

APPENDIX G
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SUBJECT: Initial Native American Consultation for the Lancaster Eastside Annexation Project, Lancaster, Los Angeles County, California

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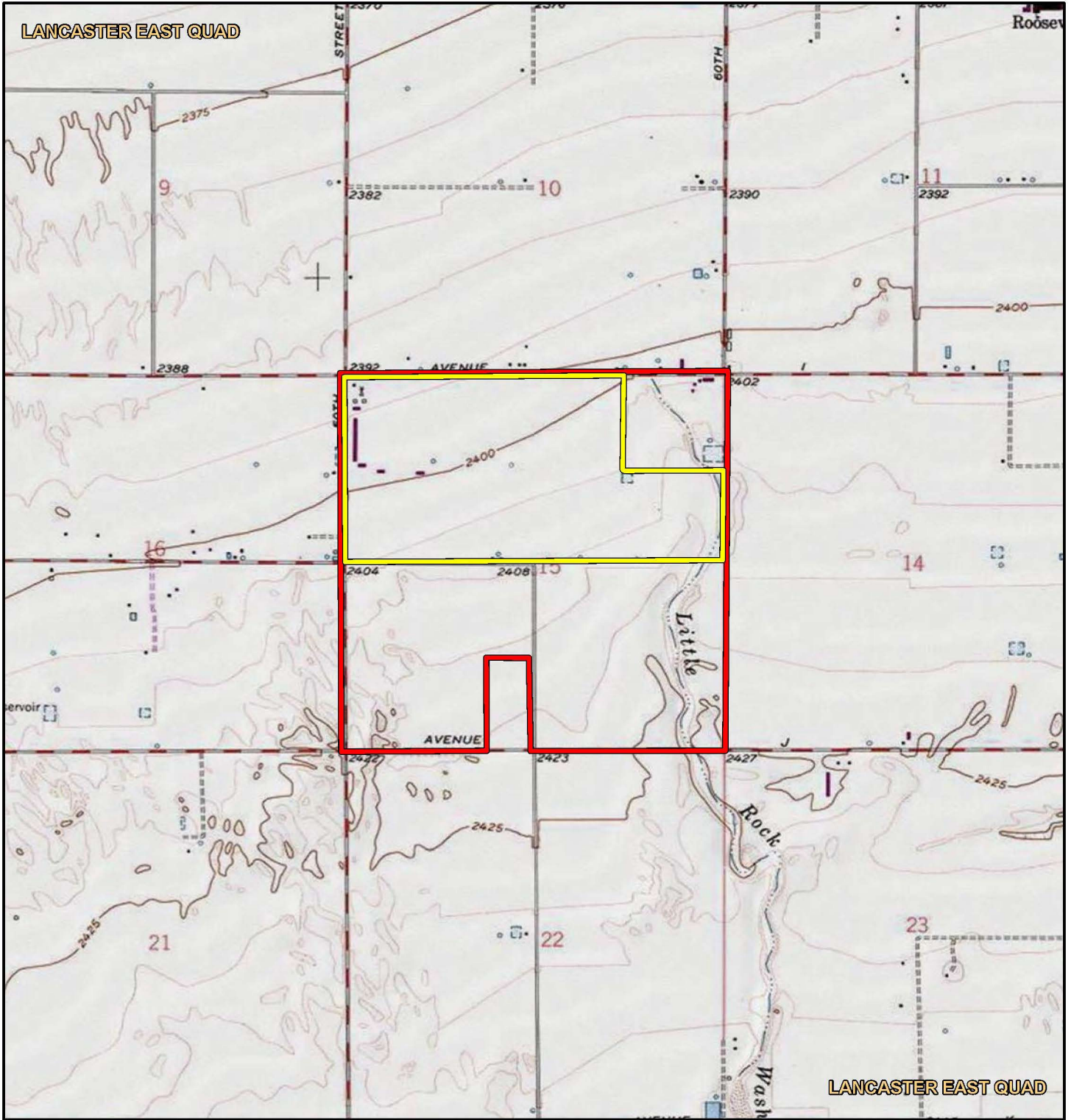
