



Bayham Official Plan Review – Shaping Our Future

Phase Two – Consultation & Policy Review

Special Council Meeting - Progress Report #1
August 29th, 6:00 PM



Arcadis Project Team in Attendance

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Presentation Outline

1. Public Consultation and Engagement Overview
2. 'Preliminary' Settlement Area Boundary Evaluation
3. Process and Estimated Timeline
4. Discussion Period
5. Next Steps and Additional Information

1. Public Consultation and Engagement Overview

- Since the initiation of the project in May 2024, the following public consultation and engagement has occurred:
 - **1 Open House** (June 19, 2024)
 - **11 Inquiries** via email or written submission
 - **1 One-on-One Meeting** with the public
- **Note:** Following the release of the First Draft Official Plan, Arcadis and Bayham Staff expect to see an increase in engagement for Phase Three of the project.

1. Public Consultation and Engagement Overview (continued)

- **Key Themes** from the consultation and engagement noted in the previous slide include:
 - Settlement Areas (specifically the inclusion or removal of lands from property owners)
 - On-Farm Diversified and Agricultural Related Uses (specifically enhancing policies in the Official Plan)
 - Protection of Agricultural and Natural Heritage
 - Indigenous Engagement
 - How the new Provincial Planning Statement will impact the project timeline
 - Process pertaining to the Official Plan Review project

2. ‘Preliminary’ Settlement Boundary Changes Evaluation (continued)

- Arcadis has conducted a review of the existing eight (8) Settlement Area boundaries in the Municipality of Bayham.
- Elgin County’s newly adopted Official Plan **did not** alter the existing Settlement Area boundaries in Bayham.
- Further, Elgin County’s adopted Official Plan identified a **residential land surplus of 93.2 hectares** in the Municipality of Bayham. This means there are more lands designated for residential development than what the future projected population growth in Bayham requires.

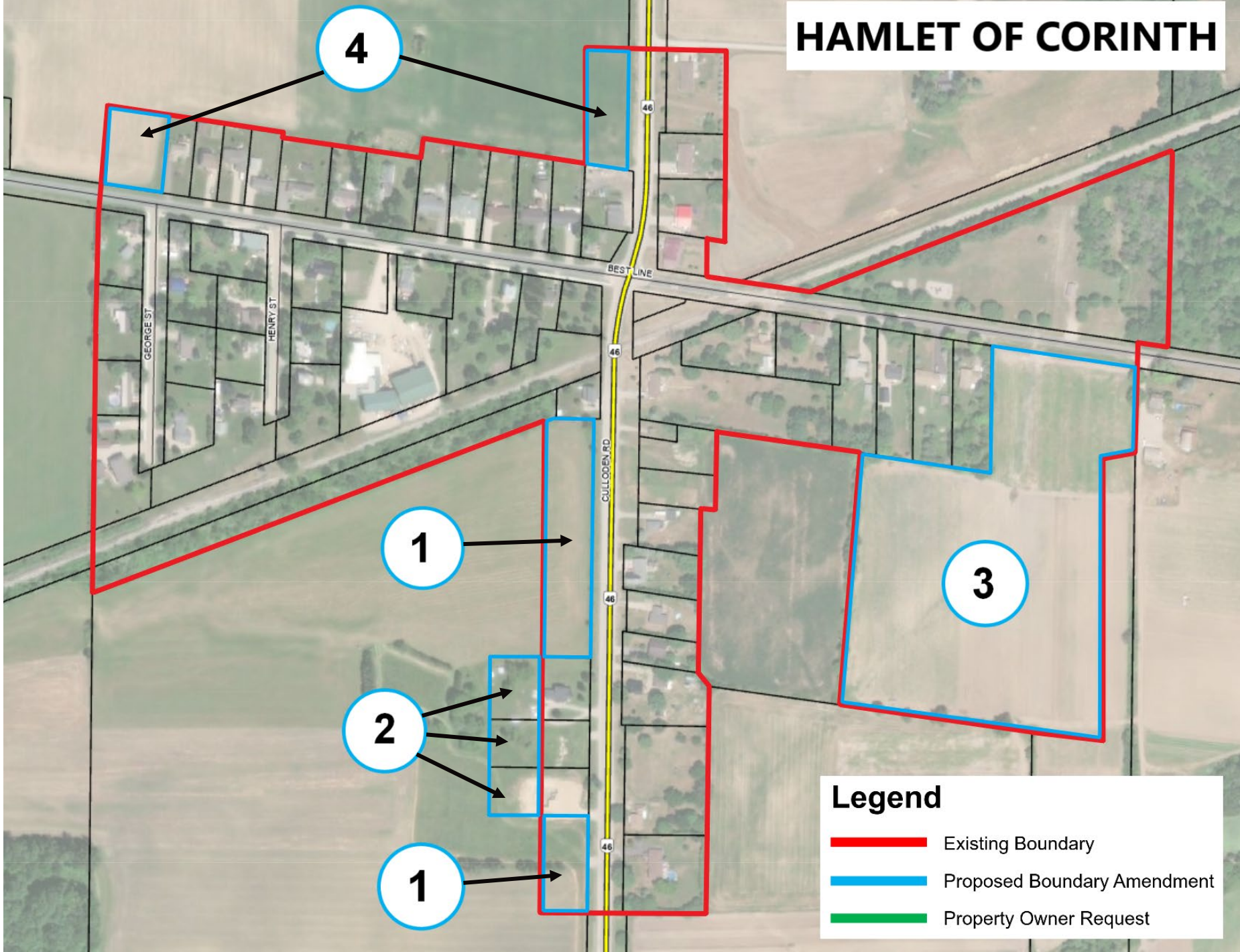
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- **Key Question:** Why would Arcadis review the existing Settlement Areas if the County did not make alterations?
 - Shouldn't the Settlement Areas reflect the principles of the Bayham Official Plan (i.e., protection of agricultural land and natural heritage features, promote growth within partial or fully serviced areas, prevent strip development, etc.)
 - Bayham now has an opportunity, as part of this Official Plan Review project, to review and make amendments to the Settlement Area mapping where appropriate.

