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## PLAN CHANGE 15 – HUTT RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN

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### 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Councillors of progress with the Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan (HRFMP) plan change and to seek authority to commence informal consultation with landowners within the river corridor of the Hutt River.

### 2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan (HRFMP), completed in 2001 by the Greater Wellington Regional Council, identifies a number of structural and non-structural landuse planning measures for reducing flood risk posed by the Hutt River.
- 2.2 The District Plan requires updating to bring the current Plan provisions in line with the HRFMP. Preliminary work has been undertaken in conjunction with the Regional Council to research and draft relevant changes to the District Plan.
- 2.3 Attached as Appendix 1 to this report are the relevant maps from the HRFMP showing the location of the Primary and Secondary river corridors of the Hutt River. Attached as Appendix 2 to this report are the current District Plan maps showing the extent of the 1:100 flood extent as depicted in the current Plan.

### 3.0 PLAN CHANGE 15

- 3.1 As aforementioned, the proposed changes to the District Plan seek to align the existing Plan provisions with the HRFMP.
- 3.2 These changes are broadly summarised as follows:

- The relevant planning maps would be updated to show the river corridor (which includes 'primary' and 'secondary' corridors) of the Hutt River and the erosion hazard setback line
- The current Objectives and Policies pertaining to natural hazards would be amended to increase consistency with the policy framework of the HRFMP
- Accessory buildings with a floor area of 20m<sup>2</sup> or less erected within the river corridor of the Hutt River would become a permitted activity. All other buildings and structures within the river corridor of the Hutt River would remain a discretionary activity

- Relevant definitions would be introduced to the Definitions chapter of the Plan, including a definition of River Corridor, and 1% Flood Extent.
  - The Plan zone chapters would be amended to specify that subdivision within the river corridor of the Hutt River is a discretionary activity and the specific matters for consideration for controlled and restricted discretionary activities would be amended to include flooding mitigation measures.
  - The current standards for earthworks would be amended to strengthen and clarify the existing provisions stating that earthworks for flood mitigation purposes undertaken by a local authority on community flood protection grounds are a permitted activity. The specific matters of discretion for earthworks requiring consent for a restricted discretionary activity would be amended to include consideration of the effects on flooding hazard. Earthworks undertaken within the river corridor of the Hutt River would remain a restricted discretionary activity.
- 3.2 These proposed changes may be altered following feedback through the proposed informal consultative process considered below.

#### **4.0 PROPOSED INFORMAL CONSULTATION WITH LANDOWNERS**

- 4.1 Prior to formally notifying a proposed plan change (following formal authorisation from Council) it is considered appropriate to enable landowners within the floodplain to be aware of the proposed changes to the Plan and to gather their feedback informally. It is proposed that this would be undertaken via a letter to landowners which would set out a summary of the proposed change as set out at paragraph 3.2 above. If considered necessary and appropriate, a public meeting would also be held. Regional Council Officers have agreed to be party to the public meeting to provide specific technical advice and guidance regarding the HRFMP.
- 4.2 The broad purpose of the consultation is therefore as follows:
- To make landowners aware that the drafting of the plan change is underway
  - To make landowners whose properties are not currently subject to Plan provisions relating to flooding aware of the proposed changes
  - To disseminate information to landowners who are currently unaware of the potential flooding risk posed to their property
  - To alert property owners to the erosion hazard line, which would become a new feature in the Plan

- 4.2 The formal consultative process set down by the Resource Management Act 1991 ("the Act") would follow in due course once the plan change is formally notified. The proposed informal consultation would therefore be in addition to the consultation process mandated by the Act.

#### **5.0 LEGAL AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

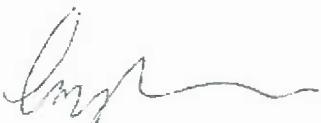
- 5.1 There are no legal implications for Council in undertaking informal consultation prior to formally consulting on the proposed plan change. There is expected to be a small cost in terms of Officer time spent organising the consultation.

and responding to enquiries, however in this instance the cost is considered warranted and can be accommodated within existing budgets.

**6.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 6.1** THAT Council authorises Officers to undertake informal consultation with landowners located within the floodplain of the Hutt River on the proposed changes to the District Plan intended to make the Plan consistent with the Greater Wellington Regional Council's Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan.

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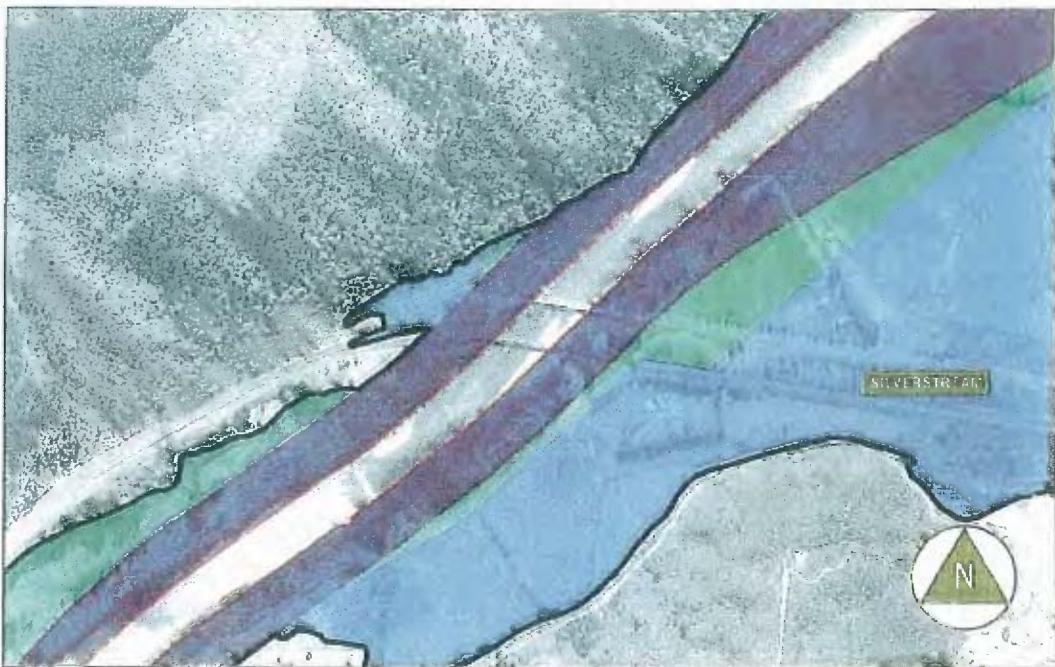
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Hutt River Corridor Hazard Areas - 11. Silverstream

FIGURE A22



Hutt River Corridor Hazard Areas - 12. St Patricks to Heretaunga

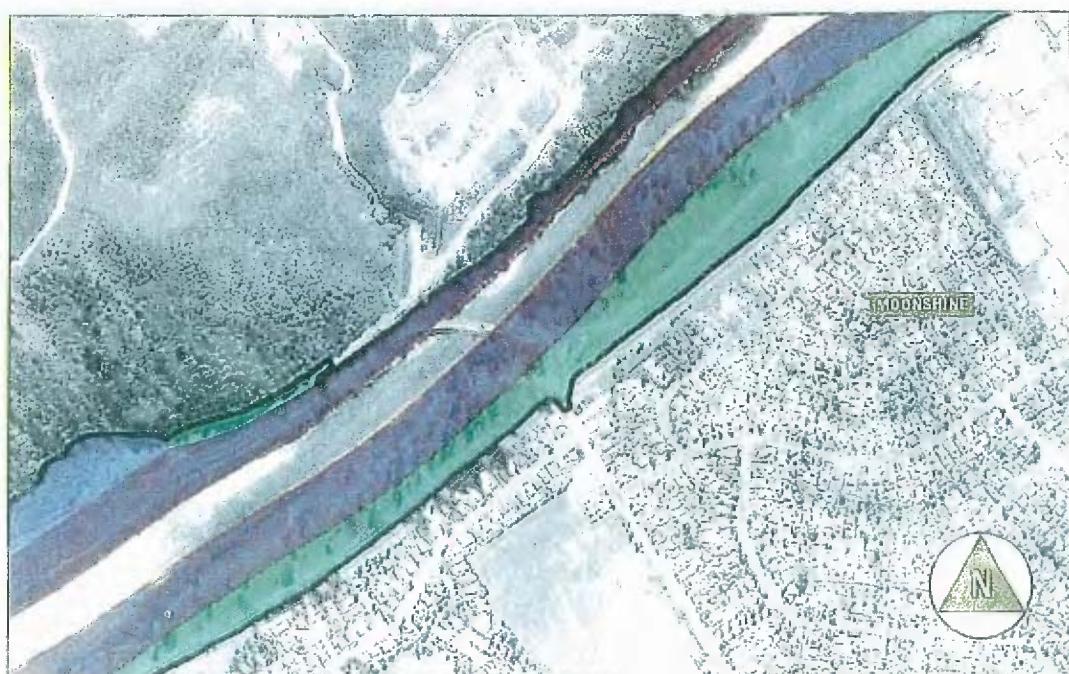


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Hutt River Corridor Hazard Areas – 13. Trentham

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#### Hutt River Corridor Hazard Areas – 14. Moonshine

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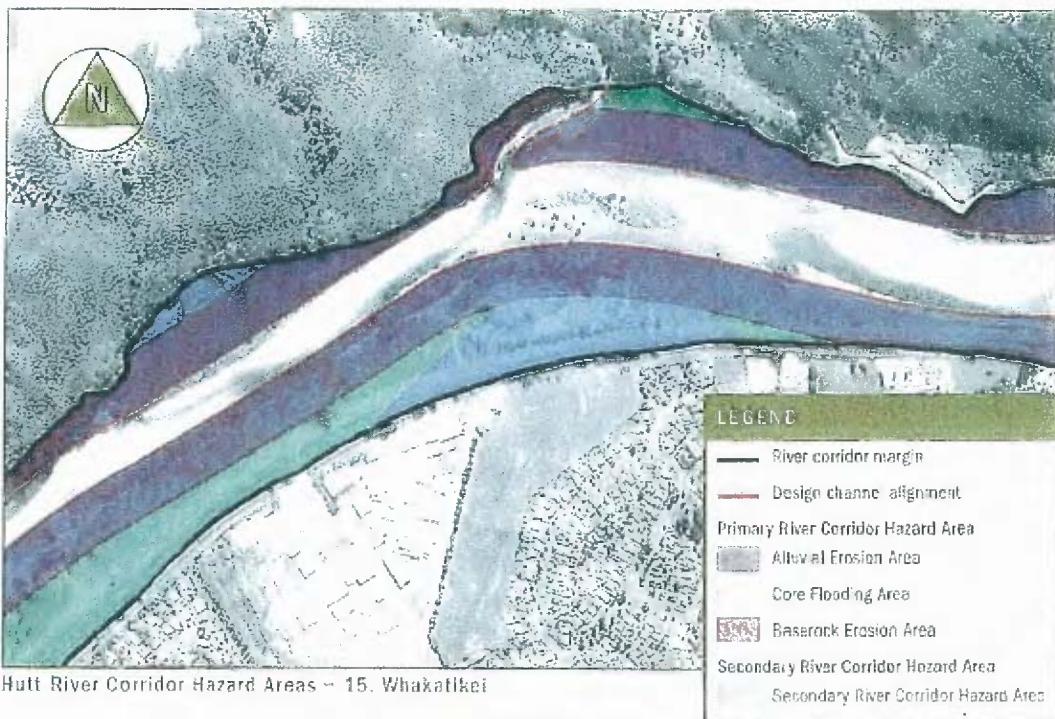


