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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Hartselle Utilities
Morgan County

SRF Project No. CS010312-08

April 14, 2026

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has provided up to **\$7,306,000.00** in financial assistance available to **Hartselle Utilities** using funds from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan program. In accordance with State and Federal regulations that govern the program, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management has conducted a review to assess the potential impacts upon the environment that may result from implementation of this project.

Hartselle Utilities proposes a project to provide upgrades to Hartselle's sanitary sewer collection system. Various sewer mains will be upgraded to a larger size to prevent sanitary sewer overflow problems. The project will also rehab and upgrade key treatment components to better accommodate wet-weather conditions which include rehabilitating existing holding cells to better handle current capacity and implementing targeted pump and process piping upgrades to enhance overall system performance. The project will reduce overflows and provide better collection and discharge at Hartselle's wastewater treatment plant.

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion (CE) from further environmental study under the guidelines specified by the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) which specifically include actions which are solely directed toward minor rehabilitation of existing facilities, functional replacement of equipment, or towards the construction of new ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities. However, this decision may be reconsidered if significant adverse information concerning the potential environmental impacts of the project is discovered.

Comments related to this project should be submitted in writing to Mr. Vince Limpaphanon, SRF Branch, Permits & Services Division, Alabama Department of Environmental Management, P.O. Box 301463, Montgomery, Alabama 36130, no later than 30 days after the date of this public notice. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management will not take formal action to proceed with the project without carefully evaluating any public comments opposing the project.

Sincerely,

Edward F. Poolos,
Director

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The Categorical Exclusion is promulgated in the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) in Part IV, Section B: Categorical Exclusions for Clean Water State Revolving Fund Projects: (Italicized sections apply.)

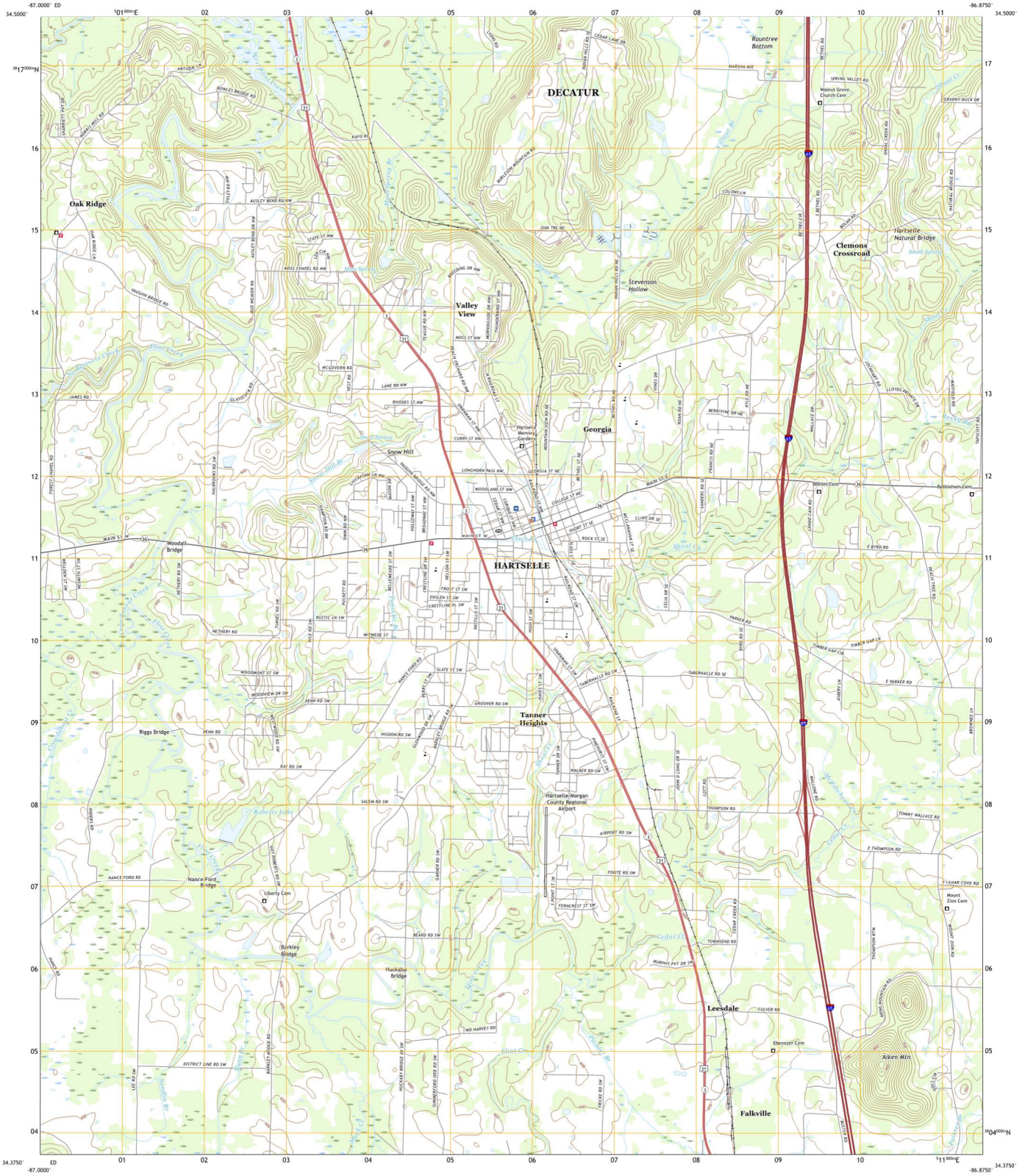
1. The following clean water projects are eligible for categorical exclusions.
 - a. *Actions which are solely directed toward minor rehabilitation of existing facilities, functional replacement of equipment, or towards the construction of new ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities;*
 - b. Actions which do not affect the degree of treatment or capacity of the existing facility including, but not limited to, infiltration and inflow corrections, replacement of existing mechanical equipment or structures, and the construction of small structures on existing sites;
 - c. Actions which are for minor upgrading and minor expansion of existing treatment works in sewerered communities with a population less than 10,000;
 - d. Actions where on-site technologies are proposed in unsewered communities of less than 10,000;
 - e. Construction of new wastewater collection systems for existing communities, only if ancillary or appurtenant to existing facilities;
 - f. Projects where funding is being provided for planning and/or engineering costs only (in which case the requirements of IV.B.1 a-f do not apply)
2. In order to determine if a clean water project is eligible for a CE, all of the following conditions must not apply:
 - a. The action is known or expected to have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment, either individually, cumulatively over time, or in conjunction with other federal, State, local, tribal or private actions.
 - b. The action is known or expected to adversely impact:
 - 1) Cultural resources areas such as archaeological and historical sites,
 - 2) Endangered or threatened species and their critical habitats,
 - 3) Environmentally important natural resources areas such as floodplains, wetlands, important farmlands, or aquifer recharging zones.
 - c. This action is known or expected not to be cost-effective or to cause significant public controversy.
 - d. The facilities to be provided will
 - 1) Create a new, or
 - 2) Significantly relocate an existing discharge to surface or ground waters.
 - e. The facilities will result in more than 30% increases in the volume of discharge or the loading of pollutants from an existing source or from new facilities to receiving waters.
 - f. The facilities would provide capacity to serve a population 30% higher than the anticipated design population.



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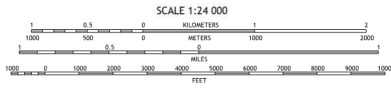
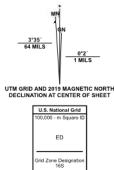


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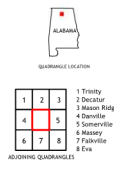


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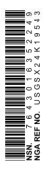
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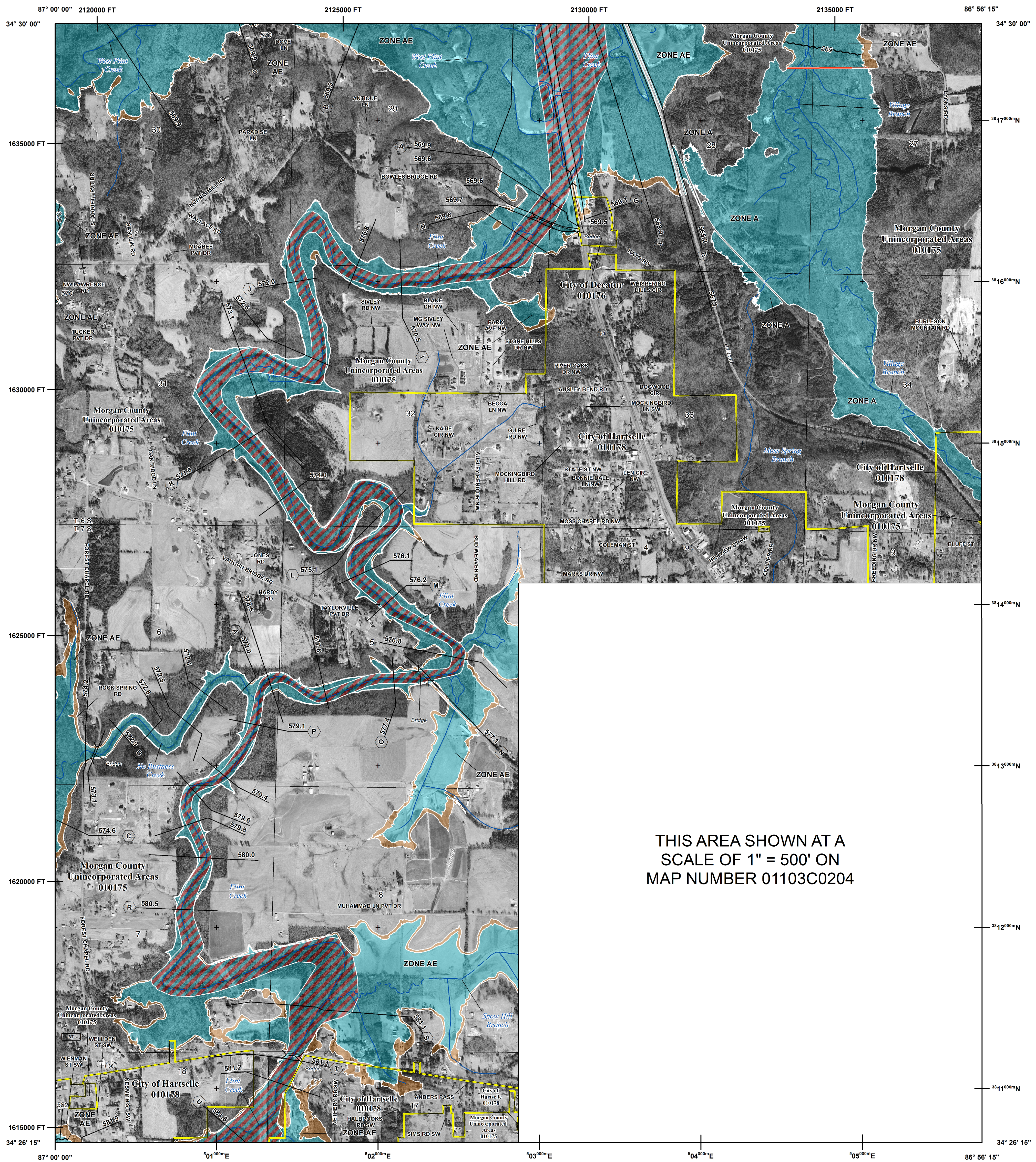


