Belton ISD

Hazardous Traffic Conditions and Areas Presenting a High Risk of Violence

2023-2024



Hazardous Conditions

The Texas Education Code 48.151(d) sets the definition of a hazardous area as follows:

A ***hazardous traffic condition*** exist where no walkway is provided and children must walk along or cross a freeway or expressway, an underpass, an overpass or a bridge, an uncontrolled major traffic artery, an industrial or commercial area, or another comparable condition. An area presents a ***high risk of violence*** if law enforcement records indicate a high incidence of violent crimes in the area. Each board of trustees requesting funds for an area presenting a high risk of violence must, in addition to the explanation required by this subsection, provide the commissioner with consolidated law enforcement records that document violent crimes identified by reporting agencies within the relevant jurisdiction.

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Board Policy CNA (Legal) - Hazardous Conditions

The Board shall provide to the commissioner the definition of hazardous conditions applicable to the District and shall identify the specific hazardous areas for which the allocation is requested.

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The District may apply to the commissioner of education for an additional amount of up to ten percent of its regular transportation allotment to be used for the transportation of students living within two miles of the school they attend who would be subject to hazardous traffic conditions or a high risk of violence if they walked to school.

Hazardous Conditions Rating Scale

Belton ISD has developed a standardized form to evaluate areas less than two miles from each school across the district. The form addresses both new and existing areas for bus service.

The rating scale shall be used in determining the need to provide bus service from an area to a school when it is judged not safe for the student to walk to school. The absence of a sidewalk alone does not mean the area is hazardous.

SCHOOL:		AREA:	
This rating scale shall be used in determining the need to provide bus service from an area to a school when it is judged not safe for the student to walk to school. Place the appropriate score in the space provided to the left of the factors affecting the child's route to school. It may be necessary to mark more than one description per subject.			
Description of Area			**Points**
	Industrial/Commercial area with no walkways		100
	Apartment complex on major streets without walkways		80
	Residential area with no walkways to school		60
	Rural area with no walkways		40
	Residential/rural/apartment area with walkways		20
Description of Streets and Highways to be Crossed or Traveled			
	Overpass/Underpass across an expressway		100
	Access road along an expressway		90
	Railroad crossing		90
	Narrow, winding, isolated streets without walkways		80
	Narrow, winding, isolated streets with walkways		70
	Four lane highway/major artery without walkways		70
	Four lane highway/major artery with walkways		60
	Two lane road carrying heavy traffic		50
	Two lane road carrying light traffic		40
	Low water crossing		30
	Residential area without walkways		20
	Residential area with walkways		10
Distance - Home to School - based on nearest hazardous condition			
	1.75 - 1.99 miles		100
	1.50 - 1.74 miles		90
	1.25 - 1.49 miles		80
	1.00 - 1.24 miles		70
	.75 - .99 miles		60
	.50 - .74 miles		50
	.25 - .49 miles		30
	.00 - .24 miles		20
Traffic Controls Located Between Home and School Which Assist the Student			
	None provided		100
	Pedestrian crossing of major street with no assistance		80

	Neighborhood streets with no controls	60
	Neighborhood streets with controls	40
	School crossing zones provided	30
	Neighborhood streets with crossing guard	10
Traffic Density of Major Roads or Arteries		
	Heavy traffic at all times	100
	Heavy rush hour traffic - normal at other times	85
	Medium density at all times	70
	Medium rush hour traffic - normal at other times	55
	Low density traffic at all times	40
Speed Limits of Major Roads to be Crossed		
	45 m.p.h. +	100
	35 - 44 m.p.h.	75
	25 - 34 m.p.h.	50
	10 - 24 m.p.h.	25
Number of Major Intersections to be Crossed		
	Six or more	100
	Five	90
	Four	80
	Three	70
	Two	60
	One	50
Number of Feeder Streets		
Streets that carry neighborhood traffic to major streets/arteries to be crossed		
	Six or more	100
	Five	90
	Four	80
	Three	70
	Two	60
	One	50

Apply Scores from Evaluation of Hazardous

Area Transportation									
	499 points		Not Hazardous						
	500 - 574 points		Grey Area - Determination on case by case basis						
	575 + points		Hazardous						
The total points shall be multiplied by 1.00 for elementary school students;									
.80 for middle school students;									
and .60 for high school students.									
	Total points if students are elementary								
	Total points if students are middle								
	Total points if students are senior high								
Recommendation:									
				Evaluator's Name					

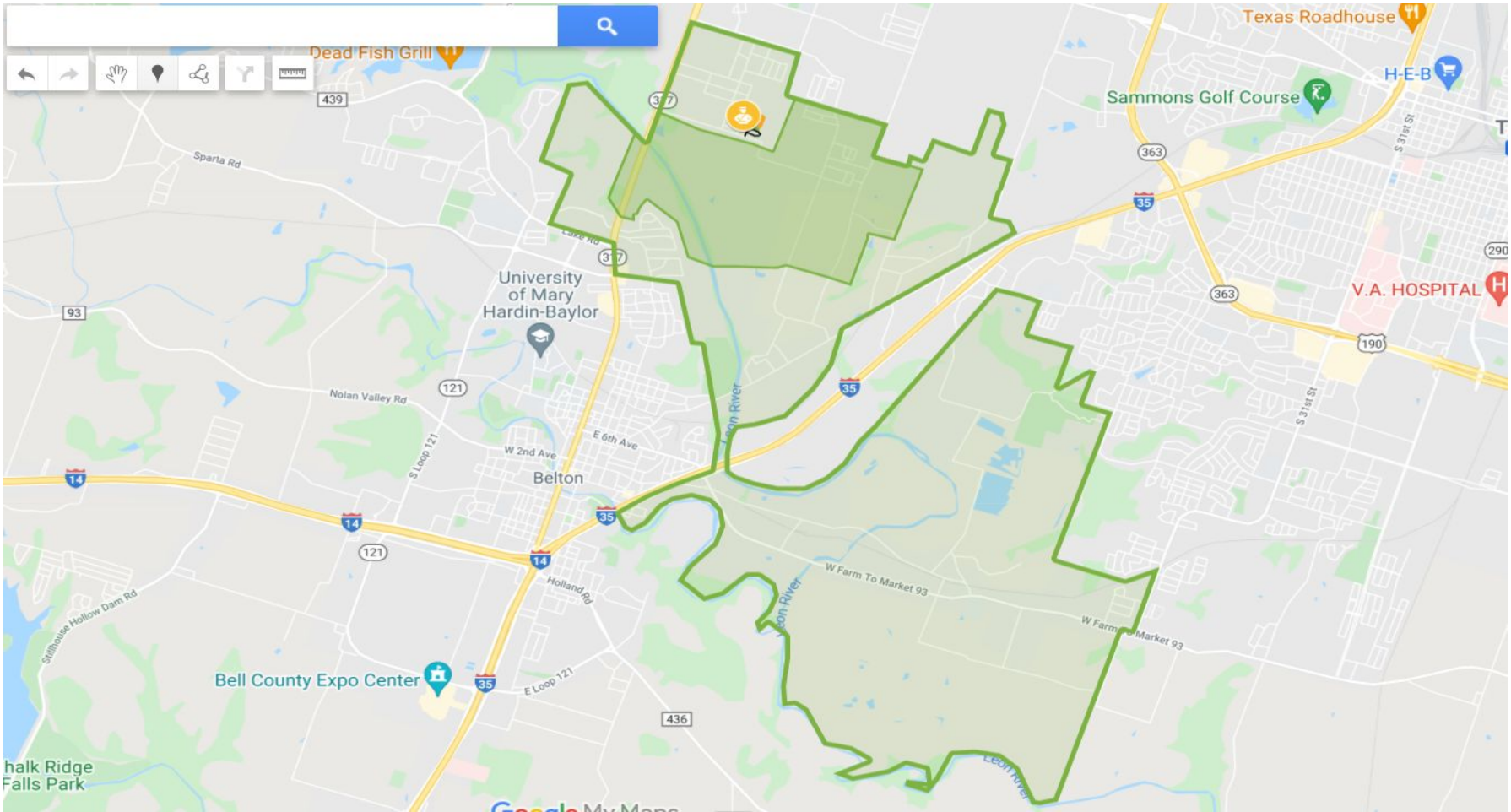
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Elementary Schools

