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Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

June 22, 2022

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By email at sellshelen9@aol.com

RE: Docket No. FD 36575, Townline Rail Terminal, LLC –Construction and Operation Exemption – Hamlet of Kings Park, Town of Smithtown, Suffolk County, NY; Preliminary Consultation

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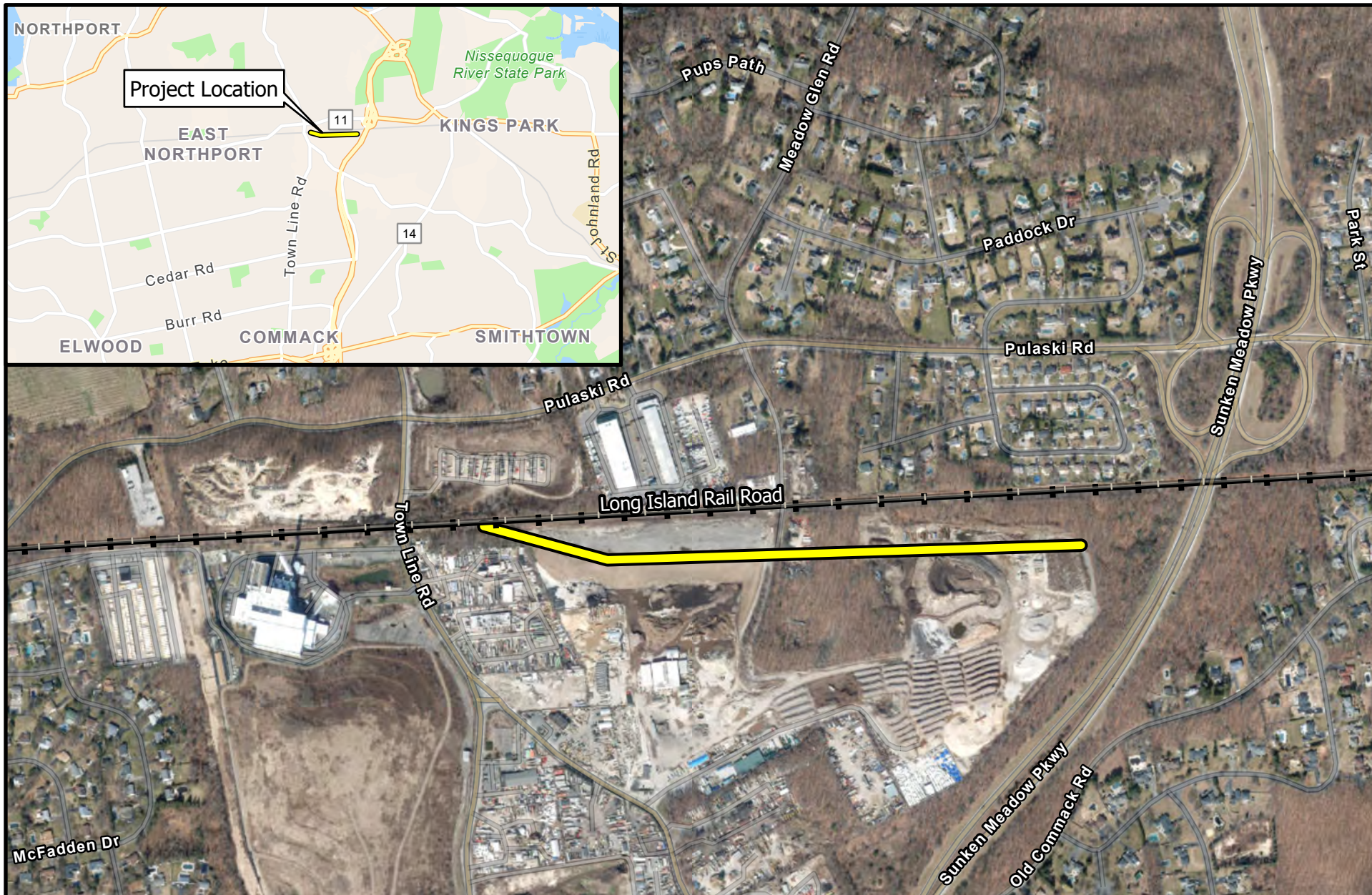
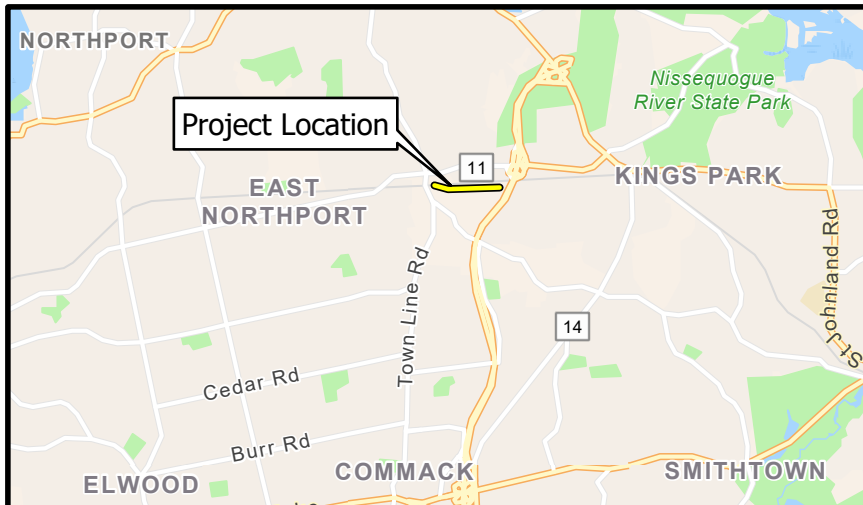
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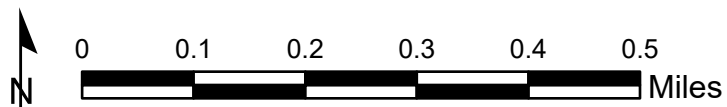
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The Board is interested in knowing whether your tribe is interested in consulting with us regarding the broader range of impacts assessed under NEPA and whether you would want to do that under government-to-government consultation. To assist you in your response, I have attached a questionnaire regarding any future involvement your tribe may want in the overall NEPA process. Please submit the questionnaire and return it by July 22, 2022, so that we may be able to schedule any