



Controlled Hunting Program: Rules and Regulations

- If the permittee cannot participate, the permit may be transferred to another hunter before the start of their permit window.
- Each permittee may select one (1) partner per day.
- The permittee is required to be present in order for the selected partner to hunt.
- This permit authorizes a maximum of 2 hunters (permittee + partner) per day. Additional non-hunting persons are not permitted to participate in the hunt or venture off-trail.
- Permit valid for the dates listed on the permit only.
- Permittee and partner are responsible for obtaining necessary permits, license, endorsements, and stamps. Refer to the Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations.
- Permittees may not actively pursue game outside of their assigned hunt unit.
- Permit must be carried by the permittee and partner (if applicable) while in use. Digital copies are sufficient.
- Permits must also be visibly displayed on the vehicle dashboard while participating in the hunt.
- All applicable hunting regulations set forth by the Division of Wildlife must be adhered to at all times.
- All applicable MetroParks Rules and Regulations must be adhered to at all times.
- Only white-tailed deer may be harvested.
- Off-trail scouting is not permitted outside of your allotted permit window.
- Permittees and their partner may each harvest up to nine (9) deer as part of this controlled hunt by utilizing their three (3) deer bag limit allotted for Mahoning County and an additional six (6) deer management permits. The use of deer management permits as part of a controlled hunt to harvest antlerless deer does not count towards the bag limit for the county in which this hunt occurs, nor the statewide bag limit of six deer.
- Each permittee and their partner may harvest (1) antlered deer, utilizing an either-sex permit assuming they have not previously harvested an antlered deer in the same hunting season (only 1 antlered deer permitted per person statewide regardless of harvest method/location per ODOW regulations).
- Permittees and their partners may only use archery equipment legal to harvest deer in Ohio. Refer to the Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations.
- No hunting shall be permitted within areas defined as “No Hunting Zones” – referenced on map.
- No hunting shall be permitted within 100’ of any established pedestrian trail.

- Hunting structures such as portable treestands and ground blinds are permitted. All structures must be removed at the end of each permit window, any structure left on MCMP property must be tagged with the owner's name and phone number.
- No treestand, climbing method, and/or accessory equipment shall cause injury or damage any tree on MetroParks property – screw in steps/gear holders, climbing spikes, etc. are strictly prohibited.
- Baiting is not permitted.
- Field dressing of harvested deer onsite is permitted; however, entrails must be left out of visual distance from park infrastructure (trails, parking lots, roads, etc.).
- Any harvested deer left unattended must be temporarily tagged in accordance with ODNR regulations and shall not be left within visual sight of park infrastructure (trails, parking lots, roads, etc.). Successful hunters who wish to continue hunting the same day may do so once these conditions are met.
- Permittees and their partner may only park in the designated parking area(s) assigned to their permit. Those needing special assistance must contact the MetroParks prior to their hunt date.
- Permittees and their partner may not park in such a way to obstruct normal ingress/egress to the facility.
- Permittees and their partner are permitted to access their hunt units between the hours of 5am – 10pm. For circumstances that require access outside of these hours please contact the MetroParks Police Department (contact information below).
- Any deer exhibiting a unique color phase (albino, piebald, melanistic, etc.). are not permitted to be harvested.
- **In addition to ODOW game check requirements, all harvested deer must be reported to the MetroParks Natural Resources Manager at the end of each permit window via email at nderico@millcreekmetroparks.org or by phone at 330.702.3000 x136.**
- Failure to abide by any of the rules and regulations listed above will result in the immediate revocation of your controlled hunting permit and you will not be permitted to participate in future controlled hunting opportunities at the MetroParks.

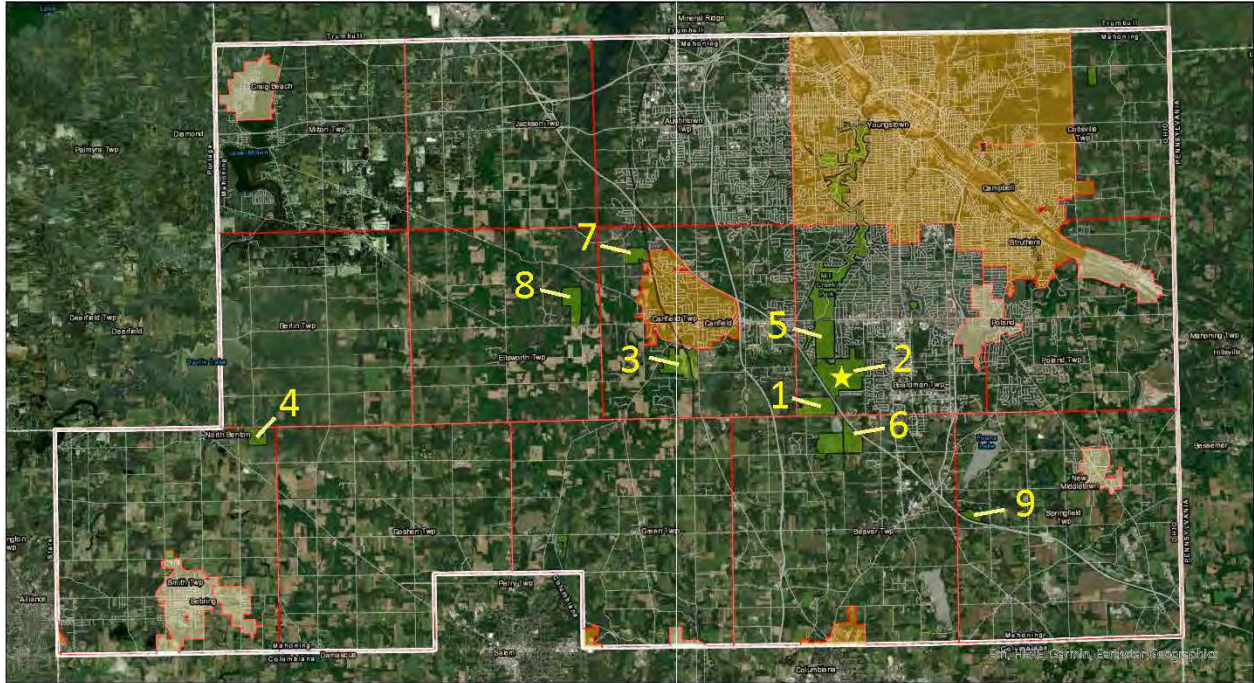
Mill Creek MetroParks Contact Information