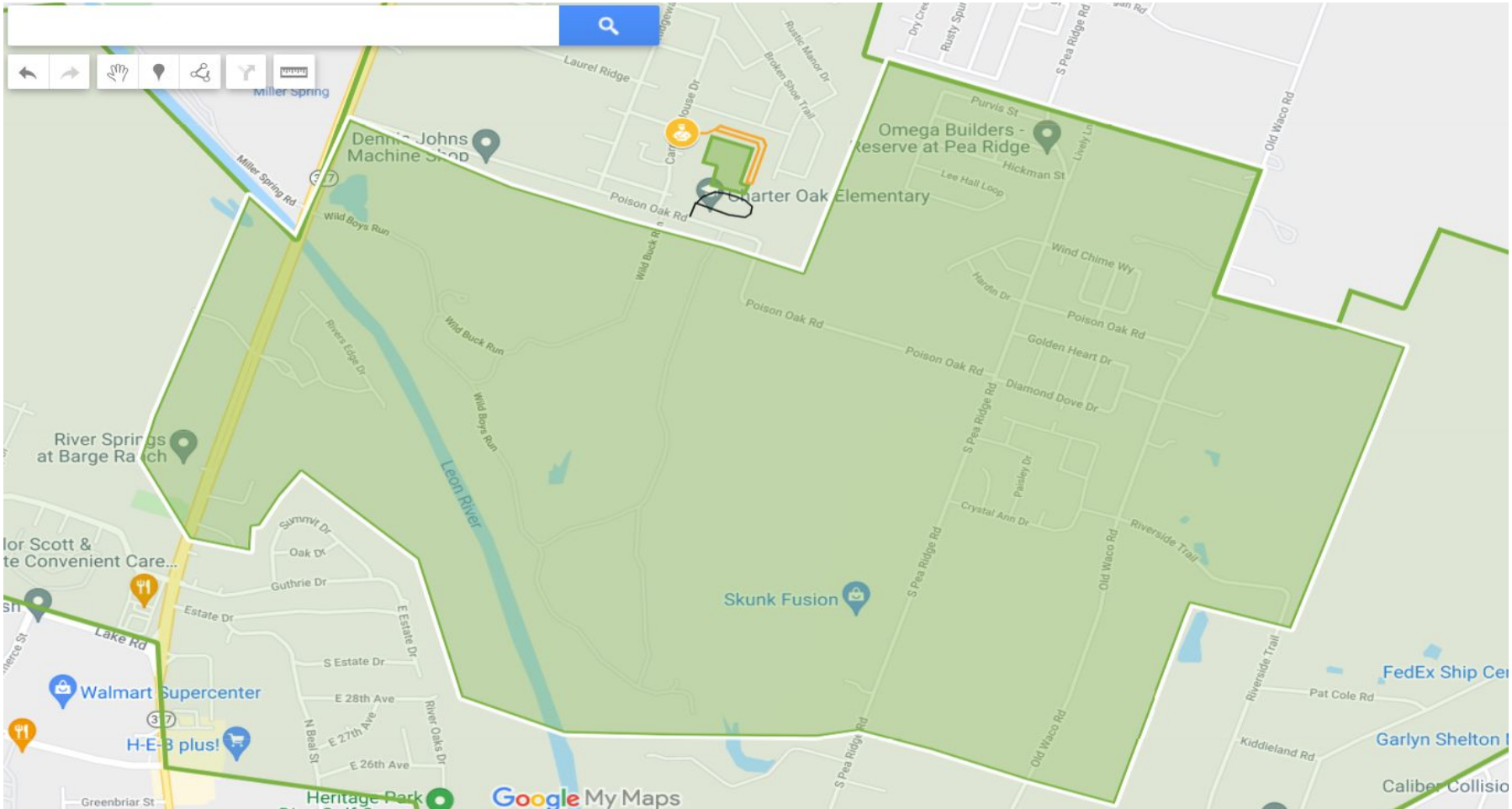
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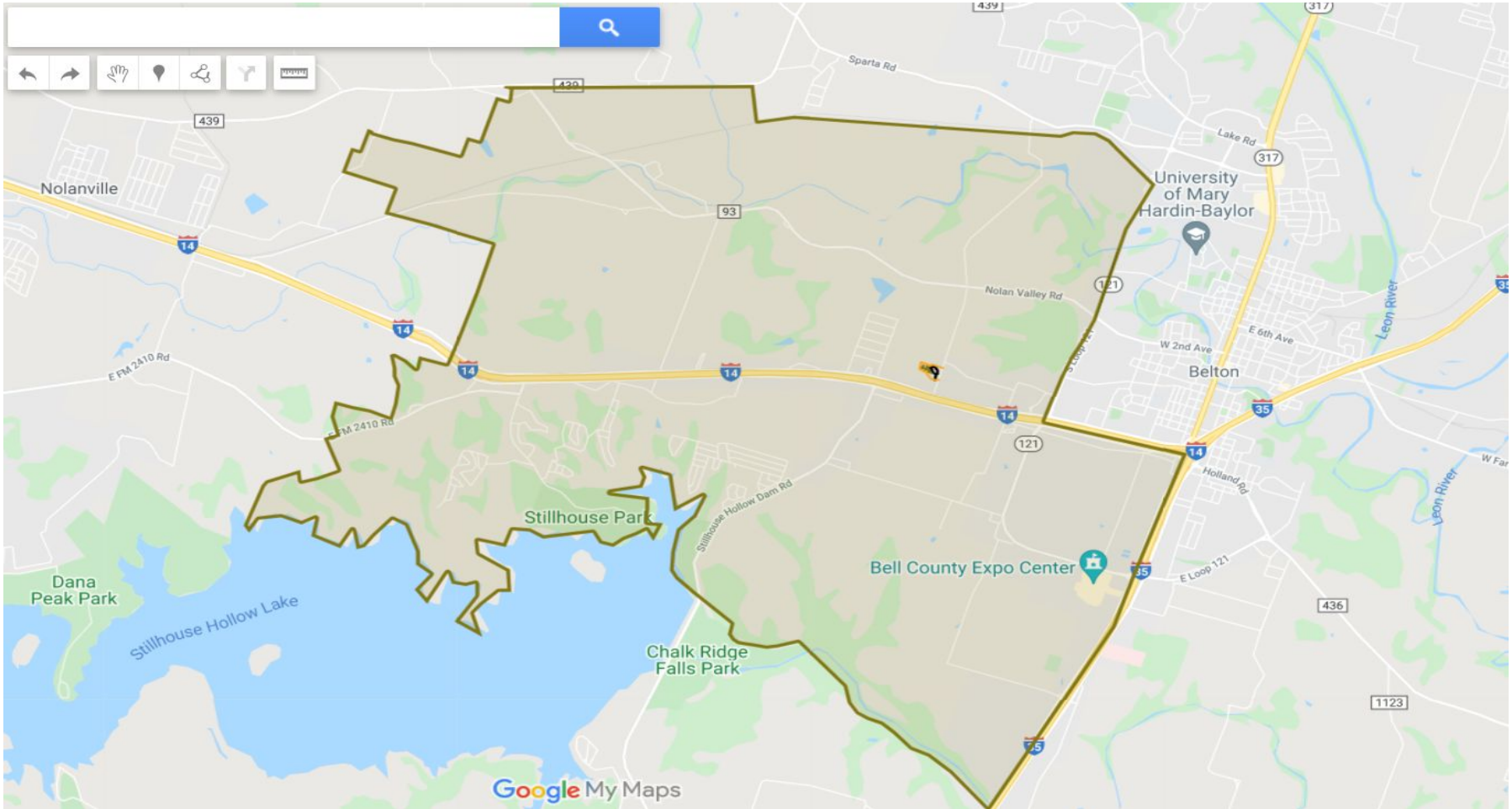
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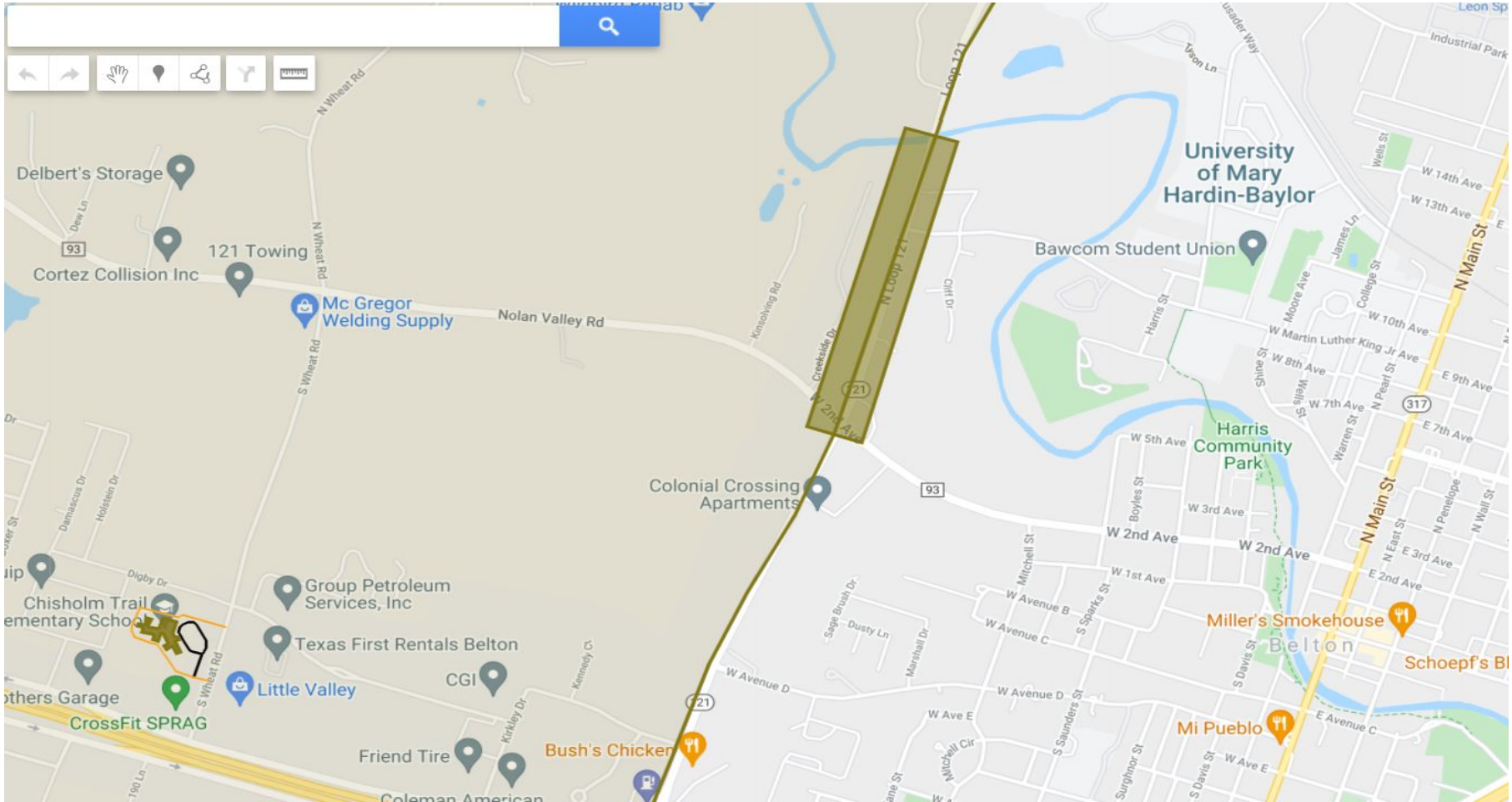
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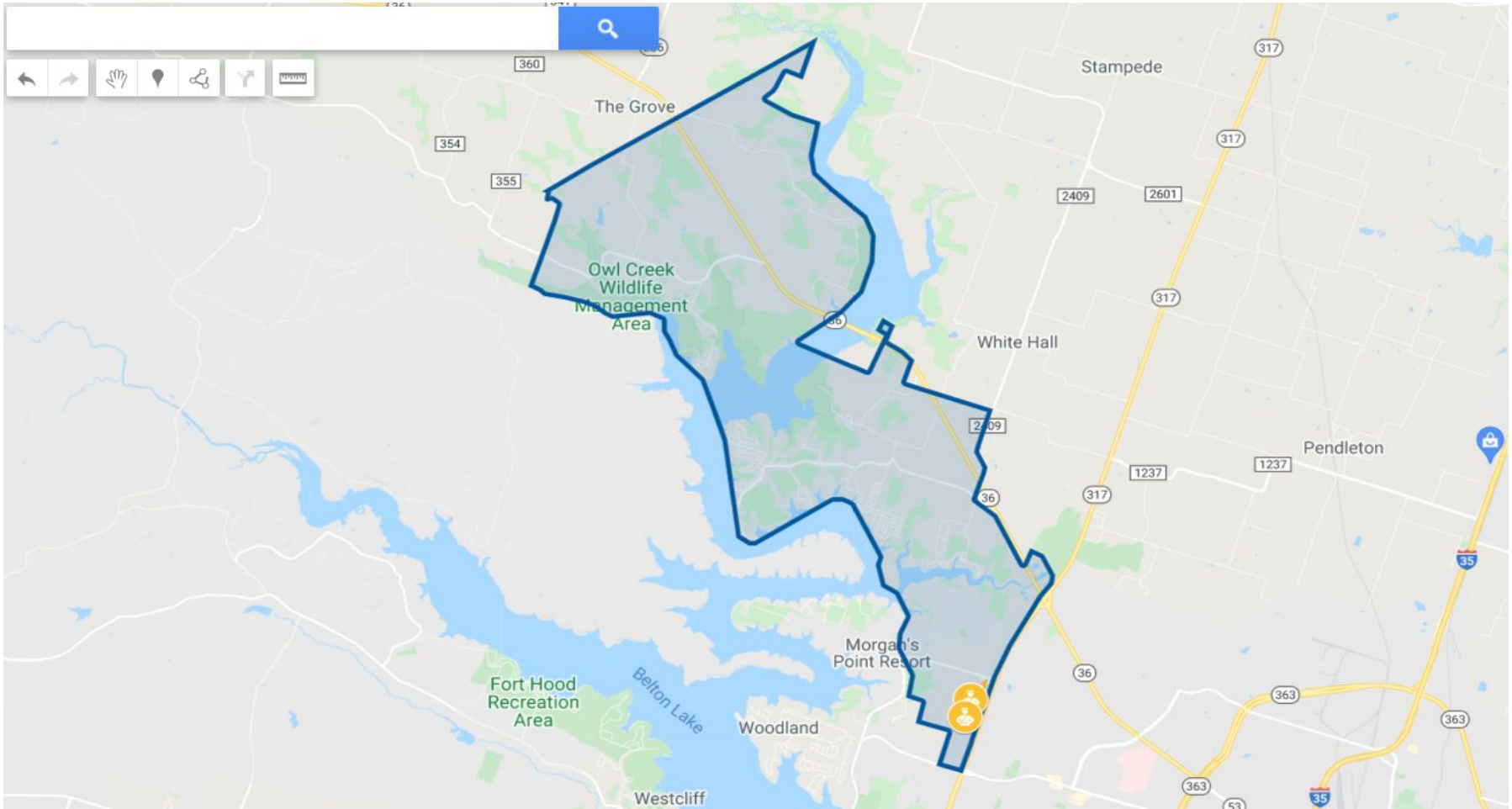
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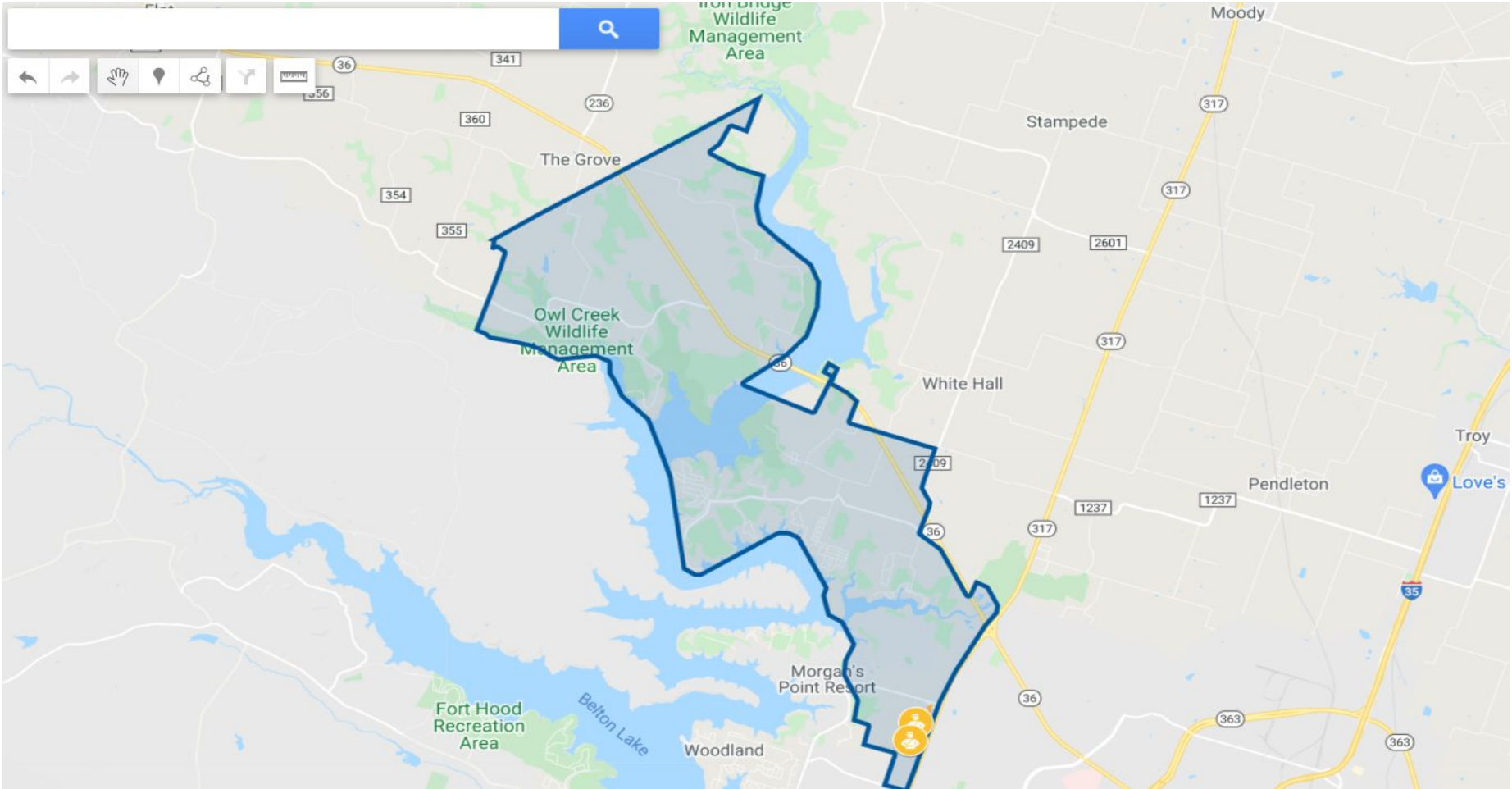