meetings, site visits, or surveys; conduct necessary follow-up activities; and incorporate your response into the scope of study, as appropriate. The Board will also be initiating consultation with Consulting Parties under the National Historic Preservation Act, including any tribe that attaches religious and cultural significance to historic properties that may be affected by this undertaking.

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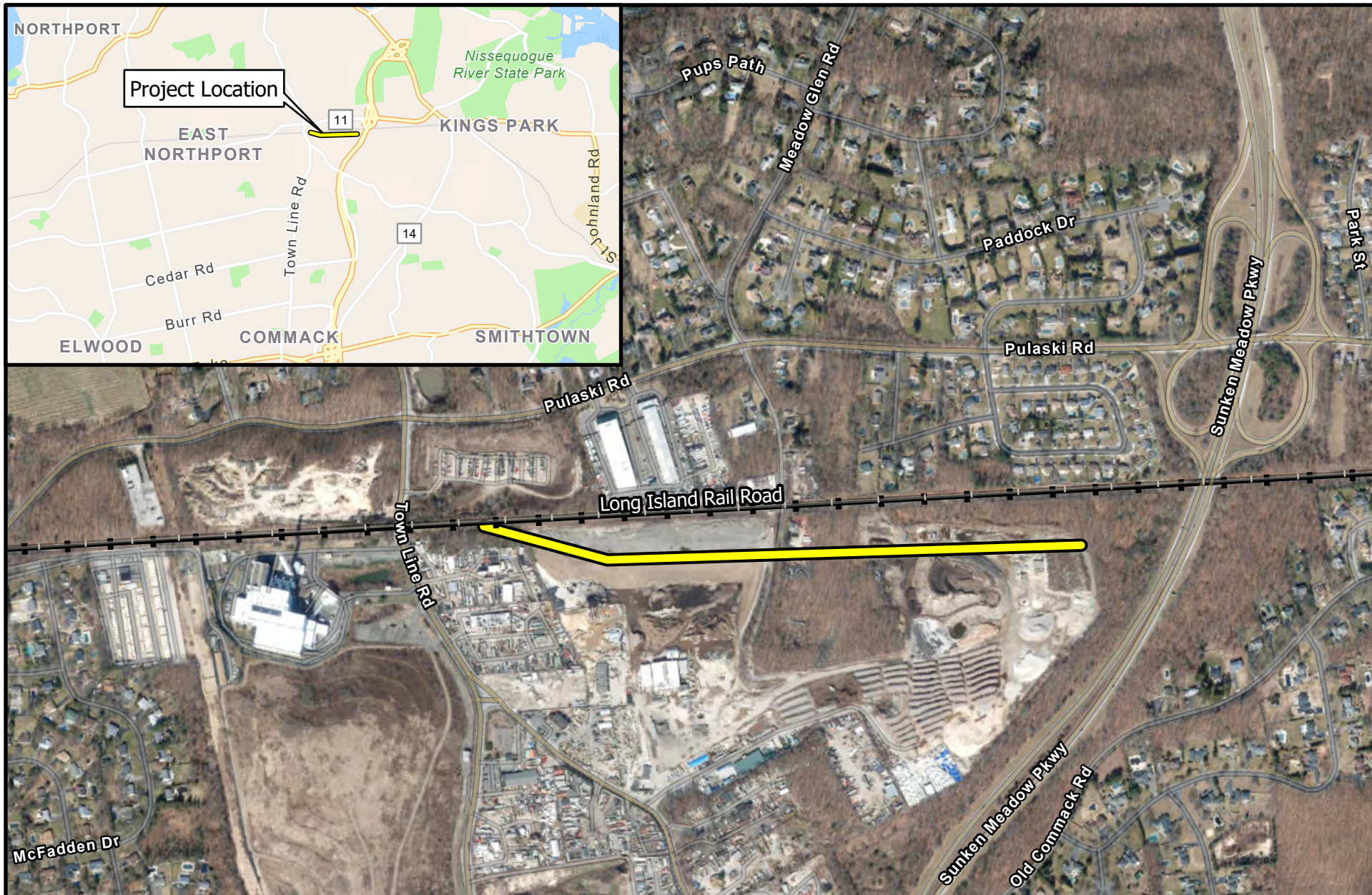
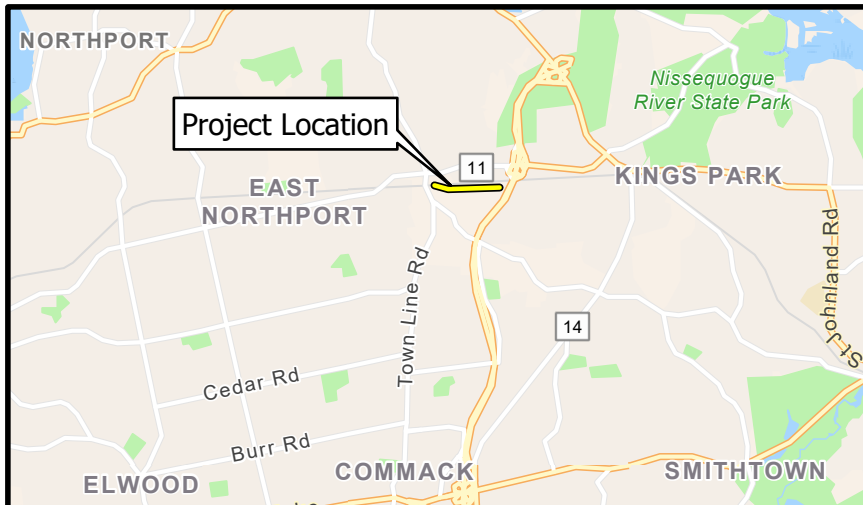
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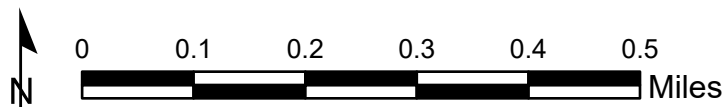
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CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Brian Polite, Shinnecock Indian Nation Trustee

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Please check all the appropriate response(s) that apply from the list below and use the back of this form or additional sheets if you wish to make comments:

_____ We have no interests associated with the proposed rail line and we are not requesting further consultation with our Tribe.

_____ We want to continue to receive project information by email.

_____ We want to continue to receive project information by U.S. mail.

_____ We have an interest in the proposed rail line and want to participate in government-to-government consultation.

Name of the tribe's designated contact for the proposed rail line:

_____ Phone: _____
Please Print Name

E-mail: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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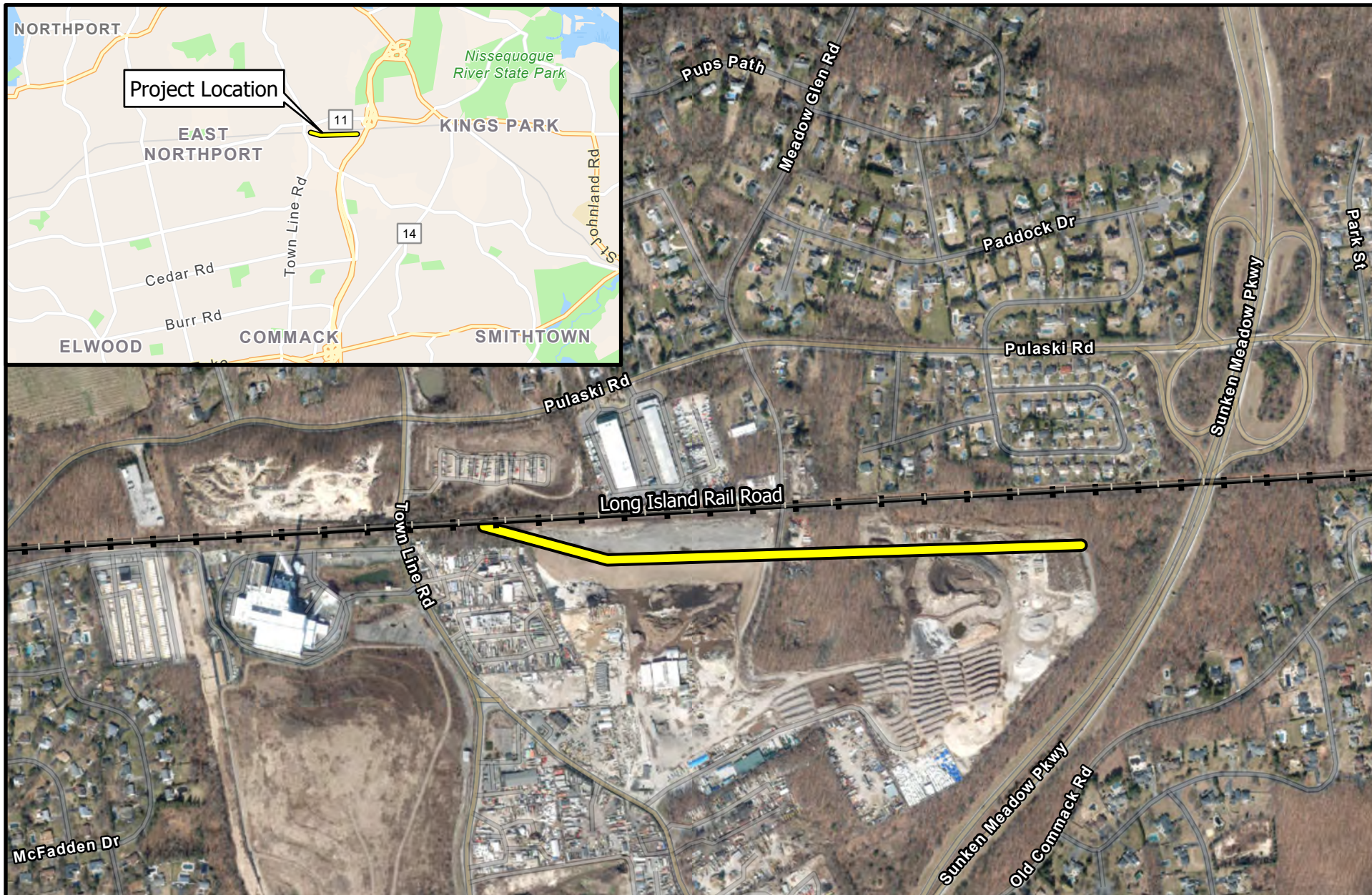
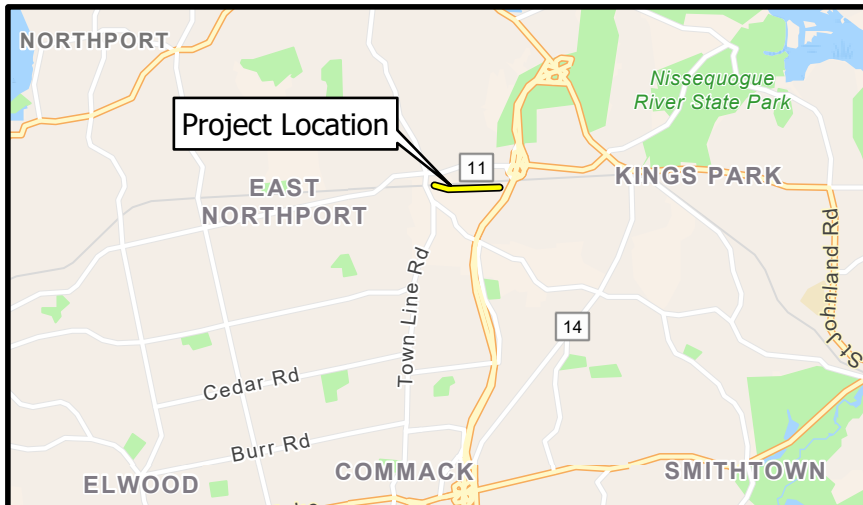
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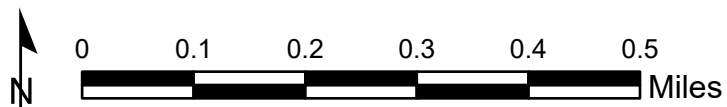
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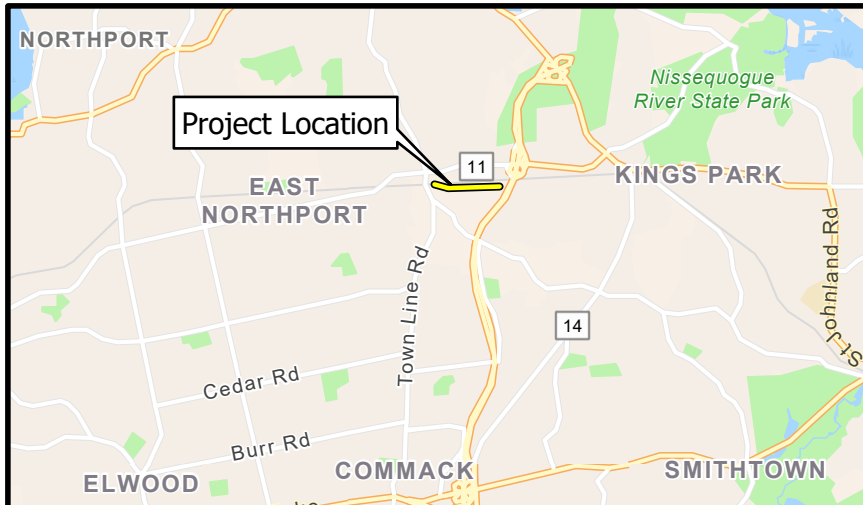
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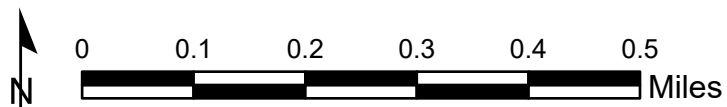
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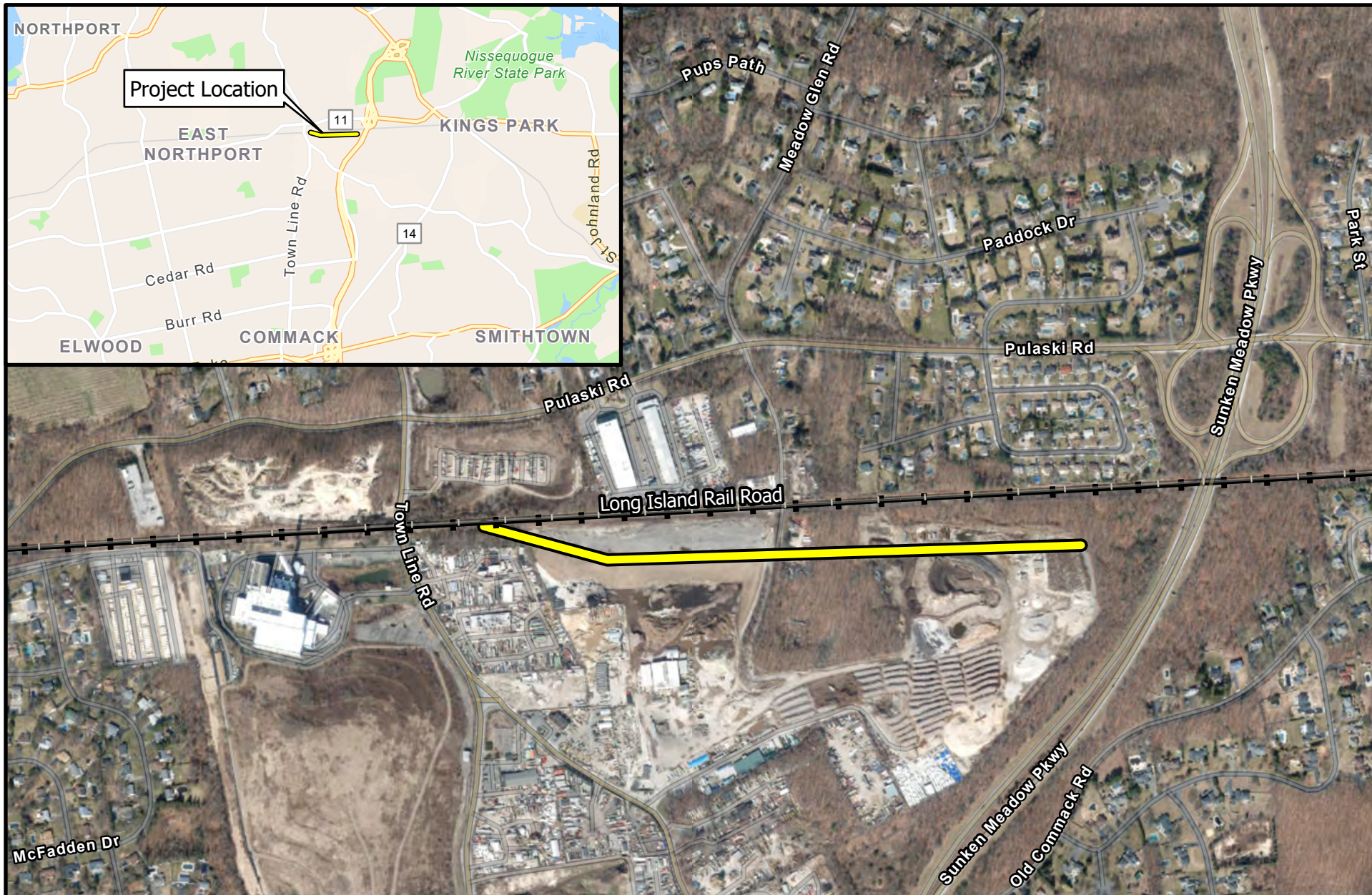
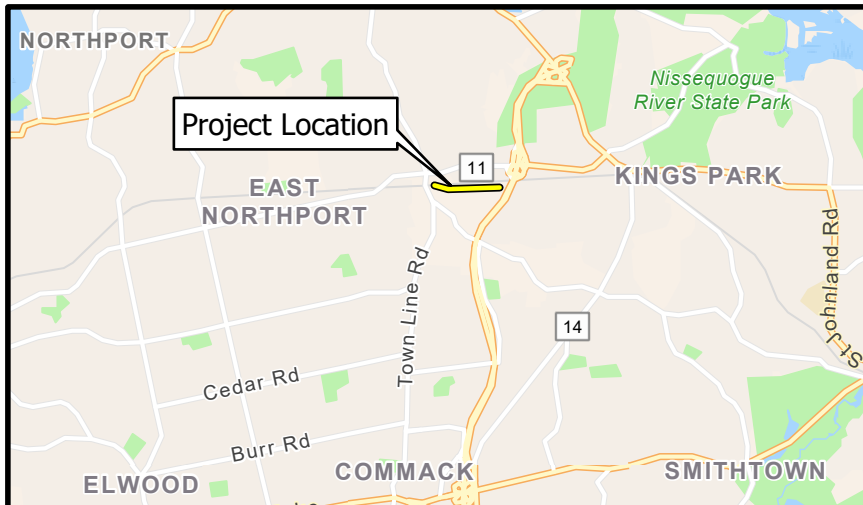
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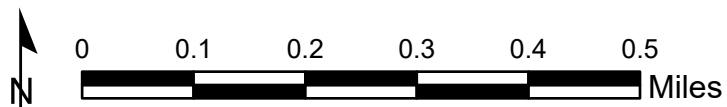
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June 22, 2022

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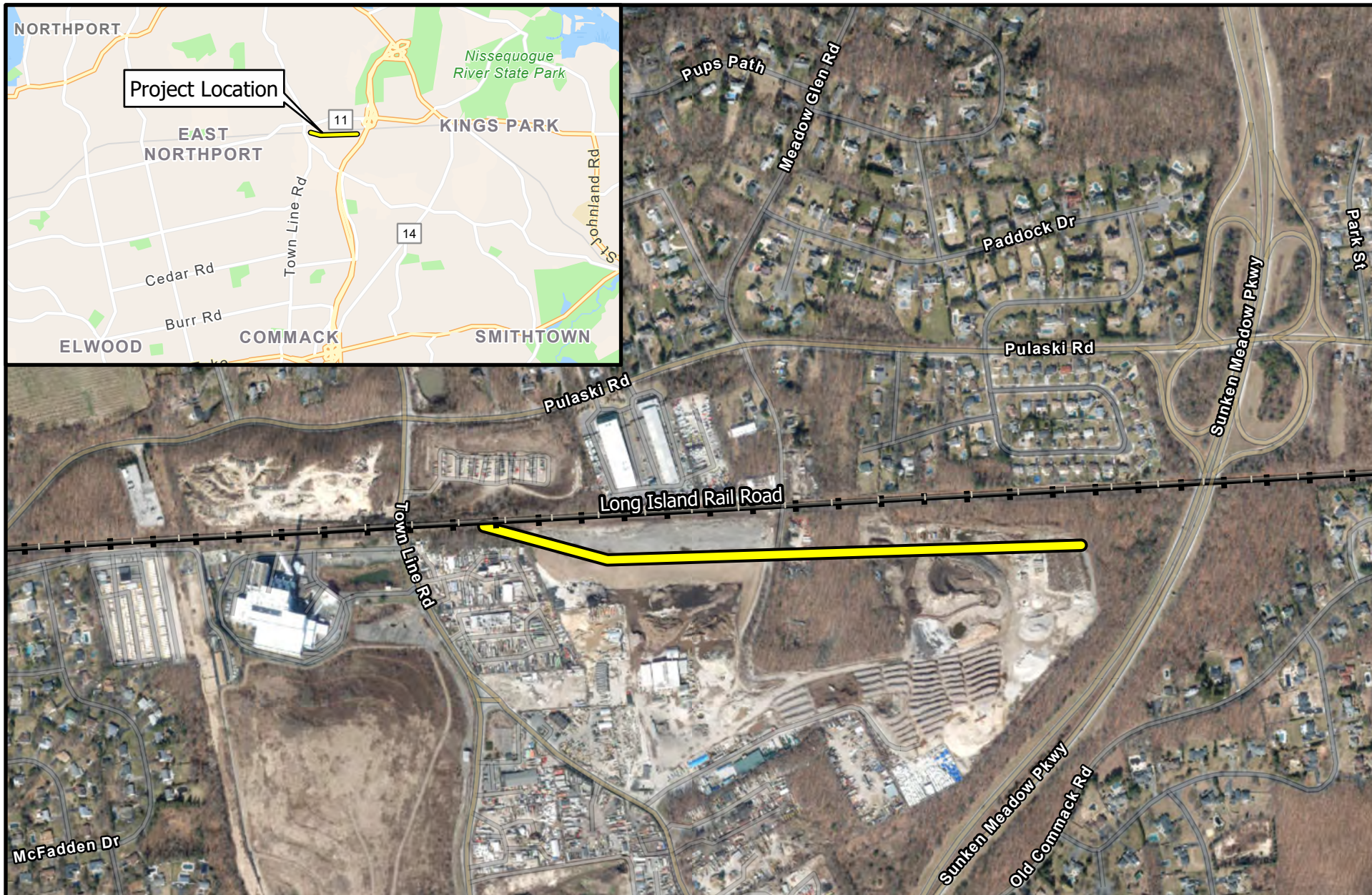
