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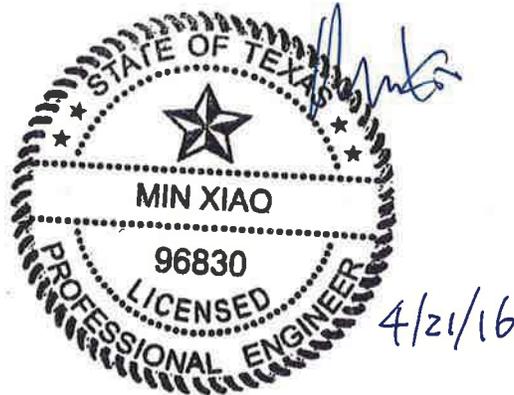


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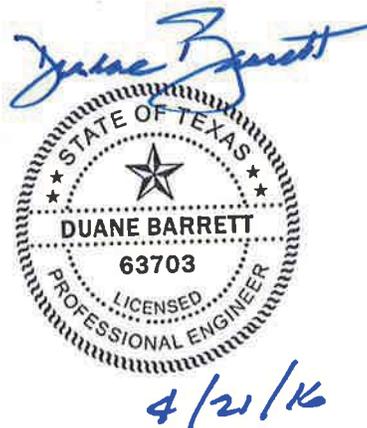
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## List of Acronyms

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| AEP   | Annual Exceedance Probability           |
| CFS   | Cubic Feet Per Second                   |
| COH   | City of Houston                         |
| CN    | Curve Number                            |
| DEM   | Digital Elevation Model                 |
| FEMA  | Federal Emergency Management Agency     |
| FIRM  | Flood Insurance Rate Map                |
| FPS   | Feet Per Second                         |
| FT    | Feet                                    |
| GIS   | Geographic Information System           |
| H-GAC | Houston-Galveston Area Council          |
| IN/HR | Inches Per Hour                         |
| LiDAR | Light Detection and Ranging             |
| NAIP  | National Aerial Imagery Program         |
| NAVD  | North American Vertical Datum           |
| NRCS  | Natural Resources Conservation Service  |
| ROW   | Right-Of-Way                            |
| TxDOT | Texas Department of Transportation      |
| USDA  | United States Department of Agriculture |
| USGS  | United States Geological Survey         |
| WSE   | Water Surface Elevation                 |

## 1.0 Executive Summary

A preliminary storm sewer drainage analysis was performed for four (4) ponding locations in the City of West University Place. A significant portion of the city is within the 100-year floodplain of Brays Bayou, including two of the four locations of interest. The existing layouts and sizes of storm sewer lines were obtained from the report titled "Comprehensive Plan for Infrastructure Improvements" dated April 1993 and prepared for the City of West University Place by Langford Engineering, Inc., with supplemental information from construction documents prepared for paving and drainage projects completed in the City since 1993. Note that the report does not provide invert elevation information for storm sewer lines.

Elevation profiles were plotted for the streets where these intersections are located. It is found that most of the intersections are located at low points along street profiles. Any excess of runoff above the conveyance capacity of the storm sewer lines serving these locations will accumulate and pond in the intersections instead of sheet-flowing away along the streets.

The 2-year peak flow rate was computed at locations of interest using the Rational Method to estimate the required inlet and storm sewer capacities serving the areas of interest. The required capacities were then compared to the existing capacities to determine deficiencies. A constant 3 fps storm sewer flow velocity was used in estimating the existing and required storm sewer capacities. This assumption reflects standard design procedure in the Greater Houston area and is considered adequate for this preliminary study. A detailed study involving hydrologic and hydraulic modeling tools is recommended to size the storm sewer lines in order to account for the slope of the storm sewer system. In order to complete that study, field survey data will be required to define the storm sewer elevation data.

The results of this preliminary study show that inlet capacity is insufficient at the intersection of Wakeforest Avenue and Pittsburgh Street.

The existing conveyance capacities of most storm sewer lines serving these locations of interest do not satisfy current 2-year storm capacity requirements. The existing storm sewer lines will have to be upsized in order to provide the 2-year storm capacity. The required storm sewer sizes are provided in **Table 3-6** in this report.

## 2.0 INTRODUCTION

### 2.1 Project Name and Purpose

This study includes a preliminary drainage analysis of the storm sewer systems of interest along Wakeforest Avenue in the City of West University Place, Texas. The purpose of this study is to assess ponding issues that occur at four (4) street intersections during storm events. This report is prepared for the Public Works Department of the City of West University Place.

### 2.2 Project Location

The project area is within the city limits of West University Place in Harris County. The four ponding locations of interest are listed below. **Exhibit 1** shows the four ponding locations of interest and the city limits.

1. Wakeforest Avenue at Georgetown Street
2. Wakeforest Avenue at Rice Boulevard
3. Wakeforest Avenue at Carolina Way
4. Wakeforest Avenue at Pittsburgh Street

### 2.3 Project Objectives

This drainage study includes drainage area delineation, peak flow estimation, and storm sewer evaluation. The storm frequency used in this analysis is the 2-year storm event. The objective of the analysis is to assess the capacity of the existing storm sewer systems at the locations of interest.

### 2.4 FEMA Flood Zones

The project area is located in the eastern portion of the City of West University Place. The area is located on Harris County FIRM Panel 48201C0860L. A significant portion of the City of West University Place is within the regulatory floodplain of Brays Bayou (HCFCD Channel D100-00-00) designated as Zone AE with defined flood elevations, as shown on **Exhibit 2**. The City of West University Place is located approximately between FIRM panel Cross Section BF and Cross Section AX (see **Exhibit 3**). Zone AE indicates that base flood elevation has been determined for this stream. The BFE value of Brays Bayou in West University Place city limits ranges from 47 ft at Kirby Drive to 49 ft at College Avenue (NAVD 88 2001 adjustment). The portion of the city west of College Avenue lies mostly outside of the regulatory floodplain. Two of the four locations of interest, Wakeforest Avenue at Carolina Way and Wakeforest at Pittsburgh Street, are within the regulatory floodplain with a BFE value of 48 ft.

Although a significant portion of the city is within the regulatory floodplain, this report does not address the flooding issues caused by Brays Bayou. Instead, this report focuses on the capacity of the existing storm sewer system at each of the locations of interest and the storm sewer's ability to convey standard 2-year design runoff rates.

### 2.5 Data Sources

A list of data that were used for this project is provided below.

- The 2008 H-GAC LIDAR (NAVD 1988, 2001 adjustment) was used for drainage area delineation and was also used to evaluate street elevation profiles to determine low points along streets where ponding may occur.

- The report titled “Comprehensive Plan for Infrastructure Improvements” dated April 1993 and prepared for the City of West University Place by Langford Engineering, Inc. (referred to as the Report in this document) was provided by the Public Works Department of the City of West University Place. This report presents the layouts and sizes of the existing storm sewer lines within the City of West University Place, but does not provide information on invert elevations of storm sewer lines.
- The GIS layer of storm sewer lines within the West University Place city limits was downloaded from the City of Houston (COH) GIMS database. It is noted that the storm sewer data within the project area in this database is limited. It is likely that COH does not collect and maintain the infrastructure data for the area within the city limits of West University Place. The data downloaded from GIMS was used as a supplement to the storm sewer information obtained from the Report.
- Construction documents for paving and drainage projects completed within the City of West University Place since 1993 were used to supplement and update information obtained from the Report and from the City of Houston GIMS database.
- Harris County FIRM maps were obtained from the FEMA web site.
- H-GAC aerial images dated 2014 were used in the study.
- Field visits were conducted by HDR staff in November 2015 to visually evaluate the general condition of the roadway and storm sewer systems, especially inlet density and size, within the project area. Photos were taken during field visits.

## 3.0 Drainage Analysis

A hydrologic analysis was performed to delineate drainage areas and to determine the 2-year peak flow rates for the storm sewer systems where the ponding occurs. This section describes the methodologies used in the peak flow calculations and presents the results.

### 3.1 Existing Condition

The four ponding locations of interest are shown on **Exhibit 1**. The City of West University Place is primarily developed in single family residential areas with some light commercial areas scattered within the city limits. The ground elevation slopes south-eastward ranging from approximately 54.0 ft (NAVD 88, 2001 Adjustment) at the northwest corner of the city to approximately 47.5 ft at the southeast corner. A topographic map is provided on **Exhibit 3**. **Exhibit 4** presents the storm sewer systems in the project area, including the four locations of interest on Wakeforest Avenue. Available information indicates that areas of interest north of University Boulevard (Wakeforest at Georgetown and Wakeforest at Rice) drain to the east via a storm located within the University Boulevard right-of-way and enter the Kirby Drive storm sewer system. The areas of interest south of University Boulevard (Wakeforest at Carolina Way and Pittsburg) drain to the west via a storm sewer located within the right-of-way of Carnegie Street and enter the Buffalo Speedway storm sewer system, which in turn empties into Poor Farm Ditch.

