

Wichita Pedestrian Master Plan On-Line Map Report

Introduction

An on-line, interactive map was created to collect information from Wichita residents on important pedestrian related locations within city limits. One-hundred and fifty comments from 57 people were collected. The survey was available between August 23rd and October 1, 2013.

Participants were asked to identify locations based on several factors. These factors the number of comments per factor are summarized in the table below.

Comment Location Type	Number of Comments
Routes I walk often	22
Locations where sidewalk is missing	31
Uncomfortable places to walk	16
Locations where off-street connections are needed	4
Places to walk to and from	49
Places I'd like to walk to but can't	9
Barriers to walking	17

Participants drew lines or plotted dots on the map to indicate locations of interest/concern. They were also able to provide written comments. The following summary discusses the results and trends in participant responses.

Map Results Summary by Location Type

Routes I walk often

Participants identified routes throughout the city. The majority of routes identified were recreational walking routes around or to parks, shared use pathways or low volume streets. Several of the locations included pedestrian bridges. The major arterial streets mentioned were W Douglas Ave from the Delano Area into downtown, Harry St and, W 21st St N, Waterman St and E 1st St N.

"Shops on Harry are easy to access by foot, even with the heavy car traffic. Could use more benches. "
"The over-Kellogg bridges really help pedestrians and bicyclists connect to downtown."
"[I] walk to the park/splash park with my young child."

Locations where sidewalk is missing

Participants identified more locations where sidewalks are missing than any other location type. These primarily include arterial roadways north of downtown. Reasons cited include: sidewalks that end abruptly, sidewalks that have been closed, sidewalk that are broken, missing from one side or both sides of the street.

"[This is a] busy street with no sidewalk between two schools."

Uncomfortable places to walk

Many of the locations identified as uncomfortable places to walk were along major arterial streets outside of downtown. Many of them were multi-lane roadways within industrial areas with truck traffic and other heavy vehicle traffic, numerous wide driveway cuts, limited sidewalks, without buffers or street trees such as N Broadway Street. Participants identified locations within Wichita which are the most uncomfortable to pedestrians, not necessarily where they walk or can walk. Of the 16 identified, four were along roadway crossing I-15 such as E Lincoln St between S Hydraulic St and George Washington Drive. One participant called out the intersection of N Central Ave and N Maize Rd.

Locations where off-street connections are needed

There were only four recommendations for pedestrian connections in areas not adjacent to streets, two of which were bicycle lane request. Suggestion for off street connection was to create a non-motorized connection along W 21st St N spanning the Wichita Valleycenter Floodway.

Places to walk to and from

There were nearly fifty responses to this question. Approximately 92 percent of the locations that participants identified were north of Kellogg (US-54) and the majority of those locations were within downtown. All but 9 locations were located on arterial streets. The locations identified were of the following types:

- Restaurants/bars/coffee shops
- Shopping
- Businesses and work places
- Parks/Rec Centers
- Stadium
- Laundromat
- Churches
- Theatres
- Clinics
- Schools (including University)
- Transit center