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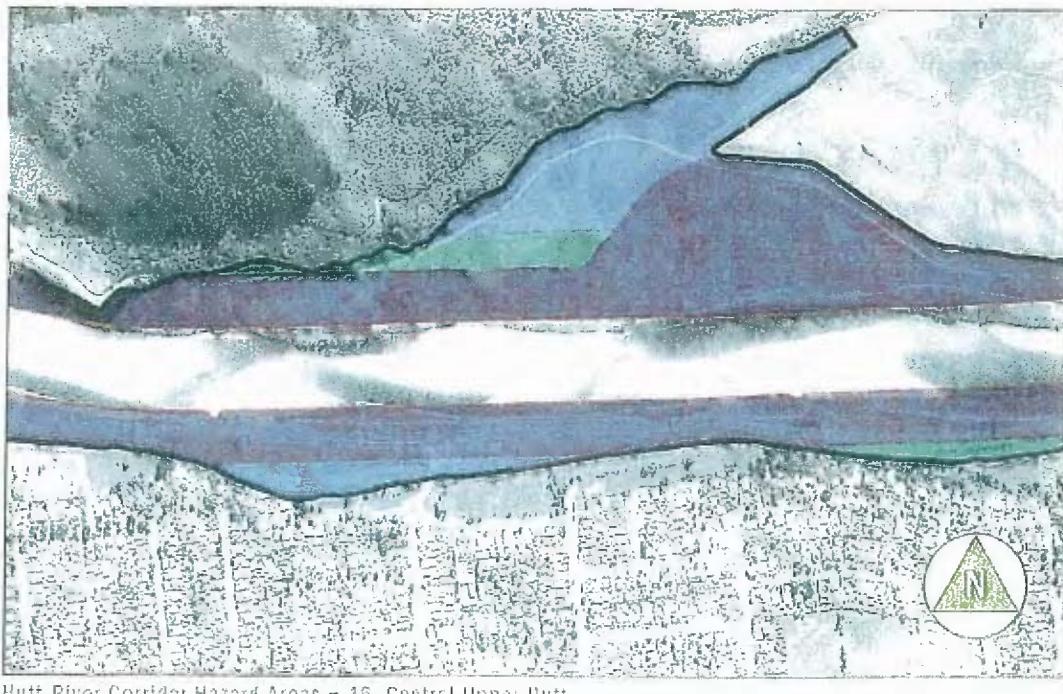
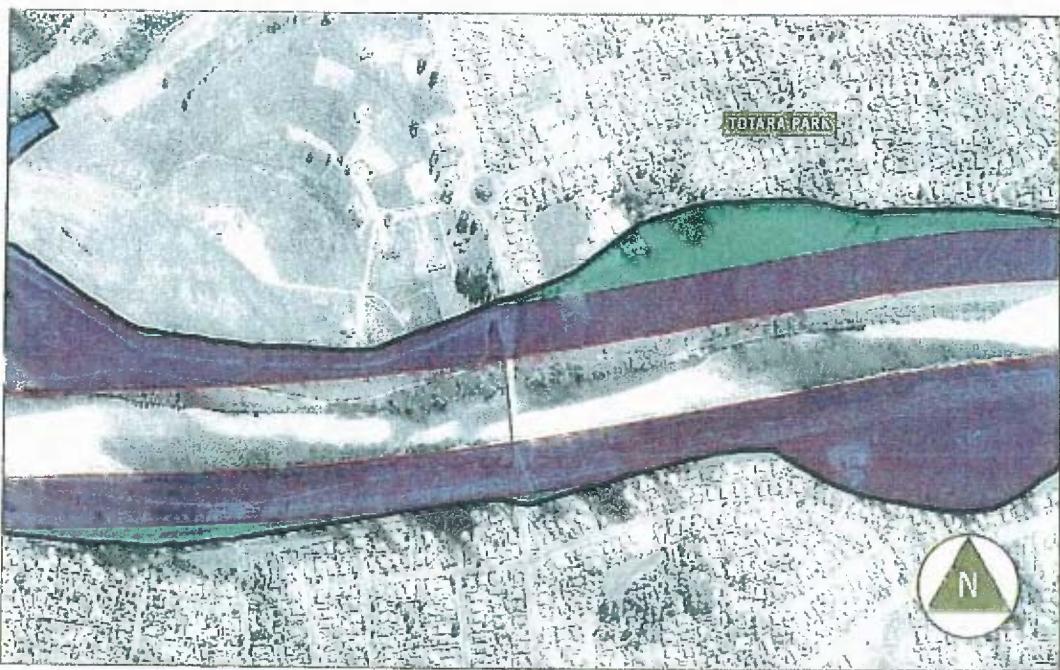
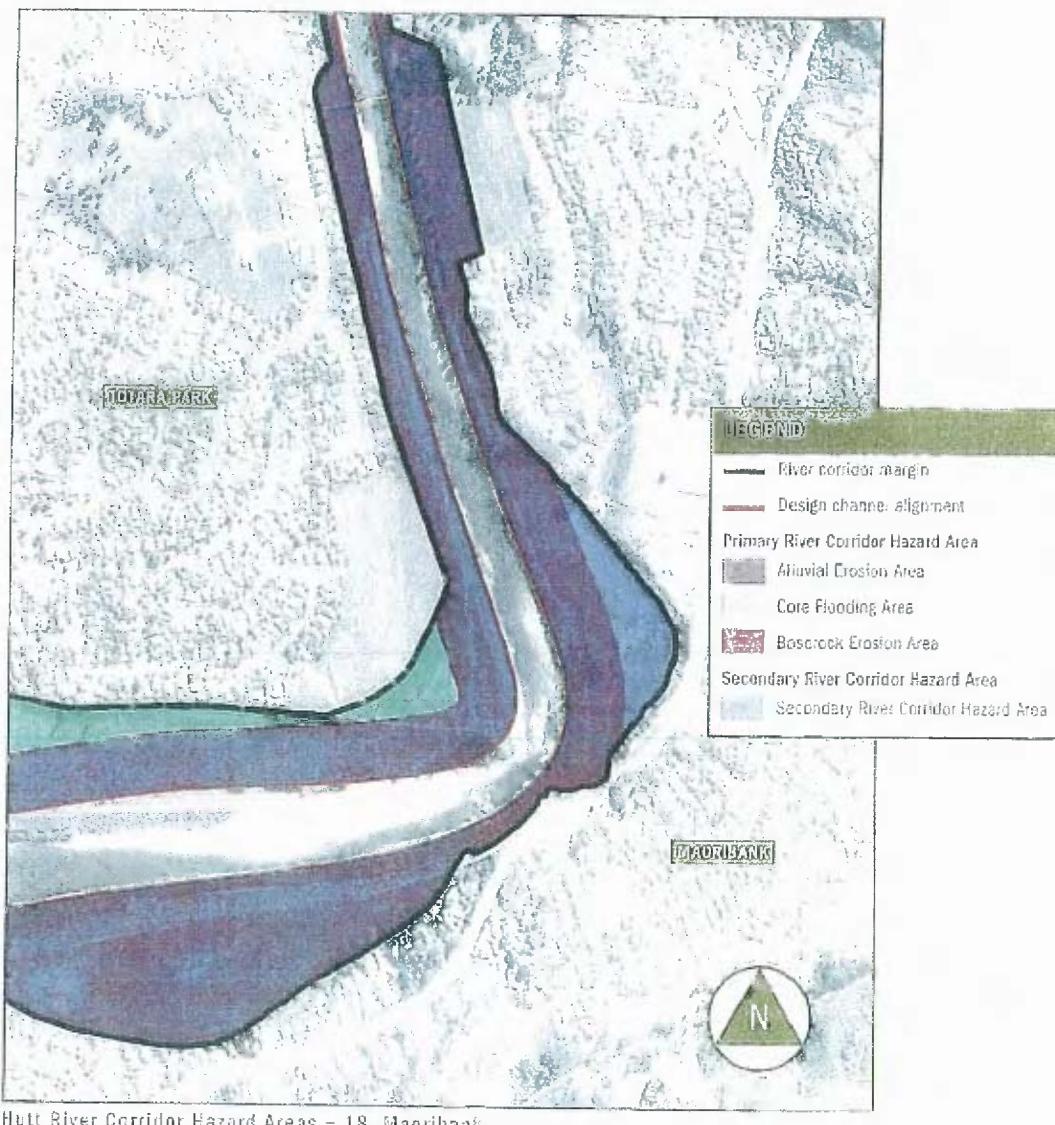


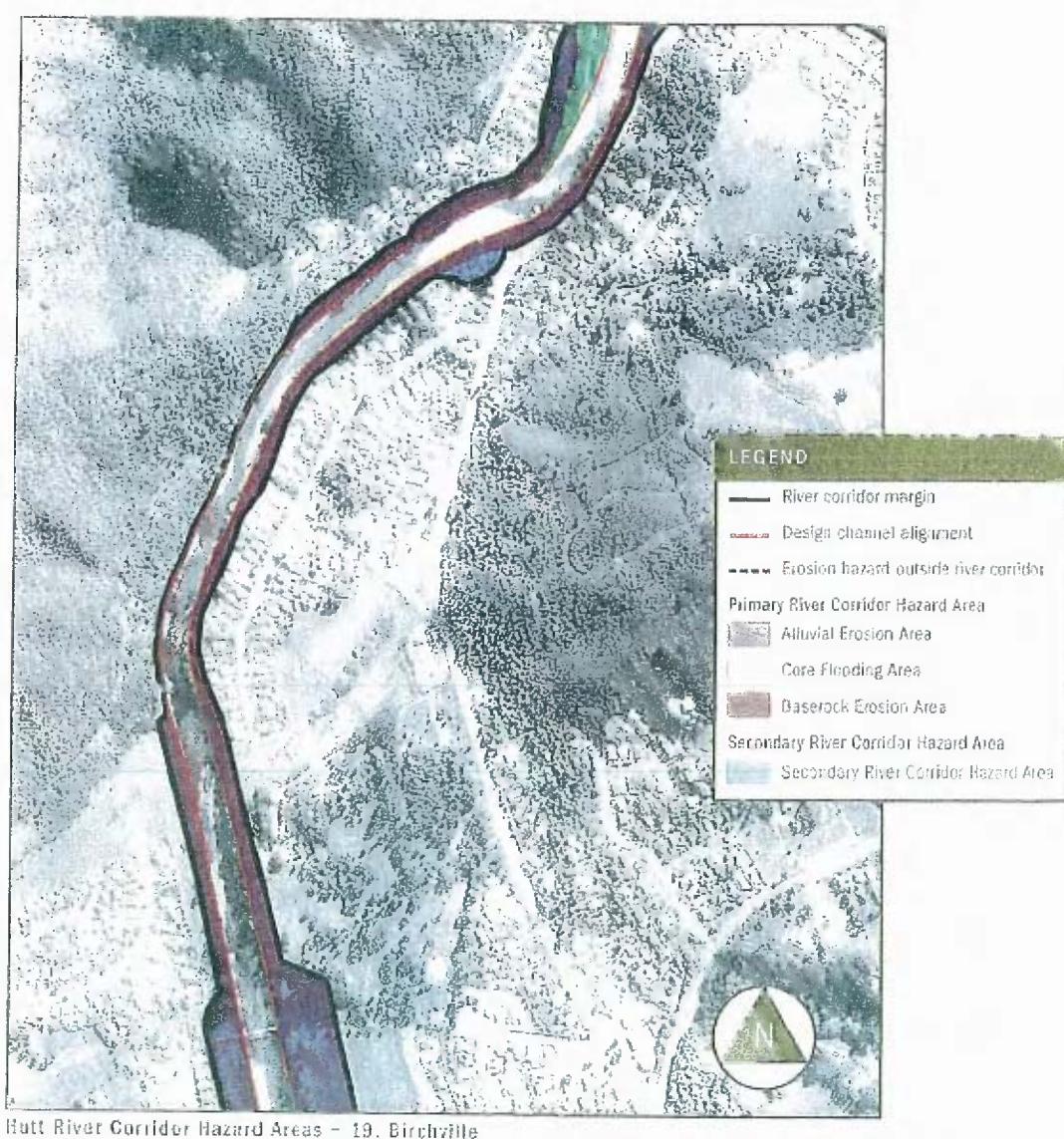
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Hutt River Corridor Hazard Areas – 17. Totara Park

FIGURE A28





Notice: The Mavora Forest Area is not marked on Plan 21. This hazard area sits within the river corridor, roughly within the position of the river. See Chaperter for more details.

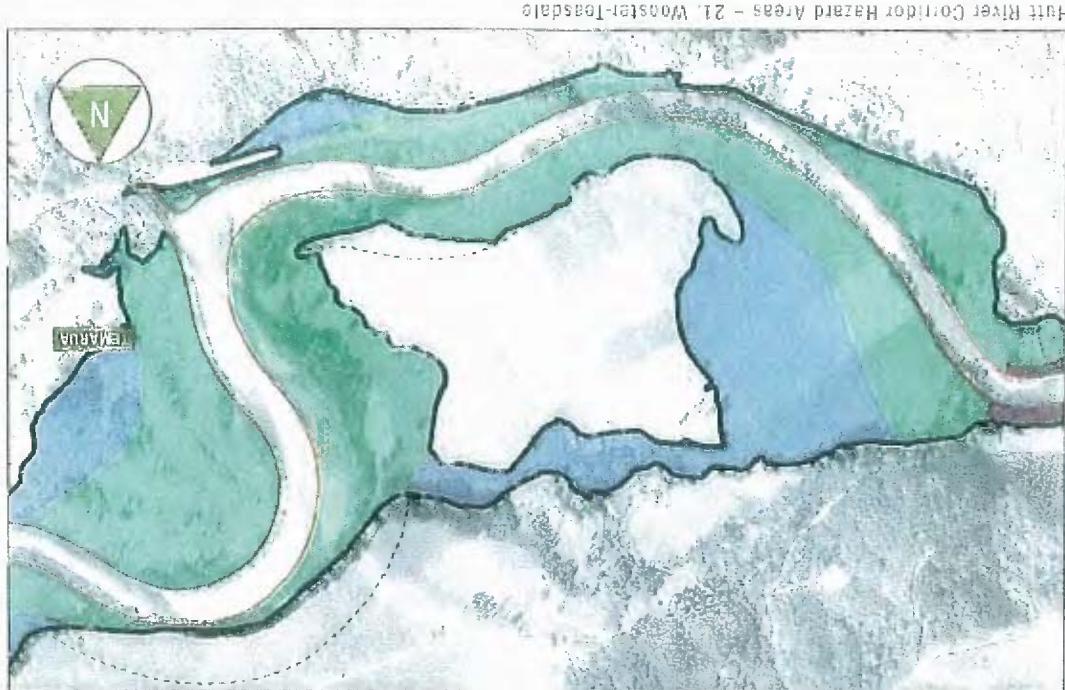


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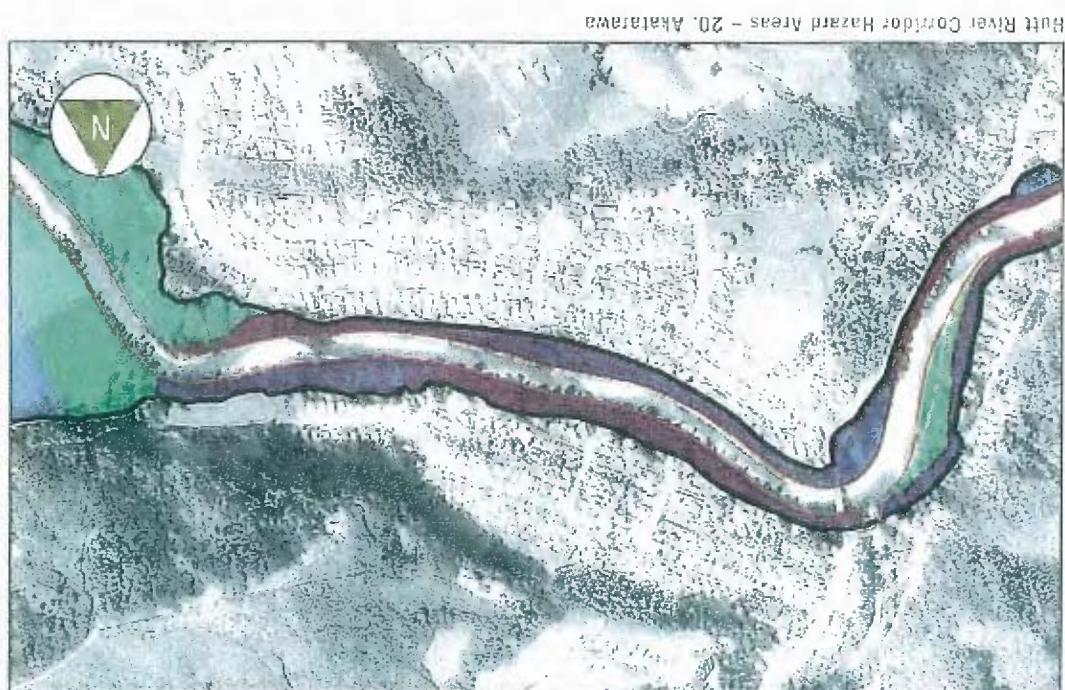


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Hutt River Corridor Hazard Areas - 22, Te Mana