### 3.2 Brays Bayou Water Surface Elevation

The City of West University Place is located approximately between FIRM panel Cross Section BF and Cross Section AX (see **Exhibit 3**). A significant portion of West University Place is within the 100-year floodplain of Brays Bayou. **Exhibit 5** illustrates the FEMA water surface elevation (WSE) profiles for this portion of Brays Bayou. This profile is taken directly from the FEMA FIS study report for Harris County. **Exhibit 3** plots the FEMA cross sections of Brays Bayou with 10- and 100-year WSE indicated on a contour and color-shaded topographic map of West University Place. **Table 3-1** summarizes the 10-, 50, 100- and 500-year water surface elevations along Brays Bayou at FEMA Cross Sections BF, BE, BD, BC, BB, BA, AZ, AY and AX. The 10-year WSE from west to east within the city limits ranges from 46.4 ft at Cross Section BF to 41.9 ft at Cross Section AX; the 100-year WSE ranges from 50.8 ft to 46.9 ft.

**Table 3-1. Brays Bayou Water Surface Elevation within City Limits**

| FEMA Cross Section | BF   | BE   | BD   | BC   | BB   | BA   | AZ   | AY   | AX   |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 500-Year WSE       | 52.2 | 52.0 | 51.7 | 51.7 | 51.6 | 51.4 | 51.1 | 50.9 | 50.5 |
| 100-Year WSE       | 50.8 | 50.7 | 49.5 | 49.4 | 49.3 | 49.0 | 48.3 | 48.1 | 46.9 |
| 50-Year WSE        | 48.8 | 48.7 | 47.3 | 47.2 | 47.0 | 46.6 | 45.9 | 45.7 | 44.1 |
| 10-Year WSE        | 46.4 | 46.1 | 45.1 | 44.9 | 44.7 | 44.3 | 43.3 | 43.1 | 41.9 |

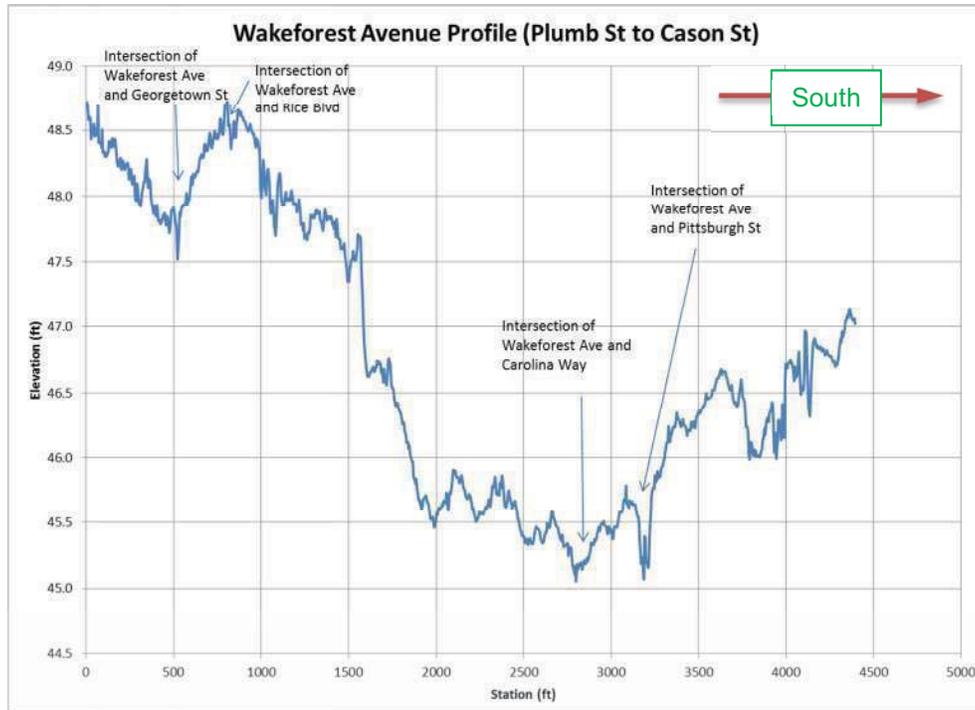
### 3.3 Street Profiles

All of the locations of interest are on Wakeforest Avenue. Street profiles were plotted along Wakeforest and the streets of interest that intersect it. **Exhibit 1** shows the extents of these street profile plots. **Figure 1** to **Figure 5** illustrate the actual street profiles.

It is noted that the intersections where ponding occurs are usually located at low points along the street profile. If the runoff during a storm event exceeds the conveyance capacity of the storm sewer inlets and

pipes serving these areas, water will accumulate and pond instead of sheet-flowing away along the streets.

