

# **The Corporation of the Municipality of Grey Highlands**

## **By-law No. 2023-028**

### **A By-law to regulate the discharge of firearms the Municipality of Grey Highlands**

**Whereas**, Section 119 of the Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. 2001, c.25 authorizes a local municipality for the purpose of public safety to prohibit or regulate the discharge of firearms

**Now Therefore the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands hereby enacts as follows:**

#### **1. Definitions**

- a. **Farmer** means a person whose occupation is farming on land that he or she is entitled to occupy, and who has livestock or poultry on the land, who is tilling or cultivating the land for crops, or who is engaging in arboriculture or horticulture for commercial purposes.
- b. **Firearm** means any class or type of gun or other firearm including but not limited to a shotgun, rifle, air gun, spring-gun, longbow or crossbow
- c. **Highway** means a common and public highway, street, avenue, parkway, driveway, square, place, bridge, viaduct, or trestle, any part of which is intended for, or used by, the general public for the passage of vehicles and includes the area between the lateral property lines thereof
- d. **Municipality** means the Municipality of Grey Highlands
- e. **OPG** means Ontario Power Generation Inc., which owns the land that comprises Lake Eugenia, including the bed of the lake, the shoreline, and property on which it directs water from the lake, over the escarpment to the Beaver Valley where the Eugenia Generating Station is located on Lower Valley Road, Part Lots 24 & 25, Concession 12, Geographical Township of Artemesia.
- f. **OPP** means the Ontario Provincial Police;
- g. **Peace Officer** means a police officer as defined in the Police Services Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chap. P.15, as amended, a conservation officer, or a municipal law enforcement officer.

#### **2. Interpretation**

- a. This by-law includes Schedules "A" to "O" annexed hereto, and the annexed Schedules are hereby declared to form part of this by-law.
- b. The schedules attached hereto may be updated without coming back to Council to provide housekeeping updates in relation to boundary lines or amendments to boundary lines that may occur within the Municipality in the future.
- c. If any section, subsection, part or parts thereof be declared by any court of law to be bad, illegal or ultra vires, such section, subsection, part or parts shall be deemed to be severable, and all parts thereof are declared to be separate and independent and enacted as such.

#### **3. Regulations**

- a. No person shall discharge a firearm in any area that is shown as a shaded area on any of the maps attached as Schedules "A" to "O" inclusive.
  - i. Despite section 3.a., the discharge of a firearm for legal hunting activities in accordance with provincial regulations or target practice on any private property with a size greater than 1 acre, with owner permission, and where the discharge does not travel across any other property line shall be permitted.
- b. No person shall discharge a firearm:
  - i. on, over, across any highway or portion thereof used for public vehicular traffic
  - ii. on, over or across any public Grey Highlands owned land within the Municipality including parks, cemeteries, and recreational areas and trails whether marked or unmarked, but not including, any unopened forested road allowance. For clarity, this does not include any County, Crown or Conservation Authority lands where those bodies have permitted hunting.
  - iii. on, over or across any place of worship, public hall or school property
  - iv. on, over or across a registered plan of subdivision once an application for a building permit has been received by the Municipality
  - v. on, over or across the County Owned Rail Trail corridor.
  - vi. on, over or across Lake Eugenia, Irish Lake, Brewster's Lake or Wilcox Lake or from the beds or banks thereof.
  - vii. from half an hour after sunset to an half an hour before sunrise on any property.
  - viii. on, over or across any private property or OPG property without the express permission of the owner of said property.

**4. General Exemptions** - Despite Section 3, this by-law shall not restrict or regulate the discharge of firearms by the following:

- a. a peace officer in the performance of their duty;
- b. a person appointed as a municipal law enforcement officer or as an agent for the Municipality or for a provincial or federal government agency for the purpose of destroying sick, injured or vicious animals in the performance of this stated duty on a property with property owner permission;
- c. a farmer or their agent, in order to scare or destroy animals that are found in the act of killing or injuring livestock or poultry and wildlife destroying his or her property in accordance with the Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994, Chap.22 and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997, S.O. 1997, Chap. 41, as amended;
- d. a farmer or their agent, engaging in humane on-farm euthanasia, on their own property when necessary;
- e. OPG or its agent, in order to scare or destroy fish and/or wildlife believed to be, or which are about to damage OPG property, in accordance with the Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1997, S.O. 1997, Chap. 22 and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997, S.O. 1997, Chap. 41, as amended;
- f. a licensed hunter engaged in legal hunting activities on private property with a size greater than 1 acre, during the appropriate season and in accordance with provincial hunting regulations as long as they have property owner approval;
- g. Bowfishing in accordance with Ontario fishing regulations between May 1 and July 31;
- h. members of a bona fide gun club, archery club, rifle range, or skeet club in a specific area, zoned for the purpose with the express permission of the property owner and, where

applicable, only with the prior approval of the Chief Firearms Office.

- i. at a facility operated by or for a municipal, provincial or federal police force.
- j. a person firing blank ammunition for or in connection with lawful use in a motion picture, television, stage productions and historical displays or educational programs of a public museum.
- k. a person firing blank ammunition for animal training purposes or for the purpose of starting or controlling a sporting event of a similar nature to foot racing, sailing or golfing.
- l. a person discharging a bow for training or target practice provided that the practice is in conjunction with and under the direct sponsorship of a school board.
- m. a person or persons engaged in an archery sporting event provided that the event receives a special event permit as required from the Municipality or has received OPP approval in the absence of a permit.
- n. a property owner, or wildlife agent engaged by the property owner, discharging a firearm to scare away, capture or kill wild animals that is actively engaged in causing damage to your property in accordance with provincial legislation.
- o. ~~a licensed hunter engaged in legal migratory bird hunting activities on Irish Lake, Brewster's Lake or Wilcox Lake during the appropriate season and in accordance with provincial hunting regulations.~~ (removed prior to passing by resolution 2023-155)
- p. a person engaged in training or target practice on a property with property owner permission with the following types of firearms: air gun, spring gun, long bow and/or cross bow; and where the discharge does not travel across any other property line.

- 5. **Offences** - Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this by-law is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 33
- 6. **Enforcement** - This by-law shall be enforced by the Ontario Provincial Police and the Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers of the Municipality of Grey Highlands. No person shall hinder or otherwise obstruct, nor attempt to hinder or obstruct, either directly or indirectly, a peace officer, employee and/or agent of the Municipality in the lawful exercise of a power or duty under this by-law.
- 7. **Short Title** - This by-law may be referred to as the "Firearms Discharge By-law".
- 8. **Repeal** - The following by-laws, or portions of by-laws of the former municipalities prior to amalgamation are hereby repealed upon the passage of this by-law:
  - a. By-law Number 2003-09 of the Municipality of Grey Highlands;
  - b. Any other by-law inconsistent with this by-law.
- 9. **Effective Date** - This by-law shall come into effect on the date of passing.

Read a first, second and third time, and finally passed on March 15 2023.

