



CITY OF CONCORD
NEW HAMPSHIRE
Community Development Department

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COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION TAX RELIEF PROGRAM (RSA 79-E)
(To be completed by the Applicant)

<p>Building Name (if any)</p> <p>Building Address</p>	<p>Owner Name(s)</p> <p>Applicant Name(s) (if different from owner)</p>
<p>Owner Address(es)</p> <p>Phone #</p> <p>Email address</p>	<p>Applicant Address (if different from owner)</p> <p>Phone #</p> <p>Email address</p>
<p>City Tax Map</p> <p>Map #</p> <p>Block #</p> <p>Lot #</p>	<p>Merrimack County Registry of Deeds</p> <p>Book#</p> <p>Page #</p>
<p>Year Built _____</p> <p>Square Footage of Building _____</p>	<p>Is the building eligible for listing or listed individually on the State or National Register of Historic Places or located within a locally designated, State, or National Register Historic district? ____ Yes ____ No</p> <p>If yes, provide a copy of the approved designation by the State or National Register of the building or the district.</p>
<p>Existing Uses (describe number of units by type and size)</p> <p>Proposed Uses (describe number of units by type and size)</p>	<p>Is there a change of use associated with this project? ____ Yes ____ No If yes, please describe:</p>
<p>Will the project include new residential units? ____ Yes ____ No If yes, please describe:</p>	<p>Will the project include new subsidized residential units? ____ Yes ____ No If yes, please describe:</p>

Note: Application must be accompanied by a \$100 application fee made payable to "City of Concord."

Is the project in an existing Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District? _____ YES _____ NO

(TIF maps are available by contacting the Community Development Department at (603) 225-8595 or by visiting the City's website at <http://www.concordnh.gov/index.aspx?NID=378>)

Will any state or federal grants or funds or low income subsidies or tax credits be used in this project? __ YES __ NO
 If so, what is the amount of the aid? \$ _____ Describe and detail any terms of repayment (if applicable):

Describe the work to be done and estimated cost. Please attach additional sheets, if necessary, as well as any written construction cost estimates.

Structural:	\$
Exterior Alterations (storefront, walls, windows, doors, etc.)	\$
Interior Alterations (walls, ceilings, moldings, doors, etc.)	\$
Electrical:	\$
Plumbing/Heating:	\$
Mechanical:	\$
Fire Protection:	\$
Other:	\$
Total: Note: To be considered for this tax relief incentive, the costs of the project must be at least 15% of the pre-rehabilitation assessed value or \$75,000, whichever is less.	\$

Please attach any construction contracts, plot plans, building plans, sketches, renderings or photographs that would help explain this application.

For the additional four (4) year tax relief for historic buildings, the work described must include how it meets the Secretary of Interior's Standards

Historical Requirement for Replacement of Qualifying Structures

In the case of replacement of a qualifying structure, the applicant shall submit a New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources Individual Inventory Form prepared by a qualified architectural historian and a letter issued by the Concord Heritage Commission that identifies any and all historical, cultural, and architectural value of the structure or structures that are proposed to be replaced and the property on which those structures are located. This application shall not be considered complete until such time as the Individual Inventory Form and letter are submitted.

Affidavit

I have read and understand the Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive RSA Ordinance (see attached) and am aware that this will be a public process including a public hearing to be held to discuss the merits of this application and the subsequent need to grant a covenant in the deed to the property to the City and pay any reasonable expenses associated with the drafting of the covenant. I understand the application will not be determined as complete and recommended to the City Council until all of the necessary information is provided.

IMPORTANT

PER RSA 79-E: 13(II), THE BASE OR "ORIGINAL" ASSESSED VALUE FOR ANY TAX RELIEF PERIOD IS ONLY SET AFTER THE FOLLOWING TWO CONDITIONS ARE MET:

1. APPROVAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND;
2. THE APPLICANT'S ENTERING INTO A COVENANT WITH THE CITY OF CONCORD TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC BENEFIT.

