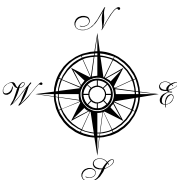


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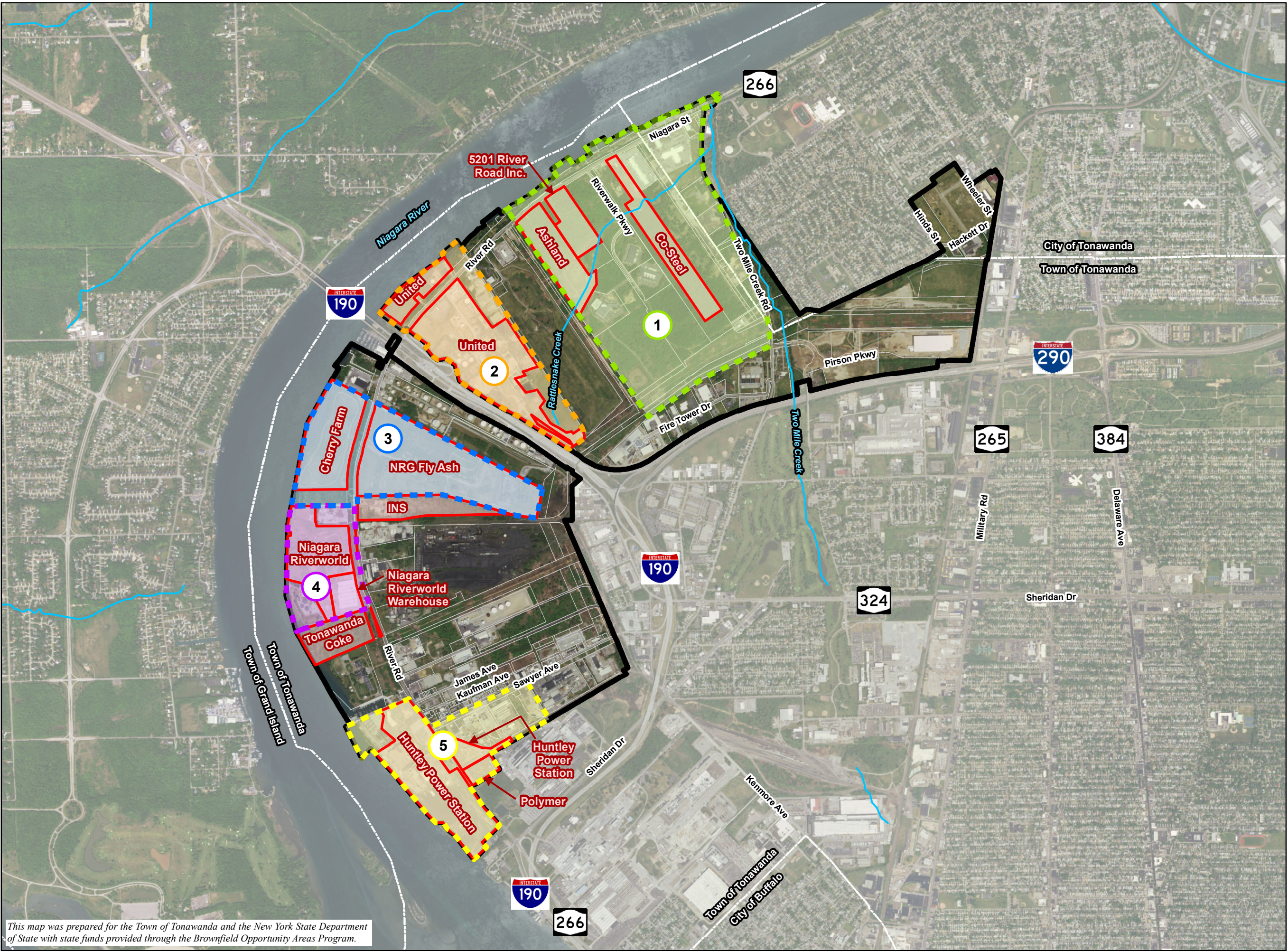
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