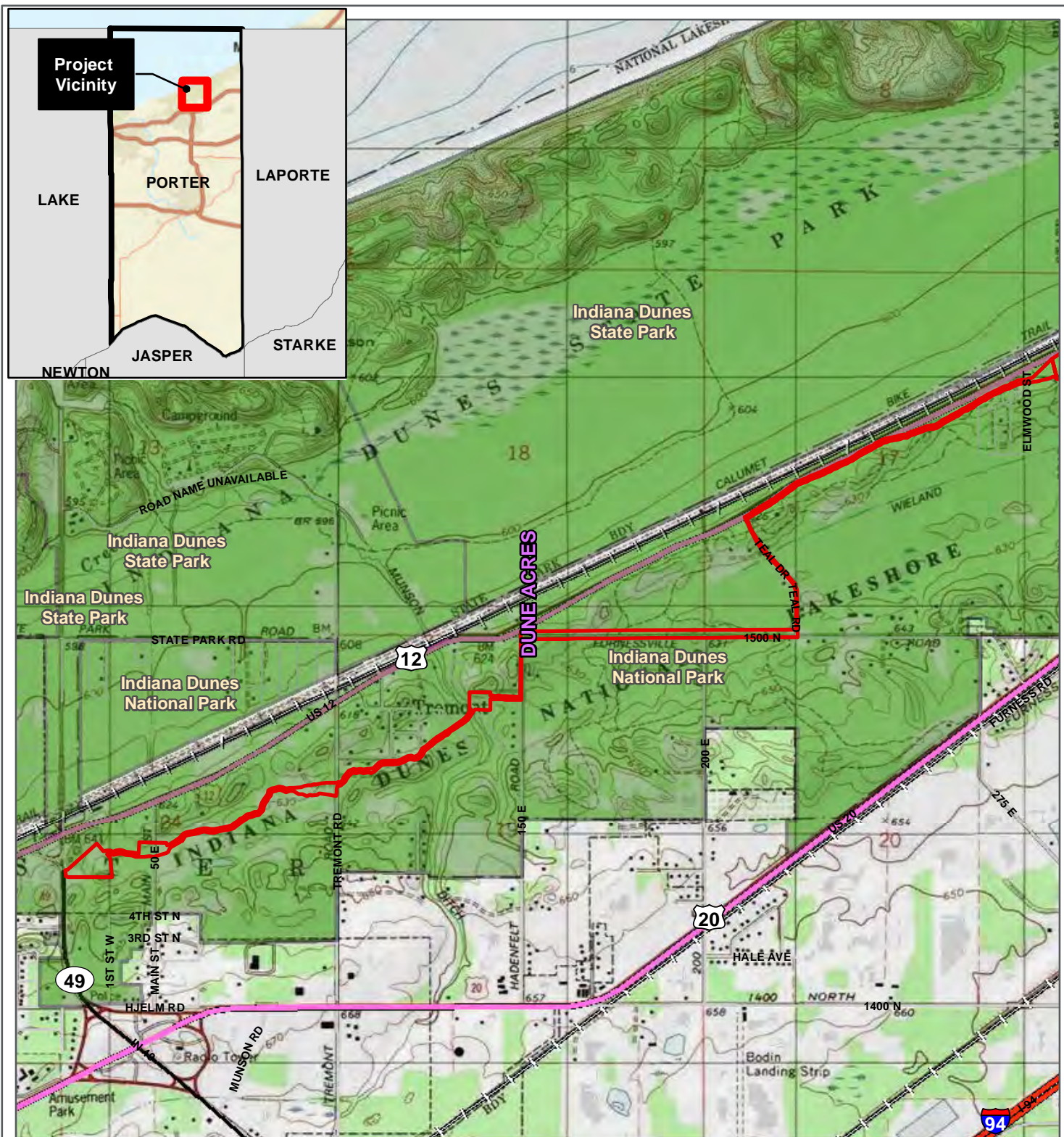
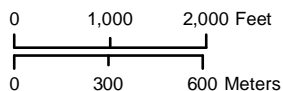
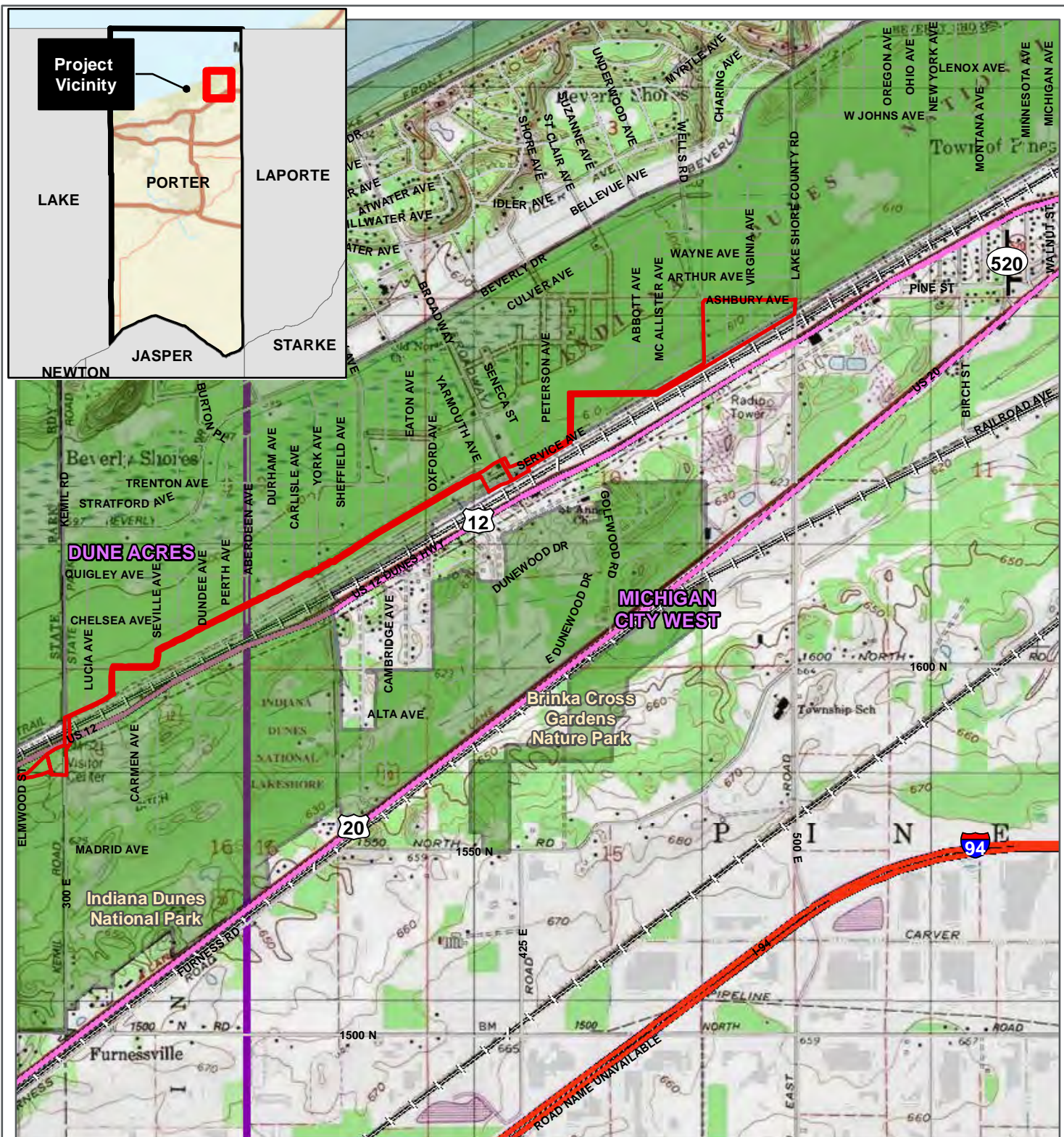


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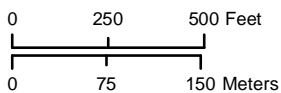
