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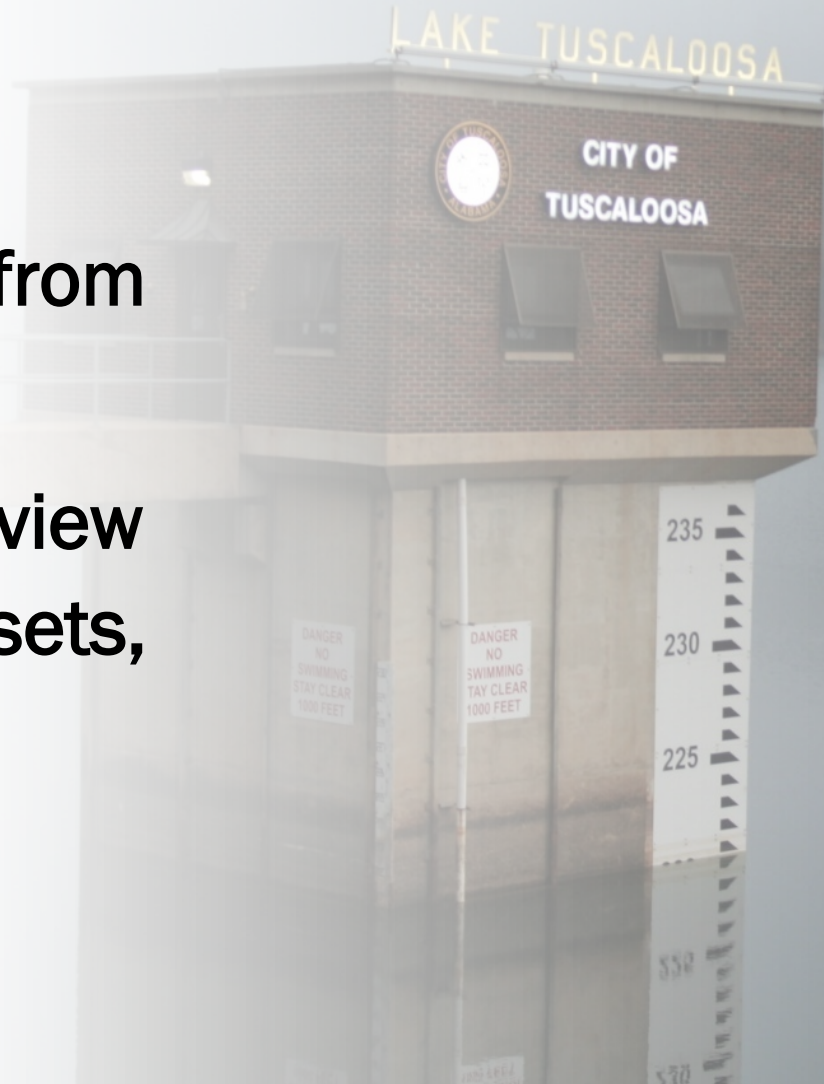
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**2019 Tuscaloosa Lakes**  
Steering Subcommittee Meeting

February 6, 2019

# Agenda

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. Importance of Our Lakes from a Utility Perspective
3. Lakes Infrastructure Overview (Water Territories, City Assets, Private Assets)
4. Q & A







# Importance of Our Lakes From A Utility Perspective

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# Some Questions to Ponder

- Why did the City build dams to make lakes for water supply?
- Why not use the Warrior River?
- What is the core function of our lakes?
- What happens if any of our lakes fail to meet their core function?
- How might a lake fail to meet its core function?
- What is the life expectancy of a dam? Of raw water pipes?
- What infrastructure is associated with a water supply reservoir?



# Lakes and Water Treatment Overview

- 3 dams
  - *Harris Lake*
  - *Lake Nicol*
  - *Lake Tuscaloosa*
- 20 miles of raw water transmission mains
- Numerous raw water main valves
- Supply raw water to Ed Love and Jerry Plott water treatment plants

# Lakes and Water Treatment Overview (continued)

- Current total water treatment capacity is 57 million gallons per day
- Currently average about 24 million gallons per day of treated water
- Lake Tuscaloosa is normal source of supply for both water treatment plants
- Lake Nicol is used infrequently
- Harris Lake serves one commercial customer

# Lake Nicol and Harris Lake Structures



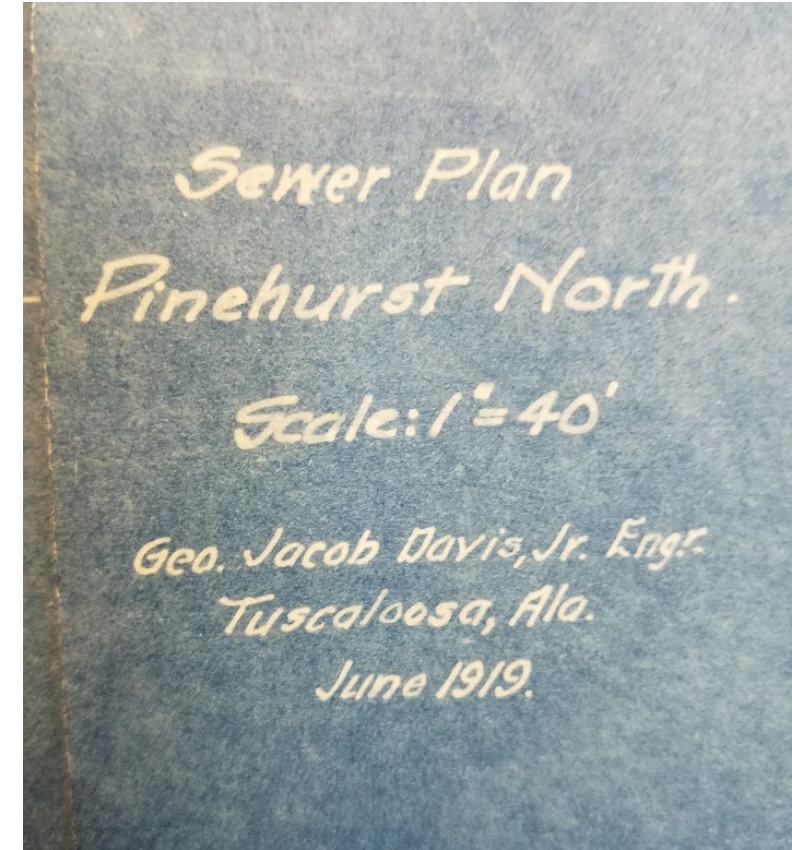
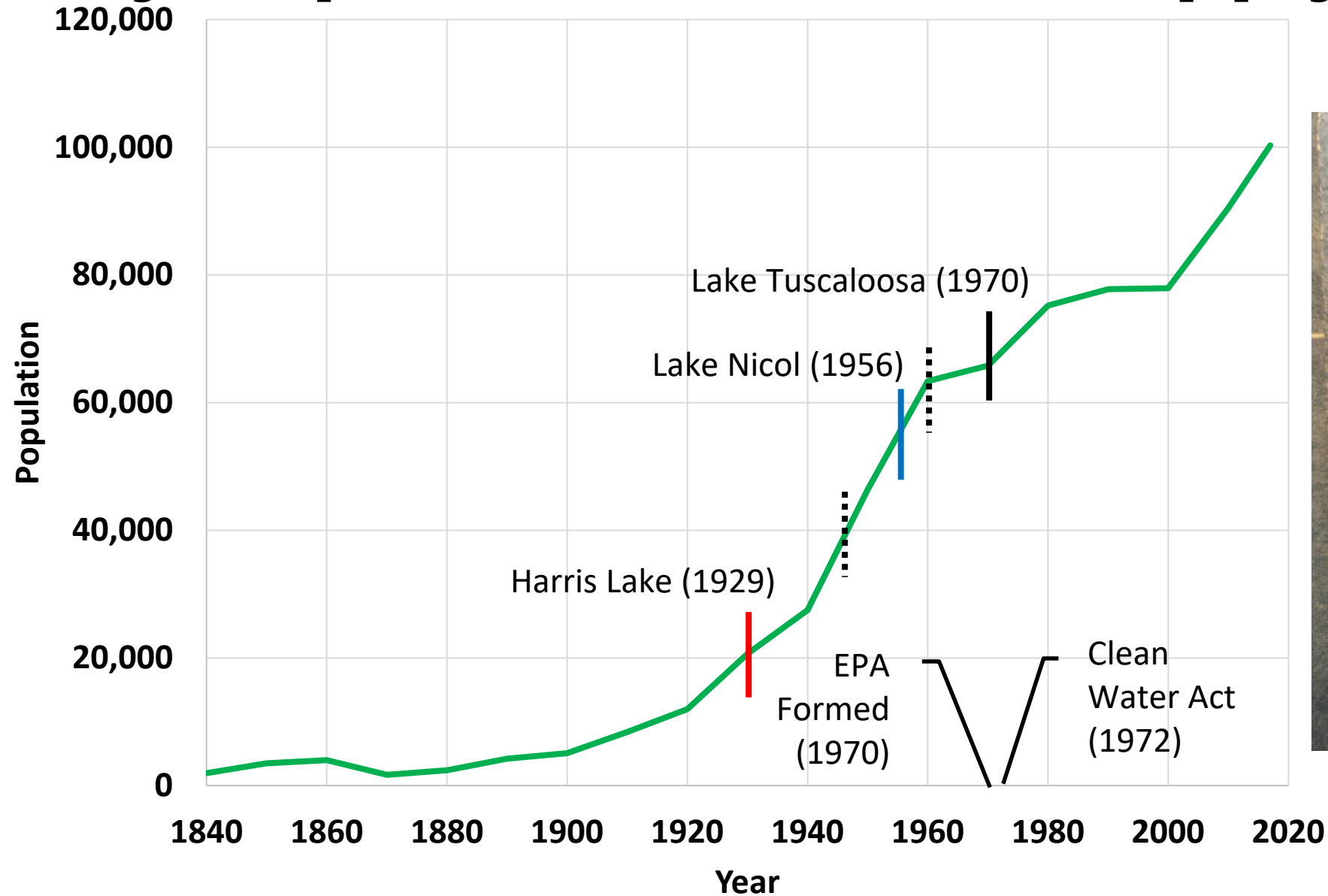