Places I'd like to walk to but can't

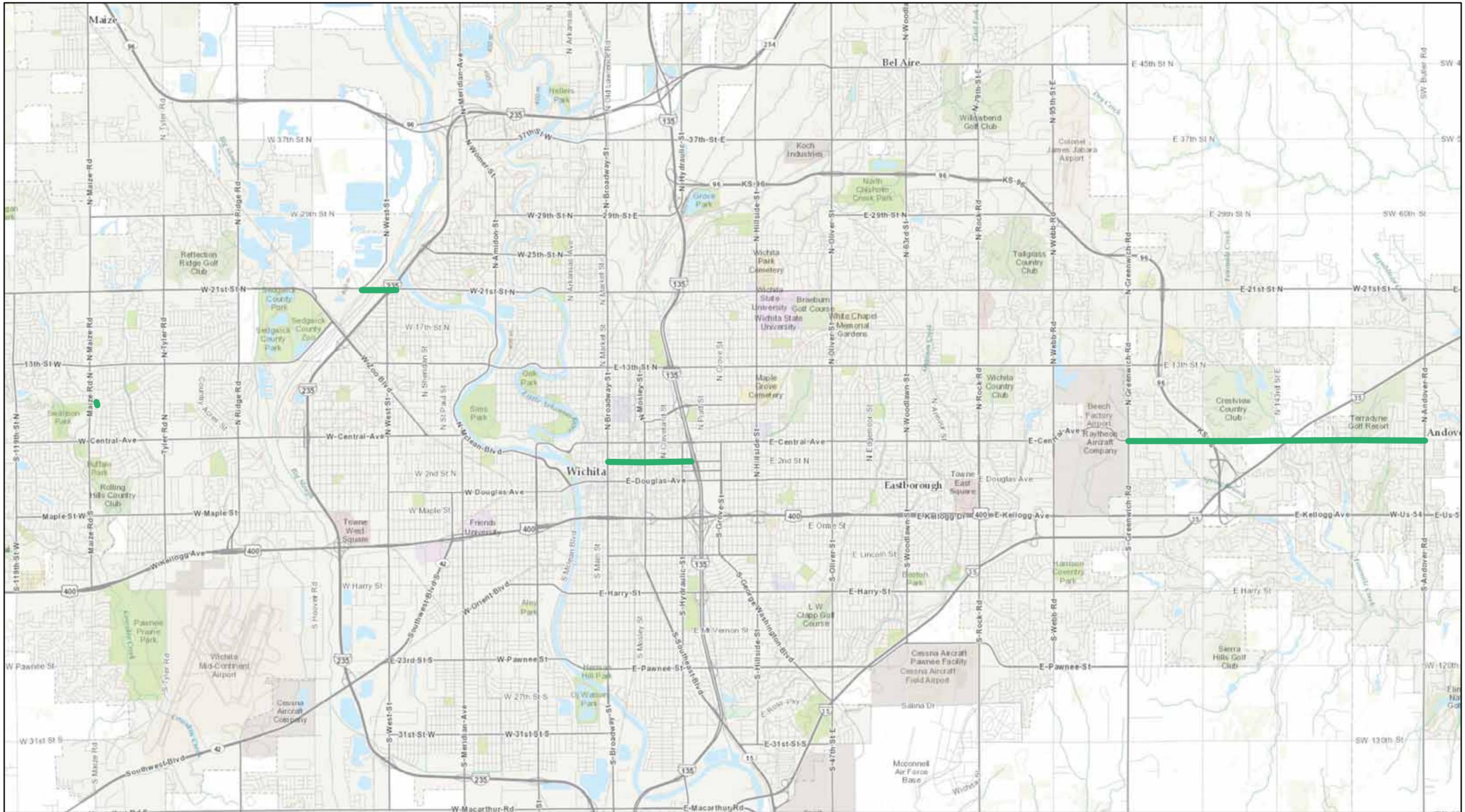
Participants identified several locations that were difficult or not feasible to walk to. There were no comments available to describe why people could not access these locations. However, by reviewing the locations it appears that most were likely identified because they are inaccessible by foot due to major roadways, inconsistencies in the street grid between arterials, large distances between signals, and/or absence of sidewalks etc. For example one participant identified several shopping centers within a mile section without low volume street connections. These shopping centers were adjacent to residential areas in the East Mt Vernon neighborhood. The same was true for shopping center along N Maize Rd.

Barriers to walking

Participants identified the barriers to walking in 3 categories: missing or damaged sidewalk, no comfortable street crossing opportunities and lack of wheel chair ramps. There were only 18 responses to this question.

"Everyone in our neighborhood walks dogs and kids over to the park and middle school students go this way as well, it would be great to make it accessible and safe"

The information and comments collected through this process will be used to further refine and identify areas for improvement and treatments that can improve the walking environment in Wichita. The map comments are displayed on a series of maps on the following pages.