**Figure 1. Wakeforest Avenue Profile**



**Figure 2. Georgetown Street Profile**

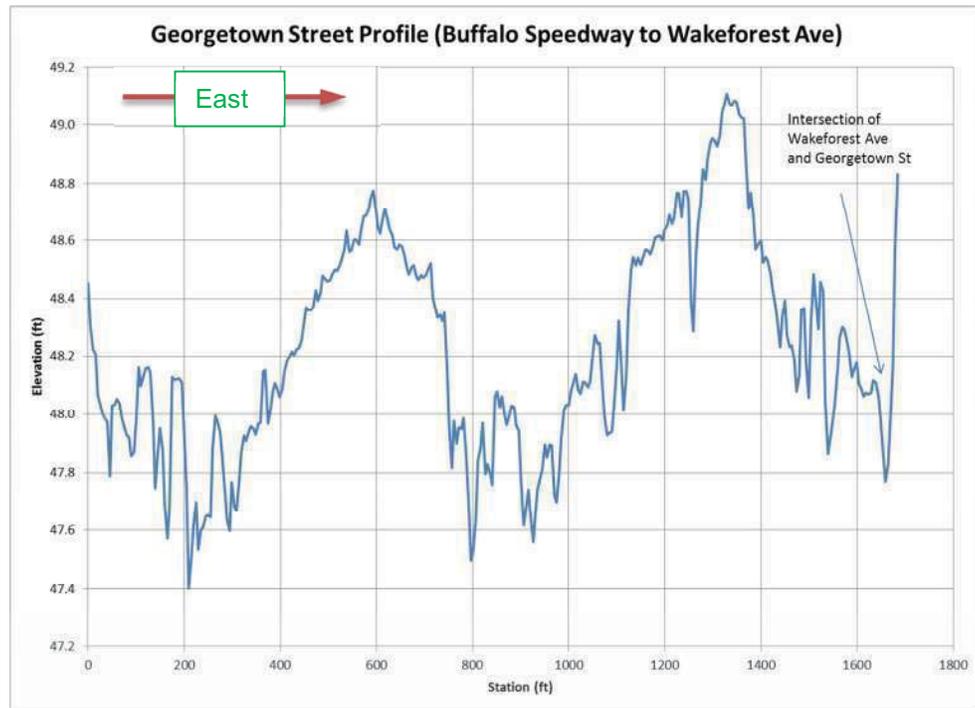


Figure 3. River Boulevard Profile

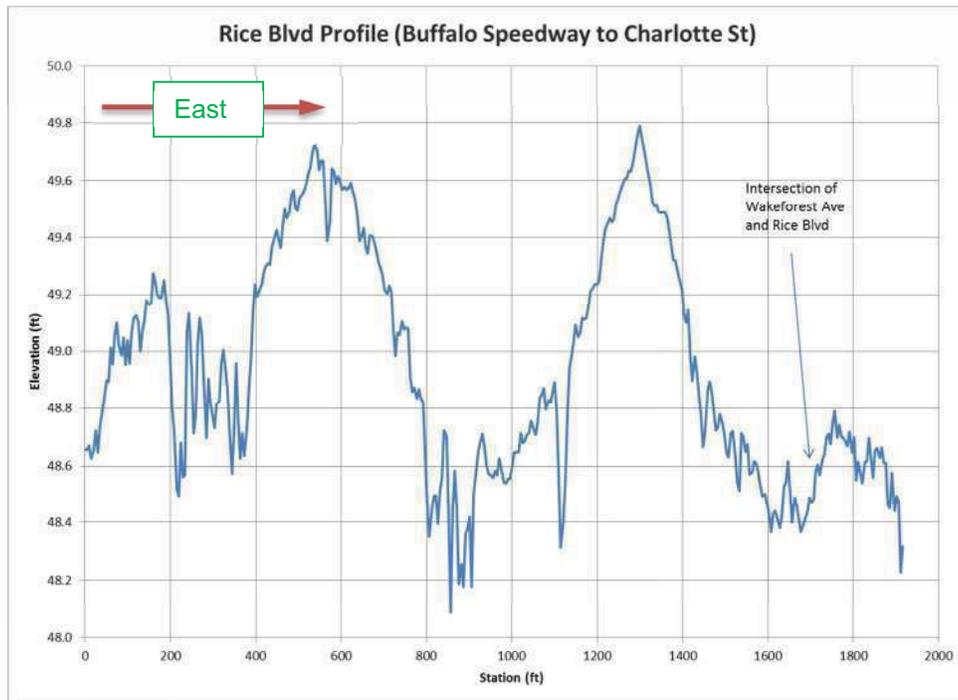


Figure 4. Carolina Way Profile

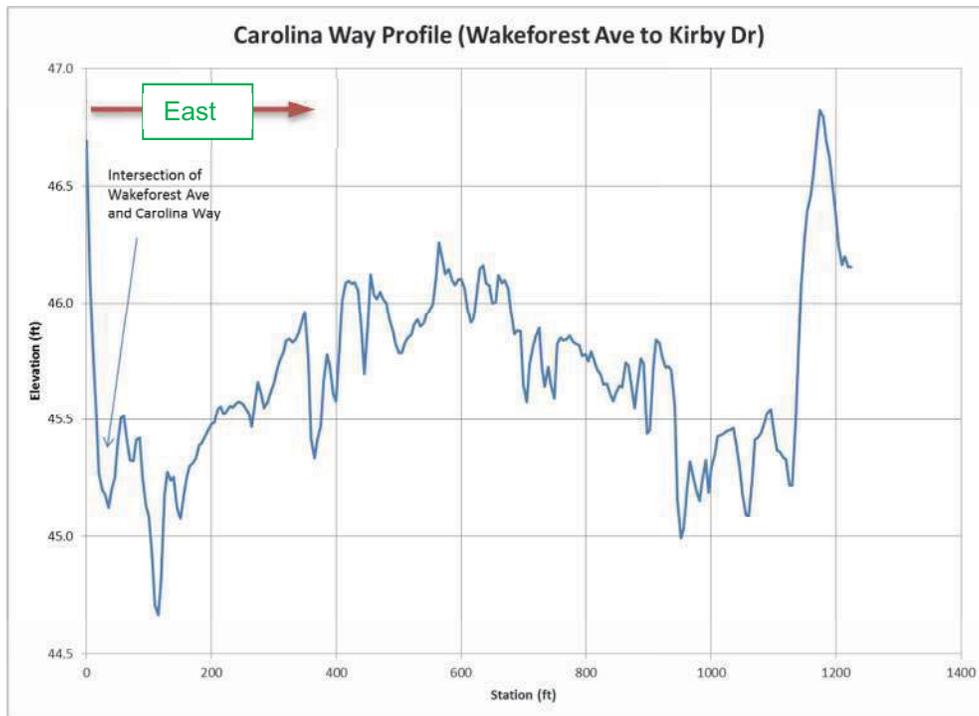
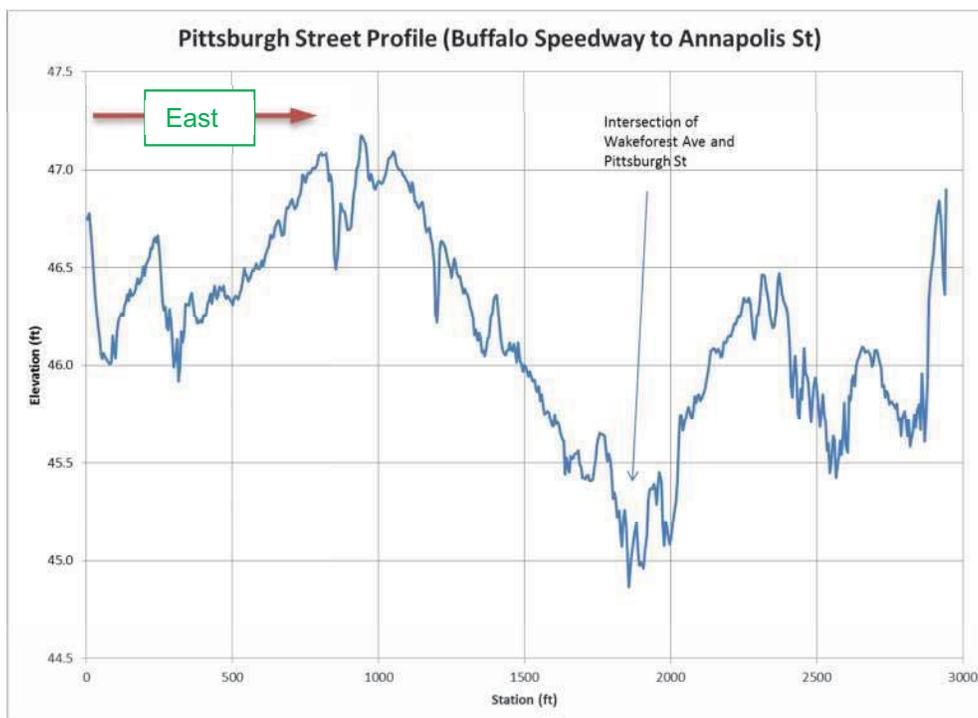


Figure 5. Pittsburgh Street Profile



### 3.4 Inlets at Ponding Locations

Inlet type and density at the ponding locations were checked to see if sufficient inlet capacity is provided to satisfy the standard 2-year design storm requirement. **Table 3-2** summarizes the inlet type and number at these intersections. **Figure 6** to **Figure 7** are aerial photos showing inlet locations at these intersections and in the surrounding areas. Most of the inlets at these intersections are double B inlets. Occasionally, grate inlets are observed at some locations, usually at driveways. Inlet capacity is a function of inlet type, size, location (on grade or in sag), ponding depth, gutter depression, longitudinal gutter slope, transverse gutter slope, transverse gutter width, etc. Typically, a double B inlet provides approximately 4 cfs capacity, whereas a single B inlet or a grate inlet provides about 2 cfs capacity.

Table 3-2. Inlets at Locations of Interest

| Intersection                           | Number of Existing Inlets | Type of Inlet             |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Wakeforest Avenue at Georgetown Street | 4                         | Three Double B, One grate |
| Wakeforest Avenue at Rice Boulevard    | 4                         | Double B                  |
| Wakeforest Avenue at Carolina Way      | 3                         | Double B                  |
| Wakeforest Avenue at Pittsburgh Street | 2                         | Double B                  |

There are four inlets (three double B and one grate inlet at a driveway) at the intersection of Wakeforest Avenue and Georgetown Street. Four double B inlets are observed at the intersection of Wakeforest Avenue and Rice Boulevard. Three double B inlets were observed at the intersection of Wakeforest Avenue and Carolina Way. Also, two double B inlets were observed approximately 105 ft east of the intersection on Carolina Way.

Two double B inlets are available at the intersection of Wakeforest Avenue and Pittsburgh Street. Two double B inlets are found approximately 100 ft north of the intersection on Wakeforest Avenue, and another two double B inlets are located approximately 100 ft south of the intersection on Wakeforest Avenue. In addition, two double B inlets were observed approximately 100 ft east of the intersection on Pittsburgh Street.

Figure 6. Inlets on Wakeforest Avenue in Project Area (1)



Figure 7. Inlets on Wakeforest Avenue in Project Area (2)



### 3.5 Drainage Area

The City of Houston GIMS database and the storm sewer information obtained from the Report and construction plans were used to delineate the approximate drainage areas used for this study. **Exhibit 6** presents an overall drainage map for the City of West University Place. This overall drainage map includes the City of Houston areas that drain to the City of West University Place drainage systems. The western portion of the city discharges to Kilmarnock Ditch. The middle portion of the City, including two of the four areas of interest, drains to Poor Farm Ditch. The eastern portion, including the remaining two of four areas of interest, drains to storm sewer lines on Kirby Drive, which in turn drain to City of Houston storm sewer systems. The major areas that lie within the City of Houston but drain to the City of West University Place are indicated on the overall drainage map. These areas include the triangular commercial area east of Academy Street and north of Bissonnet Street, and the areas that are located north of the City of West University Place boundary along Bissonnet Street but drain southward into the City's storm sewer systems.

