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My name is Christopher Harris, I am a proud and content resident of Lake County.

I appreciate the integrity of Lake County officials to open this opportunity for its constituents to participate in Redistricting in Lake County's redistricting, this is what a true Democracy looks like. Earlier this year I had the honor to have been selected by the *All IN For Democracy Coalition* to serve on the Indiana Citizens Redistricting Commission as an Independent Representative favoring neither political party. If I could briefly summarize the testimony we've heard across the state, Hoosiers want fair competitive elections that also respect communities of interest (COI). Having learned a great deal about redistricting this year, I drafted and humbly submit the executive and legislative maps as an individual and constituent of Lake County.

2020 Lake County FAQs

Lake County's 2020 Population: 498,700

Lake County Legislative Districts: 166,233 persons per Executive District*

Lake County Executive (Commissioner) Districts: 71,243 persons per Legislative District**

Lake County Voting History

2020 Presidential Election Lake County Results 57% D / 42% R

2016 Presidential Election Lake County Results: 61%D / 38% R

2020 Governor Election Lake County Results: 54% D / 45% R

2016 Governor Election Lake County Results 66% D / 33% R

My Mapping Criteria

- Creating Opportunity for Competitive Elections
- Respecting Communities of Interest
- Maps Drawn with 2020 Census Block Group Data
- Maps Drawn with free redistricting software DistrictR.

Proposed Lake County Executive (Commissioner's) Map (PDF & SHP File Attached)

Communities of Interest: North Lake County Legacy Cities, Inner Ring Suburbs (Between I-80/94 & U.S. 30 Lincoln Highway) & Rural/Exurban Communities.

The 2020 Census has revealed that our population in Lake County is now relatively evenly distributed between our urban, suburban and exurban/rural communities.

The proposed executive branch map would provide:

(1) Executive District that leans Democrat (North Lake)

(1) Executive District that leans Republican (Rural/Exurban South Lake)

(1) Executive District (Inner Ring Suburbs) that leaned Democrat by 56%/46.6% based on 2020 votes cast for Governor. This Inner Ring Suburban district could provide the opportunity for a competitive primary and general election race considering this same district in 2016 voted 65%D vs 34%R for Governor of Indiana.

*The proposed map submitted is within 1% of the 166,233 required persons per executive district. This map could achieve greater precision if 2020 precinct level data is utilized.

Proposed Lake County Legislative Map (PDF & SHP File Attached)

Communities of Interest: Deep River/East Lake County Communities, Gary/Calumet Township, Merrillville/Crown Point. Southwest/Rural Lake County, West Lake Central Suburbs, West Little Calumet River Communities. Central/North Hammond-Whiting-East Chicago.

Most of the communities of interest above either have shared histories or have shared economic relationships that should be considered when drafting our new legislative maps.

Based on the 2020 votes cast for Governor of Indiana, This proposed legislative map provides the following:

- (3) Competitive Legislative Districts- Difference of votes cast between parties less than 10%.
- (2) Legislative Districts that lean Democrat.
- (2) Legislative Districts that lean Republican.

*The proposed map submitted is within 1% of the 71,243 required persons per executive district. This map could achieve greater precision if 2020 precinct level data is utilized.

