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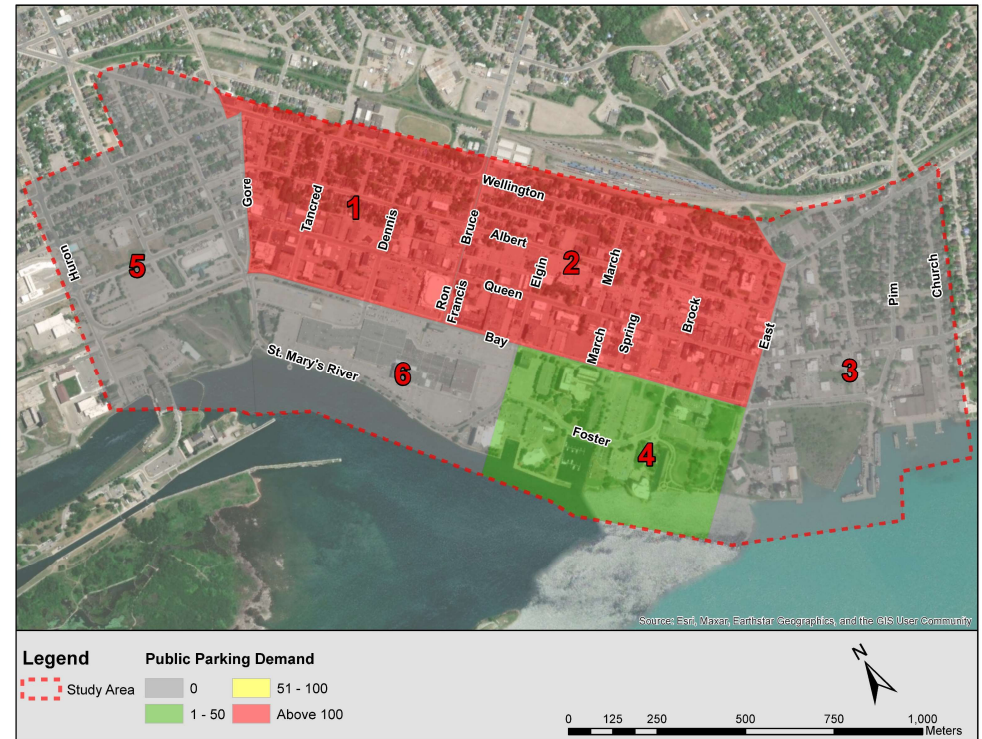
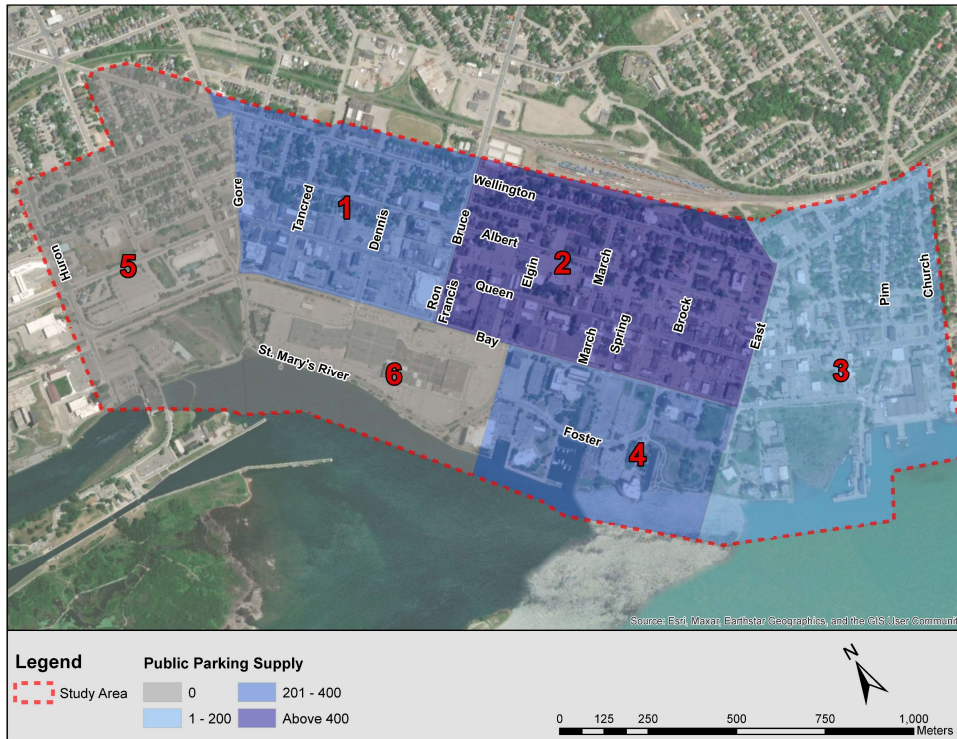