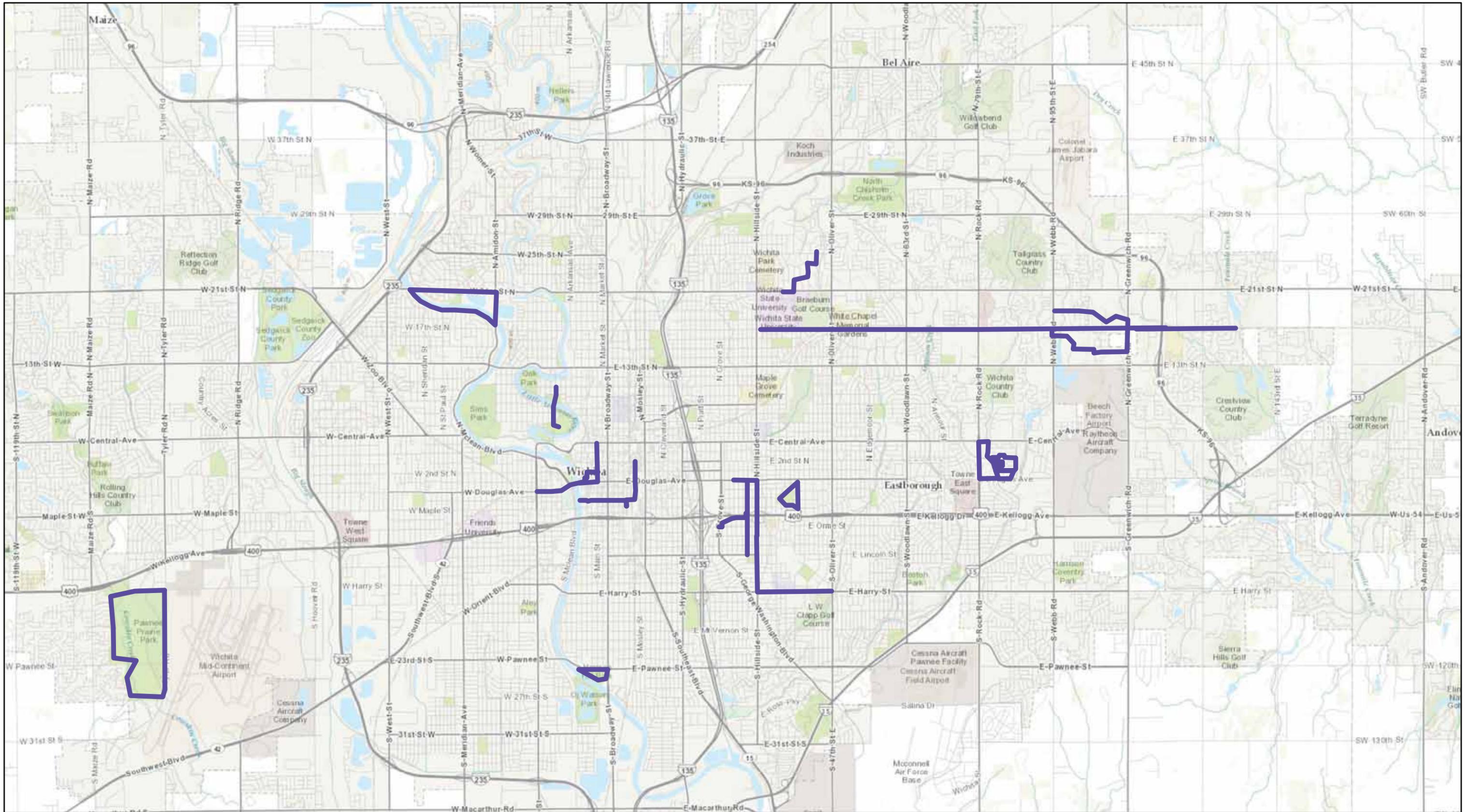
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 Off-Street Facility Needed

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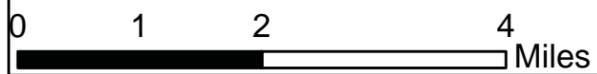