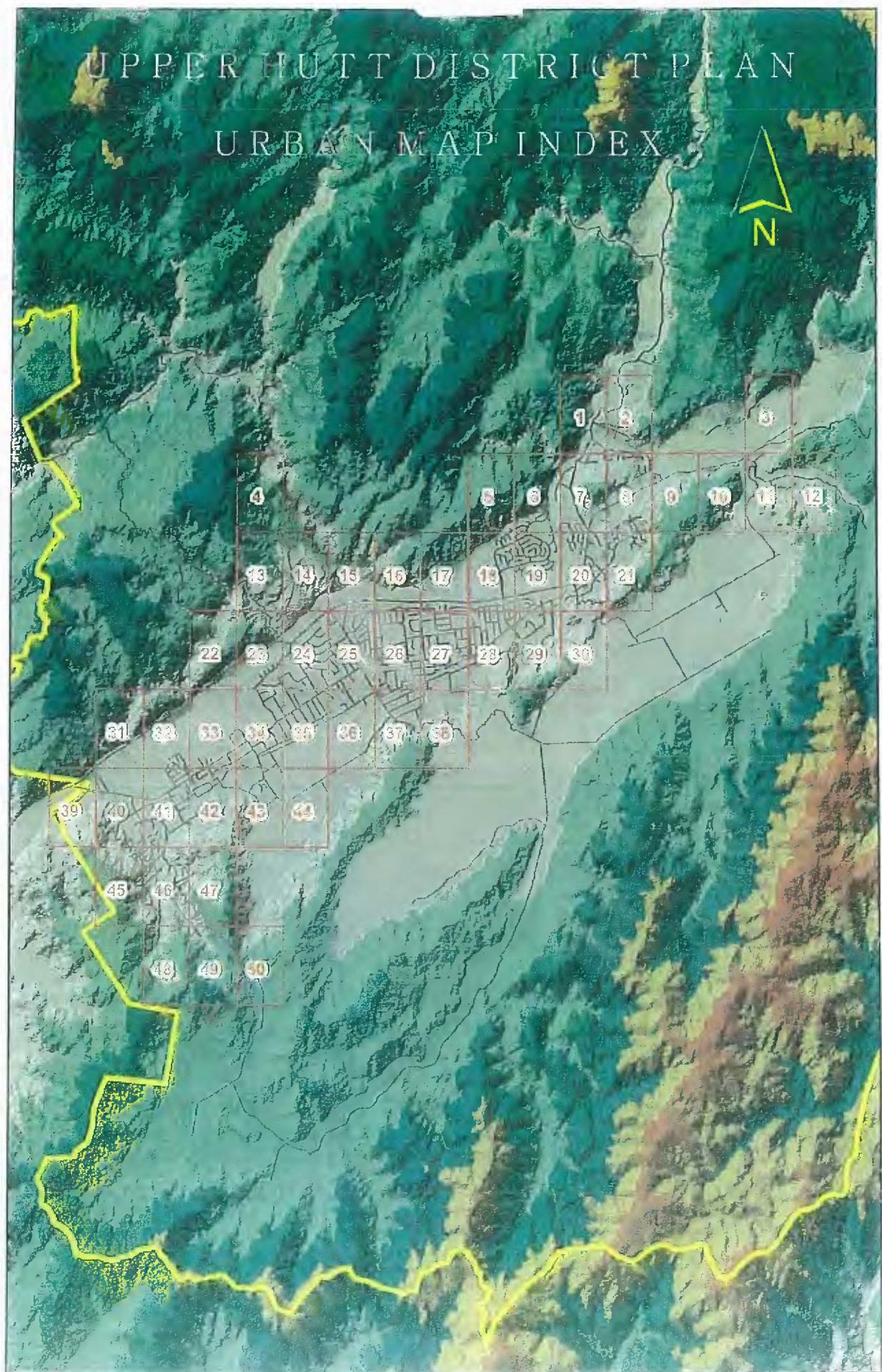
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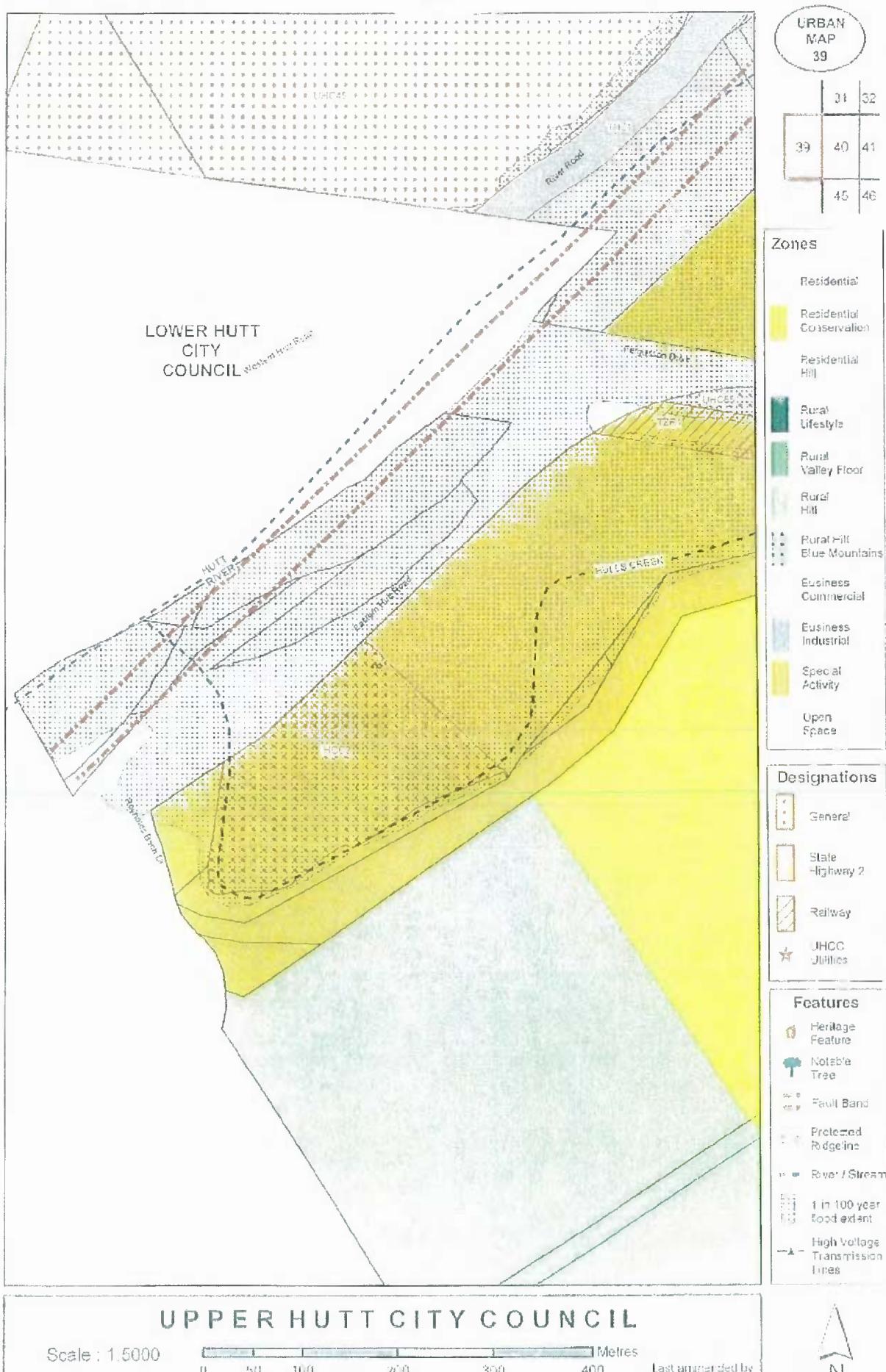
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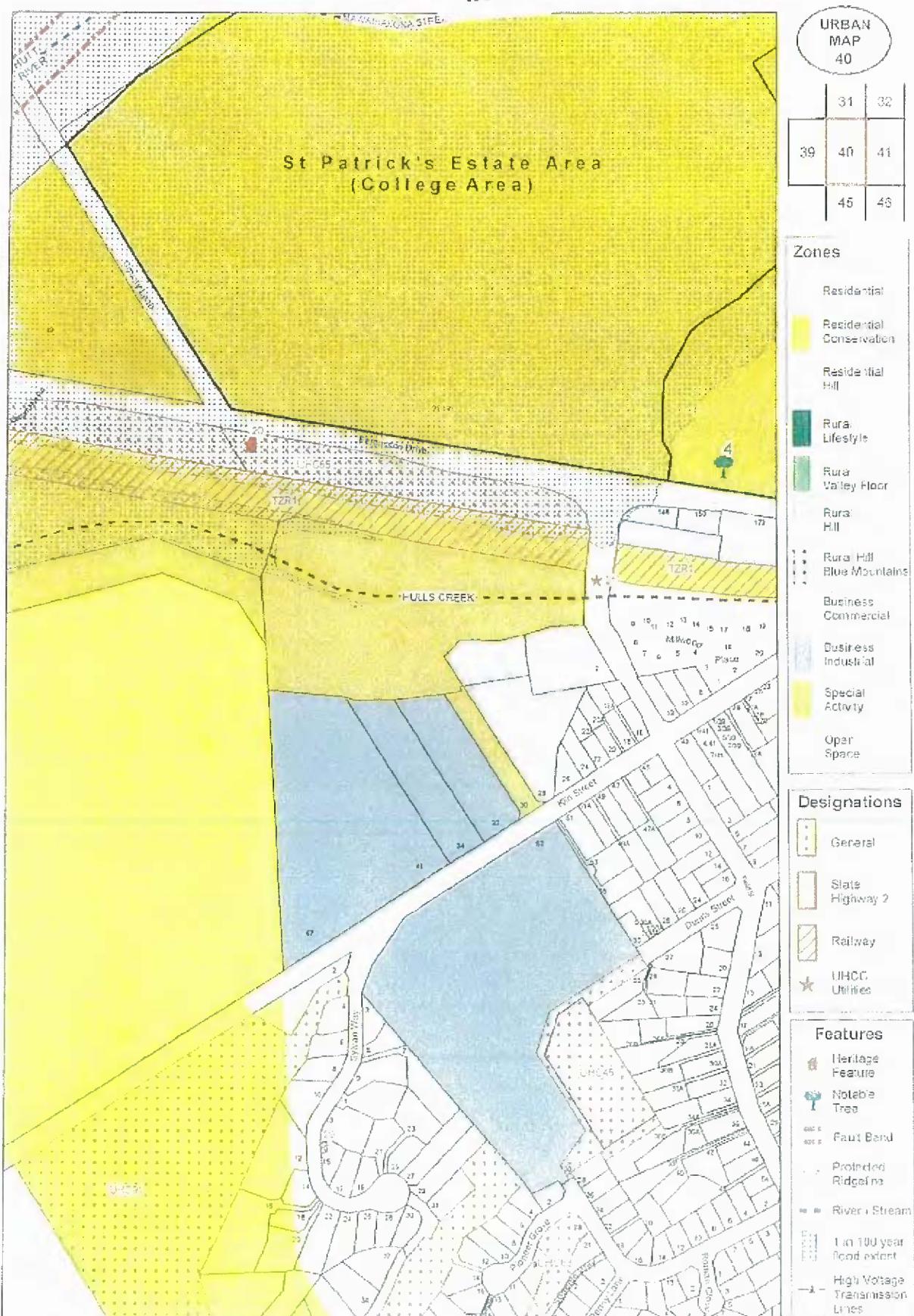
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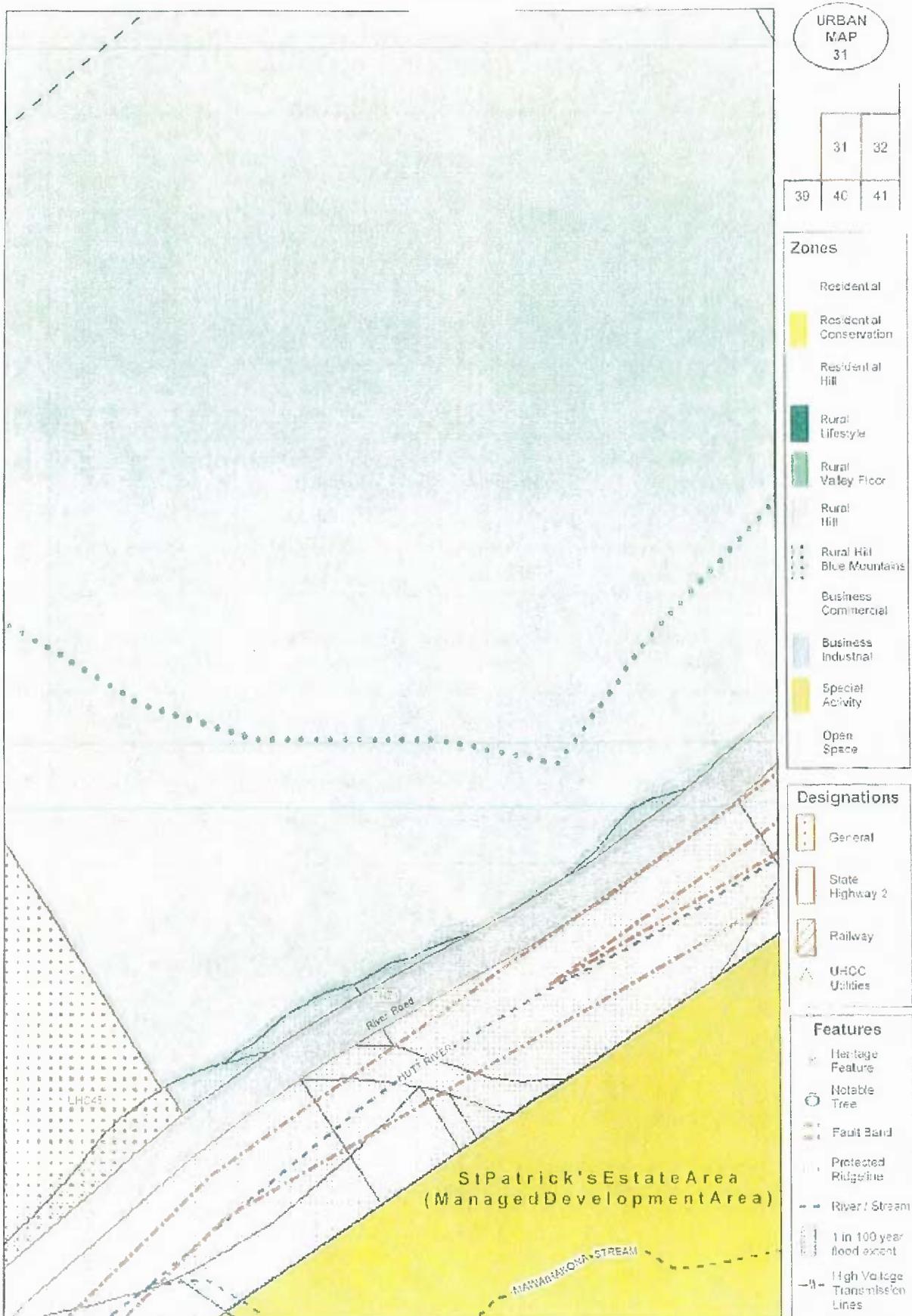




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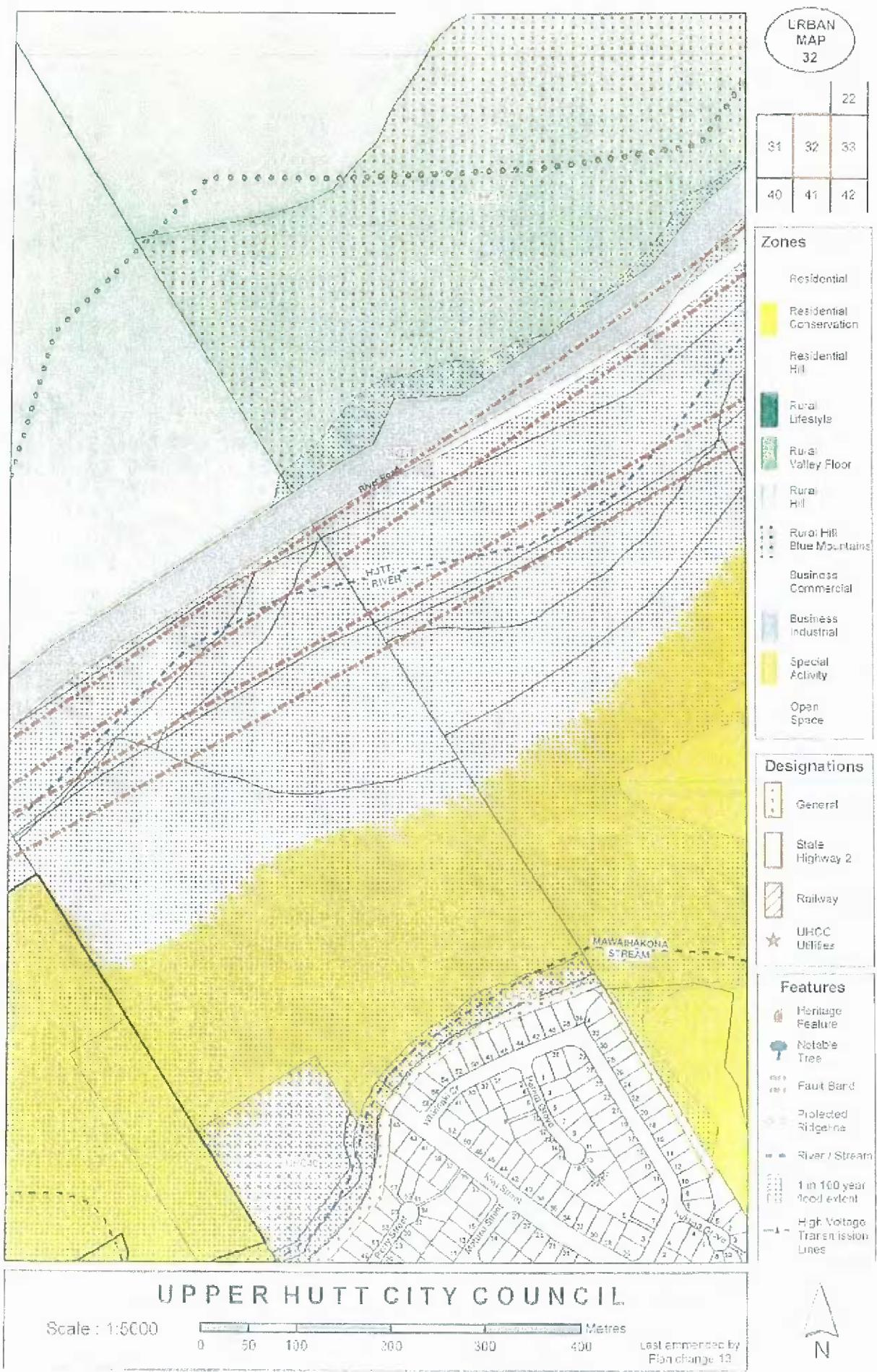