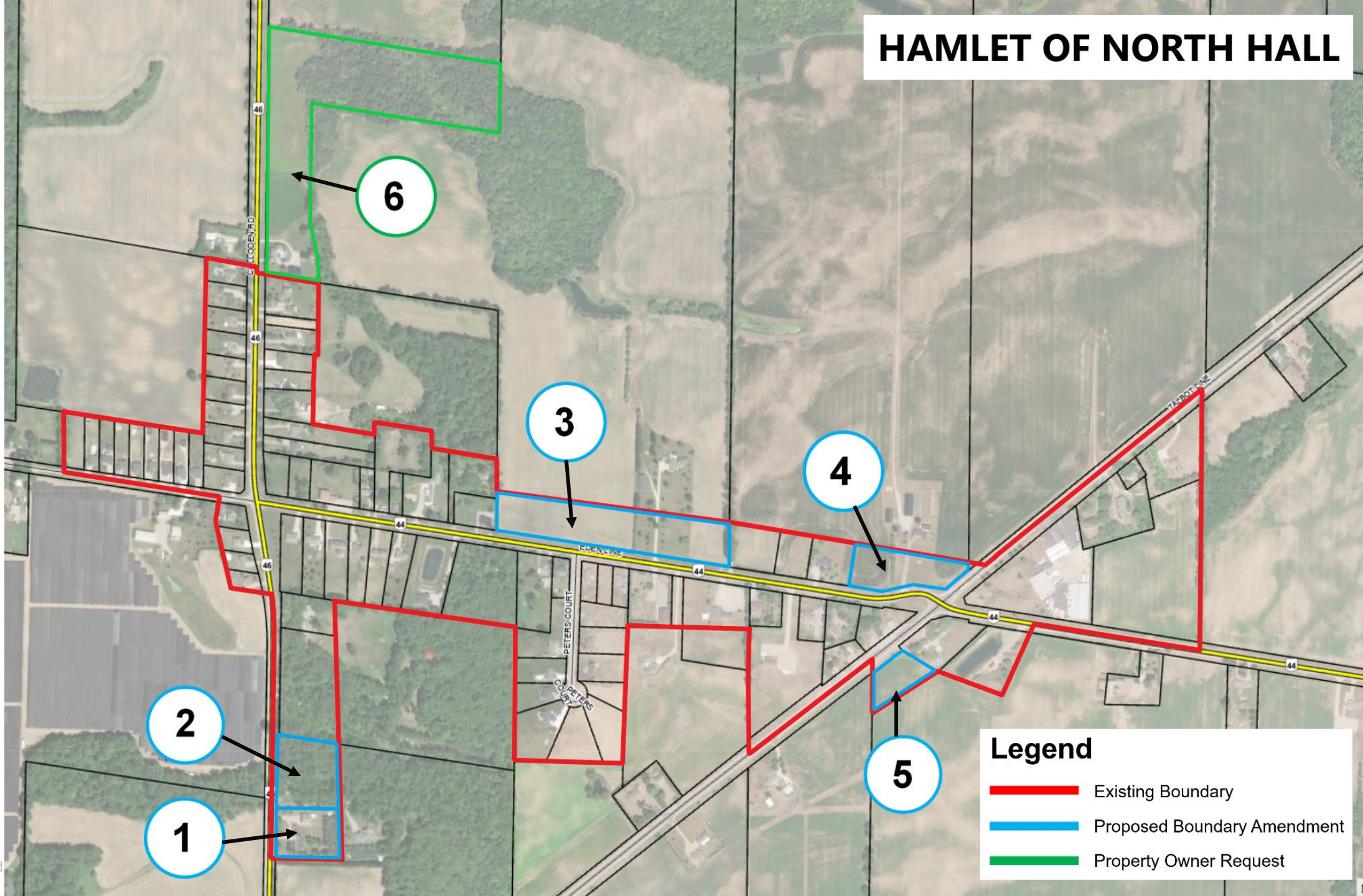
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- The Maps in the subsequent slides should be read in conjunction with **Appendix A** of **Progress Report #1** prepared by Arcadis. The Progress Report is available on the Official Plan Review webpage and within the meeting Agenda package.
- **Note:** The proposed Maps **DO NOT** represent the First Draft Official Plan document and are simply for Council's information.
- We would ask that Council deliberate on **which potential Settlement Area boundary changes** you would like to discuss in-depth with the consultant team, or if you would like to discuss **all eight (8)**?

