

September 23rd, 2019

**REPORT TO THE CITY CLERK  
AND THE  
ALLENTOWN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
REQUEST FOR STREET VACATION**

**RE: Request for the vacation of Railroad Street from the centerline of Hamilton Street to the centerline of Court Street.**

Requested by:  
The City of Allentown Department of Public Works

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City of Allentown Department of Public Works

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**HISTORY OF THE STREET PROPOSED TO BE VACATED:**

The portion of Railroad Street proposed to be vacated is in the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward. The street was accepted by the Official City Map prepared by Aschbach in the year 1870.

**LOCATION AND CONDITION:**

The subject street proposed to be vacated has an improved 20' right of way. The right of way has existing water, sanitary and storm sewer mains. Also PP&L has facilities within the right of way.

**POLLS CITY OF ALLENTOWN:**

Steve Vangelo, Acting Chief of Police has no objection to the street vacation

James Wehr, Fire Chief has no objection to the street vacation.

Dennis Weatherhold, Communications has not replied.

Richard Rasch, Utility Engineer has no objection to the street vacation.

Nelson Varughese, Traffic Control Superintendent has no objection to the street vacation.

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POLLS UTILITIES:

Verizon Communications has not replied.

PPL Electric Utilities objects, unless an easement is provided for their existing facilities.

UGI Utilities, Inc. has not replied.

LCA objects, unless an easement is provided for their existing facilities..

POLL ADJOINING OWNERS:

Olsen Technologies, the owner of 126 Linden Street objects to the street vacation, "This street vacation will cause undue hardship for trucks accessing our loading docks. The use of Court Street to access our loading docks was tested by delivery trucks and was found to difficult to use. The plan to extend Court Street to the new proposed road for the Waterfront will cause hardship for trucks accessing our Loading docks. This will be a huge problem for our shipping department and have adverse effects on our business."

123 Hamilton St. LLC , the owner of 123 Hamilton Street has no objection and has an agreement with the City for the proposed improvements needed for the construction of the proposed Riverside Drive.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Bureau of Engineering is asking for the subject street vacation which is needed for the development of the proposed Riverside Drive. The Bureau of Engineering is requiring a utility easement to remain for utilities and an access easement across the vacated portion of Railroad Street to be provided for the Olsen Technologies Property(126 Linden Street). The Engineering Department is requiring these easements to address the objections from polling.