The project drainage areas for the storm sewer systems that serve the ponding locations of interest were delineated using available maps and storm sewer data. The delineated drainage areas were used to calculate 2-year peak flow rates for the storm sewer lines under consideration in this study. **Exhibit 7** displays the project drainage areas delineated for analysis.

### 3.6 Hydrologic Methods

The Rational Method was utilized to compute 2-year peak flow rates in this study. The Rational Method requires the composite C value and time of concentration ( $t_c$ ) for each drainage area. The e, d and b values developed by TxDOT for Harris County were used to compute rainfall intensities.

#### 3.6.1 Land Use

Land-use data are required to estimate the composite C value for each drainage area. The land use classification was determined based on the aerial photography of the project area. The land-use types within the project drainage areas were defined into two classifications: single-family residential and commercial/multi-family. **Exhibit 8** depicts the land use types defined for the project area. Typical Rational Method runoff coefficients were assigned to each of the two land use classifications. **Table 3-3** presents the land-use types and the associated runoff coefficients used in the study.

**Table 3-3. Land-Use Categories**

| General Land-Use Categories | C Value |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Single Family Residential   | 0.40    |
| Commercial or Multi-Family  | 0.65    |

The land-use data were combined with drainage areas to allow computation of the composite C value for each drainage area. The combined land uses and associated areas for each drainage area were identified. Using the following equation, the composite land-use C value was calculated for each drainage area:

$$\bar{C} = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^n A_i R C_i}{\sum_{i=0}^n A_i}$$

where:

$C_i$  = C value of each land-use type for a drainage area;

$A_i$  = area associated with land-use type for a drainage area; and

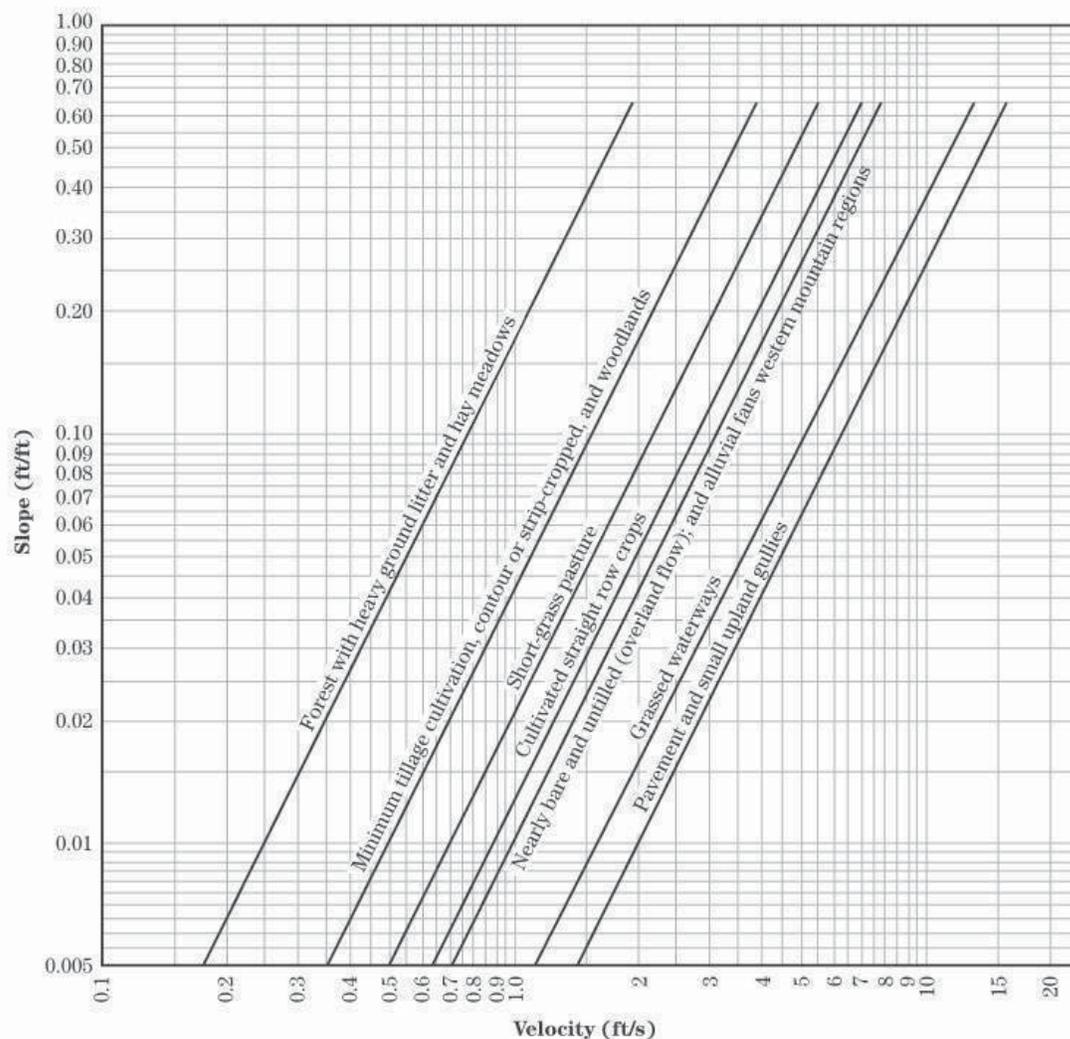
$\bar{C}$  = composite C value for a drainage area.

The area-weighted C value for each drainage area was then used in the Rational Method to compute the 2-year peak flow rate.

### 3.6.2 Time of Concentration

The NRCS Upland Method was used to estimate the time of concentration ( $t_c$ ) for each of the drainage areas. Flow paths were divided into flow segments that were defined by various flow classifications, including short grass overland flow, paved area/shallow gutter flow, and storm sewer flow. Flow velocity for each flow segment was determined based on the flow classification and slope of flow path (except for storm sewer flow, which used a constant design flow velocity of 3 fps per standard design practice in the Greater Houston area). The travel time through each flow segment was summed for each drainage area to obtain the time of concentration. **Exhibit 8** presents the NRCS Upland Method correlation between flow velocity, surface flow type and flow path slope.

**Figure 8. Upland Method Correlation between Flow Velocity, Surface Type, and Slope**



A ten-minute minimum time of concentration was utilized for all inlet drainage areas.

### 3.6.3 Rational Method

The Rational Method equation is expressed as:

$$Q = CIA$$

where:

Q = computed peak runoff discharge (cfs);  
 C = weighted runoff coefficient;  
 I = average rainfall intensity (in/hr); and  
 A = drainage area (ac).

The rainfall intensity was determined using the following equation:

$$I = \frac{b}{(t_c + d)^e}$$

where:

I = rainfall intensity (in/hr);  
 $t_c$  = time of concentration (min); and  
 b, d, e = coefficients for each storm frequency.

The b, d, and e values for Harris County are presented in **Table 3-4**.

**Table 3-4. Harris County 2-Year Intensity-Duration-Frequency Coefficients**

| Coefficient | 2-year |
|-------------|--------|
| e           | 0.800  |
| b           | 68     |
| d           | 7.9    |

Once the runoff coefficient (C), average rainfall intensity (I), and drainage area acreage (A), were determined for each drainage area, these values were substituted into the Rational Method equation to calculate the 2-year peak flow rates.

### 3.7 Calculated 2-Year Peak Flow Rates

The 2-year flow rates calculated using the Rational Method for the study storm sewer segments serving the areas of interest (see **Exhibit 4**) are summarized in **Table 3-5**. These 2-year flow rates were compared with the estimated capacities of existing storm sewer pipes to identify any capacity deficiencies in the existing systems. Note that the start node and end node of each storm sewer segment are shown on **Exhibit 4**.