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HARTSELLE, AL
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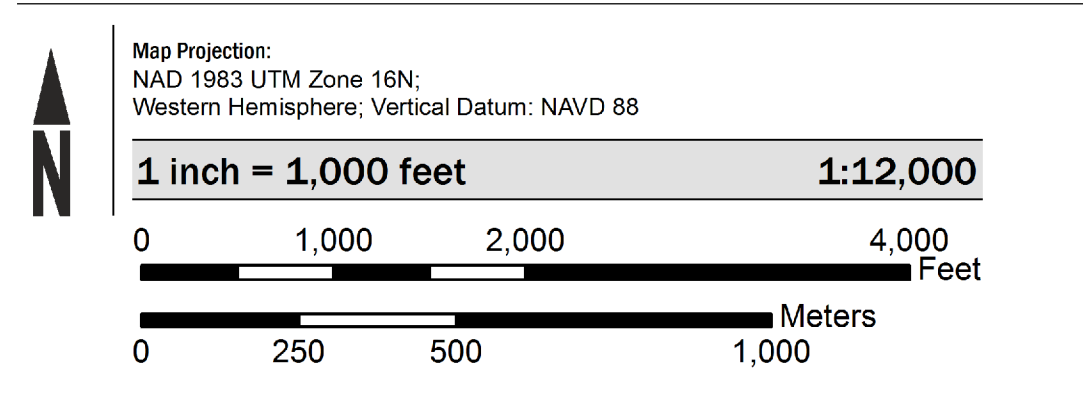
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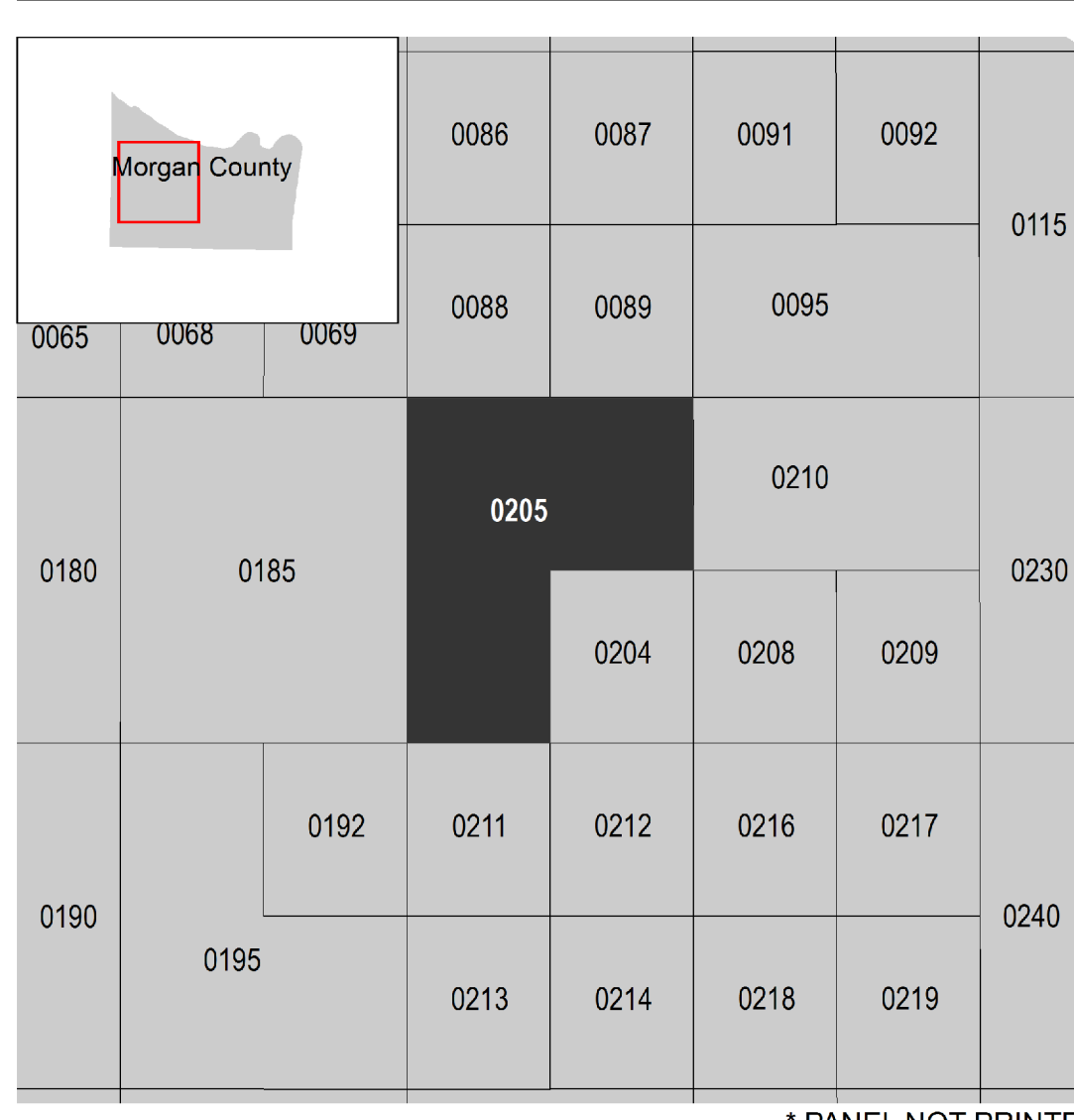
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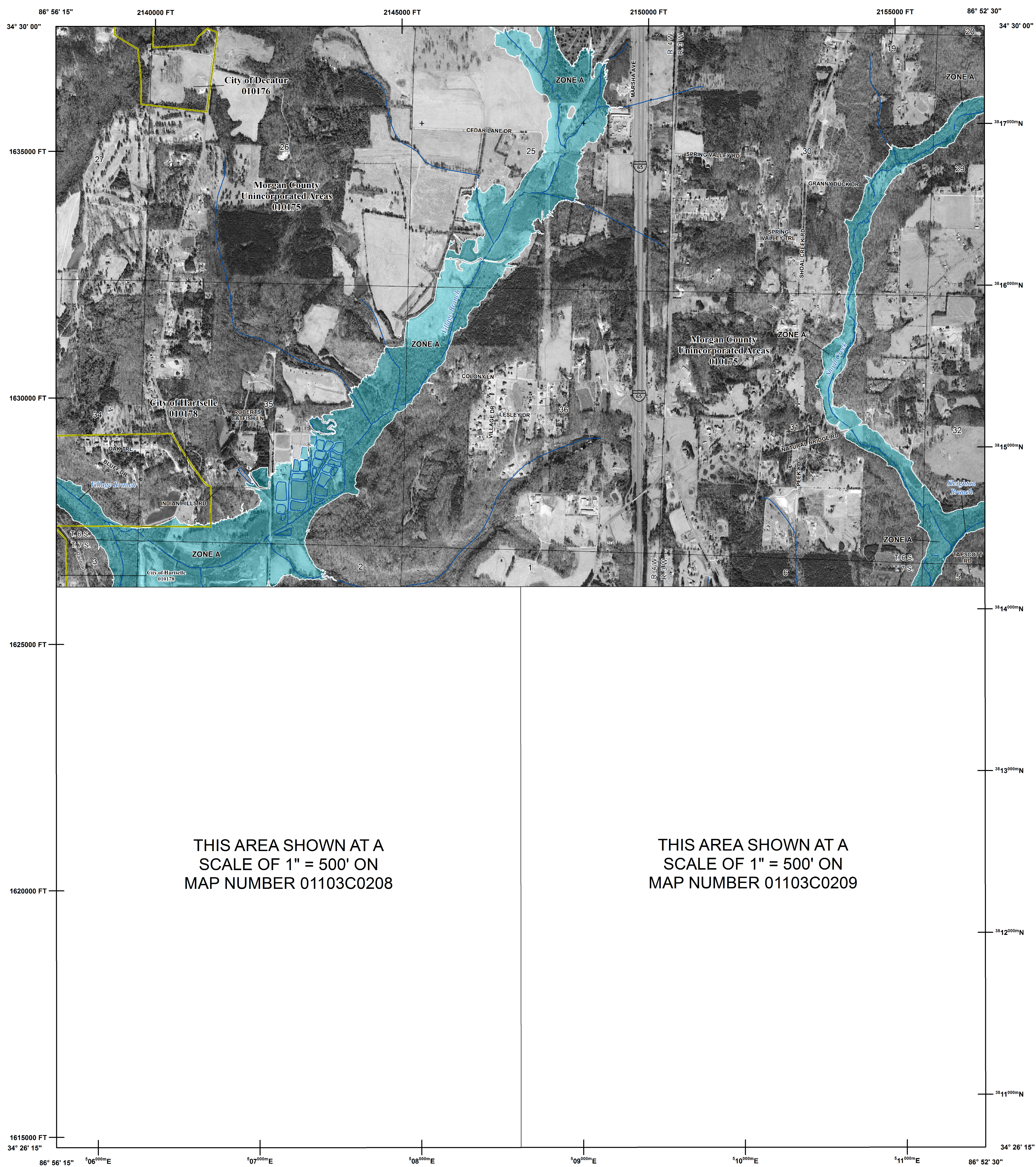
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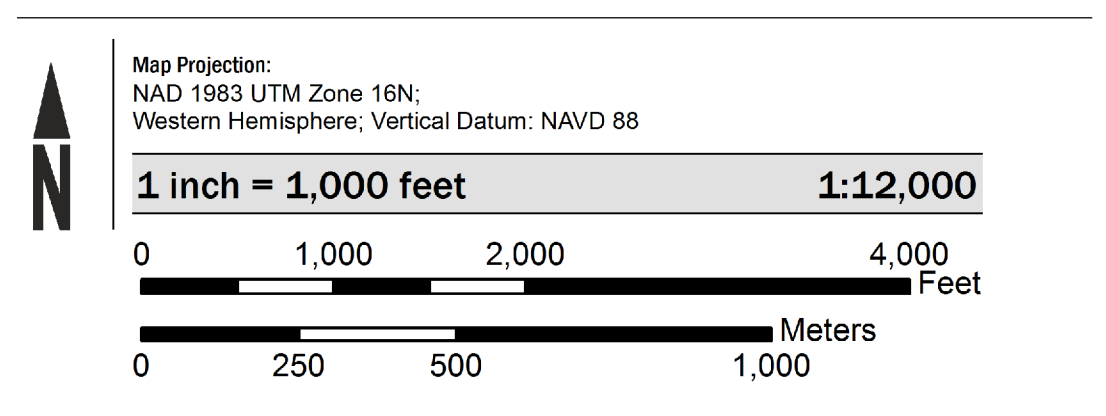
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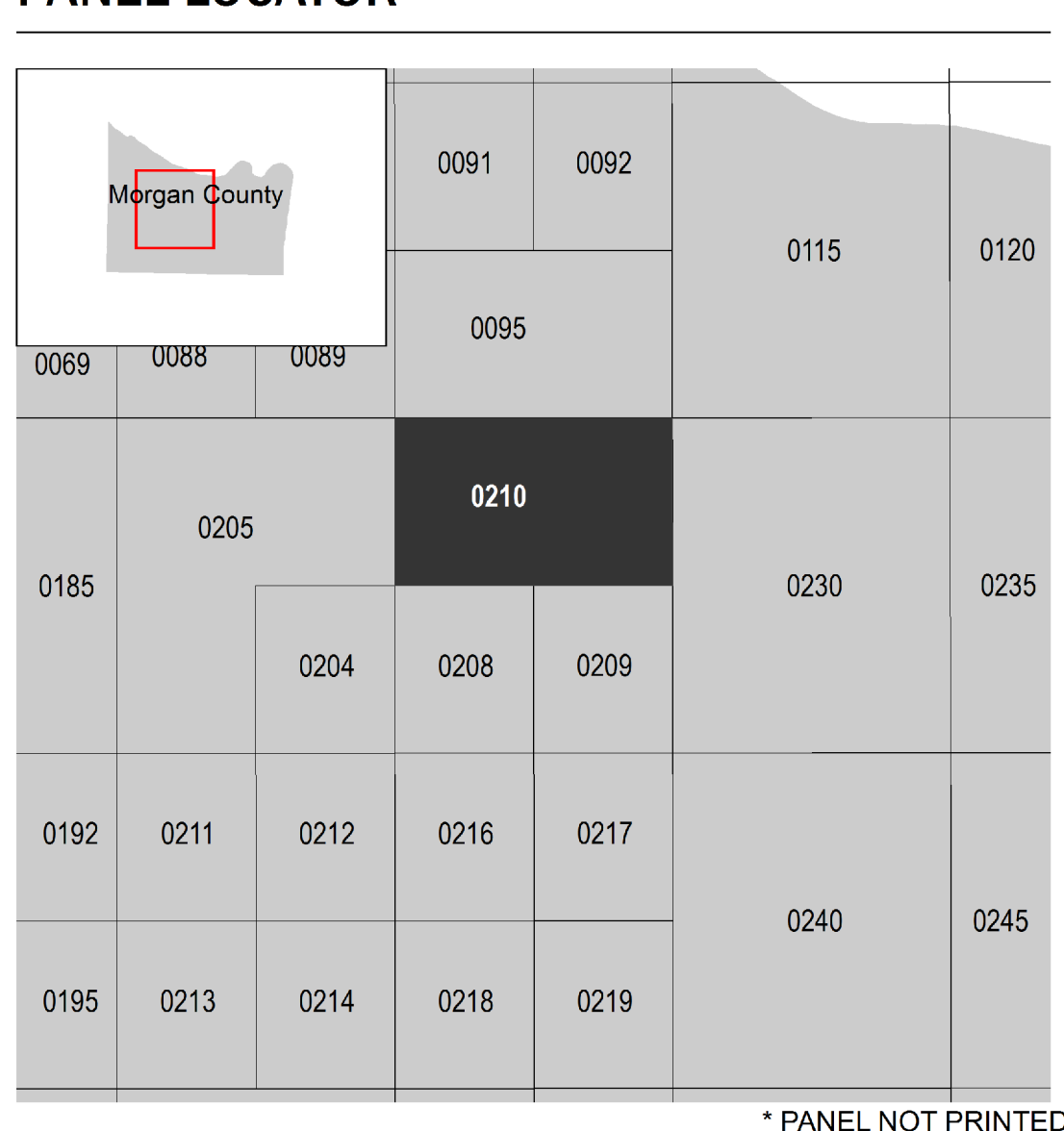
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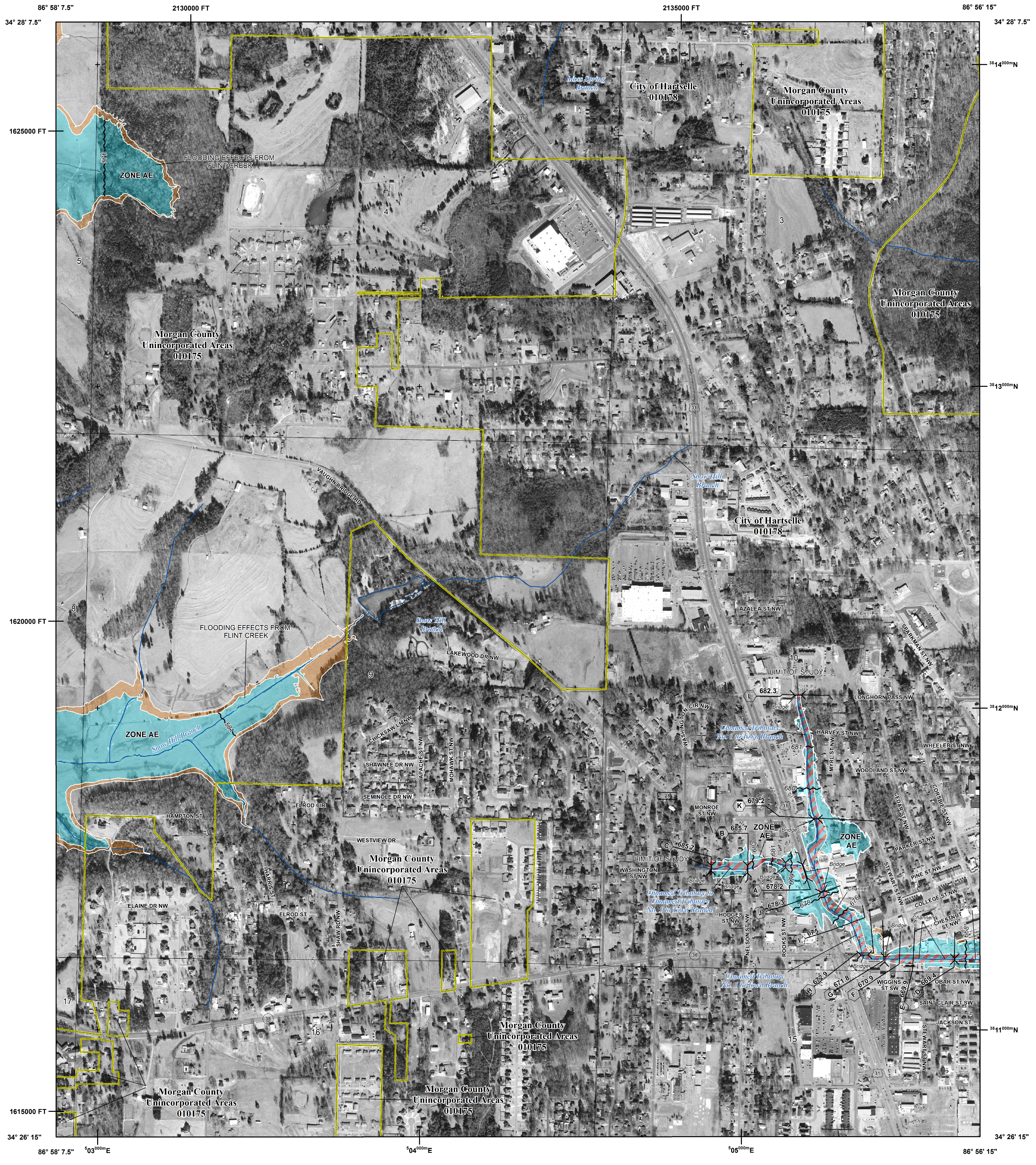


