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Submitted via email to: CaliforniaNature@resources.ca.gov

Secretary Wade Crowfoot California Natural Resources Agency 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: 30x30 Campaign Acquisition Opportunities in and around Orange County, CA

Dear Secretary Crowfoot:

The 31 undersigned organizations and community groups are part of the Orange County Green Vision Coalition formed and coordinated by the regional non-profit Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks (FHBP). Together we have established a united voice for parks and conservation in the region. We collectively write to you as the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) develops the plans for conservation activities as directed by the Governor's Executive Order N-82-20. This Executive Order proposes to protect 30% of California's lands and coastal waters by the year 2030.

Orange County, with its 3.1 million residents, may be one of the most densely populated counties in the state, but it is also home to important landscapes and habitats, threatened and endangered species, wildlife corridors, economically disadvantaged and socially vulnerable communities, and plenty of opportunities for continued conservation and restoration. Orange County is also home to the State's first Natural Community Conservation Plan (from 1992), which offset the impacts from infrastructure and development projects through the permanent preservation of tens of thousands of acres. Conservation is a bedrock value in Orange County. This letter serves as a reminder that even counties considered urban, still have significant potential land acquisition and coastal water protection opportunities.

In 2000, FHBP created a countywide Greenprint, called the Green Vision Map, that documented the wish list of conservation opportunities for Orange County and beyond. This map is updated annually and has already served as the baseline inventory for the Regional Advanced Mitigation Program within the Orange County Transportation Authority's Renewed Measure M Environmental Mitigation Program. Through this and other work, conservation continues—but, the pace is slow. We hope additional investments of funding and partnerships can strengthen the prospects that currently exist and help achieve the 30x30 campaign.

To this end, and in partnership with Hills For Everyone—Founders of Chino Hills State Park—the Green Vision Map was used to document potential acquisition opportunities throughout the region. The map was used to collect information by geography that offers 275 properties totaling over 30,000 acres mainly in Orange County, but also including biologically connected land in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, and San Diego Counties. We recognize our habitats and wildlife know no geopolitical boundaries—and we know that adding to the existing reserve system in neighboring counties helps achieve Orange County conservation goals.

The attached maps (See Attachments 1-19) diagram 18 geographies with the potential to help meet the 30x30 campaign goals. Each geography was mapped to include privately owned properties that were 15 acres in size or greater¹ that were not protected, remained in their natural state, did not include habitable structures, and may offer the chance for conservation should the landowner be a willing seller. The geographies are as follows:

Area	Map #	# of Properties	Total Acreage
Coastal	1 - 4	29	2,036
Urban	5 - 8	8	2,090
Puente-Chino Hills	8 - 11	61	11,670
Santa Ana River	12 - 13	28	4,058
Foothills	14 - 19	149	10,658
	TOTAL:	275	30,512

We've identified some of the benefits of conservation in and around Orange County and their alignment with the 30x30 effort and other important community and climate goals. These include:

- Protecting landscapes with high biological value including threatened and endangered species;^{2,3}
- Reducing the risks associated with building homes and adding people in wildfire prone areas by protecting landscapes;4
- Proximity to densely populated and economically disadvantaged communities (such as La Habra, Anaheim, Santa Ana, Westminster, and Garden Grove);5
- Opportunities to expand the State Marine Protected Areas off the Southern California coast;⁶
- Protecting lands that can serve to meet statewide goals to offset greenhouse gas emissions⁷ and vehicle miles traveled,8 while simultaneously acting as carbon/soil sequestration locations;
- Preserving significant archaeological, cultural, and Indigenous historic sites and artifacts;
- Inclusion of habitat lands where the proposed endangered species listing for the Southern California mountain lion subspecies exists;9
- Proximity to socially vulnerable communities (such as Fullerton, Buena Park, Westminster, Santa Ana, Fountain Valley, and Costa Mesa);¹⁰

¹ Two exceptions to this 15-acre minimum are the final acquisitions for the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve. Both of which are under 15 acres, but complete the vision for protected lands in this coastal area.

South Coast Wildlands Report: California Essential Habitat Connectivity Study (2010) (www.scwildlands.org/reports/CaliforniaEssentialHabitatConnectivityProject.pdf)

² South Coast Wildlands Report: California Essential Habitat Connectivity Study (2010) (www.scwiaianas.org/reports/CaijorniaEssential Habitat Connectivity Foject.pa;
3 State Wildlife Action Plan (2015)(wildlife.ca.gov/SWAP/Final)
4 CalFire Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps (osfm.fire.ca.gov/divisions/wildfire-planning-engineering/wildland-hazards-building-codes/fire-hazard-severity-zones-maps/)
5 Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment CalEnviroScreen 3.0 (oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/report/calenviroscreen-30)
6 State Marine Protected Areas Map (wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/MPAs/Network/Southern-California)
7 California Air Resources Board AB 32 2017 Scoping Plan (ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/classic//cc/scopingplan/scoping_plan_2017.pdf)
8 California Air Resources Board Vehicle Miles Traveled (ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/carb-2017-scoping-plan-identified-vmt-reductions-and-relationship-state-

⁹ Fish and Game Commission Notice of Petition to List the SoCal Subspecies of Mountain Lion (nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=171207&inline) 10 Center for Disease Control's Socially Vulnerable Index Map (svi.cdc.gov/map.html)

- Adding recreational opportunities close to millions of residents and visitors; and,
- Completing important wildlife connections to link large landscapes together.¹¹

Some of the barriers Orange County has faced in terms of conservation include: an historic inequity in statewide distribution of conservation funding and lack of a regionally-focused state-charted conservancy. There is also a bias toward preservation of lands north of Bakersfield. Today, we pledge to the CNRA that if conservation dollars are made available to permanently protect these vitally important landscapes in Orange County, we will be reliable on-the-ground partners to achieve conservation successes. We have not been deterred by the struggles—they only make us more persistent.

In conclusion, as CNRA staff begin to assemble conservation opportunities throughout the state, we hope you will look toward the Green Vision Map and Coalition for collective coordination. Our Green Vision Coordinator, Melanie Schlotterbeck can be reached at *GreenVision@FHBP.org* or at (714) 501-3133.

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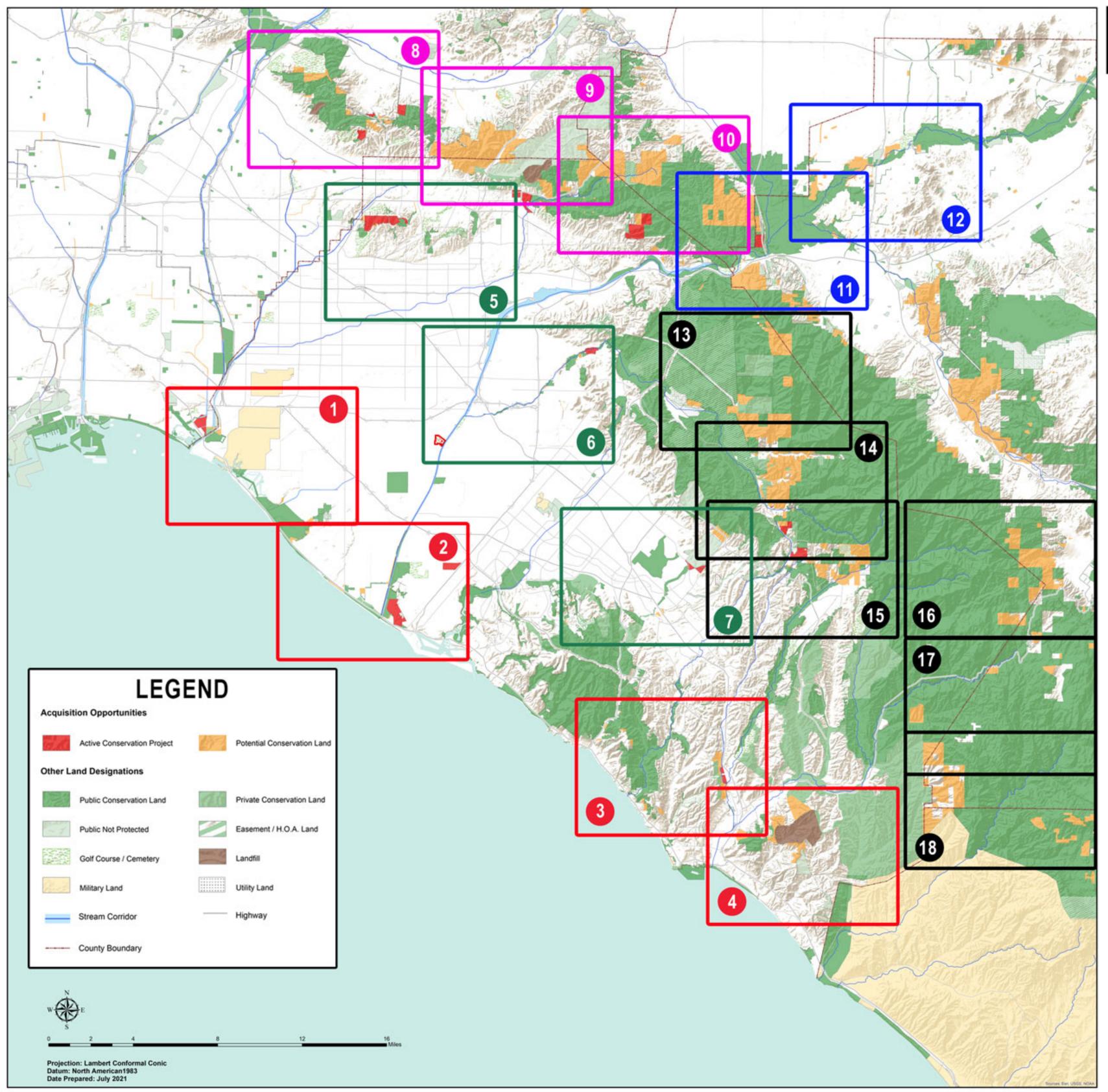
President