**Table 3-5. Accumulative Drainage Area and 2-Year Flow Rate for Storm Sewer Segments**

| Storm Sewer Segment |         | Drainage Area (acres) | 2-Year Flow Rate (cfs) | Existing Storm Sewer Capacity (cfs) | Deficiency (cfs) |
|---------------------|---------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| From Node           | To Node |                       |                        |                                     |                  |
| 501                 | 502     | 6.1                   | 12.0                   | 5.3                                 | 6.7              |
| 502                 | 503     | 10                    | 18.4                   | 5.3                                 | 13.1             |
| 601                 | 503     | 8.1                   | 20.3                   | 14.7                                | 5.6              |
| 503                 | 602     | 46                    | 40.1                   | 37.7                                | 2.4              |
| 701-a               | 701     | 4.8                   | 8.6                    | 9.4                                 | No Deficiency    |
| 701                 | 702     | 11                    | 18.3                   | 9.4                                 | 8.9              |
| 702                 | 703     | 16                    | 26.7                   | 14.7                                | 12.0             |
| 703                 | 704     | 27                    | 42.1                   | 37.7                                | 4.4              |
| 704                 | 705     | 49                    | 63.5                   | 37.7                                | 25.8             |

### 3.8 Storm Sewer Conveyance Capacity Required

The street profiles show that each of the locations of interest where the ponding occurs are located at a low point along the street. In a storm event the runoff exceeds the storm sewer conveyance capacity serving these locations, and the excess of water cannot flow away via sheet (surface) flow, but accumulates and ponds at these locations.

The 2-year flow rates calculated by the Rational Method were used to evaluate the storm sewer systems serving these areas to check if the existing storm sewer has sufficient capacity to convey the 2-year flow, and if not, the required size of each storm sewer segment was estimated.

It is typically recommended that hydrologic and hydraulic modeling tools (e.g., SWMM or WinStorm) be used to evaluate storm sewer systems. However, modeling of storm sewer systems requires details of the systems, including the invert elevations of the storm sewer lines. This information was not available for this study. Because this study is a preliminary drainage analysis, instead of completing detailed storm sewer modeling, a rough storm sewer evaluation was performed using the required conveyance flow rates (i.e. the 2-year flow calculated above) and storm capacities based on an assumed constant average storm sewer flow velocity of 3 fps for all storm sewer lines to estimate the storm sewer size required. The flow rate (ft<sup>3</sup>/sec) in a storm sewer was divided by the flow velocity of 3 fps to determine the cross-sectional area required, and then to obtain the storm sewer dimensions that provide the required cross-sectional area. As stated above, this method only provides a rough estimate of the storm sewer size required, but it is adequate for this preliminary study. A detailed study involving storm sewer modeling is recommended for a more accurate evaluation.

**Table 3-6** shows the approximate storm sewer sizes required to convey the 2-year flow in comparison with the existing storm sewer sizes. It can be seen that most of the existing storm sewer lines that serve the locations of interest do not have sufficient conveyance capacity, which explains at least in part why these locations frequently suffer ponding problems.

Table 3-6. Existing and Required Storm Sewer Size to Convey 2-Year Flow Rates

| Storm Sewer Segment |         | Existing Circular Pipe Diameter (ft) | Storm Sewer Size Required |  |                     |                |
|---------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|---------------------|----------------|
| From Node           | To Node |                                      | Storm Sewer Shape         | Diameter for Circular; or Width for Box (ft) | Height for Box (ft) | No. of Barrels |
| 501                 | 502     | 1.5                                  | Circular                  | 2.5  | ----                | 1              |
| 502                 | 503     | 1.5                                  | Circular                  | 3.0  | ----                | 1              |
| 601                 | 503     | 2.5                                  | Circular                  | 3.0  | ----                | 1              |
| 503                 | 602     | 3.0 - 4.0                            | Circular                  | 4.5  | ----                | 1              |
| 701-a               | 701     | 2.0                                  | Circular                  | 2.0  | ----                | 1              |
| 701                 | 702     | 2.0                                  | Circular                  | 3.0  | ----                | 1              |
| 702                 | 703     | 2.5                                  | Circular                  | 3.5  | ----                | 1              |
| 703                 | 704     | 4.0                                  | Circular                  | 4.5  | ----                | 1              |
| 704                 | 705     | 4.0                                  | Circular                  | 5.5  | ----                | 1              |

**Table 3-7** summarizes the existing inlet capacity at each of the intersections of interest and the required capacity, which is the 2-year flow rate generated in the direct drainage area contributing to each intersection. The actual inlet capacity is affected by many factors. For this study, the evaluation of inlet capacity at each intersection is simplified by assuming an inlet capacity of 2 cfs for single B inlets or grate inlets and 4 cfs for double B inlets, which is typical capacity for these inlets. This assumption is considered adequate for the preliminary level study. The intersection of Wakeforest Avenue and Pittsburgh Street was found to be approximately 1.6 cfs deficient in inlet capacity. However, a number of inlets were observed in the street near the intersection (see **Figure 7**). These street inlets serve as on-grade inlets to capture flow on the way to the intersection. Therefore, it is likely the inlet capacity at this intersection will satisfy the 2-year storm capacity requirement.

Note that the required capacity presented in **Table 3-7** is only the runoff generated within the direct drainage area contributing to the intersections of interest and does not account for any additional flows that exceed the capacity of nearby street inlets and travel along the street gutters to the intersections of interest. The quantification of the excess of runoff from other inlets requires a more detailed storm sewer modeling tool (e.g. WinStorm or SWMM) and is not reflected in this preliminary study.

Table 3-7. Summary of Inlet Capacity

| Intersection                            | Number of Inlet | Type of Inlet              | Available Capacity (cfs) | Required Capacity (cfs) | Additional Double B Inlets |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Wakeforest Avenue at Georgetown Street  | 4               | Three double B & One grate | 14                       | 12.0                    | 0                          |
| Wakeforest Avenue at Rice Boulevard     | 4               | Double B                   | 16                       | 9.9                     | 0                          |
| Wakeforest Avenue at Carolina Way       | 3               | Double B                   | 12                       | 8.6                     | 0                          |
| Wakeforest Avenue at Pittsburgh Street* | 2               | Double B                   | 8                        | 9.6                     | 1                          |

\*Street inlets near the intersection will help meet the capacity requirement.

It should be noted that inlet capacity has been supplemented over the years as streets have been repaired or upgraded. Thus, inlet capacity appears to be adequate at many of the intersections evaluated

in connection with this study and report. However, storm sewer systems still show deficiencies when compared with standard 2-year design storm flow rates.

A rough cost estimate for upgrading the existing storm sewer systems analyzed in this study to standard 2-year design storm sewer and inlet capacity was prepared for this report. The cost estimate includes the removal of existing undersized storm sewer systems (inlets, manholes and storm sewer lines), the removal of pavement, the replacement of inlets, manholes, storm sewer lines, and pavement, and provisions for the potential detention requirement. The estimate includes 15% for ancillary items and another 15% for contingencies. Since the detailed inlet and manhole database is not available, it was assumed for cost estimating that there are four inlets at each four-way intersection and three at each "T" intersection. It is also assumed that there is a manhole at each storm sewer junction to estimate the number of manholes.

The detention requirement was estimated using a Basin Development Factor (BDF) approach developed by HDR for the Harris County Flood Control District to estimate detention requirements in urban areas. The worksheet facilitates determination of the total BDF value, which is a function of channel, storm sewer, and street conditions, for both existing conditions and improved conditions with 2-year capacity. The difference between the existing and improved BDF values was then used to estimate the detention storage rate (ac-ft of required detention storage per acre of drainage area) based on a Detention Storage Rate versus Change in BDF Value chart. The detention storage rate to improve the project area was estimated to be 0.12 ac-ft of detention per acre of drainage area. For a total drainage area of 46.0 + 49.0 = 95.0 acres for the two areas analyzed in connection with this study and report, the total required detention volume was then determined to be 0.12 ac-ft/acre x 95 acres = 11.4 ac-ft. A detention basin depth of 6.5 ft (including 1 ft unusable freeboard) was used to estimate the total acreage of the detention basin, which includes 30-ft maintenance berms around the basin. The total area of the detention basin site was determined to be approximately 3.5 acres.

The cost estimate is presented in **Table 3-8**. The unit prices were taken from the City of Houston's *FY15 Pre-Engineering Bid Unit Prices*. The cost for land acquisition was estimated based on an approximate average HCAD value of \$15 per square ft in the area. A multiplier of 3 was then applied to the average HCAD value to estimate the land acquisition cost.