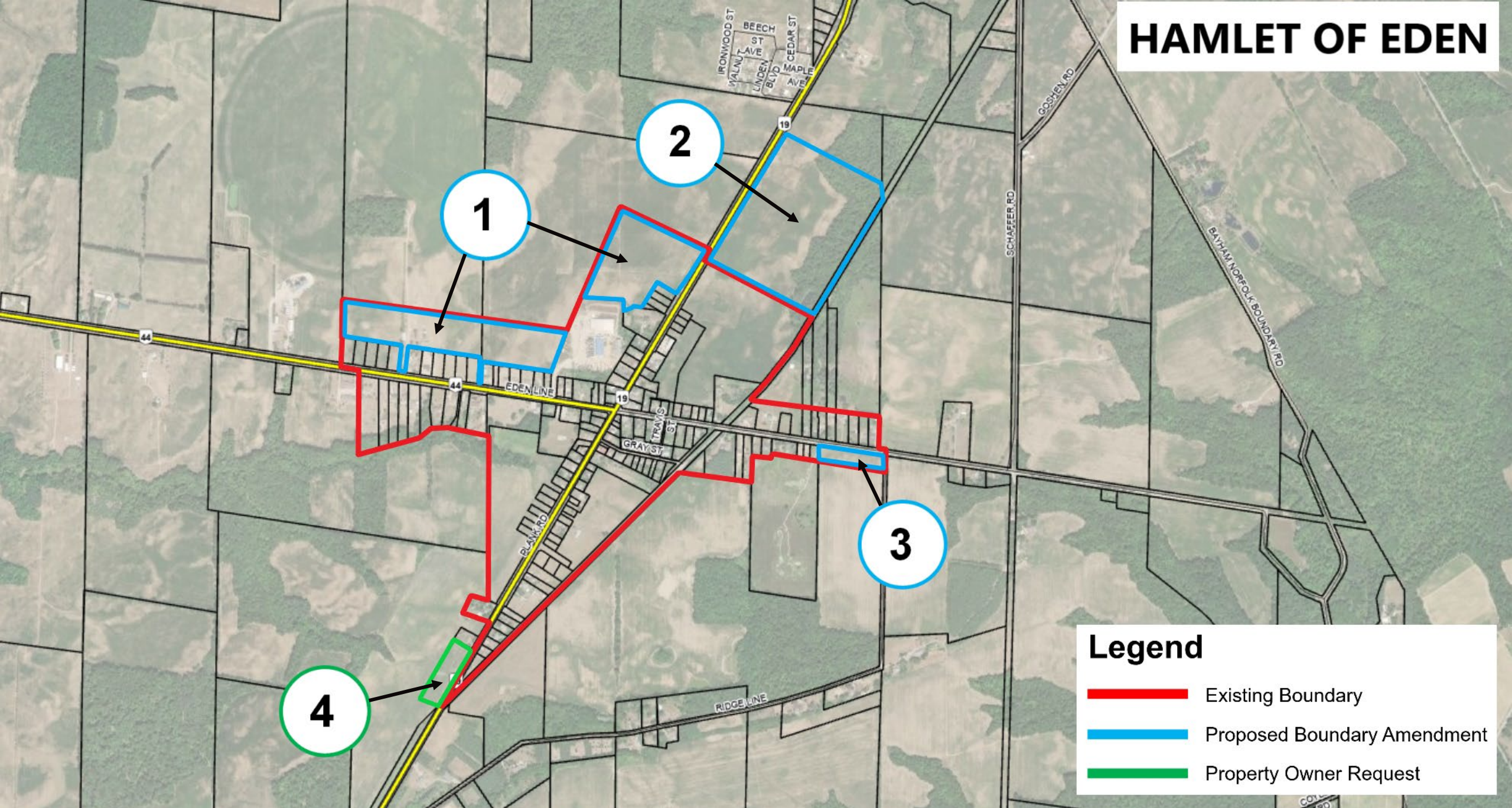
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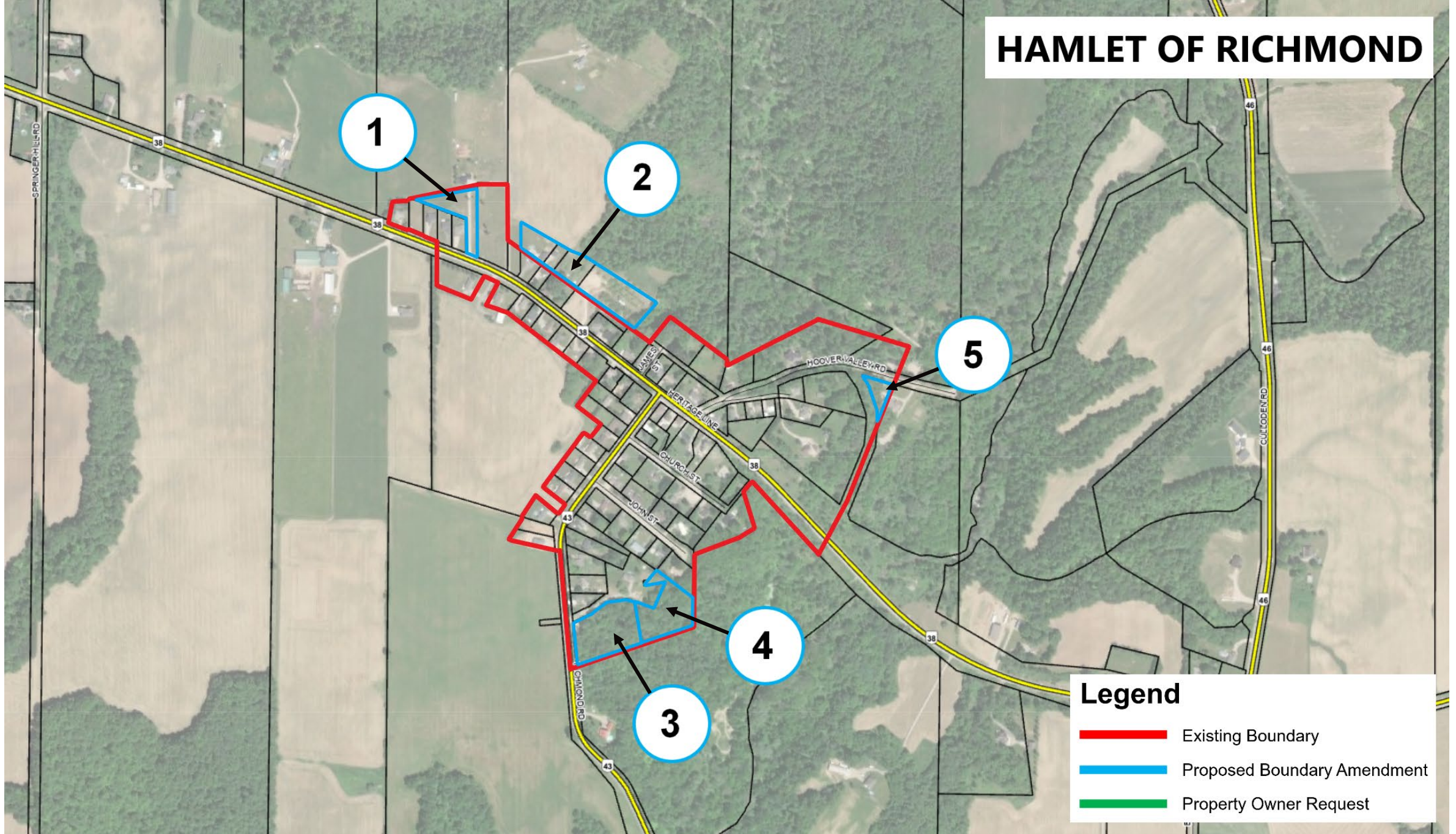