The Corporation of the  
Municipality of Grey Highlands

Original Signed By

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Paul McQueen, Mayor

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Raylene Martell, Municipal Clerk

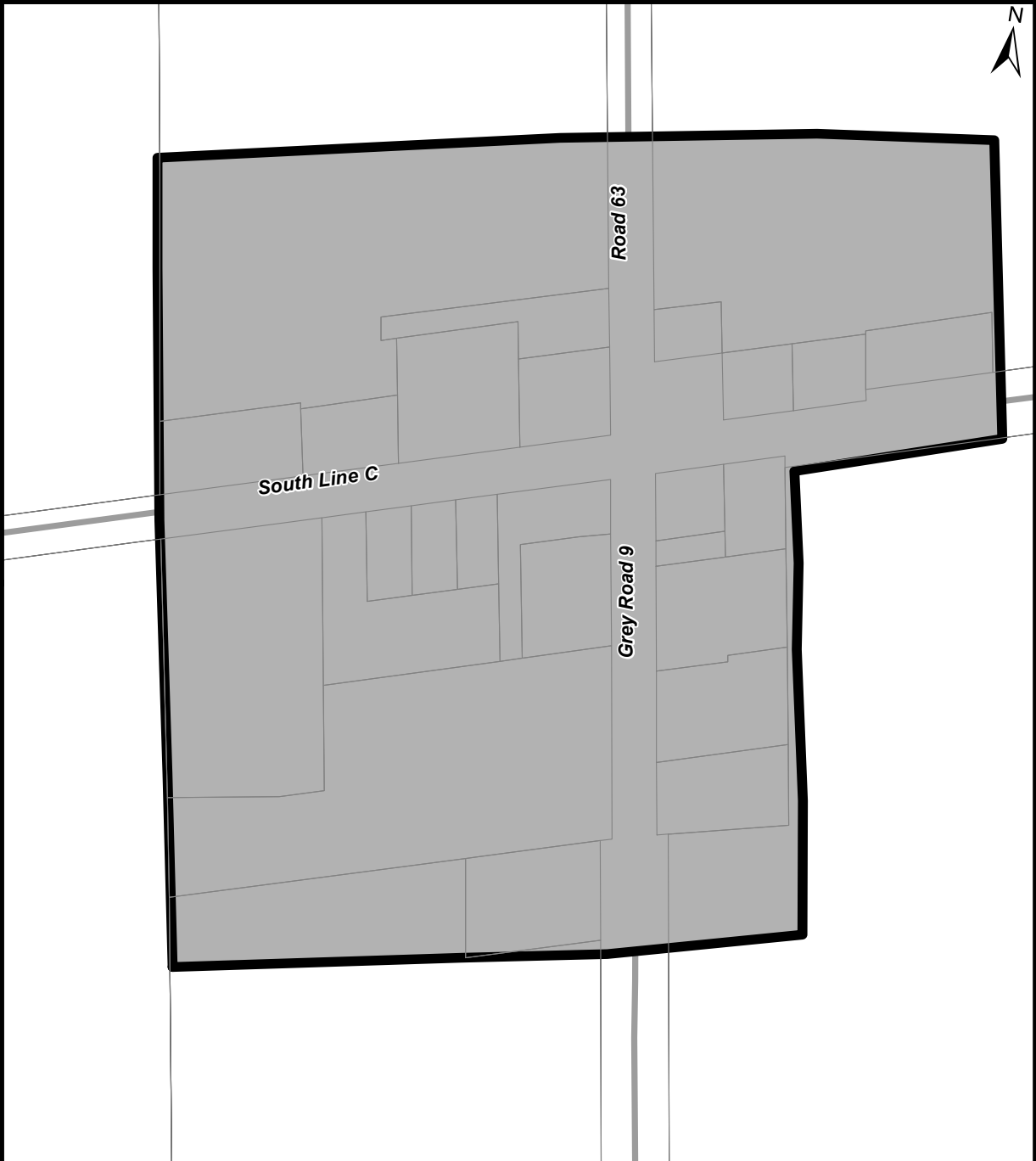
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BY-LAW No. 2023-028

MUNICIPALITY OF GREY HIGHLANDS  
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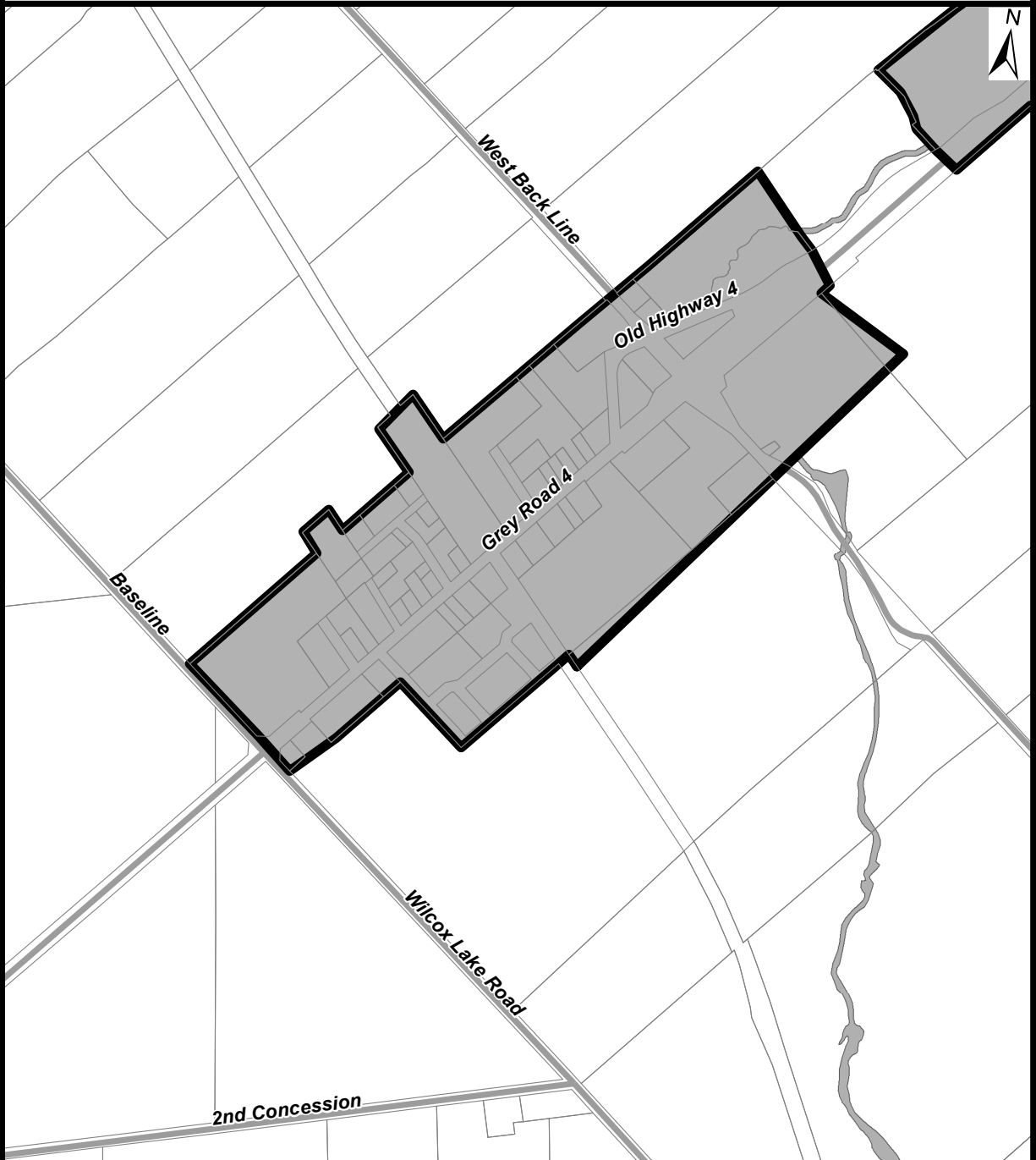
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CEYLON