Each proposed map can be analyzed in greater detail via DistrictR -

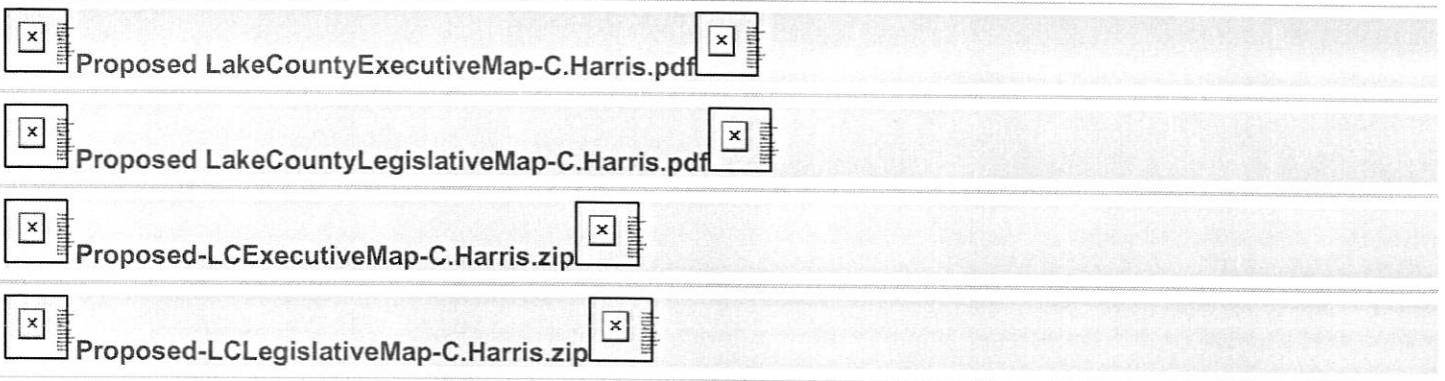
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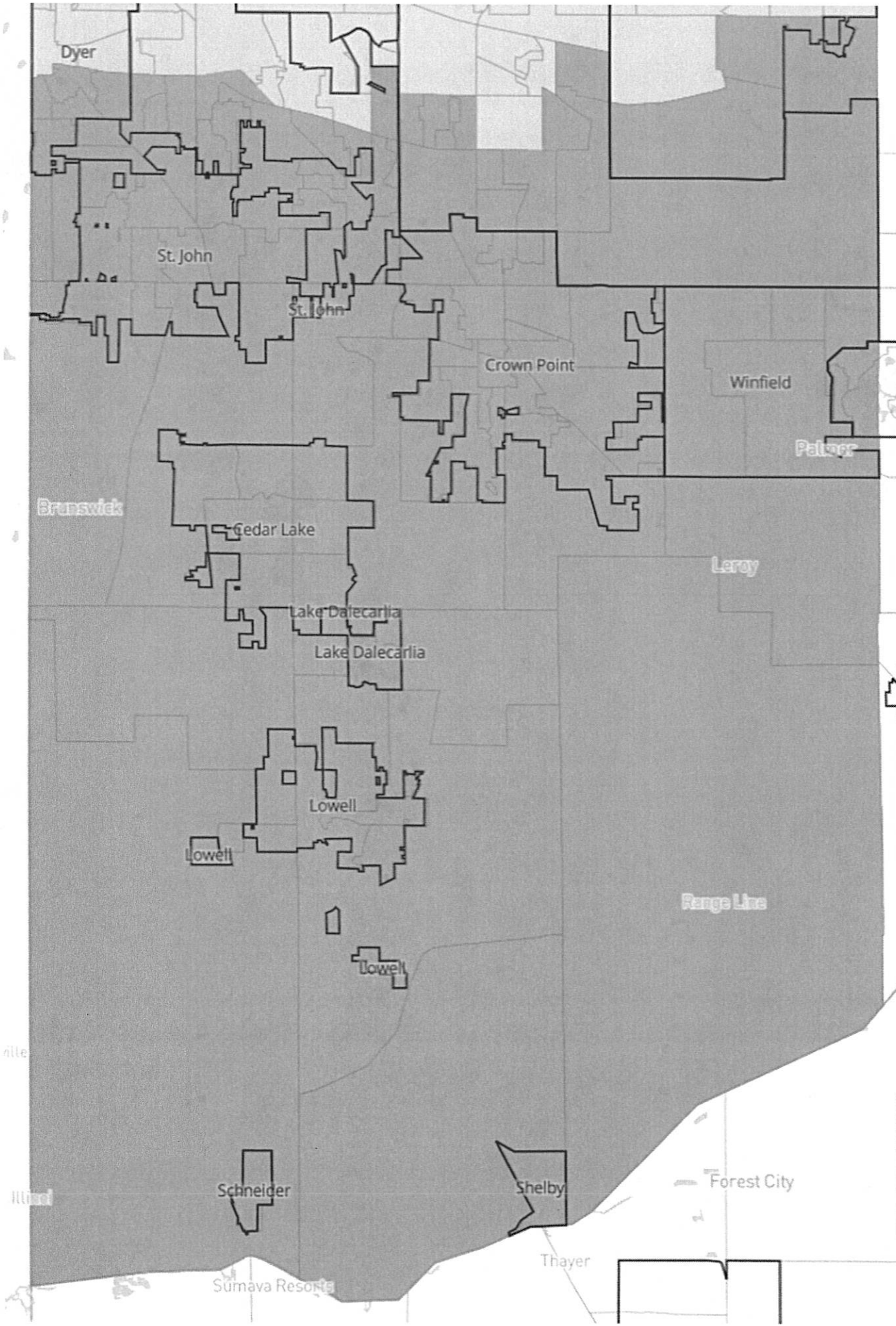
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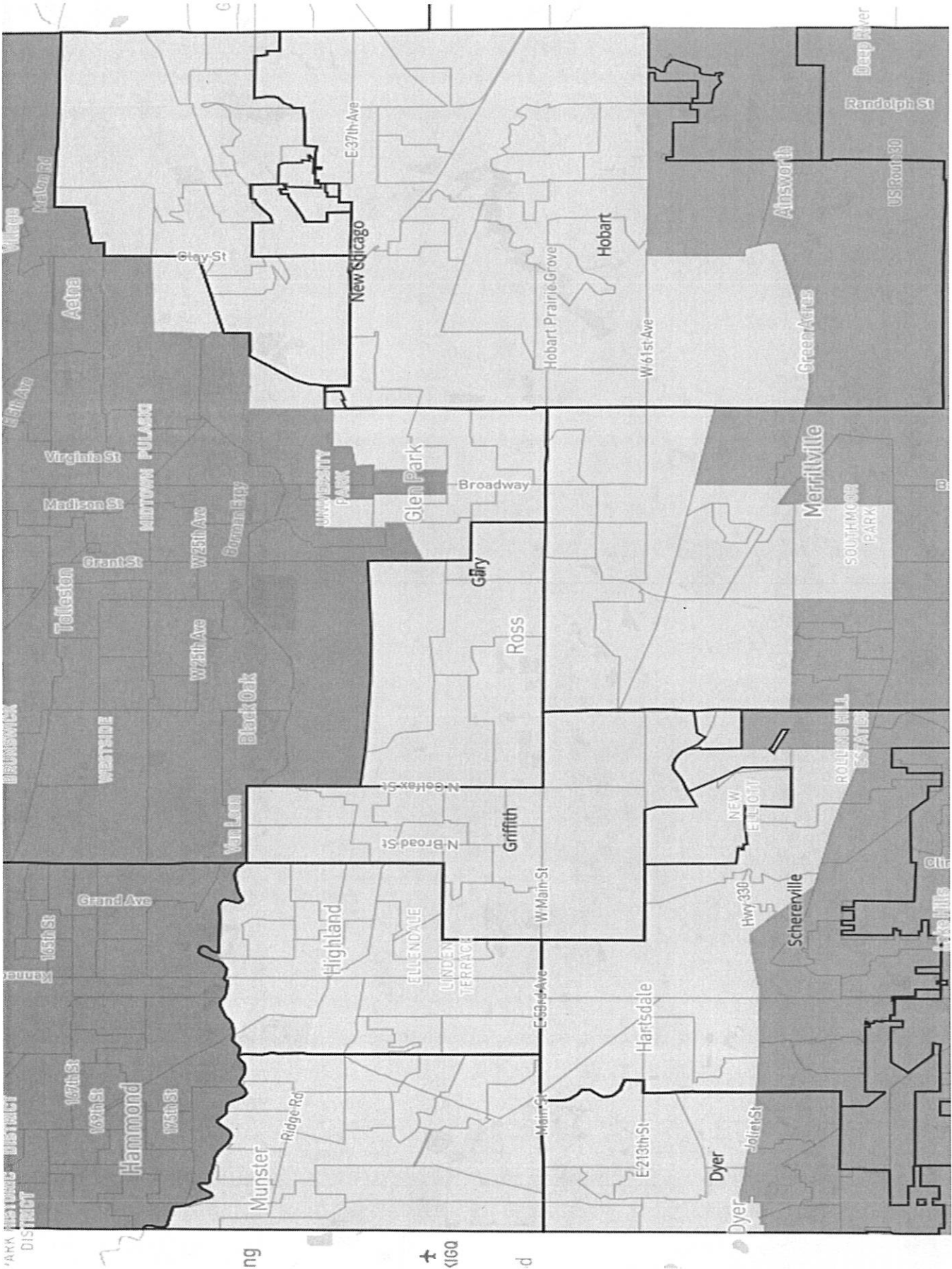
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Lake County owes its constituents fair representation, especially considering that these maps will lead each of our communities into Lake County's Bicentennial decade. Personally, I hope that Lake County serves as an example to the Indiana General Assembly that Hoosiers are capable of playing a critical and meaningful role in a fair redistricting process.

