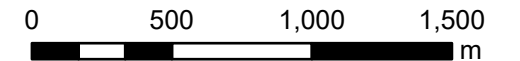


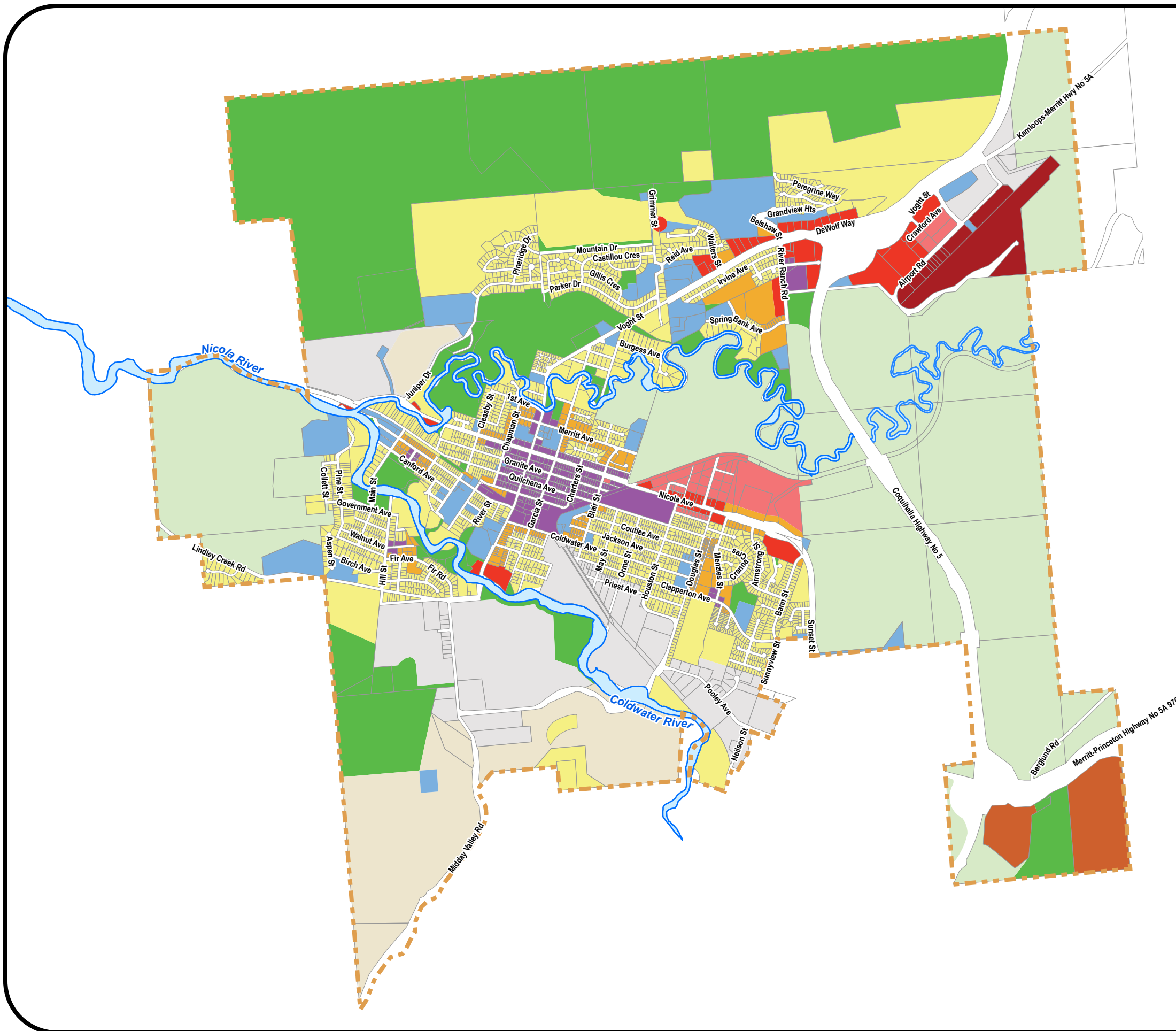
**Appendix A -
 Land Use
 Designation Map**

**Official Community Plan
 Legend**

-  City Boundary
- Designation**
-  Low to Medium Density Residential
-  Medium to High Density Residential
-  Urban Centre
-  General Commercial and Mixed Use
-  Airport Commercial
-  Service Commercial
-  Industrial
-  Agricultural
-  Institutional
-  Park
-  Comprehensive Development
-  Future Development






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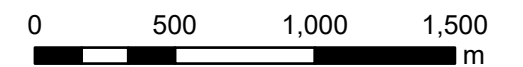


Appendix B
15 Minute
Neighbourhoods

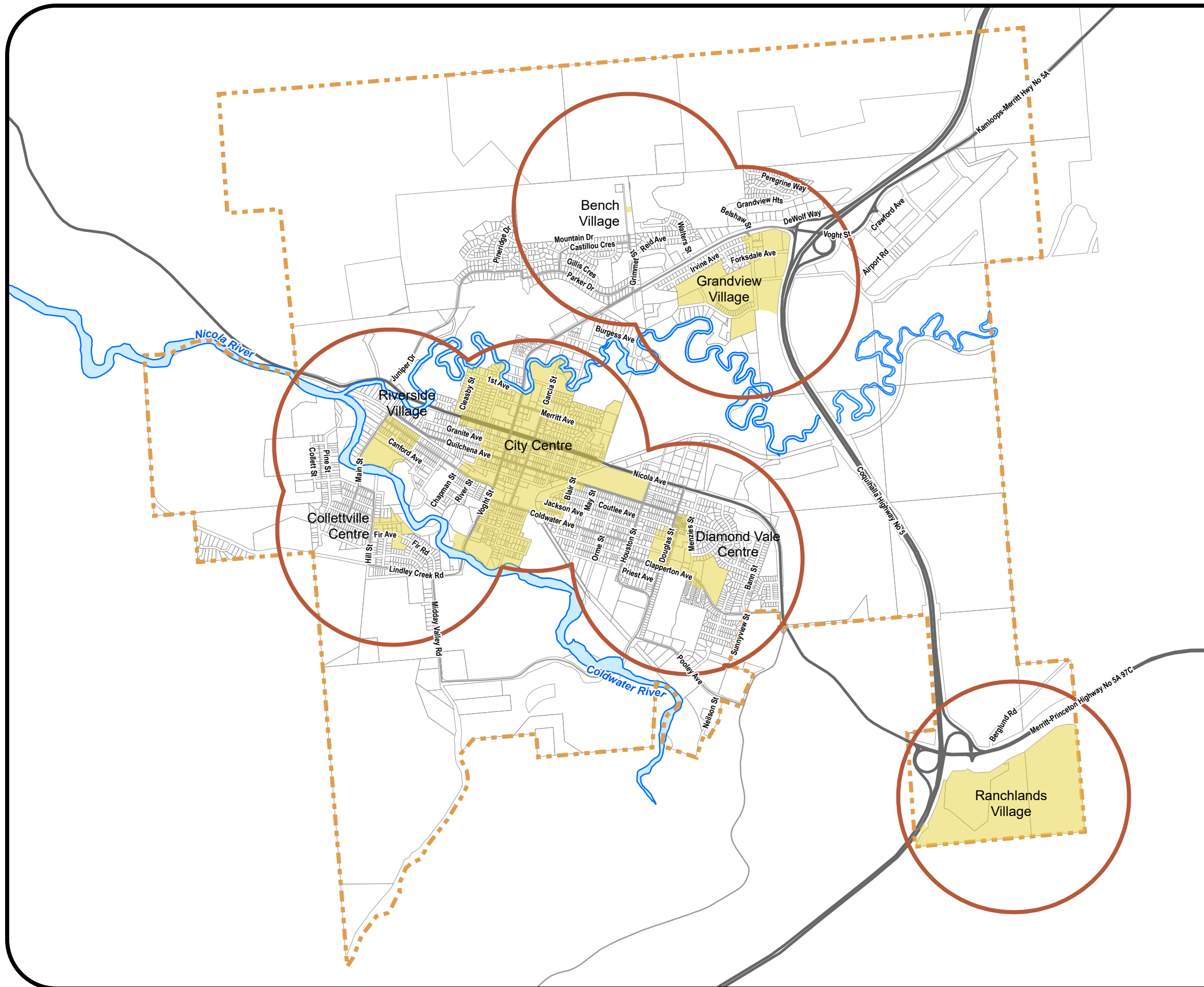
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-  City Boundary
-  Urban Villages
-  15 Minute Walkshed from Urban Village Centre



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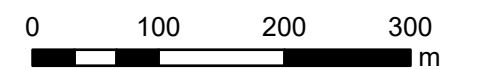