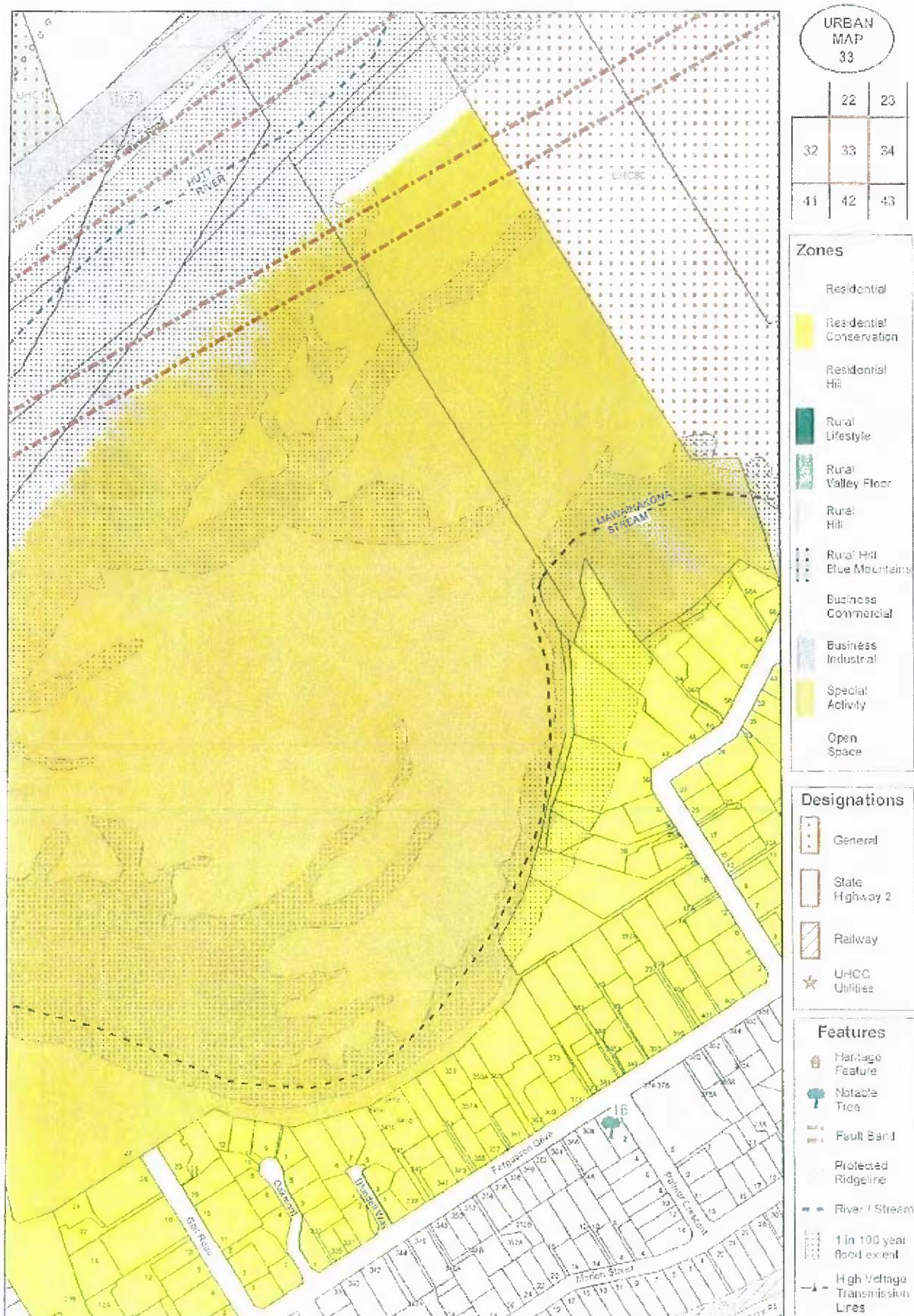
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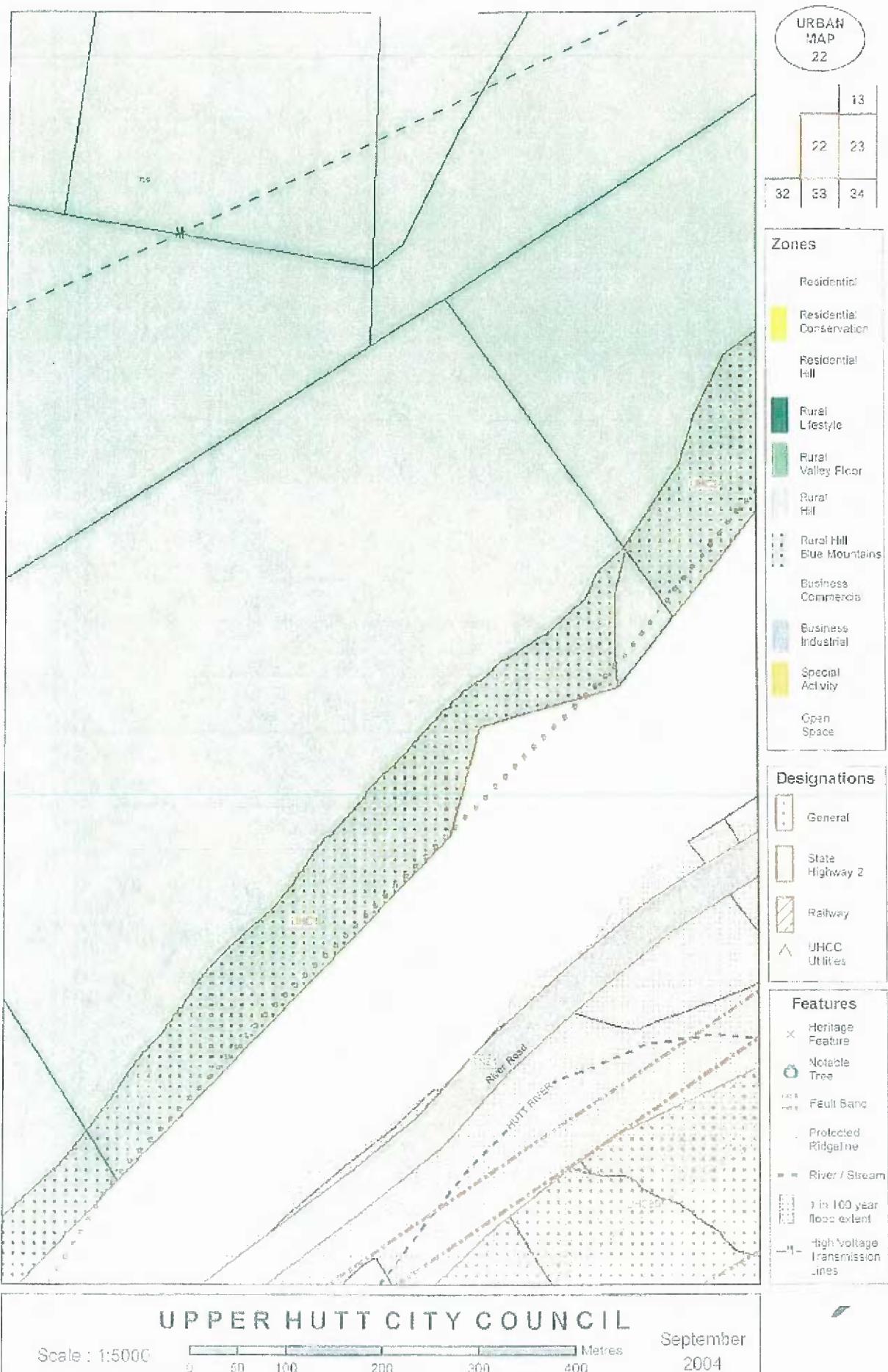
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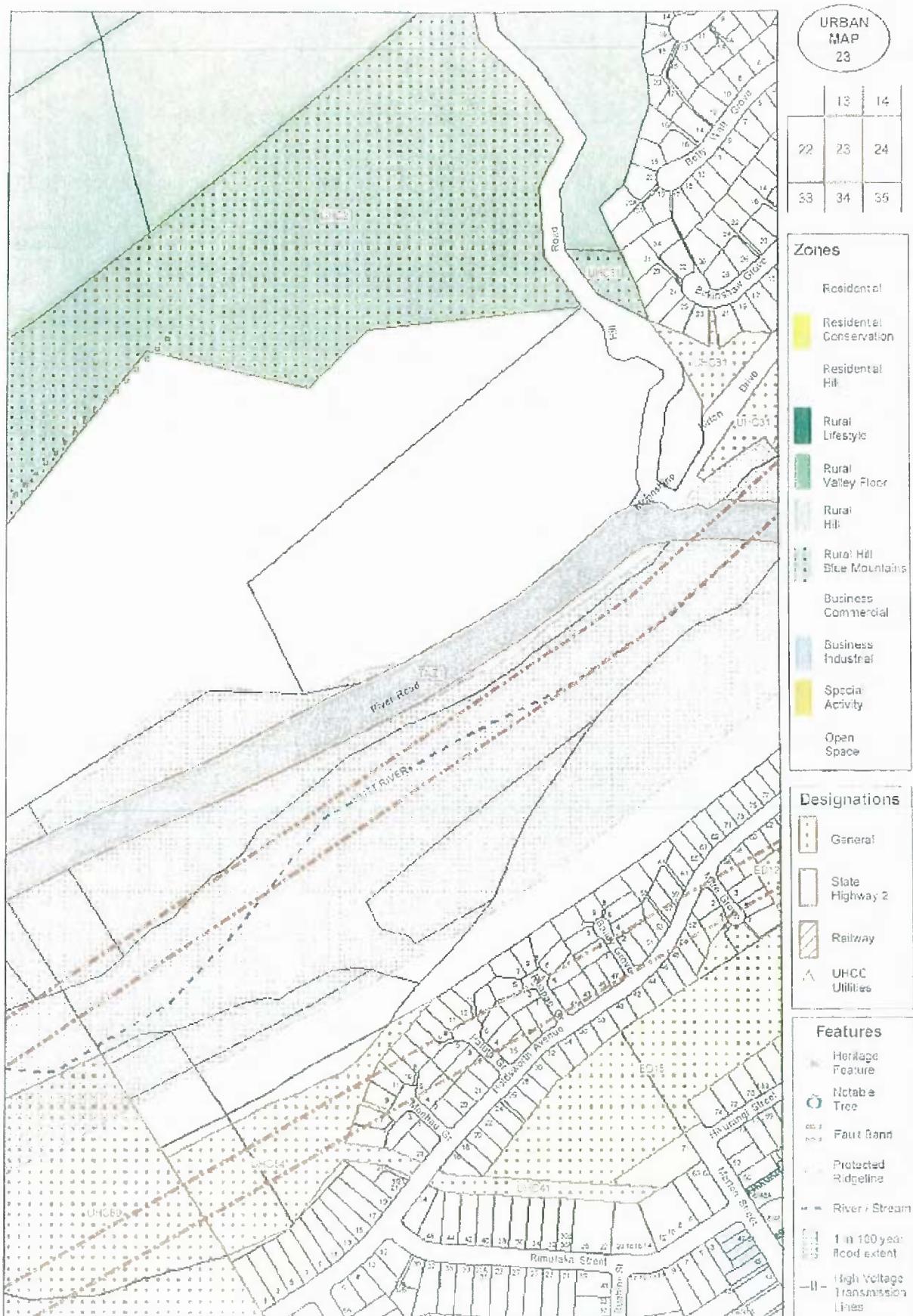
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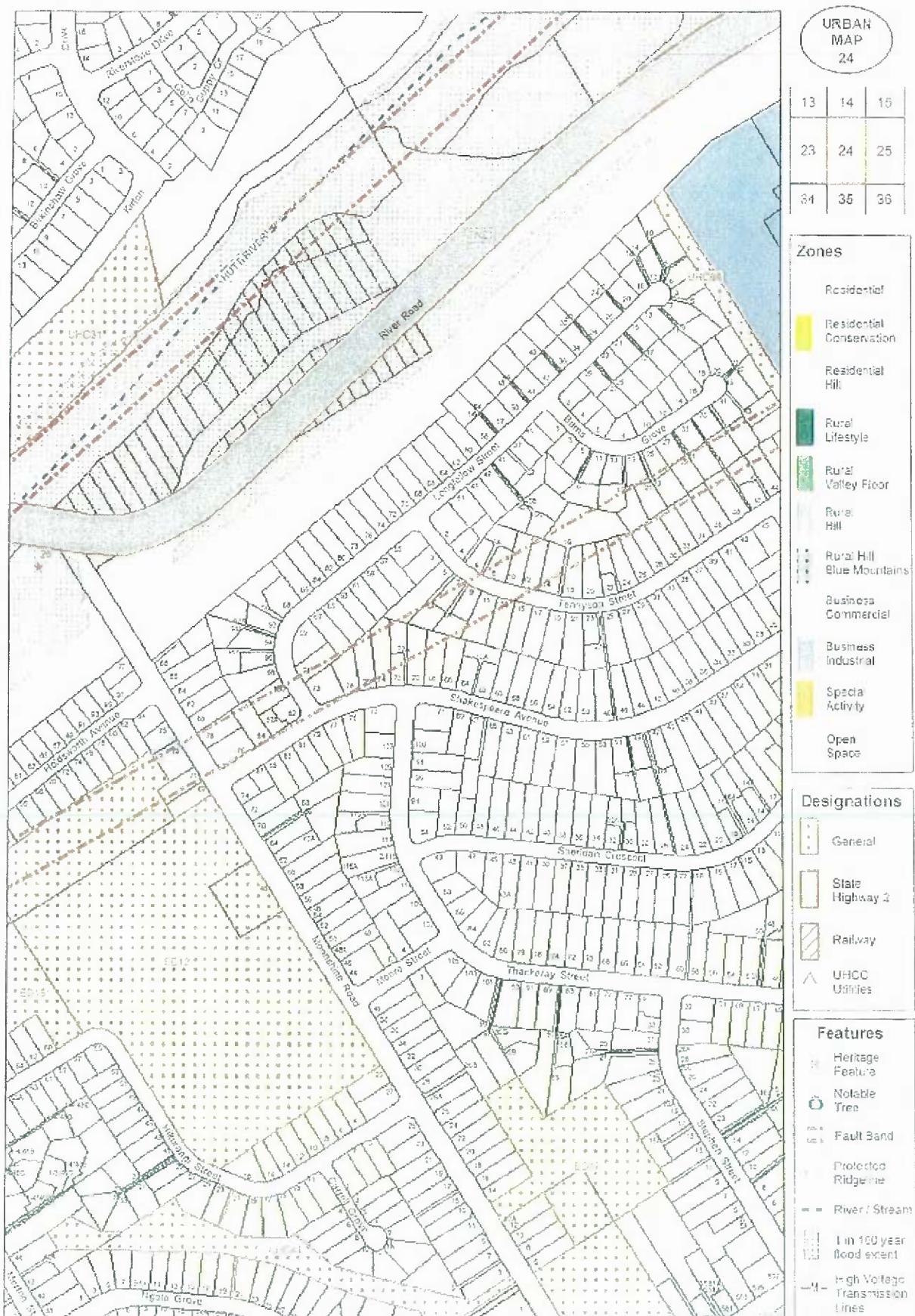


