



# The City of Worcester

## Zoning Districts Map

### As Amended Through August 7, 2024

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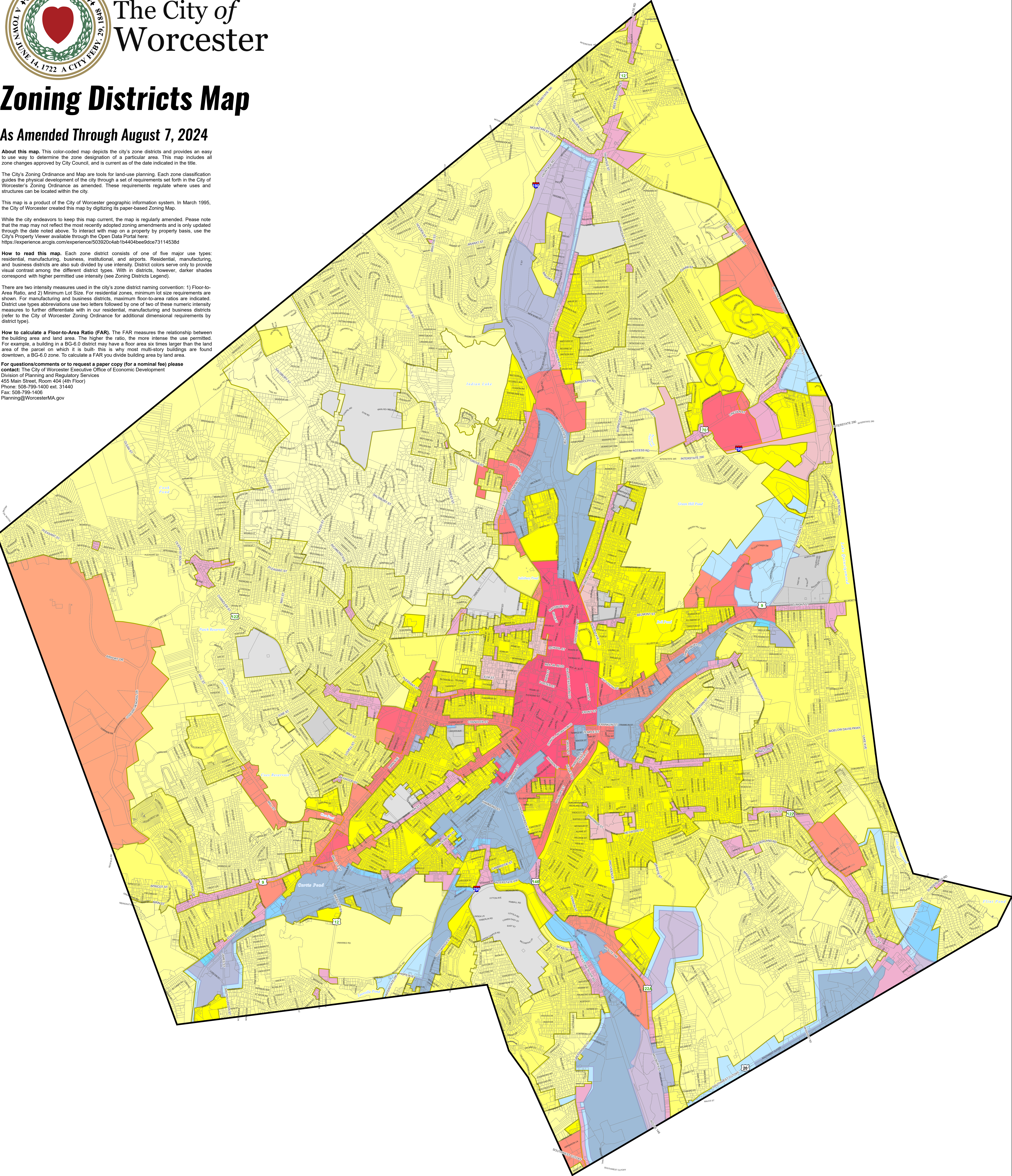
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How to read this map. Each zone district consists of one of five major use types: residential, manufacturing, business, institutional, and airports. Residential, manufacturing, and business districts are also sub divided by use intensity. District colors serve only to provide visual contrast among the different district types. With in districts, however, darker shades correspond with higher permitted use intensity (see Zoning Districts Legend).