# Raw Water Mains





# City Population vs Water Supply Assets



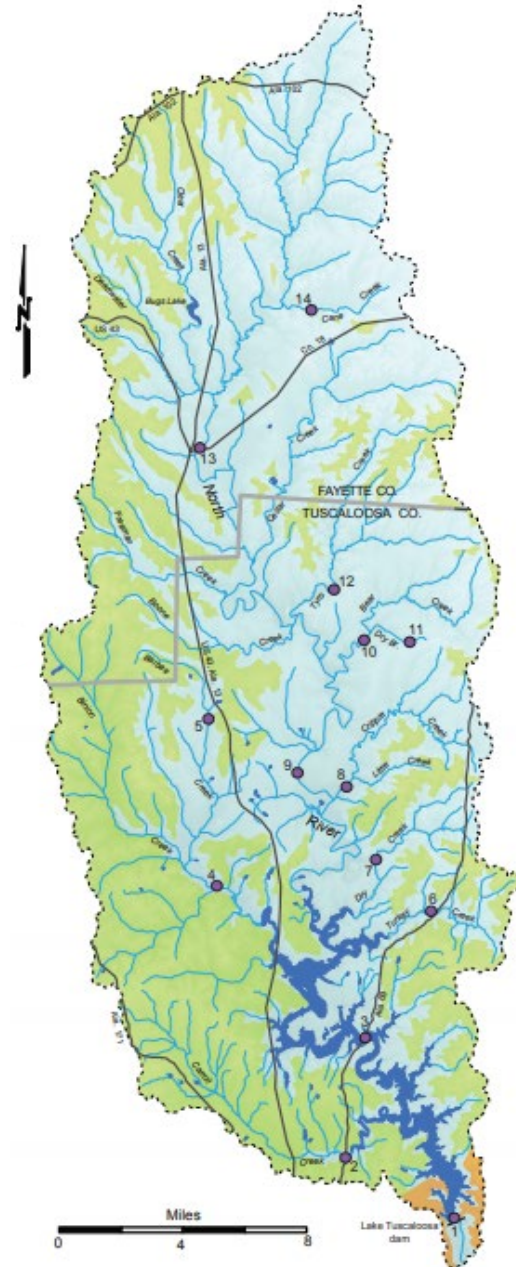
# Lake Tuscaloosa Overview

- Watershed is 287,561 acres (449 square miles)
- Safe yield of Lake Tuscaloosa = 200 million gallons per day
- The annual average residence time for water in the lake is 87.5 days.