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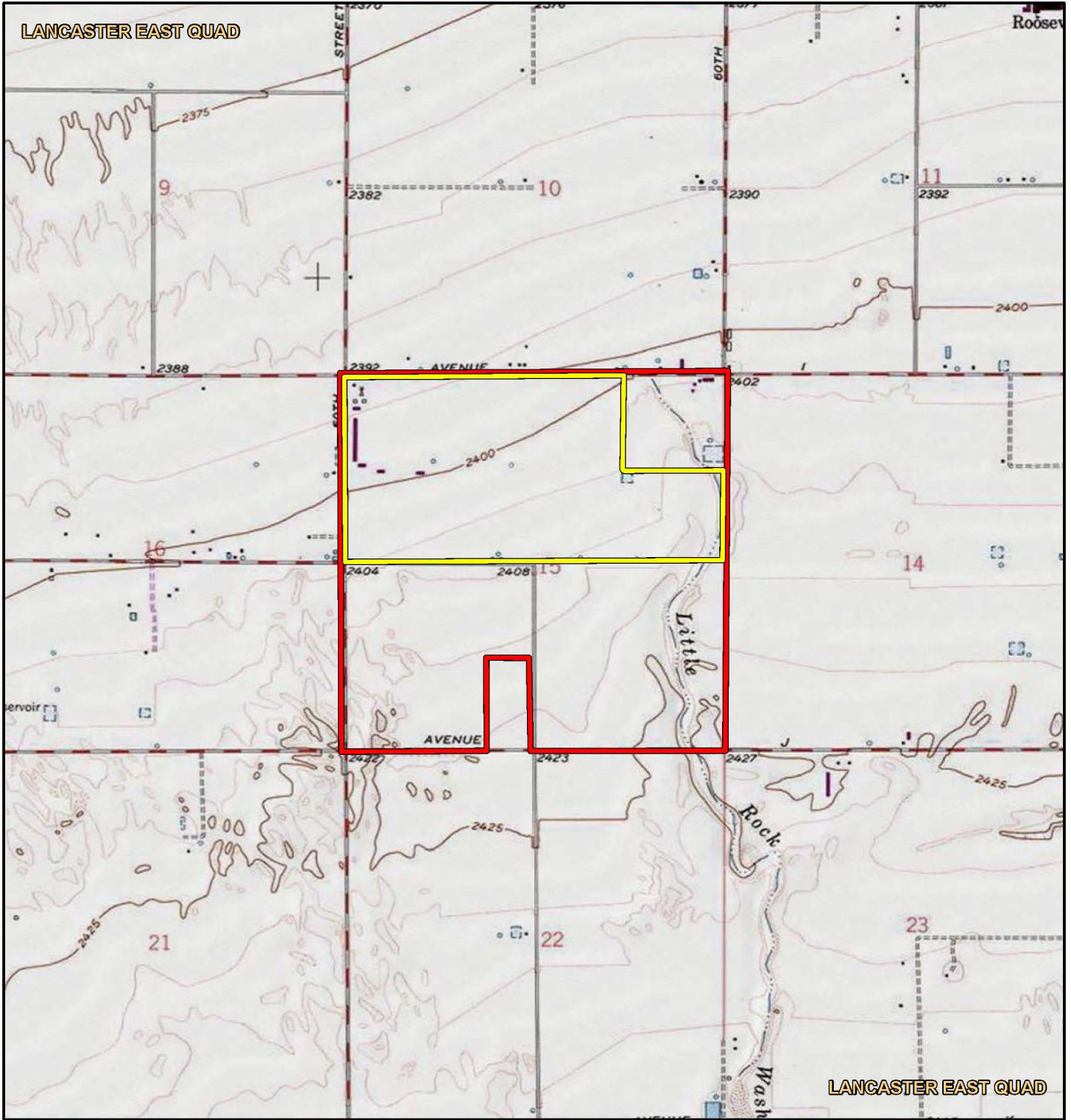
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