



Animal Welfare

Community Meetings

March 26 & March 28, 2024

Background Information

- A new facility was identified by staff and residents a few years ago as a TIME project.
- We considered this project for a bond election with Fire Station #2 in 2022, but collectively believed it was best to postpone this potential proposition.
- Brian Thomas, 505 Architects, was hired by the City to work with staff to develop facility requirements and provide comparison options for preliminary planning.

There's no place like home.

- This applies to residents, animals and “our community.”
- Imagine a place where there is no animal welfare:
 - Animals would be left to fend for themselves in the elements with no help against starvation or disease control.
 - There would be no animal population control and that would affect our public spaces.
- We want the best for our residents, animals and community – a healthy, beautiful, accommodating facility with a dog park.

Animal Welfare Services

◎ Services include:

- Code enforcement;
- Education;
- Reunification;
- Removal of killed or injured wildlife; and
- Investigation of animal-related neglect, cruelty, nuisance and bite cases.

◎ All adoptions include:

- Spay/neuter;
- Microchip;
- Age-appropriate vaccinations; and
- Internal and external parasite treatment and prevention.

Animal Welfare Services



Highlight Statistics from 2023

Intakes | Dogs: 1,029 (26 kennels) | Cats: 523 (19 catteries) | Other: 28 | Total: 1,580

More than 750 animals were turned away in 2023 due to lack of space or location of caller.

Adoptions | Dogs: 528 | Cats: 396 | Other: 9 | Total: 933

Reunited with Owner | Dogs: 342 | Cats: 18 | Other: 3 | Total: 363

Transfer, in-state rescues | Dogs: 71 | Cats: 38 | Other: 7 | Total: 116

Transfer, out-of-state rescues | Dogs: 6

Transfer, Humane Society | Dogs: 34 | Cats: 38 | Total: 72

Calls for Service, 2023

Vet pick-up or drop-off: 785

Dog-at-large: 738

Extra patrol problem areas: 905

Welfare/Cruelty checks: 281

Livestock calls: 25

Wildlife calls (alive): 120

Police assist: 13

Bite cases: 34

Nuisance (barking complaints): 60

Injured animals (wildlife or domestic): 11

Pick-up deceased animals: 243

Serve citations: 37

Other: 480



Total: 3,732

Animal Welfare Staff

- Professionally trained and certified officers.
- Safeguard public health and safety while eliminating neglect and abuse of animals.
- Community-centered through education opportunities, consultation and continued guidance for pet owners.
- Enforce city ordinances related to animals.

Reminder: Stillwater Animal Welfare is under the guidance and direction of the Stillwater Police Department.

Current Facility

- Significantly inadequate in size.
- Lacks appropriate kennel and quarantine spaces, and medical care area.
- Drainage system is too small and consistently clogs and is difficult to maintain a disinfected, sanitary environment.
- HVAC system design does not intake clean, fresh air.
- It is poorly insulated, difficult to heat and cool, and is not energy efficient.



Needs

Existing & New Facility Comparison

Site Features	Existing Facility	New Facility
Monument Sign (Digital Marquee)	N	Y
Public Parking Spaces	6	16-20
Staff Parking Spaces	4	12-14
Dog Park, Event Area	N	Y
Paddock and Loafing Shed	N	Y
Outdoor Exercise, Training Area	N	Y

Building Features	Existing Facility	New Facility
Canine (Dog) Kennel Capacity	26	44-59
Cattery (Cat) Capacity	19	30-32
Common Cattery	N	Y
Entry Vestibule and Lobby	N	Y
Intake/Assessment Area	N	Y
Public Surrender Lobby	N	Y
Get Acquainted Rooms	N	Y/2
Enclosed Vehicular Loading, Sally Port	N	Y
Dishwashing, Food Storage, Laundry, Storage	Y	Y
Utility/Janitor	N	Y
Supervisor, Officer Workspaces & Workrooms	N/Y	Y
Euthanasia Suite	N	Y
Outdoor General Storage	Y	Y
Conference, Employee Breakroom	N	Y
Community Room	N	Y

Total project costs for start of construction in spring 2025: bond administration, site survey, geotechnical, special inspections, A/E professional services and expenses, construction (on-site and building improvements), testing reimbursable expenses, furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E), data, communication, A/V, and security systems. **The \$6.75 million includes tree removal and land development that was needed for the location near Boomer Lake.*