Appendix C
City Centre and
Districts Map

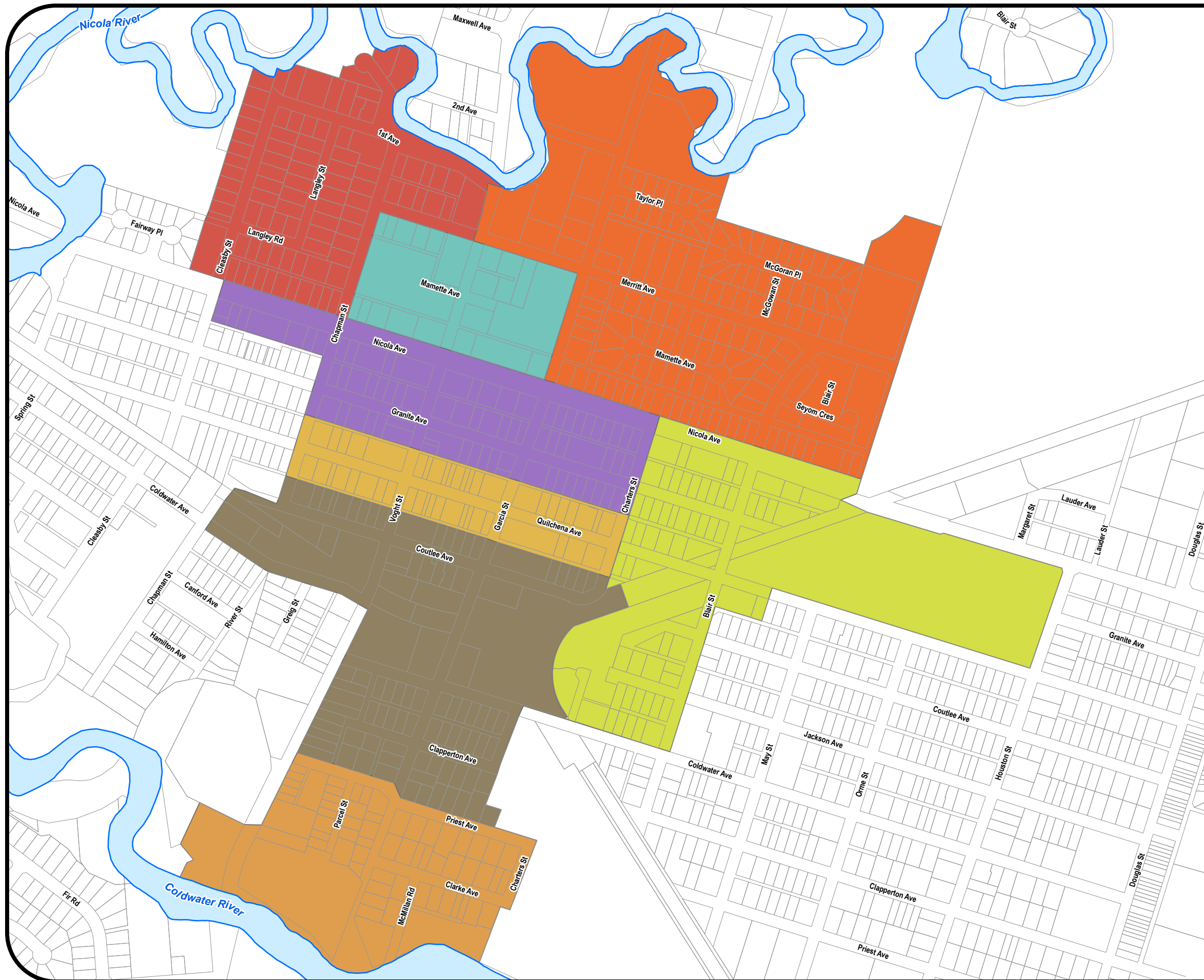
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Legend

- Aspen
- Civic
- Granite
- Kengard
- Nicola
- Quilchena
- Railyard
- River














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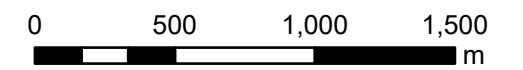


**Appendix D
 Neighbourhood Map**

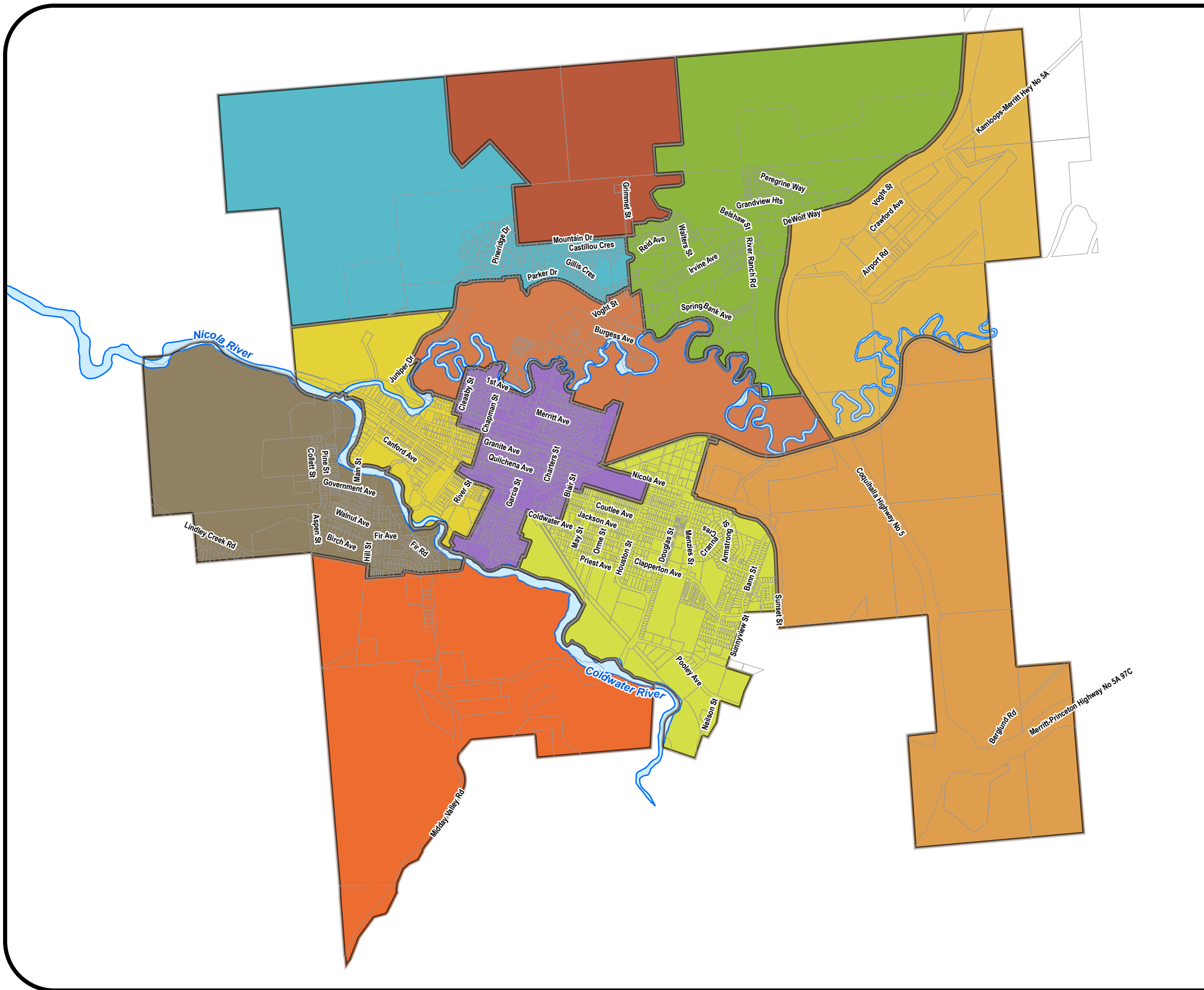
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Legend

-  City Boundary
-  North Bench
-  Parkdale
-  Airport
-  Ranchlands
-  Bench
-  Riverside
-  City Centre
-  Colletville
-  Diamond Vale
-  Grandview
-  Middlesboro











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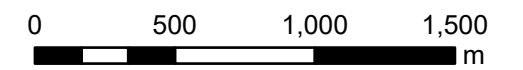
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Infrastructure
Map - Water

