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State Trust Land Acquisition Update for the City Council**



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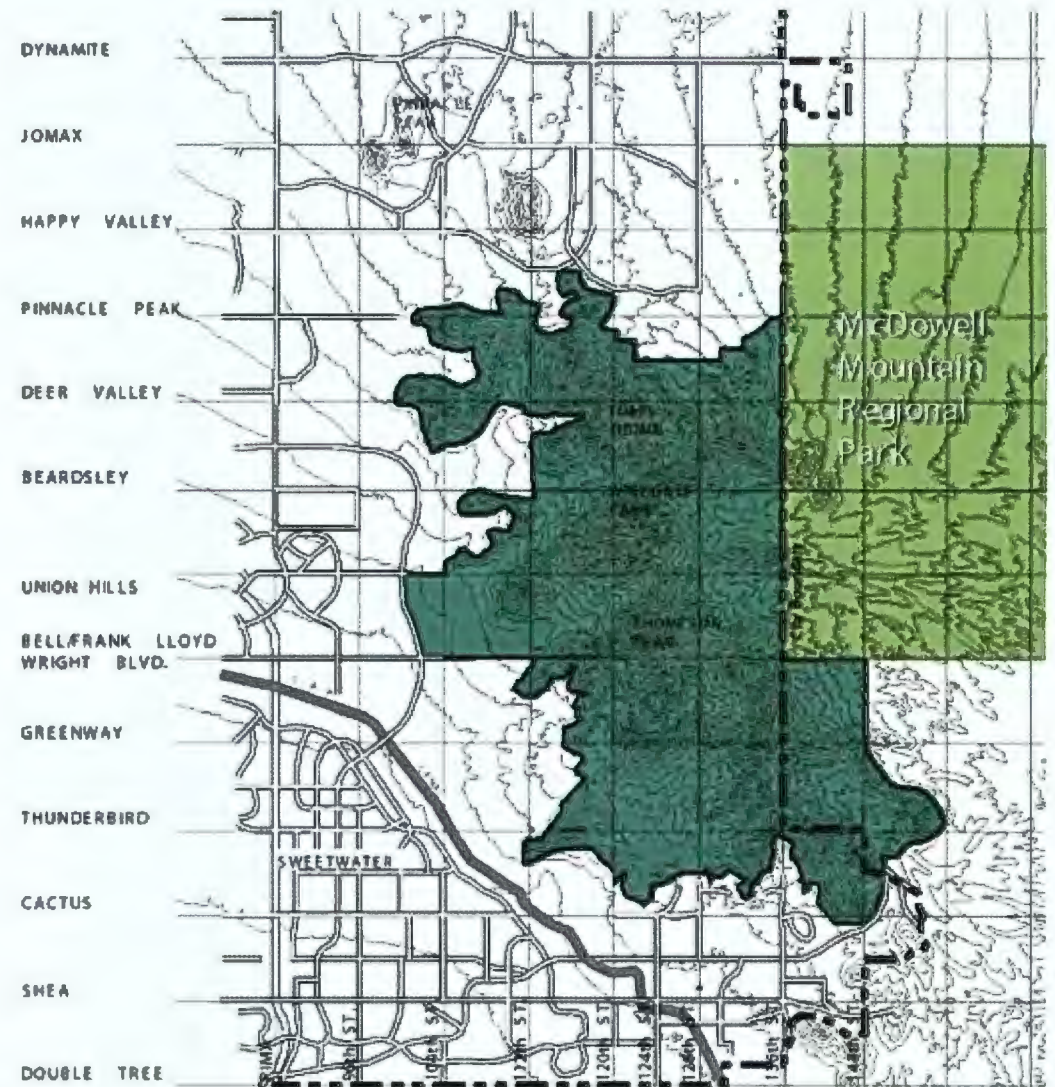
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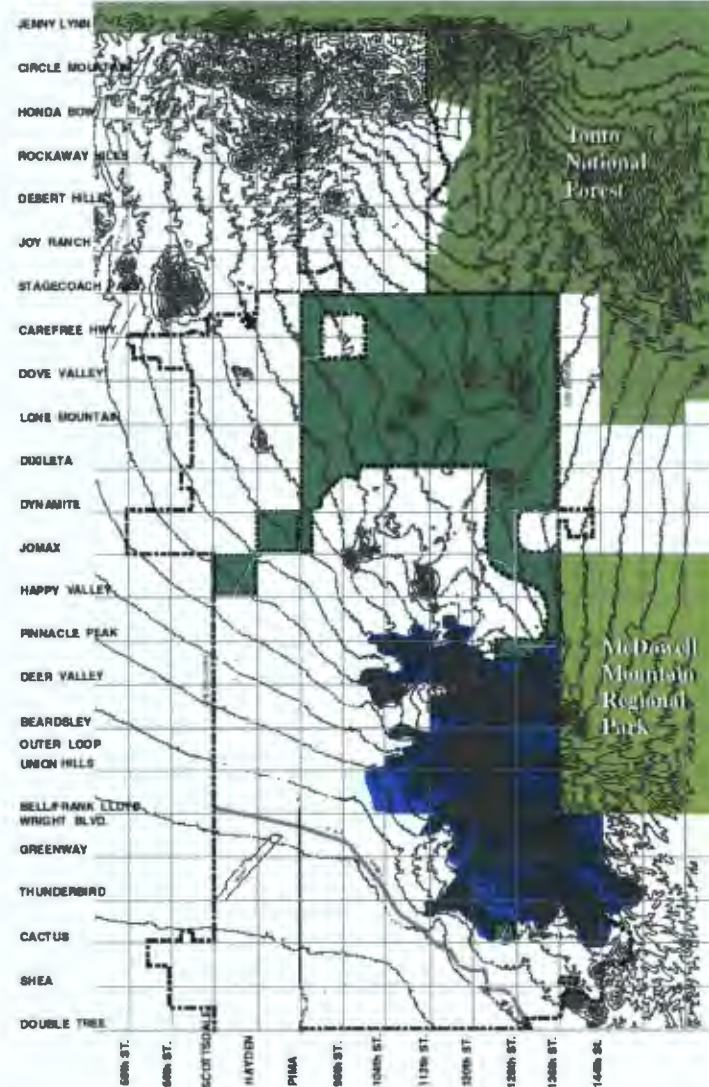
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RECOMMENDED STUDY BOUNDARY (RSB) FOR THE MCDOWELL SONORAN PRESERVE: 36,400 ACRES

