

Montrose Public Meeting

Fall 2014 Route & Schedule Changes

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Montrose Transit Hub
 - Near Term Options
 - Long Term Objectives
- Proposed Route/Schedule Changes for Fall 2014



Introduction

Why are changes being proposed?

1. To respond to official requests
(Routes 1, 8, 50, and Call a Bus)
2. To respond to comments from METRO riders
(X60, X61, Call a Bus)
3. To improve the productivity of METRO services
(101, 111)
4. To differentiate METRO service types
(31, 101 re-numbering)

Introduction

Meeting Purpose:

1. Update status of Flight Memorial Drive layover
2. Explain proposed service changes for METRO's Fall 2014 Schedule
3. Obtain input from transit stakeholders on:
 - Montrose transit hub ideas
 - Service change proposals
4. Guide decision-making by METRO staff and Board of Trustees



Introduction

Public Meeting Schedule:

1. Tues. 4/15 1:00-3:00 PM – Robert K. Pfaff Transit Center
2. Tues. 4/15 4:00-6:00 PM – Green Central Administration Building
3. Wed. 4/16 3:00-5:30 PM – Fairlawn-Bath Library
4. Thurs. 4/17 3:30-5:00 PM – Stautzenberger College, Brecksville
5. Tues. 4/22 9:00-10:30 AM – Robert K. Pfaff Transit Center
6. Tues. 4/22 3:00-5:00 PM – Coventry Town Hall
7. Tues. 4/22 7:00-9:00 PM – New Franklin City Hall
8. Wed. 4/23 4:00-6:00 PM – Quality Inn Conference Center, 2940 Chenoweth Rd.
9. Thurs. 5/15, 4:00-6:00 PM – Fairlawn-Montrose ACME, joint w/AMATS

Montrose Transit Hub Options

- Near Term:

- Two off-street site options (Rothrock Rd)
- Bus circulation/layover for 3 to 4 buses
- Driver only restroom (temporary structure)
- Bus shelter(s) for passenger comfort

- Longer Term:

- More central, more visible hub location
- Convenient walk access to more destinations
- Permanent structure w/indoor waiting area
- Transit-oriented development

Montrose Transit Hub Options

Rolling Acres Transit Hub (Romig Road)

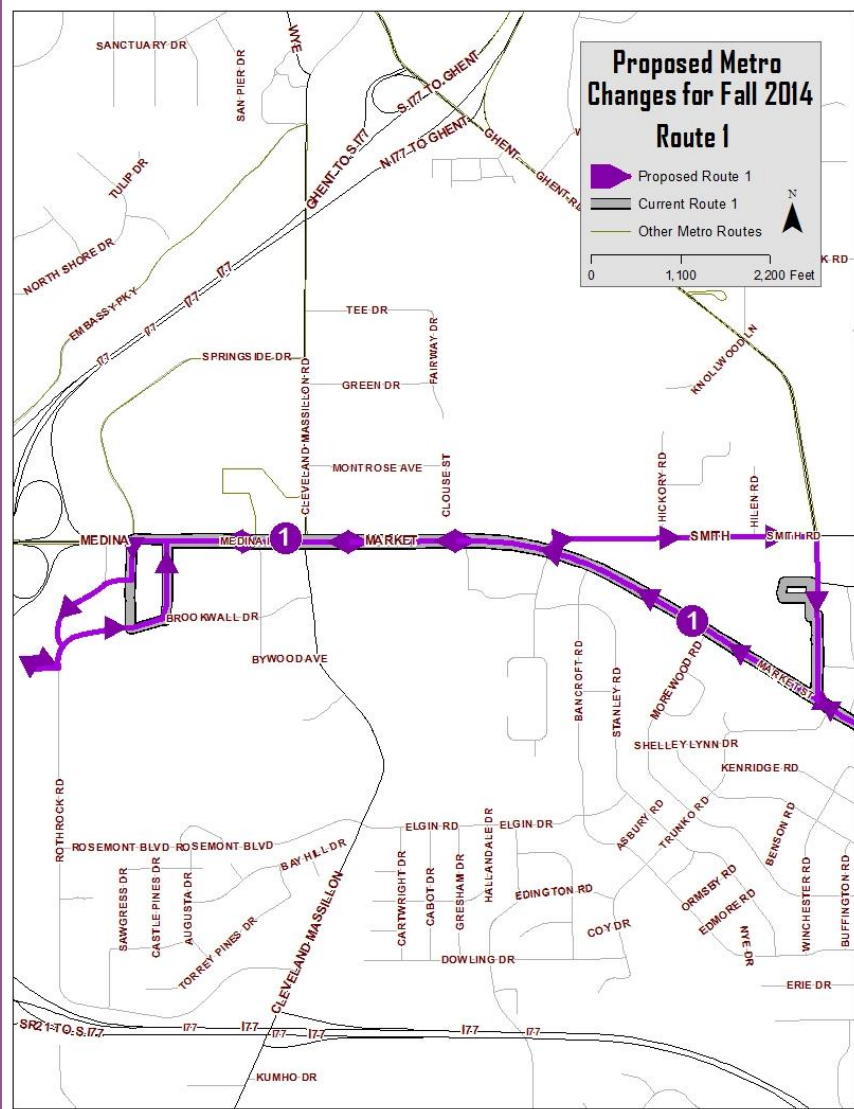


Montrose Transit Hub Options



Proposed Changes for Fall 2014

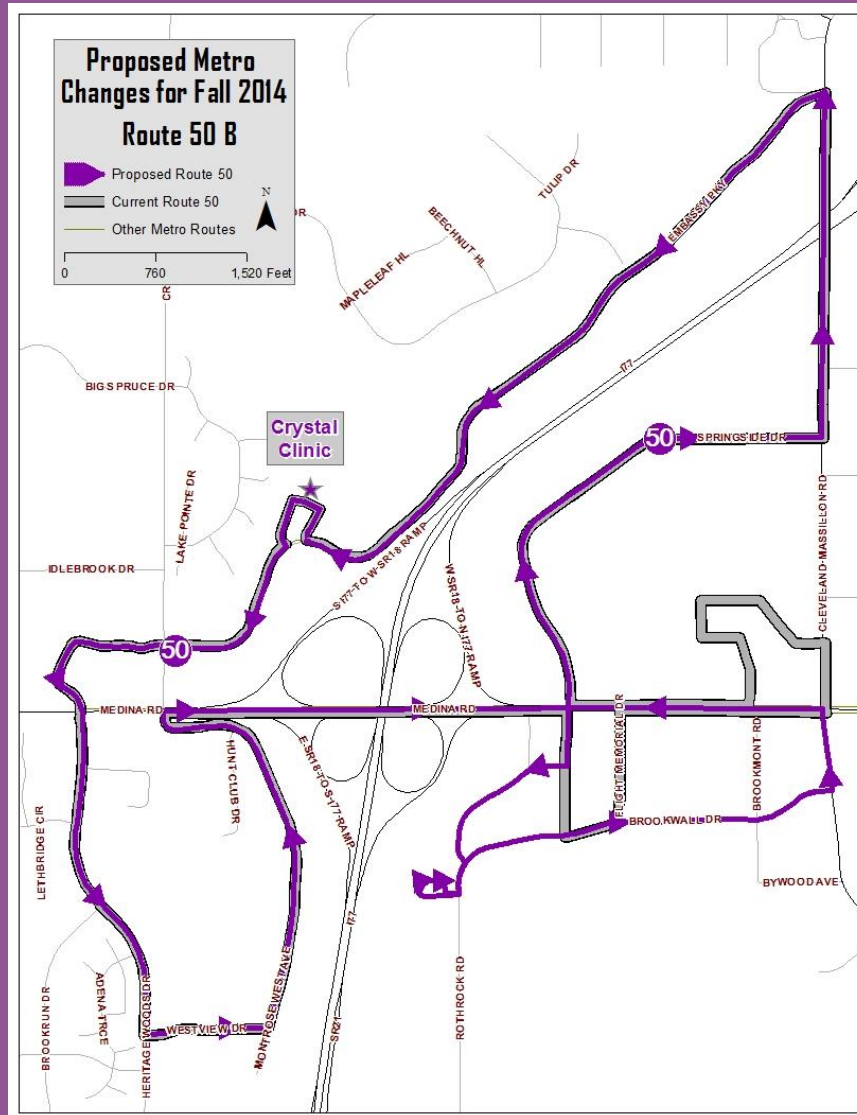
Route 1 – W. Market



- Eliminates Flight Memorial Drive layover
- Minimizes impacts for existing riders
- Increases coverage and accessibility
- Improves safety and pedestrian access to Summit Mall