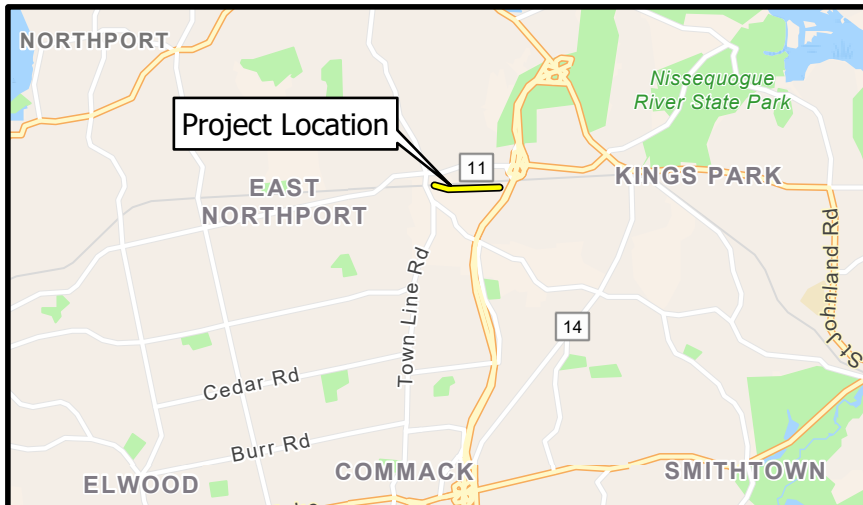
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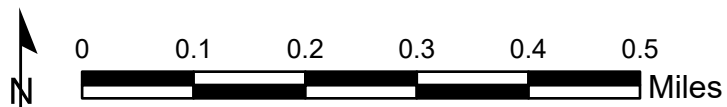
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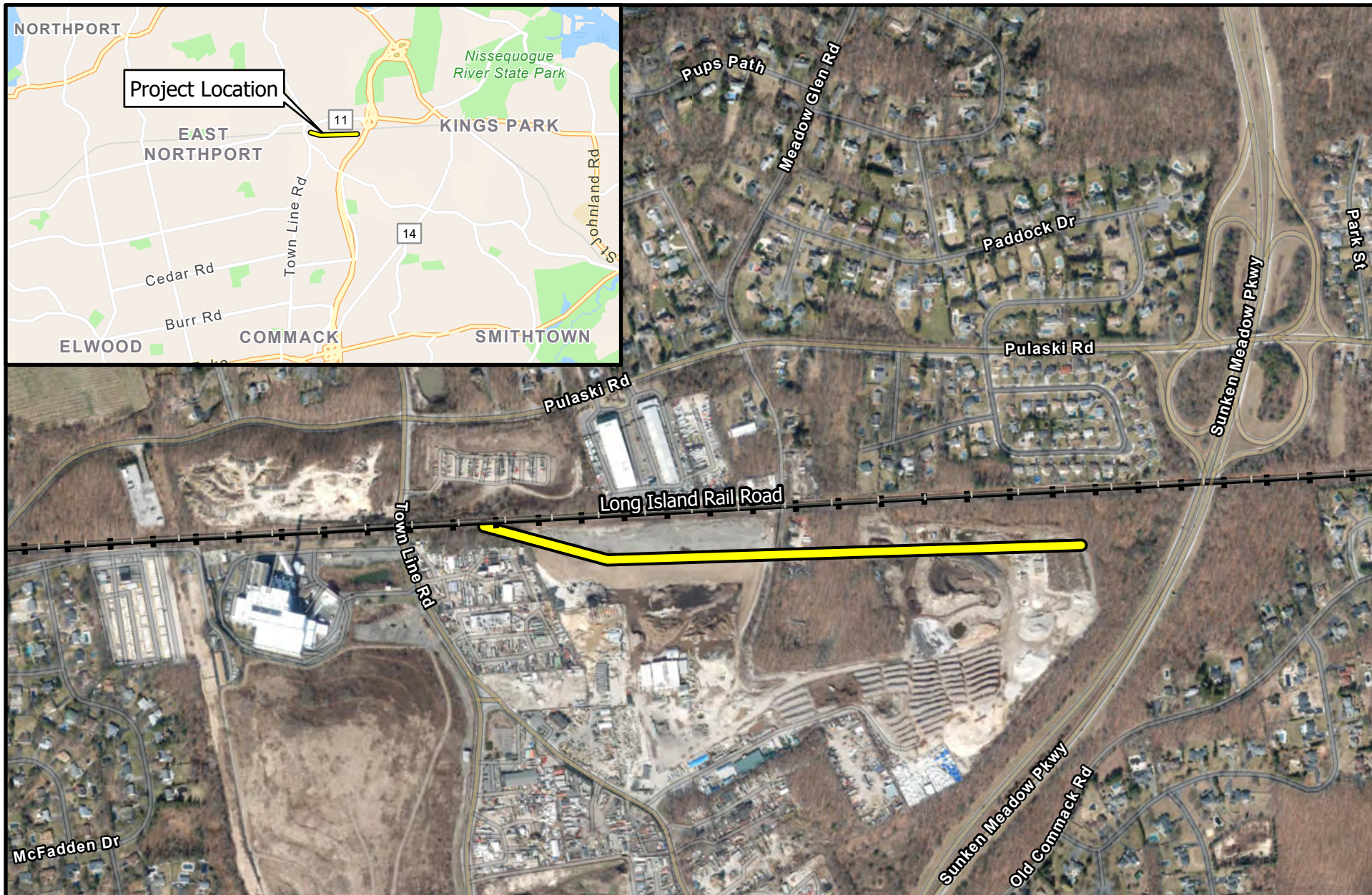
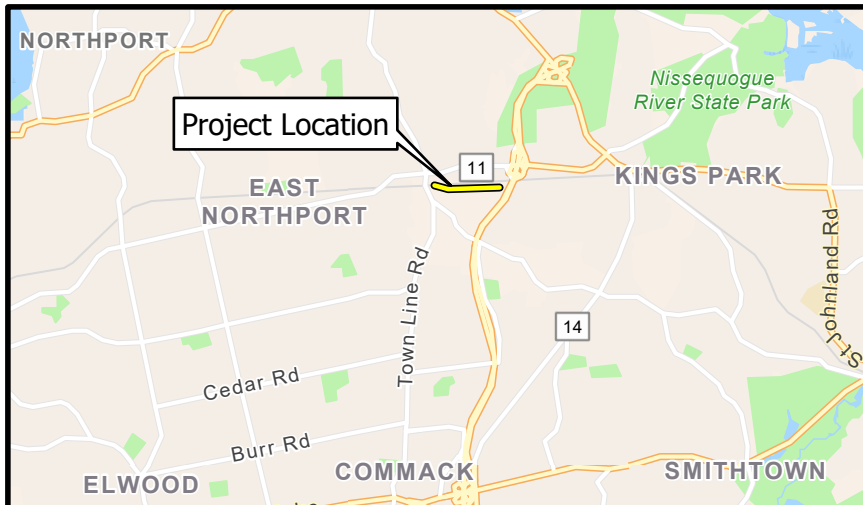
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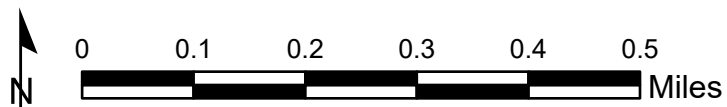
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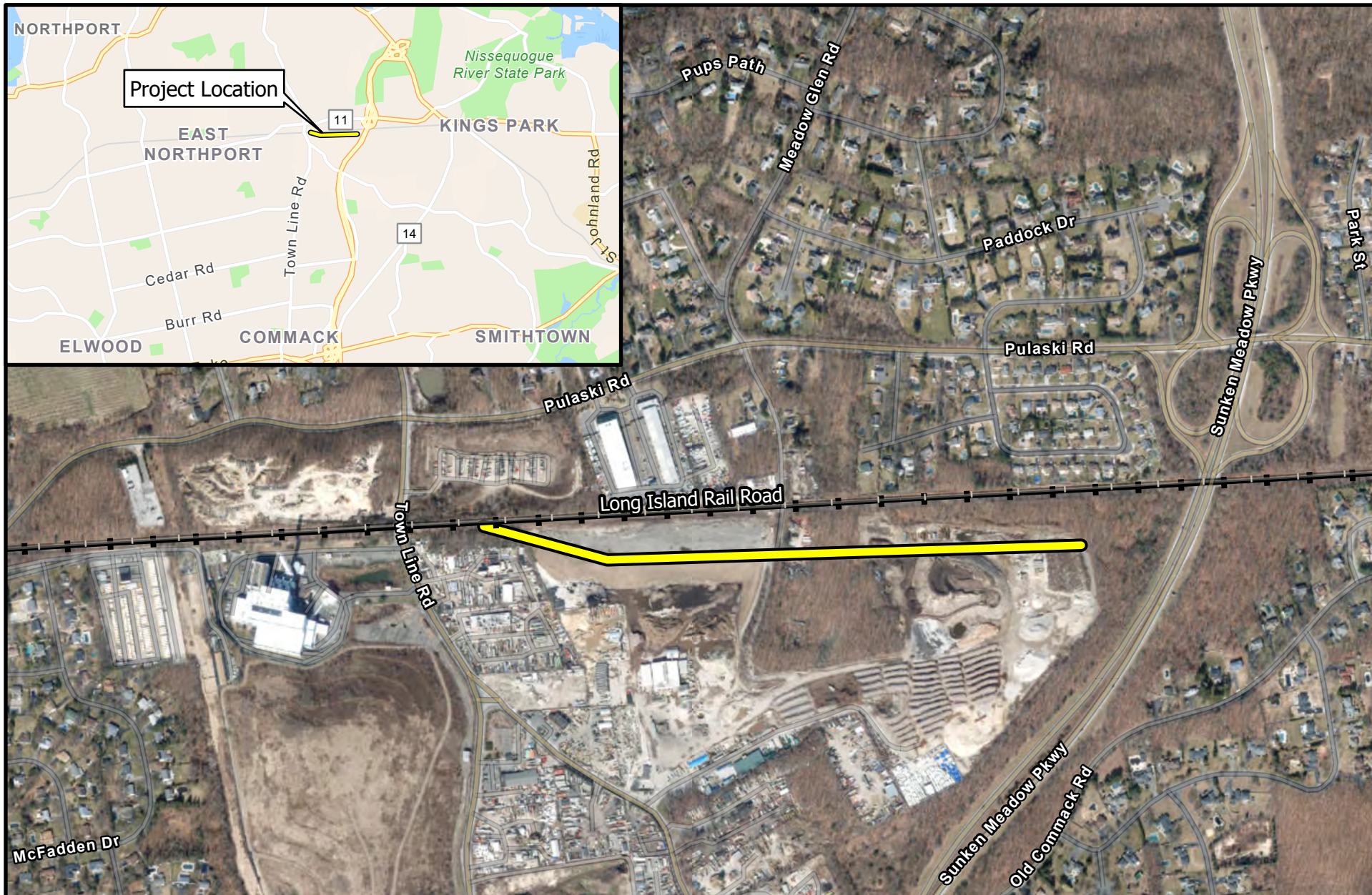
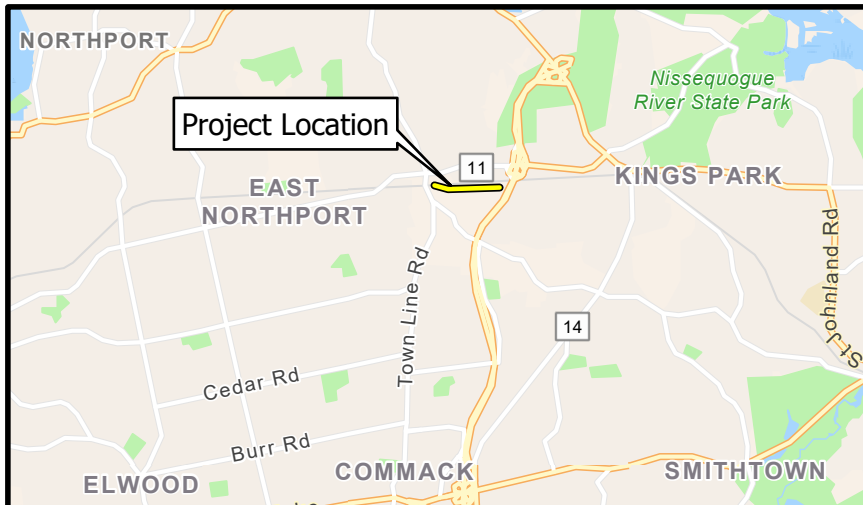
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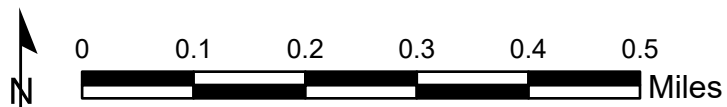
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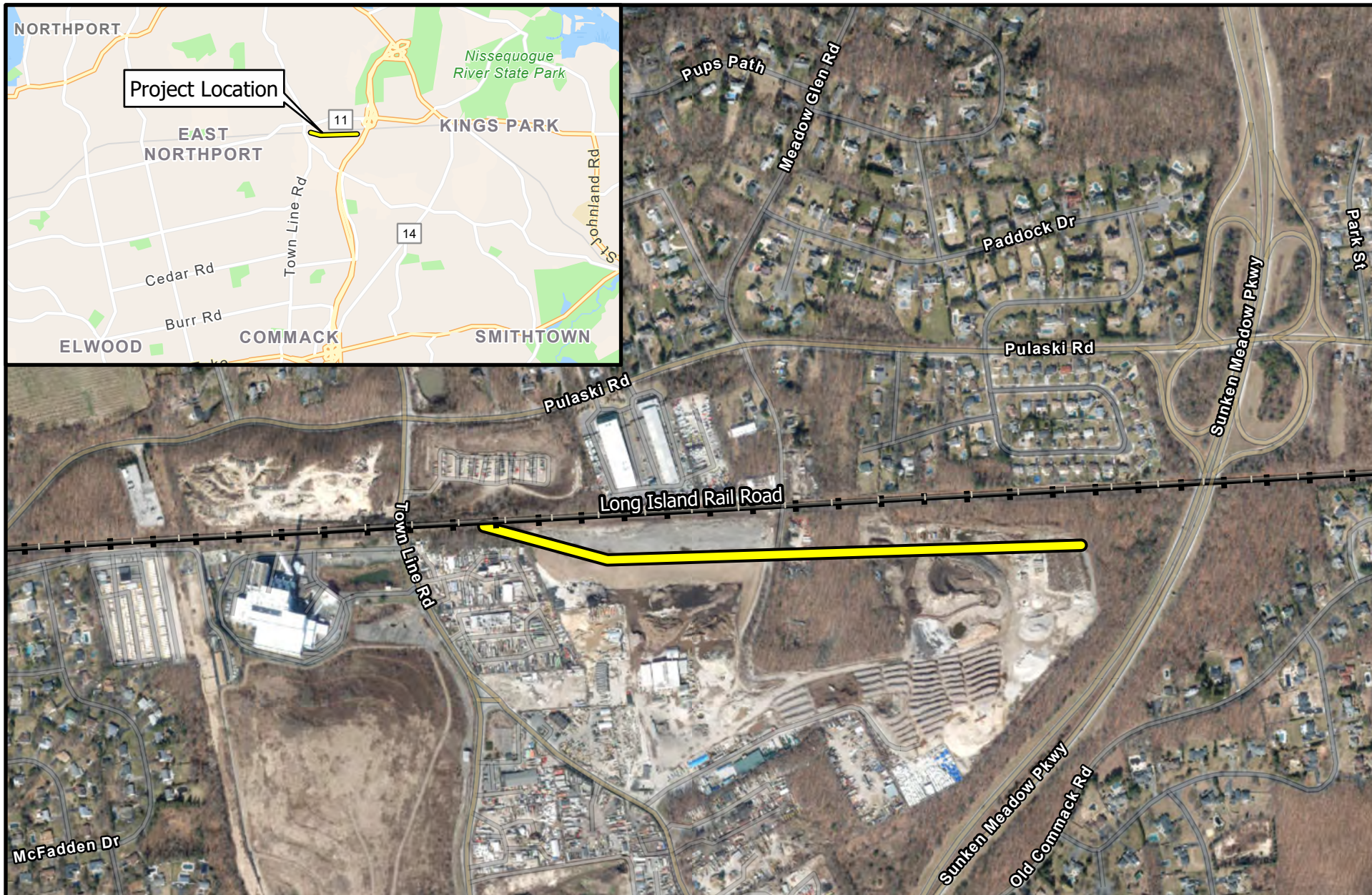
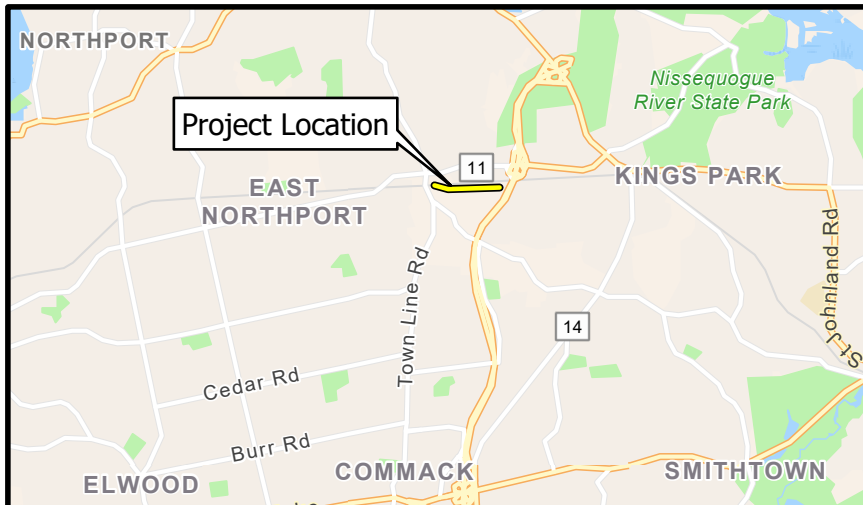
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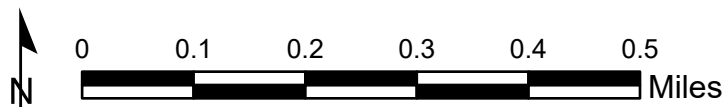
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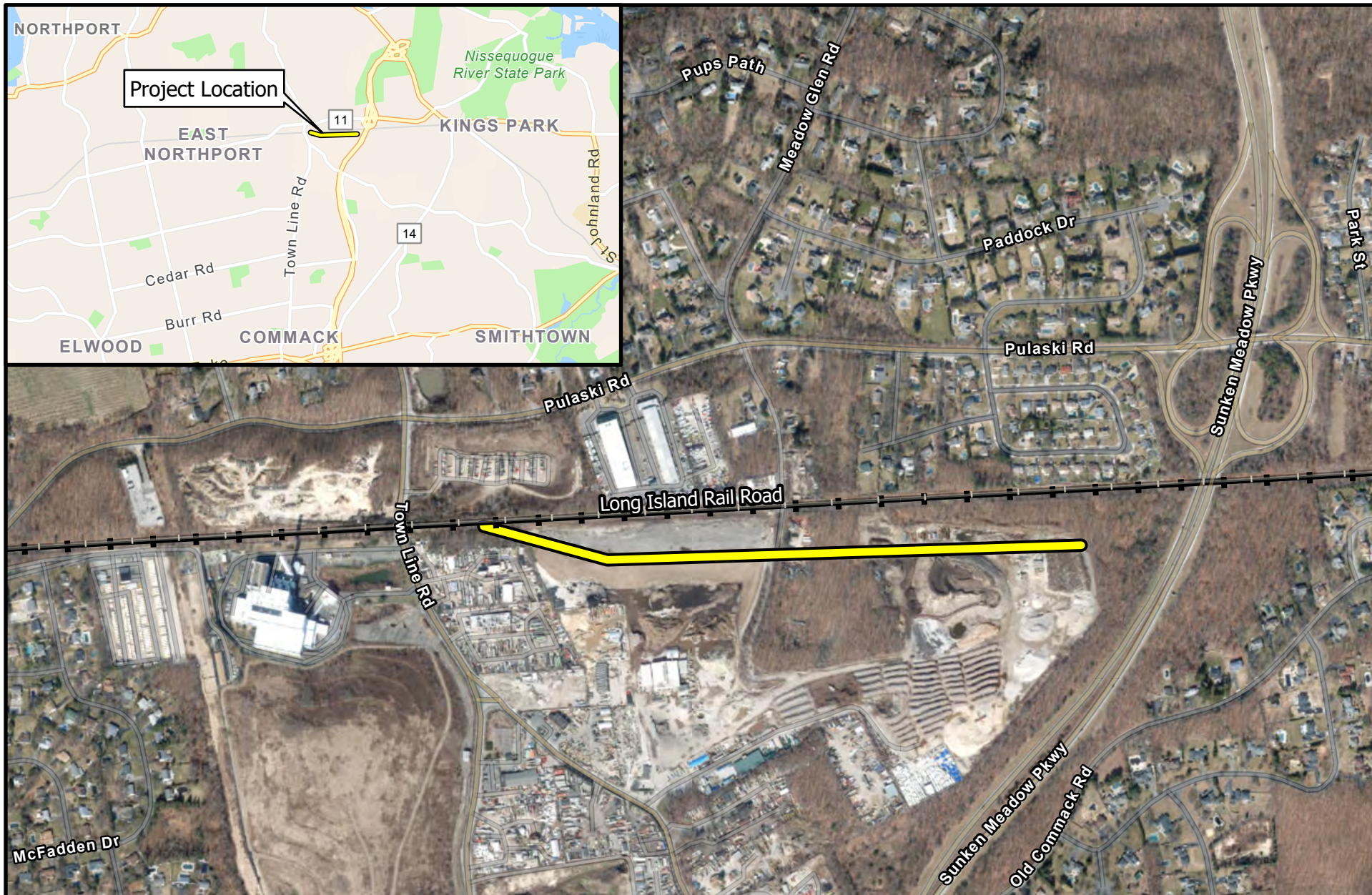
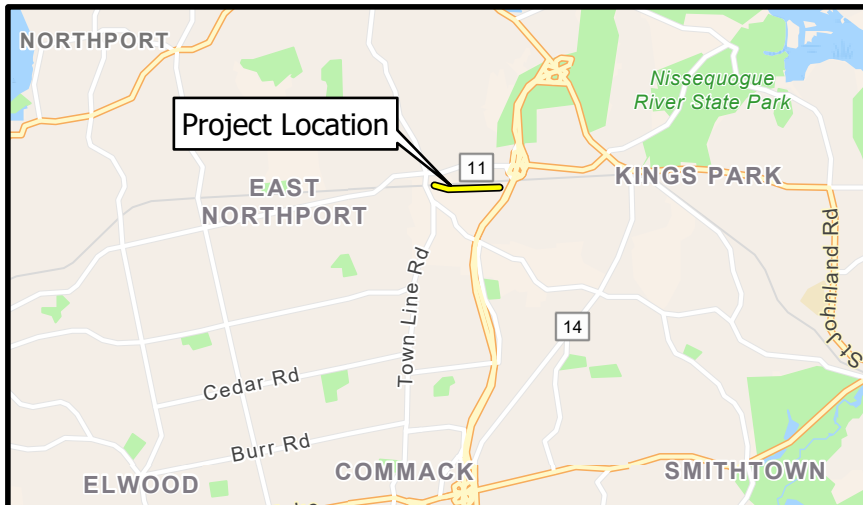
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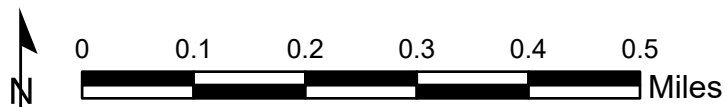
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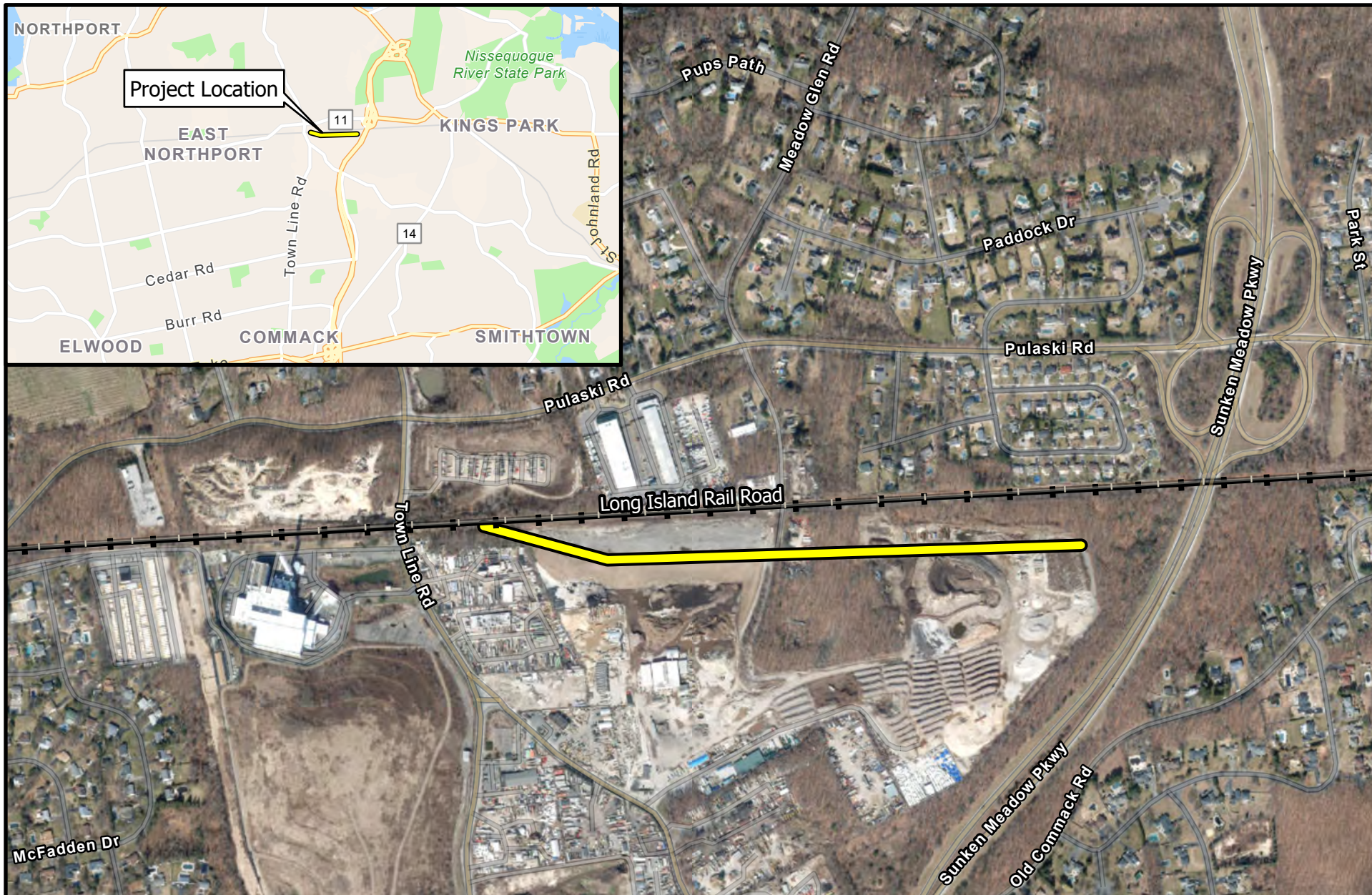
