

# **Commercial Drone Land Uses – Interim Official Control *Public Hearing***

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June 2, 2026



# Tonight



- Introduction to public hearing by staff
- Hold public hearing
- Recommendation: staff implements work program contained in Ord. 3257



- **Issue:**

- City starting to see proposals for small- and large-scale commercial drone operations.

- **Recommendation:**

- Adopt **interim official control (IOC)** only allowing drone ports in Manufacturing Park and Industry Zones. Prohibit drone ports and smaller-scale commercial drone land uses in all other zones while final regulations are developed.
- ***Council adopted IOC on April 21, 2026***

- **Rationale:**

- Prevents drone port operators from vesting to current regulations that do not clearly address drone ports.
- Allows drone ports to locate in Redmond on a limited basis.
- Prevents proliferation of drone ports until permanent regulations can be developed and implemented that consider community feedback and alignment with City goals.

*Commercial drone operations will happen in Redmond no matter what land use action Redmond takes because local regulation of airspace is severely restricted by federal law. Enacting land use regulations will limit, but not eliminate, impacts.*



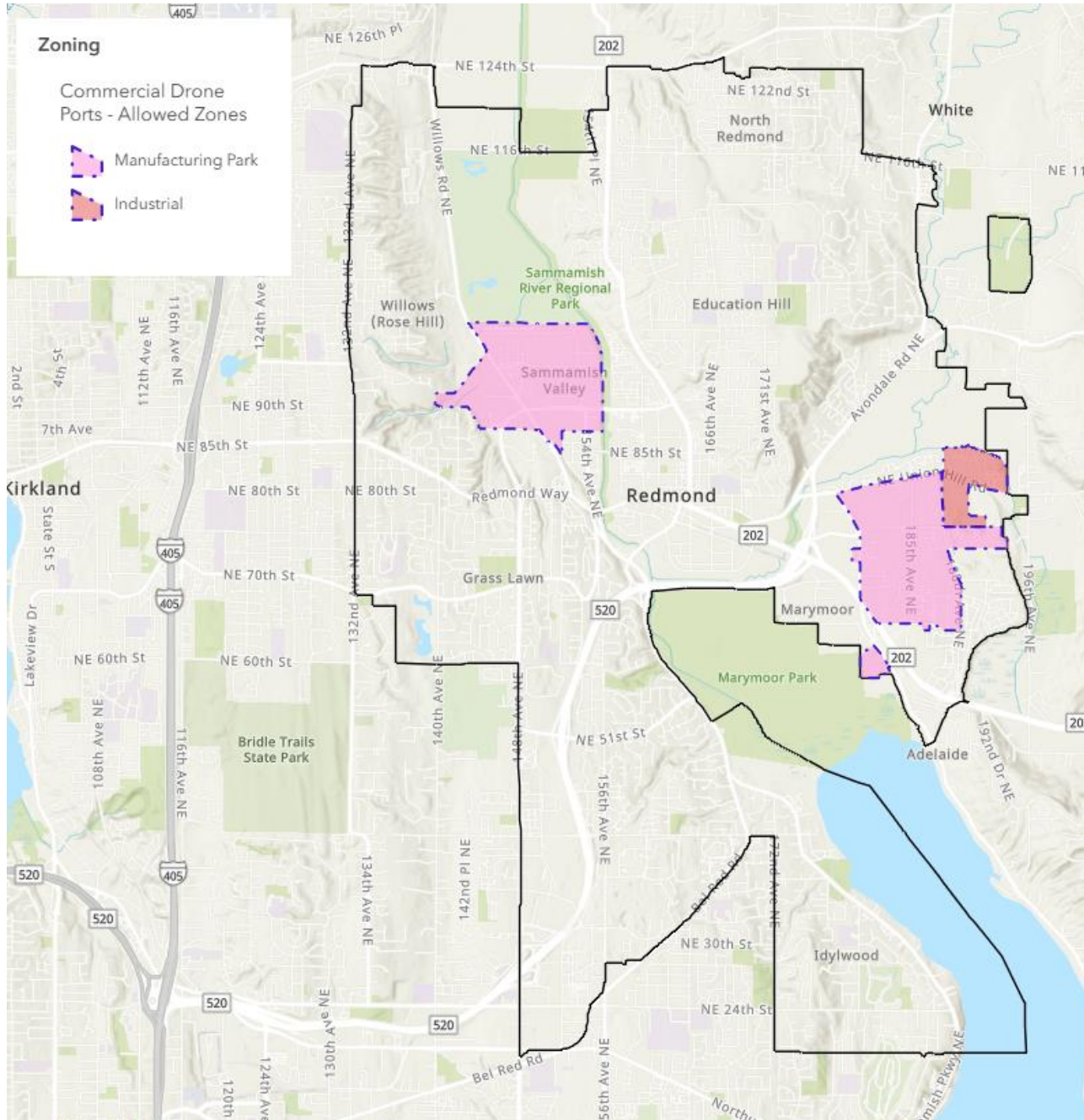
# Scope of IOC

## The IOC covers:

- ✓ Use classification category (RZC 21.04.0200)
- ✓ New section RZC 21.04.2075:
  - Allowed zones
  - Excluded areas in allowed zones
  - Max launch pads
  - Launch pads - minimum setback from all property lines
  - Hours of operations
- ✓ Definitions (RZC 21.78)

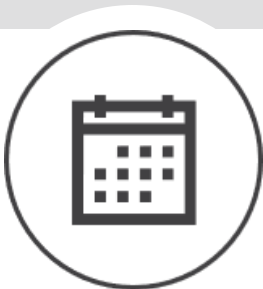
## IOC does not cover:

- × Airspace regulation or management
- × Additional business licensing requirements
- × Updated regulations for City parks and other public land

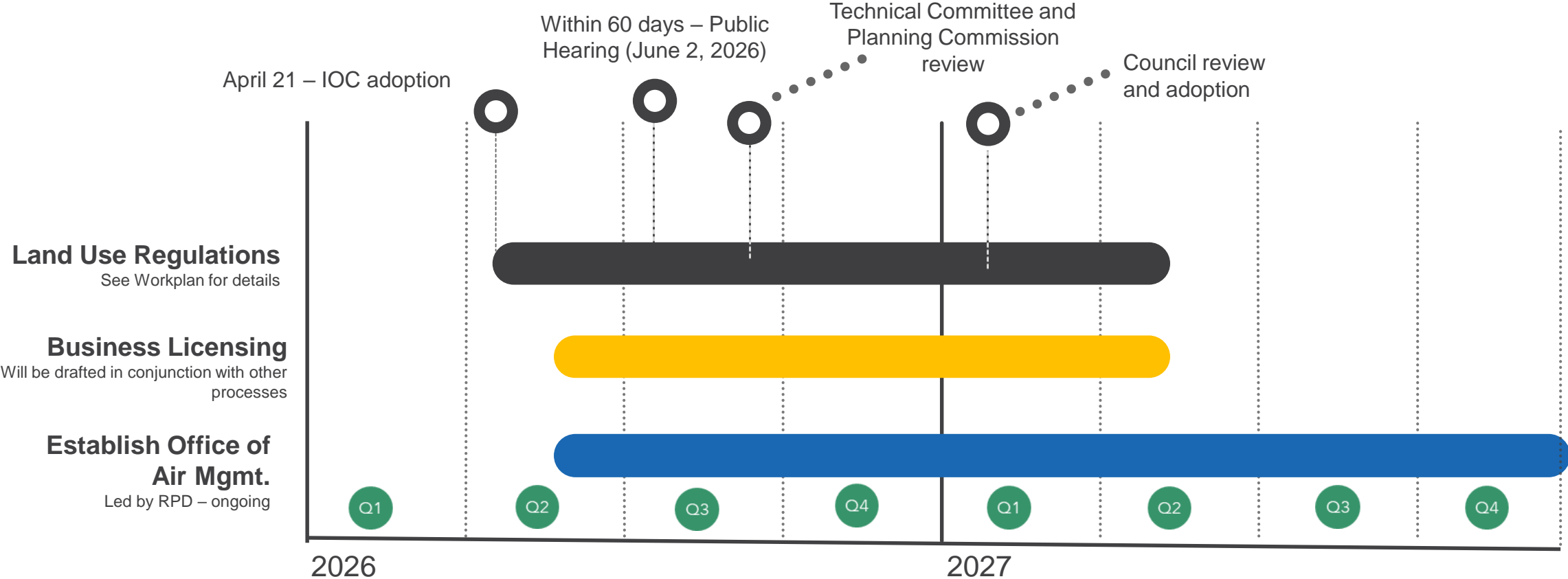


# Permitted Locations during IOC

- Only allowed in Manufacturing Park (MP) and Industrial (I) Zones
- Prohibited all other zones