MetroParks Police Department
810 Glenwood Avenue
Youngstown, OH 44502
330-744-3848

Nick Derico, Natural Resources Manager
7574 Columbiana Canfield Road
Canfield, OH 44406
330-702-3000x136
nderico@millcreekmetroparks.org

Overview Map

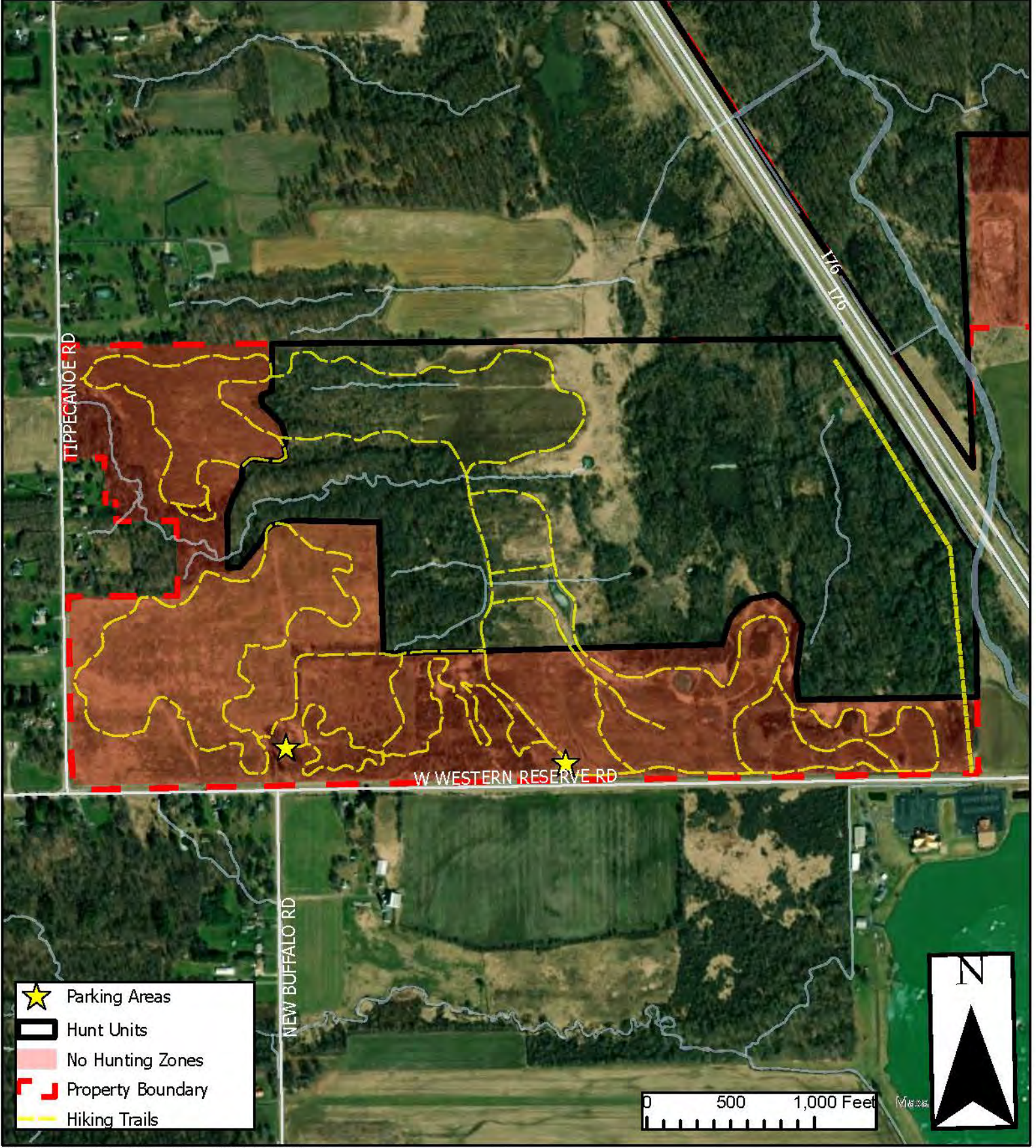
Controlled Hunt Materials
2024-2025



Legend:

1. Collier Preserve
2. Hitchcock Woods
3. MetroParks Farm
4. Hawkins Marsh
5. Huntington Woods
6. Mill Creek Sanctuary
7. Sawmill Creek
8. Vickers Nature Center
9. Springfield Forest





-  Parking Areas
-  Hunt Units
-  No Hunting Zones
-  Property Boundary
-  Hiking Trails