Table 3-8. Cost Estimate of Storm Sewer System Improvement for Project Area

| ITEM                       | DESCRIPTION                                     | UNIT  | UNIT PRICE  | QUANTITY | COST                |
|----------------------------|---|-------|-------------|----------|---------------------|
| 1                          | Remove Storm Sewer Pipe (All Types)             | LF    | \$15        | 5,693    | \$85,395            |
| 2                          | Remove Storm Sewer Box (All Types)              | LF    | \$15        | 0        | \$0                 |
| 3                          | Remove Inlets (All Types)                       | EA    | \$340       | 58       | \$19,720            |
| 4                          | Remove Manholes (All Types, All Depths)         | EA    | \$350       | 8        | \$2,800             |
| 5                          | Inlets (All Types)                              | EA    | \$2,150     | 58       | \$124,700           |
| 6                          | Manholes (42" Dia Pipe and Smaller) (All Types) | EA    | \$2,800     | 3        | \$8,400             |
| 7                          | Manholes (48" to 72" Dia Pipe) (All Types)      | EA    | \$6,000     | 5        | \$30,000            |
| 8                          | Manholes (78" Dia Pipe and Larger) (All Types)  | EA    | \$10,000    | 0        | \$0                 |
| 9                          | 24" RCP   | LF    | \$75        | 0        | \$0                 |
| 10                         | 30" RCP   | LF    | \$105       | 263      | \$27,615            |
| 11                         | 36" RCP   | LF    | \$126       | 1,746    | \$219,996           |
| 12                         | 42" RCP   | LF    | \$142       | 258      | \$36,636            |
| 13                         | 48" RCP   | LF    | \$173       | 0        | \$0                 |
| 14                         | 54" RCP   | LF    | \$221       | 1,560    | \$344,760           |
| 15                         | 60" RCP   | LF    | \$277       | 0        | \$0                 |
| 16                         | 66" RCP   | LF    | \$311       | 1,759    | \$547,049           |
| 17                         | 72" RCP   | LF    | \$355       | 0        | \$0                 |
| 18                         | 78" RCP   | LF    | \$425       | 0        | \$0                 |
| 19                         | 84" RCP   | LF    | \$500       | 0        | \$0                 |
| 20                         | 6'X6' RCB                                       | LF    | \$442       | 0        | \$0                 |
| 21                         | Trench Safety System                            | LF    | \$2         | 5,591    | \$11,182            |
| 22                         | Remove Pavement                                 | SY    | \$6         | 15,181   | \$91,088            |
| 23                         | 8" Reinforced Concrete Pavement                 | SY    | \$43        | 15,181   | \$652,797           |
| 24                         | Detention Pond (DRY)                            | AC-FT | \$20,000    | 11.4     | \$228,000           |
| 25                         | Detention Pond Land Acquisition                 | AC    | \$1,960,200 | 3.5      | \$6,860,700         |
| <b>COST</b>                |   |       |             |          | <b>\$9,290,838</b>  |
| <b>20% ANCILLARY ITEMS</b> |   |       |             |          | <b>\$1,858,168</b>  |
| <b>20% GENERAL ITEMS</b>   |   |       |             |          | <b>\$1,858,168</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL COST</b>          |   |       |             |          | <b>\$13,007,174</b> |

## 4.0 Conclusion

Based on the results of the analysis described in this report, the following conclusions are reached.

1. A significant portion of the City of West University Place is within the regulatory floodplain of Brays Bayou (HCFCD Channel D100-00-00) designated as Zone AE with defined flood elevations. Two of the four locations of interest, including the intersection of Wakeforest Avenue and Carolina Way and the intersection of Wakeforest at Pittsburgh Street, are located within the regulatory floodplain. In an extreme storm event, the floodplain is affected by the water from Brays Bayou (via overtopping of the channel banks and backwater through channels and storm sewer lines). Improving storm sewer systems alone in areas located within the regulatory floodplain would not solve the flooding issue caused by Brays Bayou.
2. The ponding intersections studied are located at low points along the roadway profile. Runoff water that exceeds the conveyance capacity of the storm sewer lines serving these areas cannot sheet-flow away, but accumulates and ponds at these intersections.
3. Most of these ponding intersections have sufficient inlet capacity. However, the intersection of Wakeforest Avenue at Pittsburgh Street was found to have insufficient inlet capacity.
4. The existing conveyance capacities of most storm sewer lines serving these locations of interest are not sufficient for the current standard 2-year design storm. These existing storm sewer lines will have to be upsized in order to satisfy the 2-year flow rate capacity requirement. The approximate storm sewer sizes required to convey the 2-year flow rates are presented in **Table 3-6**.
5. A further study using more detailed storm sewer system modeling tools is recommended to size the storm sewer lines in order to account for the slope of the storm sewer system with accurate storm sewer invert elevations, roadway and top of curb elevations, inlet throat elevations and measurements, and other important details. Such a detailed modeling study requires survey to obtain the existing storm sewer elevation data.

**Legend**

- Areas of Interest
- Street Profile
- ▭ West University Place City Limits
- HCFCD Channel