There are two intensity measures used in the city's zone district naming convention: 1) Floor-to-Area Ratio, and 2) Minimum Lot Size. For residential zones, minimum lot size requirements are shown. For manufacturing and business districts, maximum floor-to-area ratios are indicated. District use types abbreviations use two letters followed by one of two of these numeric intensity measures to further differentiate with in our residential, manufacturing and business districts (refer to the City of Worcester Zoning Ordinance for additional dimensional requirements by district type).

How to calculate a Floor-to-Area Ratio (FAR). The FAR measures the relationship between the building area and land area. The higher the ratio, the more intense the use permitted. For example, a building in a BG-6.0 district may have a floor area six times larger than the land area of the parcel on which it is built- this is why most multi-story buildings are found downtown, a BG-6.0 zone. To calculate a FAR you divide building area by land area.

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Zoning Districts

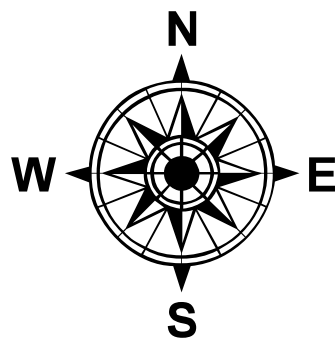
### Zoning Districts

- A-1 Airport District
- BG-2.0 General, 2 to 1 FAR
- BG-3.0 General, 3 to 1 FAR
- BG-4.0 General, 4 to 1 FAR
- BG-6.0 General, 6 to 1 FAR

- BL-1.0 Limited, 1 to 1 FAR
- BO-1.0 Office, 1 to 1 FAR
- BO-2.0 Office 2 to 1 FAR
- IN-H Medical
- IN-S Educational

- MG-0.5 General, 0.5 to 1 FAR
- MG-1.0 General, 1 to 1 FAR
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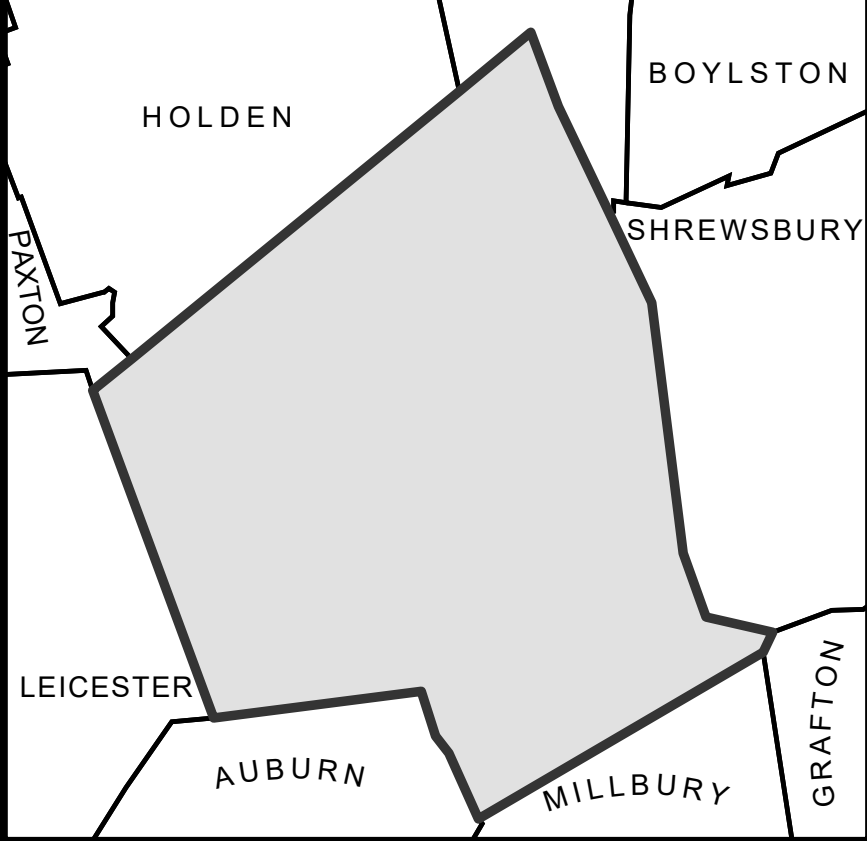
- ML-2.0 Limited, 2 to 1 FAR
- RG-5 General, 5000 SF.Min.Lot Size
- RL-7 Limited, 7000 SF. Min. Lot Size
- RS-7 Single Family, 7000 SF. Min Lot Size
- RS-10 Single Family, 10000 SF. Min. Lot Size



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## Zoning Overlay Districts Map