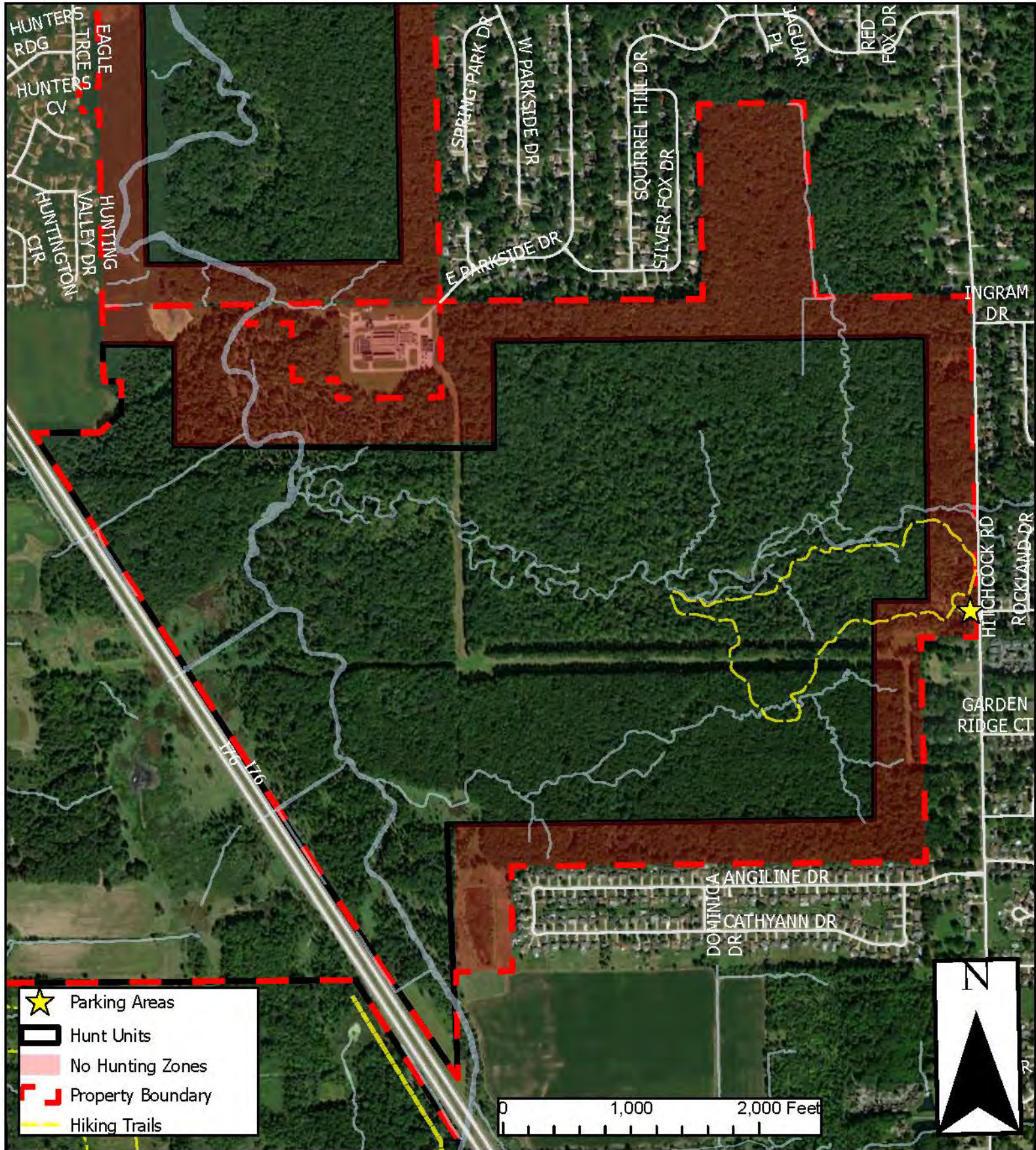
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No Hunting Within 300' of Any Property Boundary Adjacent to Residential Areas

Parking Area Coordinates:
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Collier Preserve
 Hunt Units
 Boardman Township
 Mahoning County, Ohio





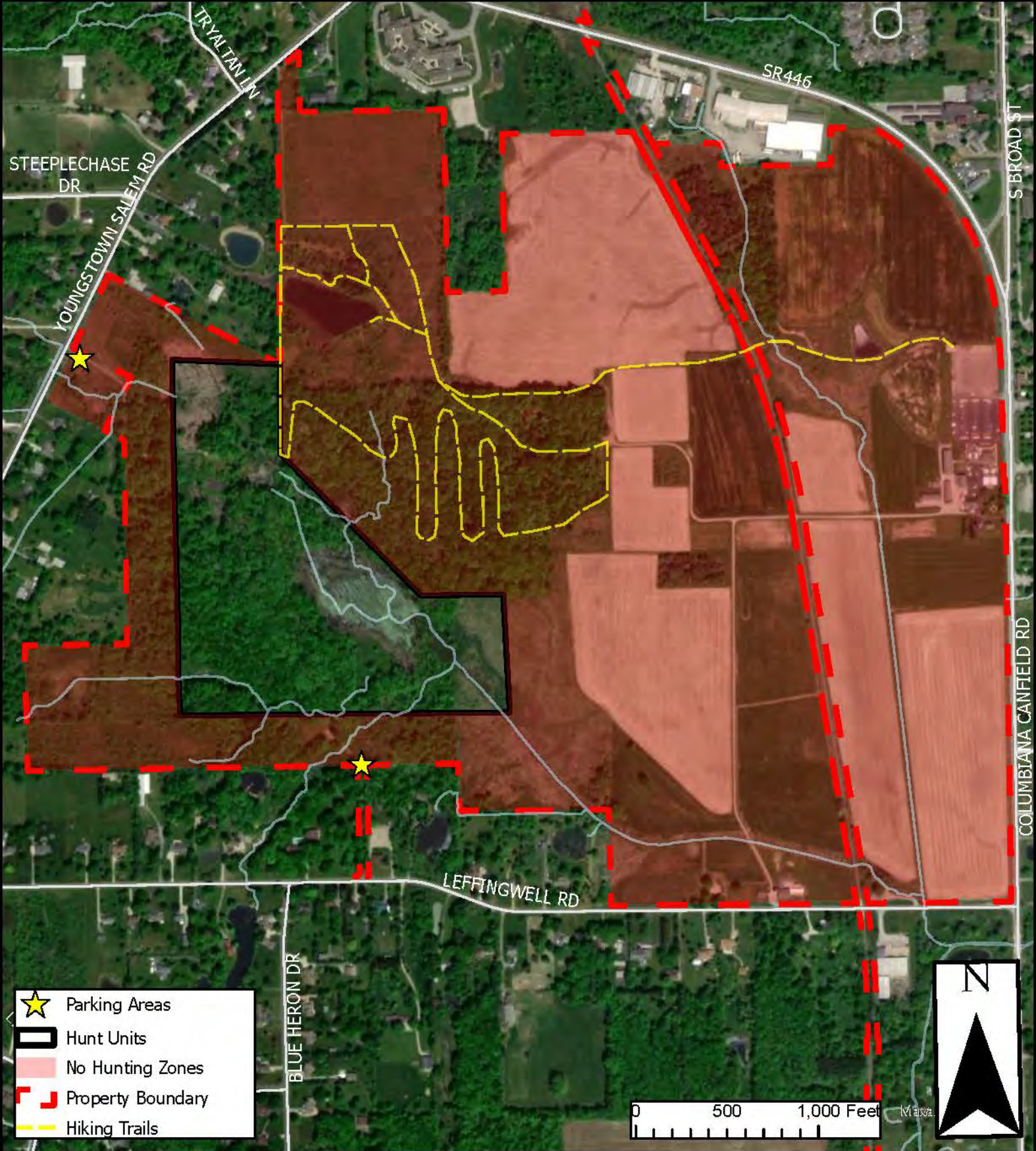
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Parking Area Coordinates: 41.002911, -80.676736