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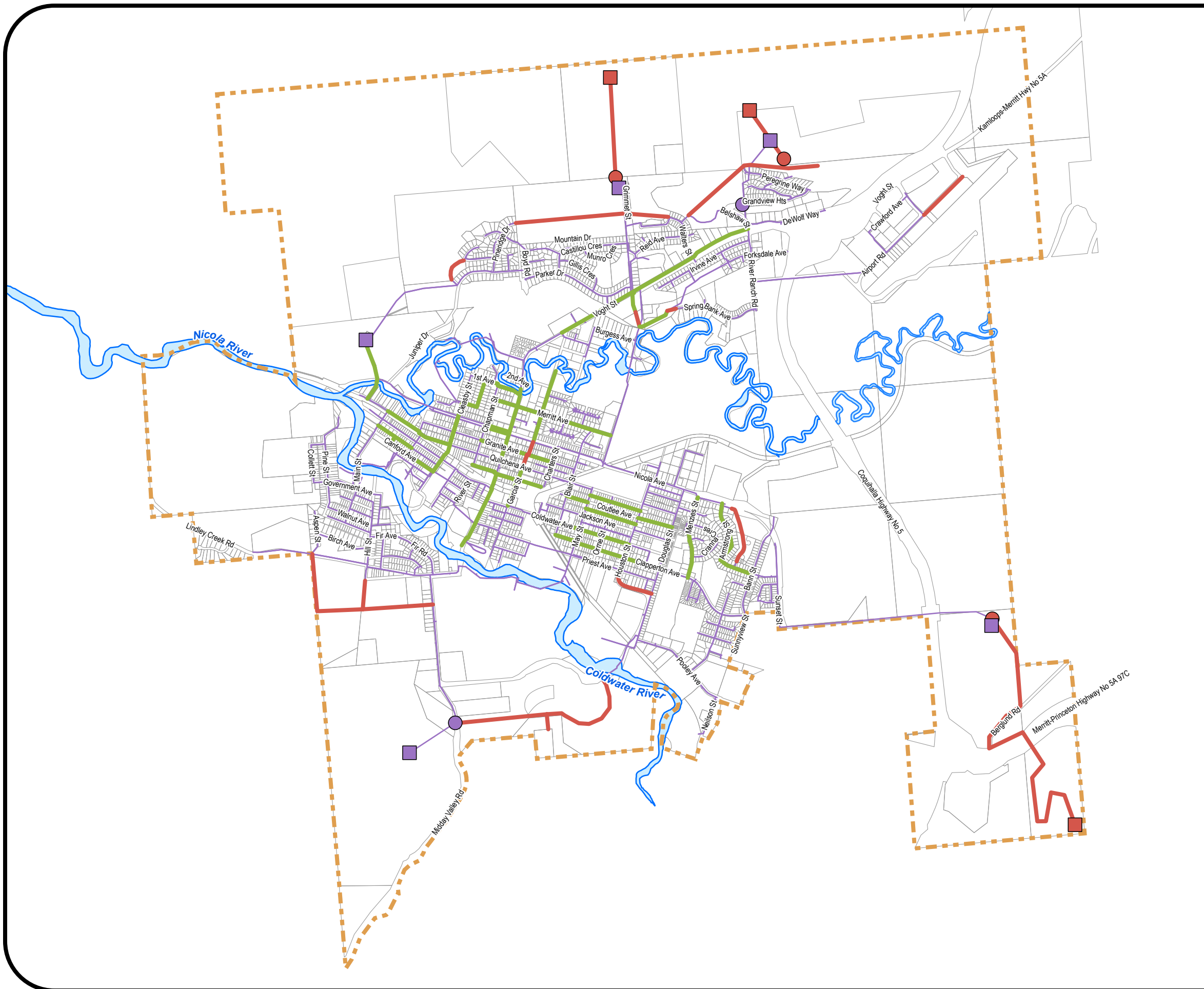
Legend

-  City Boundary
-  Existing Water
-  Existing Booster Station
-  Existing Reservoir
-  Proposed New Water
-  Proposed Water Upgrade
-  Future Booster Station
-  Future Reservoir

Proposed upgrades and new infrastructure based on the capital plan and further works may be necessitated by development.








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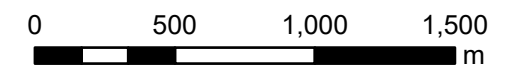
**Appendix F
 Infrastructure
 Map - Sanitary**

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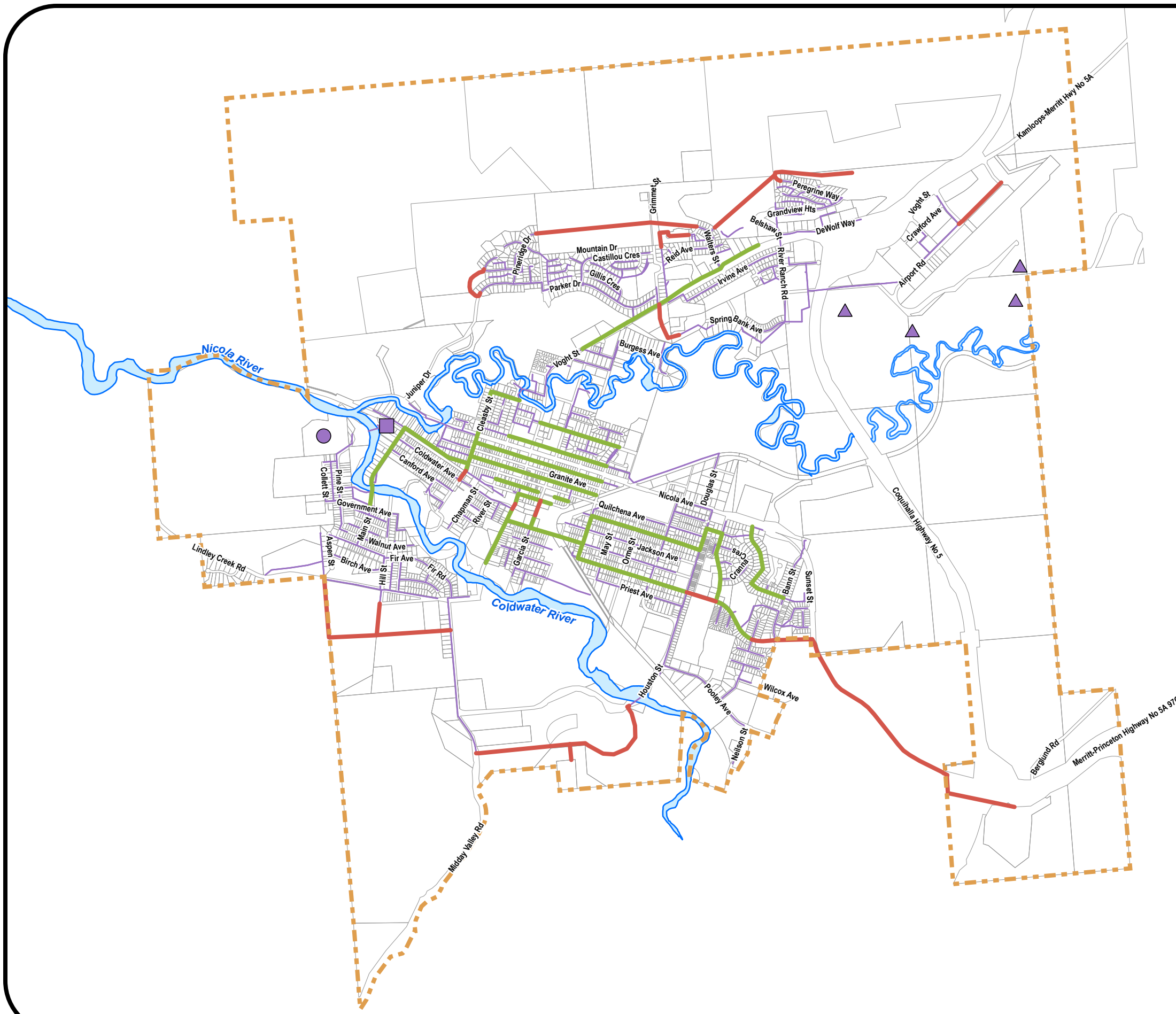
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-  City Boundary
-  Existing Sanitary
-  Existing Wastewater Treatment Plant
-  Existing Rapid Infiltration Basins
-  Biosolids Disposal Sites
-  Proposed New Sanitary
-  Proposed Sanitary Upgrade

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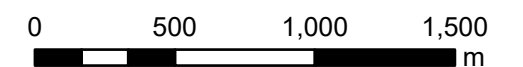
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Infrastructure
Map - Stormwater**

