

Hancock County Courthouse

*Review of Alternative
Location Proposals*

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2024
WORKSHOP**



An aerial photograph of a landscape featuring a large body of water (a lake or pond) in the upper right, surrounded by dense trees. In the lower left, there are some buildings and a road. The overall scene is a mix of natural and developed areas.

Agenda

- Background & RFI Criteria
- Submissions Overview
- Limitations of the Current Courthouse as a Potential Site
- Alternative Locations in Ellsworth
- Consideration of non-Ellsworth locations
- Next Steps
- Discussion



Background & Criteria

RFI released on September 9th with the following criteria:

- A location that allows proximity to the central urban core of Ellsworth.
- A location that provides reasonable access to public transportation/walkability and is visible and accessible from major routes.
- A parcel of at least five (5) contiguous buildable acres with room for a building footprint of at least 30,000 square feet and parking space for 125 public and 33 staff vehicles
- Southern exposure with rooftop solar potential
- 3-Phase electric
- Public water and sewer
- Paved road with 200 feet of frontage on a significant roadway



12 Submissions Received

9

Proposals in Ellsworth

1

Proposal in Trenton

2

Site Suggestions in Ellsworth

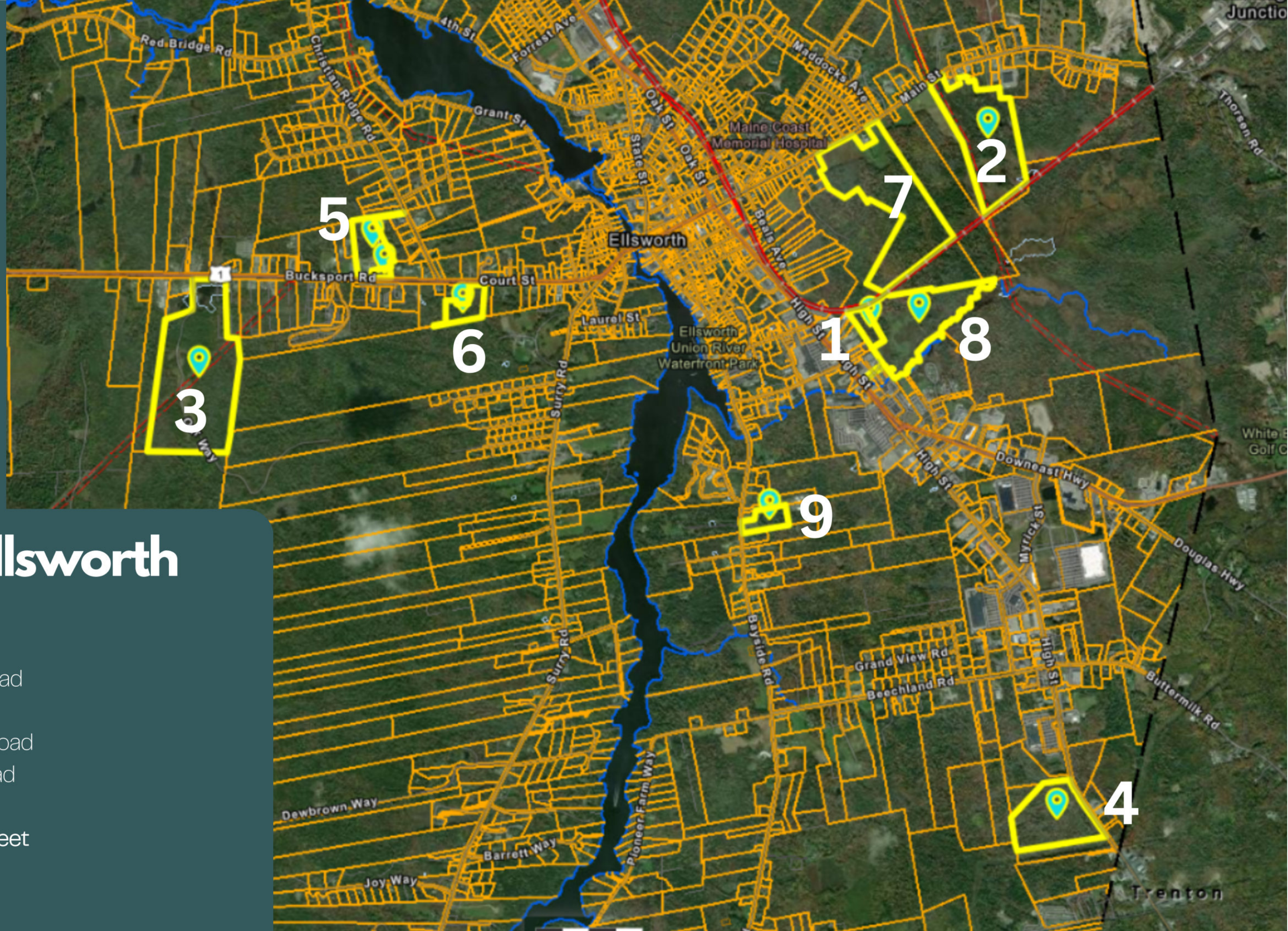
Limitations of the Current Courthouse as a Potential Site