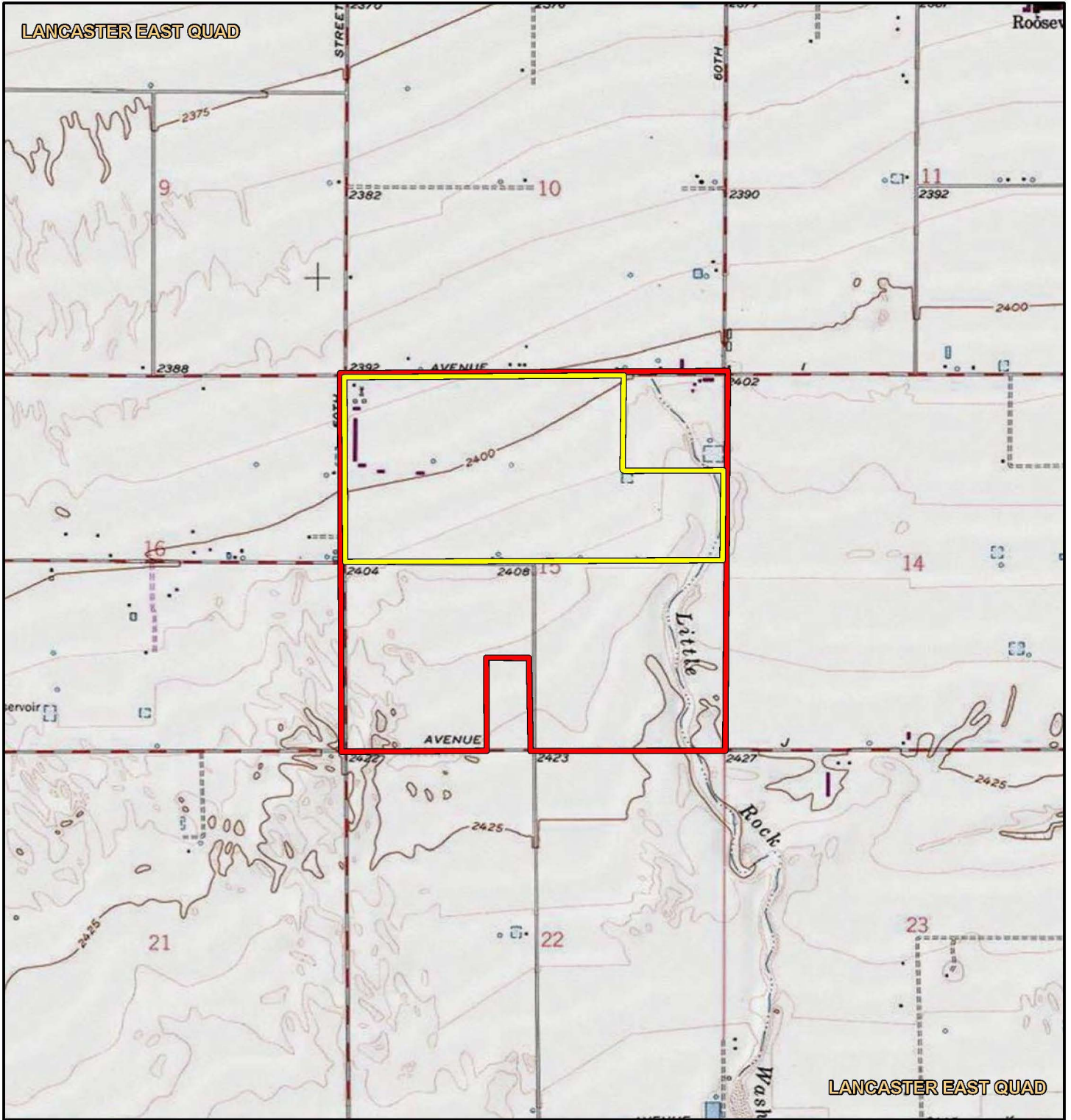
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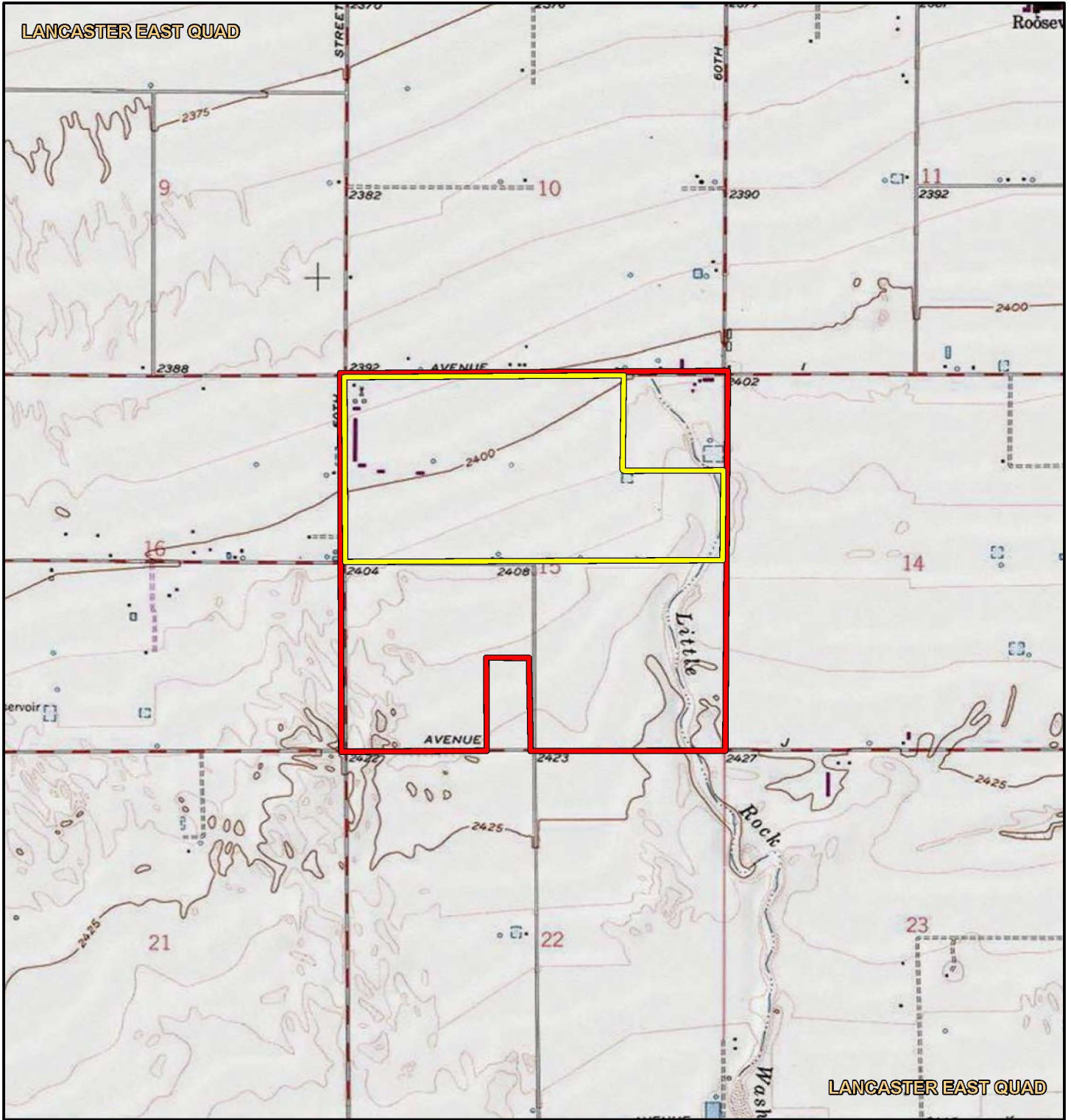