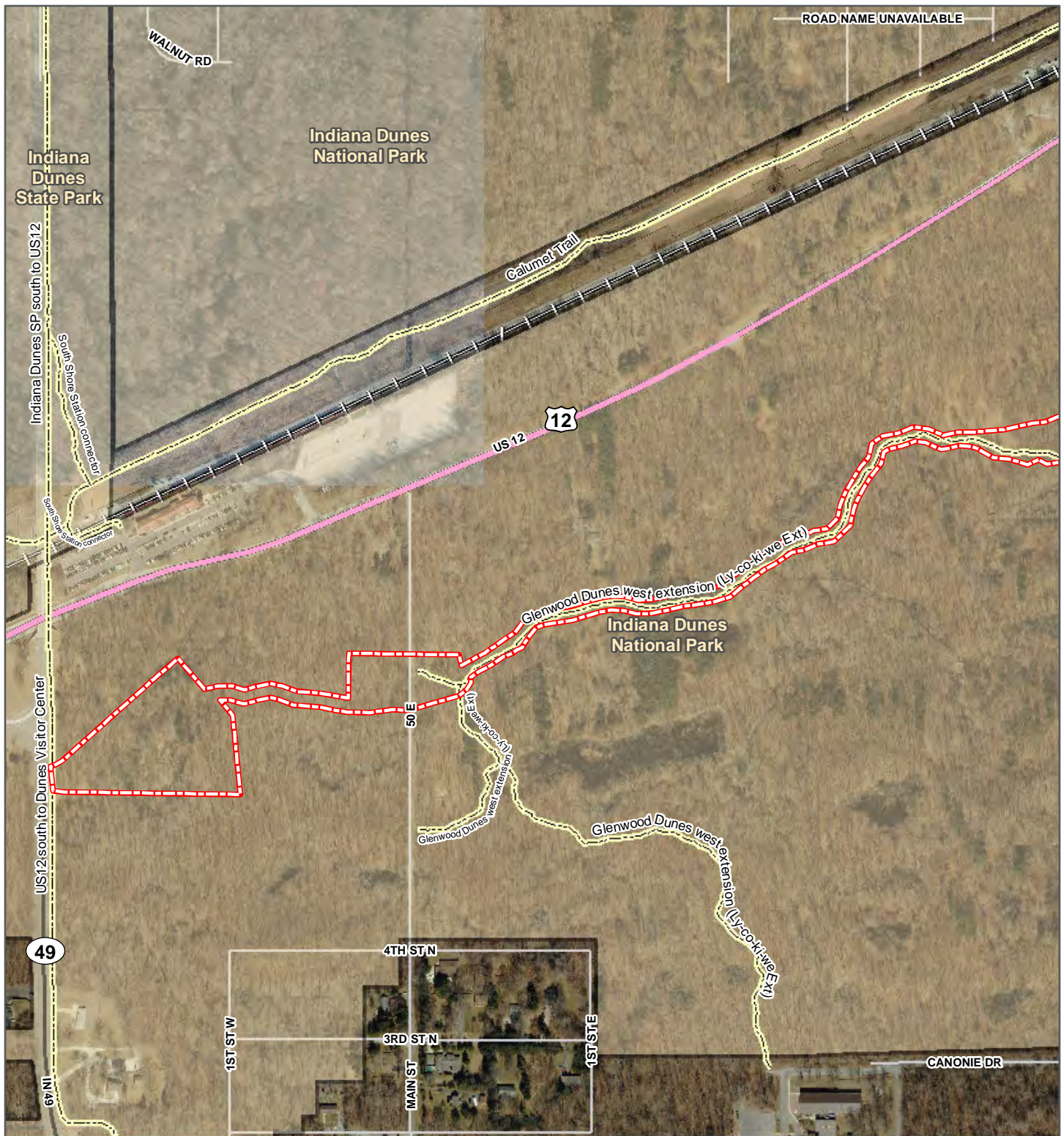
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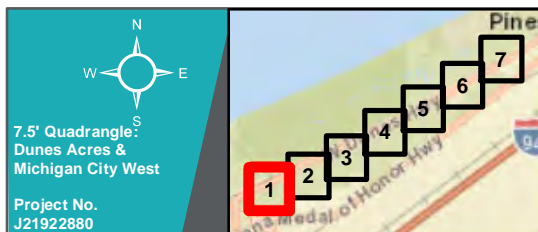


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