

BYLAW NO. 1418/24

A BYLAW OF LACOMBE COUNTY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION, REGULATION, AND CONTROL OF VEHICLES ON HIGHWAYS AND MUNICIPAL LANDS IN LACOMBE COUNTY.

WHEREAS the *Municipal Government Act* provides that a council of a municipality may pass bylaws for the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property.

AND WHEREAS the *Traffic Safety Act* provides that a council of a municipality may by bylaw authorize or issue a permit authorizing persons to drive golf carts along any portion of a highway within the municipality subject to the conditions outlined in the Pilot Project (Golf Carts) Regulation;

AND WHEREAS the *Traffic Safety Act* further provides that a council of a municipality may by bylaw regulate and control the operation of golf carts on highways which are subject to the direction, control and management of the municipality and on property that is not a highway and is located within the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Council of Lacombe County believes that it is in the best interests of the residents of Lacombe County that a bylaw be passed to regulate and control the operation of golf carts pursuant to the powers granted to municipalities under the *Traffic Safety Act*;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of Lacombe County in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1) TITLE

This bylaw shall be known as the “Pilot Project (Golf Carts) Bylaw.”

2) APPLICATION

This bylaw applies to all golf carts operated on highways within Lacombe County.

3) DEFINITIONS

Definitions in the Pilot Project (Golf Carts) Regulation, and definitions in the *Traffic Safety Act* and its regulations, as applicable, are adopted for the purposes of the interpretation and the application of this bylaw.

In this bylaw:

- (a) “Act” means the Traffic Safety Act, RSA 2000, T-6;
- (b) “Council” refers to the Council of Lacombe County, and as defined in the *Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, M-26*;
- (c) “County” means Lacombe County;
- (d) “County Manager” means the Chief Administrative Officer of Lacombe County, or designate;
- (e) “County Owned Lands” has the same meaning as defined in the ‘Parks and Reserve Management Bylaw’;
- (f) “Designated Highway” means a highway identified by the County and approved by the Registrar as a highway that golf carts may operate on;
- (g) “Owner” has the same meaning within the Act and further includes a person who is identified in a Permit issued under Section 7 of this bylaw;
- (h) “Peace Officer” means:
 - i. a Police Officer,
 - ii. a person appointed as a Peace Officer pursuant to the *Peace Officer Act, S.A.2006, c. P-3.5*, or

- iii. a person appointed as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, M-26*.

- (i) "Permit" means a permit issued in accordance with this Bylaw under Section 7.

4) OPERATION RESTRICTIONS FOR GOLF CARTS

No person shall:

- (a) Operate a golf cart in a manner contrary to the Act, its regulations, or this bylaw.
- (b) Operate a golf cart unless they are the holder of a subsisting operator's license issued pursuant to the Act.
- (c) Operate a golf cart on any highway unless they are on a designated highway.
- (d) Operate a golf cart on a highway, unless they are in possession of a subsisting permit issued in respect of that golf cart.
- (e) Operate a golf cart on a highway unless they are in compliance with the terms and conditions specified in a permit.
- (f) Operate a golf cart:
 - i) Without exercising due care and attention,
 - ii) Without reasonable consideration for other persons in the area or who might reasonably be expected to be in the area,
 - iii) With more passengers than the design of the golf cart can safely handle,
 - iv) With any person being towed on, or
 - v) With any type of equipment or trailer attached to the golf cart.

5) OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR GOLF CARTS

Every operator of a golf cart shall:

- (a) When approaching an oncoming vehicle, pass the vehicle on the right,
- (b) Yield the right of way to vehicles approaching from their right,
- (c) When overtaking another vehicle, pass that vehicle on the left,
- (d) Yield the right of way to all pedestrians that are approaching so close as to present a hazard, and
- (e) Except when overtaking another vehicle, maintain a safe following distance behind any other vehicle.

6) DESIGNATED HIGHWAYS

Council hereby designates those highways included in Schedule 'B' as designated highways for the purposes of this bylaw.

- (a) Any changes to designated highways shall be submitted to the Registrar for approval.
- (b) Designated highways shall be posted at a speed of no more than 50km/h.
- (c) The County Manager shall ensure signs are erected on designated highways.
 - i) Signs shall be in the form and manner set out in Schedule 'C'.

- (d) Subject to a permit, golf carts may be operated on County owned lands where off-highway vehicles are permitted to operate, pursuant to the Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw.

7) PERMITS

Council hereby authorizes the County Manager to issue permits, attach conditions, and to charge a fee to regulate and control of golf carts within the county.

- (a) Permits at a minimum shall include:

- i) The owners name and operator's license information,
- ii) Proof of liability insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000,
- iii) Make, model, serial number of golf cart,
- iv) Conditions and responsibilities of golf cart operators and owners, and
- v) Any other information as required by the Registrar.

- (b) Permits shall only be valid from January 1 - December 31 of any one calendar year.

- (c) Permit fees are identified in the County's Rates and Fees Bylaw.

8) COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT

Stopping for Peace Officer

- (a) For the purposes of administering and enforcing this bylaw, a Peace Officer may:

- i) Signal or direct a driver of a golf cart to stop the vehicle, and
- ii) Request information from the driver of the golf cart and any passengers on or in the vehicle.

- (b) When signaled or directed to stop by a Peace Officer, a driver of a golf cart shall:

- i) Forthwith bring the vehicle to a stop,
- ii) Forthwith furnish to the Peace Officer:
 - (1) Their operator's license issued pursuant to the Act,
 - (2) Any permit issued pursuant to this bylaw, and
 - (3) Any other information respecting the driver or the vehicle that the Peace Officer requires, and
- iii) Remain stopped until permitted by the Peace Officer to leave.

9) OFFENCES

- (a) The operator of a golf cart that is involved in a contravention of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to a fine specified in Schedule 'A' of this bylaw.
- (b) The owner of a golf cart involved in a contravention of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to a fine specified in Schedule 'A' of this bylaw.

10) VIOLATION TAG

- (a) A Peace Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to issue a Violation Tag to any person who the Peace Officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this bylaw.

11) VIOLATION TICKET

- (a) A Peace Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to issue a violation ticket, pursuant to Part II of the Provincial Offences Procedure Act (Alberta), to any person who the Peace Officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this bylaw.

12) SEVERABILITY

- (a) Should any section or part of this bylaw be found to have been improperly enacted, such section shall be deemed to be severable from all other sections of this bylaw.

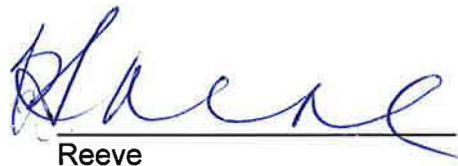
13) GENERAL

- (a) This bylaw shall be in effect on:
- i) The date of the final passing thereof, and
 - ii) Upon the approval of the Registrar.
- (b) This bylaw shall expire on June 14, 2029.

Received first reading on the 11th day of July, 2024.

Received second reading on the 11th day of July, 2024.

Received third reading and finally passed this 11th day of July, 2024.



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County Manager

Schedule “A”

Specified Penalties – Violation Tag

Bylaw Section	Offence	Fine
4 & 5	Operator restrictions and responsibilities	\$125.00
8(b)(i)	Fail to stop for a Peace Officer	\$250.00
8(b)(ii)	Fail to produce documents for inspection	\$125.00
8(b)(iii)	Fail to remain stopped	\$250.00
Second offence within a 12-month period	Two times the fine indicated above	
Third offence within a 12-month period	Three times the fine indicated above	