Stop Polluting Our Newport

Attachments: Overview Map

Geography Specific Maps (1-18)

Note: Combined higher resolution versions can be found at: www.FHBP.org/Resources/30x30-campaign



30x30 Acquisition Opportunities

Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-82-20 sets a goal for the State to protect 30% of California's lands and coastal waters by the year 2030. It is commonly known as the "30x30" (30 by 30) campaign. With more than 80 conservation and community groups supporting the Friends of Harbors, Beaches, and Parks (FHBP) Green Vision Map, opportunities exist already for preservation. In partnership with Hills For Everyone, the Green Vision Map has been segmented and lists property by property opportunities for acquisition. The 30x30 campaign would only purchase land from willing sellers. Parcels included are a minimum of 15 acres* and are shown within 18 different geographies on the existing Green Vision Map. We want the State of California to know we are organized and ready for conservation funding with 275 properties totalling more than 30,000 acres.

OVERALL MAP LEGEND

COASTAL

- 1 North (252 acres)
- 2 Central (461 acres)
- 3 Southern Central (444 acres)
- 4 South (879 acres)

URBAN

- 5 North (510 acres)
- 6 Santiago Creek (228 acres)
- 7 Central (1,352 acres)

PUENTE-CHINO HILLS

- 8 West (749 acres)
- 9 Central (7,100 acres)
- 10 East (3,821 acres)

SANTA ANA RIVER

- 11 Canyon (3,253 acres)
- 12 River (805 acres)

FOOTHILLS

- 13 North (2,623 acres)
- 14 North Central (1,597 acres)
- 15 Central (1,463 acres)

- 16 East (2,492 acres) 17 Southeast (275 acres)
- 18 South (2,208 acres)

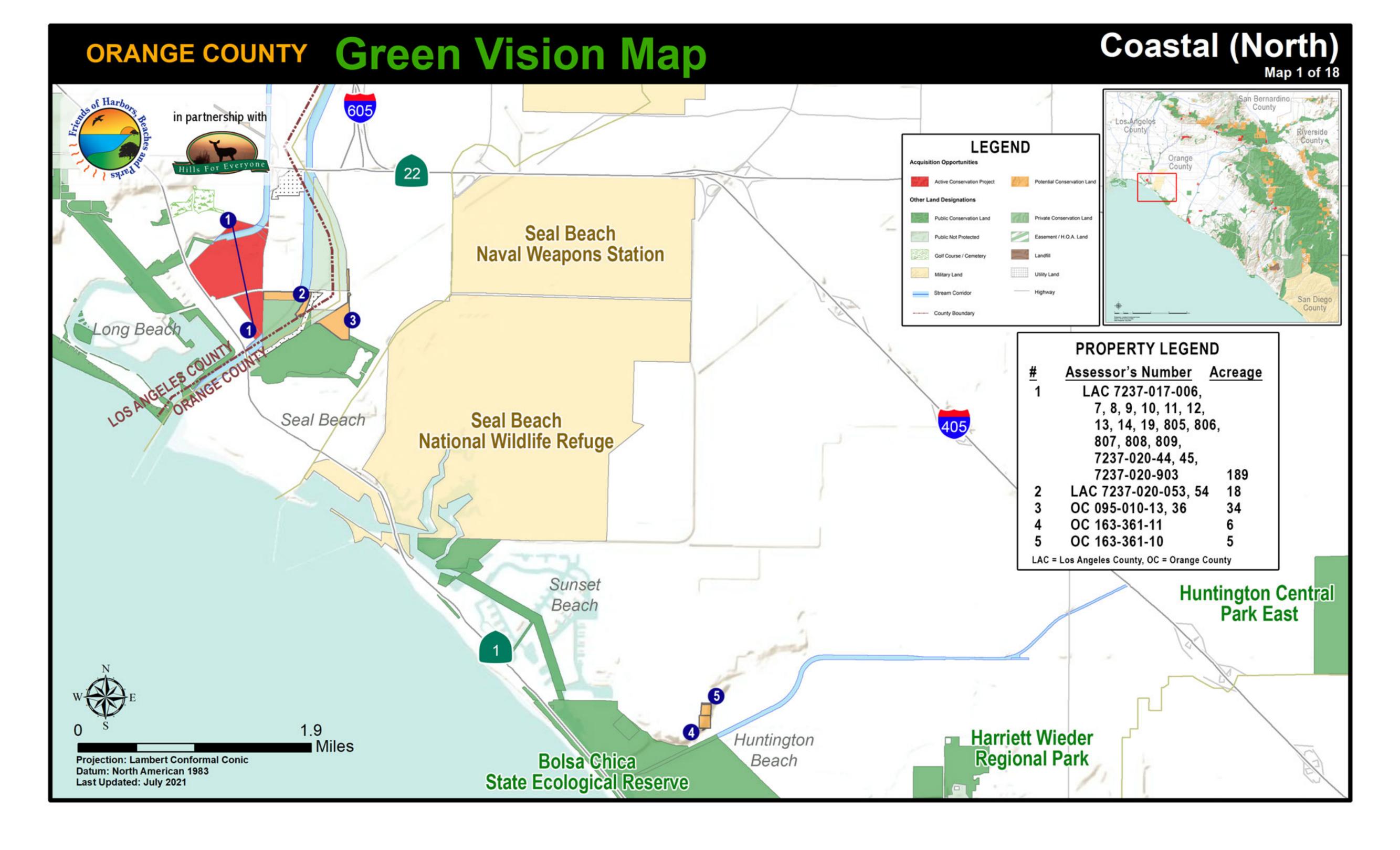
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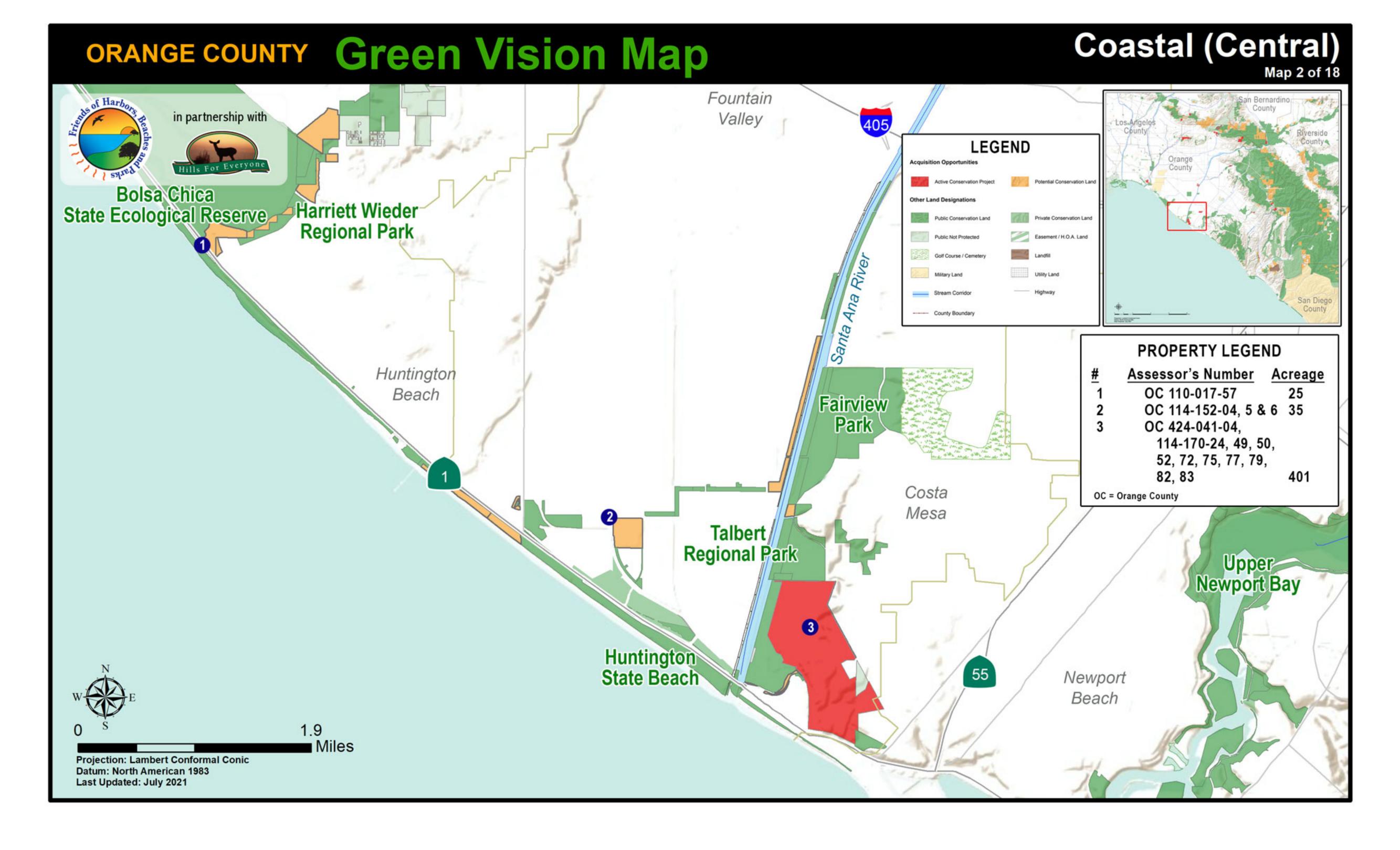
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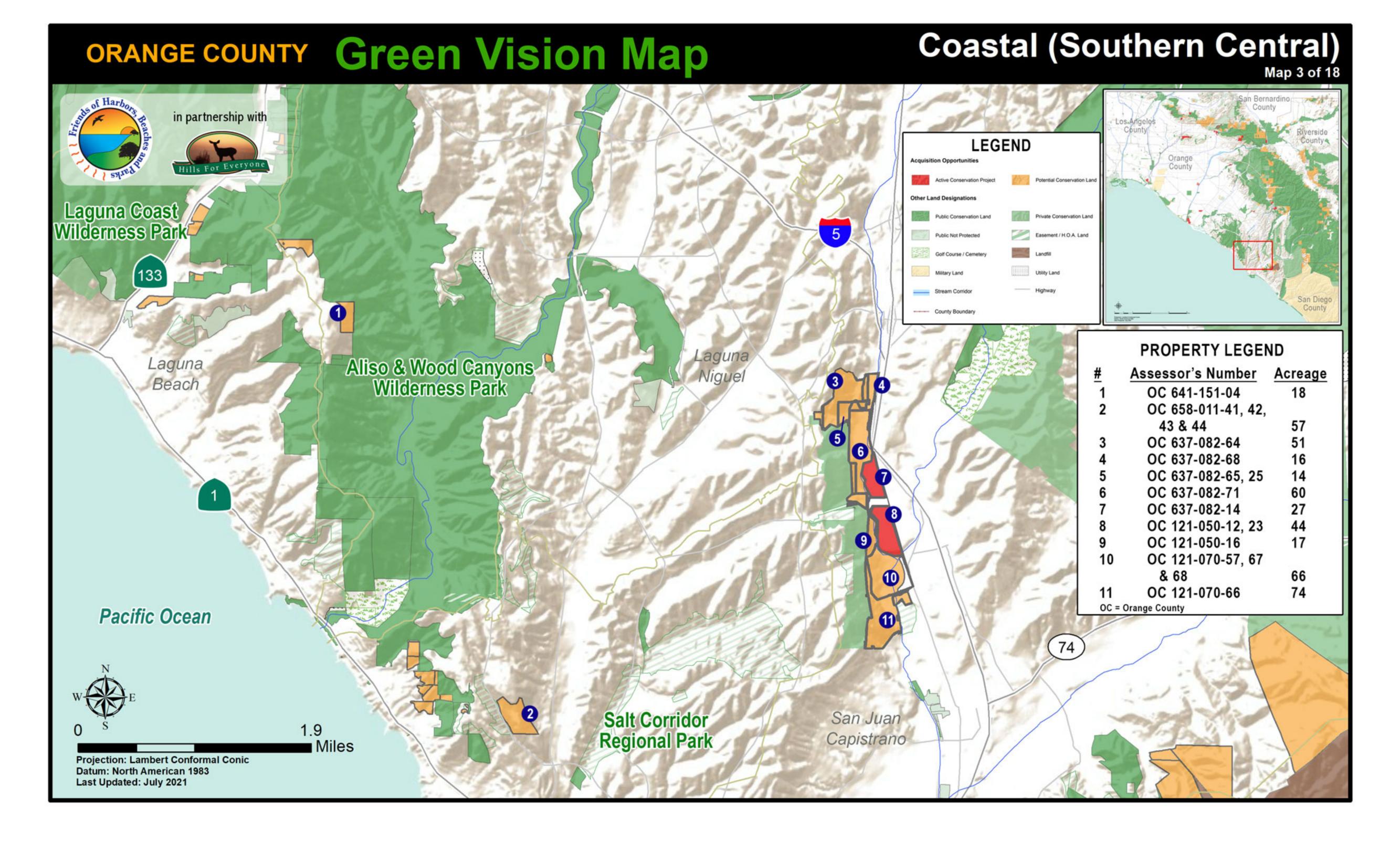