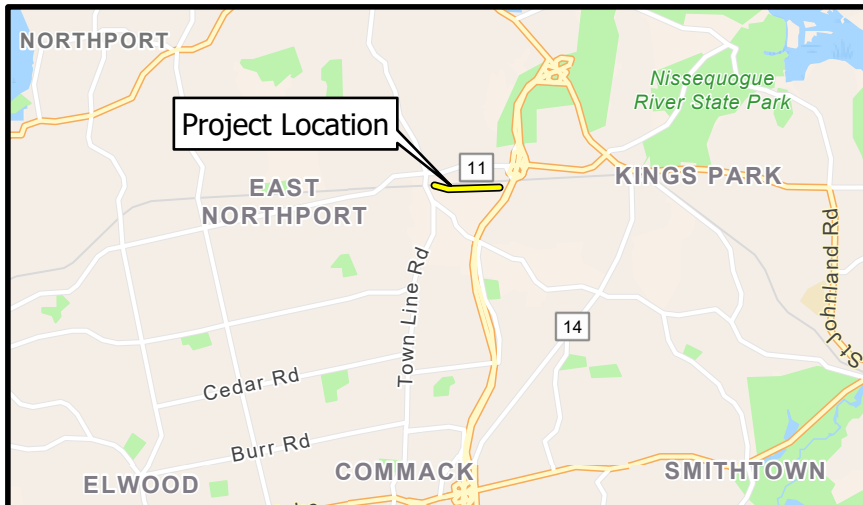
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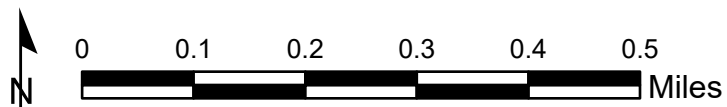
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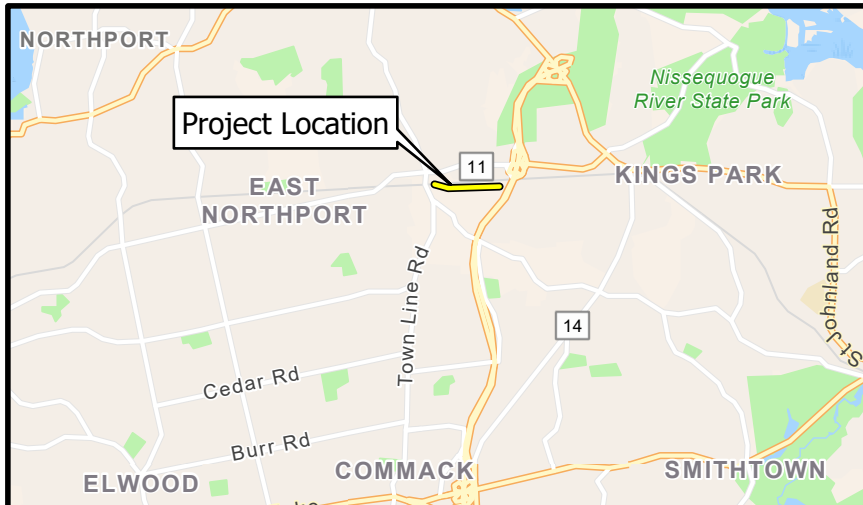
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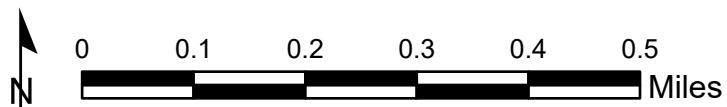
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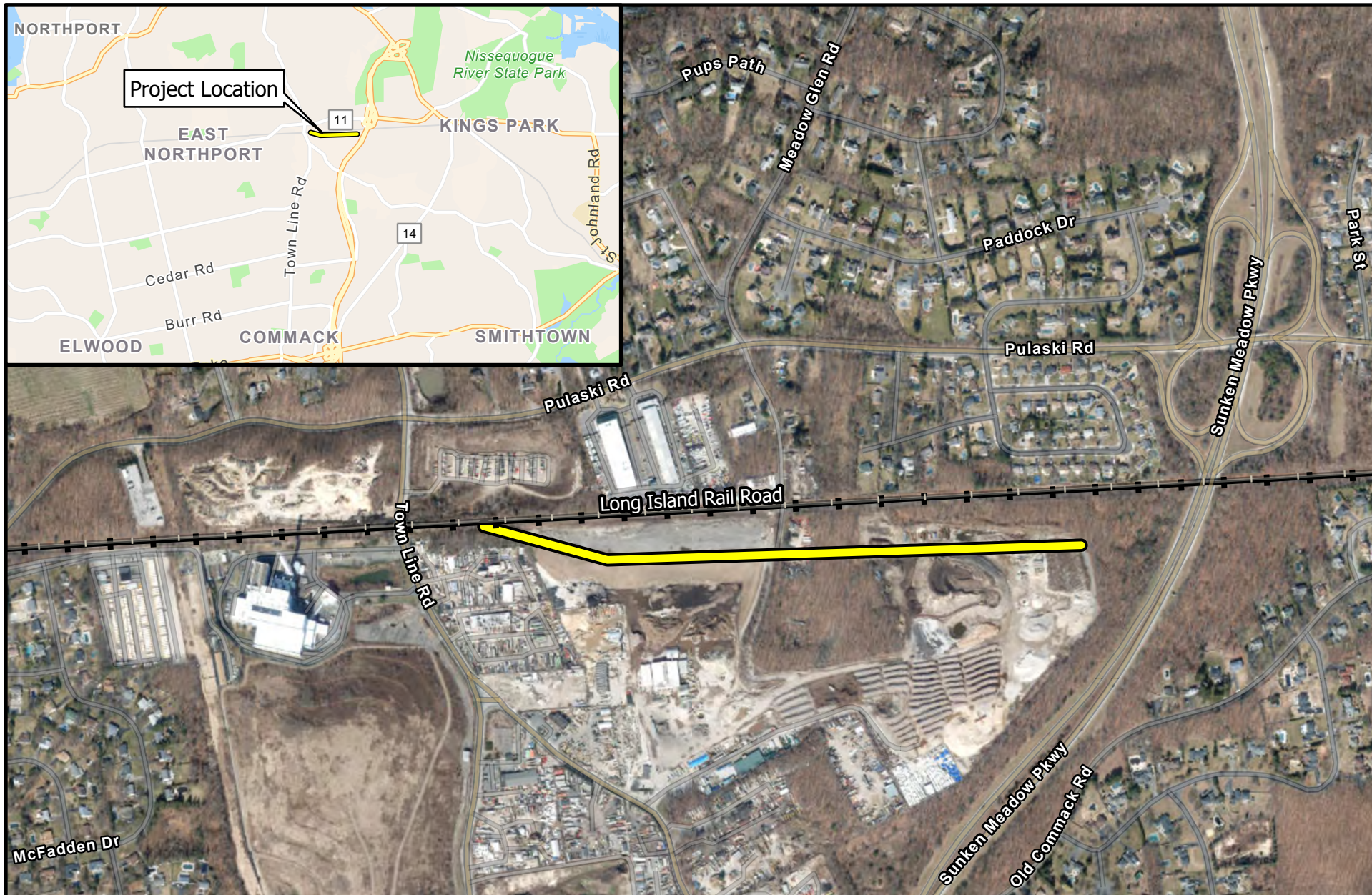
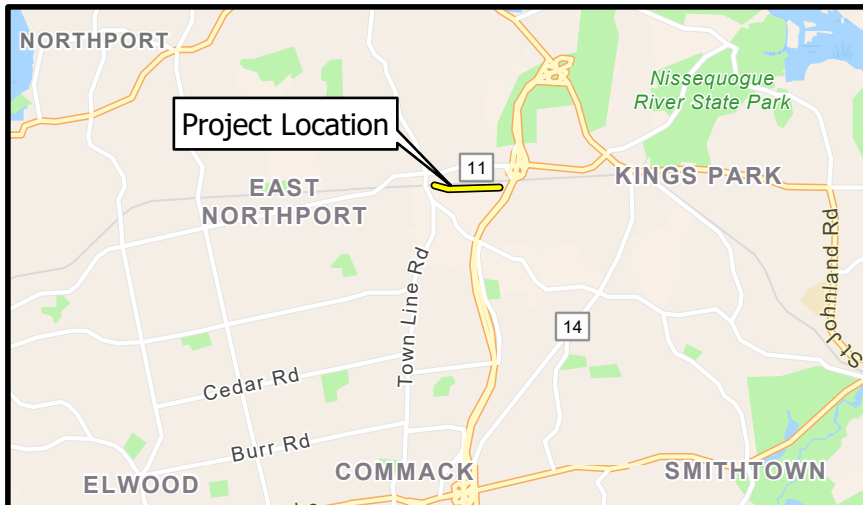
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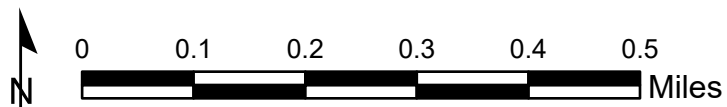
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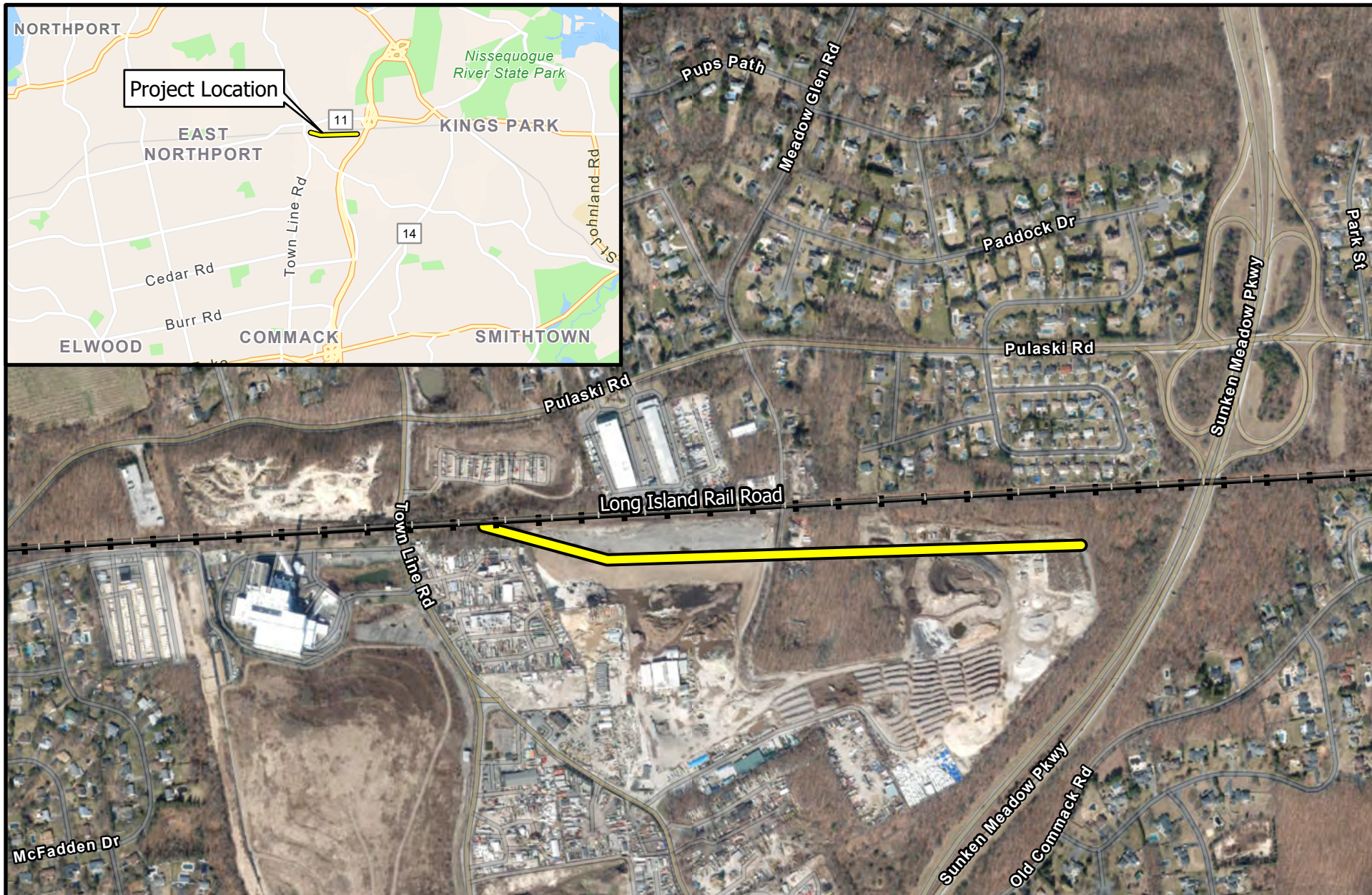
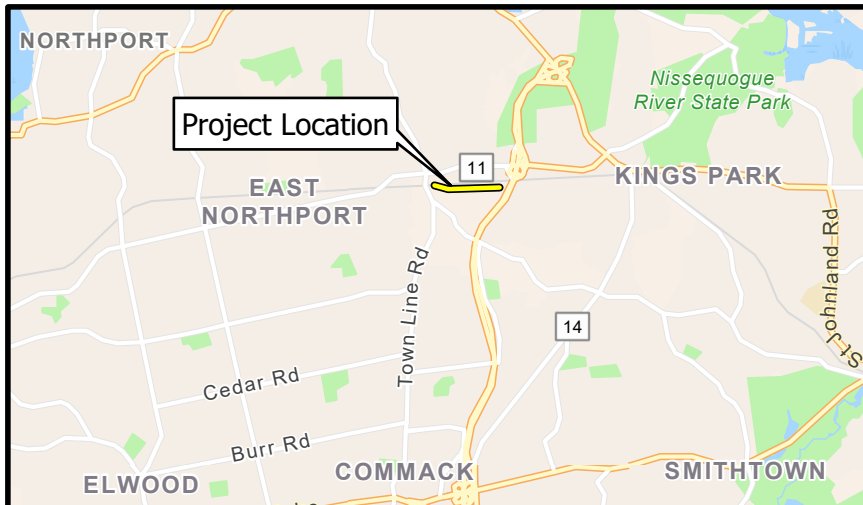
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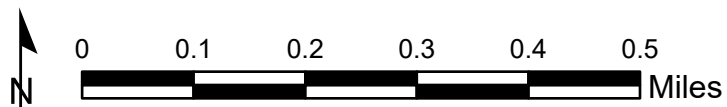
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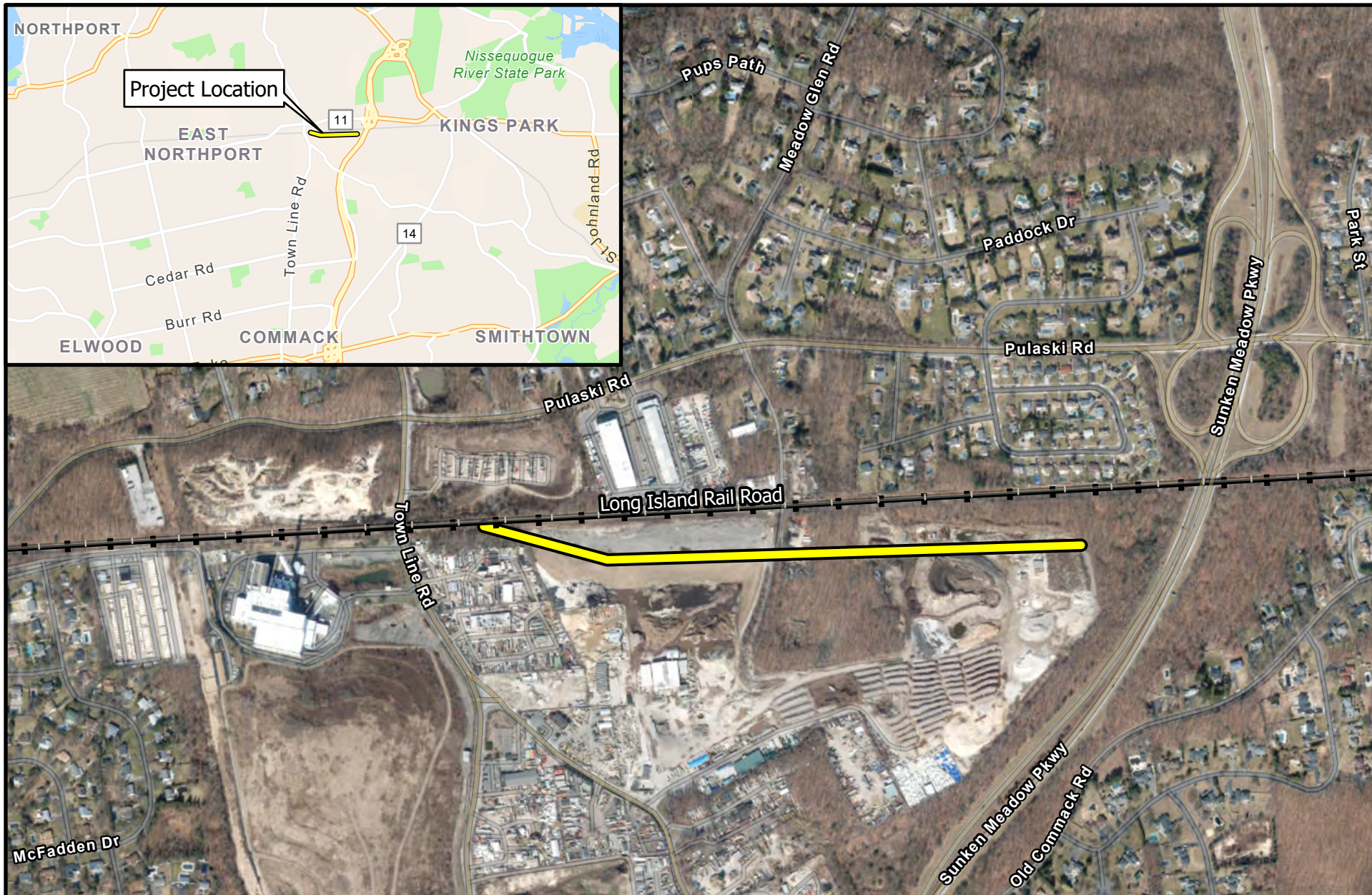
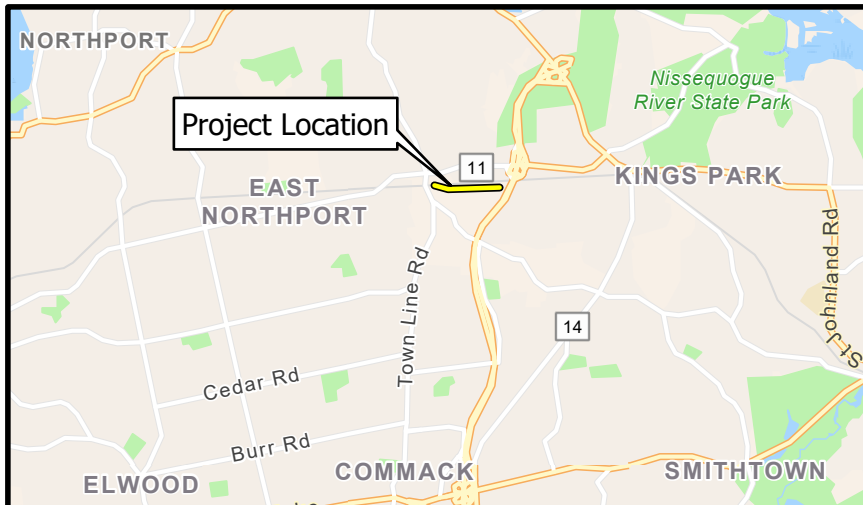
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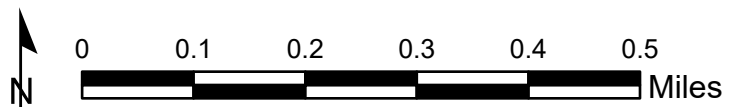
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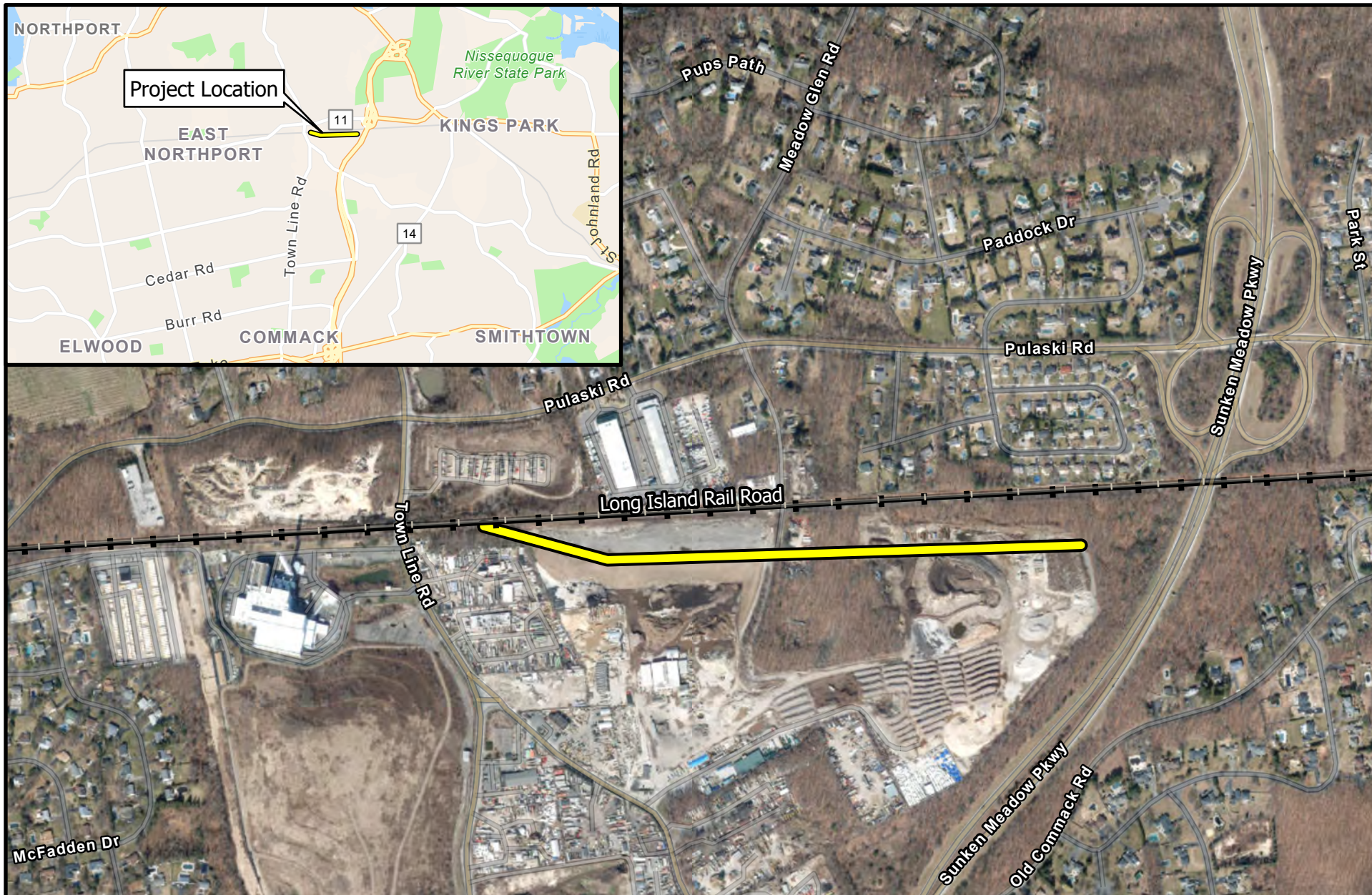
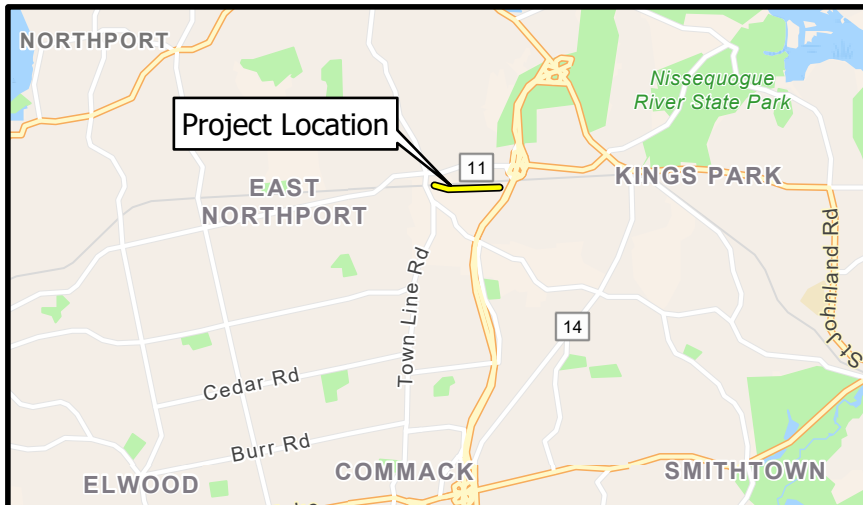