Proposed Changes for Fall 2014

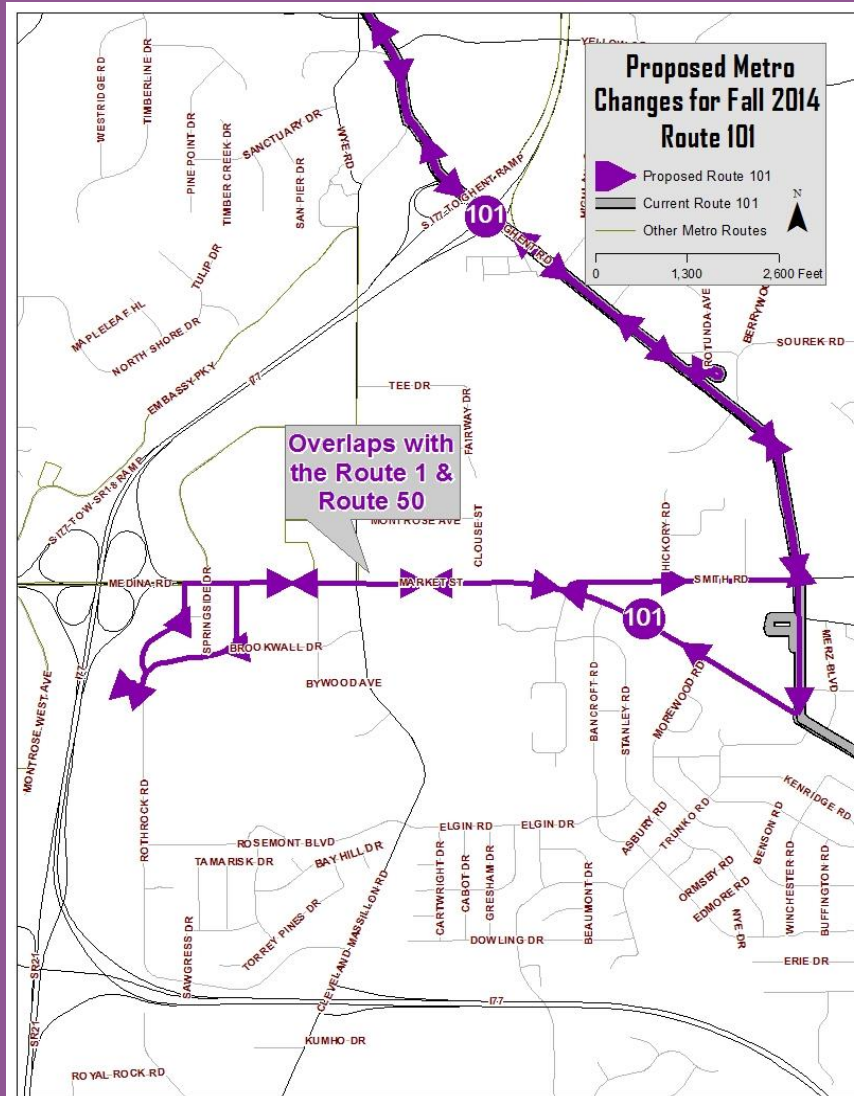
Route 50 – Montrose Circulator



- Extends to proposed new Montrose Hub
- Removes Flight Memorial Dr. & W. Market Plaza loops
- Adds Rothrock and Brookwall service
- Similar running time to existing route

Proposed Changes for Fall 2014

Route 101 – Richfield/Bath



- Originates at proposed new Montrose hub
- Maintains coverage for Bath & Richfield
- Maintains connection to GCRTA # 77F Brecksville
- Transfer required to reach RKP (#1 or X61)
- Re-number 101 to #51 (circulator route number)

Proposed Changes for Fall 2014

Schedule for Service Changes:

- **May 28** METRO Board Meeting
- June 13 Deadline for Changes
- June 14 – July 11 Service Scheduling
- July 12- August 12 Prepare Final Schedule
- August 11-12 Operator Bid
- **August 24** Fall Schedule Starts

Questions & Answers

MONTROSE MULTI-MODAL CONNECTIVITY PLAN

AMATS Connecting Communities Grant – Public Meeting #1



Great Response

- 740 total responses (August 2013 thru March 2014)
- Over half of respondents live in Bath, Copley or Fairlawn
- 67% of respondents visit Montrose more than once a week

Vehicular Circulation

- 98.6% of respondents get to Montrose by car
- 64% thought there was the right number of parking spaces
- Unconnected parking lots are the biggest obstacle to driving in and around Montrose
- 88% found it difficult to drive between stores

Transit

- Only 11% of respondents (~85 people) said they were familiar or very familiar with the bus service
 - 63% were not familiar at all
- 67% said they would never use a shuttle bus service if one existed

Bicycle & Pedestrian

- Safety (traffic) was the main obstacle to walking and biking in Montrose
- 70% of respondents would like more sidewalks and crosswalks
- Crossing St. Rt. 18 was not considered an option in its current state, unless some pedestrian infrastructure was added

Land Use & Aesthetics

- Only 4% found Montrose visually appealing
- 77% of respondents would like to see more landscaping

Completed

- ✓ Project “Kick-Off” Meeting (12/04/13)
- ✓ Stakeholder Meetings #1 (03/04/14)
- ✓ Existing Conditions & Inventory Assessment

Current

- ✓ Stakeholder Meeting #2 (04/29/14)
- ✓ Existing Conditions & Inventory Analysis
- Public Meeting #1 (05/15/14)