Very truly yours,

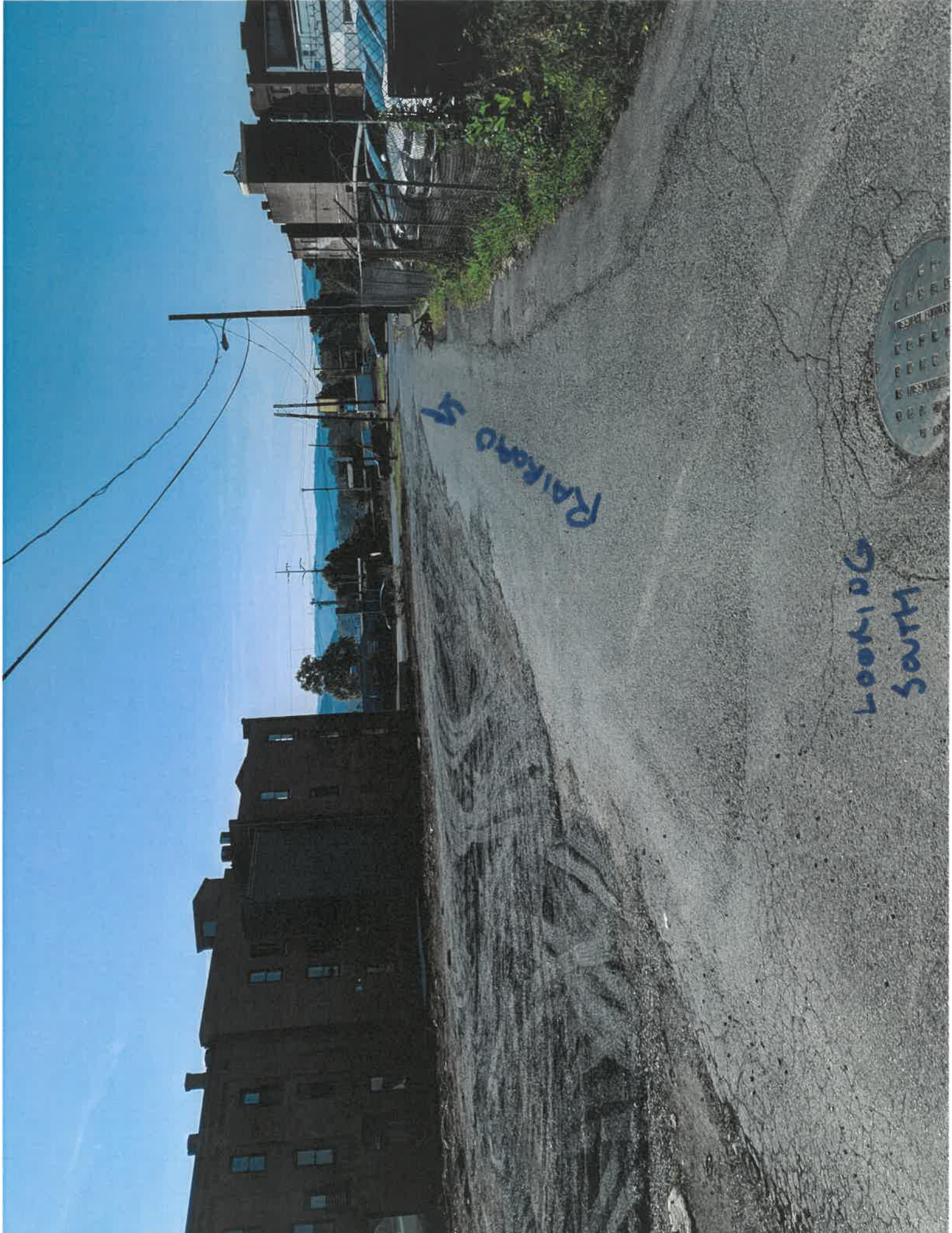


Craig Messinger  
Public Works Director

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**Attachments**

xc: Irene Woodward, Planning Director  
Thomas Traud, City Solicitor  
Michael P. Hanlon, City Clerk  
Craig Messinger, Public Works Director