- Does not meet modern standards for courthouse design and accessibility
- Retrofitting the current location to meet those needs better would be more expensive and still fall short
- The ownership structure of the current facility and expansion opportunities are not clear
- The new courthouse being built to meet modern standards but also to provide room for future growth
- Significant investment and collaboration into the future use of the Old Courthouse complex will need to be considered by city, state, and county partners to ensure it meets future growth needs of Ellsworth and the region when an alternative location is built



Alternative Locations in Ellsworth

1. ADAMS – Near High Street
2. GRANT – Main Street
3. JORDAN – 300 Bucksport Road
4. MACQUINN – High Street
5. PENDERGIST – Bucksport Road
6. PIAZZA – 128 Bucksport Road
7. WARDWELL – Main Street
8. WARDWELL – Near High Street
9. JONES – 100 Bayside Road



ADAMS Property

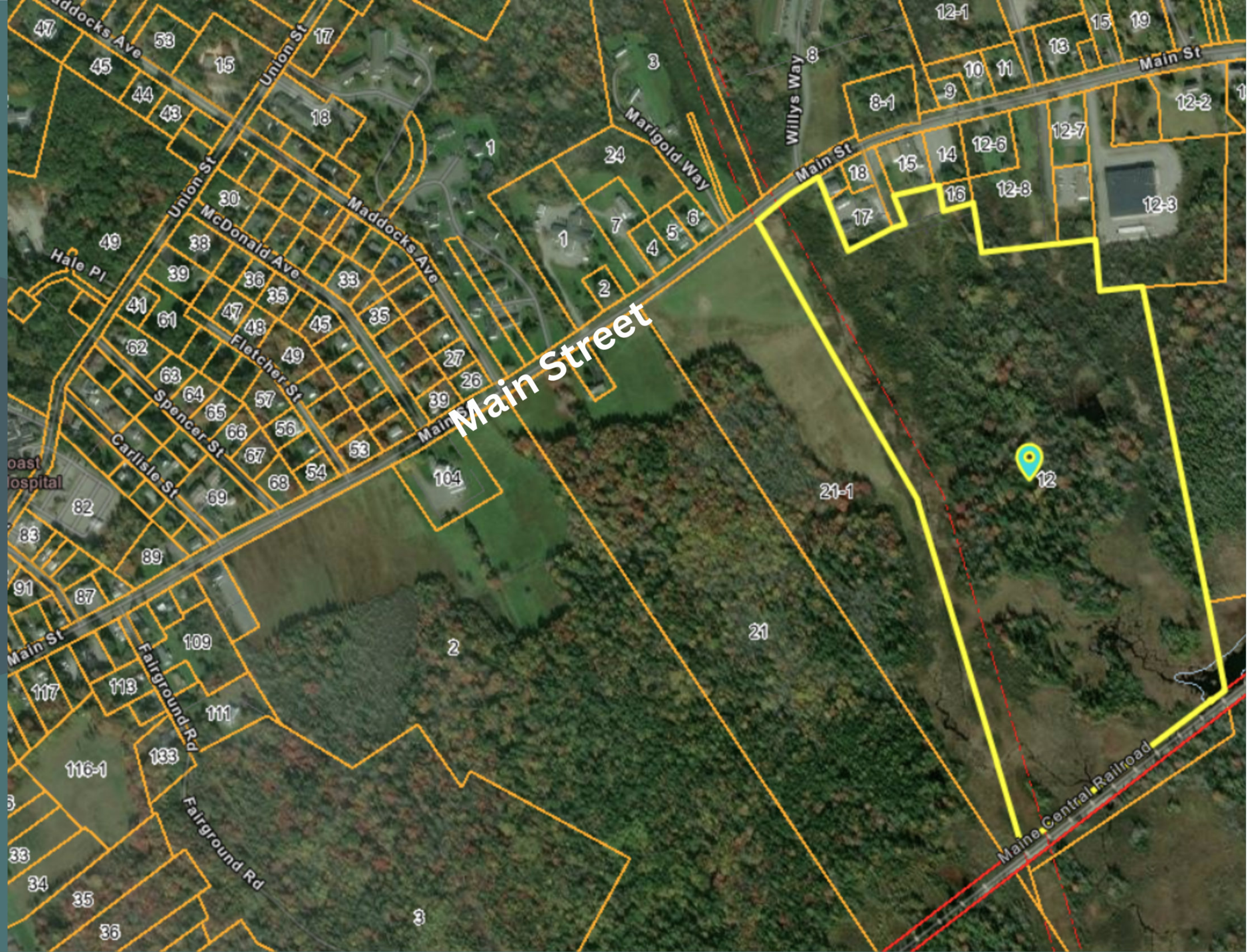
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Lot 073