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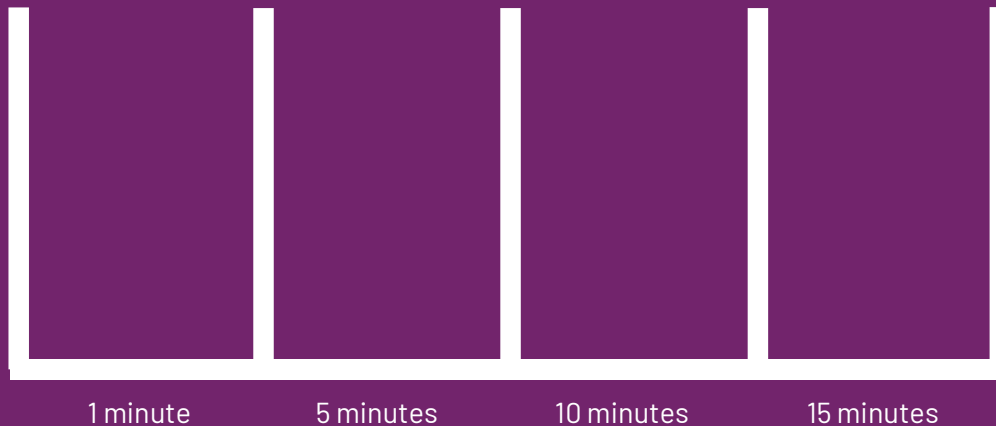
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