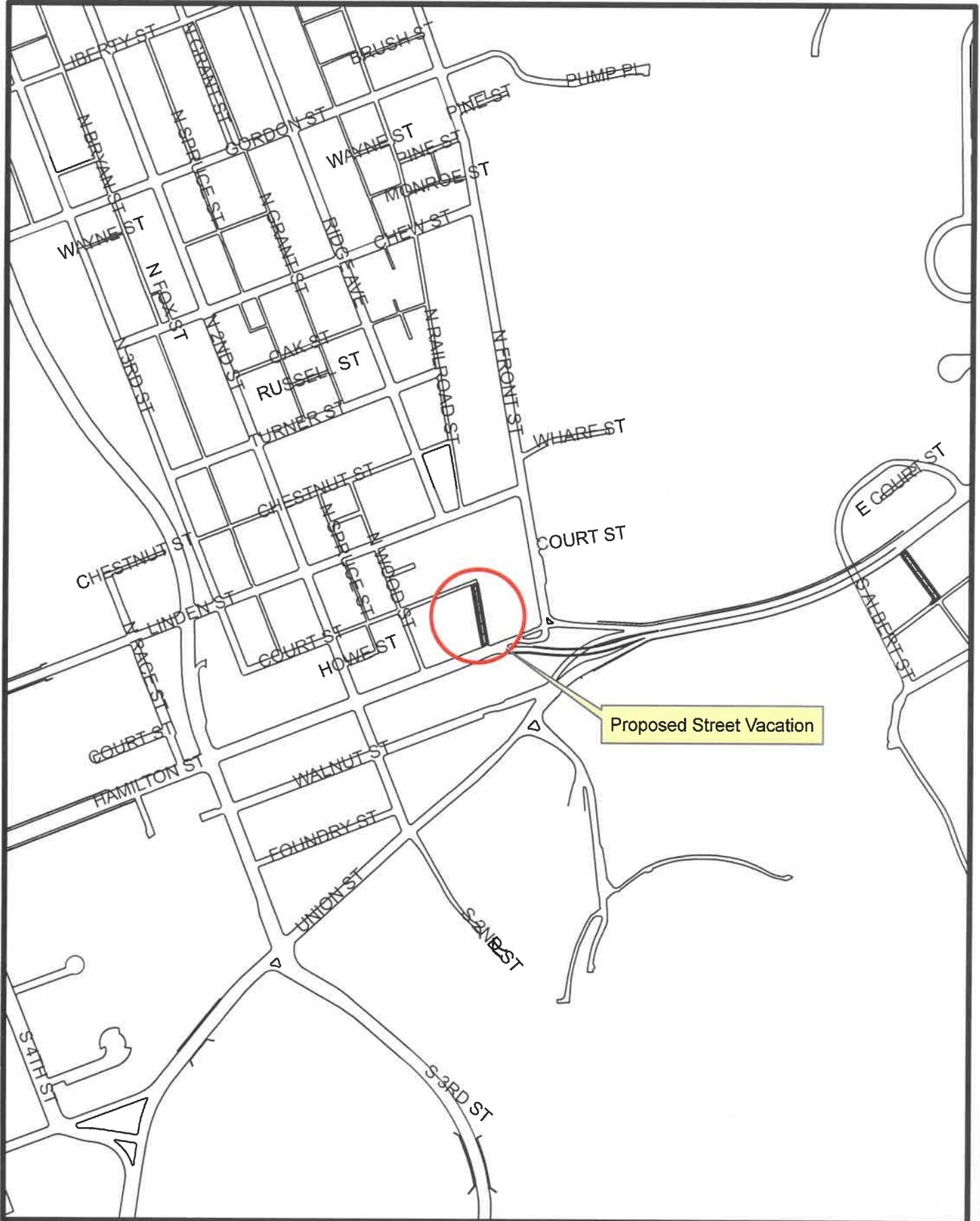


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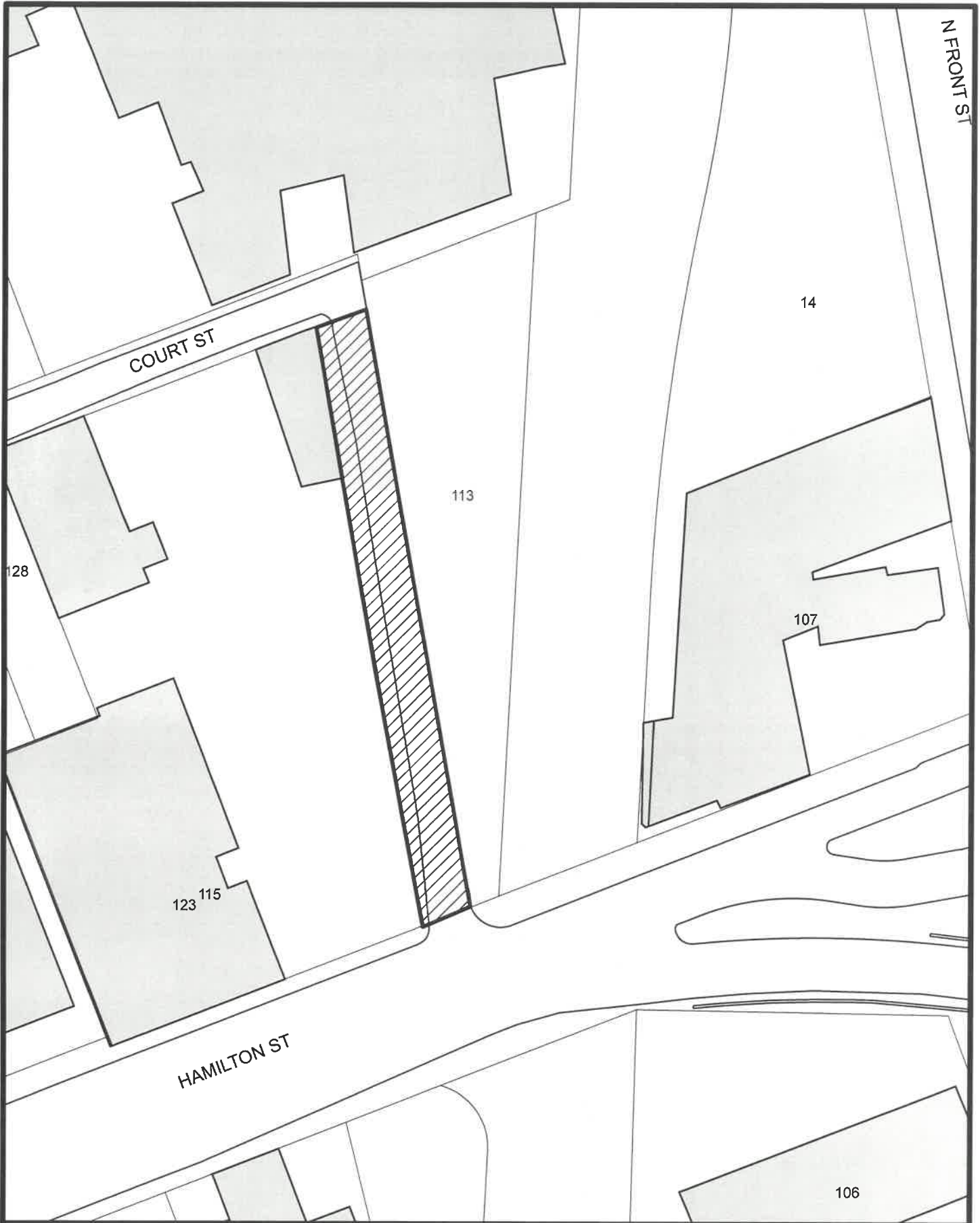