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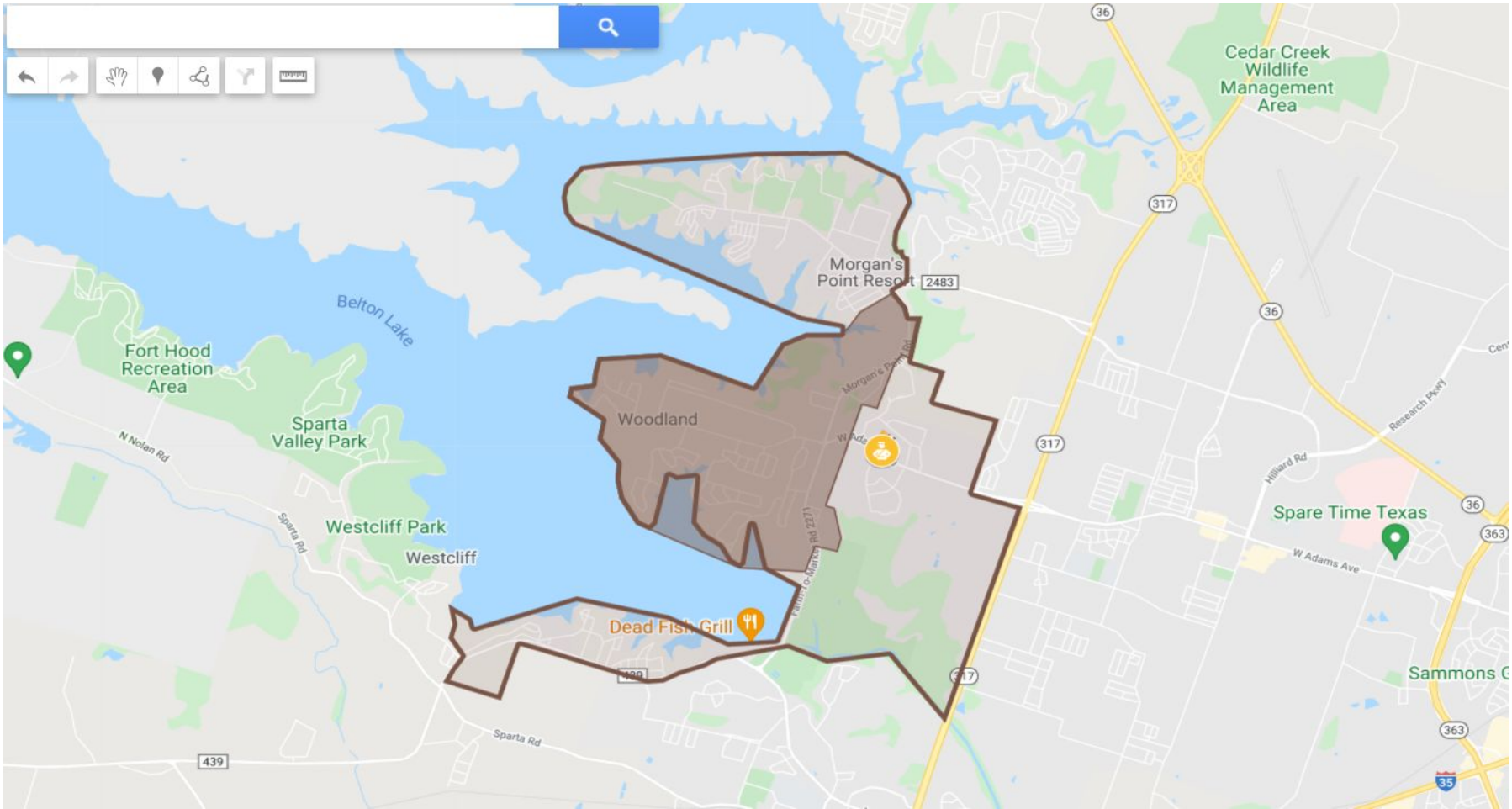
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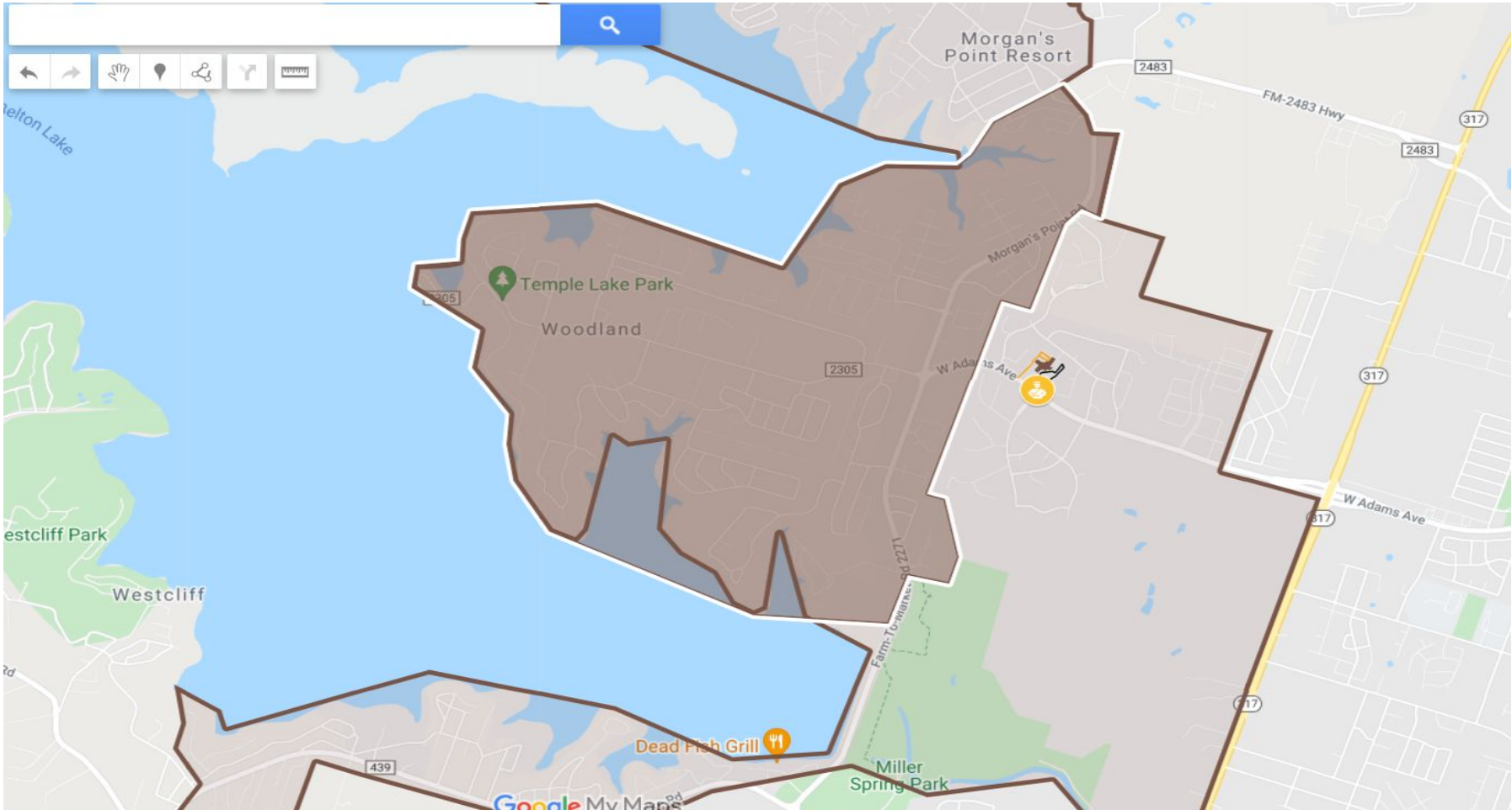
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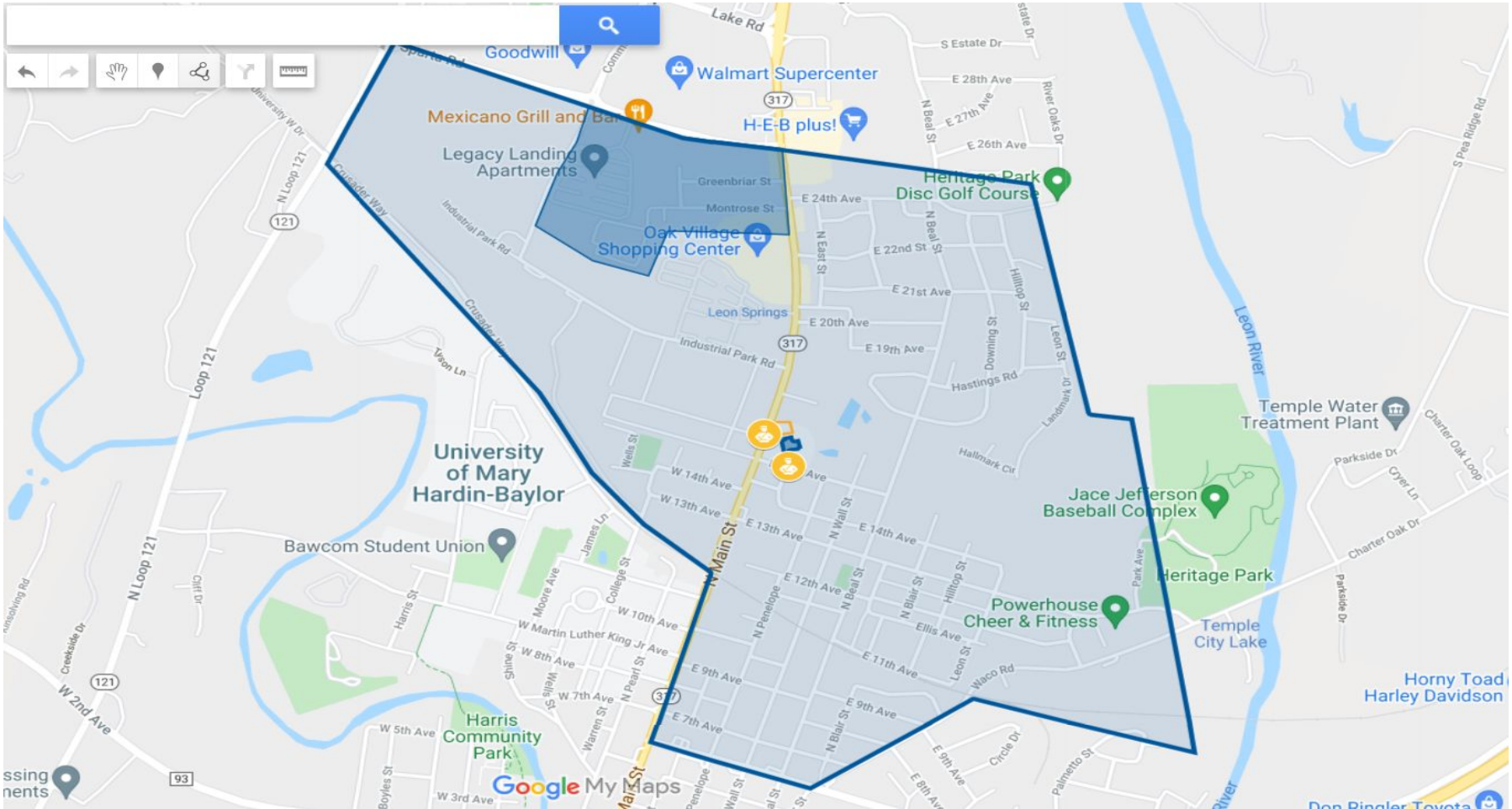
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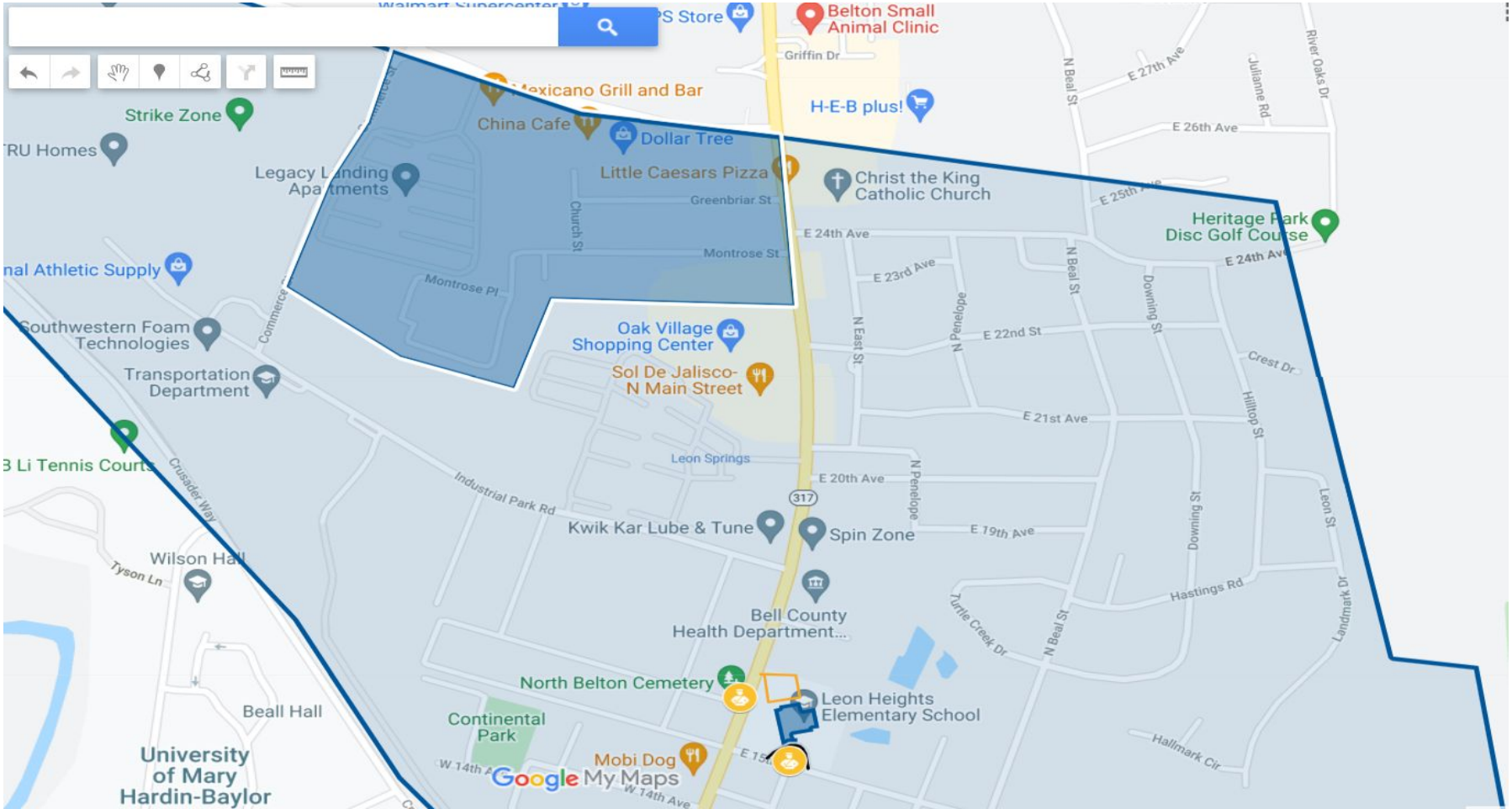
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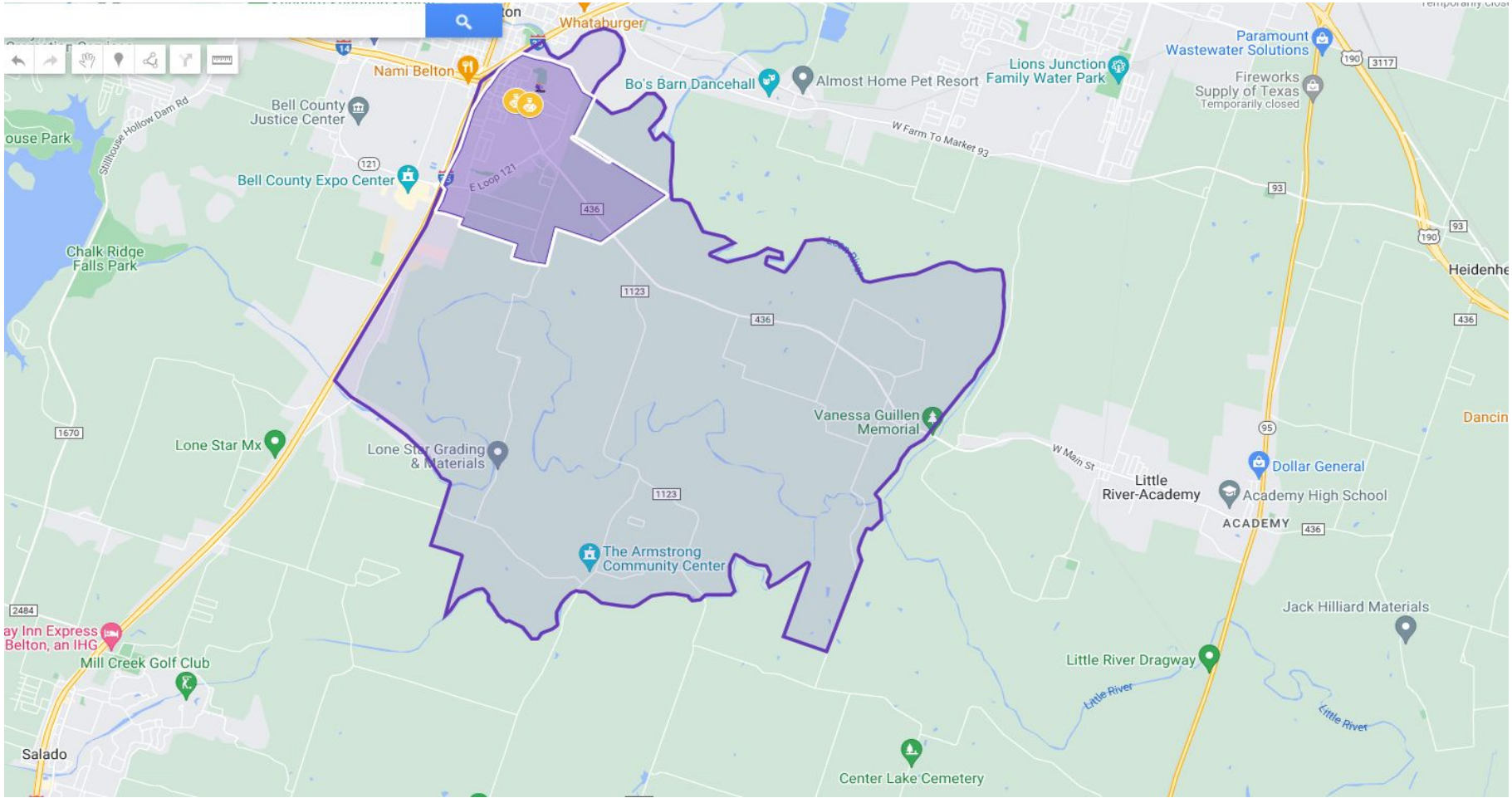
