

33.825 Design Review

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33.825.010 Purpose

Design review ensures that development conserves and enhances the recognized special design values of a site or area. Design review is used to ensure the conservation, enhancement, and continued vitality of the identified scenic, architectural, and cultural values of each design district or area and to promote quality development near transit facilities. Design review ensures that certain types of infill development will be compatible with the neighborhood and enhance the area. Design review is also used in certain cases to review public and private projects to ensure that they are of a high design quality.

33.825.025 Review Procedures

This section lists procedures for design review for proposals in design overlay zones. These procedures also apply where design review is required by the regulations of a plan district or overlay zone, or as a condition of approval of a quasi-judicial decision.

The procedures stated in this section supersede procedural and threshold statements in the City's adopted design guidelines documents.

Procedures for design review vary with the type of proposal being reviewed and the design district in which the site is located. Some proposals in the Central City plan district must provide a model of the approved proposal, as set out in Subsection D. When determining procedure type for exterior alterations based on project valuation, the dollar amount refers to the value of the exterior changes and any new floor area only. It does not include interior or subgrade alterations.

- A.** Proposals subject to design review are reviewed according to the procedure type listed in Table 825-1. When a proposal is subject to more than one procedure type, the higher procedure type applies. For example, a proposal located in the Central City

Plan District may not exceed the dollar threshold for a Type II procedure, but because it is also in the Downtown Design District and it exceeds the square footage threshold for a

Type II procedure, the proposal would be subject to a Type III procedure.

Table 825-1 Procedure Type for Design Review Proposals			
Design Districts	Proposal	Threshold	Procedure
Downtown Design District	New floor area	> 1,000 s.f.	Type III
		≤ 1,000 s.f.	Type II
	Exterior alteration	Value > \$481,300	Type III
		Value ≤ \$481,300	Type II
River District Design District	New floor area or Exterior alteration in CX or OS zone	>1,000 s.f. and value > \$481,300	Type III
		≤ 1,000 s.f. or value ≤ \$481,300	Type II
Gateway Design District	Development proposals	Value > \$2,406,200 included in a Gateway Master Plan Review	Type III
		Value ≤ \$2,406,200 and not part of Gateway Master Plan Review	Type II
Marquam Hill Design District	Development proposals	In design overlay zones	Type II
Sellwood-Moreland Design District			
Terwilliger Parkway Design District	Proposals that are visible from Terwilliger Boulevard	Non single-dwelling development	Type III
		Single-dwelling development	Type II
Central Eastside	Development proposals	Value > \$2,406,200	Type III
Goose Hollow			
Lloyd District			
Macadam		Value ≤ \$2,406,200	Type II
River District			
South Waterfront			
Community Plans			
Albina Community Plan area, including Lower Albina	Development proposals	In design overlay zones	Type II
Outer Southeast Community Plan area, excluding Gateway Design District			
Southwest Community Plan Area, excluding Macadam & Terwilliger Design Districts			

Table 825-1 Procedure Type for Design Review Proposals			
Plan Districts	Proposal	Threshold	Procedure
Central City Plan District, excluding Lower Albina	Development proposals	In design overlay zones and value > \$2,406,200	Type III
Northwest Plan District		In design overlay zones and value ≤ \$2,406,200	Type II
South Auditorium Plan District			
Albina Plan District	Development proposals	In design overlay zones	Type II
Hollywood Plan District			
North Interstate Plan District			
St. Johns Plan District			
Overlay Zones			
"a" Alternative Design Density overlay	Using provisions in 33.405	In single dwelling zones	Type II
"d" Design overlay	Development proposals	Not identified elsewhere in this table and value > \$2,406,200	Type III
		Not identified elsewhere in this table and value ≤ \$2,406,200	Type II
Base Zones			
All zones	Signs	In design overlay zones	Type II
	Exterior mechanical equipment		
	New or replacement awnings		
C zones	Planned Development	Using the Planned Development bonus provision described in 33.130.212	Type III
C, E, I, RX, CI zones	Facade alteration	≤ 500 square feet in design overlay zones	Type II
RF - R2.5 zones	Subject to section 33.110.213, Additional Development Standards	Requests to modify standards	Type II
IR zone site with an approved Impact Mitigation Plan (IMP)	Proposals that are identified in IMP	IMP design guidelines are qualitative	Type II
	Proposals that are identified in IMP	IMP design guidelines are objective or quantitative	Type IX