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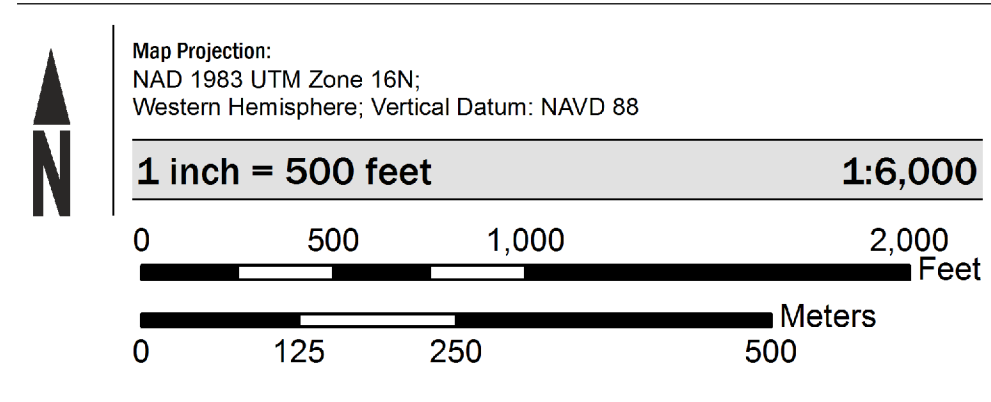
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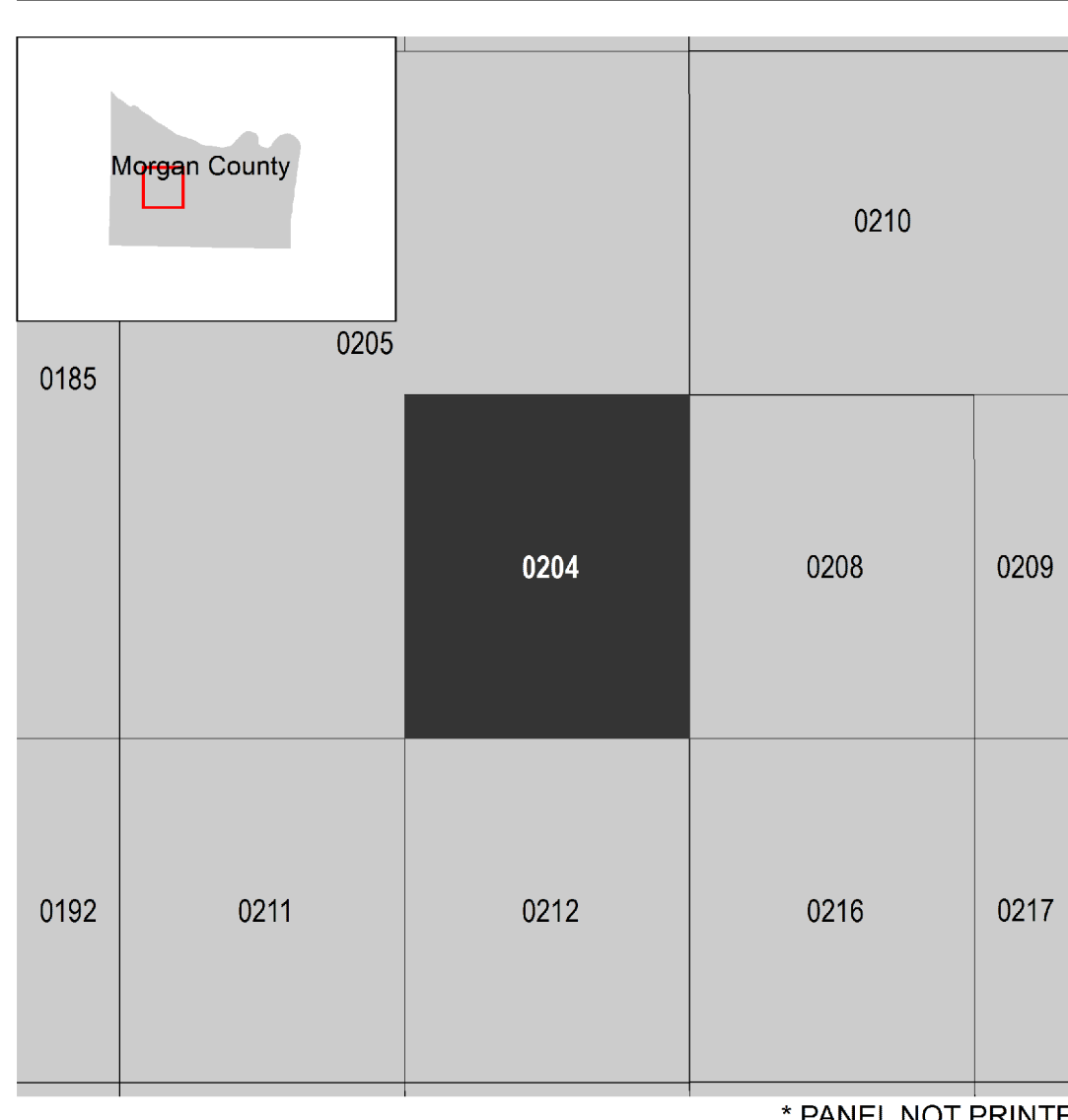
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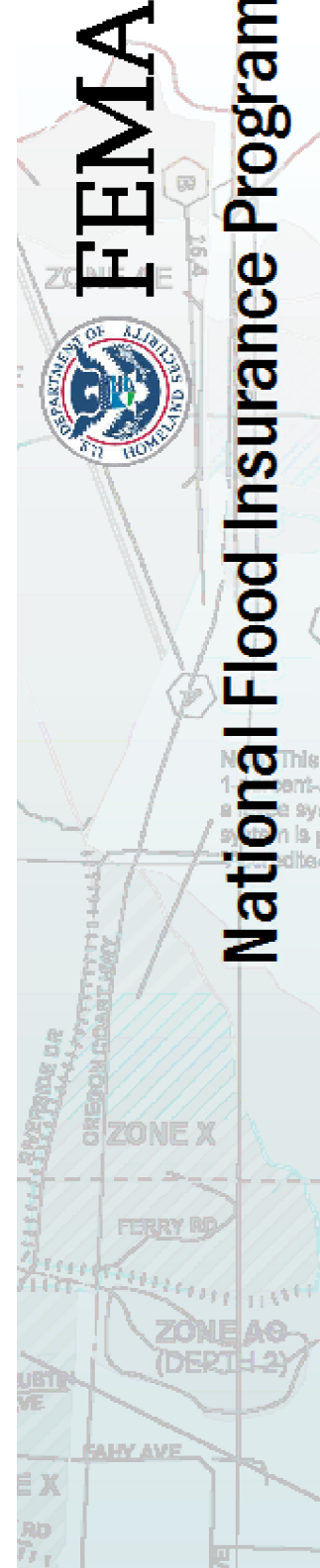


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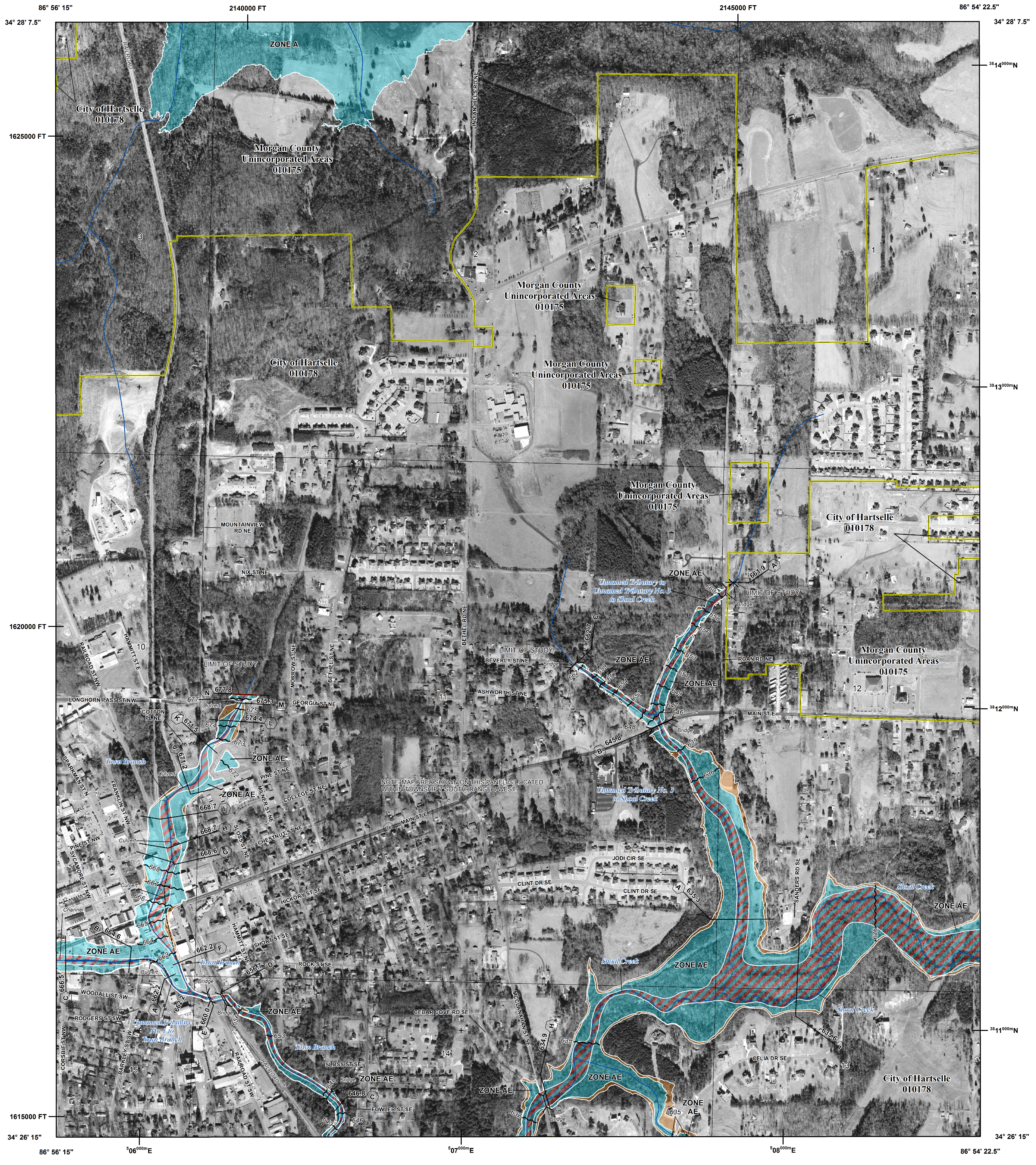