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ARK DISTRICT
DISTRICT

167th St
167th St
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Hammond

Munster

Ridge Rd

Highland

ELLENDALE
LINDEN
TERRACE

W Main St

Hartsdale

Dyer

E 213th St

Schererville

Hwy 330

NEW
ELECT

ROLLING HILL
ESTATES

Griffith

N Broad St

N Cohan St

Ross

Girly

Glen Park

Broadway

UNIVERSITY
PARK

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PARK

Merrillville

SOUTHGON
PARK

Hobart Prairie Grove

Hobart

W 61st Ave

Green Avenue

Randolph St

US Route 30

Deep River

New Chicago

Gay St

E 37th Ave

Aetna

MIDTOWN PULASKI

Virginia St

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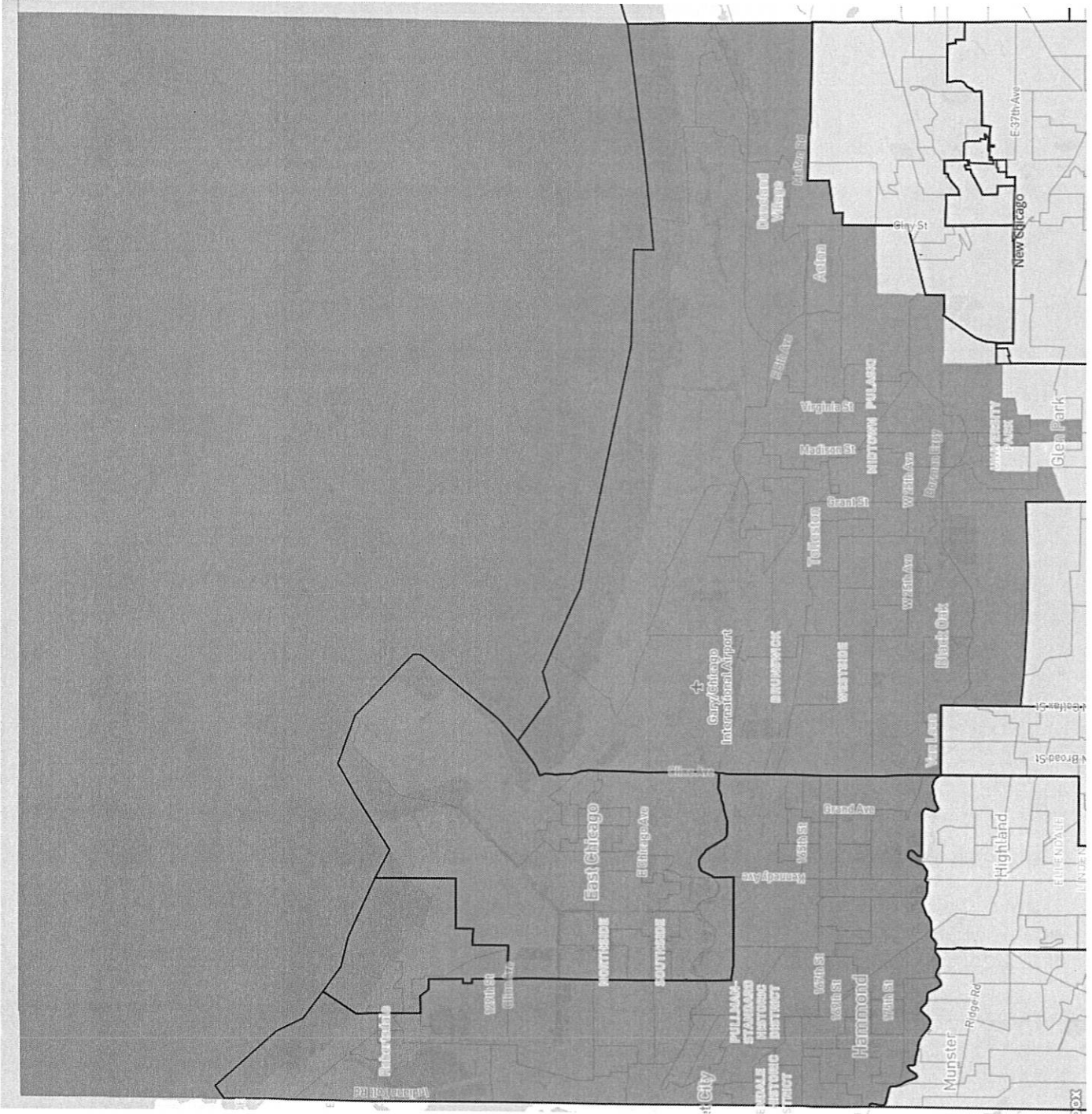
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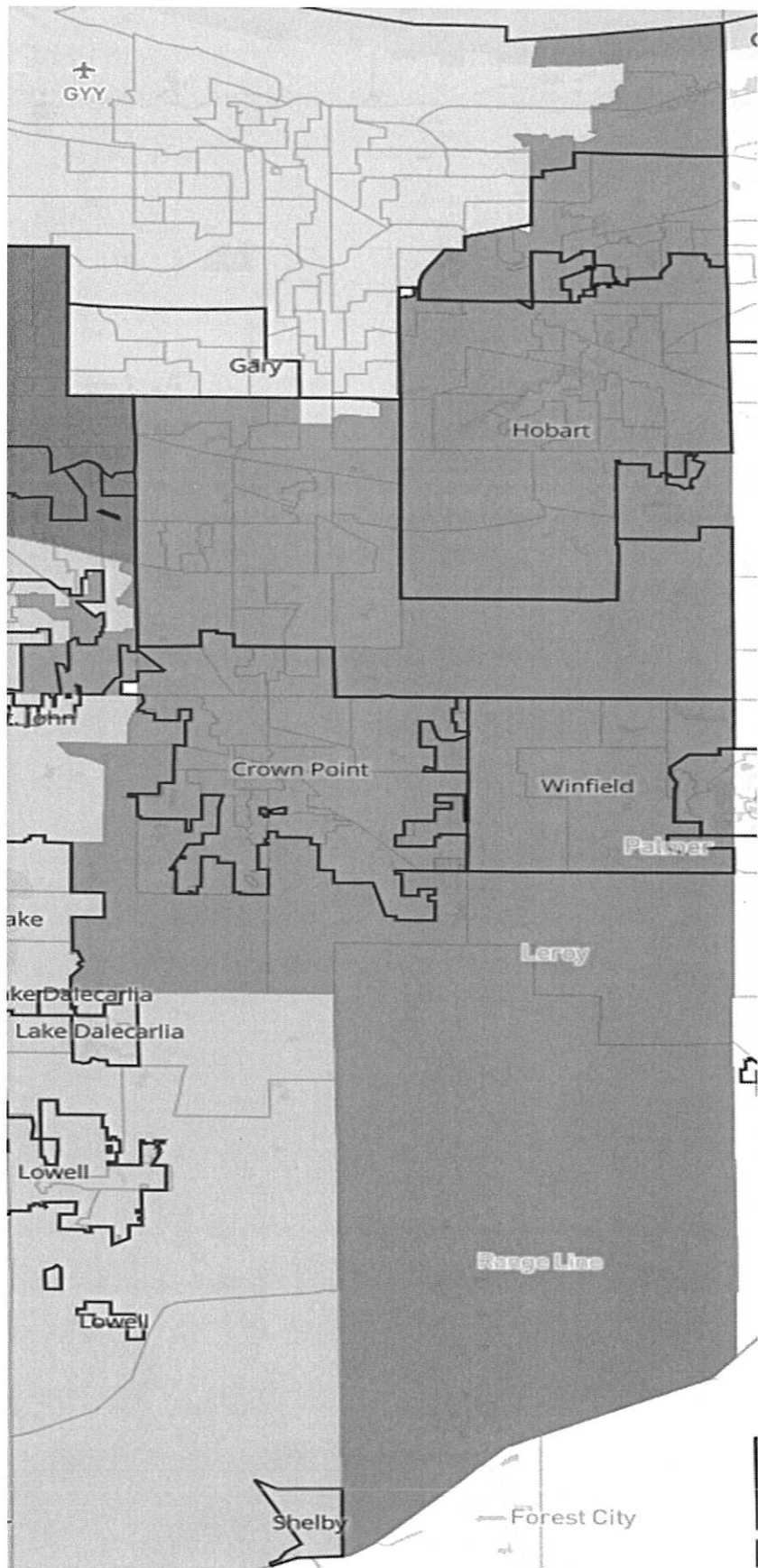
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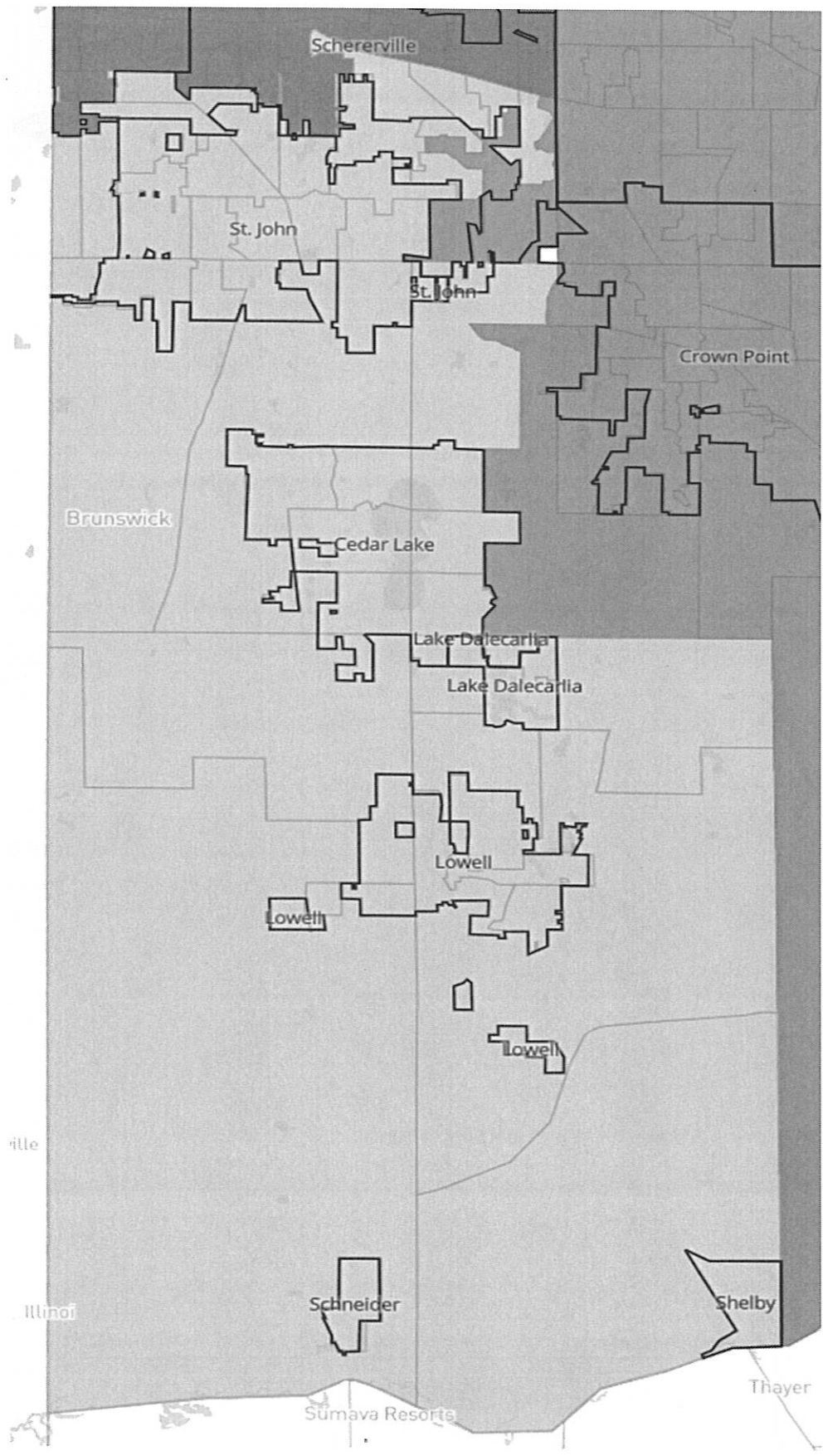