- B.** Minor changes to an approved design review prior to issuance of final permit approval. Minor changes to an approved design review that was originally processed through a Type III procedure are reviewed through a Type II procedure when all of the following are met. Alterations to a structure after the final building permit approval are exempt from this regulation:

1. The original design review has not expired;
 2. The building permit for the project has not received final approval;
 3. The change will not modify any condition of approval. Changes to an approved exhibit are allowed; and
 4. The cumulative value of the changes will not result in an increase or decrease in the original project value by more than 15 percent.
- C. Phased design plans.**
1. For multi-phased projects. Applicants may submit design plans for multi-phased projects, provided the application includes adequate information to allow review of the immediate and later phases of the project, including anticipated timelines.
 2. Benefits of a phased design plan. Development in conformance with an approved phased design plan does not have to go through a separate design review for each phase.
 3. Procedure. A phased design plan application is reviewed using the same procedure and with the same guidelines as a design review for a specific development.
- D. Models of proposals in the Central City plan district.** For proposals located in the area of the Central City plan district shown on Map 825-1, a three dimensional cardboard model of the proposal is required with an application for Design Review. This requirement applies only to new developments or changes in the bulk of existing buildings. The scale of the model must be 1 inch equals 50 feet.

Before a building permit is issued, a three dimensional wooden model of the proposal as approved must be placed in the City's downtown model. The scale of the model must be 1 inch equals 50 feet. The model requirements will be waived if the application does not involve a change in the bulk of buildings on a site for which the City possesses an accurate wooden model.

33.825.035 Factors Reviewed During Design Review.

The review may evaluate the architectural style; structure placement, dimensions, height, and bulk; lot coverage by structures; and exterior alterations of the proposal, including building materials, color, off-street parking areas, open areas, landscaping, and tree preservation.

33.825.040 Modifications That Will Better Meet Design Review Requirements

The review body may consider modification of site-related development standards, including the sign standards of Chapters 32.32 and 32.34 of the Sign Code, as part of the design review process. The review body may not consider modifications to standards for which adjustments are prohibited. Modifications are done as part of design review and are not required to go through the adjustment process. Adjustments to use-related development standards (such as floor area ratios, intensity of use, size of the use, number of units, or concentration of uses) are required to go through the adjustment process. Modifications that are denied through design review may be requested as an adjustment through the adjustment process. The review body will approve requested modifications if it finds that the applicant has shown that the following approval criteria are met:

- A. Better meets design guidelines.** The resulting development will better meet the applicable design guidelines; and
- B. Purpose of the standard.** On balance, the proposal will be consistent with the purpose of the standard for which a modification is requested.

33.825.055 Approval Criteria

A design review application will be approved if the review body finds the applicant to have shown that the proposal complies with the design guidelines for the area.

33.825.065 Design Guidelines

- A. Purpose.** Design guidelines are the approval criteria used to review new development and modifications to existing development. They ensure the conservation and enhancement of the special characteristics of each design district.
- B. Design guidelines.** Guidelines specific to a design district have been adopted for the areas shown on maps 420-1 through 420-3 and 420-5 through 420-6. Where two of the design districts shown on those maps overlap, both sets of guidelines apply.

All other areas within the Design Overlay Zone or proposals subject to design review use the Community Design Guidelines. A district's design guidelines are mandatory approval criteria used in design review procedures. The design guidelines may consist of a common set of design guidelines for the whole district and special design guidelines for subdistricts.

Where subdistrict guidelines conflict with the district guidelines, the subdistrict guidelines control.

- C. Waiver of design guidelines.** If a design district's design guidelines document includes goals for the design district, the review body may waive one or more of the guidelines as part of the design review procedure.

33.825.075 Relationship to Other Regulations

Design review approval by BDS does not imply compliance with the other requirements of the Zoning Code or other City, Regional, State, and Federal agencies.