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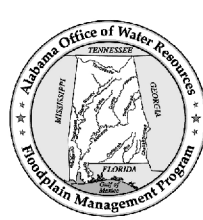
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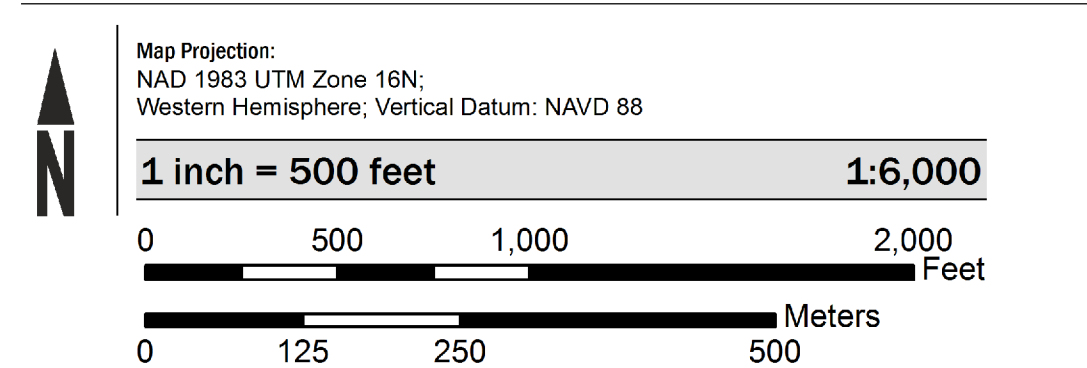
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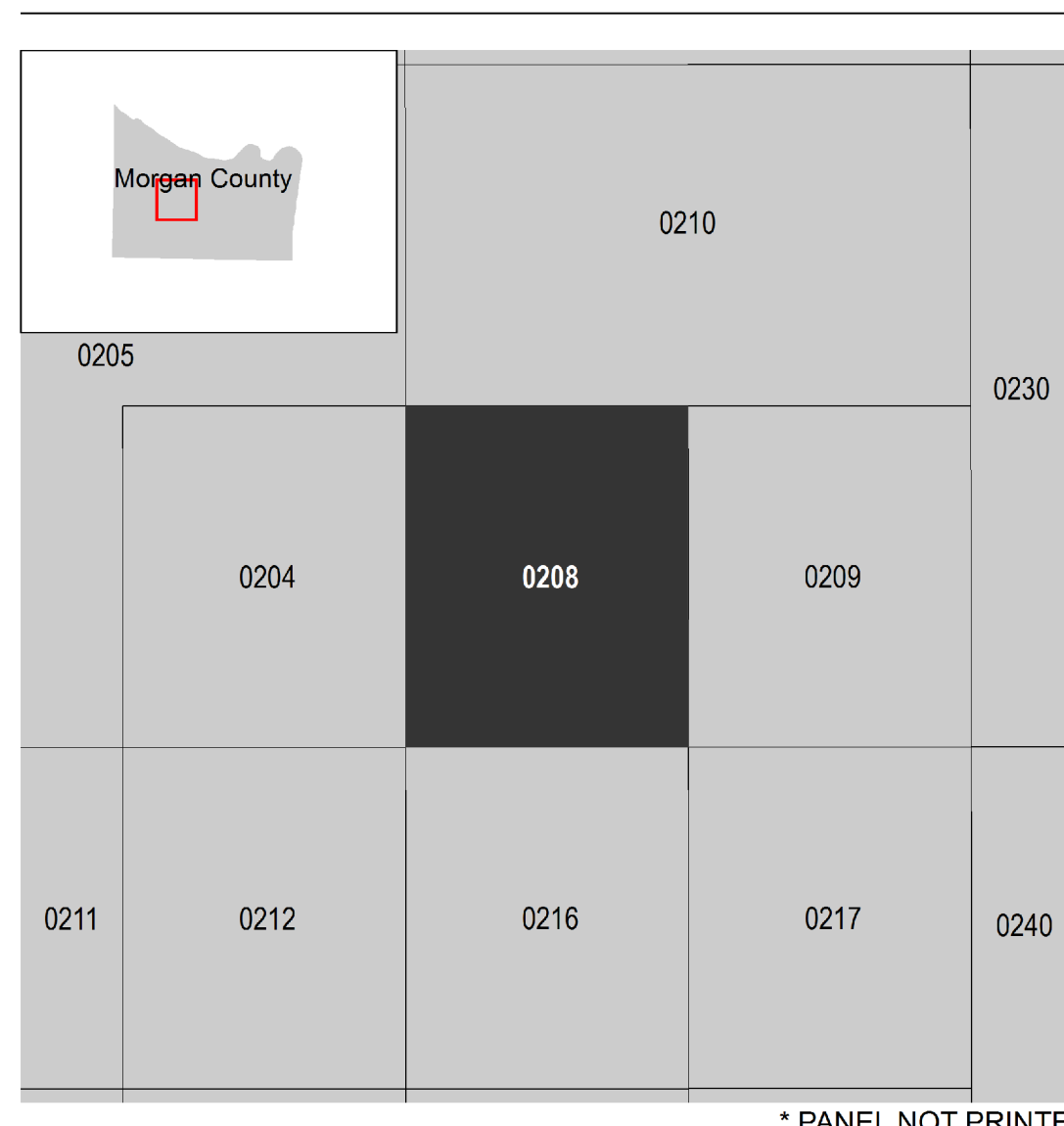
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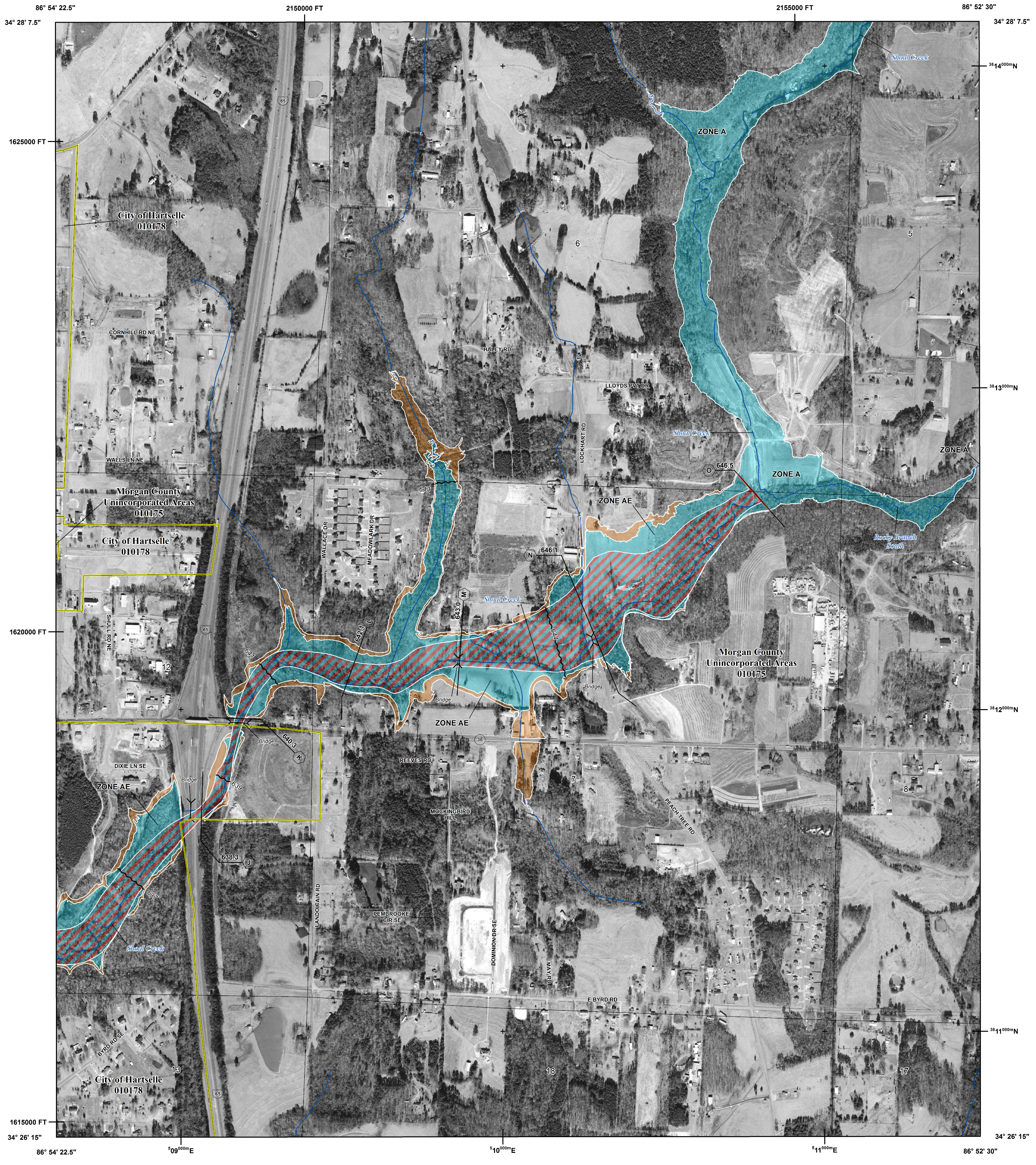
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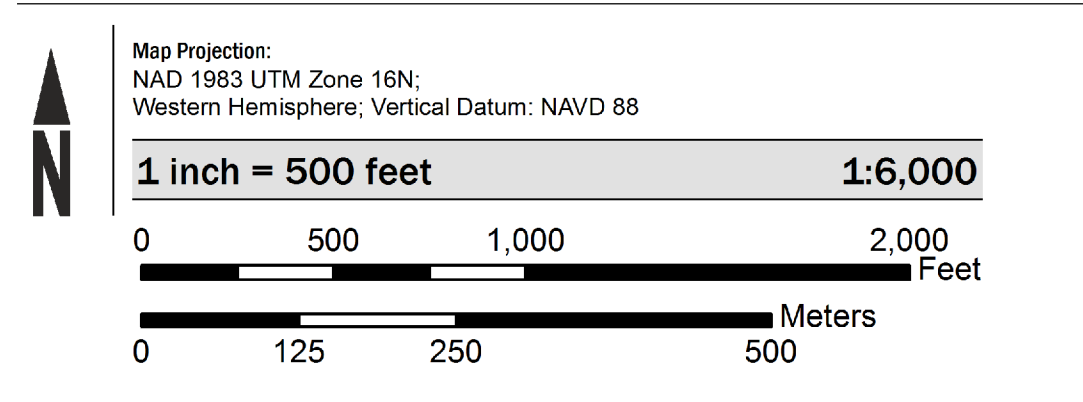
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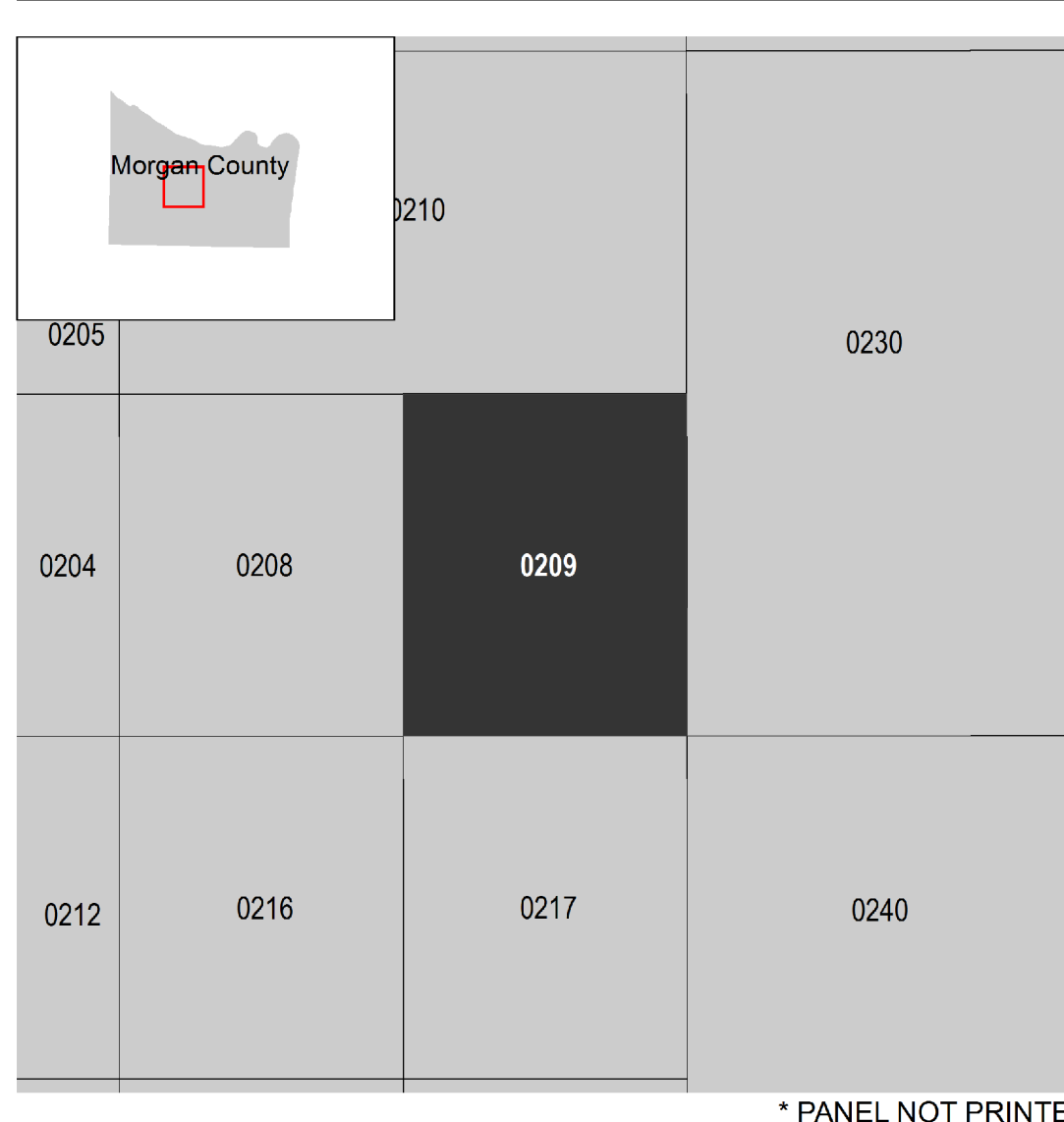
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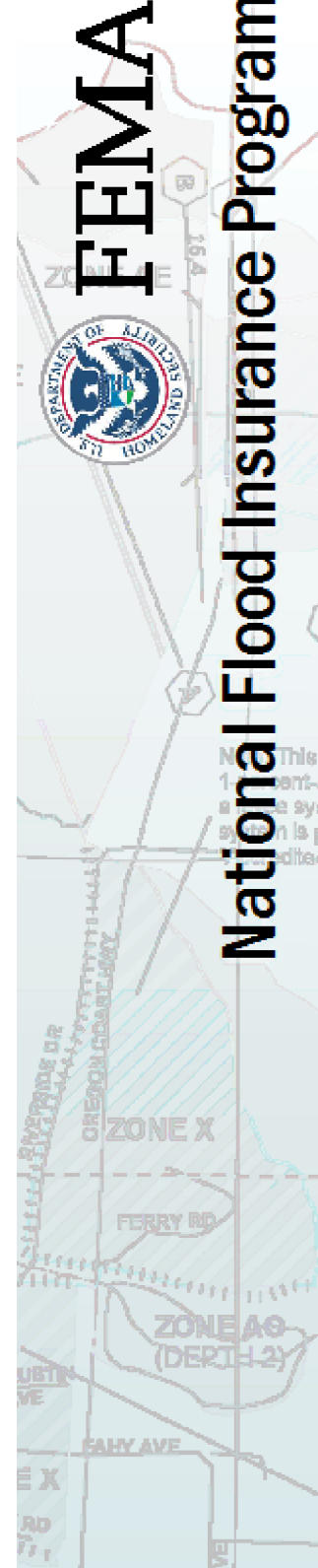
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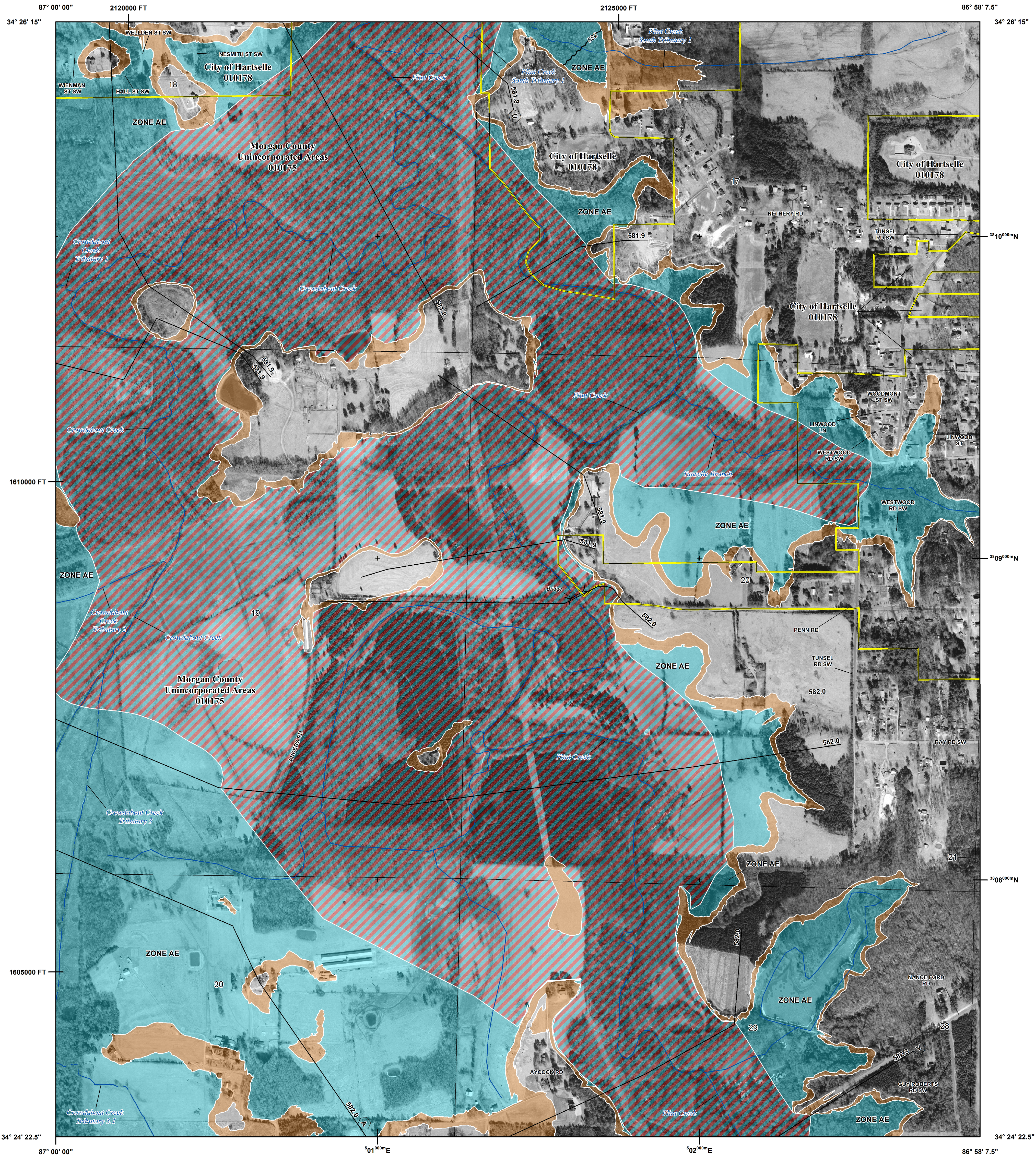