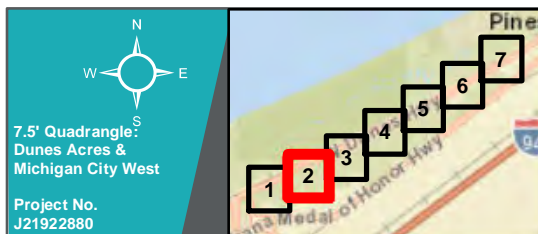
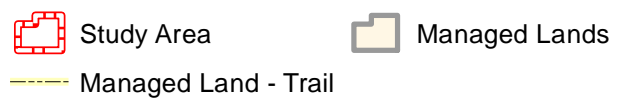
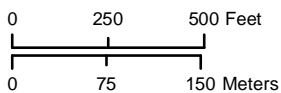
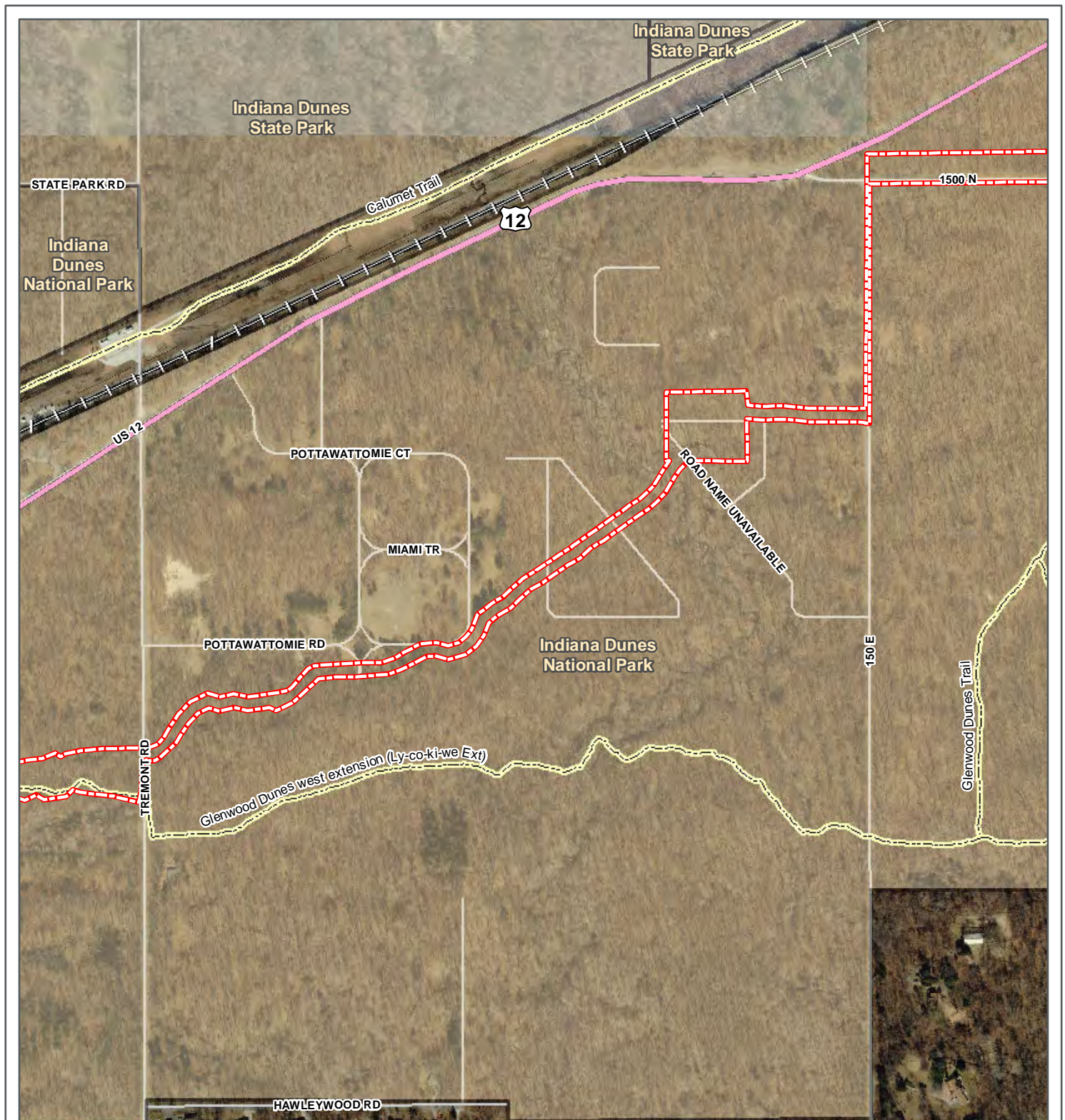
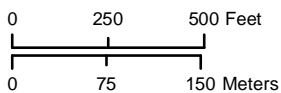