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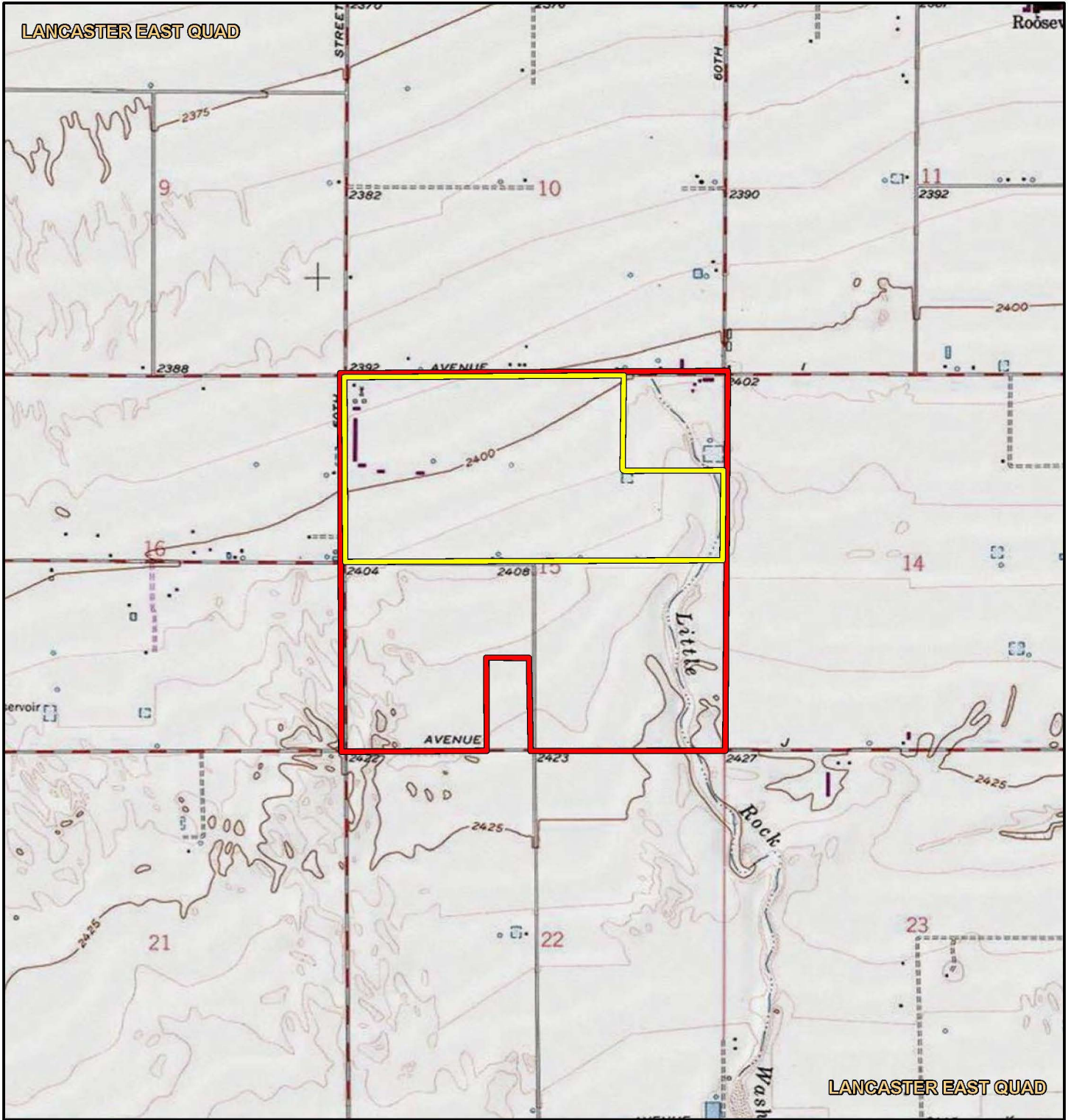
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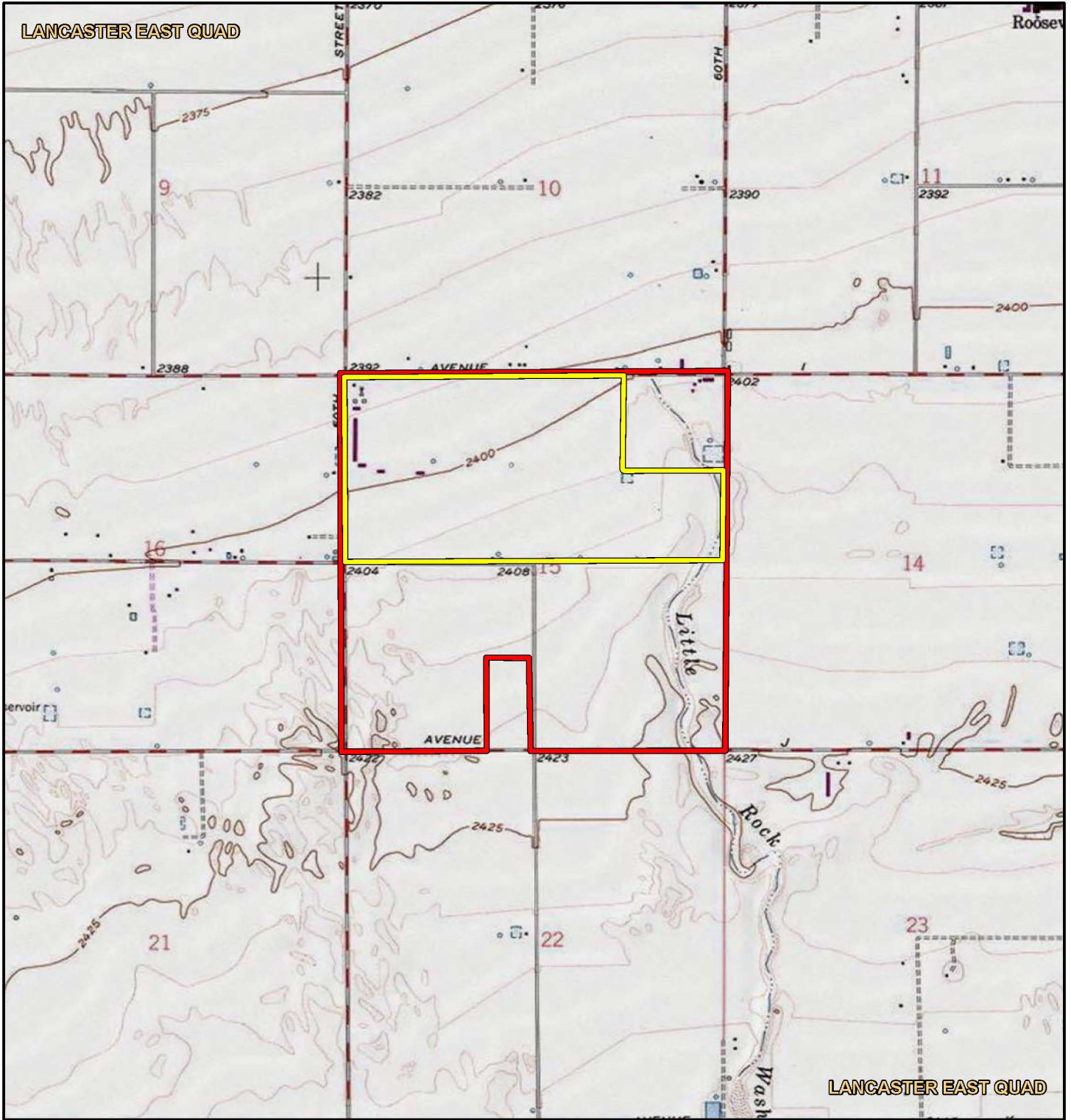