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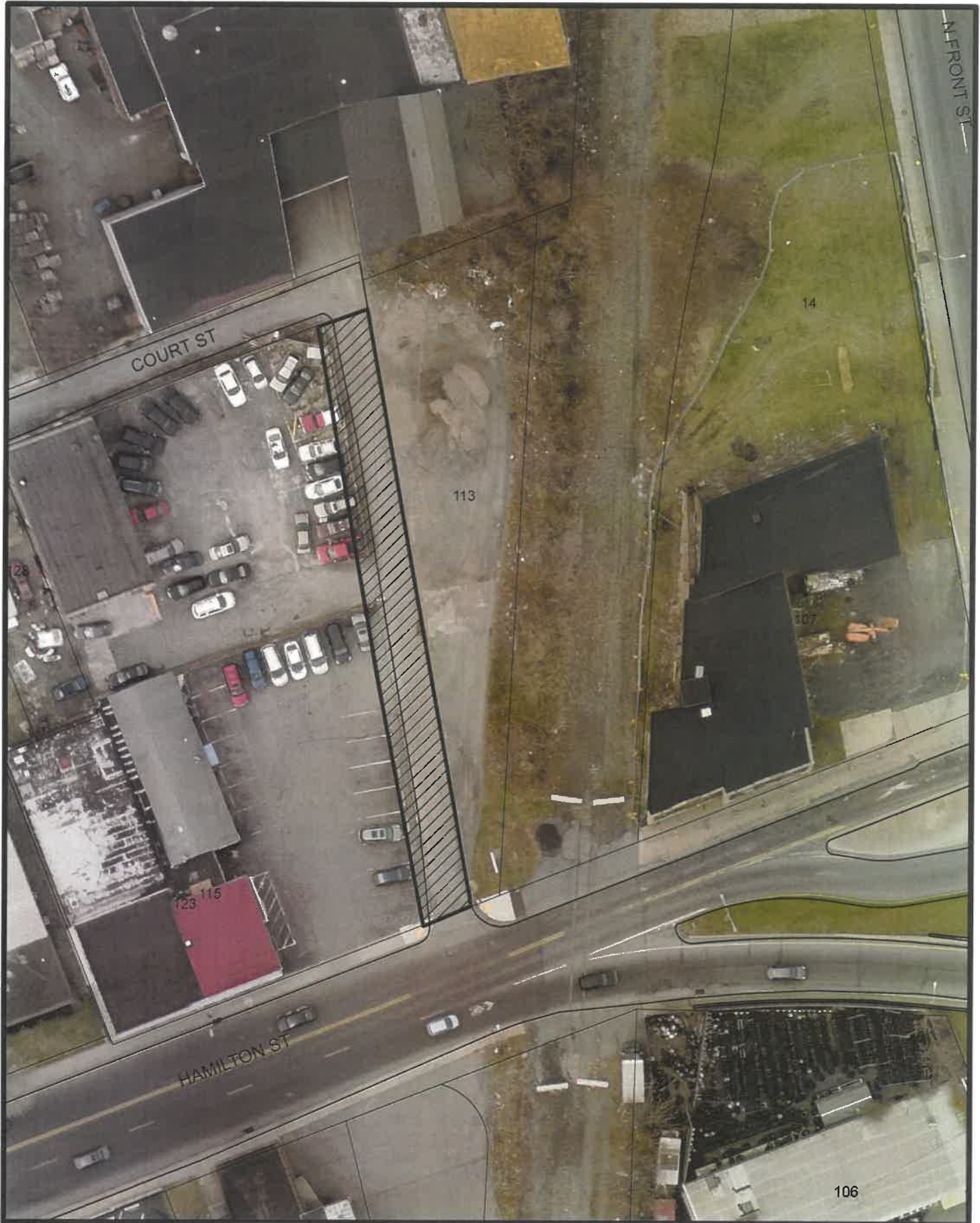


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