

Urban Service Report

Tower Road Lift Station Voluntary Annexation

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INTRODUCTION

This Urban Services Report was prepared to provide a plan for the transition of services upon annexation of property described in Ordinance 190973. This report is meant as a guide for both City and County staff, the property owners petitioning for voluntary annexation and the residents in nearby areas.

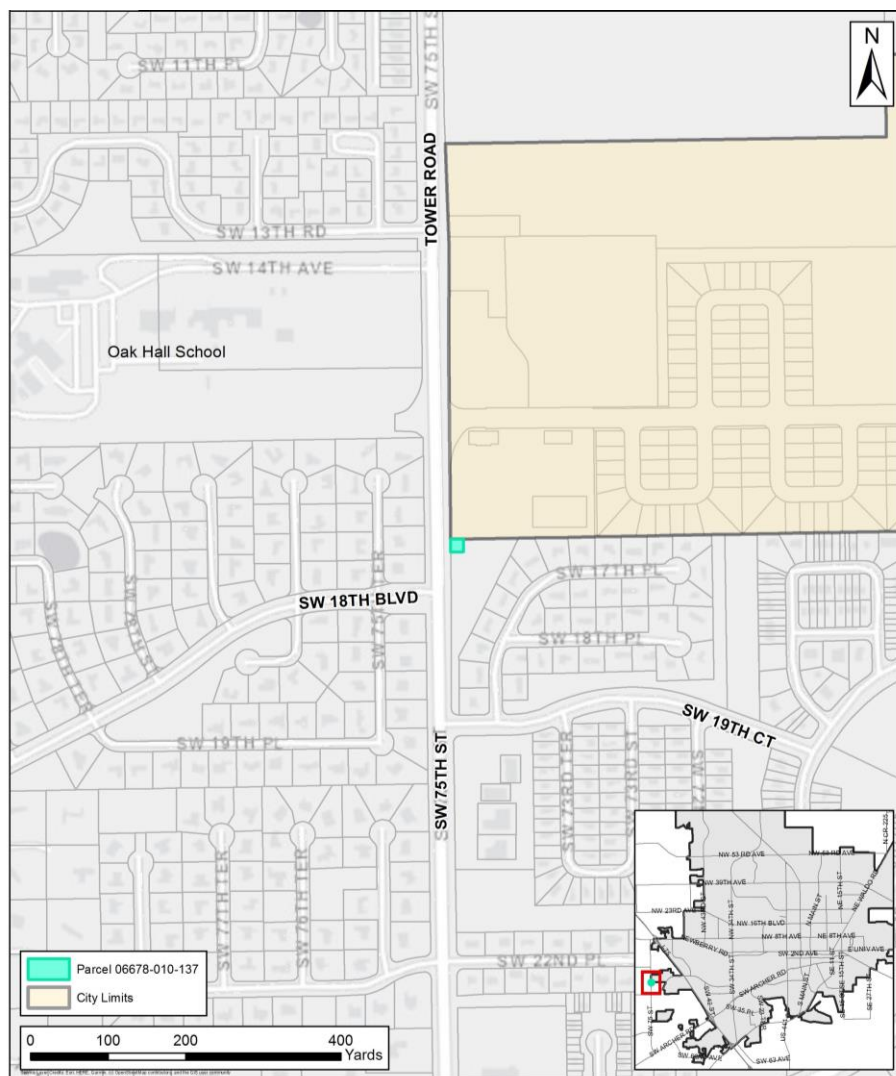
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AREA TO BE ANNEXED

The area proposed for annexation is tax parcel 06678-010-137 which is owned by the City of Gainesville (shown below). The total annexation area is approximately ±.06 acres and is located south of Gainesville city limits, west of SW 17th Place, north of SW 19th Court, and east of SW 75th Street (also known as Tower Road) as more specifically described in this ordinance, as petitioned for by the property owner pursuant to Chapter 171, Florida Statutes.

Upon annexation, City Commission District 3 will be expanded to include the proposed annexation area (see page 12). The subject property currently has Alachua County Medium Density Land Use and Alachua County Planned Development (PD) Zoning.



Proposed parcel for annexation (Parcel 06678-010-137)

The Provision of Services

a) Services in the Next Five Years

It is anticipated that services to the Area will be improved within the next five years as a result of the annexation of the Area. It is not reasonably anticipated that services to current city residents will be reduced within the next five years as a result of the annexation of the Area. The following discussion outlines proposed services. All services are subject to the annual lawful appropriation of funds.

b) Taxes in the Next Five Years

It is not reasonable to anticipate that the City's ad valorem taxes would need to be adjusted in the next five years to provide services to the Area as a result of the annexation of the Area. This includes services required by the Comprehensive Plan. Any level of service issue that is outlined in the City of Gainesville Comprehensive Plan or the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan, whichever applies at the time of development, must be addressed.

Police Service

Upon the effective date of annexation, police services will be provided to the annexed area by the Gainesville Police Department (GPD), utilizing similar policing strategies that are provided within the existing City limits. Police District two, Echo Zone will be extended to serve the area (see page 13). The current staffing in the Department can provide these services to the annexed area.

Current police services include preventative patrol and criminal apprehension, criminal investigations, special operations, crime prevention, neighborhood police services, crime scene processing, Police Service Technicians, air support, traffic management, combined communications, and other support services including planning and research, fiscal management, records management, crime analysis, automated information services, property and evidence management, personnel and recruitment, and training. The area will receive the same services that are provided in the existing city limits upon the effective date of the annexation.

Fire Protection

The Gainesville Fire-Rescue Department (GFR) presently provides select emergency services to portions of the unincorporated urban area of Alachua County. Within the computerized dispatch system, the unit chosen will depend on the type of call and the type of unit, therefore, there's not an exact representation of the first due station areas.

There is an Automatic Aid Agreement with Alachua County until September 30, 2020 that would provide for Gainesville Fire Rescue to respond to a limited number of emergency call types at this location. Presently, the first due station would be dependent on which County or City unit can have the fastest response time. Upon annexation the closest City of Gainesville Fire Rescue Station would be station 9 (see page 14).