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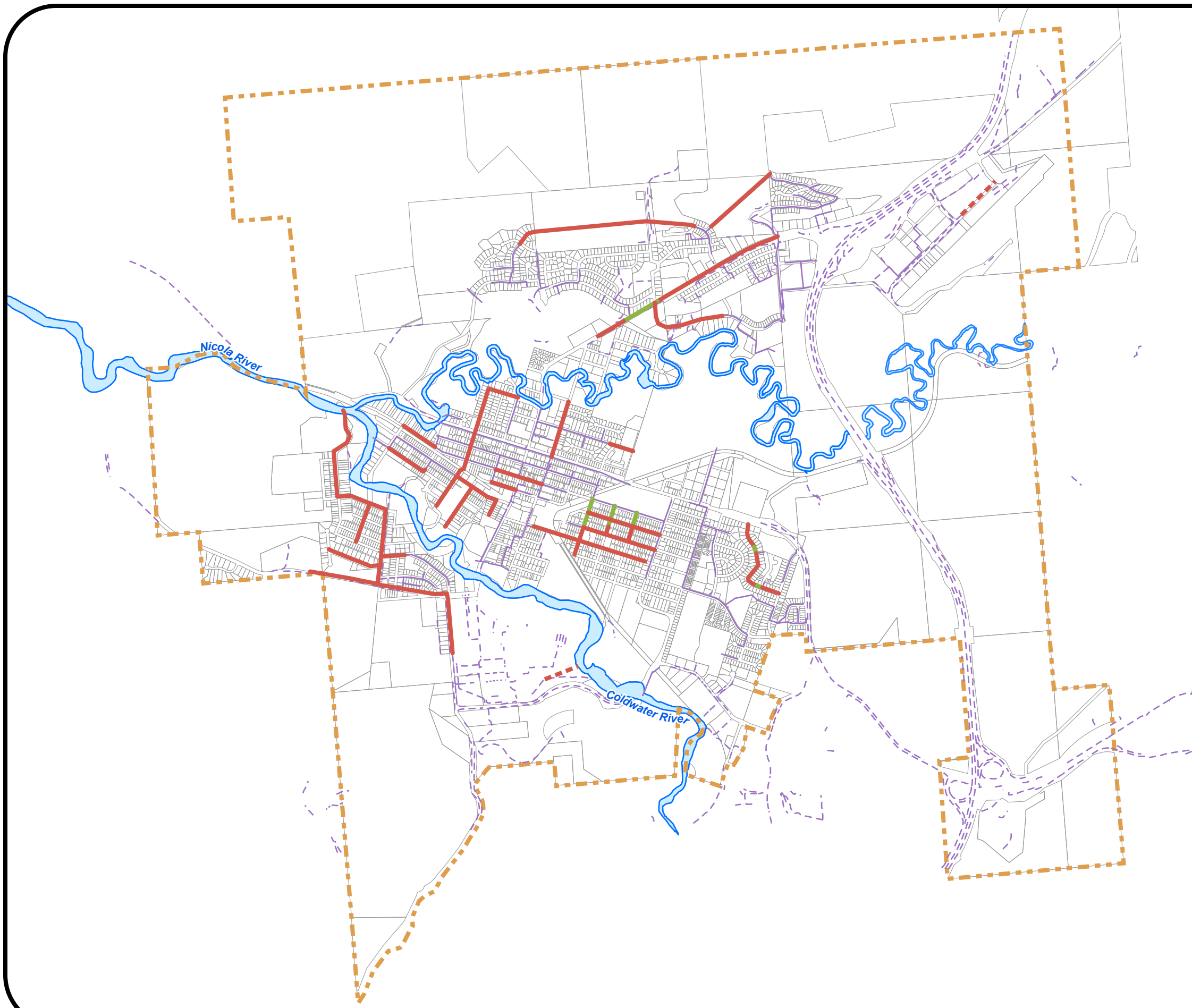
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- City Boundary
- Existing Storm
- Existing Ditch
- Proposed New Storm
- Proposed New Ditch
- Proposed Storm Upgrade

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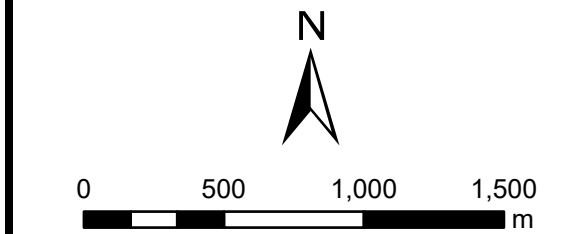


**Appendix H
 Transportation Map**

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Legend

-  City Boundary
-  Existing Roads
-  Proposed New Road
-  Proposed Road Upgrade
-  Local Road Network to be Determined

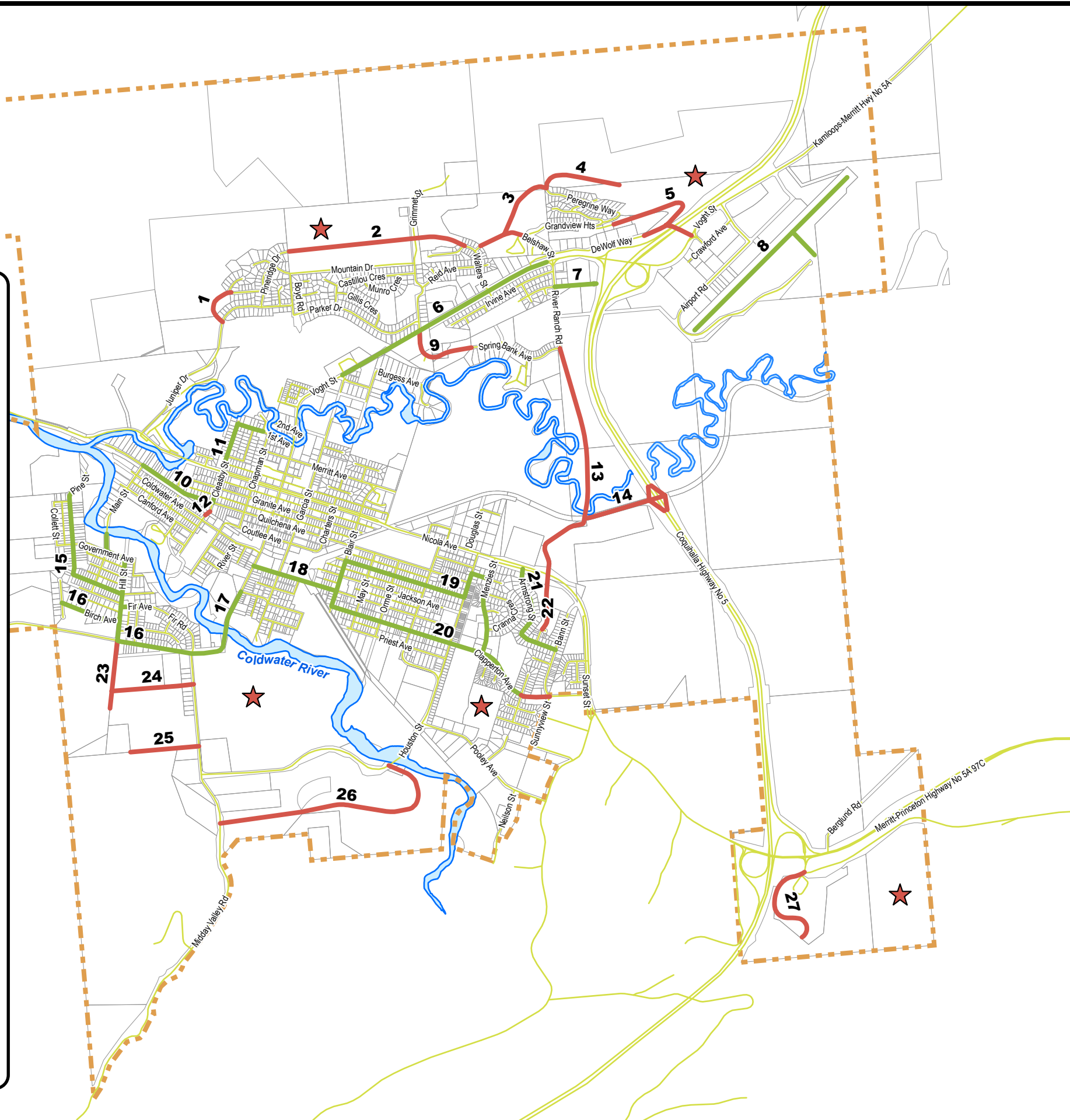


Source: City of Merritt



Proposed Roads









1. Wildrose Way Extension
2. North Bench Collector
3. NVIT Loop Road
4. Peregrine Extension
5. DeWolff Way Extension
6. Voght Street Reconstruction
7. Forksdale Ave Sidewalk
8. Airport Taxiway Paving
9. Grimmert to Spring Bank
10. Quilchena Street Reconstruction
11. Cleasby Street Reconstruction
12. Cleasby Connection
13. River Ranch Extension
14. Phillips to Exit 288 Connection
15. Colletville Storm/Sidewalk Project
16. Colletville School ATC Path
17. Voght Street Sidewalk
18. Coldwater Ave Sidewalks
19. Coutlee Upgrade
20. Clapperton Connection
21. Armstrong Street Reconstruction
22. Phillips to Nicola
23. Hill Extension
24. New Unnamed Road
25. Windy Canyon Access Road
26. Active Mountain Collector
27. Gateway 286 Infrastructure Upgrades