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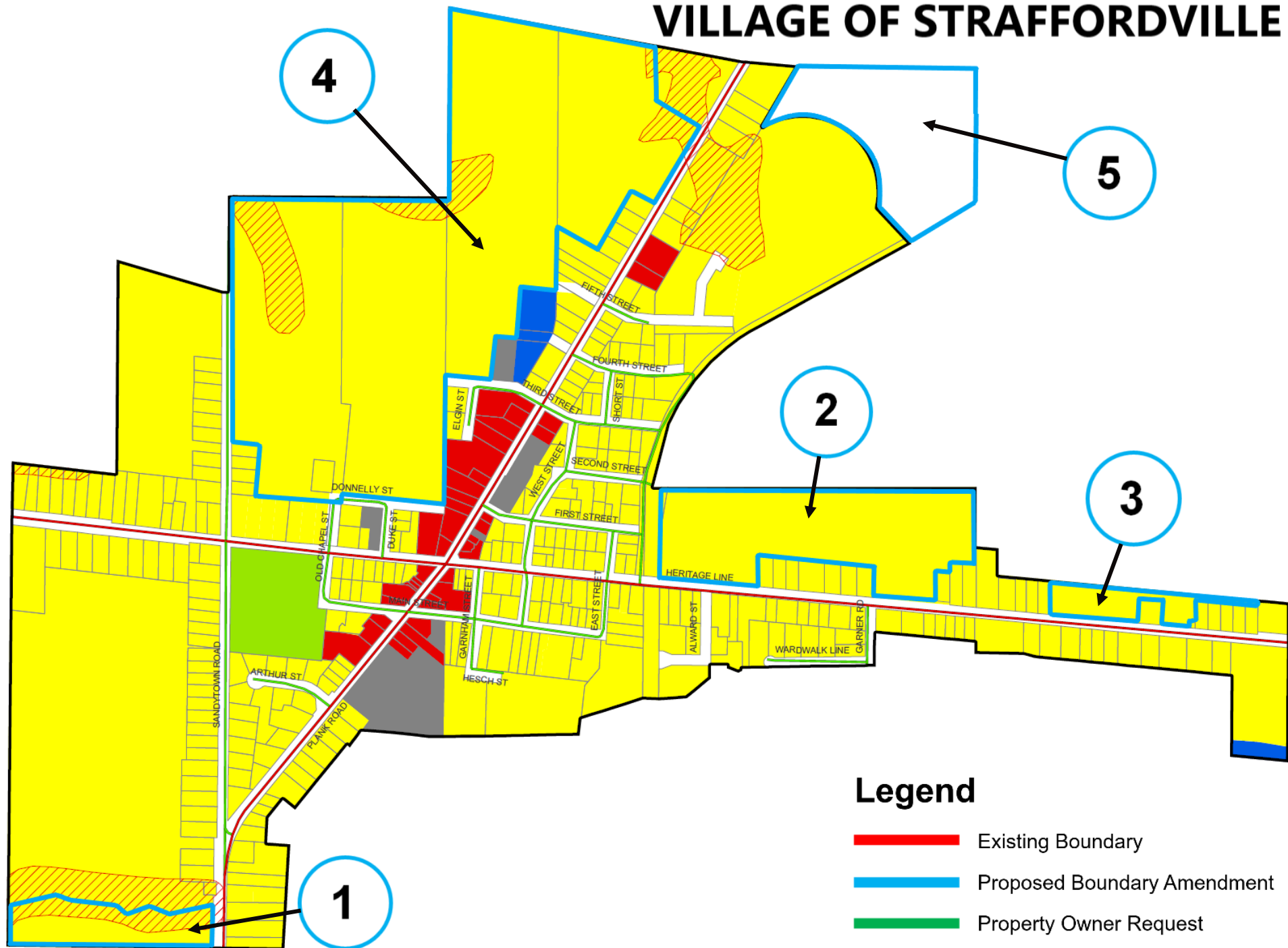
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Property Owner Request