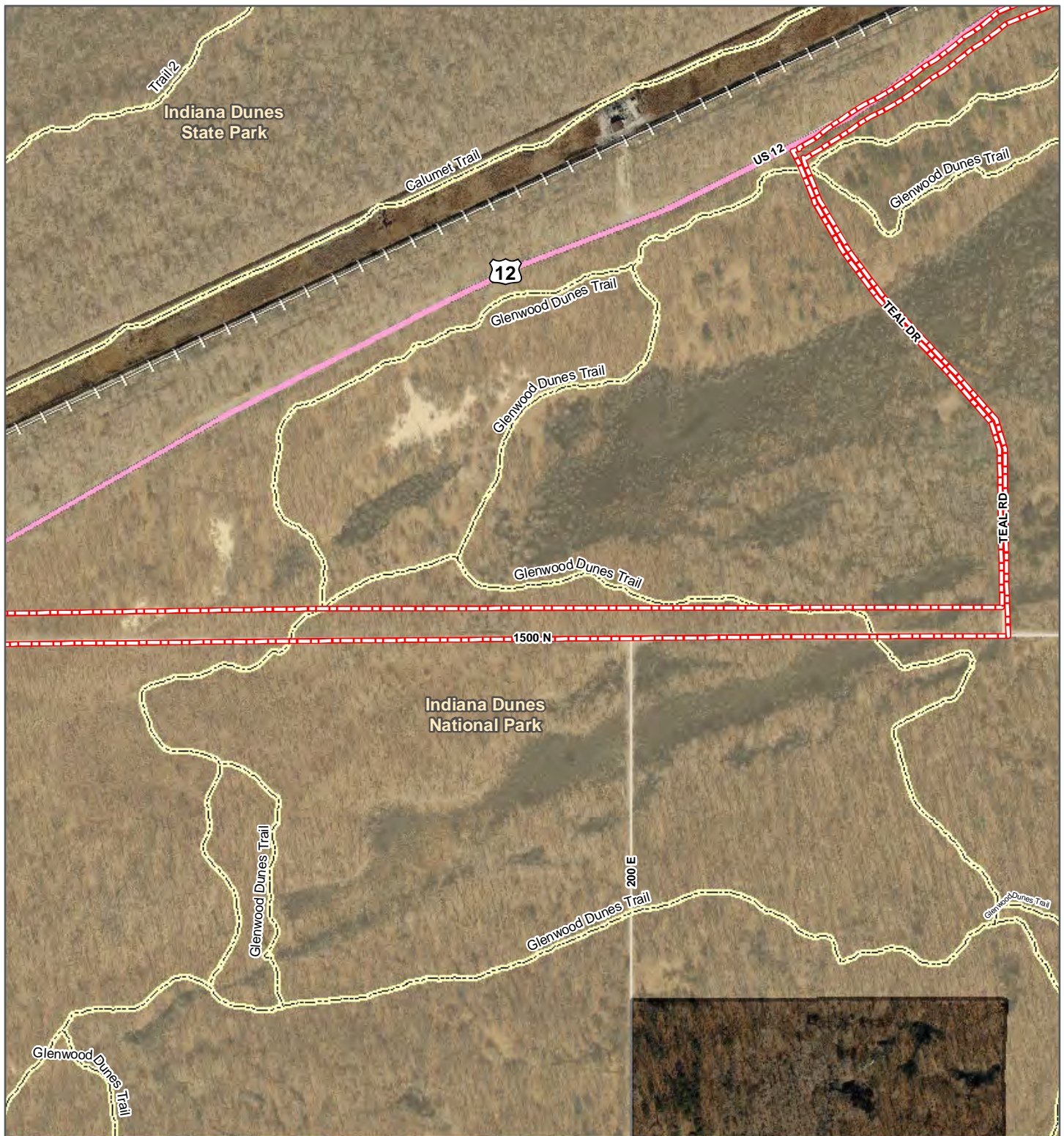


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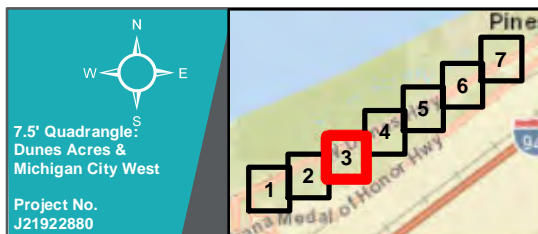
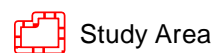