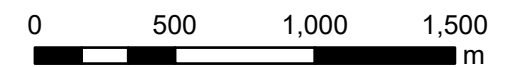


Appendix I
Active Transportation Map

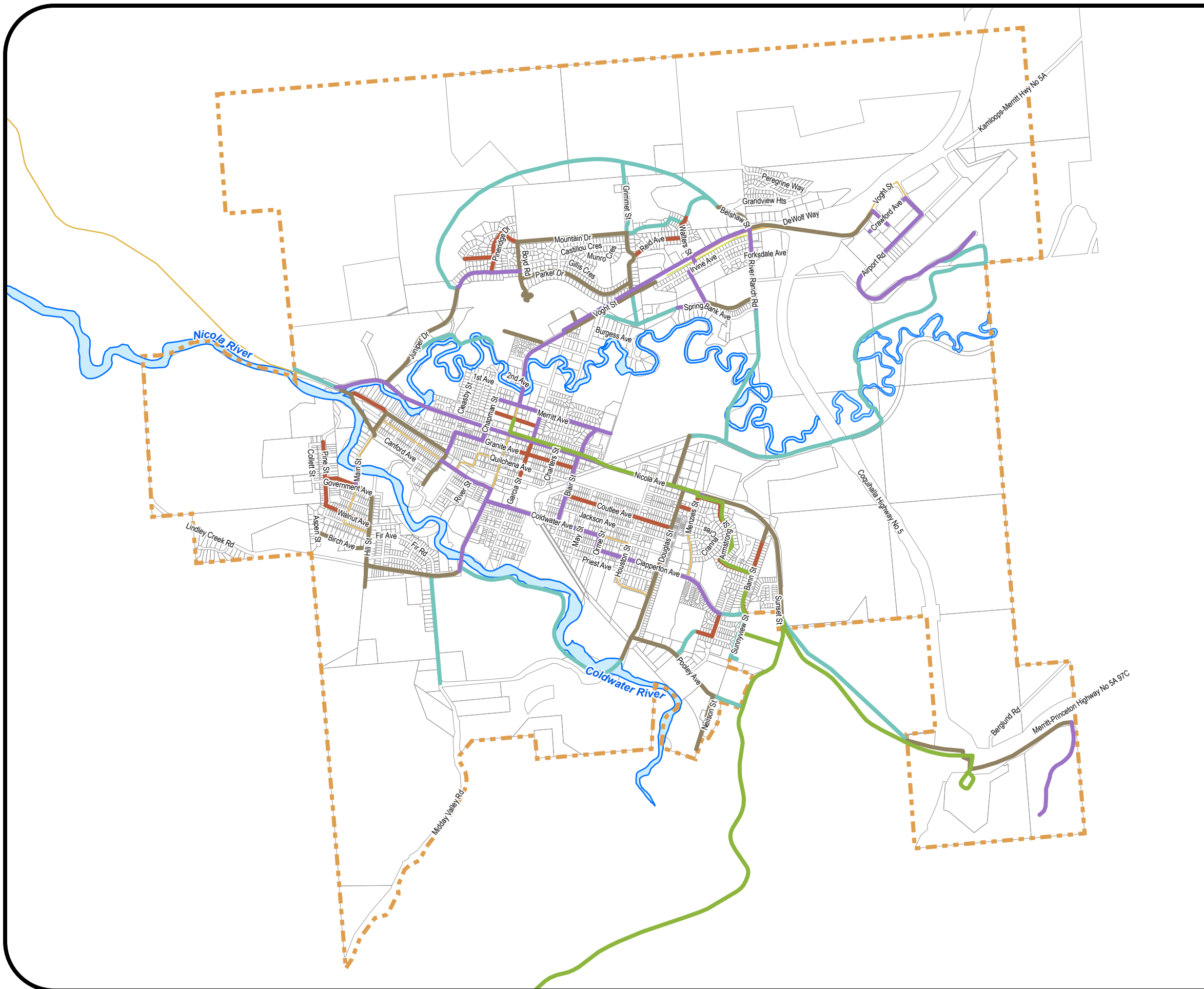
Official Community Plan

Legend

-  City Boundary
-  Existing Bike Lane
-  Existing Bus Route
-  Proposed Bike Lane
-  Proposed Neighbourhood Bikeway
-  Proposed Multi-Use Pathway
-  Future Connection (Alignment Unknown)
-  Proposed Bus Route







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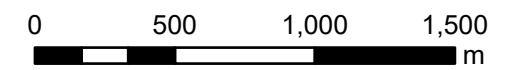


**Appendix J
 Parks and
 Open Space**

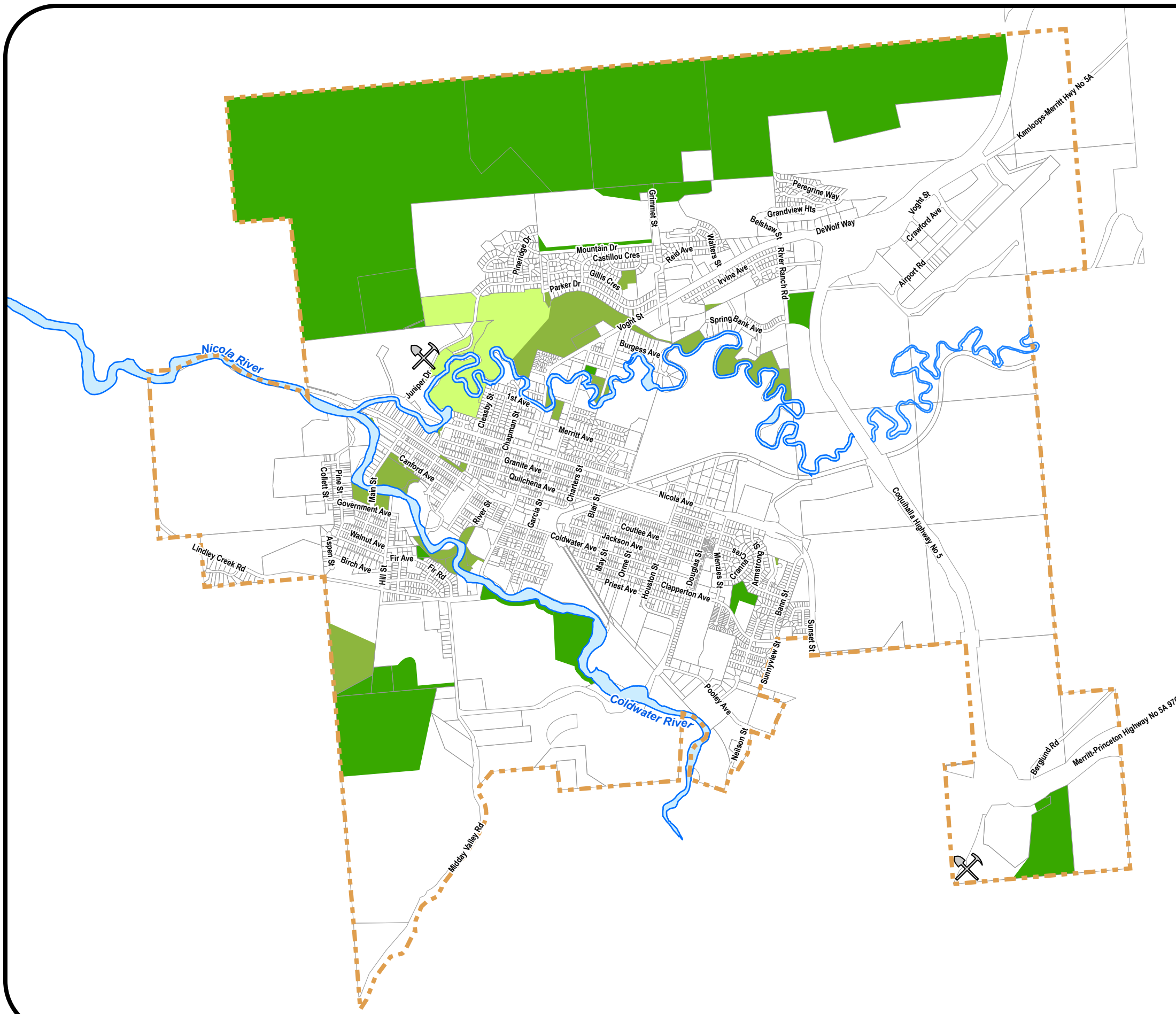
Official Community Plan

Legend

-  City Boundary
-  Existing Parks
-  Proposed Parks
-  Other Open Spaces
-  Gravel Deposits



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APPENDIX

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DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREA MAPS

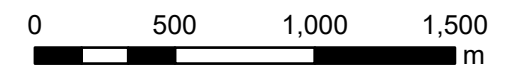
**Development Permit
 Area Numbers 1, 2 & 3:
 City Centre, Urban Village & Airport**