# Timeline – 3 Tracks



# Workplan (Land Use Regulations)



## MONTH 1 – MONTH 4

- Stakeholder engagement
- Planning Commission briefings
- Drafting of proposed regulations

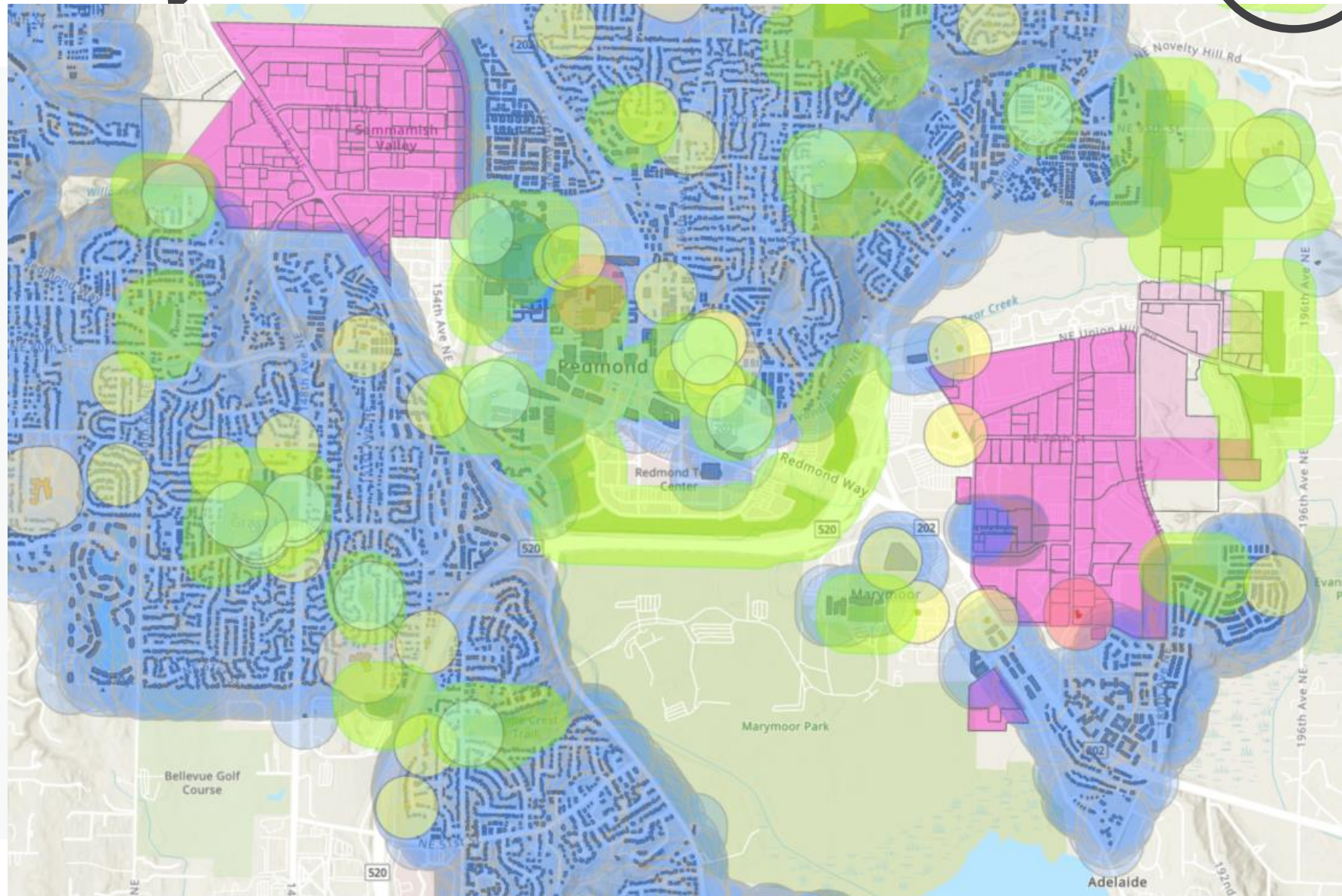
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






- Technical Committee makes recommendation to Planning Commission
- SEPA threshold determination made
- Public hearing notices published
- 60-day notice sent to Department of Commerce
- Planning Commission conducts public hearing and holds study sessions
- Planning Commission recommendation to City Council.