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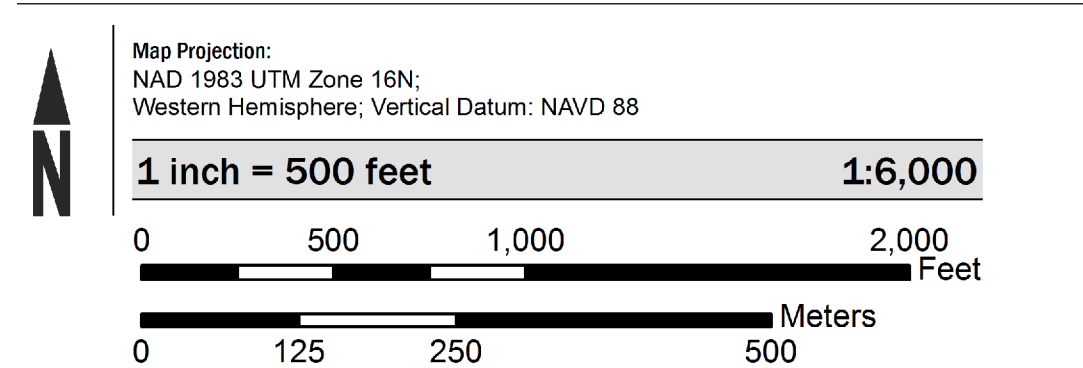
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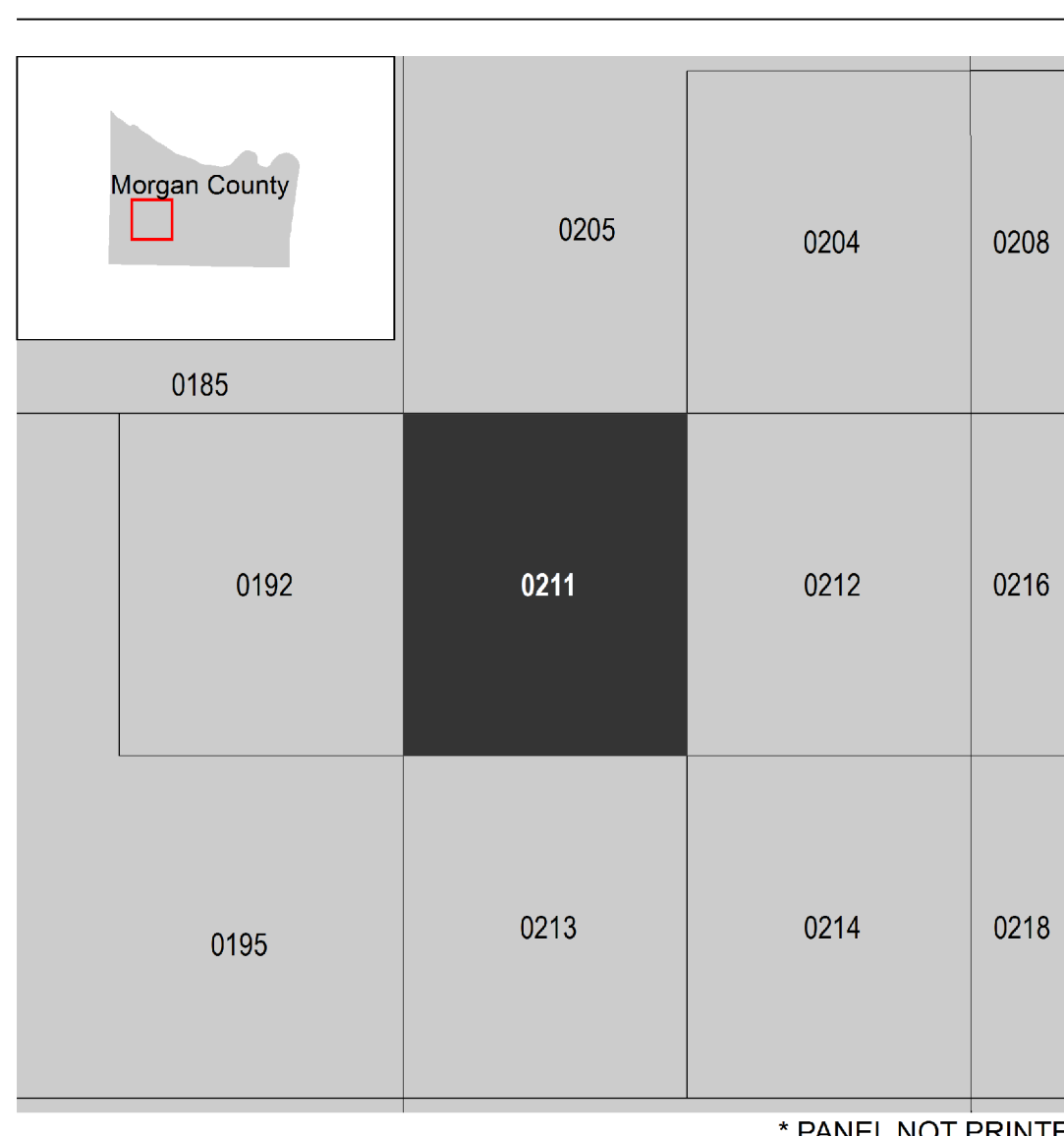
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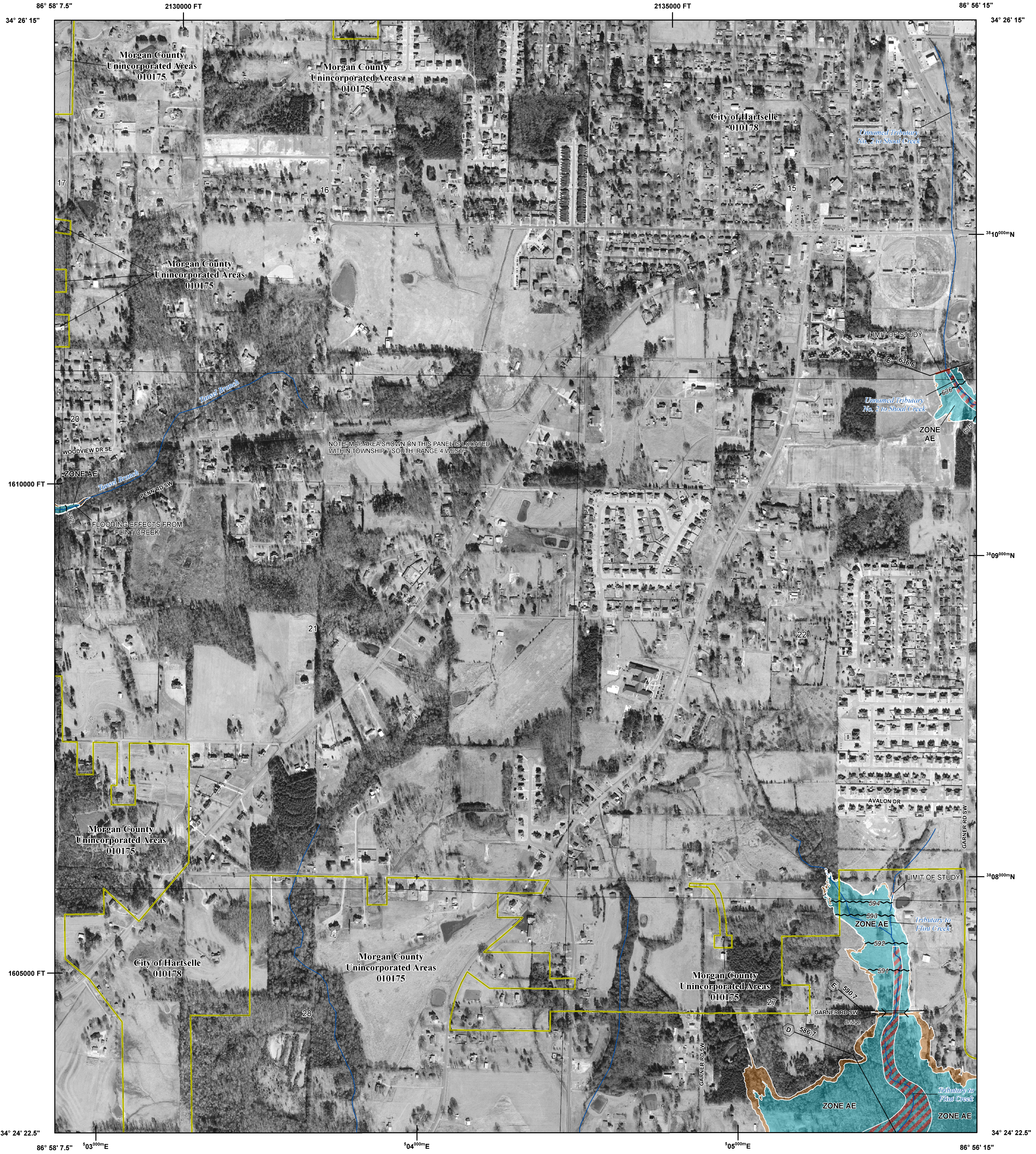