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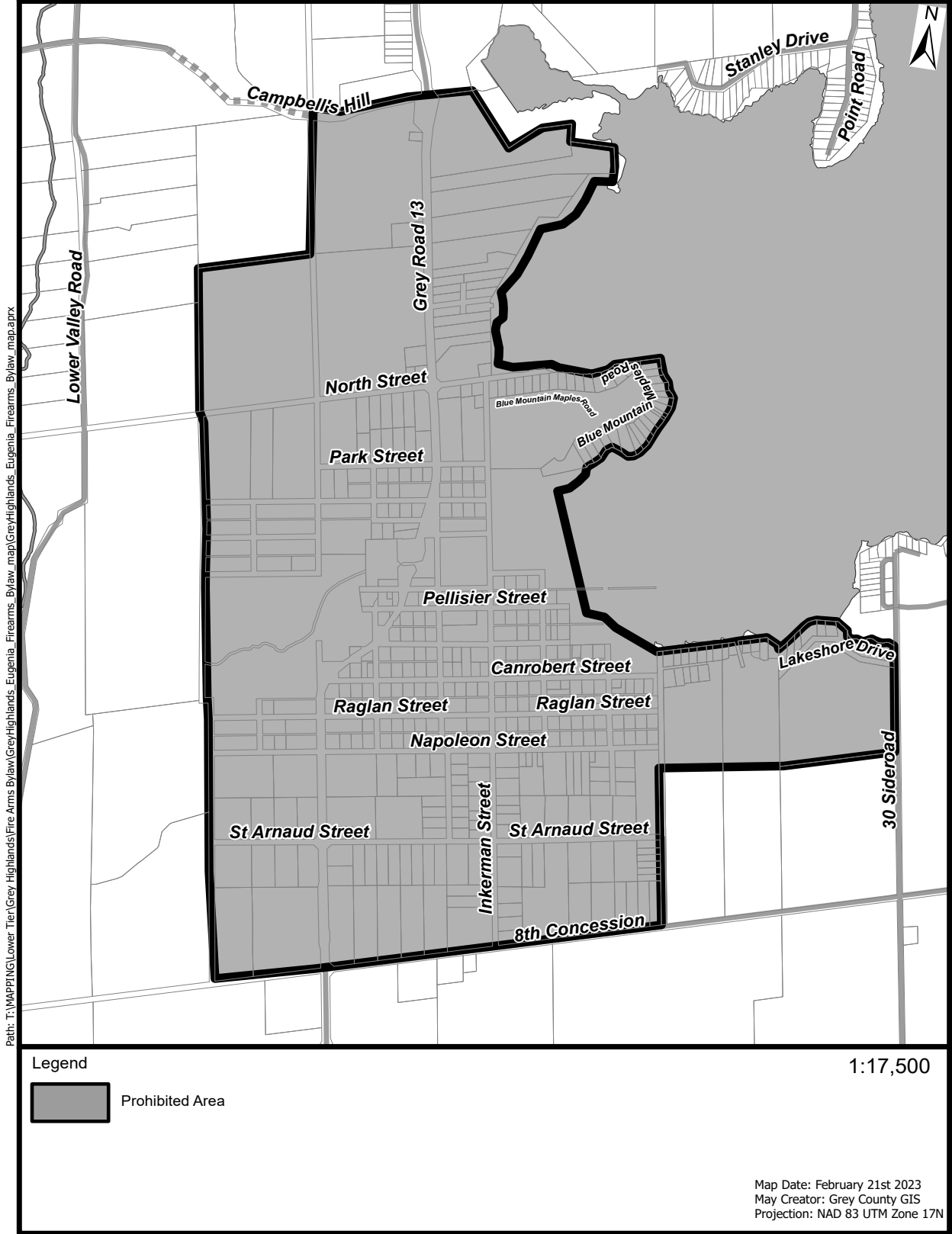
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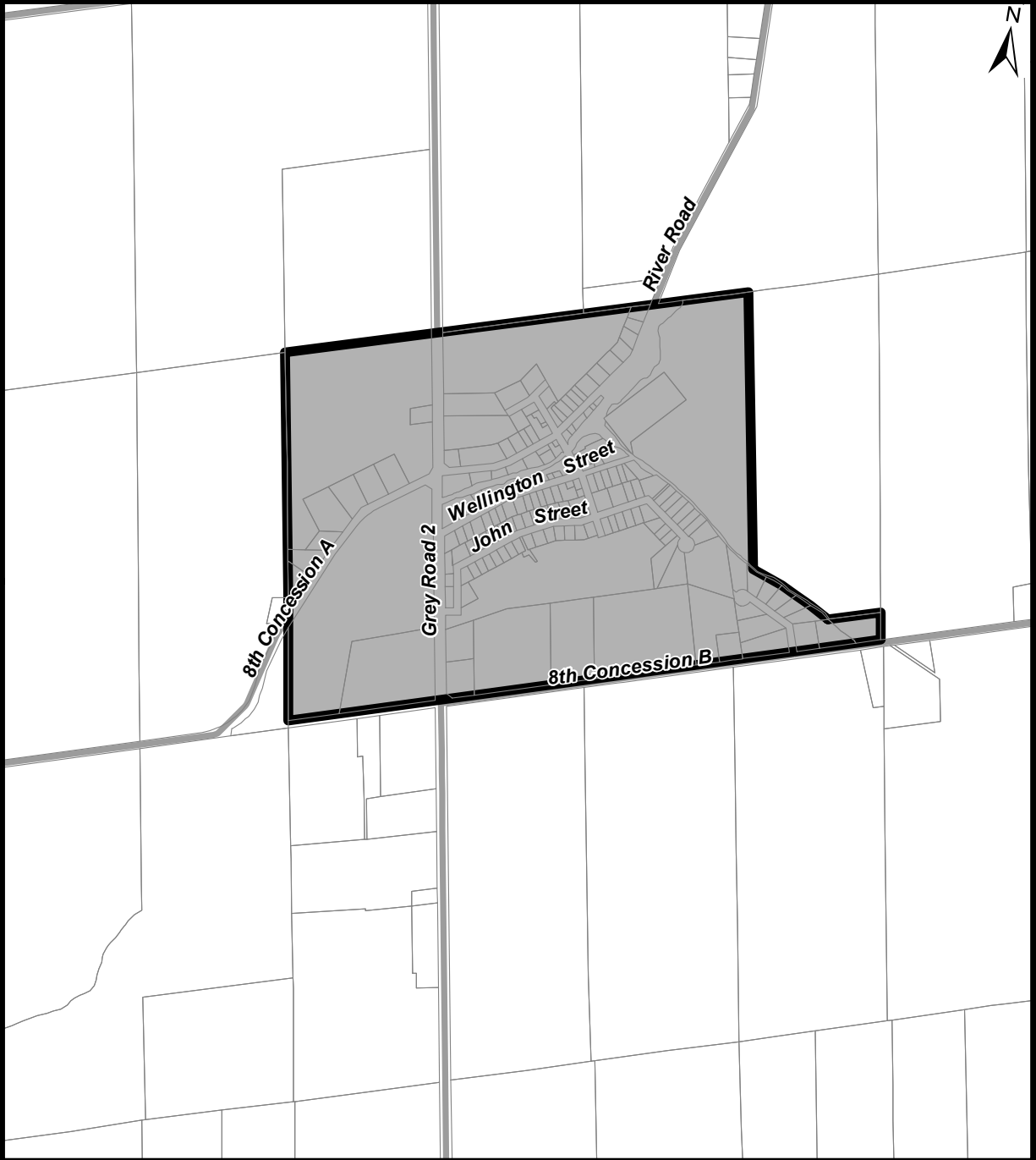