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Area Where Models of Proposals are Required

(See 33.825.025.A.5 and 33.846.020.D.6)

Map 825-1

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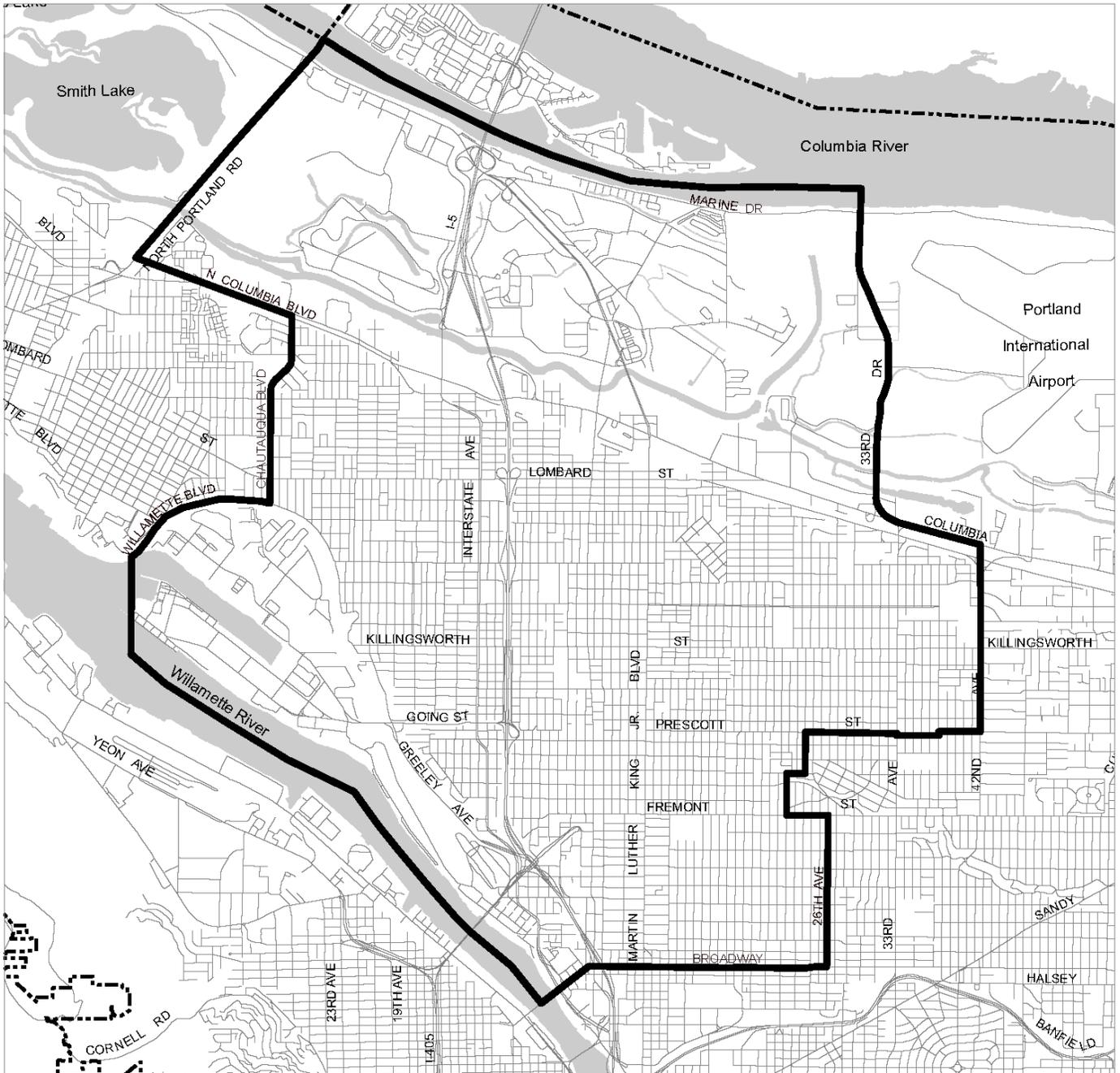