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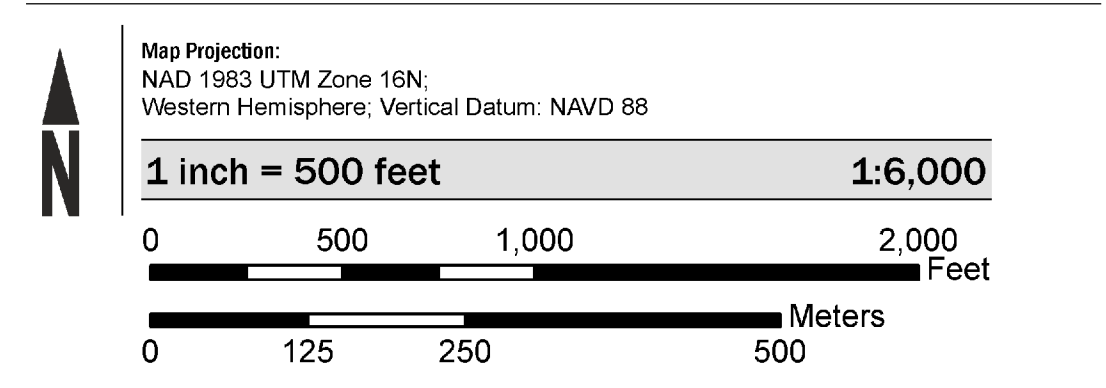
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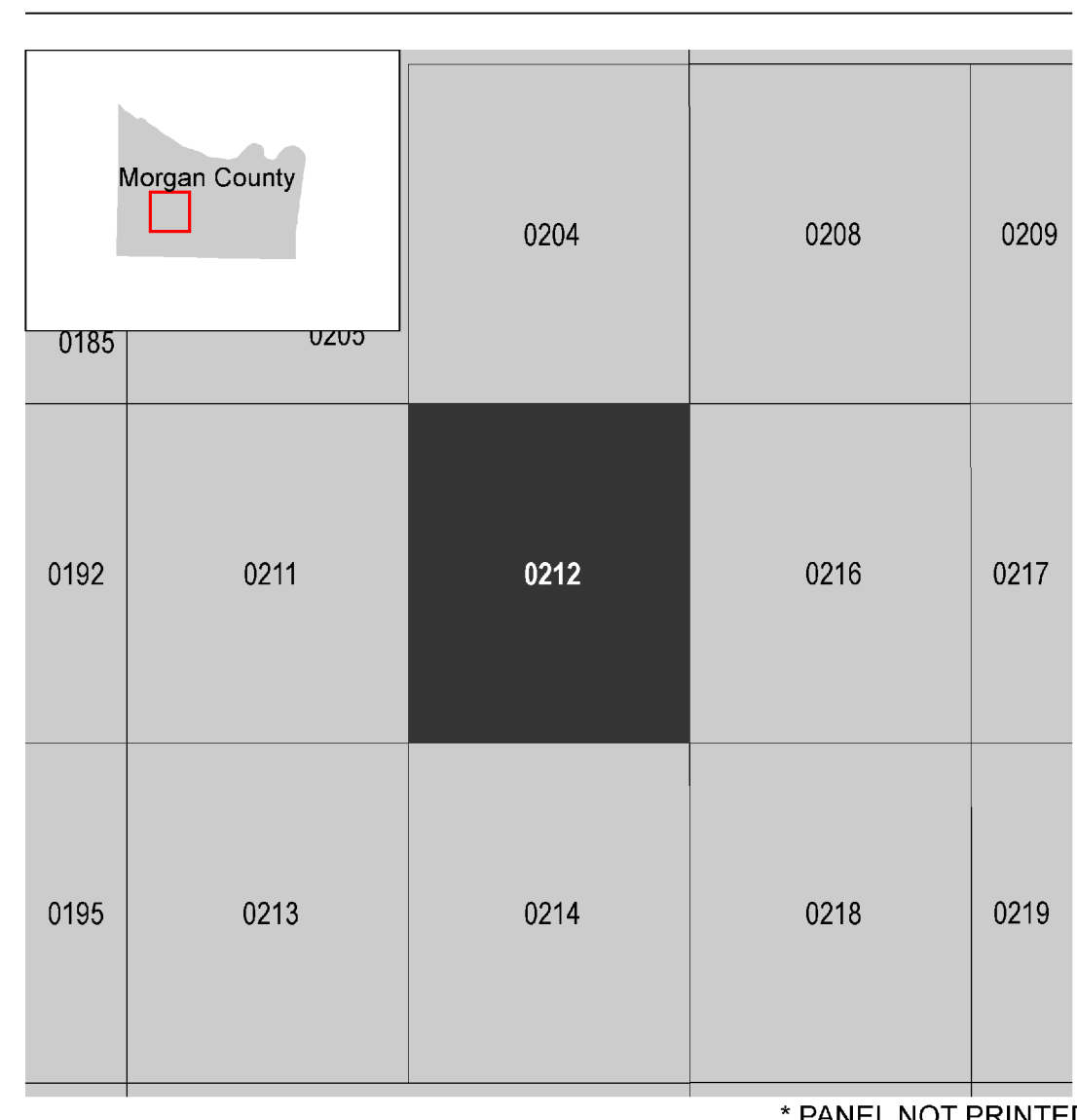
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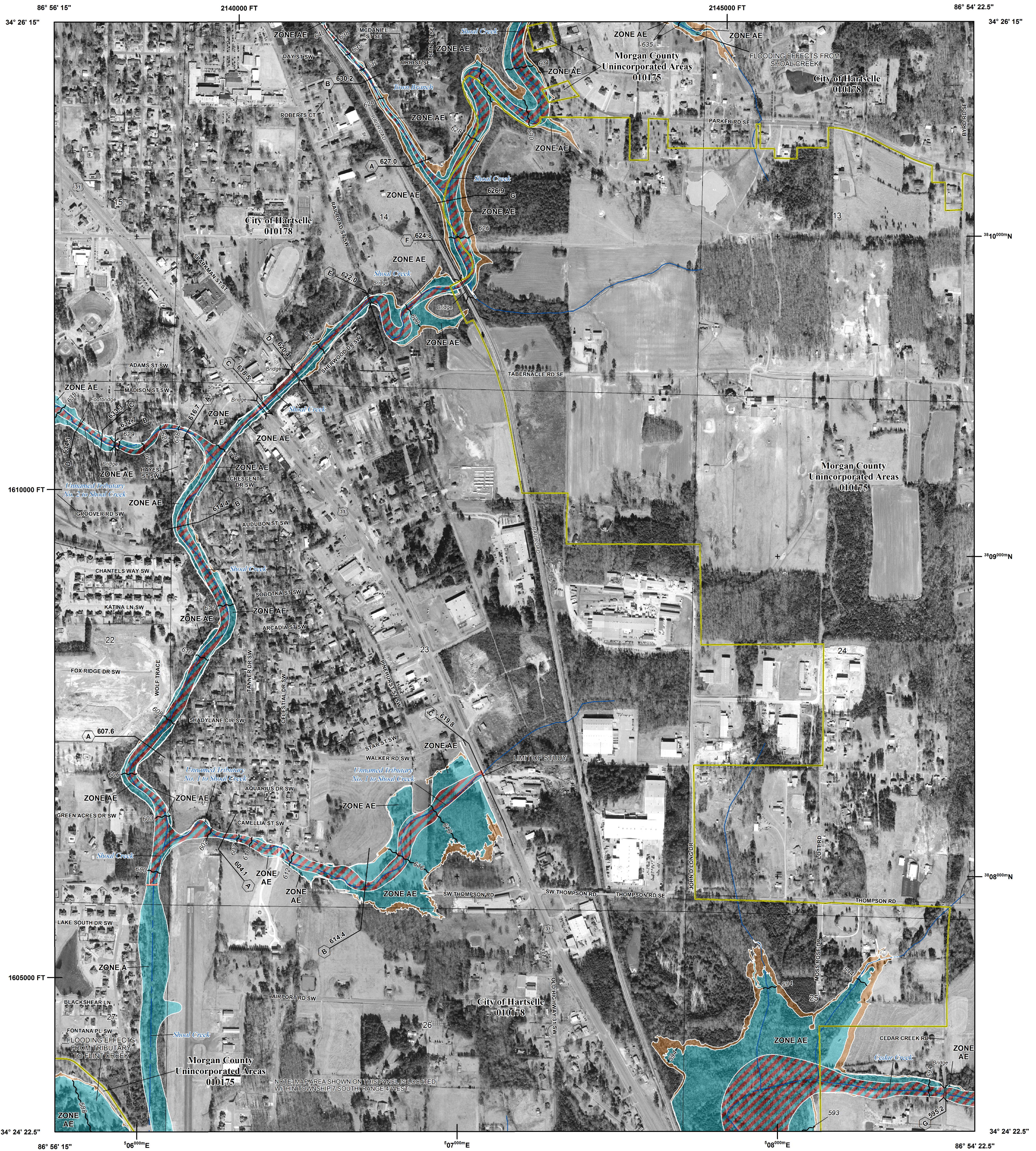