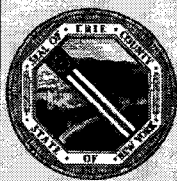
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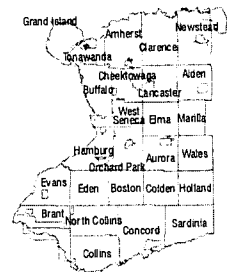
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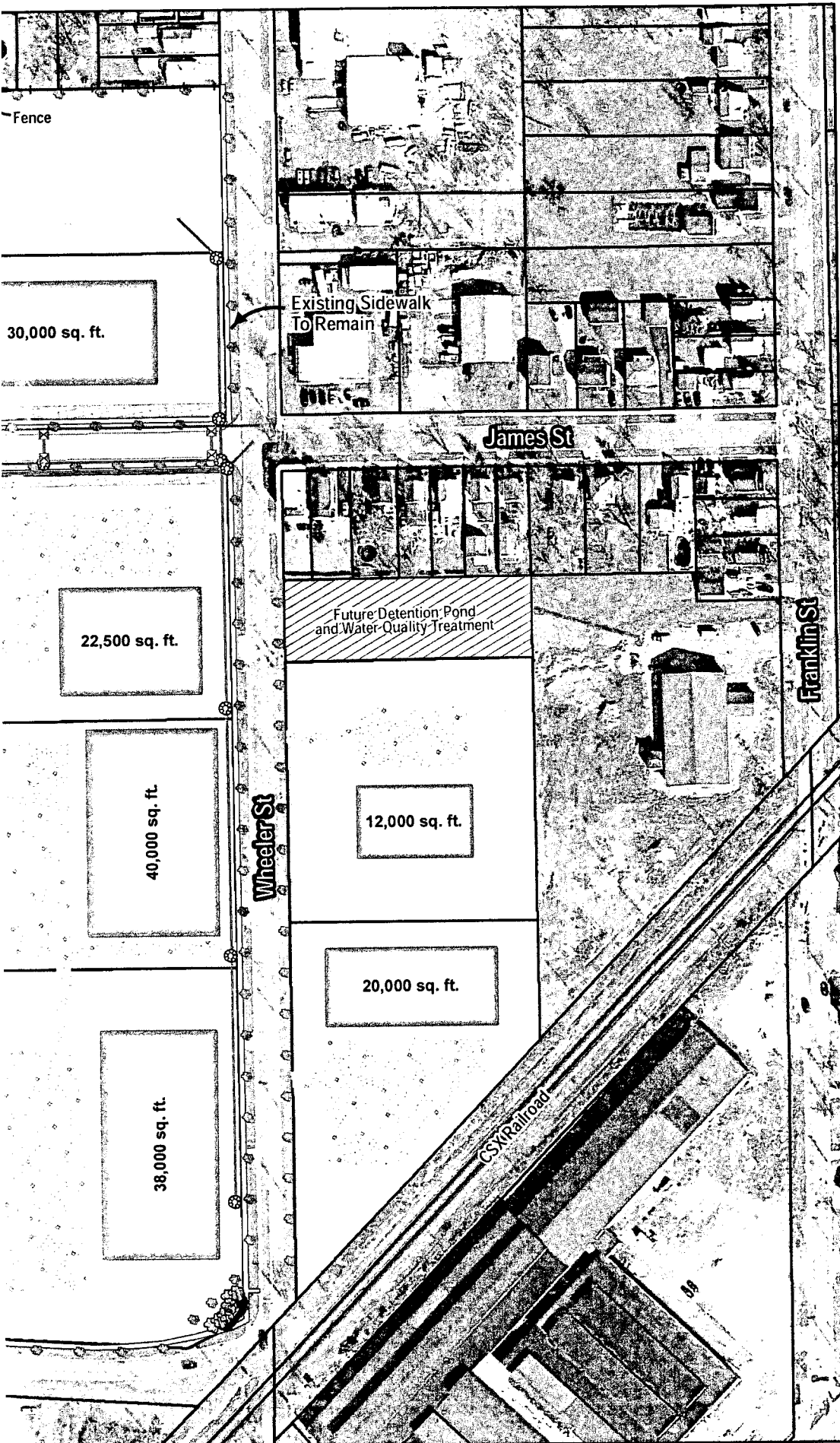