GRANT Property

Map 028

Lot 012

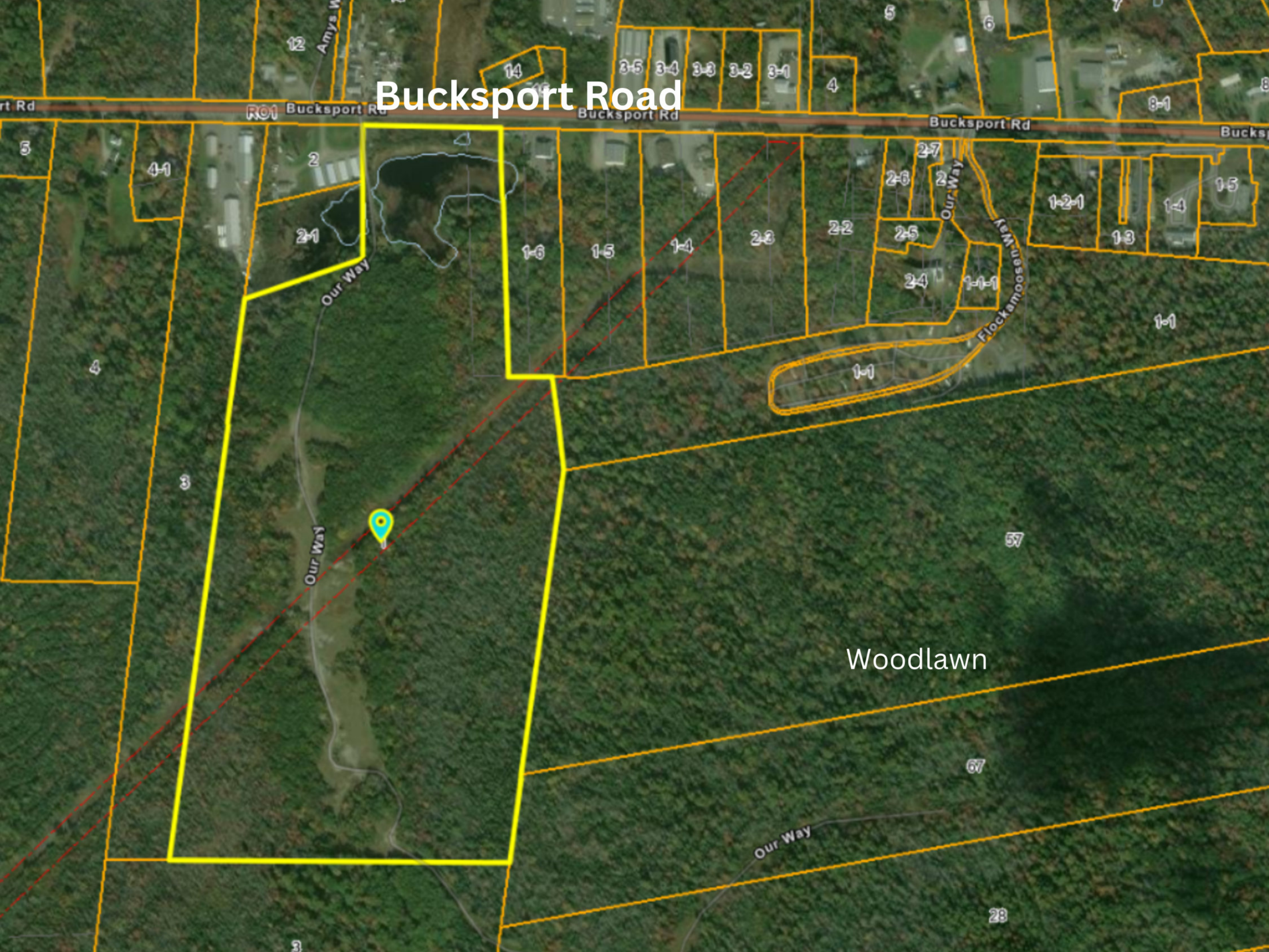


JONES Property

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Lot 011