Fire hydrants in the unincorporated area of Alachua County are currently provided and maintained by the City of Gainesville in accordance with the 1990 Fire Hydrant and Public Street Lighting Services Agreement. Funding for fire hydrants is included in the base rates for water utility service.

Transportation

The City of Gainesville currently operates a public transportation system, the Gainesville Regional Transit System (RTS). RTS Route #75 run near the proposed annexation along Tower Road (see page 15). Due to the nature of the parcel being used for a lift station, public transportation should not be necessary.

Solid Waste Disposal

Solid waste disposal services will not be necessary for this site due to the size and nature of the use at the property.

Streets, Drainage and Flood Control

The City of Gainesville Public Works Department provides basic maintenance and repair services for all City streets within its current jurisdiction. This work includes maintenance of asphalt pavement, concrete sidewalks, concrete curbs and gutters, and roadside ditches. Basic maintenance services are also provided for public ditches and stormwater management detention/retention facilities.

The City of Gainesville currently charges a stormwater management utility fee. Any increase in impervious surfaces, without onsite mitigation, in accordance with ordinances, policies and regulations in effect at that time, will cause the stormwater management utility fee to be charged for the area that increases the total impervious surface. This fee pays for

mosquito control, drainage improvements for public facilities and sweeping of streets within the City limits.

Street sweeping is an effective means of reducing the amount of debris and pollutants that enter the City's storm drain system and water resources. The Public Works Operations Division currently sweeps the City on a 4 to 6 week cycle, depending on weather and equipment. All City streets are currently swept 9 to 10 times a year.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department currently provides organized recreation programs for youth and adults. The Department also provides passive nature facilities and programming for youth and adults. Organized recreation programs in the areas of aquatics, athletics, recreation centers, after-school and summer playground programs are provided, and a variety of special events are also available. The Area will receive the same services that are provided in the existing city limits upon the effective date of the annexation. Fees for these programs are charged at a differential rate depending upon residency. Upon annexation, any residents of this Area would be eligible for the City of Gainesville residents' rates.

The Parks Division is responsible for the cleaning and upkeep of all City parks. In addition, this Division provides cleaning of City-owned parking lots, as well as maintenance of grounds around City-owned buildings. Basic mowing of City rights-of-way is provided on a regular basis by the Public Works Department. The Area will receive the same services that are provided in the existing City limits upon the effective date of the annexation.

The Cultural Affairs Division provides for cultural enlightenment through various programs in the arts, historical interpretation, special events and cultural programs in the County school system. The Area will receive the same services that are provided in the existing City limits upon annexation. See page 16 for nearest City of Gainesville park facilities in relation to the proposed annexation.

Strategic Ecosystems

The subject property is not located within a designated Strategic Ecosystem area (see map on page 17).

Building Inspections

The Building Inspections Department enforces building and fire codes. The Department is responsible for permitting and inspections of new construction and remodeling or repair of existing buildings. Building contractors are also licensed through the Division in accordance with state and local regulations. The Building Inspections Division will provide permitting, plan review and inspections for the Area. The current staffing for the Division can provide inspection

services and the permitting and plan review services. The current staff will deliver services to this area without significant delays.

Code Enforcement

The City's Code Enforcement Division enforces codes relating to zoning, housing, and vehicles, hazardous or perilous lands/buildings and special sales. The current staffing in the Division can provide these services to the Area.

Housing

The Housing and Community Development Division uses federal and state funds to help make safe, decent and affordable housing more available to City residents. The City of Gainesville is a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement jurisdiction, which allows the City greater access to federal funds through the CDBG and HOME Programs. Upon annexation, any eligible residents of the Area would be entitled to apply for programs funded by CDBG or HOME funds. It is unlikely that the Housing Division would provide any services to this small parcel which contains a lift station.

Street Lighting

Street lighting in the unincorporated area of Alachua County is currently provided and funded by the City of Gainesville General Operating Fund along arterials and collectors for vehicle and pedestrian safety through the 1990 Fire Hydrant and Public Street Lighting Services Agreement. Additional streetlights may be provided in the Area in accordance with the guidelines of the City of Gainesville Public Works Department, as outlined in the "City of Gainesville Standards for Roadway Lighting".

The Traffic Operations Division is responsible for installation and maintenance of traffic signs and pavement markings on City streets, parking operations, and mechanical traffic counts. The Traffic Operations Division is also responsible for traffic signal operations and construction inspection services for all of Alachua County and the other municipalities, under the annual City-County Traffic Engineering Services Agreement. The Area will receive the same services that are provided in the existing city limits upon the effective date of the annexation.

Planning and Zoning Services

The Department of Doing will provide planning and development assistance to the area. The Alachua County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code will continue to regulate land use and zoning for any development in the Area until the Gainesville Comprehensive Plan is amended and the area is rezoned to a City of Gainesville zoning category. The subject property is currently zoned Alachua County Planned Development, with an underlying Future Land Use designation of Planned Development (see maps on pages 22 and 23). All requests for development are reviewed by City staff and the City Plan Board or Development Review Board where appropriate.

Other Governmental Services

Other services currently provided to the residents within the existing City limits of Gainesville shall be extended to the Area, where necessary, on substantially the same basis and in the same manner as such services are provided within the rest of the municipality.

Utility Facilities

Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU), owned and operated by the City of Gainesville, presently provides water and wastewater services to residents of the unincorporated area of Alachua County. Extension policies for serving new customers are the same in the City and in the proposed annexation Area.

Financing the Extension of Water and Wastewater Facilities

GRU's existing water/wastewater extension policy is that new water and wastewater customers pay the fully allocated cost for extending service to them. This cost includes the cost for water distribution and wastewater collection system improvements needed to extend service to the development. In addition, new connections must also pay connection charges associated with the costs for providing water and wastewater treatment plant capacity and the costs for improvements GRU makes to its water distribution and wastewater collection systems to provide capacity for new customers. This policy applies both in the City of Gainesville and in the surrounding unincorporated area of Alachua County.

Construction of facilities by GRU is funded through GRU's Construction Fund, the Utility Plant Improvement Fund (UPIF), or a combination from both funding sources. The Construction Fund consists of proceeds from the issuance of revenue bonds. The UPIF is funded by operating revenue.

