



EZ/EC Initiative Key Dates

- **8/10/93**- Congress enacts the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (OBRA 1993, P.L. 103-66), which established the EZ/EC Initiative's eligibility criteria, designation procedures, and benefits.
- **12/21/94**- Round I results are announced. There are **6 urban Empowerment Zones (EZs)**, **9 Supplemental EZs (SEZs)**, **65 Enterprise Communities (ECs)**, 4 of which were designated as **Enhanced Enterprise Communities (EECs)**
 - **6 Urban EZs received \$100 million Title XX SSBG funds & Tax Incentives**
 - **2 Urban SEZs received Economic Development Initiative Grants (EDI)**
 - 1. Los Angeles City/County: \$125 million
 - 2. Cleveland: \$87 million & EC designation
 - **4 Urban EECs received \$28 million EDI grant funds plus \$3 million Title XX SSBG funds**
 - 1. Boston, MA
 - 2. Kansas City, KS & Kansas City, MO
 - 3. Houston, TX
 - 4. Oakland, CA
 - **65 Urban ECs received \$3 million title XX SSBG funds plus new tax exempt bond financing**
- **7/21-26/95**- White House Community Empowerment Conference held in Washington, DC.
- **7/26/95**- HUD EDI/108 Funds Awarded to 2 SEZs (Los Angeles/Cleveland) and 4 EECs (Boston, Oakland, Kansas City & Houston)
- **2/21-23/96**- White House Community Empowerment Conference held in Washington, DC
- **4/14-16/97**- White House Community Empowerment Conference held in Detroit, MI
- **8/7/97**- Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 authorizes the designation of fifteen new Urban Empowerment Zones and five new Rural Zones
- **4/16/98**- Vice President Gore announces the EZ Round II competition at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Mayors in New Orleans, Louisiana
- **4/16/98**- Federal Register publishes the Round II Regulations (Rule and Notice Inviting Applications) which govern the competition. HUD also issues 6 technical assistance publications to assist potential applicants (Application Forms, Application Guide, Strategic Planning Guide, Performance Measurement System Guide, Federal Programs Guide, What Works in EZ/ECs). Over 10,000 Round II technical assistance publications are distributed to potential applicants.
- **4/17/98**- HUD begins a series of ten regional Round II Technical Assistance Workshops to assist potential applicants. Over 1,200 people attend the workshops.

4/17- Columbus, Ohio:	4/20- Memphis, Tennessee;
4/24- Houston, Texas:	4/27- Kansas City, Missouri;
5/4- Denver, Colorado:	5/7- Providence, Rhode Island;
5/12- Washington, DC:	5/18- Long Beach, California;
5/20- Seattle, Washington:	5/28- Newark, New Jersey.

- **7/14-16/1998**- Vice President Gore and Secretary Cuomo host a White House Community Empowerment Conference in Washington, DC to assist Round II applicants. Over 2,200 people attended the Conference.
- **10/98**- The omnibus budget agreement passed by Congress contains \$45 million in HUD funding for the 15 new Empowerment Zones.
- **10/98 through 12/98**- The application of each EZ designee was reviewed by at least eight different career civil servants. An Initial Review Team and a Final Review Panel evaluated the applications based on the review considerations contained in the Notice of Funding Availability issued in April, 1998. Each application was scored based on the quality of the strategic plan (75 points) and the strength of private and public sector commitments made to implement the plan (25 points).
- **12/31/98**- HUD designates 15 new Urban Empowerment Zones.
- **1/13/99**- Vice President Gore, HUD Secretary Cuomo and USDA Secretary Glickman announce the 20 (15 urban/5 rural) Round II Empowerment Zones.
- **5/23-27/99**- White House Community Empowerment Conference held in McAllen, TX. The Rio Grande EZ was the host.
- **6/26 -6/29/00**- White House Community Empowerment Conference held in Columbus, Ohio. The conference attracted more than 1,400 participants and 60 exhibitors.

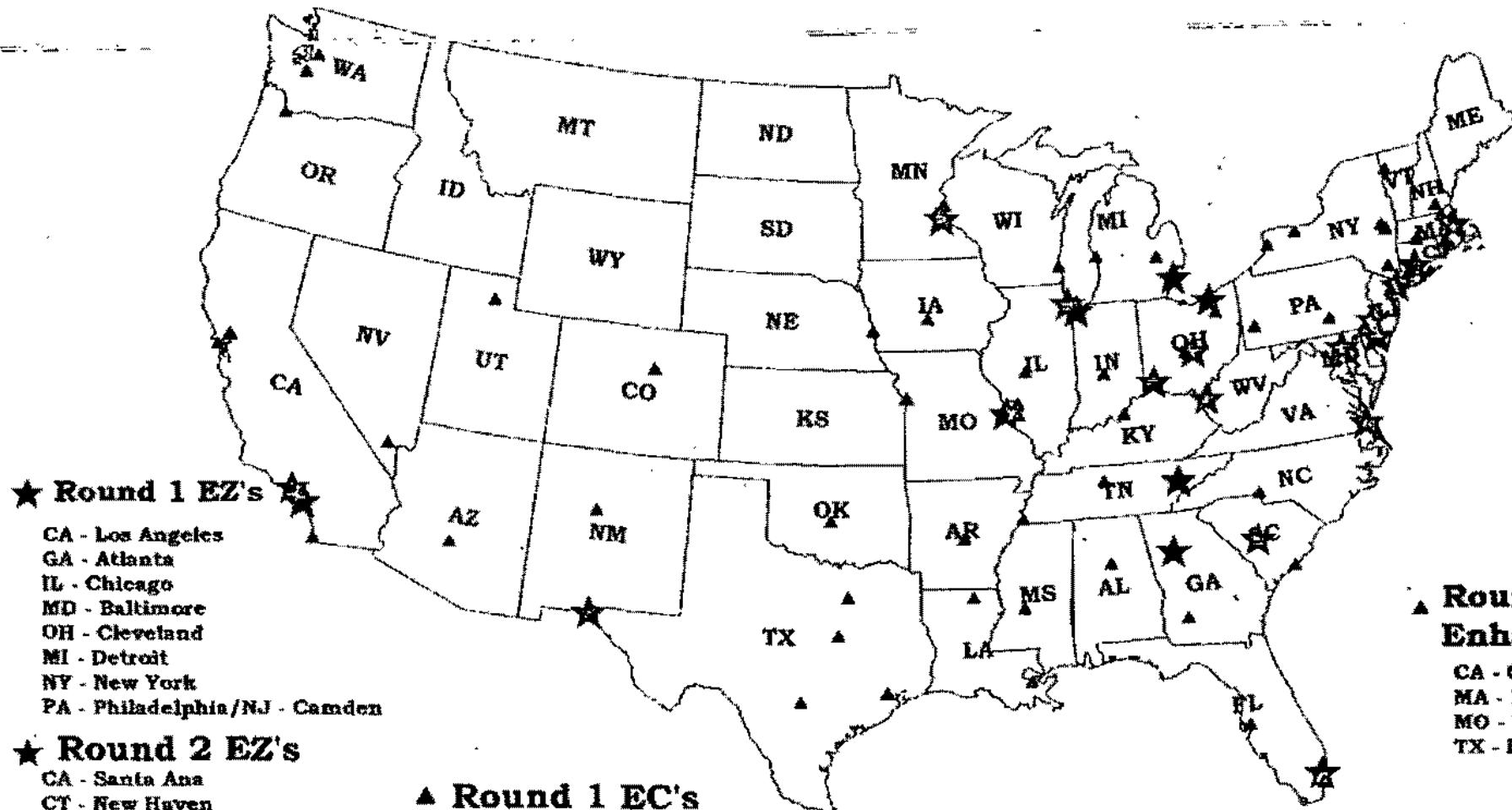
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Urban EZ's, EC's and Enhanced EC's



▲ Round 1 Enhanced EC's

CA - Oakland
MA - Boston
MO - Kansas City
TX - Houston

★ Round 2 EZ's

CA - Santa Ana
CT - New Haven
FL - Miami-Dade County
IL - East St. Louis/MO - St. Louis
IN - Gary/East Chicago
MA - Boston
MN - Minneapolis
NJ - Cumberland County
OH - Cincinnati
OH - Columbus
OH - Ironton/WV - Huntington
SC - Columbia/Sumter
TN - Knoxville
TX - El Paso
VA - Norfolk/Portsmouth

▲ Round 1 EC's

AL - Birmingham
AR - Little Rock
AZ - Phoenix
CA - Los Angeles
CA - San Diego
CA - San Francisco
CO - Denver
CT - Bridgeport
CT - New Haven
DC - Washington
DE - Wilmington
FL - Dade County
FL - Tampa
GA - Albany
IA - Des Moines
IL - East St. Louis
IL - Springfield
IN - Indianapolis
KY - Louisville
LA - New Orleans
LA - Ouachita Parish
MA - Lowell
MA - Springfield
MI - Flint
MI - Muskegon
MN - Minneapolis
MN - St. Paul
MO - St. Louis
MS - Jackson
NC - Charlotte
NE - Omaha
NH - Manchester
NJ - Newark
NM - Albuquerque
NV - Las Vegas
NY - Albany-Troy
NY - Buffalo
TN - Nashville-Davidson
TX - Dallas
TX - El Paso
TX - San Antonio
TX - Waco
UT - Ogden
VA - Norfolk
VT - Burlington
WA - Seattle
WA - Tacoma
WI - Milwaukee
WV - Huntington

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 9, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT
THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
THE SECRETARY OF LABOR
THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION
THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY
THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY
THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE SMALL BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION
THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR DOMESTIC POLICY
THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR ECONOMIC POLICY
THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS
THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF
MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

The Vice President and I strongly believe that the best way to serve distressed communities in urban and rural America is through a comprehensive, coordinated, and integrated approach that combines bottom-up initiatives and private sector innovations with responsive Federal-State support. Today, I direct the Federal agencies to work cooperatively to implement this approach in a way that reflects the principles of the Vice President's National Performance Review -- i.e., meeting the needs of local communities through a performance-measured, customer-driven philosophy and a cross-agency approach. I also hereby establish the President's Community Enterprise Board ("Board") to advise and assist me in coordinating across agencies the various Federal programs available (or potentially available) to distressed communities and in developing further policies related to the successful implementation of our community empowerment efforts.

The Vice President has agreed to chair this Board, and the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy and the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy have agreed to serve as Vice-Chairs of the Board. I request the following Administration officials to serve on this Board: the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of Education, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Director of National Drug Control Policy, the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers.

The first task of the Board is to assist in the successful implementation of the Administration's empowerment zone legislation, Subchapter C of Title XIII of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, Public Law 103-66, "Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities, and Rural Development Investment Areas." This Act authorizes the Secretaries of HUD and Agriculture to designate certain localities as empowerment zones and enterprise communities, thus enabling them to receive certain Federal funds and other benefits from the Federal Government.

Other programs, old and new, are similarly beneficial to local communities. These programs, however, form an overly complex, categorical, unworkable, and ineffective response to the needs of distressed communities. I hereby direct the Board to review these programs in order to ascertain how we can make the entire Federal effort more responsive to the needs of distressed communities. In addition, with respect to the empowerment zones and enterprise communities, I direct the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of Education, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Director of National Drug Control Policy, and the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to (1) identify, within 15 days of this directive, existing programs that further the goals and objectives set forth in this memorandum and the Act and (2) make available, to the extent permitted by law, funds from those programs for use in implementing the strategic plans of the designated empowerment zones and community enterprises.