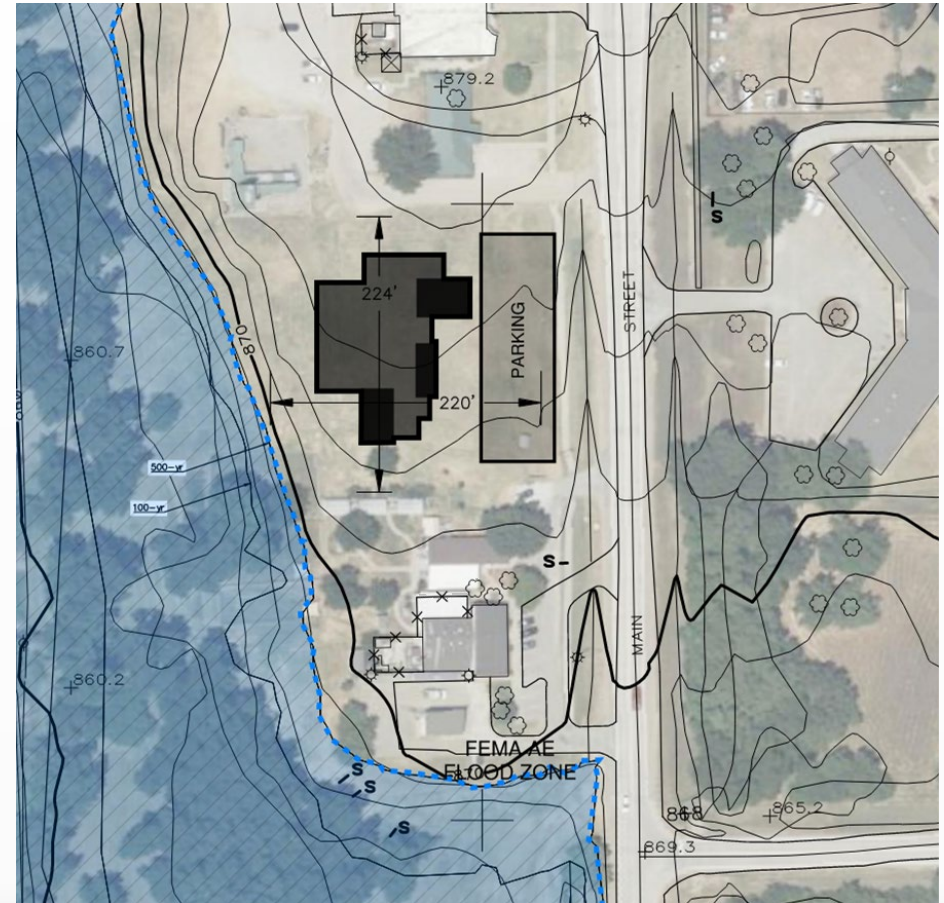
- The amount considered has been \$6.75 million.
- 505 Architects has advised the previous amount should be increased to \$7.1 million with anticipated inflation.
- The finance component will be reassessed with financial advisors.
- Bond amount determines specs, location, dog park, and potential future expansion.



Location

Current Location: S. Main Street

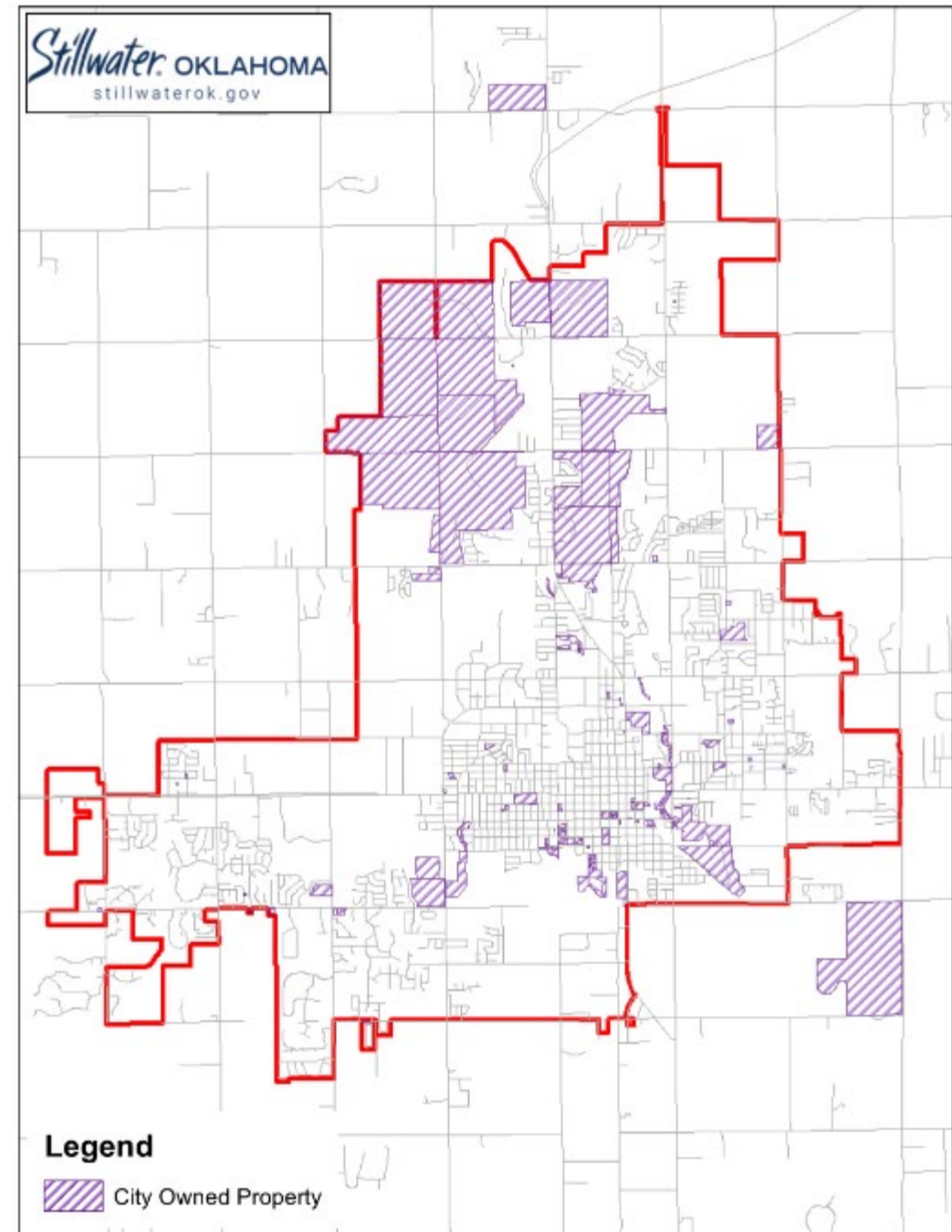
- Location is known within the community and has easy access to the public.
- Location is adjacent to Fire Station #1, not desirable due to noise stress on animals.
- West portion of the site is within a flood zone.
- Usable land is small, limits building size and future expansion of SAW and SFD.