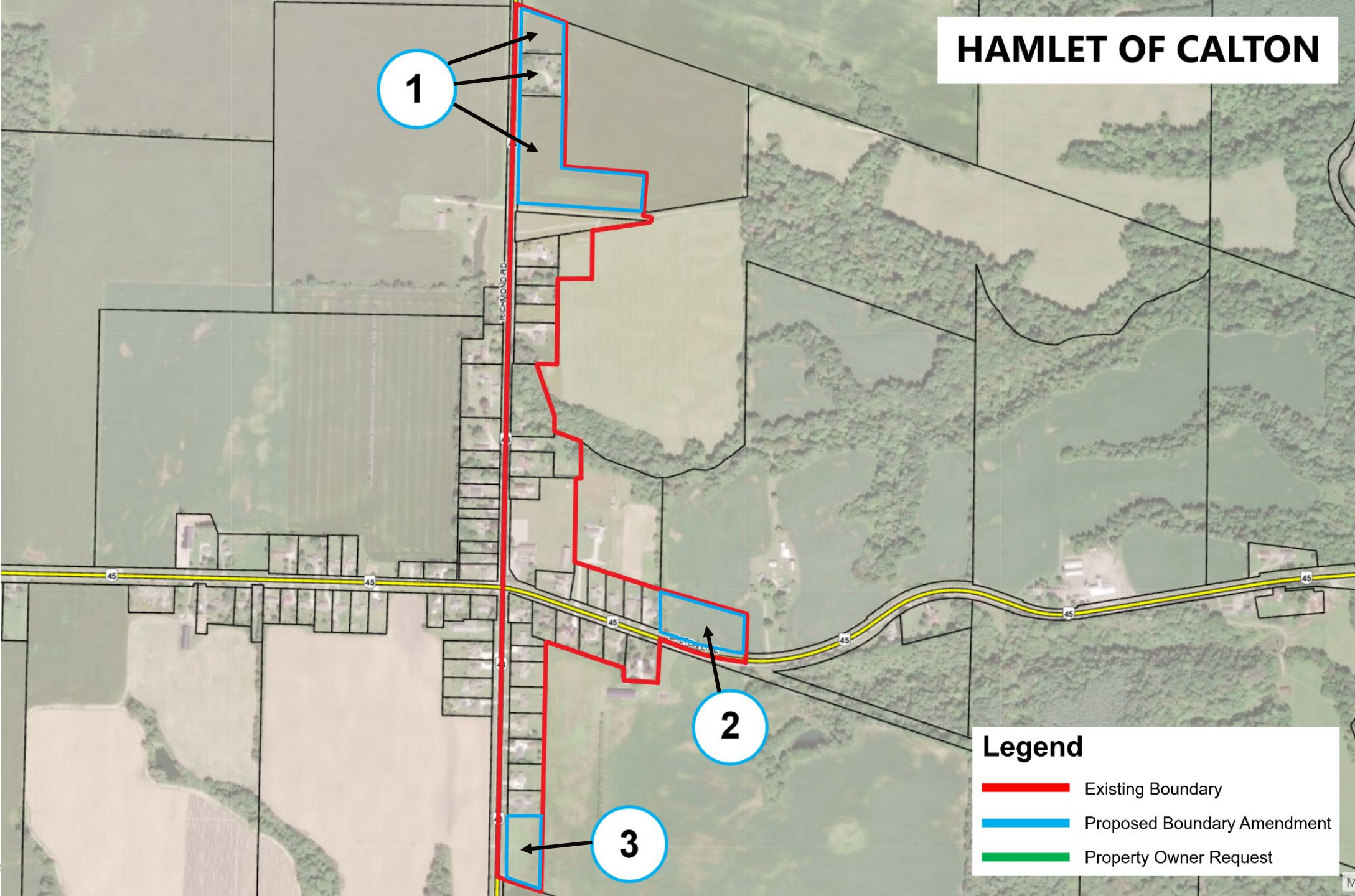
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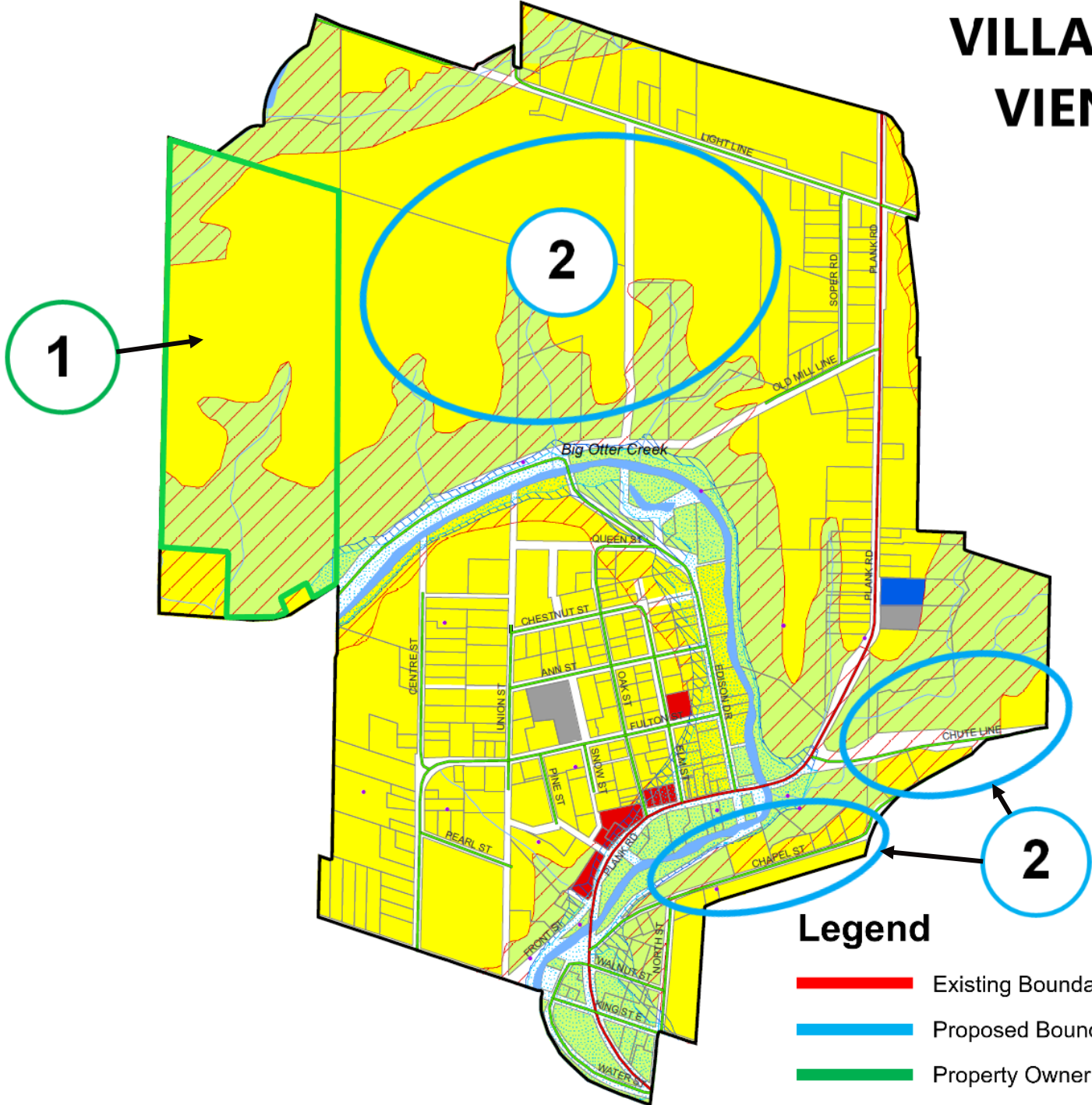