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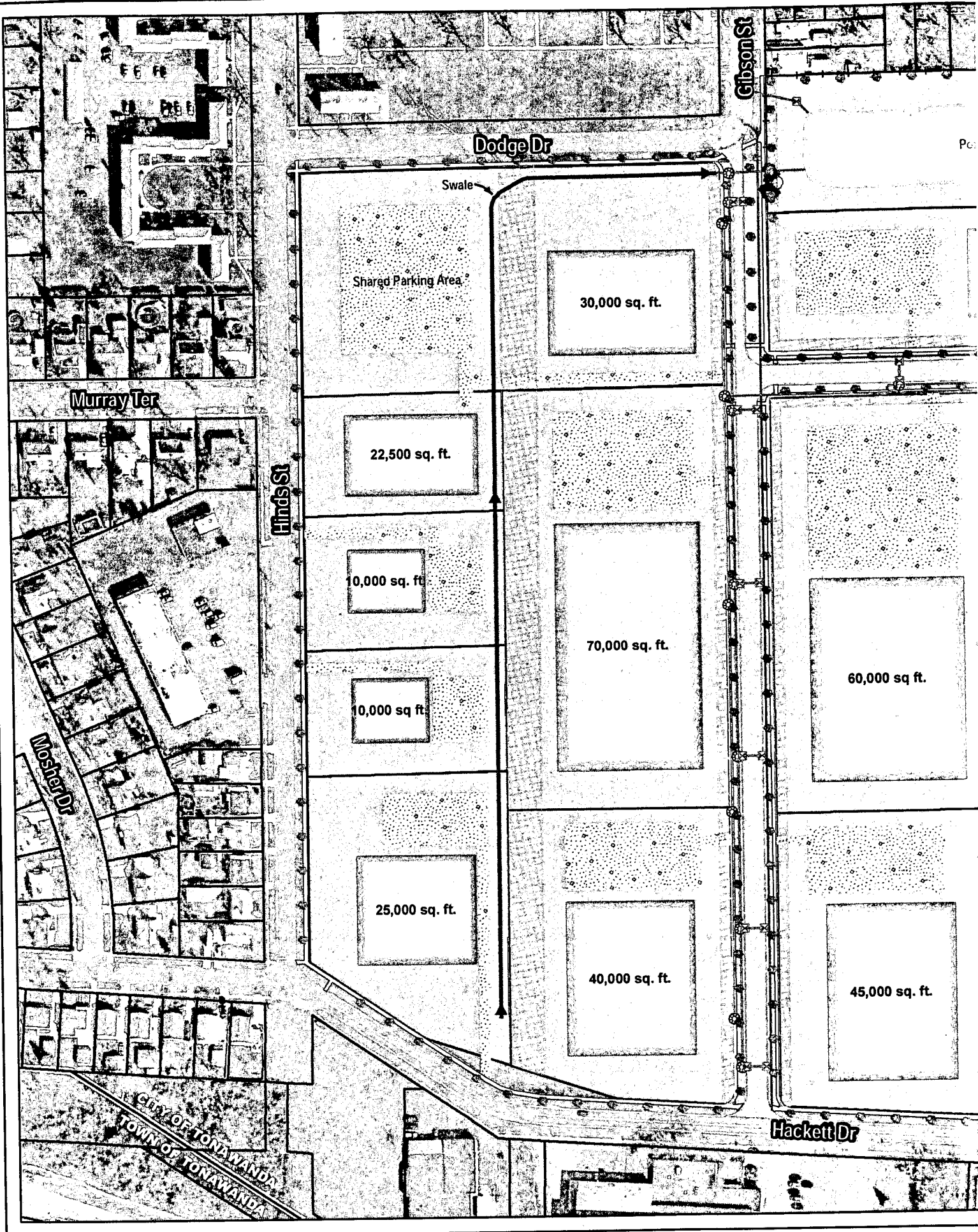
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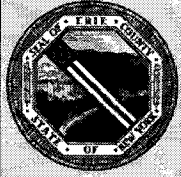