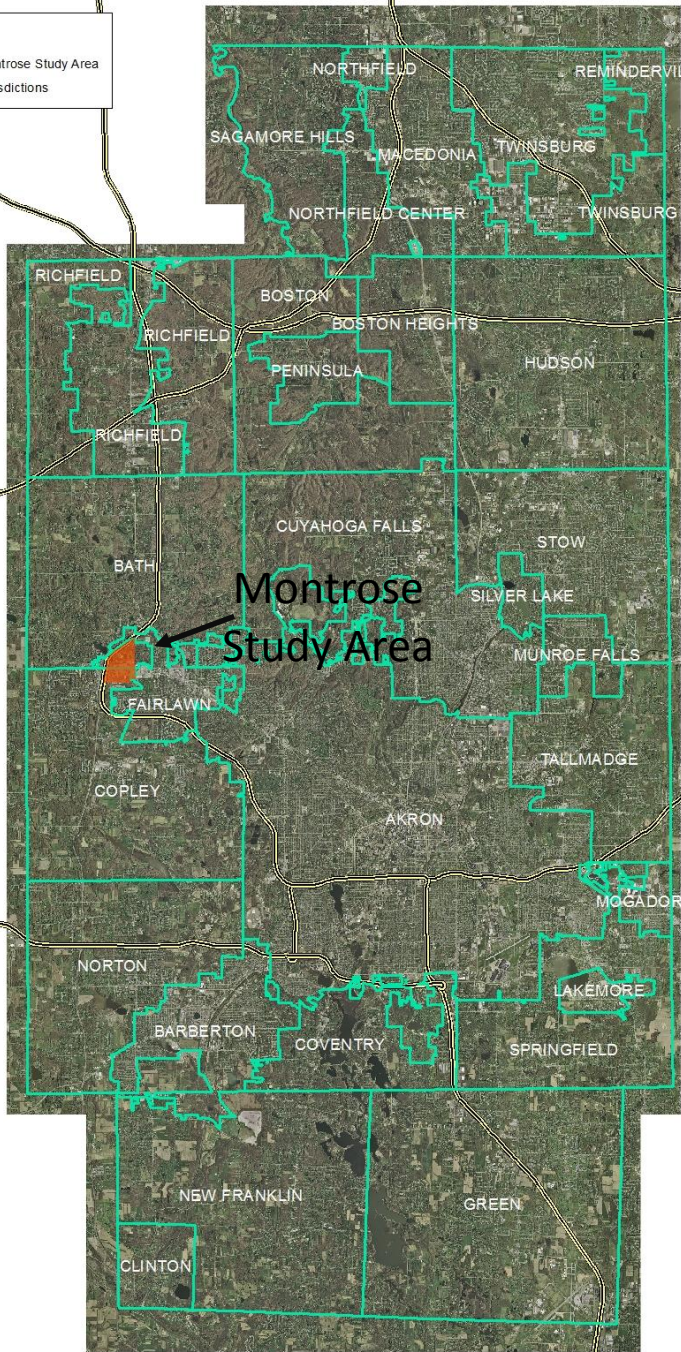
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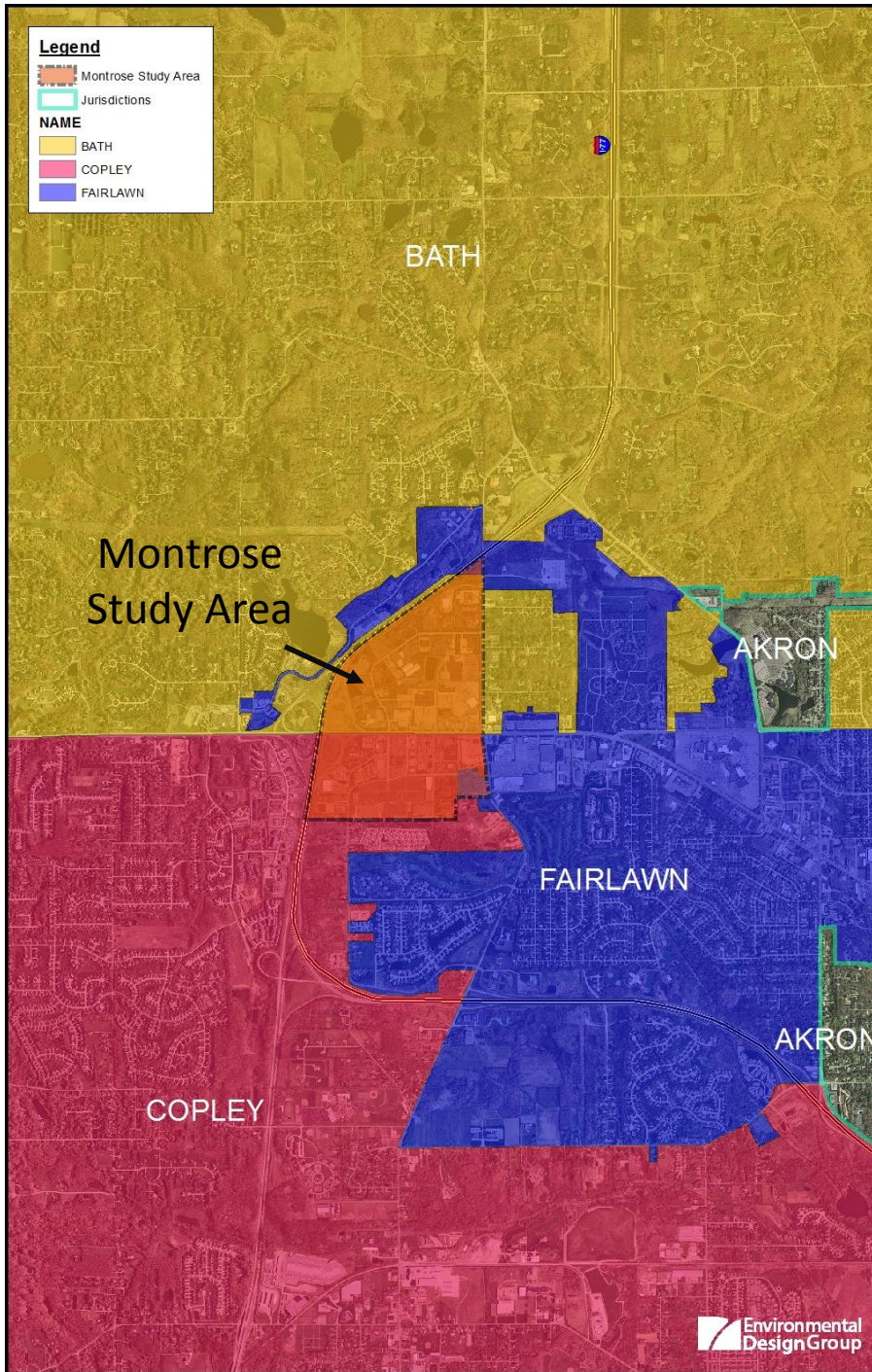
- Multi-Modal Transportation Plan August 2014
- Stakeholder Meeting #3 August 2014
- Business Retention Plan October 2014
- Aesthetic Plan October 2014
- Public Meeting #2 (TBD)
- Final Plan November 2014
- Stakeholder Meeting #4 November 2014

EXISTING CONDITIONS

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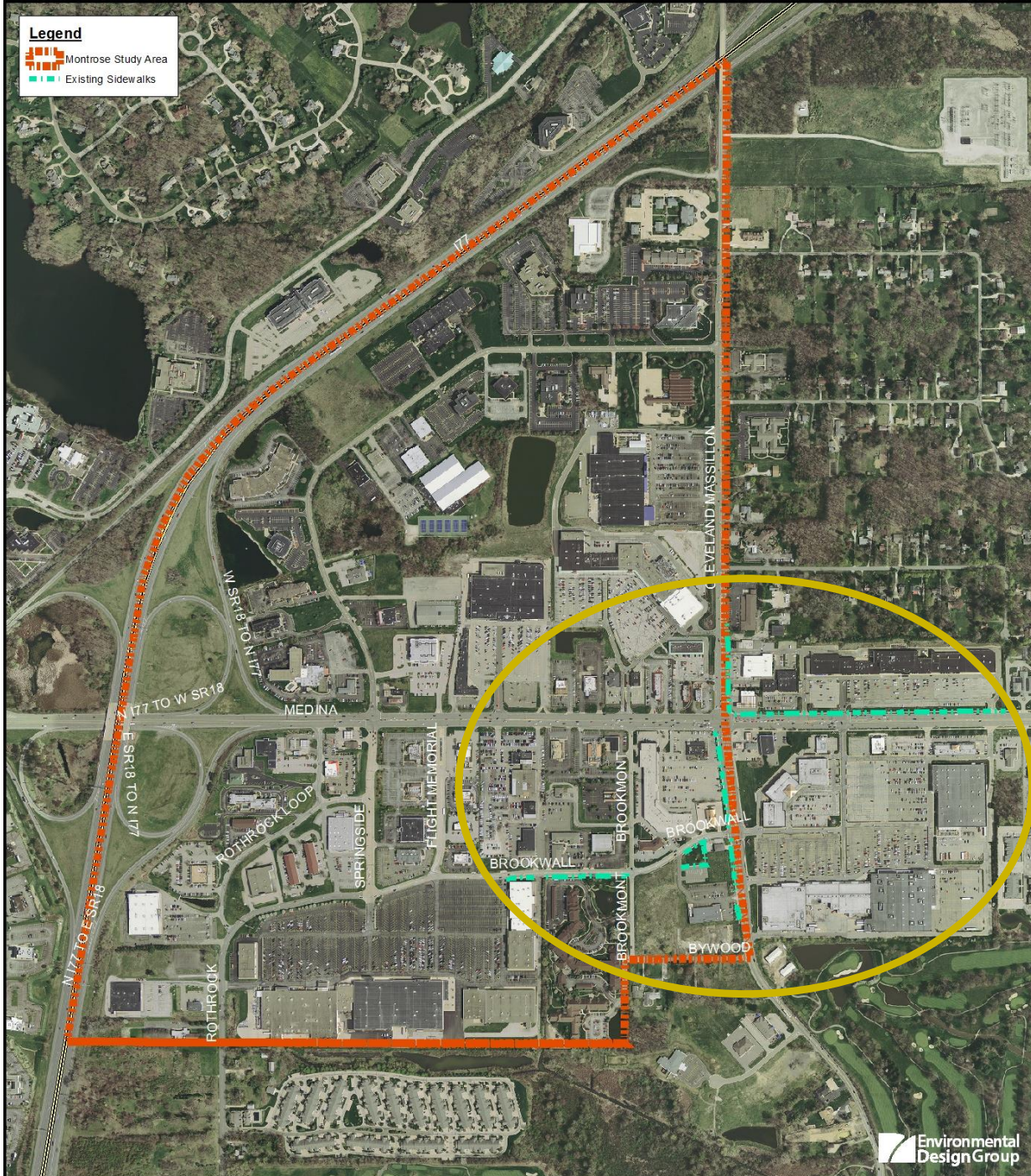
- Montrose Study Area
- Jurisdictions