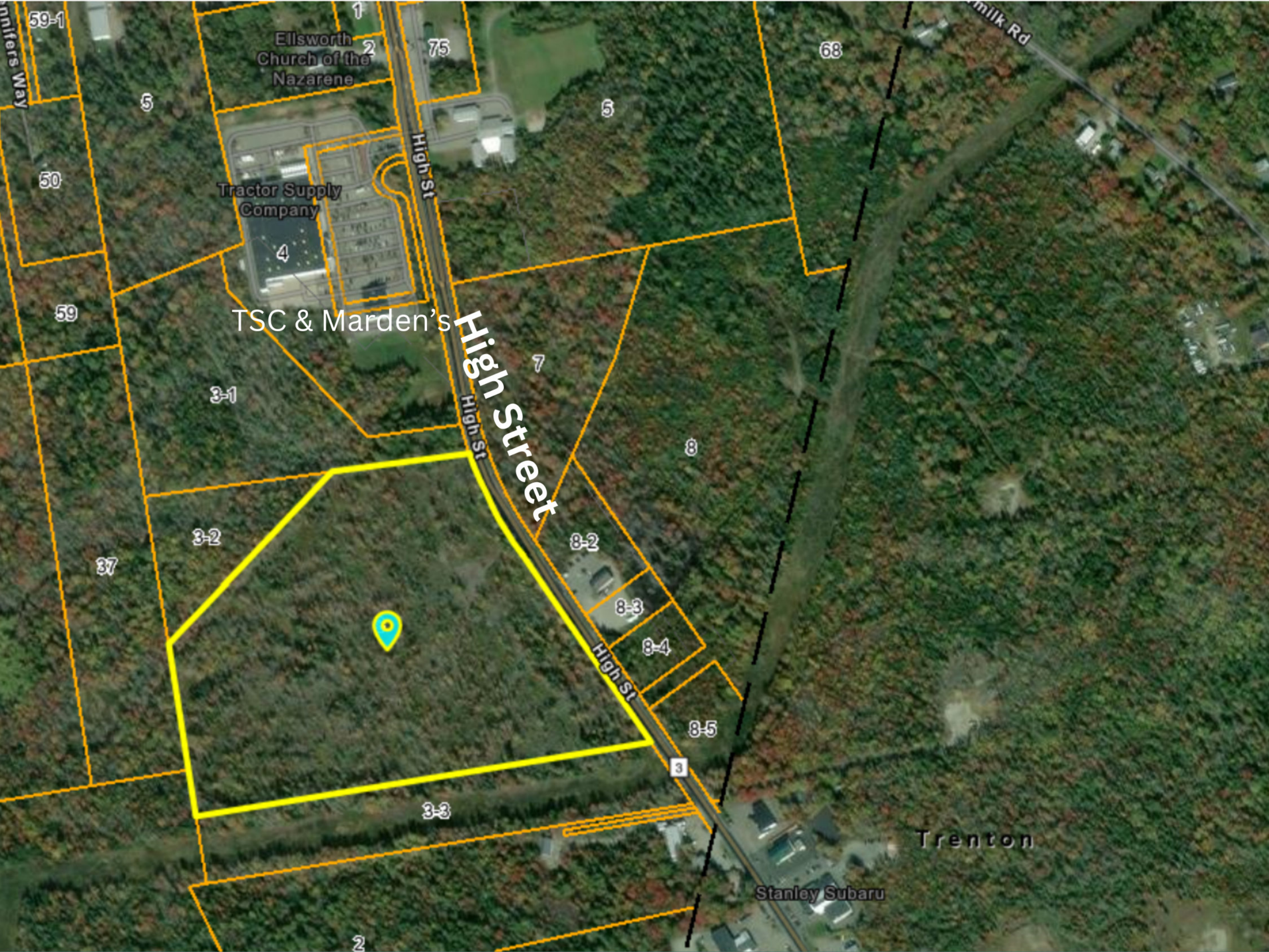


Bucksport Road

JORDAN Property

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Lot 011100

