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SUBJECT: Project Information for the widening of NC 127 I-77 from SR 1132 (Huffman Farm Road) to SR 1008 (Zion Church Road) in Hickory, Catawba County, TIP No. U-2530A.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Division 12 is resuming the project development, environmental, and engineering studies for State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Project No. U-2530A. The project proposes to widen NC 127 from Huffman Farm Road (SR 1132) to Zion Church Road (SR 1008). The project is included in NCDOT's 2024-2033 STIP and is scheduled for right of way in fiscal year 2025 and construction in fiscal year 2027.

NCDOT is preparing a Categorical Exclusion and has made the preliminary determination that the project will not proceed through the Merger Process. The project is currently state funded, but a federal document is being prepared in the event funding changes. A Project Study Area Map is attached.

NCDOT staff or their consultants may be contacting you to request project-specific information. While we do not expect a response to this notification, we welcome your input if you have time-sensitive concerns. Your input will be used in the development of environmental documentation prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and/or State Environmental Policy Act. We would appreciate any information that may be helpful in evaluating the potential environmental effects of the proposed project, as well as recommended alternatives to be considered. If applicable, please identify any permits or approvals which may be required by your organization.

If you have any questions concerning the project, please contact Project Manager Bryan Sowell (bksowell@ncdot.gov, 980-552-4221). Please include the STIP Project Number (U-2530A) in all correspondence and comments.

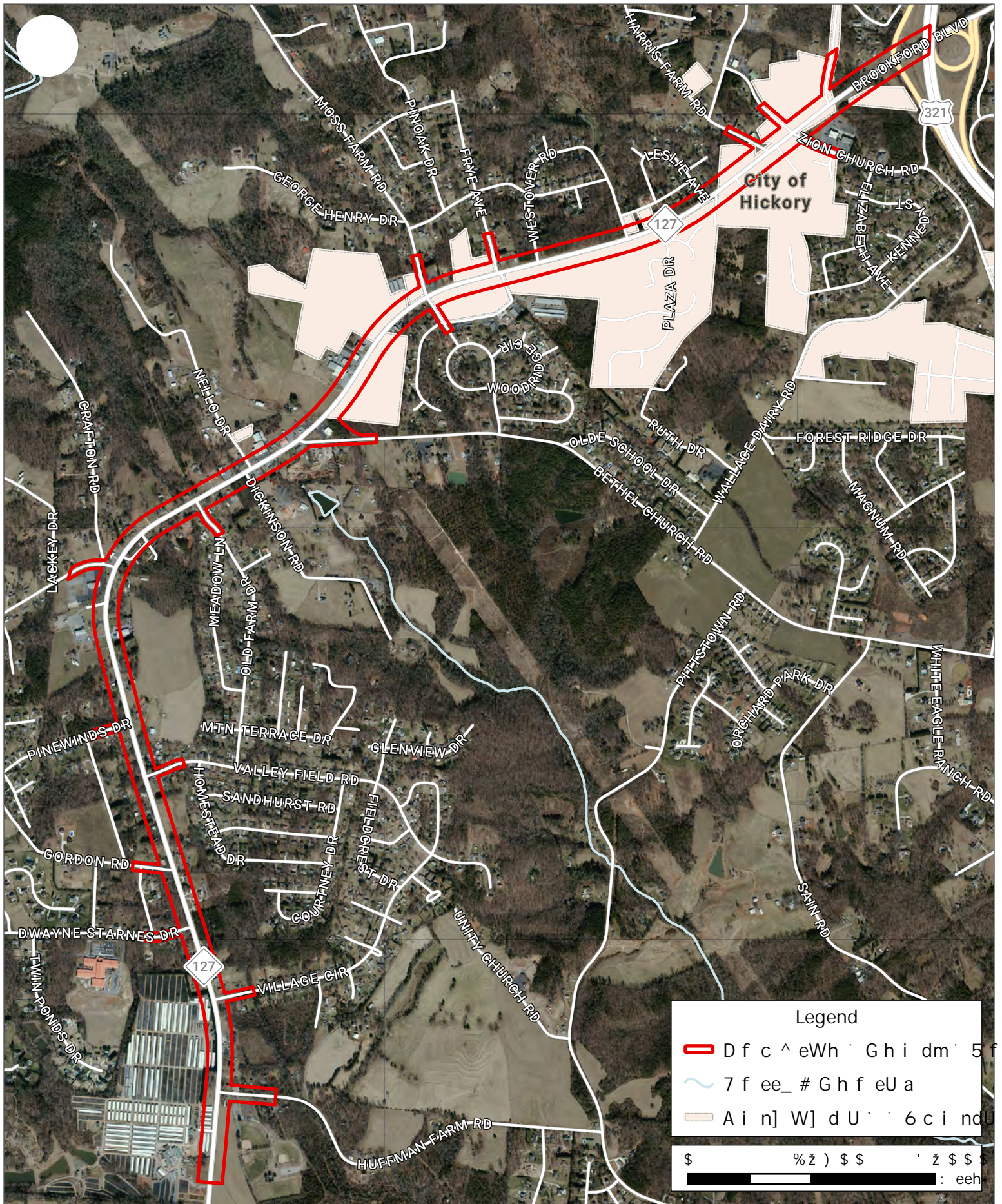
Attachment (Project Study Area Map)

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