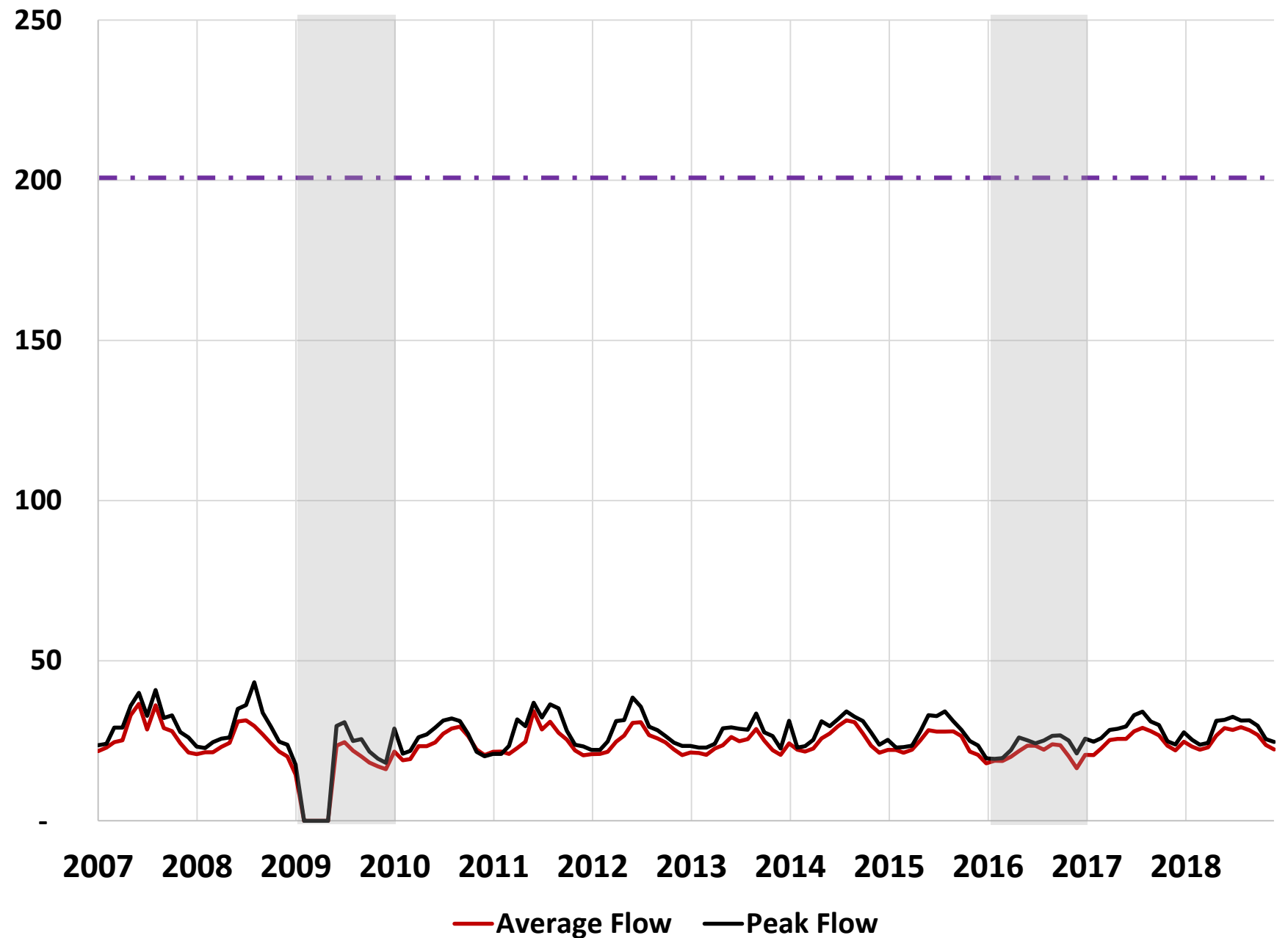


# Watersheds

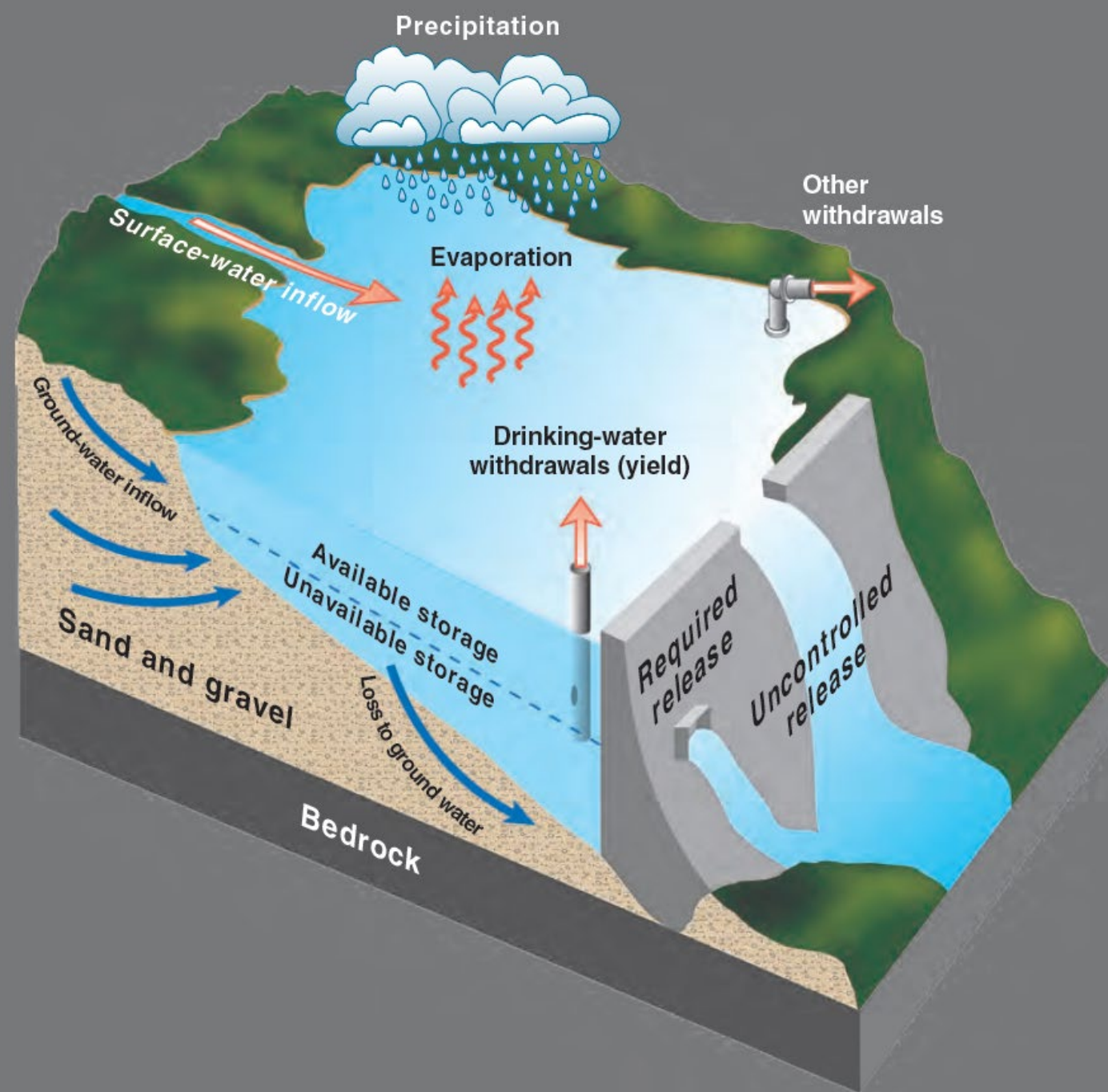
- Lake Tuscaloosa is the drinking water source for 200k people
- Water quality has consistently met standards but there are concerns with growth due to:
  - *Erosion (particularly slopes)*
  - *Runoff*
  - *Septic systems*



# Treated Water in Millions of Gallons Per Day



# Overview of a Drinking Water Supply Reservoir





# Lake Tuscaloosa Dam



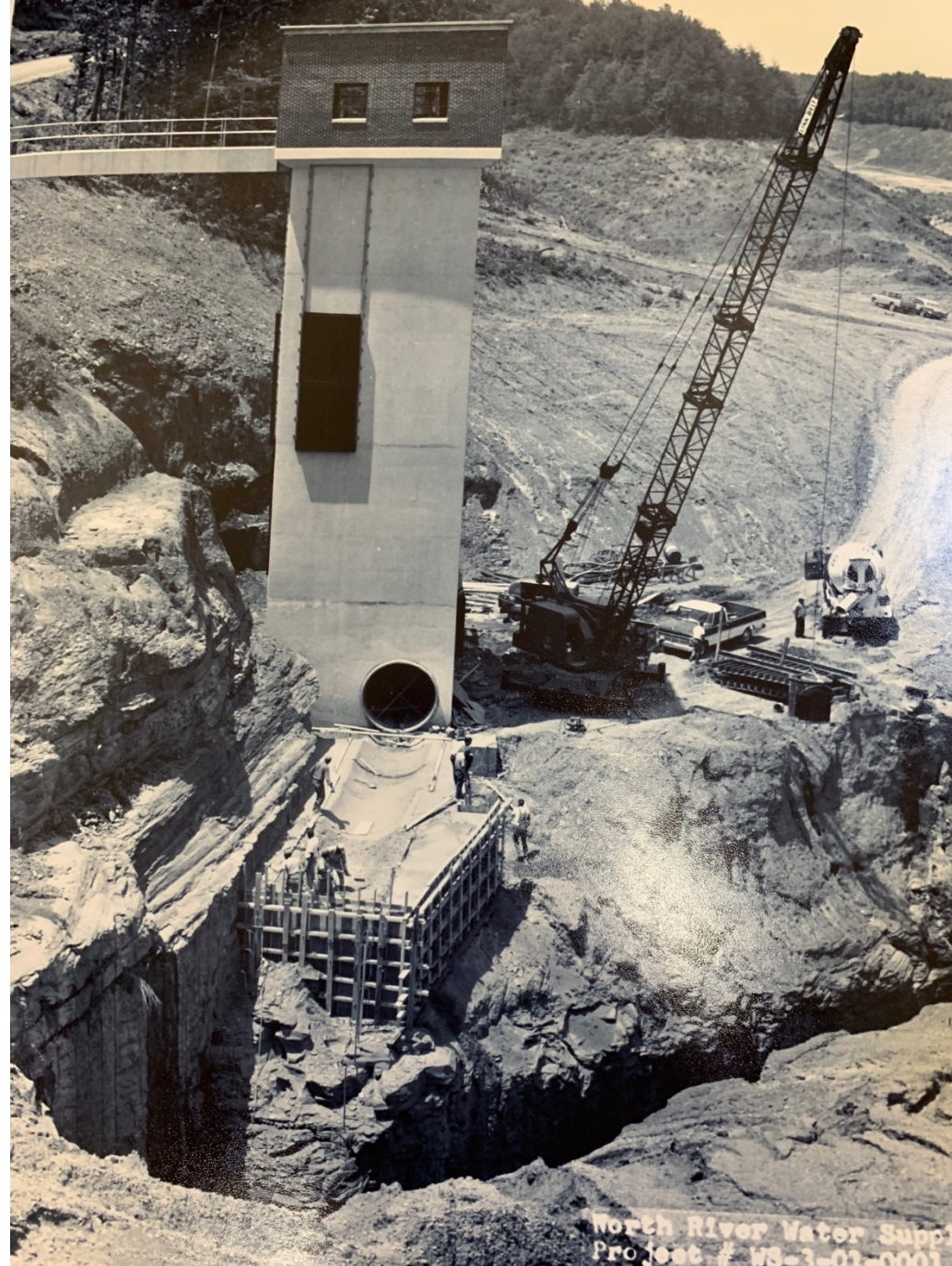


# Lake Tuscaloosa Dam and Intake Structure





# Lake Tuscaloosa Intake Structure





# Lake Tuscaloosa Intake Structure





# Lake Tuscaloosa Tunnel and Raw Water Lines



# Challenges

- Aging infrastructure
  - *Harris Lake dam is 90 years old.*
  - *Lake Nicol dam is 63 years old.*
  - *Lake Tuscaloosa dam is 49 years old.*
- Municipal code could use some attention
- The potential for water quality degradation
- Sedimentation
- Source water protection
- Funding



- Municipal code could use some attention

- **Example: irrigation pumps**

- *Pumps up to 100 gallons per minute are allowed*
- *If every dock with electrical service turned on a 100 GPM pump, that would take 25% (51 MGD) of Lake Tuscaloosa's safe yield (200 MGD)*
- *If every dock owner had a 100 GPM pump, this could use more than 75% of the safe yield*
- *At build-out condition, irrigation pumps could consume more than 3 times the safe yield (672 MGD)*