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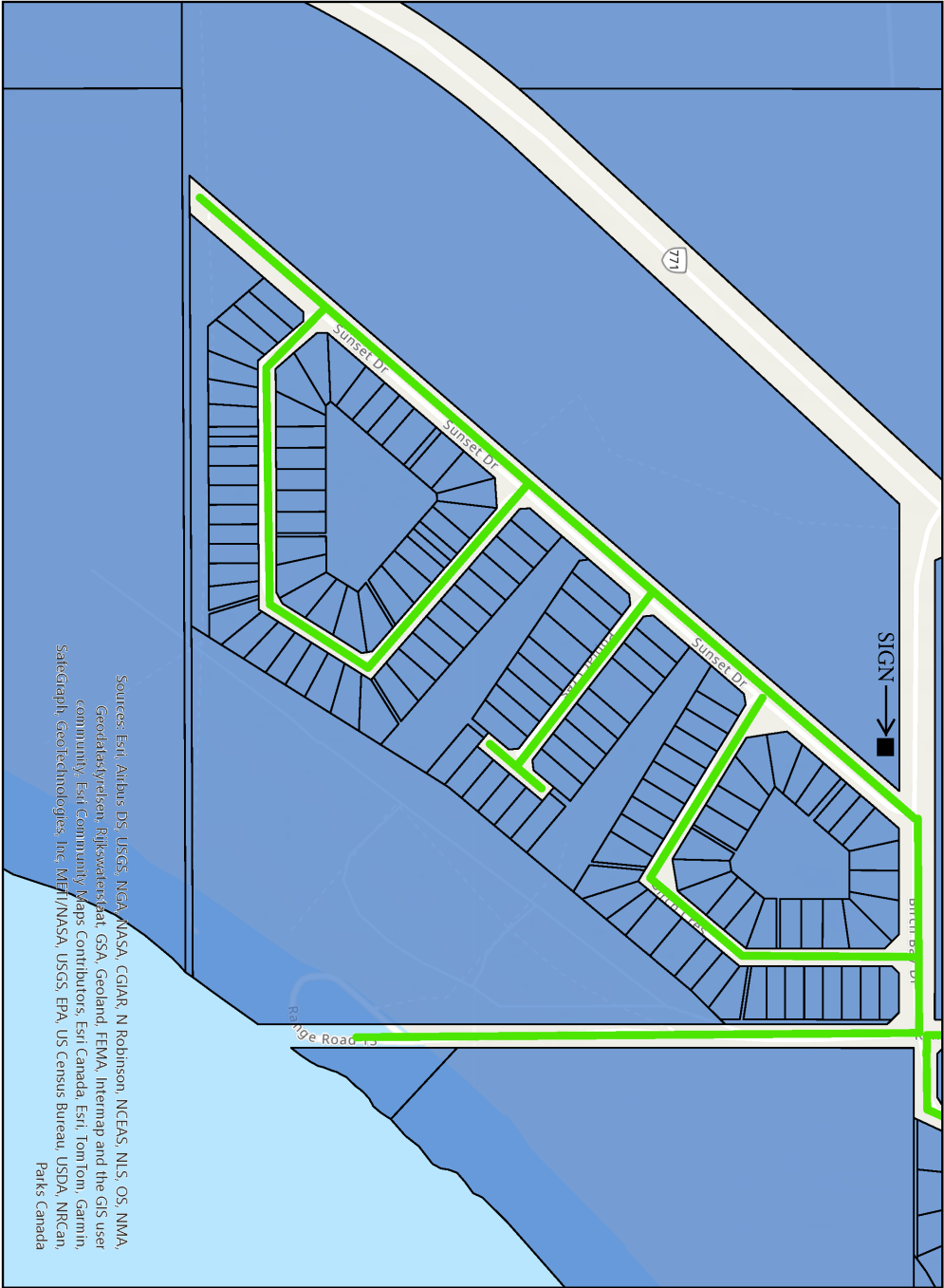
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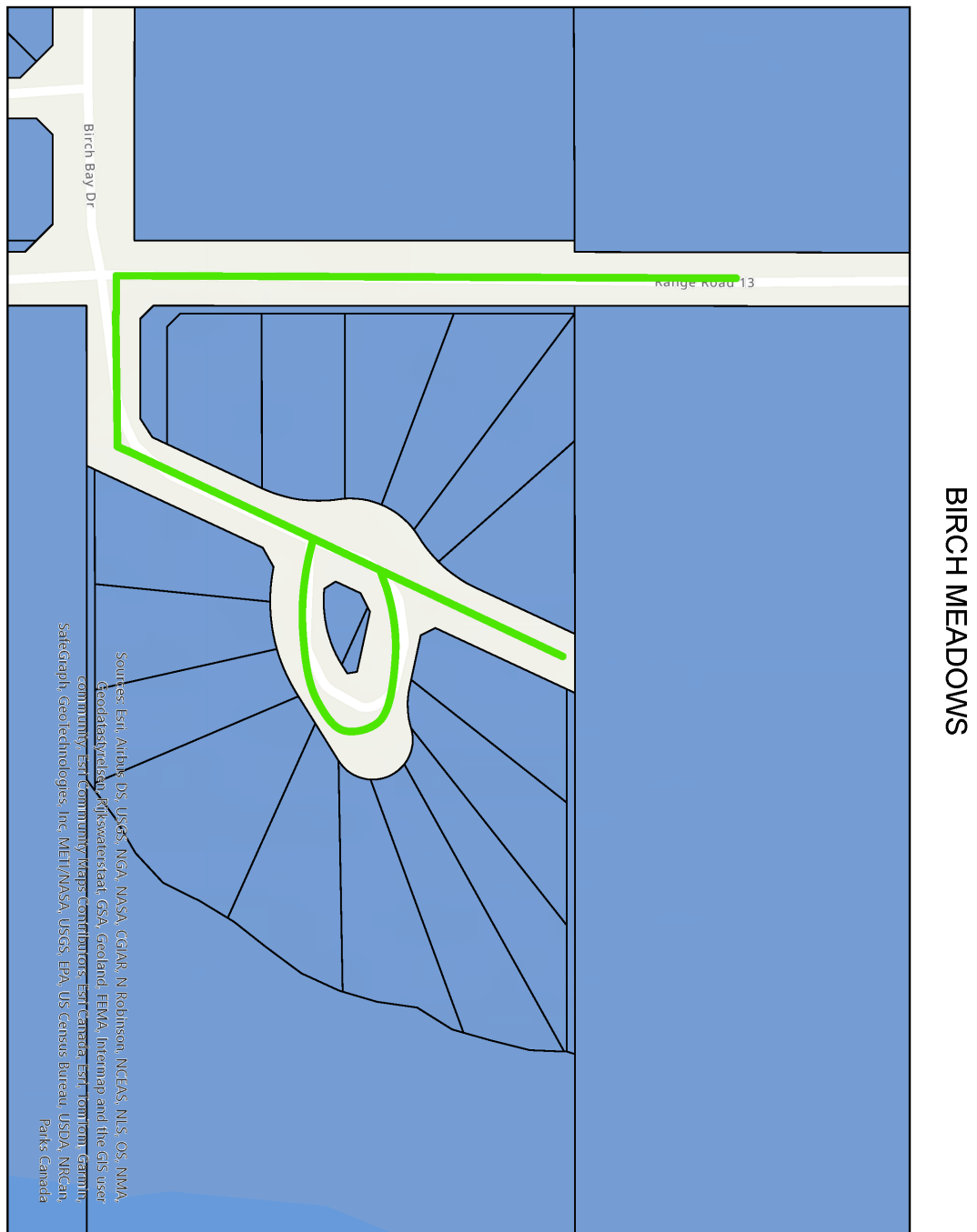
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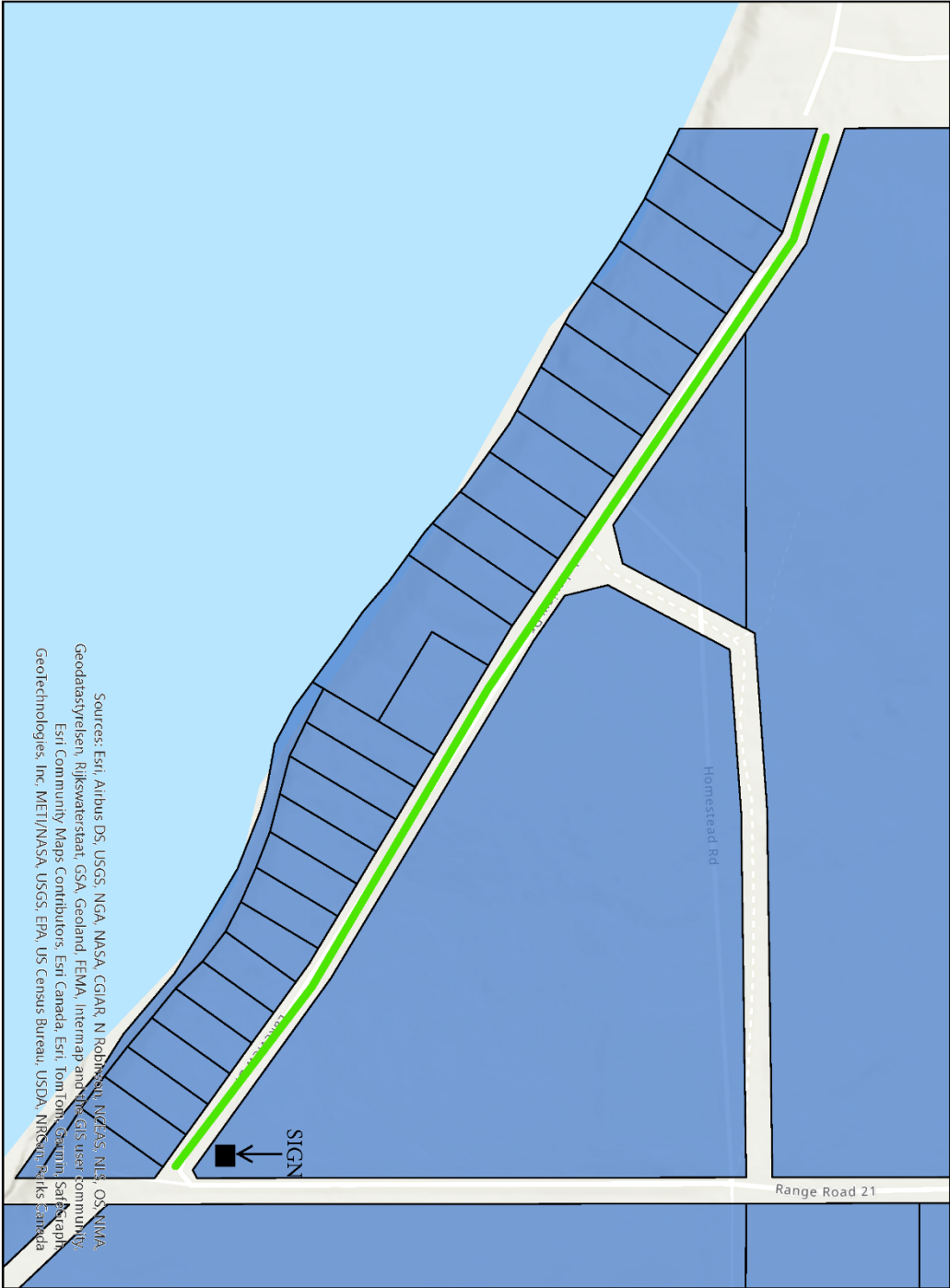
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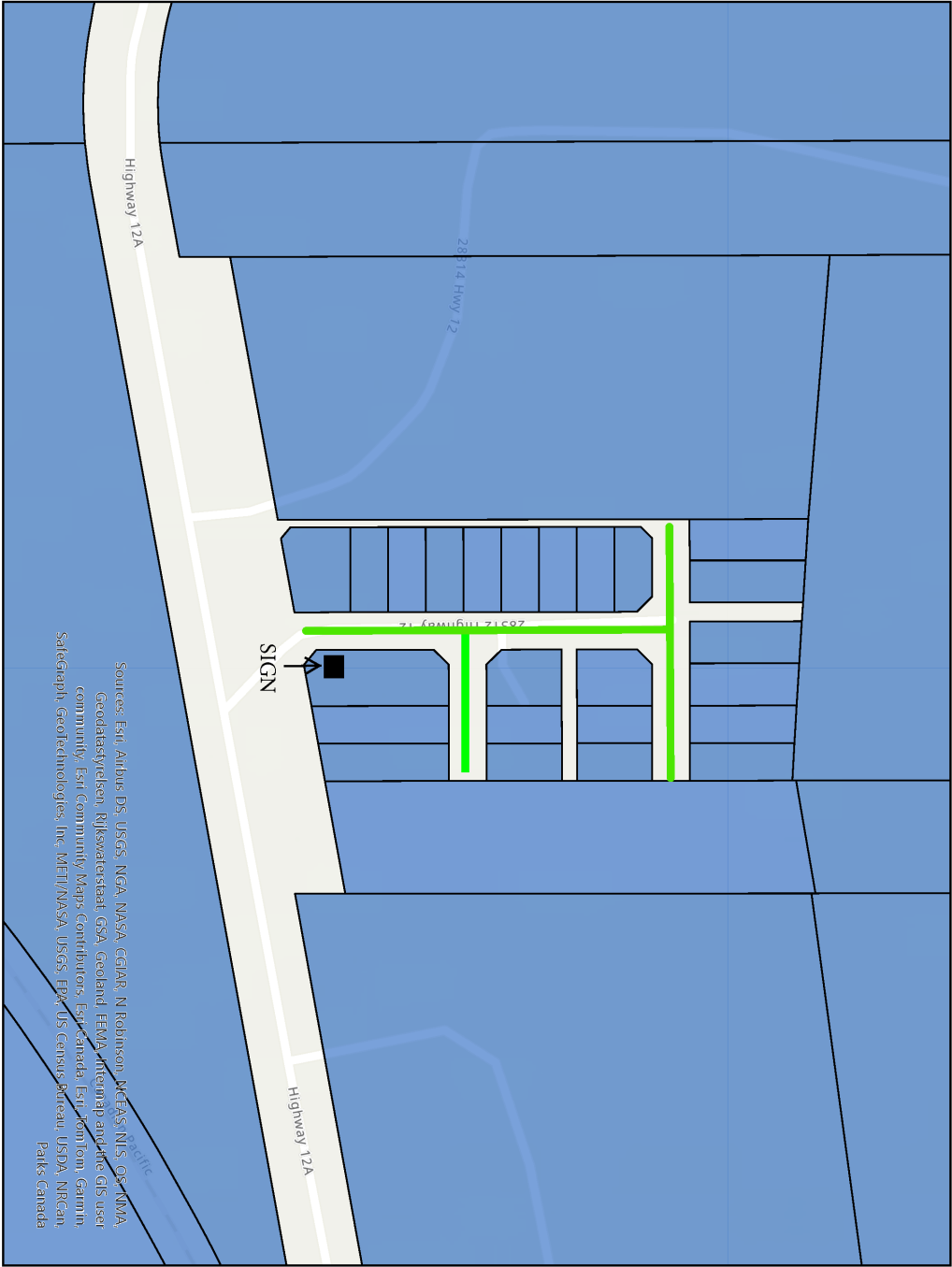