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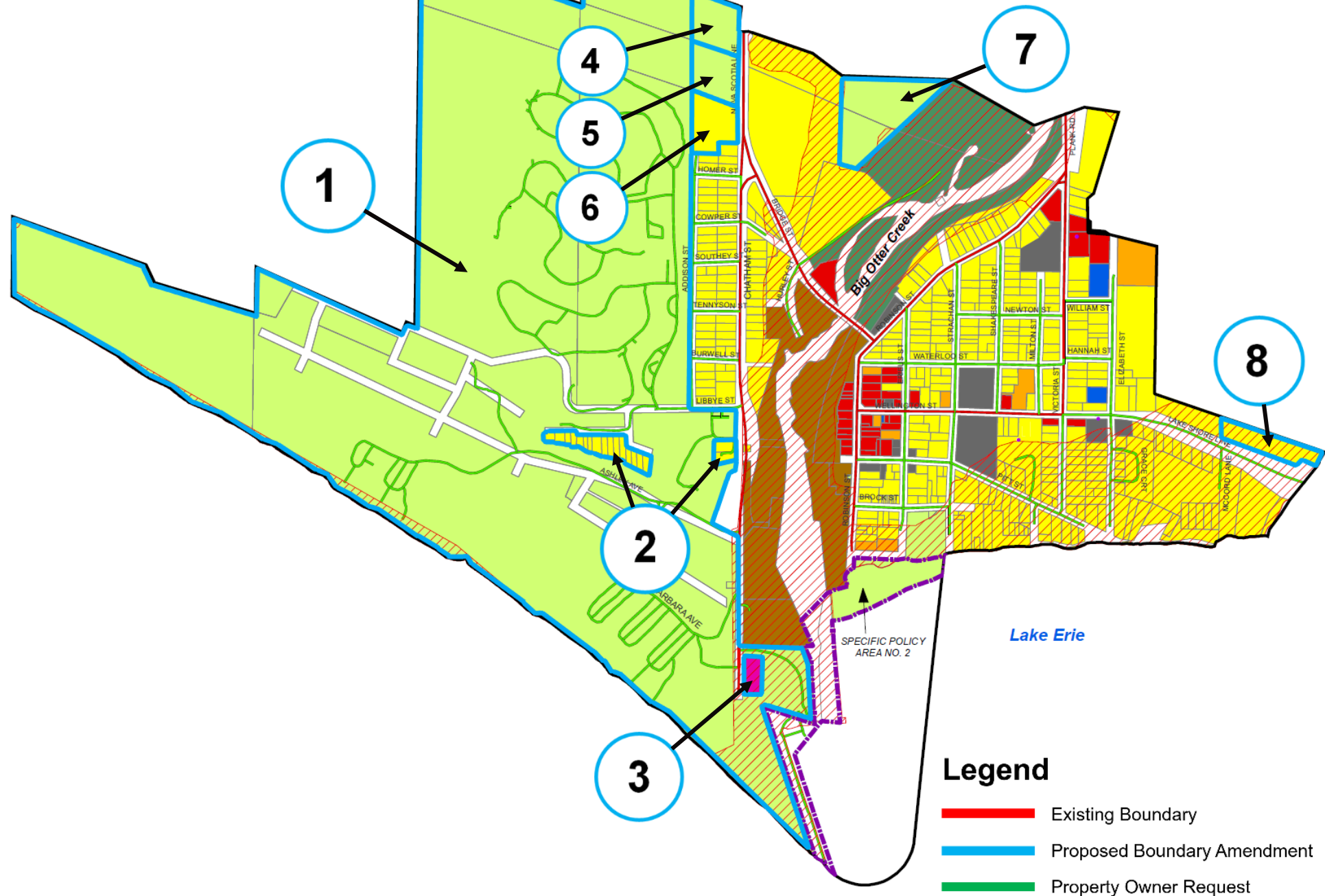
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