0 Feet 1,000



**EXHIBIT 1. AREAS OF INTEREST AND VICINITY MAP**

PRELIMINARY STORM SEWER DRAINAGE ANALYSIS FOR FOUR PONDING LOCATIONS IN WEST UNIVERSITY PLACE





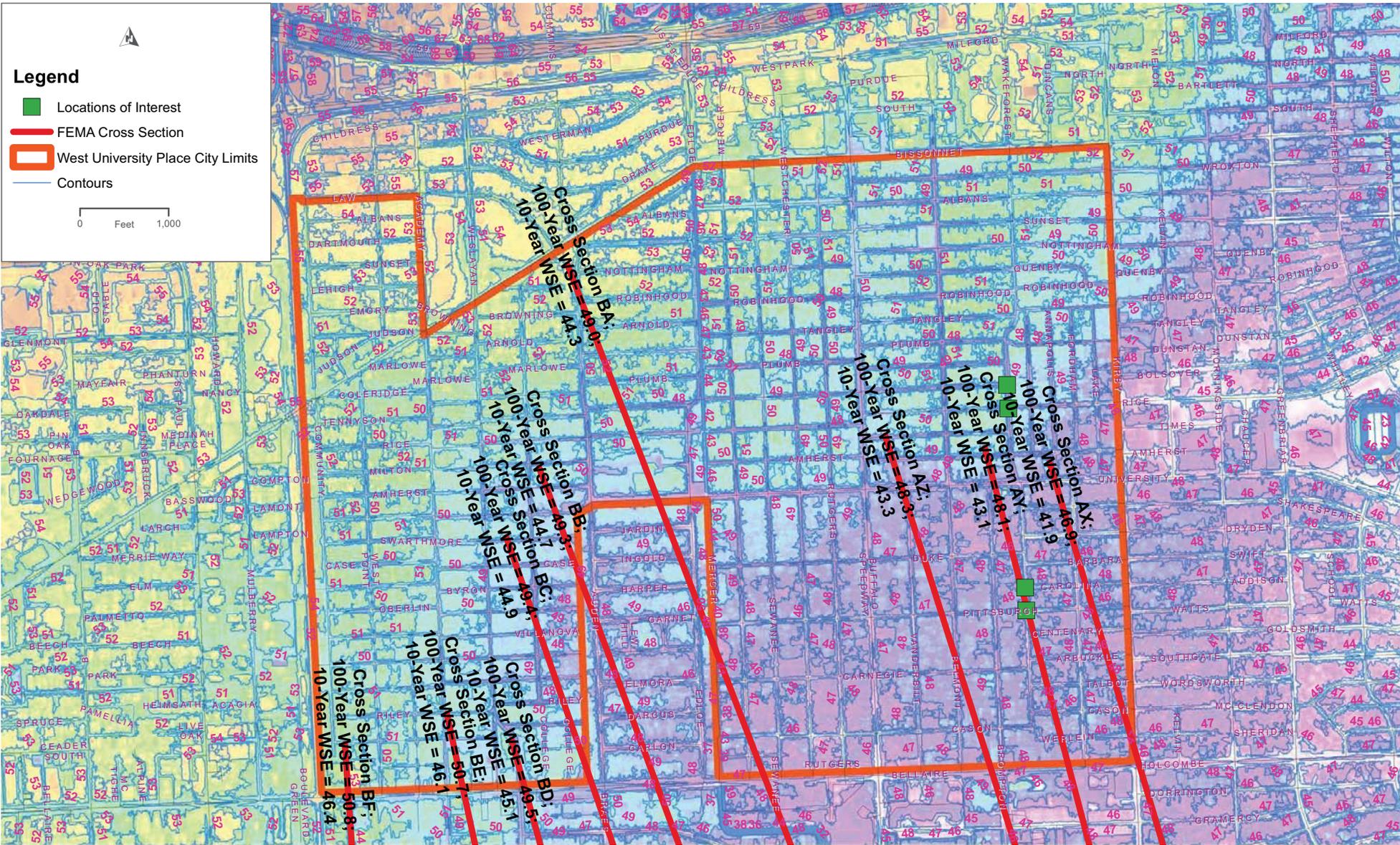


EXHIBIT 3. TOPOGRAPHIC MAP OF PROJECT AREA

PRELIMINARY STORM SEWER DRAINAGE ANALYSIS FOR FOUR PONDING LOCATIONS IN WEST UNIVERSITY PLACE



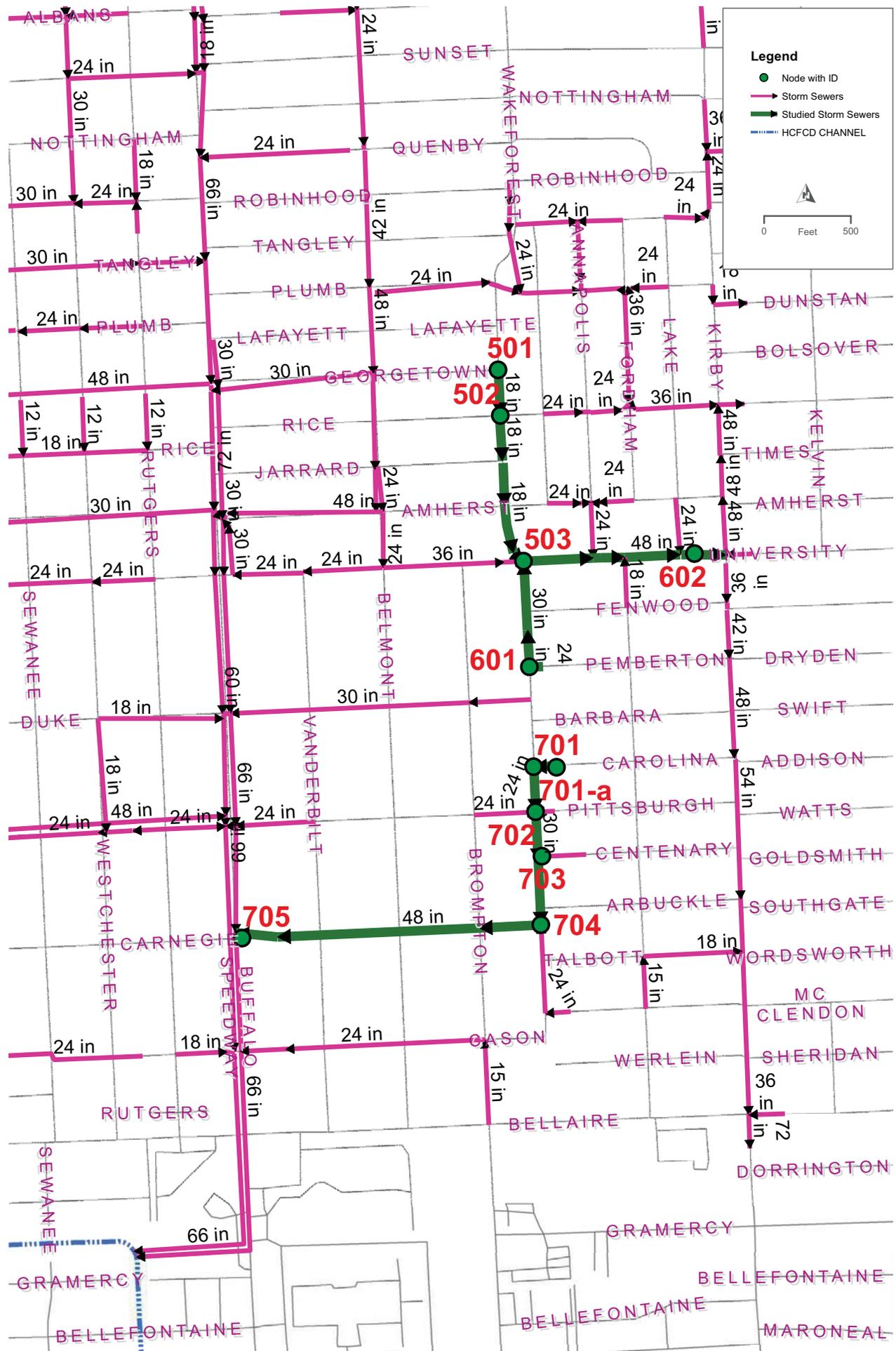


EXHIBIT 4. STORM SEWER LAYOUT IN PROJECT AREA

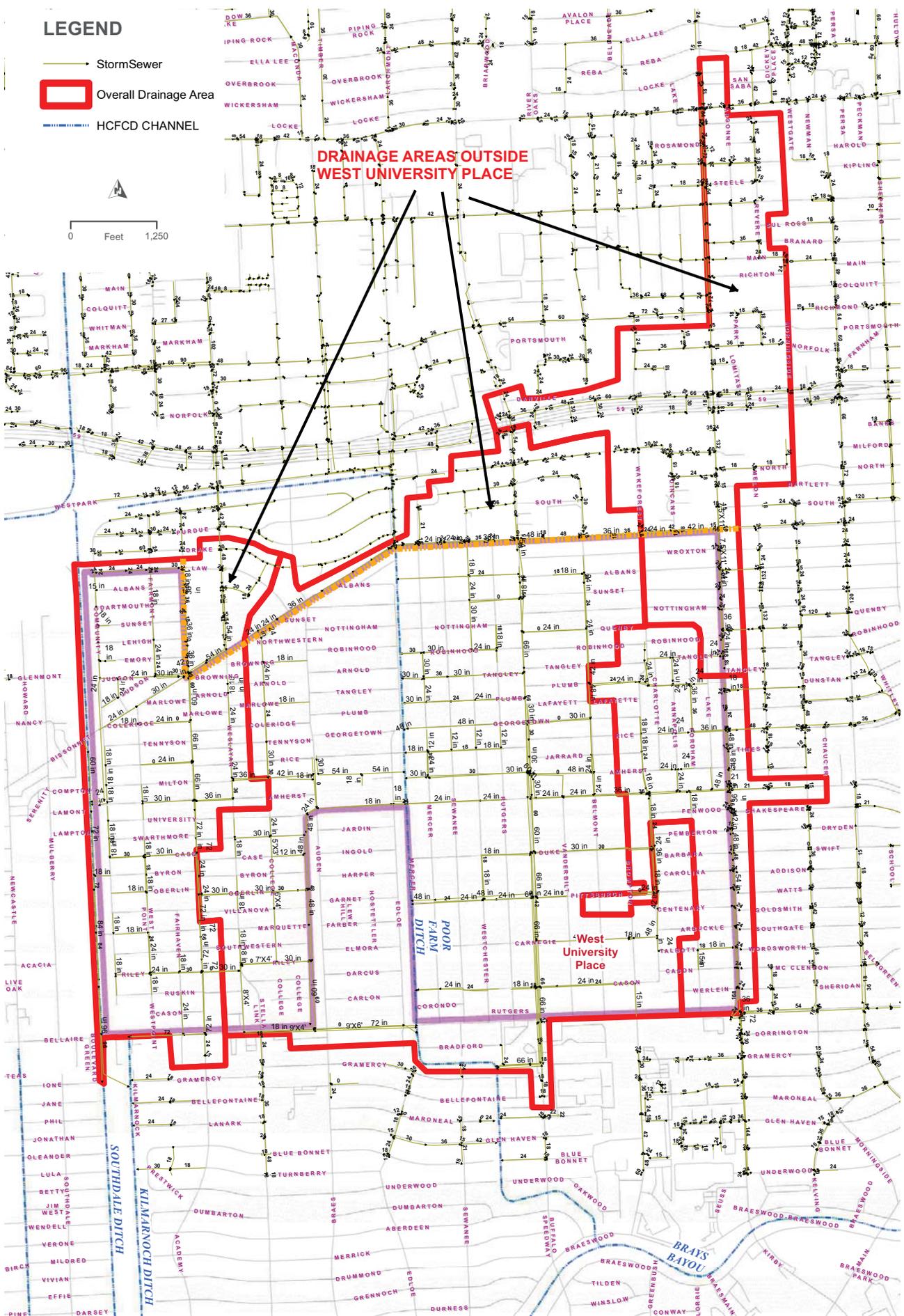
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**LEGEND**