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**19,940 Acre Expanded Recommended Study Boundary
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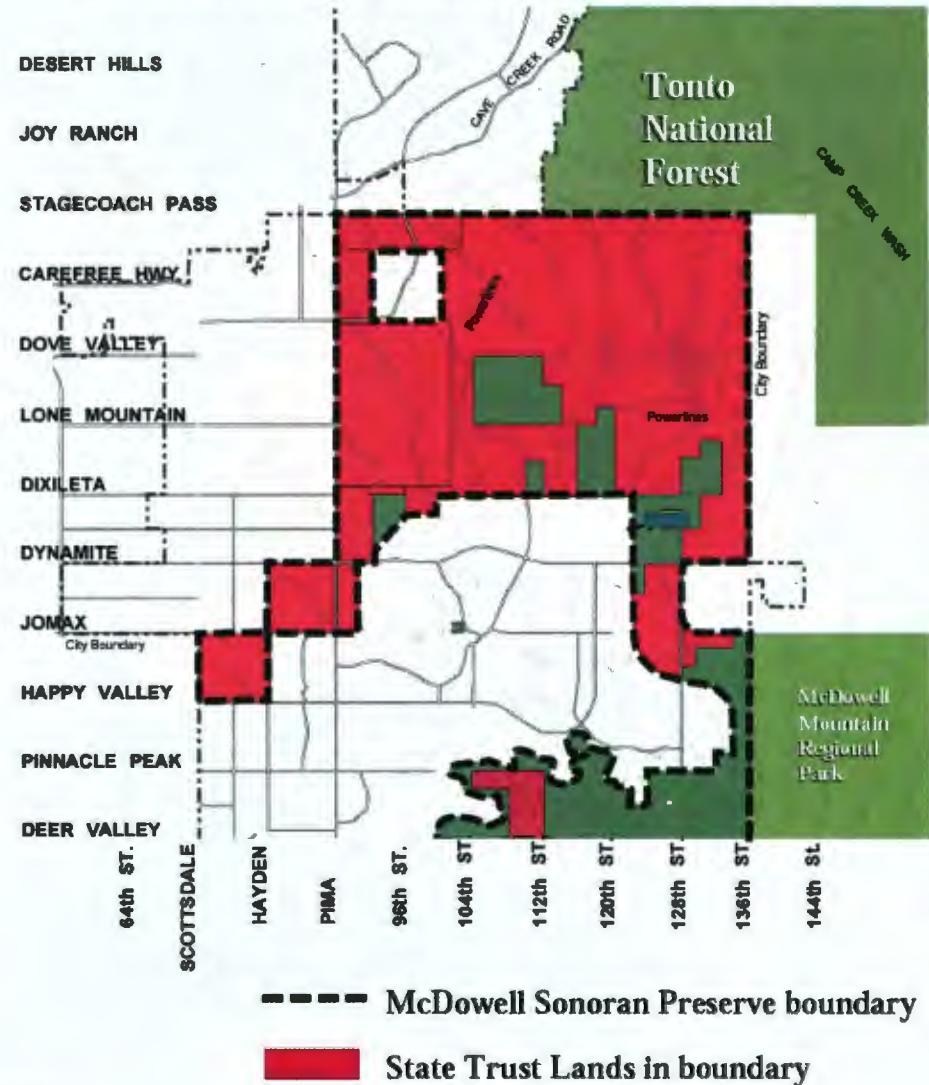


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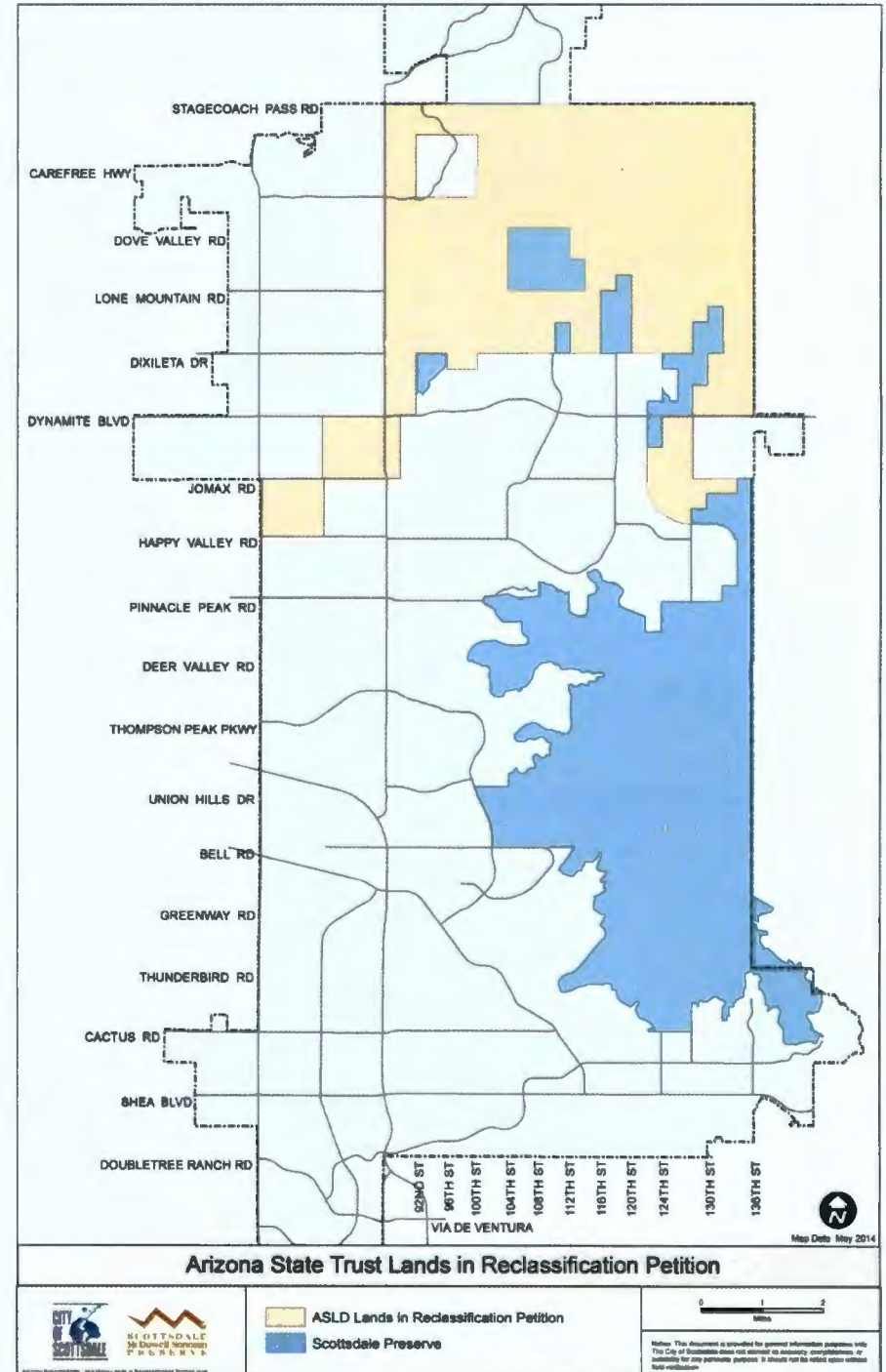
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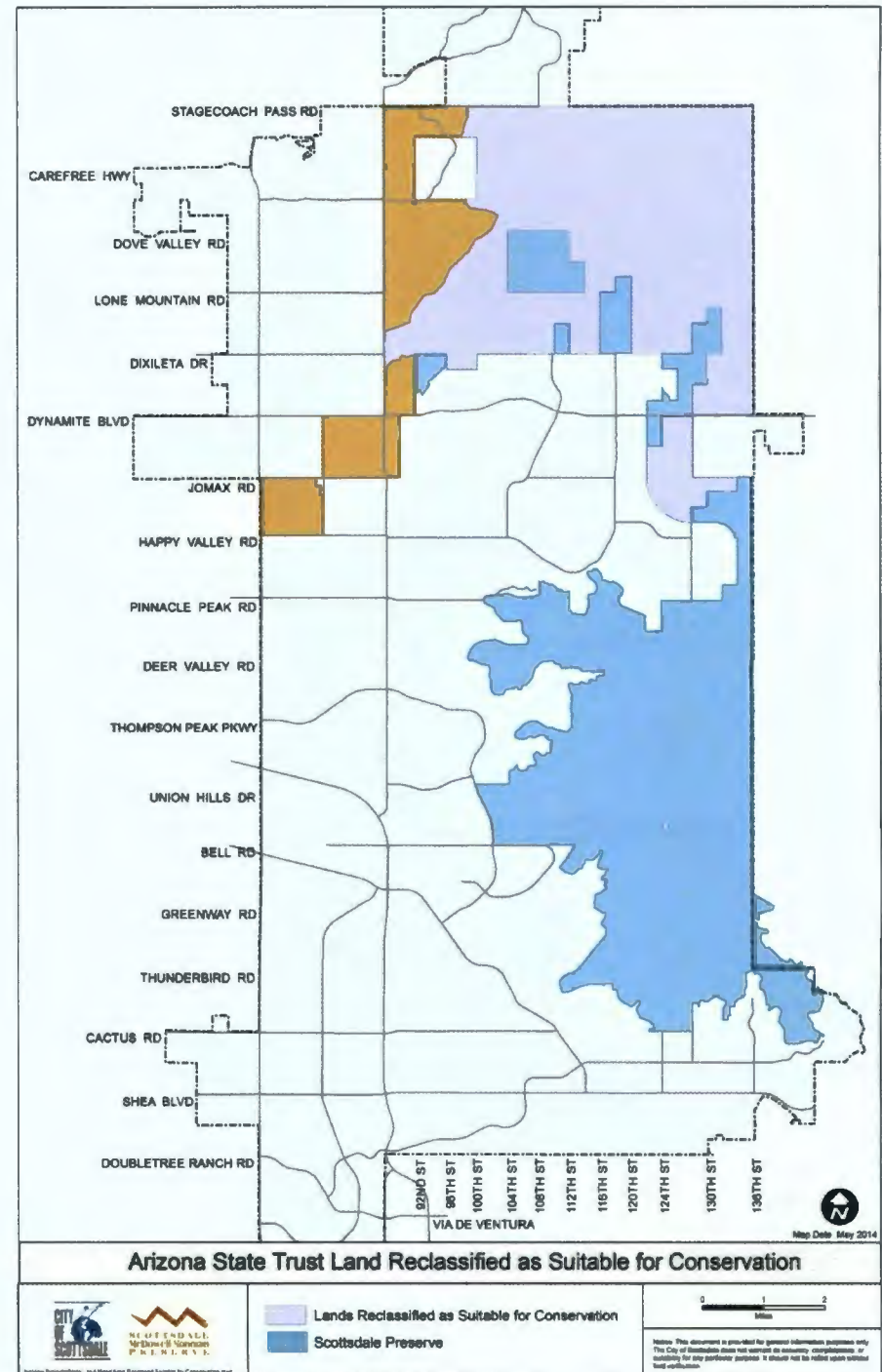


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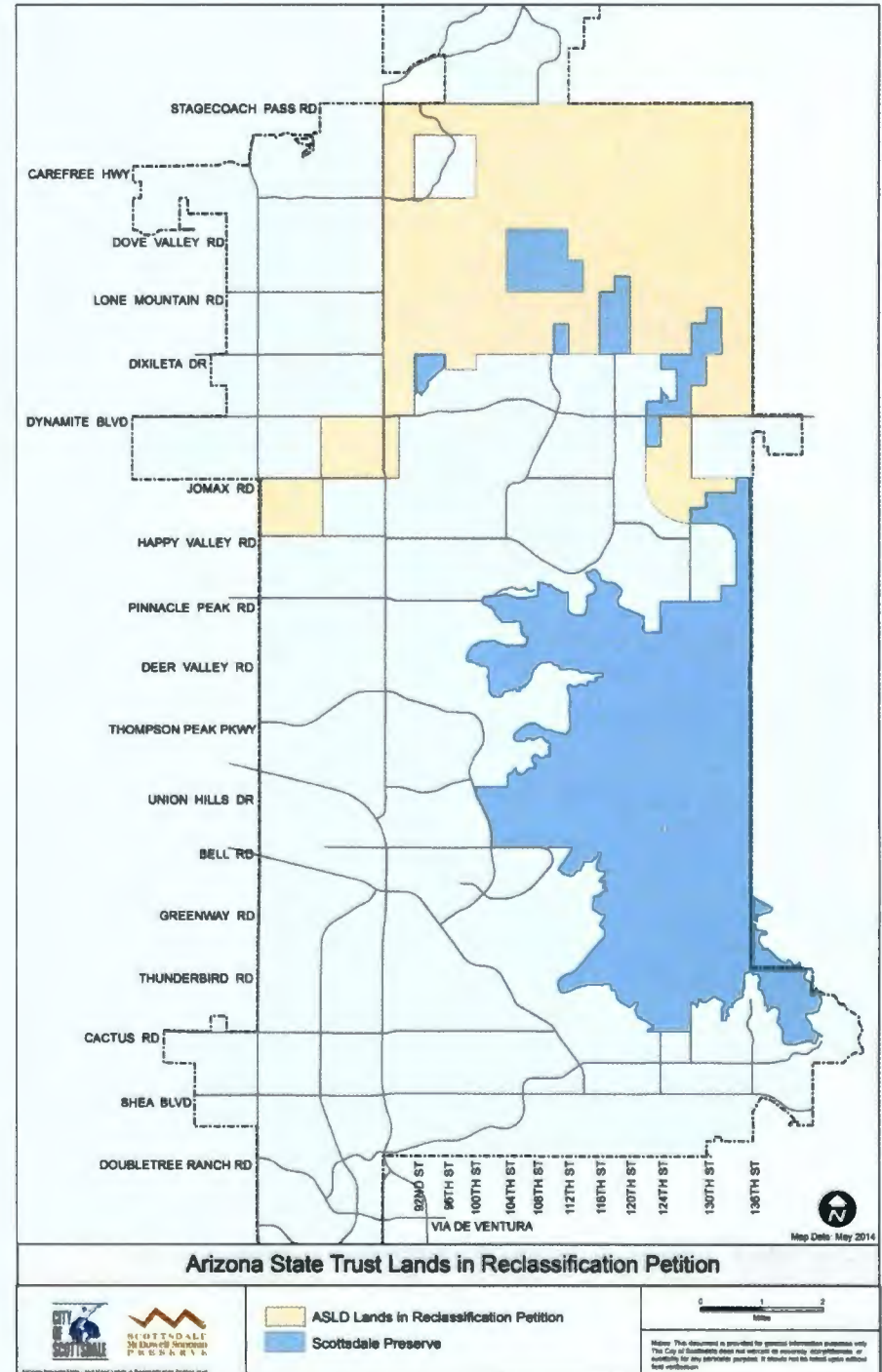