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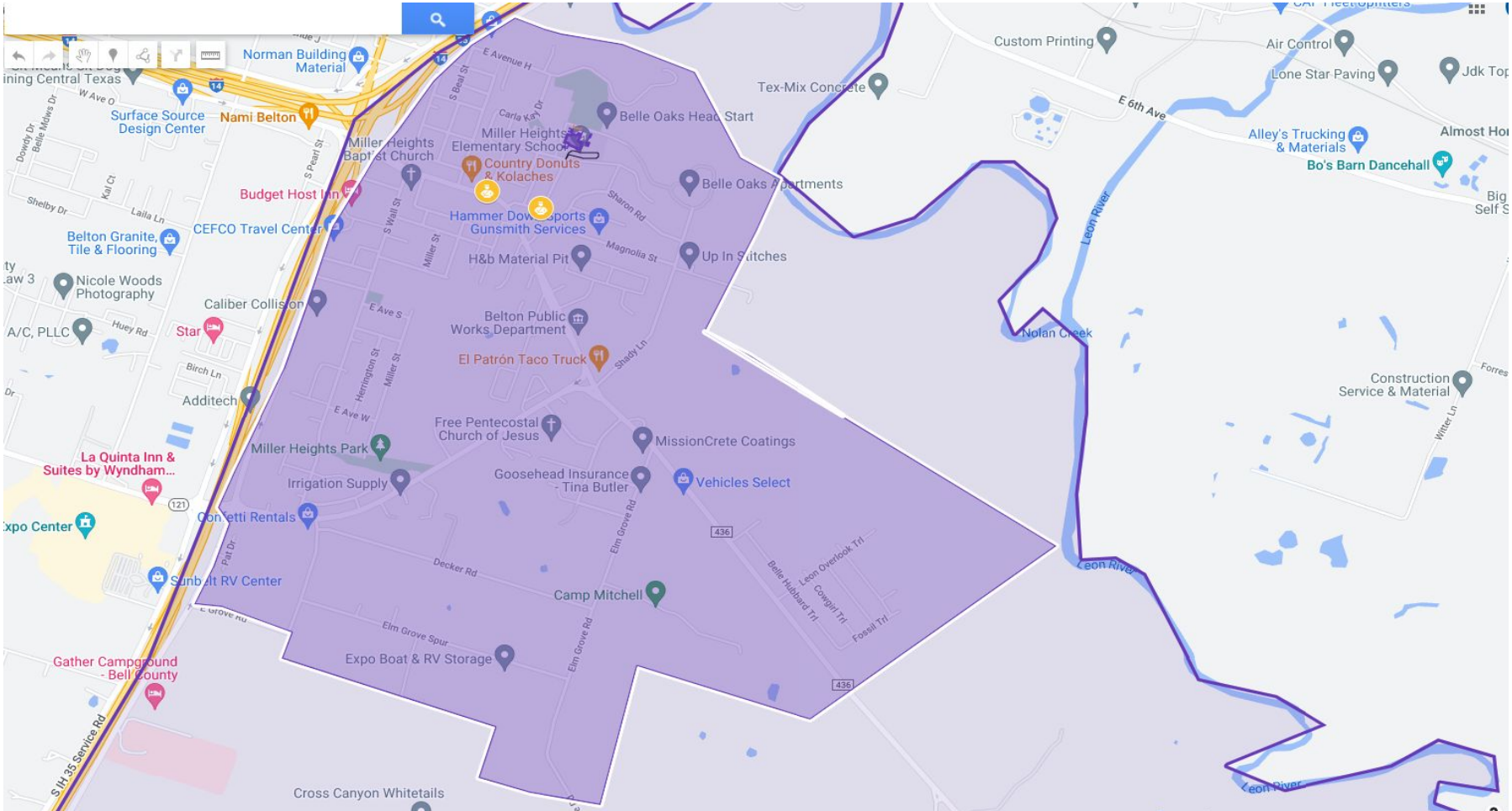
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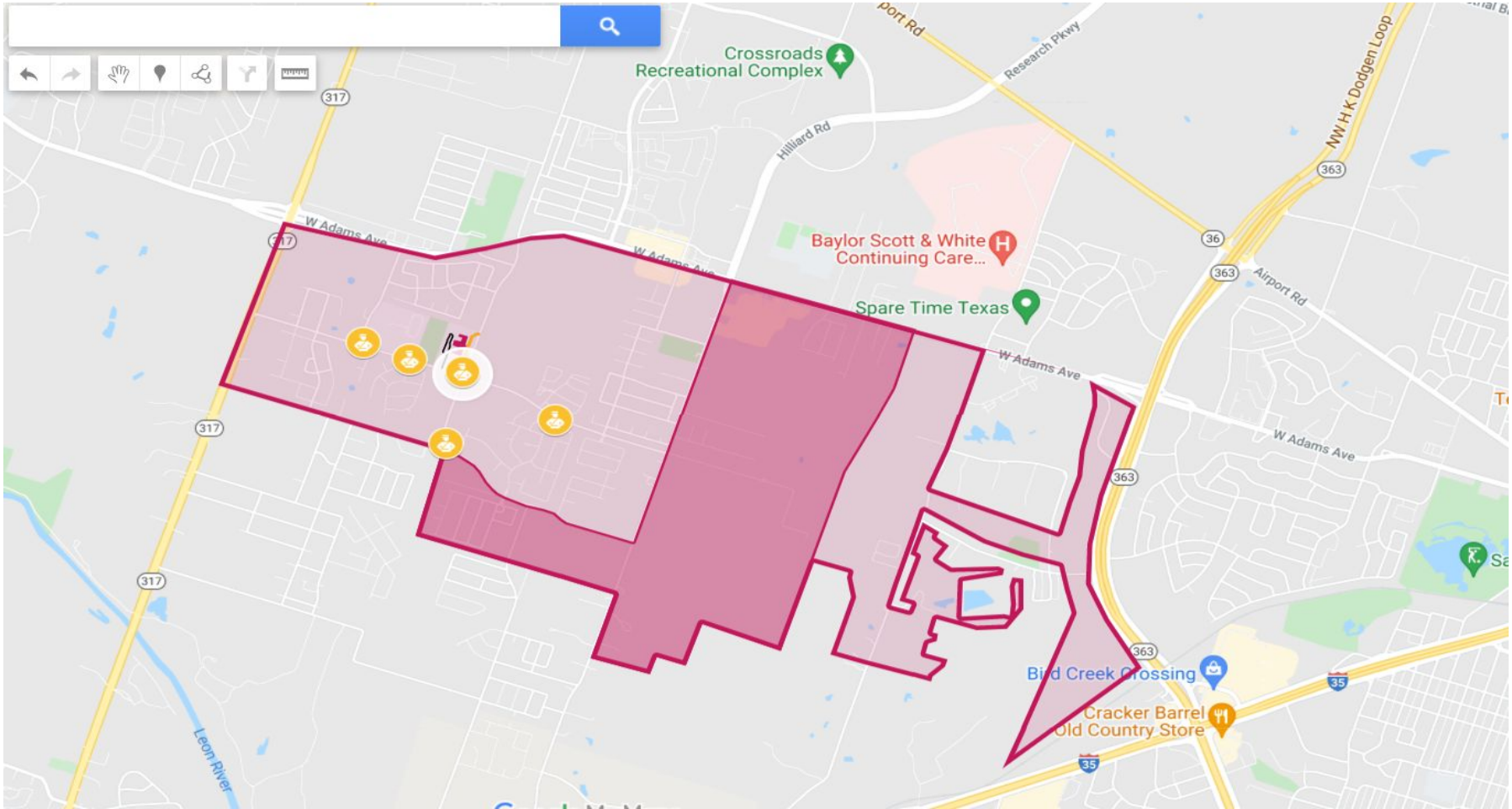
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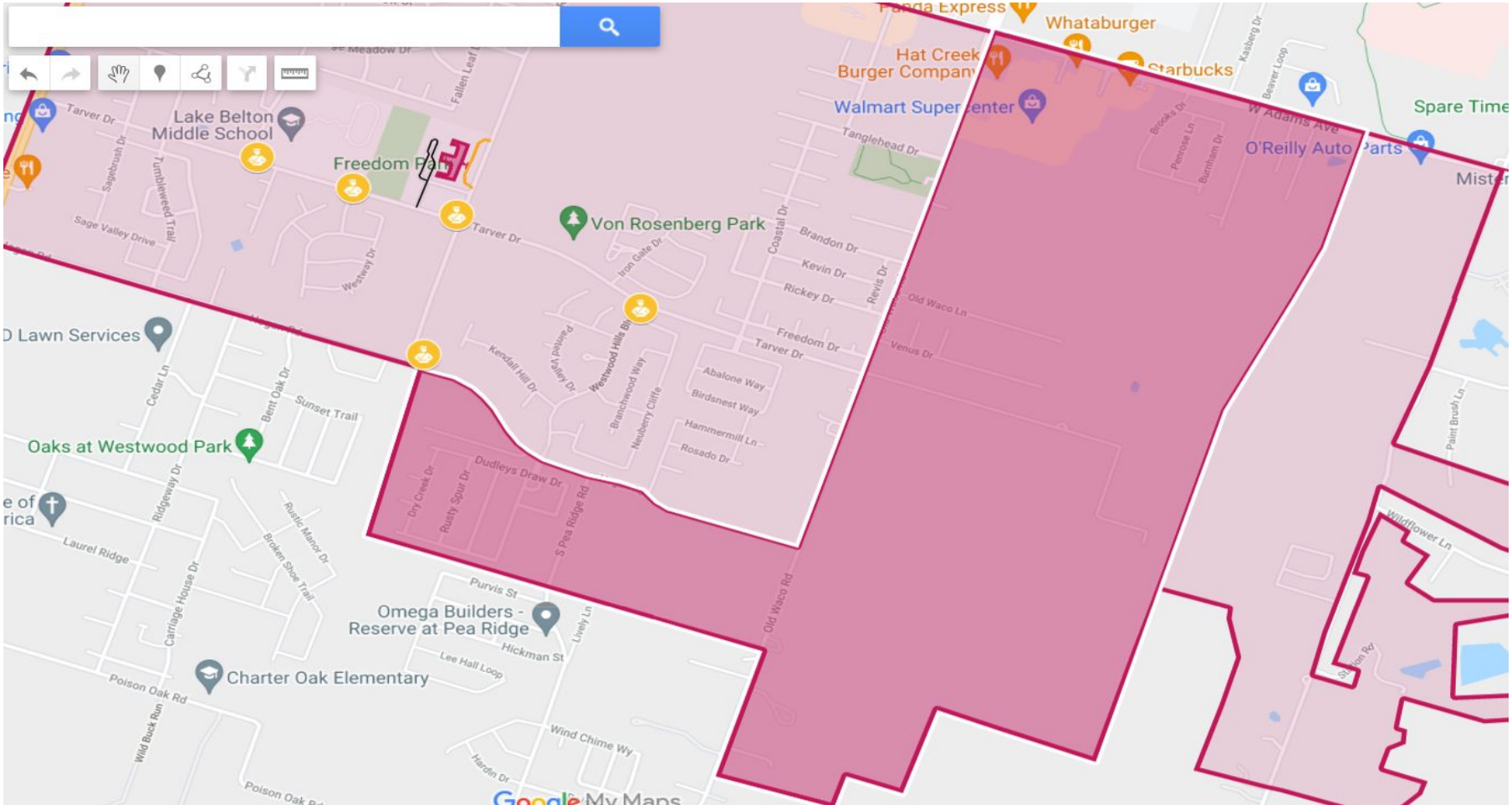
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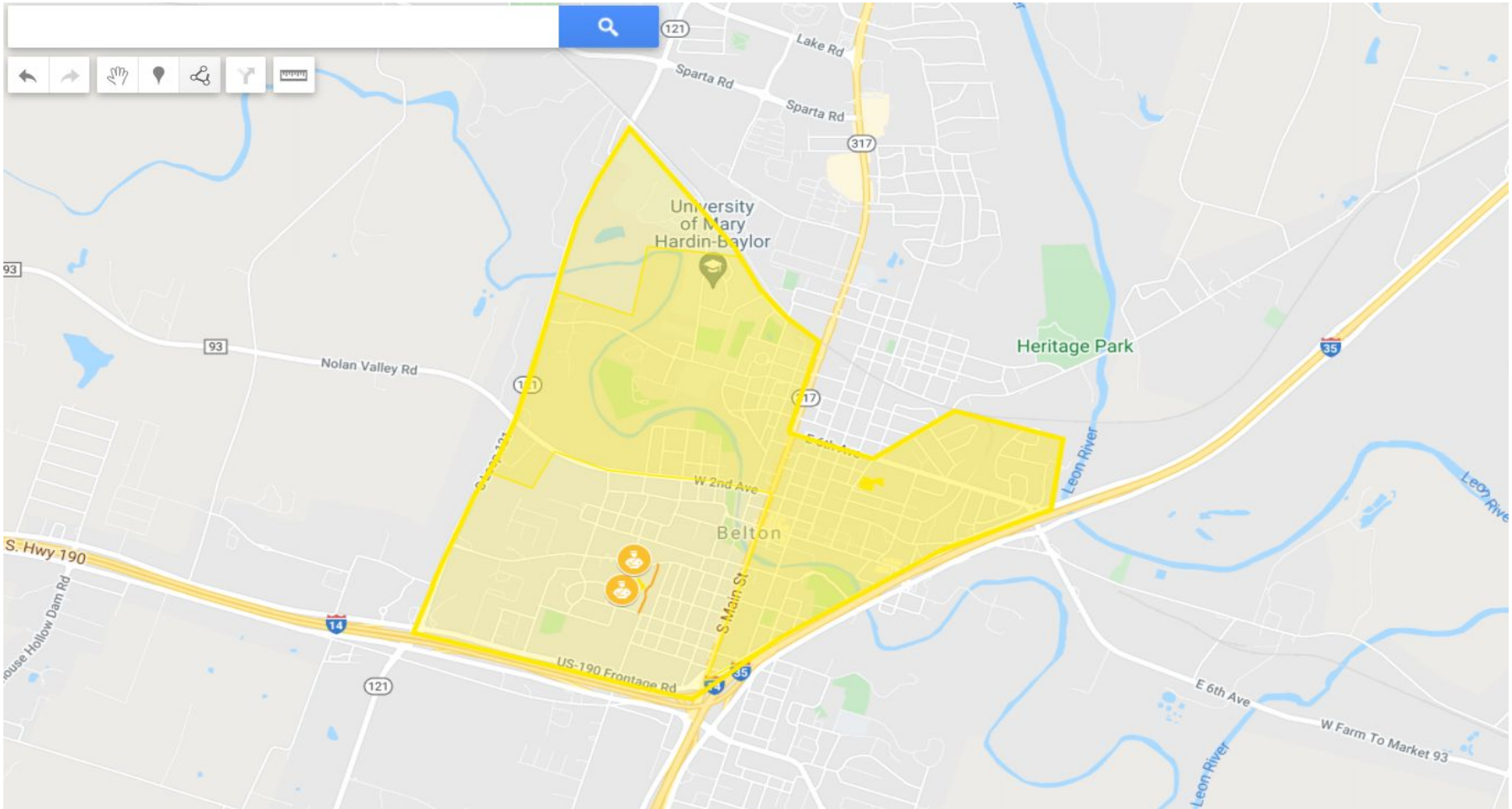
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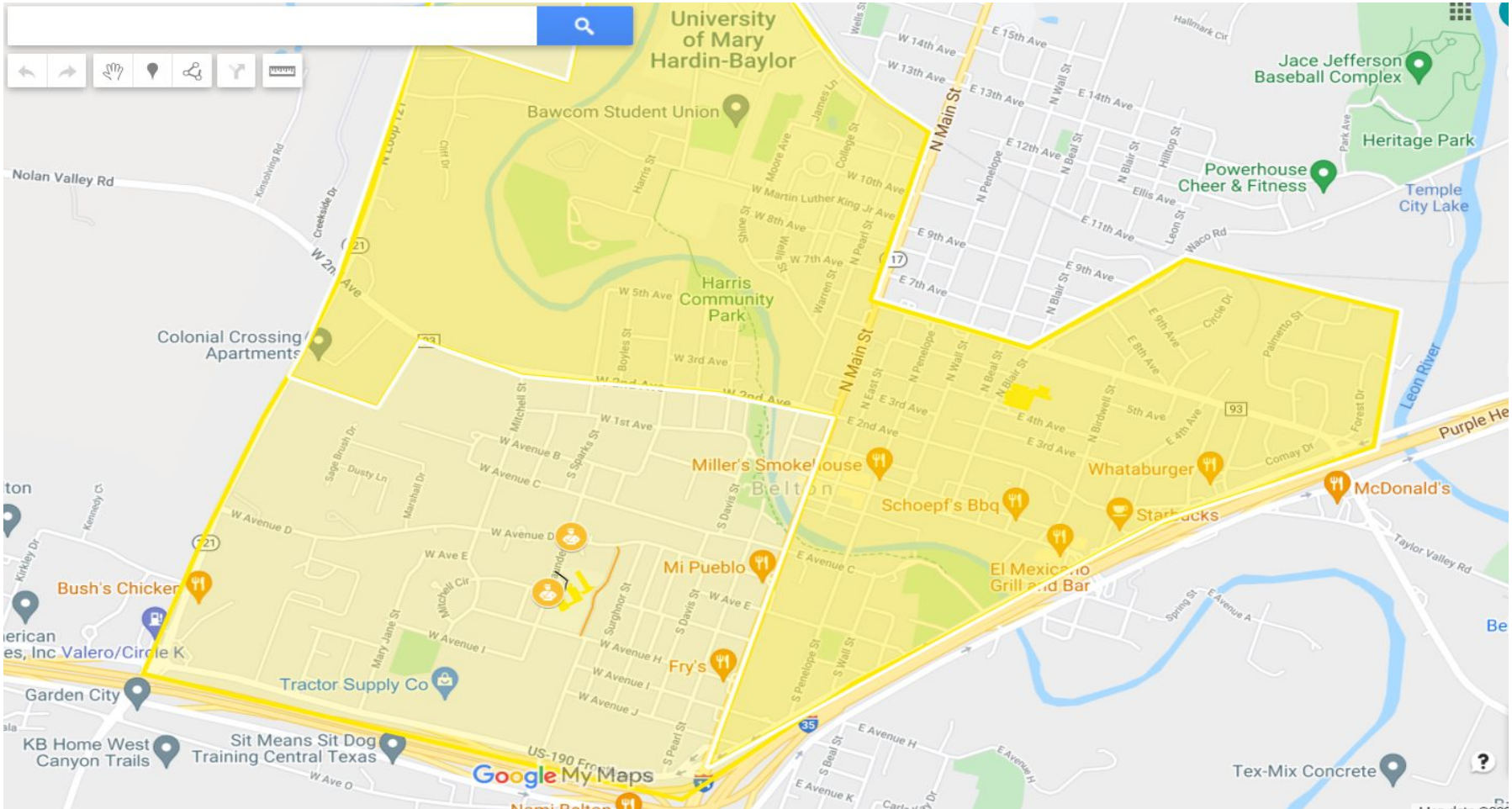