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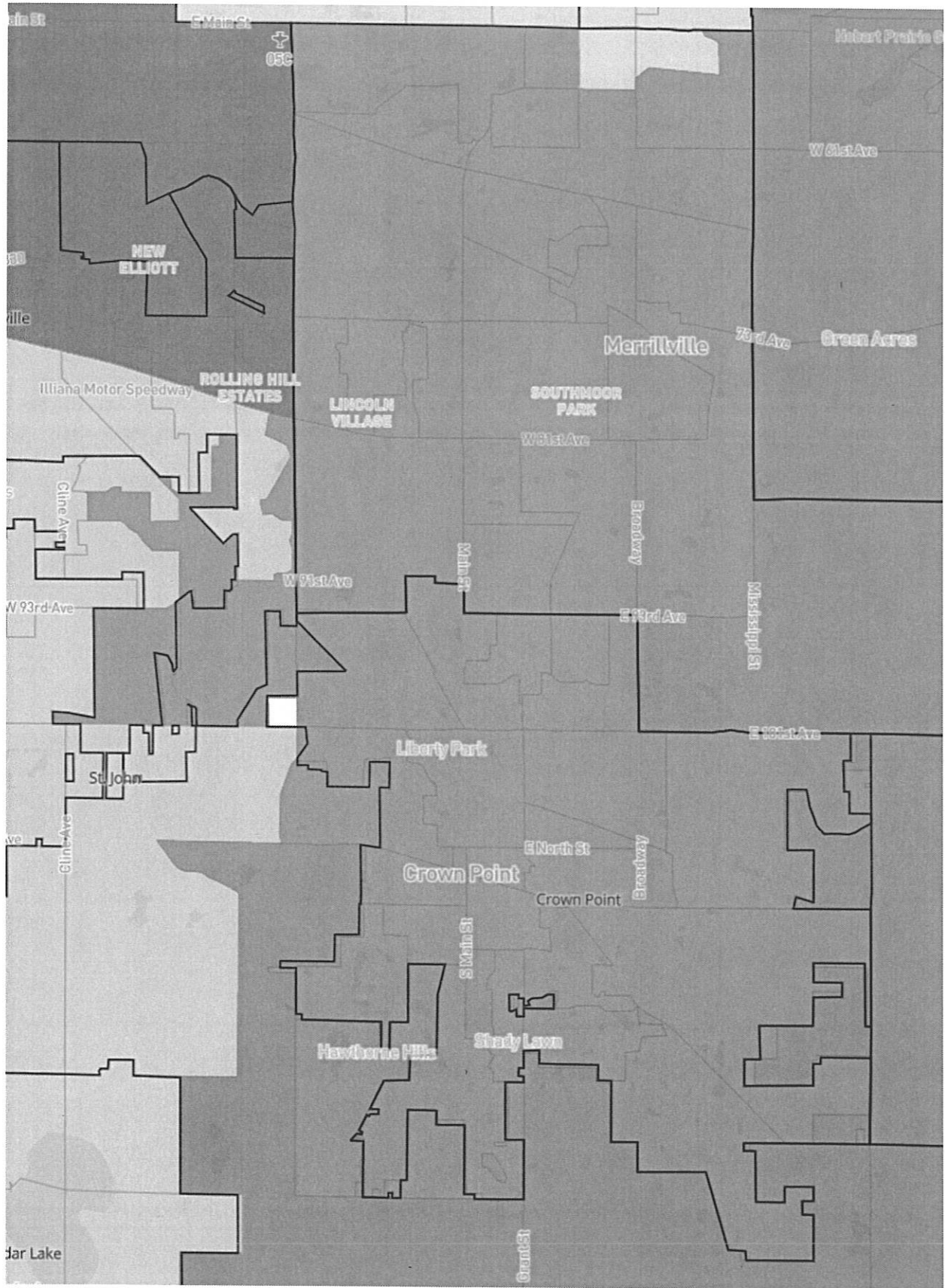
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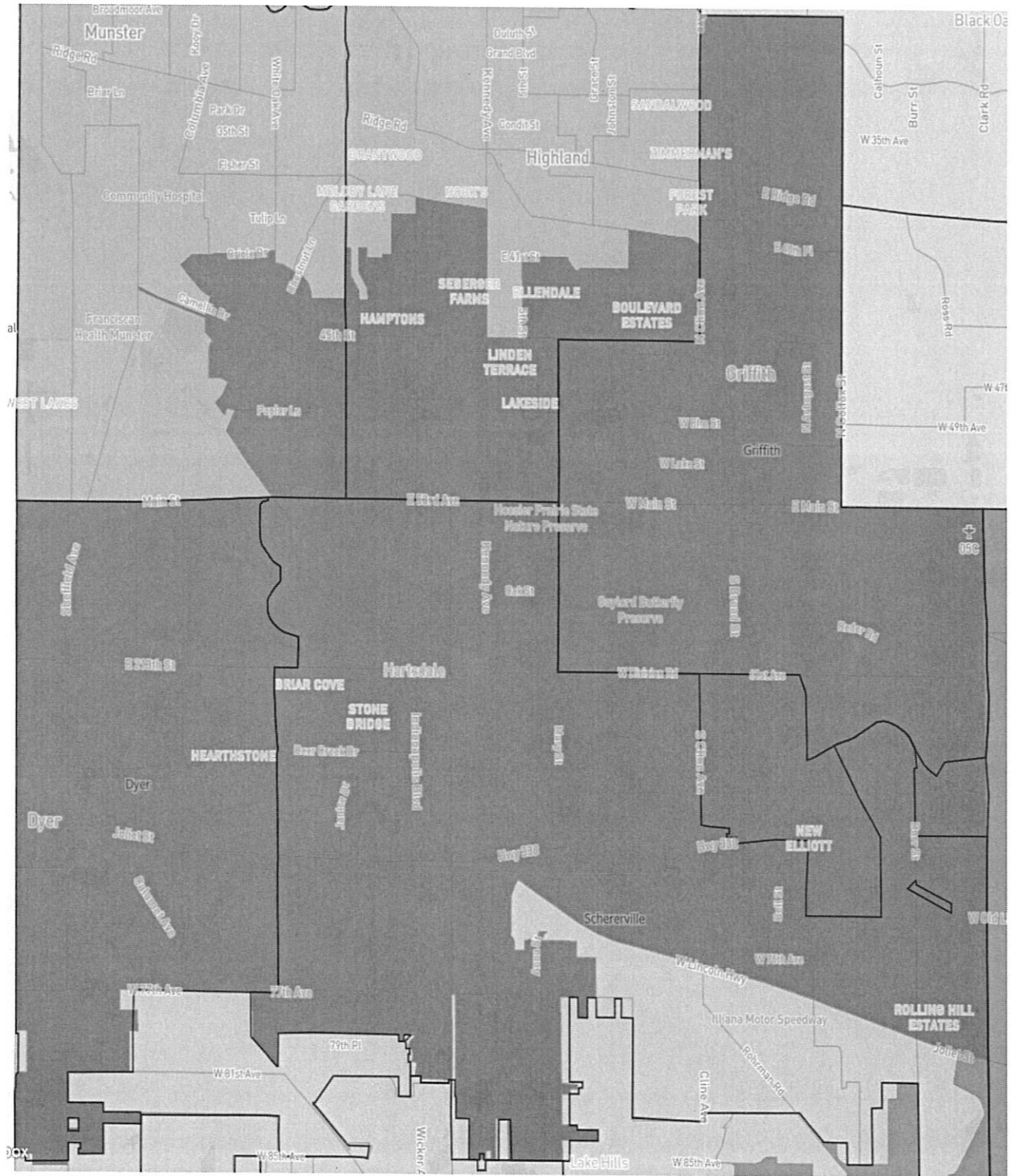
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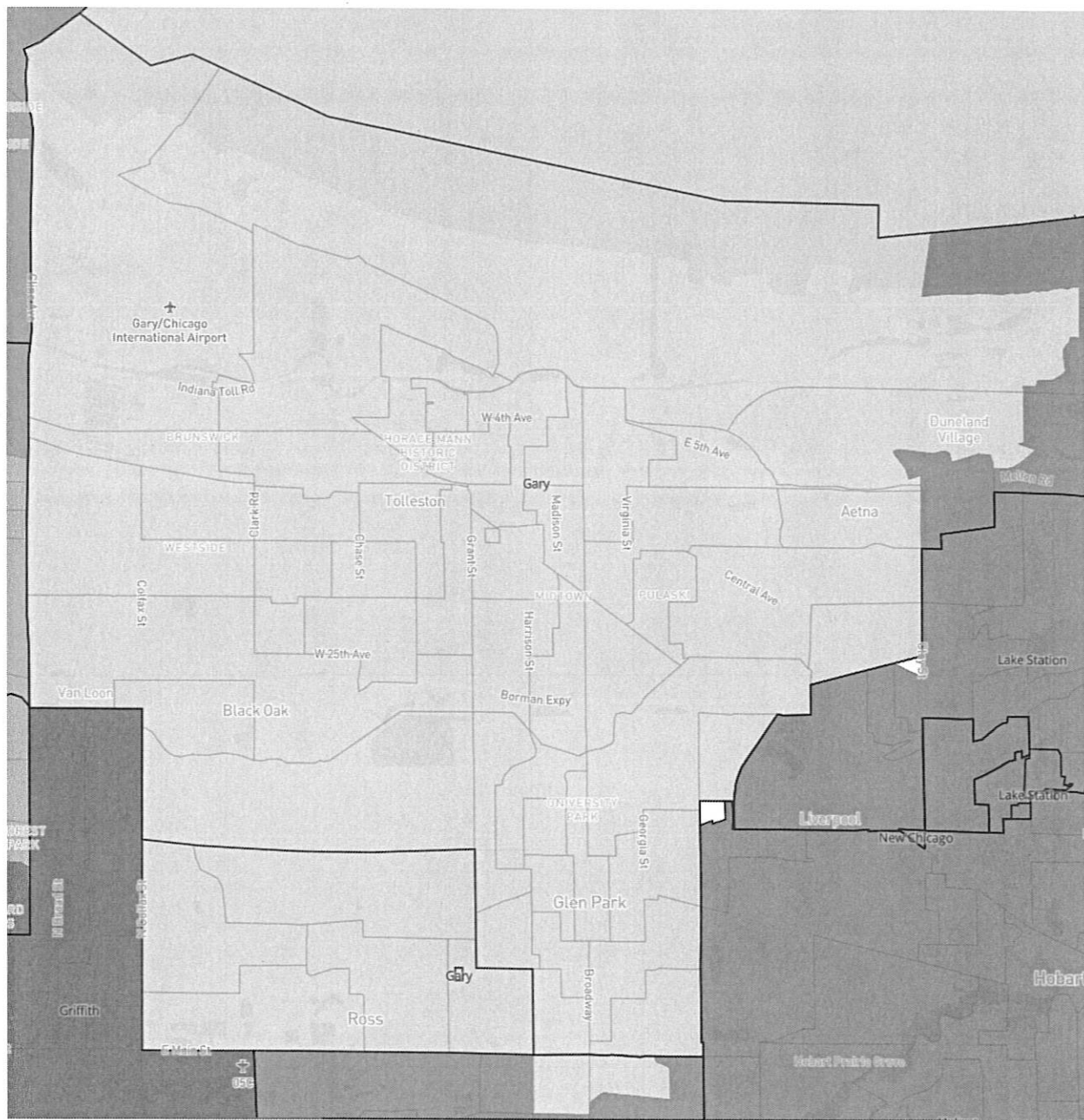