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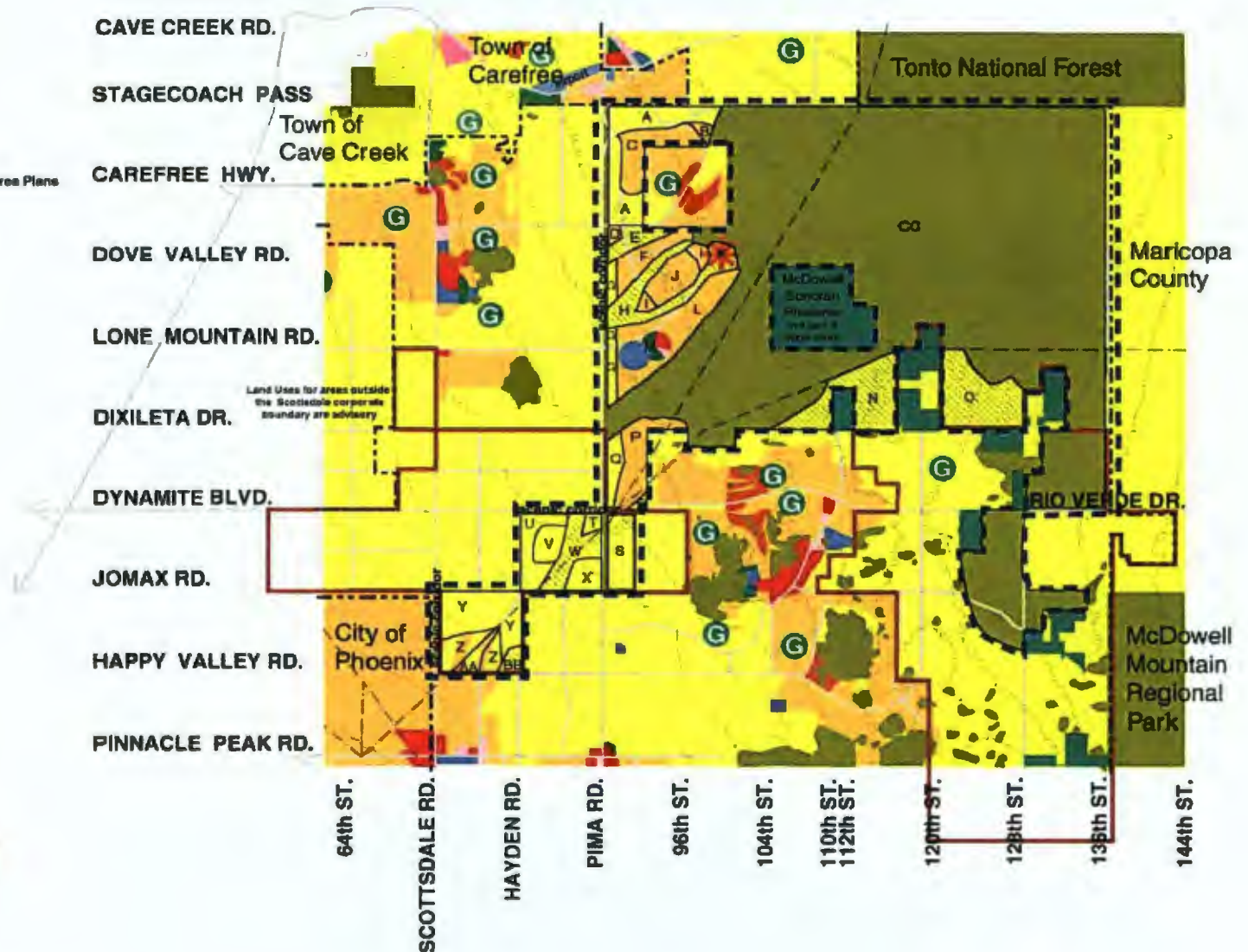
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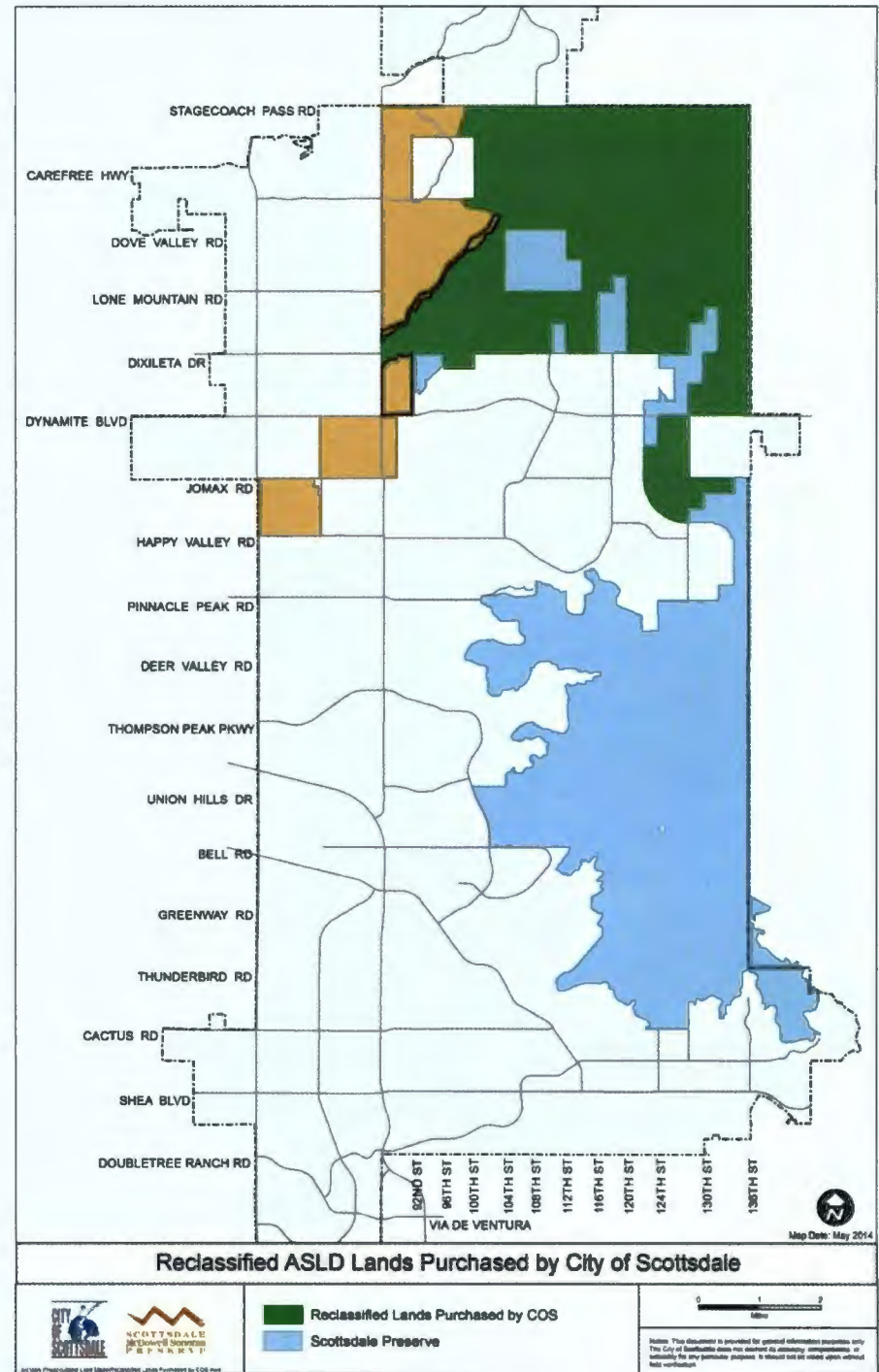


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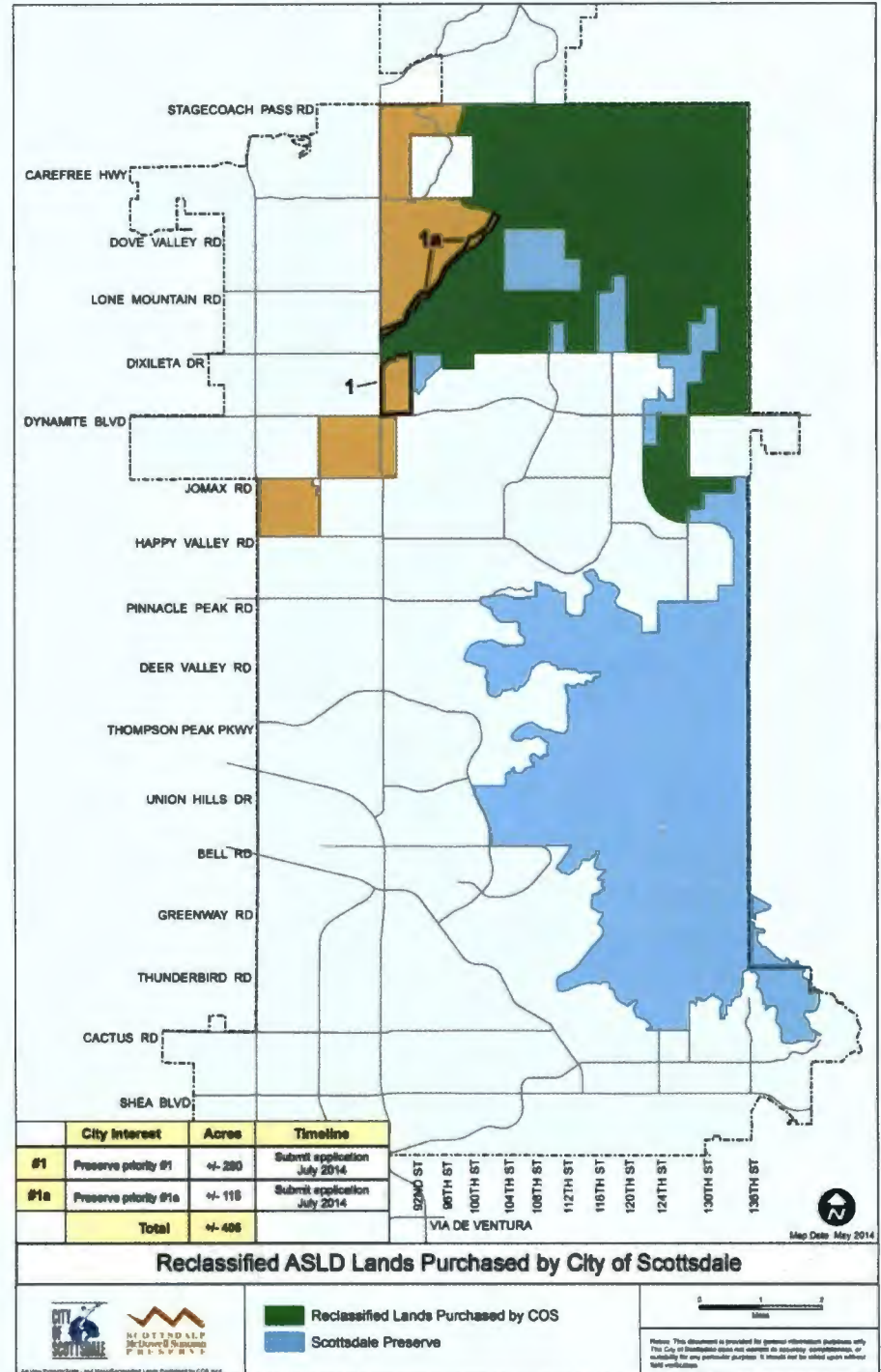
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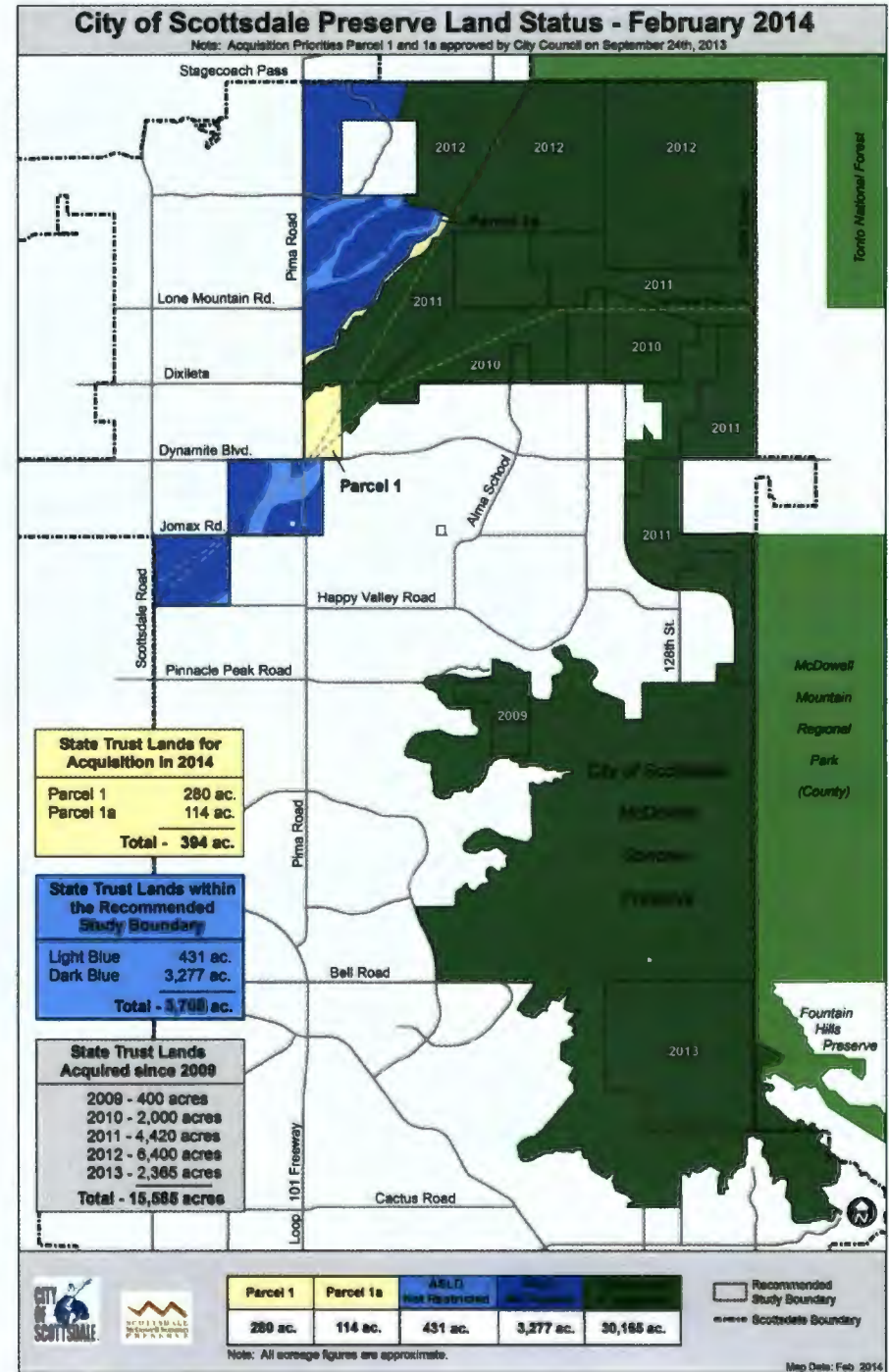