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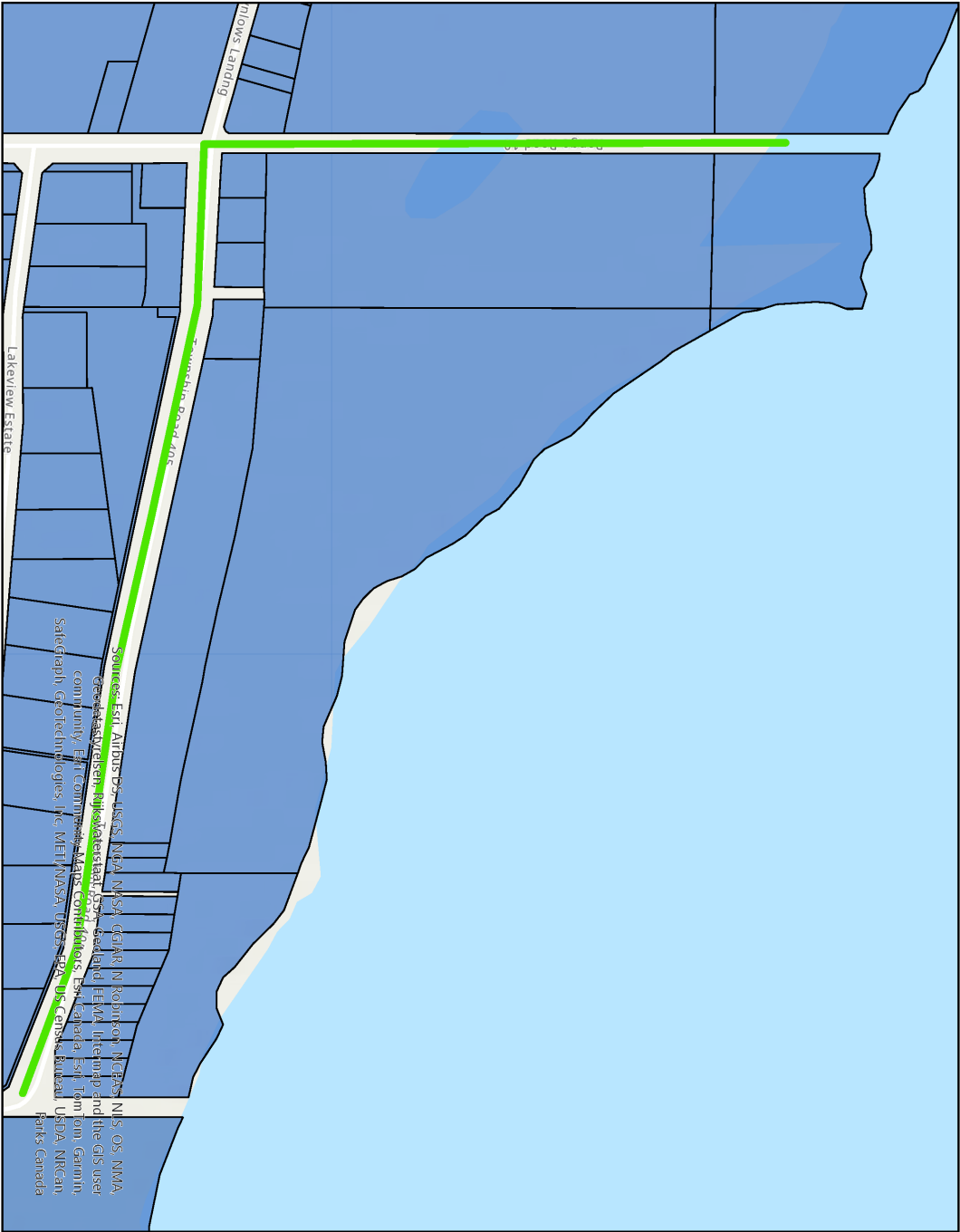
1. Birch Bay
2. Birch Meadows
3. Blissful Beach
4. Brewers Beach
5. Brighton Beach
6. Brownlow's Landing
7. Eagle's Quay
8. Ebeling
9. Kuusamo Krest
10. Lakeview Estates
11. McLaurin Beach
12. New Saratoga
13. Palm Bay
14. Sandy Point
15. Silver Beach
16. The Shores
17. The Slopes
18. Westview Country Estates
19. Wilsons Beach Estates
20. Wilson Beach
21. Yuill