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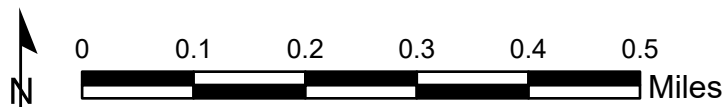
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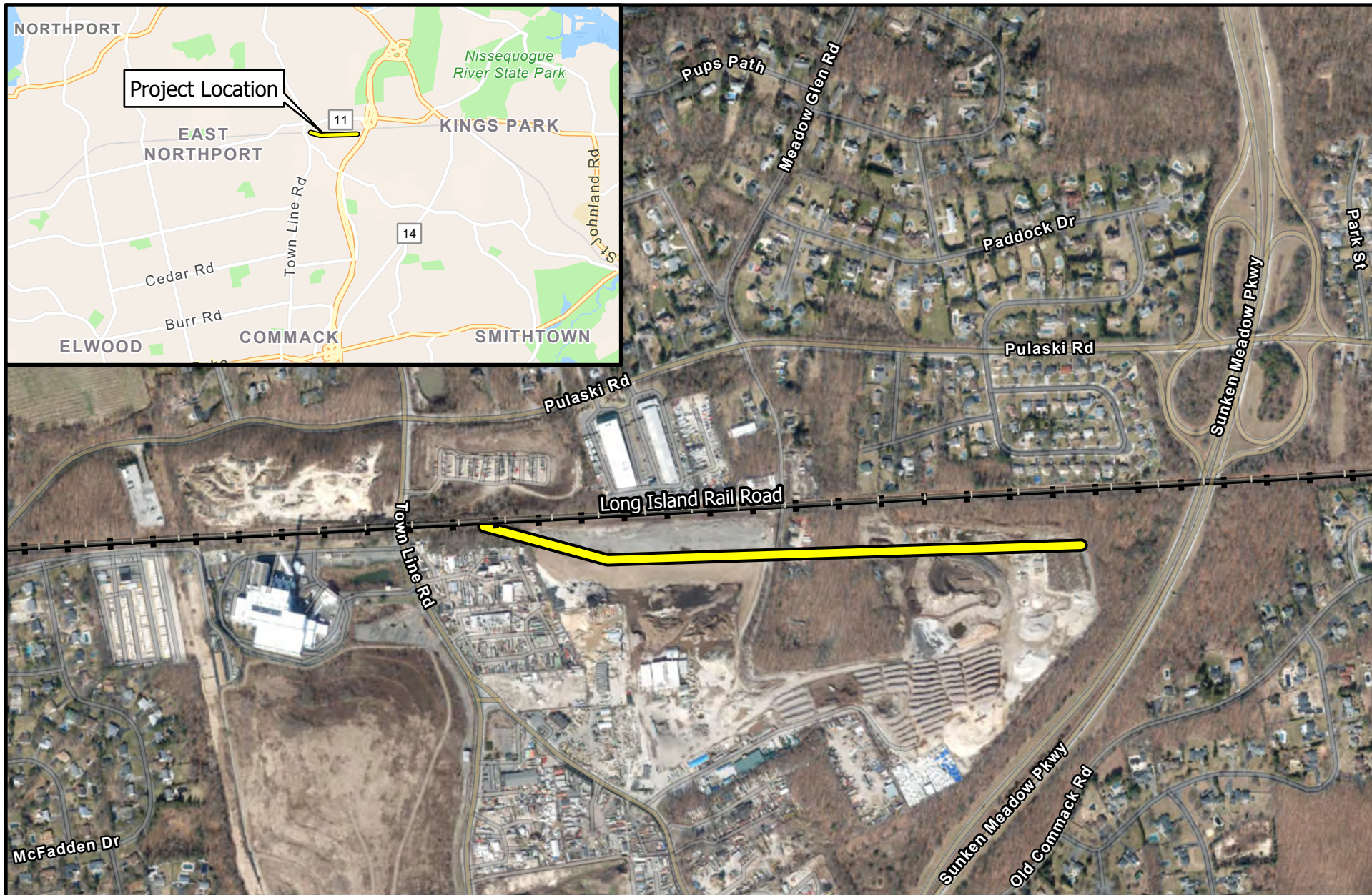
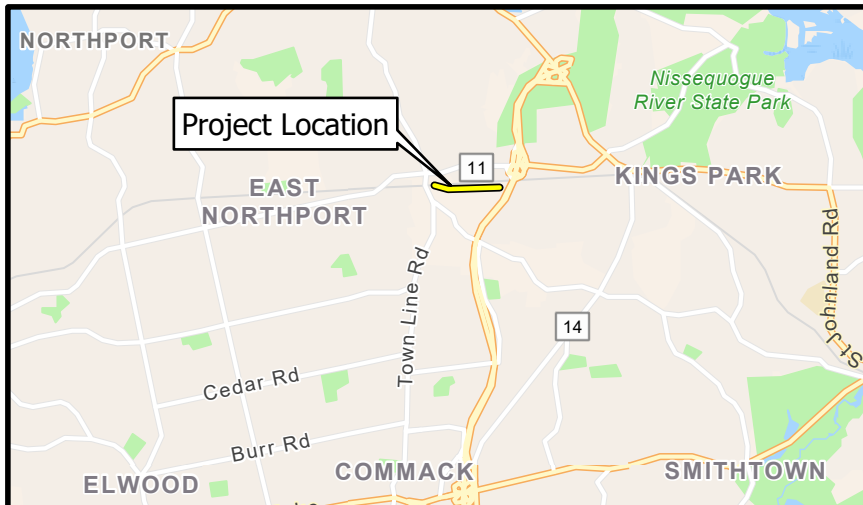
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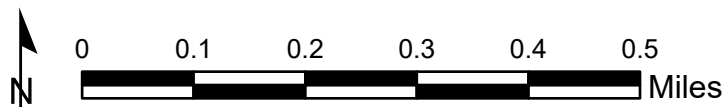
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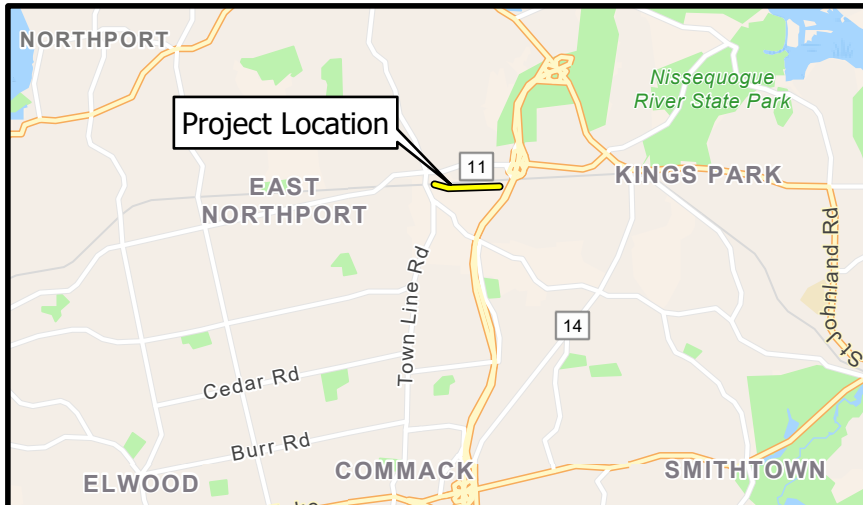
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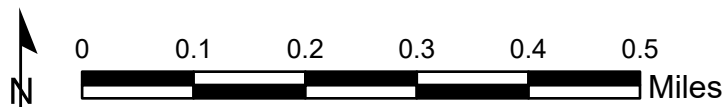
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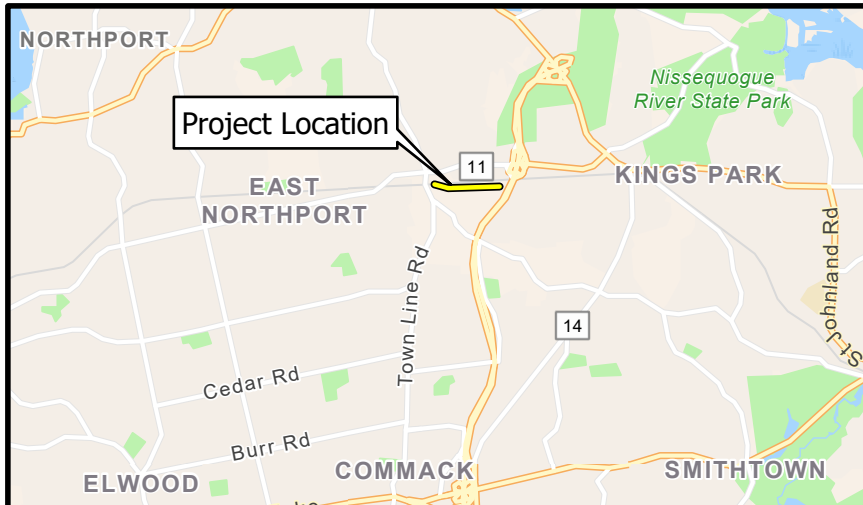
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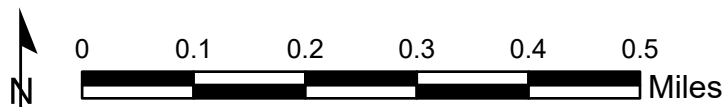
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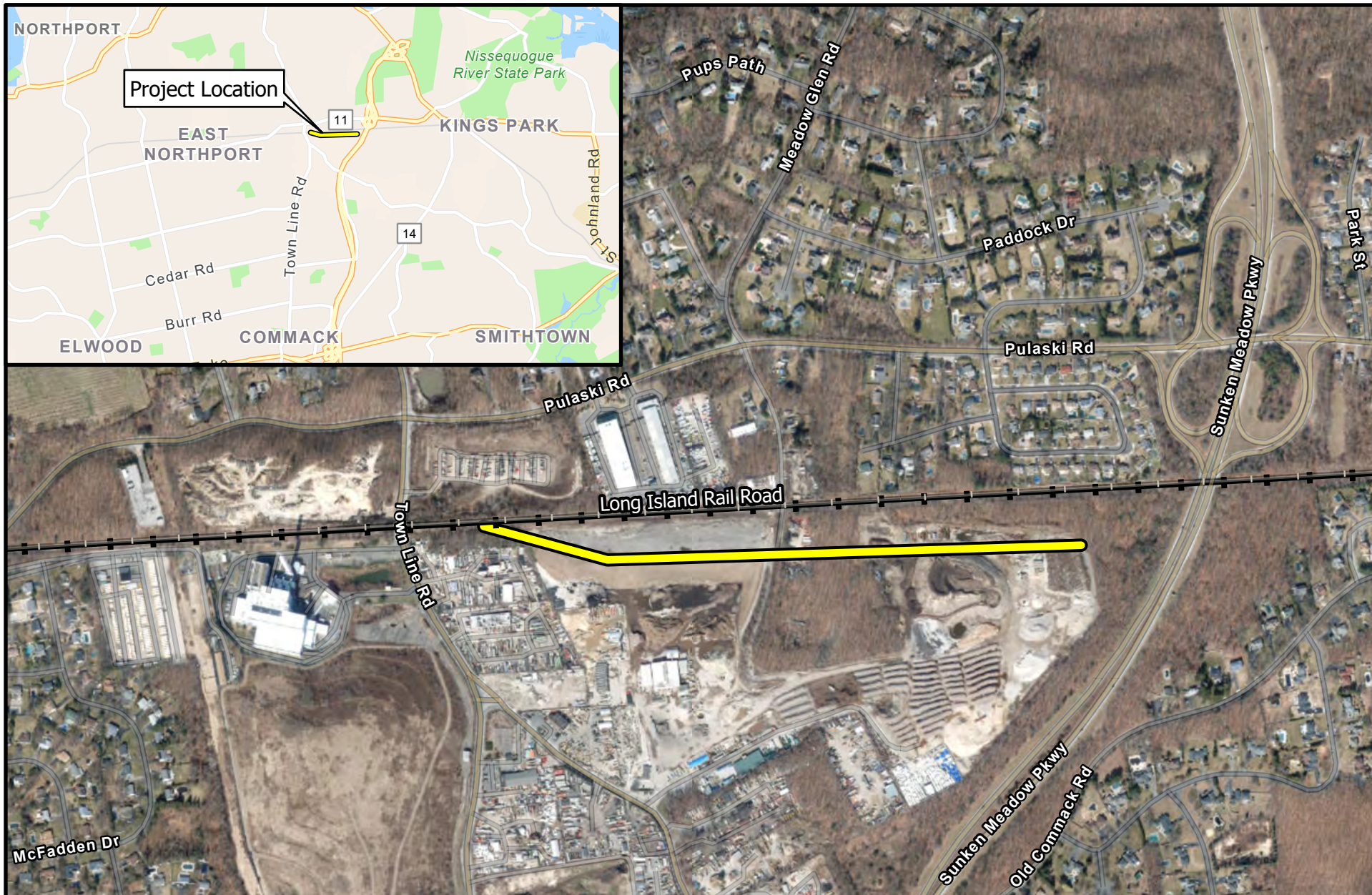
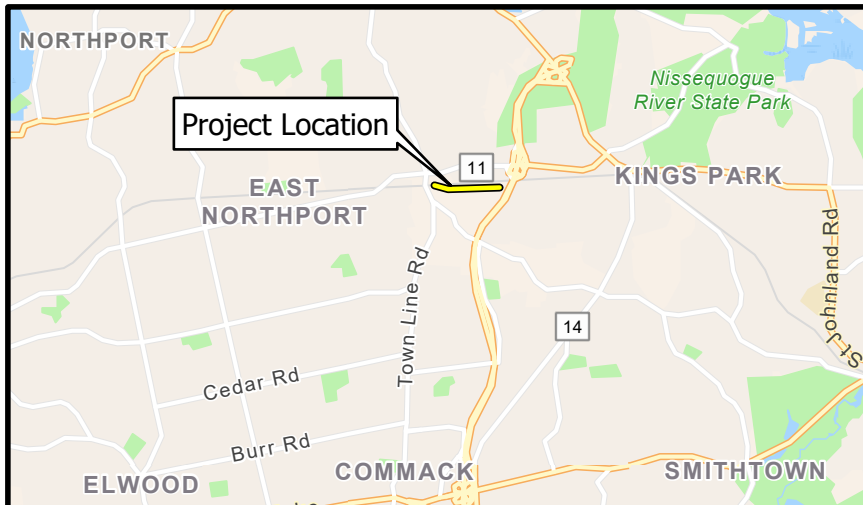
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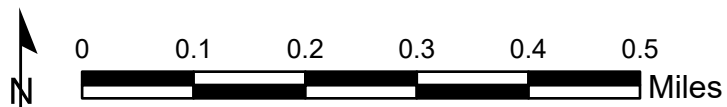
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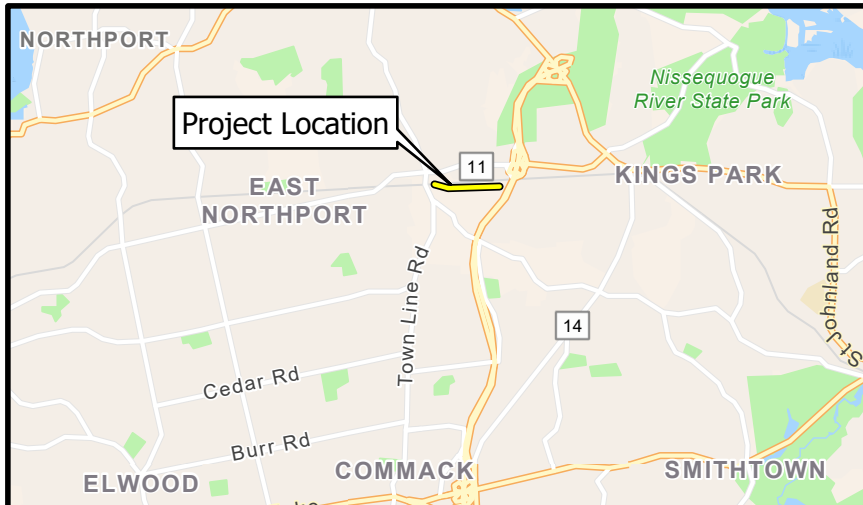
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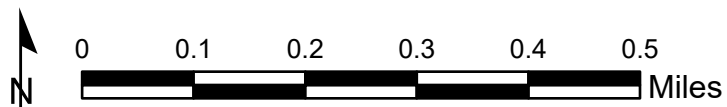
