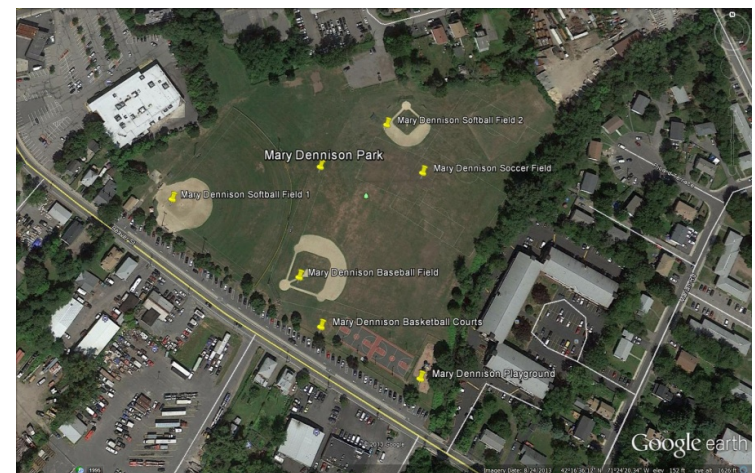


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MassDEP's Project to Improve  
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Environmental Justice  
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# Environmental/Economic Nexus

- The Concept: environmentally distressed areas are less attractive to economic redevelopment
- The Plan: improve the environmental quality of an area to improve public health and ecological health, and at the same time it will improve the economic health of the area

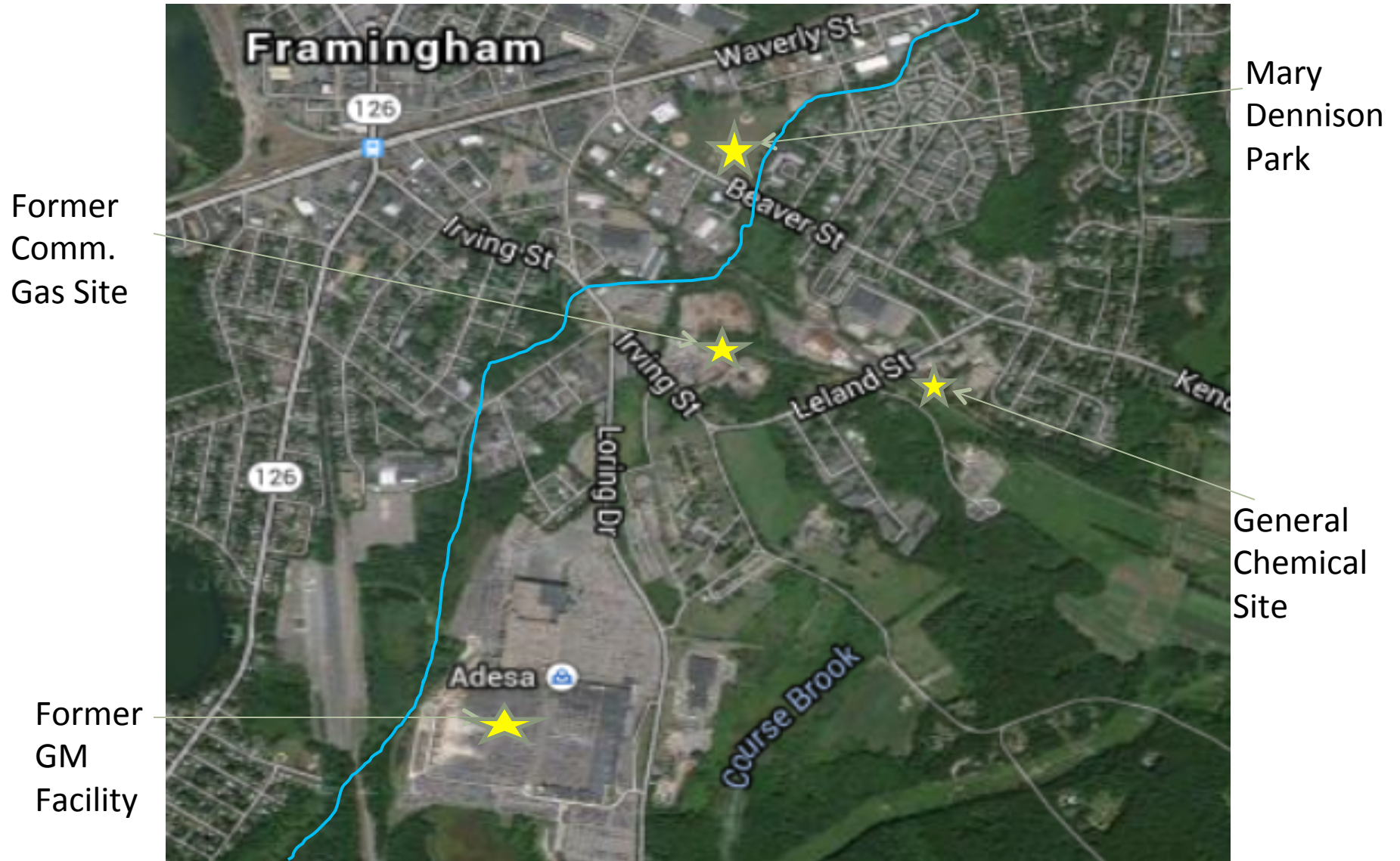
# **MassDEP Presence in South Framingham**