# Water System Conditions

- Lake Tuscaloosa provides a plentiful supply of water
- Backup water sources are Lake Nicol and Harris Lake, but these cannot meet the City's water demand
- Existing water supply facilities are adequate for water capacity and water quality at present
- Water supply facilities are aging, which is a concern
- Water treatment capacity is about 25% of the safe yield of Lake Tuscaloosa and will need expanding at some point

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# Lakes Infrastructure Overview

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# 2018 Lake Operation Costs

Lakes Division - \$700,000.00

9 Employees

Lake Police - \$150,000.00

2 Employees + 1 Security

Total Annual Lake Costs - \$850,000.00

Revenues Generated from Lake Division - \$100,000

# Private Assets on Lake Tuscaloosa - Docks and Lake Structures

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# Dock Statistics for Lake Tuscaloosa

Structures: 1156

No Power: 491

Power and Verified Correct: 351

Non Compliant: 194

Approx. 1,000,000 Sq Ft of Docks

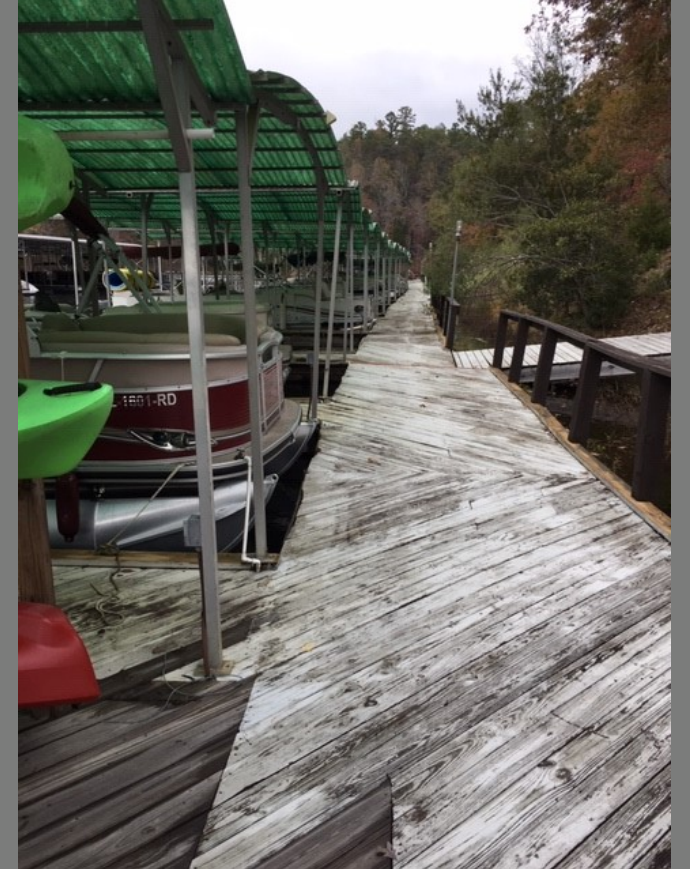
Permitted for Work: 120

Commercial: 8

Seawalls: 254 (approx.)

Private Ramps: 79 (approx.)

# Docks and Other Structures





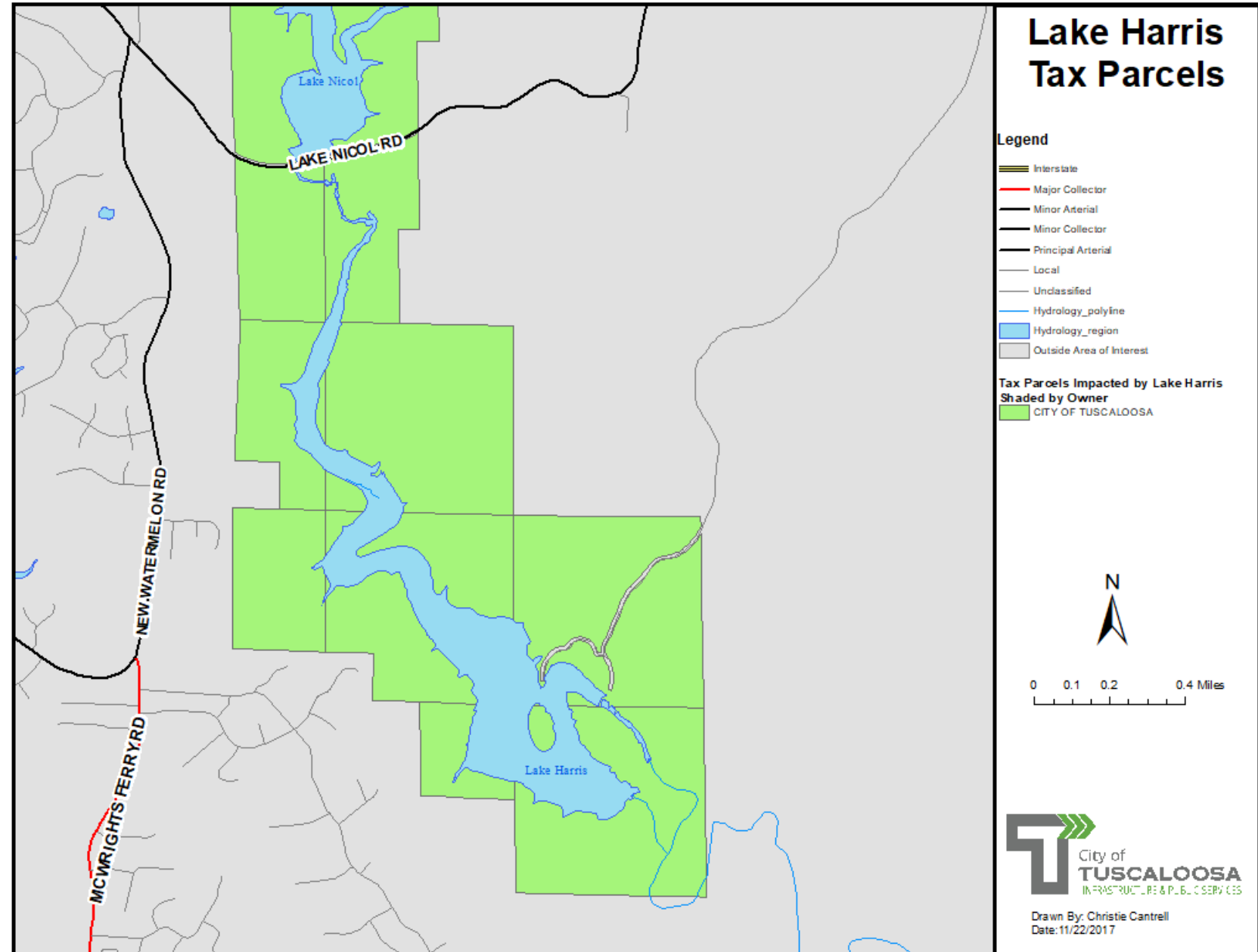
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# Recreation Infrastructure on the Lakes