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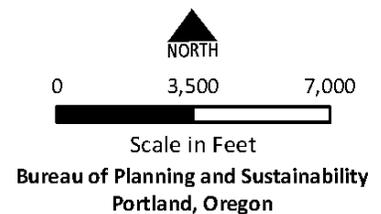
Albina Community Plan Area

Map 825-2

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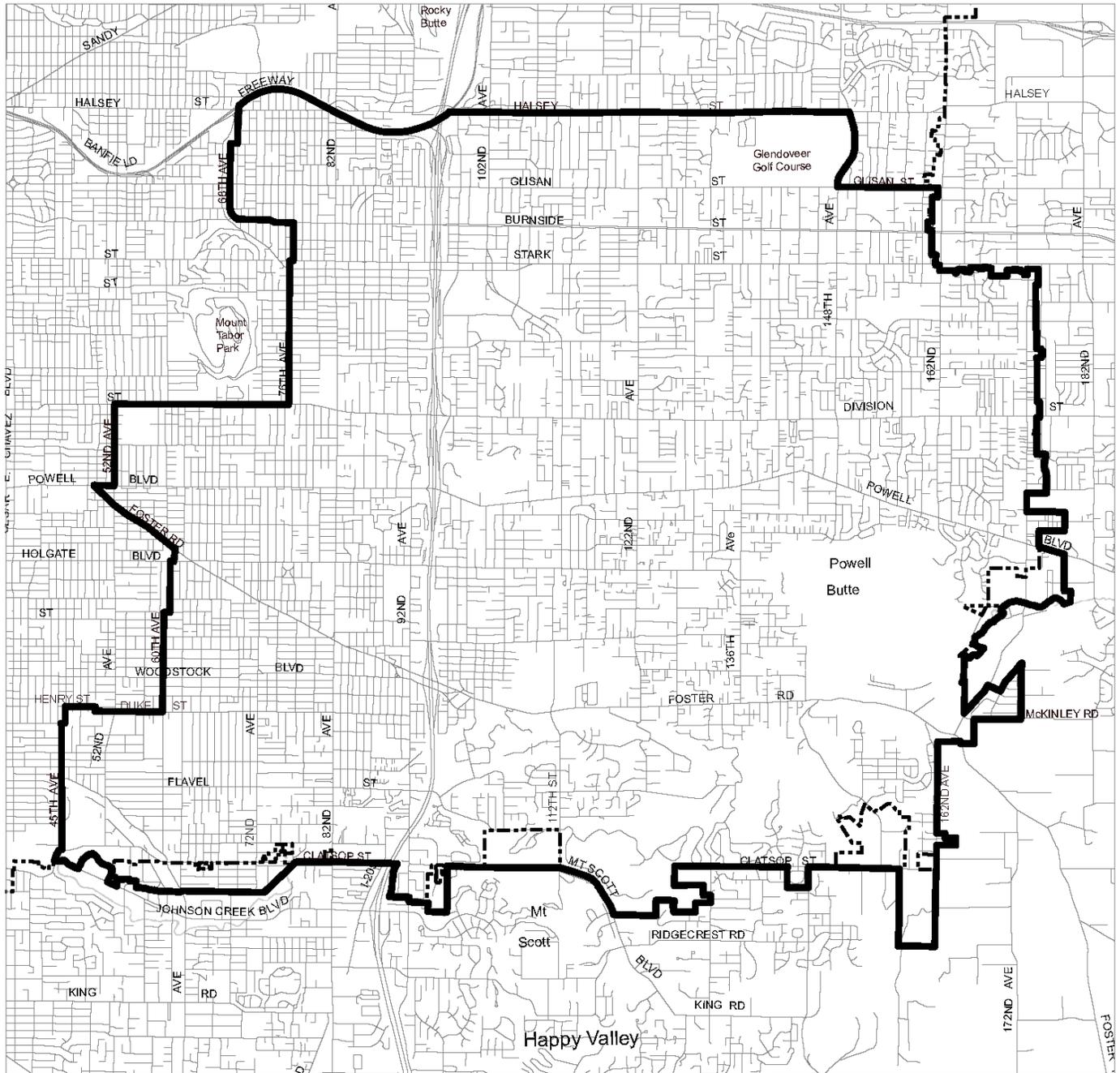
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Outer Southeast Community Plan Area

