

**MINUTES REPORT**  
**AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AHAC)**  
**February 10, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marion Briggs, Chair  
Charles “Steve” Wood  
Al J. Giacalone III  
Shawn Williams, Vice-Chair  
Jill Morrissey  
Henry “Hank” Zuba

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Matthew P. Vissagio  
Kenneth Jenkins  
Michael Wukitsch

**STAFF PRESENT**

Brandon Dunn, Principal Planner  
Antia Richards, Senior Planner  
Angela Dietrich, Technician I  
Robert Clemens, Director of County Lands  
Renee Moneta, Property Acquisition Assistant

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC/INTERESTED PARTIES**

Becky Lucas, Habitat for Humanity

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order/Affidavit of Publication**

Ms. Marion Briggs brought the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. in the Public Works/ Community Development Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, Downtown, Fort Myers.

Ms. Angela Dietrich, stated the Affidavit of Publication had been reviewed by the County Attorney’s office, was sufficient as to form and content and the meeting could proceed.

**Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Minutes – November 4, 2019**

Mr. Henry Zuba made a motion to approve the minutes with no changes, Mr. Al Giacalone 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 3 – Elections – Chair and Vice Chair**

Mr. Zuba made a motion that Ms. Briggs continues to be Chair of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. Mr. Shawn Williams 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Willams made a motion that he is elected to Vice-Chair. Mr. Giacalone 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Department of County Lands**

Mr. Robert Clemens presented the committee with documentation (attached) showing that 34 vacant lots have been escheated to the County. Staff is proposing the properties get declared as surplus land and available for donation to qualified not-for-profit agencies or general surplus sale with proceeds being provided to the Lee County Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Mr. Zuba made a motion that for the first 6 months the properties could only be donated to not-for-profit agencies, after which the properties could go for sale to a not-for-profit or to the general public with the proceeds being provided to the Lee County Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Mr. Steve Wood 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion did not pass; the final vote was 3-3.

Mr. Giacalone made a motion that the Lee County Board of County Commissioners declare these 34 lots surplus and available for sale or donation to an approved not-for-profit in compliance with Florida Statue 125.38. Mr. Williams 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed 4 to 2.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Adjournment**

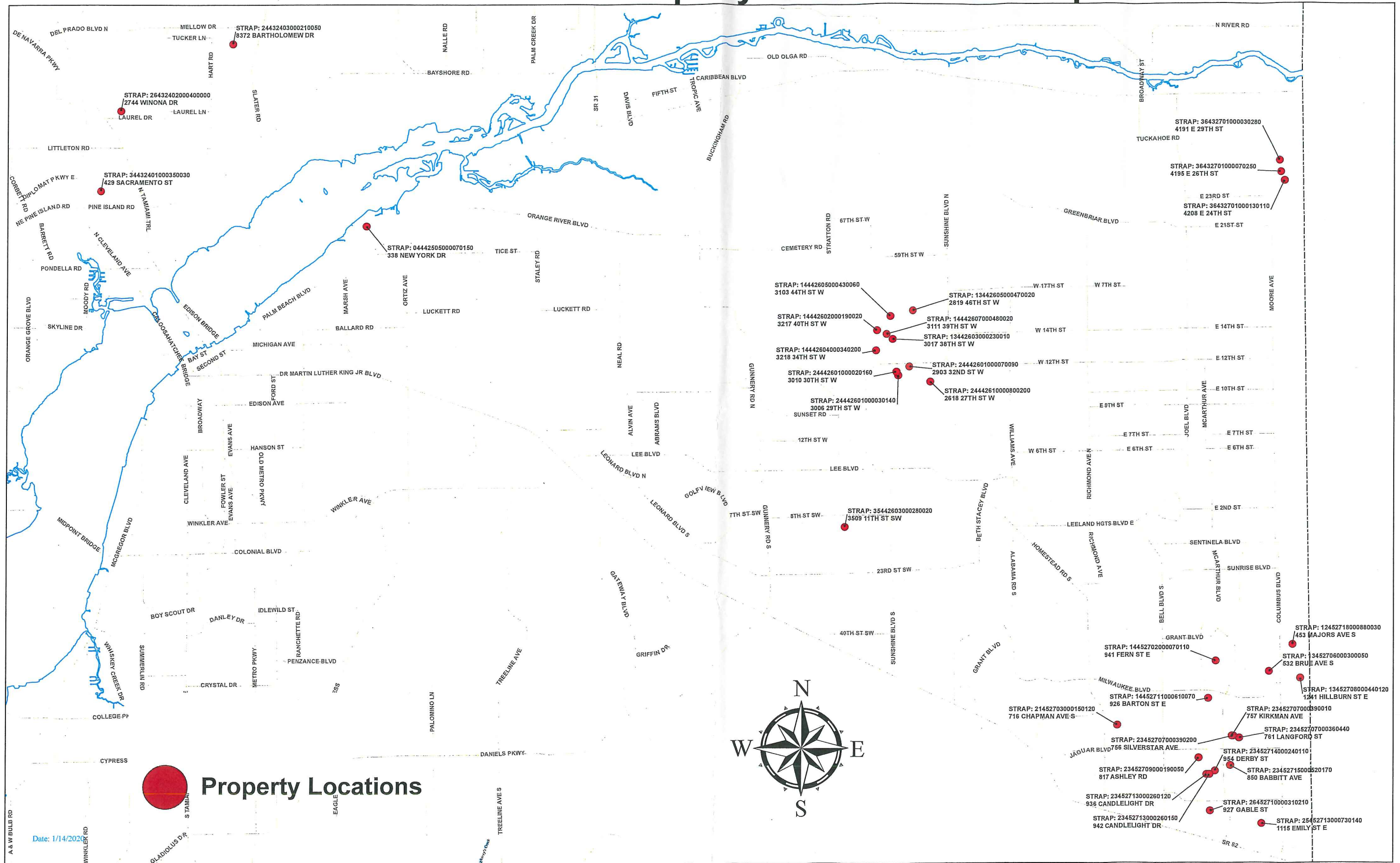
Ms. Briggs asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Williams made the motion. Mr. Zuba 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:28 pm.