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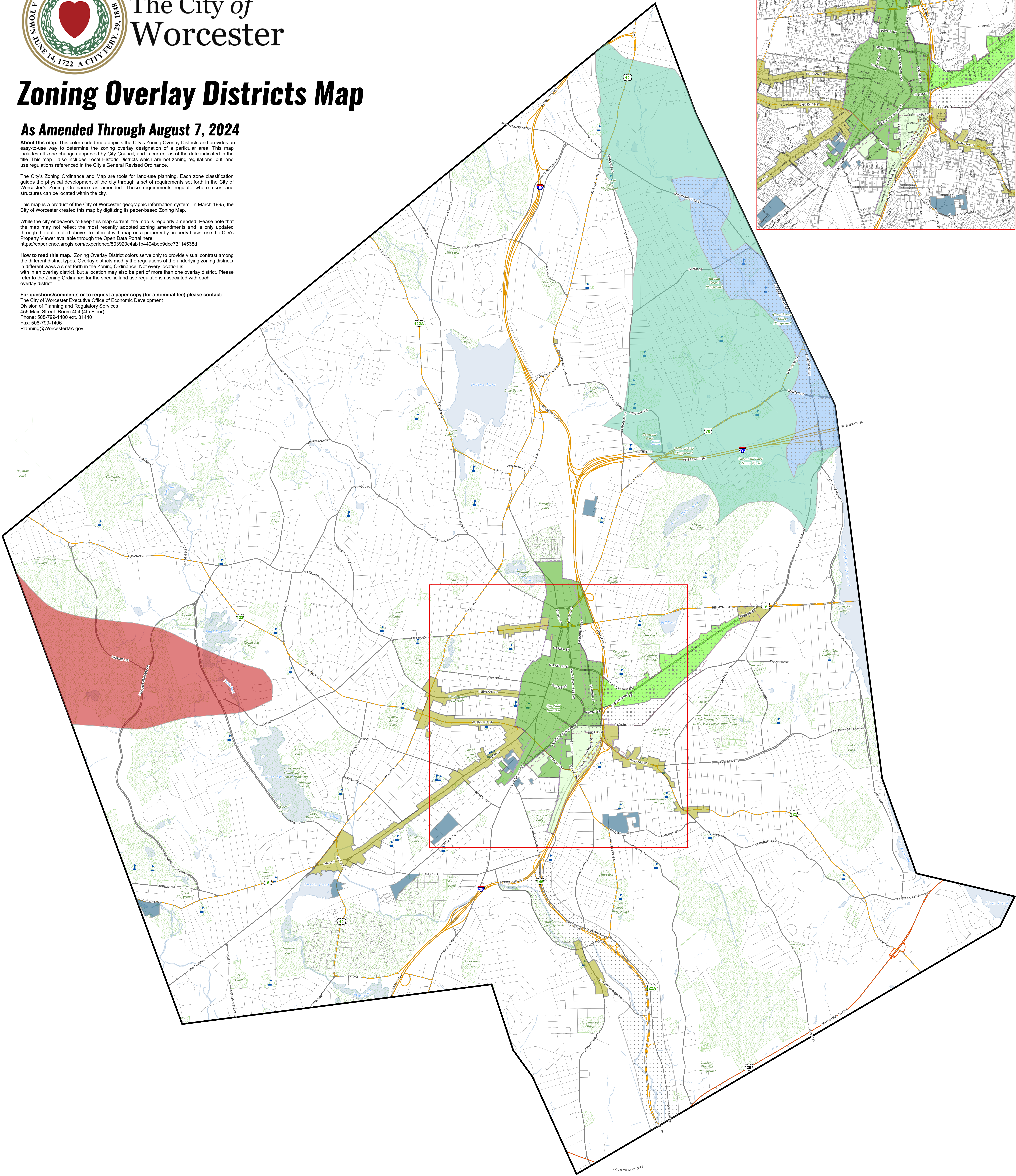
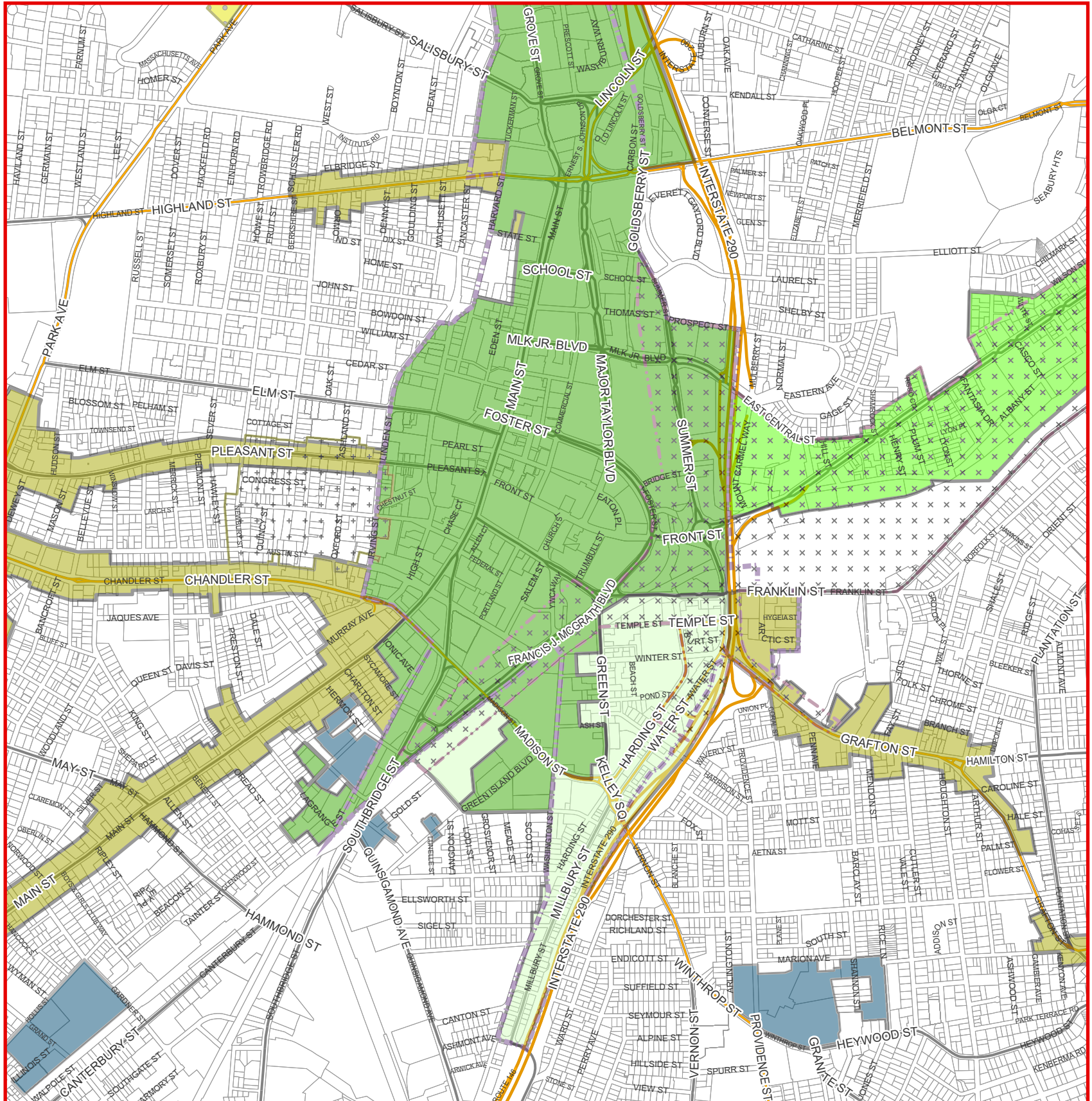
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### Zoning Districts - Overlay

#### Commercial Corridors Overlay District:

- CCOD-C: Canal District Parking Subarea
- CCOD-D: Downtown Parking Subarea
- CCOD-E: Elsewhere
- CCOD-S: Shrewsbury Street Parking Subarea

#### Sign Overlay Districts:

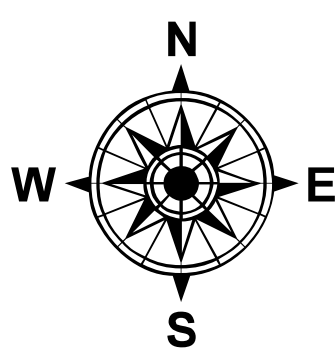
- BSOD - Blackstone River Parkway Sign
- DSOD - Downtown/Blackstone Canal Sign
- USOD - Union Station View Corridor Sign
- Water Resource Protection Overlay Districts:**
  - WR - Water Resource Protection (GP-2)
  - WR - Water Resource Protection (GP-3)

#### Other Overlay Districts:

- AR - Adaptive Reuse
- AE - Airport Environs

#### NON-ZONING DISTRICTS - Local Historic Districts:

- LHD - Crown Hill Local Historic
- LHD - Mass Ave Local Historic
- LHD - Montvale Local Historic



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