THEREFORE, THE APPLICANT AND/OR PROPERTY OWNER SHALL NOT COMMENCE ANY OF THE IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS APPLICATION UNTIL SUCH TIME AS HE/SHE HAS SECURED THE ABOVE. THIS PROHIBITION SHALL INCLUDE ANY DEMOLITION TO THE EXISTING STRUCTURE.

Applicant: (signed) _____ (name printed) _____ Date _____

Expected project start: _____ Expected project completion: _____

TITLE V
TAXATION
CHAPTER 79-E
COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION TAX RELIEF INCENTIVE
Section 79-E:1

79-E:1 Declaration of Public Benefit. –

I. It is declared to be a public benefit to enhance downtowns and town centers with respect to economic activity, cultural and historic character, sense of community, and in-town residential uses that contribute to economic and social vitality.

II. It is further declared to be a public benefit to encourage the rehabilitation of the many underutilized structures in urban and town centers as a means of encouraging growth of economic, residential, and municipal uses in a more compact pattern, in accordance with RSA 9-B.

II-a. In instances where a qualifying structure is determined to possess no significant historical, cultural, or architectural value and for which the governing body makes a specific finding that rehabilitation would not achieve one or more of the public benefits established in RSA 79-E:7 to the same degree as the replacement of the underutilized structure with a new structure, the tax relief incentives provided under this chapter may be extended to the replacement of an underutilized structure in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

III. Short-term property assessment tax relief and a related covenant to protect public benefit as provided under this chapter are considered to provide a demonstrated public benefit if they encourage substantial rehabilitation and use of qualifying structures, or in certain cases, the replacement of a qualifying structure, as defined in this chapter.

Source. 2006, 167:1, eff. April 1, 2006. 2009, 200:3, 4, eff. July 15, 2009.

Section 79-E:2

79-E:2 Definitions. – In this chapter:

I. "Qualifying structure" means a building located in a district officially designated in a municipality's master plan, or by zoning ordinance, as a downtown, town center, central business district, or village center, or, where no such designation has been made, in a geographic area which, as a result of its compact development patterns and uses, is identified by the governing body as the downtown, town center, or village center for purposes of this chapter.

I-a. "Replacement" means the demolition or removal of a qualifying structure and the construction of a new structure on the same lot.

II. "Substantial rehabilitation" means rehabilitation of a qualifying structure which costs at least 15 percent of the pre-rehabilitation assessed valuation or at least \$75,000, whichever is less.

II-a. "Tax increment finance district" means any district established in accordance with the provisions of RSA 162-K.

III. "Tax relief" means:

(a) For a qualifying structure, that for a period of time determined by a local governing body in accordance with this chapter, the property tax on a qualifying structure shall not increase as a result of the substantial rehabilitation thereof.

(b) For the replacement of a qualifying structure, that for a period of time determined by a local governing body in accordance with this chapter, the property tax on a replacement structure shall not exceed the property tax on the replaced qualifying structure as a result of the replacement thereof.

IV. "Tax relief period" means the finite period of time during which the tax relief will be effective, as determined by a local governing body pursuant to RSA 79-E:5.

Source. 2006, 167:1, eff. April 1, 2006. 2009, 200:5-7, eff. July 15, 2009.

Section 79-E:3

79-E:3 Adoption of Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive Program –

I. Any city or town may adopt the provisions of this chapter by voting whether to accept for consideration requests for community revitalization tax relief incentives. Any city or town may do so by following the procedures in this section.

II. In a town, other than a town that has adopted a charter pursuant to RSA 49-D, the question shall be placed on the warrant of a special or annual town meeting, by the governing body or by petition under RSA 39:3.

III. In a city or town that has adopted a charter under RSA 49-C or RSA 49-D, the legislative body may consider and act upon the question in accordance with its normal procedures for passage of resolutions, ordinances, and other legislation. In the alternative, the legislative body of such municipality may vote to place the question on the official ballot for any regular municipal election.

IV. If a majority of those voting on the question vote ""yes," applications for community revitalization tax relief incentives may be accepted and considered by the local governing body at any time thereafter, subject to the provisions of paragraph VI of this section.

V. If the question is not approved, the question may later be voted on according to the provisions of paragraph II or III of this section, whichever applies.