## MONTH 9 - MONTH 12

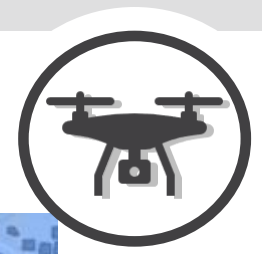
- City Council reviews Planning Commission recommendation in committee meetings, business meetings, or study sessions as needed.
- City Council takes final action

# Buffer Analysis – 500 feet

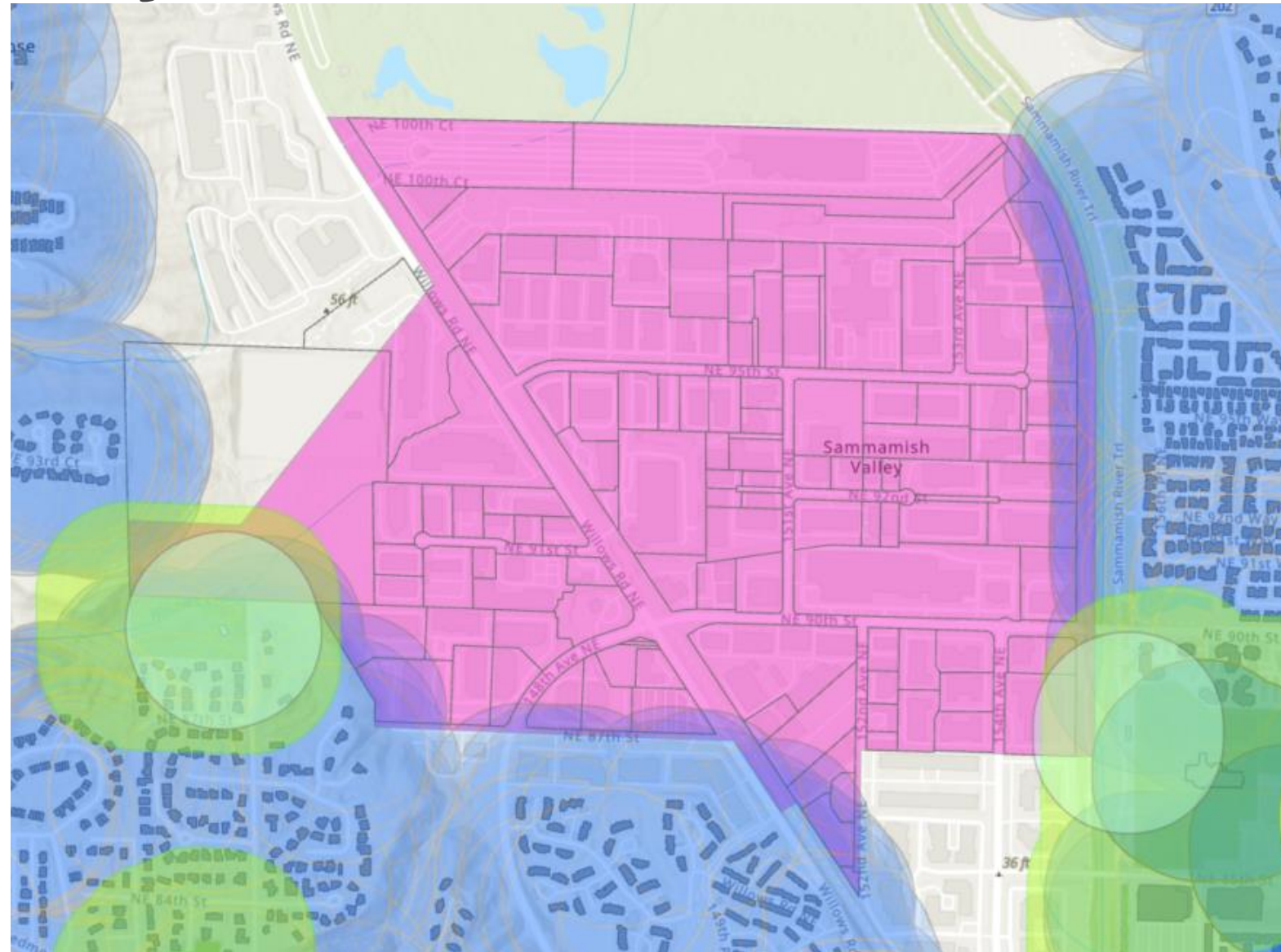


- ▶  Playground Buffer  

- ▶  Parks Buffer (no trails)  