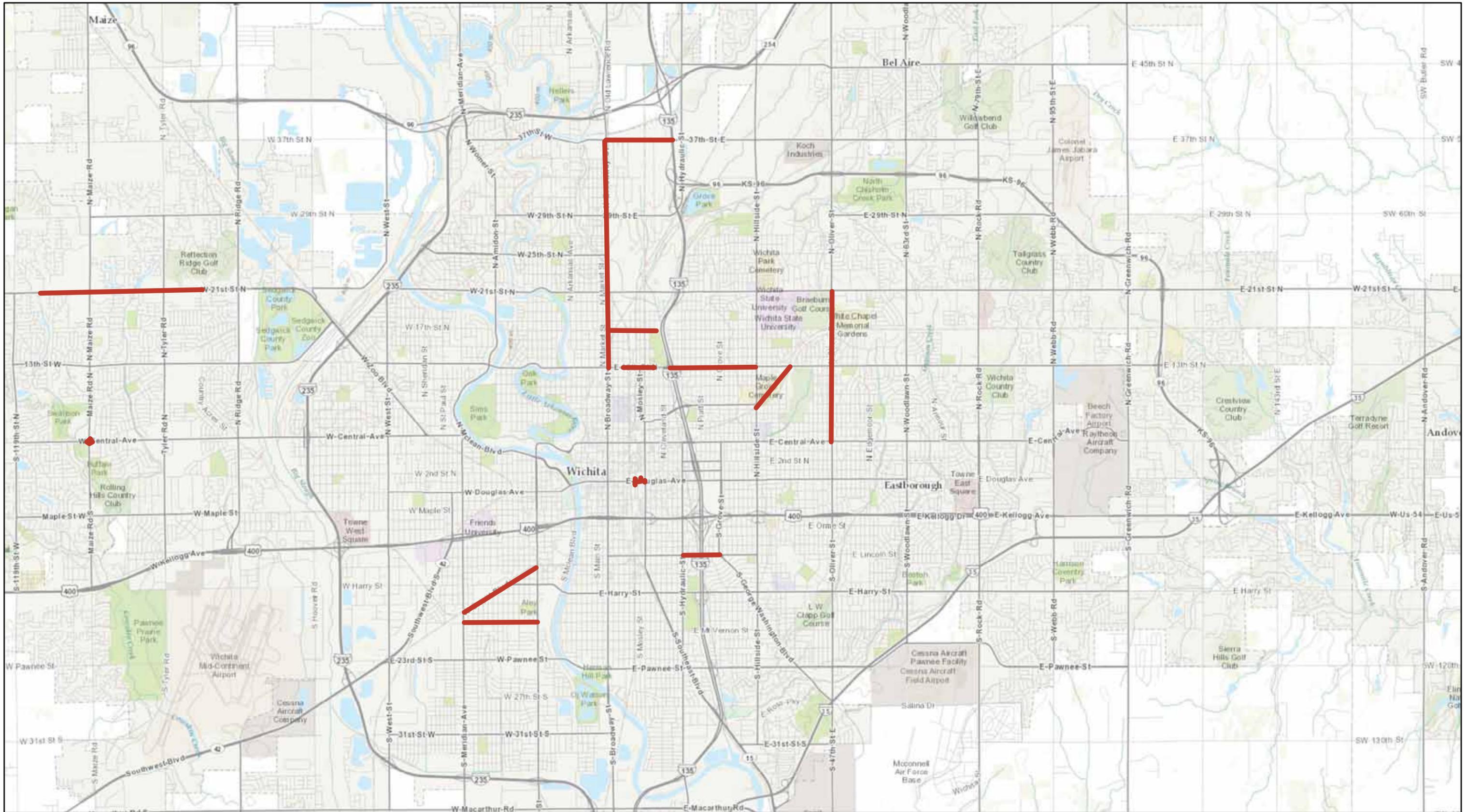


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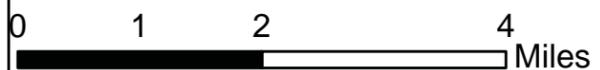
