

COUNCIL AGENDA: May 21, 2013

SUBJECT: POCKET PARKS ANALYSIS

SOURCE: PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

COMMENT: At the April 16, 2013, Council meeting, Council directed the Parks and Leisure Services Commission to conduct a pocket parks analysis including site location and funding mechanisms. On May 9, 2013, the Commission conducted the analysis.

The two City owned parcel areas of focus were North of Morton, West of Newcomb, and South of Morton, West of Newcomb. The Commission noted that no current funding was available to develop an existing site. Should funding become available, the site identified by the Commission as a bona fide location for a future pocket park was the drainage basin on Lombardi St. near the new Lombardi School (#7-North of Morton Map).

The recommendation of the Commission was that the developer of any future sub-division include a pocket park, and that an assessment to the property owner be implemented at the time of development to pay for the ongoing maintenance of the park. The Commission did not think current homeowners would be willing to begin to pay an annual assessment for a newly created pocket park.

The Commission recommended adding amenities to existing landscape maintenance districts as an inexpensive way to enhance some parcels similar in size to pocket parks. In particular, adding benches in the heavily used Porter Creek Estates parkway (#4-North of Morton Map). The other landscape maintenance district discussed was Summit Estates. It was recommended that irrigation, turf and a picnic table be added to a vacant 0.17 acre lot located in Summit Estates on W. Orange Ave. (#2-South of Morton Map).

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council direct staff on the desire to further pursue the feasibility of pocket parks.

ATTACHMENTS: Maps

 Director Appropriated/Funded

 City Manager

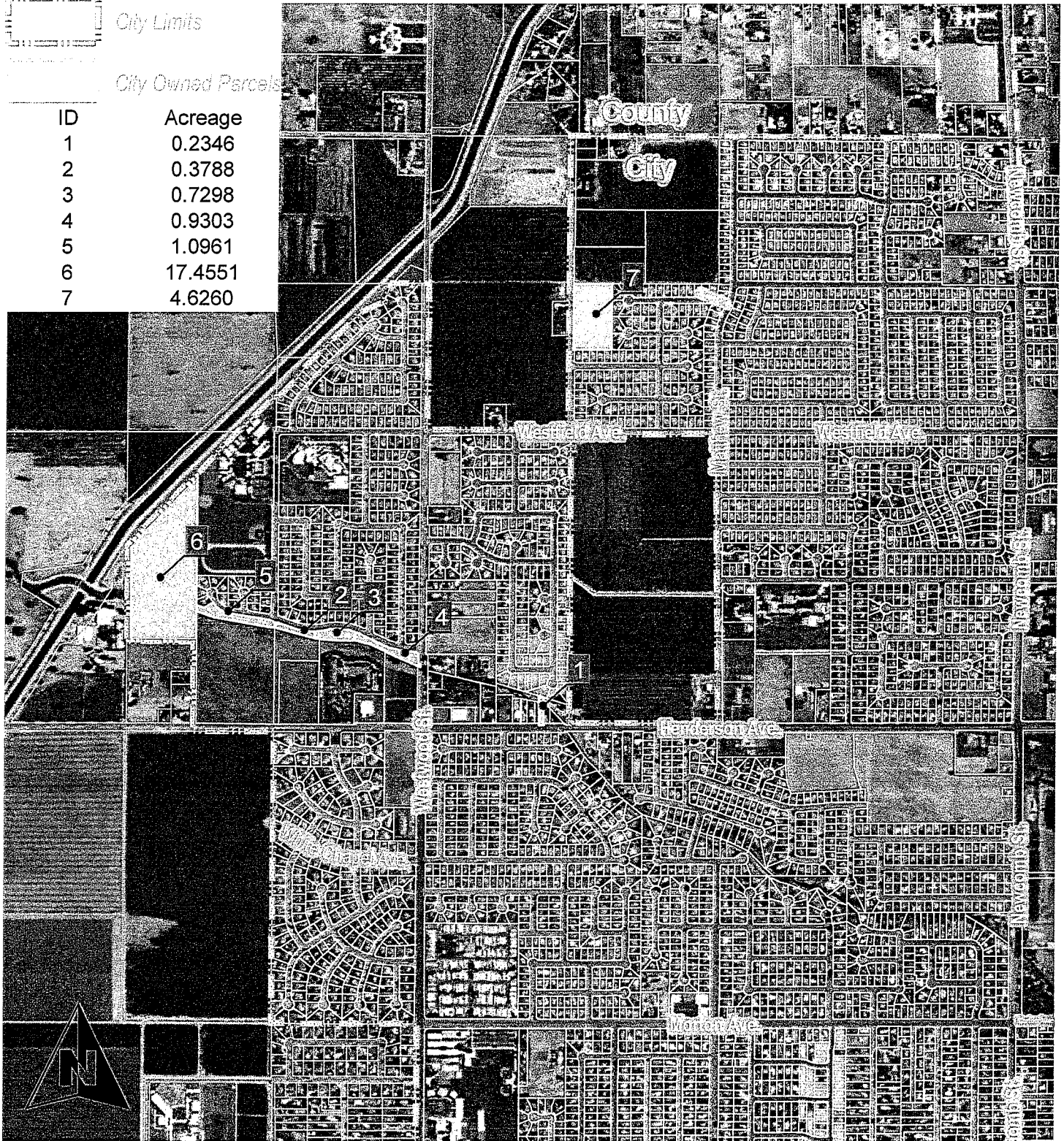
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City Limits