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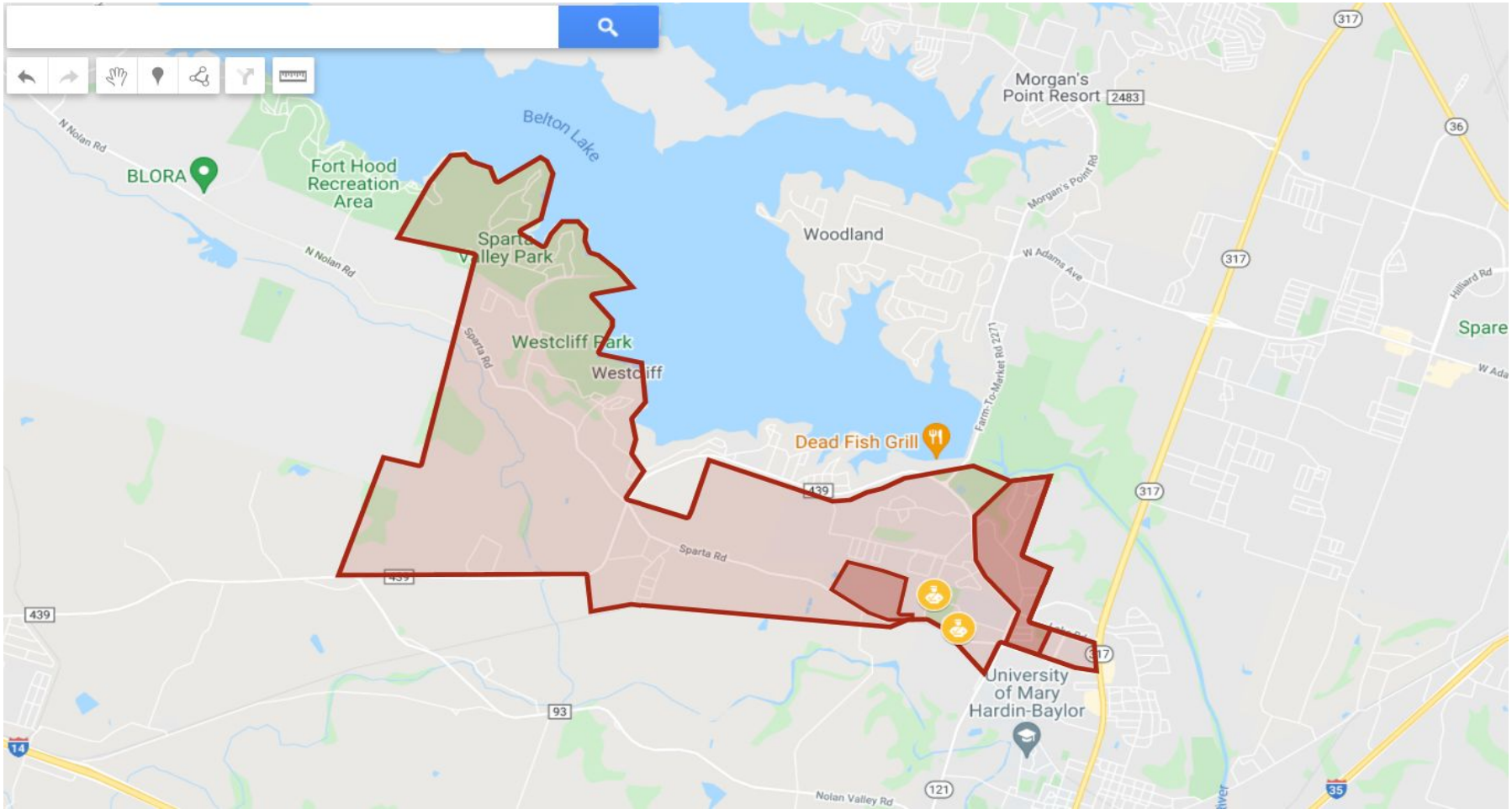
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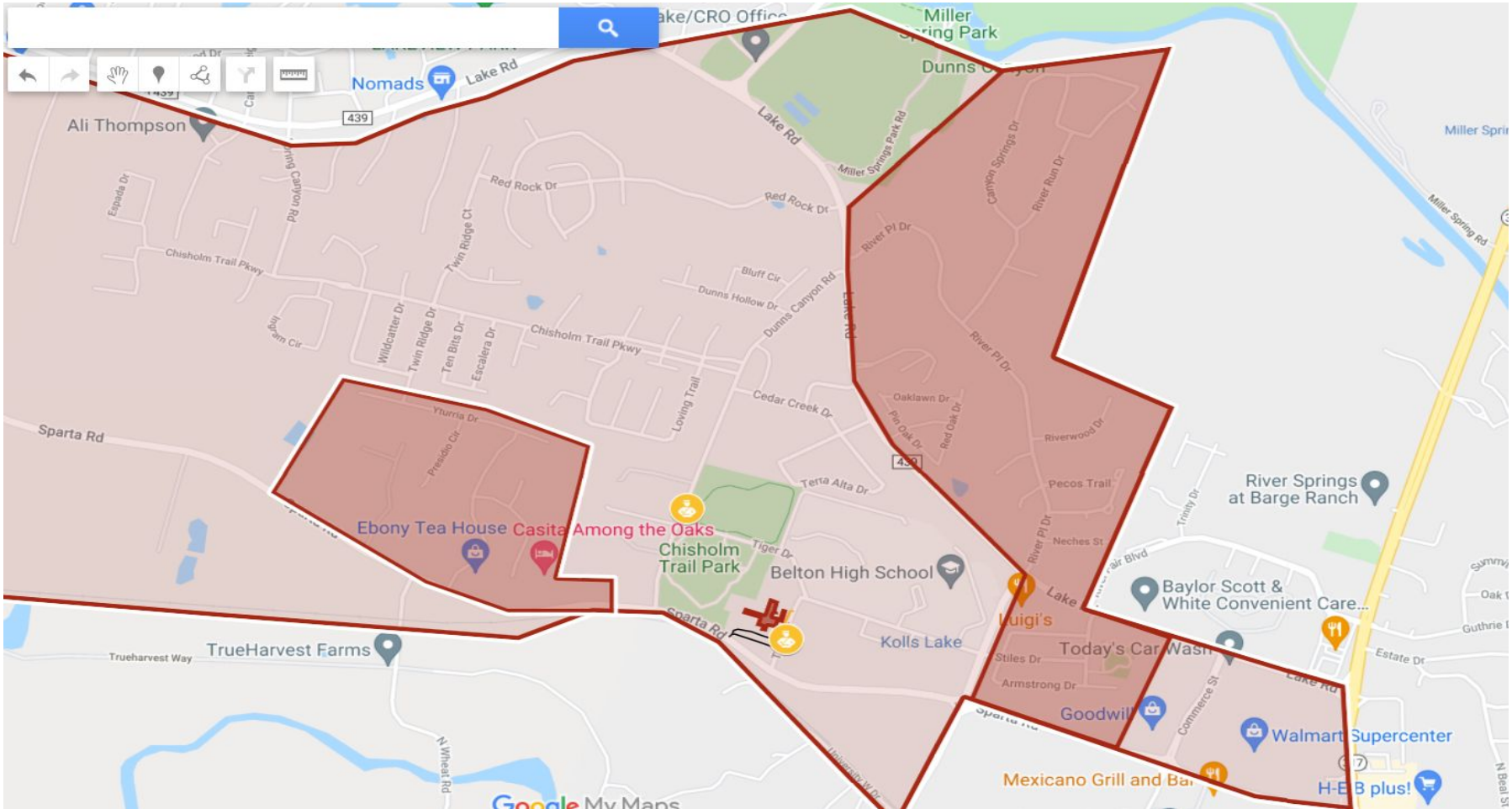
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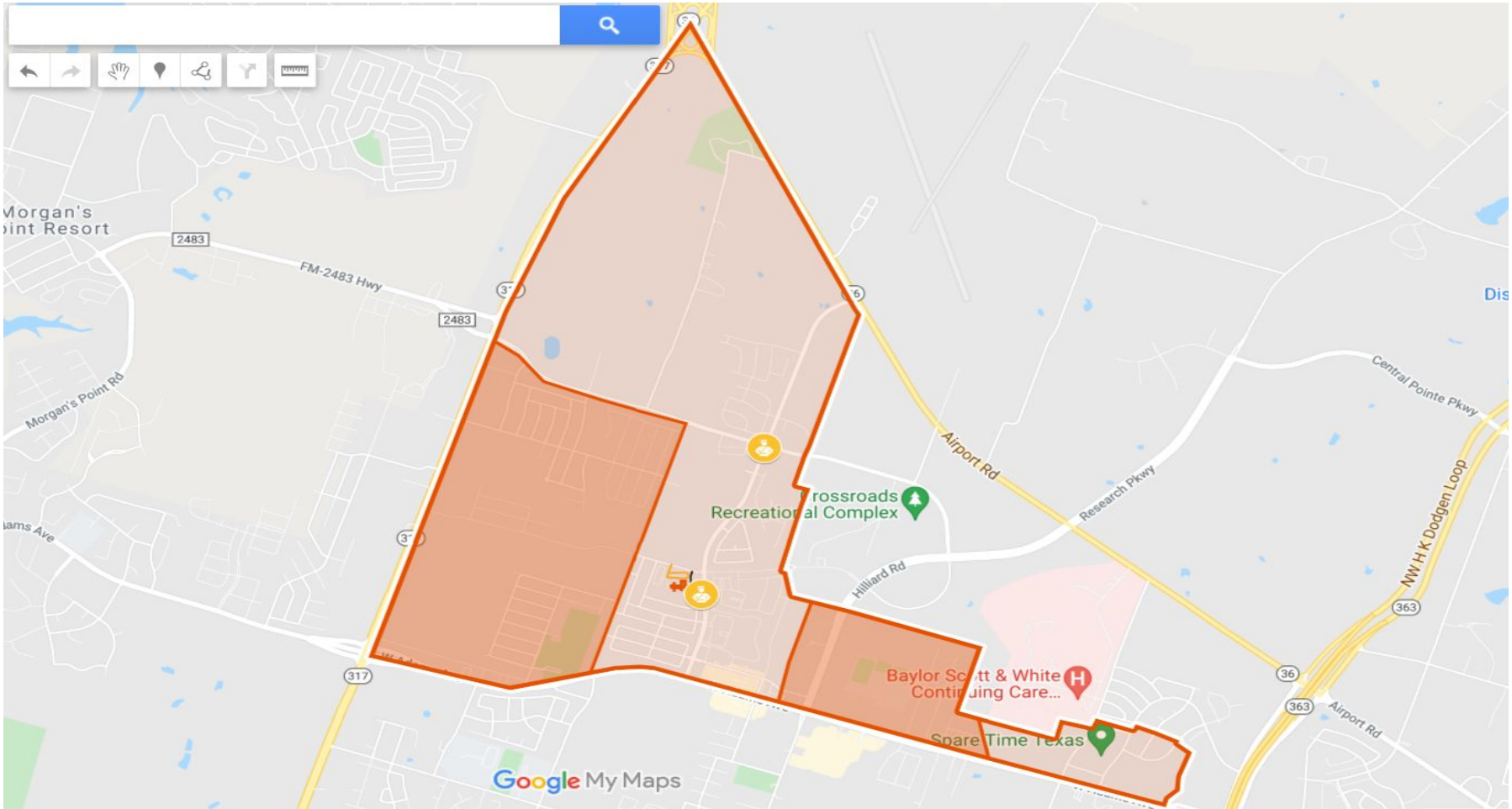
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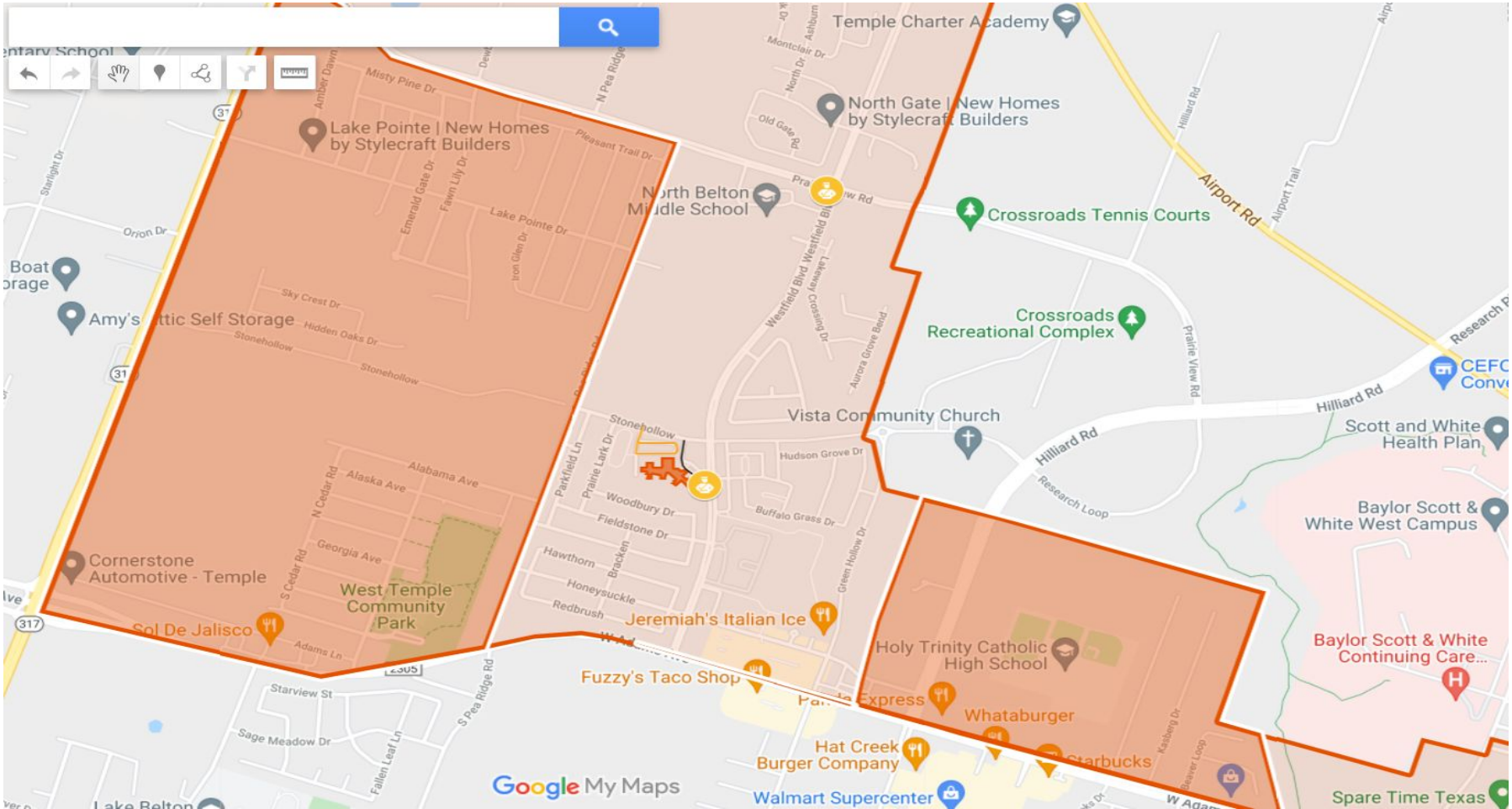
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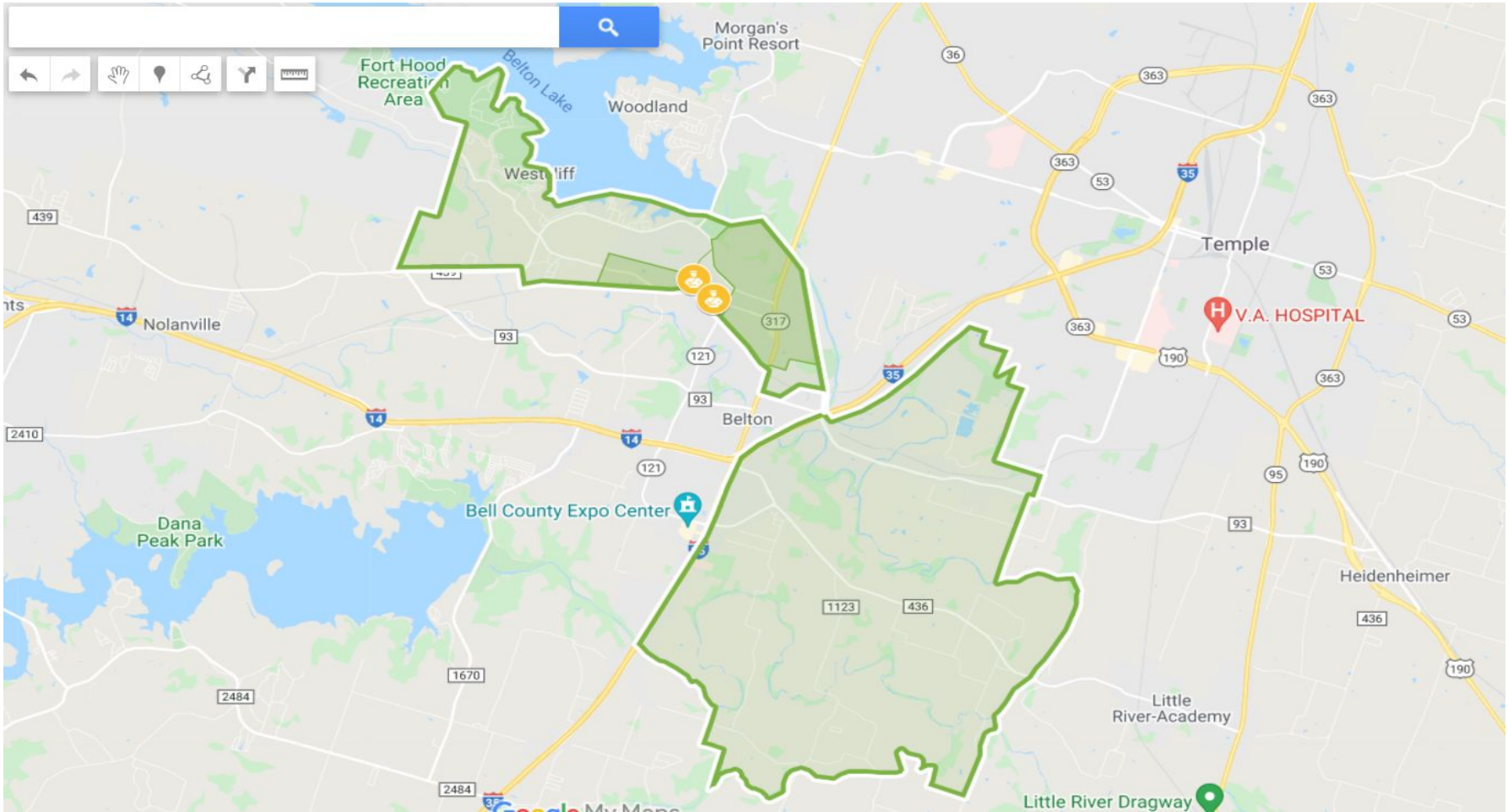
