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Council Consideration Request

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Councilmember Philip Cortez, District 4

COPIES TO: Sheryl Sculley, City Manager; Michael Bernard, City Attorney; Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk; Chris Callanen, Assistant to City Council; David Garza, Executive Director-Housing & Neighborhood Services; File

SUBJECT: Partial re-designation and designation of area as a "Priority 1 Area" for redevelopment

DATE: January 7, 2008

Please join me in directing staff to designate the area identified in the map attached as Exhibit "A" as a Priority 1 Area under Ordinance No. 2006-11-16-1316 that was passed on November 16, 2006. A portion of this Area is already identified as a Priority 2 Area. Since the adoption of these guidelines, Habitat For Humanity has been developing housing units within the area to provide low cost housing to needy individuals and families. This development has placed additional traffic demands on existing roadways and infrastructure through established neighborhoods, which needs to be addressed. In addition, the proposed FEMA floodplain maps, which are being finalized by the San Antonio River Authority and other entities, have revealed that a significant portion of Loop 410 and IH-35, as well as the majority of Somerset Road between Loop 410 and IH-35, will be flooded during the 100-year storm events. This flooding is occurring, in large part, because of illicit fill along the banks of Leon Creek that was apparently unlawfully placed by the property owners along a large segment of the Creek. Re-designation may allow this issue to be resolved much more quickly than would otherwise occur.

By designating this area as a "Priority 1 Area", it will allow the City to consider projects utilizing more of the City's economic development incentive toolkit to resolve the traffic, flooding and other infrastructure issues, as well as encouraging infill development, redevelopment and new economic opportunities for this area of our community. While the action designating the depicted area as "Priority 1" does not approve any expenditures of funds or commit the City to any projects or programs, it would allow City Council the opportunity to consider programs in the future, which would provide the needed solutions and economic benefits at a reduced cost to the City.

Because of the public safety issues involved regarding flooding and traffic concerns, I am requesting that this item be placed on the City Council agenda for consideration at the earliest possible meeting.

Thank you for your assistance and support in this important matter.

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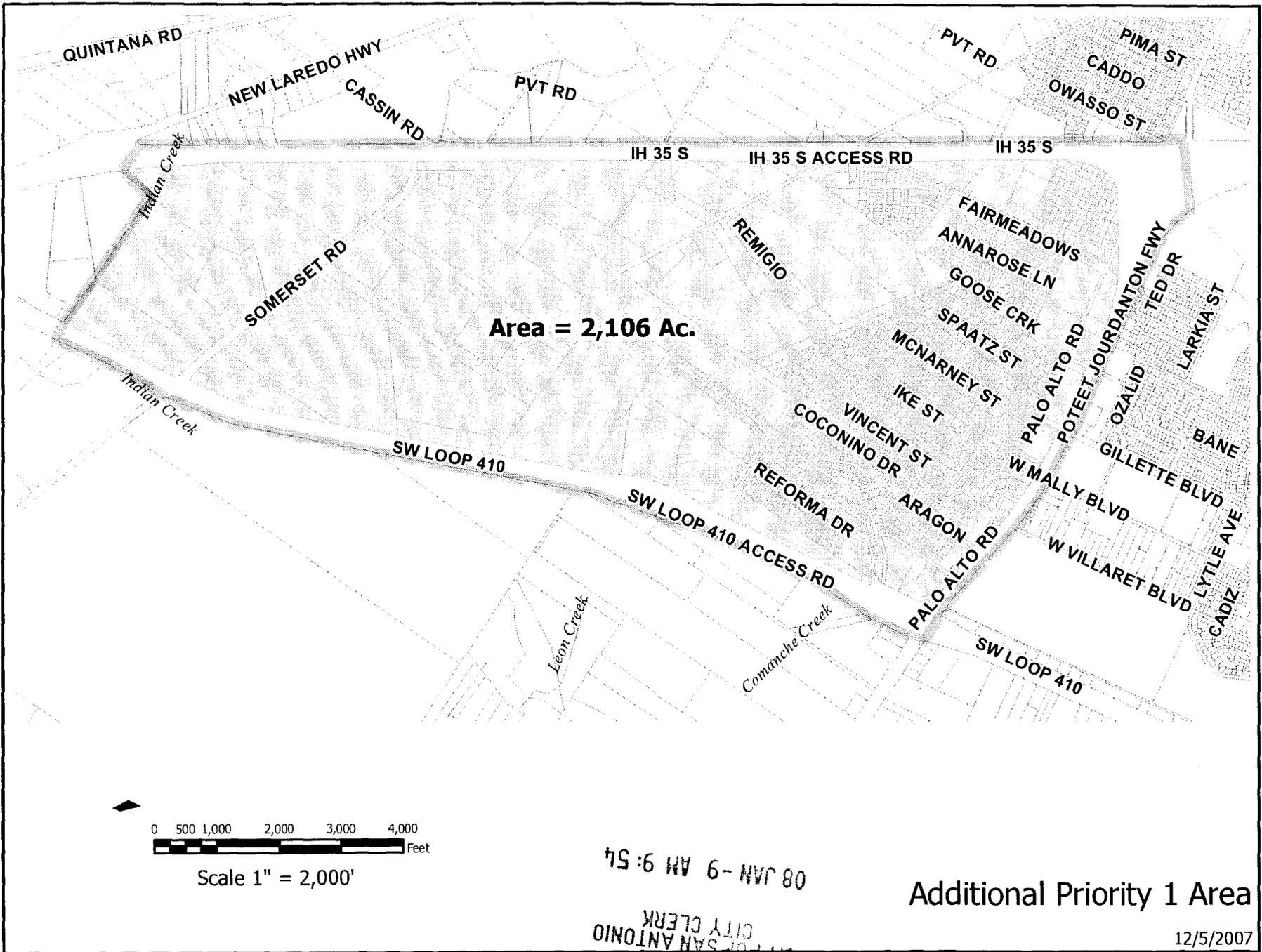
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Area = 2,106 Ac.