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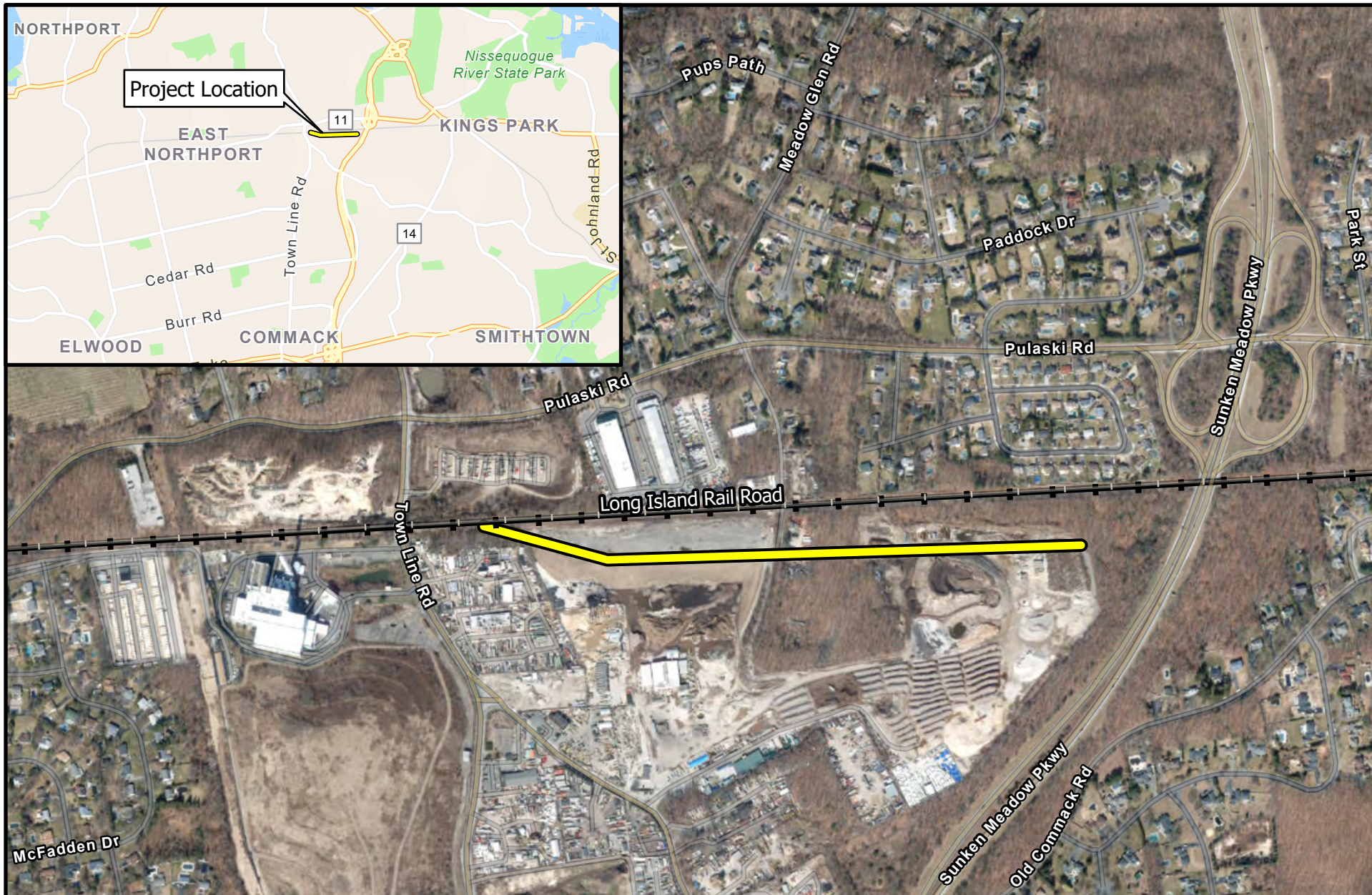
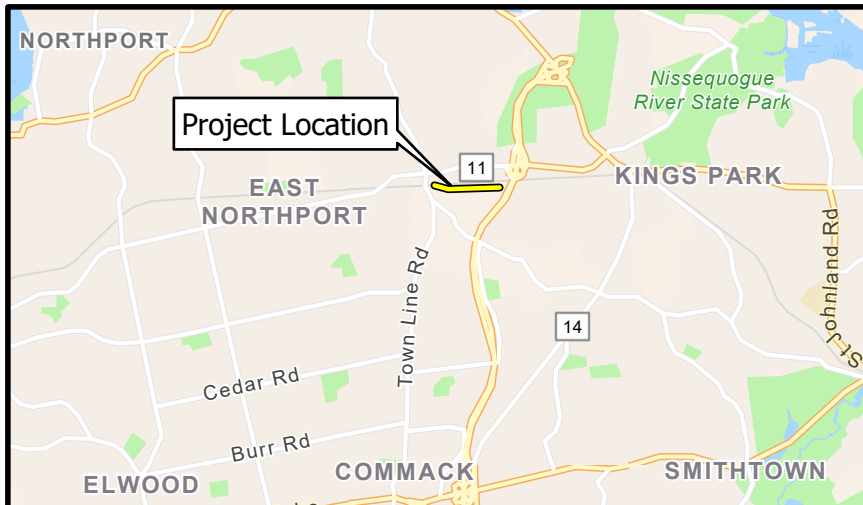
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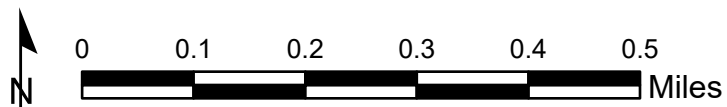
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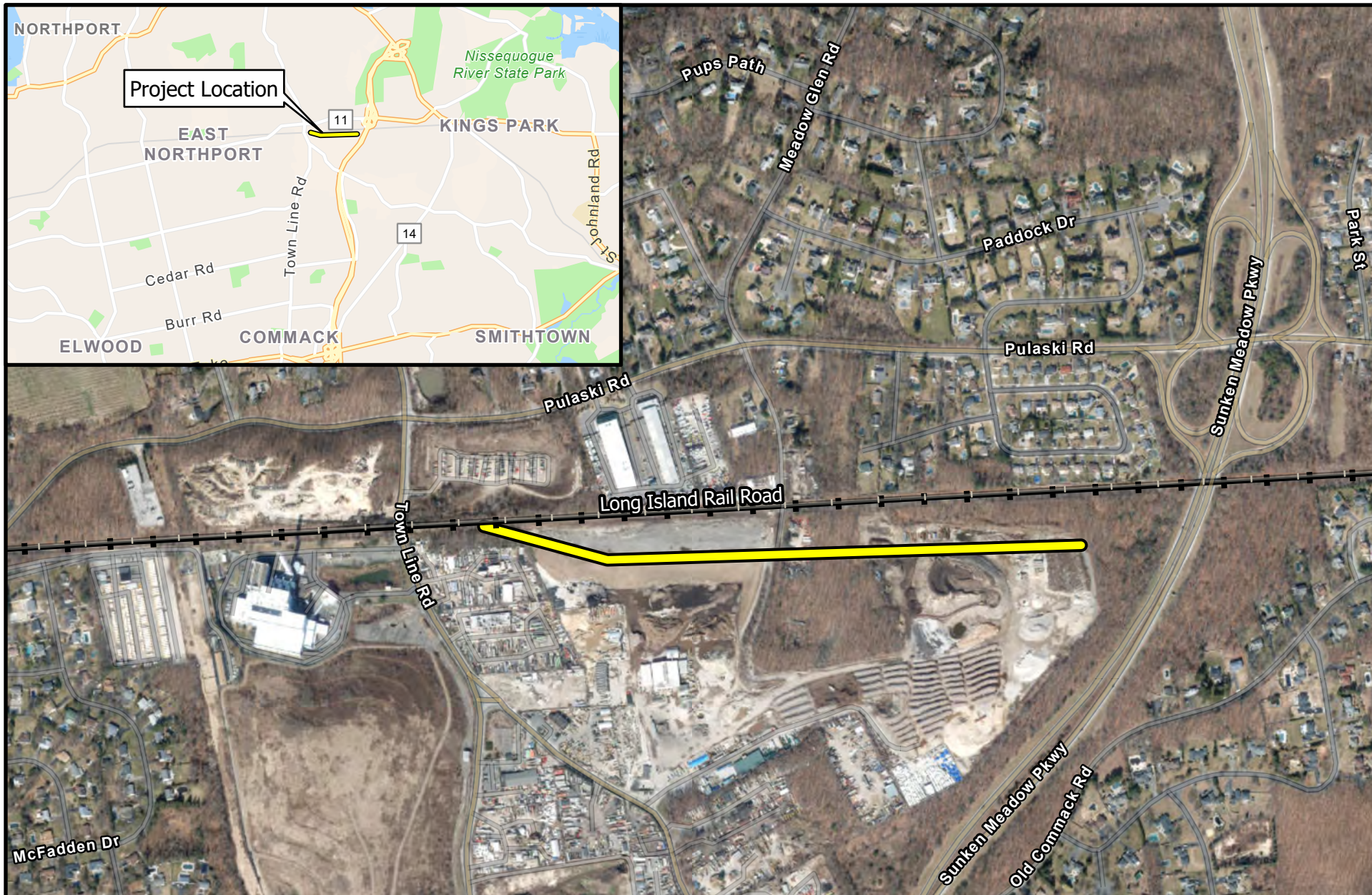
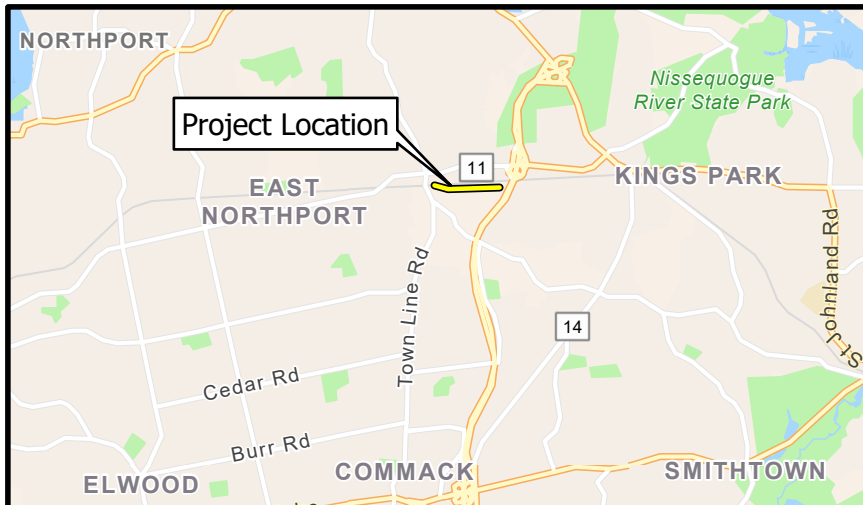
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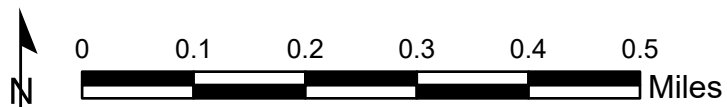
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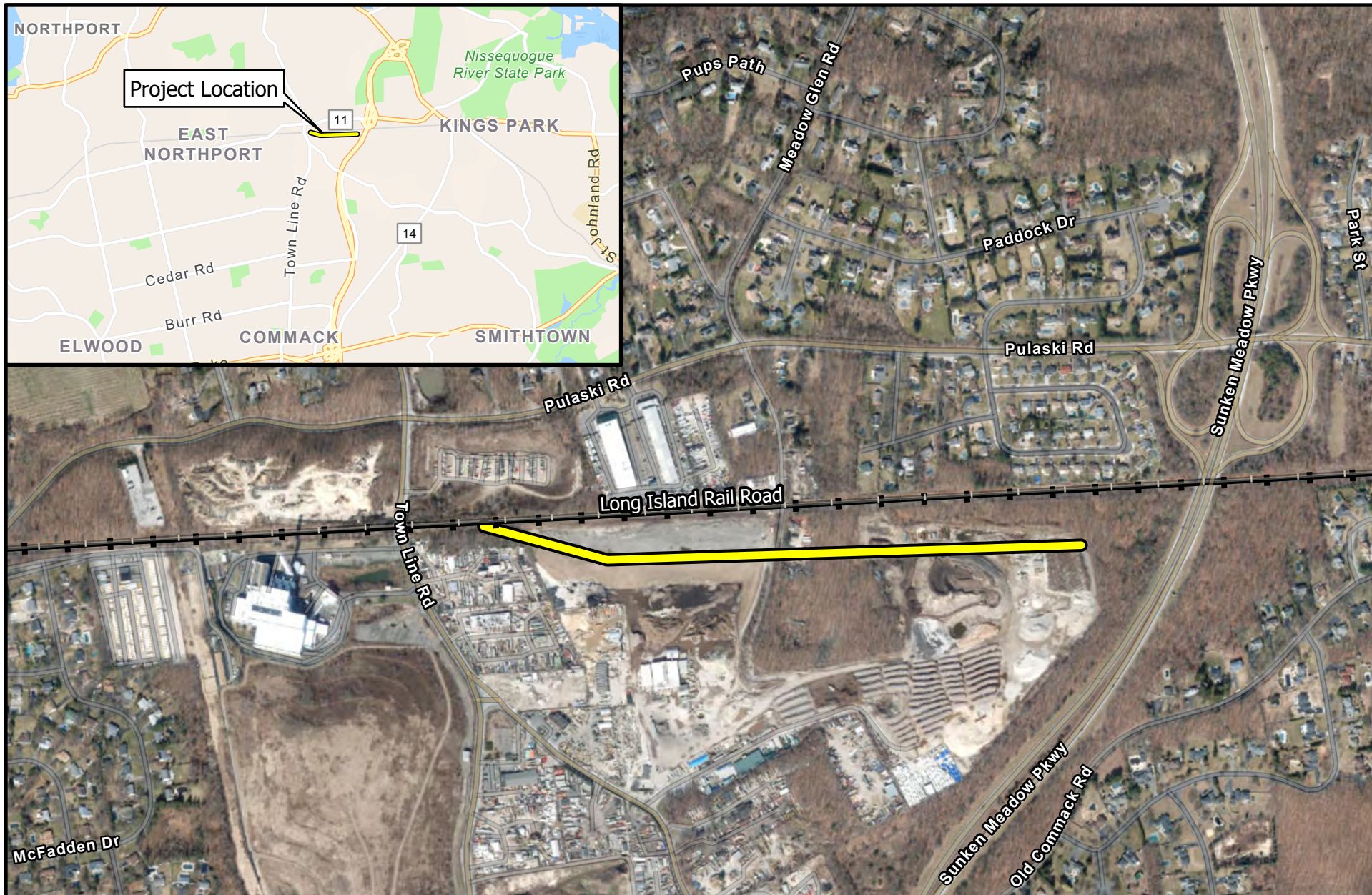
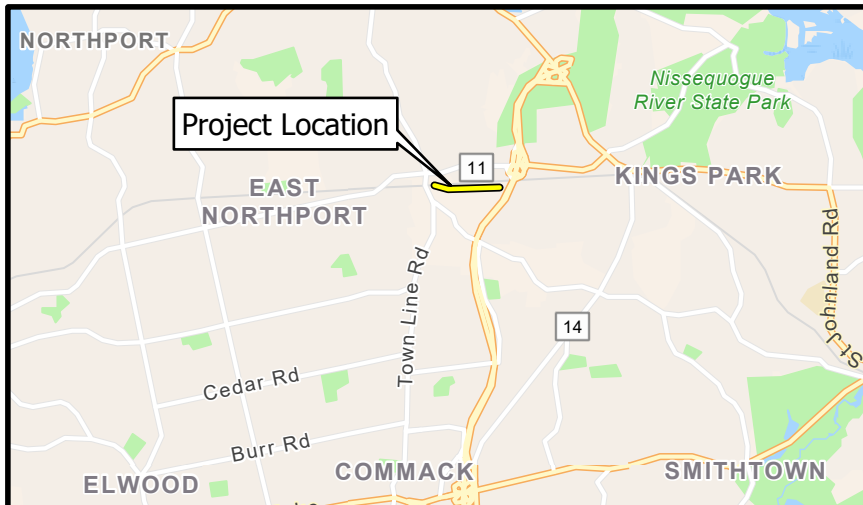
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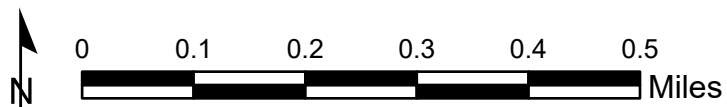
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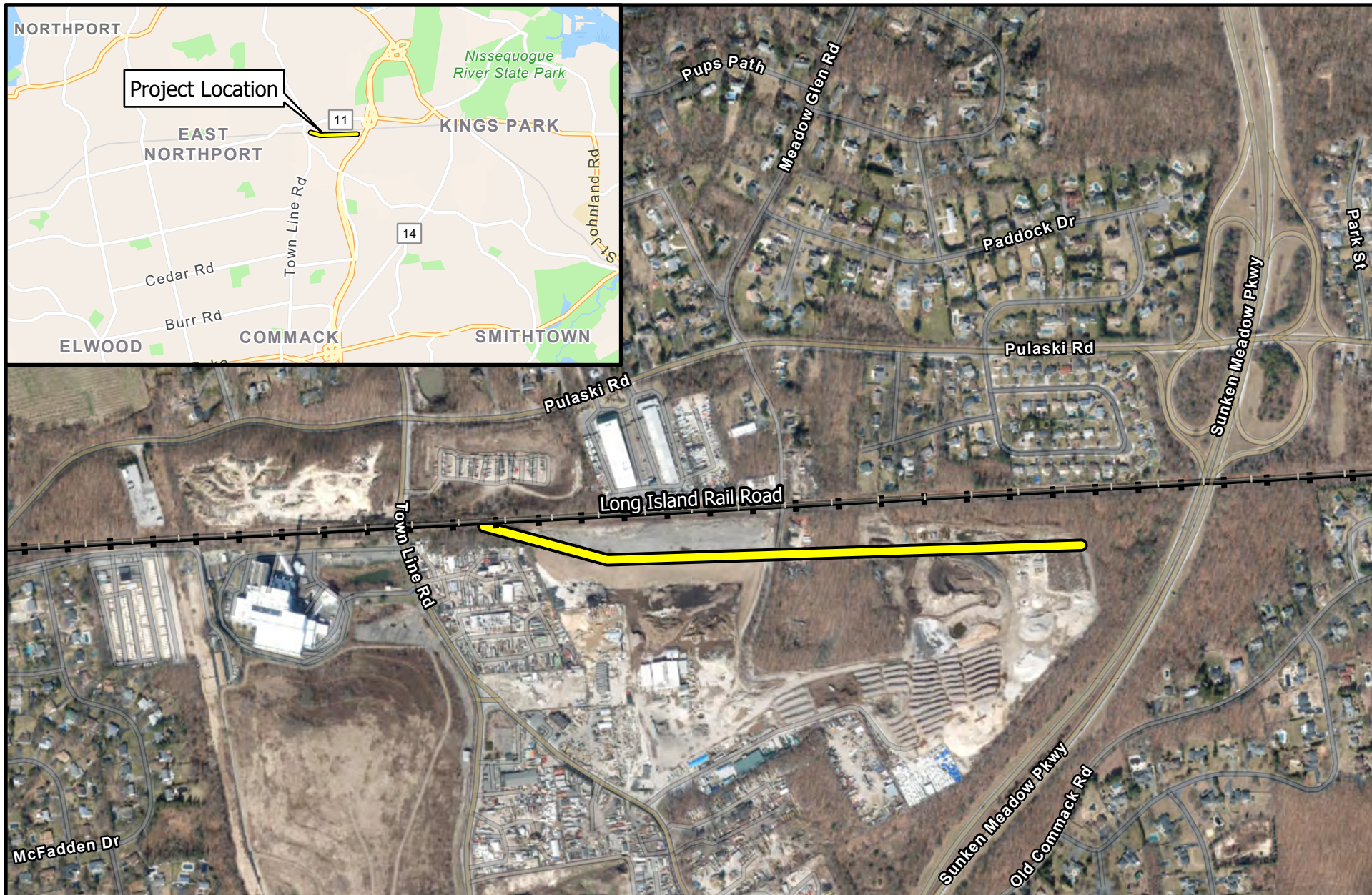
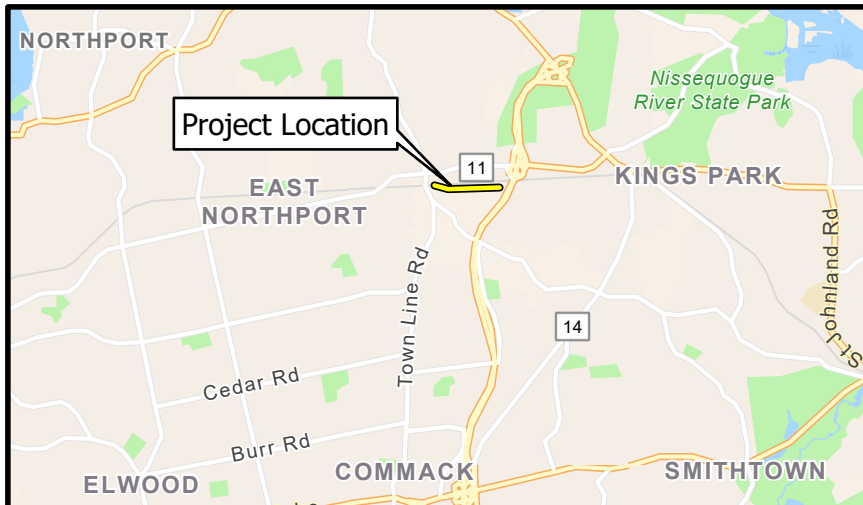
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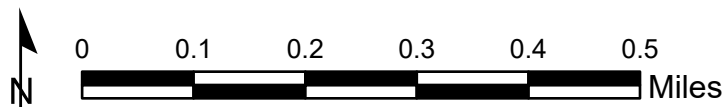
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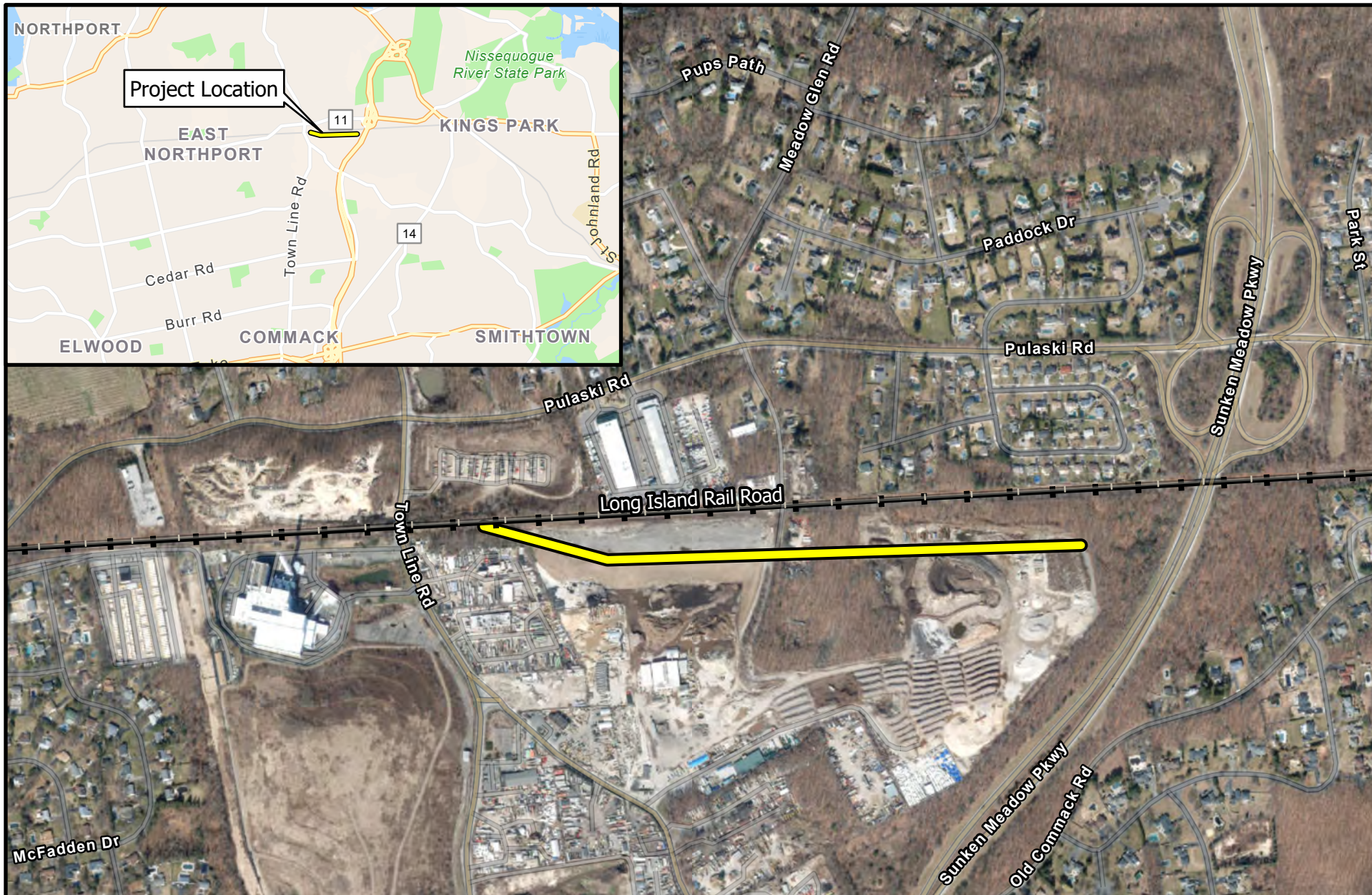
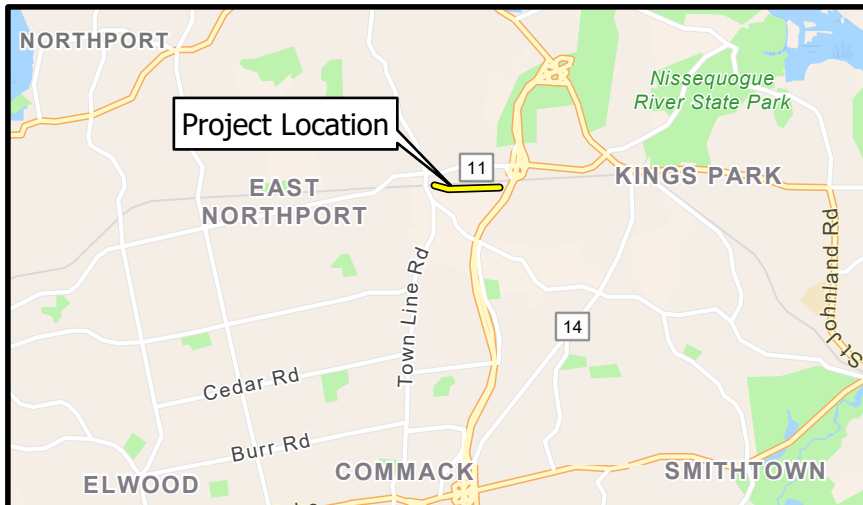
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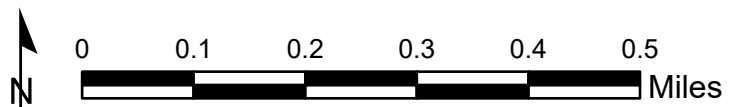