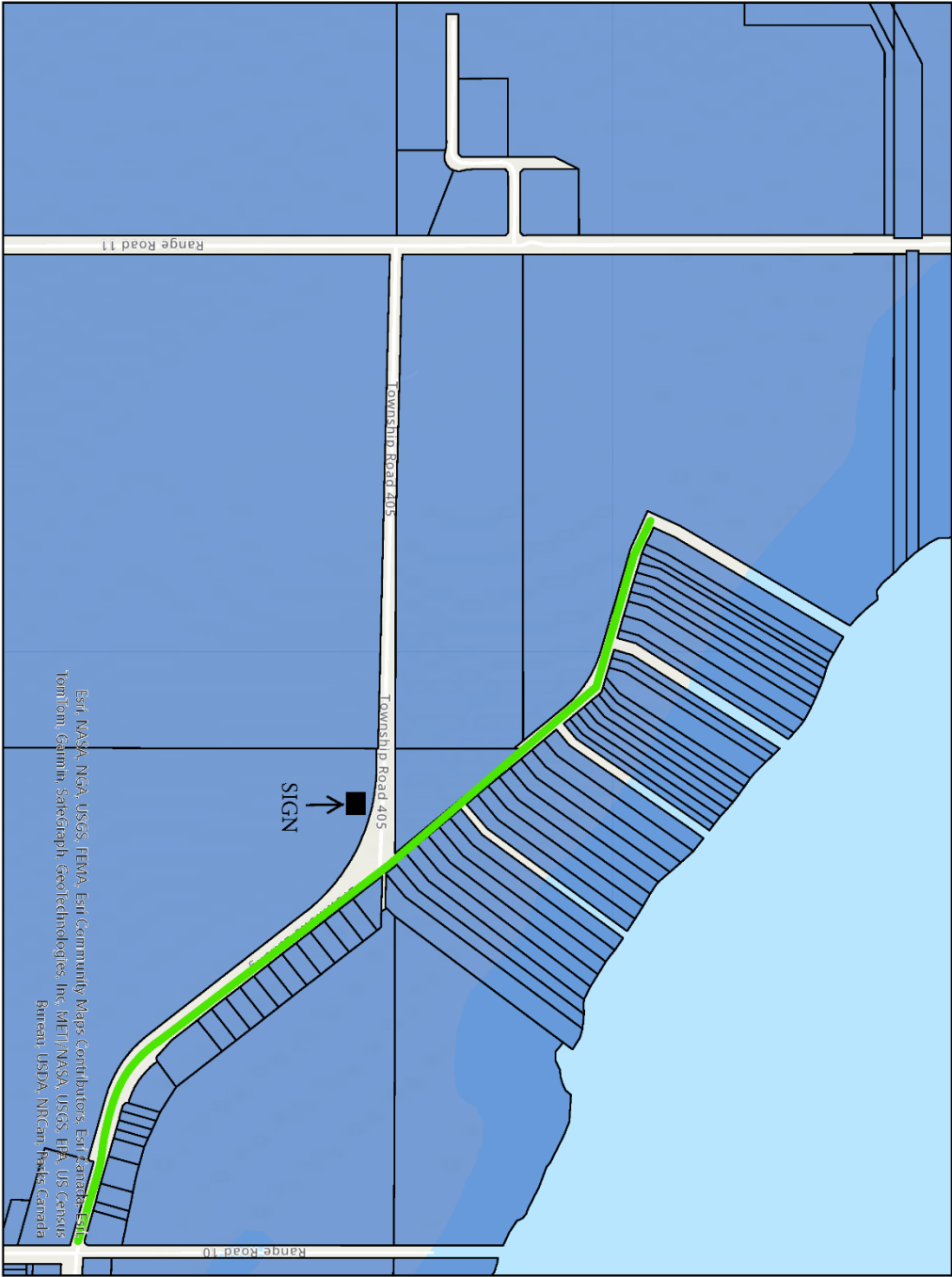






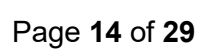




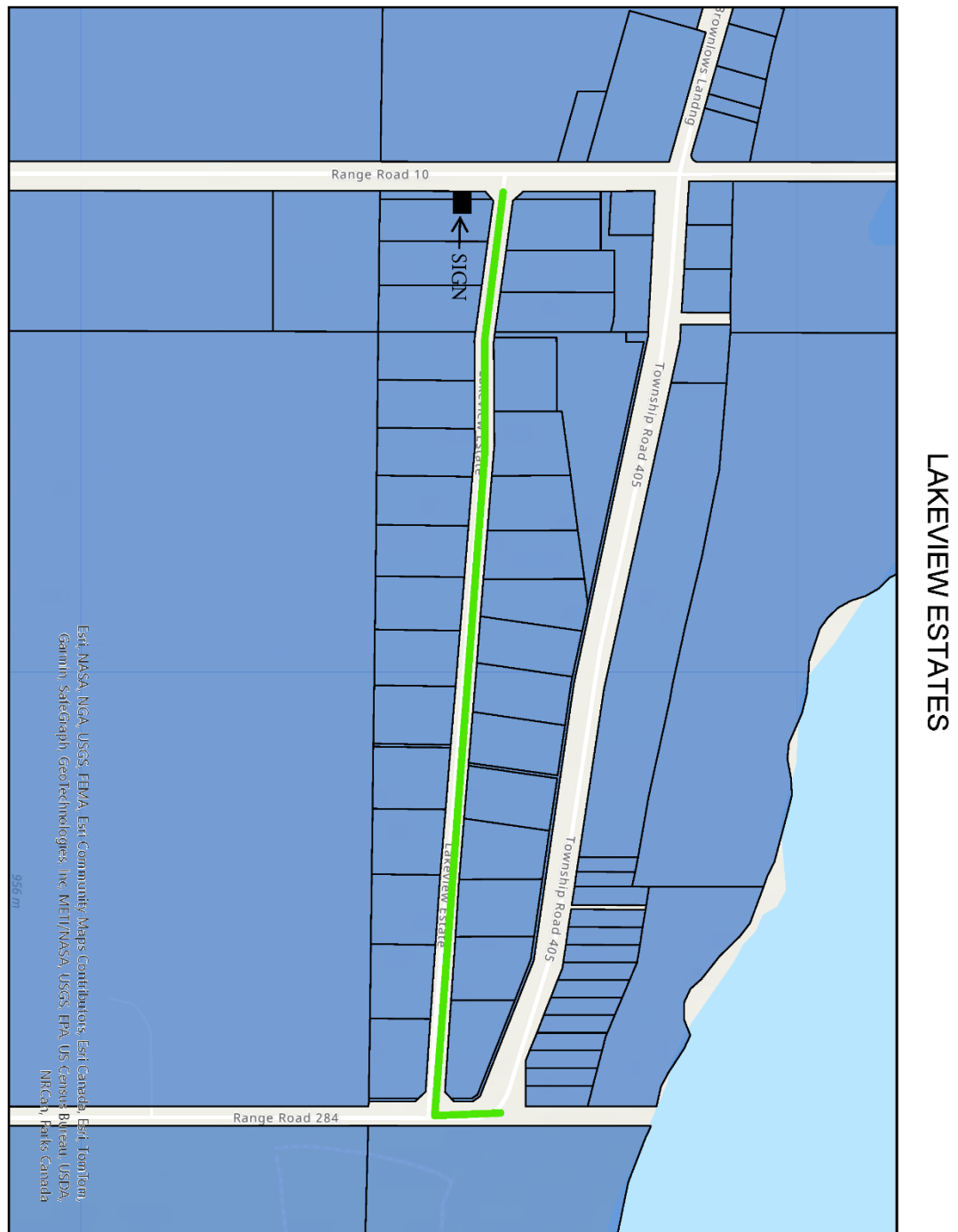