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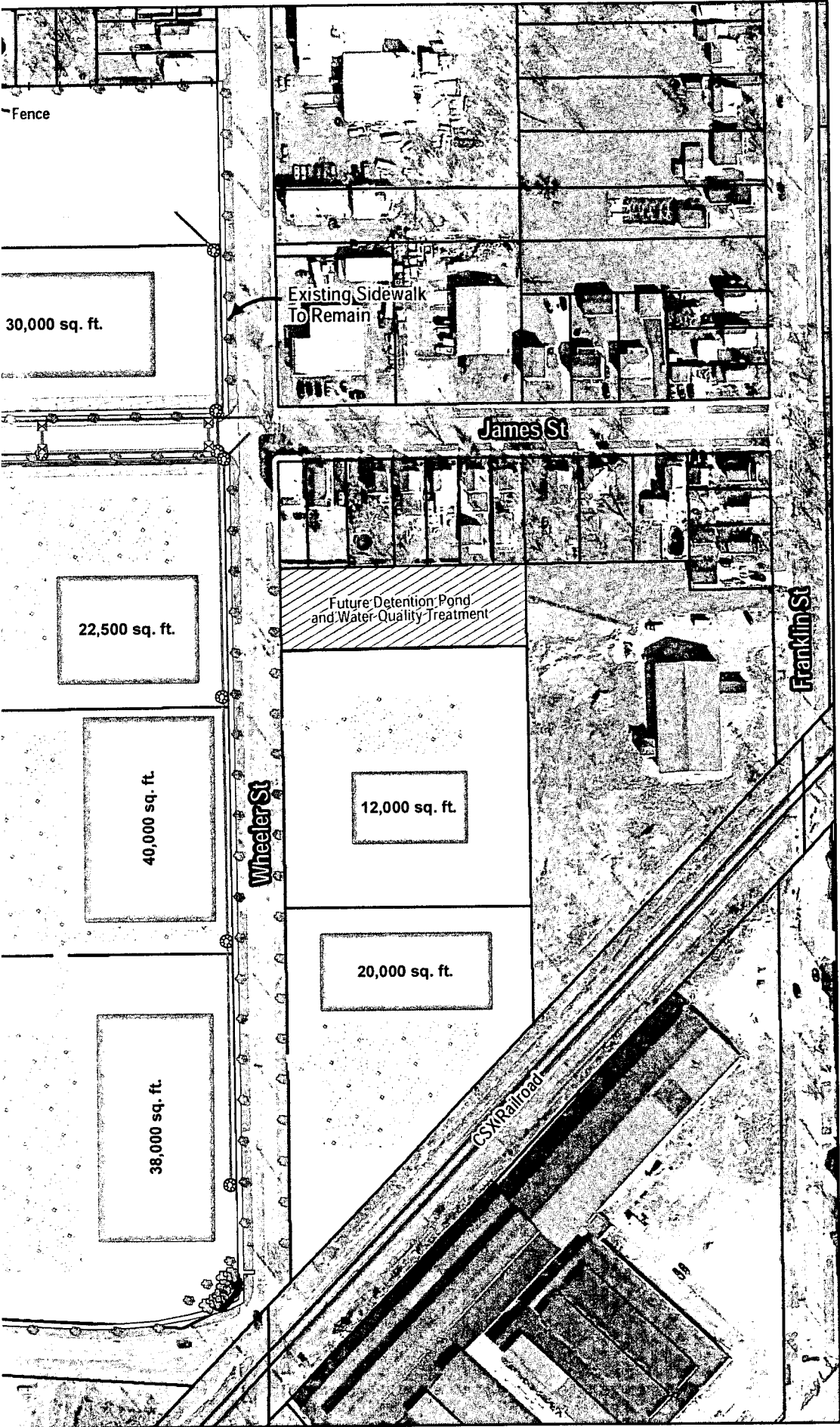
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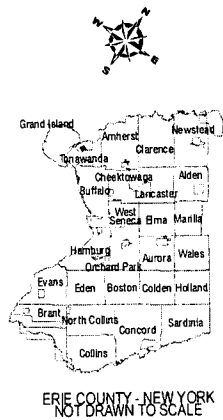