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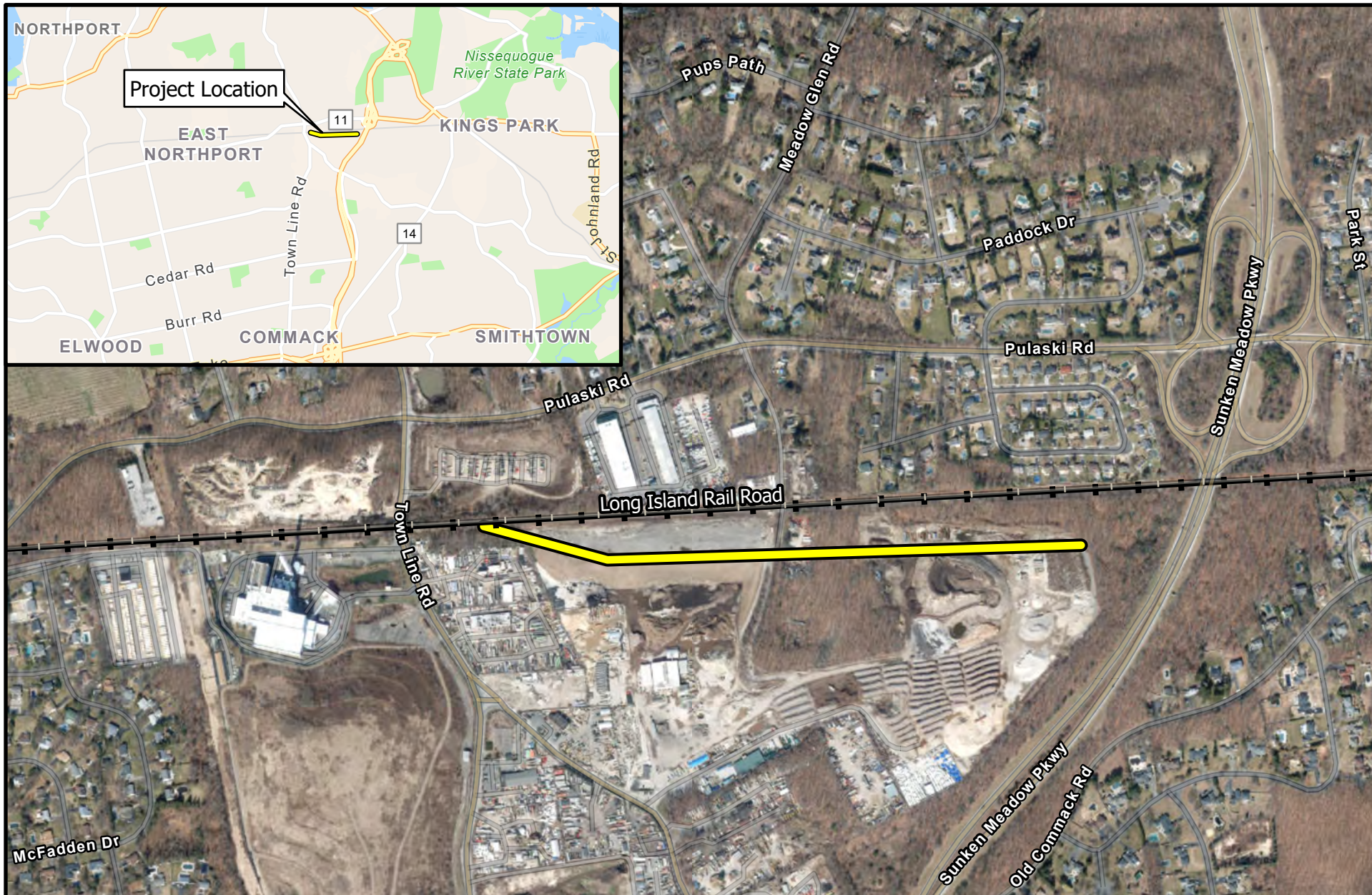
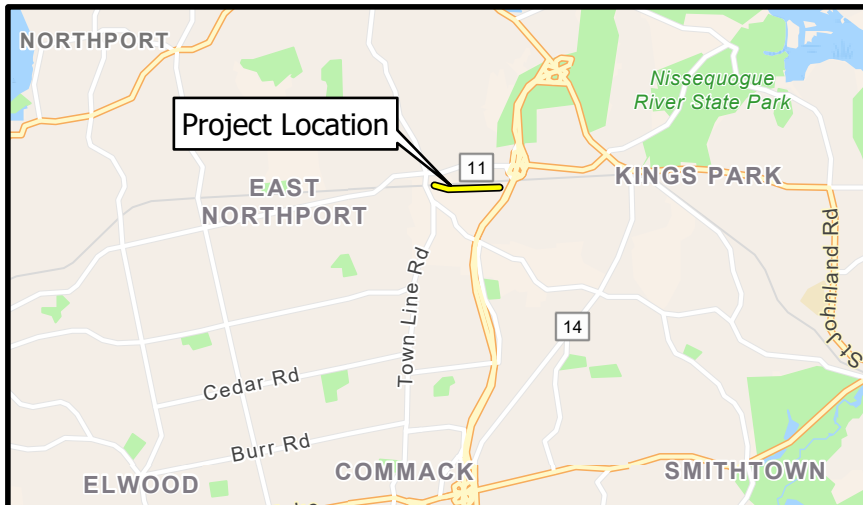
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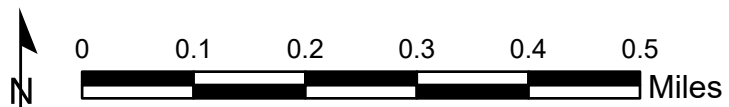
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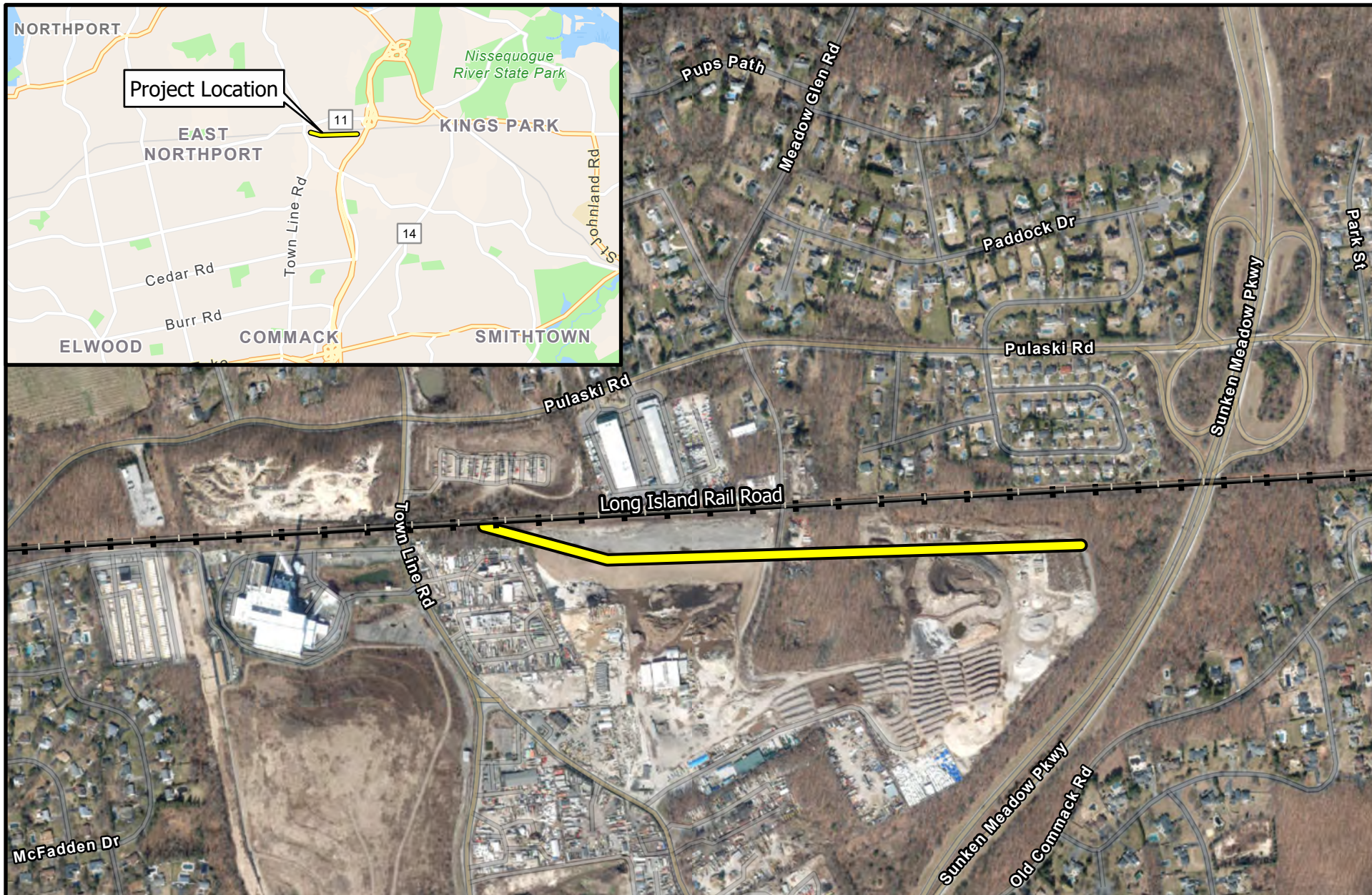
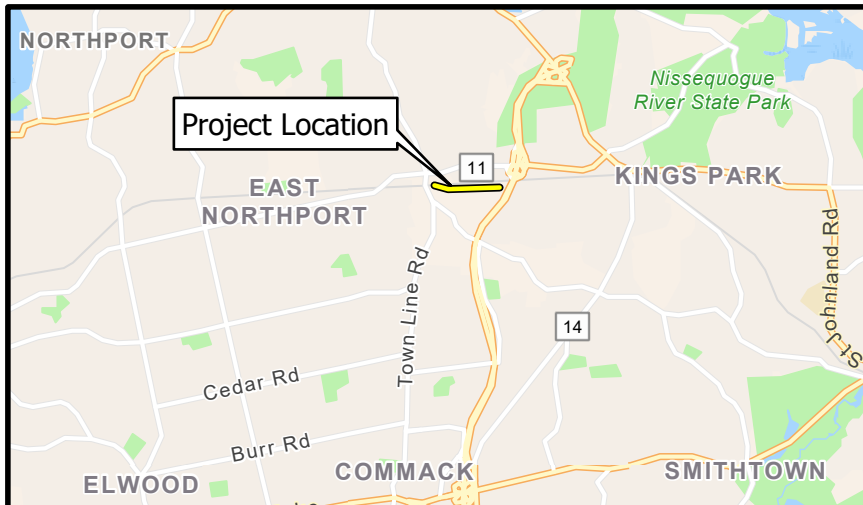
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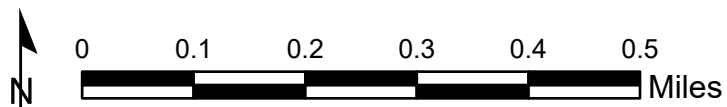
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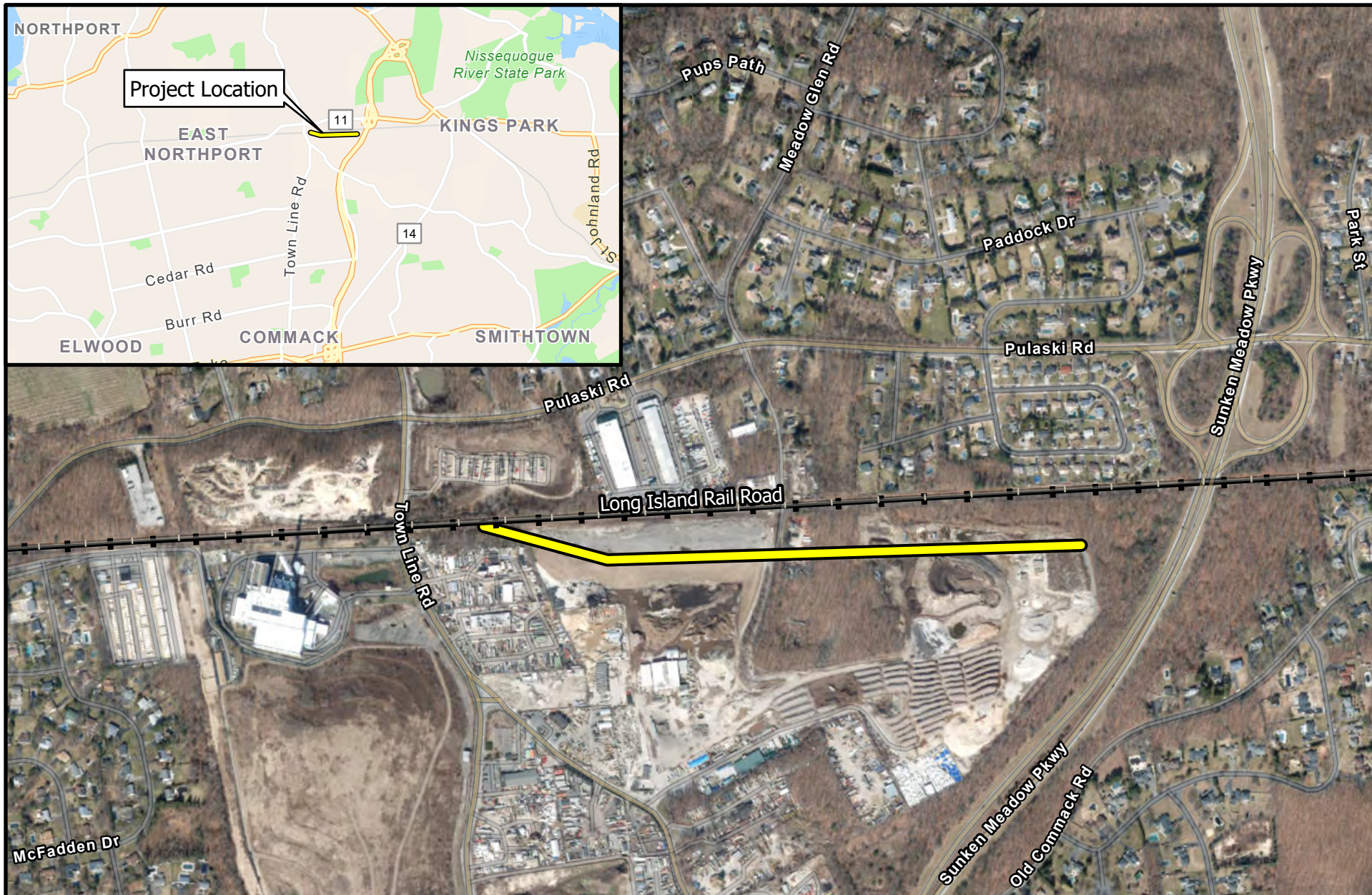
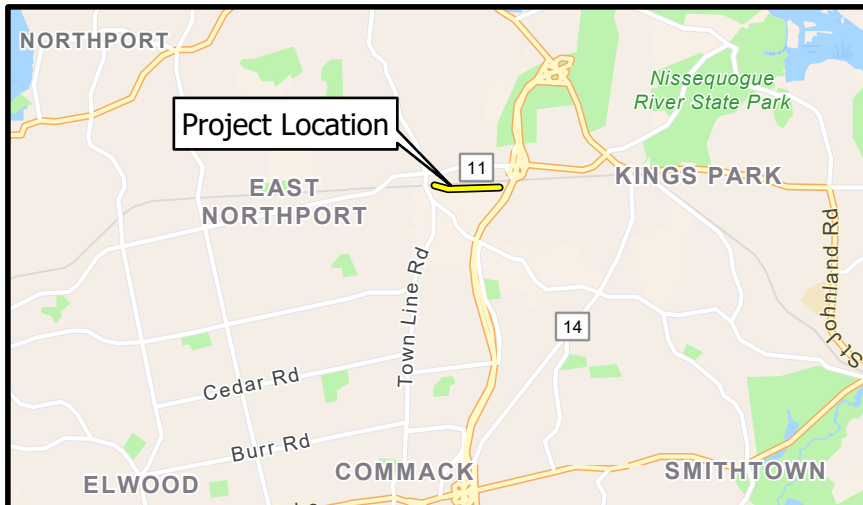
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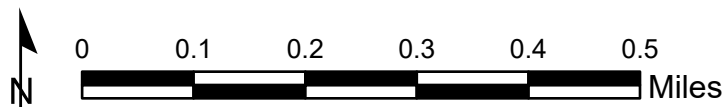
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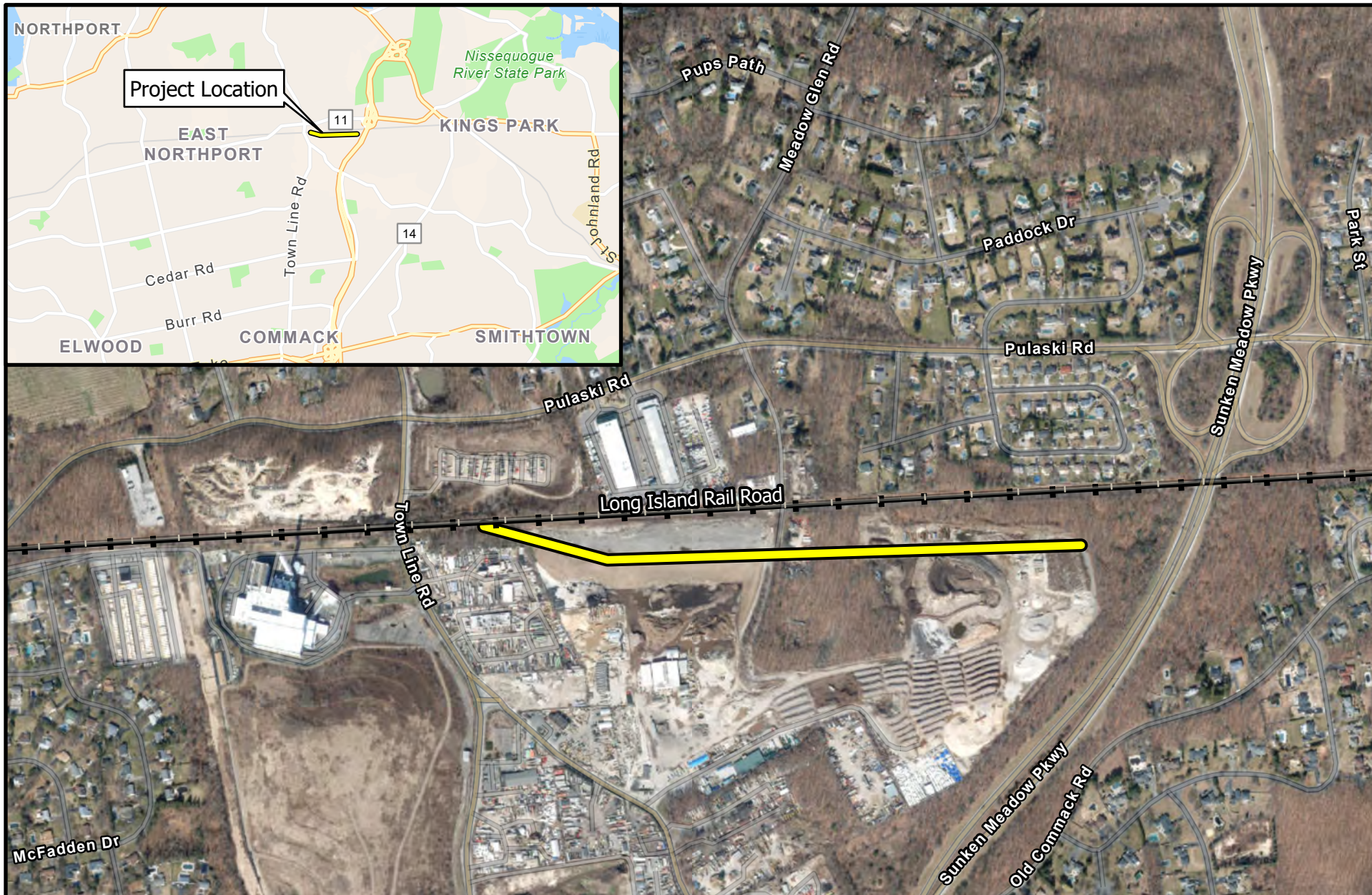
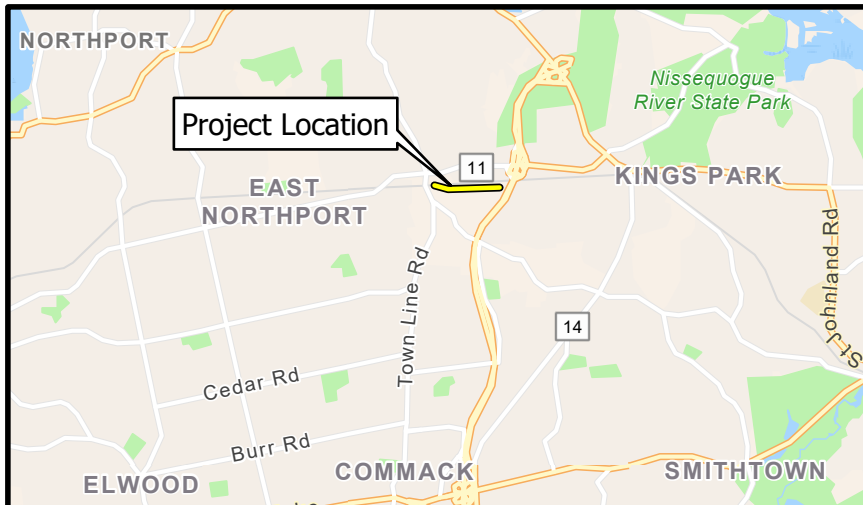
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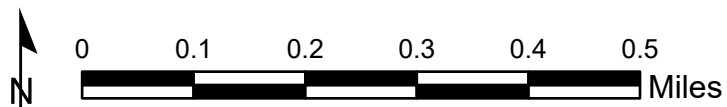
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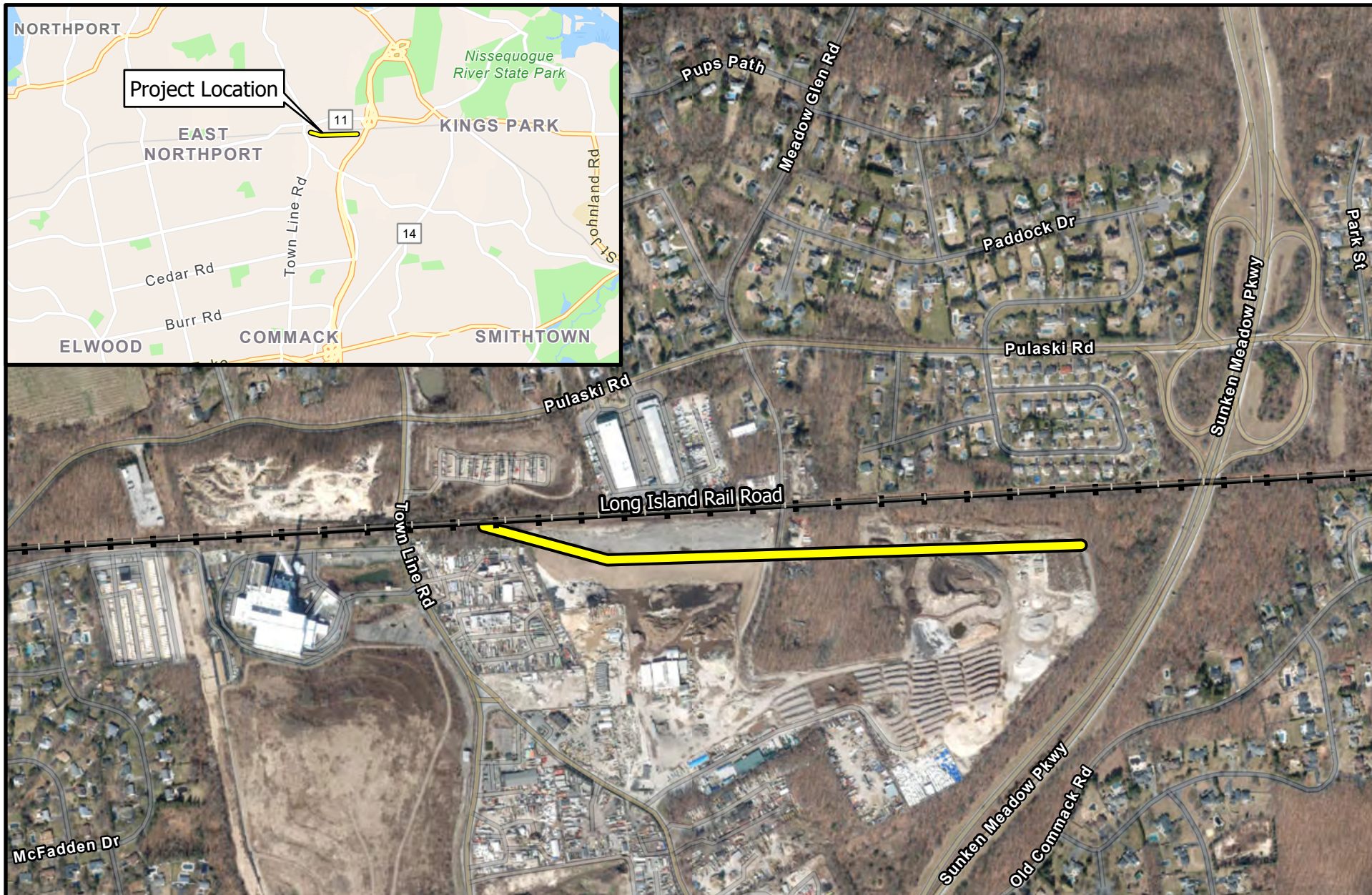
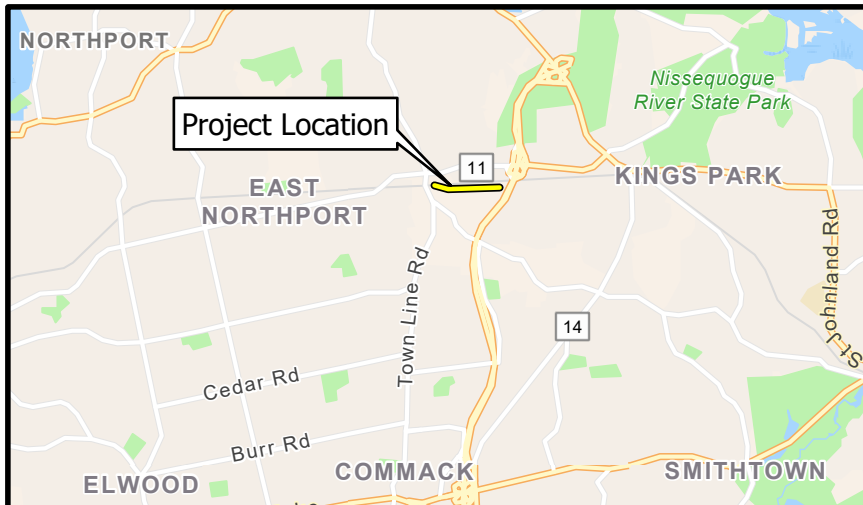
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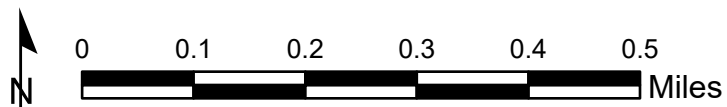
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