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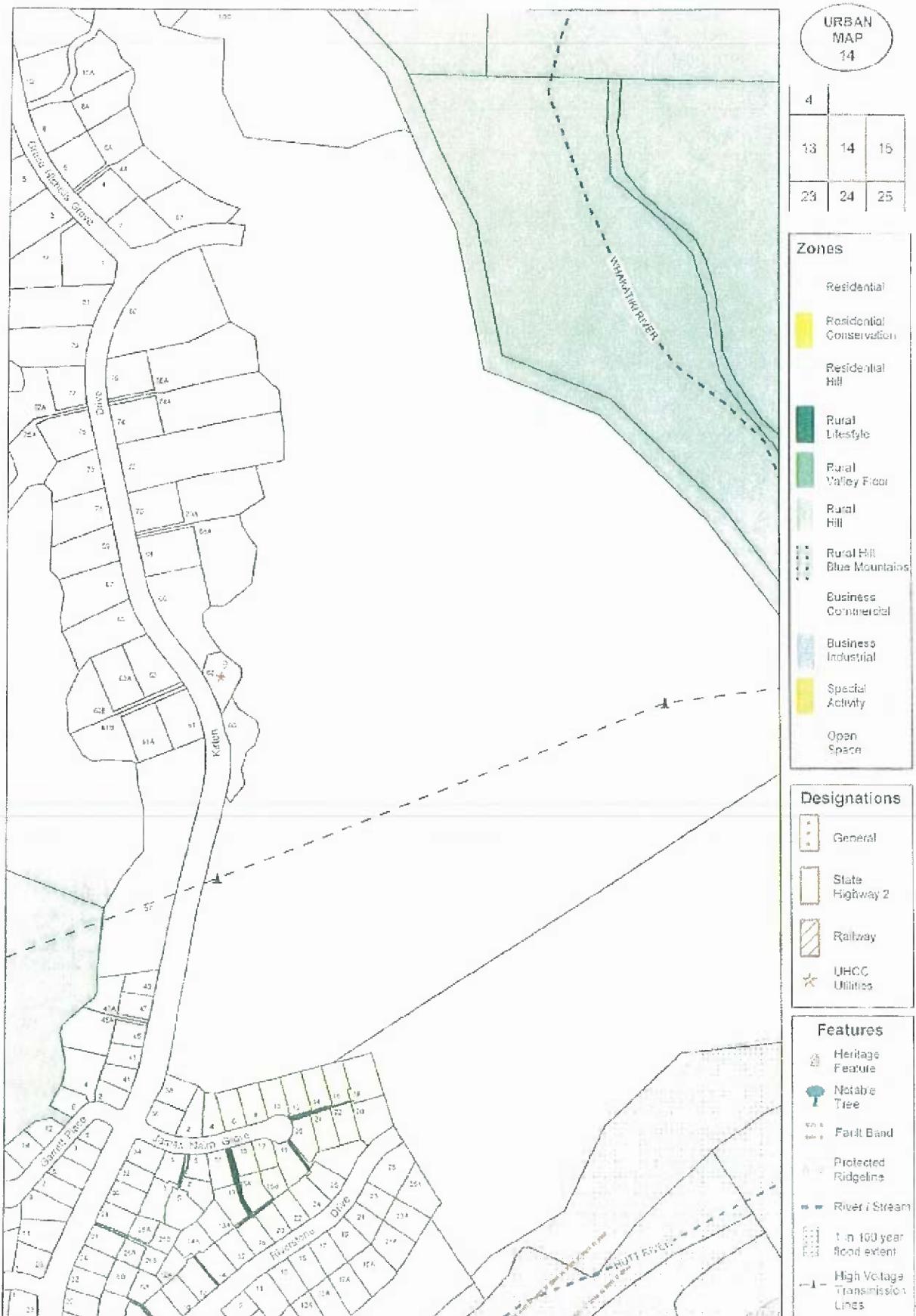
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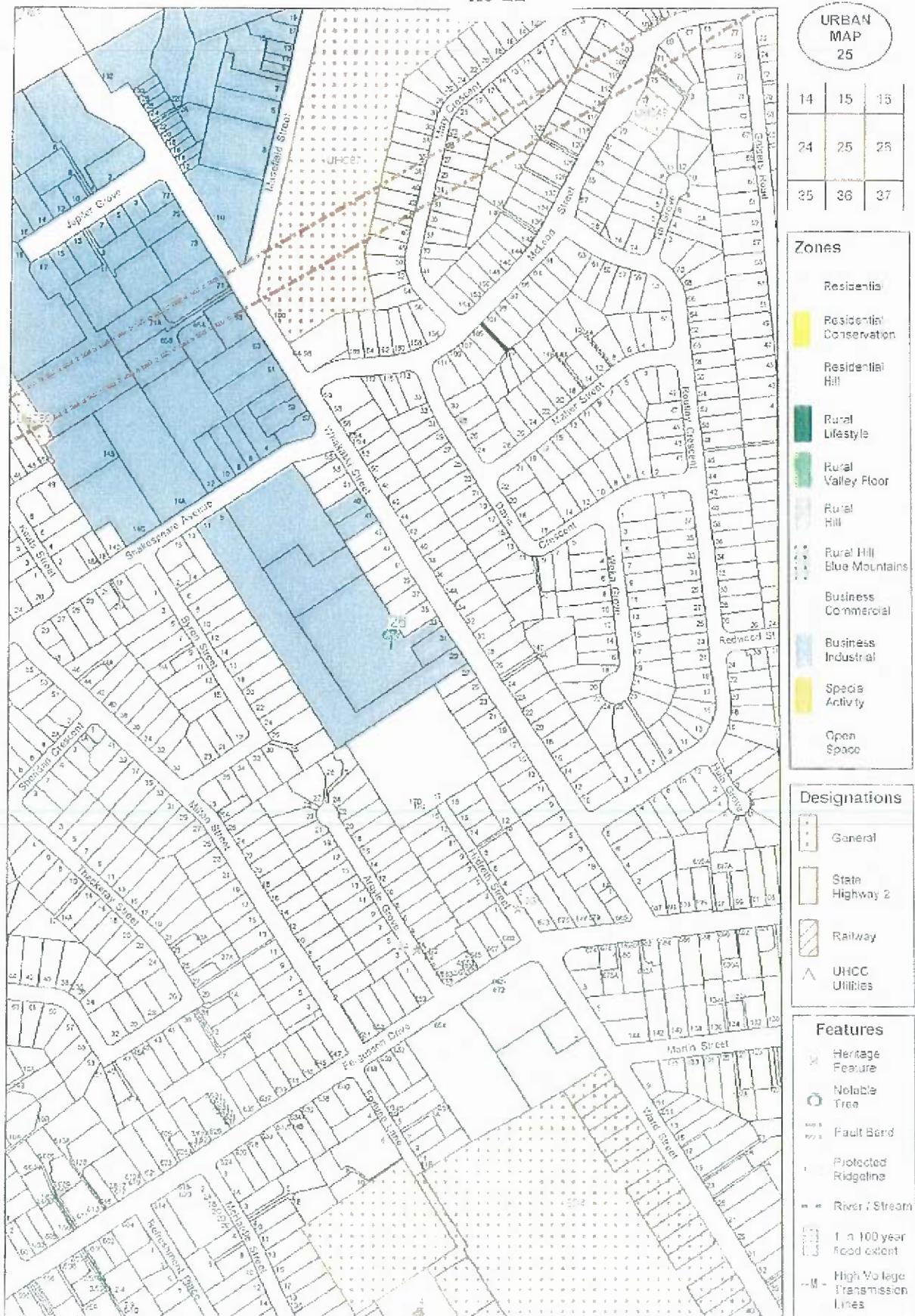
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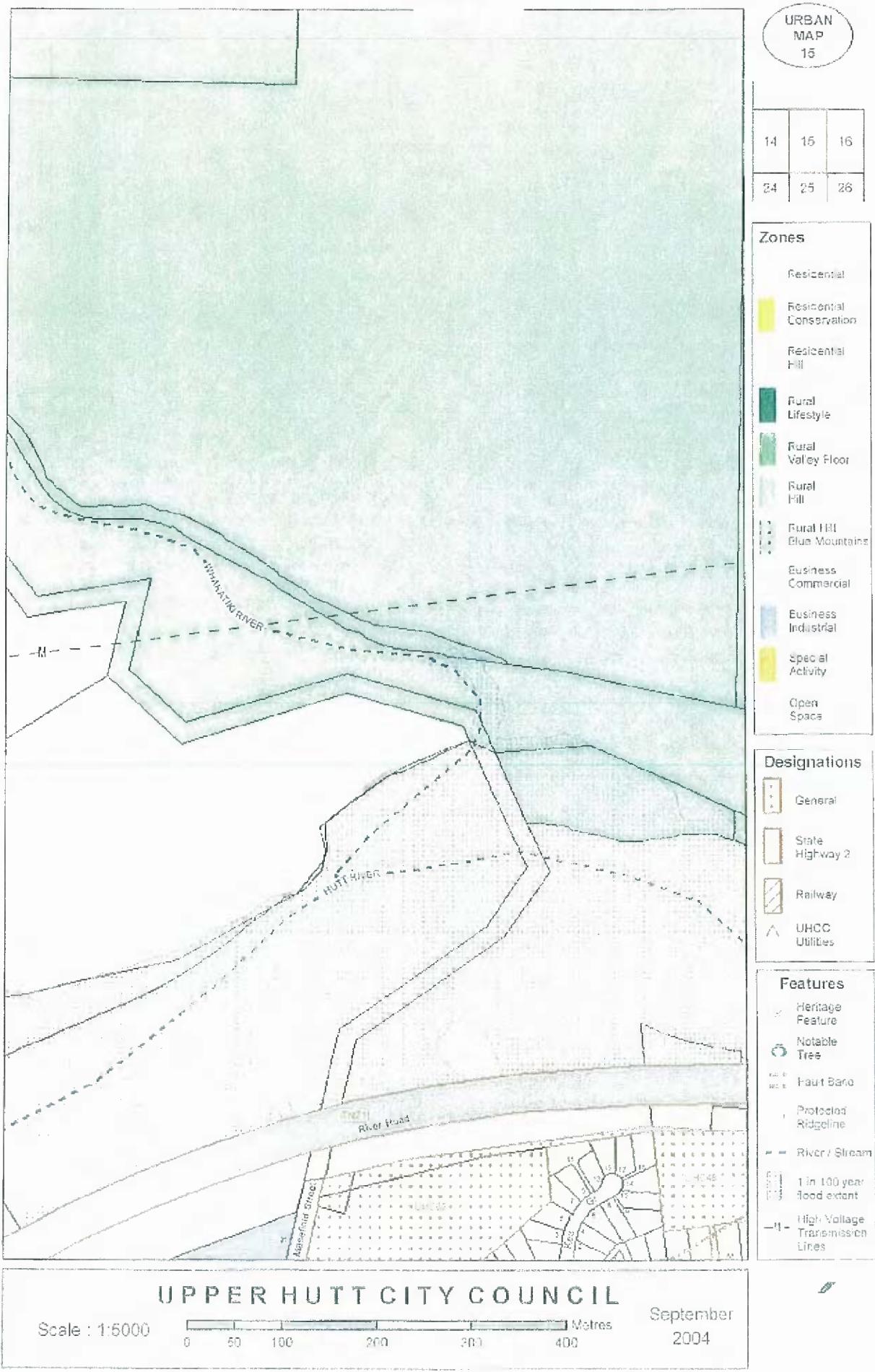


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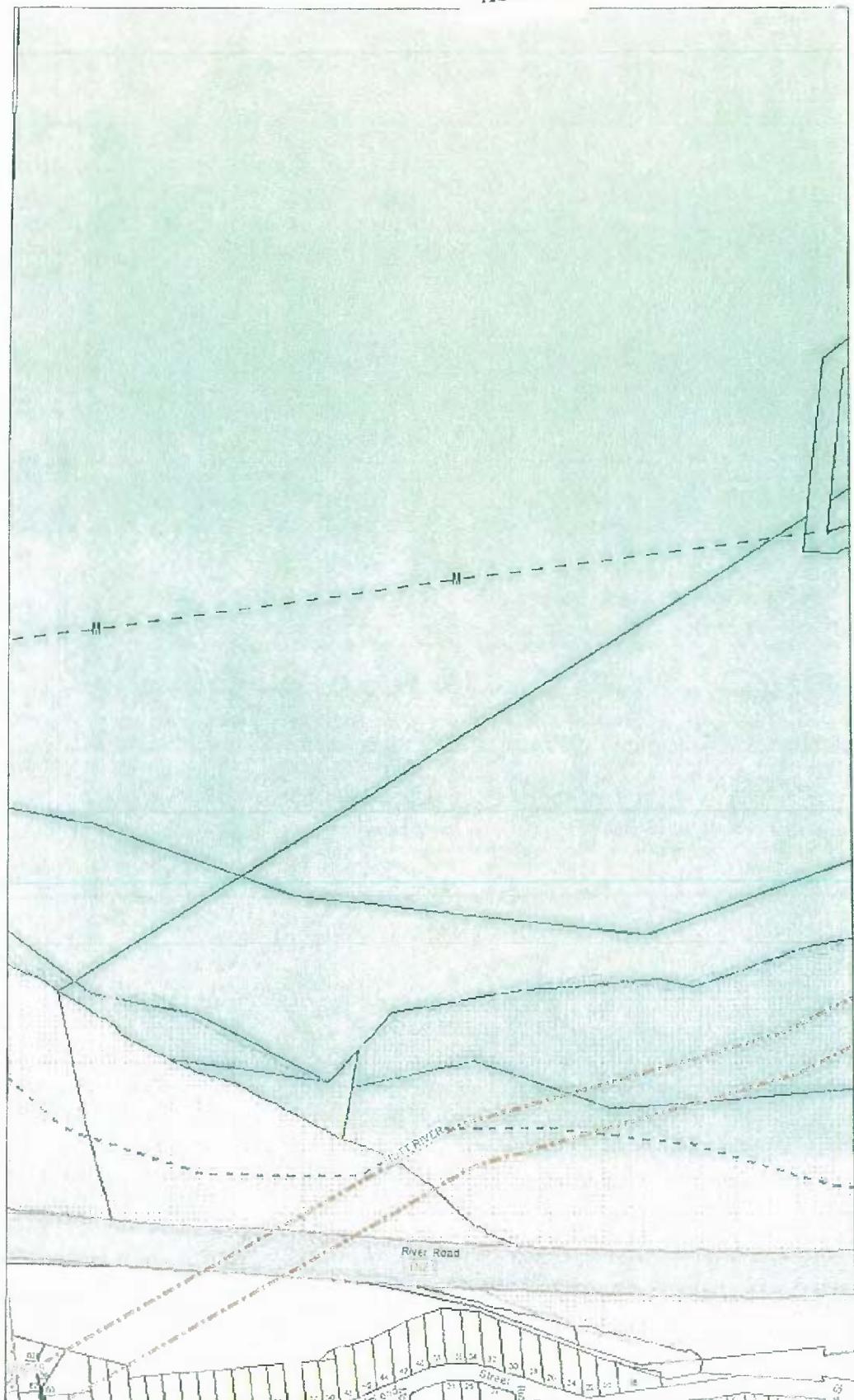
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Zones
Residential
Residential Conservation
Residential Hill
Rural Lifestyle
Rural Valley Floor
Rural Hill
Rural Hill Blue Mountains
Business Commercial
Business Industrial
Special Activity
Open Space