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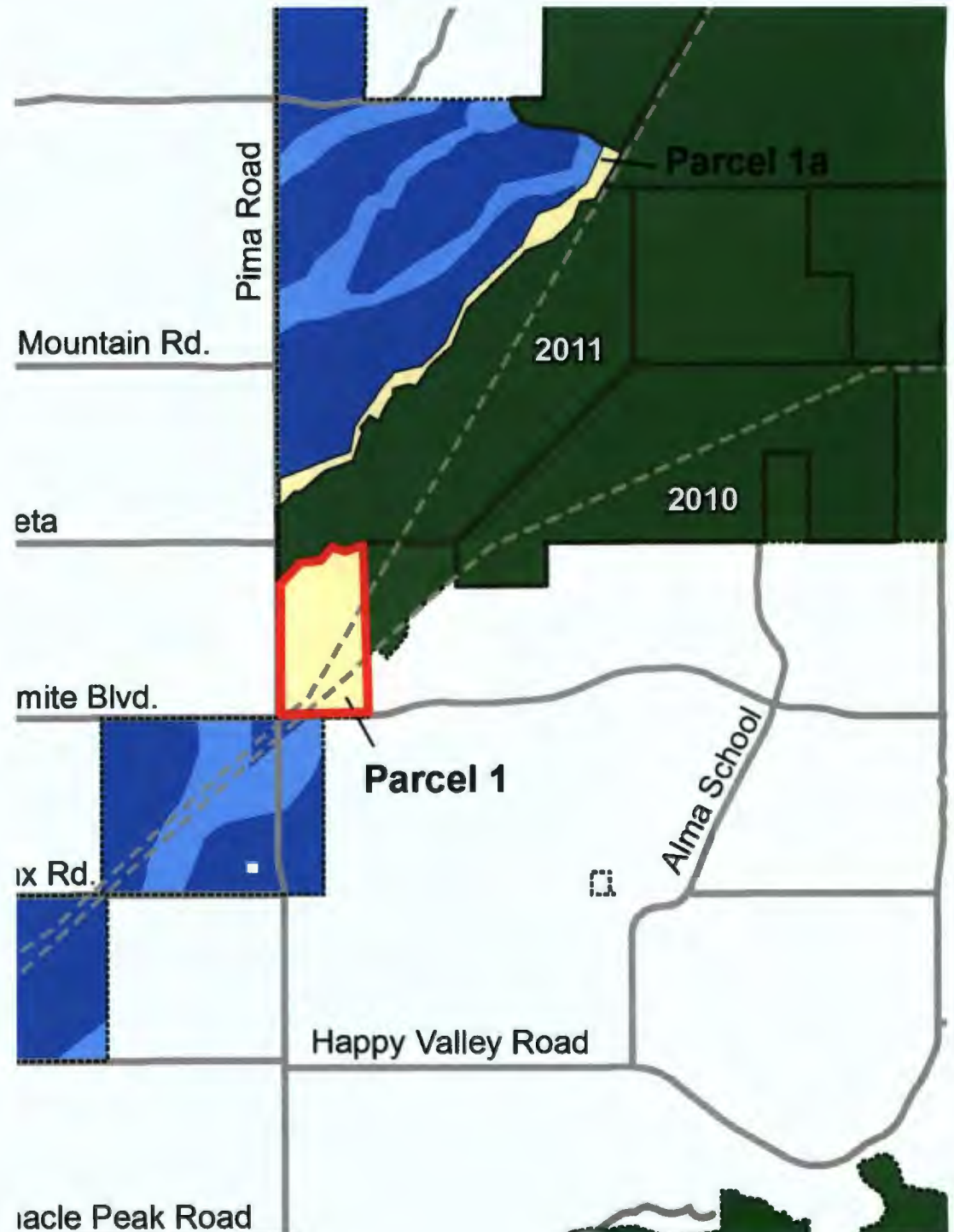
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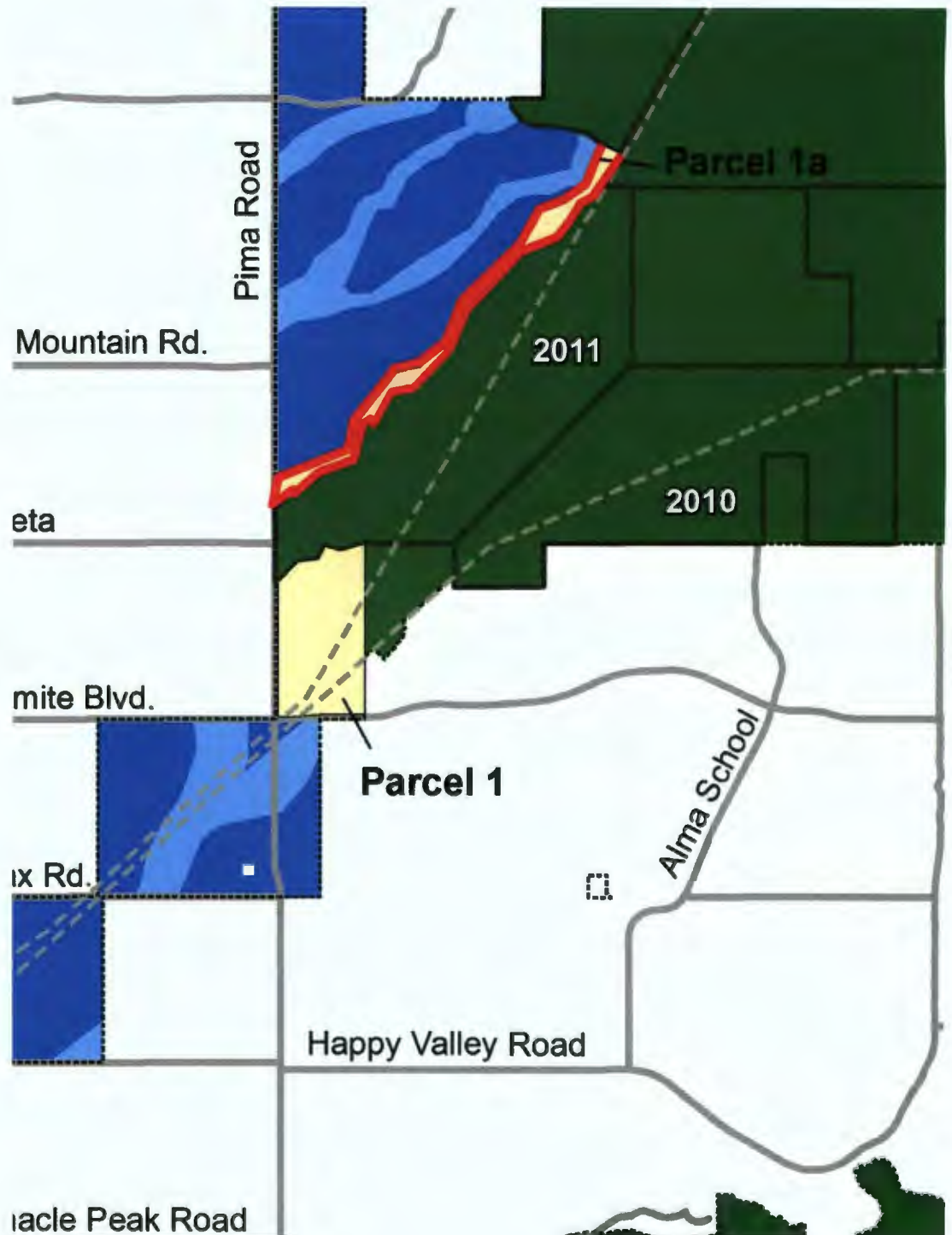
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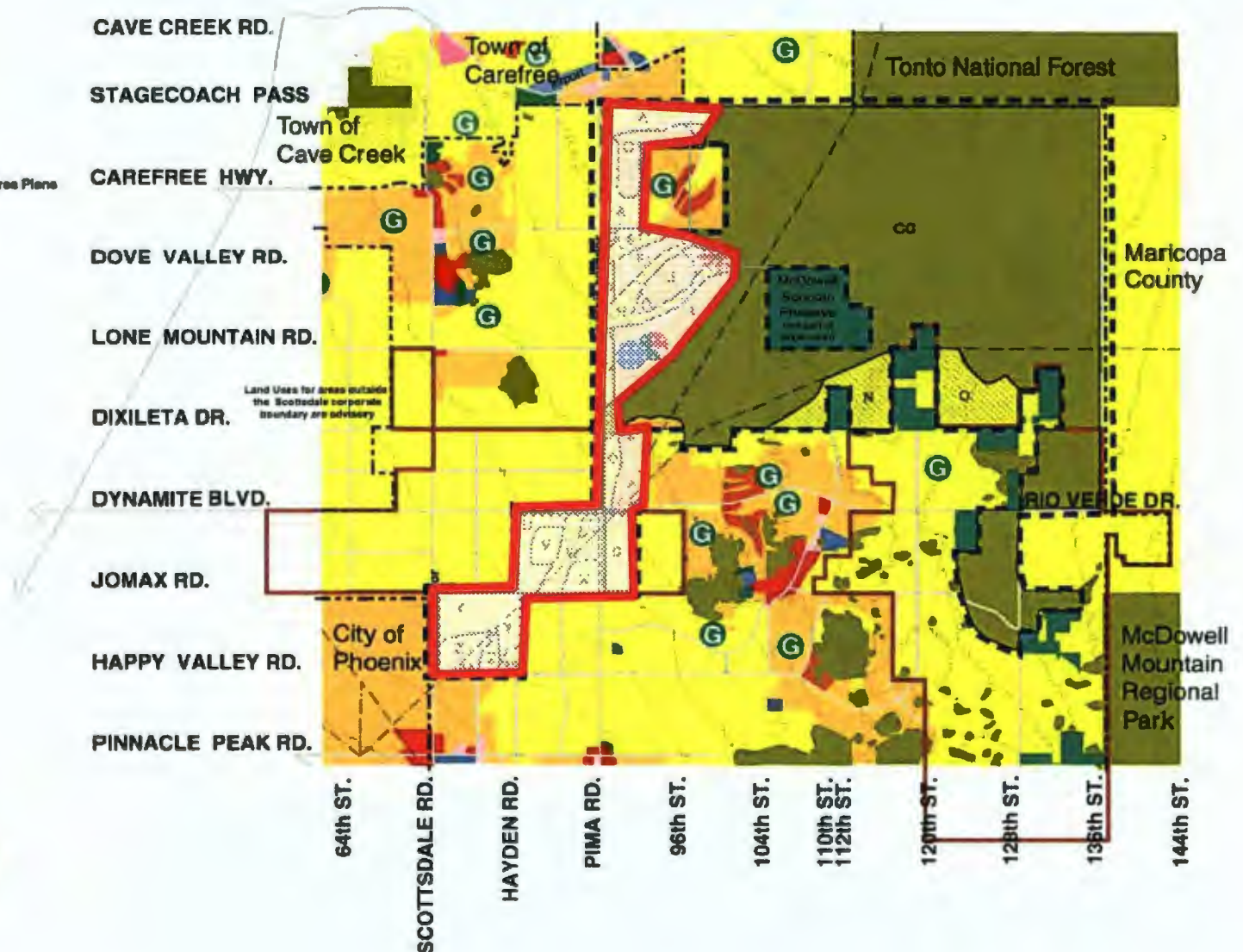
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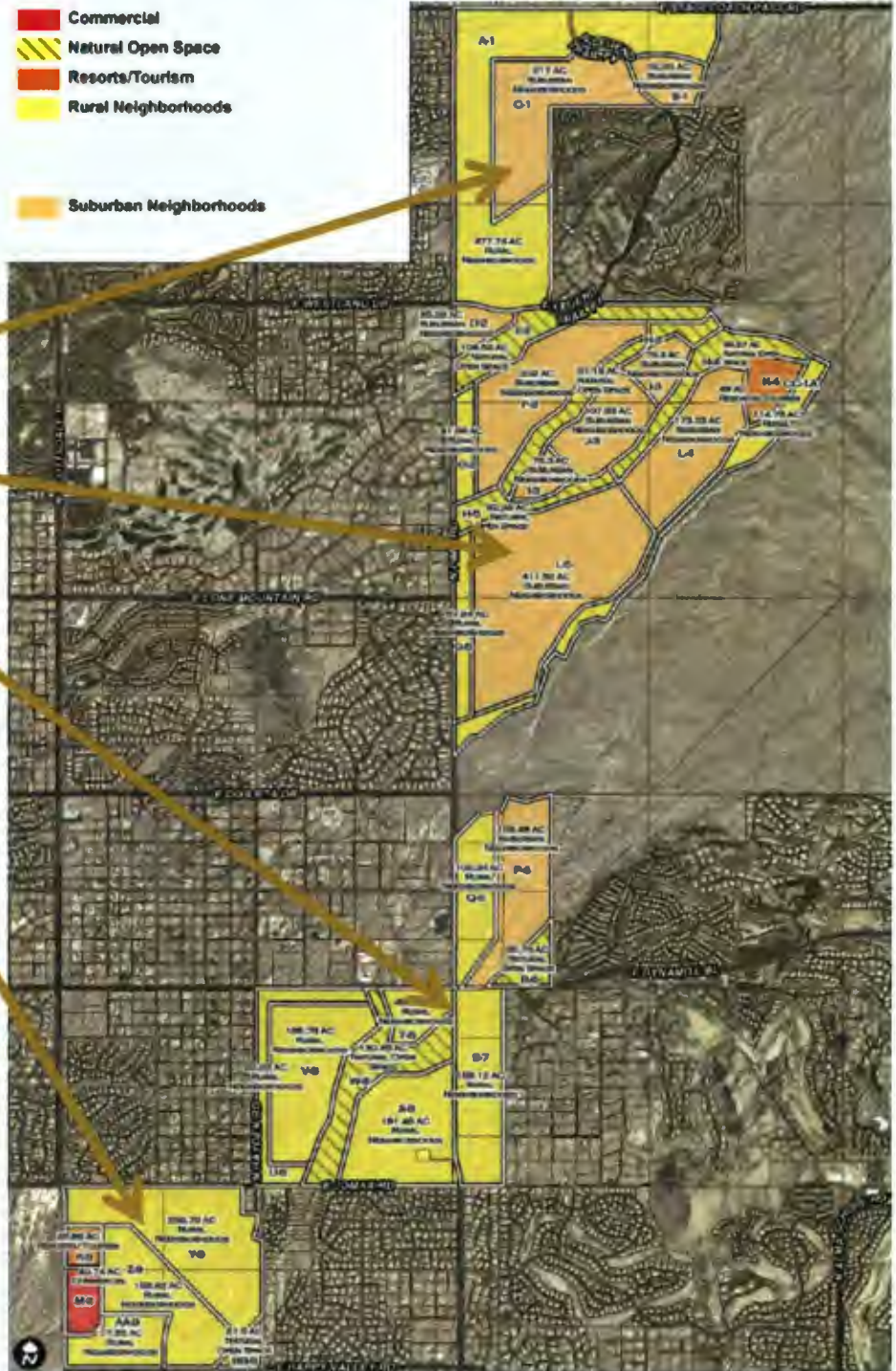


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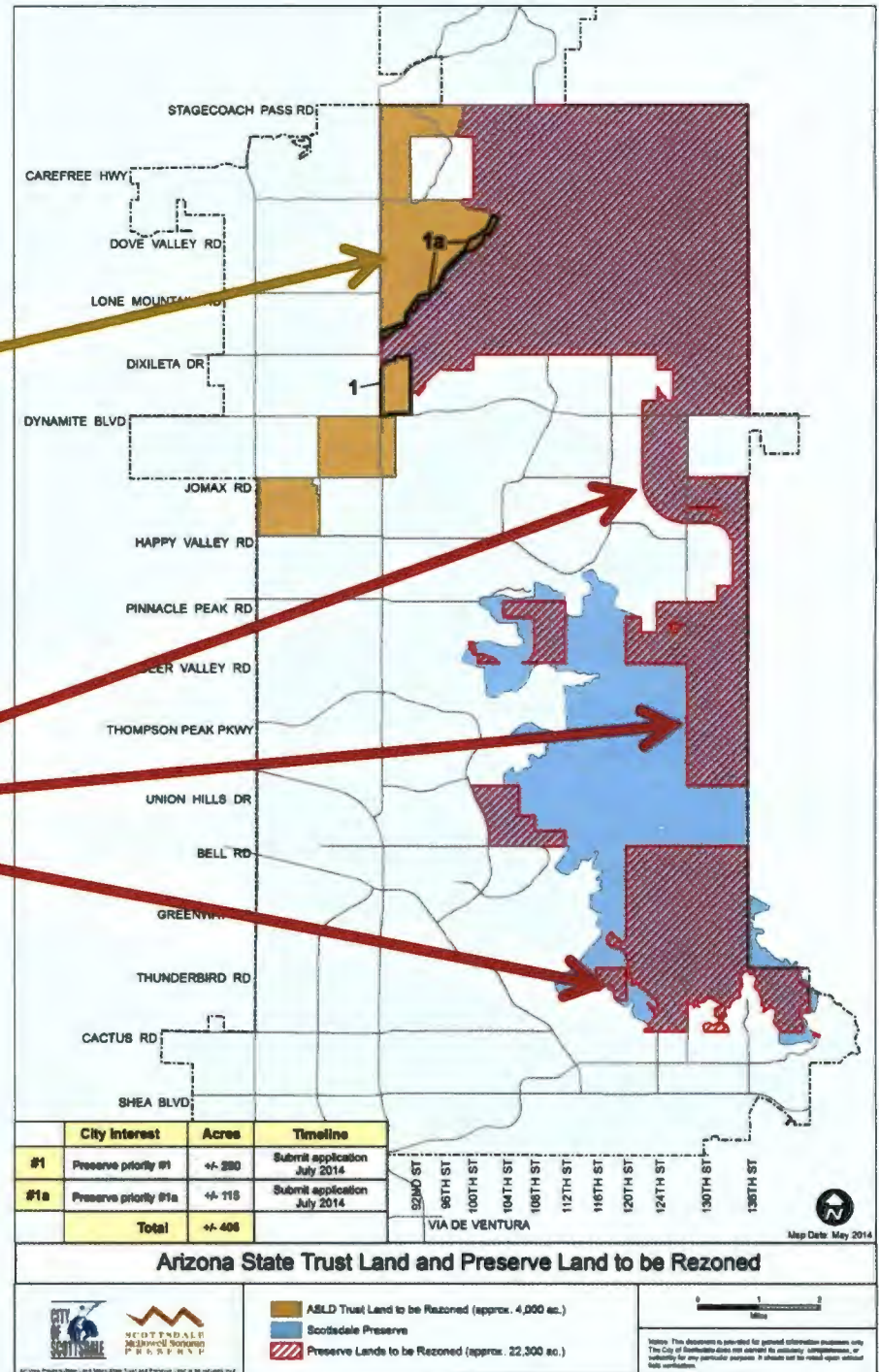