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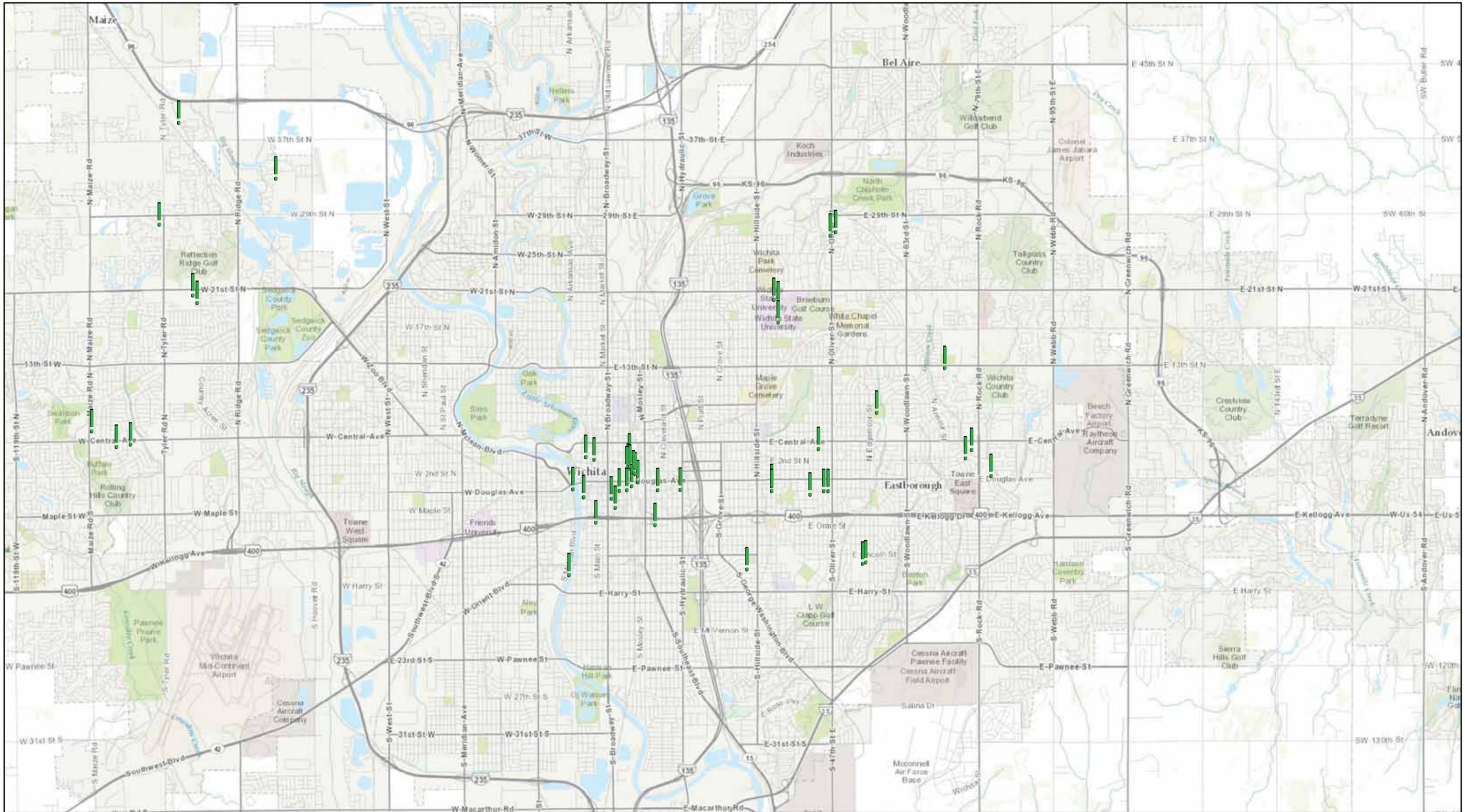


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 **Uncomfortable Place to Walk**