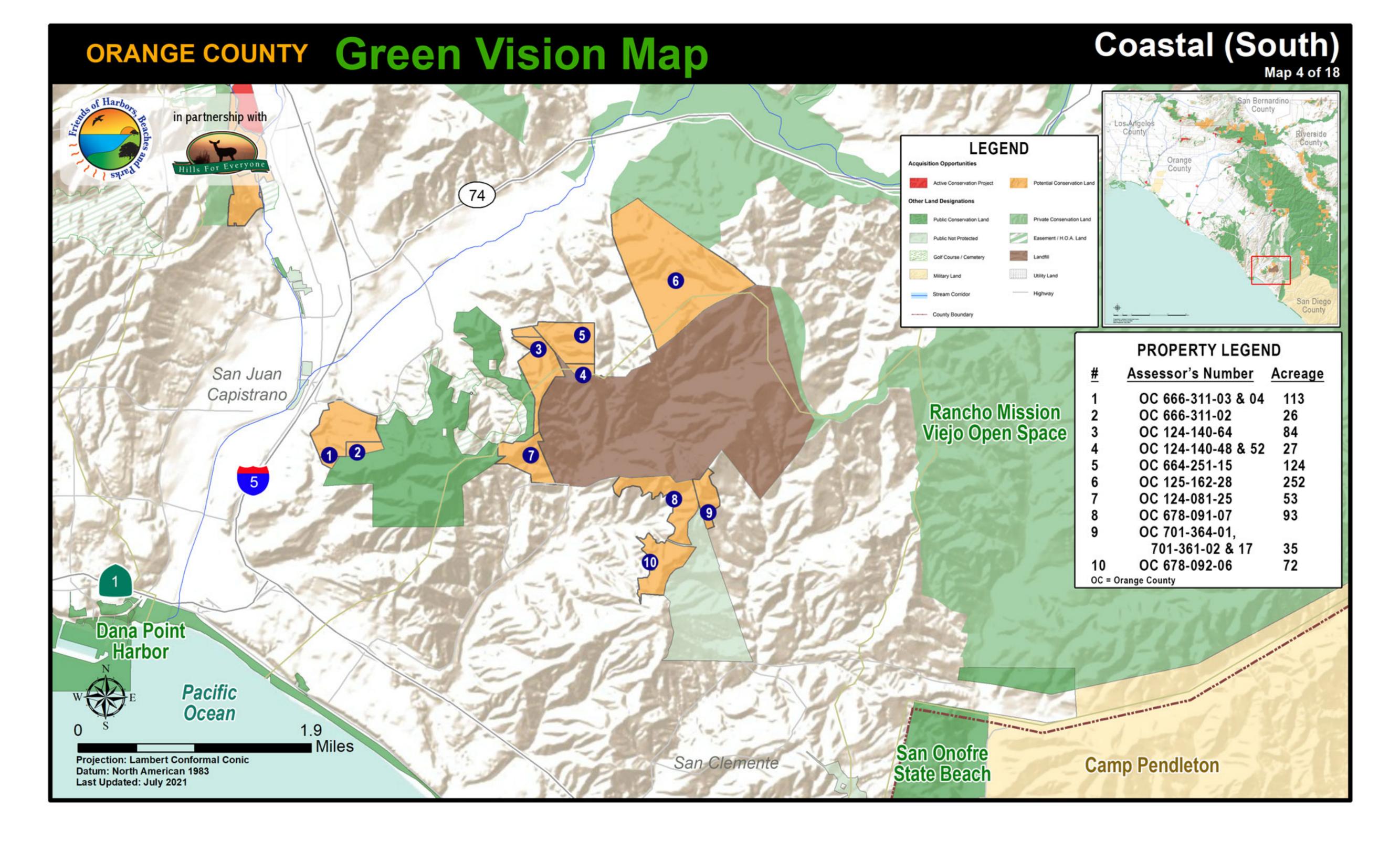


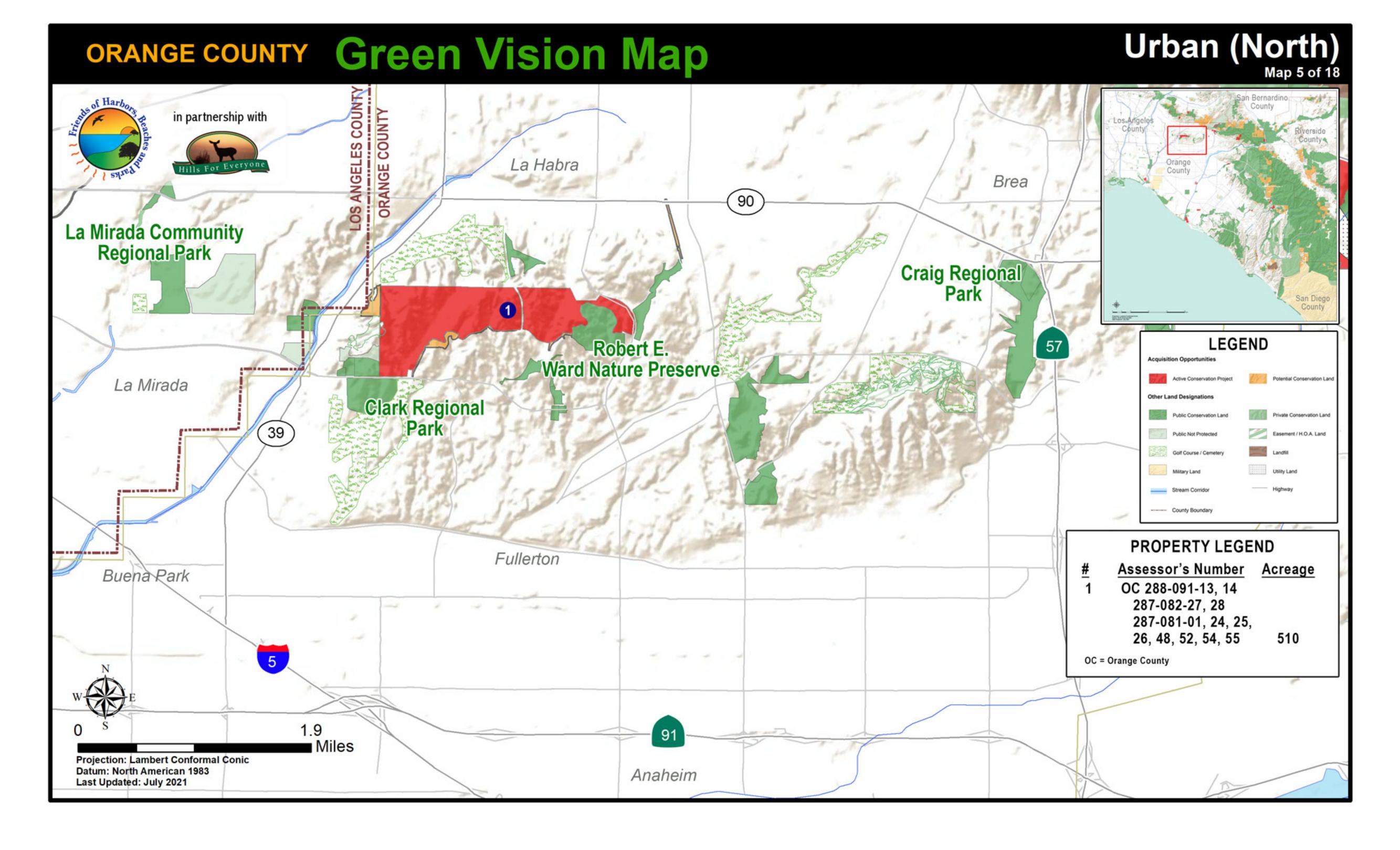
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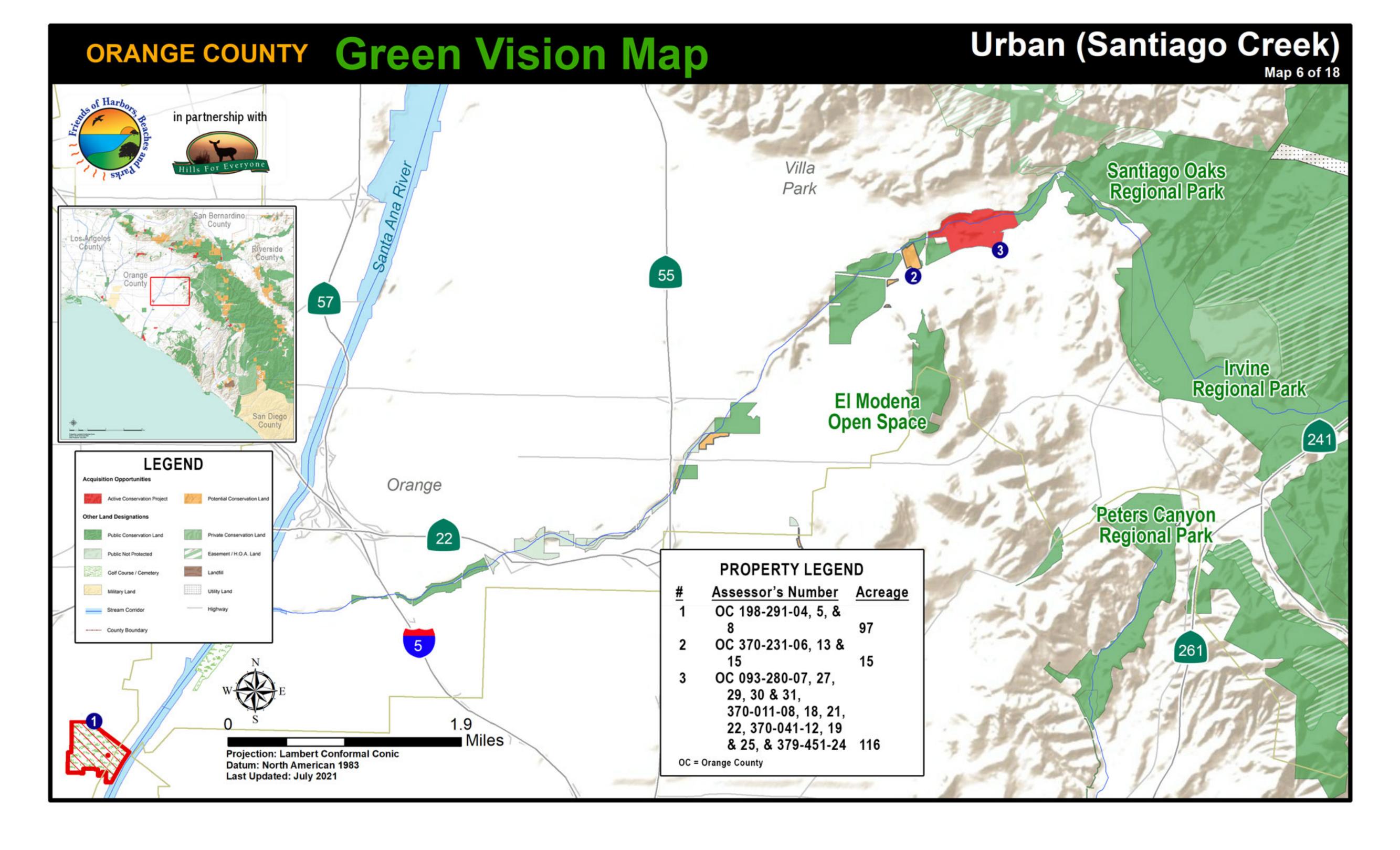