- ▶  Daycare Buffer  

- ▶  Schools Buffer  

- ▶  Fire Station Buffer  

- ▶  Library and PD Buffer  

- ▶  Residential buffer  


# Buffer Analysis – Willows MP area



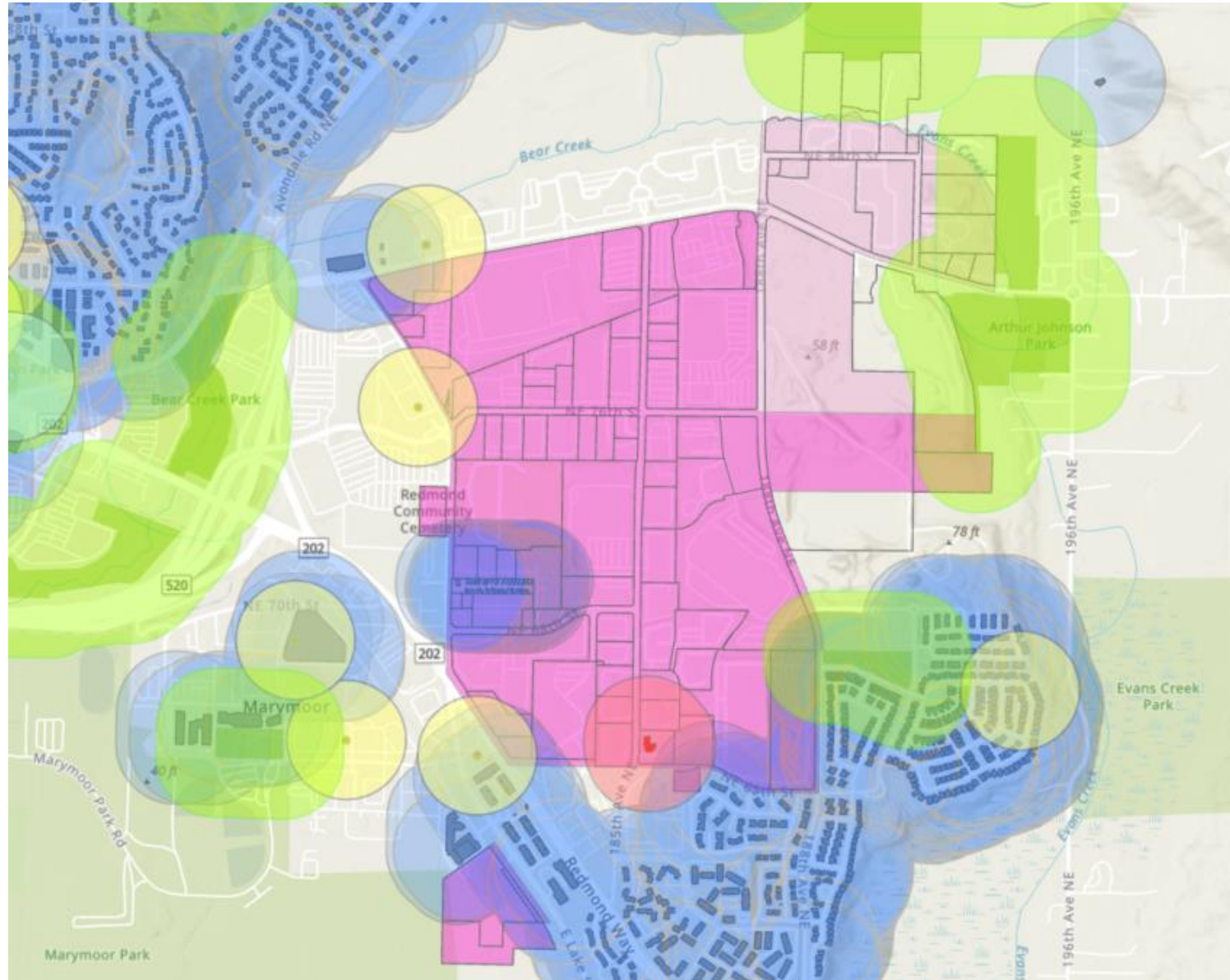
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# Buffer Analysis – SE Redmond – MP, I



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# Thank You

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Any Questions?