In order to advise and assist me regarding issues that relate to community development and empowerment, I request that each Board member --

(a) Provide me with recommendations, consistent with Section 13301 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 ("OBRA" or "the Act"), on the criteria to be used for selection and designation of empowerment zones and enterprise communities, as set forth in Section 13301 of the Act;

(b) Identify additional legislative mandates that further the goals and objectives set forth in this memorandum and the Act and, where appropriate, develop for my consideration recommendations for further action;

(c) Identify legislative mandates that may be impeding State, local, and tribal governments from meeting the goals and objectives set forth in this memorandum and the Act, and, where appropriate, develop for my consideration recommendations for further action; and

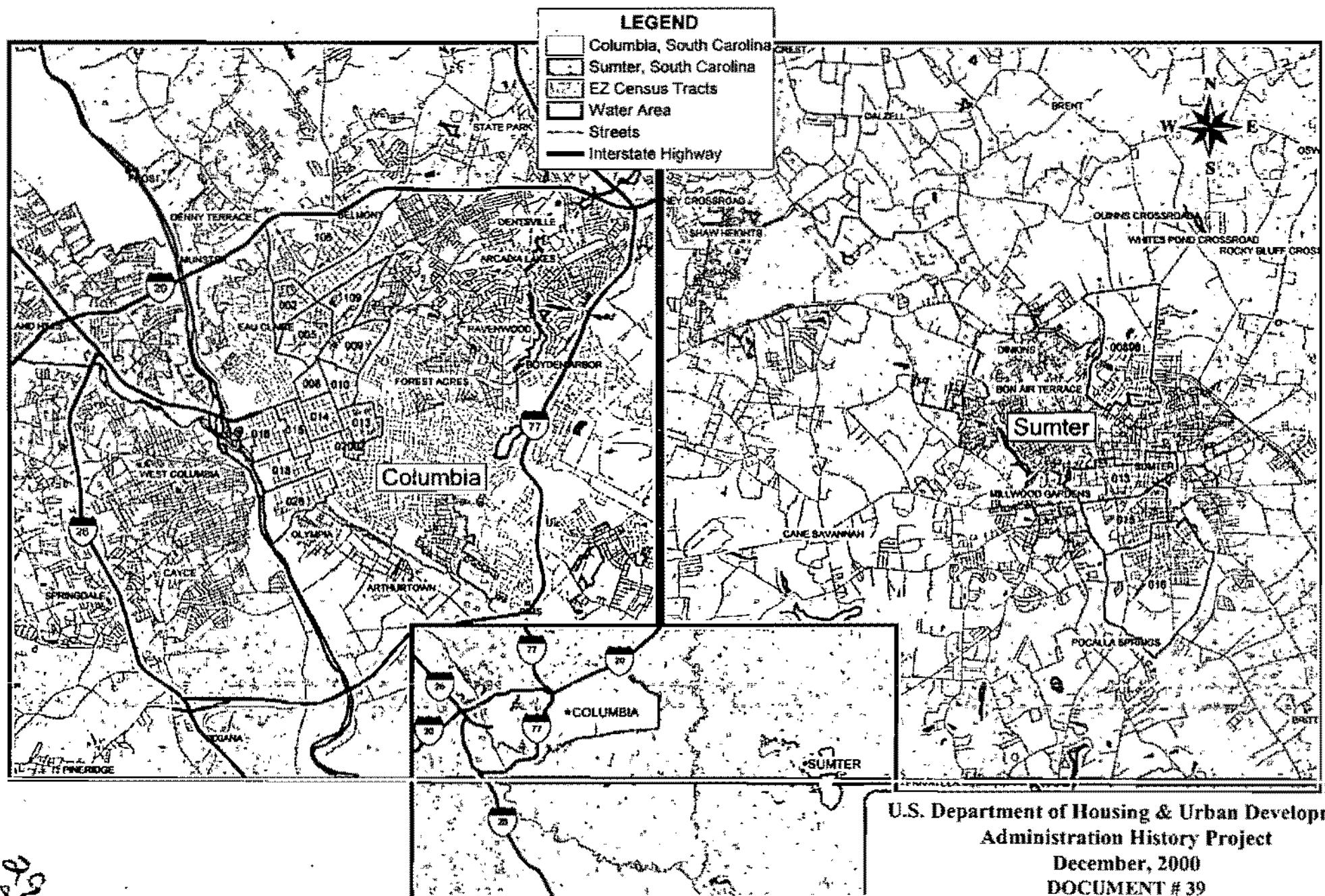
(d) Consult with the Board regarding exemptions from regulatory mandates for which the member agency has jurisdiction and inform his or her decisions regarding any such exemptions with the recommendations of the Board.

In addition, I direct each of the agencies to cooperate fully with the Chair, the Vice-Chairs, and the Secretaries of HUD and Agriculture in assisting designated zones and enterprise communities in successfully implementing their strategic plans under Section 13301 of the Act. This interagency effort shall, among other things, coordinate Federal assistance and support within each empowerment zone and enterprise community.

In order to meet the goals and objectives set forth above, I also request the Secretary of HUD and the Secretary of Agriculture to consult with the Board regarding (1) the designation, under Section 13301 of the Act, of empowerment zones and enterprise communities and (2) possible revocation of designations, as set forth in Section 13301 of the Act.

Finally, I direct the Secretaries of HUD, Agriculture, and HHS (in consultation with the Board) to take, by November 1, 1993, the appropriate regulatory measures to ensure that the use of all Title XX grants awarded under the Act meets the criteria of Section 13761 of the Act, including, specifically, that portion of Subsection C that requires, among other things, localities to use Title XX grants (1) in accordance with the strategic plans approved by the Secretaries of HUD and Agriculture,