VI. The local governing body of any town or city that has adopted this program may consider rescinding its action in the manner described in paragraph II or III of this section, whichever applies. A vote terminating the acceptance and consideration of such applications shall have no effect on incentives previously granted by the city or town, nor shall it terminate consideration of applications submitted prior to the date of such vote.

Source. 2006, 167:1, eff. April 1, 2006.

Section 79-E:4

79-E:4 Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive. –

I. An owner of a qualifying structure who intends to substantially rehabilitate or replace such structure may apply to the governing body of the municipality in which the property is located for tax relief. The applicant shall include the address of the property, a description of the intended rehabilitation or replacement, any changes in use of the property resulting from the rehabilitation or replacement, and an application fee.

I-a. In order to assist the governing body with the review and evaluation of an application for replacement of a qualifying structure, an owner shall submit to the governing body as part of the application, a New Hampshire division of historical resources individual resource inventory form, prepared by a qualified architectural historian and a letter issued by the local heritage commission and if the qualifying structure is located within a designated historic district established in accordance with RSA 674:46, a letter from the historic district commission or, if such local commissions are not established, a letter issued by the New Hampshire division of historical resources that identifies any and all historical, cultural, and architectural value of the structure or structures that are proposed to be replaced and the property on which those structures are located. The application for tax relief shall not be deemed to be complete and the governing body shall not schedule the public hearing on the application for replacement of a qualifying structure as required under RSA 79-E:4, II until the inventory form and the letter, as well as all other required information, have been submitted.

II. Upon receipt of an application, the governing body shall hold a duly noticed public hearing to take place no later than 60 days from receipt of the application, to determine whether the structure at issue is a qualifying structure; whether any proposed rehabilitation qualifies as substantial rehabilitation; and whether there is a public benefit to granting the requested tax relief and, if so, for what duration.

III. No later than 45 days after the public hearing, the governing body shall render a decision granting or denying the requested tax relief and, if so granting, establishing the tax relief period.

IV. (a) The governing body may grant the tax relief, provided:

(1) The governing body finds a public benefit under RSA 79-E:7; and

(2) The specific public benefit is preserved through a covenant under RSA 79-E:8; and

(3) The governing body finds that the proposed use is consistent with the municipality's master plan or development regulations; and

(4) In the case of a replacement, the governing body specifically finds that the local heritage commission or historic district commission or, if such local commissions are not established, the New Hampshire division of historical resources has determined that the replaced qualifying structure does not possess significant historical, cultural, or architectural value, the replacement of the qualifying structure will achieve one or more of the public benefits identified in RSA 79-E:7 to a greater degree than the renovation of the underutilized structure, and the historical, cultural, or architectural resources in the community will not be adversely affected by the replacement. In connection with these findings, the governing body may request that the division of historical resources conduct a technical evaluation in order to satisfy

the governing body that historical resources will not be adversely affected.

(b) If the governing body grants the tax relief, the governing body shall identify the specific public benefit achieved under RSA 79-E:7, and shall determine the precise terms and duration of the covenant to preserve the public benefit under RSA 79-E:8.

V. If the governing body, in its discretion, denies the application for tax relief, such denial shall be accompanied by a written explanation. The governing body's decision may be appealed either to the board of tax and land appeals or the superior court in the same manner as provided for appeals of current use classification pursuant to RSA 79-A:9 or 79-A:11 provided, however, that such denial shall be deemed discretionary and shall not be set aside by the board of tax and land appeals or the superior court except for bad faith or discrimination.

VI. Municipalities shall have no obligation to grant an application for tax relief for properties located within tax increment finance districts when the governing body determines, in its sole discretion, that the granting of tax relief will impede, reduce, or negatively affect:

(a) The development program or financing plans for such tax increment finance districts; or

(b) The ability to satisfy or expedite repayment of debt service obligations incurred for a tax increment financing district; or

(c) The ability to satisfy program administration, operating, or maintenance expenses within a tax increment financing district.

Source. 2006, 167:1, eff. April 1, 2006. 2009, 200:8-11, eff. July 15, 2009.

