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Subject: FW: Clark County Legacy Lands Clark County Council Work Session Clark County Public Works, Parks and Lands Division September 27, 2023
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Hi Sonja:

Please, for the record. If you have the comment already, then disregard. Thanks.

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FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD AND THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Re: Program Overview: Clark County Legacy Lands - Clark County Council Work Session - Clark County Public Works, Parks and Lands Division September 27, 2023

Dear Councilors,

It is with a great deal of concern that Clark County Citizens United, Inc. viewed the September 27, 2023 Work Session over Clark County Legacy Lands proposals. In particular, staff presented a map of what they called "High Value Conservation Lands", which showed what they consider high value. The reason they are considering such lands is for the purpose of placing them in the Clark County Legacy Lands. To do that, they must buy the land,

I have attached seven attachments to this email. One is that county map, followed by six other attachments of 12 maps, of the same land, showing the parcelization,

homesites and building sites. As you can see in the attachments, the lands that are being proposed for preservation, were highly developed many years ago, and contain homes and outbuildings. Surely, the county staff knows this. Is it their intent to steal that land via regulation? How are they going to compensate all of the thousands of landowners, for the devaluation of their land? The United States Supreme Court says that is what they must do, when such extreme financial devaluation takes place.

CCCU members are very familiar with all these lands, but one in particular is of interest. The county map presented to the Council did not show landmarks well enough to clearly distinguish roads. In addition, the map did not show the thousands of historic small parcels, with the homes located on them. In order for the Council to make an educated decision, that information must be there. But, as CCCU has seen through the many years we have presented testimony, staff only gives the information they want to give and it's often the truth with a lie. The "stream" of interest is North of the East Fork Lewis River. Almost all of it travels through 5 acre and 2.5 acre parcels. Those parcels were legally created long ago. In addition, almost all of those parcels are small rural farms, with outbuildings and barns, where the landowner raises small animals, horses, or produce. They are all living the perfect rural life of their choice on small lots.

The question is, who determined these "high value conservation lands" in the first place, and why? Who in the county thinks they are so important that they can take other people's land away whenever they choose, and give it a fancy "feel good" name to justify the takings. Such takings are not legal, under the GMA, state law, and federal law. The map shows the East Fork of the Lewis River. But whatever happened to the North Fork of the Lewis River, that goes through LaCenter, and the Washougal River that goes through other localities in Clark County. The public never hears about preserving those lands. Why not? It's time to bring those rivers to the table, using the same criteria being used on the East Fork.

CCCU has submitted maps, of the county map, showing the parcellization of those lands, indicated by staff. On top of that, is an overlay of the homes and structures, which have been noted with a red dot. As you can see, the land staff proposes as "high value" is already taken up. There are thousands of red dots on the twelve maps, of the areas that staff claims are important.

The county map called "High Value Conservation Lands" needs to be removed from consideration. It is biased, flawed and arbitrary. The North Fork Lewis River, East Fork Lewis River, Washougal River and similar rivers in the county should be treated the same. Why this area on a map was earmarked, should be the question asked by the Council. This land is only

"high value land" to the person who owns it, lives on it and pays taxes on it. Legacy Lands have been going far beyond reasonable consideration, and those folks need to be stopped.

Sincerely,

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Plan Structure: High Value Conservation Lands

East Fork Lewis River (lower)

Clark County Conservation Areas Acquisition Plan

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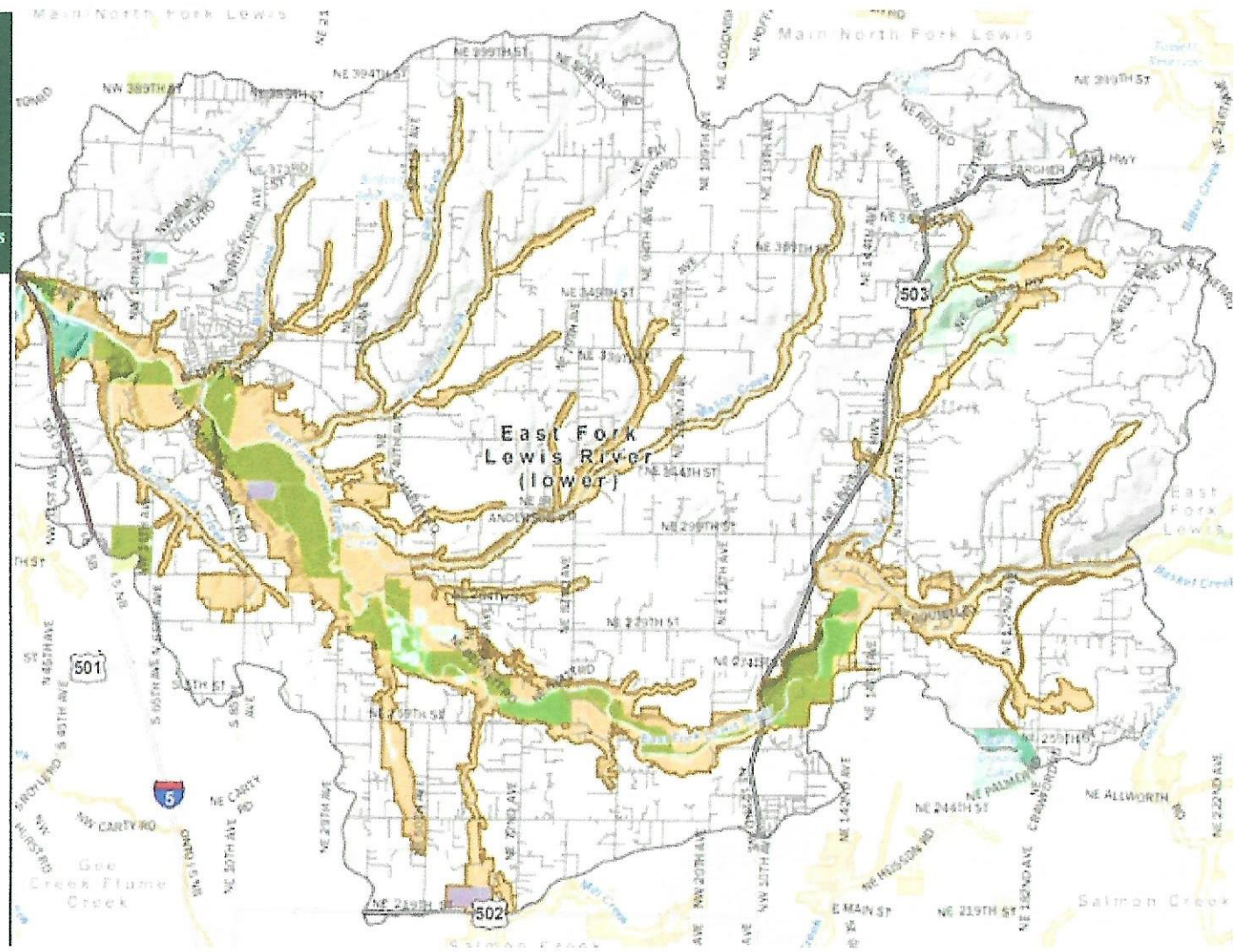
- High Value Conservation Lands
- Project Area Boundary