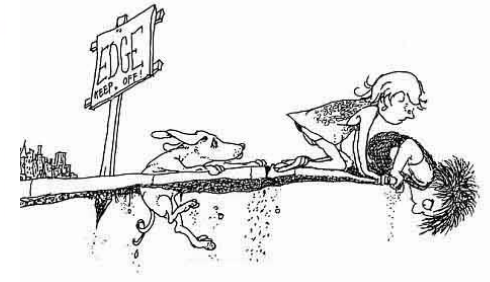


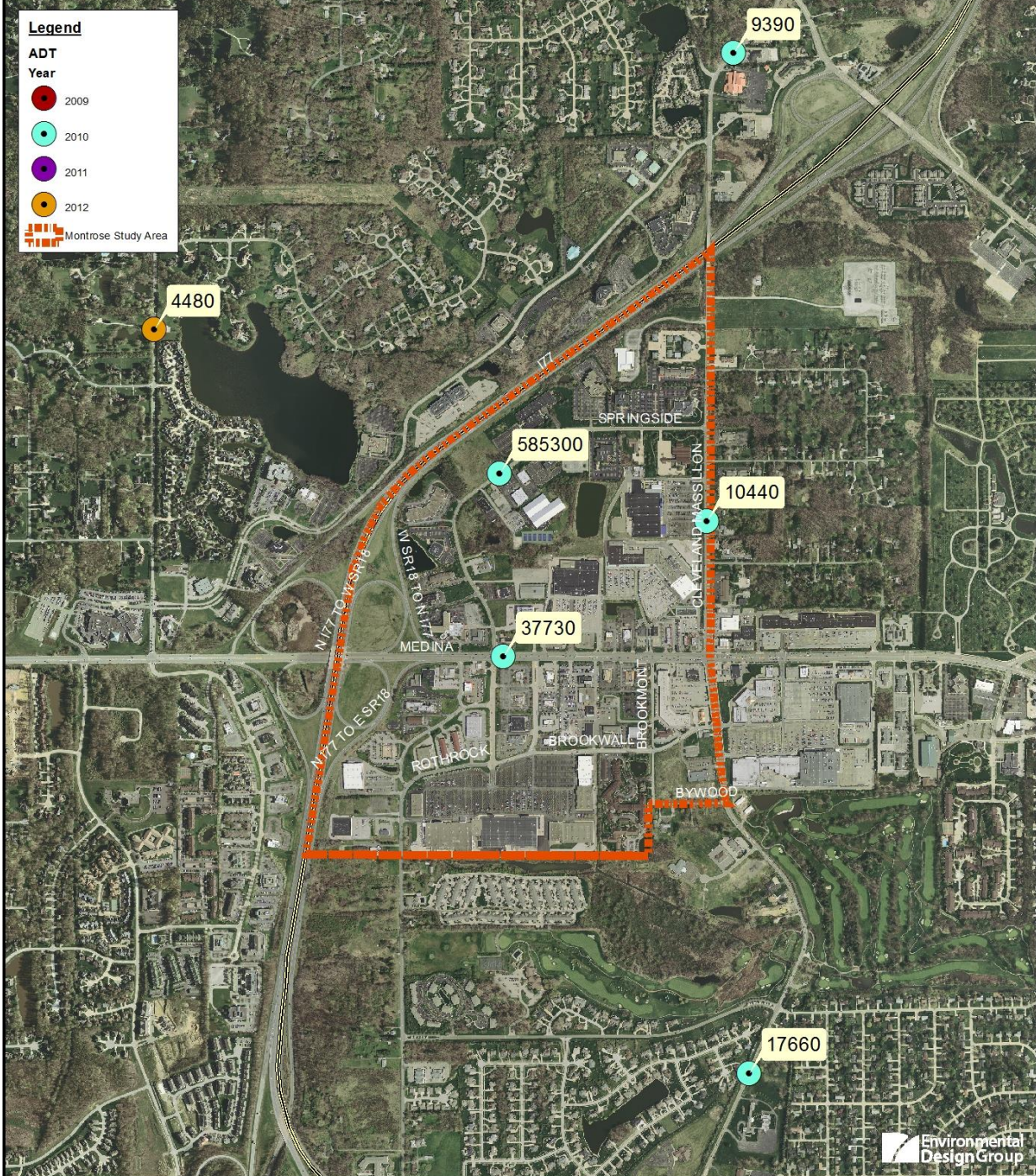
➤ 17,000,000 sq. ft.
= 390.26 acres

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 ■ Montrose Study Area
 ■ Existing Sidewalks