Designations
General
State Highway 2
Railway
UHCC Utilities

Features
Heritage Feature
Notable Tree
Fault Band
Protected Ridgeline
River / Stream
1 in 100 year Flood extent
High Voltage Transmission Lines



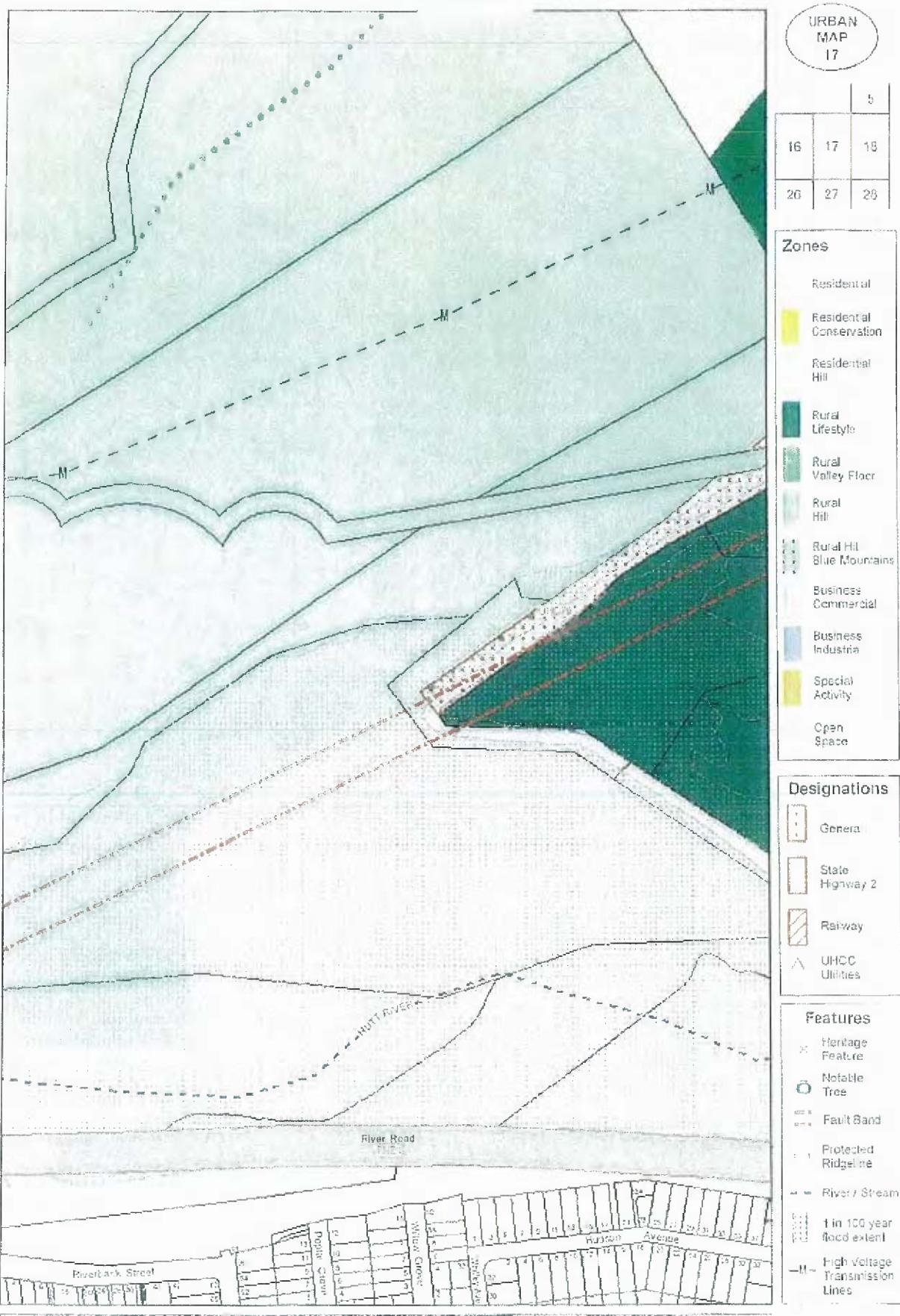
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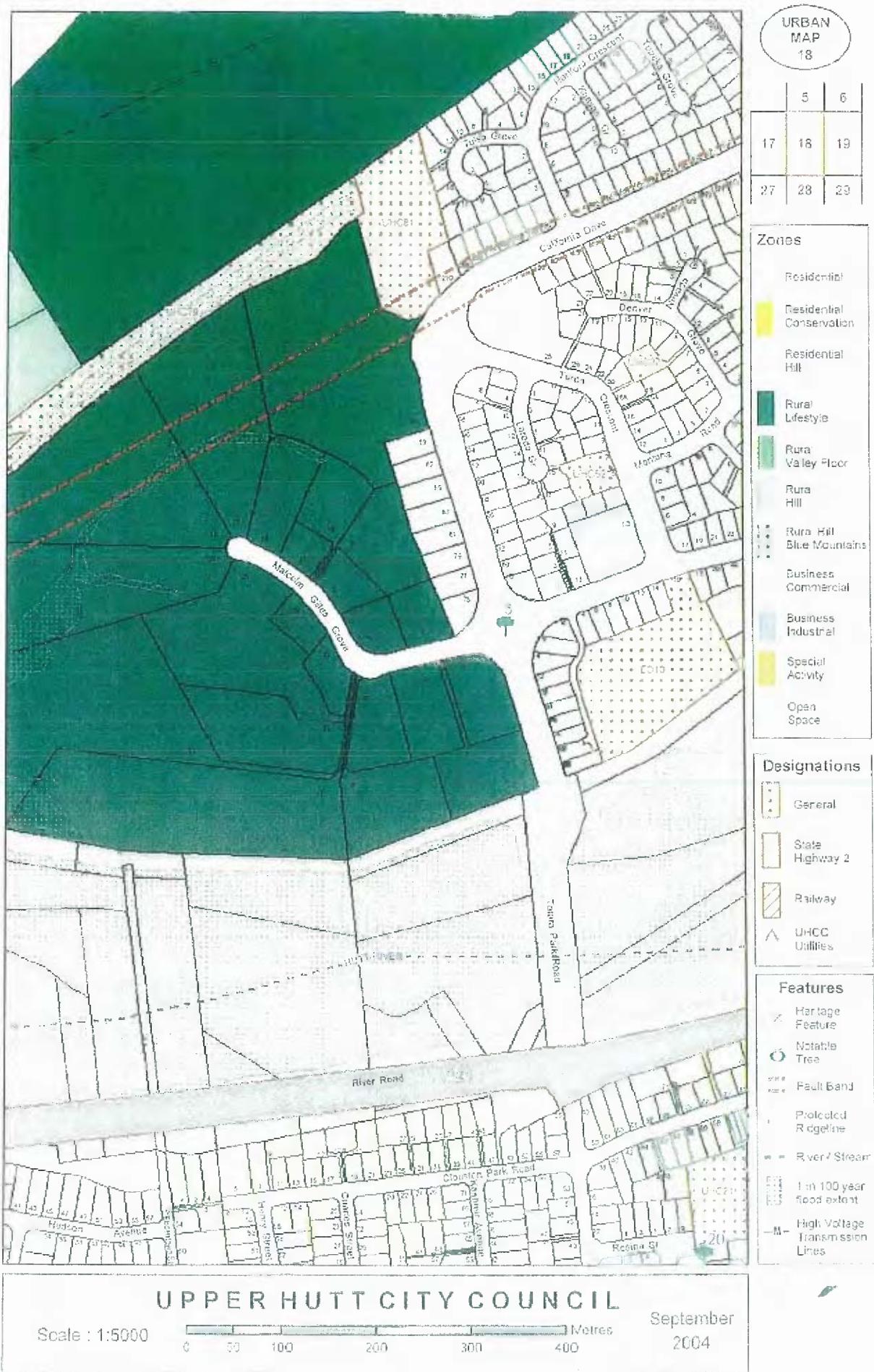
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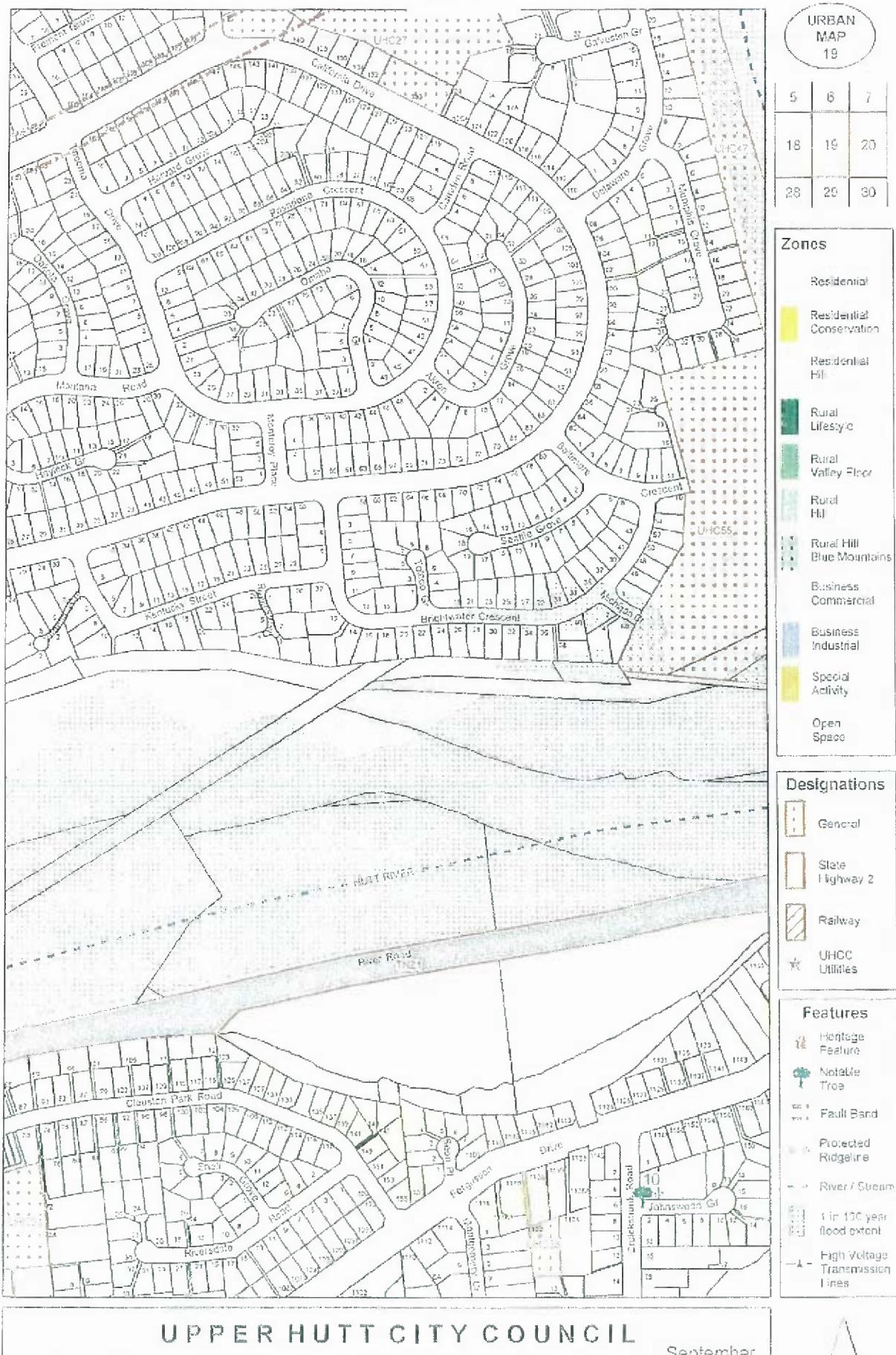
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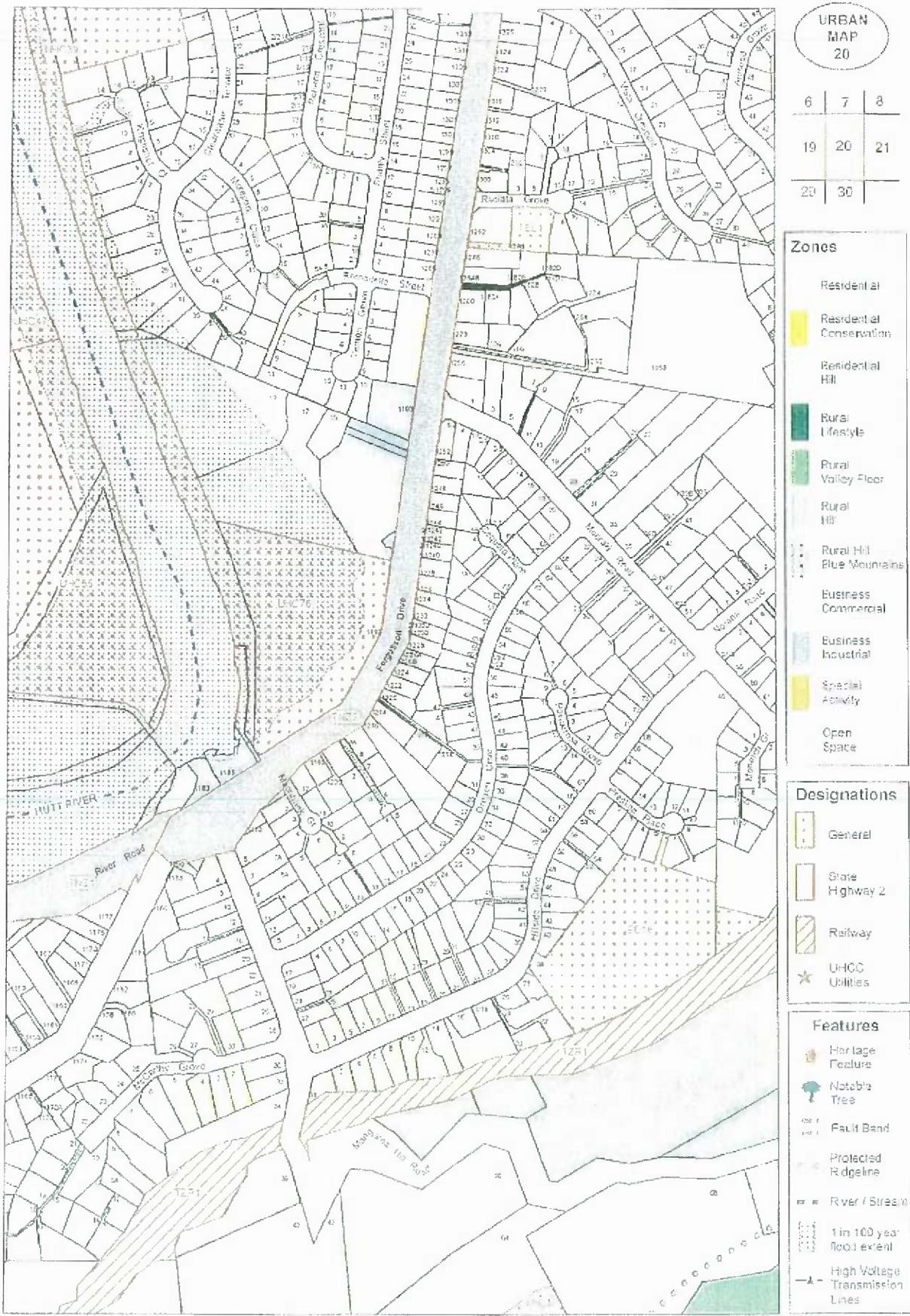
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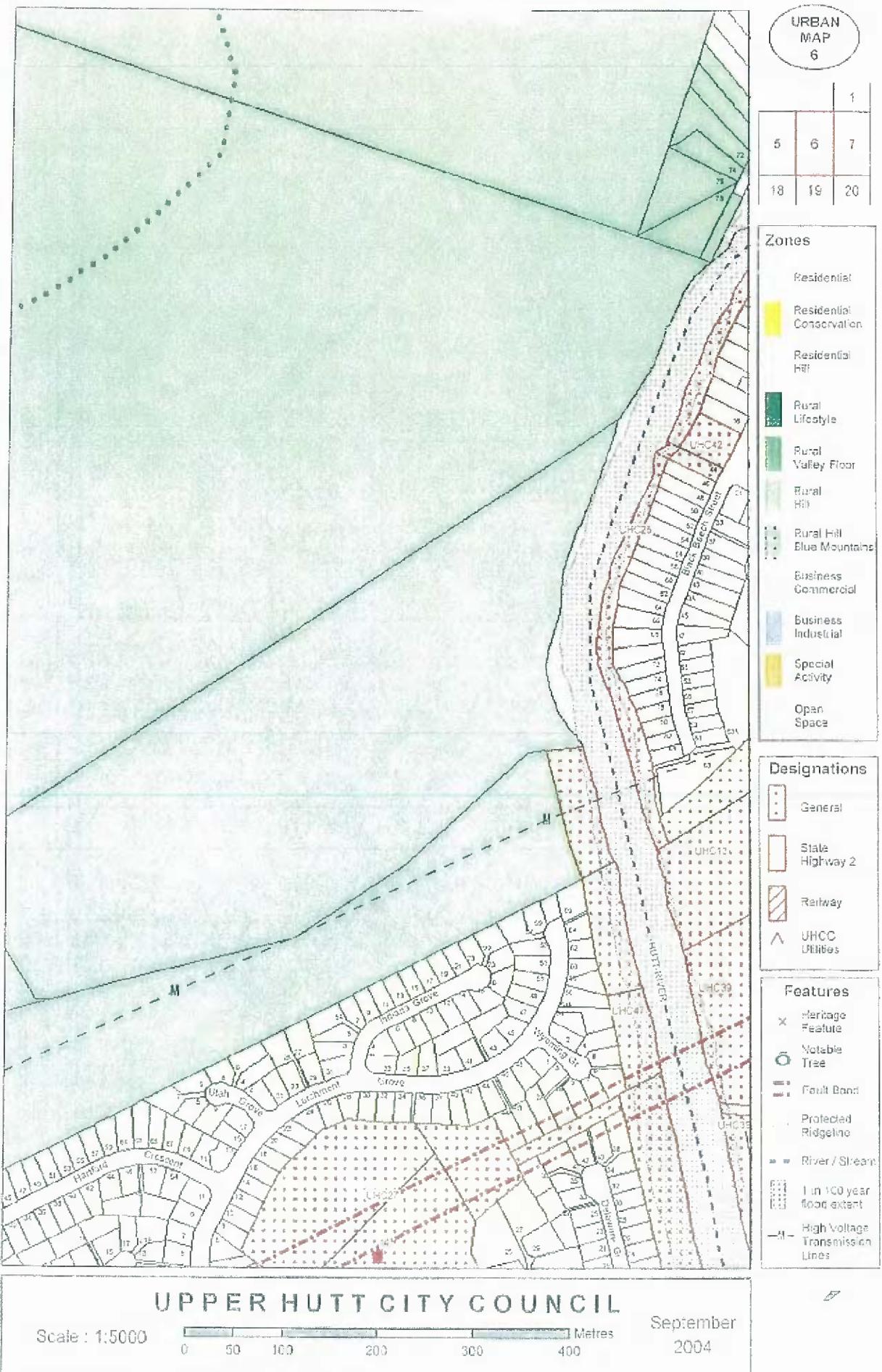