Protected Lands

- Clark County
- Municipal
- USFWS
- US Forest Service
- Other Federal
- State Conservation
- WA DNR
- Other State Lands
- Private Conservation

- Interstates
- State Highways
- Roads
- Rivers & Creeks
- Lakes

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November 2, 2010
 Clark County
 Conservation
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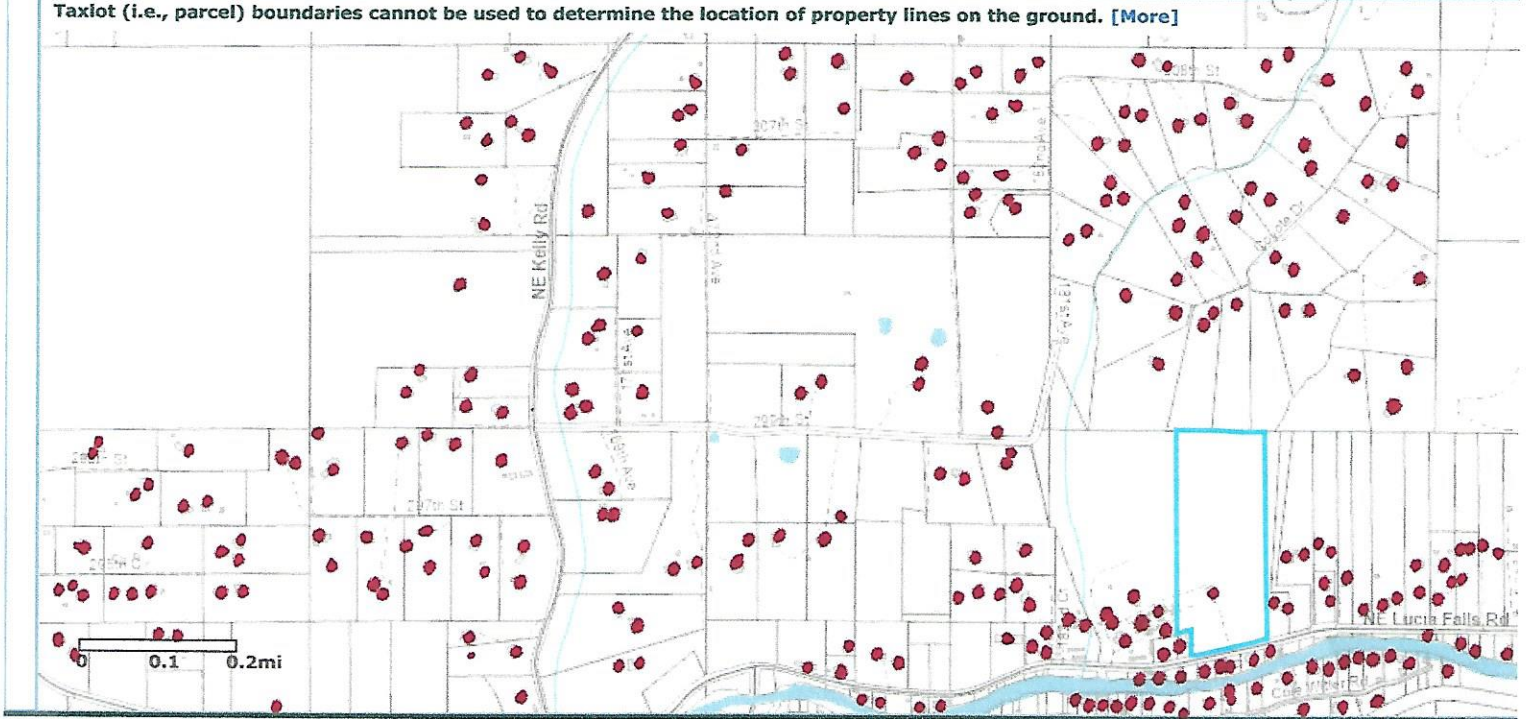