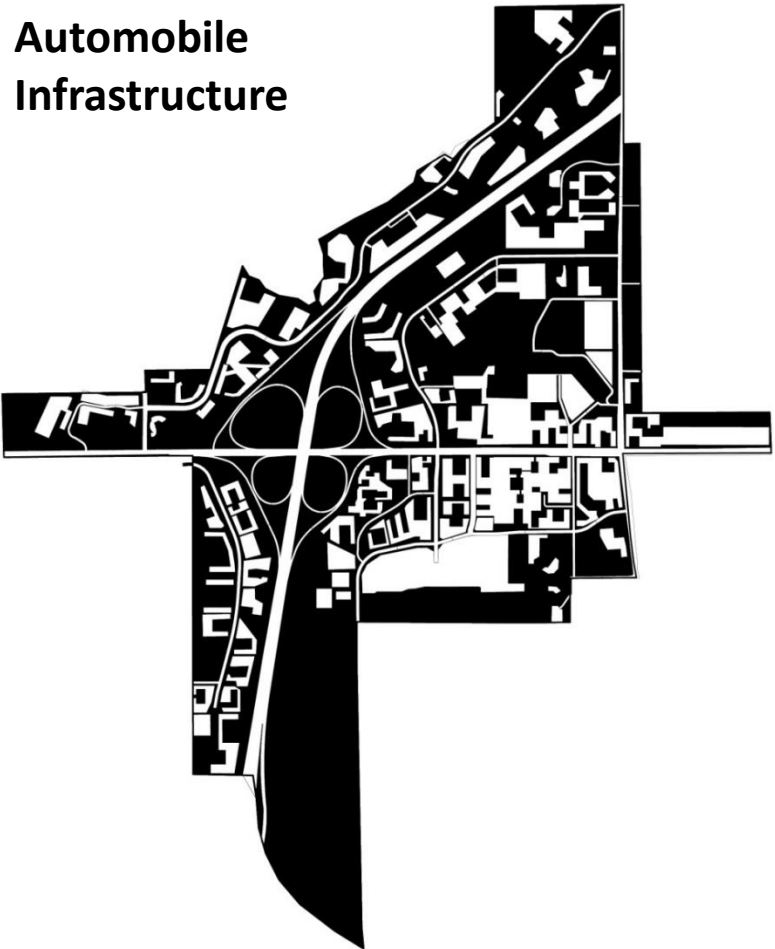


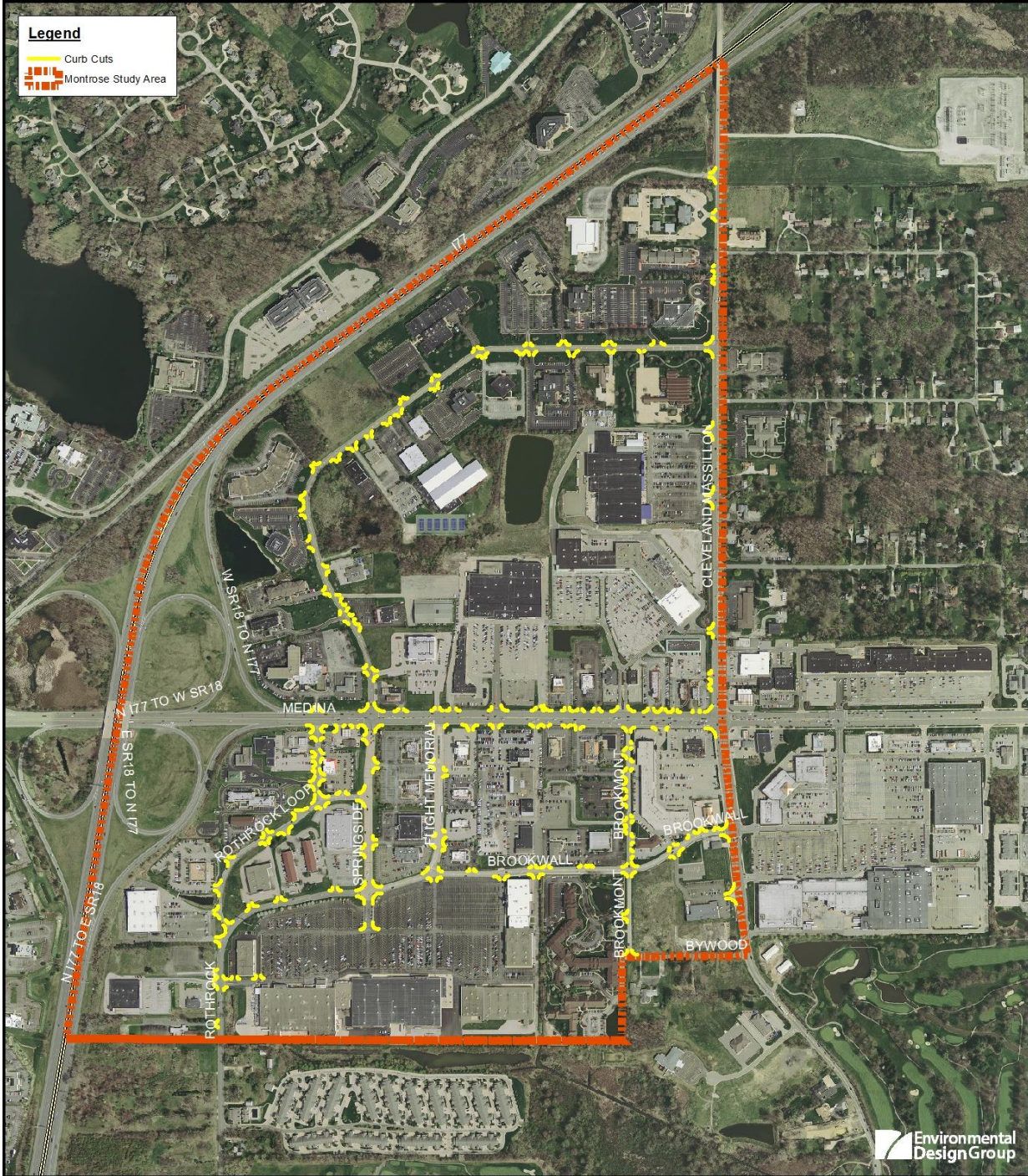
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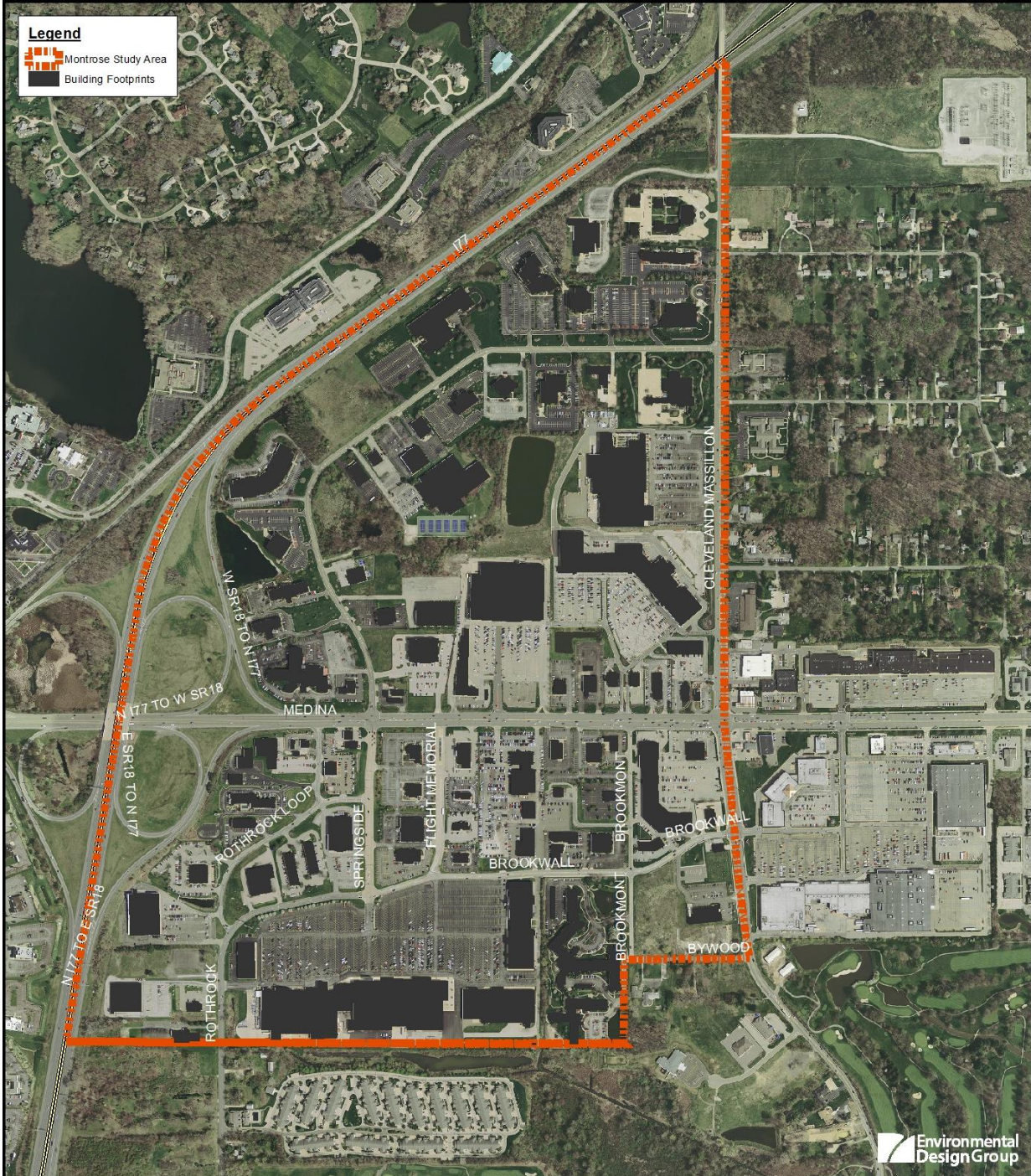
**Automobile
Infrastructure**