Section 79-E:5

79-E:5 Duration of Tax Relief Period. –

I. The governing body may grant such tax assessment relief for a period of up to 5 years, beginning with the completion of the substantial rehabilitation.

I-a. For the approval of a replacement of a qualifying structure, the governing body may grant such tax assessment relief for a period of up to 5 years, beginning only upon the completion of construction of the replacement structure. The governing body may, in its discretion, extend such additional years of tax relief as provided for under this section, provided that no such additional years of tax relief may be provided prior to the completion of construction of the replacement structure. The municipal tax assessment of the replacement structure and the property on which it is located shall not increase or decrease in the period between the approval by the governing body of tax relief for the replacement structure and the time the owner completes construction of the replacement structure and grants to the municipality the covenant to protect the public benefit as required by this chapter. The governing body may not grant any tax assessment relief under this chapter with respect to property and structures for which an election has been made for property appraisal under RSA 75:1-a.

II. The governing body may, in its discretion, add up to an additional 2 years of tax relief for a project that results in new residential units and up to 4 years for a project that includes affordable housing.

III. The governing body may, in its discretion, add up to an additional 4 years of tax relief for the substantial rehabilitation of a qualifying structure that is listed on or determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, state register of historic places, or is located within and important to a locally designated historic district, provided that the substantial rehabilitation is conducted in accordance with the U.S. Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Source. 2006, 167:1, eff. April 1, 2006. 2009, 200:12, eff. July 15, 2009.

Section 79-E:6

79-E:6 Resumption of Full Tax Liability. – Upon expiration of the tax relief period, the property shall be taxed at its market value in accordance with RSA 75:1.

Source. 2006, 167:1, eff. April 1, 2006.

Section 79-E:7

79-E:7 Public Benefit. – In order to qualify for tax relief under this chapter, the proposed substantial rehabilitation must provide at least one of the public benefits, and the proposed replacement must provide one or more of the public

benefits to a greater degree than would a substantial rehabilitation of the same qualifying structure, as follows:

- I. It enhances the economic vitality of the downtown;
- II. It enhances and improves a structure that is culturally or historically important on a local, regional, state, or national level, either independently or within the context of an historic district, town center, or village center in which the building is located;
- III. It promotes development of municipal centers, providing for efficiency, safety, and a greater sense of community, consistent with RSA 9-B; or
- IV. It increases residential housing in urban or town centers.

Source. 2006, 167:1, eff. April 1, 2006. 2009, 200:13, eff. July 15, 2009.

Section 79-E:8

79-E:8 Covenant to Protect Public Benefit. –

- I. Tax relief for the substantial rehabilitation or replacement of a qualifying structure shall be effective only after a property owner grants to the municipality a covenant ensuring that the structure shall be maintained and used in a manner that furthers the public benefits for which the tax relief was granted and as otherwise provided in this chapter.
- II. The covenant shall be coextensive with the tax relief period. The covenant may, if required by the governing body, be effective for a period of time up to twice the duration of the tax relief period.
- III. The covenant shall include provisions requiring the property owner to obtain casualty insurance, and flood insurance if appropriate. The covenant may include, at the governing body's sole discretion, a lien against proceeds from casualty and flood insurance claims for the purpose of ensuring proper restoration or demolition of damaged structures and property. If the property owner has not begun the process of restoration, rebuilding, or demolition of such structure within one year following damage or destruction, the property owner shall be subject to the termination of provisions set forth in RSA 79-E:9, I.
- IV. The local governing body shall provide for the recording of the covenant to protect public benefit with the registry of deeds. It shall be a burden upon the property and shall bind all transferees and assignees of such property.
- V. The applicant shall pay any reasonable expenses incurred by the municipality in the drafting, review, and/or execution of the covenant. The applicant also shall be responsible for the cost of recording the covenant.

Source. 2006, 167:1, eff. April 1, 2006. 2009, 200:14, eff. July 15, 2009.