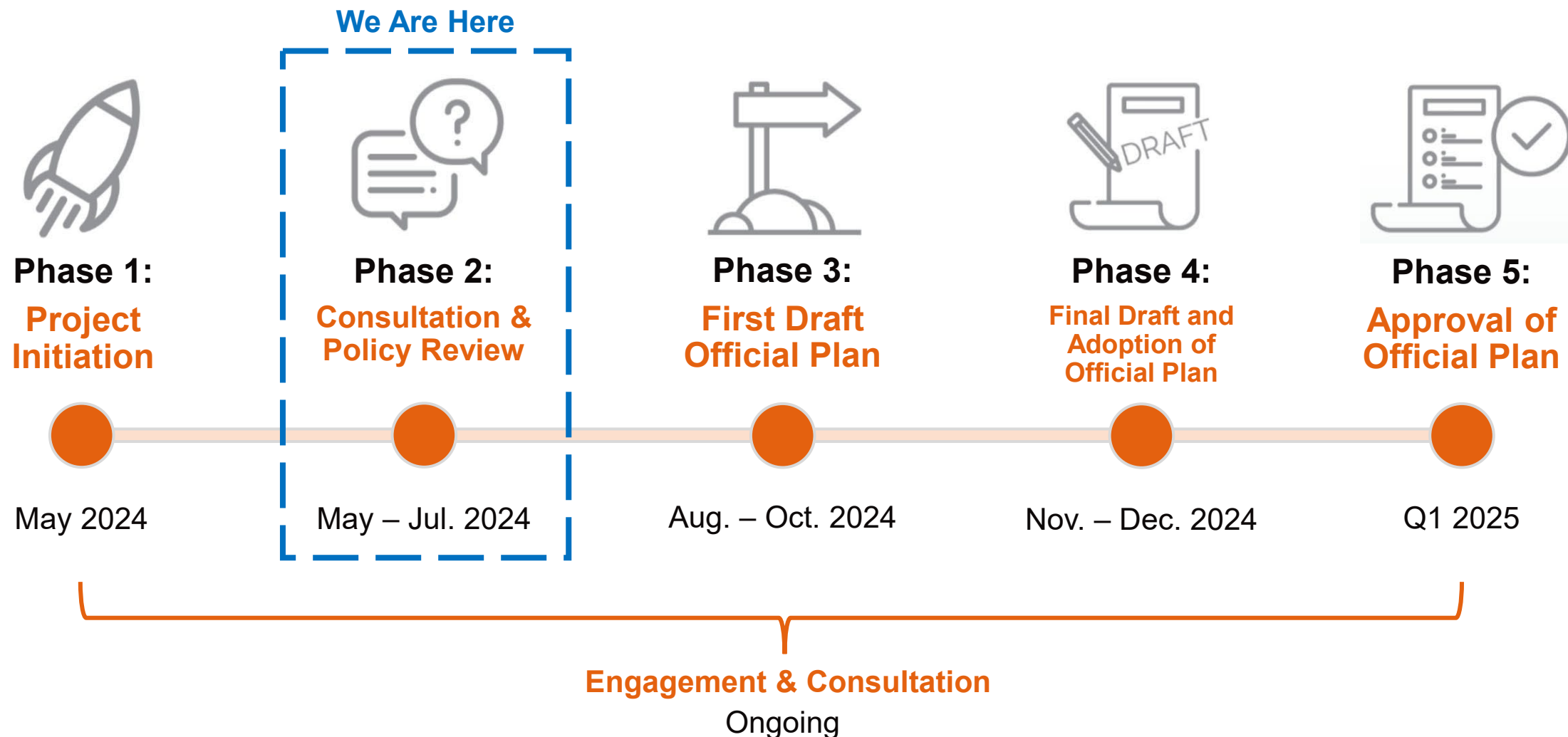
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3. Process and Estimated Timeline