➤ 120+ Curb Cuts

Legend
Montrose Study Area
Building Footprints



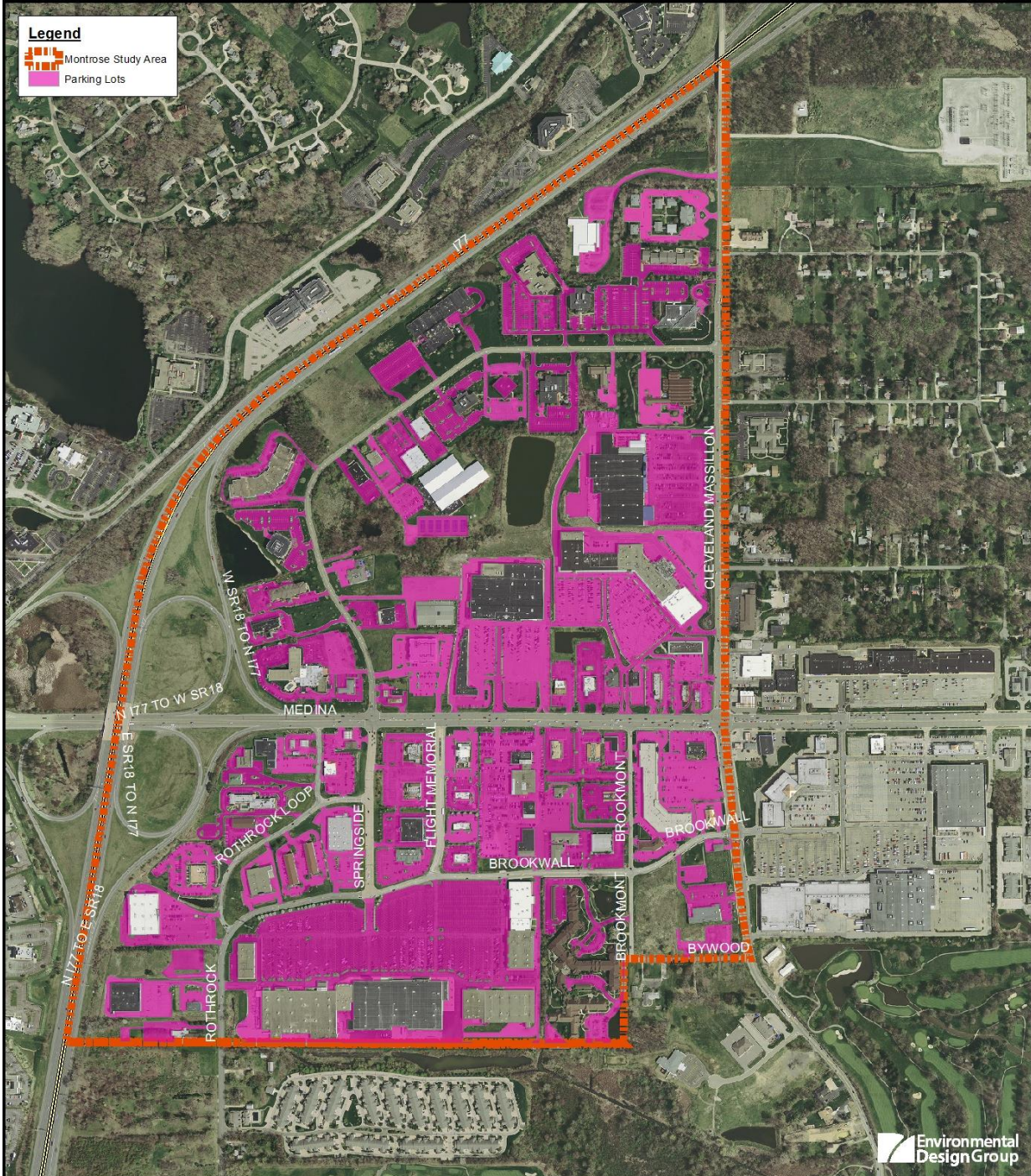
➤ 2,384,632.6 sq. ft.
= 54.7 acres

= 41.4 American
Football Fields

BUILDING FOOTPRINTS

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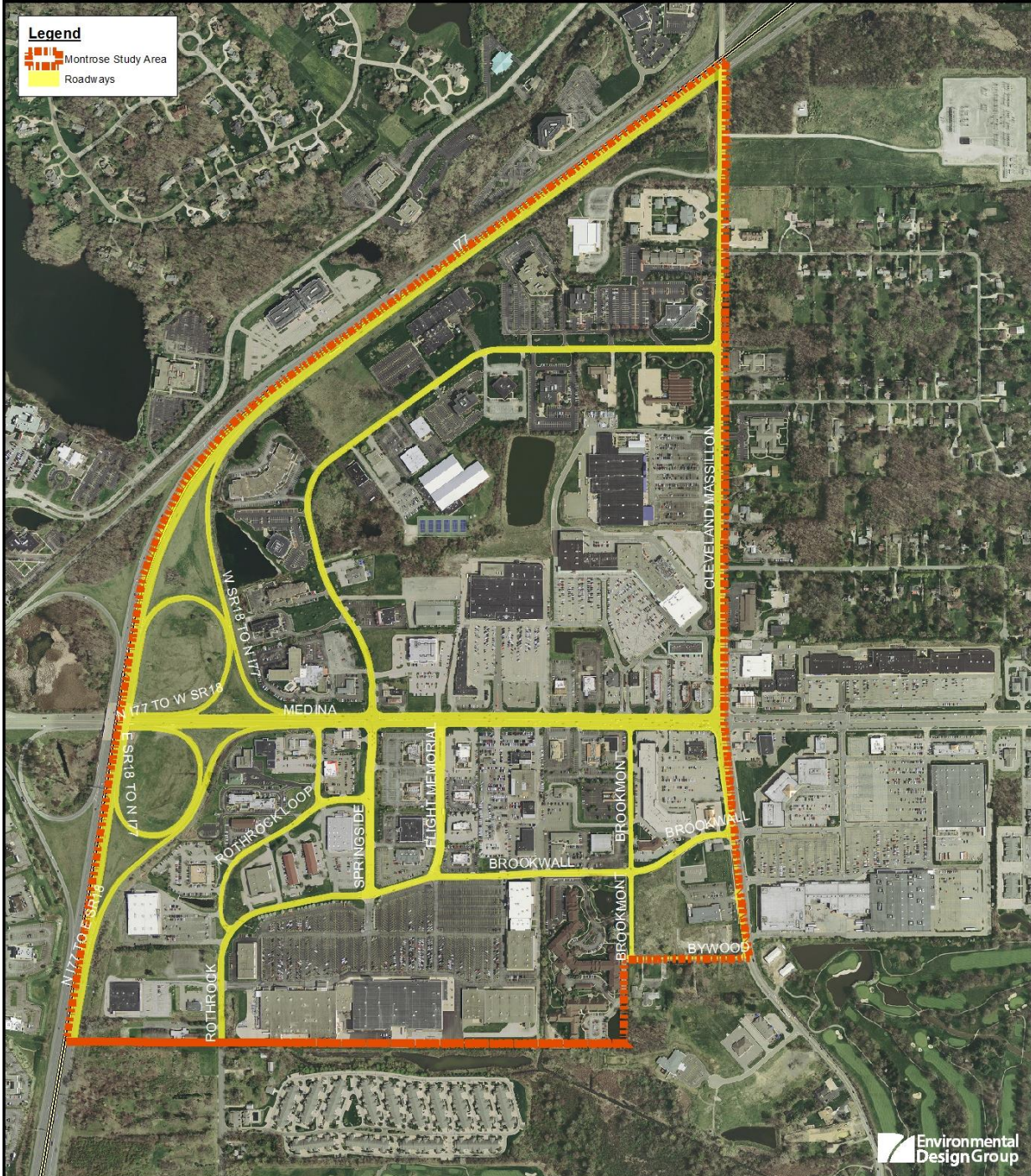
- Montrose Study Area
- Parking Lots