Section 79-E:9

79-E:9 Termination of Covenant; Reduction of Tax Relief; Penalty. –

- I. If the owner fails to maintain or utilize the building according to the terms of the covenant, or fails to restore, rebuild, or demolish the structure following damage or destruction as provided in RSA 79-E:8, III, the governing body shall, after a duly noticed public hearing, determine whether and to what extent the public benefit of the rehabilitation or replacement has been diminished and shall determine whether to terminate or reduce the tax relief period in accordance with such determination. If the covenant is terminated, the governing body shall assess all taxes to the owner as though no tax relief was granted, with interest in accordance with paragraph II.
- II. Any tax payment required under paragraph I shall be payable according to the following procedure:
 - (a) The commissioner of the department of revenue administration shall prescribe and issue forms to the local assessing officials for the payment due, which shall provide a description of the property, the market value assessment according to RSA 75:1, and the amount payable.
 - (b) The prescribed form shall be prepared in quadruplicate. The original, duplicate, and triplicate copy of the form shall be given to the collector of taxes for collection of the payment along with a special tax warrant authorizing the collector to collect the payment under the warrant. The quadruplicate copy of the form shall be retained by the local assessing officials for their records.
 - (c) Upon receipt of the special tax warrant and prescribed forms, the tax collector shall mail the duplicate copy of the tax bill to the owner responsible for the tax as the notice of payment.
 - (d) Payment shall be due not later than 30 days after the mailing of the bill. Interest at the rate of 18 percent per annum shall be due thereafter on any amount not paid within the 30-day period. Interest at 12 percent per annum shall

be charged upon all taxes that would have been due and payable on or before December 1 of each tax year as if no tax relief had been granted.

Source. 2006, 167:1, eff. April 1, 2006. 2009, 200:15, eff. July 15, 2009.

Section 79-E:10

79-E:10 Lien for Unpaid Taxes. – The real estate of every person shall be held for the taxes levied pursuant to RSA 79-E:9.

Source. 2006, 167:1, eff. April 1, 2006.

Section 79-E:11

79-E:11 Enforcement. – All taxes levied pursuant to RSA 79-E:9 which are not paid when due shall be collected in the same manner as provided in RSA 80.

Source. 2006, 167:1, eff. April 1, 2006. 2007, 42:3, eff. July 20, 2007.

Section 79-E:12

79-E:12 Rulemaking. – The commissioner of the department of revenue administration shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to the payment and collection procedures under RSA 79-E:9.

Source. 2006, 167:1, eff. April 1, 2006.

Section 79-E:13

79-E:13 Extent of Tax Relief. –

I. Tax relief granted under this chapter shall pertain only to assessment increases attributable to the substantial rehabilitation performed under the conditions approved by the governing body and not to those increases attributable to other factors including but not limited to market forces; or

II. Tax relief granted under this chapter shall be calculated on the value in excess of the original assessed value. Original assessed value shall mean the value of the qualifying structure assessed at the time the governing body approves the application for tax relief and the owner grants to the municipality the covenant to protect public benefit as required in this chapter.

Source. 2006, 167:1, eff. April 1, 2006.

Section 79-E:14

79-E:14 Other Programs. – The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to properties whose rehabilitation or construction is subsidized by state or federal grants or funds that do not need to be repaid totaling more than 50 percent of construction costs from state or federal programs.

Source. 2006, 167:1, eff. April 1, 2006.