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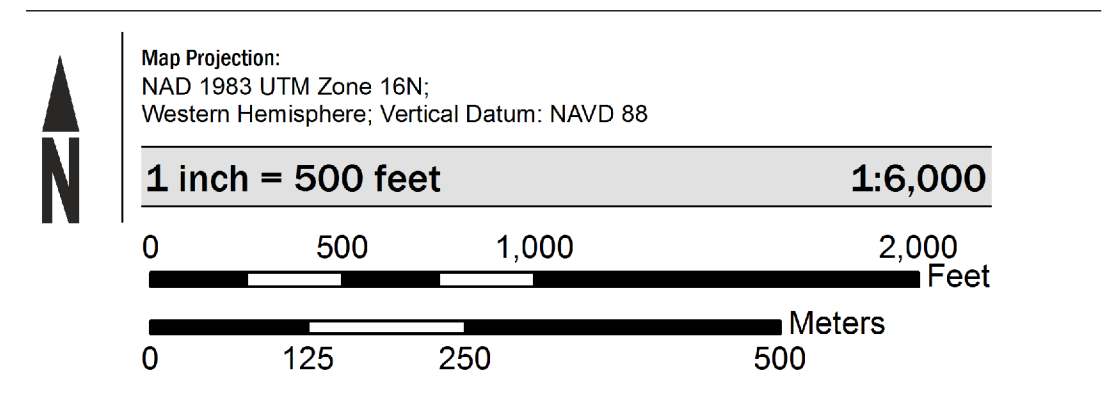
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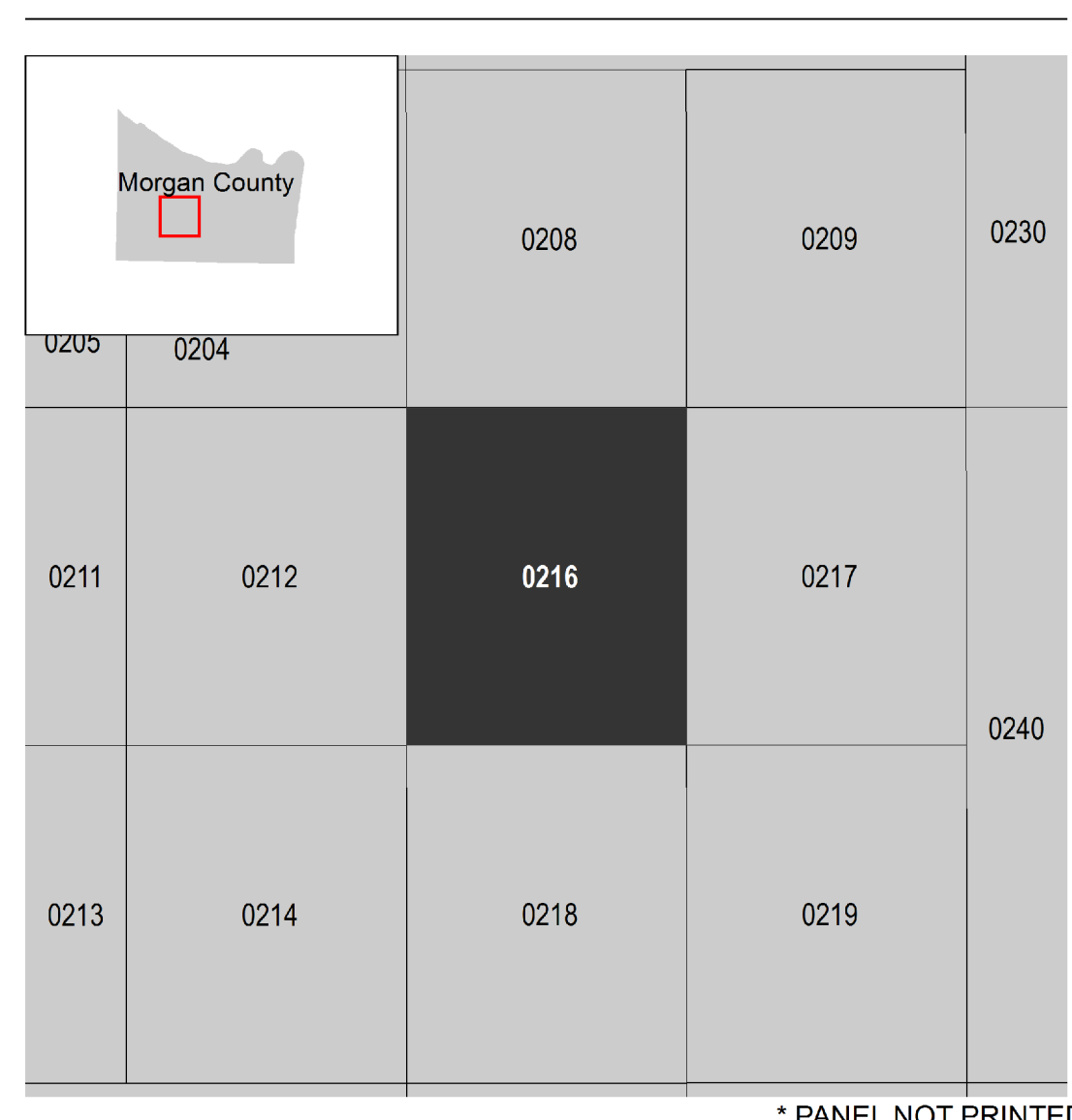
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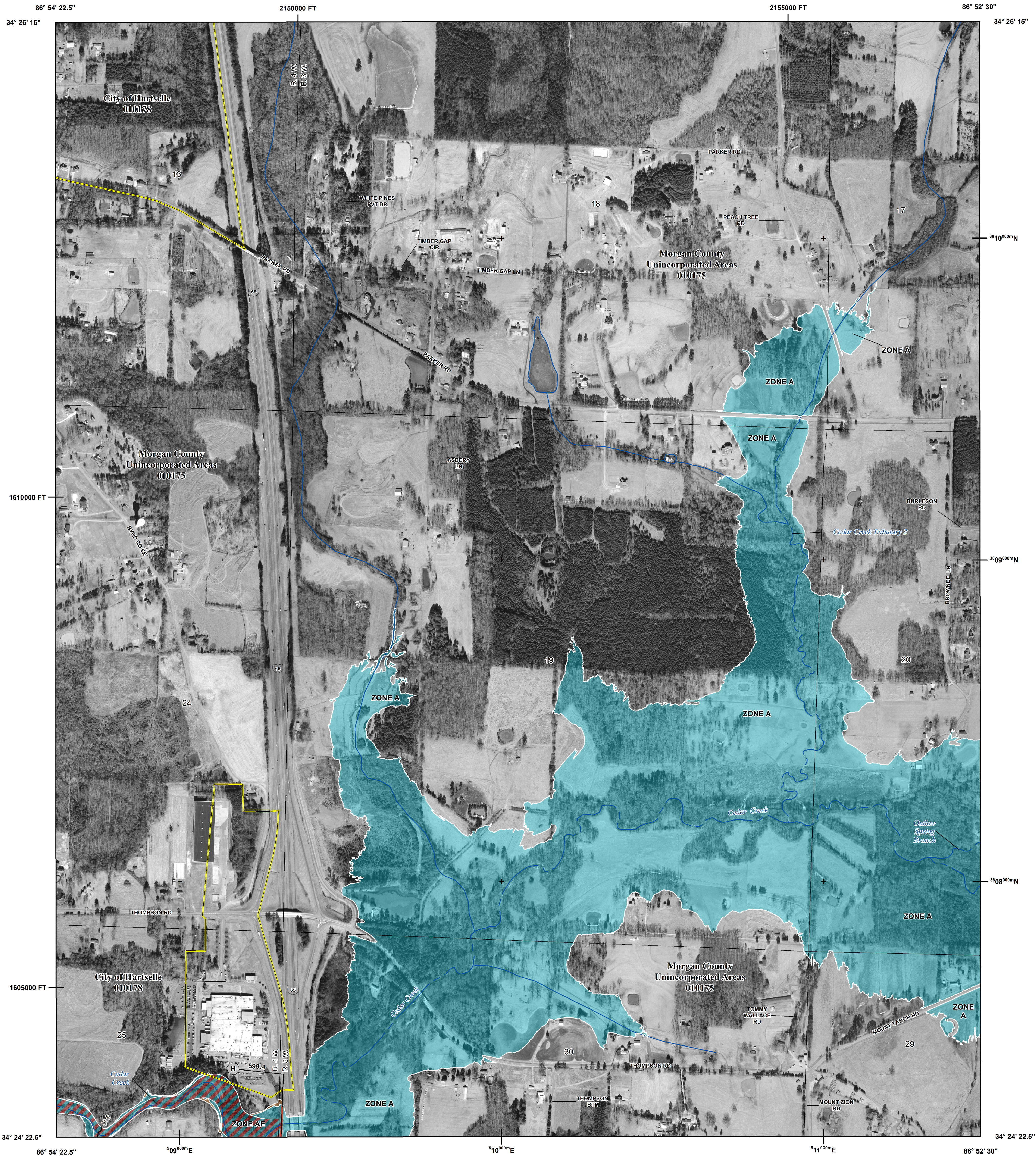
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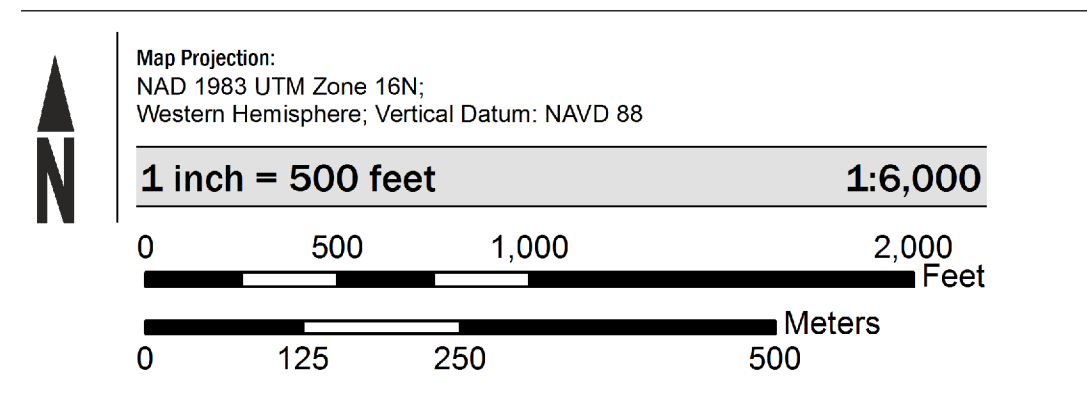
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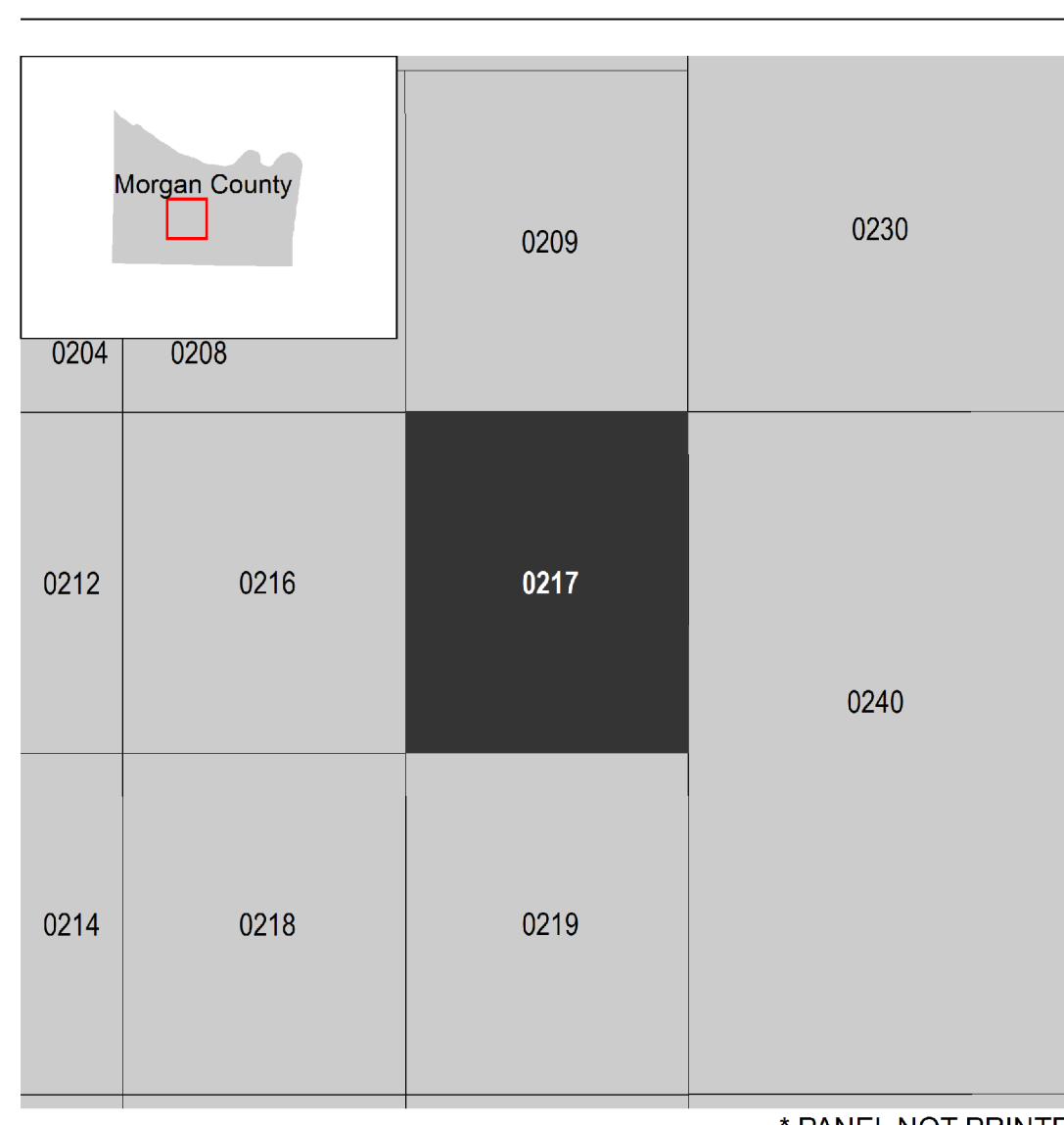
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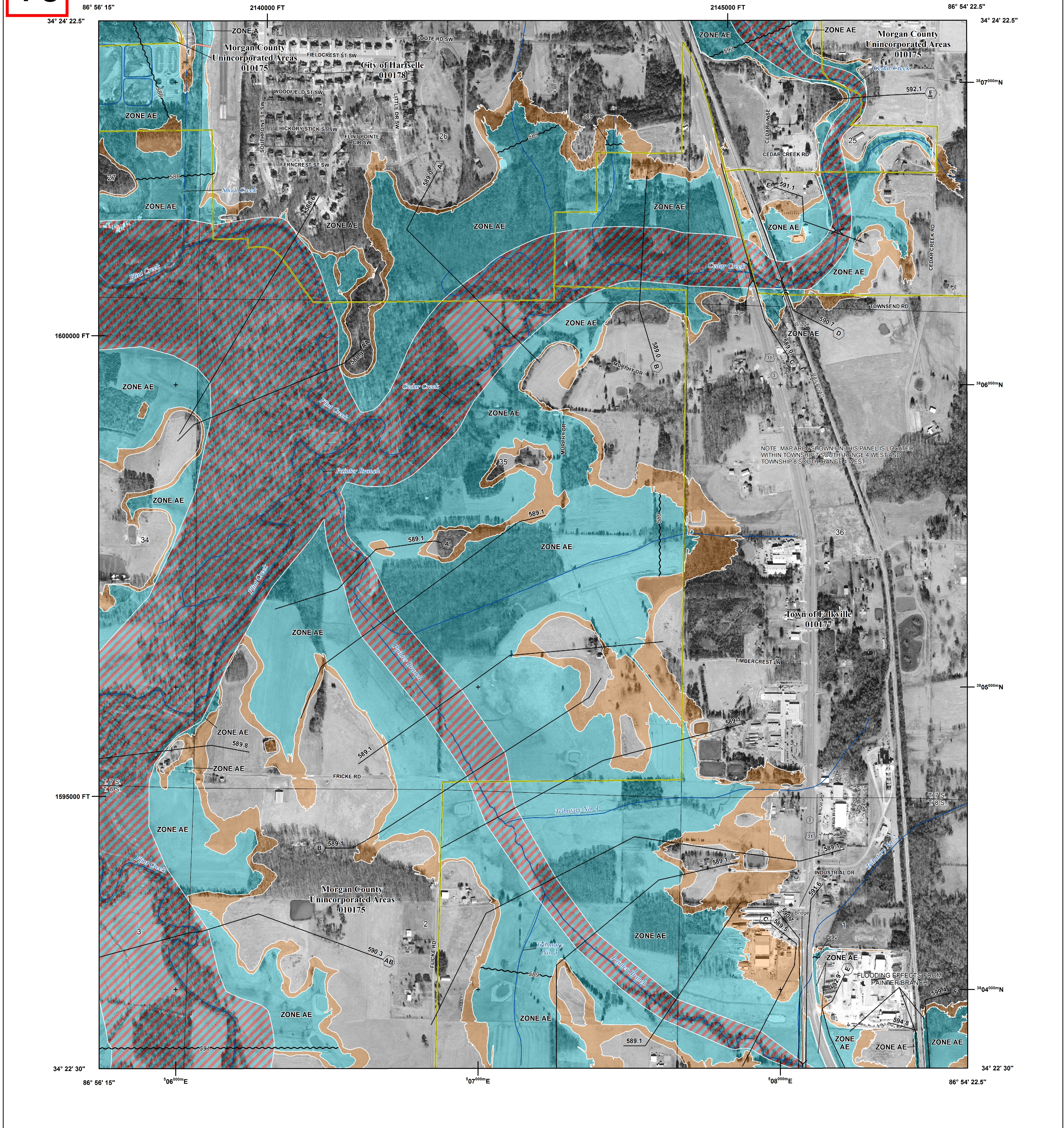
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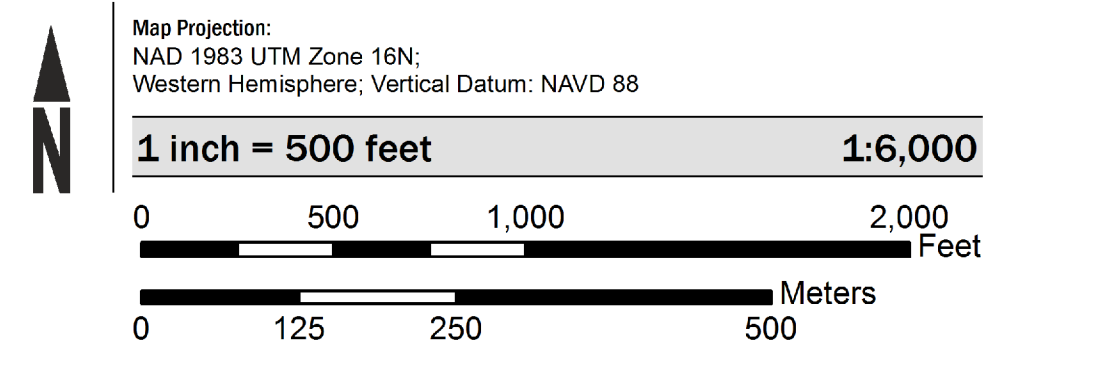
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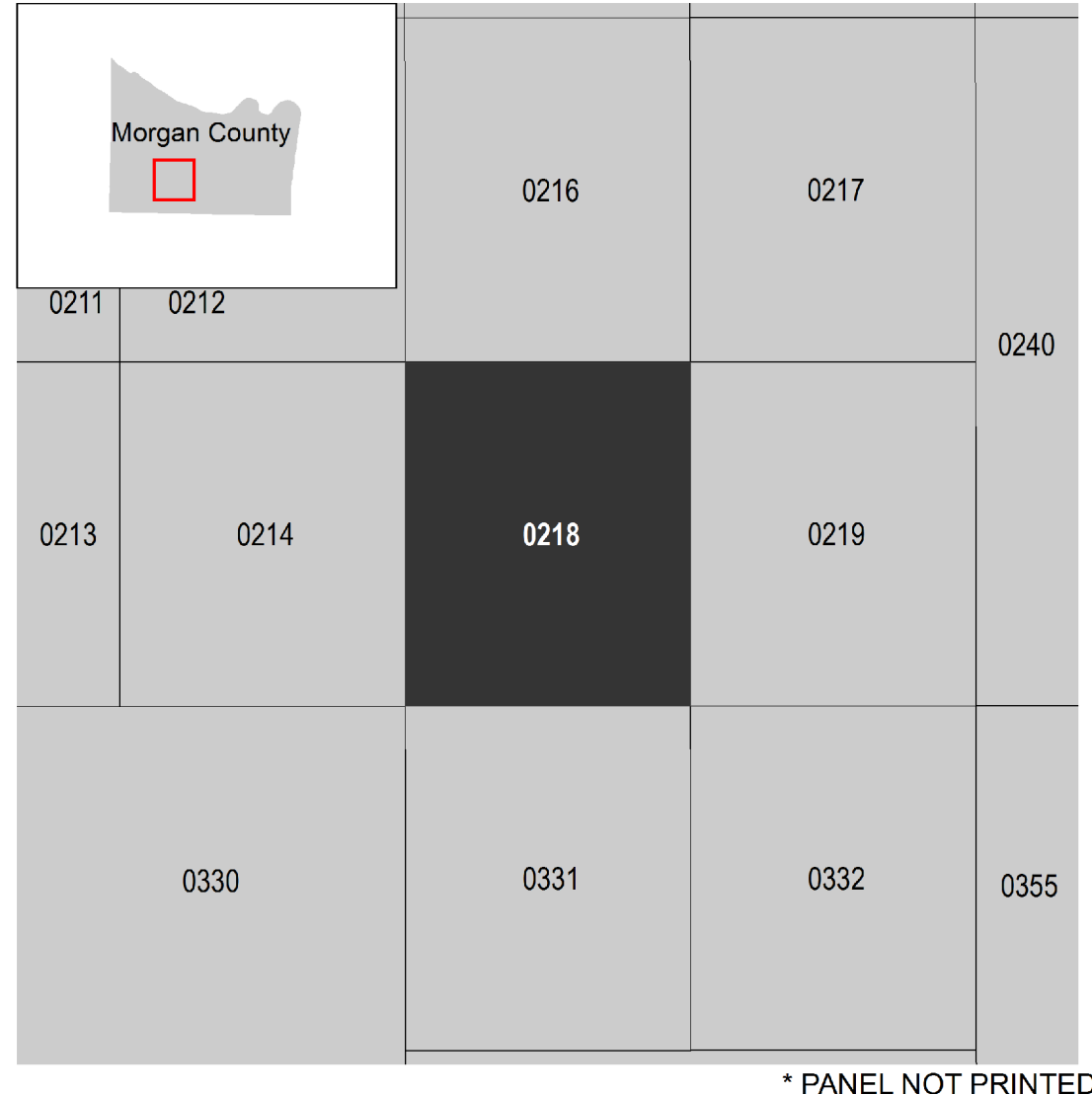
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September 22, 2025