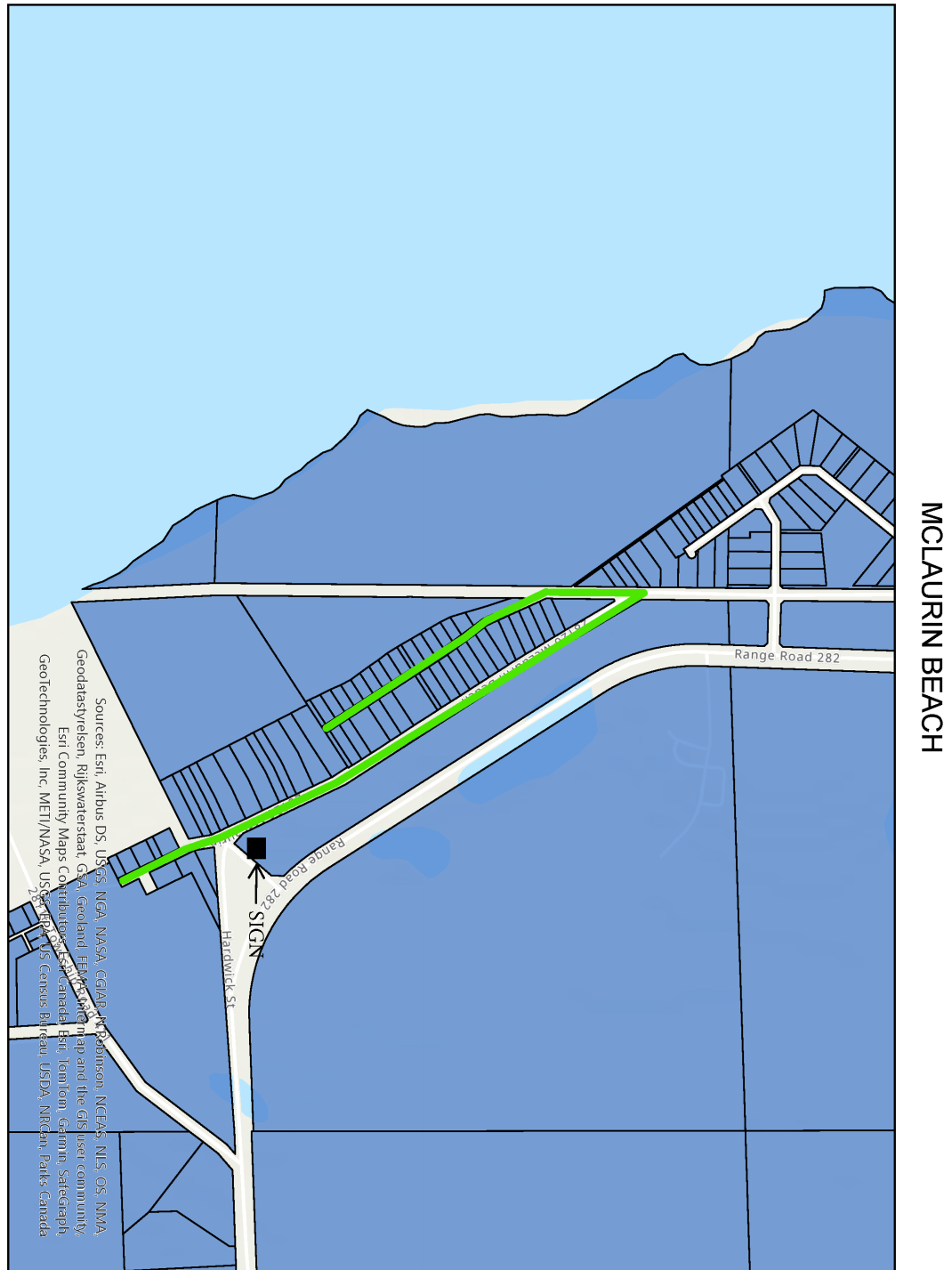
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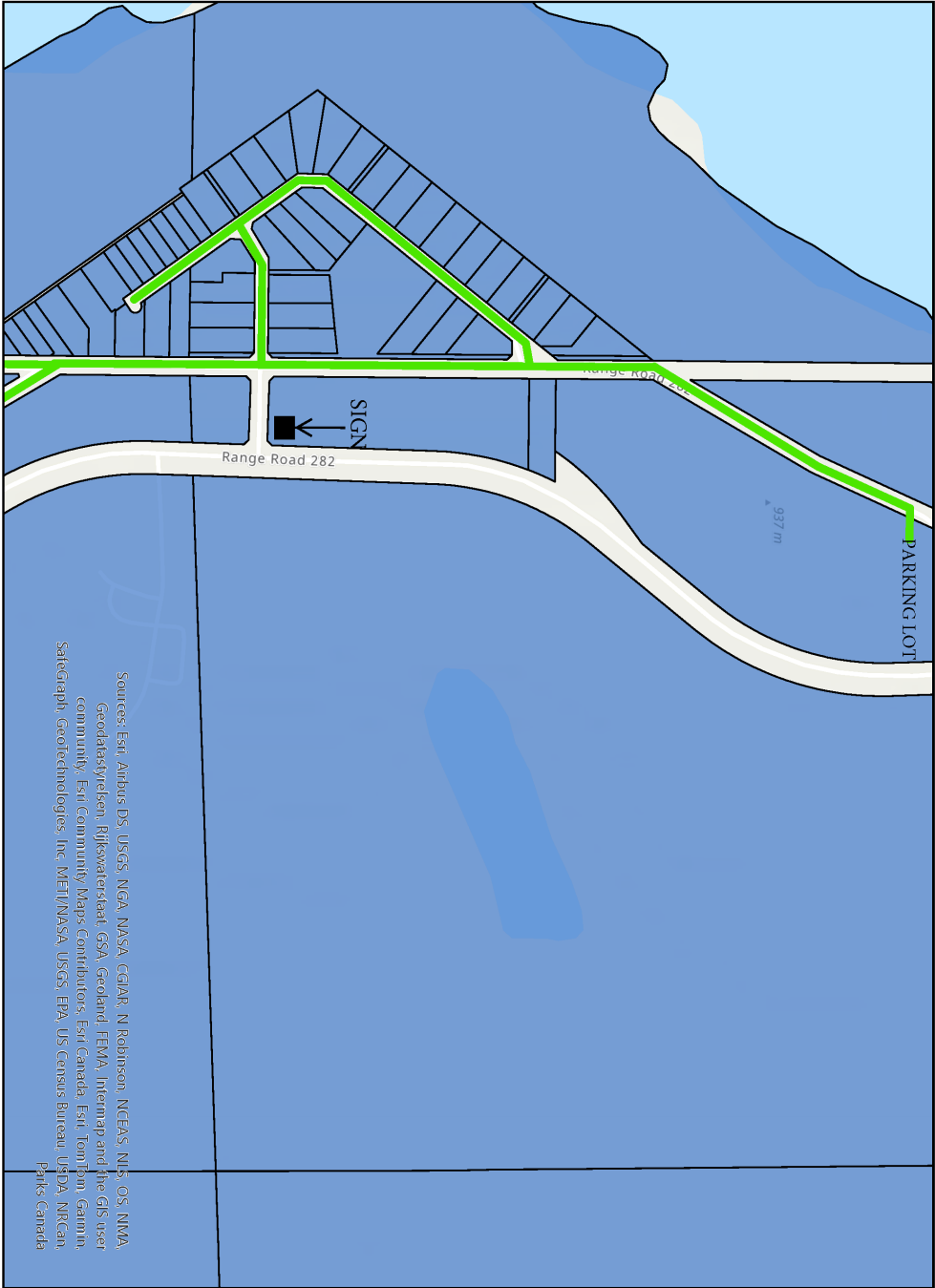