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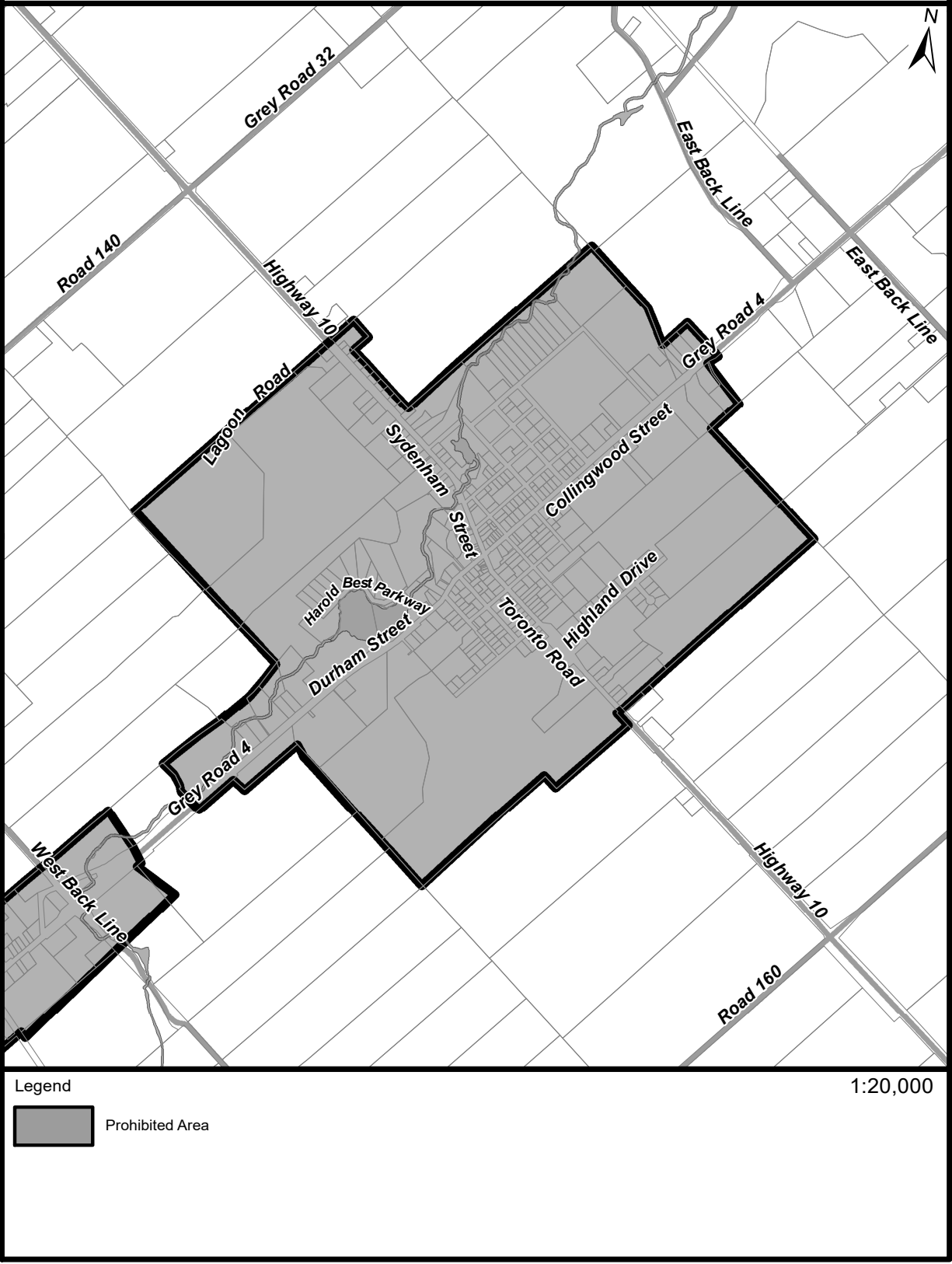
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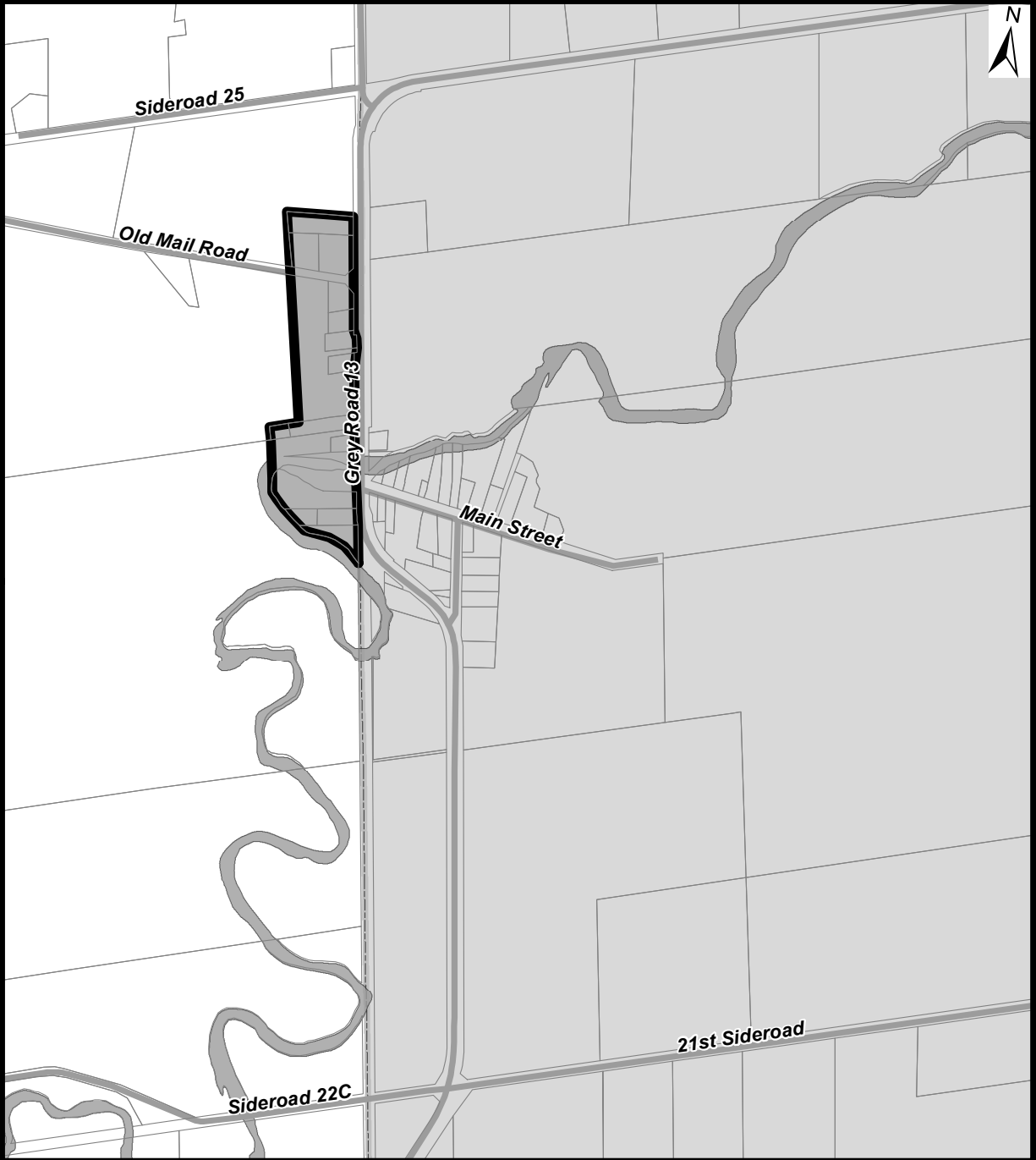