Hitchcock Woods
Hunt Units
Boardman Township
Mahoning County, Ohio





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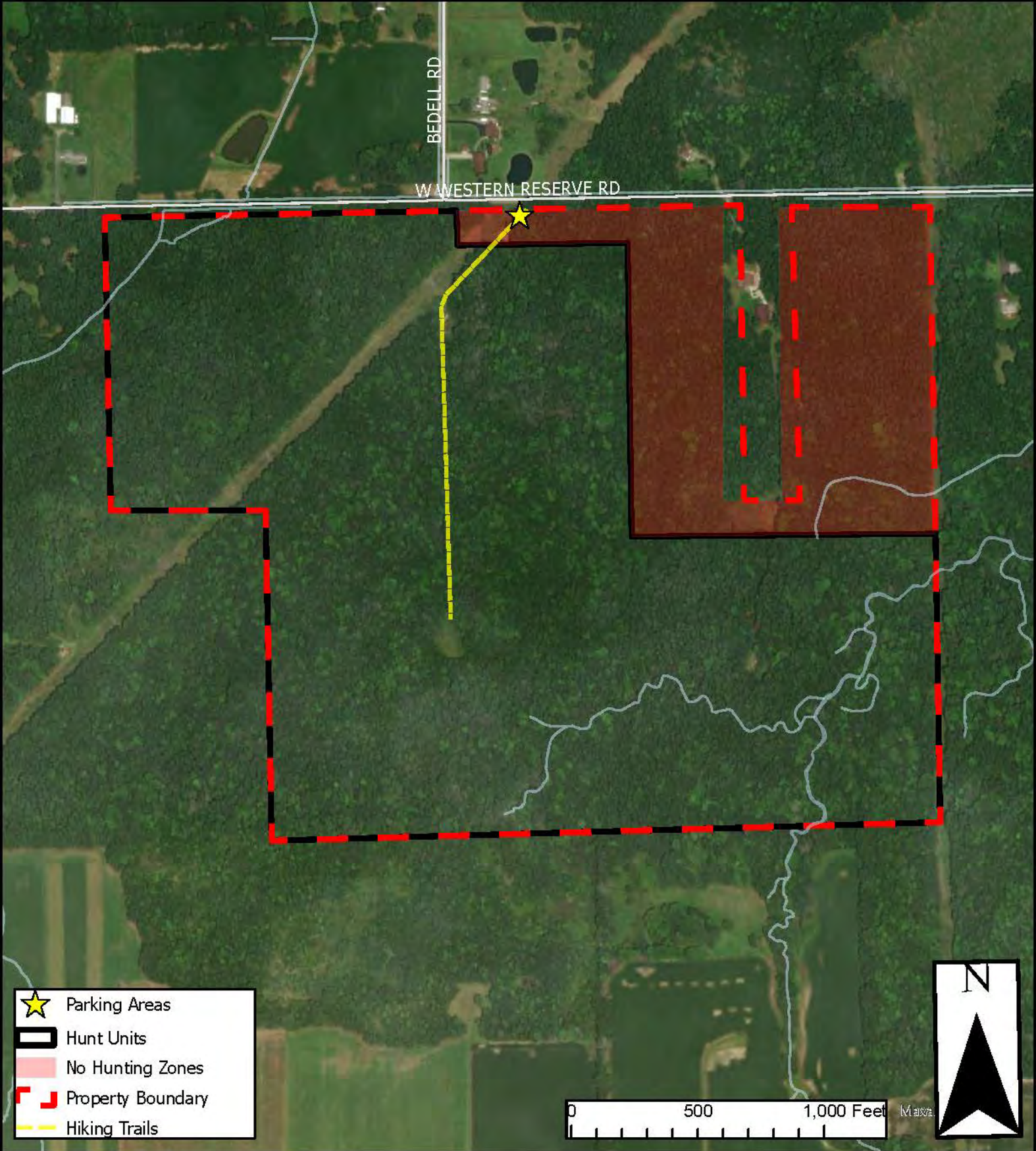
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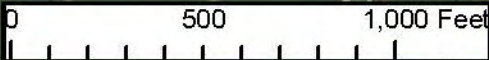
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MetroParks Farm
Hunt Units
Canfield Township
Mahoning County, Ohio