Columbia/Sumter, South Carolina Empowerment Zone

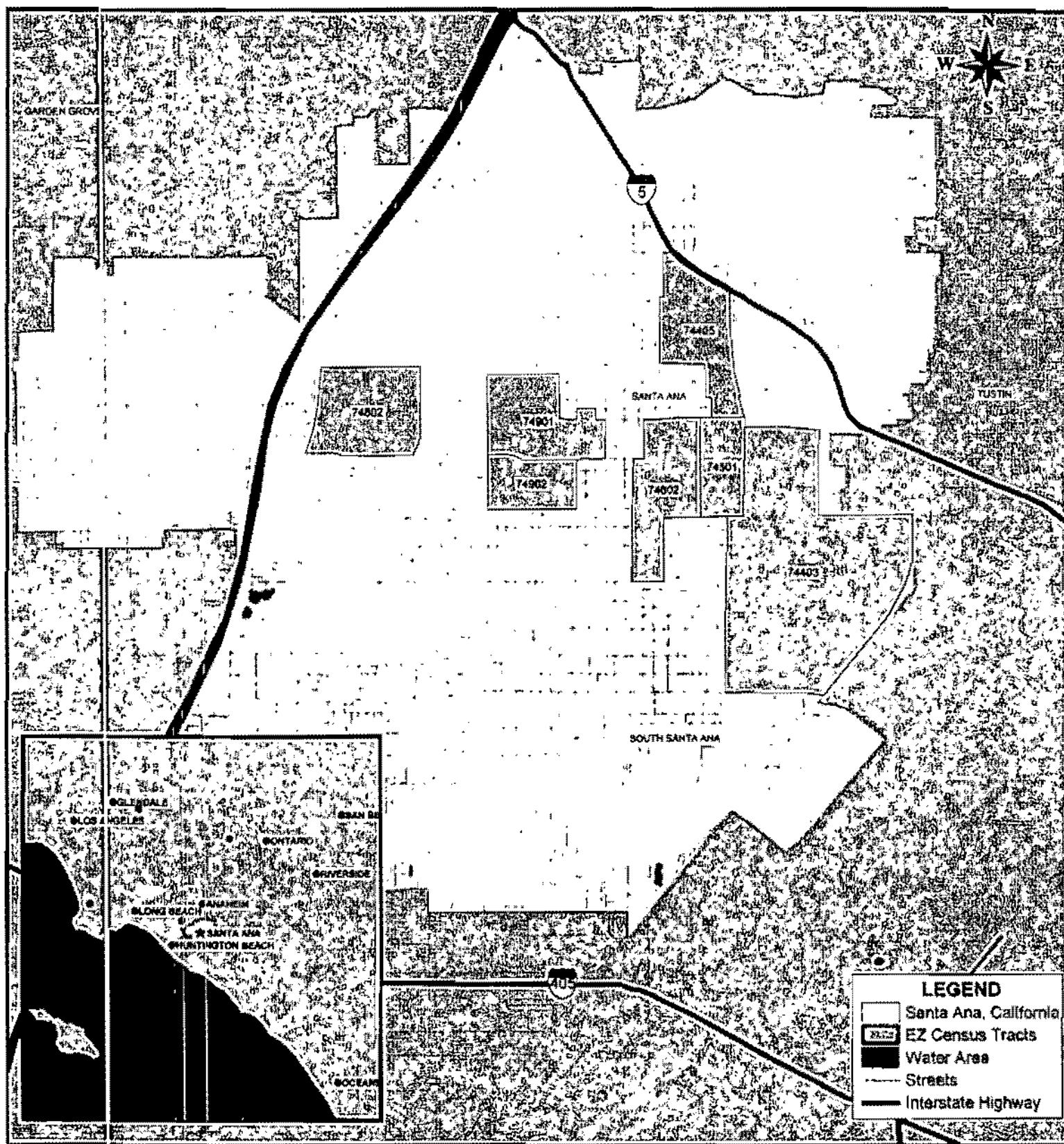


St. Louis, Missouri/East St. Louis, Illinois

Empowerment Zone

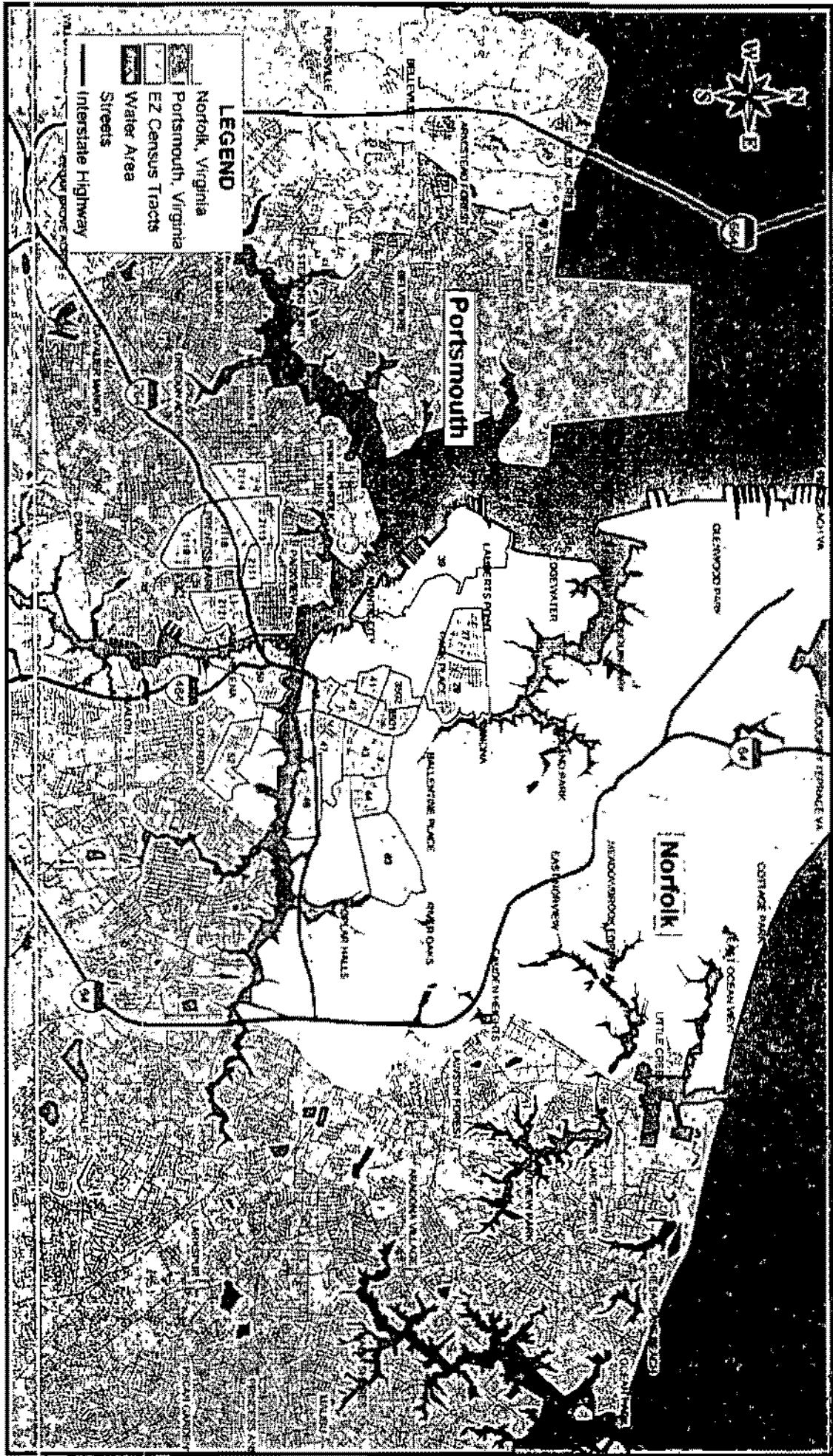


Santa Ana, California Empowerment Zone



Norfolk/Portsmouth, Virginia

Empowerment Zone

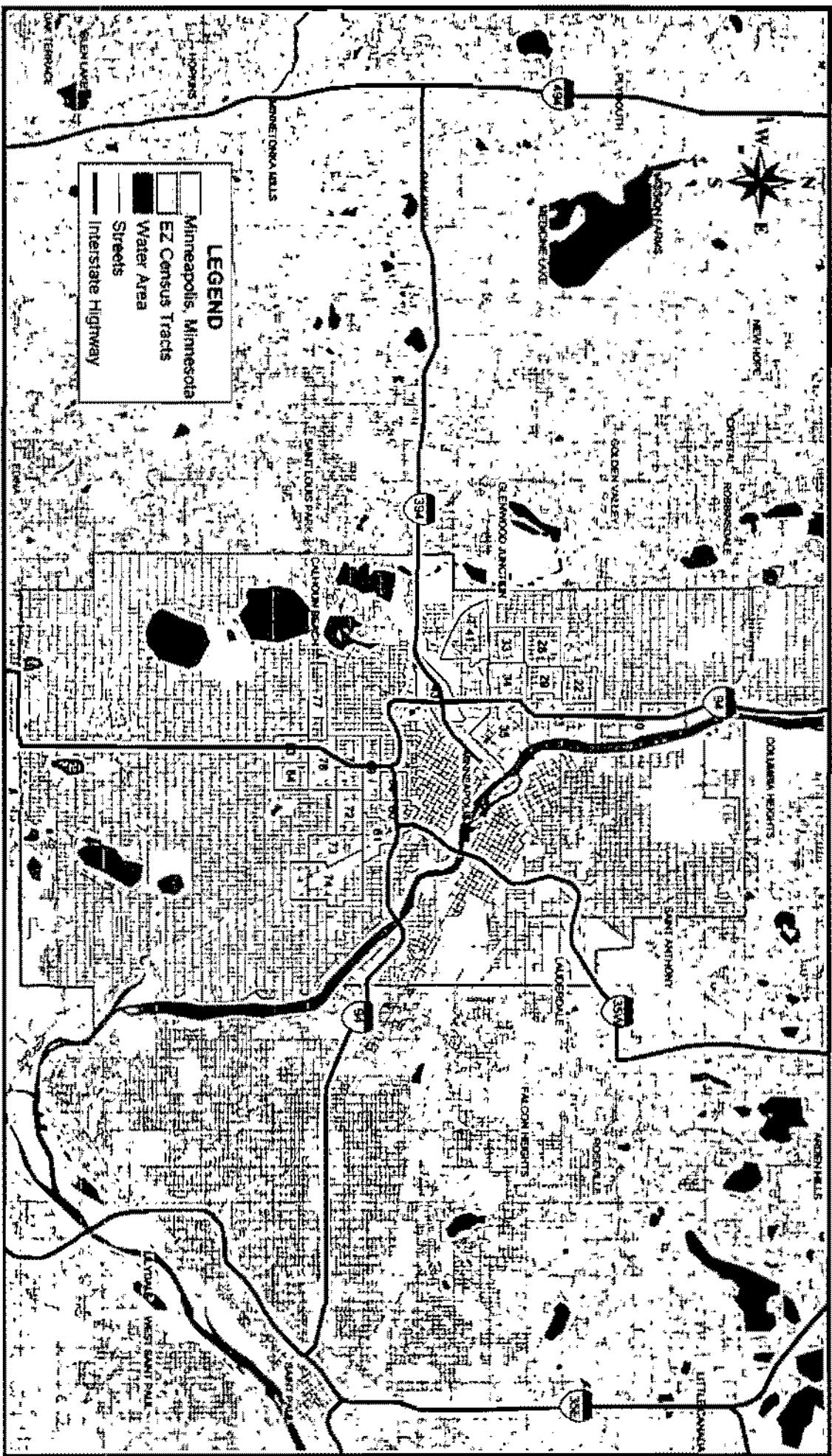


New Haven, Connecticut

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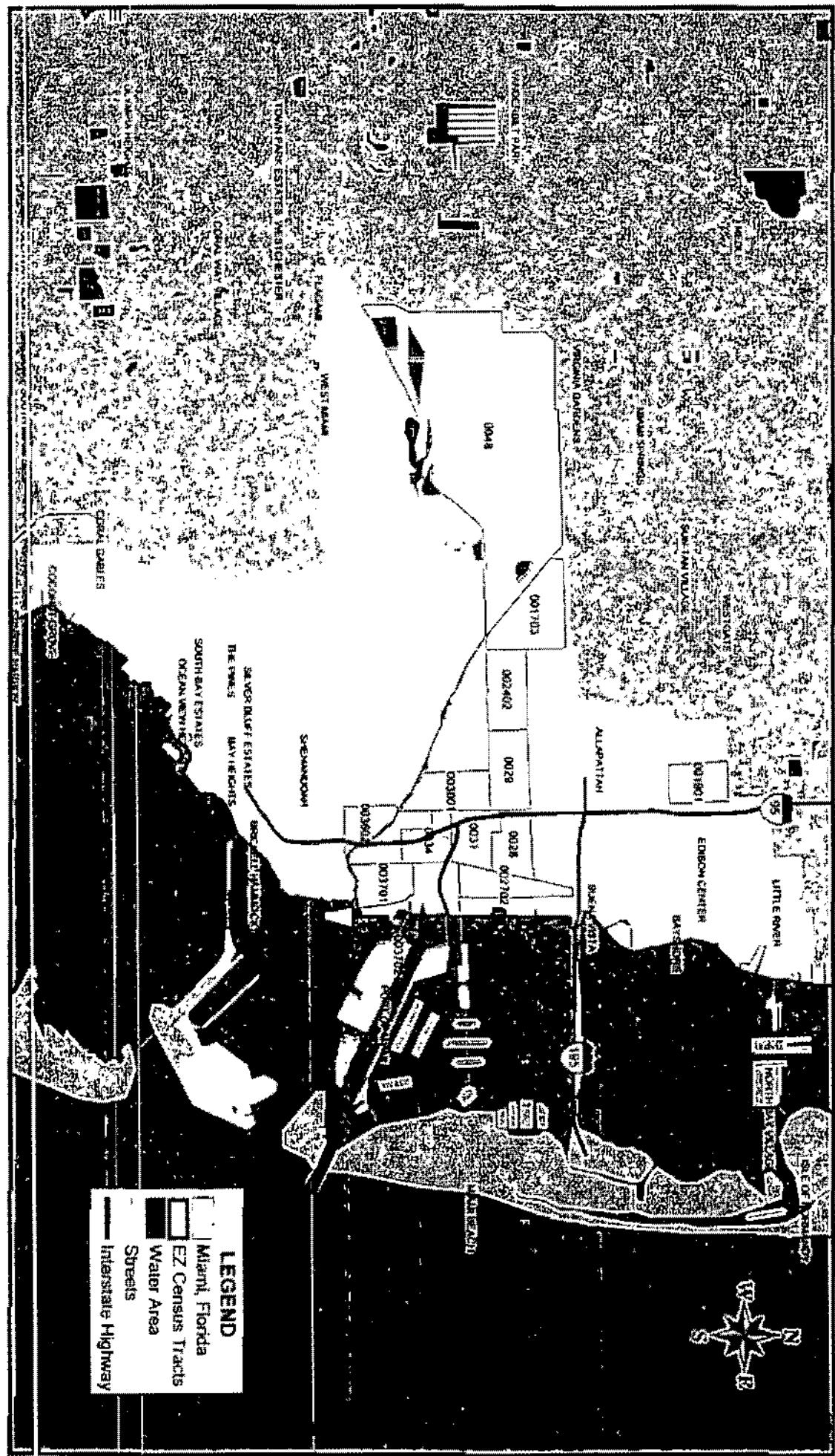


Minneapolis, Minnesota Empowerment Zone



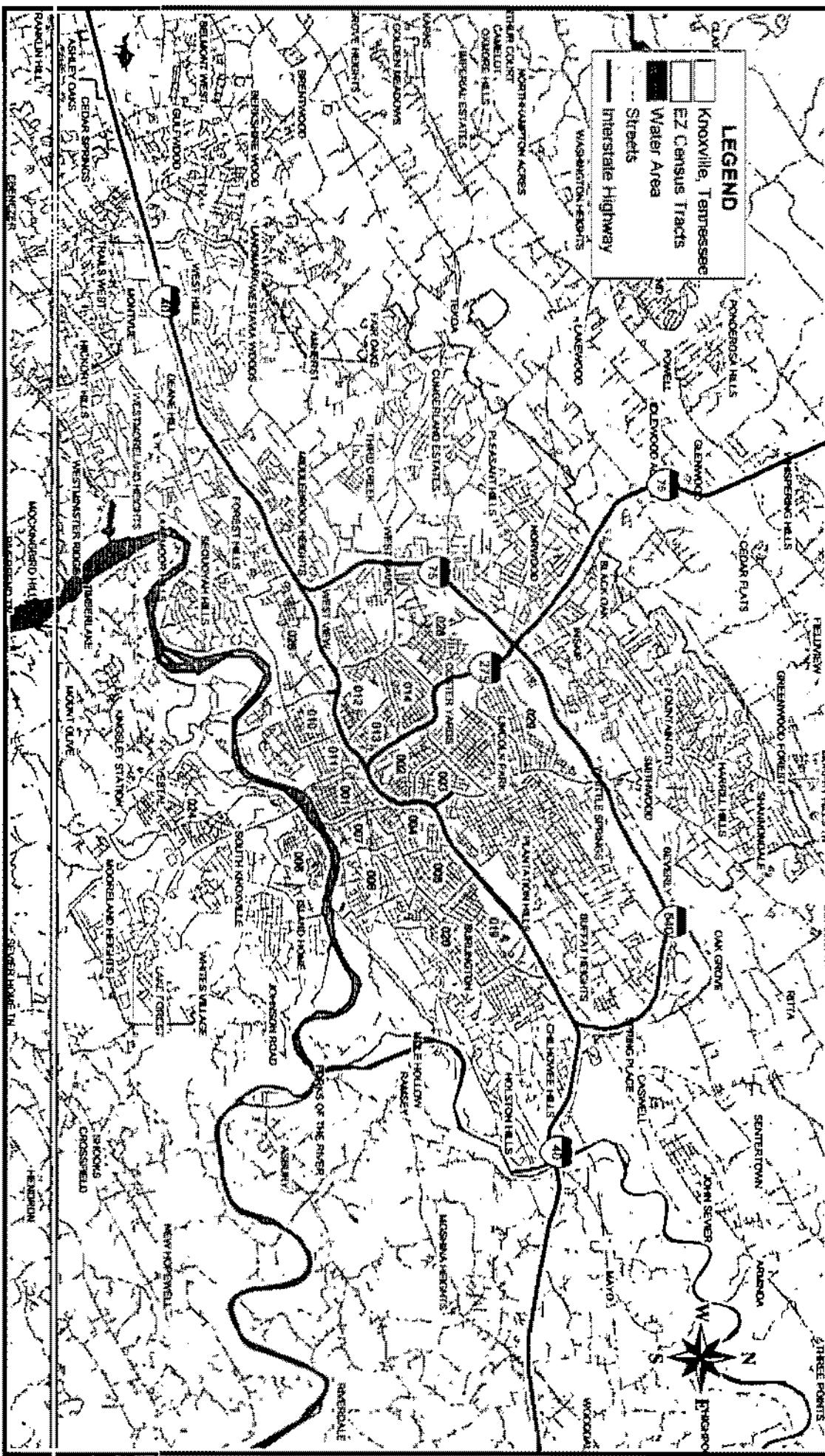
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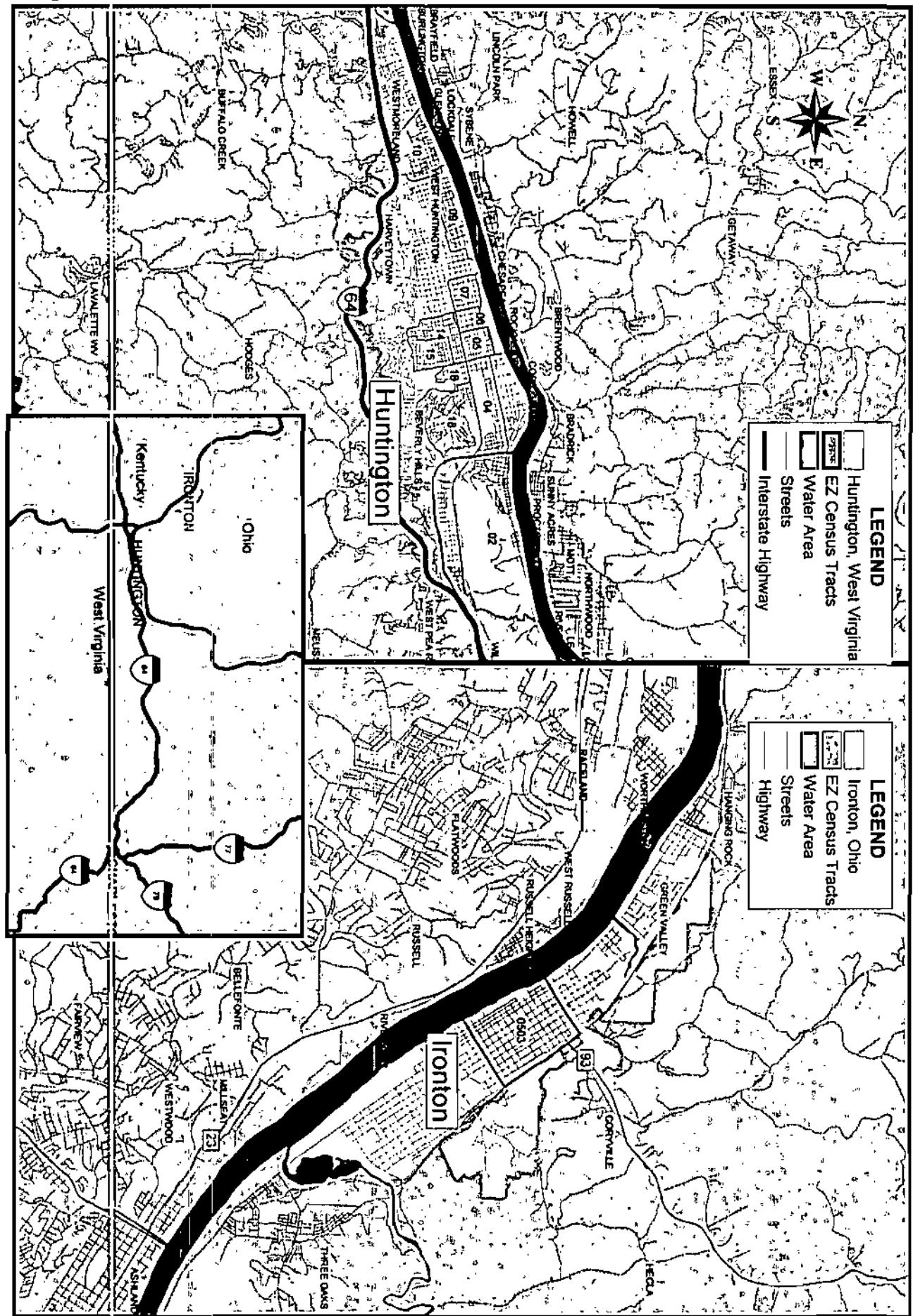