Woodlawn



MACQUINN Property

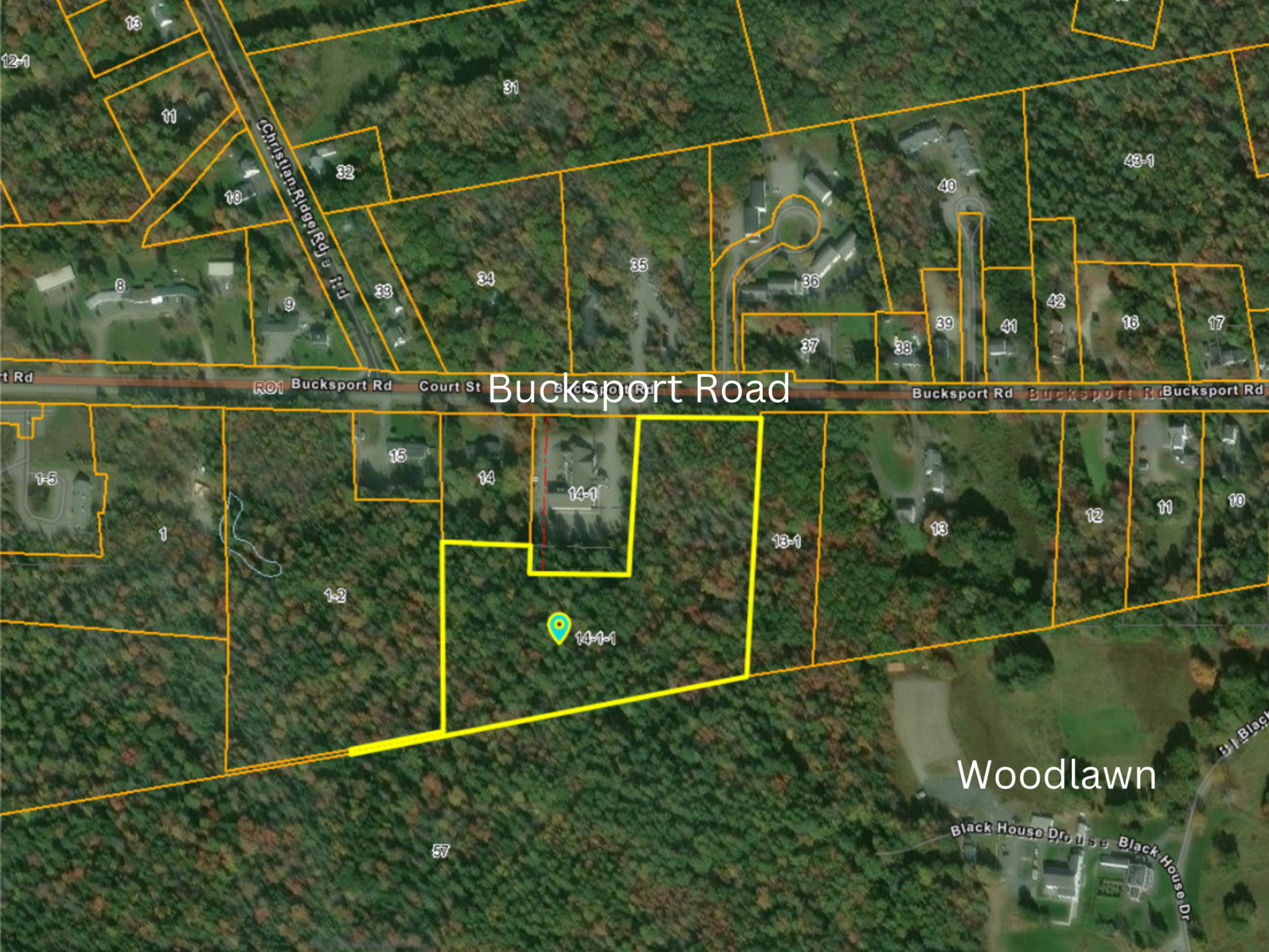
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Lot003