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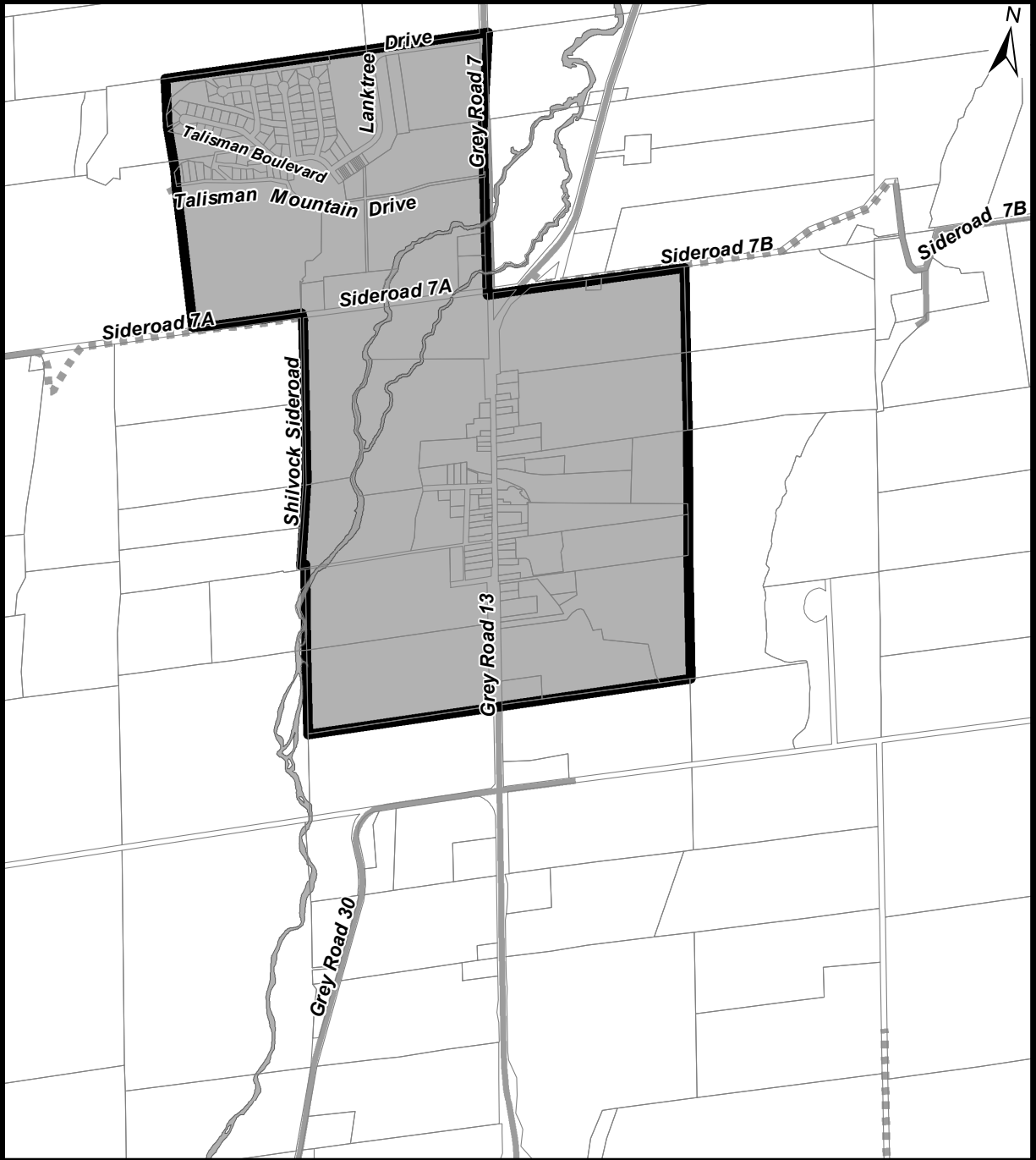
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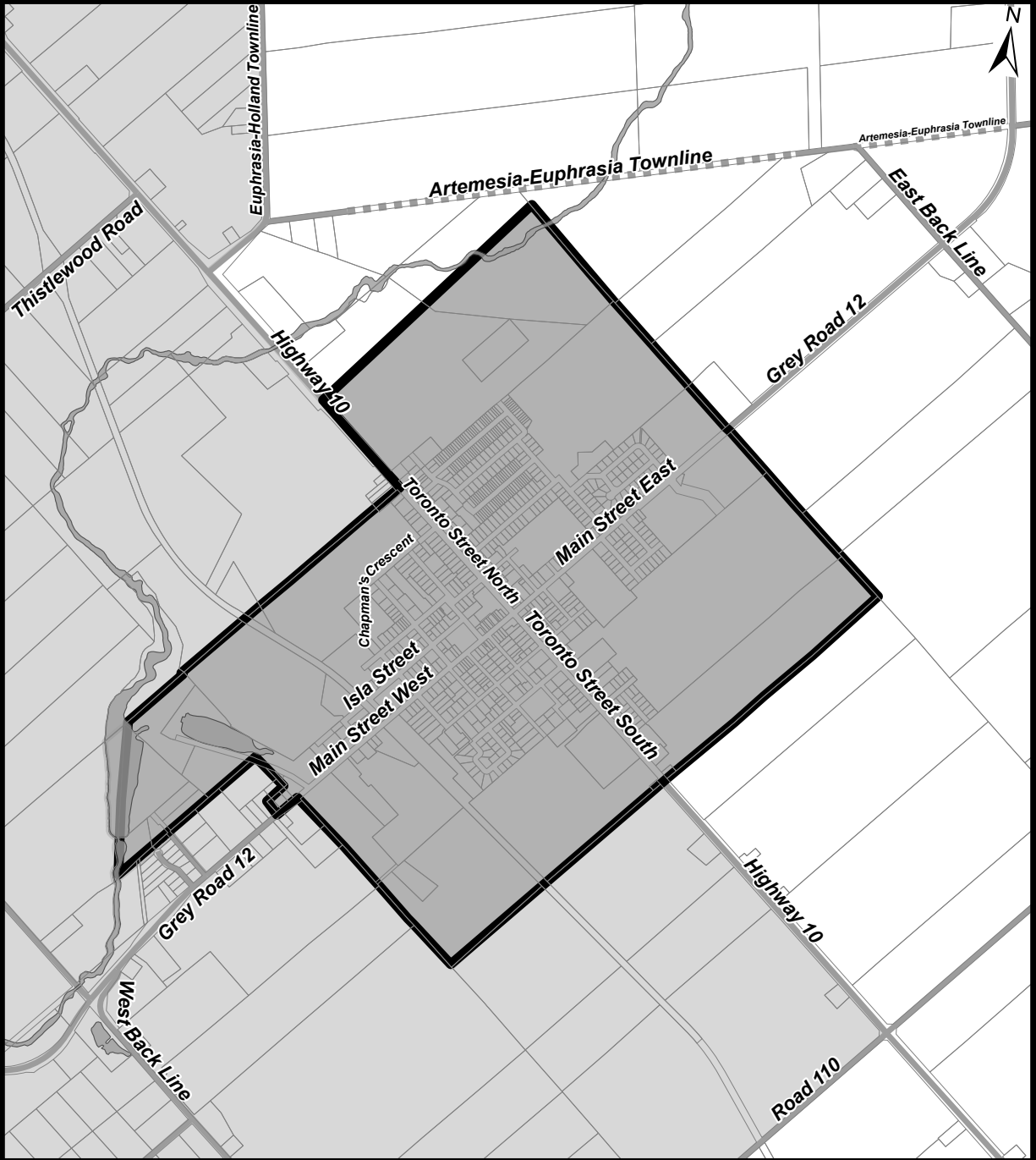