Knoxville, Tennessee

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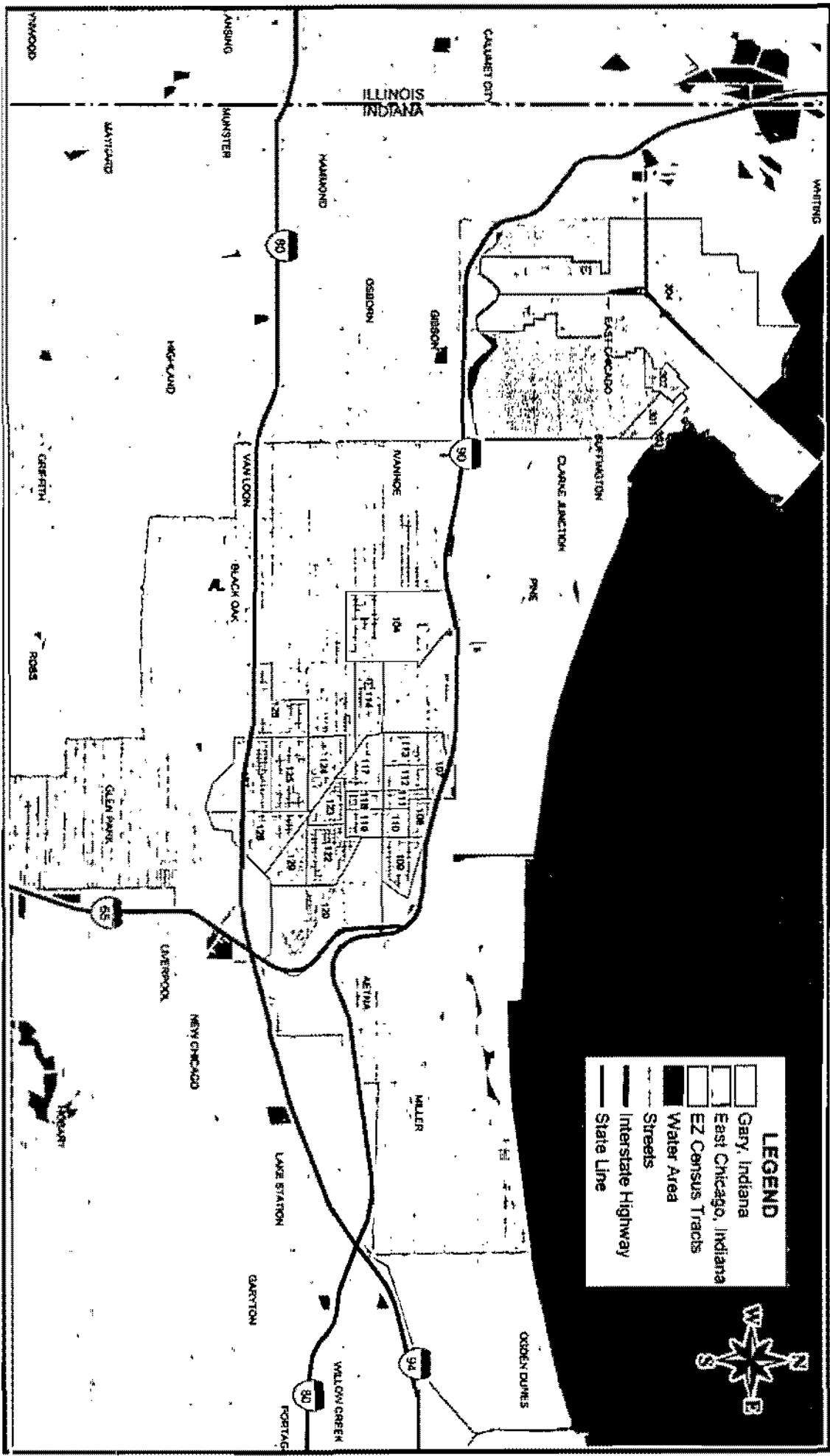


Huntington, West Virginia / Ironton, Ohio Empowerment Zone



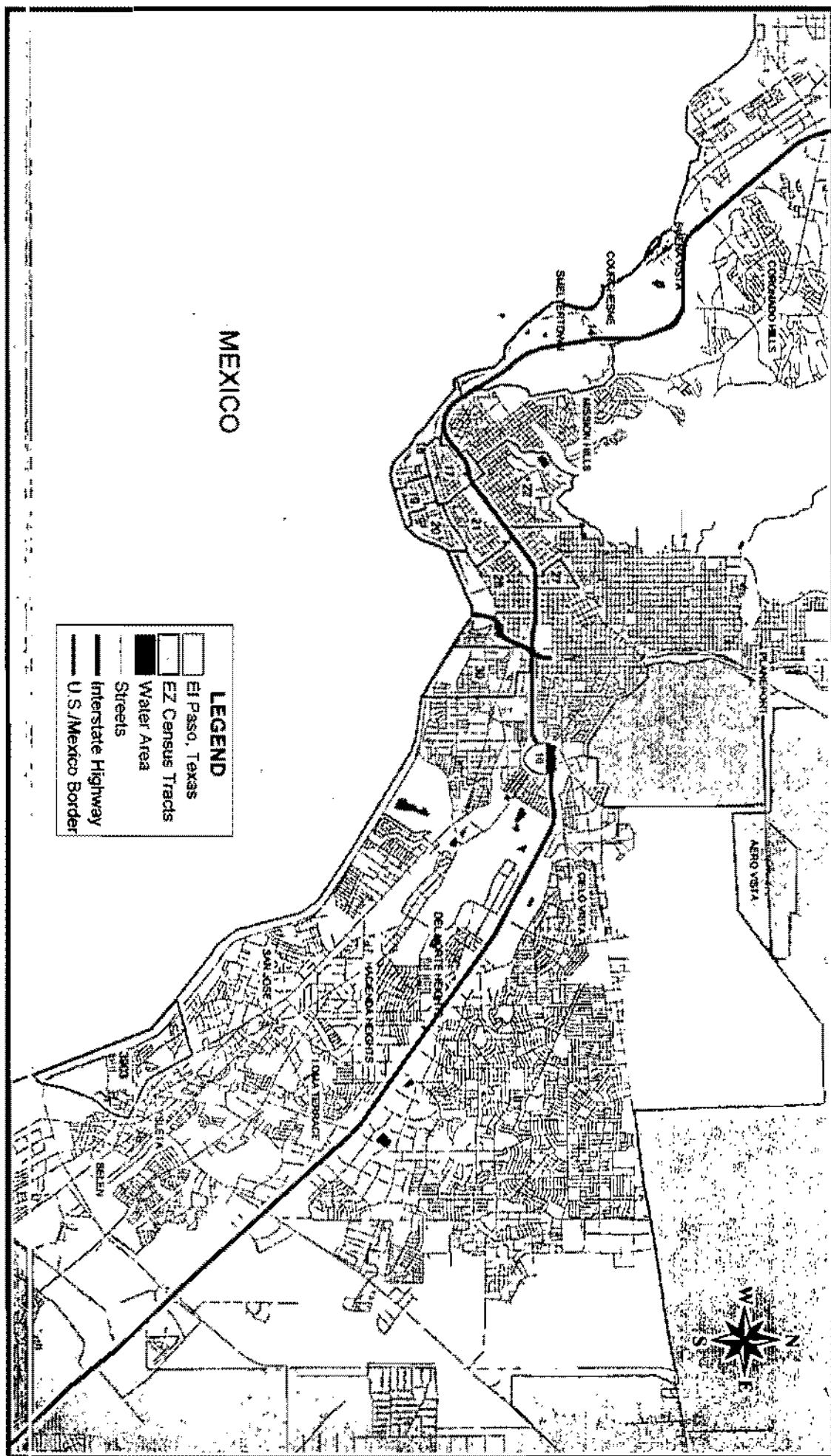
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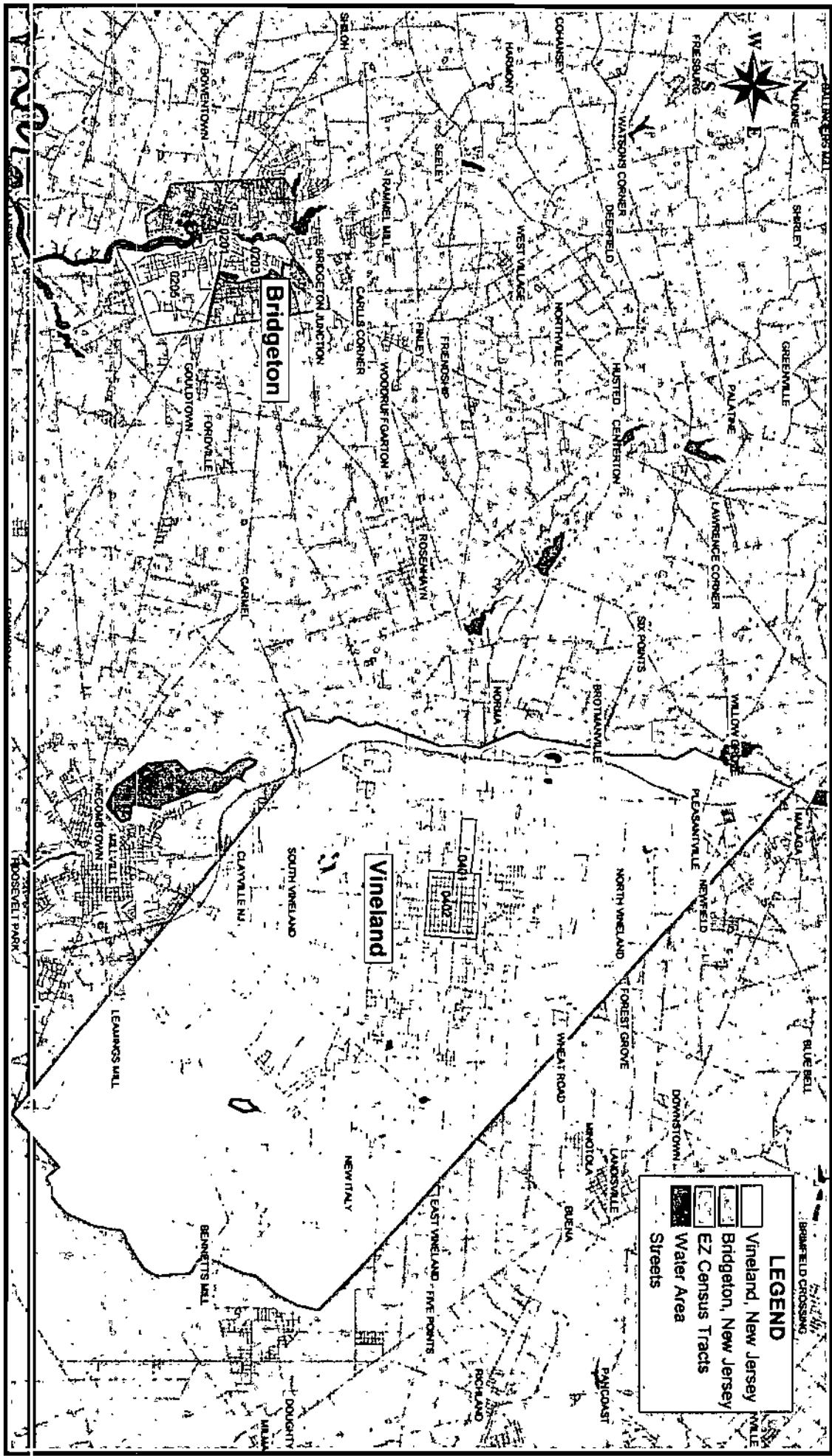
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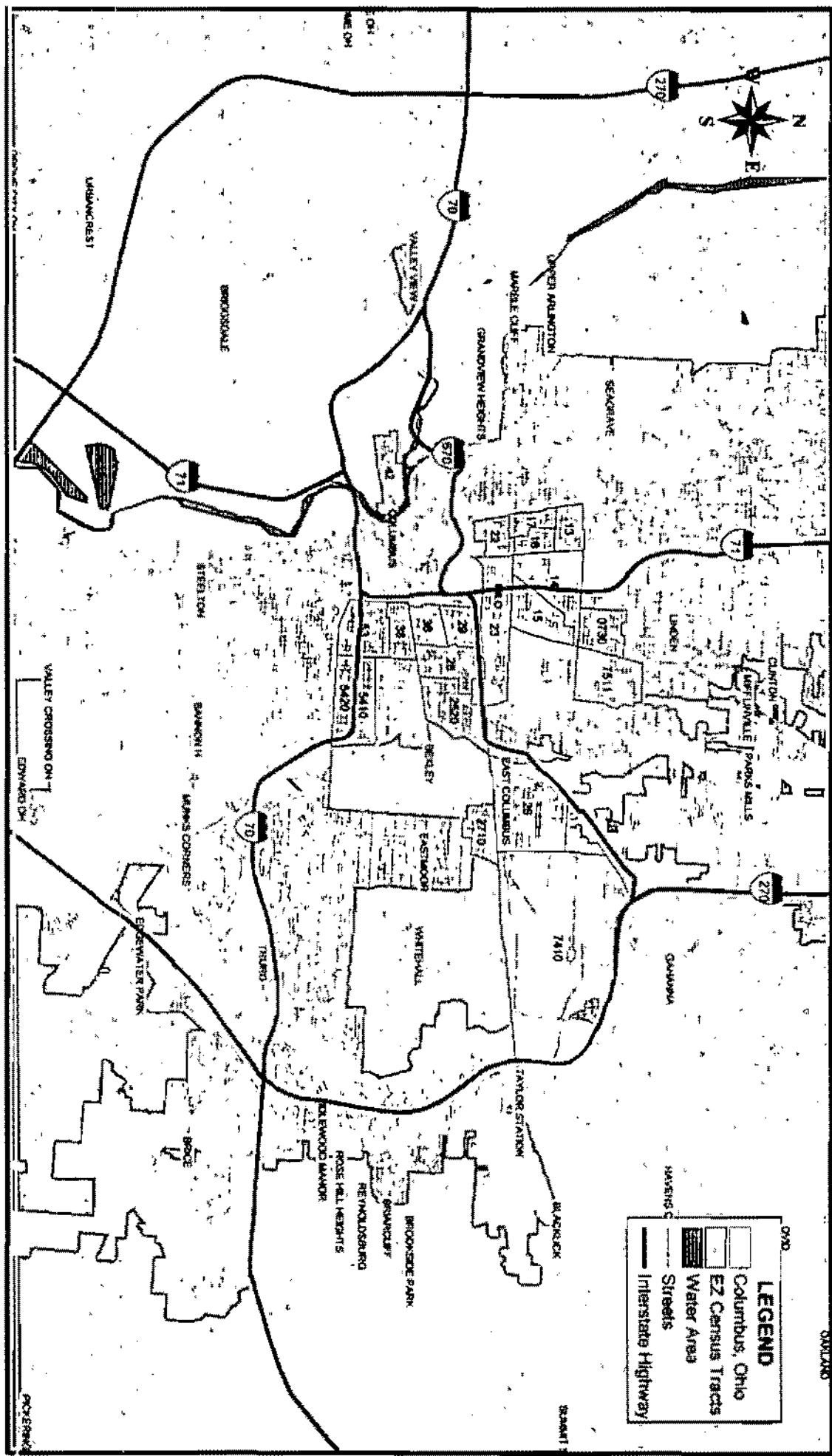
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Empowerment Zone