Daxton Maze
P.O. Box 488
Decatur, AL 35640

Re: AHC 25-1196
HU - Additional Wastewater Collection System Upgrades
Morgan County

Dear Mr. Maze:

We concur with the above referenced project provided all construction activities will occur within **existing and previously disturbed** highway right-of-way and/or other previously disturbed areas. For the purposes of this letter, previous disturbance is defined as mechanical disturbance to either culturally sterile subsoil, or the maximum depth of the proposed undertaking. It should be noted that agricultural plowing does not typically meet this threshold of disturbance, nor do previously undisturbed portions of the ROW that require clearing of additional vegetation. Any area that is to be involved and does not fall into one of the above categories will require a cultural resource assessment by a professional archaeologist. Submit the resulting report to our office for review and determination prior to project initiation.

Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office does not constitute consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, other Native American tribes, local governments, or the public. If archaeological materials are encountered during construction, the procedures codified at 36 CFR 800.13(b) will apply. Archaeological materials consist of any items, fifty years old or older, which were made or used by man. These items include but are not limited to, stone projectile points (arrowheads), ceramic sherds, bricks, worked wood, bone and stone, metal, and glass objects. The federal agency or the applicant receiving federal assistance should contact our office immediately. If human remains are encountered, the provisions of the Alabama Burial Act (*Code of Alabama* 1975, §13A-7-23.1, as amended; Alabama Historical Commission Administrative Code Chapter 460-X-10 Burials) should be followed. This stipulation shall be placed on the construction plans to ensure contractors are aware of it.

We appreciate your commitment to helping us preserve Alabama's historic archaeological and architectural resources. Should you have any questions, please contact Amanda McBride at 334.230.2692 or Amanda.McBride@ahc.alabama.gov. Have the AHC tracking number referenced above available and include it with any future correspondence.

Sincerely,

Lee Anne Hewett
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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SEP 24 2025

Mr. Tyler Nemish, E.I.
Three Notch Group
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Huntsville, AL 35806

Dear Mr. Nemish:

Thank you for your letter, received by this office on September 19, 2025, requesting a review of the proposed upgrades to the wastewater collection system for Hartselle Utilities, located in Hartselle, Morgan County, Alabama. We have reviewed your submission and provide the following comments pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543).

Federally Listed Species

We have determined that the following federally listed species may occur in, near, or adjacent to the proposed project area:

- Gray bat, *Myotis grisescens* – Endangered
- Indiana bat, *Myotis sodalis* – Endangered
- Leafy prairie-clover, *Dalea foliosa* – Endangered
- Tennessee yellow-eyed grass, *Xyris tennesseensis* – Endangered

Species Proposed for Listing:

The following species have been proposed for listing under the Endangered Species Act:

- Tricolored bat, *Perimyotis subflavus* – Proposed Endangered

Bats

Based on the information provided in your letter, suitable summer habitat for the Indiana bat and tricolored bat may be present within the project site. Regarding the gray bat, we recommend a thorough site investigation for any karst features within the project area (i.e., sinkholes, sinking streams, caves). If such topographic features are located on or near the project area, we request that you inform our agency of their location so that we may determine if further consultation is necessary.

Indiana bat

Suitable summer habitat for Indiana bat consists of a wide variety of forested/wooded habitats where they roost, forage, and travel and may also include some adjacent and interspersed non-forested habitats such as emergent wetlands and adjacent edges of agricultural fields, old fields and pastures. This includes forests and woodlots containing potential roosts including live trees and/or snags ≥ 5 inches (12.7 centimeters) dbh that have exfoliating bark, cracks, crevices, and/or hollows, as well as linear features such as fencerows, riparian forests, and other wooded corridors. These wooded areas may be dense or loose aggregates of trees with variable amounts of canopy closure. Individual trees may be considered suitable habitat when they exhibit the characteristics of a potential roost tree and are located within 1,000 feet (305 meters) of other forested habitat.

Tricolored bat

On September 14, 2022, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced a proposal to list the tricolored bat as endangered under the ESA. The bat faces extinction due to the impacts of white-nose syndrome, a deadly disease affecting cave-dwelling bats across the continent. The tricolored bat's status is currently under range-wide review and could be listed in the future. While there are generally no section 7 requirements for proposed species, we encourage all agencies to take advantage of any opportunity they may have to help conserve the species.

Suitable summer habitat for the tricolored bat may be present in the site. Based on the best scientific information available at this time, suitable tricolored bat habitat consists of a wide variety of forested/wooded habitats where they roost, forage, and travel and may include some adjacent and interspersed non-forested habitats such as emergent wetlands and adjacent edges of agricultural fields, old fields, and pastures. This includes forests and woodlots containing trees with potential roost substrate (i.e., live and dead leaf clusters of live and recently dead deciduous trees, Spanish moss, and beard lichen, as well as linear features such as fencerows, riparian forests, and other wooded corridors. Occasional summer roosts also include clusters of dead pine needles of large live pines, eastern red cedar, abandoned gray squirrel nests, and under exfoliating birch bark. Tricolored bats will roost in a variety of tree species, especially oaks (*Quercus* spp.), and often select roosts in tall, large diameter trees, but will roost in smaller diameter trees when potential roost substrate is present (e.g., 4-inch dbh). Tricolored bats commonly roost in the mid to upper canopy of trees although males will occasionally roost in dead leaves at lower heights (e.g., < 16 feet from the ground) and females will occasionally roost in Spanish moss of understory trees. They seem to prefer foraging along forested edges of larger forest openings, along edges of riparian areas, and over water and avoid foraging in dense, unbroken forests, and narrow road cuts through forests. Tricolored bats also roost in human-made structures, such as bridges and culverts, and occasionally in barns or the underside of open-sided shelters (e.g., porches, pavilions); therefore, these structures should also be considered potential summer habitat. This species occupies similar forest habitats in the spring, summer, and fall (i.e., non-hibernating seasons) but in the southern portion of the range, where they exhibit shorter torpor bouts and remain active and feed year-round, they may roost in culverts, bridges, cavities in live trees, live and dead leaf clusters, and/or Spanish moss during the winter. Tricolored bats may roost and forage in forested areas near anthropogenic structures and buildings (e.g., suburban neighborhoods, parks, etc.). However, highly developed urbanized areas generally devoid of native vegetation (including isolated trees surrounded by expansive anthropogenic development) are considered unsuitable habitat (e.g., parking lots, industrial buildings, shopping centers).

If there are no karst features and tree clearing occurs during the protective window of October 1 to March 14, we have no additional concerns for these bat species. If this timing is not achievable and no other measures to avoid adverse effects are possible, then we recommend that the project proponent proceed to acoustic and/or mist-netting surveys to determine presence or probable absence of Indiana bats, northern long-eared bats and tricolored bat at the project site in accordance with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's *2024 Range-wide Indiana Bat & Northern Long-eared Bat Survey Guidelines*:

<https://www.fws.gov/media/range-wide-indiana-bat-and-northern-long-eared-bat-survey-guidelines>

Plants

Leafy prairie-clover

Leafy prairie-clover is found in open areas within or along the edges of limestone cedar glades, especially where soils are slightly deeper. The species thrives in habitats that are seasonally wet in spring and fall, followed by dry summer conditions. Full sun and low competition from woody vegetation are essential for optimal growth and reproduction.

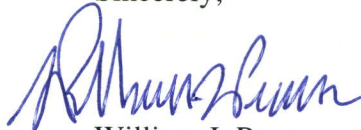
Tennessee yellow-eyed grass

Tennessee yellow-eyed grass occurs in calcareous seeps and open areas within various wet habitats, such as streambanks, fens, and wet meadows. It requires relatively specialized conditions, typically found in slightly alkaline to circumneutral, gravelly-sandy substrates in rocky calcareous regions of the Ridge and Valley or Interior Low Plateaus physiographic provinces.

If appropriate habitat for these species exists in the project area, we recommend that surveys be conducted by a qualified botanist or biologist. Prior experience with these species is strongly recommended for the botanist or biologist conducting the survey. A survey cannot be accepted if the plants have no above-ground vegetation at the time of the survey. If a survey is conducted, please provide the name of the surveyor, his/her credentials, and a thorough description of survey methods and habitats present, including shrub and forb species observed. If no suitable habitat exists for leafy prairie-clover or Tennessee yellow-eyed grass within the impacted area, a species survey is unnecessary.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed project. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Erin Lentz of my staff at erin_lentz@fws.gov. Please refer to the reference number located at the top of this letter in future phone calls or written correspondence.

Sincerely,



William J. Pearson
Field Supervisor
Alabama Ecological Services Field Office



September 16, 2025

Tyler Nemish, E.I., Project Engineer
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**RE: Letter of Concurrence
Hartselle Utilities
City of Hartselle, Morgan County, Alabama**

Dear Mr. Nemish,

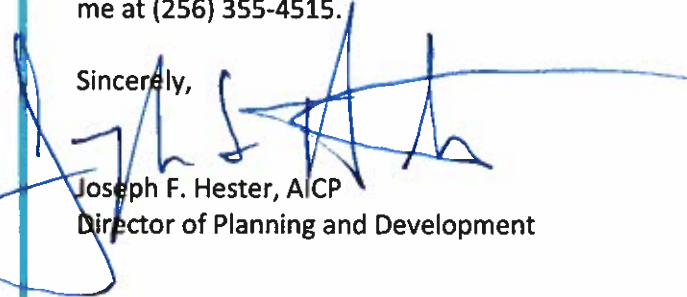
The North Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments (NARCOG) has reviewed the information provided for the Hartselle Utilities proposed upgrades in the City of Hartselle, Alabama, and we offer our concurrence. NARCOG understands that the proposed projects are part of ongoing corrective action projects to resolve a Consent Order with ADEM. The proposed projects are as follows:

- System-Wide Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation
- 30" Gravity Sewer Interceptor Upgrade (Basin C)
- WWTP Upgrades

Additionally, NARCOG understands that the proposed upgrades will take place entirely within previously disturbed areas on public right-of-way, and the owner or contractor will utilize silt fences, hay bales, and other Best Management Practices (BMP's).

In conclusion, NARCOG finds the proposed project to be consistent and compatible with local, state, and regional plans. Should you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (256) 355-4515.

Sincerely,



Joseph F. Hester, AICP
Director of Planning and Development

cc: Robby Cantrell, Executive Director

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**RE: LETTER OF CONCURRENCE FOR ADDITIONAL WASTEWATER
COLLECTION SYSTEM UPGRADES FOR HARTSELLE UTILITIES,
MORGAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

Dear Mr. Nemish:

We have reviewed your letter concerning the proposed upgrades for Hartselle Utilities. Based on our review of the information you provided to us and limited to the statutory and regulatory requirements of the Alabama Water Resources Act, we concur with the proposed upgrades.

Let us know if you have any questions. The staff for water management can be reached at (334)-242-5499 or via e-mail at water@adeca.alabama.gov.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary R. Blackmon".

Mary R. Blackmon
Senior Water Resources Engineer
Water Management Unit
Alabama Office of Water Resources

March 25, 2026

Alabama Department of Environmental Management
State Revolving Fund Section - Permits & Services Division
1400 Coliseum Boulevard
Montgomery, Alabama 36110

RE: USACE Self-Certification NWP-58
Additional Wastewater Collection System Upgrades
For Hartselle Utilities
Morgan County, Alabama

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

As part of the Environmental Information Document (EID) process, a letter was sent to USACE seeking concurrence for the referenced project on September 15, 2025. It is our understanding that to-date, a response has not been given. This letter is to serve as notification that the applicant will be self-certifying according to Nationwide Permit 58 (NWP-58).

We anticipate that the proposed project is compliant under NWP-58 as the proposed project will not impact navigable waterways of the United States or discharge dredged or fill material into a water of the United States, including wetlands.

If you have any questions about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Three Notch Group, Inc.



Tyler Nemish, PE
Project Manager