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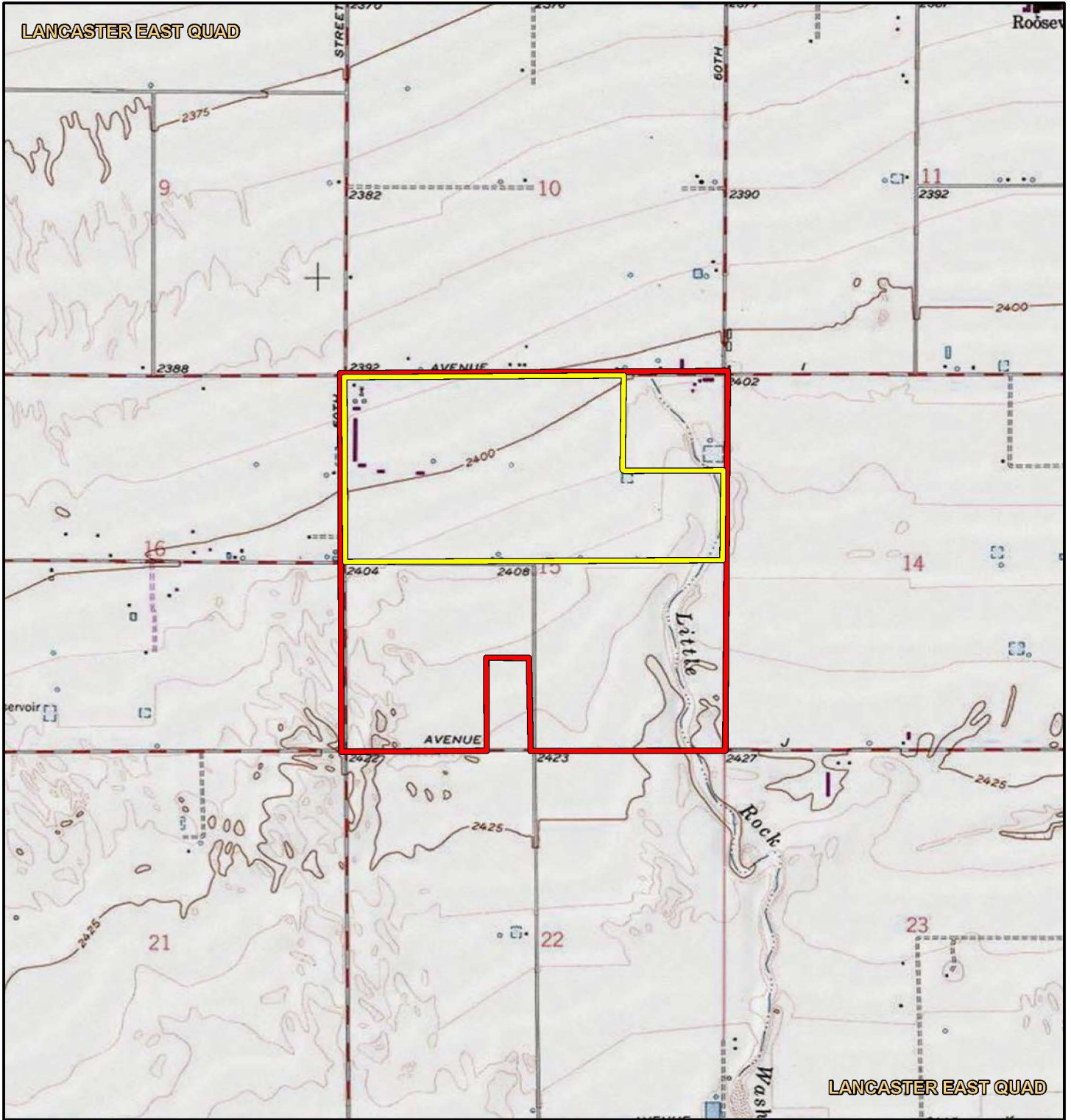
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