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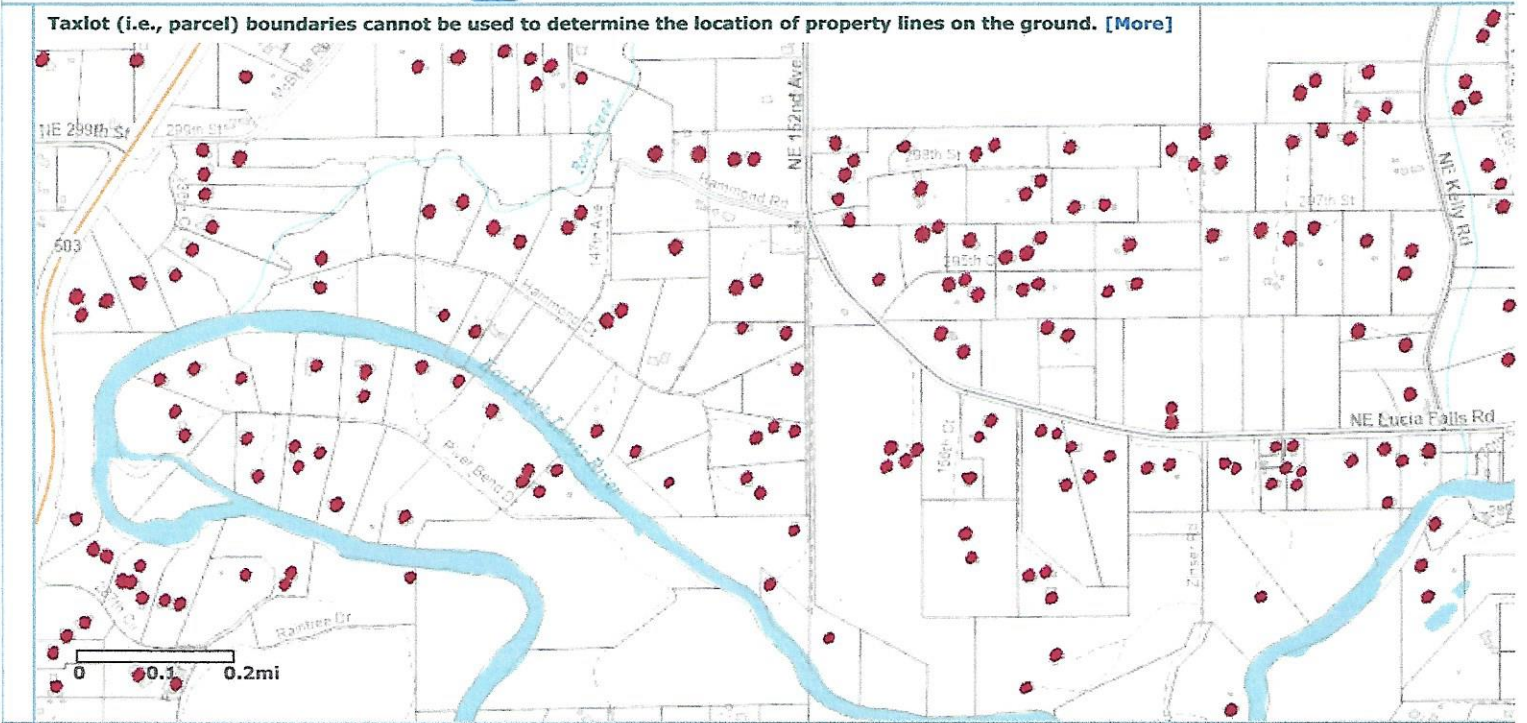