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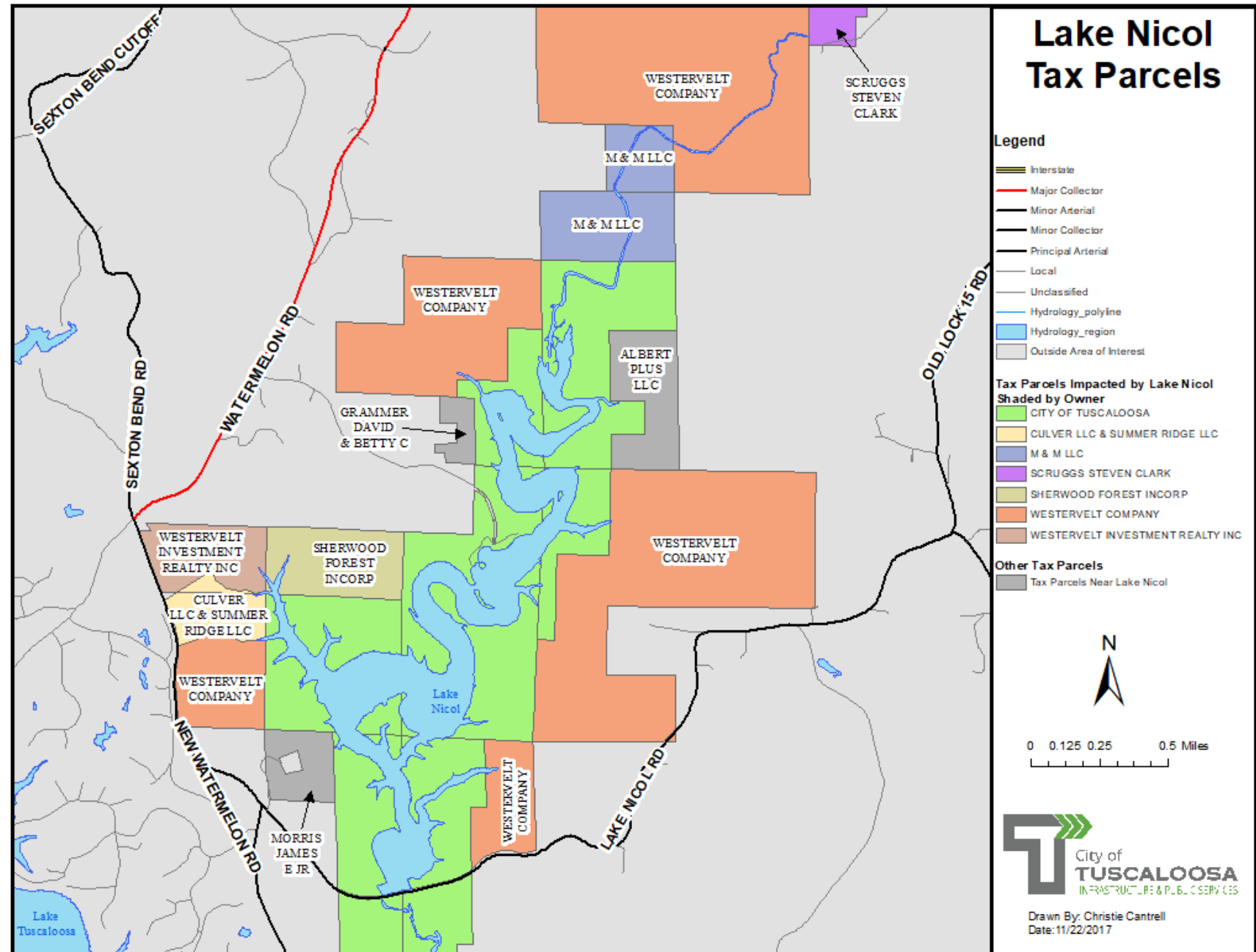
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1. Lake Harris Dam constructed in 1929.
2. City of Tuscaloosa population was approximately 20,659
3. Total land owned by city around lake – 234 acres.

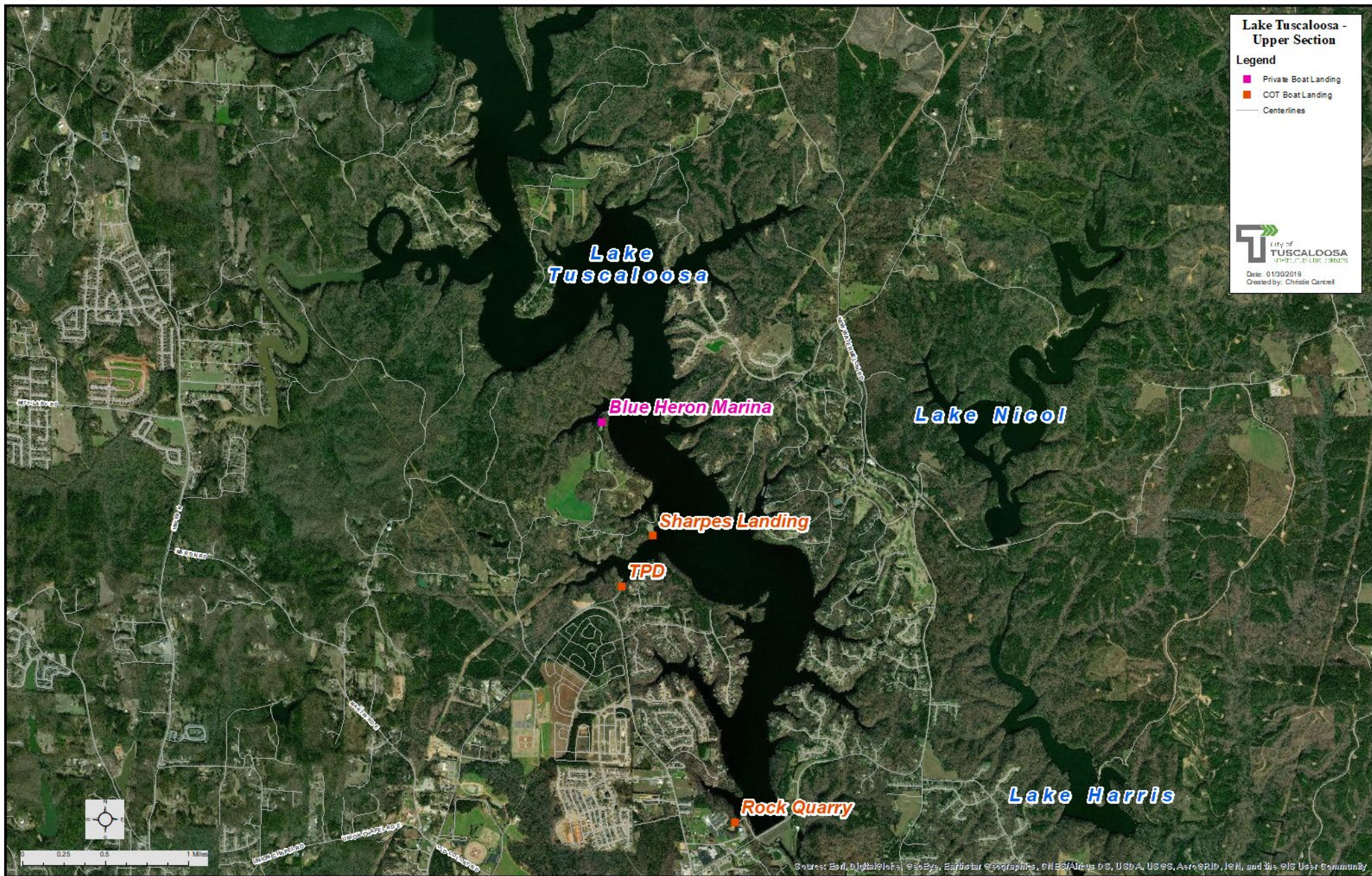




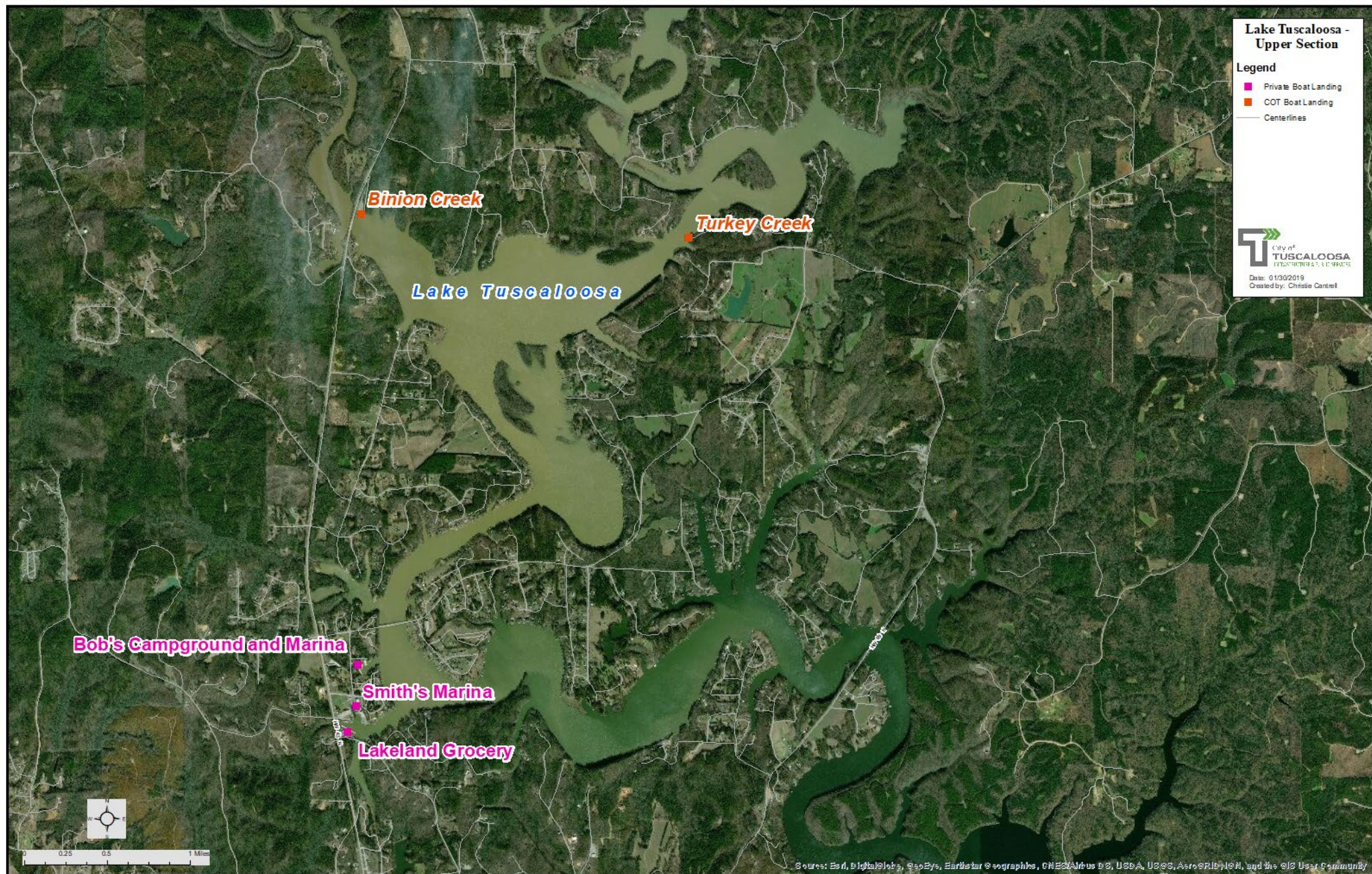
1. Lake Nicol Dam constructed in 1956
2. City of Tuscaloosa population was approximately 54,883
3. Total land owned by city around lake – 1,095 Acres