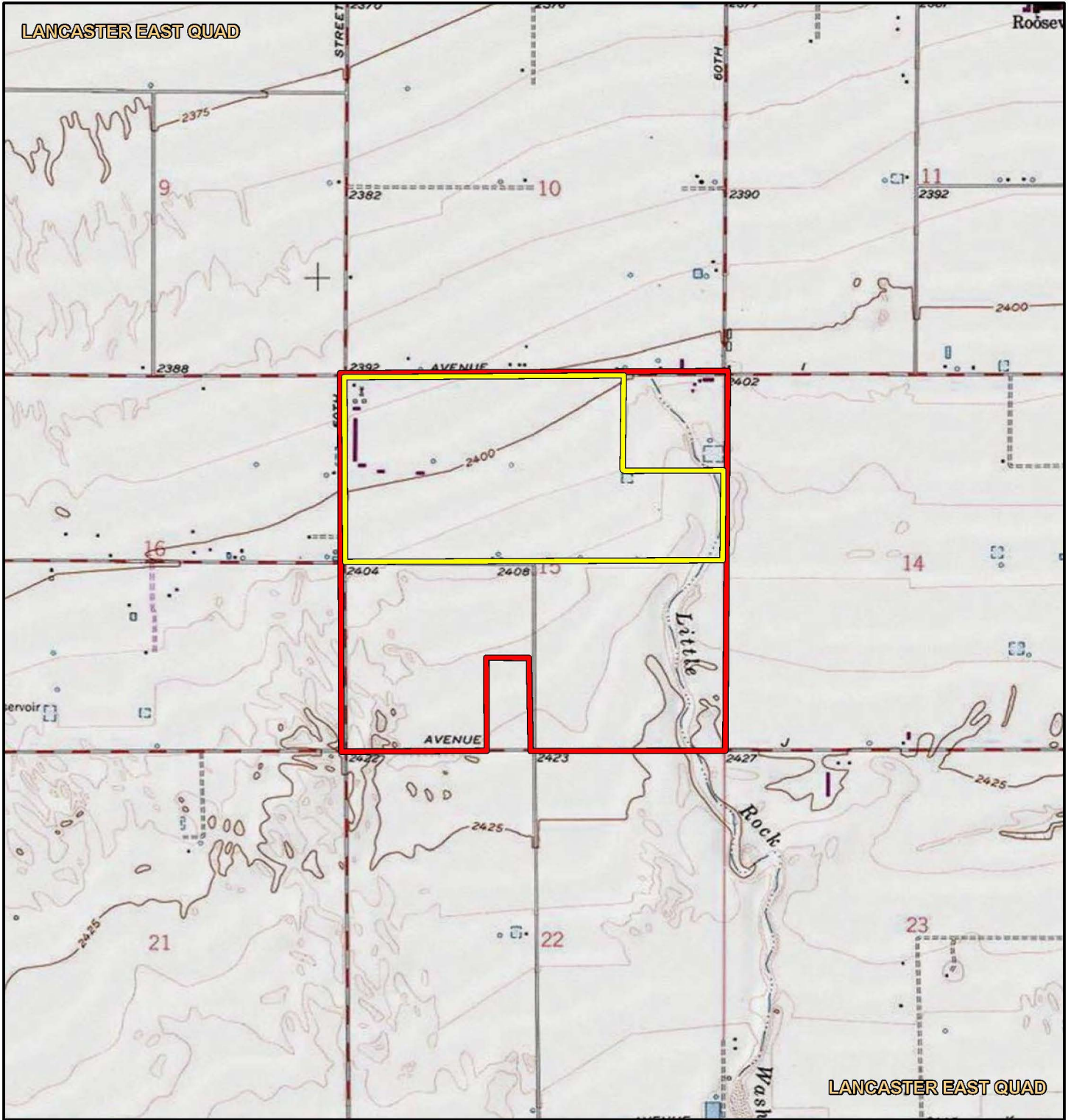
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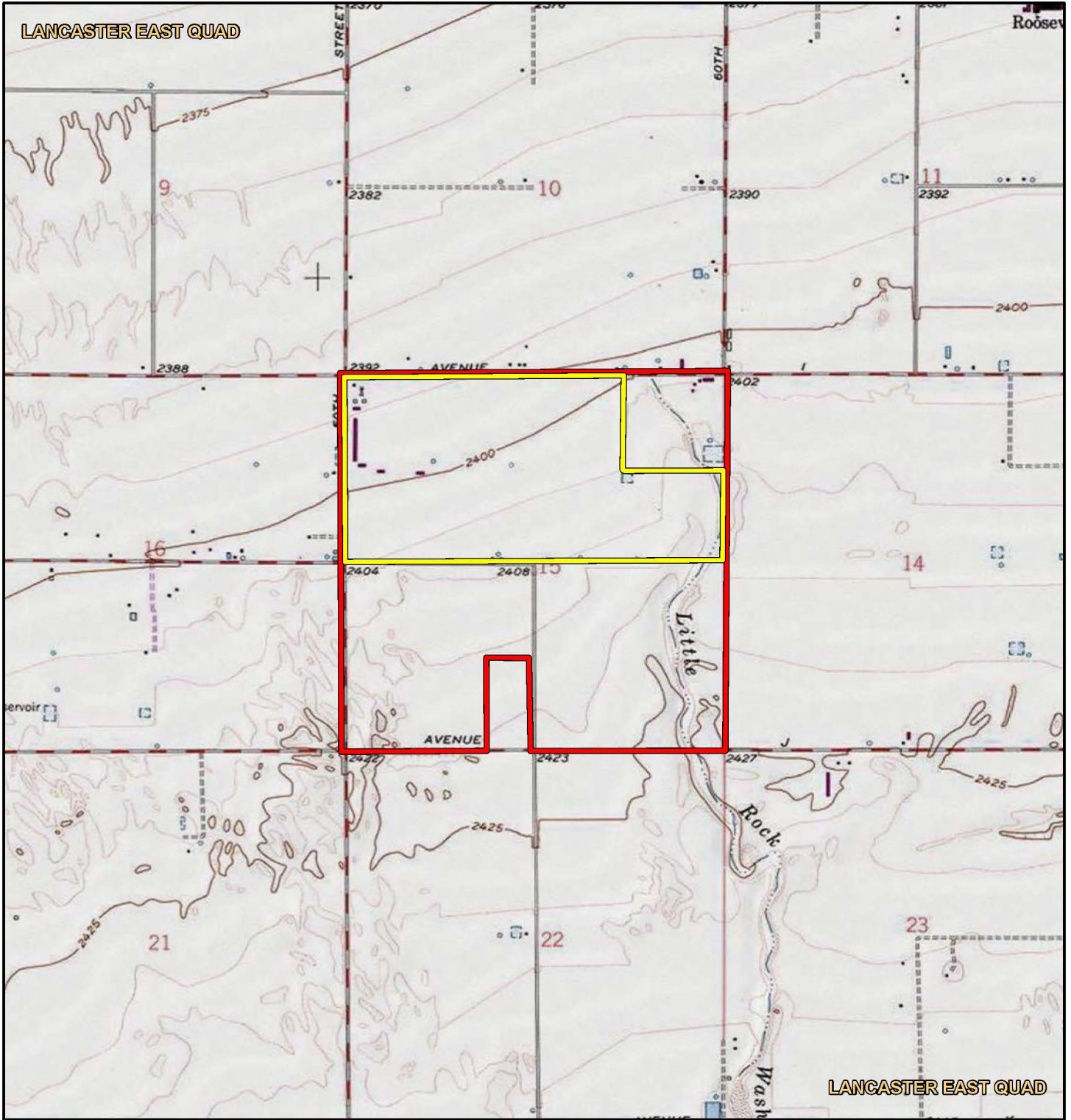