Existing Major Trunk Water Mains and Proposed Extensions

The map on page 18 shows existing major water mains in the City of Gainesville and the surrounding proposed annexation Area. Additional funding is included in GRU's budget for major system improvements needed to provide capacity for new development. Project timing is based on projected growth within the GRU service area.

Existing Wastewater Collection System and Proposed Extensions

The map on page 19 shows the existing major wastewater collection system in the City of Gainesville and the Area. Additional funding is included in GRU's budget for major system improvements needed to provide capacity for new development. Project timing is based on projected growth within the GRU service area.

Existing Electrical Grid

The map on page 20 shows the existing electrical grid in the City of Gainesville and the Area. Additional funding is included in GRU's budget for major system improvements needed to provide capacity for new development. Project timing is based on projected growth within the GRU service area.

Existing Natural Gas

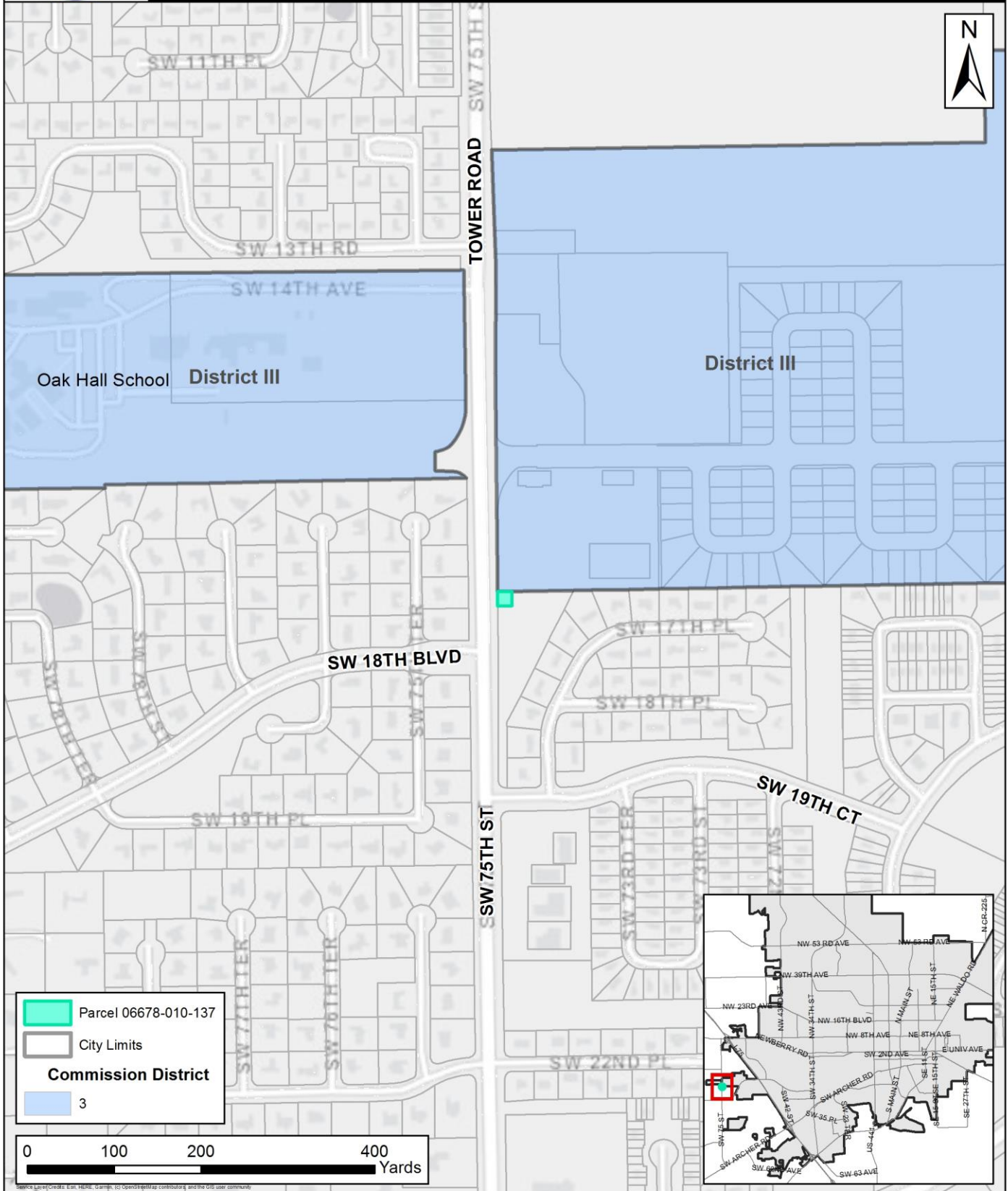
The map on page 21 shows the existing natural gas lines in the City of Gainesville and the Area. Additional funding is included in GRU's budget for major system improvements needed to provide capacity for new development. Project timing is based on projected growth within the GRU service area.