RSA 79-E

Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive Map

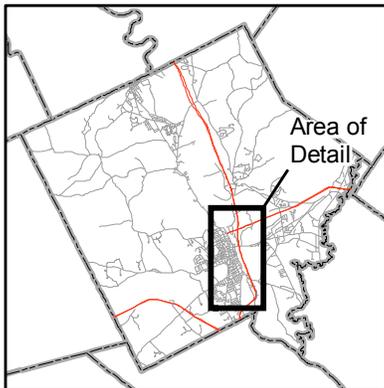
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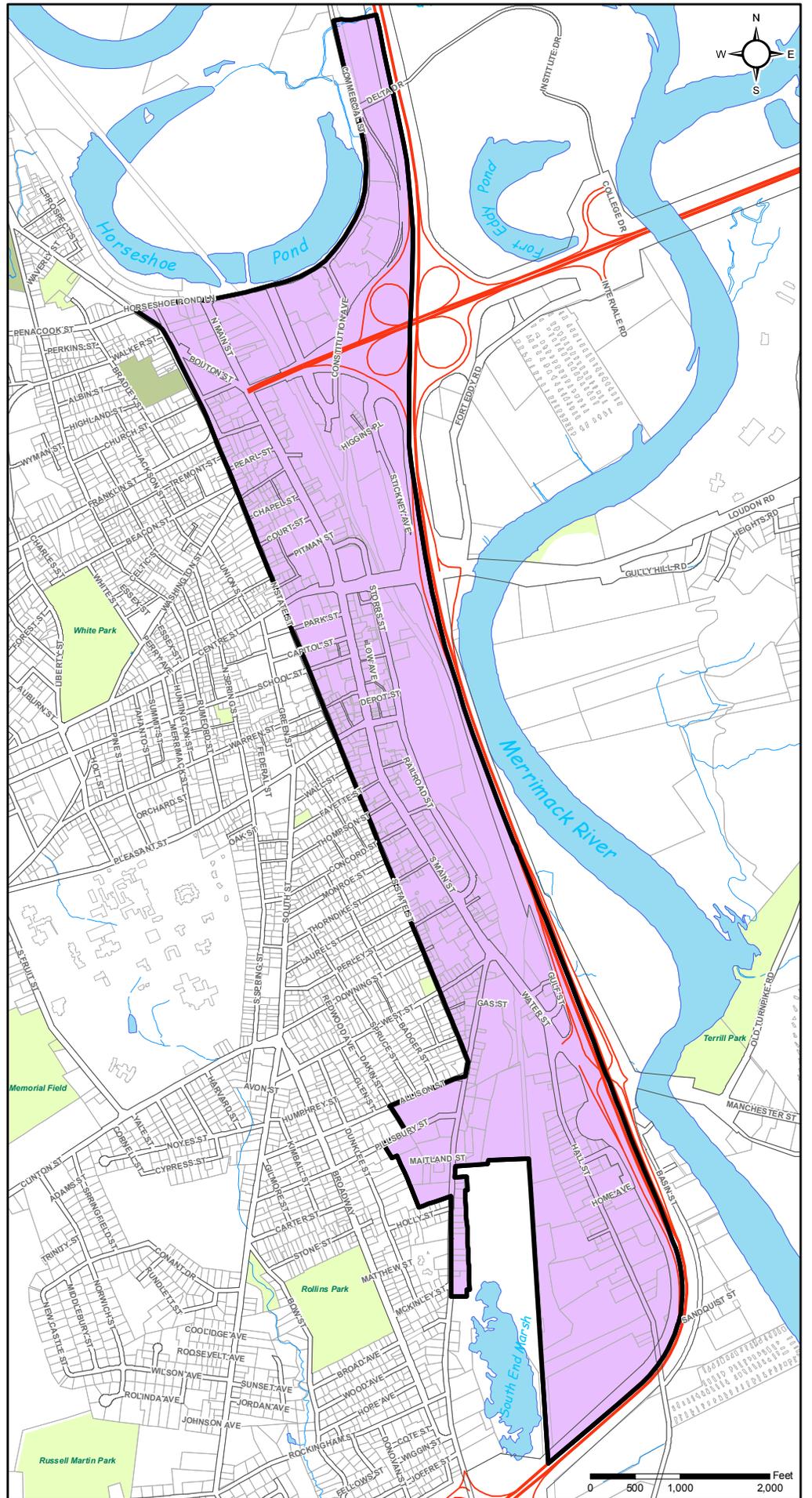
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Legend

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-  Cemetery
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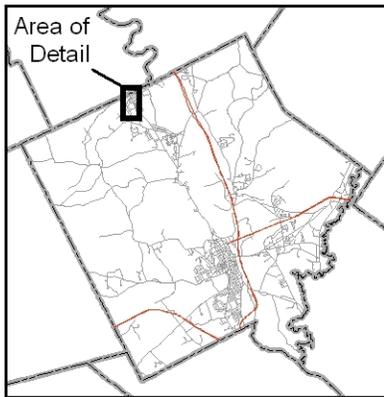


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