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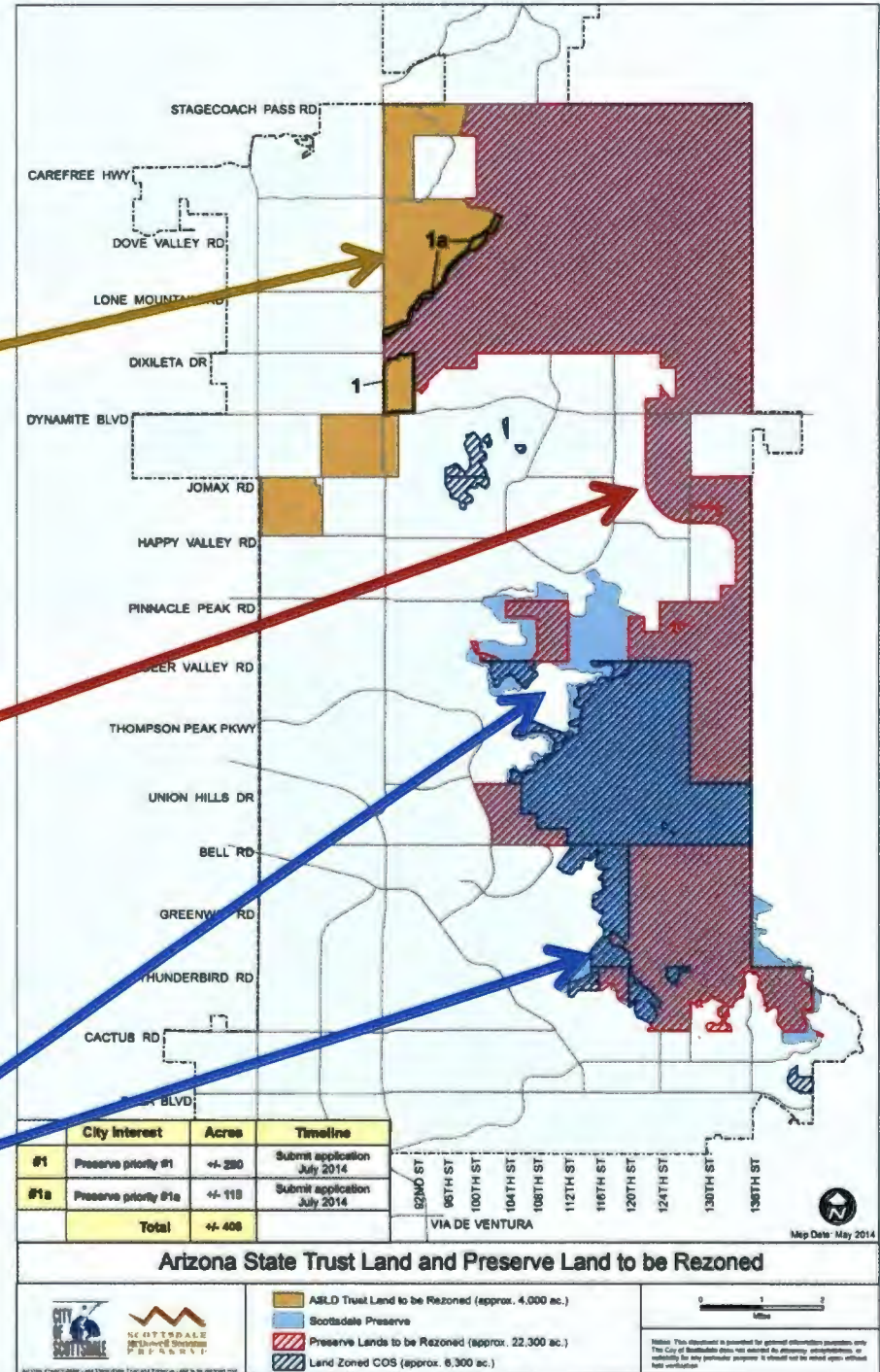
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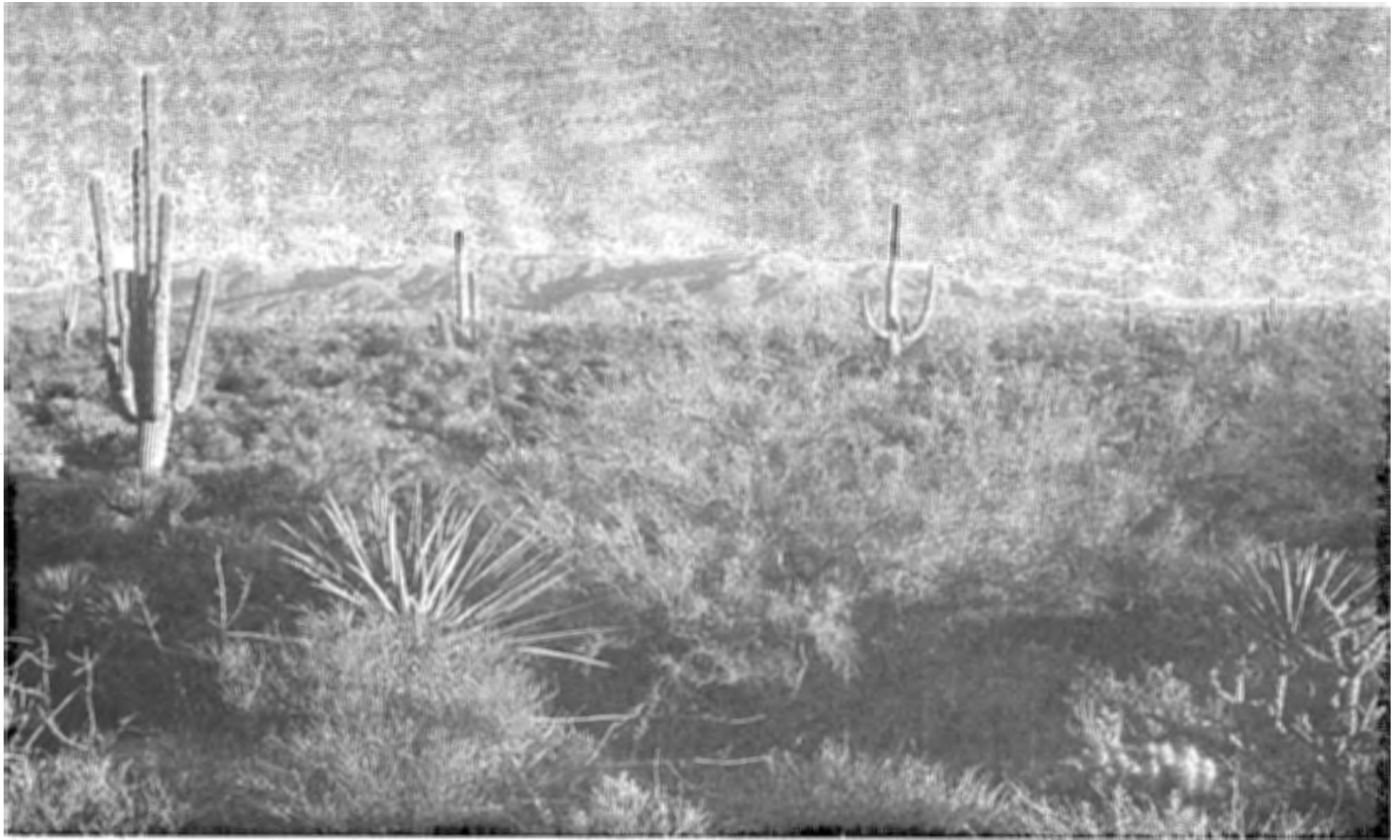
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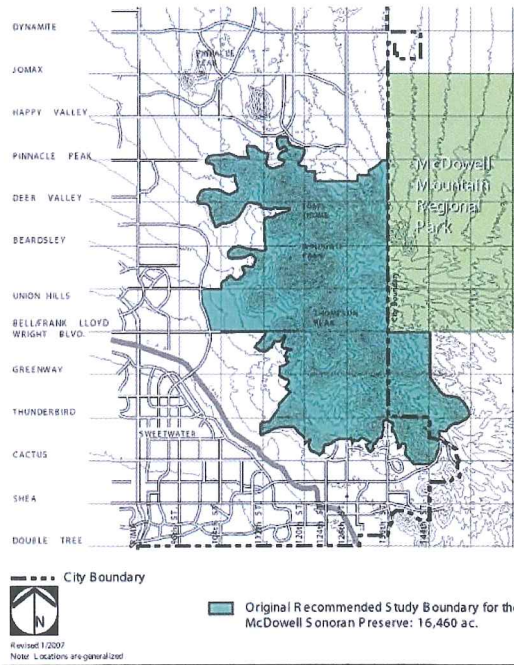
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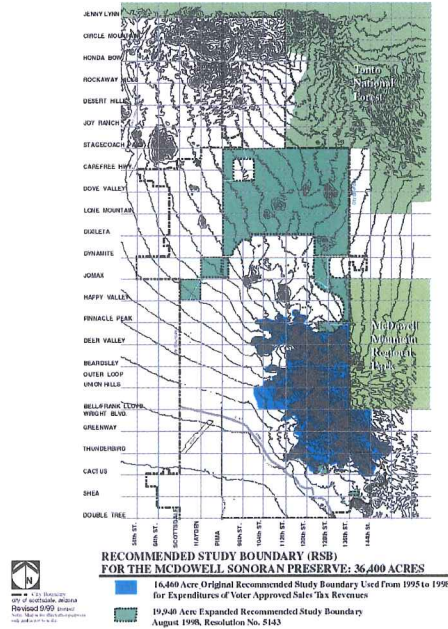
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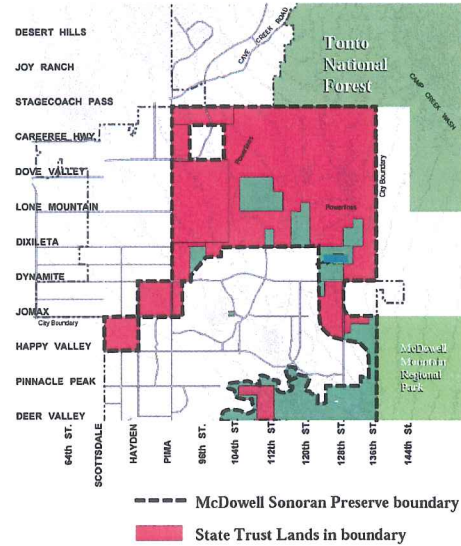