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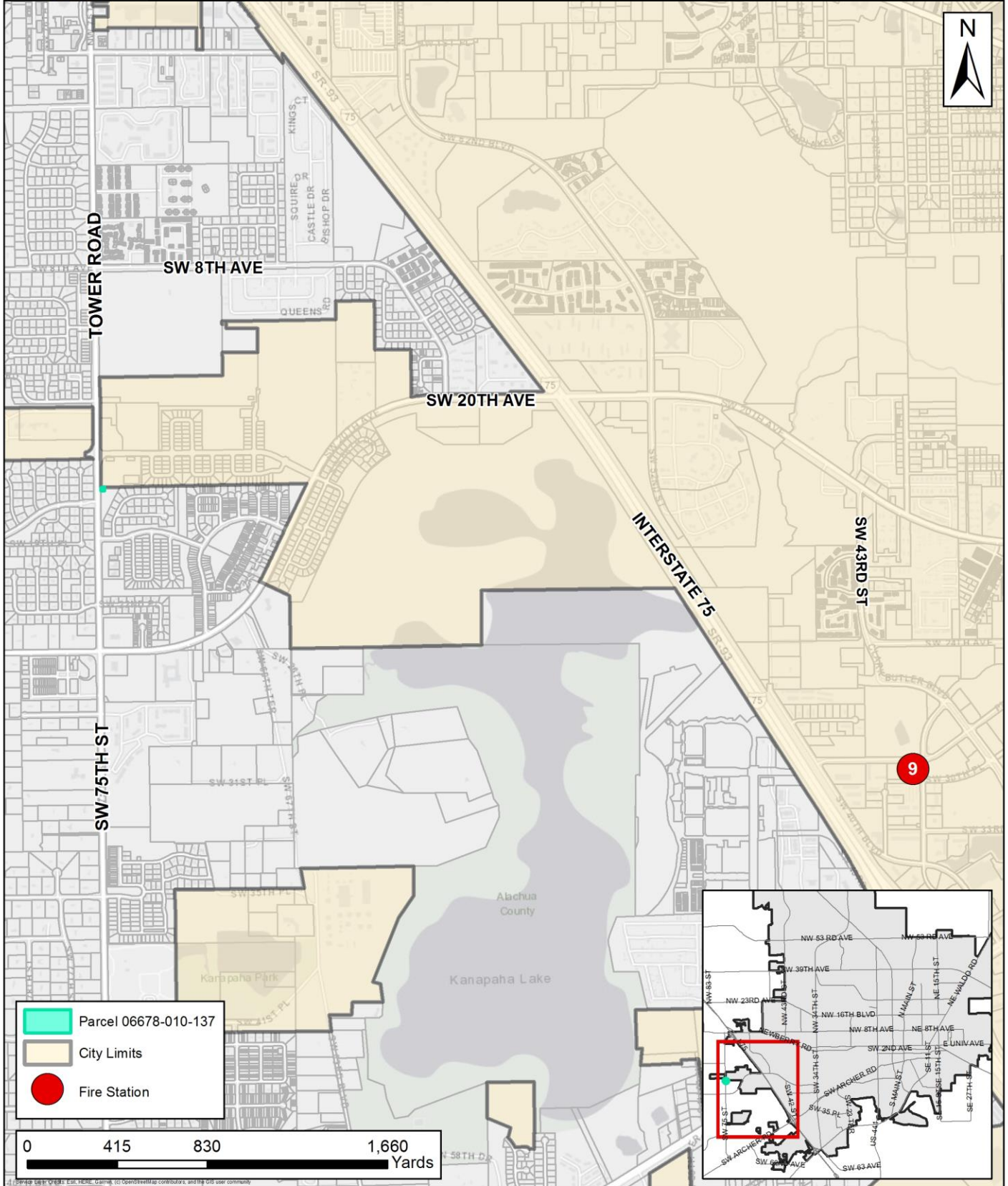
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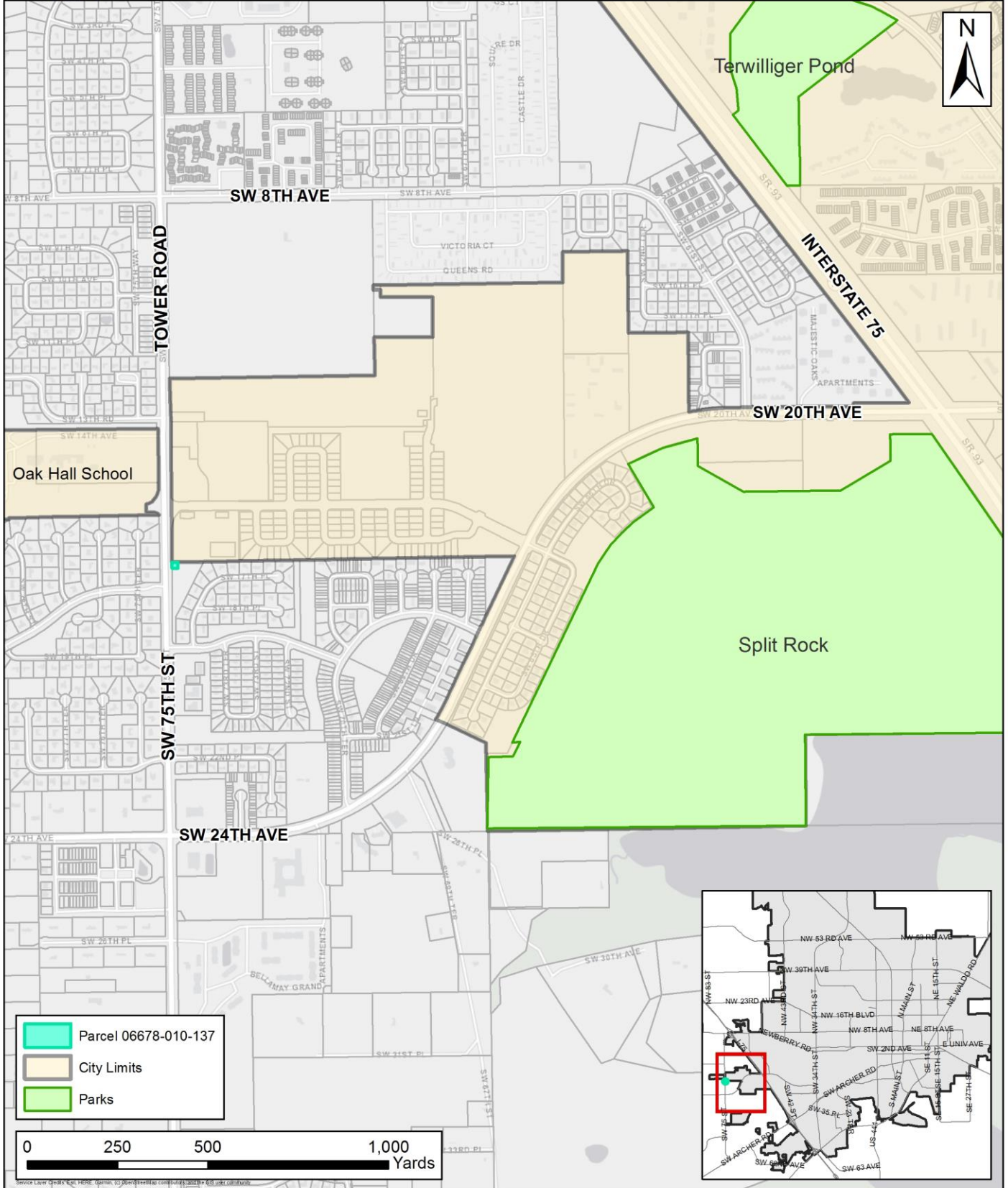