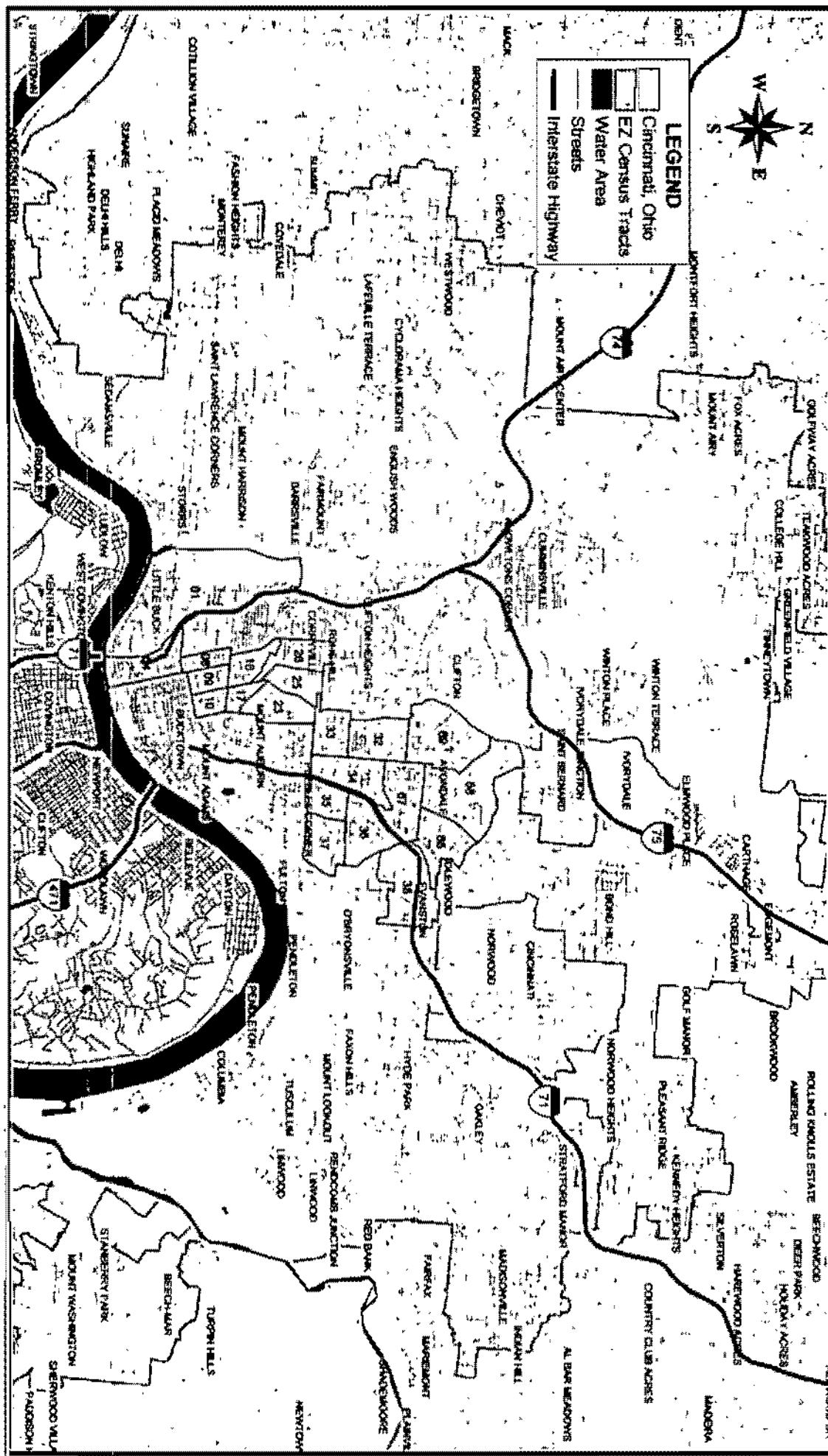
Columbus, Ohio

Empowerment Zone



Cincinnati, Ohio

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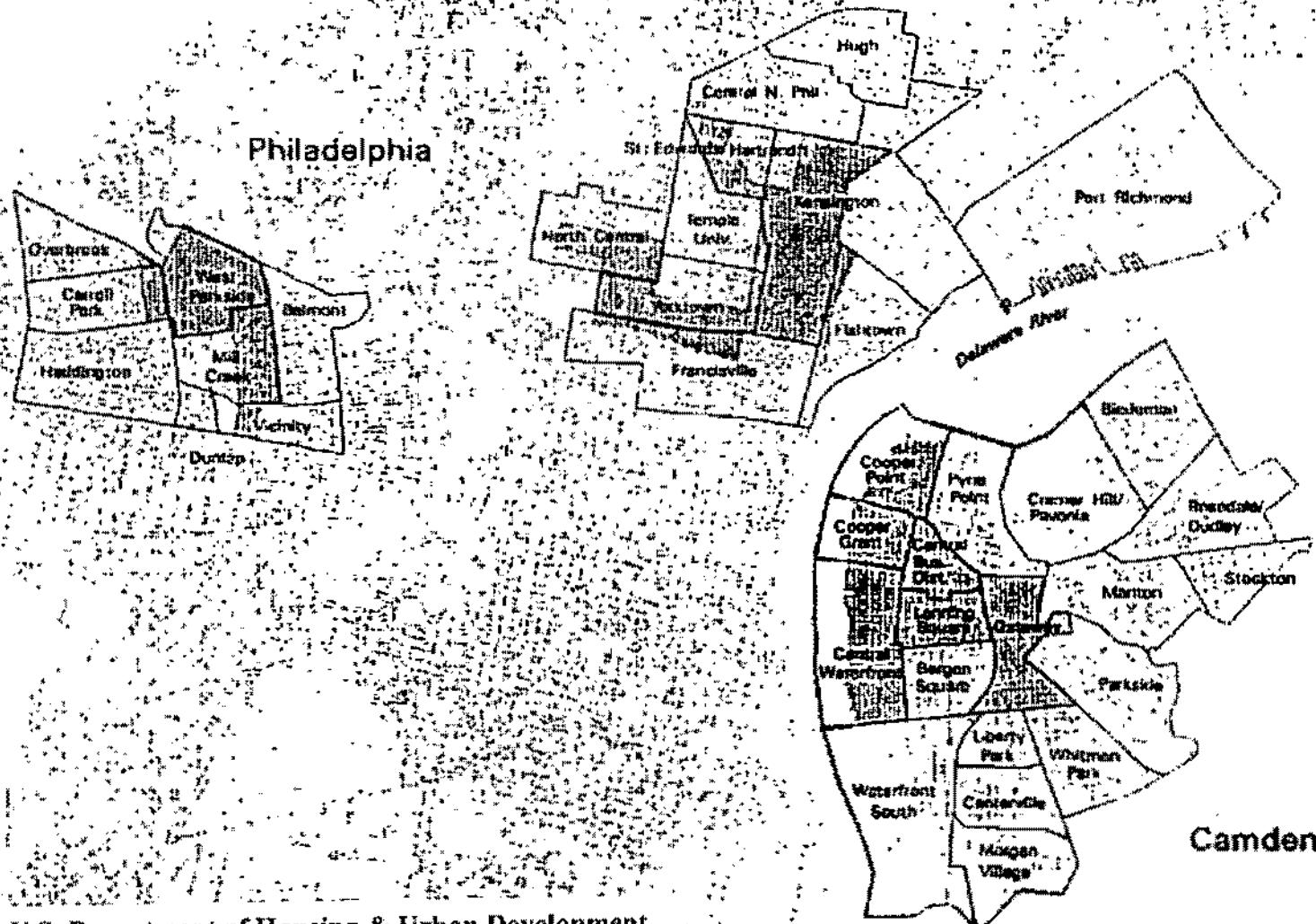


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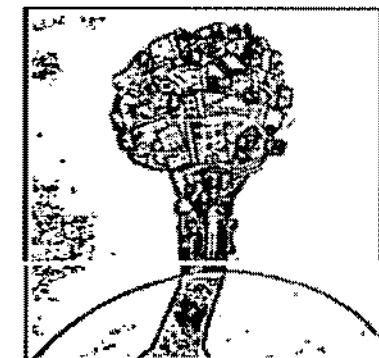
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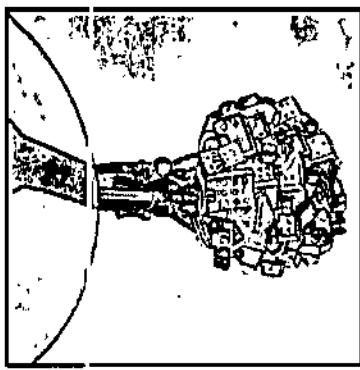
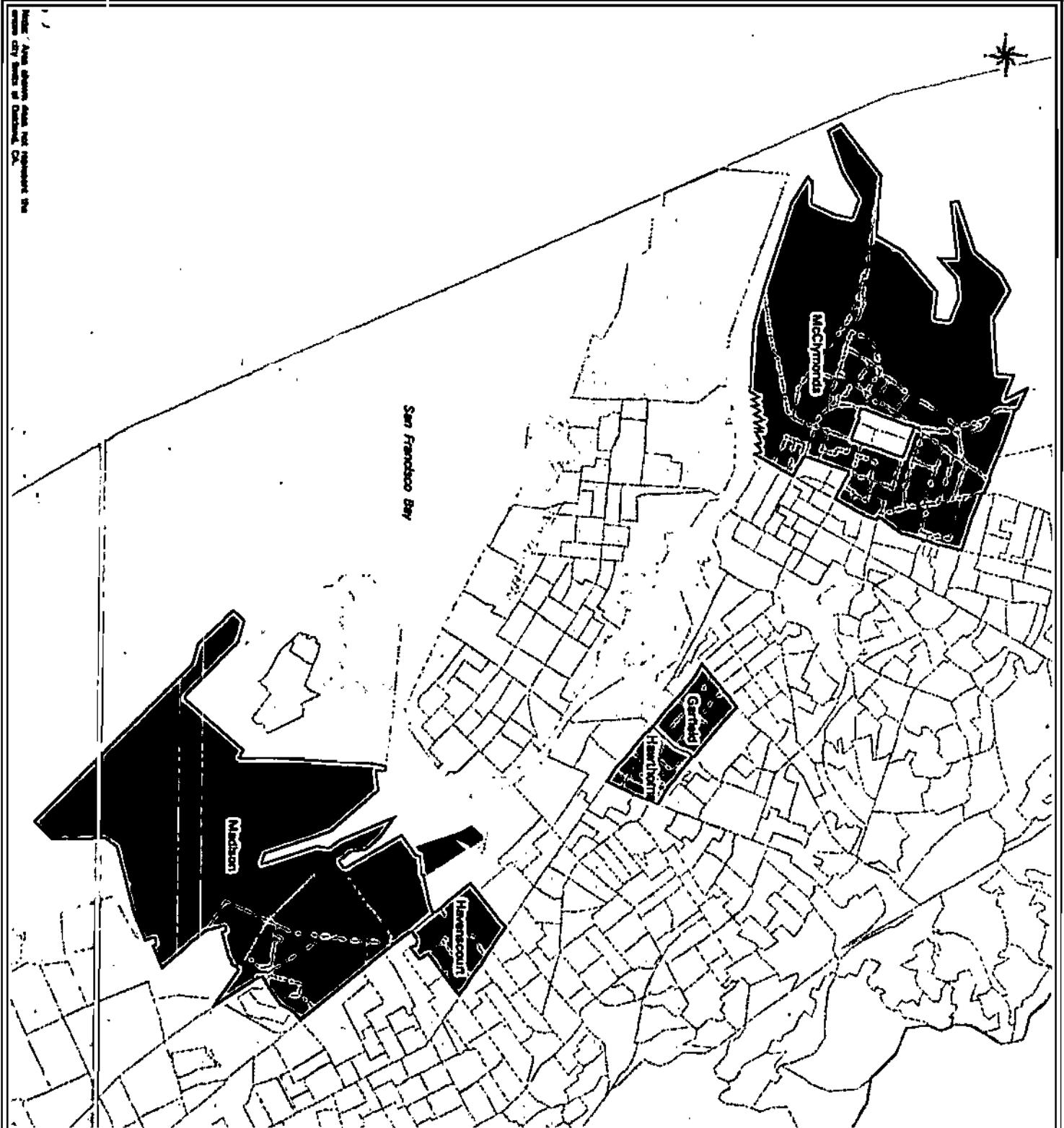
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Camden, New Jersey