**A recording of this meeting is available. Please contact Angela Dietrich at 239-533-8389 or [adietrich@leegov.com](mailto:adietrich@leegov.com) to obtain a copy of the recording.**

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

- Lee County has 34 lots that escheated to it for non-payment of taxes.
- Most of these lots are in Lehigh Acres.
- Staff is proposing to request the Lee County Board of County Commissioners declare these lots surplus and available for sale or available for donation to an approved not-for-profit in compliance with Florida Statute 125.38.
- Staff is recommending that proceeds from the sale of these surplus lots be entered into the Lee County Affordable Housing Trust Fund account for affordable housing purposes. This action is in compliance with Florida Statute 125.379 – 3 year provision to review inventory.
  
- There was a previous request to sell these parcels in 2006 – the Board decided to retain.
  - Later, there was a proposal to hold and trade to create a corridor along the County's easterly boundary
  - The market slow down created limited demand for vacant lots
  - In 2018 – 52 lots declared available for donation to approved not-for-profit agencies – 11 have been donated
  
- Being brought to this committee and asking if this proposal is acceptable.

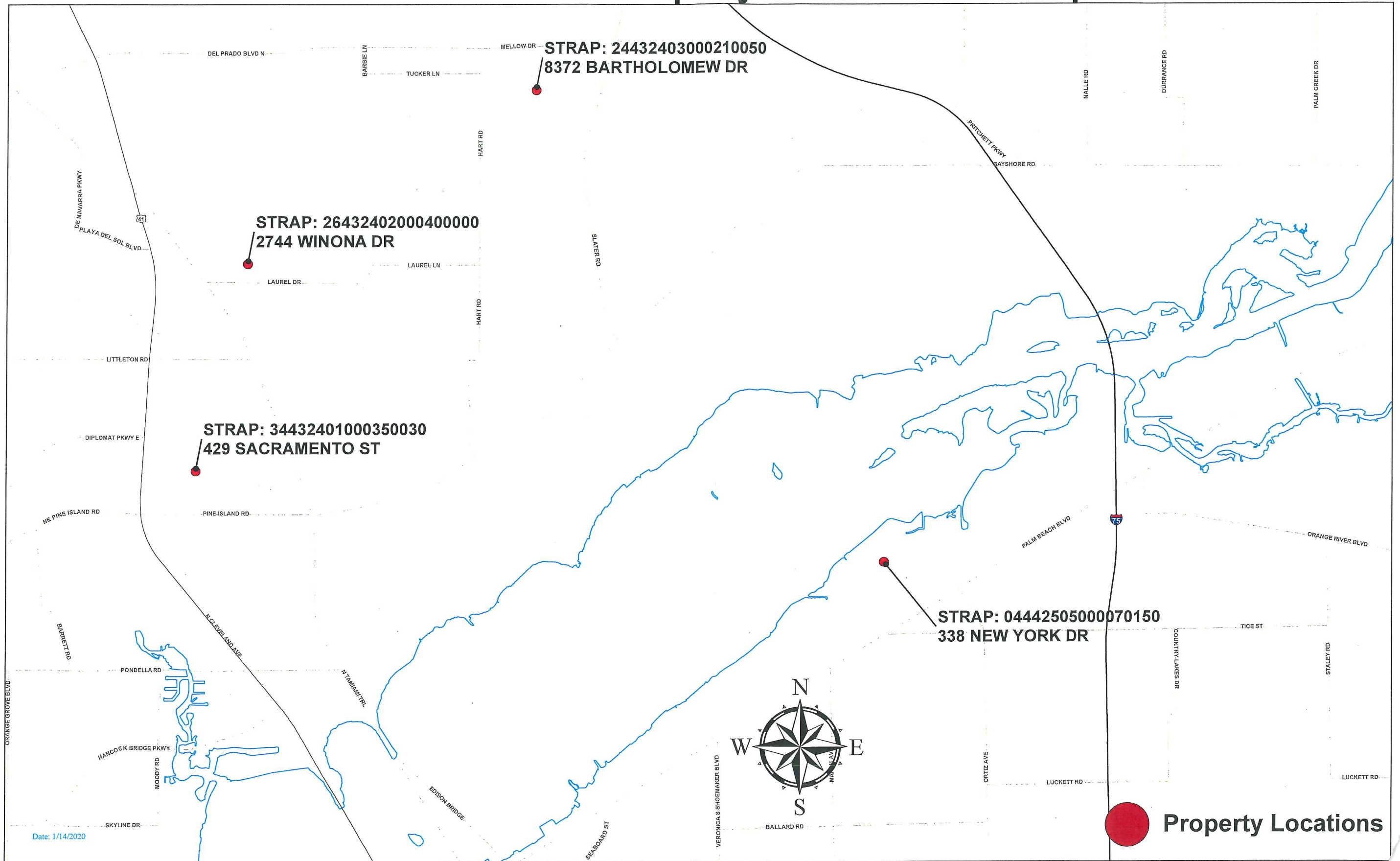
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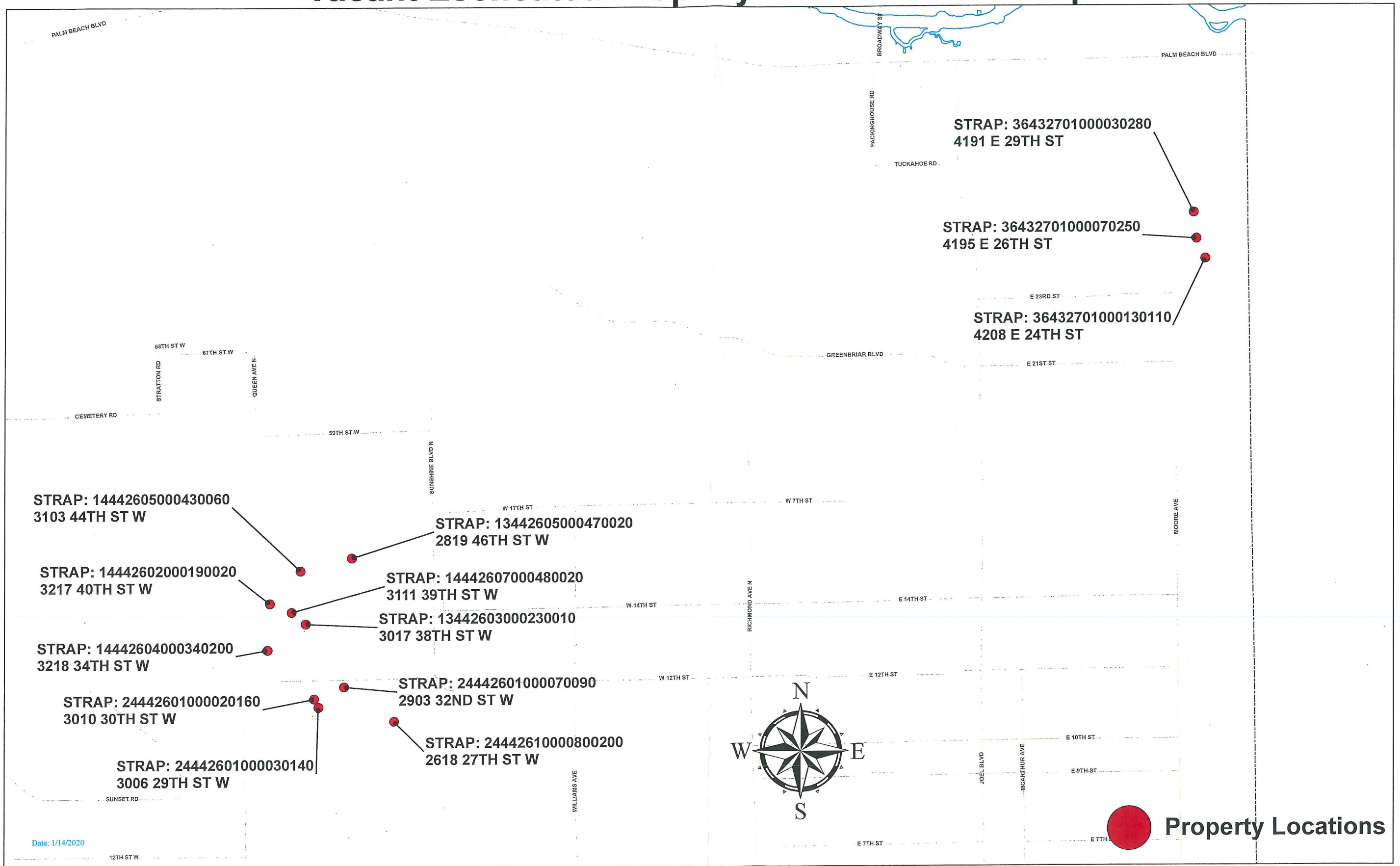
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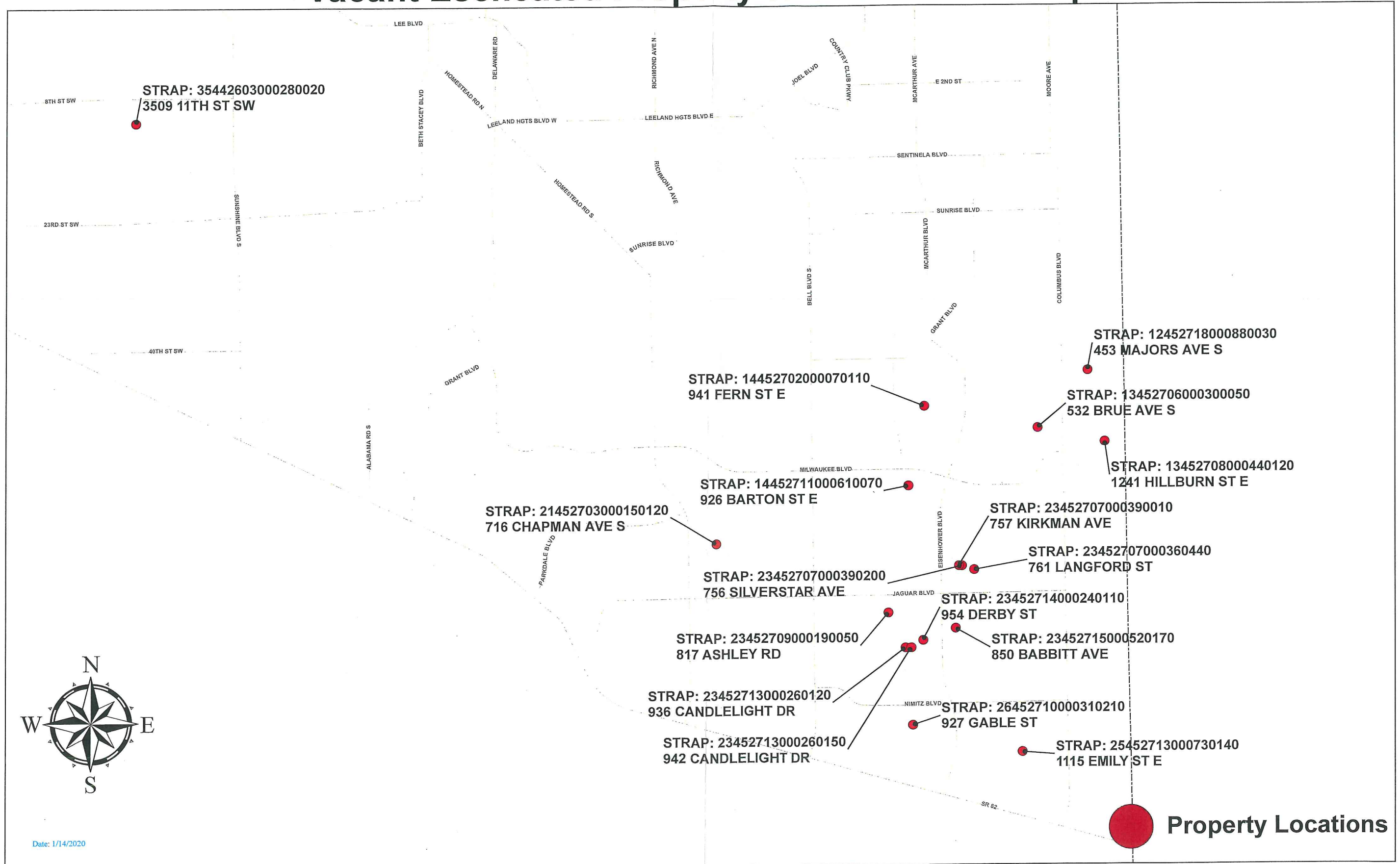




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