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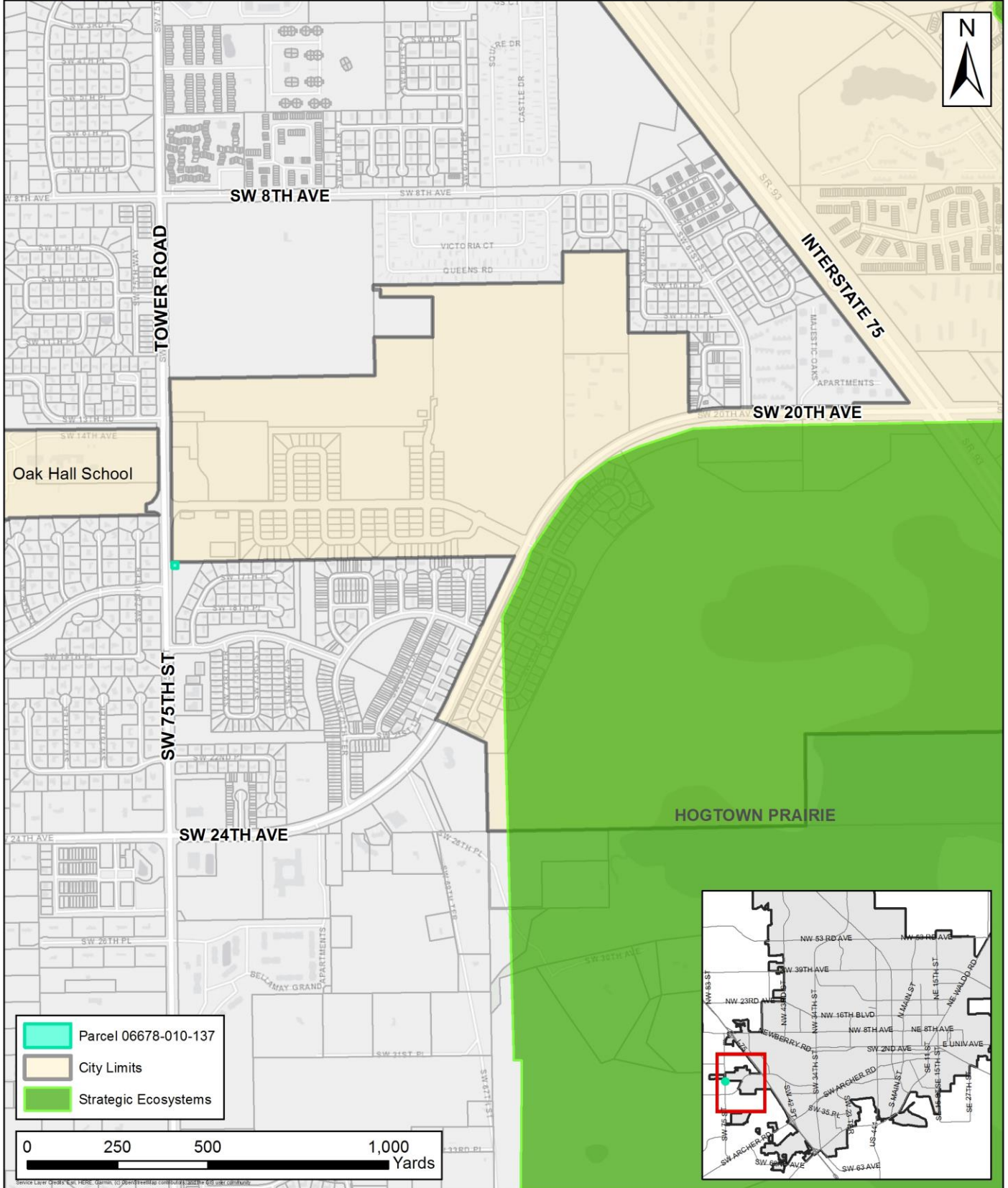




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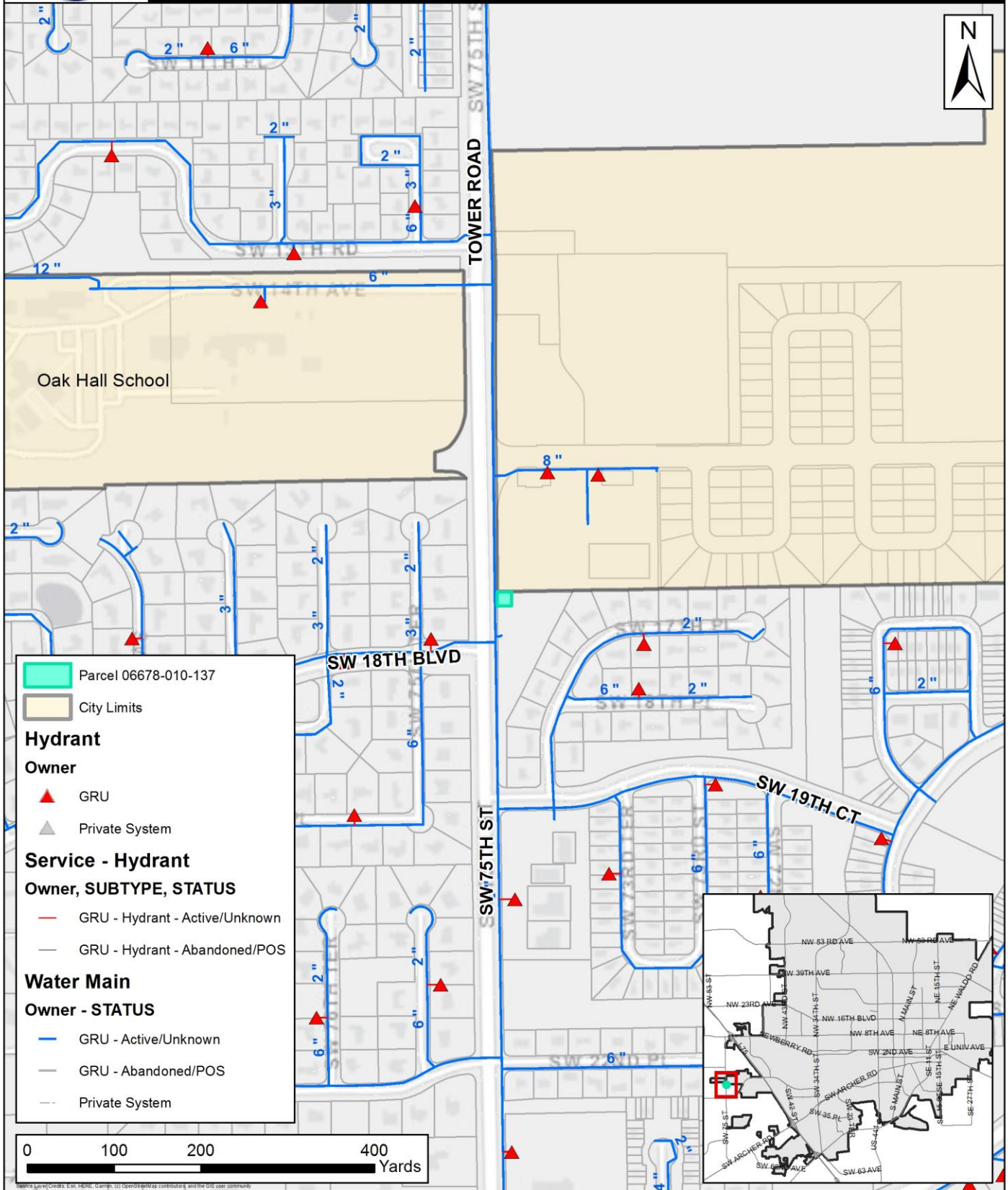