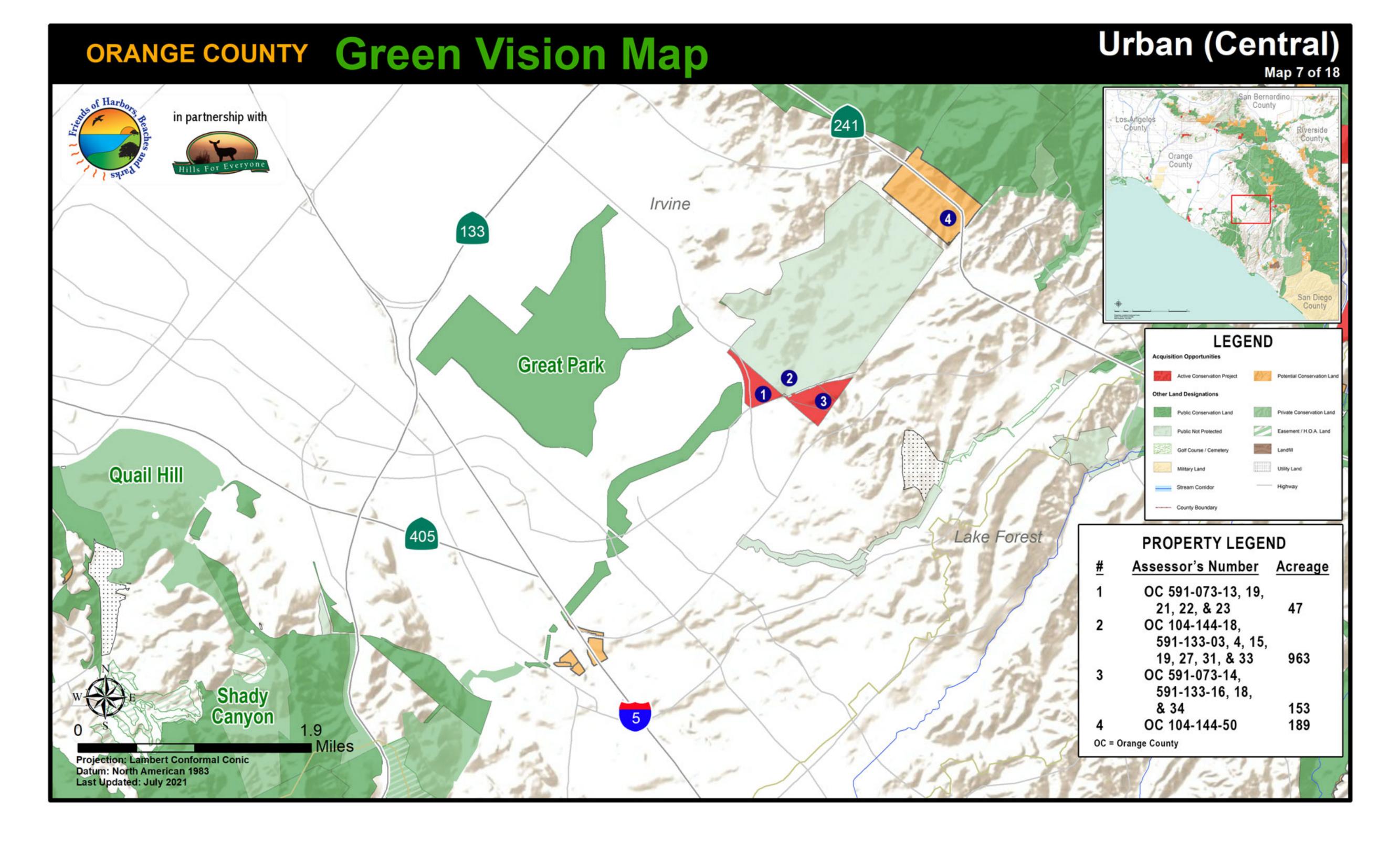


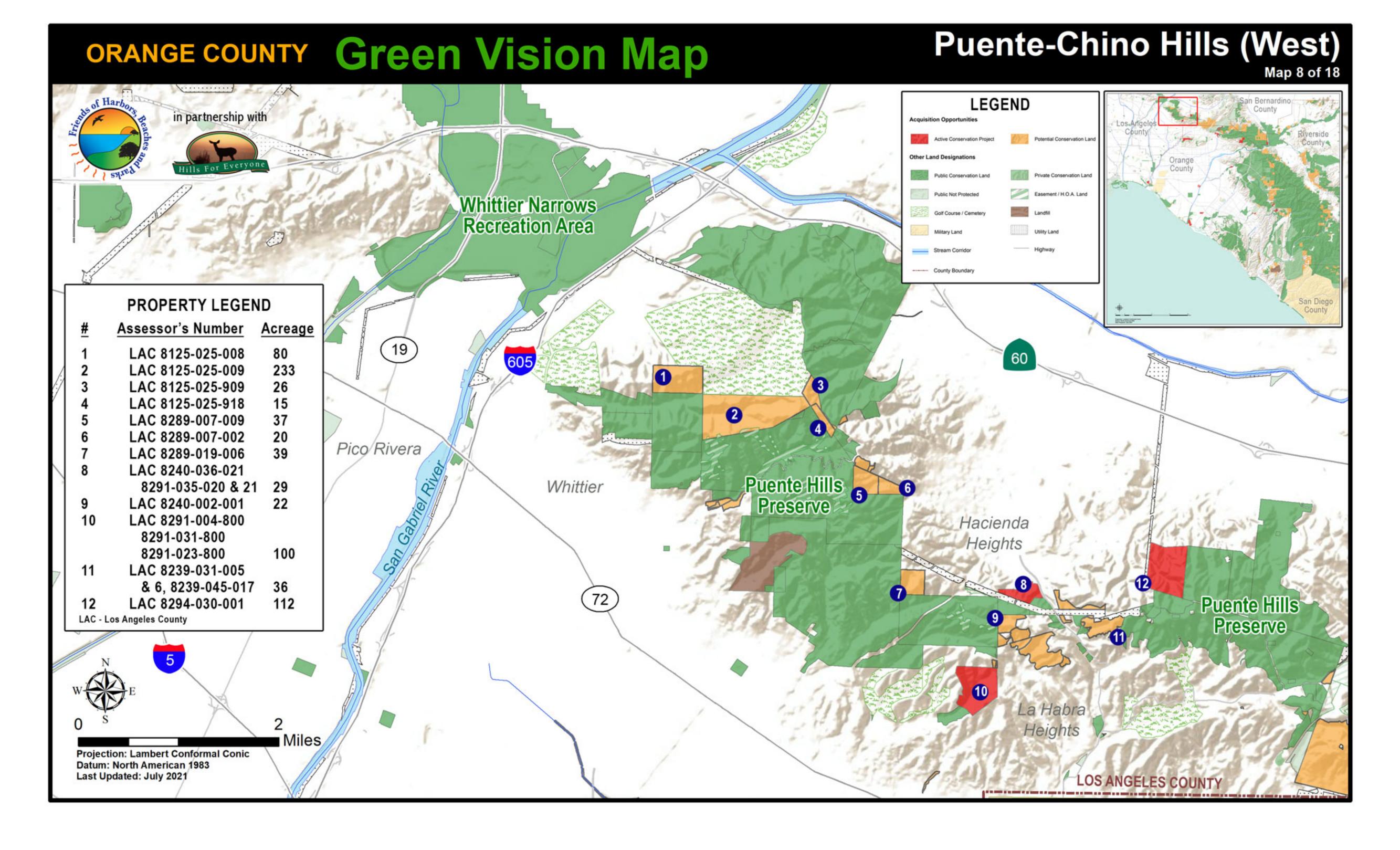


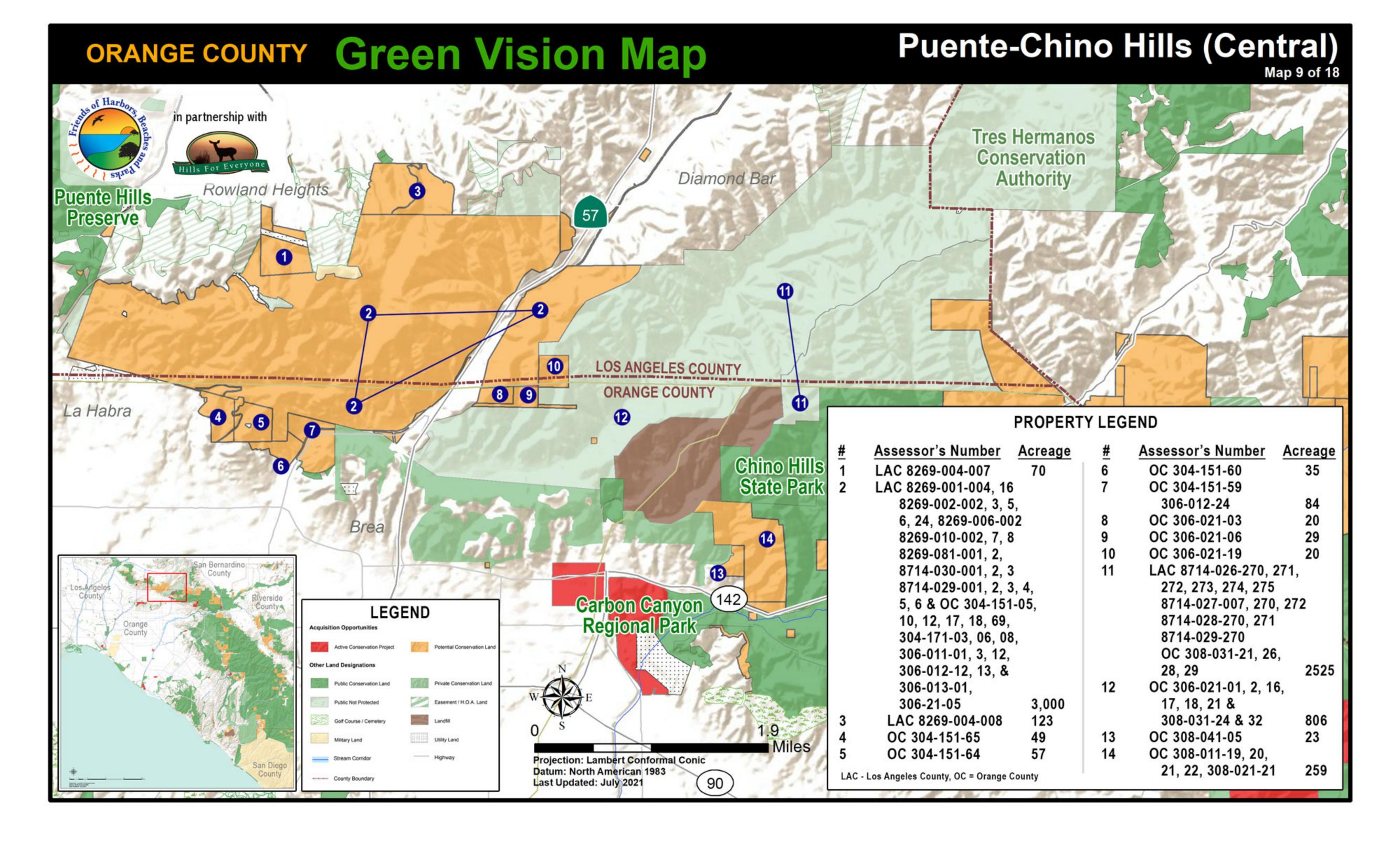








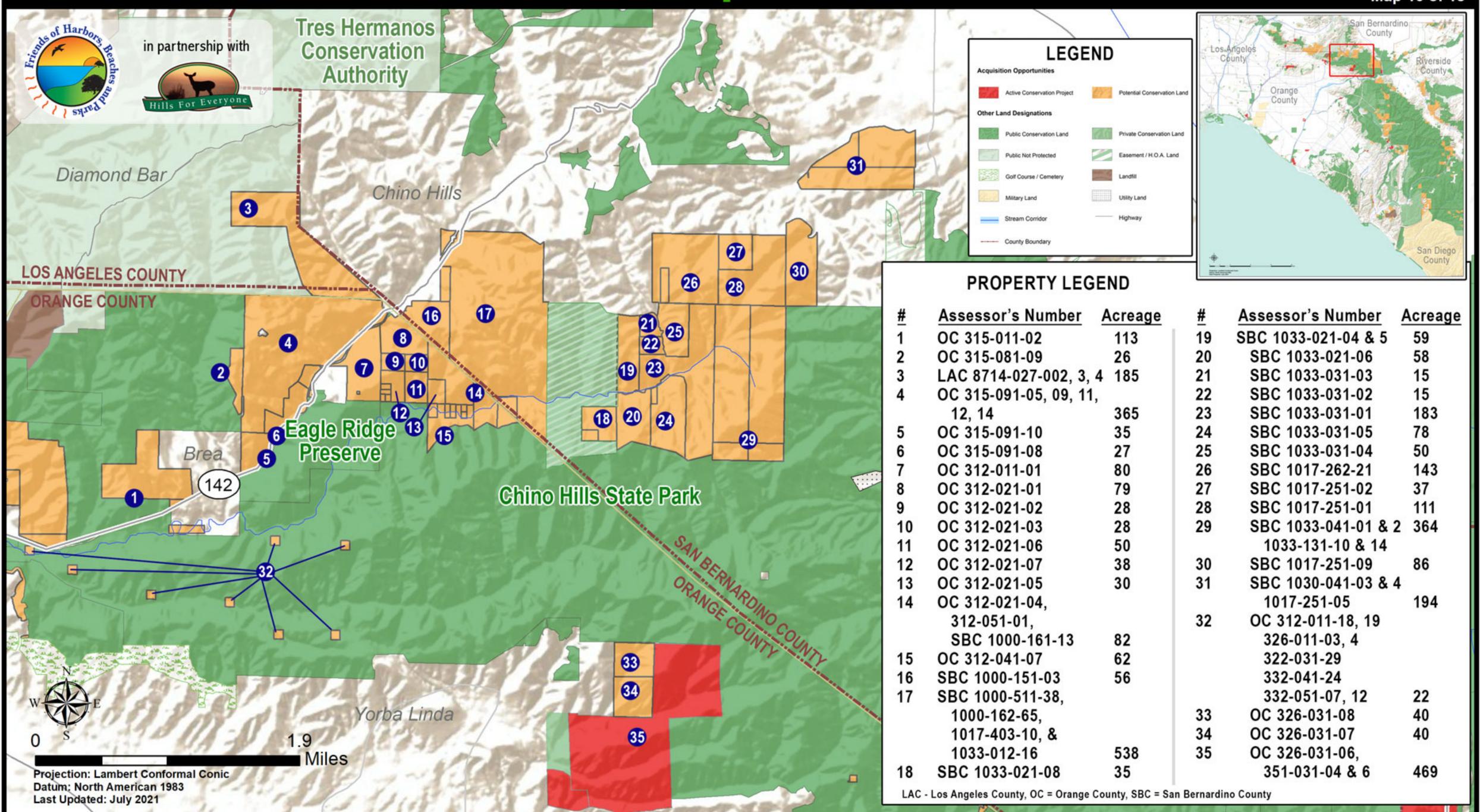




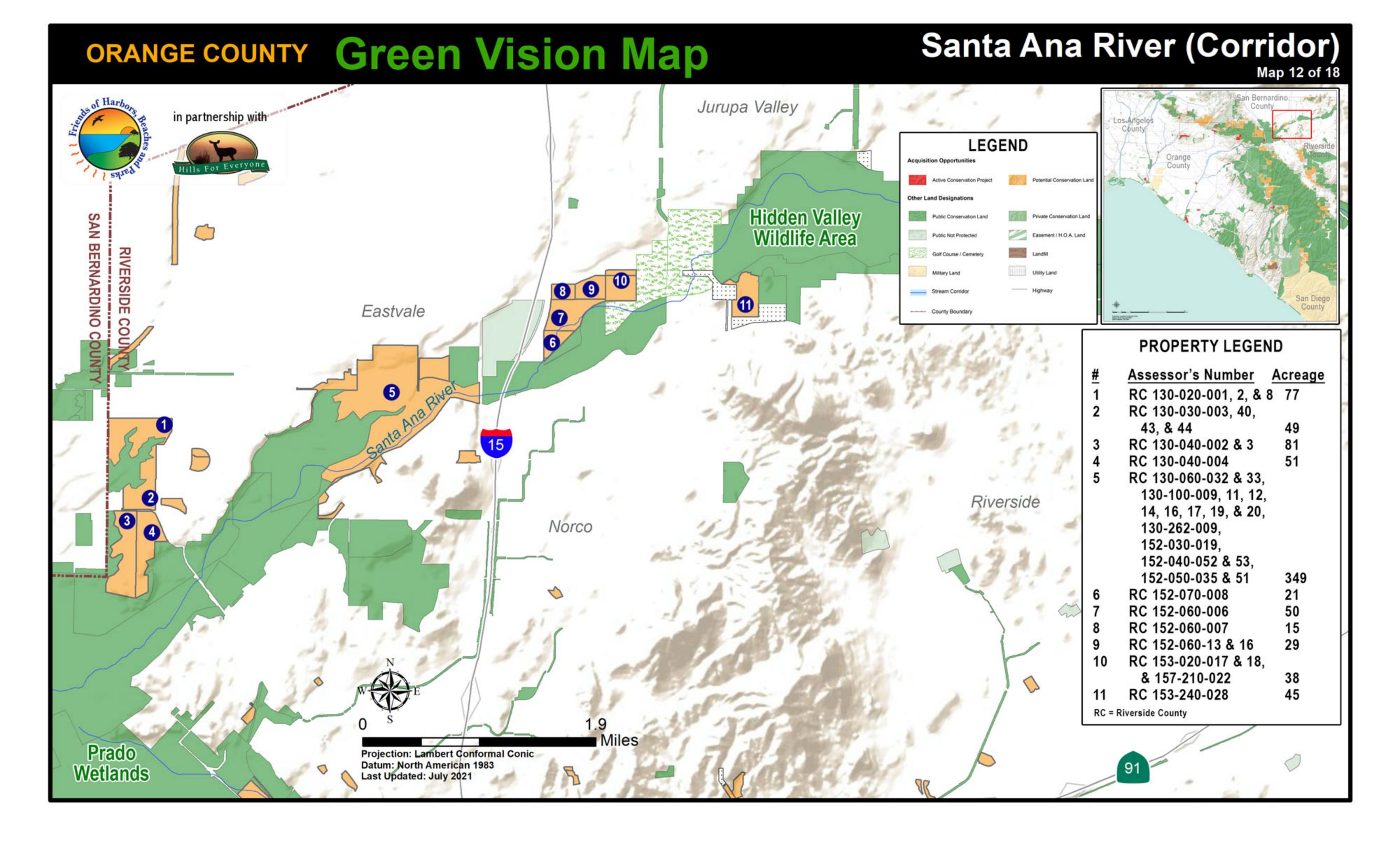
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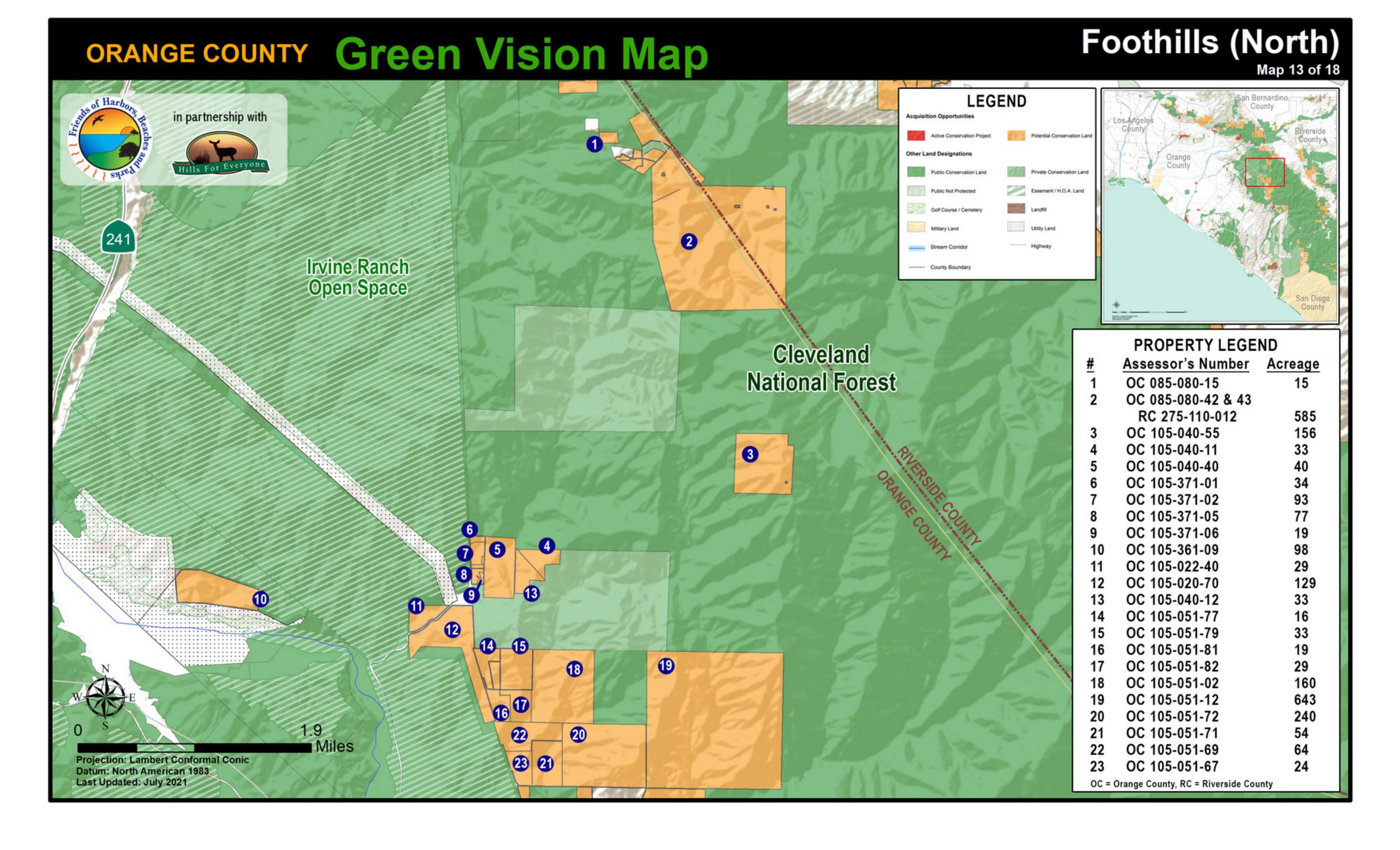
Puente-Chino Hills (East)

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Santa Ana River (Canyon) ORANGE COUNTY Green Vision Map Map 11 of 18 **LEGEND** in partnership with Private Conservation Land Easement / H.O.A. Land Chino Hills SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY RIVERSIDE COUNTY ---- County Boundary **Chino Hills State Park** Prado Wetlands 9 **PROPERTY LEGEND** 1 Assessor's Number Acreage Assessor's Number Acreage RC 101-040-001 38 SBC 1033-071-05 SBC 1057-121-05 1033-111-02, RC 101-040-002, 3 1033-151-09, 10, 11, RC 101-040-005, 6, 12, 16, 17 177 