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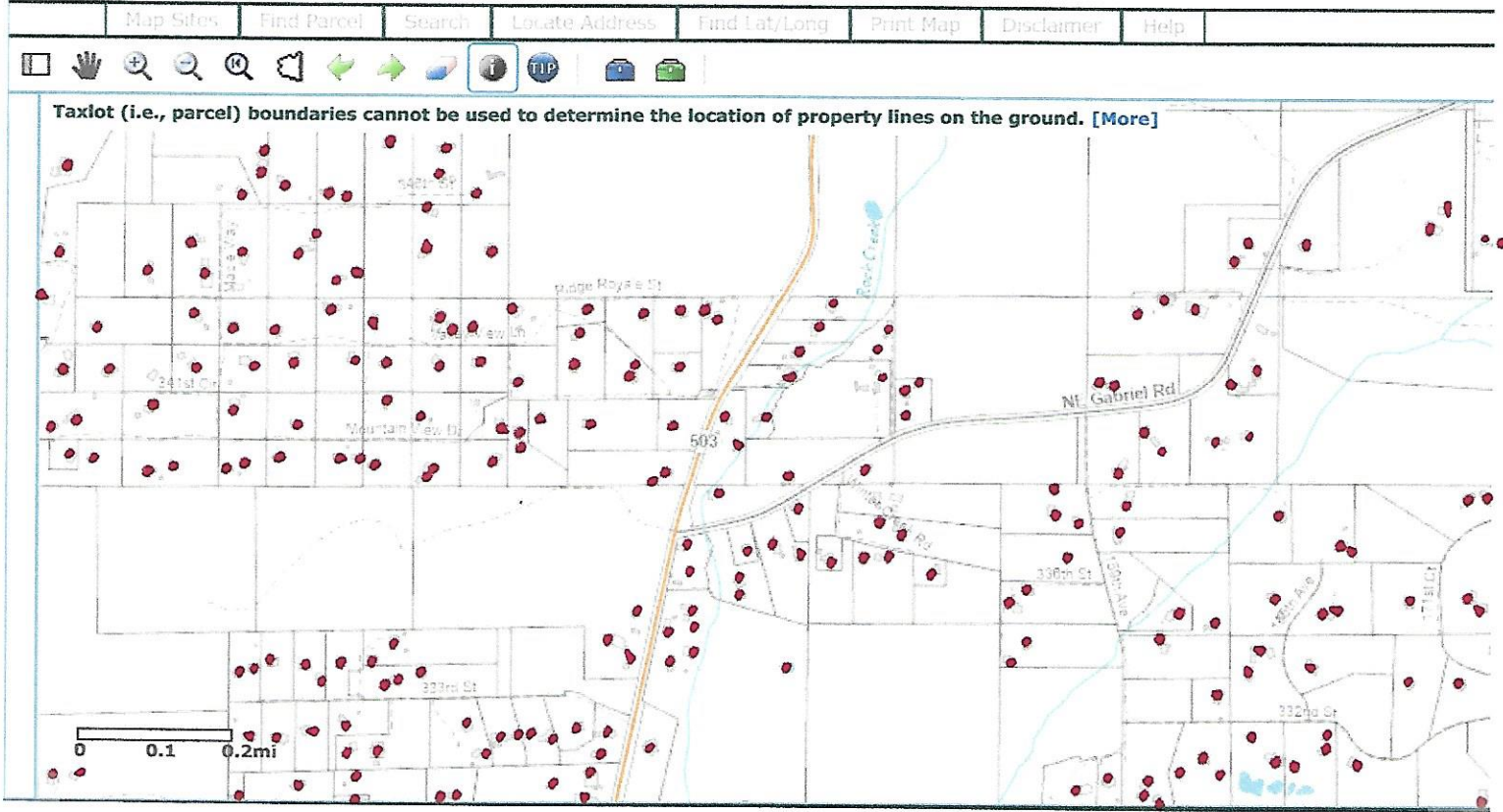
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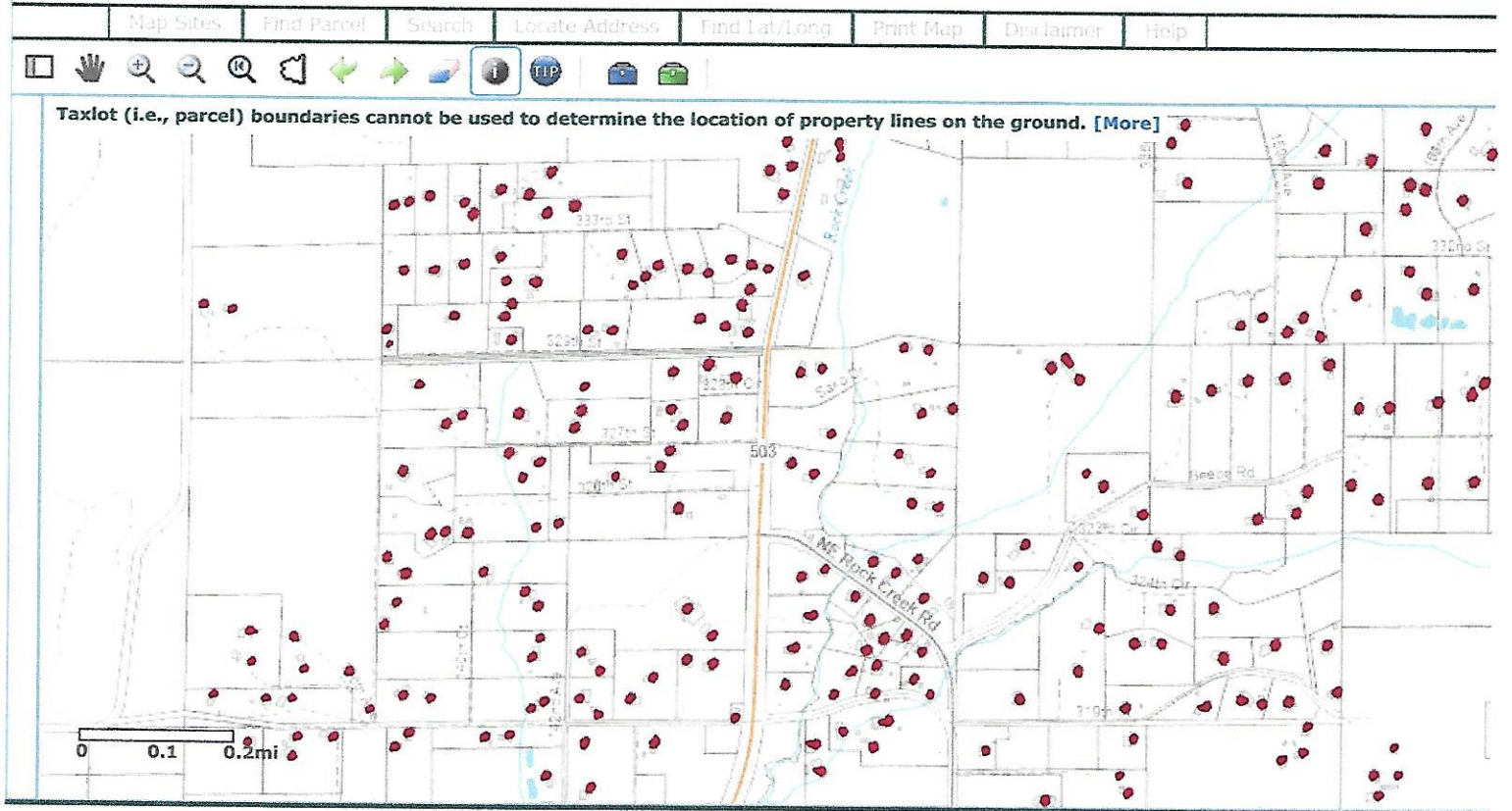