- 6,349,058.6 sq. ft.
= 145.75 acres

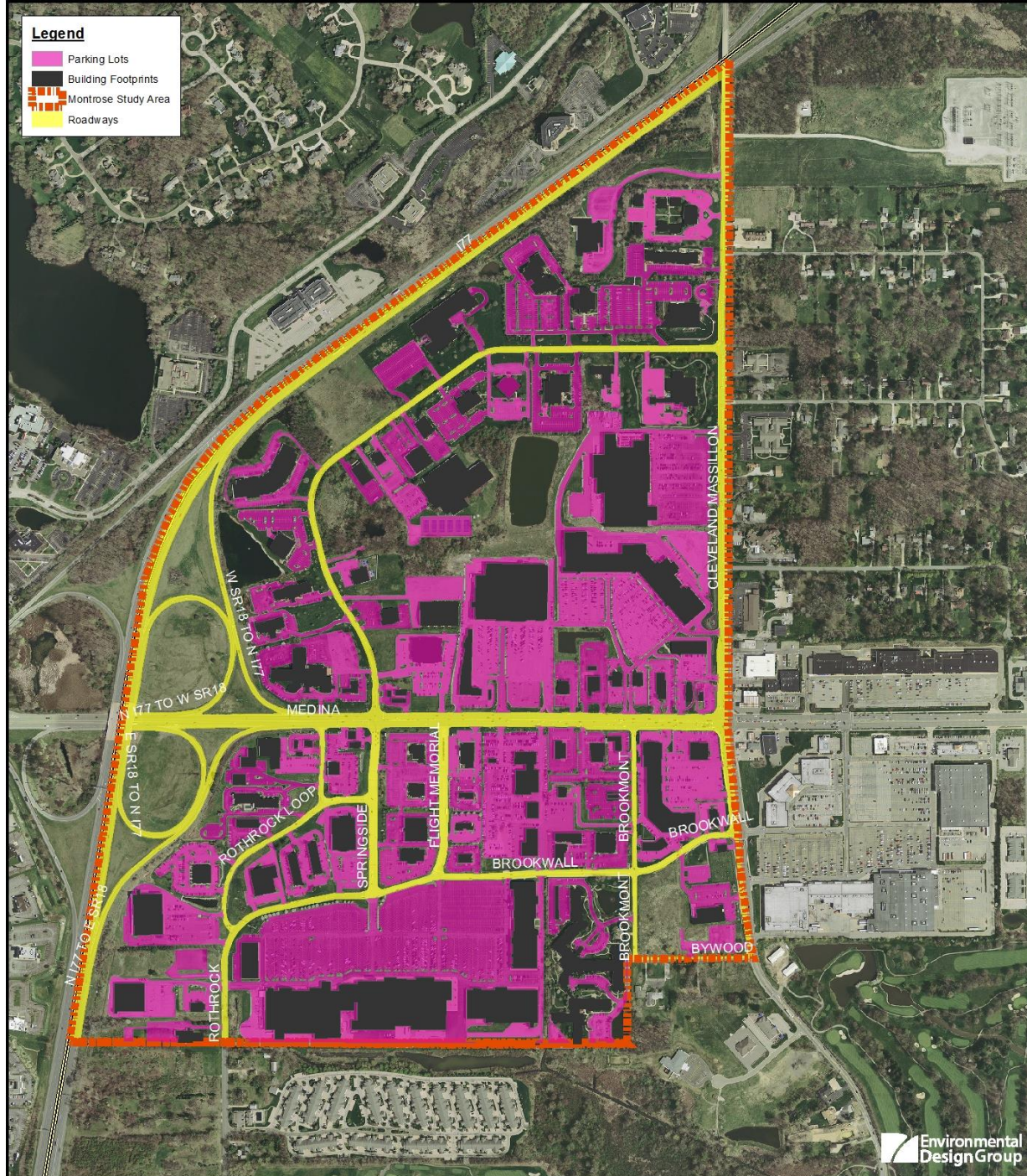
= 110.4 American
Football Fields

Legend
Montrose Study Area
Roadways



➤ 175,000 sq. ft.
= 4.02 acres

PUBLIC ROADWAY



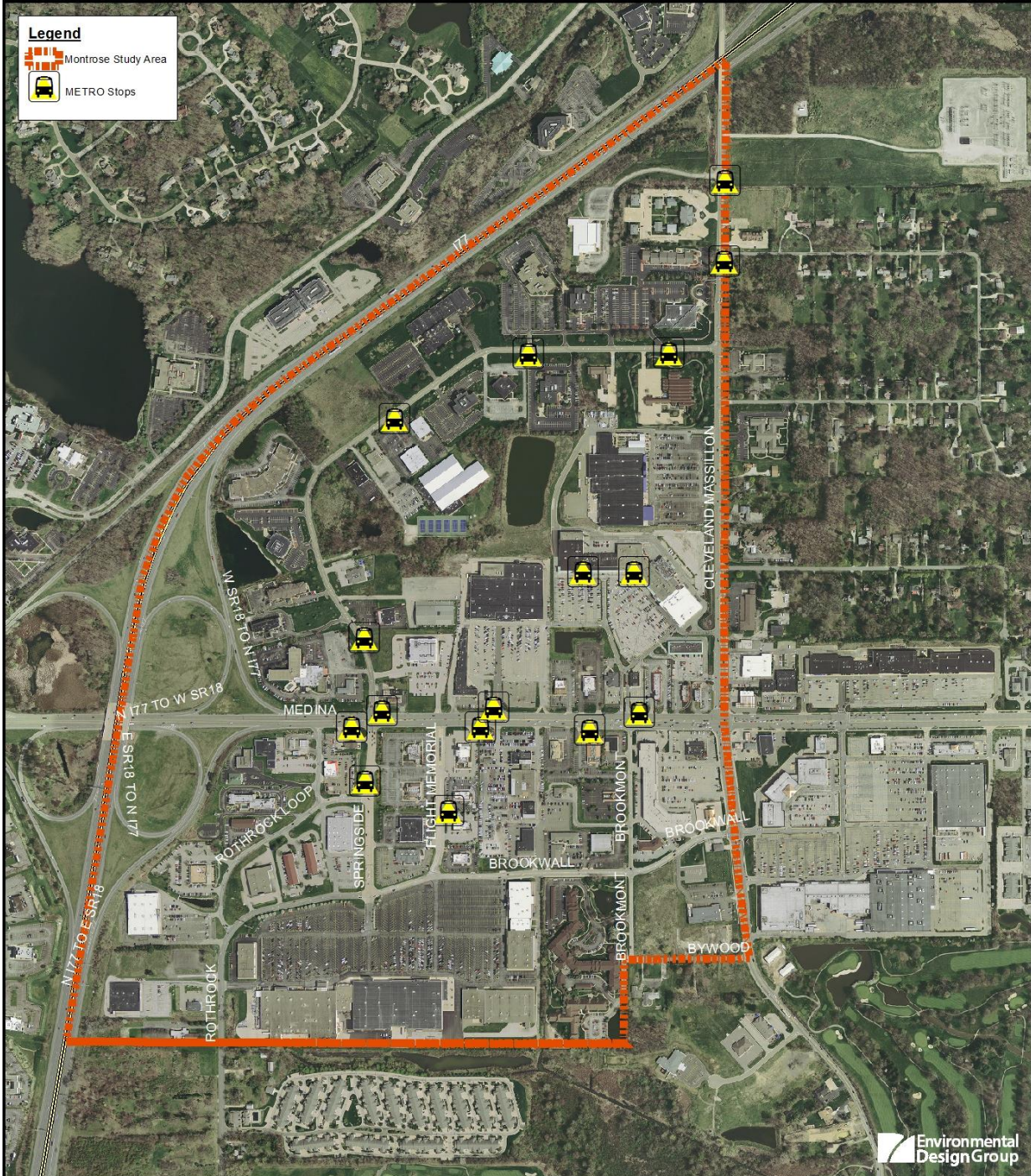
- 8,908,691.2 sq. ft.
= 204.52 acres

= 154.94 American Football Fields
- 39.7% of the Study Area is Impervious

Legend

 Montrose Study Area

 METRO Stops



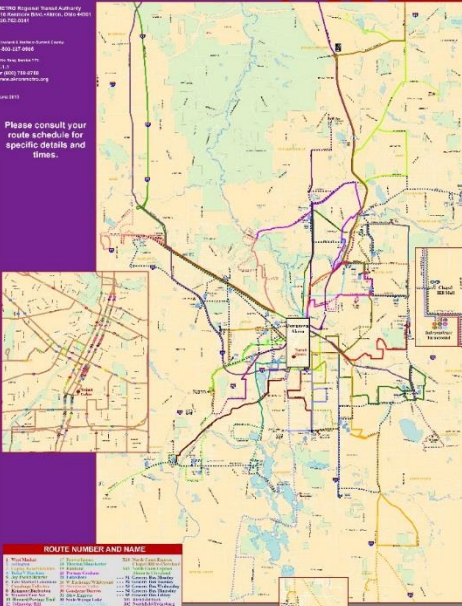
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County-wide System Map