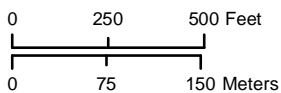


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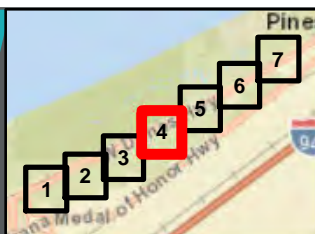
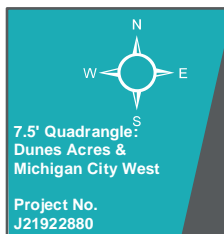


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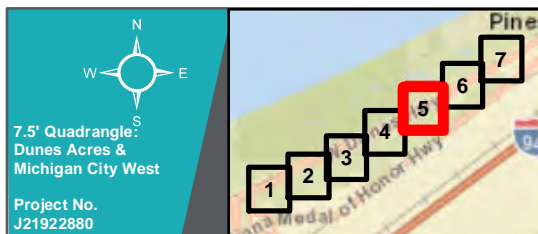
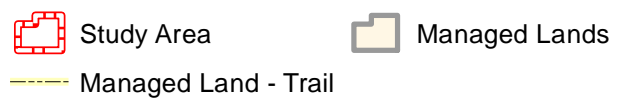
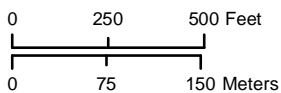
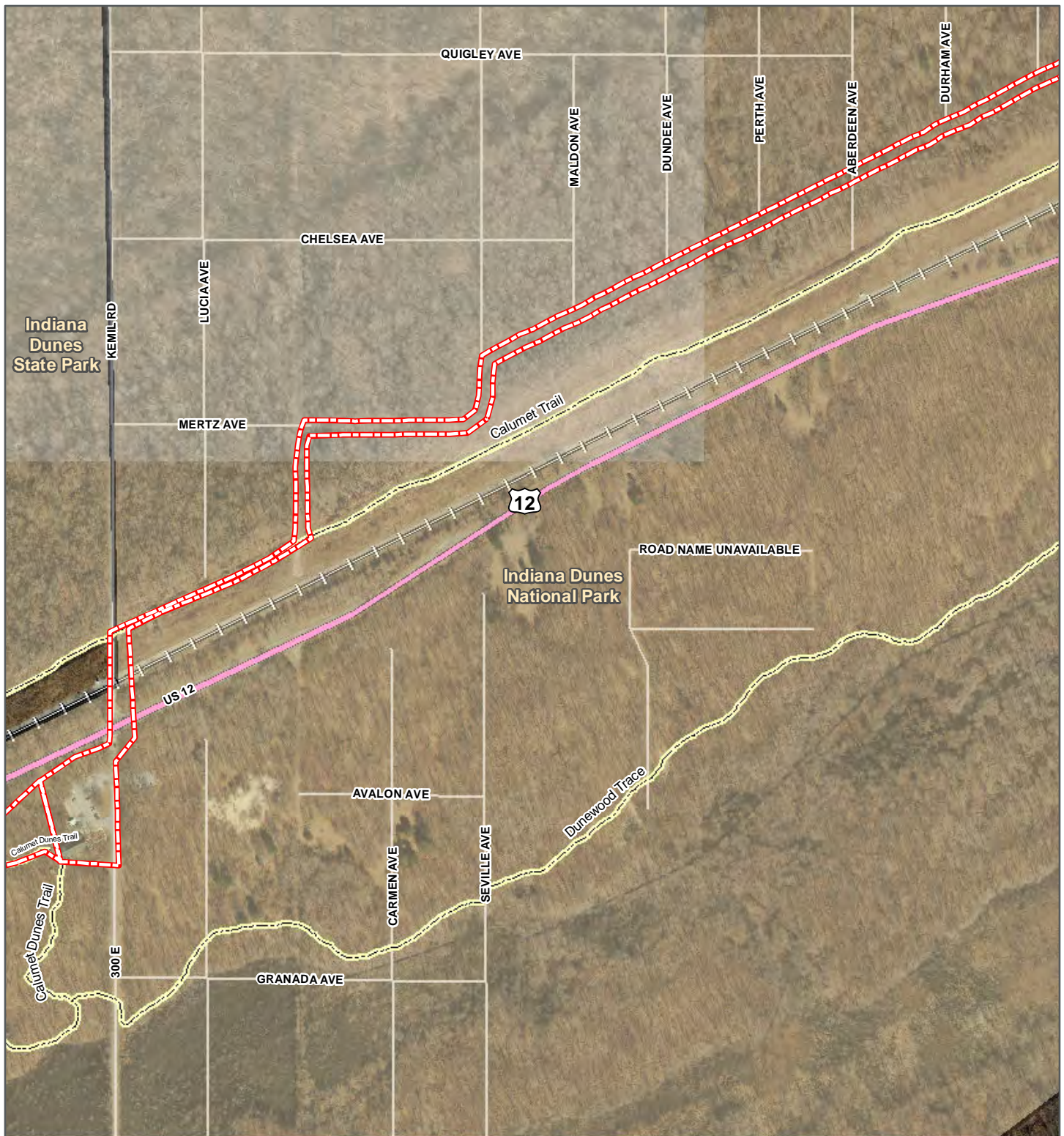