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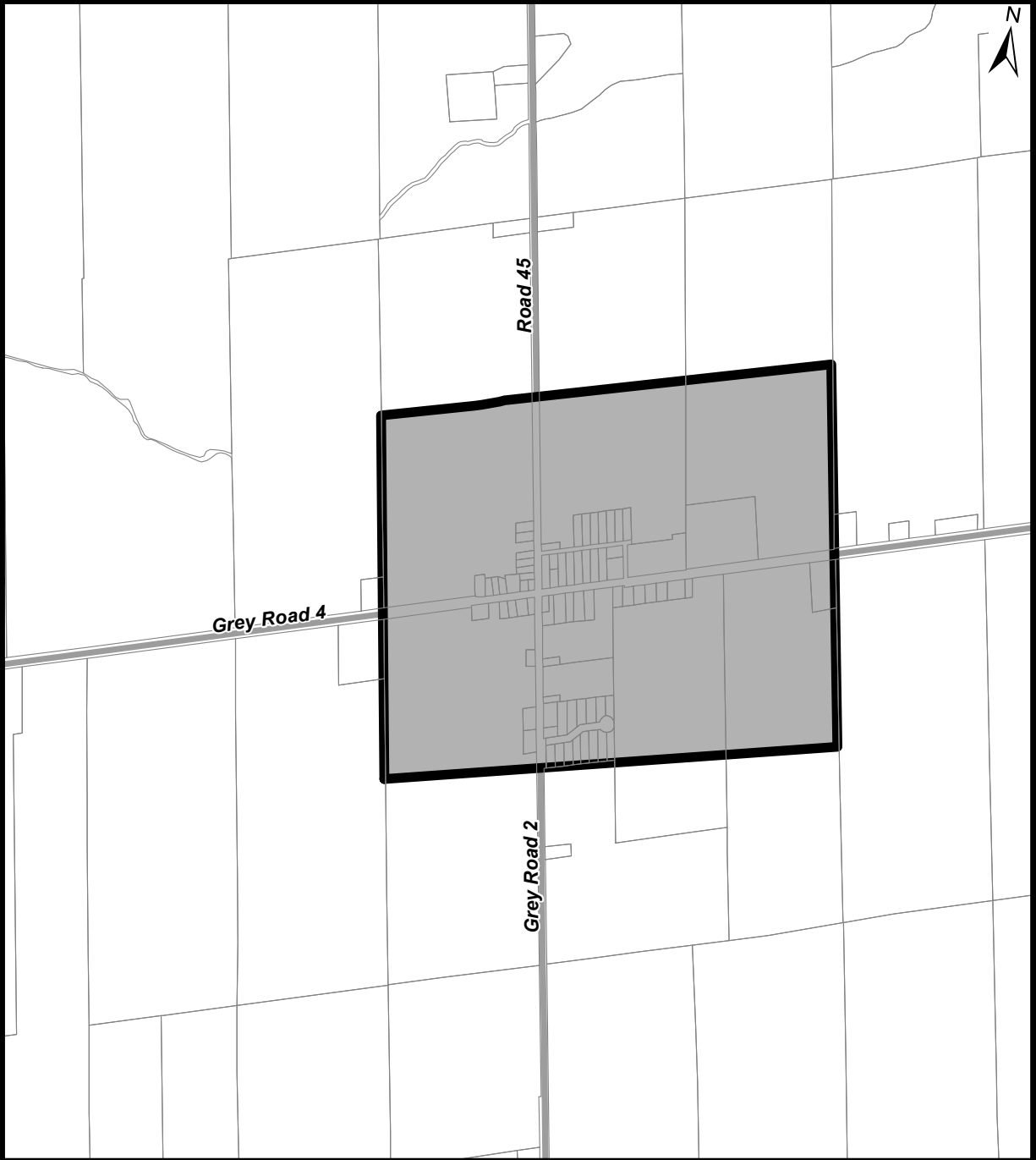
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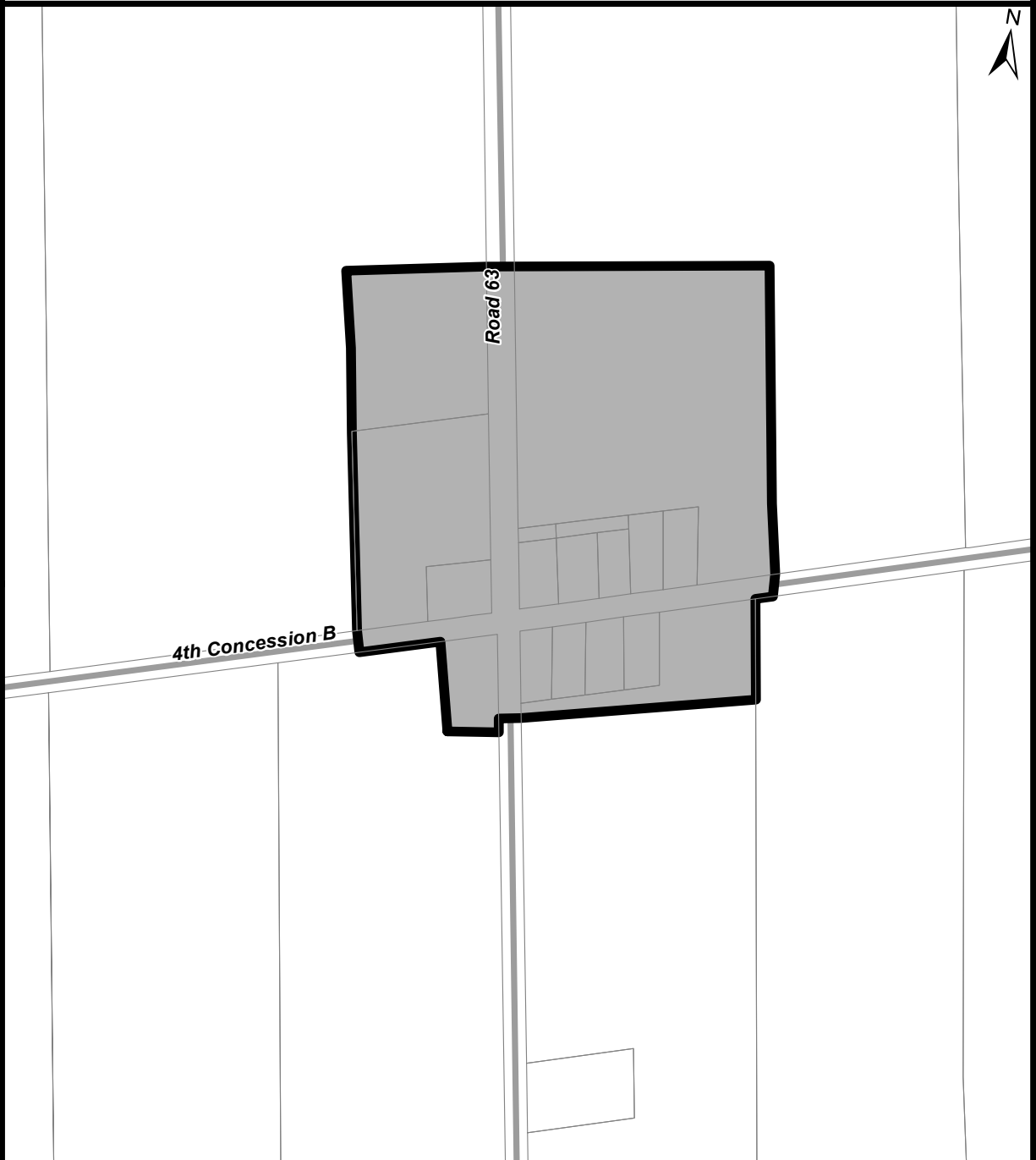