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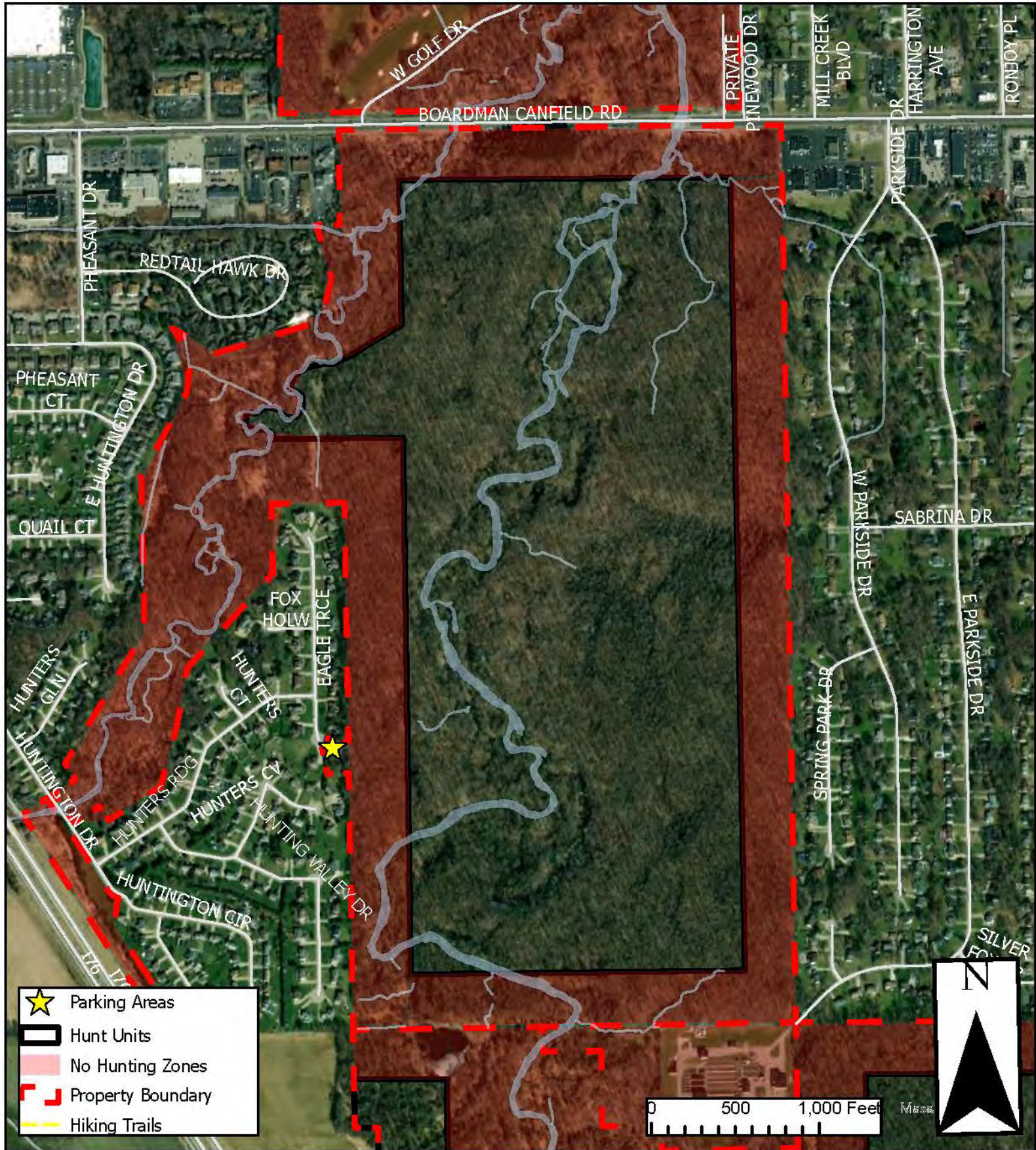
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Parking Area Coordinates: 40.987718, -80.984932

Hawkins Marsh
Hunt Units
 Smith Township
 Mahoning County, Ohio





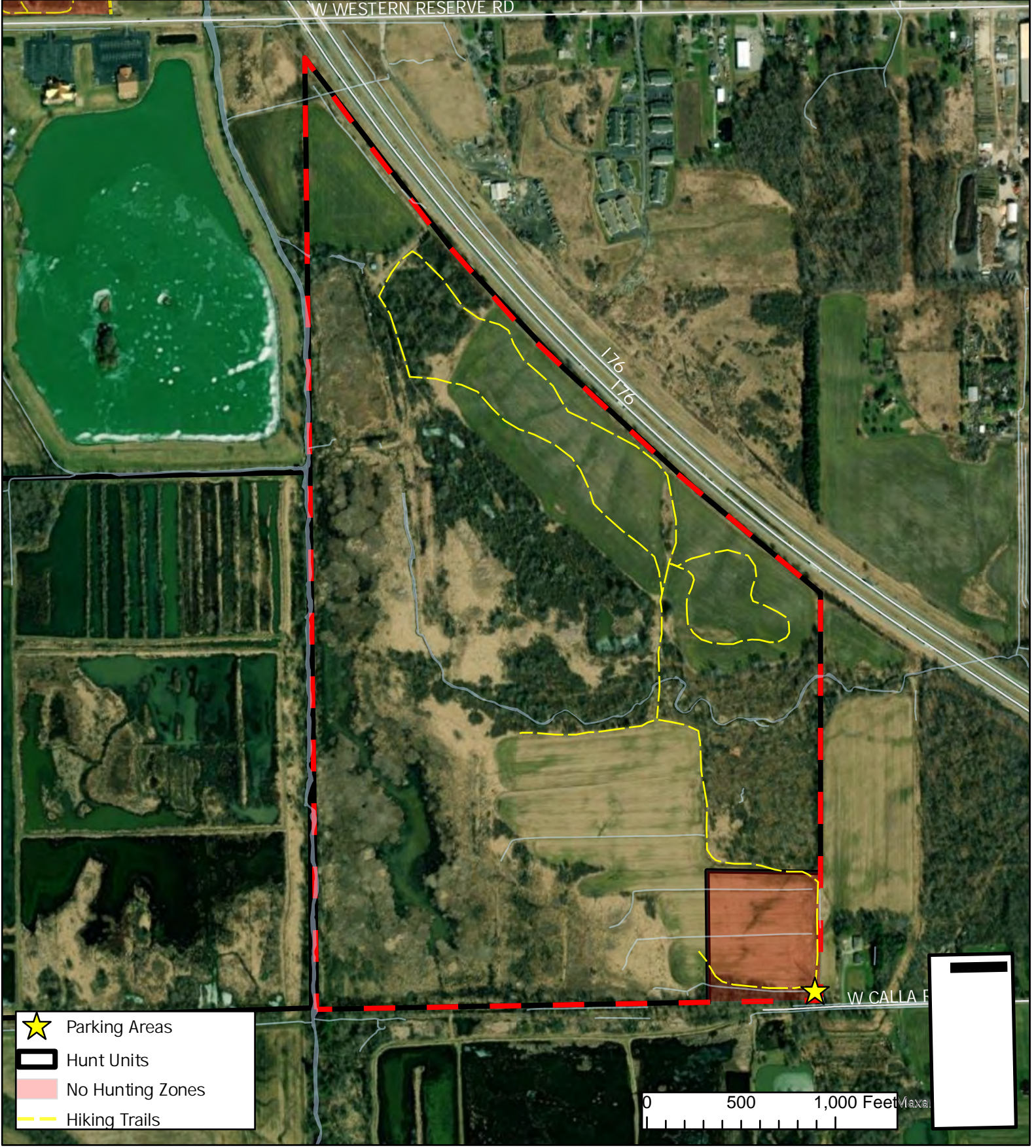
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Huntington Woods
Hunt Units
Boardman Township
Mahoning County, Ohio