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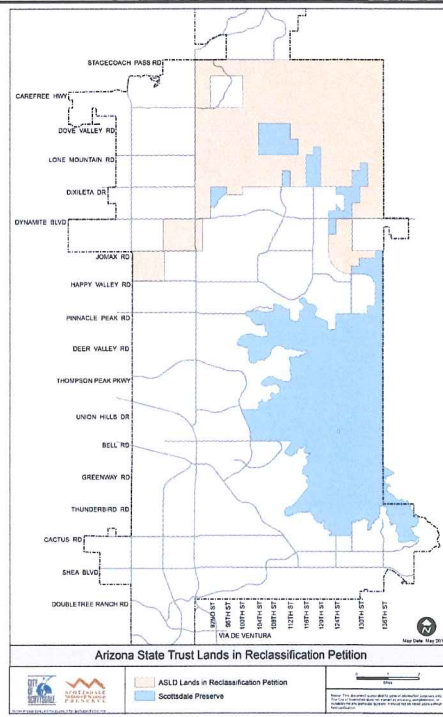
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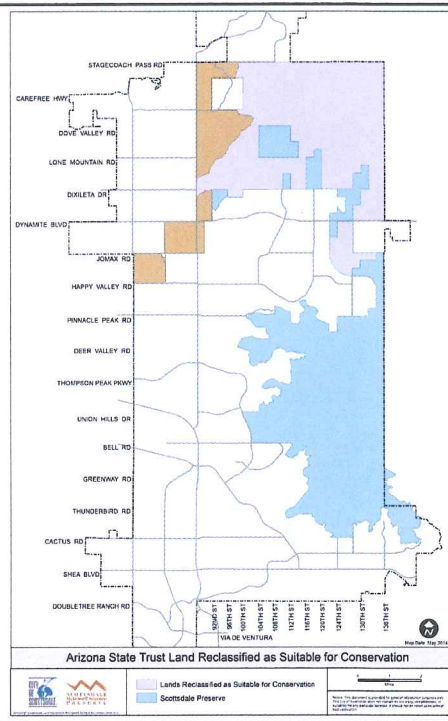
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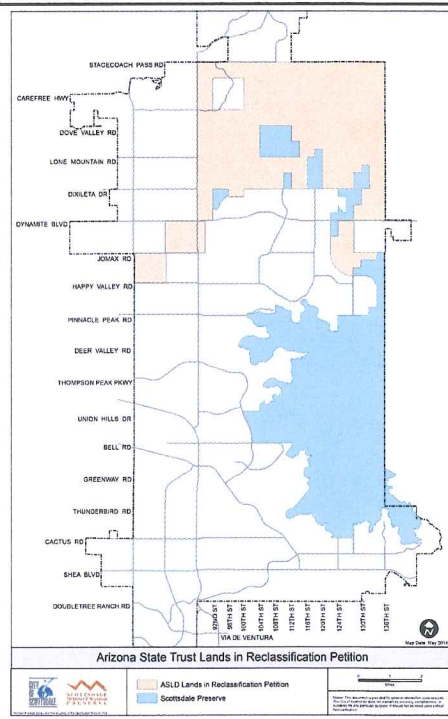
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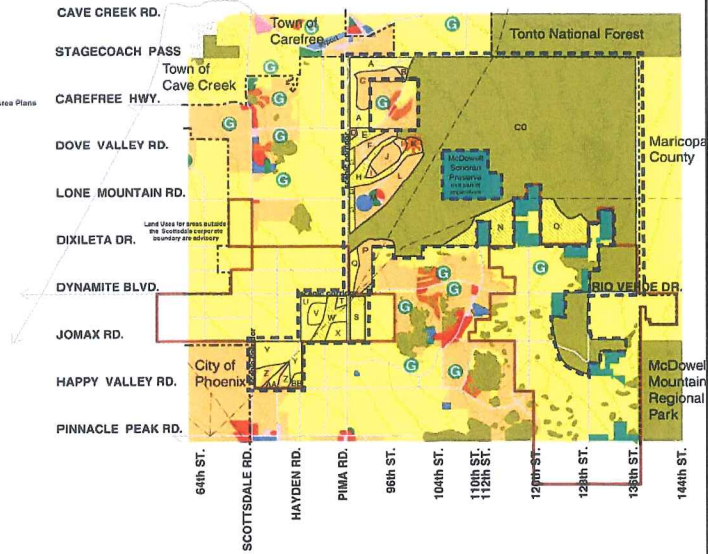