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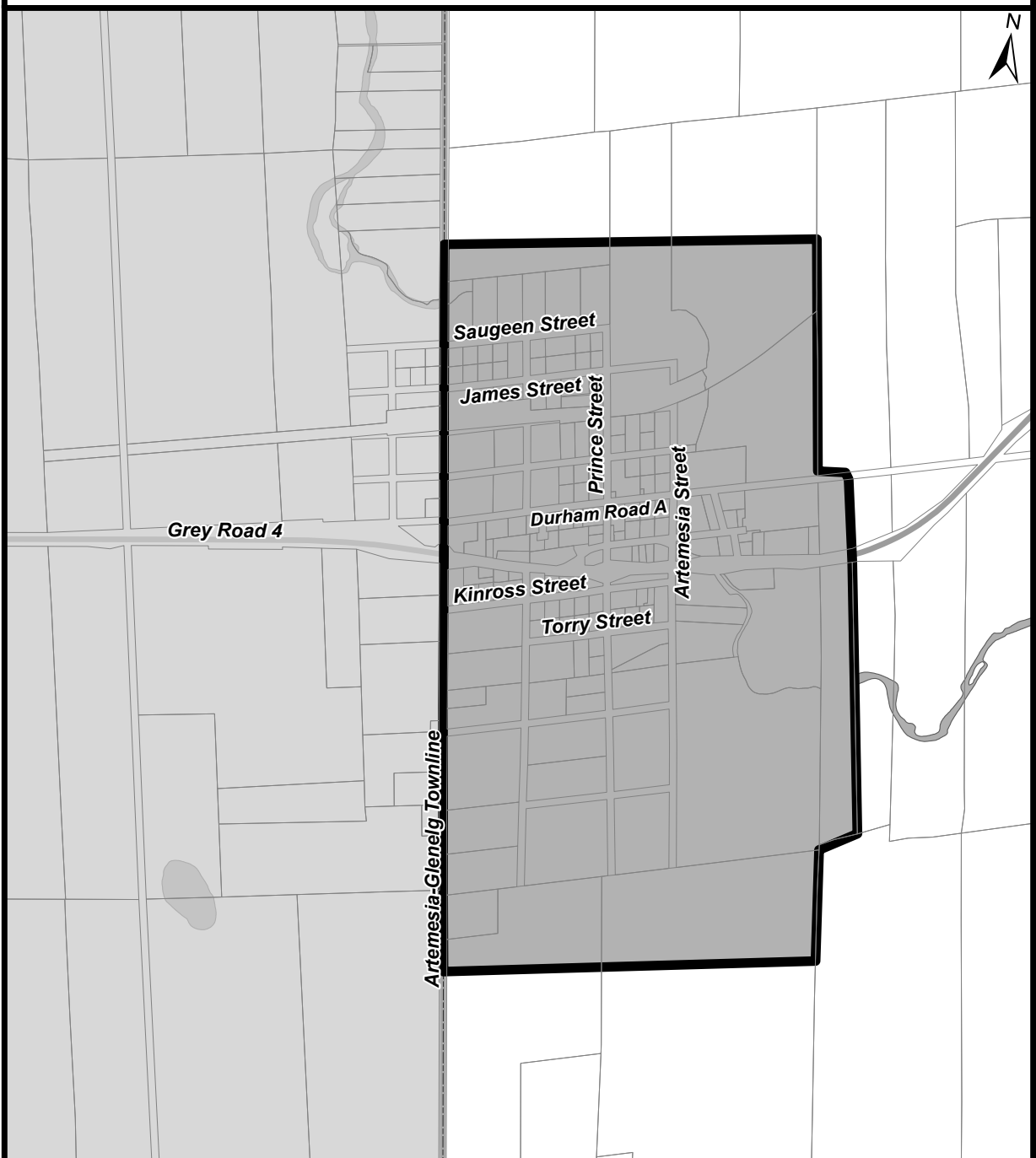
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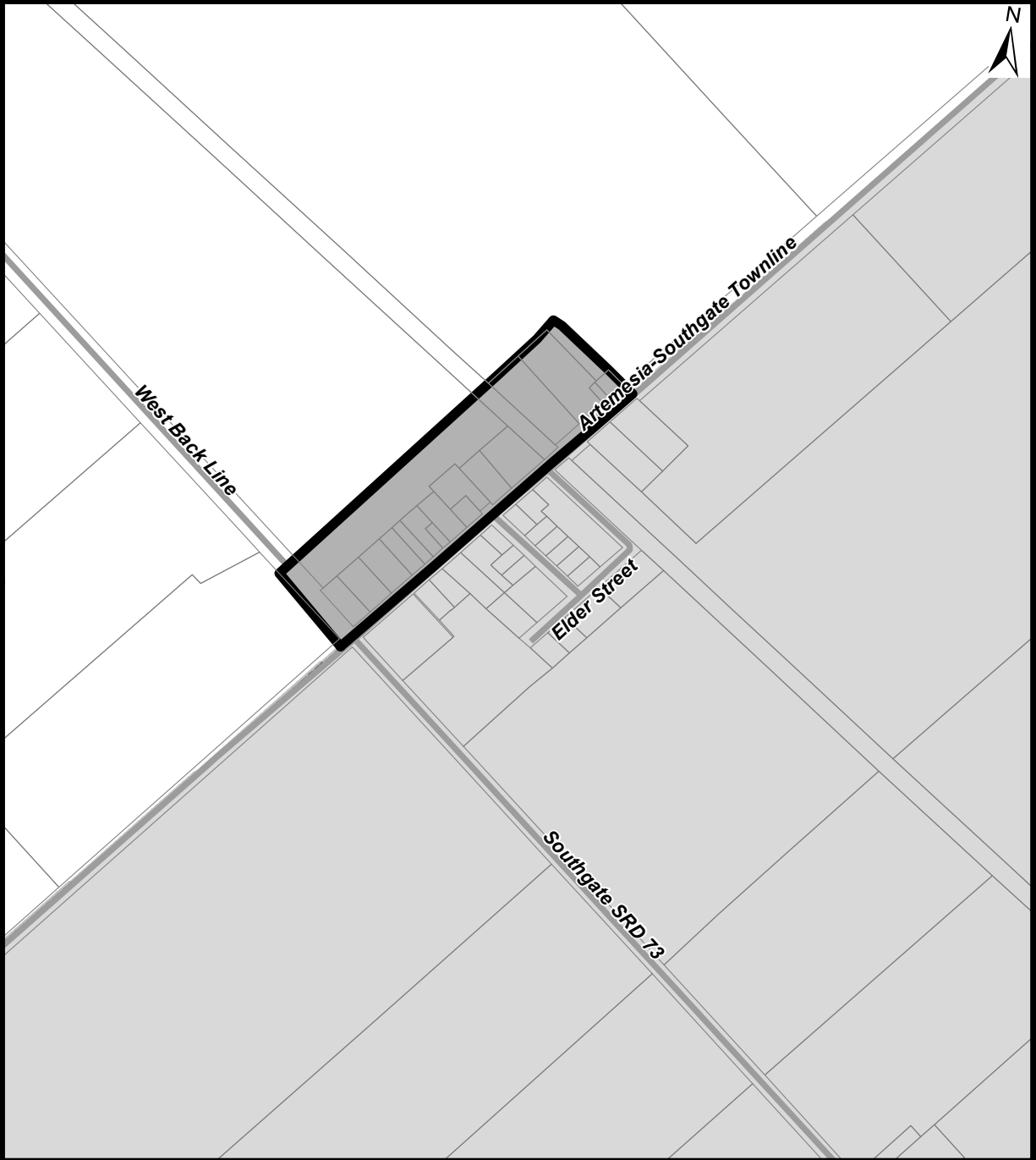
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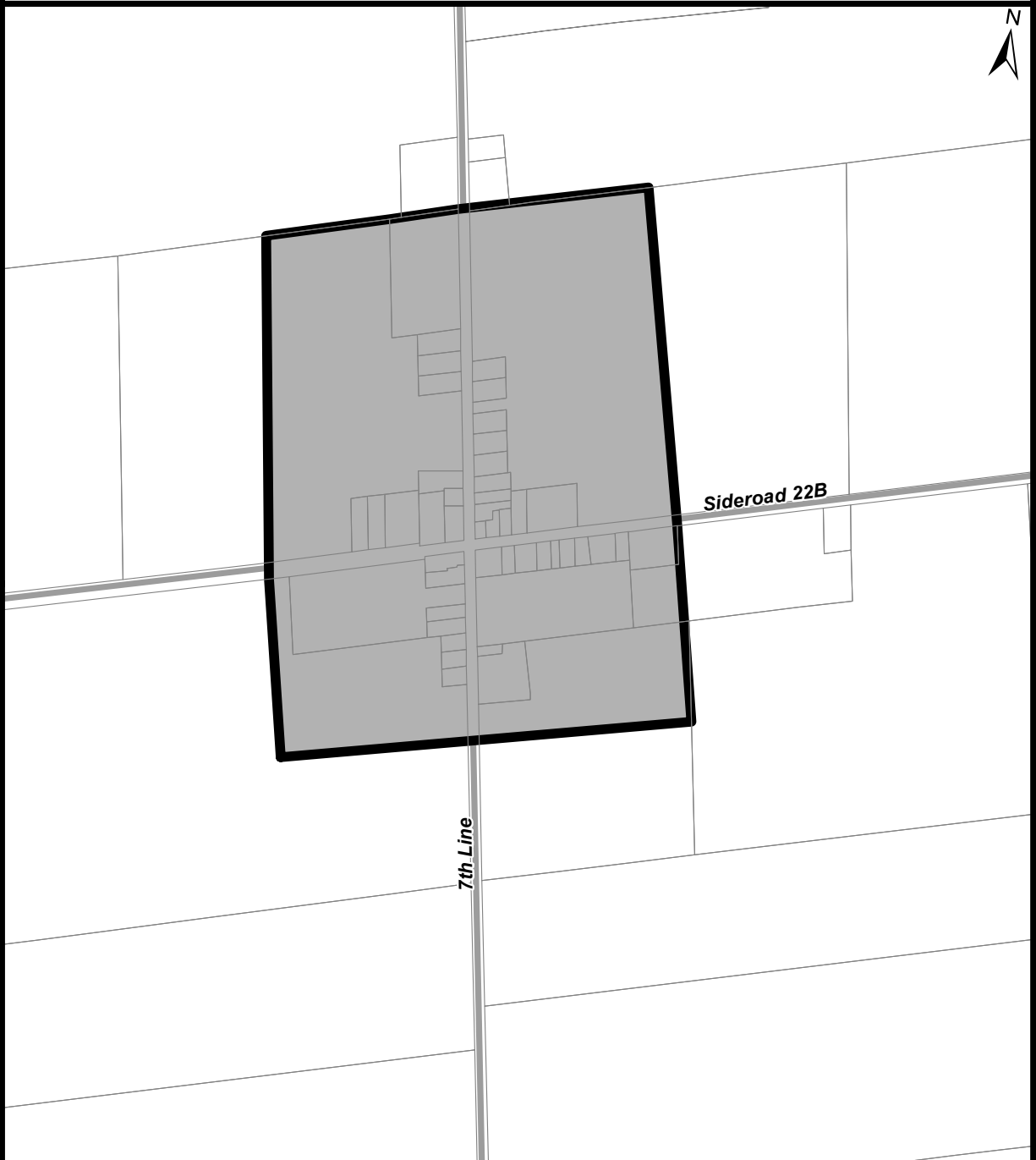
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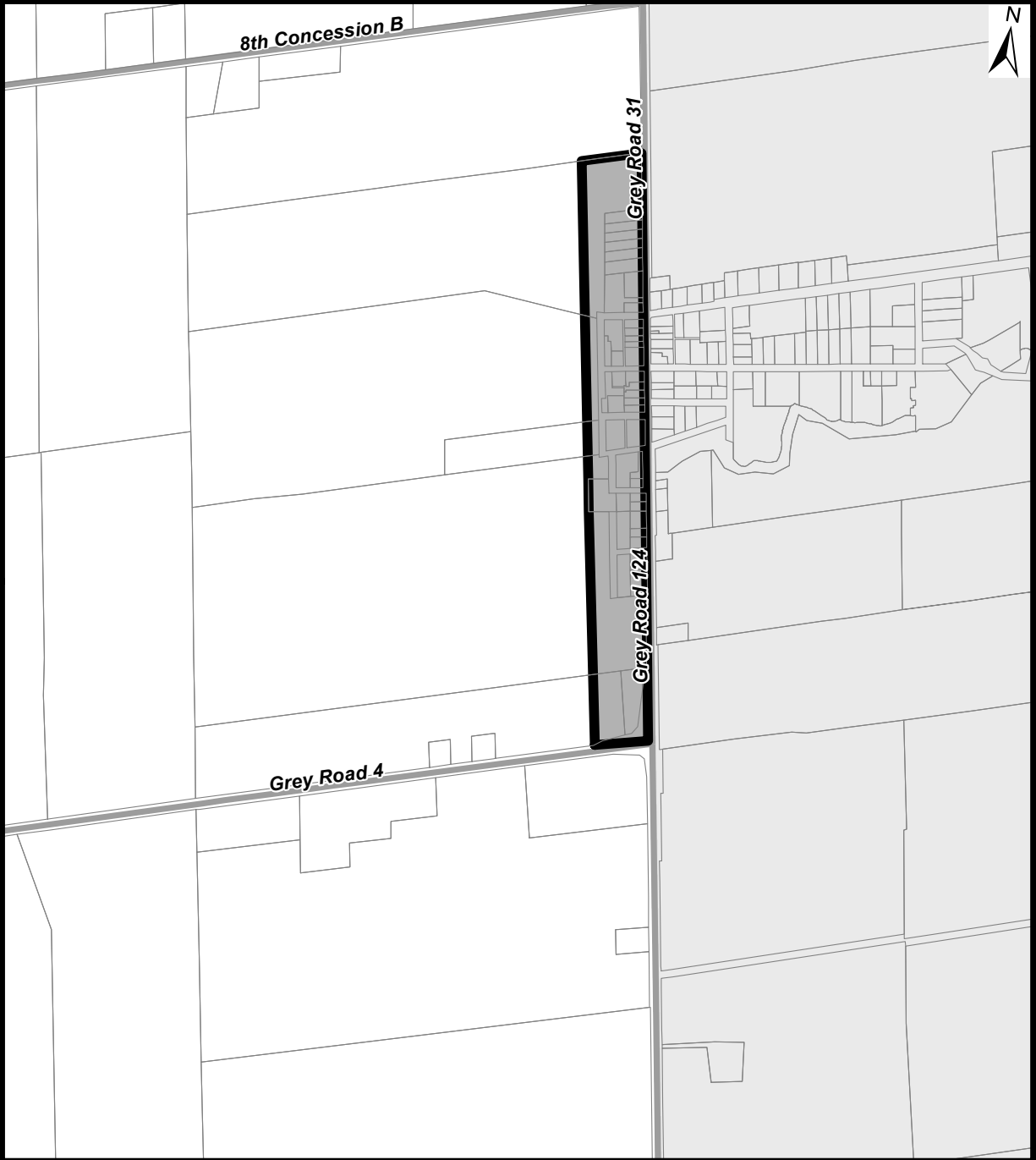
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Schedule P  
Municipality of Grey Highlands  
Part 1 Provincial Offences Act  
By-law No. 2023-028: Discharge of Firearms

Set Fines Schedule

ITEM	COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3
	Short FormWording	Provision Creating or Defining Offence	Set Fine
1	Discharge in a prohibited area	3. a.	\$400
2	Discharge across highway	3.b.i.	\$400
3	Discharge on, over, or across any public Municipally owned Lands	3.b.ii.	\$400
4	Discharge on, over, or across worship, public hall or school properties	3.b.iii.	\$400
5	Discharge on, over, or across permitted subdivision lands	3.b.iv.	\$400
6	Discharge on, over, or across County Owned Rail Trail corridor	3.b.v.	\$400
7	Discharge on, over or across Lake	3.b.vi.	\$400
8	Discharge during prohibited hours	3.b.vii.	\$400
9	Discharge on, over or across property without permission	3.b.viii.	\$400
10	Hinder or obstruct a peace officer	6.	\$400

NOTE: the general penalty provision for the offences listed above is Section 5 of By-law 2023-028, a certified copy of which has been filed.