Map 1

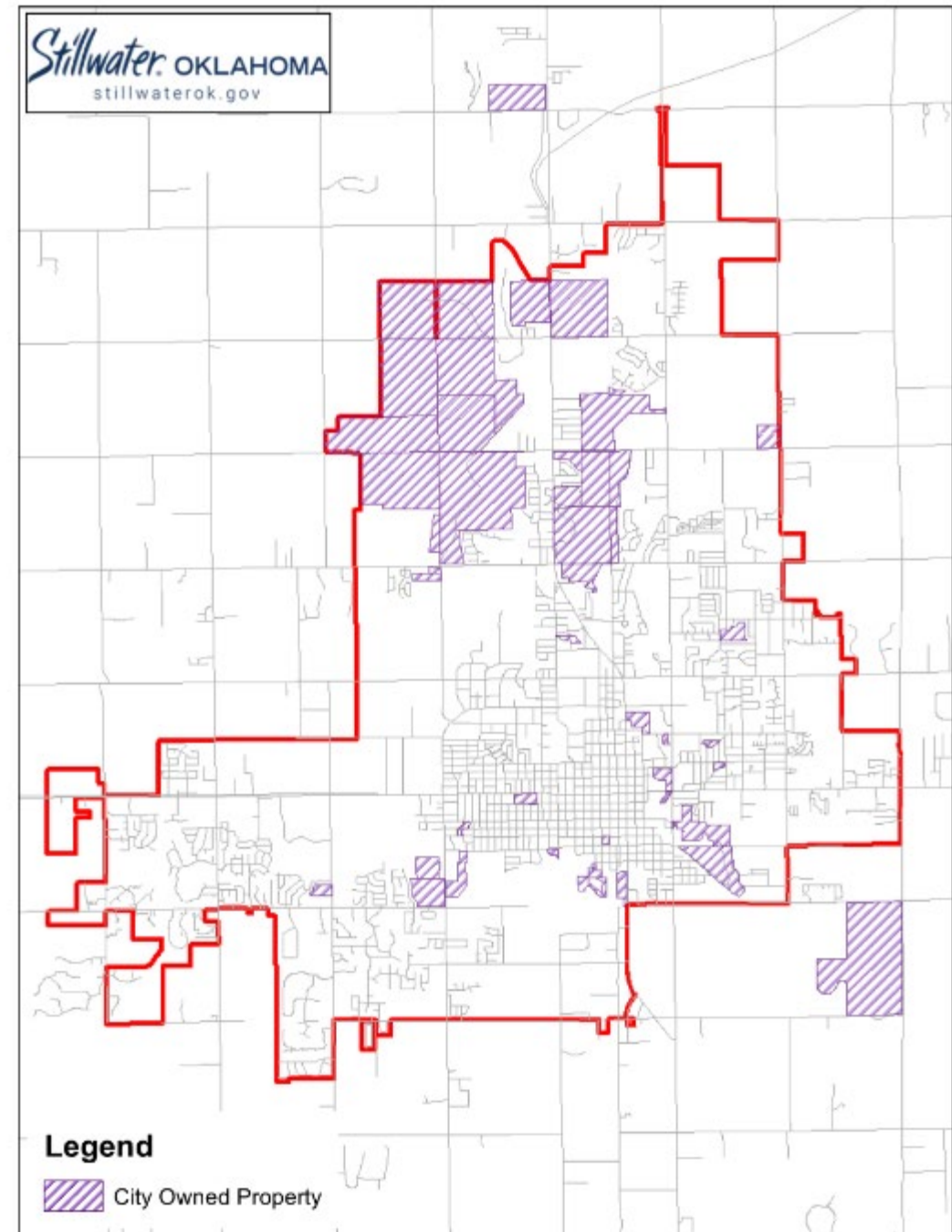
- All City-Owned Properties
- 132 properties
- Lake McMurry land not shown

(Actual City Ownership per Payne Co. is 144 properties.)