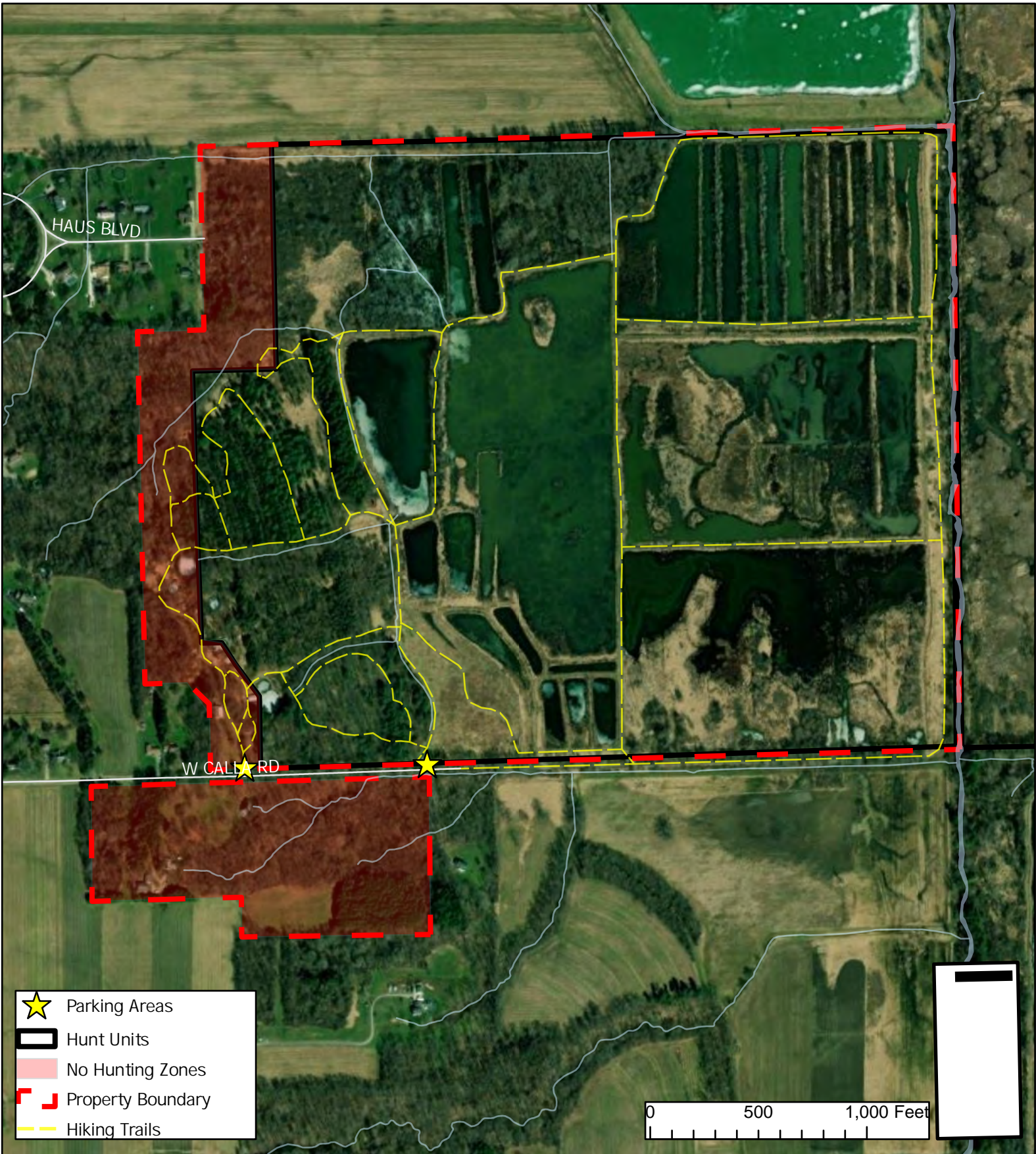


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No Hunting Within 300' of Any Property Boundary Adjacent to Residential Areas

Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary (East)
 Hunt Units
 Beaver Township
 Mahoning County, Ohio