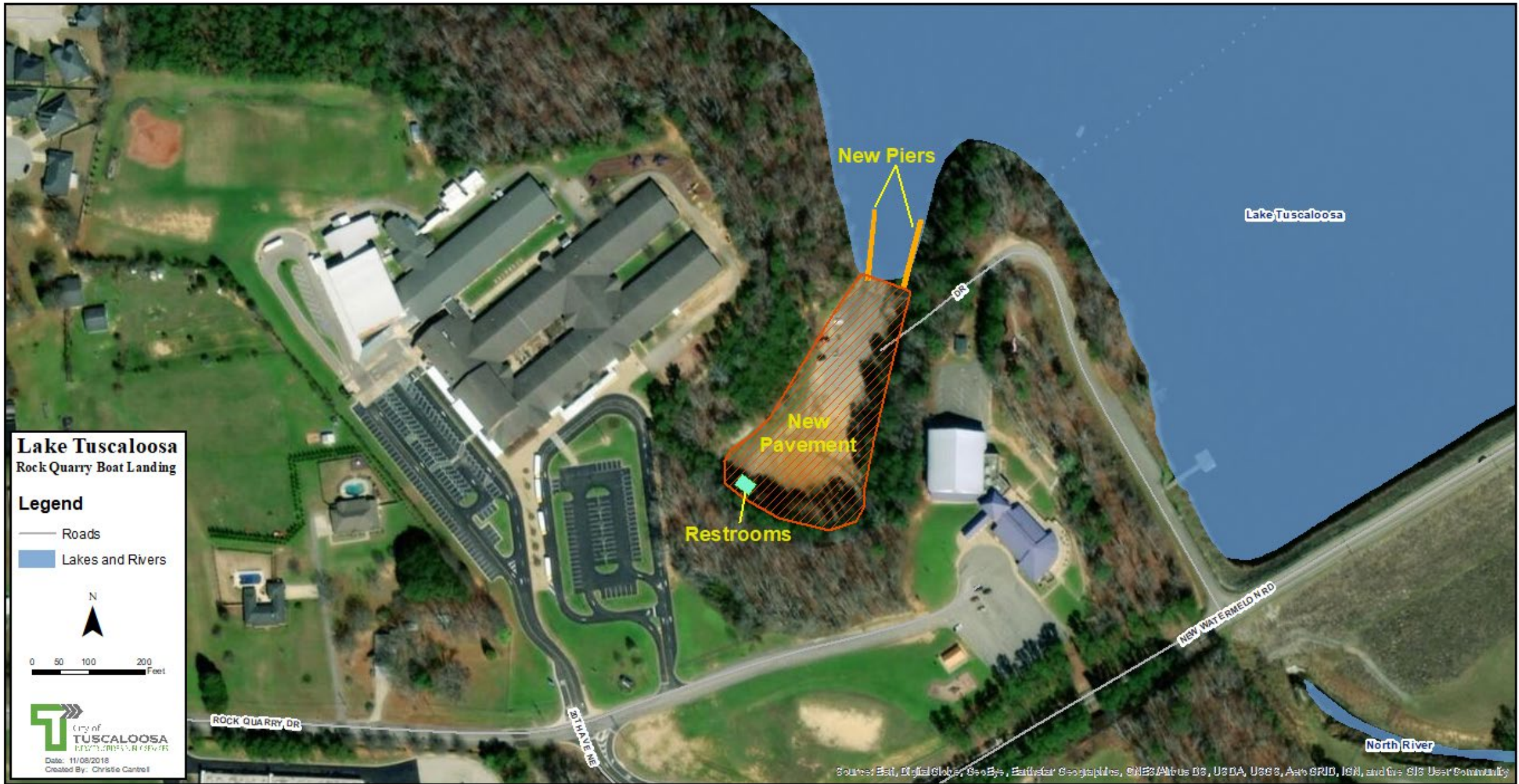


# Rock Quarry Landing



11 Marked parking spaces, 25-30 can park on gravel







# Sharp's Landing



36 Marked parking spaces



# Binion Creek Landing



60 Marked parking spaces, 10-25 unmarked parking spaces





# Water & Sewer Service Areas

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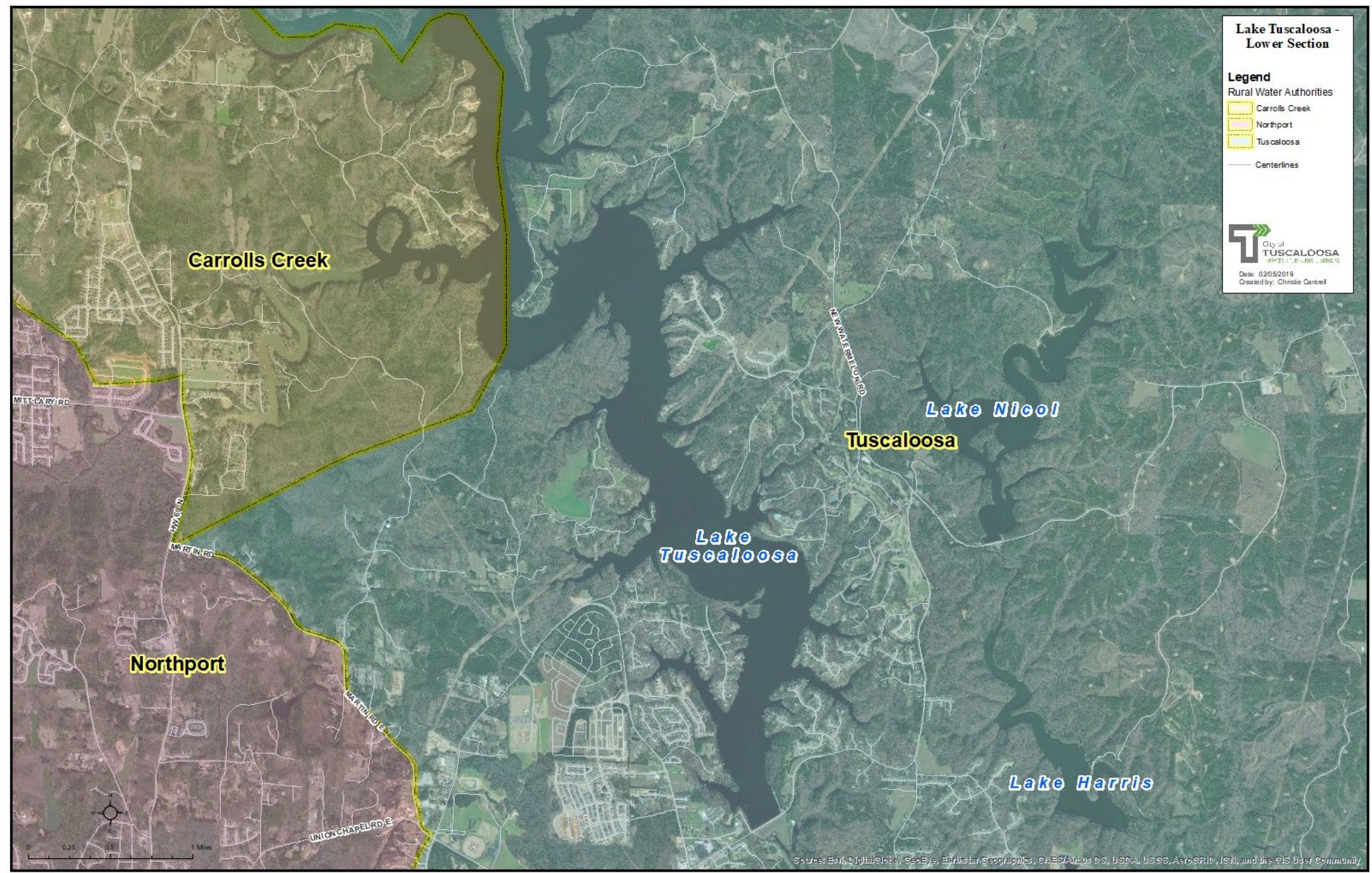