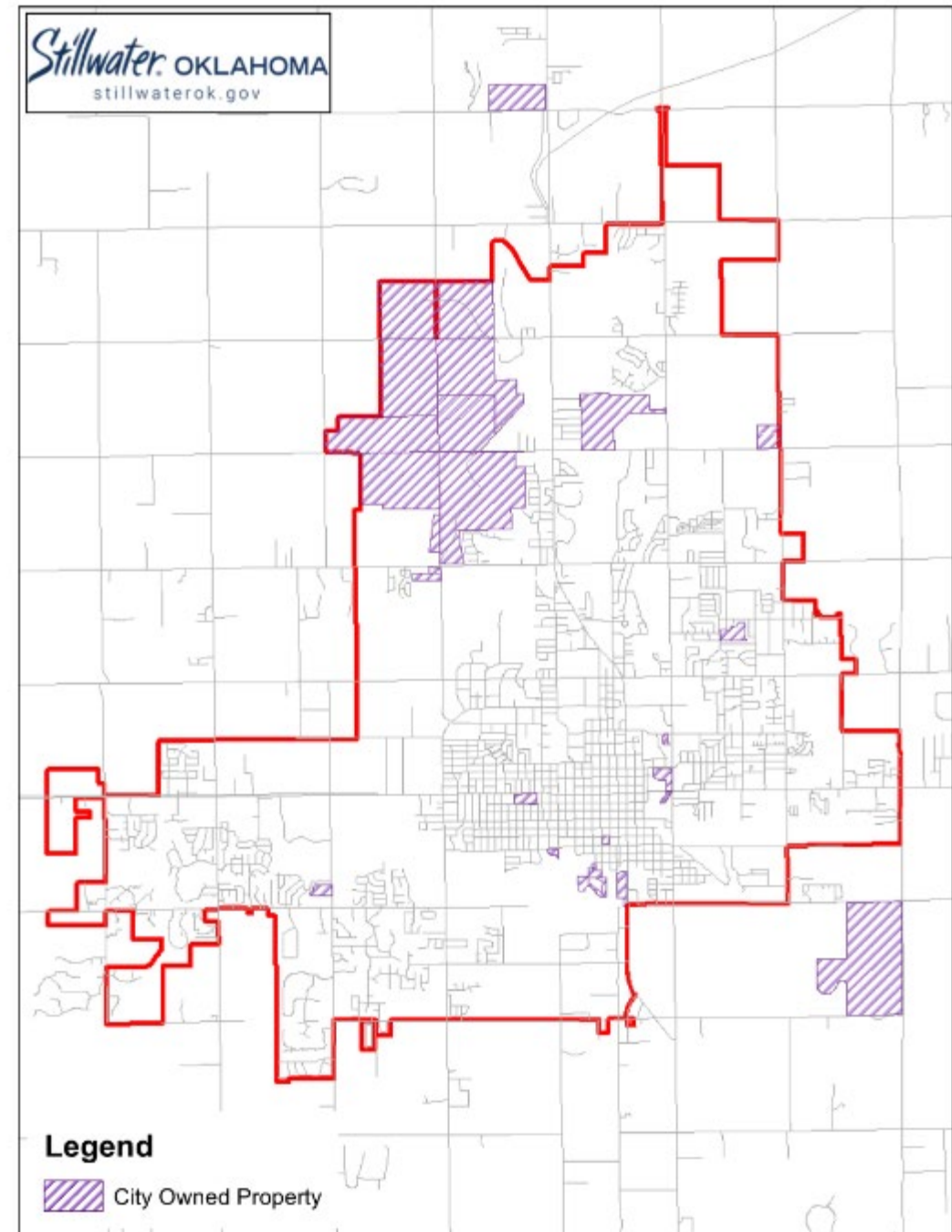
Map 2

- Properties >2.5 acres
- 47 properties remain
- Lake McMurry not shown



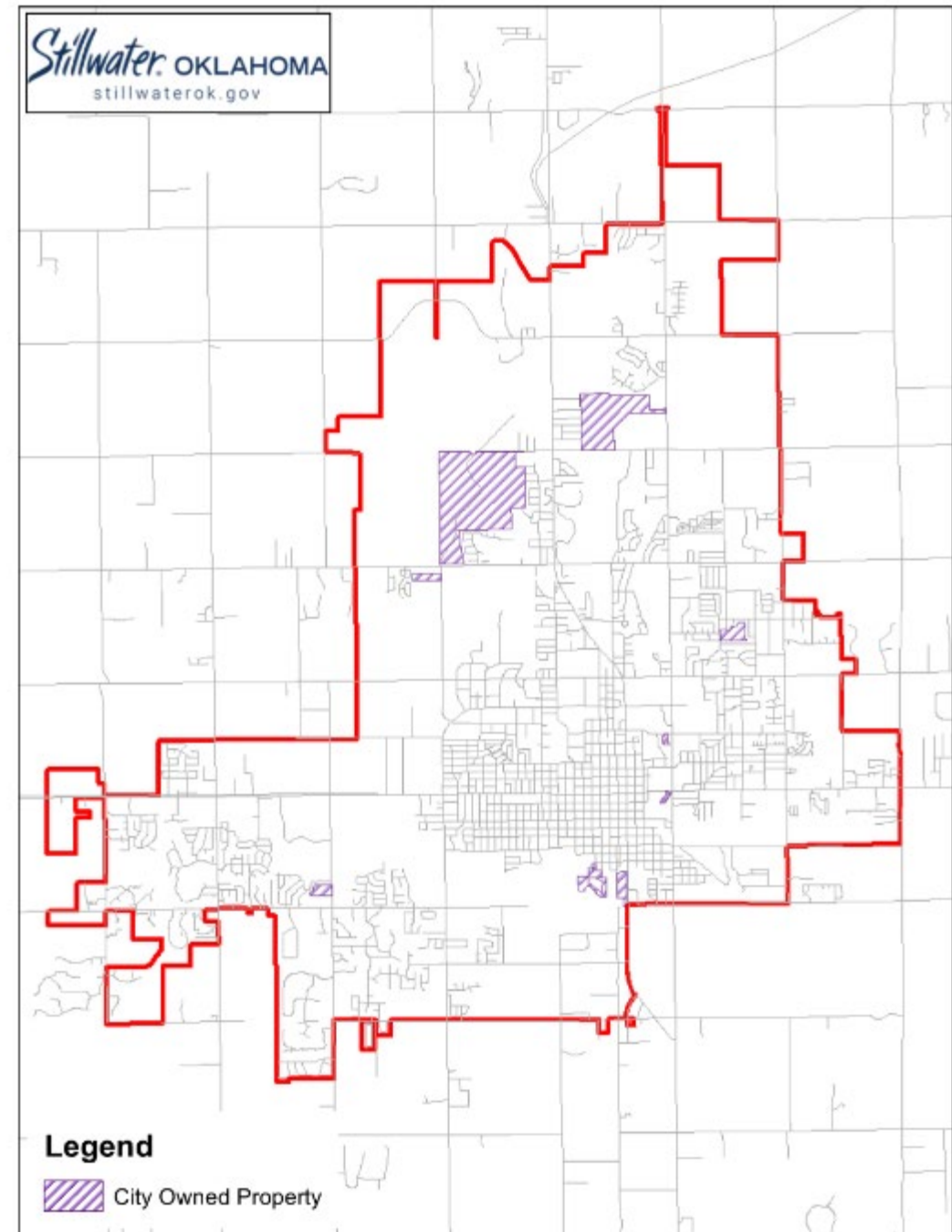
Map 3

- Excluding City Parks w/ restrictions
- 26 properties remain



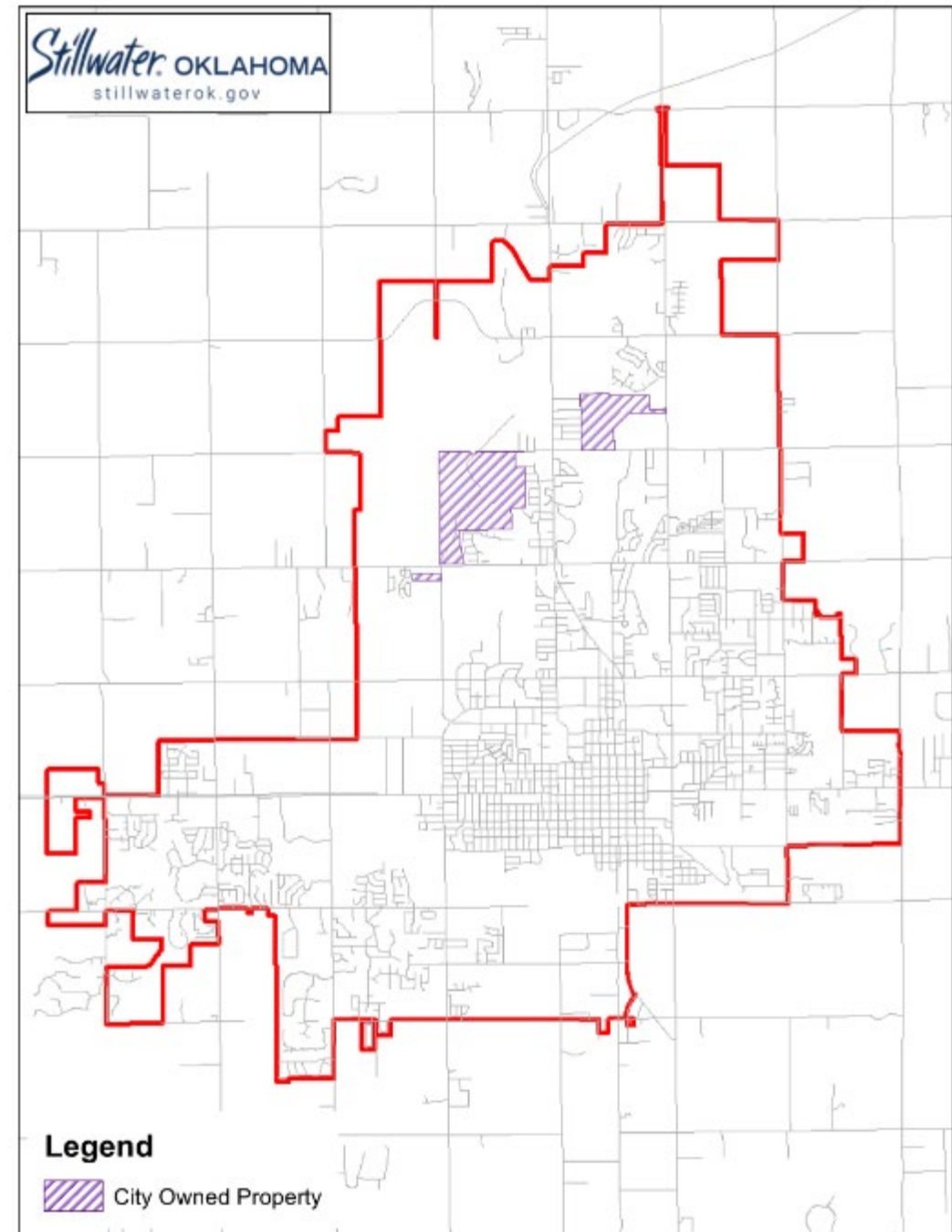
Map 4

- Excluding Utilized City Facilities
- 10 properties remain

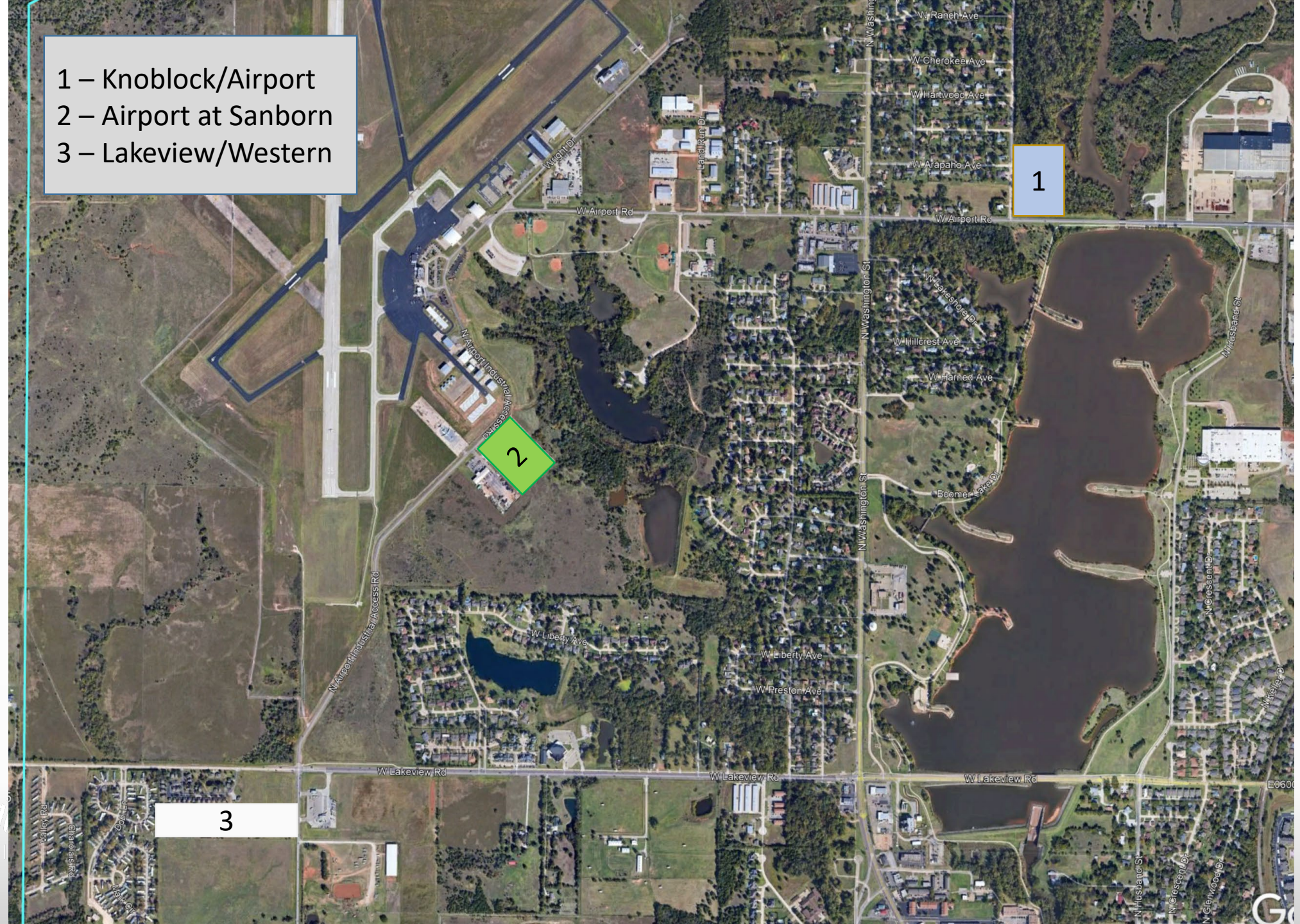


Map 5

- Excluding Floodplain/Detention
- 3 properties remain

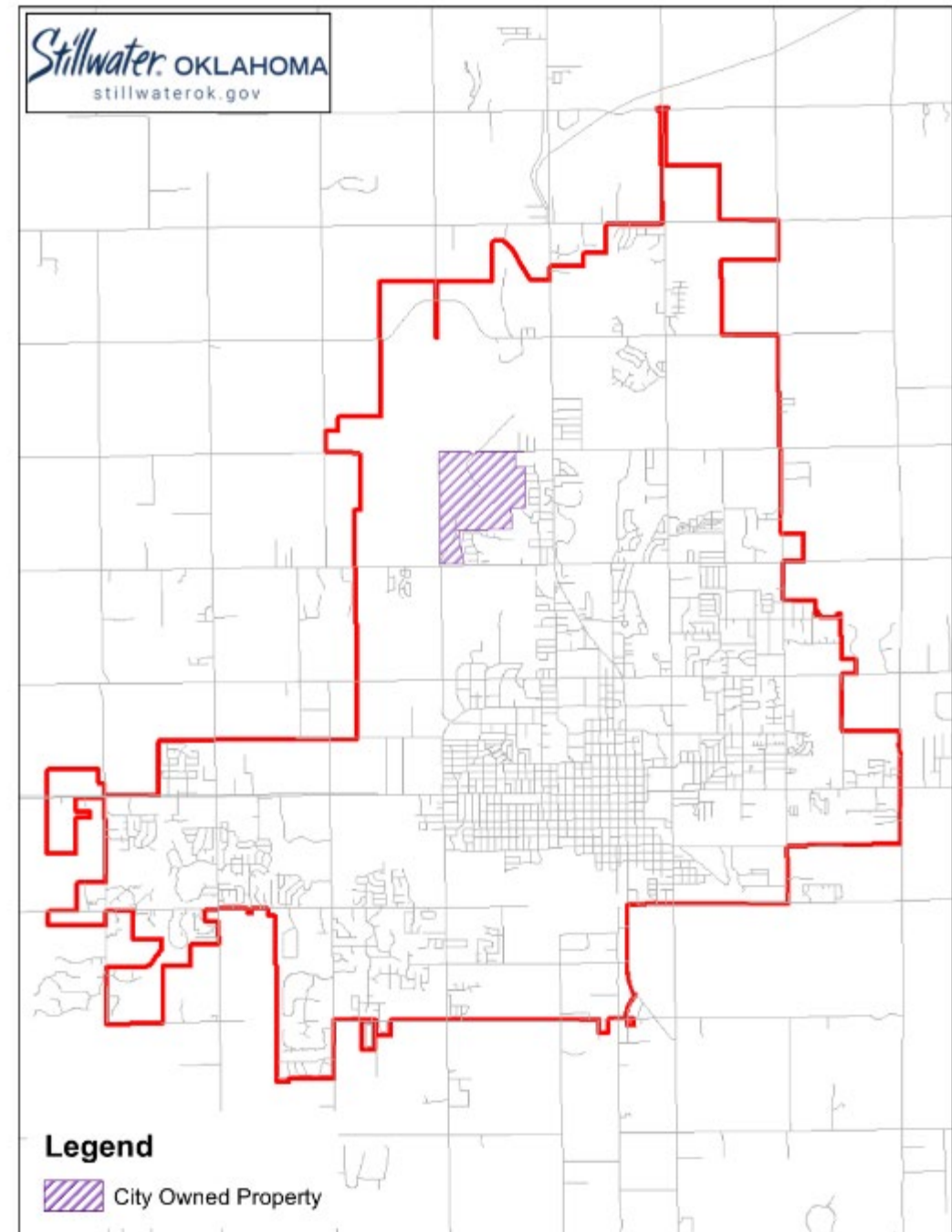


- 1 – Knoblock/Airport
- 2 – Airport at Sanborn
- 3 – Lakeview/Western



Map 6

- Excluding Borders Residential