Map 825-3

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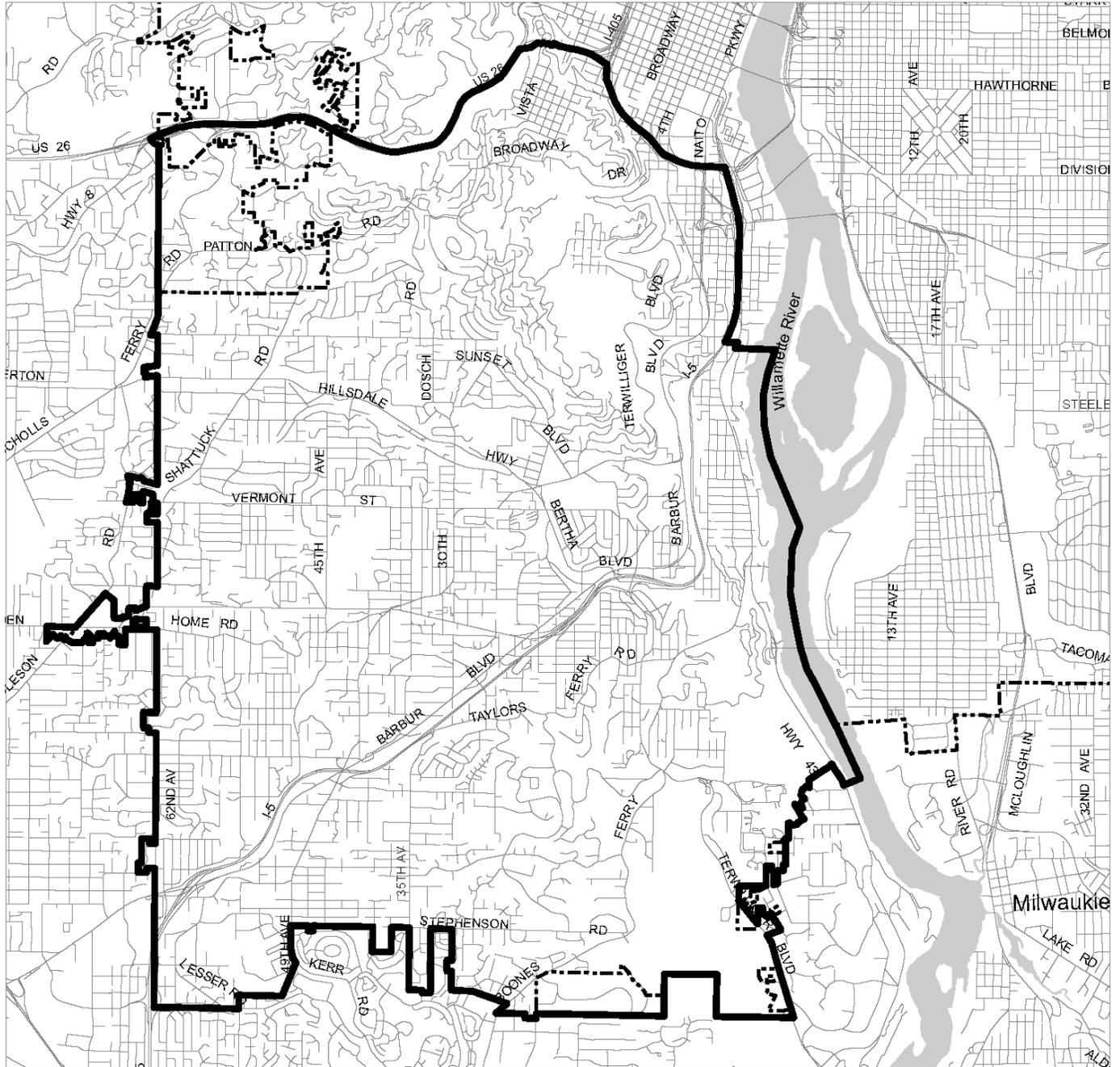
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Southwest Community Plan Area

Map 825-4

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