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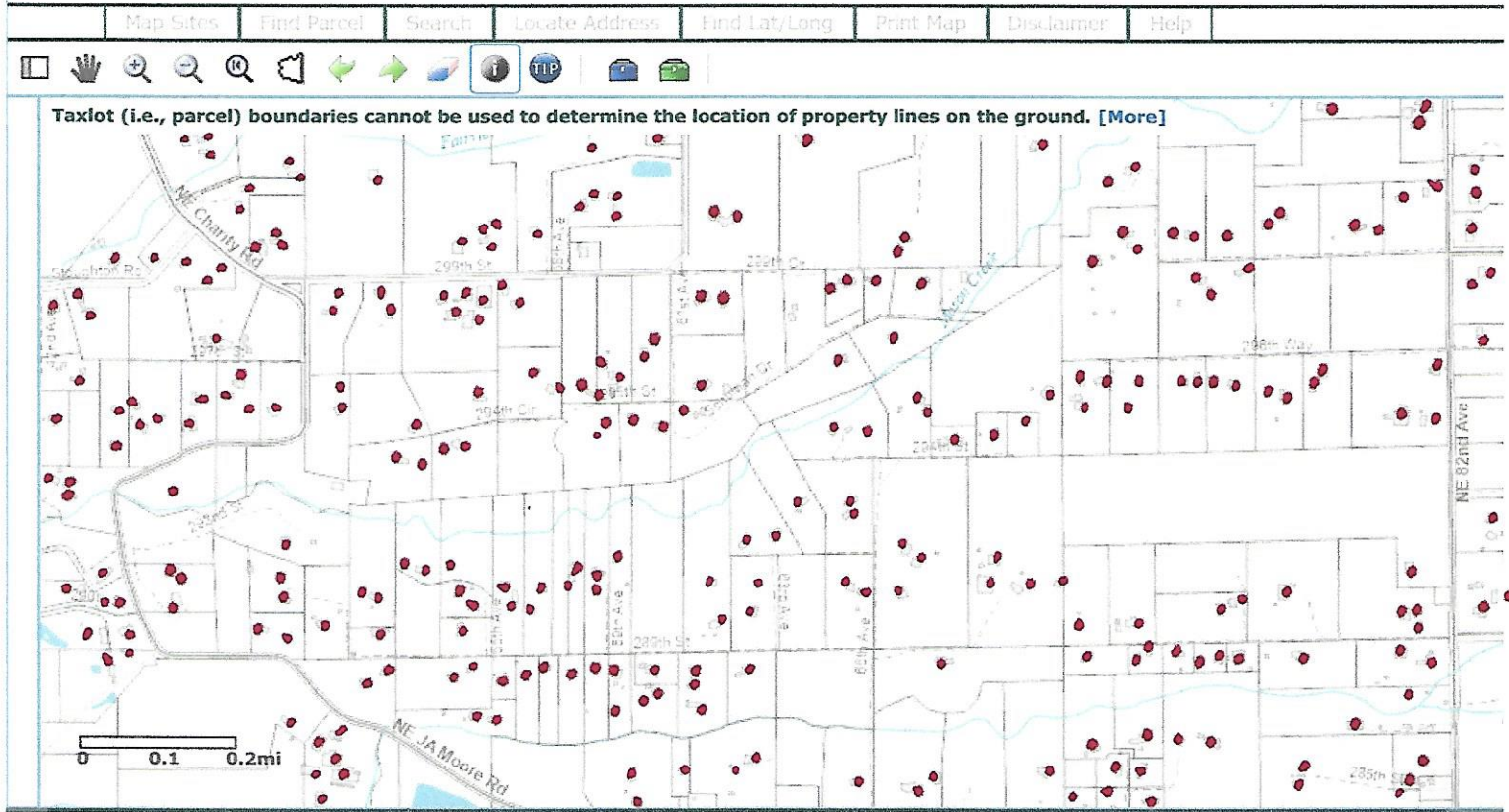
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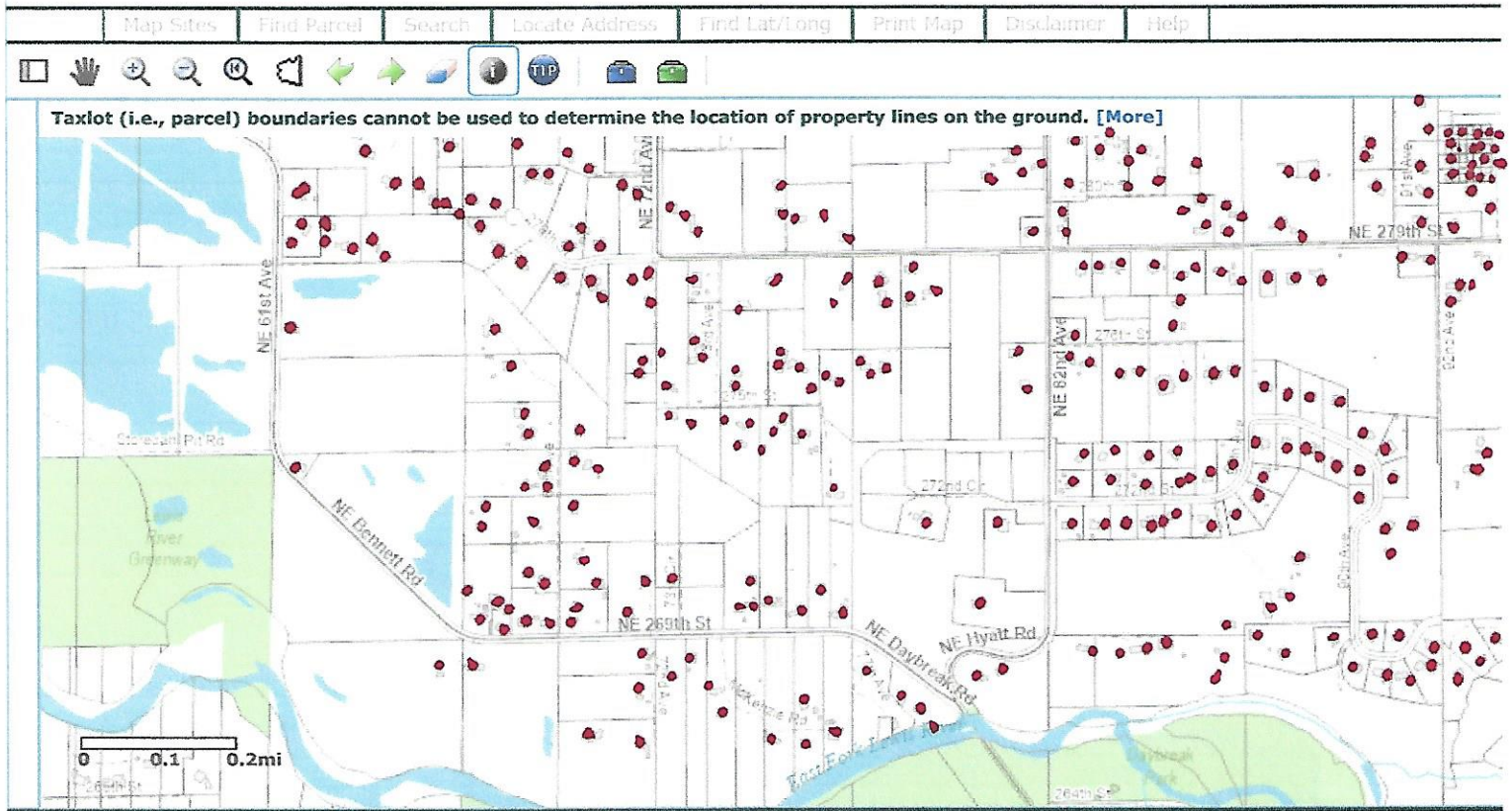