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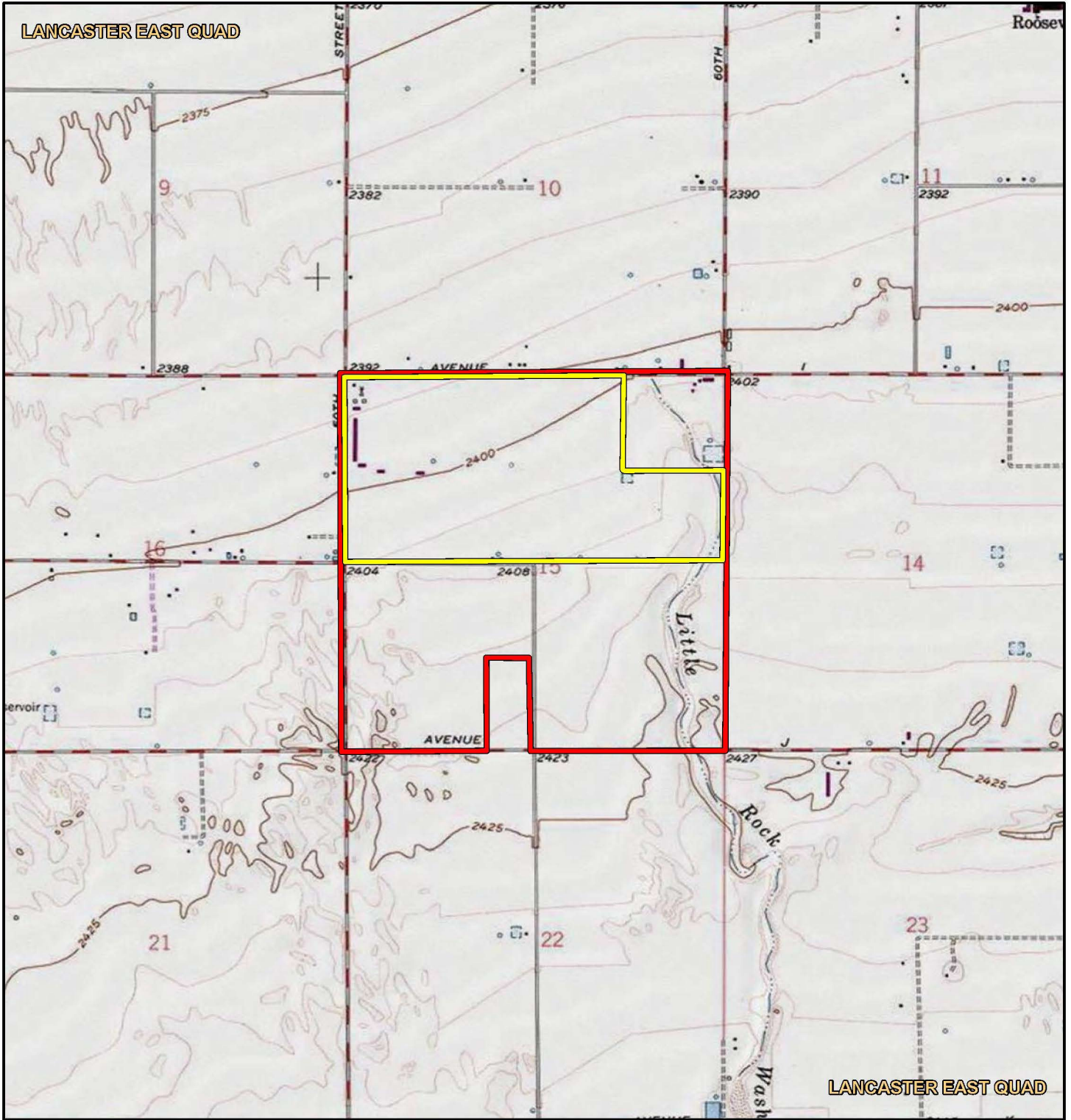
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