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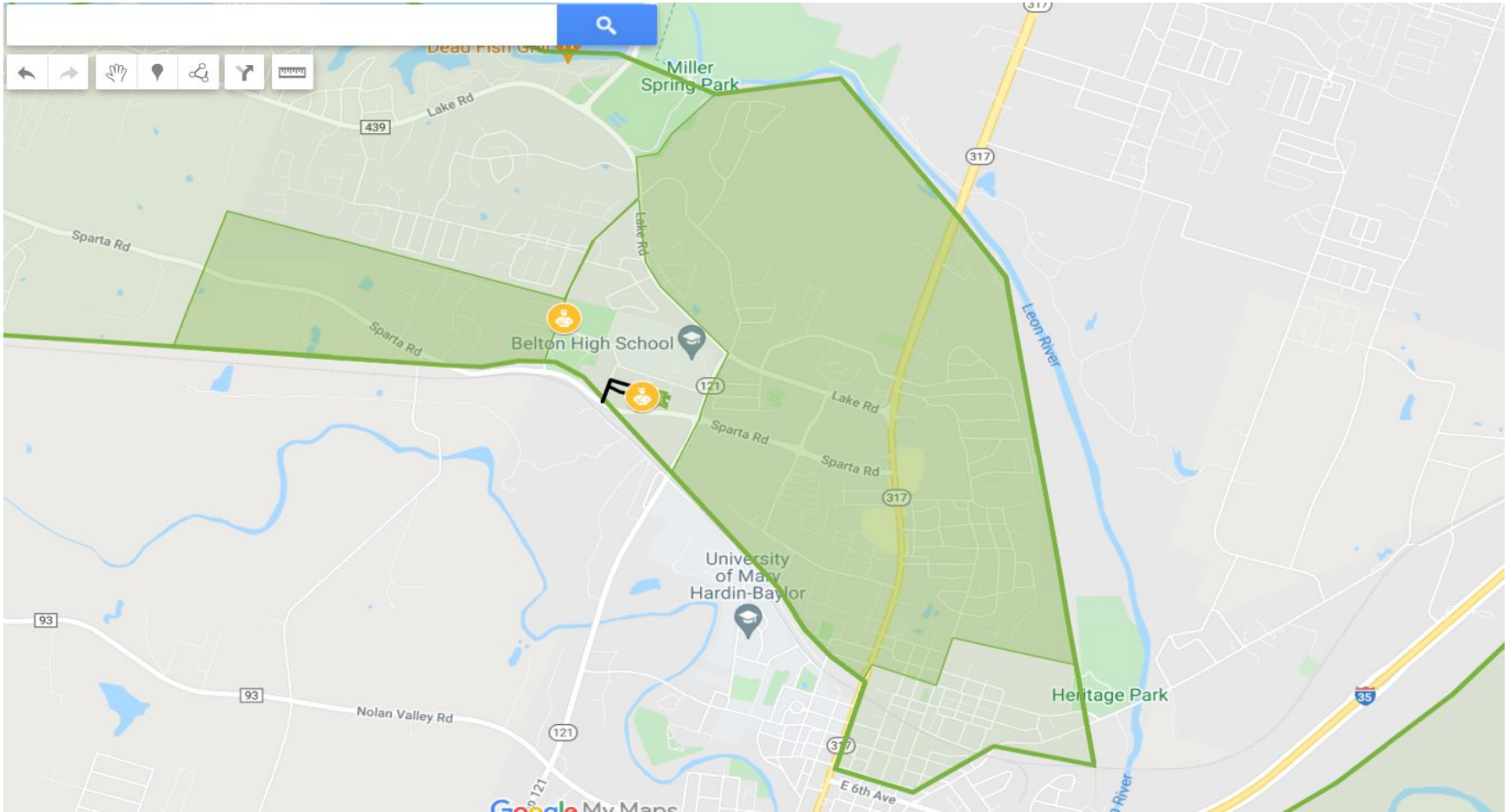
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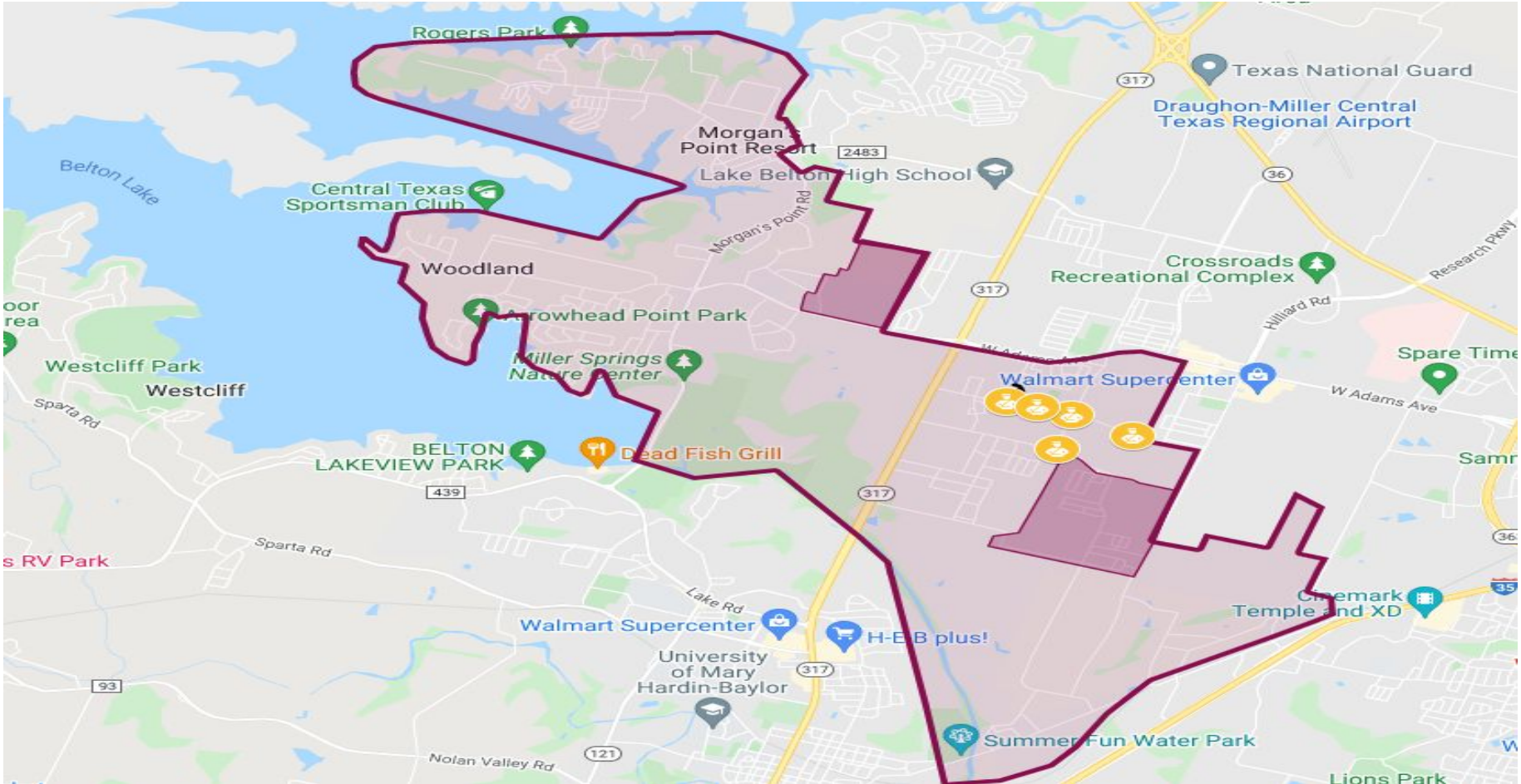
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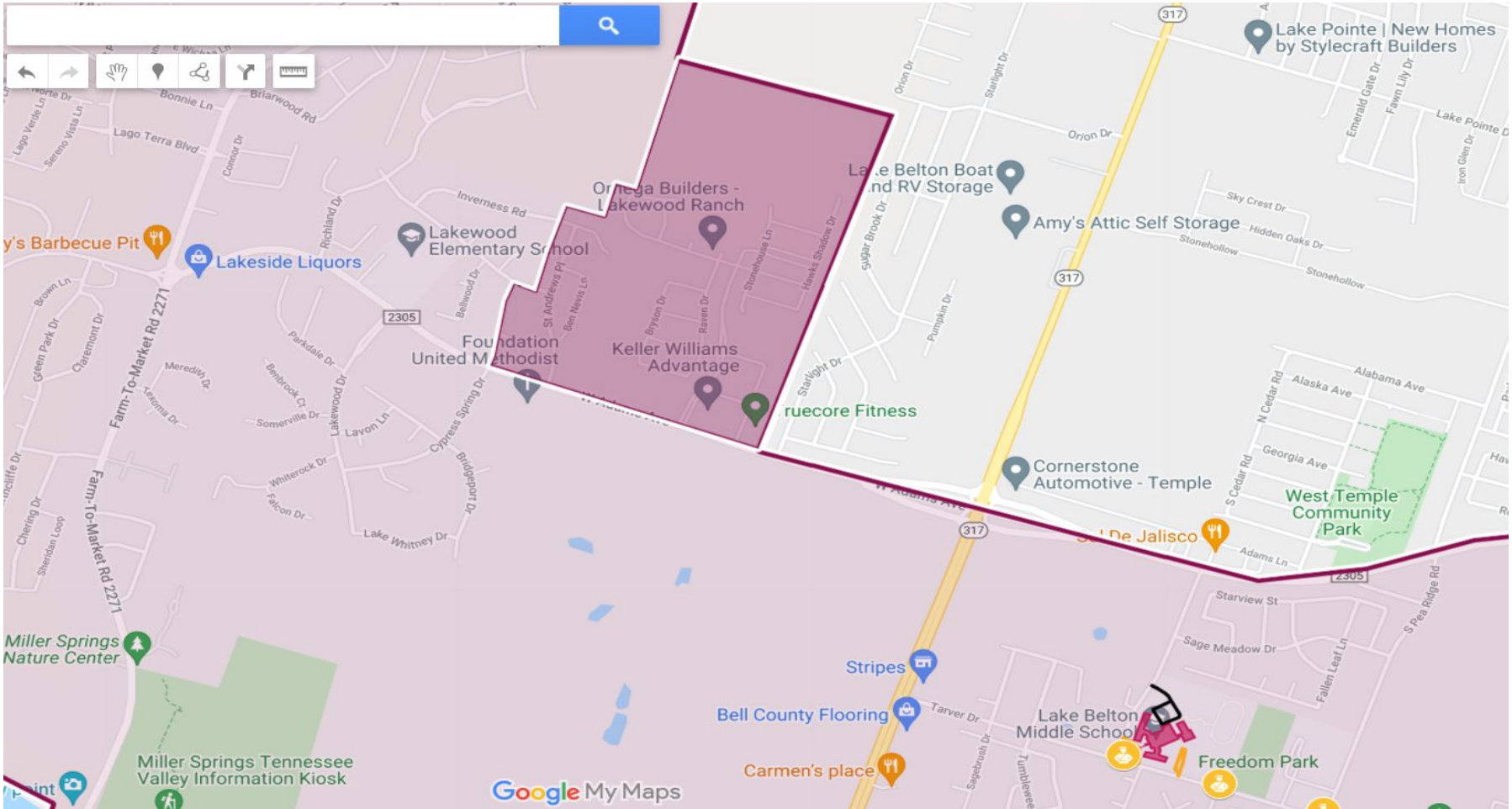
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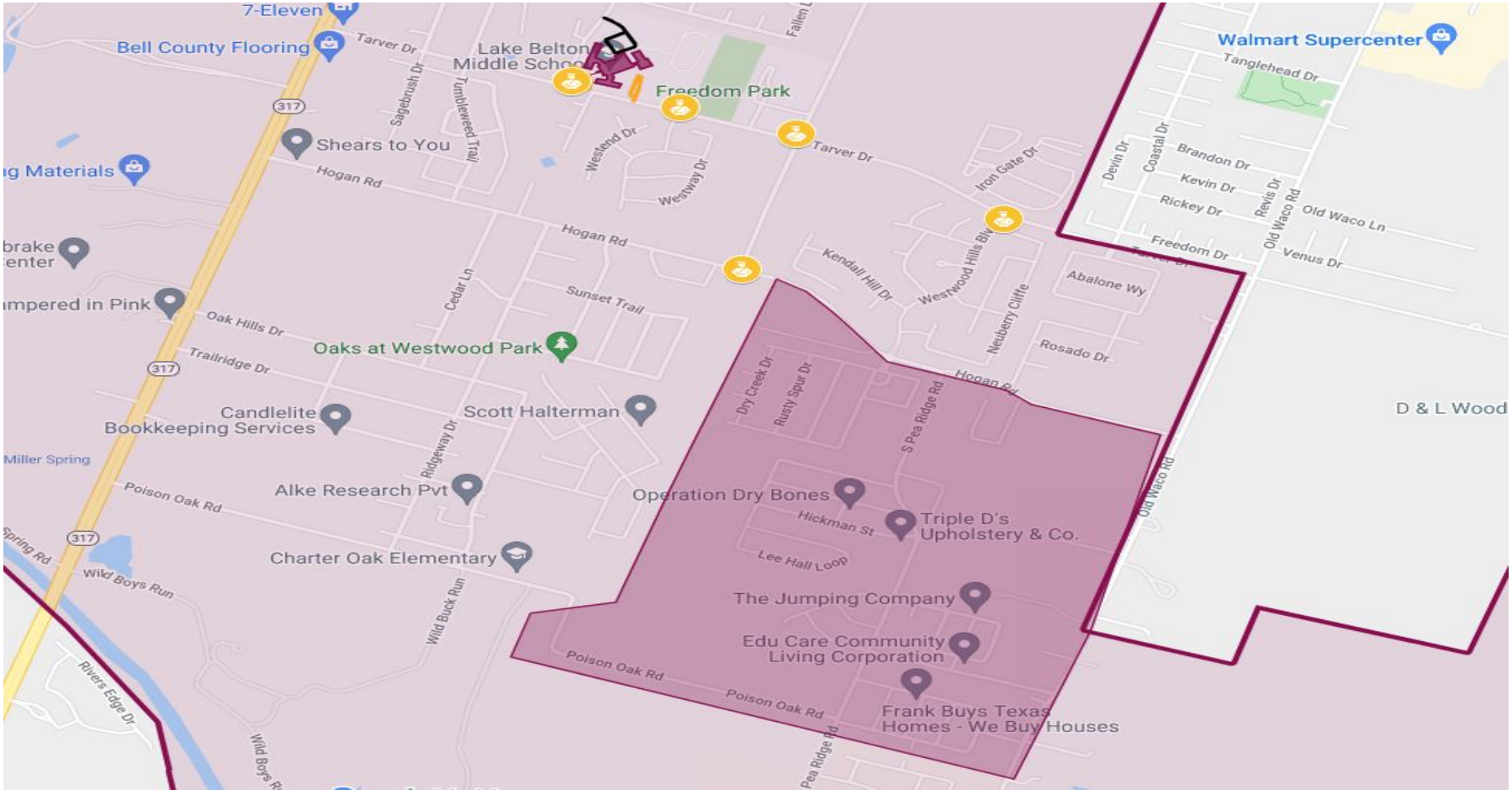