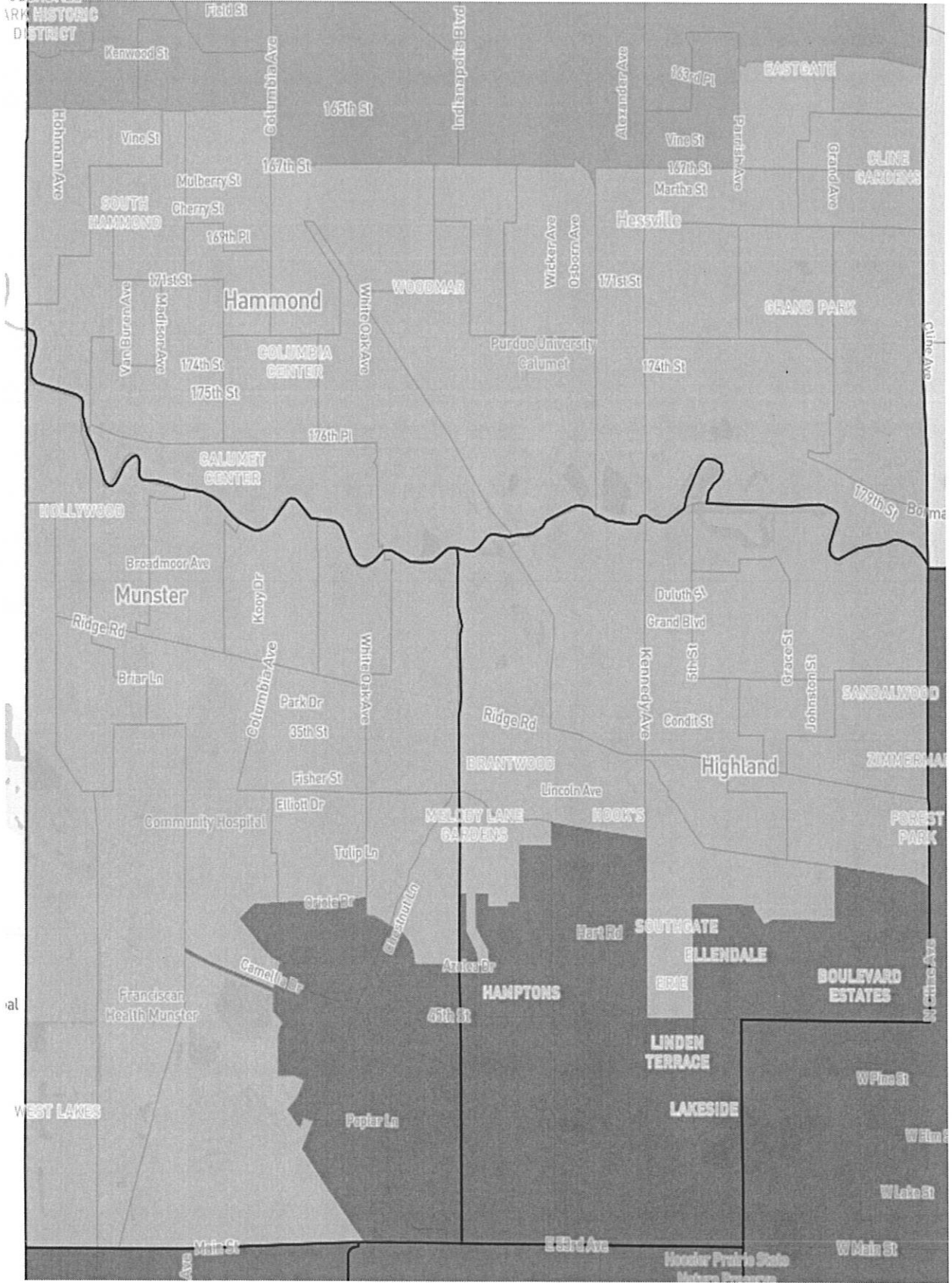


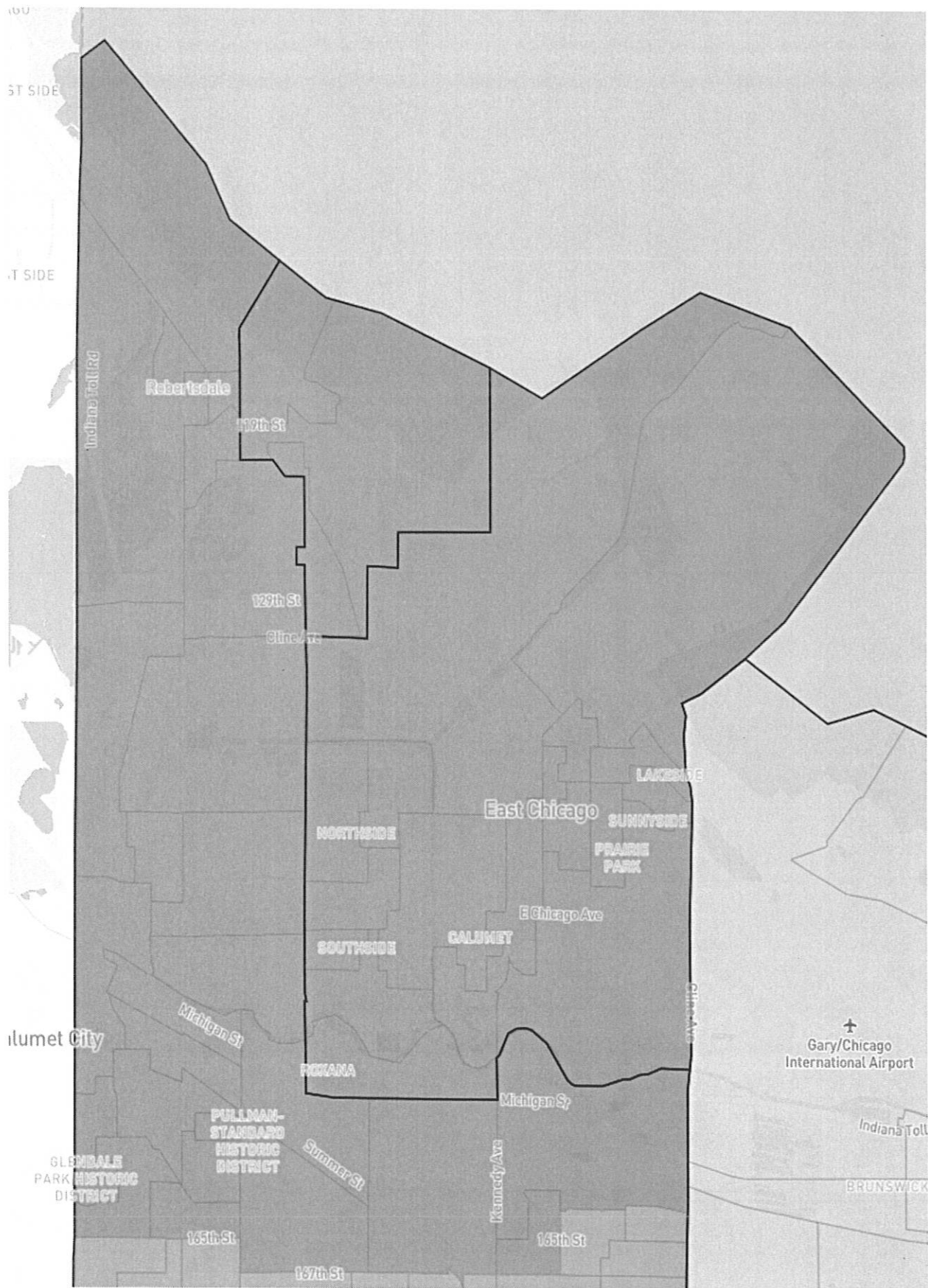












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Indiana Toll Rd

Robertsdale

119th St

129th St

Chicago Ave

LAKESHORE

East Chicago

SUNNYSIDE

PRAIRIE
PARK

NORTHSIDE

E Chicago Ave

SOUTHSIDE

GALUMET

Hamlet City

Michigan St

Chicago Ave

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Gary/Chicago
International Airport

INDIANA

Michigan St

Indiana Toll

GLENDALE
PARK HISTORIC
DISTRICT

PULLMAN-
STANDARD
HISTORIC
DISTRICT

Summer St

BRUNSWICK

135th St

Kennedy Ave

135th St

137th St