- 1 property remains

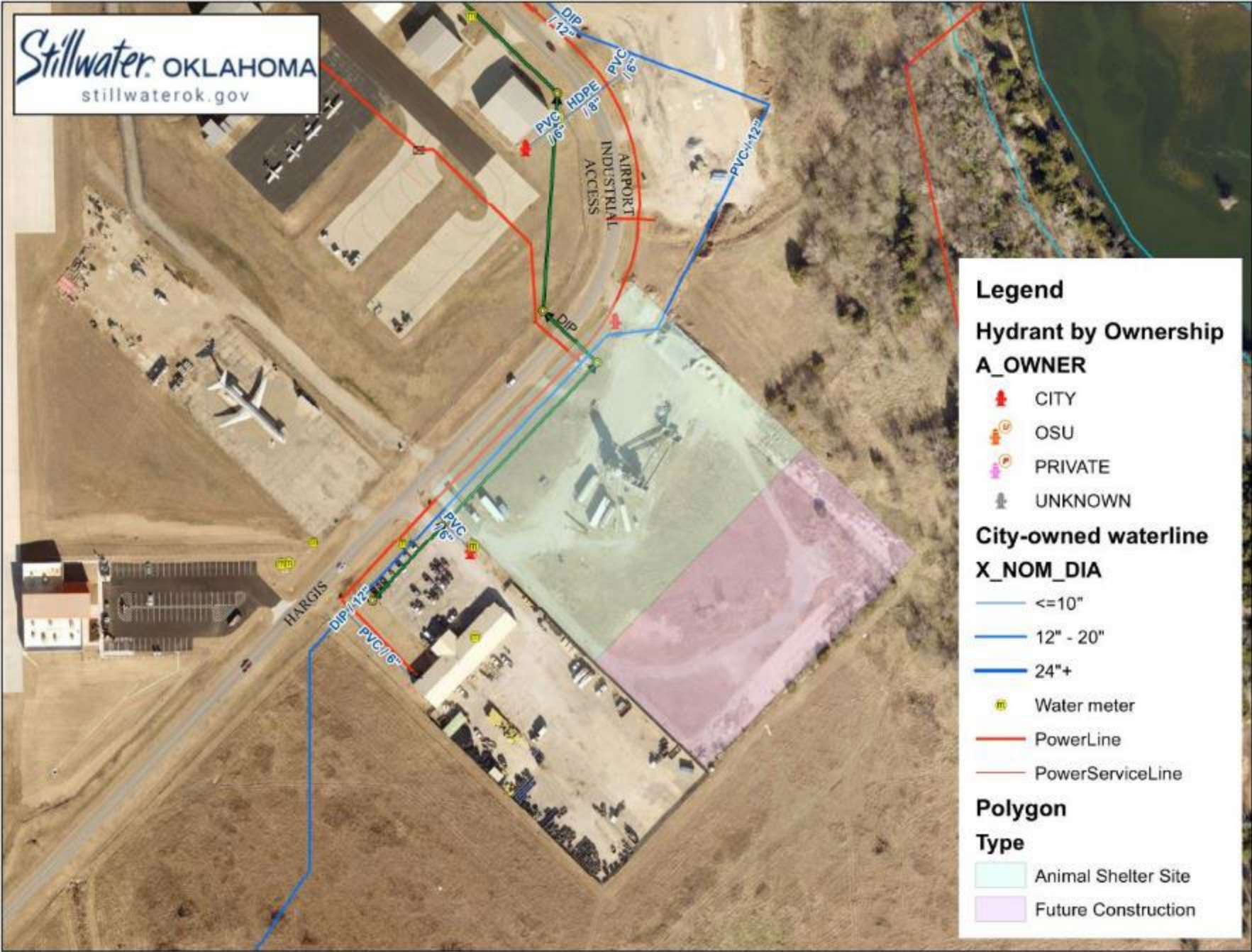




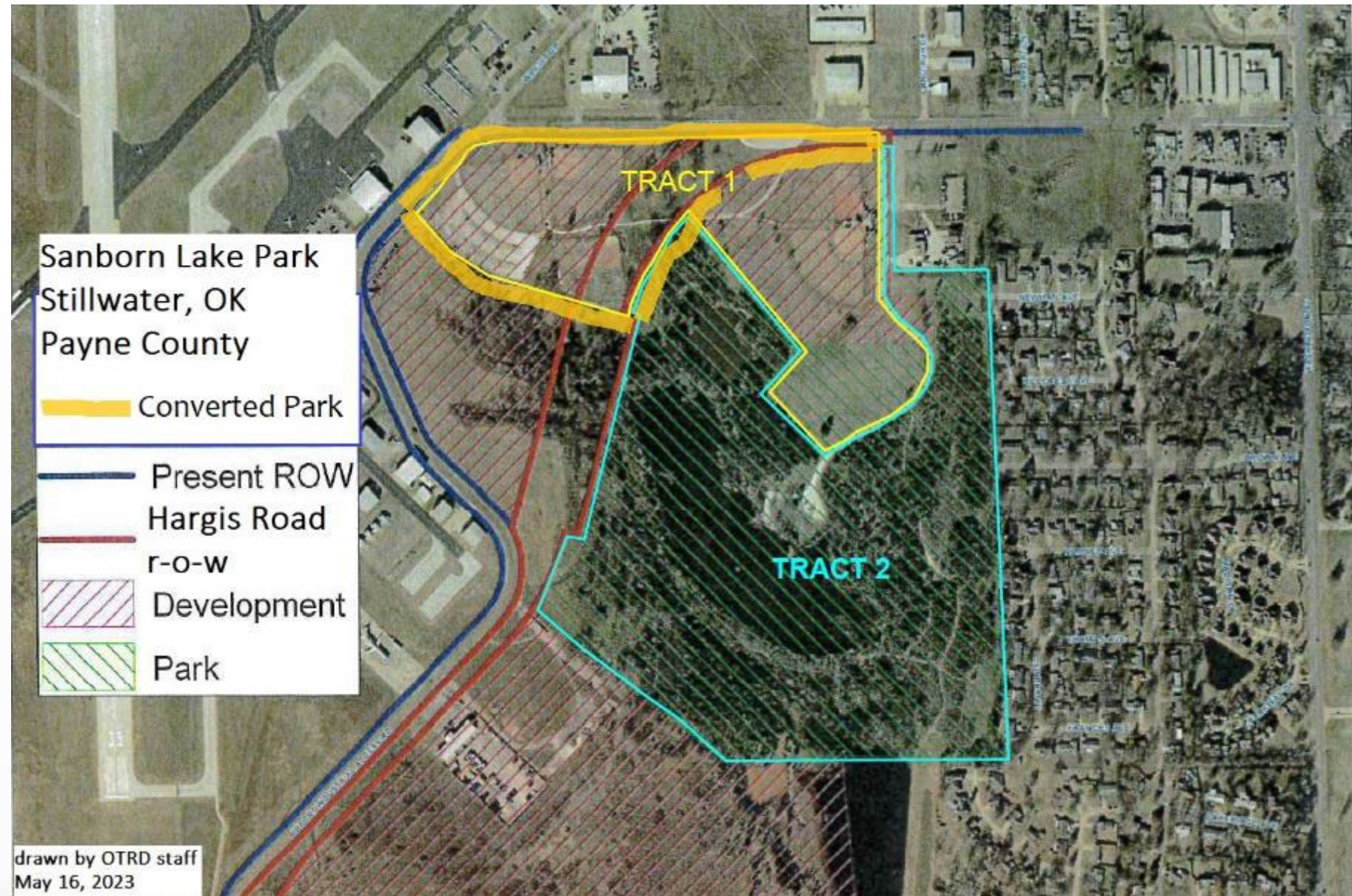
Amenities at the new site – new Fire Station #2, Hargis Road reroute, Sanborn Lake, walking trails, new airport terminal, and new Ray and Linda Booker OSU Flight Center.

Rachel Wasserman contacted other animal welfares that are near airports. She has not received concerns, but has received positive feedback of increased security with nearby municipal buildings and additional exposure.

Utilities,
Build Area and
Future Growth
Area



Property is
outside of LWCF
Park Boundary