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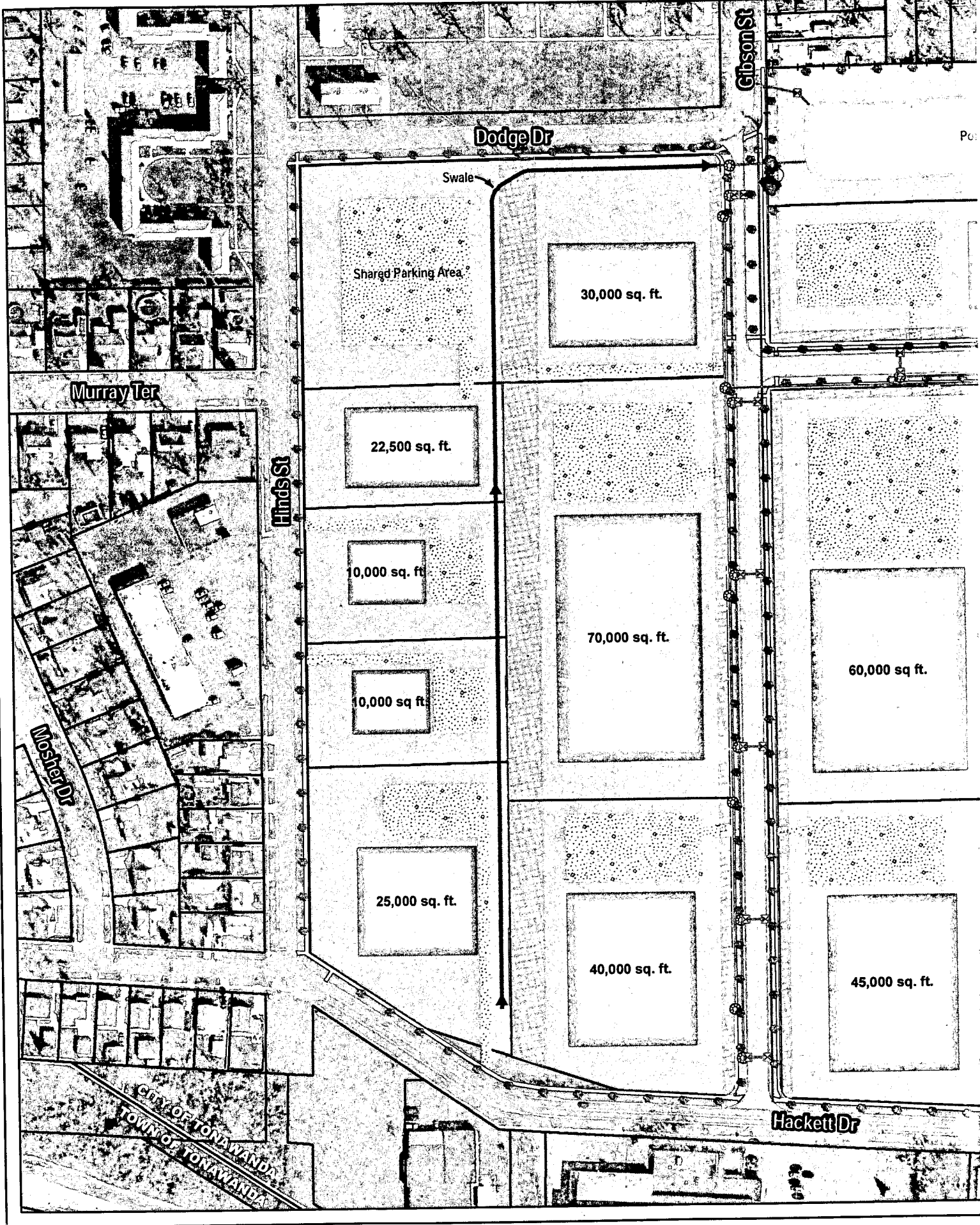
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The redeveloped industrial site is now a sustainably designed business park with a large labor pool within walking distance. The two miles of side walk / bike path offers the opportunity for alternative transportation choices such as bus, bicycle, or pedestrian.