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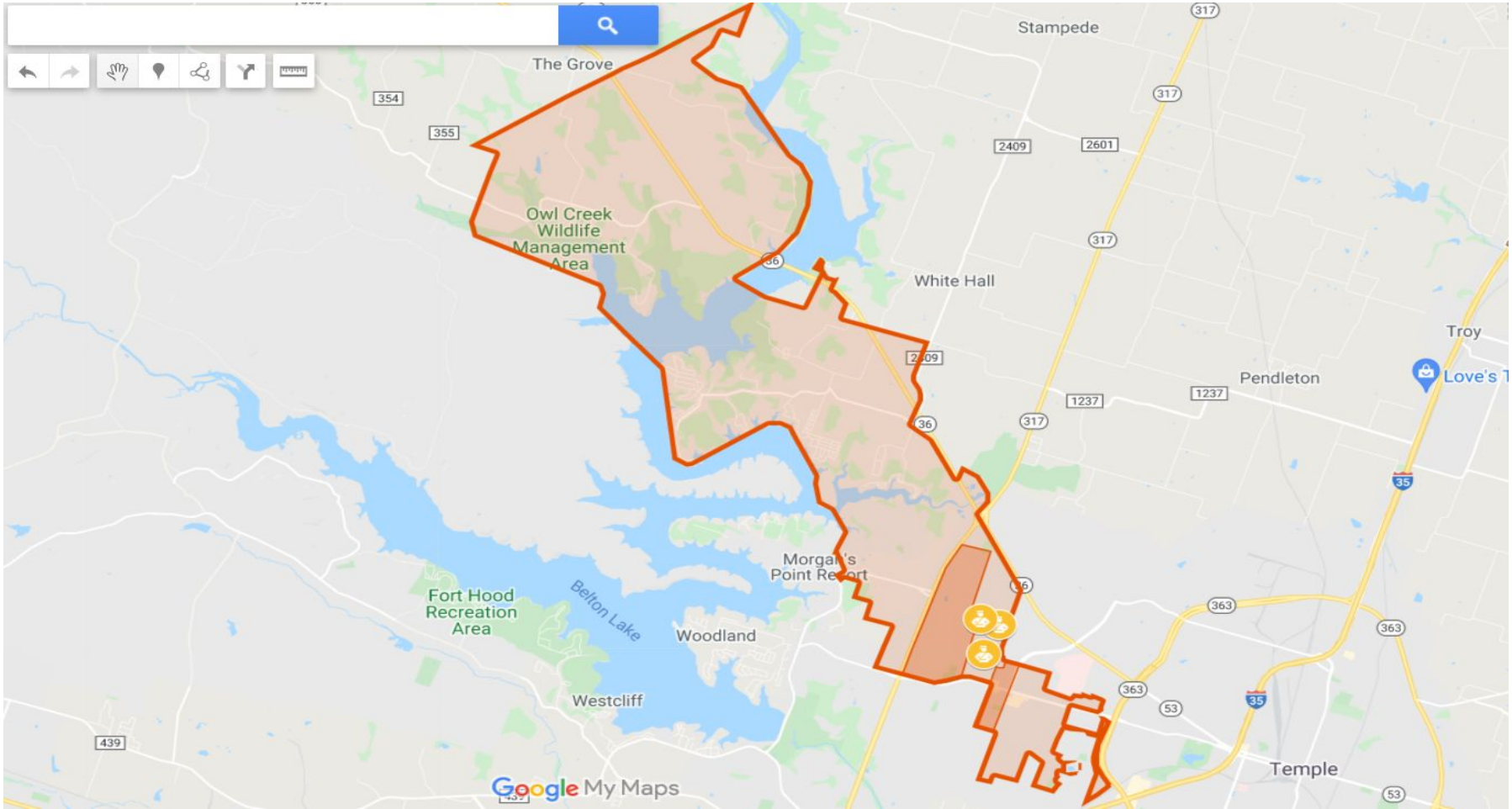
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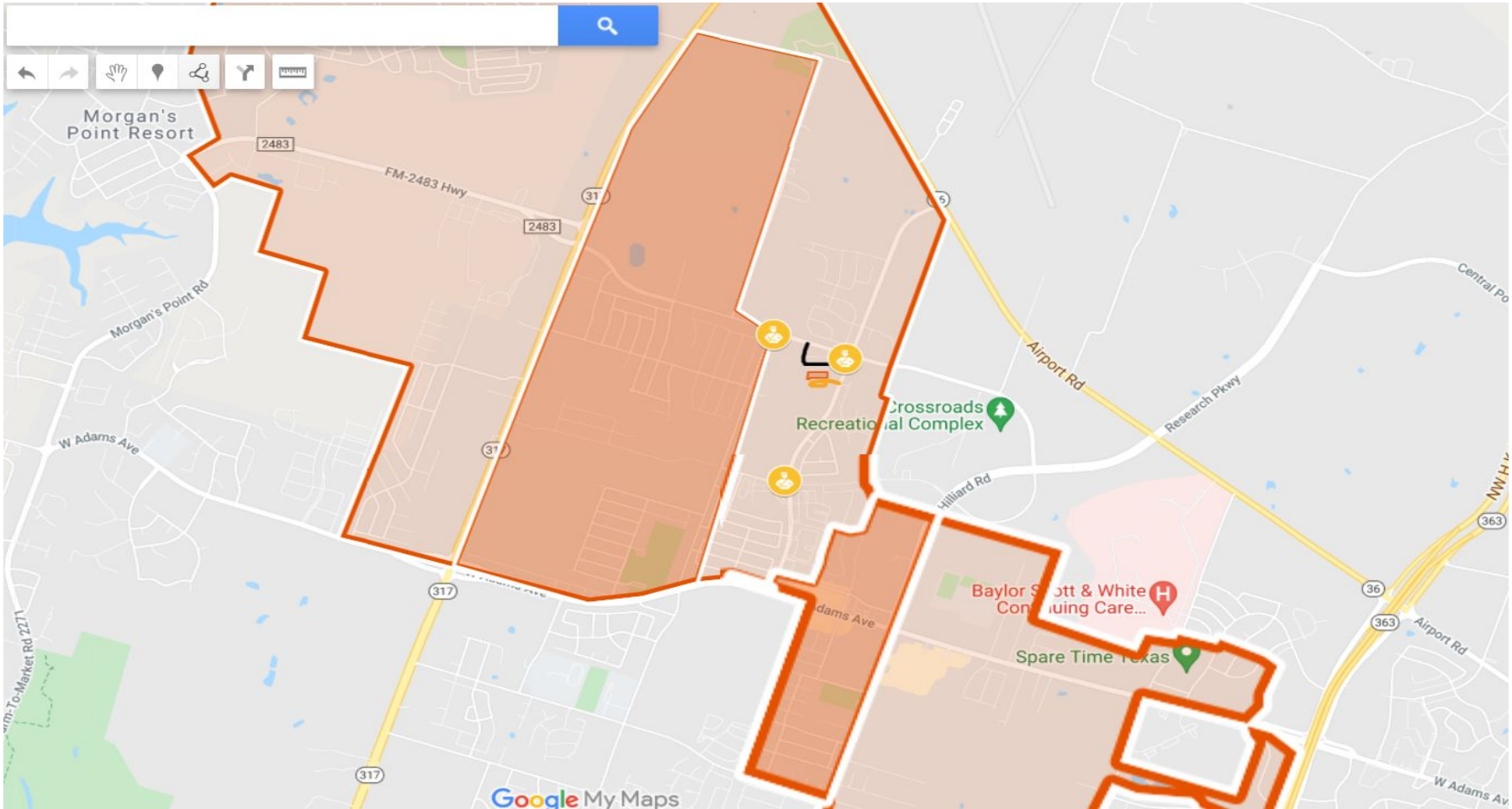
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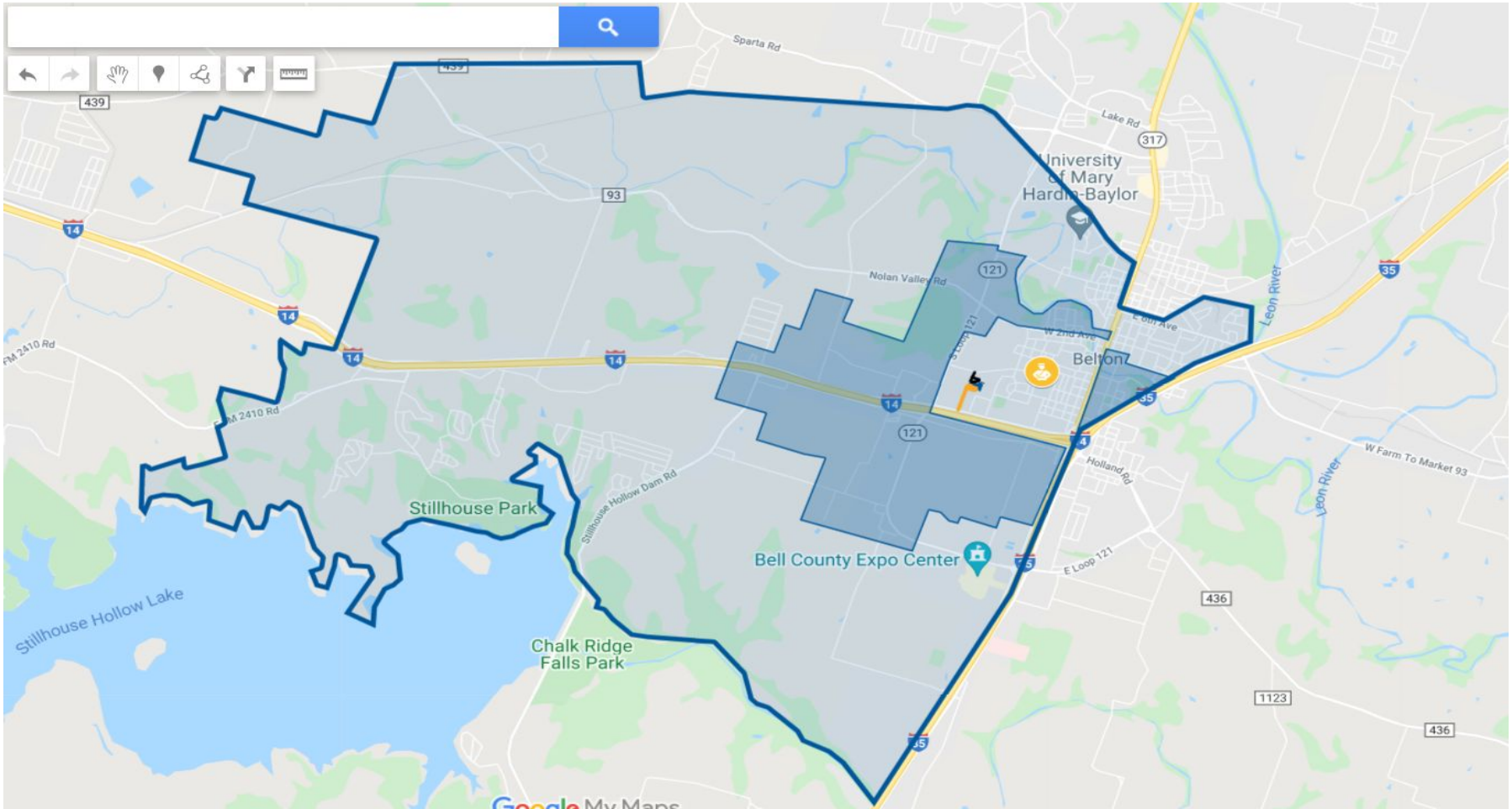
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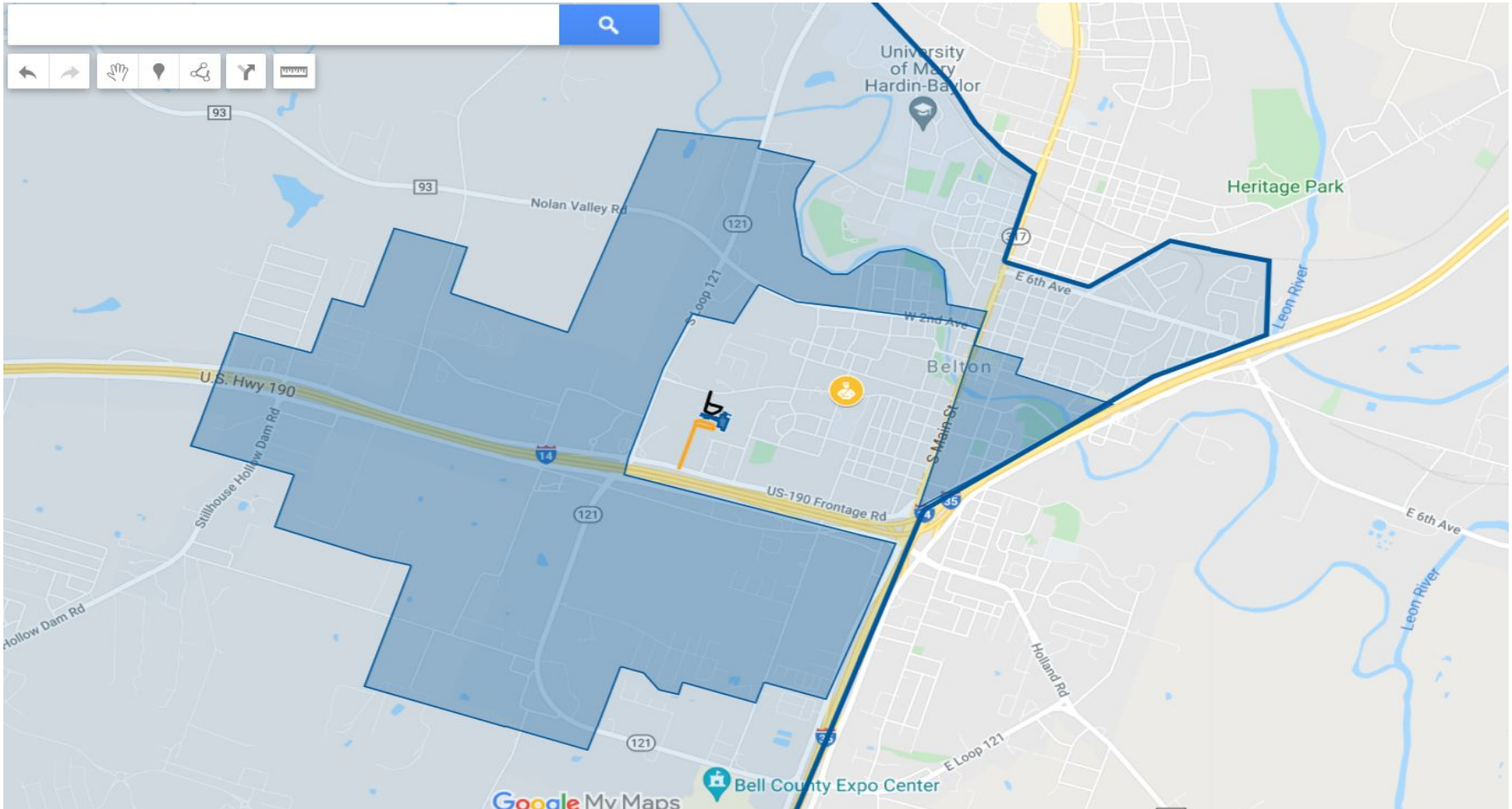
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South Belton Middle School: Attendance Zone