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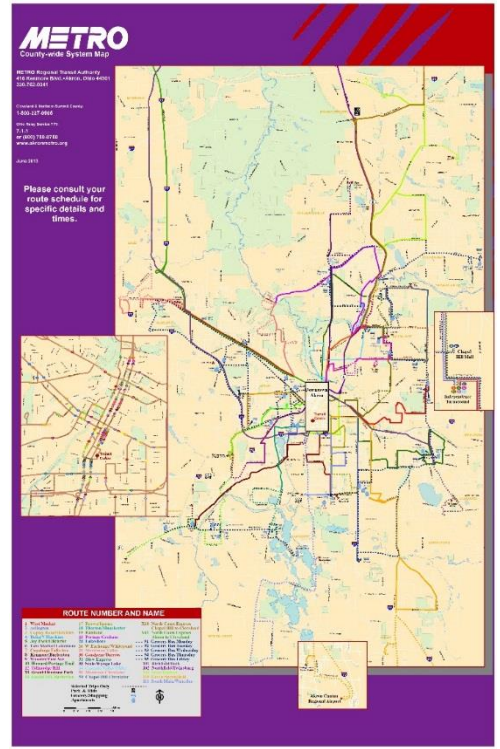
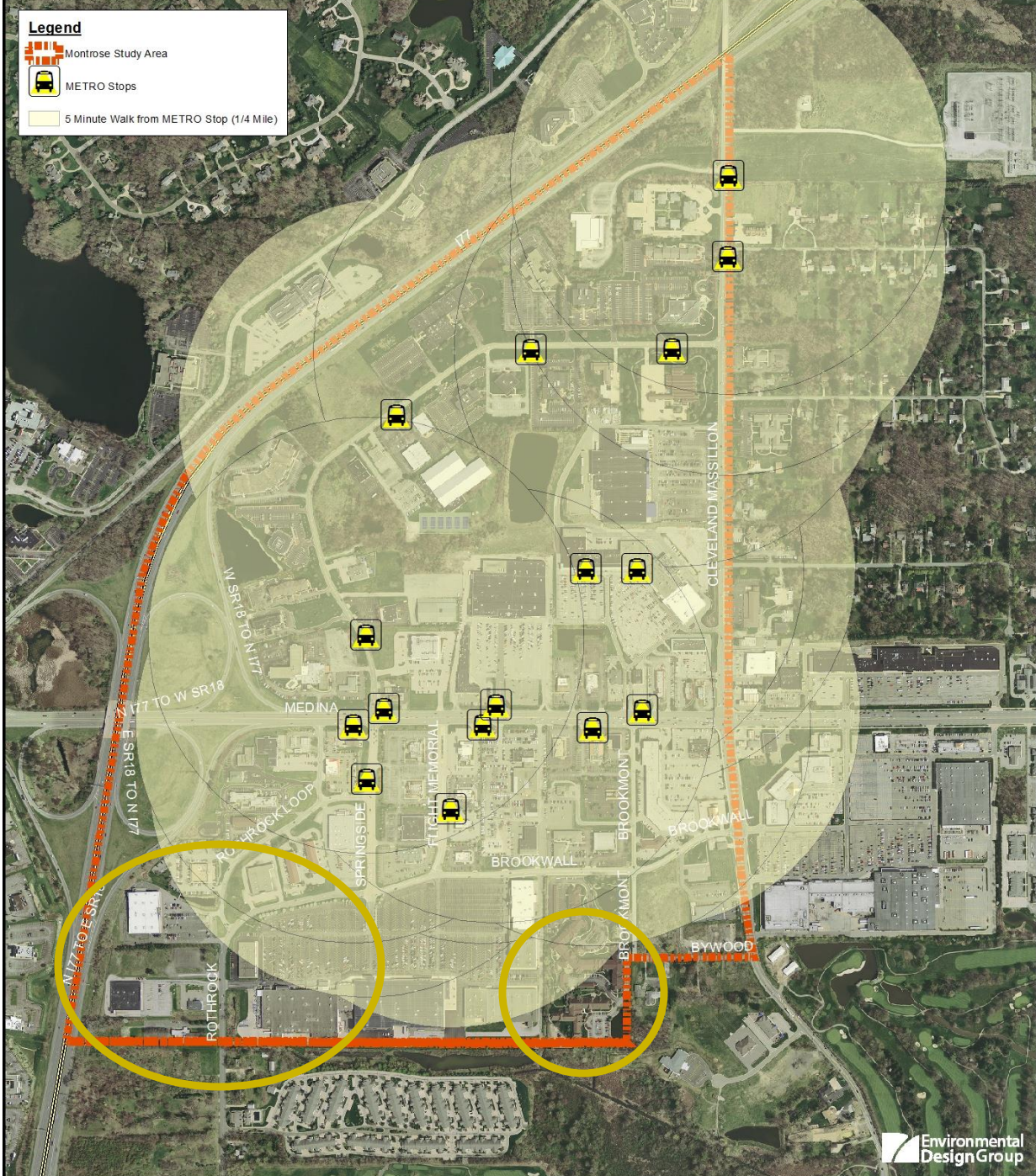
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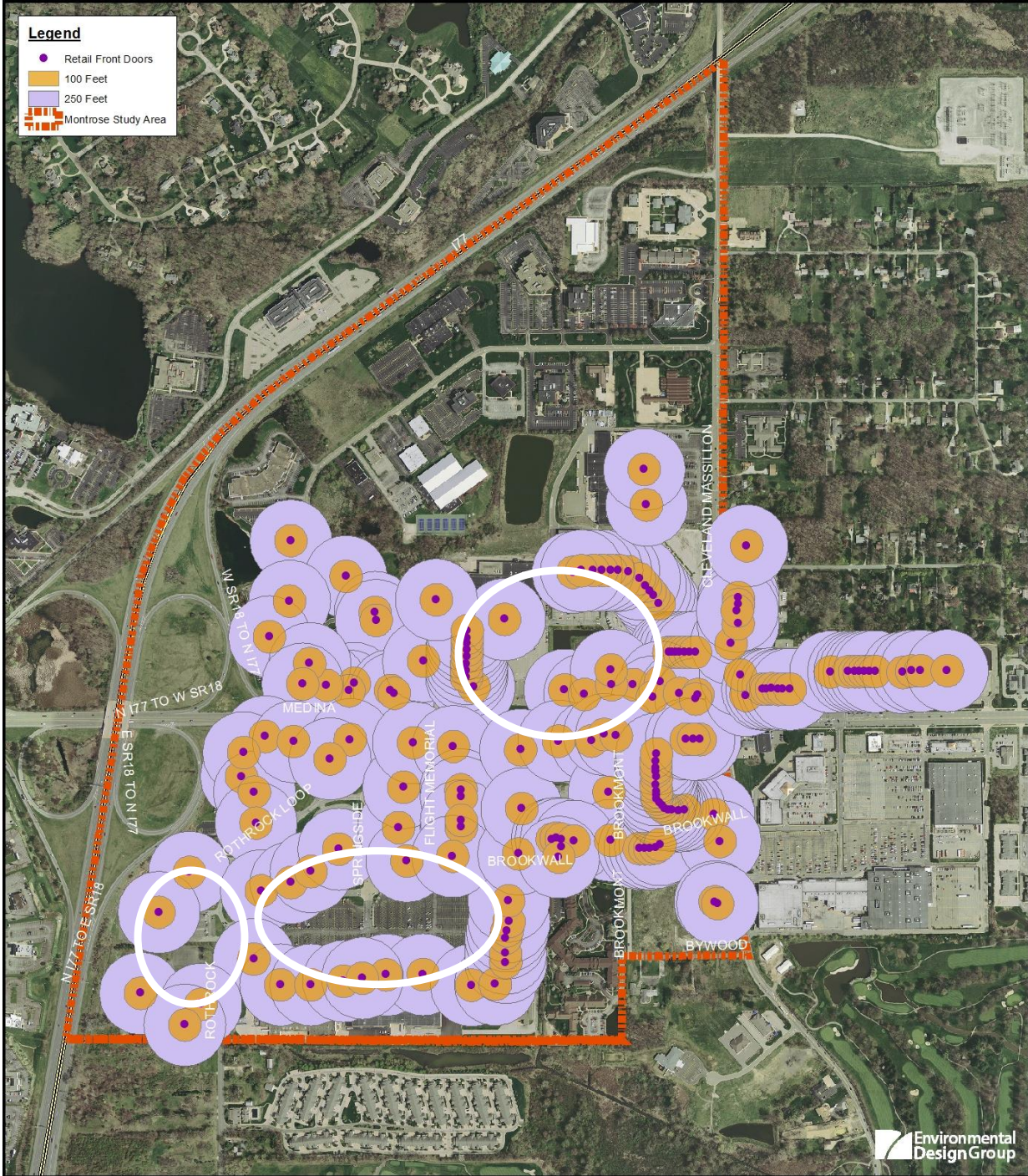
Legend

- Retail Front Doors
- 100 Feet
- Montrose Study Area



RETAIL DOOR-TO-DOOR (100 FEET)

RETAIL DOOR-TO-DOOR (250 FEET)



BREAK-OUT GROUPS

- Table #1 - Transit Routes
- Table #2 - Pedestrian / Bike
- Table #3 - Traffic / Auto / Access Management
- Table #4 - Land Use / Aesthetics

Possible Discussion Items:

- What areas do you like in Montrose? Why?
- What areas need improvement in Montrose? Why?
- What amenities are needed in Montrose?
- What facilities are needed for pedestrians/bicyclists/transit users?