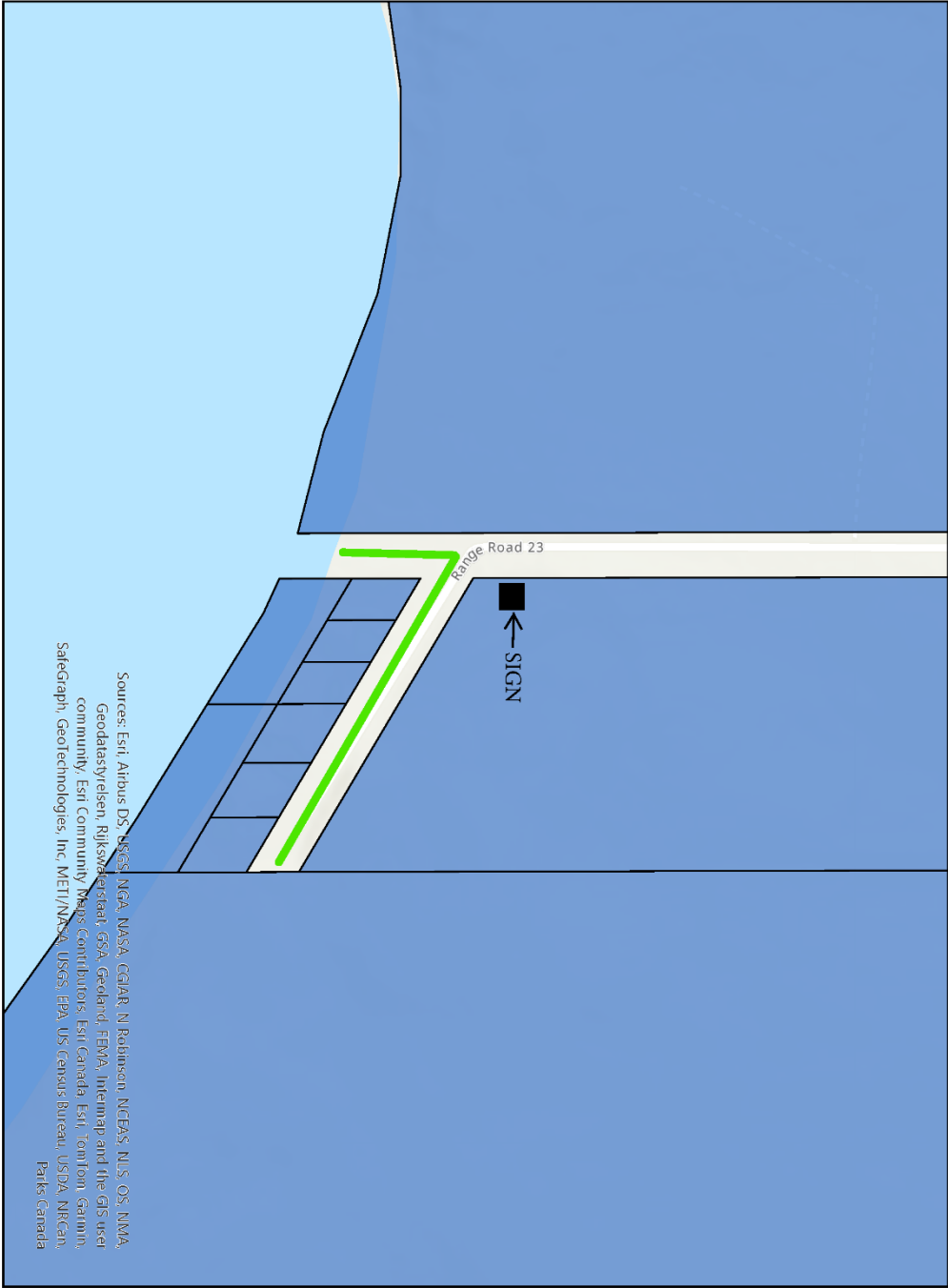








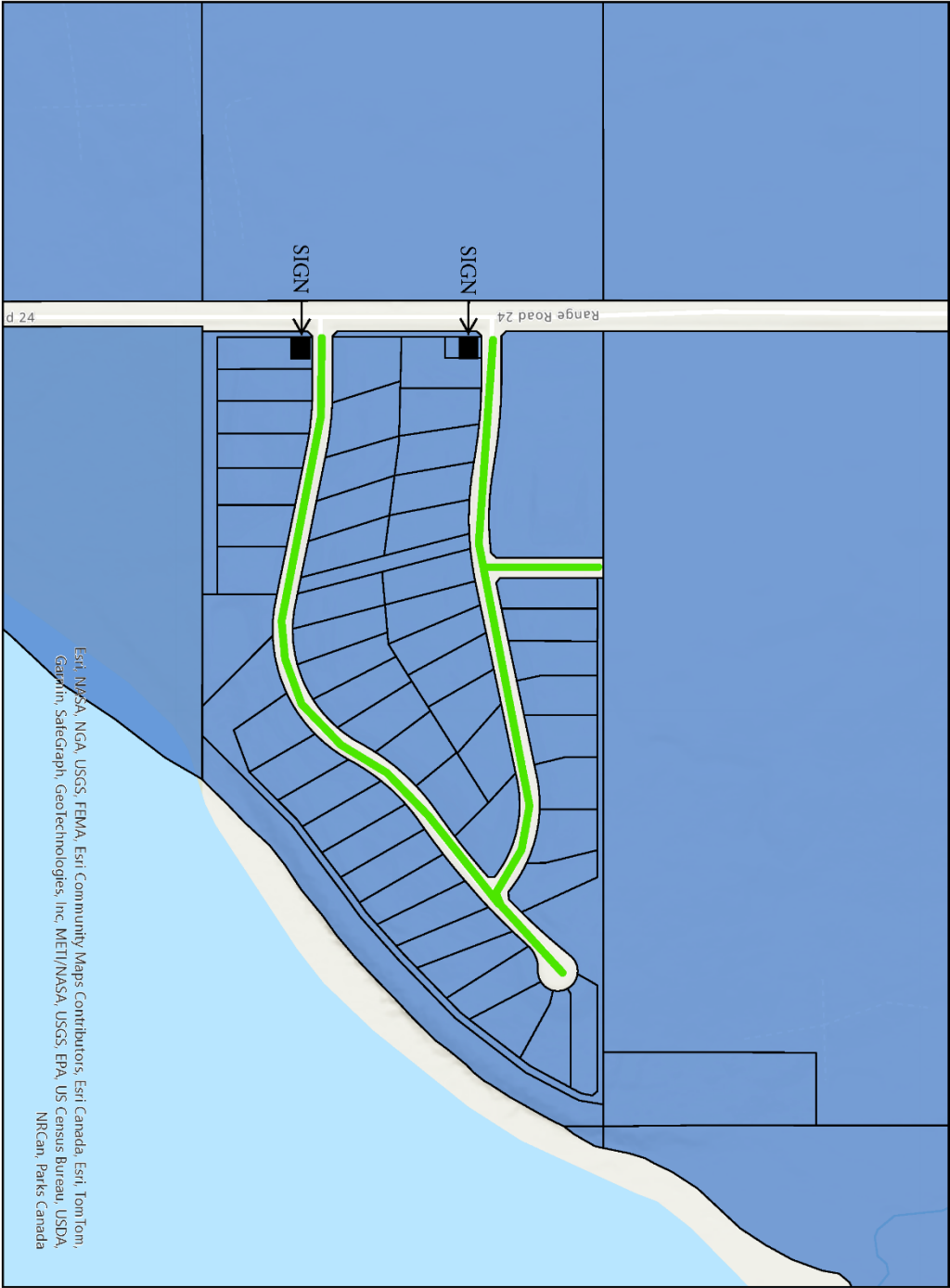


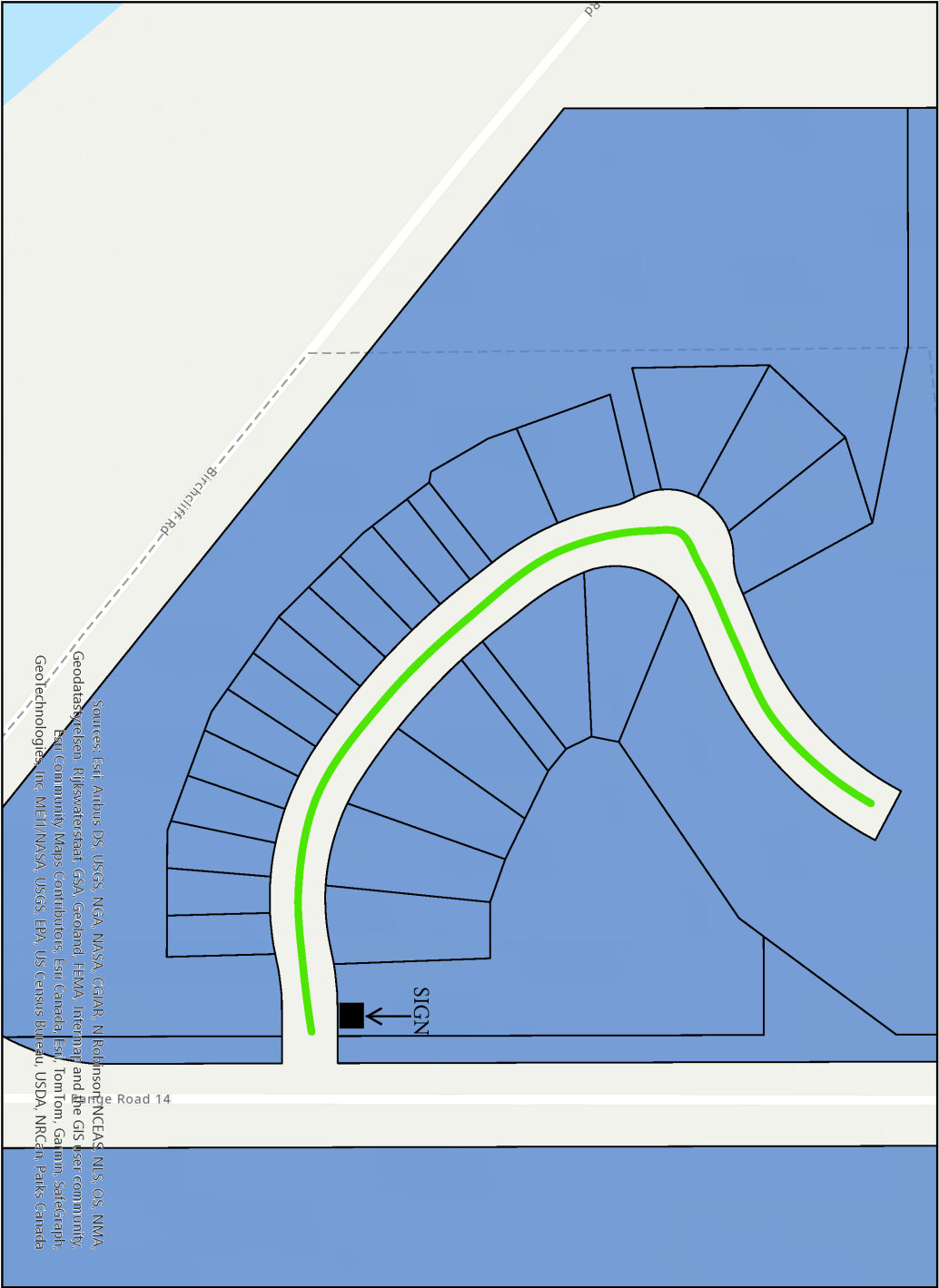