7, 8, & 9 SBC 1033-101-04, OC 329-024-06 Yorba Linda 1033-151-15 OC 329-023-02 & 4 1057-151-25 Corona 1057-261-06 697 OC 329-051-02 91 RC 101-180-014 & 15 47 SBC 1033-151-19, 28, (B) (B) RC 101-180-037 & 29 RC 101-180-036, SBC 1033-151-26 101-200-001, 5, 7, SBC 1057-271-01 Chino Hills & 101-210-003, 4, 11, SBC 1057-271-02 & 4 76 Anaheim **State Park** 13, 14, 15, 16, 18 SBC 1057-271-03 Miles 835 19, 21, 22 Projection: Lambert Conformal Conic SBC = San Bernardino County, RC = Riverside County, OC = Orange County, SBC = San Bernardino County Datum: North American 1983 Last Updated: July 2021





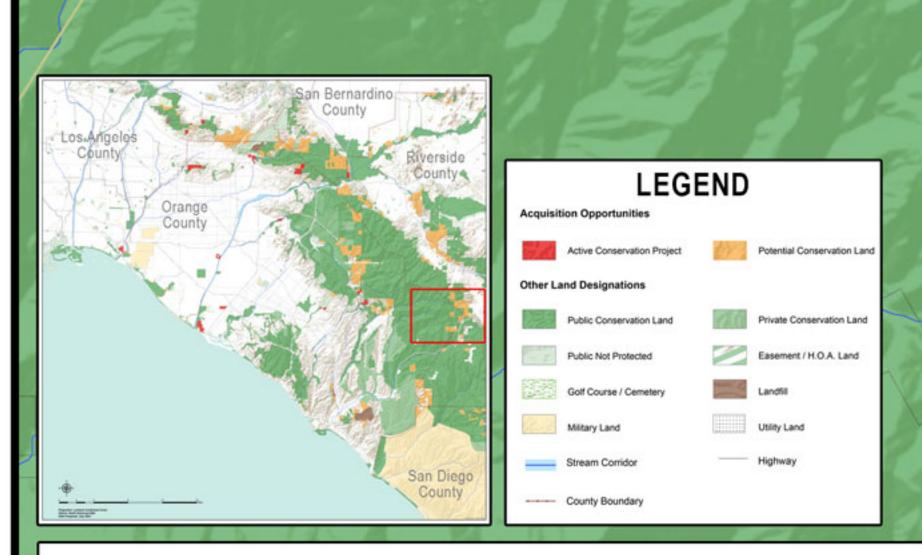
Foothills (North Central) ORANGE COUNTY Green Vision Map Map 14 of 18 in partnership with 6 **LEGEND** Cleveland **Limestone Canyon** Wilderness Park National Forest Other Land Designations Public Conservation La Private Conservation Land Easement / H.O.A. Land