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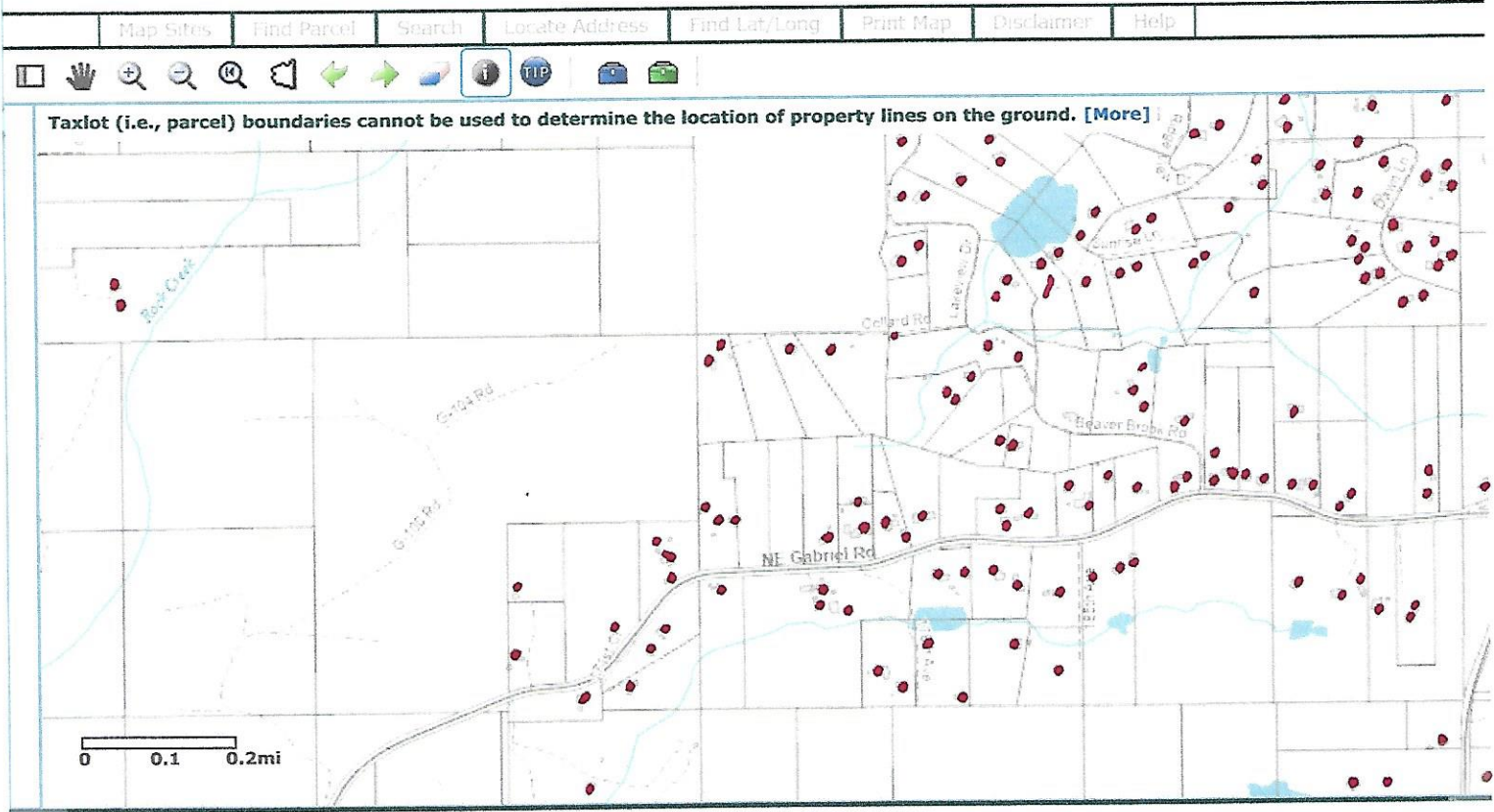
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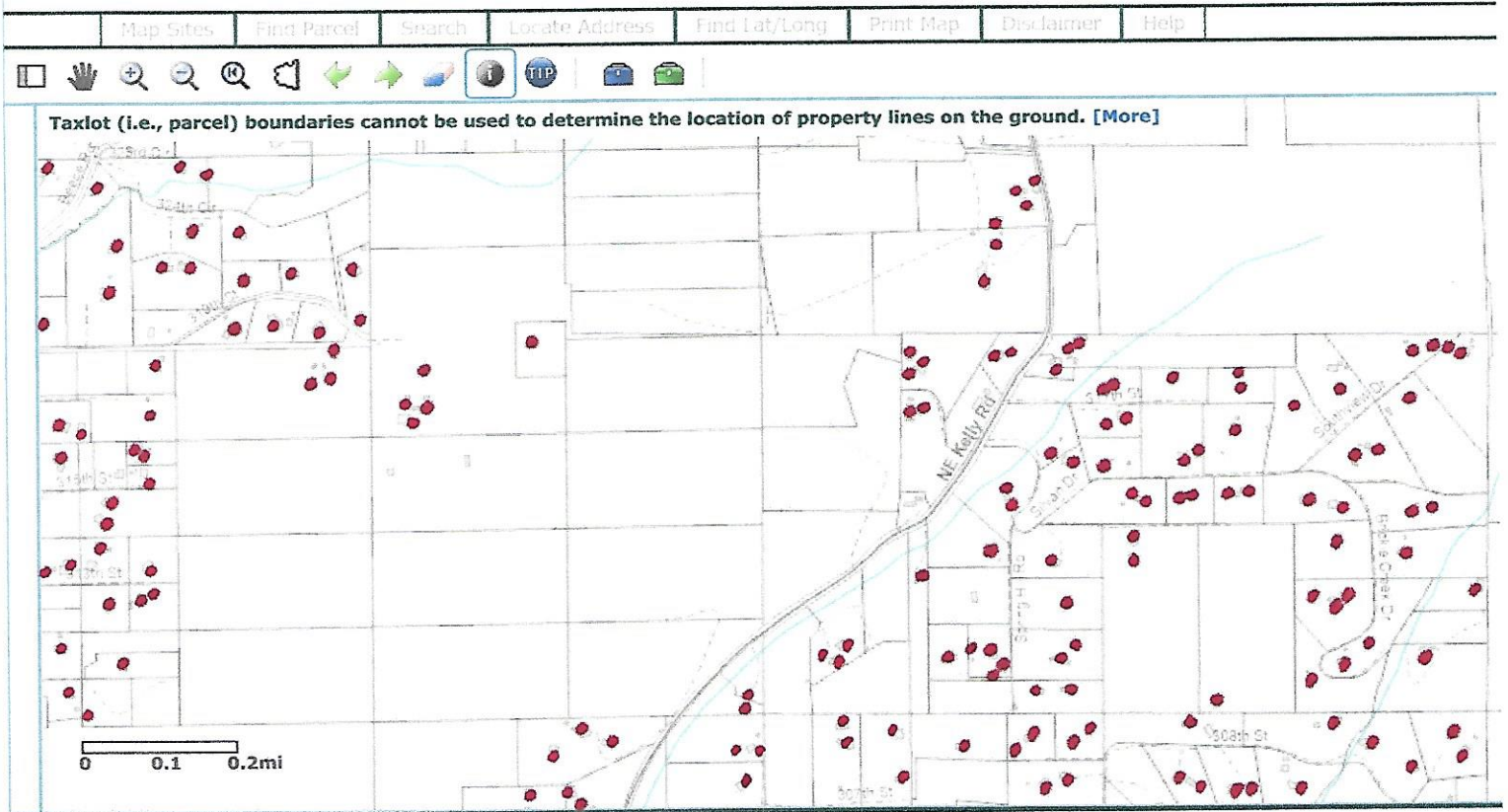