3. Process and Estimated Timeline (continued)

- **First Draft Official Plan** document to be released Mid October.
- The estimated timeline was impacted by the recent announcement of the **new Provincial Planning Statement (PPS)** to take effect on **October 24, 2024**. As such, the First Draft Official Plan will now need to be consistent with the new PPS and incorporate the updated Provincial policies.
- An **announcement** will be made on the Email Circulation List, Municipal Website, and during a regularly scheduled Council Meeting when the First Draft Official Plan is released.
- An **Open House** will be scheduled following the release of the First Draft Official Plan.

4. Discussion Period

5. Next Steps and Additional Information

- Based on the discussion and consideration of the 'Preliminary' Settlement Area Boundary changes, we will update the First Draft Official Plan document for Phase Three.
- An announcement will be made following the release of the First Draft Official Plan in **Mid October**, as well as the **Open House** for Phase Three of the project.
- You can find more information on the Official Plan Review webpage at <https://www.bayham.on.ca/municipal-office/planning-development/official-plan-review-2024/>
- You are encouraged to provide any comments, questions, or feedback on the Official Plan Review at opreview@bayham.on.ca
- Written submissions can also be mailed to the Municipal Office: Attention - Official Plan Review (56169 Heritage Line, P.O. Box 160, Straffordville, ON, N0J 1Y0).

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