- MassDEP anticipates a 3-pronged approach in South Framingham:
  - Waste Site Cleanup
  - Wetlands Protection
  - Pollution Prevention

# Waste Site Cleanup

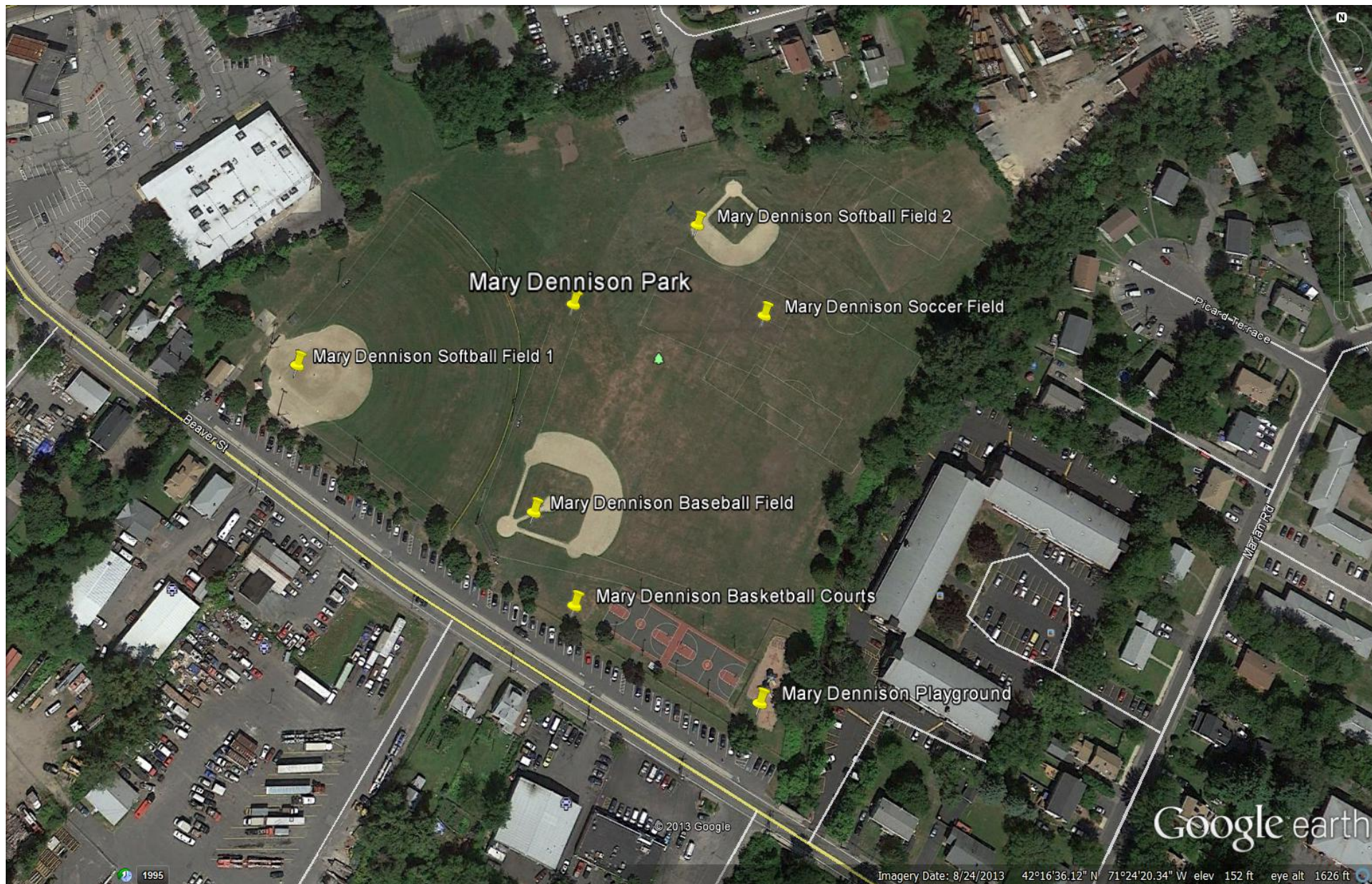
- MassDEP's Waste Site Cleanup program regulates spills/dumping of oil/haz mats to soil, sediment, surface waters, and groundwater.
- Program covers from 10-gal. oil spills up to the most complex contaminated sites.
- Licensed Site Professionals (LSPs) are required to oversee testing and cleanups.
- MassDEP oversees a small % of cases, and audits many other site cleanups.