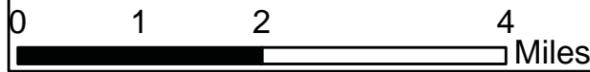
		
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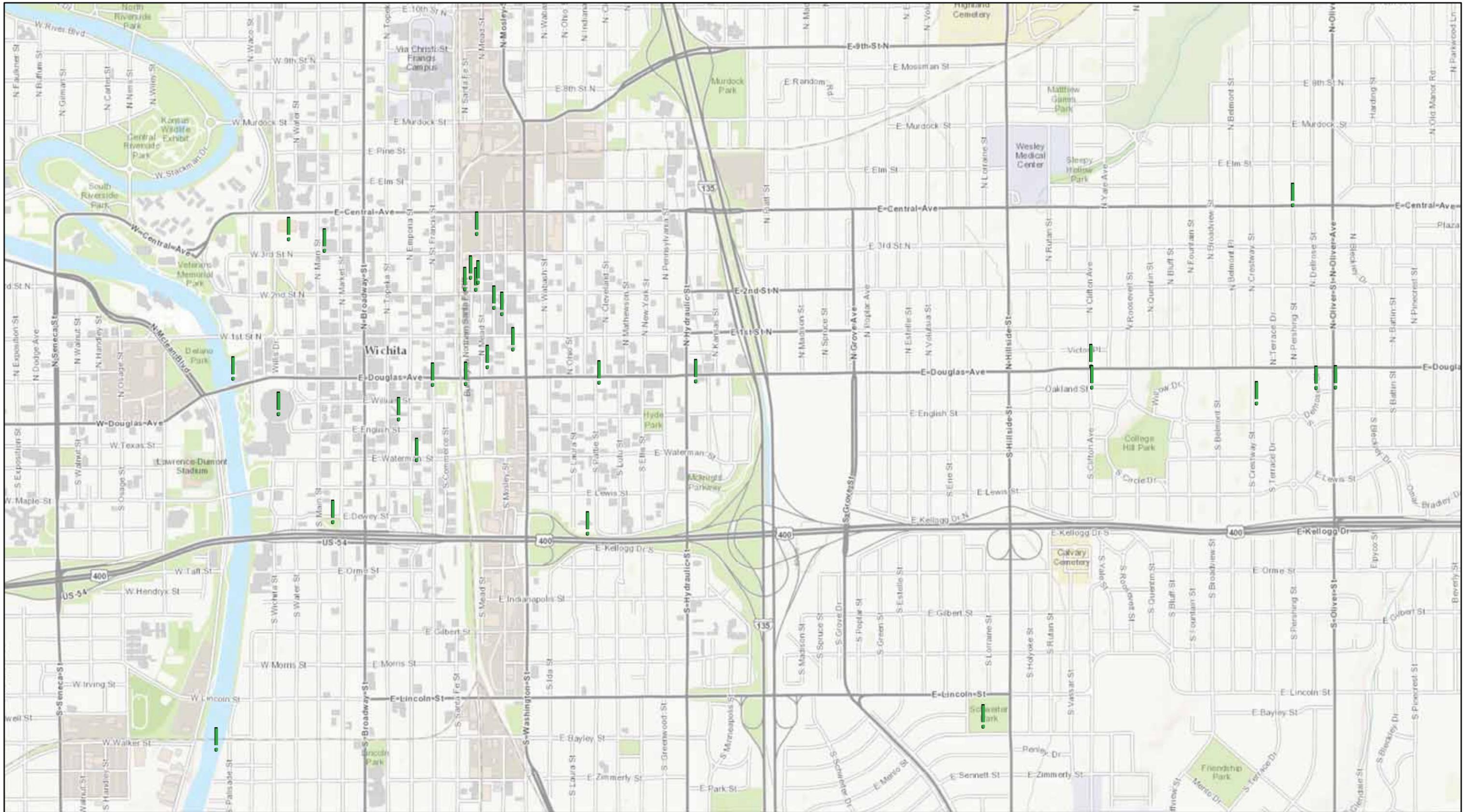
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 Places I Like to Walk To/From