**Lake Tuscaloosa - Lower Section**

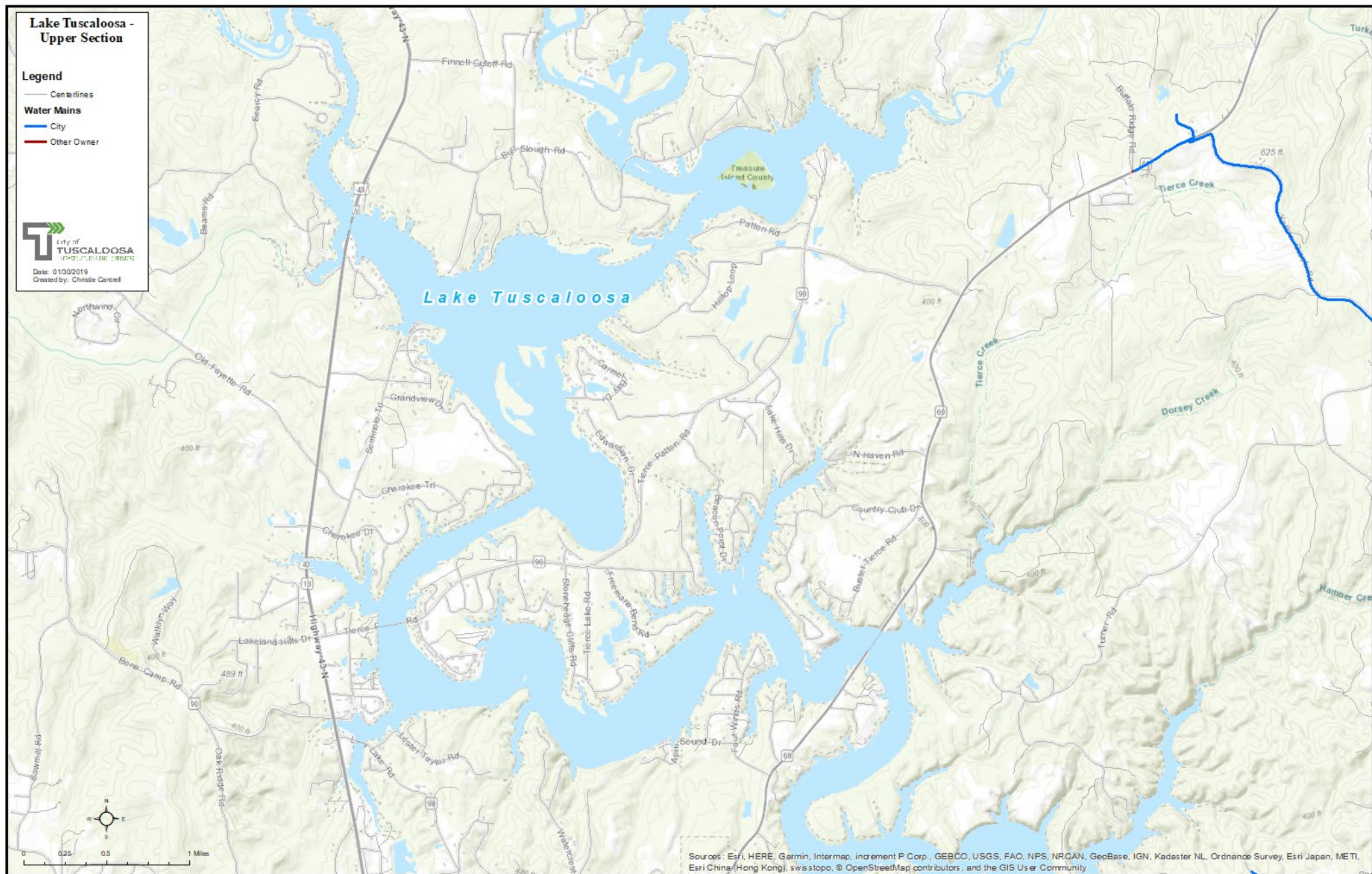
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 Rural Water Authorities  
 Carrolls Creek  
 Northport  
 Tuscaloosa  
 Centerlines