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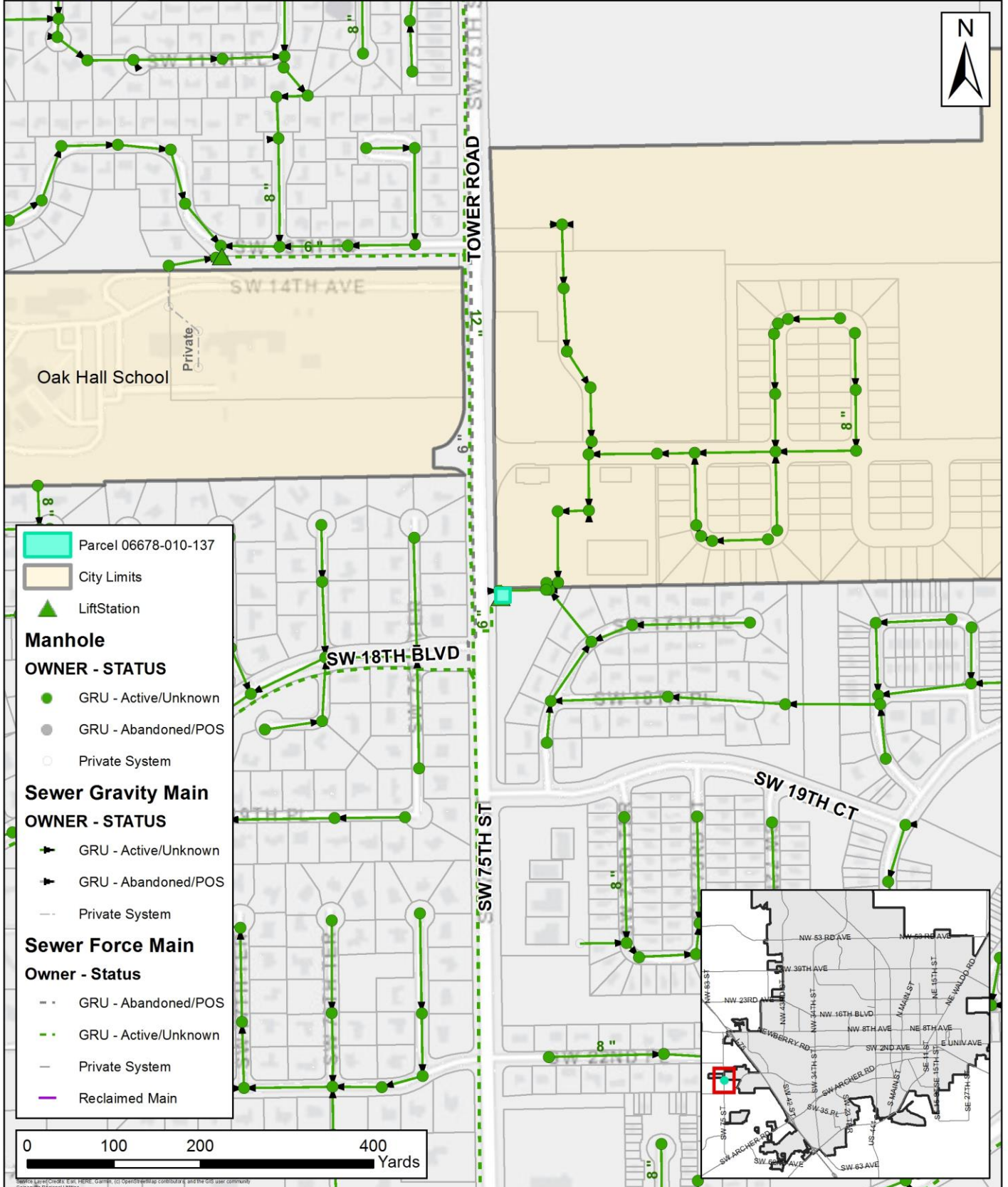