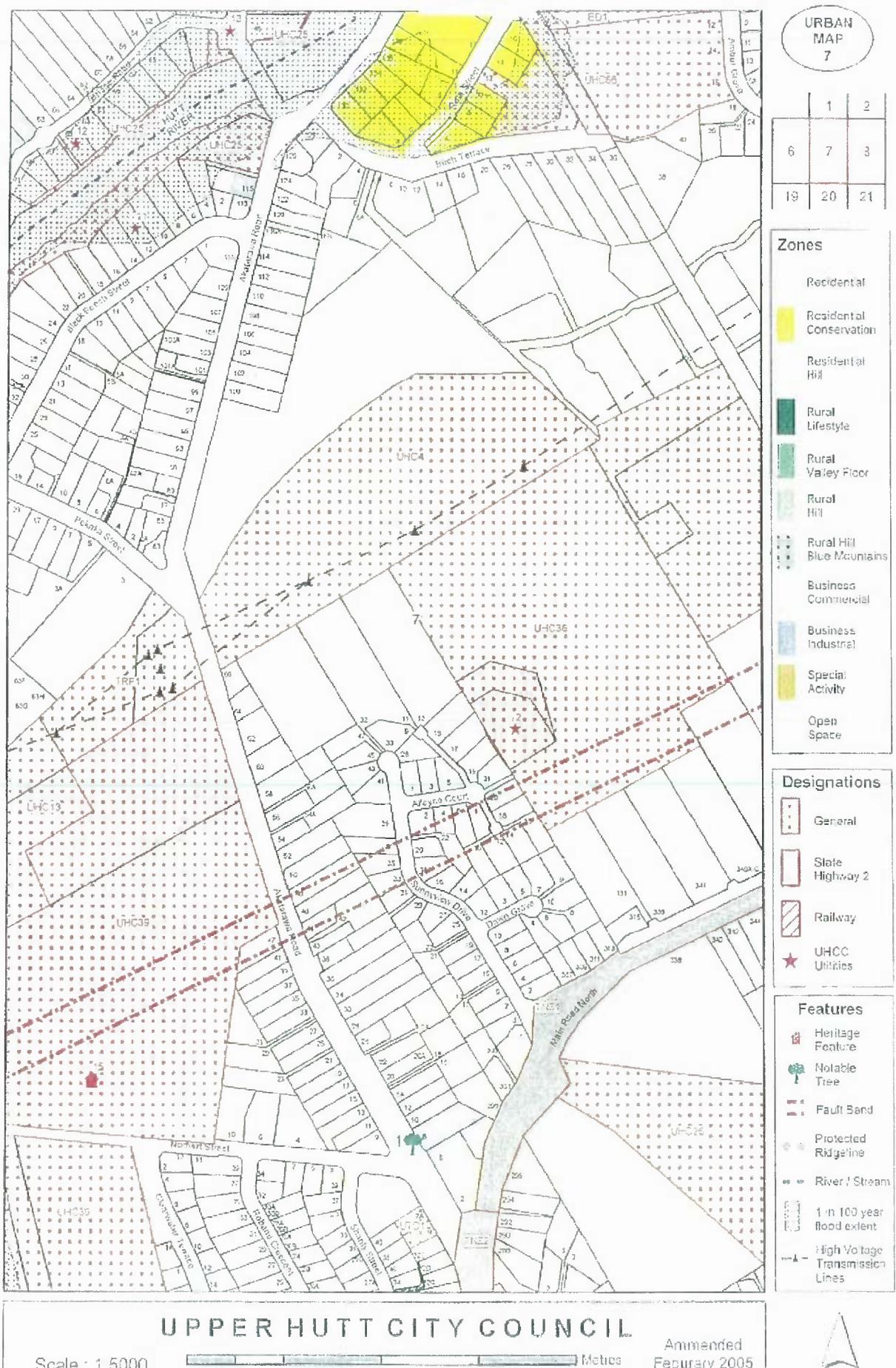
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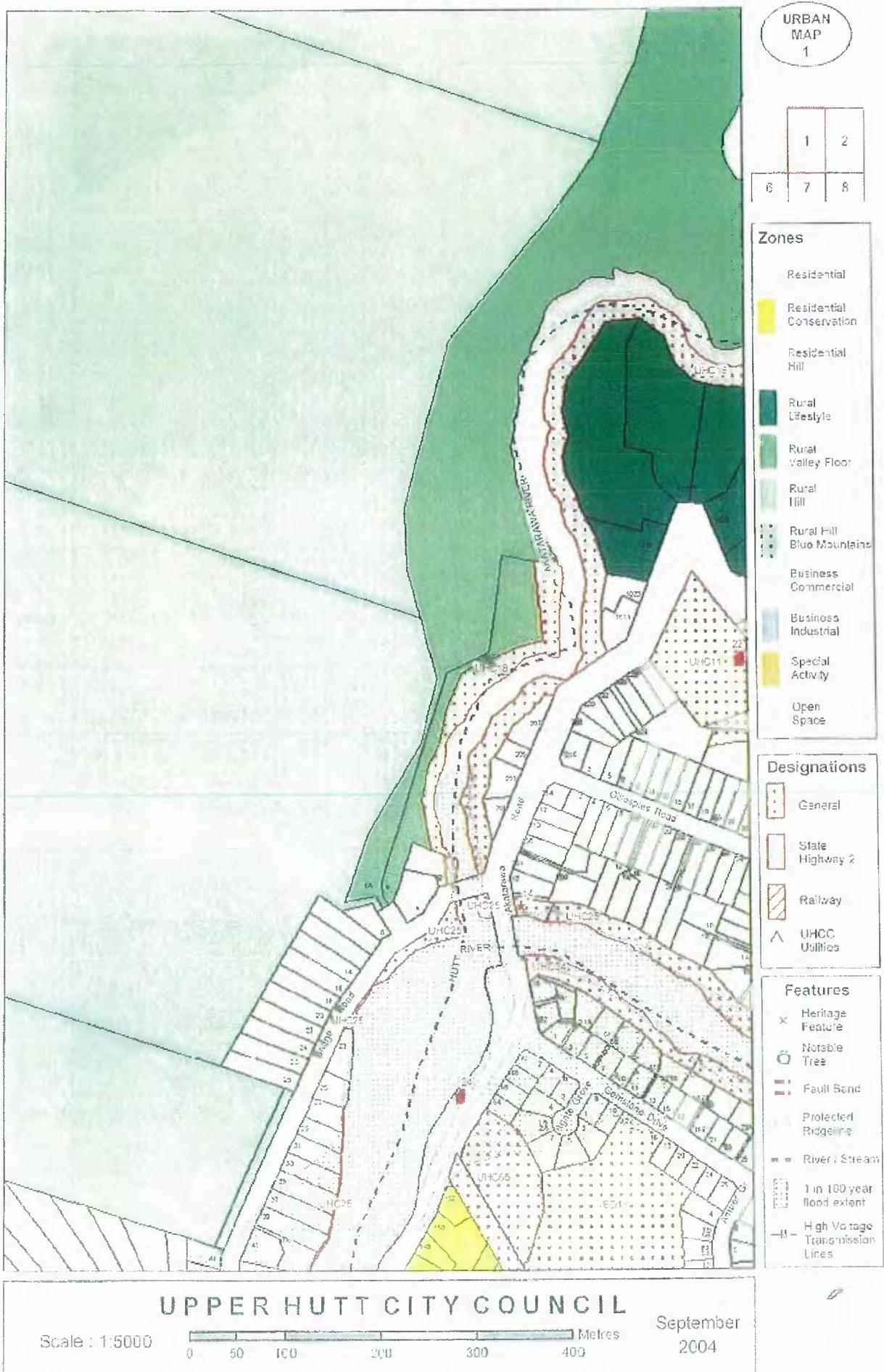
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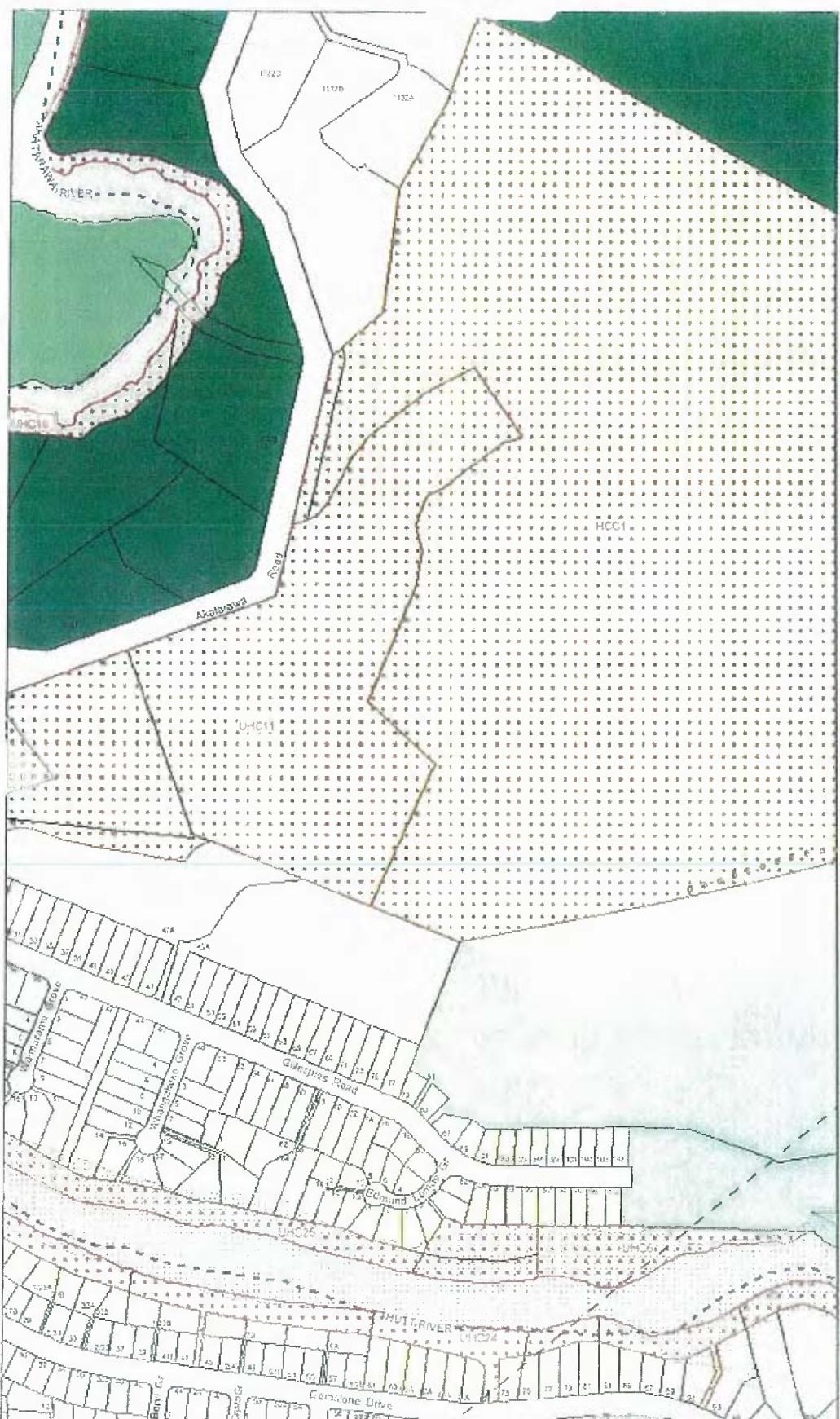