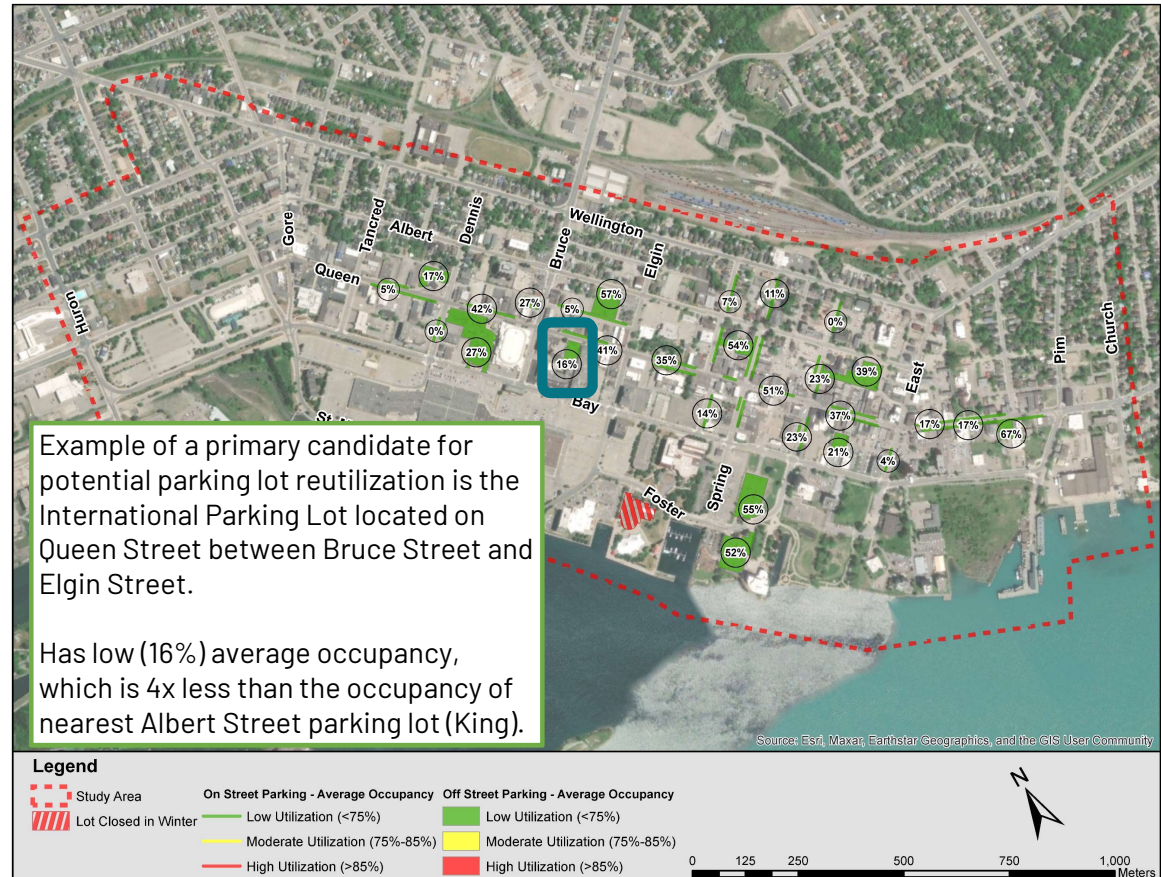
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