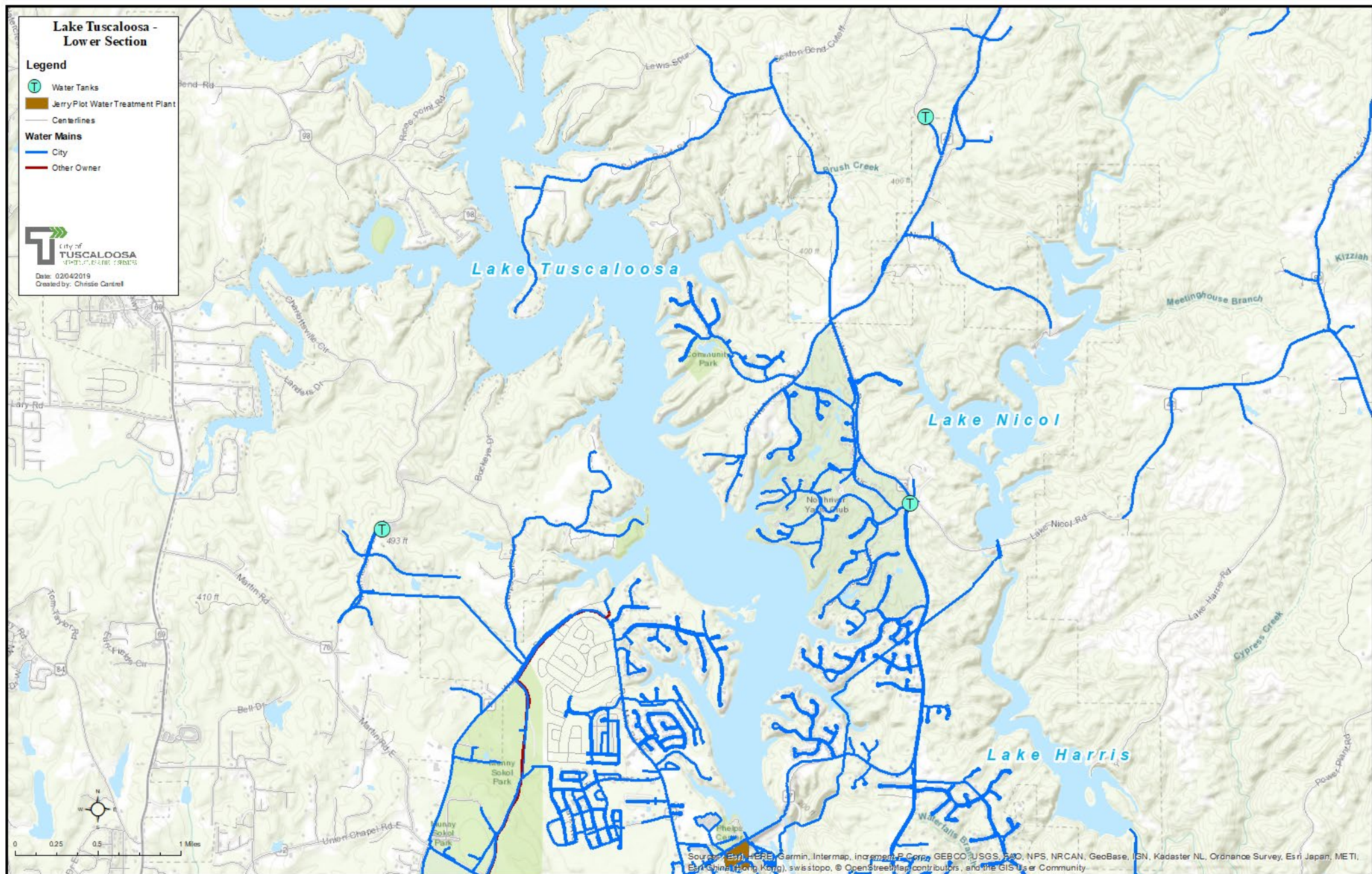
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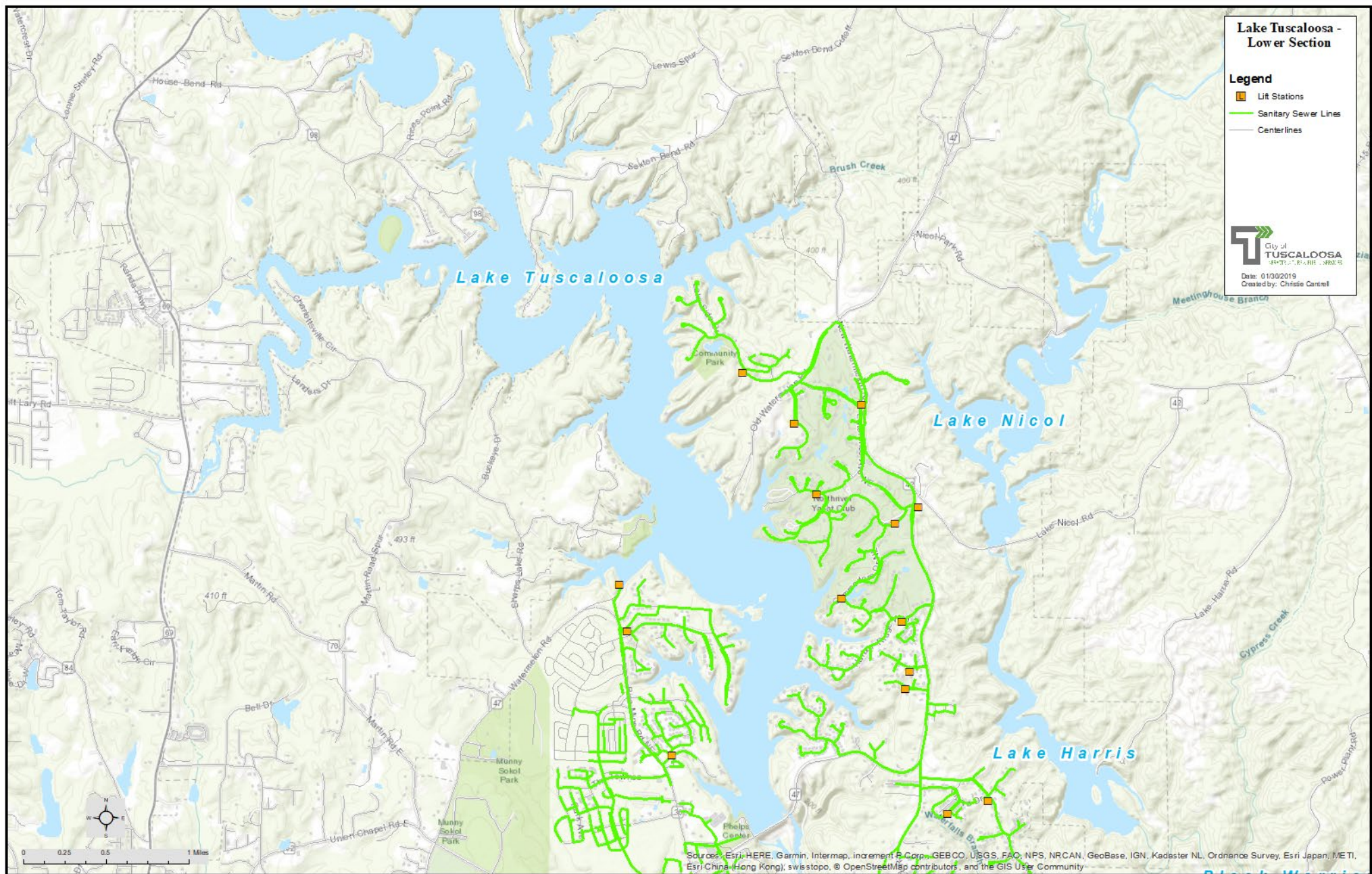














# Q & A





# Next Steps

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# **Next Meeting**

**Steering Committee 6: Mar 20**



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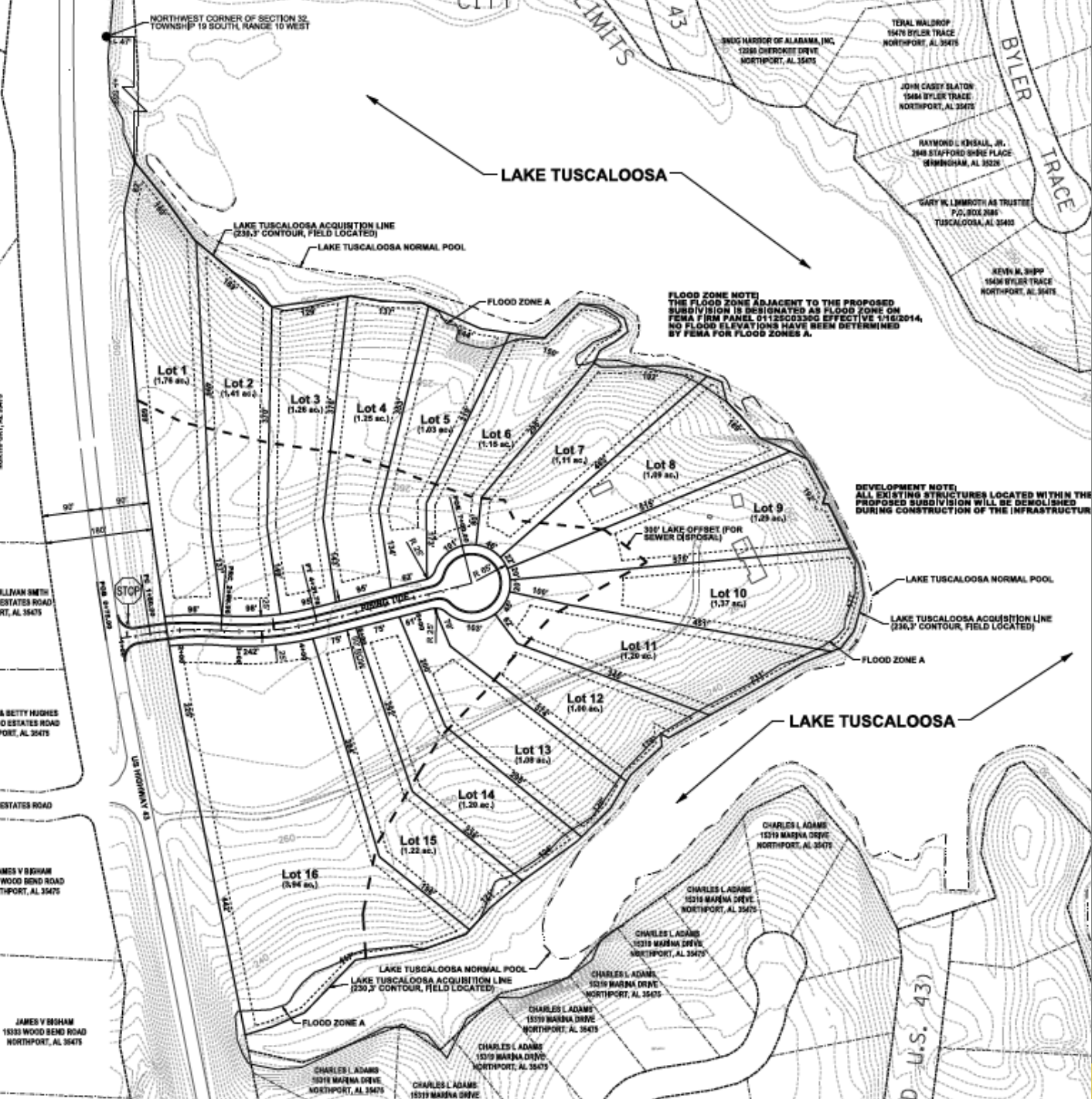
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# Rising Tide subdivision









# Edgewater subdivision