## Regional Highlights

### Workforce

- Skilled, motivated and productive workforce; highly trained in engineering, physical sciences and construction trades.
- Affordable cost of living and competitive labor rates as compared to other northeast metro areas.

### Incentives

- Valuable economic development incentives available, including tax credits and tax abatements.
- Available low-cost, reliable hydro-power from the New York Power Authority and Niagara Falls.

### Transportation / Logistics

- Cross-border community boasting seven international ports of entry, two of the largest Foreign Trade Zones in the U.S., an extensive transportation infrastructure, and easy access to major U.S. and Canadian markets.
- Service by four Class I railroads (CSX, NS, CN, and CP) and one regional railroad (Buffalo & Pittsburgh), which interchanges with all four Class I railroads. CSX and NS have centrally located intermodal yards, offering access to the Port of New York/New Jersey and Chicago, IL.

## Details

ACRES AVAILABLE:	Approximately 42 Acres
COUNTY:	Erie
FORMER USE:	Industrial
ZONING:	Mixed Use (Office & Light Industrial)
PRICE:	\$40,000 per acre
LEASE:	N/A
SPECIAL INCENTIVES:	New York Power Authority Hydropower Zone Potential NYS Excelsior Program Benefits (Investment Zone)

## Access

CLOSEST HIGHWAY:	NYS Route 265
MILES TO HIGHWAY:	0.1 mile
CLOSEST INTERSTATE:	I-290
MILES TO INTERCHANGE:	1.0 mile
ACCESS ROADS:	Wheeler St.
RAIL SERVICE:	CSX
CLOSEST AIRPORT:	Buffalo Niagara International Airport

## Utilities

WATER & SEWER:	Municipal
ELECTRIC:	National Grid Available lines: 4.16 kV, 2.4 kV, 34.5 kV
NATURAL GAS:	National Fuel
TELECOM:	Verizon



Tonawanda Canal Fest





## Development Ready

- Generic Environment Impact Statement (GEIS) is completed
- Complete utility infrastructure in place including a plug in storm sewer that allows for maximum usage of sites
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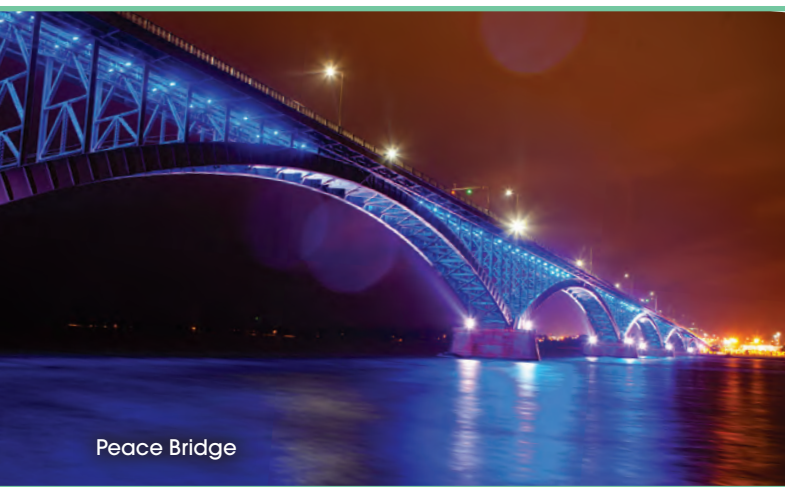




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