Official Community Plan

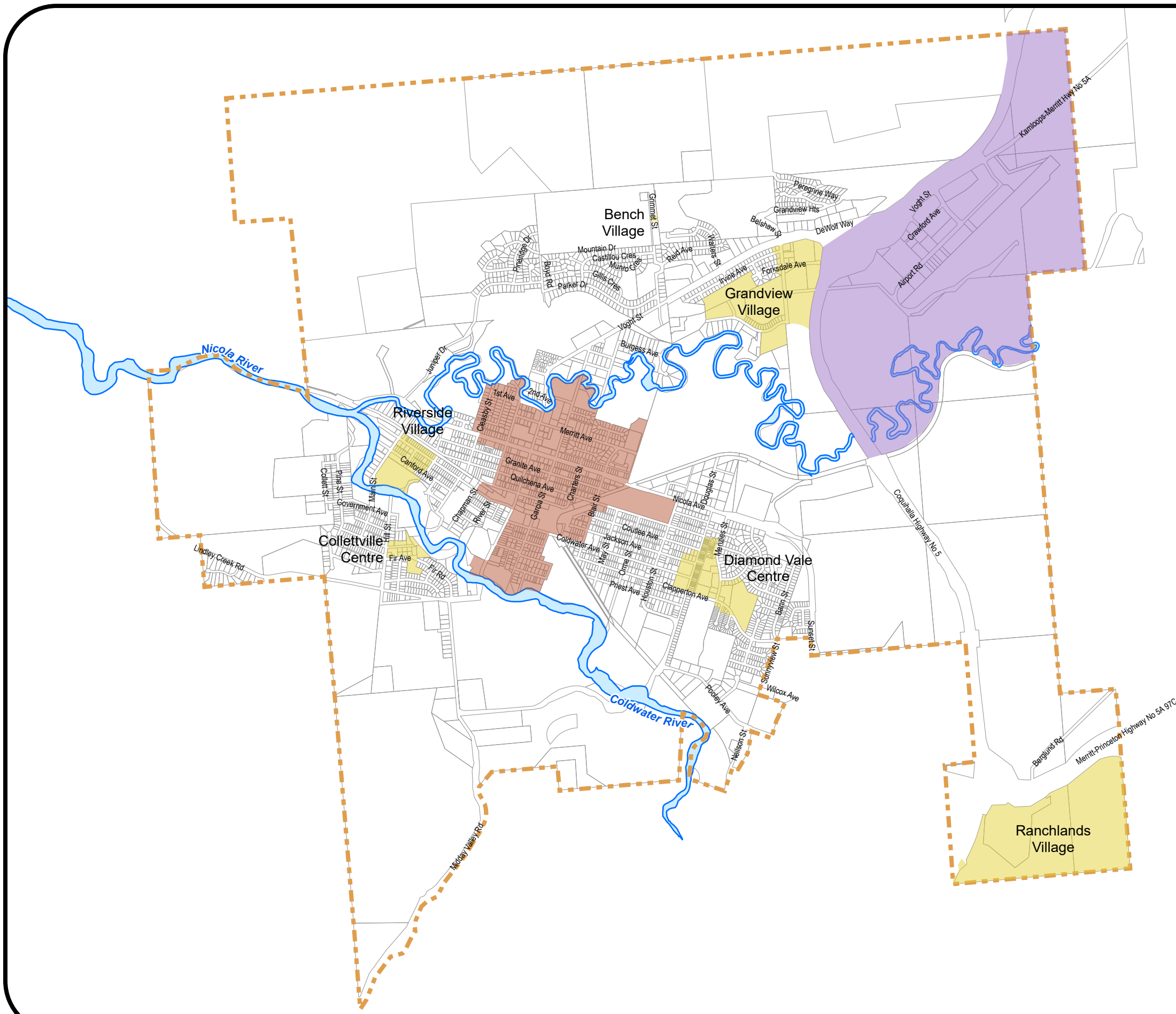
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-  City Boundary
- Development Permit Area 1**
-  City Centre
- Development Permit Area 2**
-  Urban Village
- Development Permit Area 3**
-  Airport

Note: Any properties outside these DPAs are subject to the appropriate Form and Character DP (DPAs 4, 5, 6, or 7).







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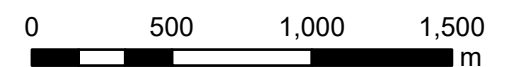


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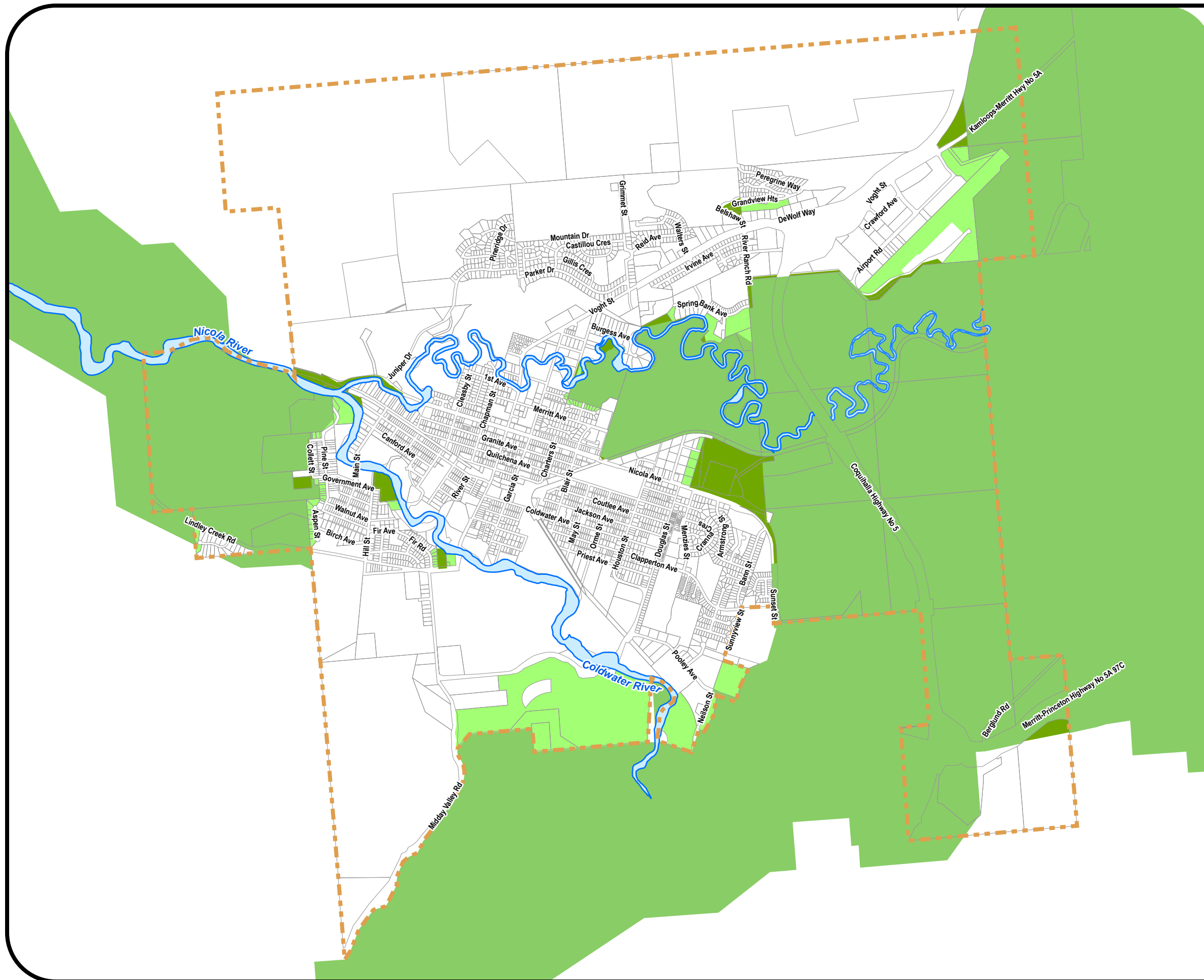
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Legend

-  City Boundary
-  Parcels Adjacent to Agricultural Lands that are Subject to DPA
-  Agriculture Land Reserve
-  Other Parcels Zoned AR1





Source: City of Merritt; BC Data Catalogue

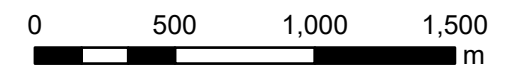


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 Area Number 9:
 Geotechnical, Steep Slope,
 and Mining**