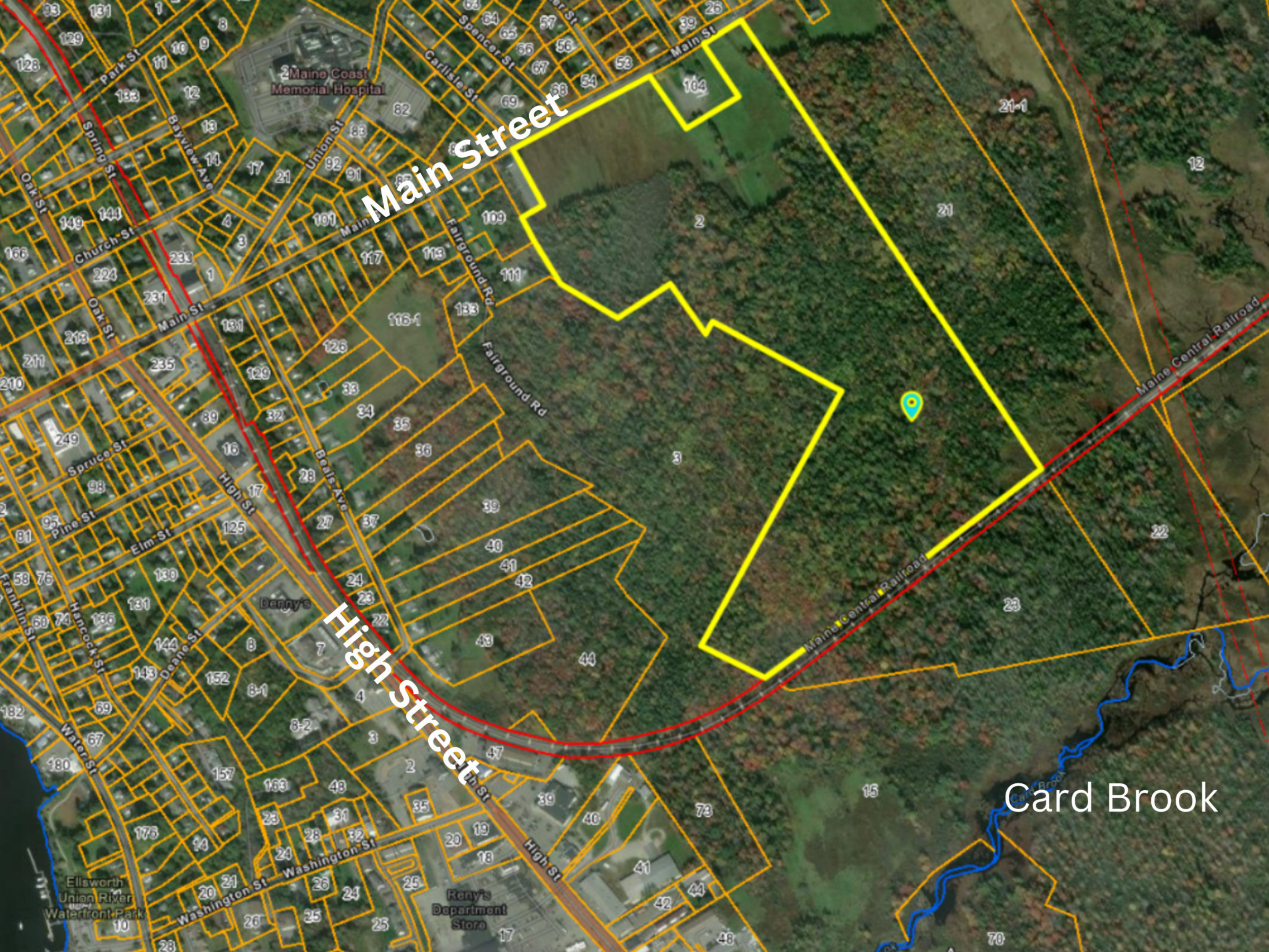
PENDERGIST Property

Map 026
Lots 7 & 8-1



PIAZZA Property

Map 133
Lot 014-001-001

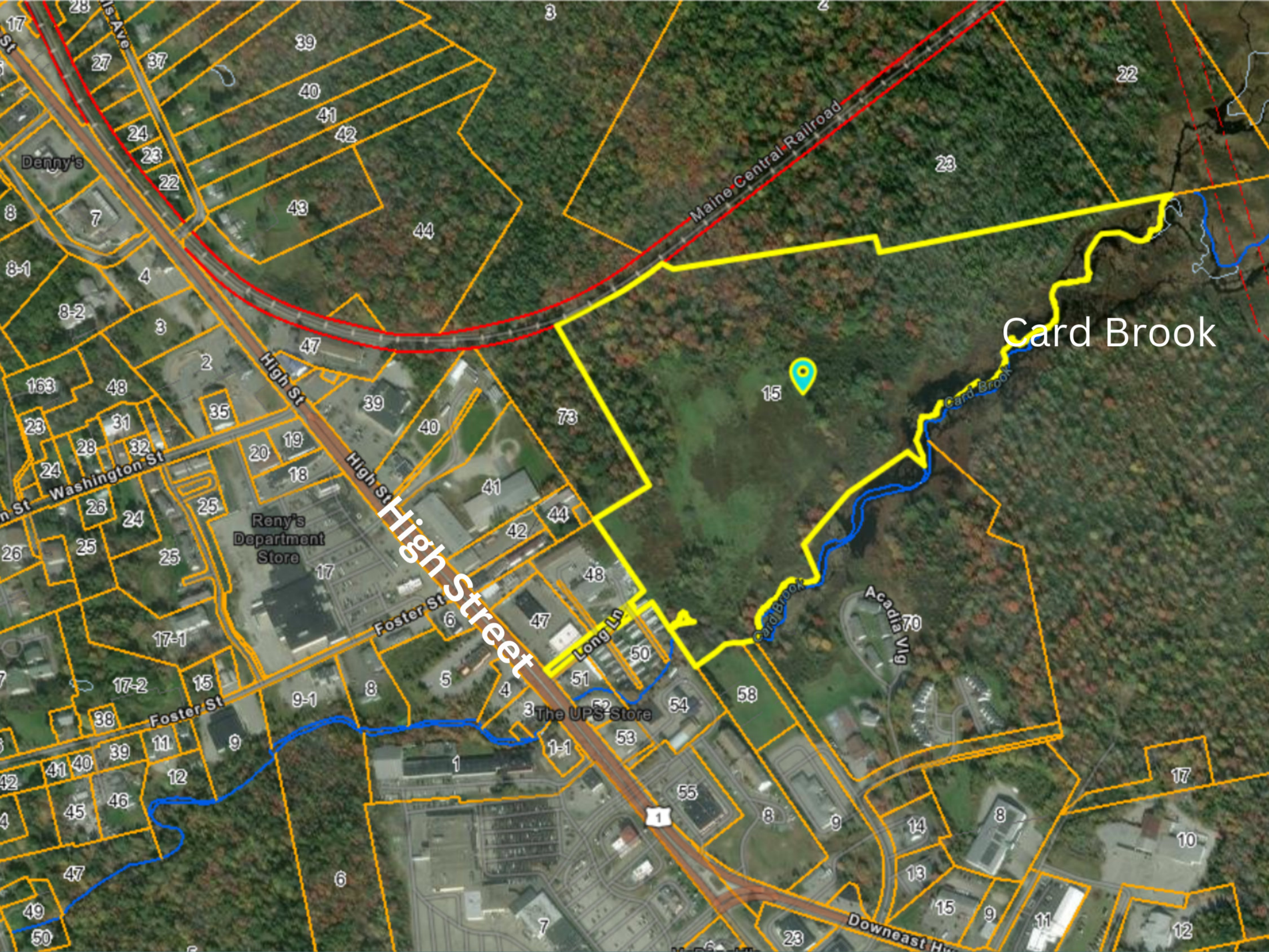


WARDWELL Property

Proposal 1

Map 027

Lot 002



WARDWELL Property

Proposal 2

Map 021

Lot 015

Other Locations



SCOTT Property

393 Bar Harbor Rd, Trenton

Suggested locations in Ellsworth by community members:

Is it possible to build it behind Harmon's? Or behind the LLB block?

Consideration should be given to vacant property on the corner of Myrick Street and Route 3, across the road from Dunkin Donuts.



NEXT STEPS