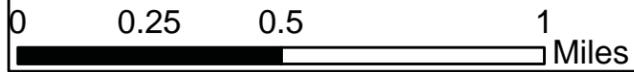
		
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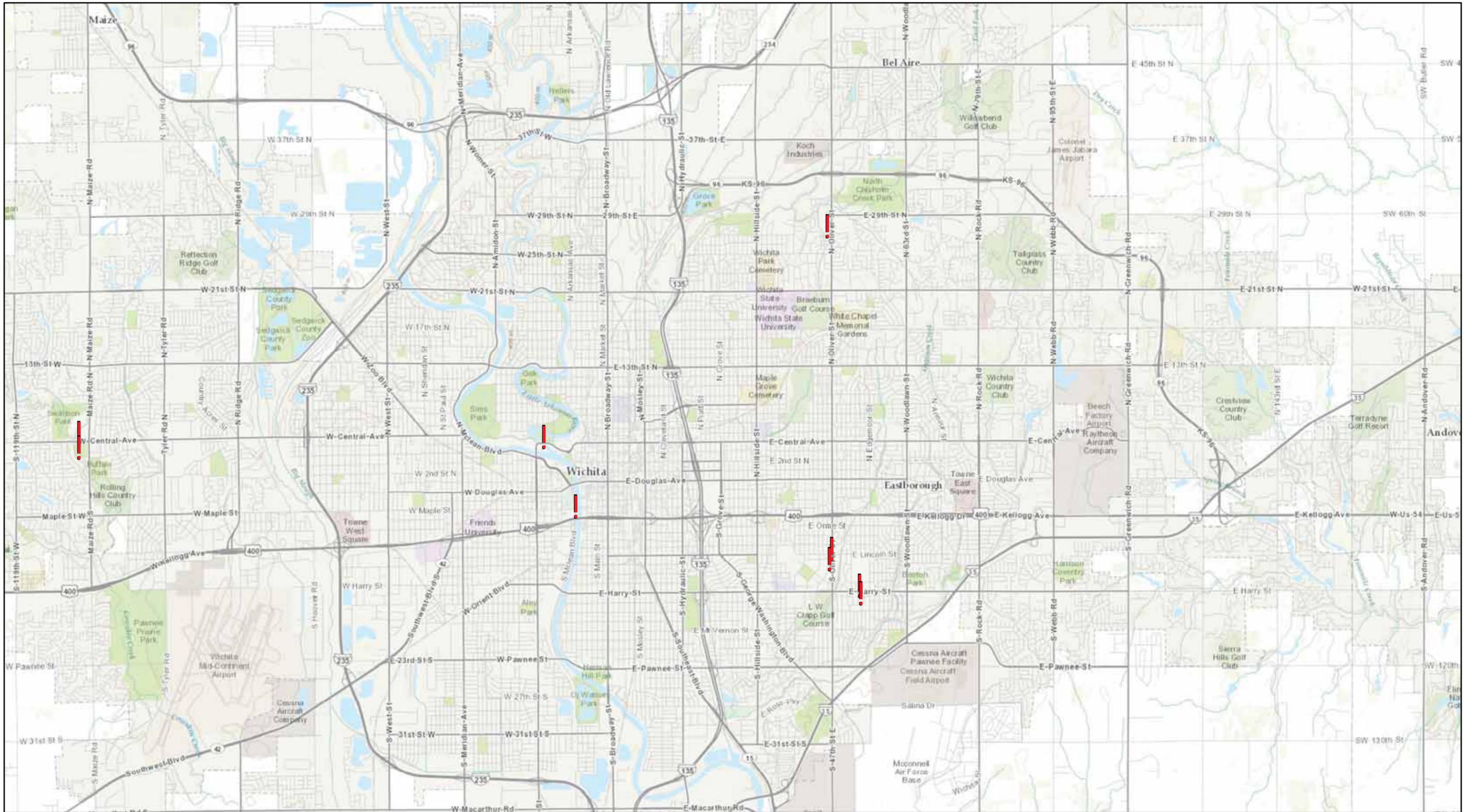
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 Places I'd Like to Walk To