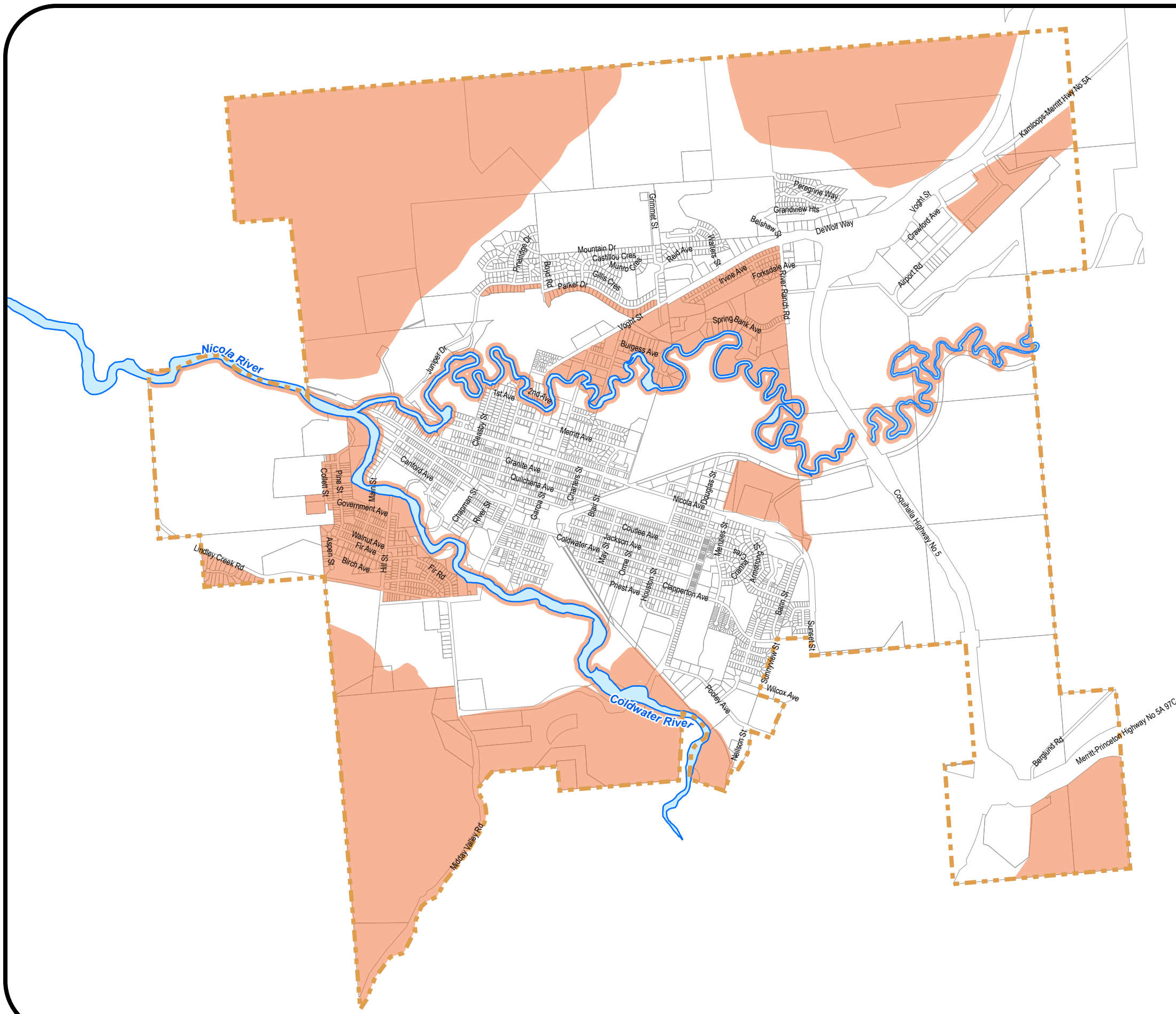
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Legend

-  City Boundary
- Development Permit Area**
-  Geotechnical Hazard





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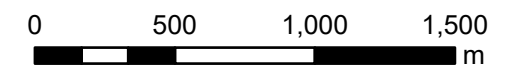


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 Area Number 10:
 Wildfire Hazard**

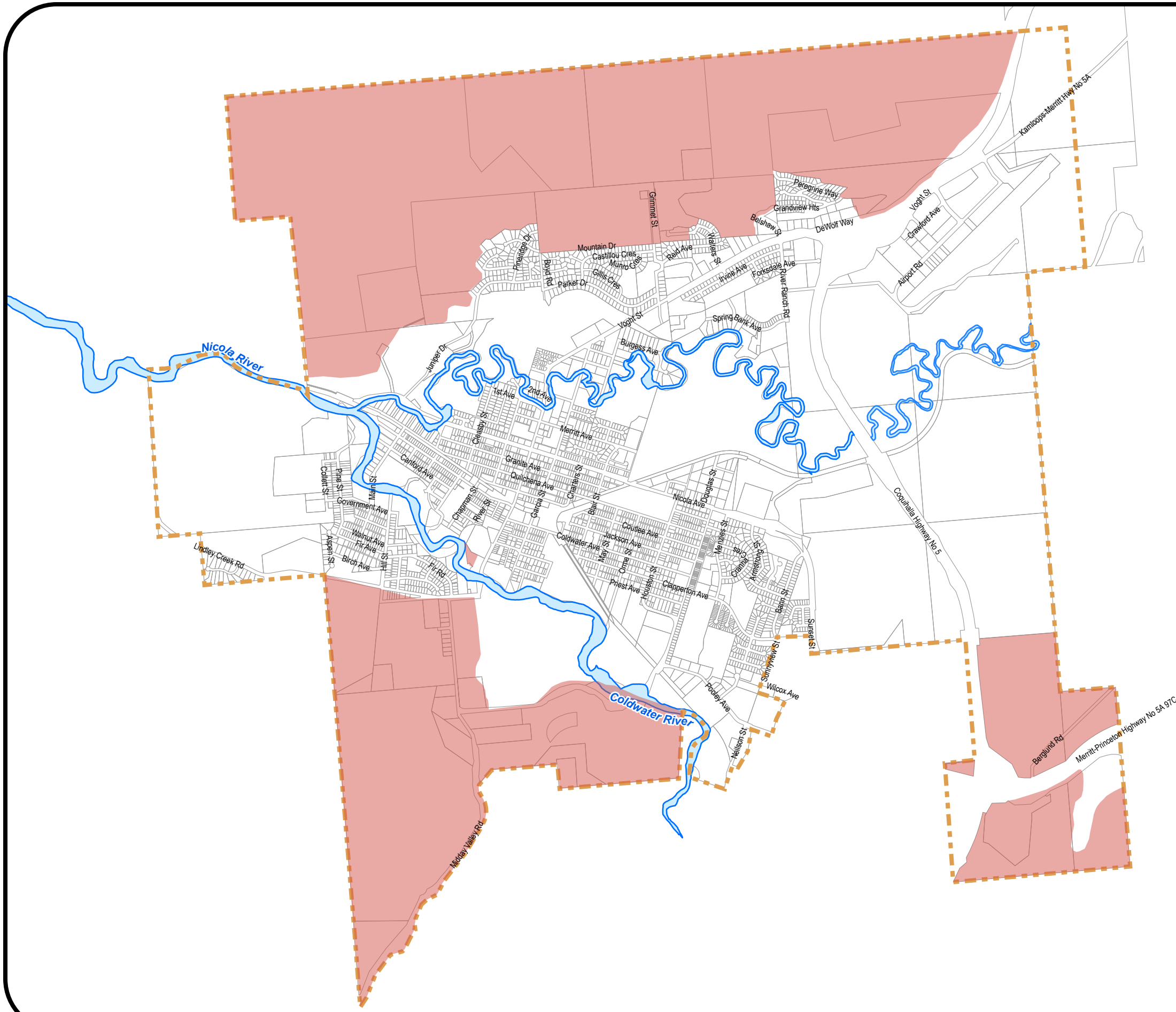
Official Community Plan

Legend

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- Development Permit Area**
-  Wildfire Hazard





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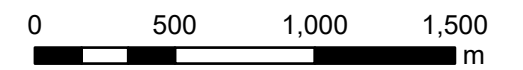