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Residential Hill		
Rural Lifestyle		
Rural Valley Floor		
Rural Hill		
Rural Hill Blue Mountains		
Business Commercial		
Business Industrial		
Special Activity		
Open Space		

Designations		
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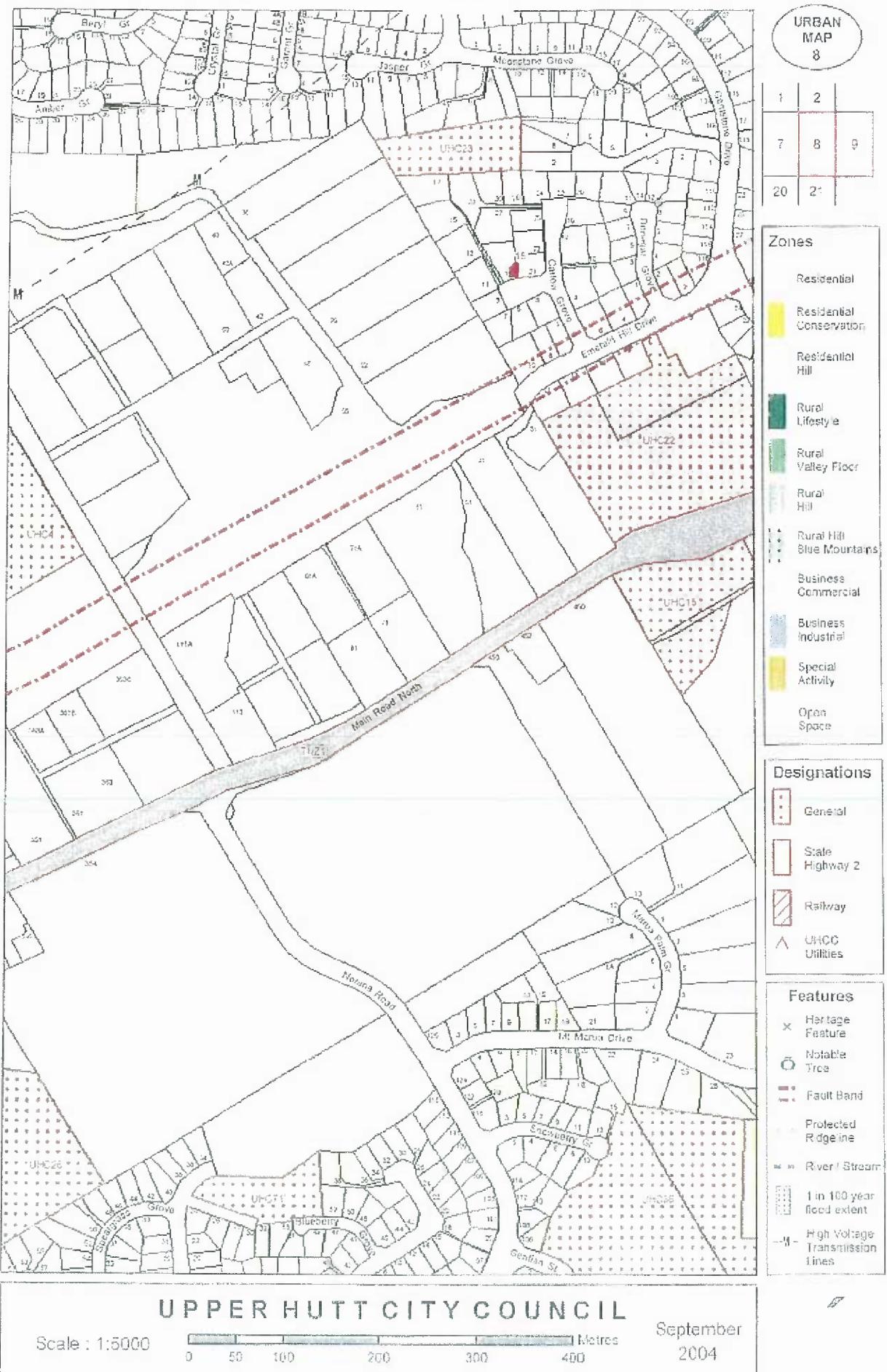
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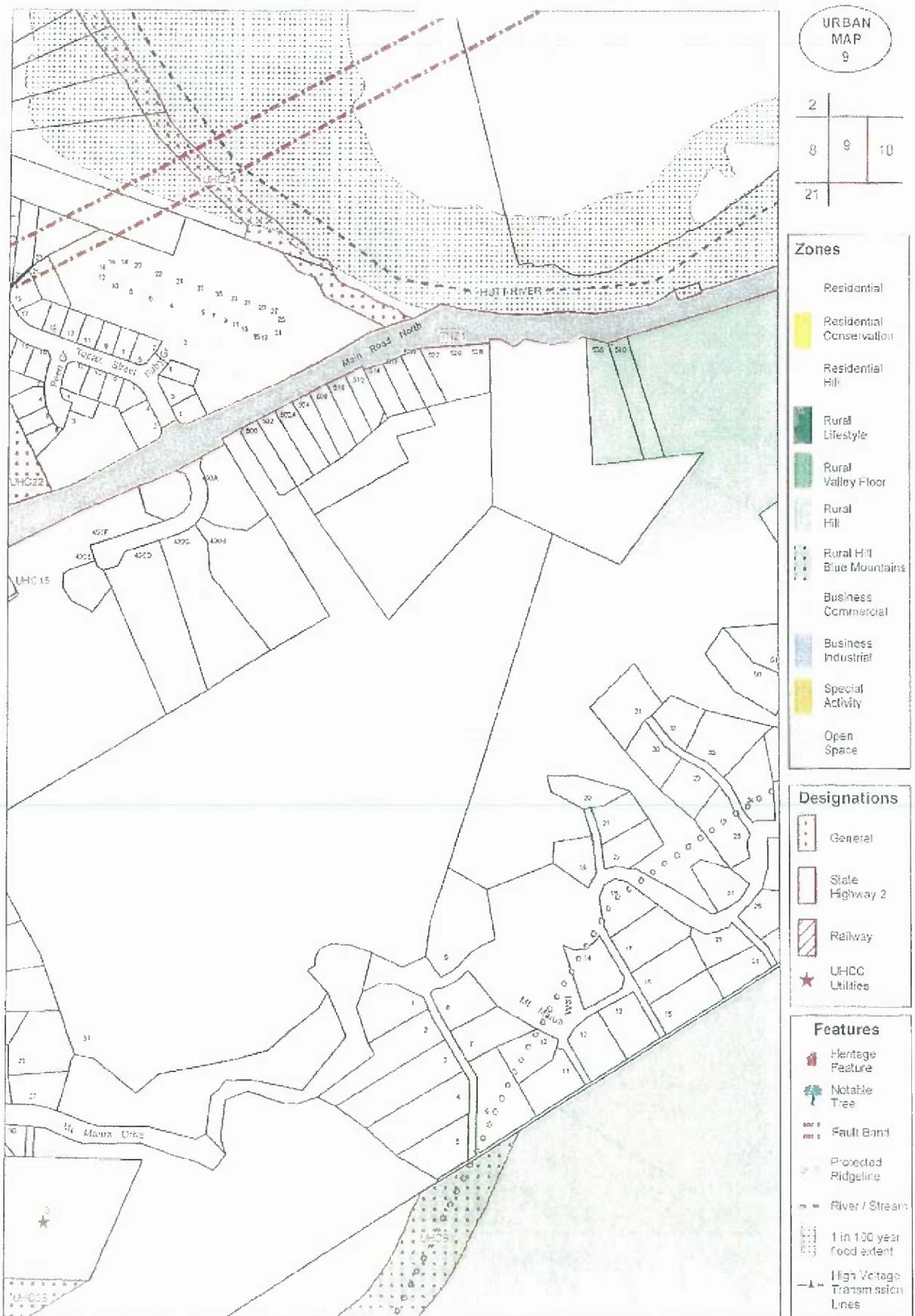
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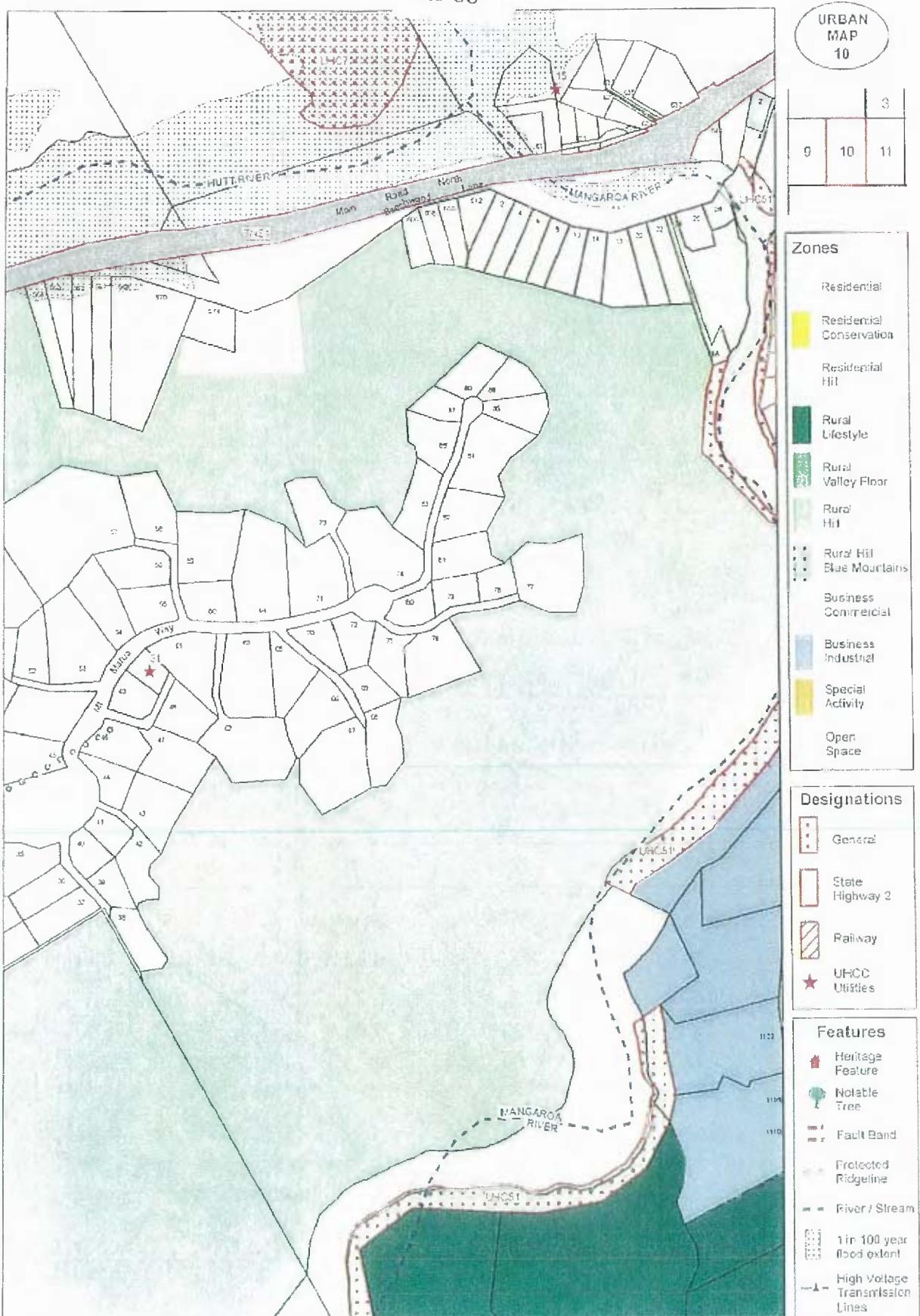
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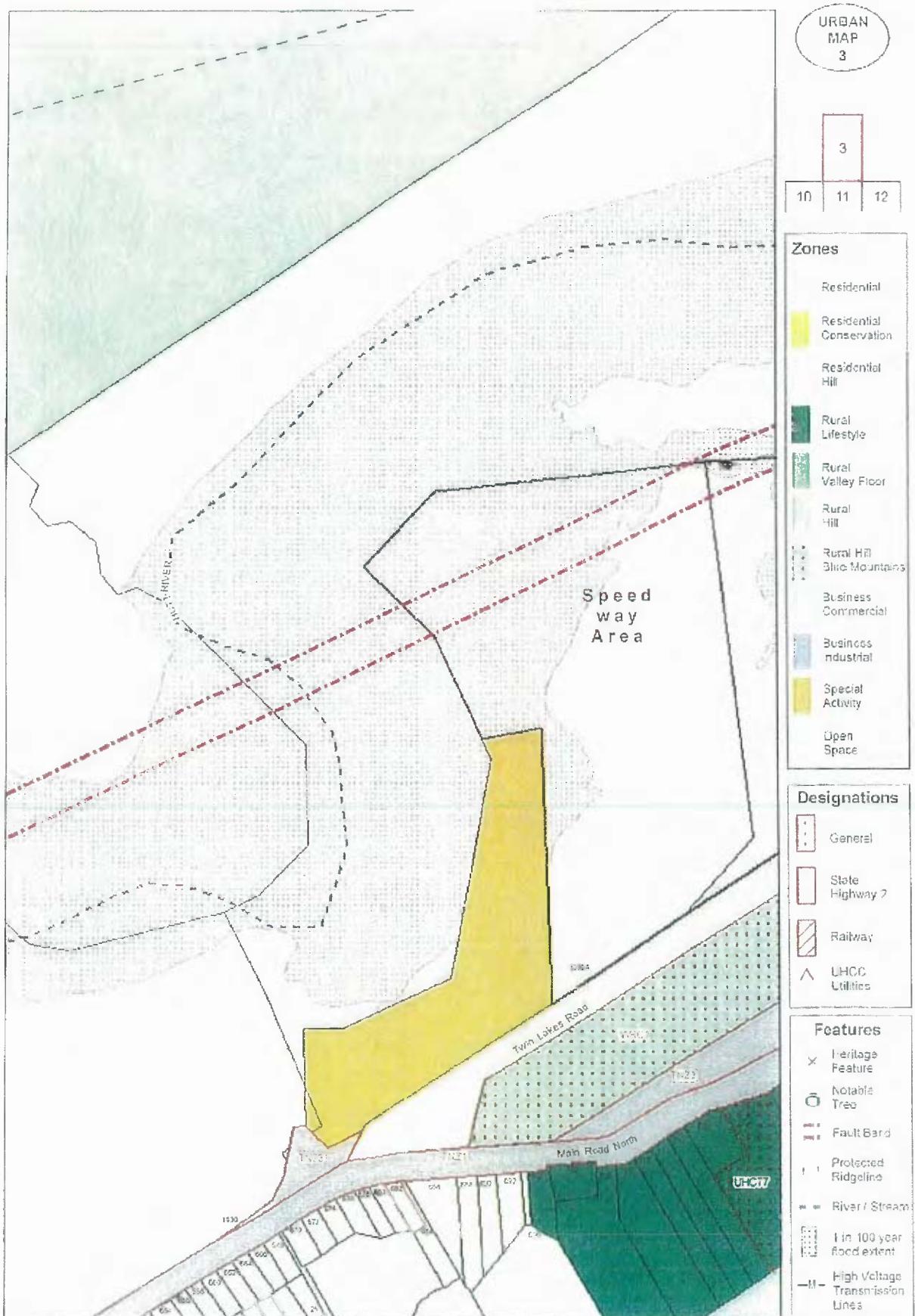
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