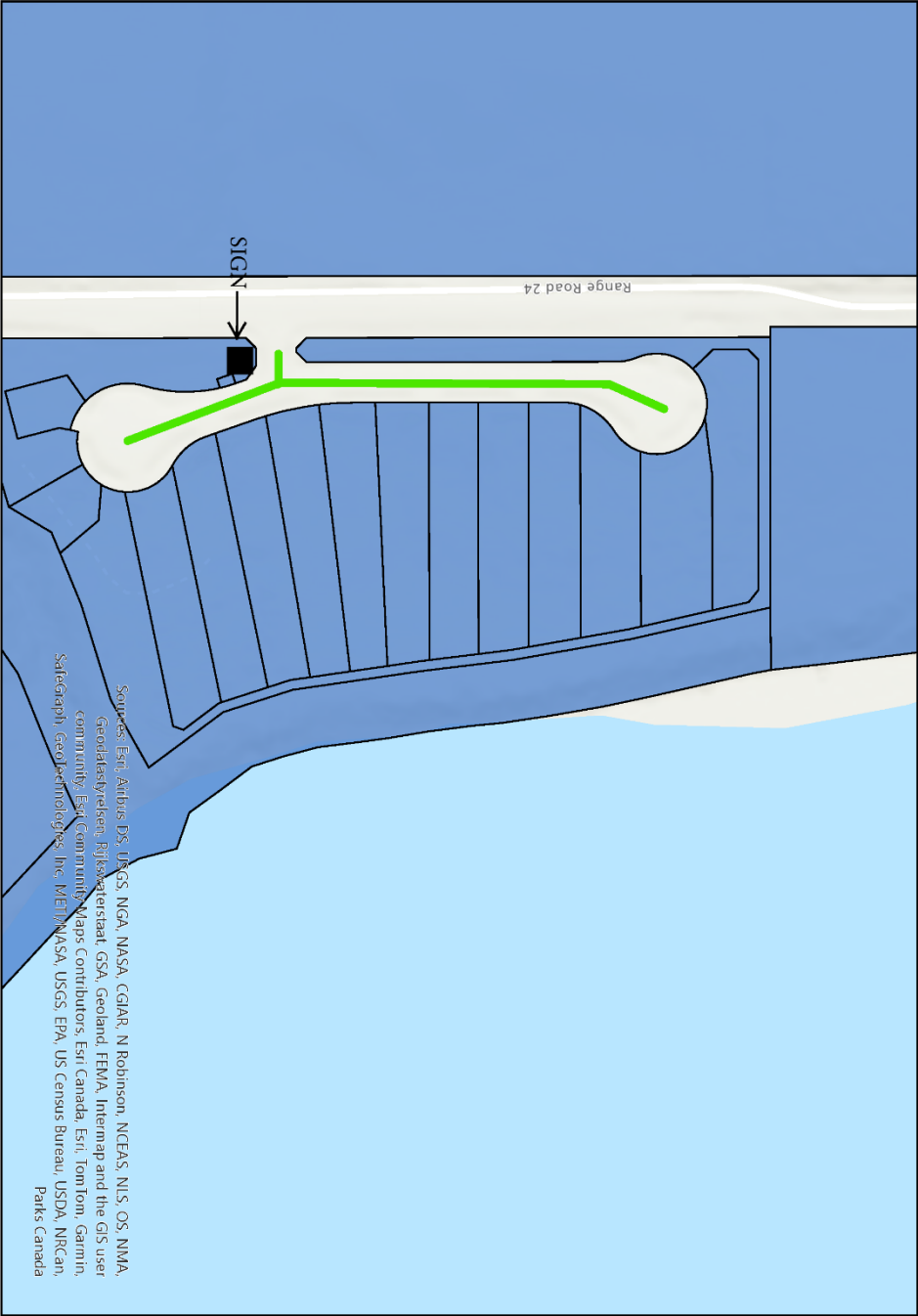
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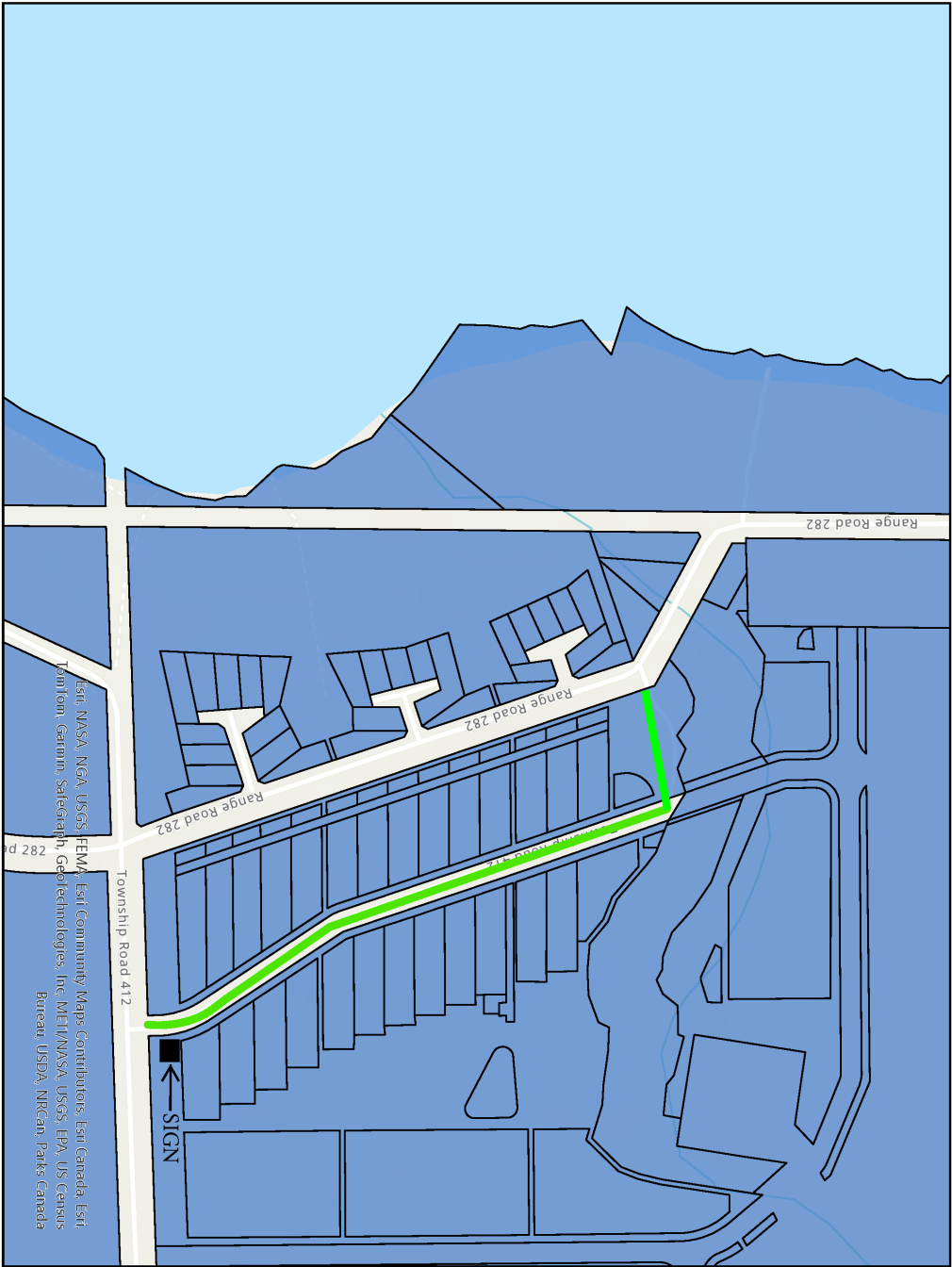




