



Wilkes County

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Board of Elections

NOTICE OF BUFFER ZONES

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Notice About Buffer Zone and Area for Election-Related Activity. - No later than 30 days before each election, the county board of elections shall make available to the public the following information concerning each voting place:

1. The door from which the buffer zone is measured.
2. The distance the buffer zone extends from that door.
3. Any available information concerning where political activity, including sign placement, is permitted beyond the buffer zone.

Curbside Voting: For the purposes of the buffer zone for electioneering activity, the vehicle is considered the voting enclosure. The buffer zone shall be at least six feet from the vehicle, and a greater distance if possible. Electioneers

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§ 163-166.4 Limitation on activity in the voting place and in a buffer zone around it.	

Buffer Zones are suggested but adjustments can be made by Chief Judges as needed

a) Buffer Zone. - No person or group of persons shall hinder access, harass others, distribute campaign literature, place political advertising, solicit votes, or otherwise engage in election-related activity in the voting place or in a buffer zone which shall be prescribed by the county board of elections around the voting place. In determining the dimensions of that buffer zone for each voting place, the county board of elections shall, where practical, set the limit at 50 feet from the door of entrance to the voting place, measured when that door is closed, but in no event shall it set the limit at more than 50 feet or at less than 25 feet.

b) Area for Election-Related Activity. - Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the county board of elections shall also provide an area adjacent to the buffer zone for each voting place in which persons or groups of persons may distribute campaign literature, place political advertising, solicit votes, or otherwise engage in election-related activity.

c) Special Agreements About Election-Related Activity. - The Executive Director of the State Board of Elections may grant special permission for a county board of elections to enter into an agreement with the owners or managers of a nonpublic building to use the building as a voting place on the condition that election-related activity as described in subsection (b) of this section not be permitted on their property adjacent to the buffer zone, if the Executive Director finds all of the following: 1) That no other suitable voting place can be secured for the precinct.

2) That the county board will require the chief judge of the precinct to monitor the grounds around the voting place to ensure that the restriction on election-related activity shall apply to all candidates and parties equally.

3) That the pattern of voting places subject to agreements under this subsection does not disproportionately favor any party, racial or ethnic group, or candidate.

4) That the county board has attempted to secure as a term of the agreement at least 36 hours prior to the opening of the voting place and at least 36 hours after the close of the voting place, as provided in G.S. 163-166.01, for candidates to place and retrieve political advertising. The agreement may also provide that any political advertising placed outside the times specified in this subsection may be removed by the property owner.

An agreement under this subsection shall be valid for as long as the nonpublic building is used as a voting place.

d) Notice About Buffer Zone and Area for Election-Related Activity. - No later than 30 days before each election, the county board of elections shall make available to the public the following information concerning each voting place: 1) The door from which the buffer zone is measured.

2) The distance the buffer zone extends from that door.

3) Any available information concerning where political activity, including sign placement, is permitted beyond the buffer zone.

e) Buffer Zone and Area for Election-Related Activity at One-Stop Sites. - Except as modified in this subsection, the provisions of this section shall apply to one-stop voting sites in G.S. 163-227.2, 163-227.5, and 163-227.6. 1) Subsection (c) of this section shall not apply.

2) The notice in subsection (d) of this section shall be provided no later than 10 days before the opening of one-stop voting at the site.

Buffer Zones are suggested but adjustments can be made by Chief Judges as needed

Early Voting Site—Wilkes County Board of Elections

office 110 North Street, Wilkesboro, NC 28697



Key:

Buffer Zone

Curbside Voting

Start Point of Buffer Zone

Designated Campaign Area

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Antioch

5225 Speedway Rd., North Wilkesboro, NC 28659



Key:

Buffer Zone

Curbside Voting

Start Point of Buffer Zone

Designated Campaign Area

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Boomer

5990 S NC Hwy. 18 Rd., Boomer, NC 28606



Key:

Buffer Zone

Curbside Voting

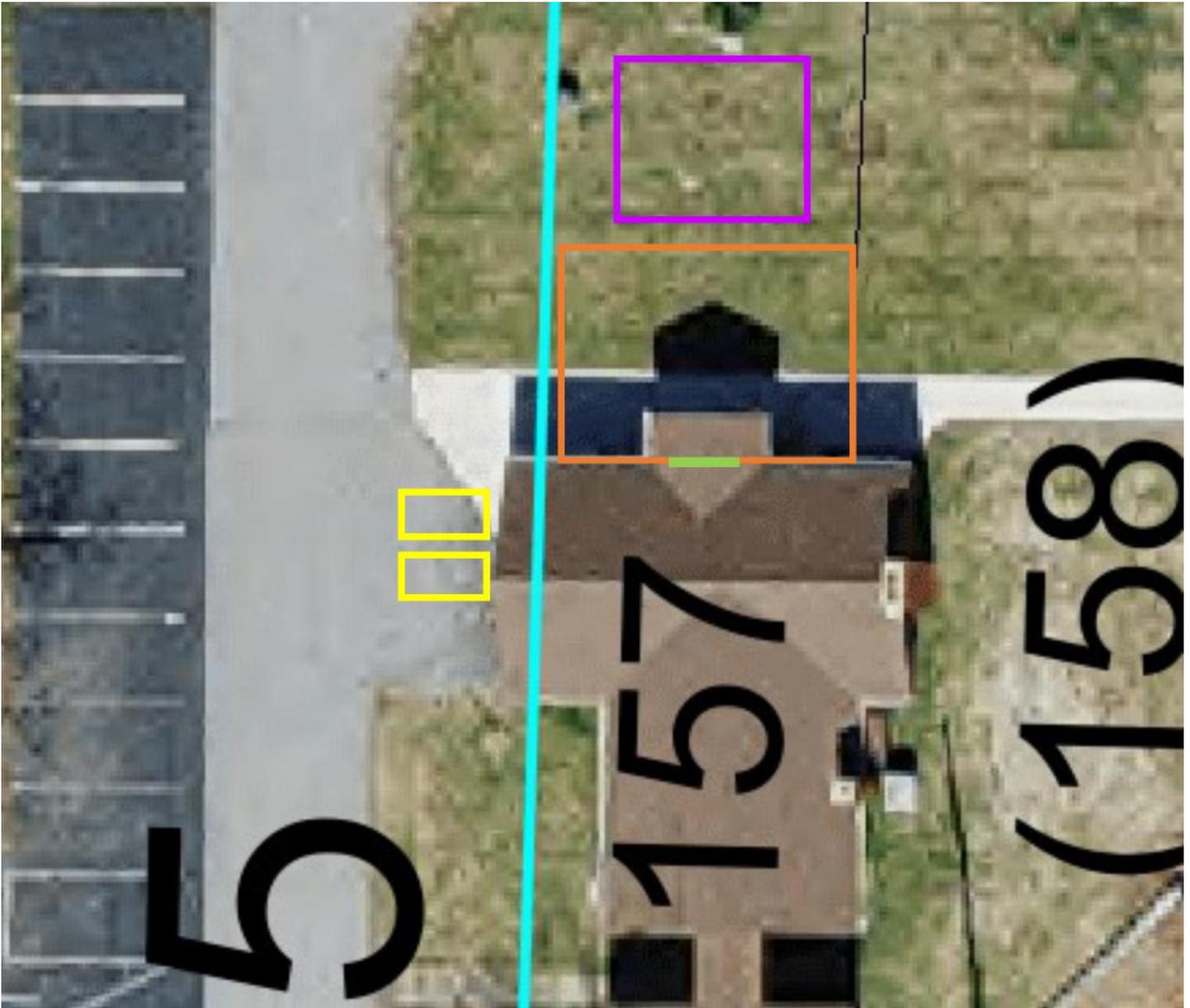
Start Point of Buffer Zone

Designated Campaign Area

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Brushy Mtn

7962 Brushy Mountain Rd., Moravian Falls, NC 28654



Key:

Buffer Zone

Curbside Voting

Start Point of Buffer Zone

Designated Campaign Area

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Cricket

2011 Boone Trail, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659



Key:

Buffer Zone

Curbside Voting

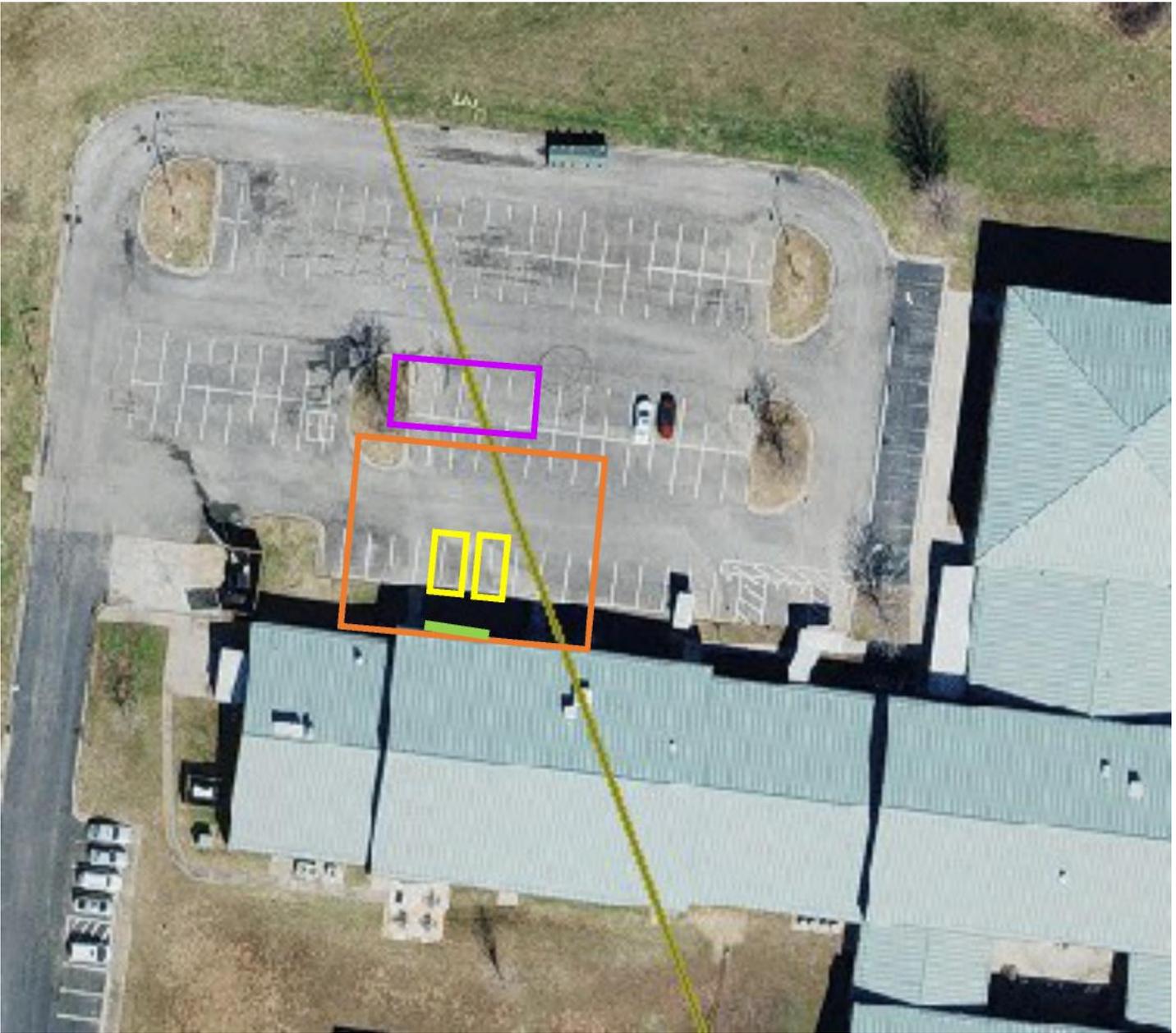
Start Point of Buffer Zone

Designated Campaign Area

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Edwards 1

2202 Macedonia Church Rd., Ronda, NC 28670



Key:

Buffer Zone

Curbside Voting

Start Point of Buffer Zone

Designated Campaign Area

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Edwards 2

283 White Plains Rd., Roaring River, NC 28669



Key:

Buffer Zone

Curbside Voting

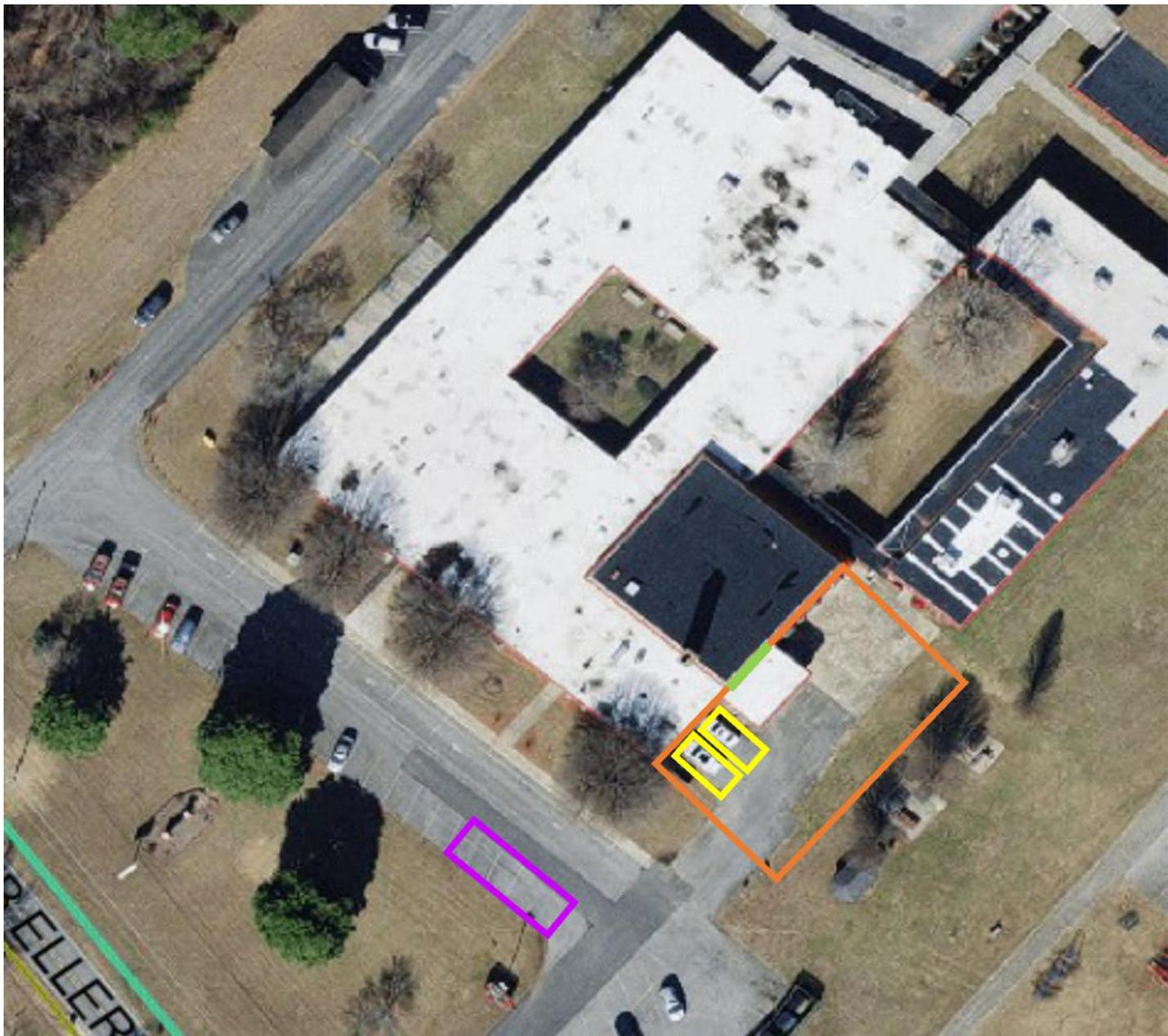
Start Point of Buffer Zone

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Edwards 3

1288 C B Eller School Rd., Elkin, NC 28621



Key:

Buffer Zone

Curbside Voting

Start Point of Buffer Zone

Designated Campaign Area

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Fairplains

228 Fairplains School Rd., North Wilkesboro, NC 28659



Key:

Buffer Zone

Curbside Voting

Start Point of Buffer Zone

Designated Campaign Area

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Ferguson

12660 W NC Hwy 268 Ferguson, NC 28624



Key:

Buffer Zone

Curbside Voting

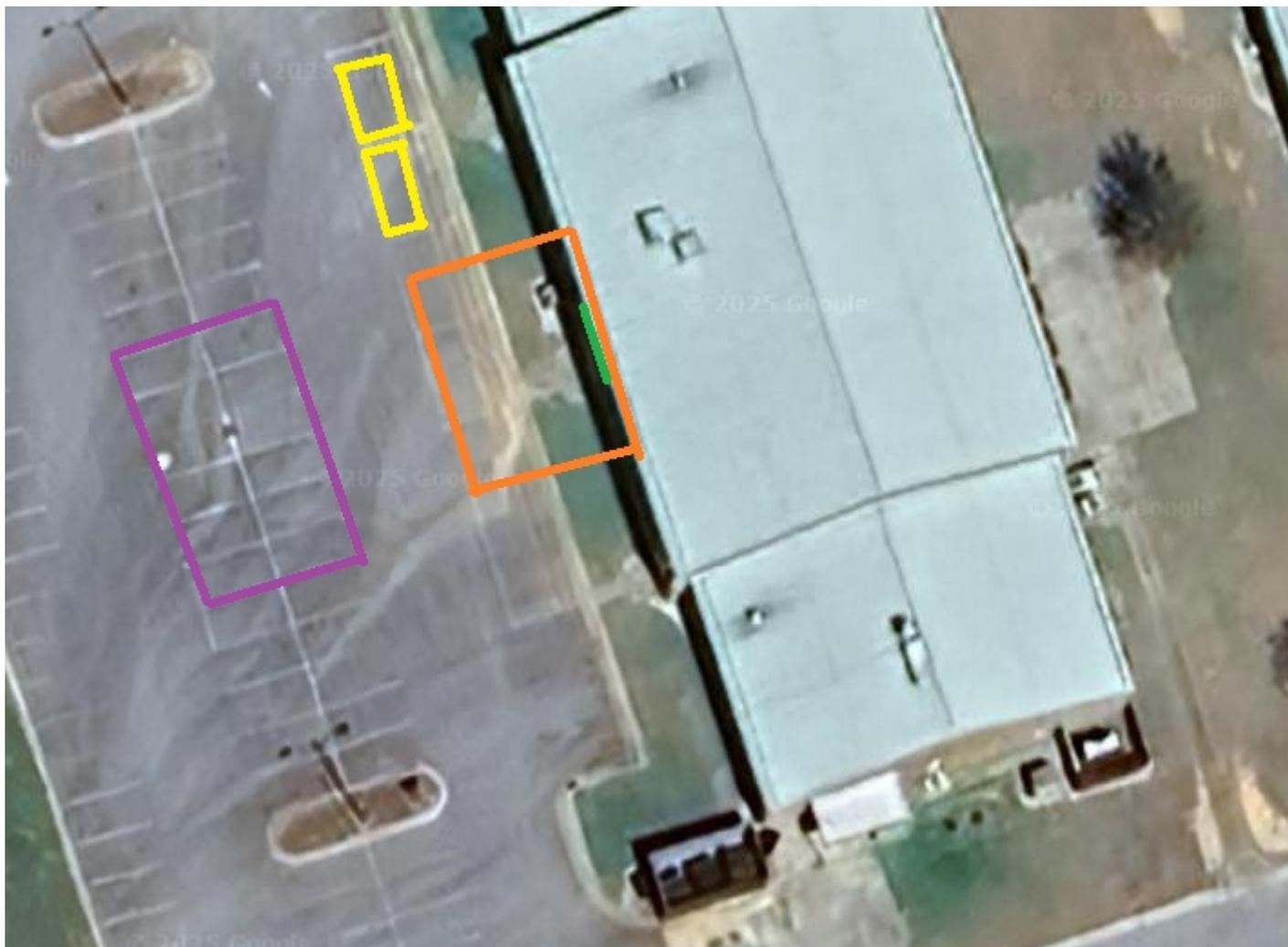
Start Point of Buffer Zone

Designated Campaign Area

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Millers Creek

1167 N NC Hwy 16, Wilkesboro, NC 28697



Key:

Buffer Zone

Curbside Voting

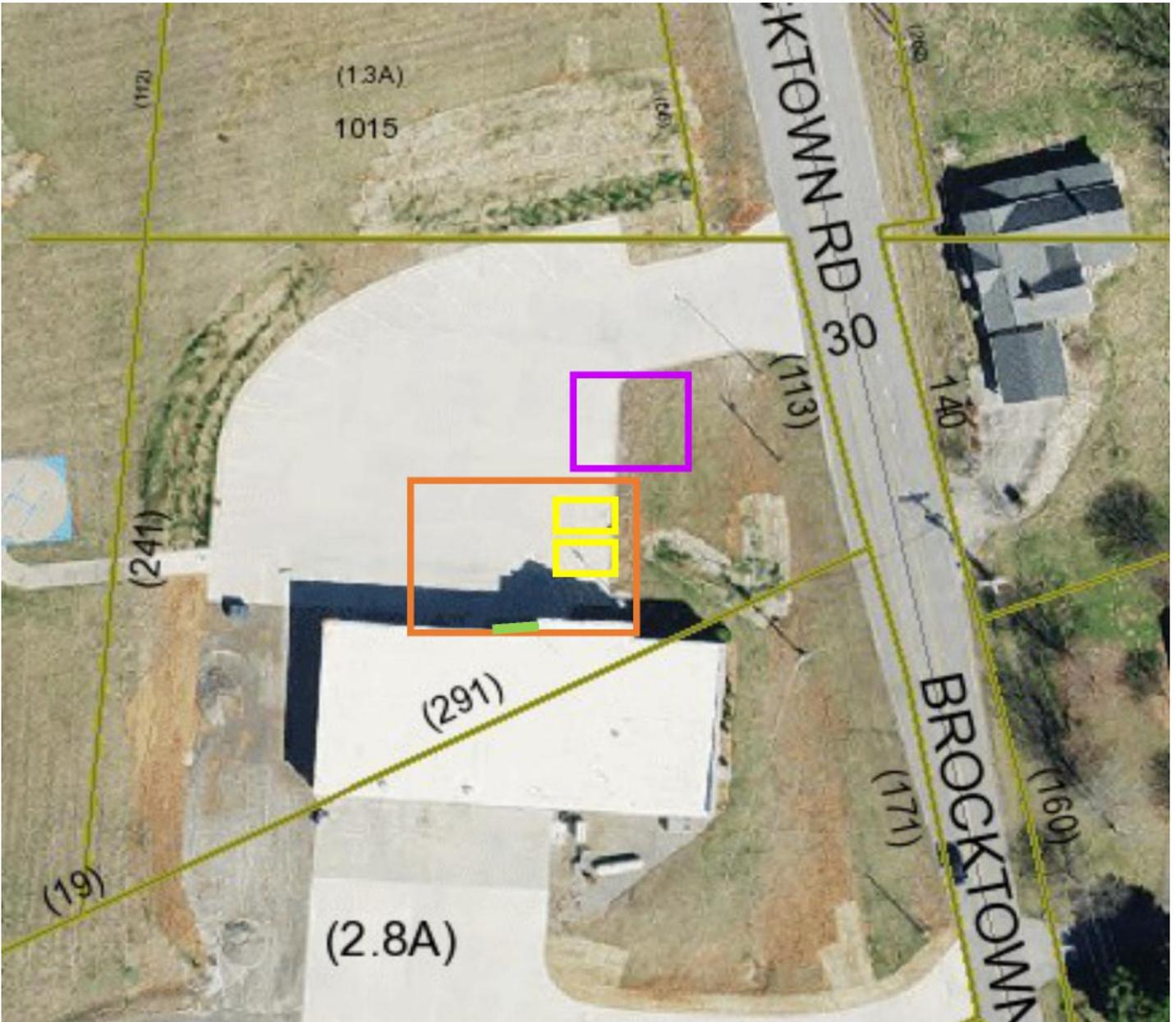
Start Point of Buffer Zone

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Moravians Falls

251 W Brocktown Rd. Moravian Falls, NC 28654



Key:

Buffer Zone

Curbside Voting

Start Point of Buffer Zone

Designated Campaign Area

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Mt. Pleasant

439 Champion Mt. Pleasant Rd. Ferguson, NC 28624



Key:

Buffer Zone

Curbside Voting

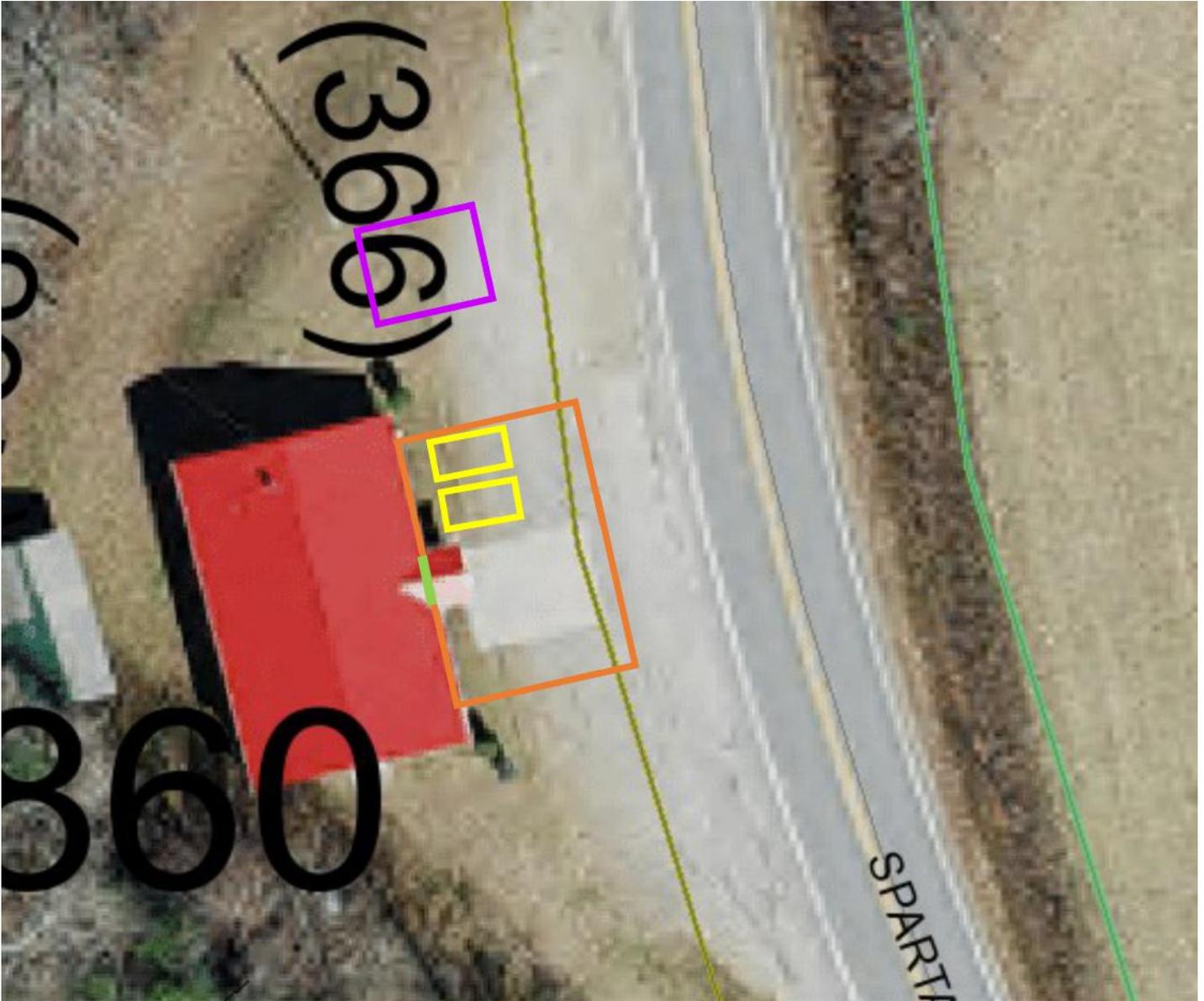
Start Point of Buffer Zone

Designated Campaign Area

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Mulberry 1

8721 Sparta Rd., McGrady, NC 28649



Key:

Buffer Zone

Curbside Voting

Start Point of Buffer Zone

Designated Campaign Area

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Mulberry

2055 Sparta Rd., North Wilkesboro, NC 28659



Key:

Buffer Zone

Curbside Voting

Start Point of Buffer Zone

Designated Campaign Area

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New Castle

3371 Clingman Rd., Ronda, NC 28670



Key:

Buffer Zone

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North Wilkesboro

803 Cherry St., North Wilkesboro, NC 28659



Key:

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Reddies River

5200 Boone Trail, Millers Creek, NC 28651



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Rock Creek

5404 Mountain View Rd., Hays, NC 28635



Key:

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Somers

2950 Hunting Creek Rd., North Wilkesboro, NC 28659



Key:

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Traphill

9794 Traphill Rd., Traphill, NC 28685



Key:

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Designated Campaign Area

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Union

10035 N NC Hwy. 16, Millers Creek, NC 28651



Key:

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Start Point of Buffer Zone

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Walnut Grove

2986 Traphill Rd., Hays, NC 28635



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Wilkesboro 1

1241 School St., Wilkesboro, NC 28697



Key:

Buffer Zone

Curbside Voting

Start Point of Buffer Zone

Designated Campaign Area

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Wilkesboro 2

200 CC Wright School Rd., North Wilkesboro, NC 28659



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Buffer Zone

Curbside Voting

Start Point of Buffer Zone

Designated Campaign Area

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Wilkesboro 3

400 S Cherry St. Wilkesboro, NC 28697



Key:

Buffer Zone

Curbside Voting

Start Point of Buffer Zone

Designated Campaign Area