Public Not Protected Golf Course / Cemetery Stream Corridor 27 28 **PROPERTY LEGEND** Assessor's Number Acreage Assessor's Number Acreage OC 876-011-04 OC 105-201-42 20 18 OC 105-051-18, OC 105-201-23 20 867-011-07, 08, 11 & 18 257 OC 105-201-41 OC 876-011-10 OC 105-201-74 OC 105-201-17 Whiting Ranch OC 876-011-12 OC 105-051-17 OC 105-201-26 Wilderness Park OC 876-011-17 OC 105-201-25 OC 876-011-20 OC 105-201-24 OC 105-201-16 OC 876-011-15 OC 876-021-18 OC 105-201-04 38 OC 105-201-97 OC 105-201-72 OC 876-021-04, 5, & 15 OC 105-201-73 82 20 OC 876-021-06 OC 105-202-67 Trabuco OC 105-051-58 32 OC 105-202-68 Lake Canyon OC 105-051-21, 33 & 57 OC 105-202-70 60 Forest OC 867-071-04 37 OC 105-051-20 1.9 OC 105-201-06, 31 34 OC 867-021-08 Miles 66 & 67 OC 858-011-10 148 Projection: Lambert Conformal Conic O'Neill OC = Orange County Datum: North American 1983 Regional Park Last Updated: July 2021