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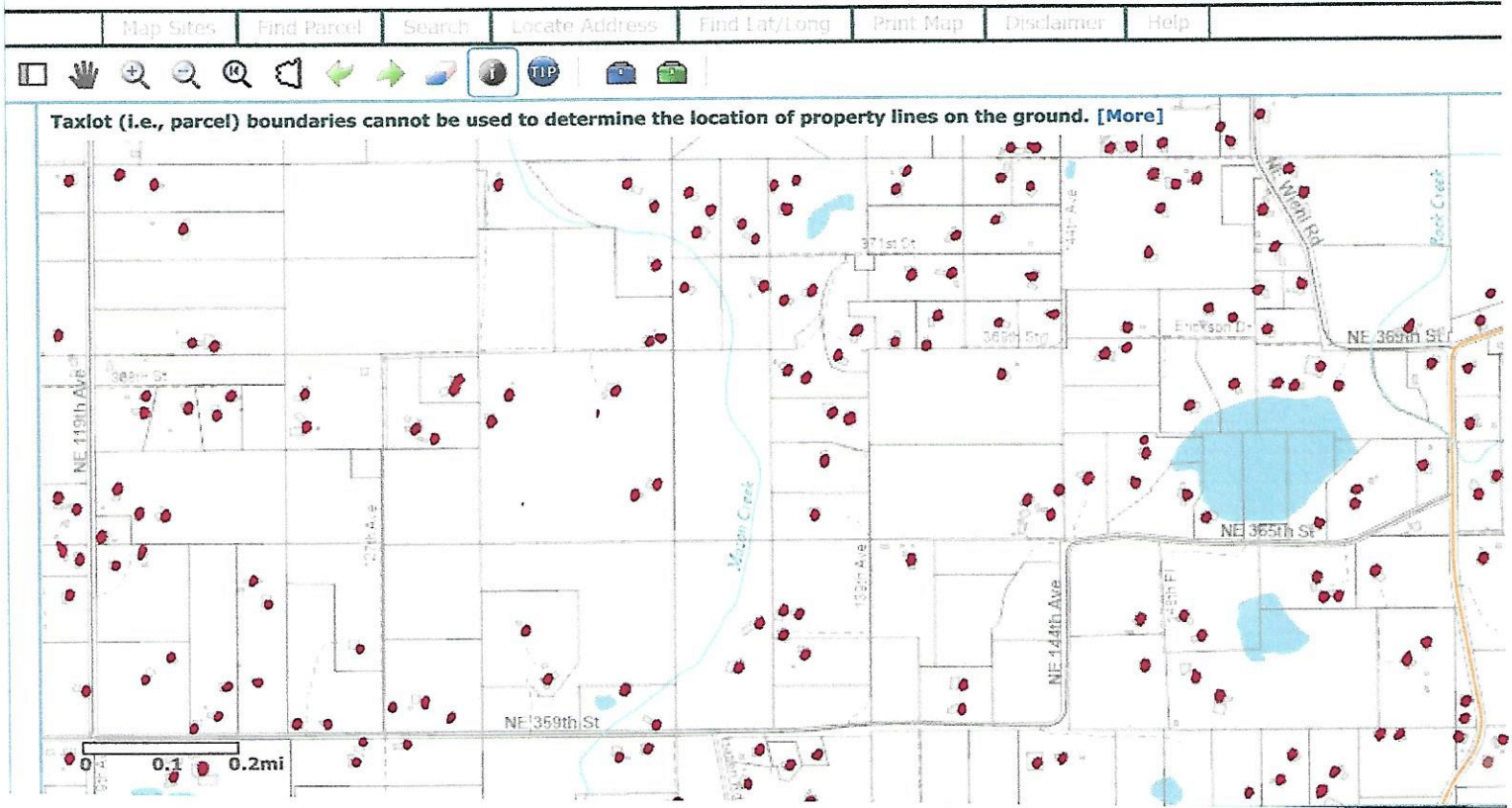
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