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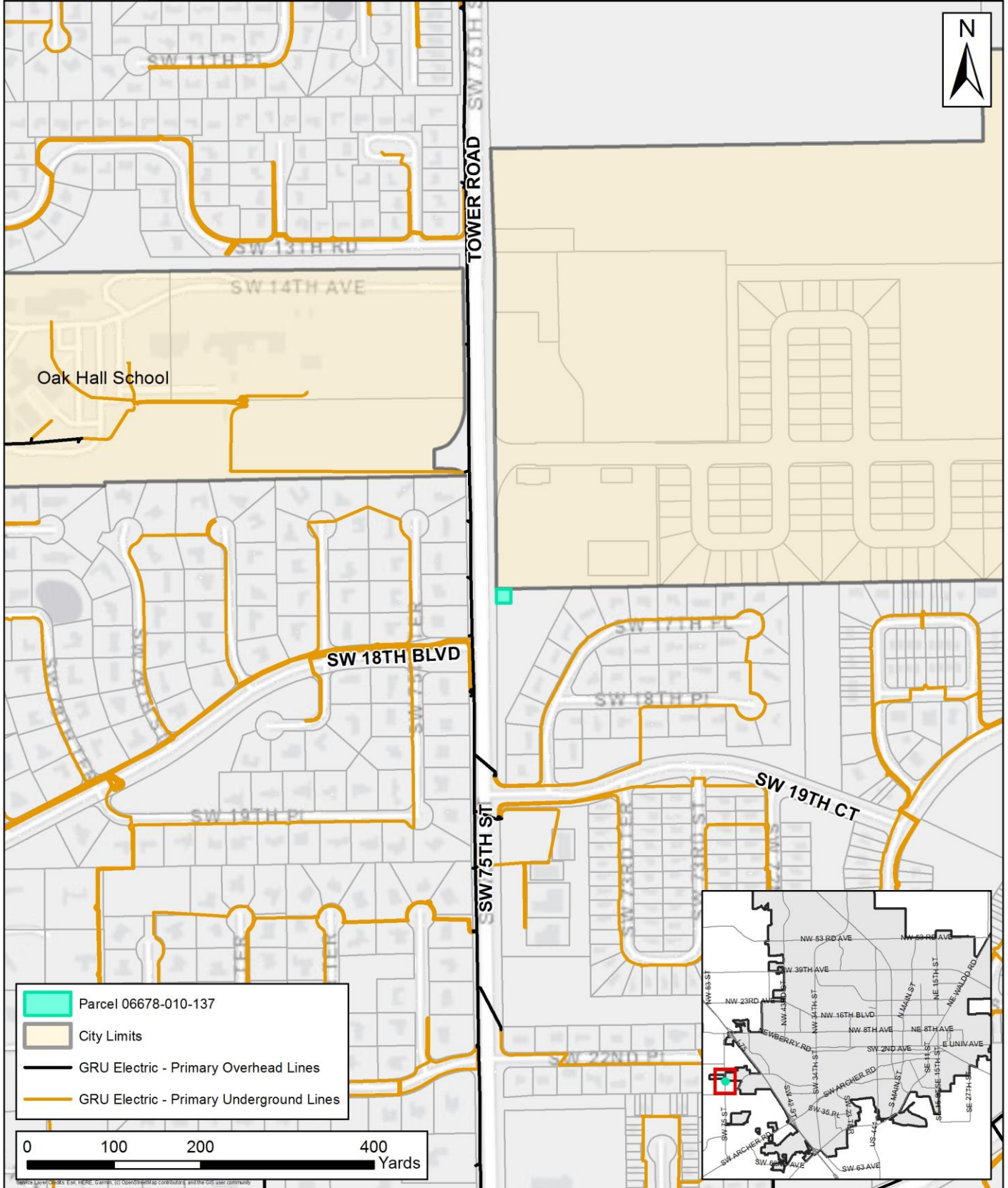
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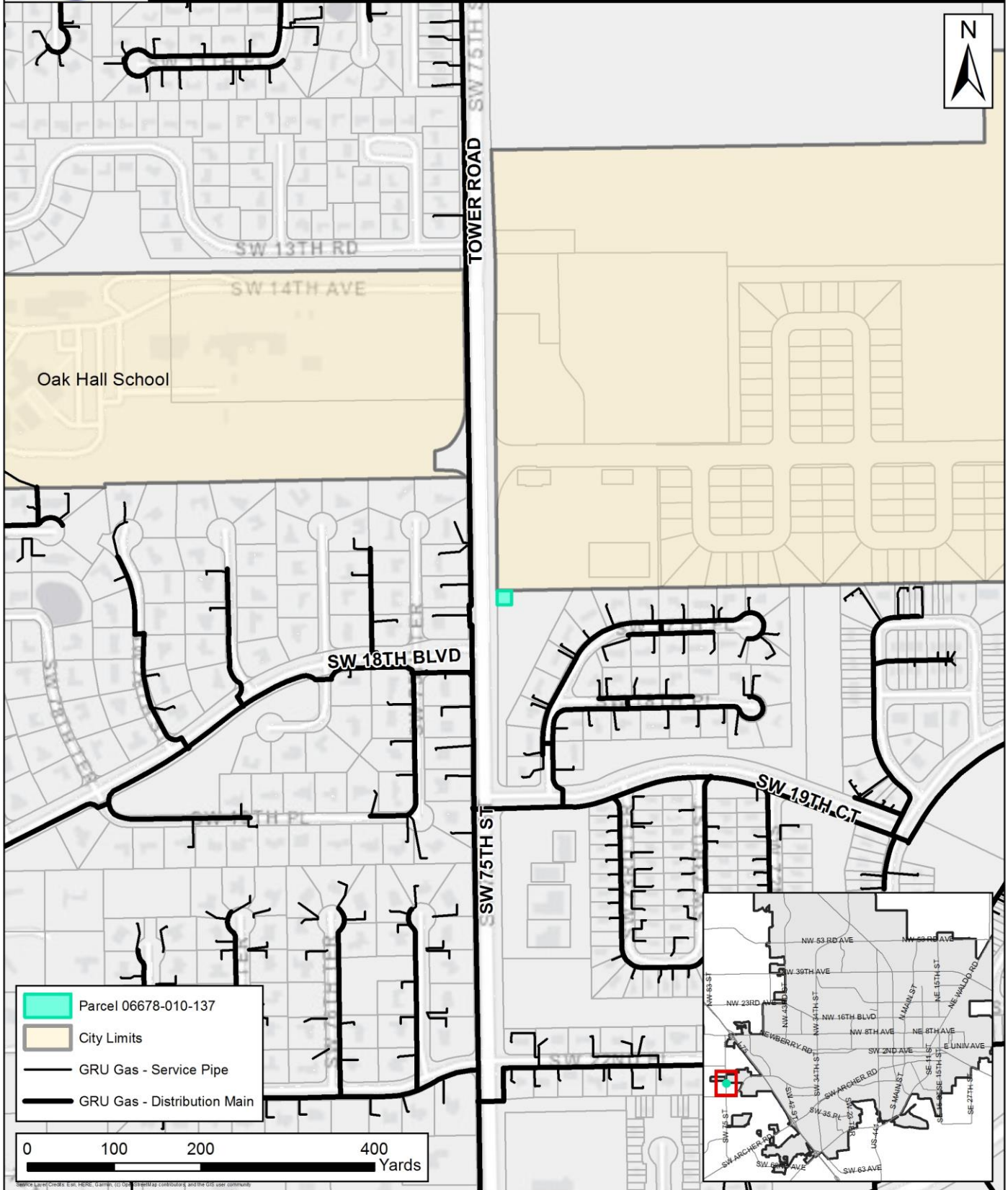