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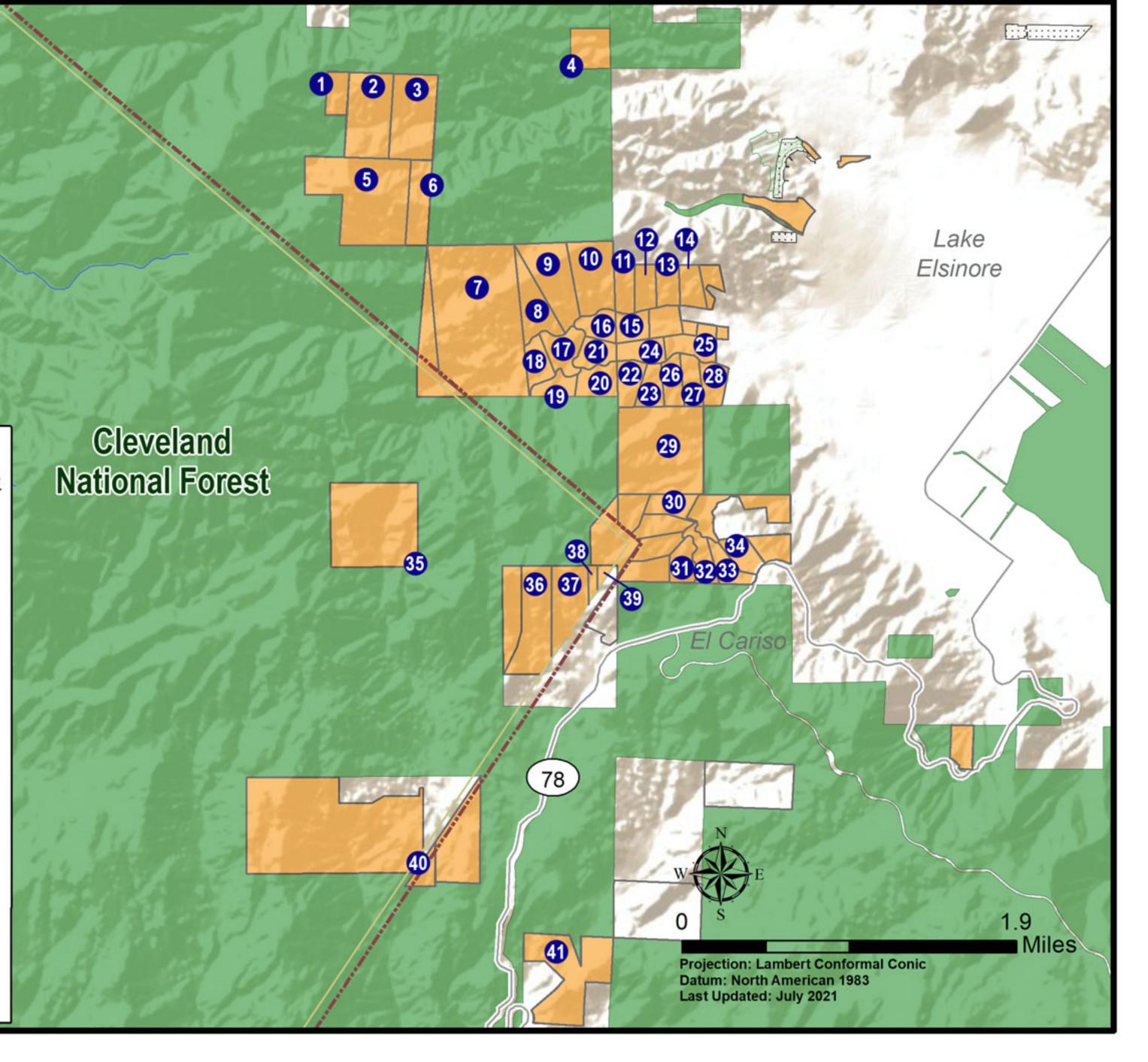
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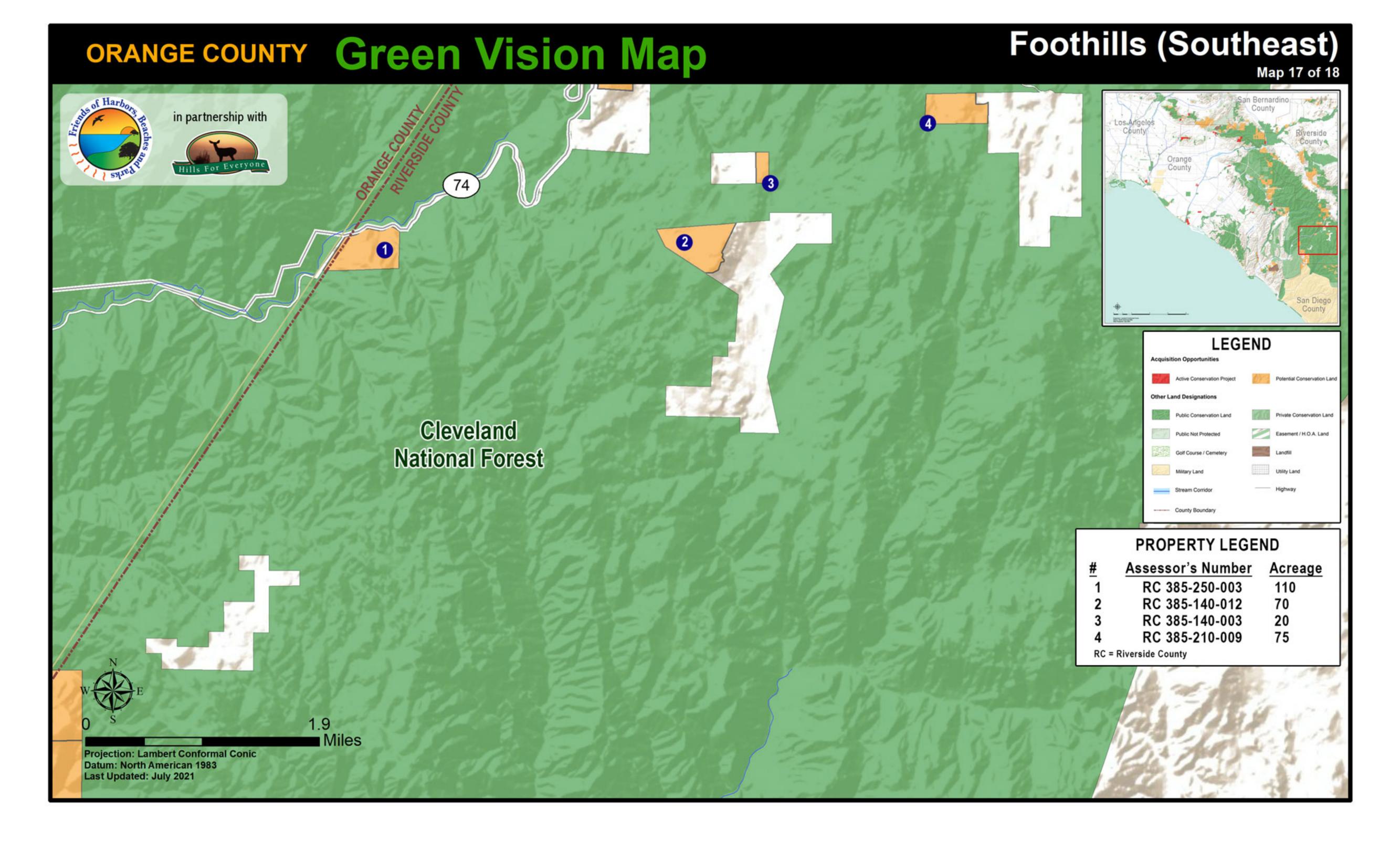




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2	RC 394-130-003	80	23	RC 387-280-007	20
3	RC 394-130-004	80	24	RC 387-280-005	22
4	RC 394-130-009	40	25	RC 387-280-017	28
5	RC 394-130-010	147	26	RC 387-280-008	20
6	RC 394-130-011	40	27	RC 387-280-009	20
7	RC 387-020-019	275	28	RC 387-280-010	20
8	RC 387-290-003	41	29	RC 387-020-008	156
9	RC 387-290-002	62	30	RC 387-260-002	21
10	RC 387-290-001	61	31	RC 387-260-007	21
11	RC 387-270-012	21	32	RC 387-260-014	21
12	RC 387-270-011	20	33	RC 387-260-019	20
13	RC 387-270-010	20	34	RC 387-260-018	18
14	RC 387-270-009	20	35	OC 125-120-34	158
15	RC 387-270-013	20	36	OC 125-120-37	194
16	RC 387-290-004	20	37	OC 125-120-04	56
17	RC 387-290-006	29	38	OC 125-120-27	28
18	RC 387-290-007	22	39	OC 125-120-30	25
19	RC 387-290-008	24	40	OC 125-120-41,	
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Foothills (South)

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