-  StormSewer
-  Overall Drainage Area
-  HCFC D CHANNEL



**DRAINAGE AREAS OUTSIDE WEST UNIVERSITY PLACE**

0 Feet 1,250



**EXHIBIT 6. OVERALL DRAINAGE AREA MAP**  
**PRELIMINARY STORM SEWER DRAINAGE ANALYSIS FOR FOUR PONDING LOCATIONS IN WEST UNIVERSITY PLACE**

**LEGEND**

- Areas of Interest
- StormSewer
- Study Drainage Area
- HCFC CHANNEL

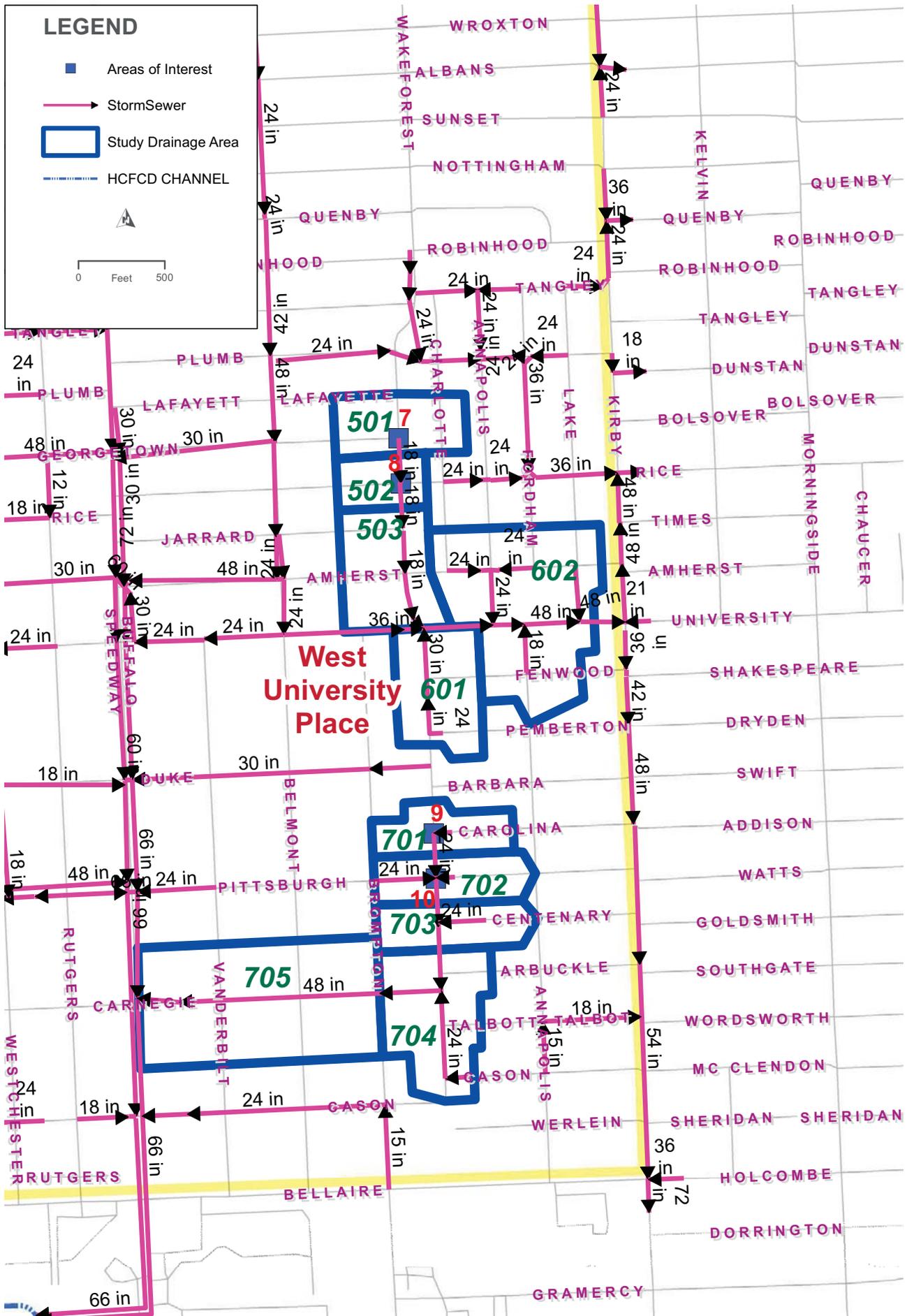


EXHIBIT 7. STUDY DRAINAGE AREA MAP  
 PRELIMINARY STORM SEWER DRAINAGE ANALYSIS FOR FOUR PONDING LOCATIONS IN WEST UNIVERSITY PLACE



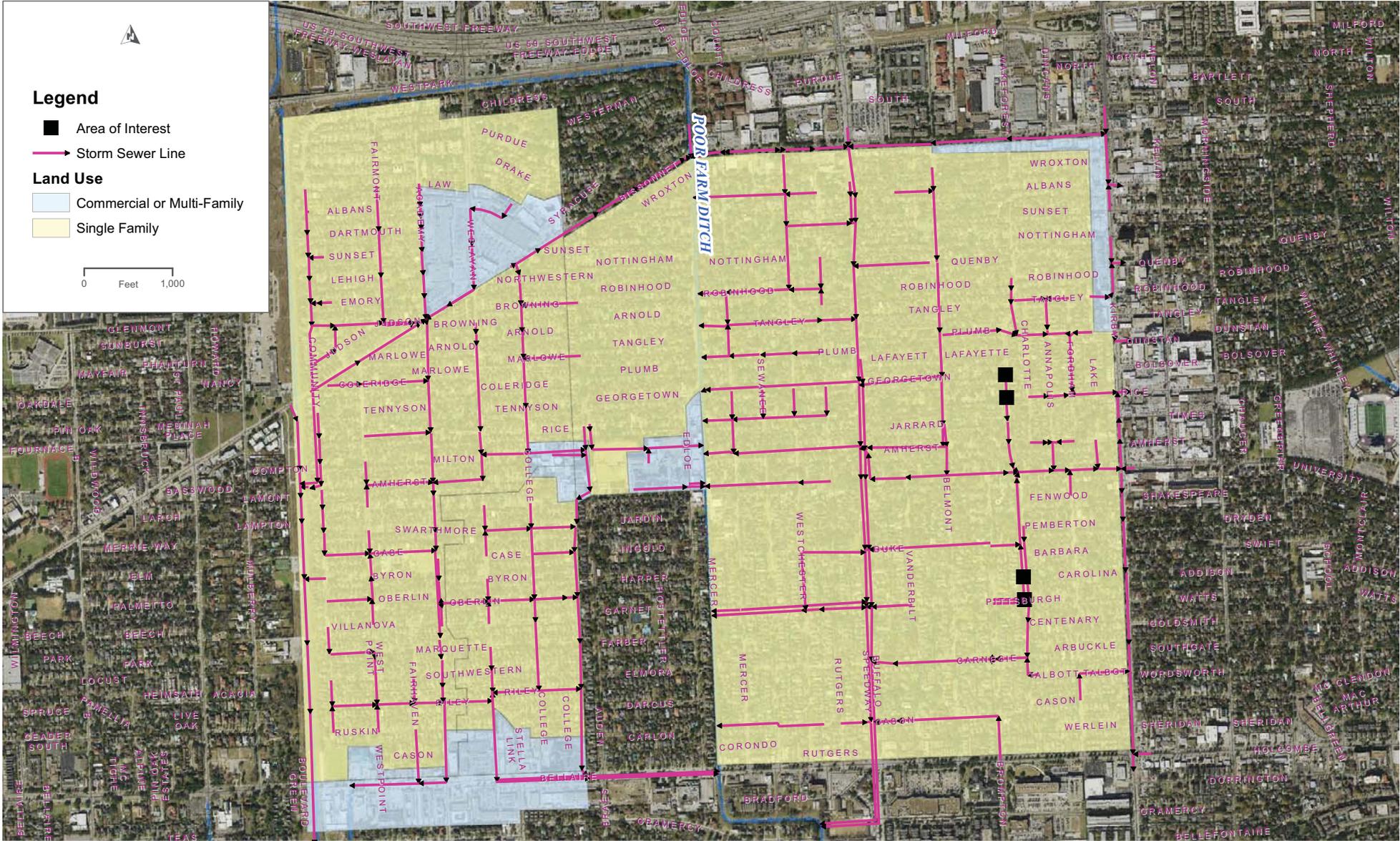


EXHIBIT 8. LAND USE TYPE MAP

PRELIMINARY STORM SEWER DRAINAGE ANALYSIS FOR FOUR PONDING LOCATIONS IN WEST UNIVERSITY PLACE