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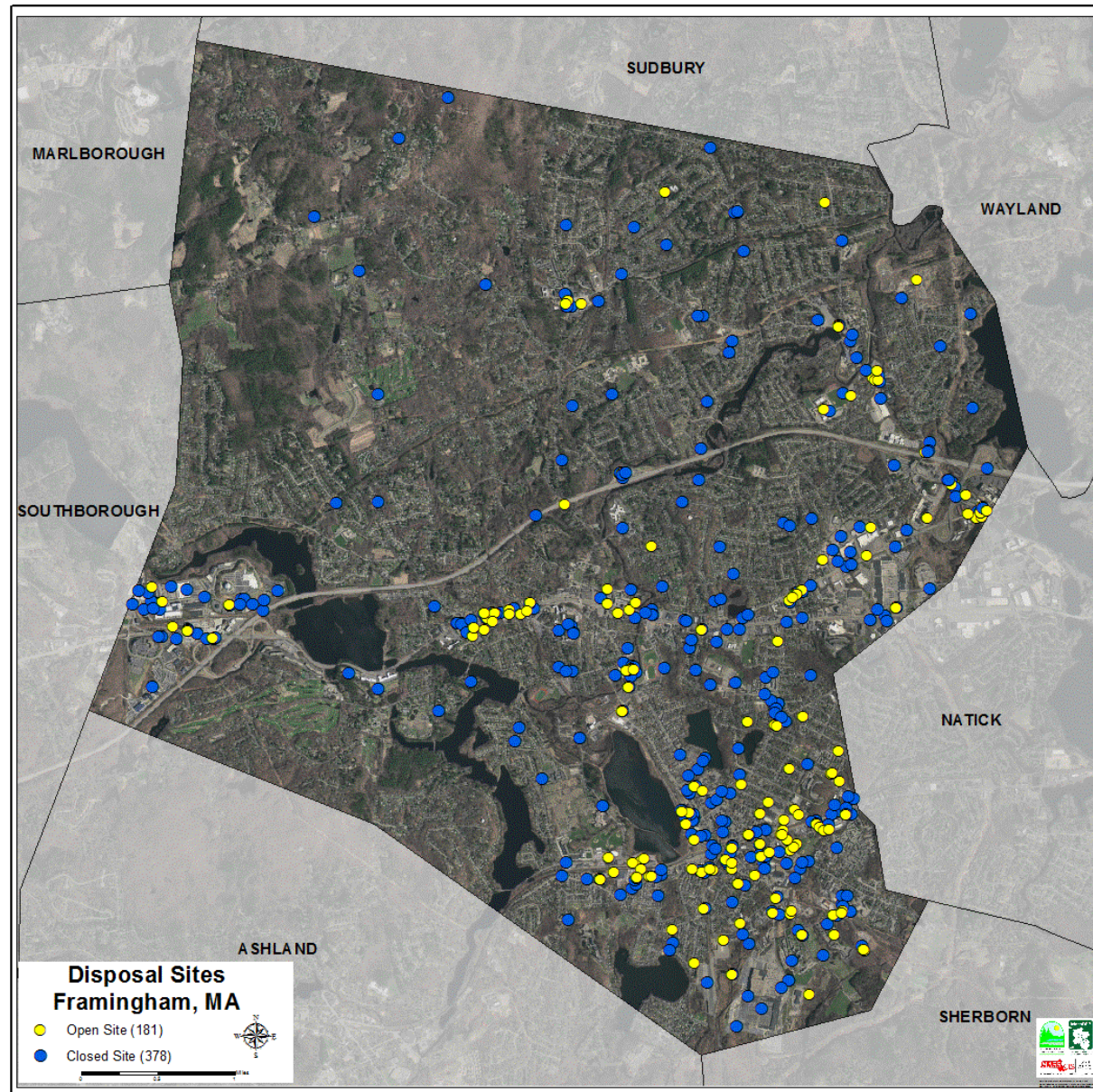