■ EC/Empowerment Zone
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— Census Block Boundary

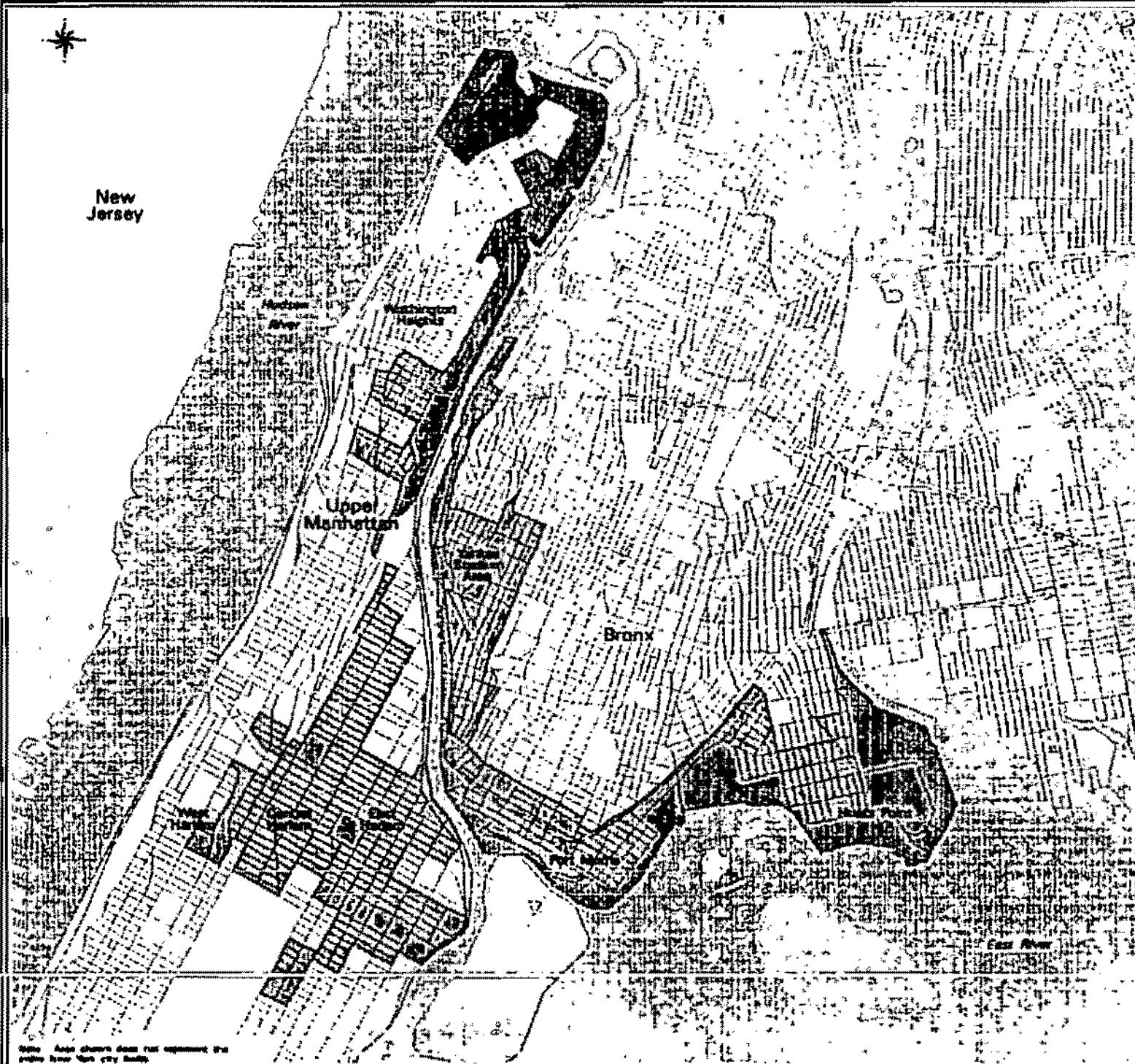


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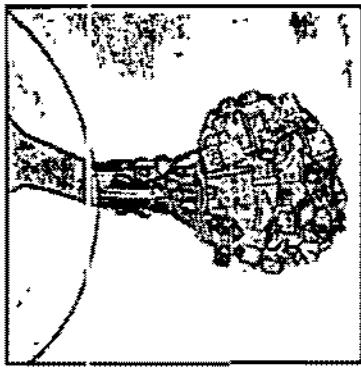
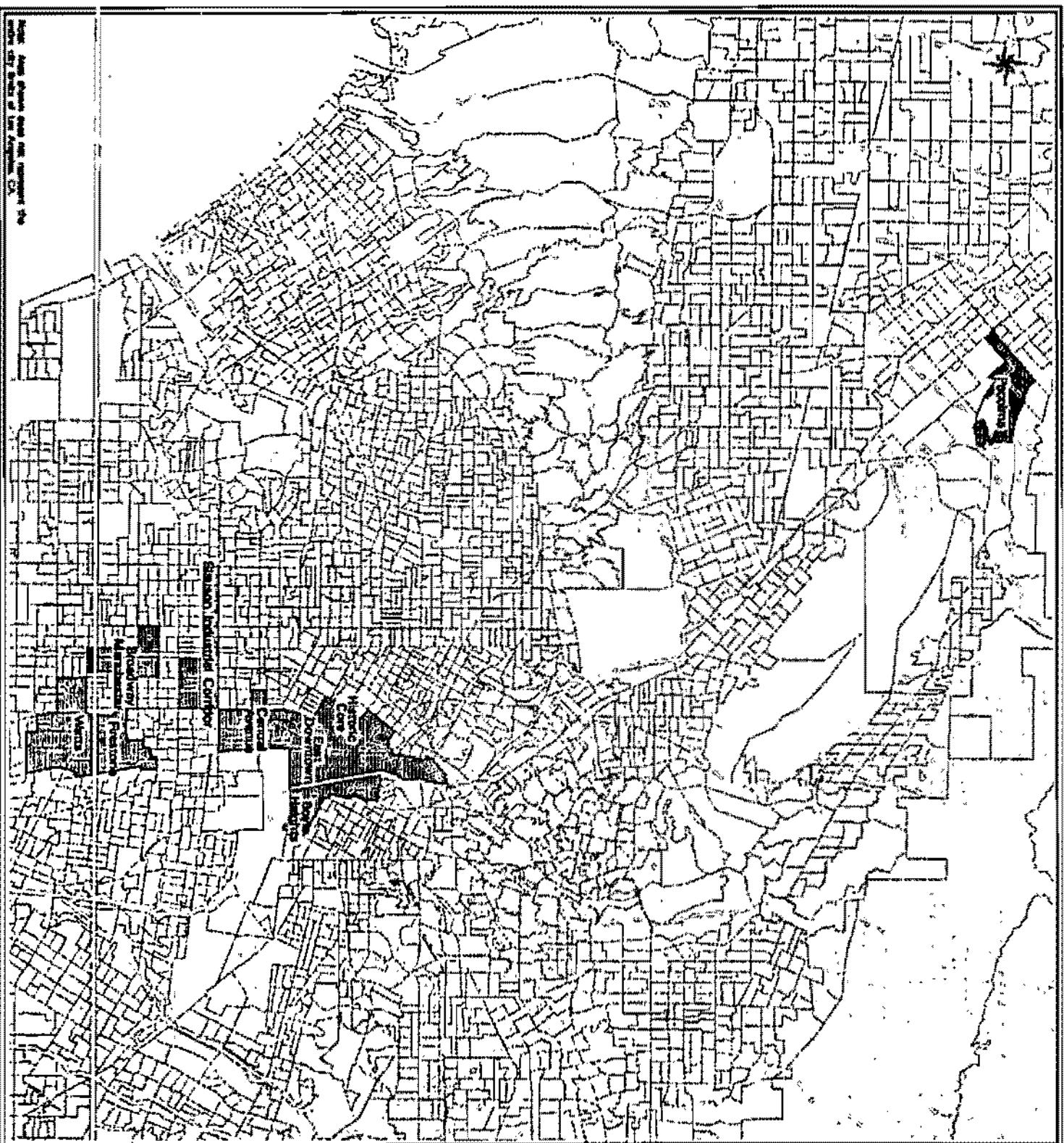