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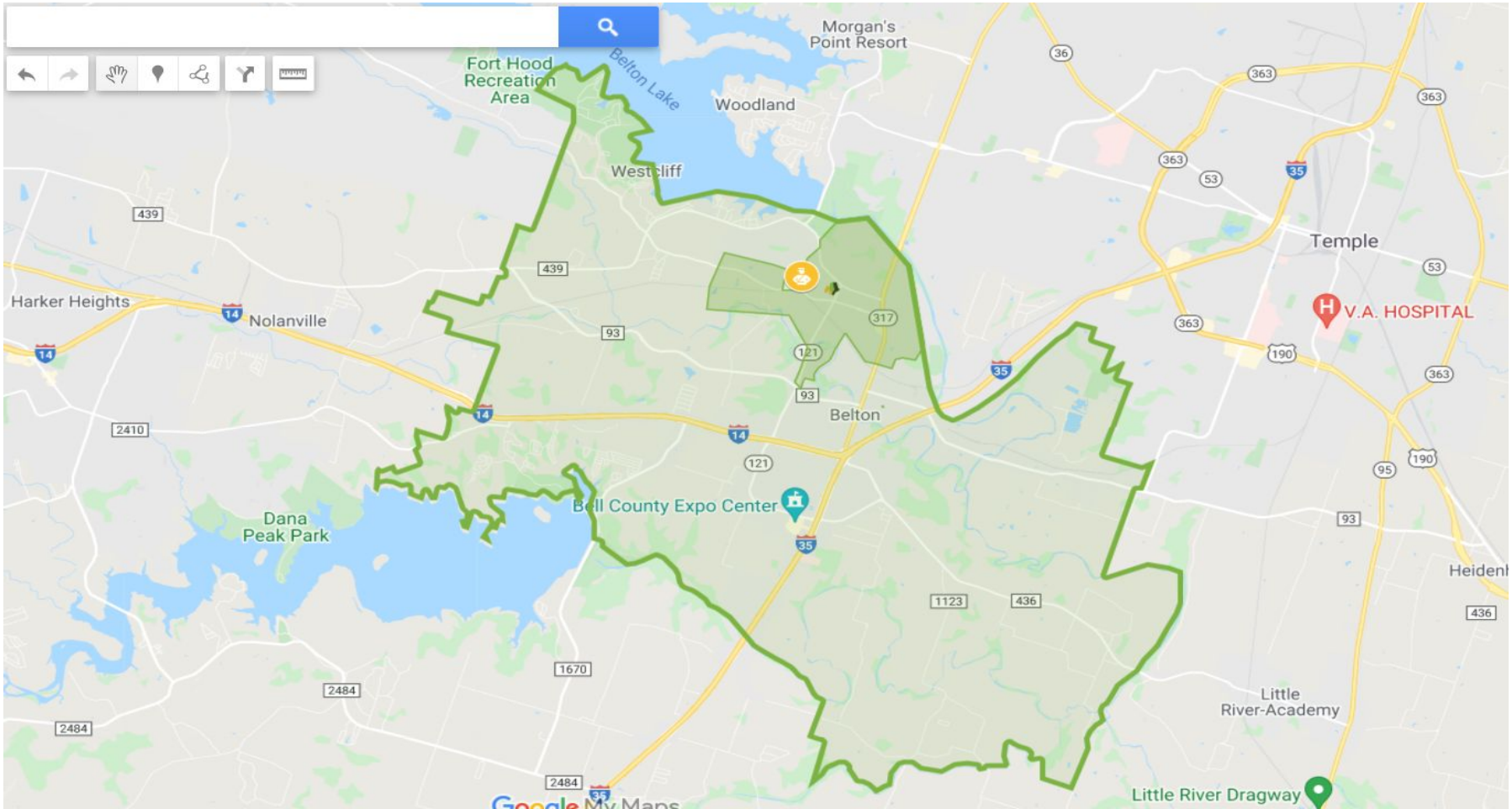
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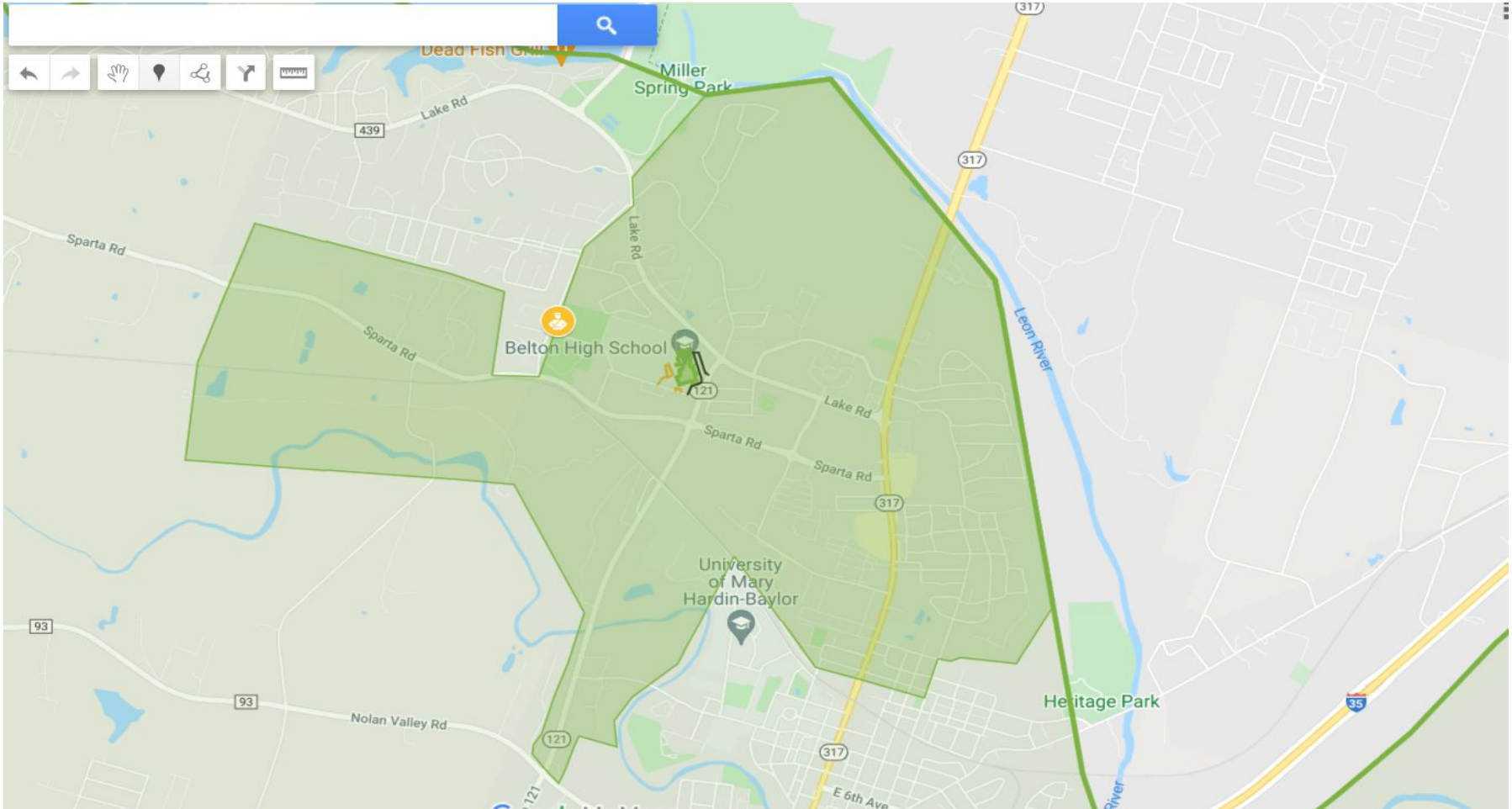
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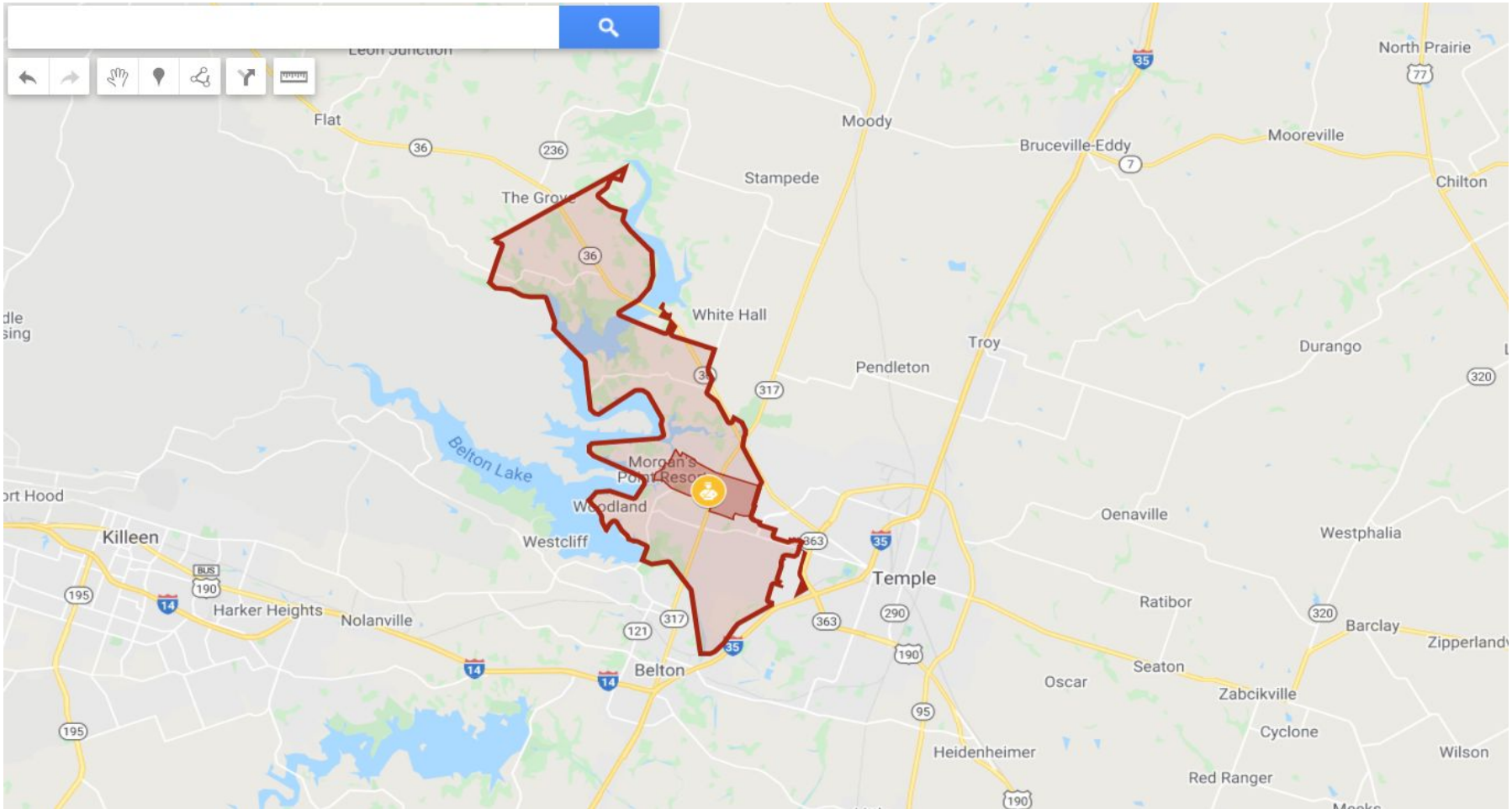
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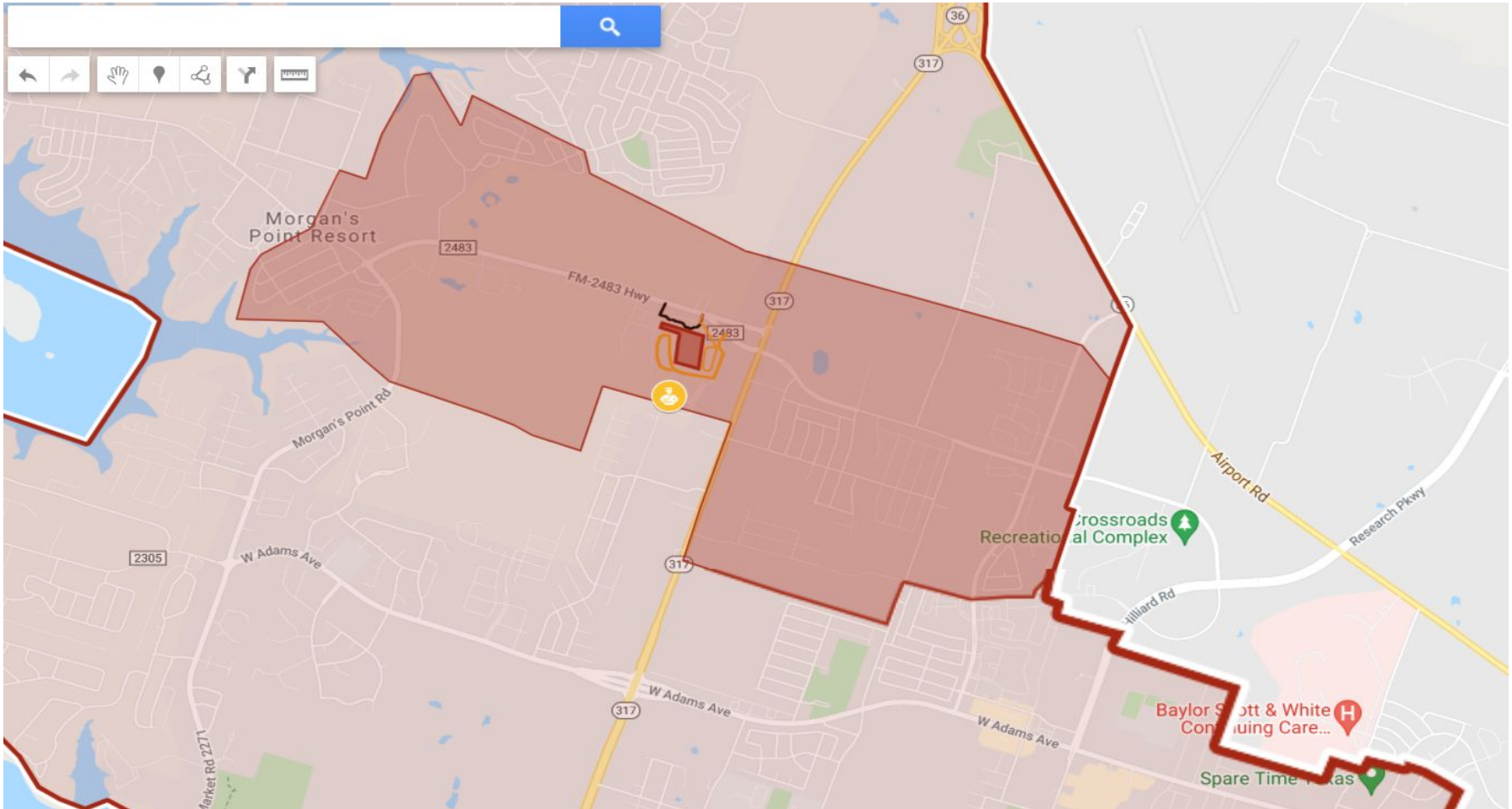
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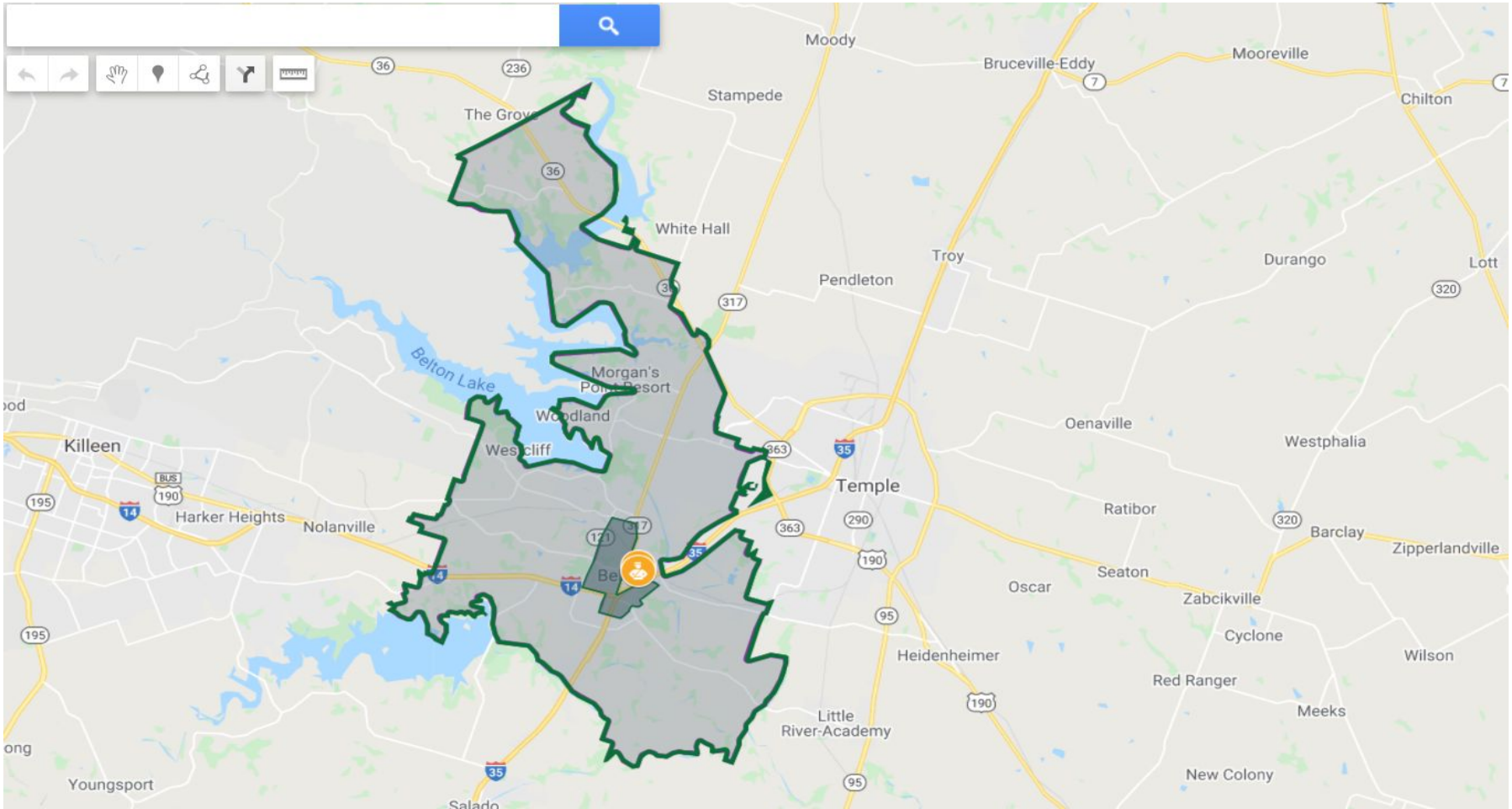
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BECS & BNT@W: Attendance Zone



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