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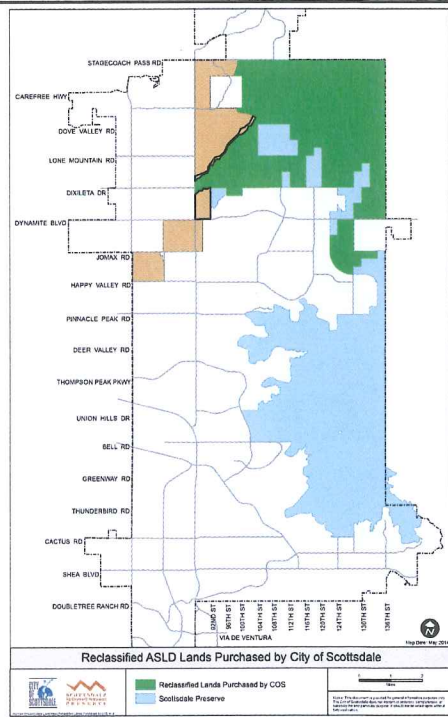


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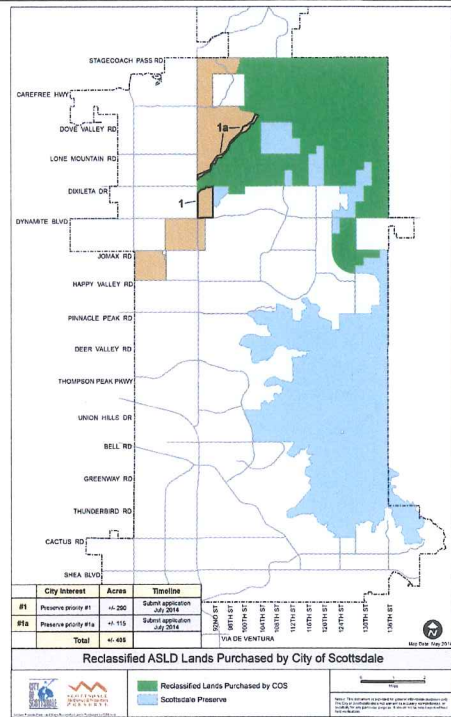
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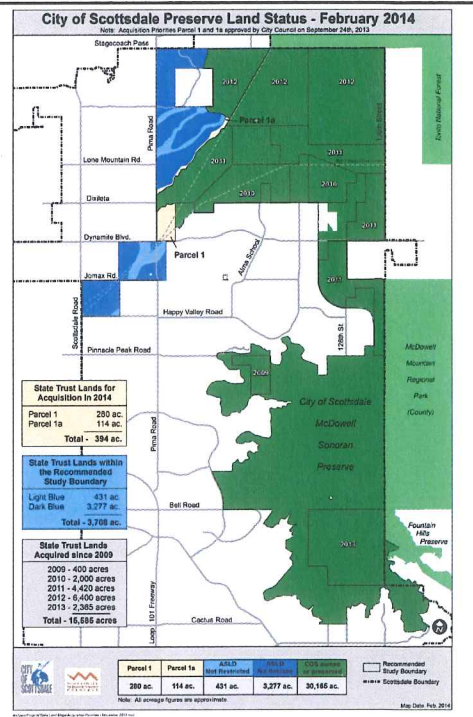
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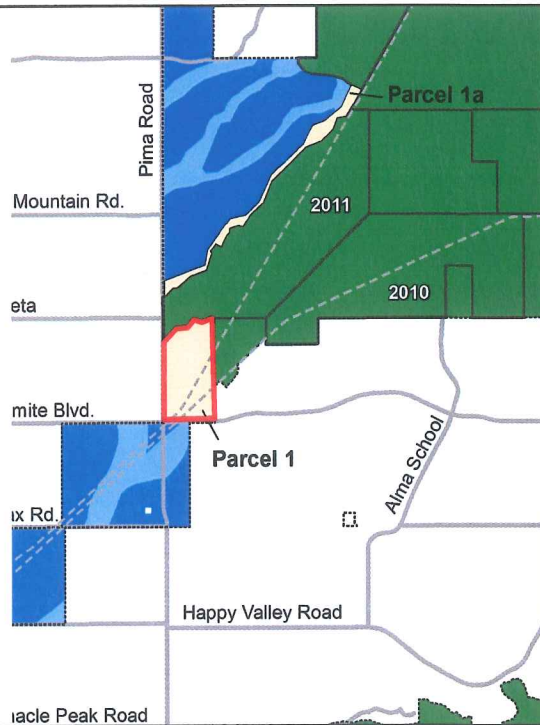
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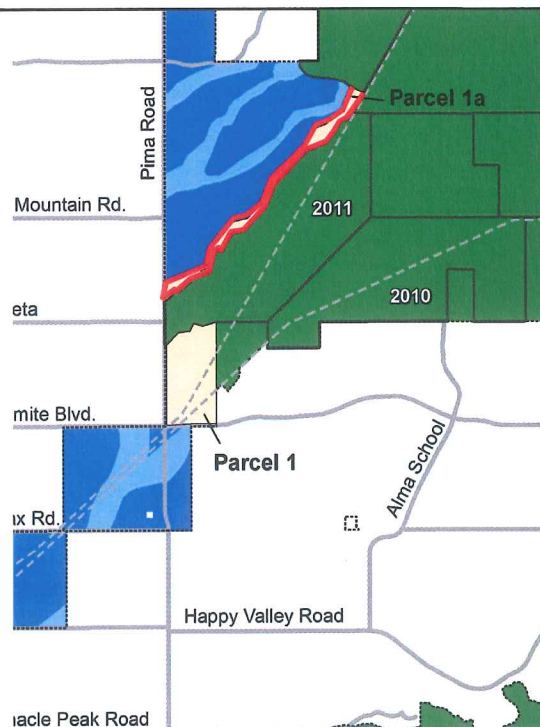