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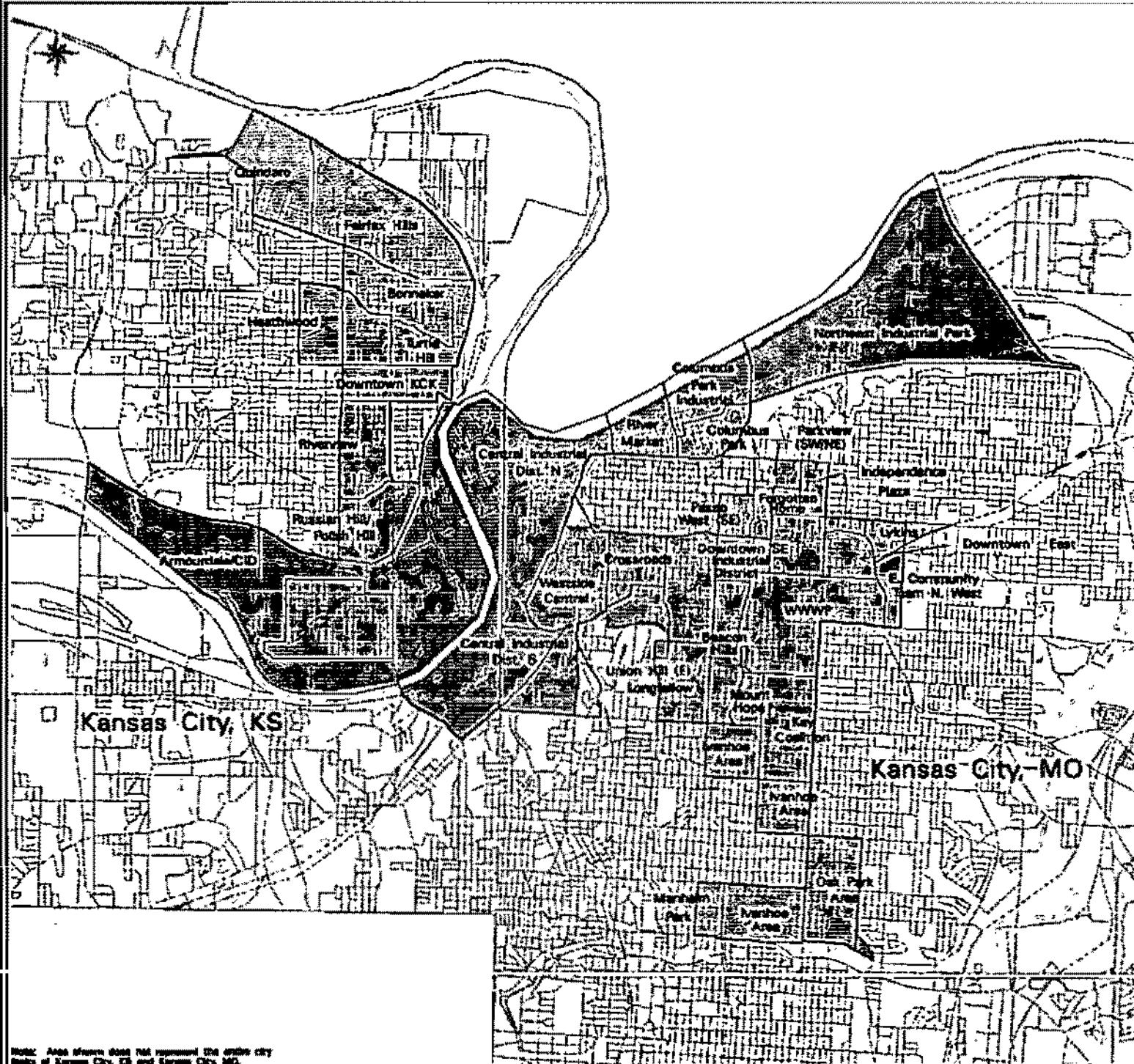
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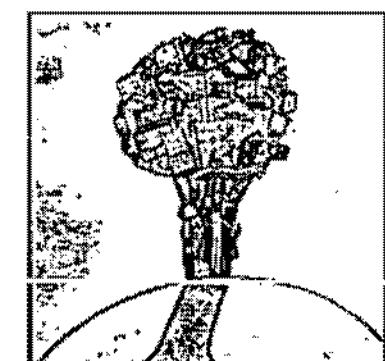
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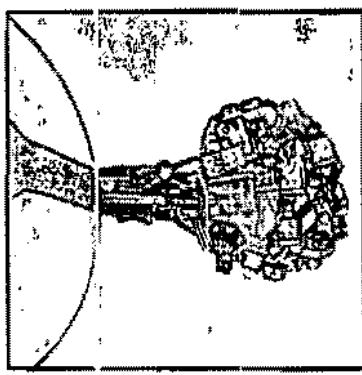
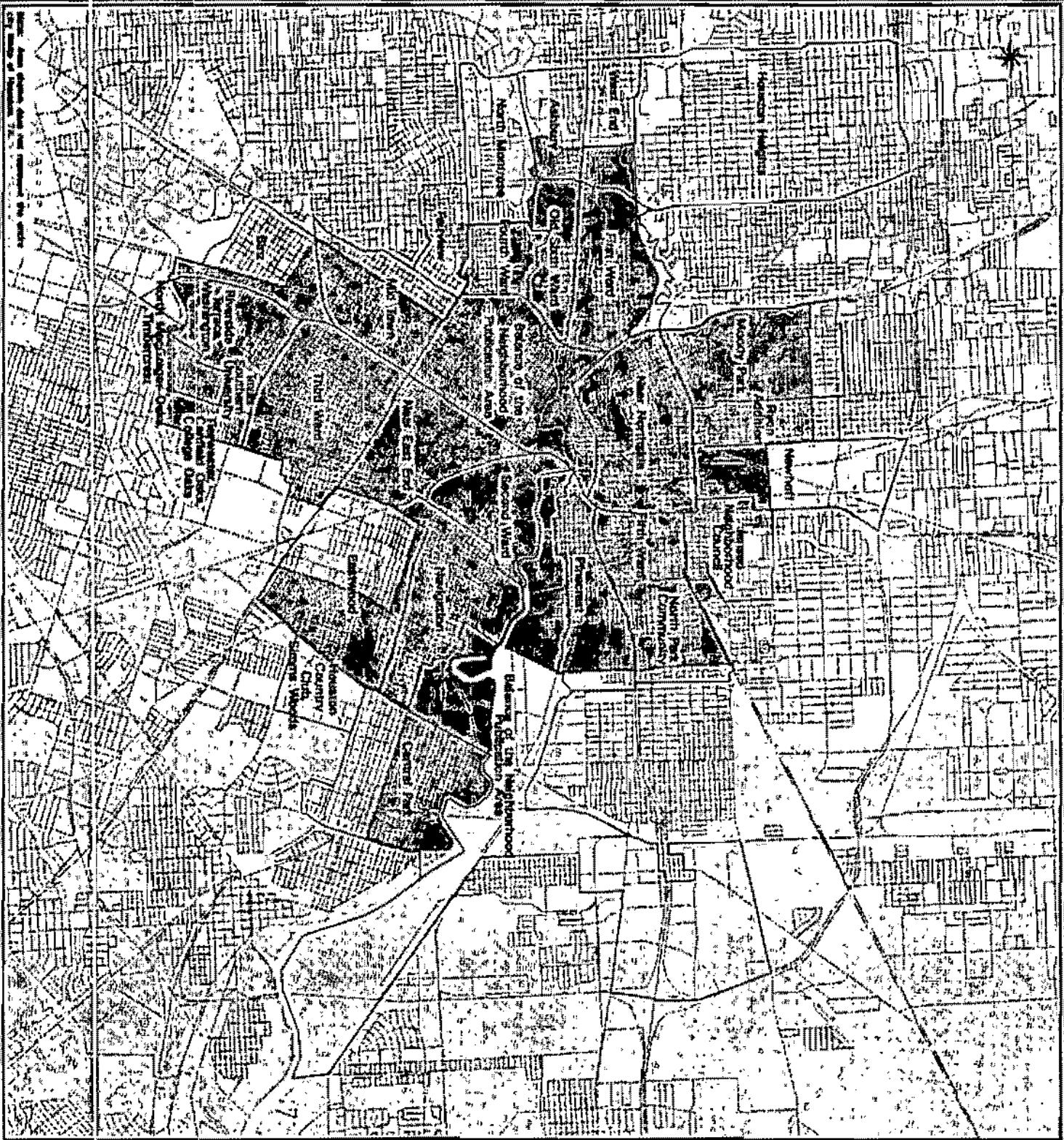
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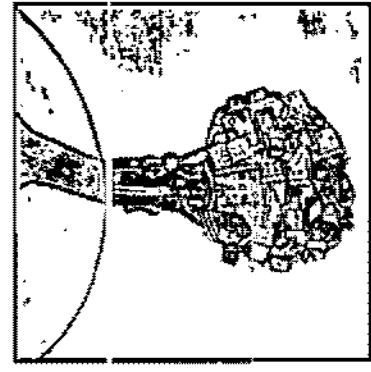
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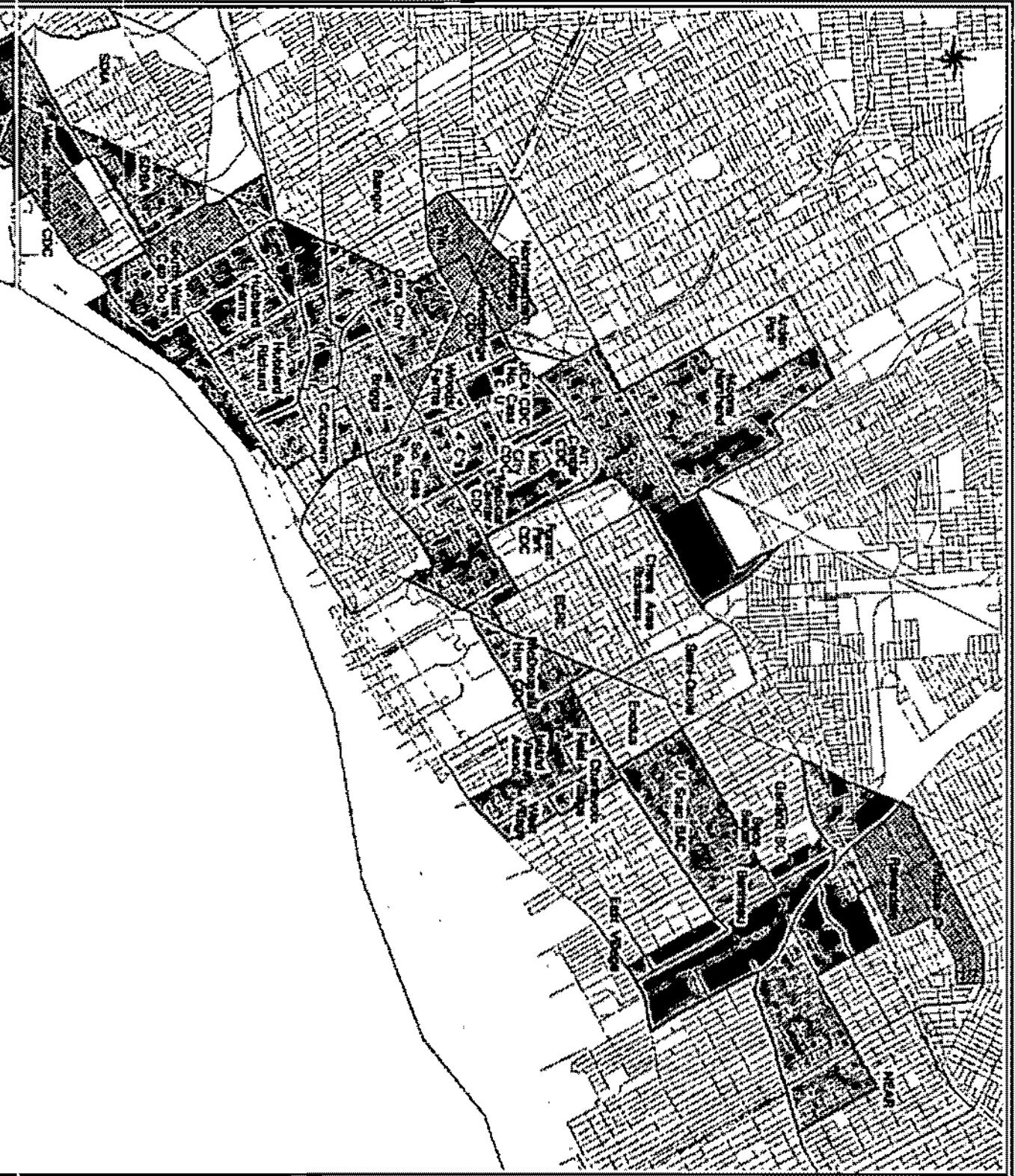
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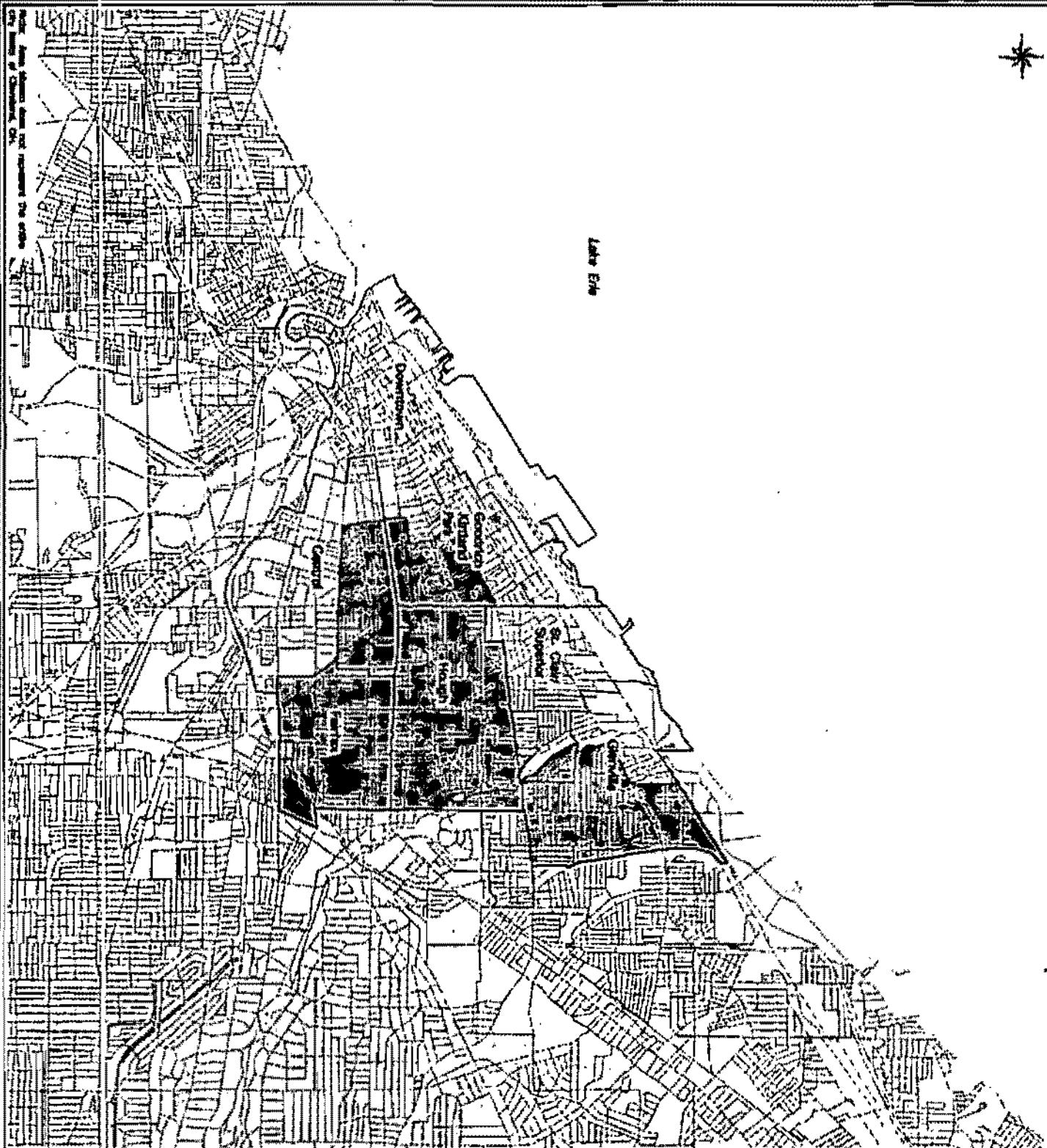