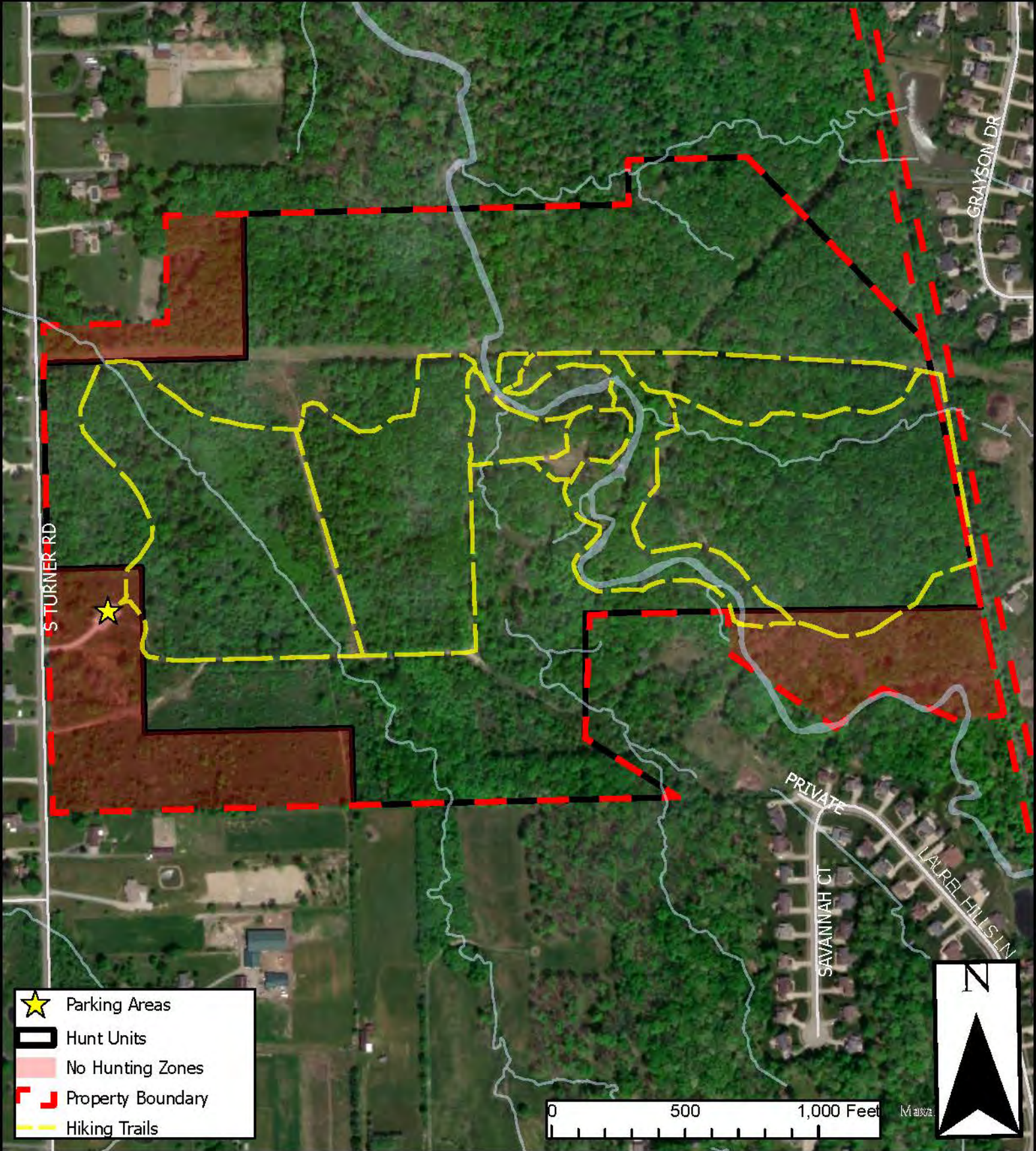


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Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary (West)
 Hunt Units
 Beaver Township
 Mahoning County, Ohio





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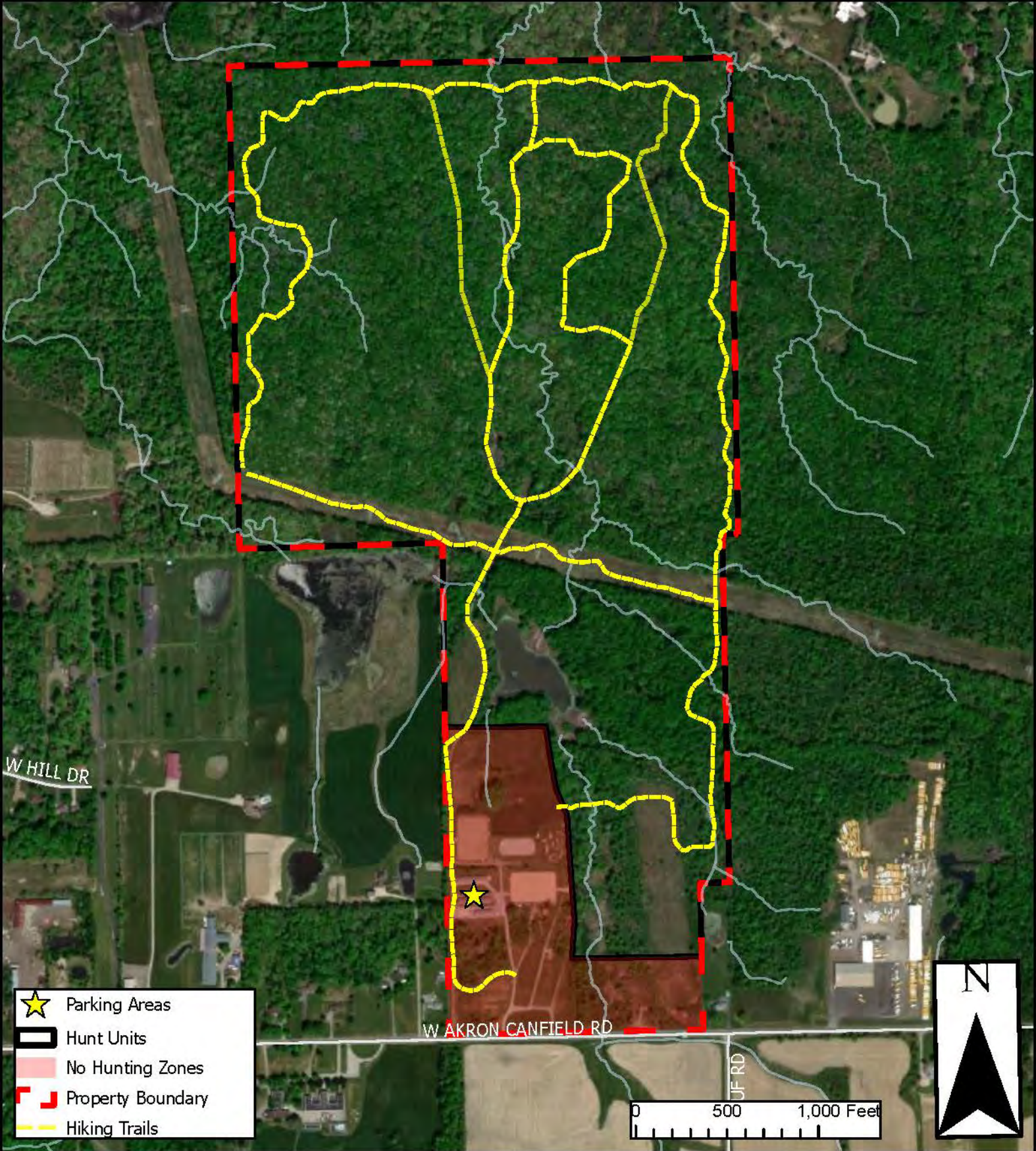
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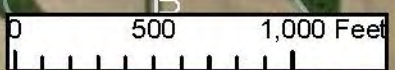
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Sawmill Creek Preserve
Hunt Units
Canfield Township
Mahoning County, Ohio