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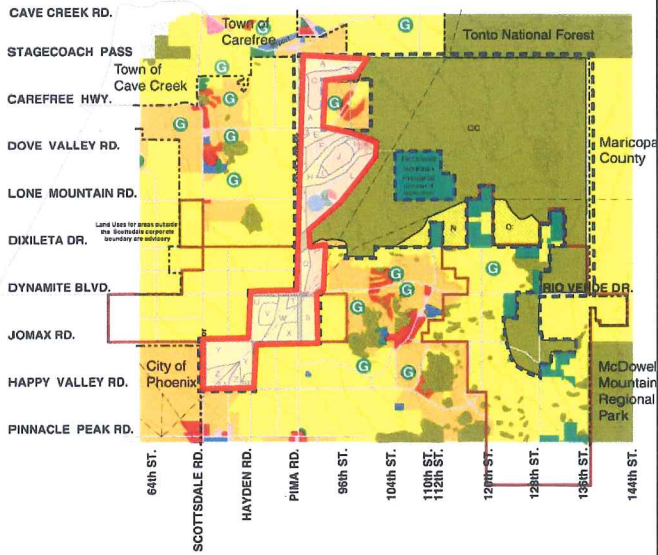
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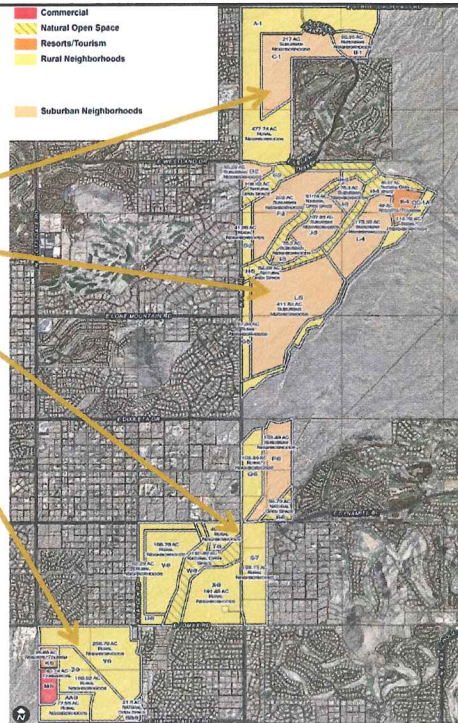
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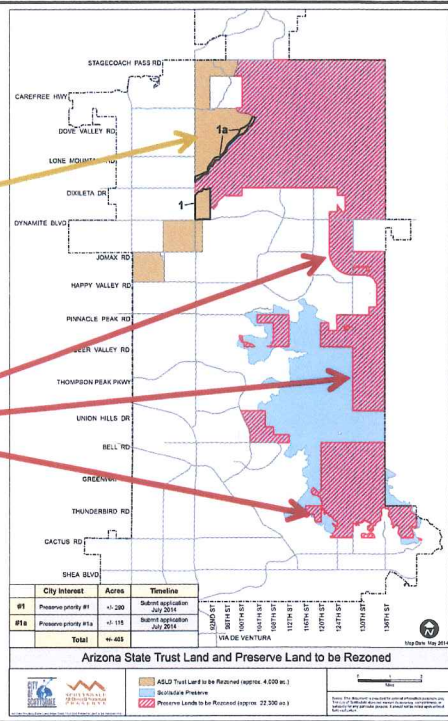
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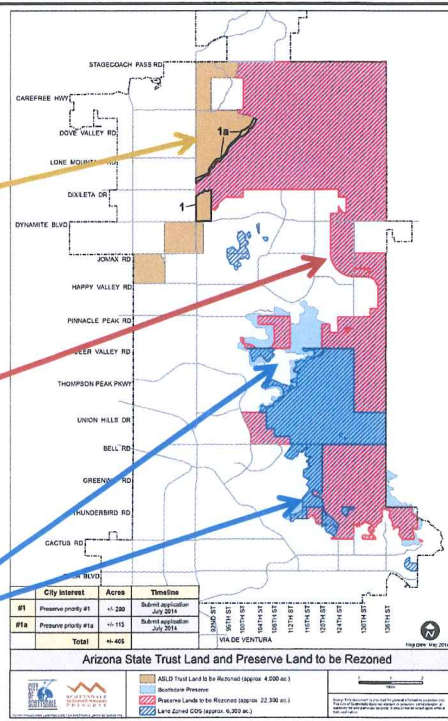
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