Reference on Locations

- Existing site: S. Main Street
- New site: Hargis Road near the airport (beside Waste Management)





Finance

Bond Election Scenarios

How would a bond election affect tax payers?



*Approximately
\$0.25/day*

City of Stillwater, Oklahoma
Summary of Potential Bond Election Scenarios
Animal Welfare Project
Projections as of October 2023

GO Bond Par Amount	Term Length	Estimated Maximum Levy	Estimated Increase to Levy*	Estimated ANNUAL Impact to Property Taxes				Estimated MONTHLY Impact to Property Taxes			
				Real Property Taxable Value				Real Property Taxable Value			
				\$100,000	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$400,000	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$400,000
\$6,750,000	5 Years	5.68	3.93	\$44.80	\$89.60	\$134.41	\$179.21	\$3.73	\$7.47	\$11.20	\$14.93
	7 Years	4.82	3.07	\$35.00	\$70.00	\$104.99	\$139.99	\$2.92	\$5.83	\$8.75	\$11.67
	10 Years	4.19	2.44	\$27.82	\$55.63	\$83.45	\$111.26	\$2.32	\$4.64	\$6.95	\$9.27

*The projected sinking fund levy for FY 2024-2025 is currently 1.75 mills for the Fire Station bonds. All projections are based on 3.00% annual growth in the City's Net Assessed Valuation.

General Obligation (GO) Bond

- Last City municipal bond was passed in April 2022, Fire Station #2 (\$9 million, 20 years).

Currently, this is the only property tax collected by the City through a bond proposition.

- Existing, FS#2: Median value of an owner-occupied housing unit at nearly \$200k, property tax increased by **approx. \$32.90 per year.**
- Adding, \$6.75M for 10 yrs.: Median value of an owner-occupied housing unit at nearly \$200k, property tax would increase by **approx. an additional \$55.63/year.**
- **\$32.90 + \$55.63 = \$88.53/ year**



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