# Mary Dennison Park





# Disposal Sites in Framingham





# Wetlands Protection

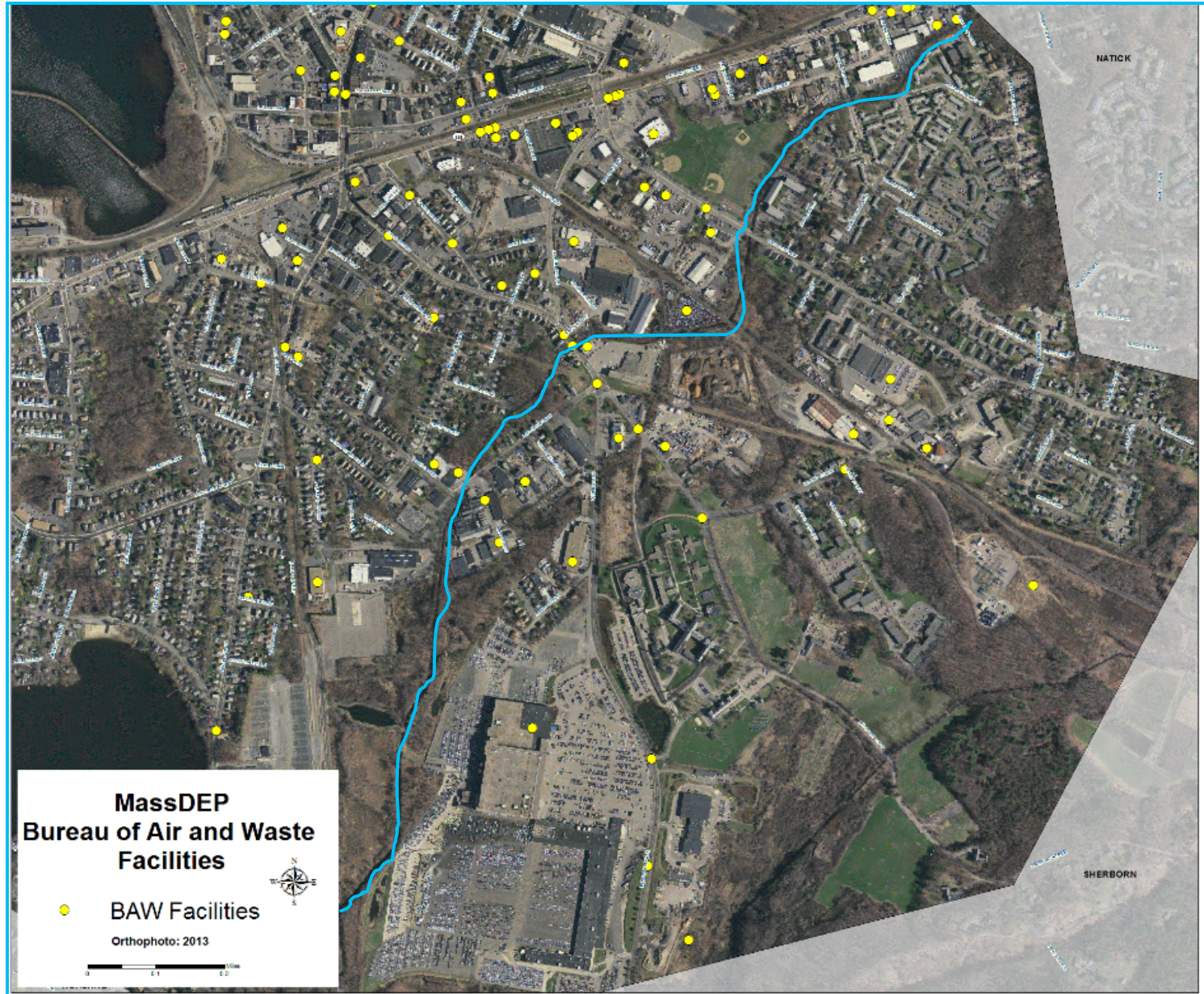
- The goal of wetlands protection is to identify illegal filling of wetlands and restore wetland functions to help prevent and reduce flooding and pollution, and improve water quality.
- This goal is met by:
  - Working with local Conservation Commissions
  - Providing technical support to the Waste Site Cleanup program on wetland restoration
  - Inspections

# Pollution Prevention

MassDEP also regulates:

- Air emissions
- Solid & hazardous waste management
- Asbestos abatement work
- Underground storage tanks

# Regulated Air & Waste Facilities





# Pollution Prevention

Primary activities regulated by MassDEP in South Framingham are:

- Hazardous Waste and Waste Oil Generation
  - Auto repair and auto body shops
- Underground Storage Tanks
  - Including gasoline and fuel oil dispensers
- Air Emissions
  - Heat, power, and other operations
- Vehicle Recycling/salvage yards
- Illegal dumping

# **Pollution Prevention**

As part of this initiative, MassDEP Bureau of Air and Waste efforts will focus on:

- Permitting that limits pollutant emissions
- Compliance assistance, outreach and education
- Compliance inspections
- Enforcement, if necessary

# Community Input

- MassDEP would like to contribute to solving some of the environmental problems and improving the environmental assets of South Framingham.
- We need the input of local leaders and other interested residents and businesspeople to identify how we can best help the community improve environmental quality in South Framingham.



# What You Can Expect

- MassDEP will be working on some aspects of this project for several years.
- We cannot address every environmental concern, but we hope to address the higher priority problems so that our involvement makes a meaningful difference.
- We will have regular check-ins with the local officials and provide updates to the community as needed.

# Questions & Comments

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