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 Area Number 11: Riparian**

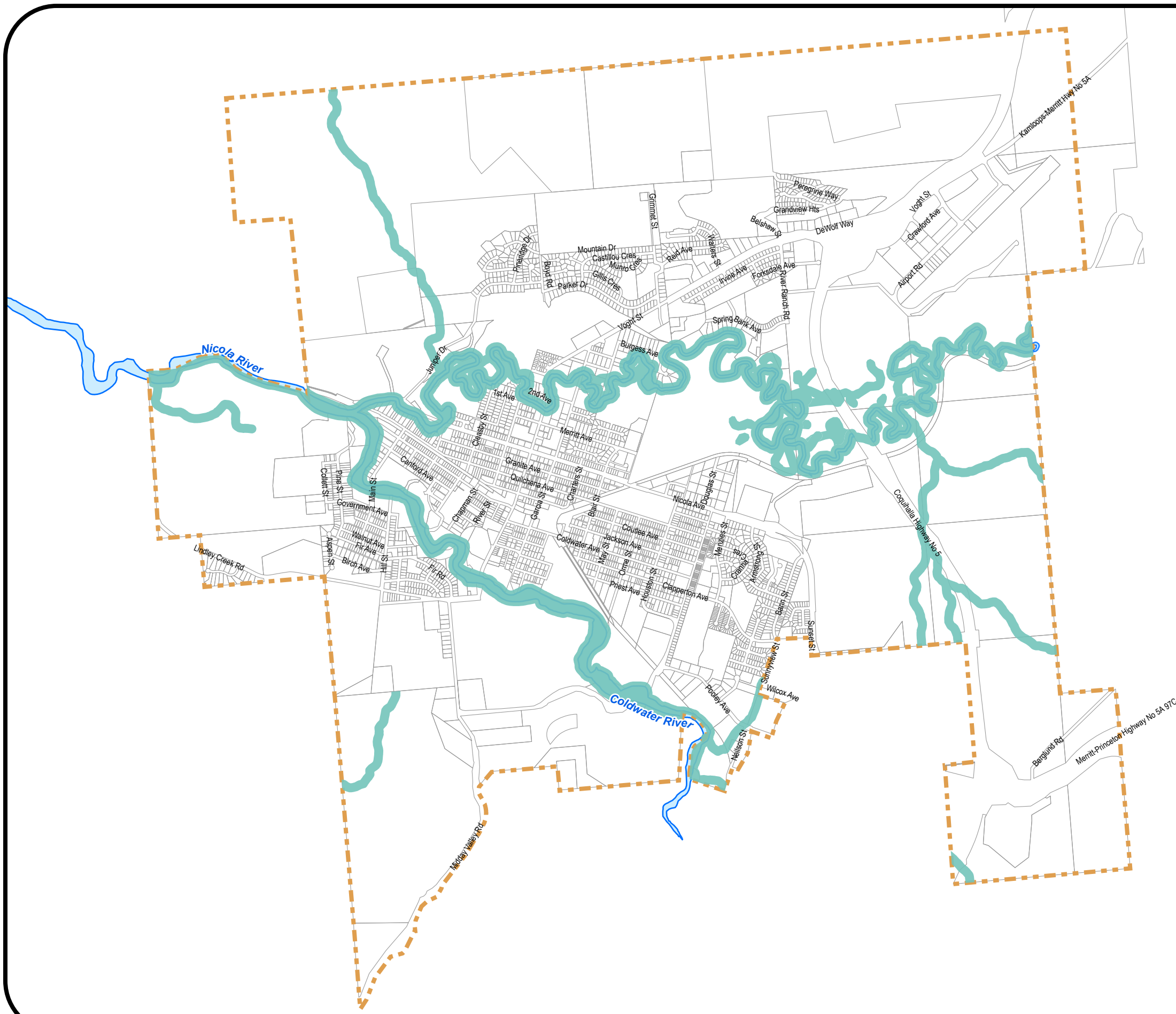
Official Community Plan

Legend

-  City Boundary
- Development Permit Area**
-  Riparian



Source: City of Merritt



SCHEDULE L: PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements to City parks should be done in general accordance with the **Parks, Recreation, and Culture Strategy** as well as the below noted actions.

CITY CENTRE

- Improve N'Kwala Park by establishing a community garden and exploring the possibility of creating a river float end point.

PARKDALE

- Improve Lions Memorial Park by paving the parking lot, adding parking stall paint, designating an area for food trucks, adding additional picnic tables and garbage and recycling receptacles, and planting shade trees.
- Improve Central Park by completing the Rotary and Central Park Path Improvement project, adding a soccer pitch in the southwest area of the park, and planting street trees along Voght Street.

DIAMOND VALE

- Establish a small community garden in the 1700 block of Douglas Street, using part of the existing lane.
- Establish a pocket park in the 1800 block of Menzies Street, using the existing road dedication.
- Work with School District No. 58 to establish a park in Diamond Vale at the former Coquihalla Middle School site. This park should include a dog park, playground, dual purpose futsal and basketball court, and a soccer pitch.
- If the property at 2787 Pooley Avenue is developed, obtain a park dedication to establish a new passive park.
- Engage residents to name the park on Phillips Street, and program the park with playground equipment.

MIDDLESBORO

- If the Middlesboro property on Active Mountain is developed, obtain a park dedication to create a new recreation park, with hiking and mountain biking trails.
- Work with Tolko to establish a park at 1750 Lindley Creek Road, including a river trail, multiple soccer pitches, bleachers, parking lot, and a concession and washroom building.
- Continue to obtain lands to formalize Windy Canyon as a recreation park.

COLLETTVILLE

- Establish the property at 1560 Walnut Avenue as a passive park, including picnic tables and benches.

- Consider locating a dog park in the riverfront park in the 1400 block of Government Avenue.

RIVERSIDE

- Improve Voght Park by formally establishing a dual purpose soccer and rugby pitch, installing bleachers, planting street trees along Canford Avenue and Main Street, formalizing parallel street parking, including paving and stall paint, along Canford Avenue and Main Street, and replacing the existing building with a new concession and washroom building.
- Expand Fairley Park by adding a portion of the former railway corridor to the park and improve the park by replacing the existing playground equipment with new equipment, adding outdoor exercise equipment, a futsal court, and a community garden.

BENCH

- Establish the park at 1902 Parker Drive as an active park by adding playground equipment and create a multi-use path connection to Central Park below.

NORTH BENCH

- Work with the Provincial government to establish a recreation park on the North Bench lands, including hiking and mountain biking trails and a disc golf course.

GRANDVIEW

- If the property at 2587 Forksdale Avenue is developed, obtain a park dedication, and establish a passive park with seating and a dog waste bag dispensing station.
- Work with River Ranch to obtain a park dedication on the east side of River Ranch Road to create Grandview Park, and program the park with a playground, washrooms, picnic tables, and plant shade trees.

AIRPORT

- Explore opportunities to develop a small passive park in the Airport neighbourhood, with picnic tables, garbage and recycling receptacles, and dog waste bag station.

RANCLANDS

- Ensure park dedications and amenities are provided by developments in Ranchlands Village.

SCHEDULE M: ENGAGEMENT (WHAT WE HEARD)

The Merritt OCP is grounded in public engagement and feedback from other interested parties. Three phases of engagement occurred between 2020 and 2021 to introduce the project and its engagement strategy (Phase 1), present background information and solicit feedback on OCP updates (Phase 2), and finally to present and obtain feedback on the draft OCP (Phase 3). The objective of the public engagement plan was to provide multiple engagement opportunities to ensure broad community participation. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, several in-person engagement events were transitioned to online meetings, supplemented by online surveys. The feedback received was used to help inform the development of this OCP update.

ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

Below is a summary of the major engagement events:

Table 1 - Detailed Engagement Process by Phase

| PHASE | ENGAGEMENT TYPE | DETAILS |
|--|--|--|
| Phase 1: Introduce Project and Engagement Strategy | Information Sharing | Completion of the Public Engagement Plan for the project. Establishment of project website, information, and engagement advertising shared via social media and local newspaper. |
| Phase 2: Present Background Information and Solicit Feedback on OCP Updates | City Steering Committee Workshop | Workshop with Steering Committee members representing City Departments. |
| | Online Survey | Online survey advertised on the City website, social media, and local newspaper. |
| | Stakeholder Visioning Workshops by theme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business and Economic Development. • Land Use and Housing. • Infrastructure and Climate Change. • Business and Culture. • Poverty Reduction and Food Security. |
| | Sector Specific Workshops by area | Bench and North Bench. Collettsville and South Merritt. North Nicola. Diamond Vale and West Merritt. City Centre and Airport. |
| | Council Visioning Workshop | Visioning workshop with Council members. |

| | | |
|--|---|---|
| Phase 3: Present and Obtain Feedback on the Draft OCP | Draft OCP Committee of the Whole Review | Will update after the engagement is complete. |
| | Draft OCP Public Open House | Will update after the engagement is complete. |

EMERGING THEMES

Community feedback was gathered through the various methods of engagement between 2020 and 2021. Several high-level themes were identified after considering all engagement feedback received. The emerging themes may not encompass all of the feedback and opinions received. Instead, the themes below represent the most common issues and topics that were identified and prioritized at all engagement events.

Housing Affordability and Density

Participants identified a variety of housing challenges in Merritt including housing diversity, density, aging infrastructure, and accommodating residential infill. Specifically, participants described limited affordable, safe, and secure housing options, poor rental housing conditions, and the need for a permanent emergency shelter.

Economic Development and Diversity

Participants suggested that Merritt should promote light industrial land uses and diversify the local economy to include renewable energy opportunities. There is opportunity in Merritt to partner with local First Nations to promote Indigenous culture and reconciliation through shared planning and investment. Many participants also suggested that arts, culture, and entertainment opportunities could help to diversify Merritt's economy, as well as transportation and logistics, expansion of tourism, and diversification of manufacturing, among others.

CITY CENTRE REVITALIZATION

Participants expressed safety and walkability concerns and suggested the optional building height for City Centre to be no more than six (6) storeys. Many participants agreed that improved safety in the City Centre is a priority, which may be improved via streetscape improvements and more commercial development.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Several active transportation challenges were shared including discontinuous sidewalks, sidewalk maintenance, and insufficient lighting. To support future population growth, participants suggested that the extension of sidewalks and bike lanes, as well as secure bicycle parking are priorities. An age-friendly approach to infrastructure will ensure that infrastructure is accessible to users of all ages and abilities. Winter city design principles will extend infrastructure maintenance and use throughout all seasons and encourage year-round active transportation and recreation.

CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION

Heavy rainstorms, wildfires, and floods are becoming increasingly common as the climate changes in Merritt. Participants suggested limiting development in the floodplain, floodwater restriction measures, **FireSmart™** practices, emissions reduction through home retrofit programs, and dense community design as priorities for climate change mitigation.

PRESERVATION OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Many residents and stakeholders suggested supporting infill and densification rather than developing greenspace as a measure to preserve the natural environment, which is described as a vital factor of community health and enjoyment.

FACILITIES AND PARKS

In addition to supporting investment in the hockey arena and swimming pool, participants named several desirable facilities including a theatre, increase in biking and walking trail systems, and a multiplex/sports-plex facility.

POVERTY REDUCTION AND FOOD SECURITY

People of all backgrounds consistently identified the same challenges and the same solutions for breaking the cycle of poverty. These included the need for more affordable rental housing, increased supports for children and families, and greater income supports. Participants observed a lack of coordination of food security actors in Merritt and suggested proactive measures to mitigate the impacts of climate change on local agriculture.