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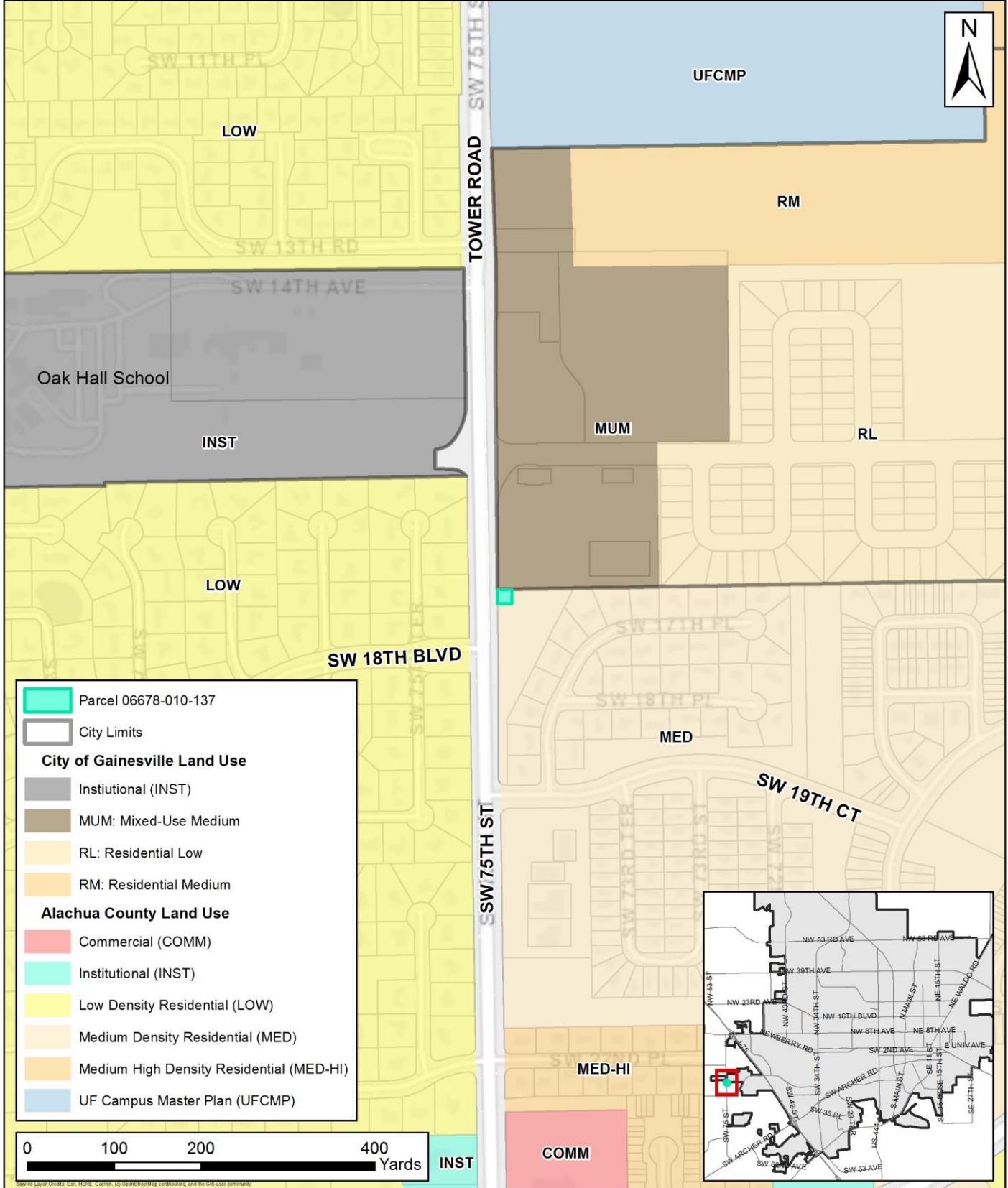




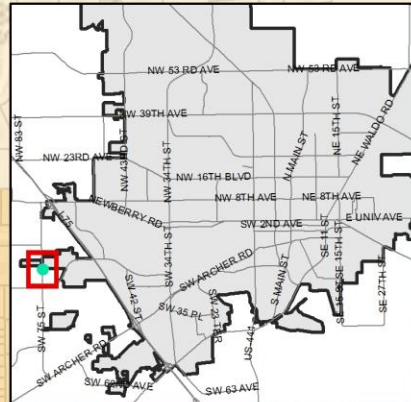
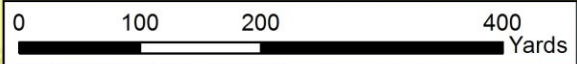
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	City Limits
City of Gainesville Land Use	
	Institutional (INST)
	MUM: Mixed-Use Medium
	RL: Residential Low
	RM: Residential Medium
Alachua County Land Use	
	Commercial (COMM)
	Institutional (INST)
	Low Density Residential (LOW)
	Medium Density Residential (MED)
	Medium High Density Residential (MED-HI)
	UF Campus Master Plan (UFCMP)



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