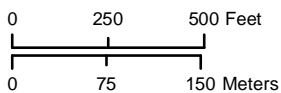


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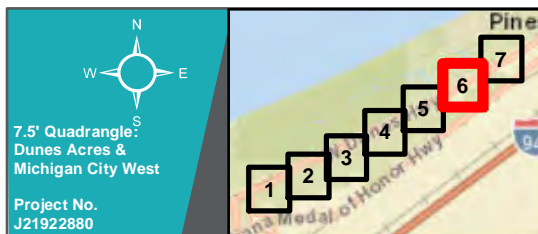


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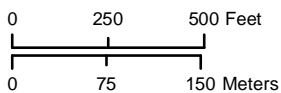
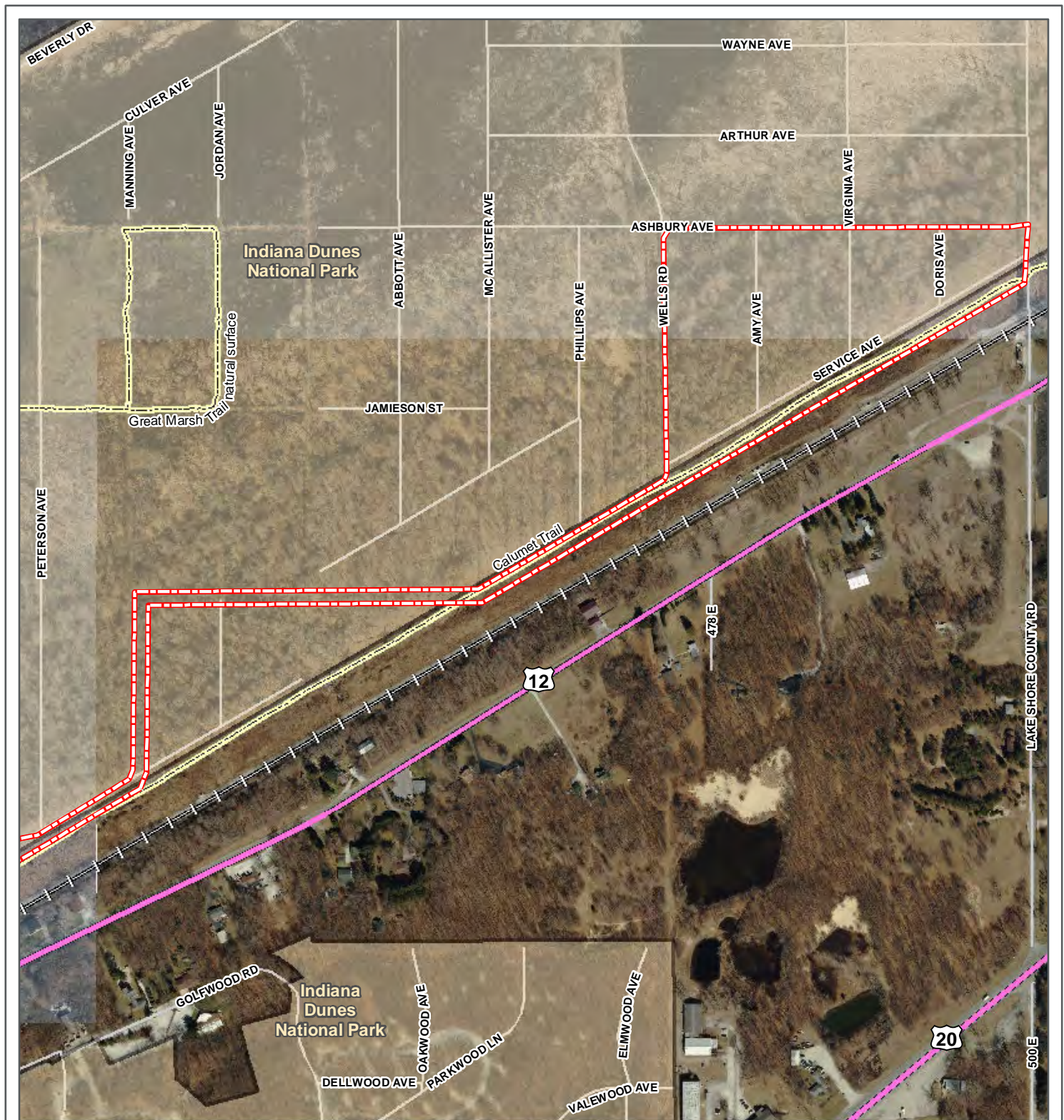
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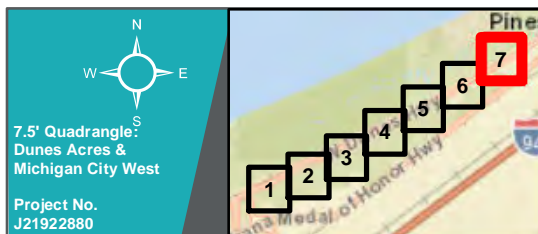


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