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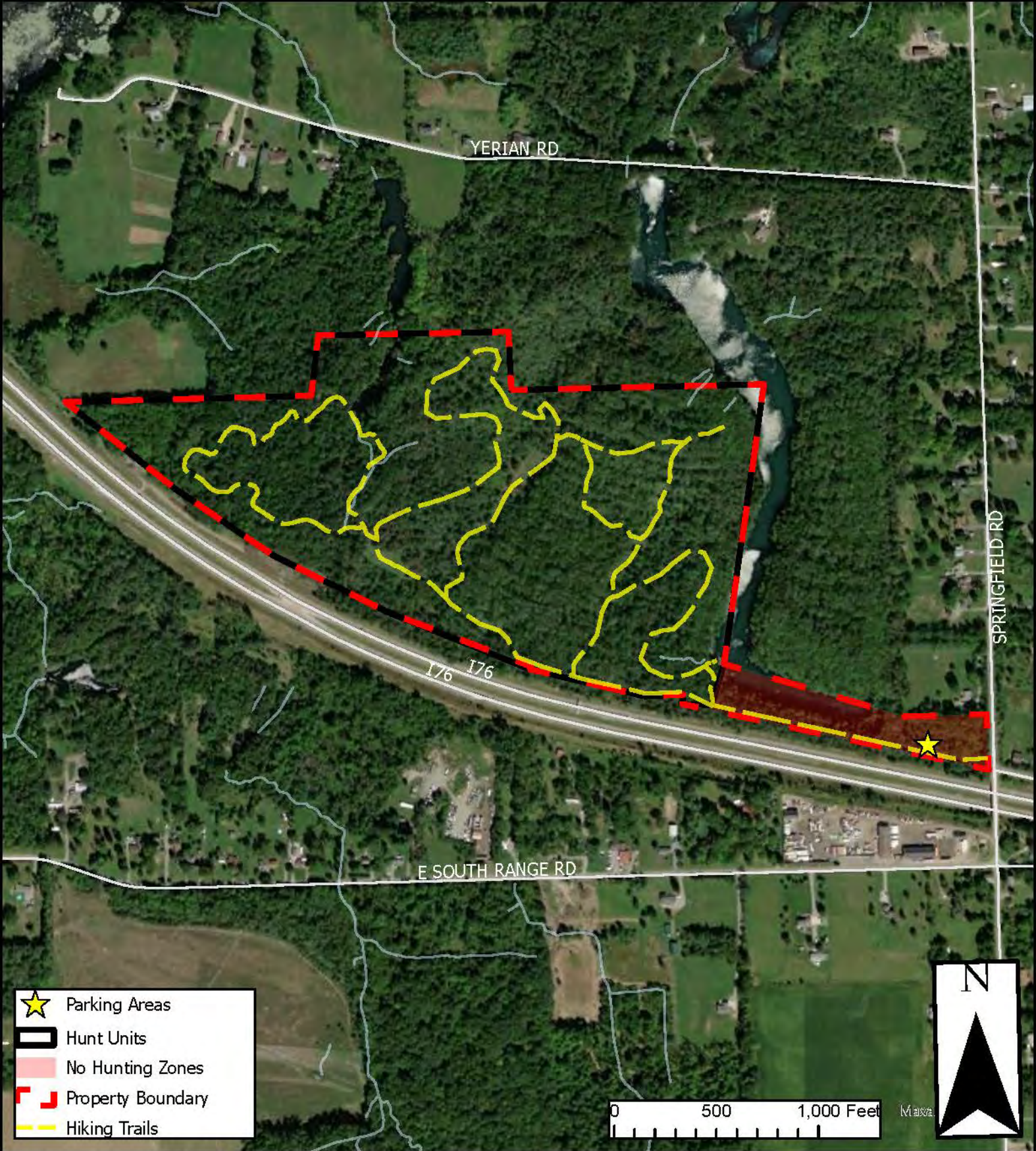
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Parking Area Coordinates:
41.024582, -80.823548

Vickers Nature Preserve
Hunt Units
Ellsworth Township
Mahoning County, Ohio





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Parking Area Coordinates:
40.945017, -80.615008

Springfield Forest
Hunt Units
Springfield Township
Mahoning County, Ohio