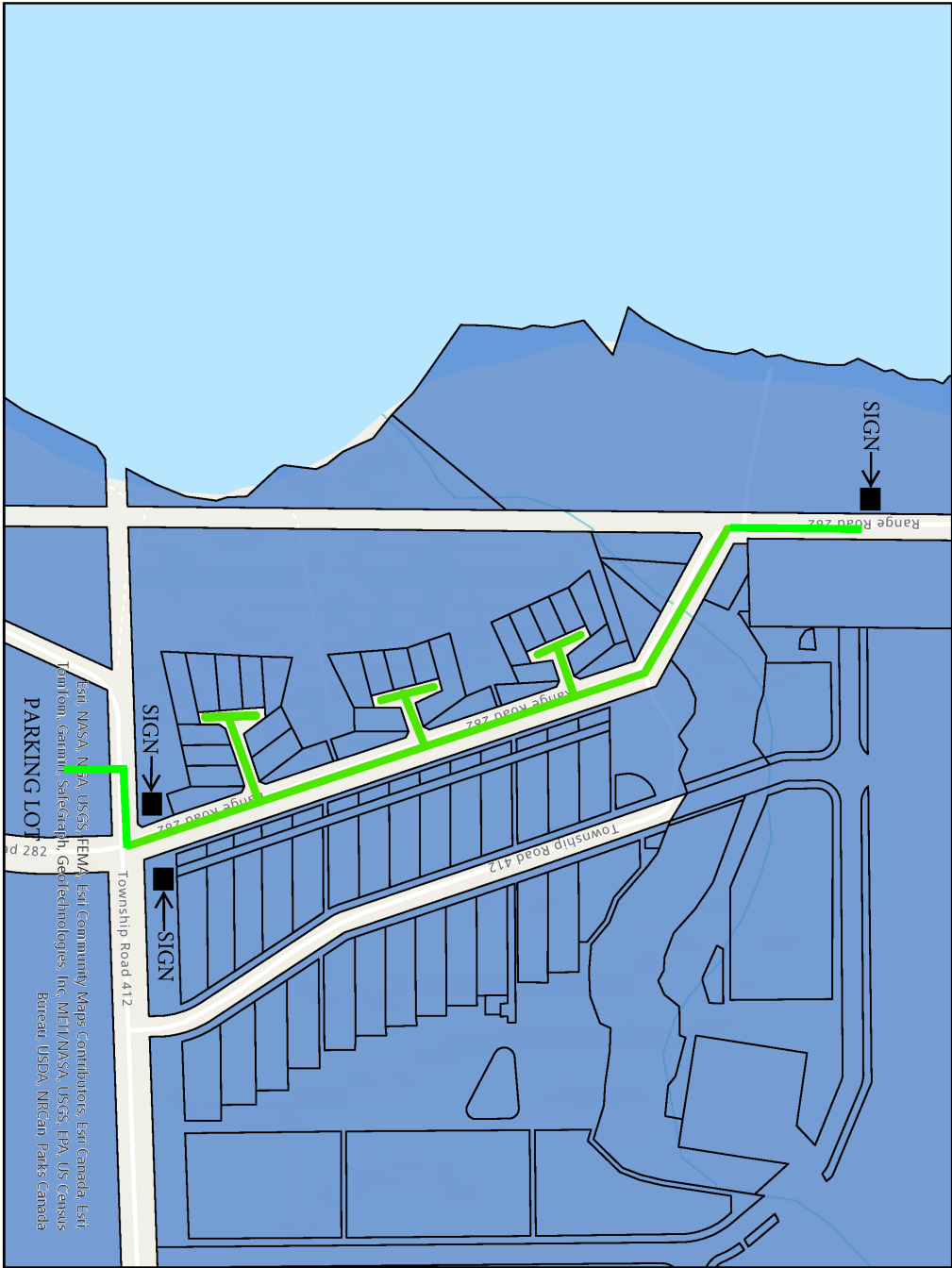




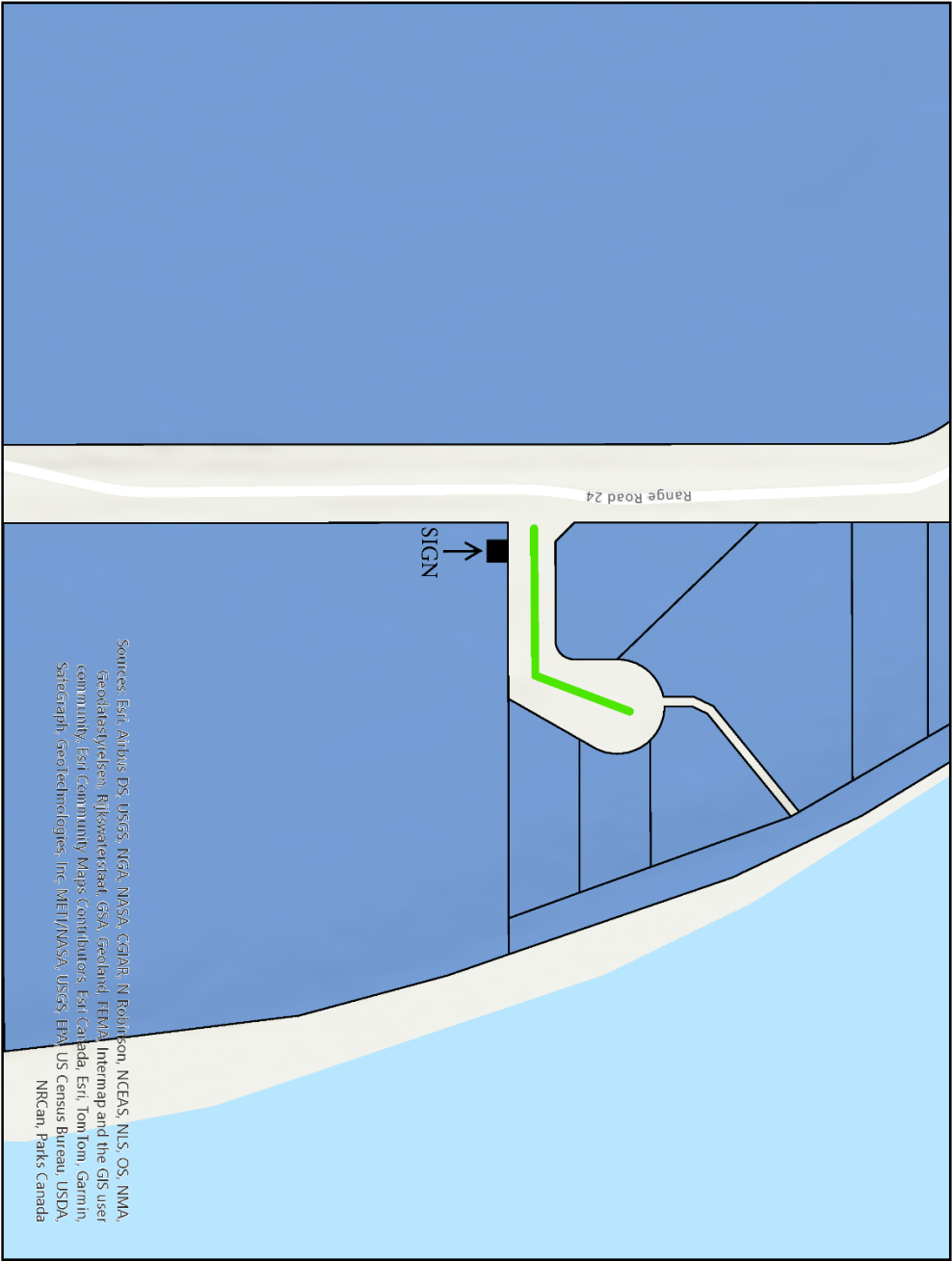




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Schedule “C”



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