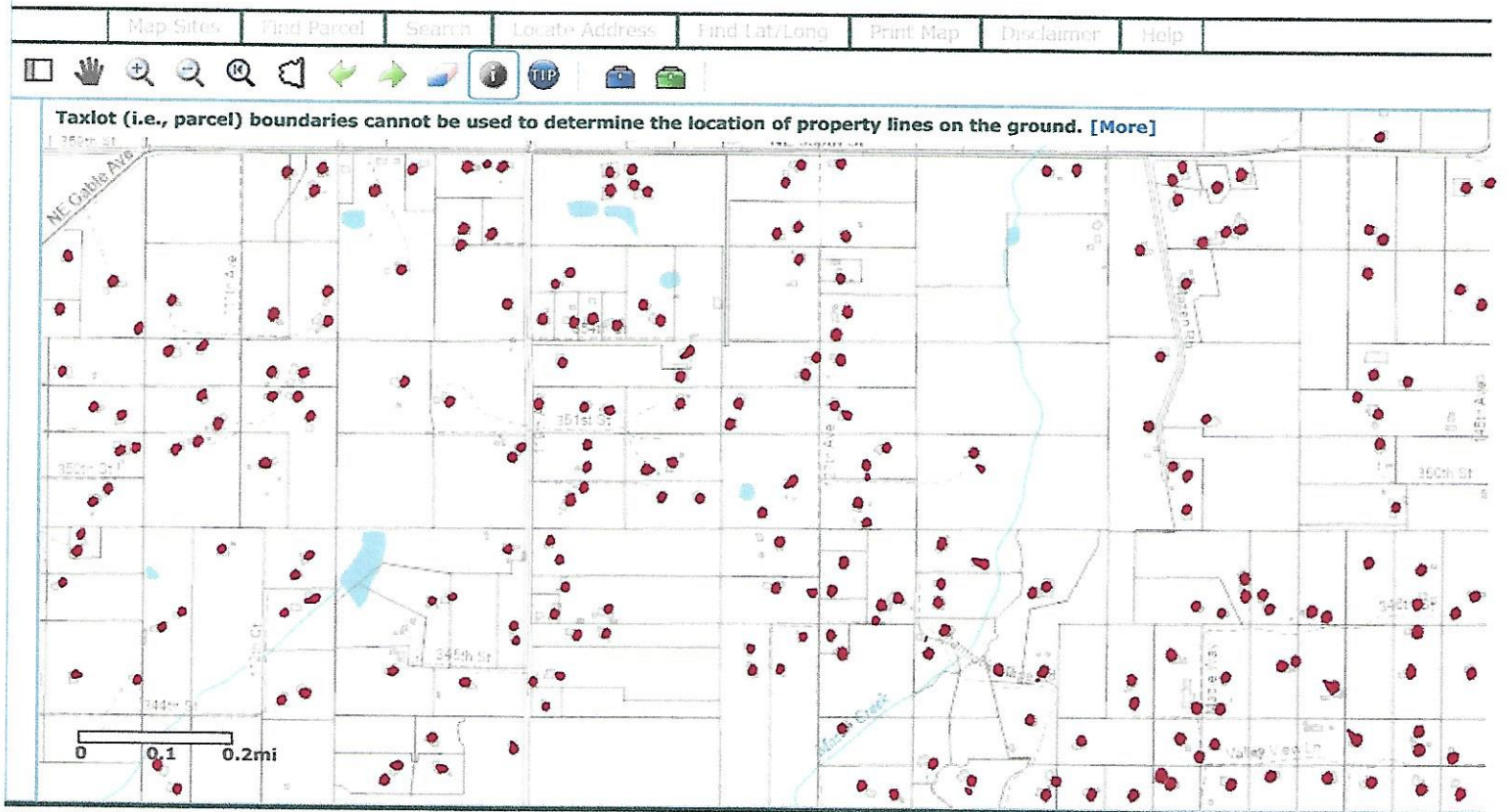
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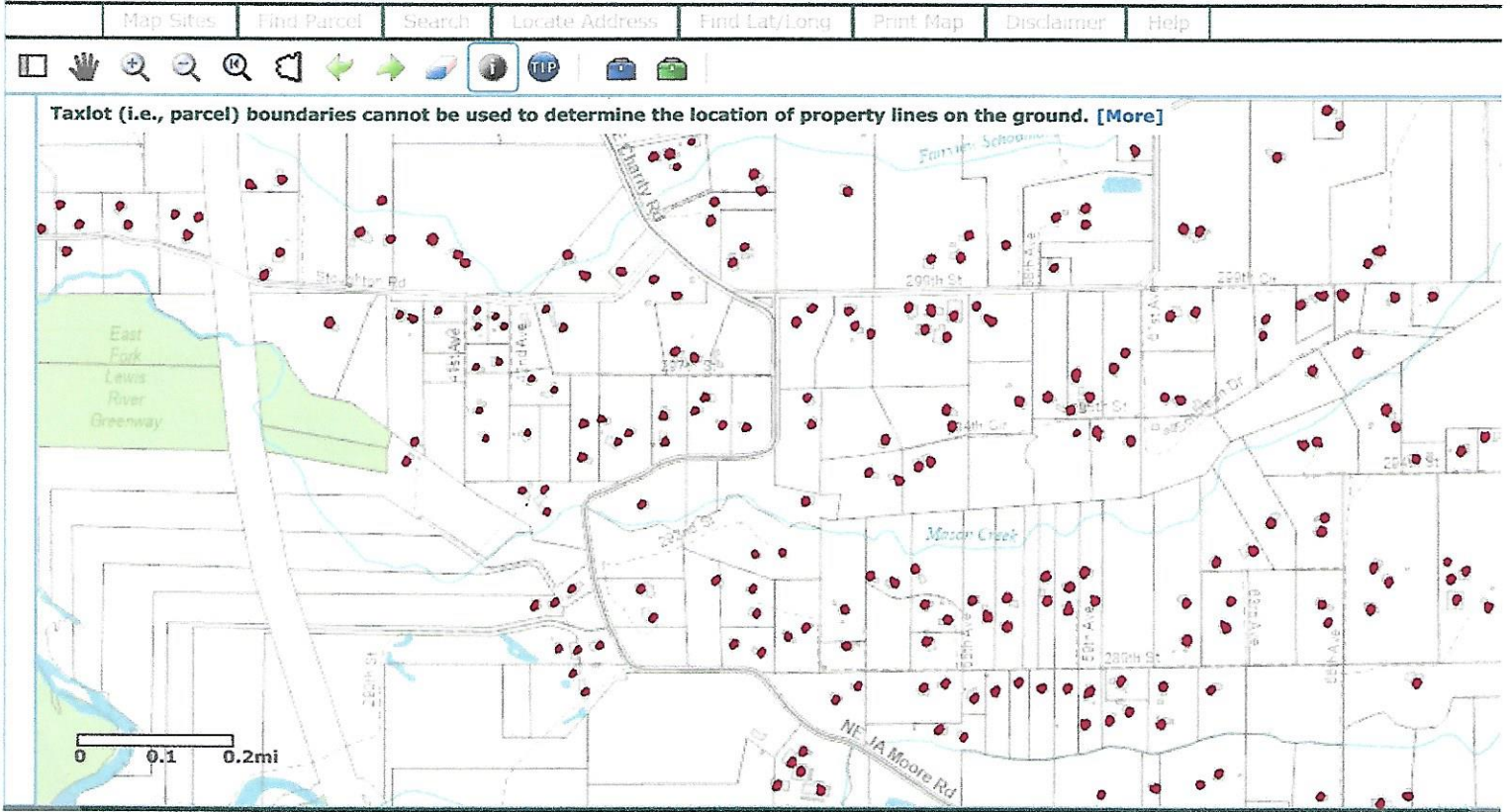
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