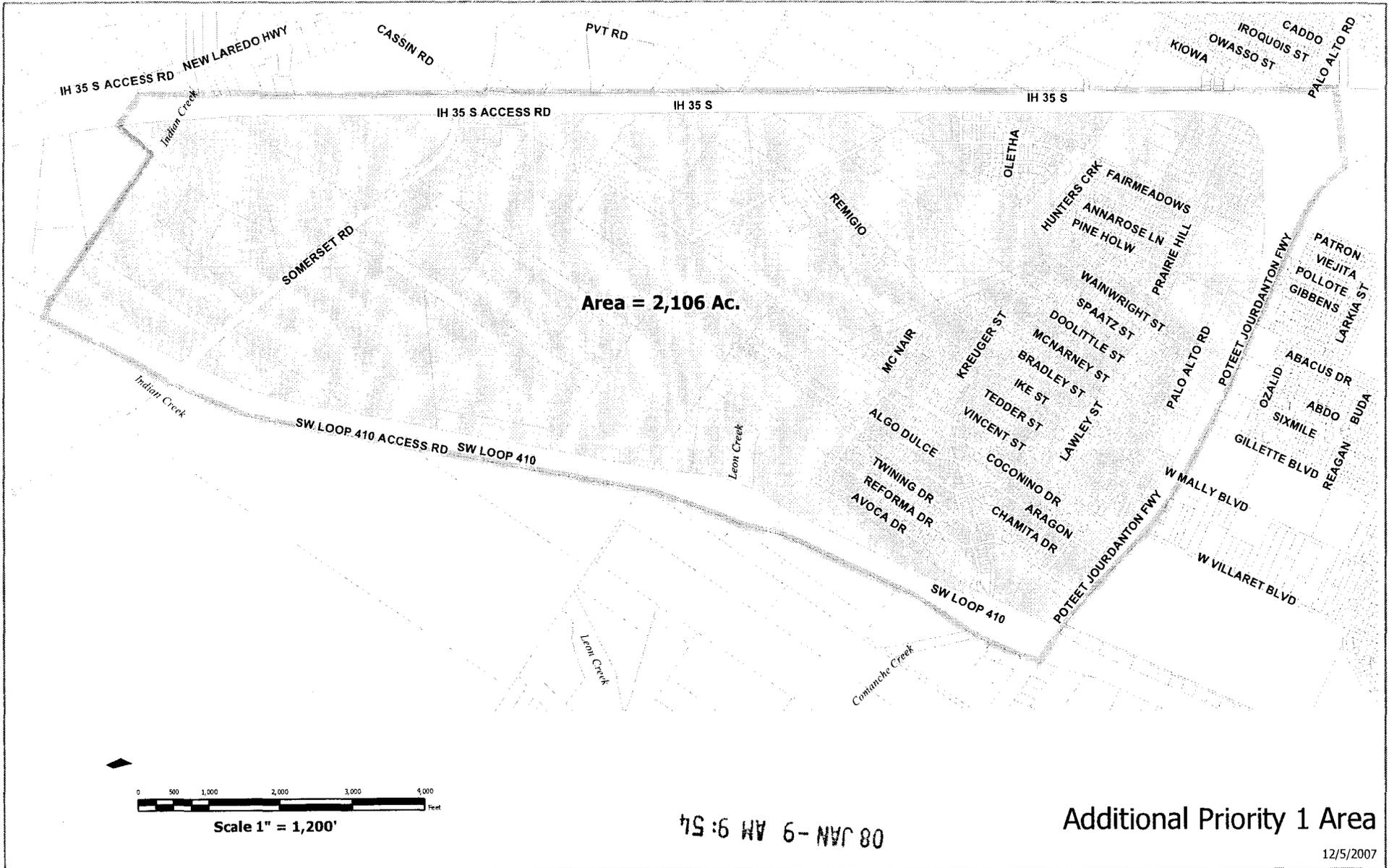


Scale 1" = 2,000'

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