City Owned Parcels

ID	Acreage
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6	17.4551
7	4.6260

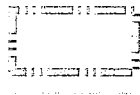


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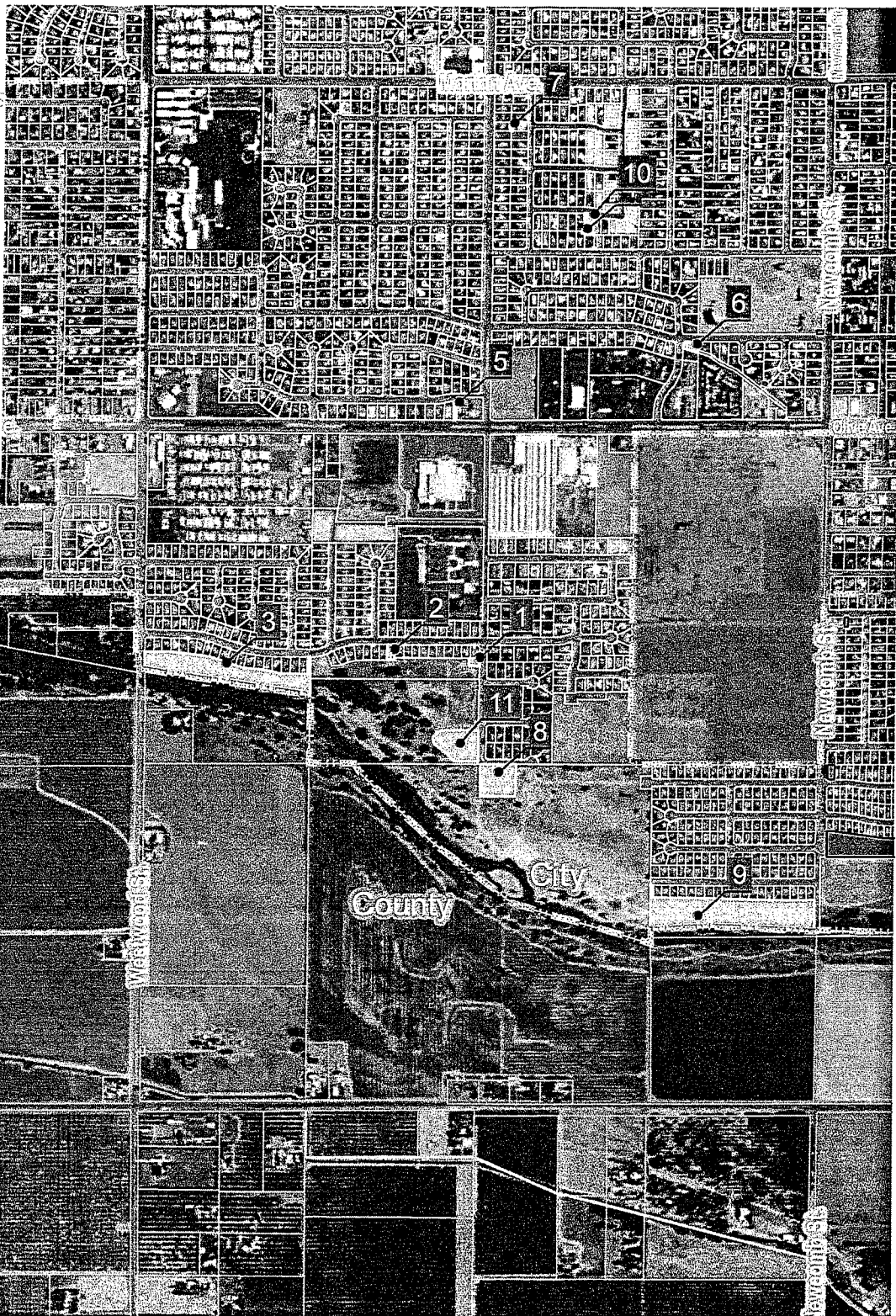
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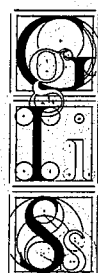
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City Owned Parcels

ID	Acreage
1	0.1157
2	0.1653
3	4.6353
4	0.0148
5	0.0634
6	0.1658
7	0.0386
8	1.6070
9	6.8006
10	0.2260
11	1.6462



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