- EC/Empowerment Zone Overlapping Neighborhood Boundary
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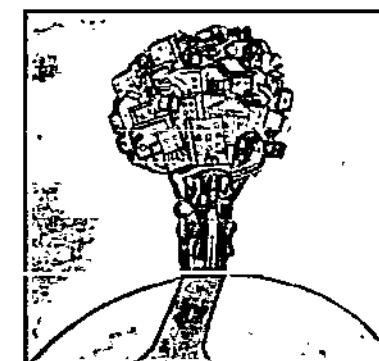
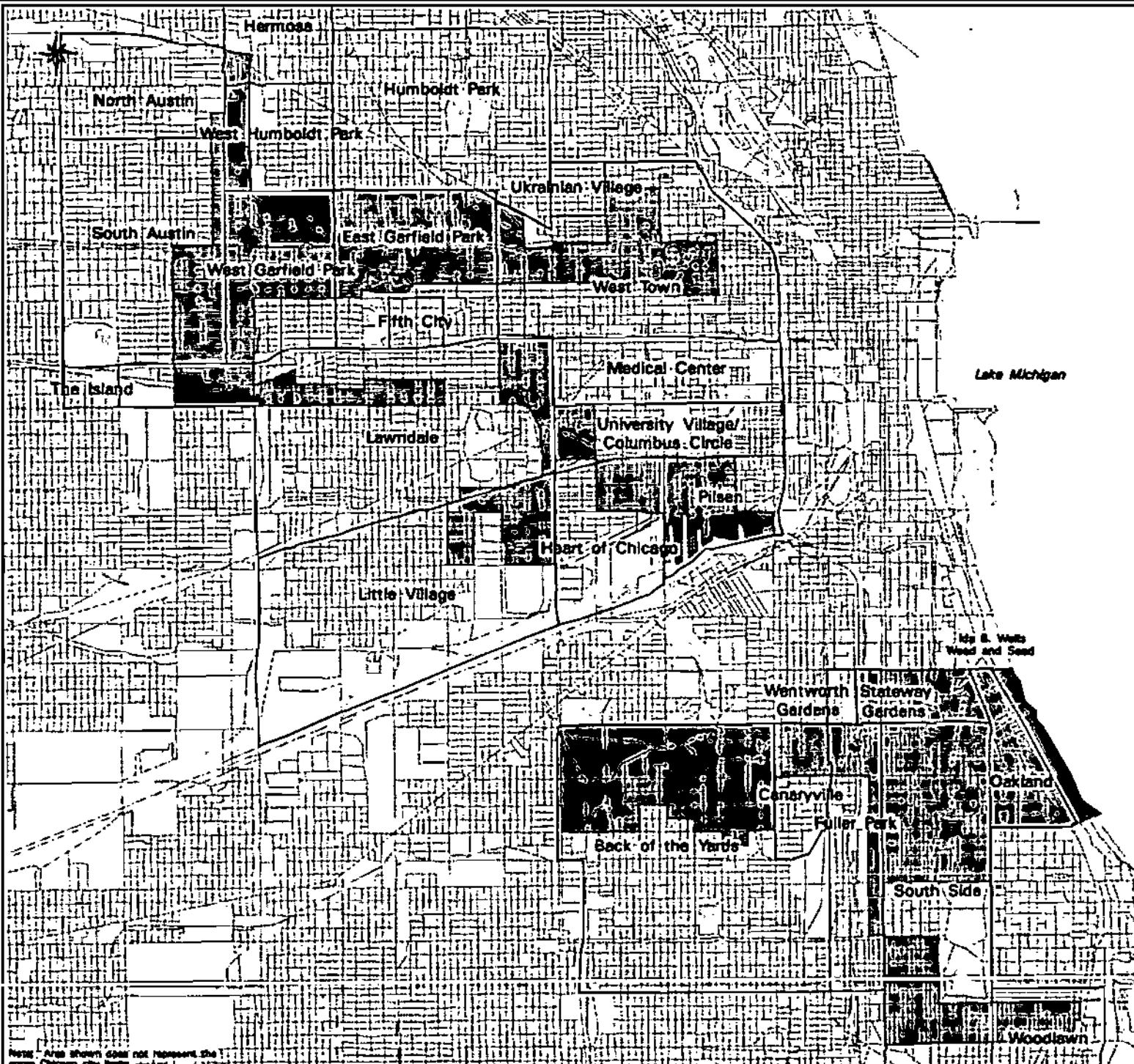


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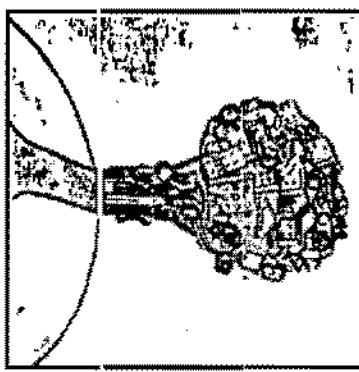
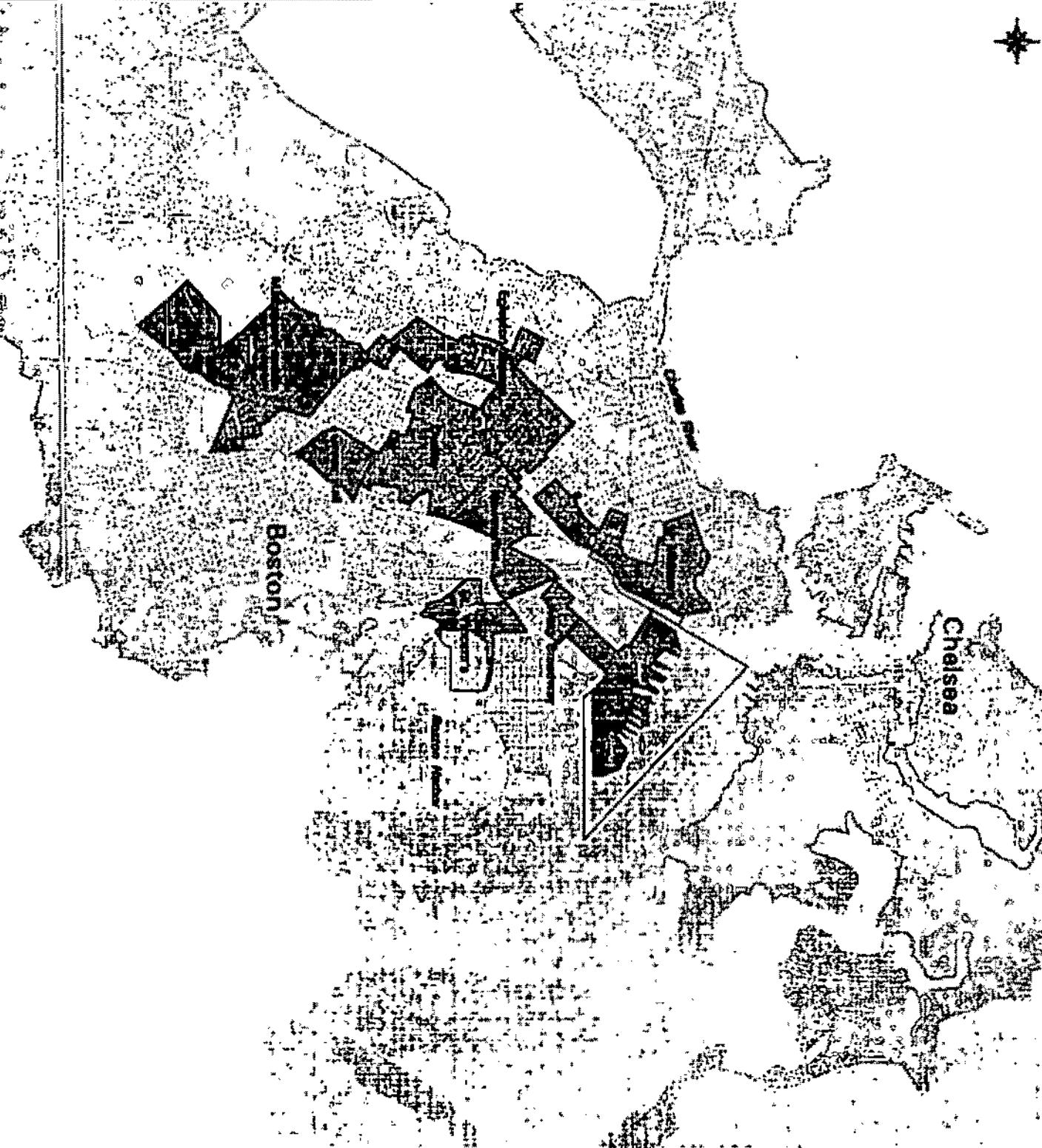
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Chicago, Illinois



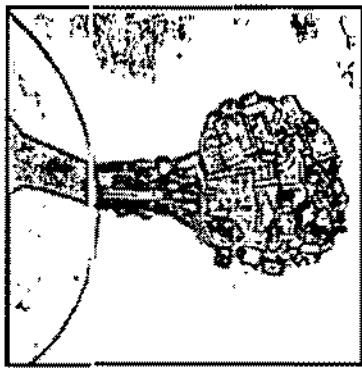
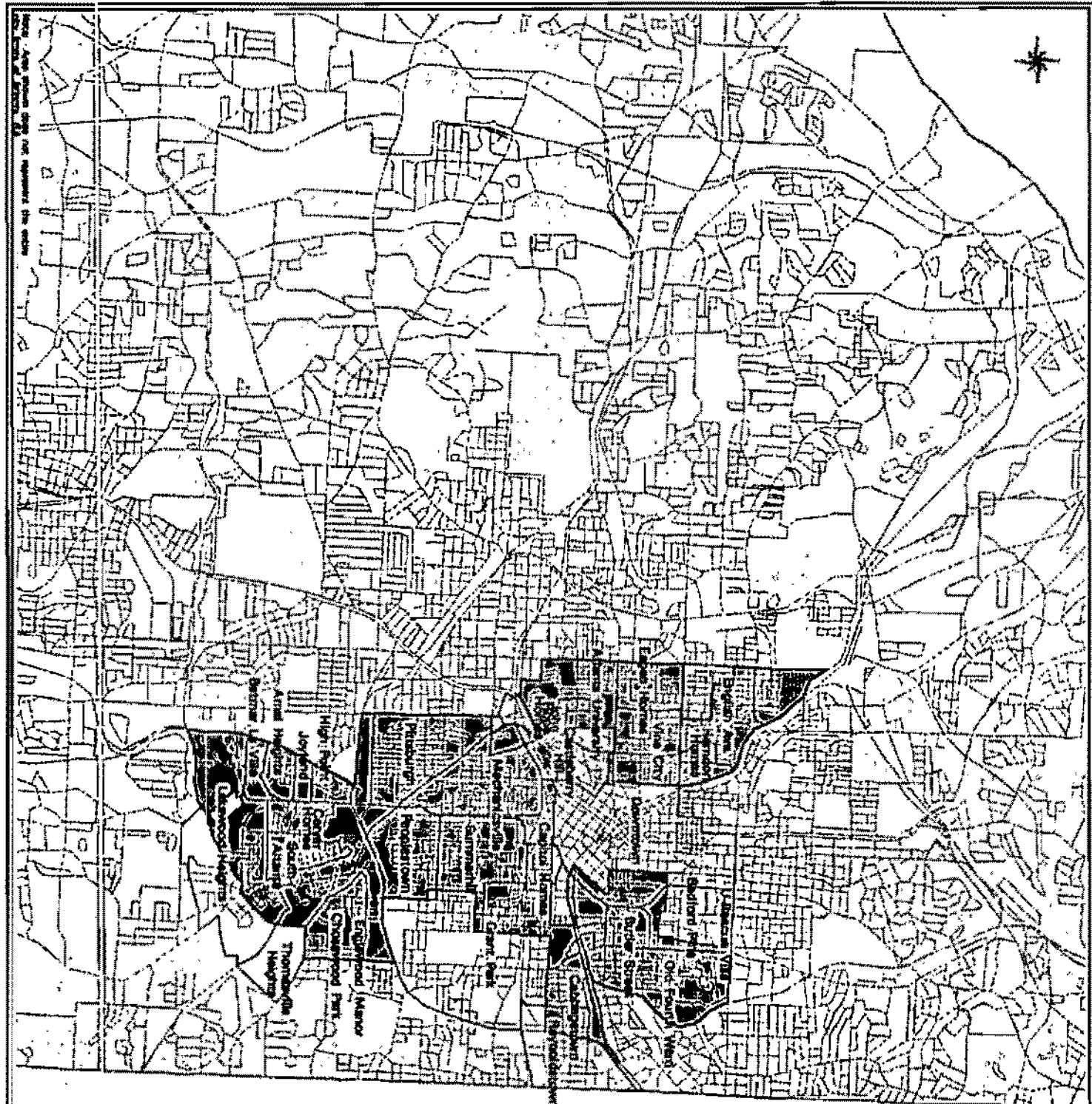


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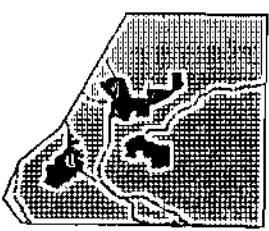
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Atlanta, Georgia



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Urban Empowerment Zone **Baltimore, MD**



Location Map: Urban Empowerment Zones within Baltimore City Limits

- EC/Empowerment Zone
- Neighborhood Boundary
- Census Block Boundary



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