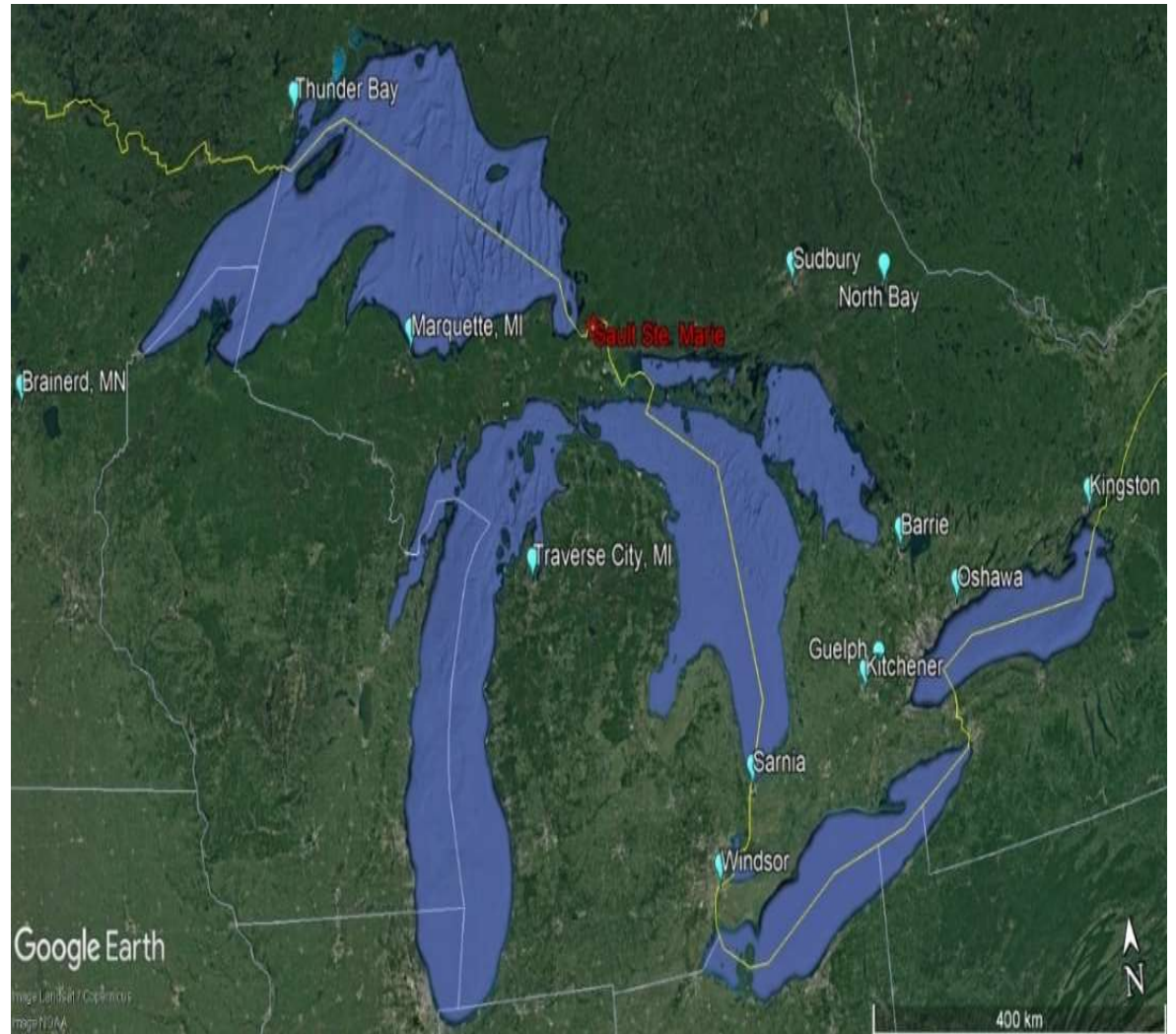
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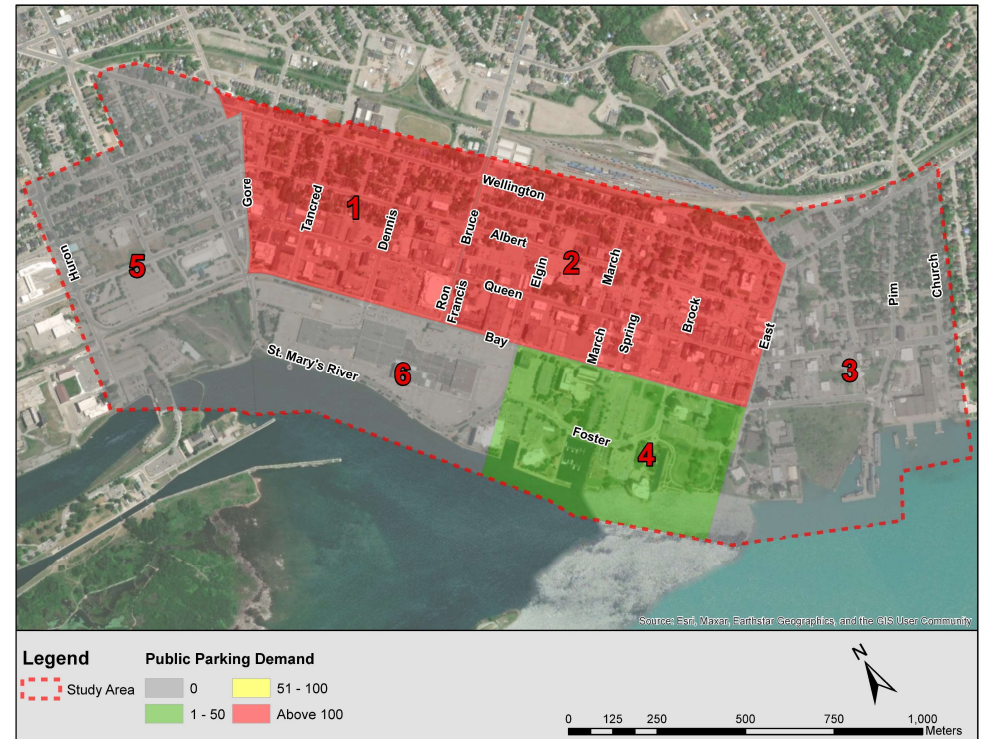
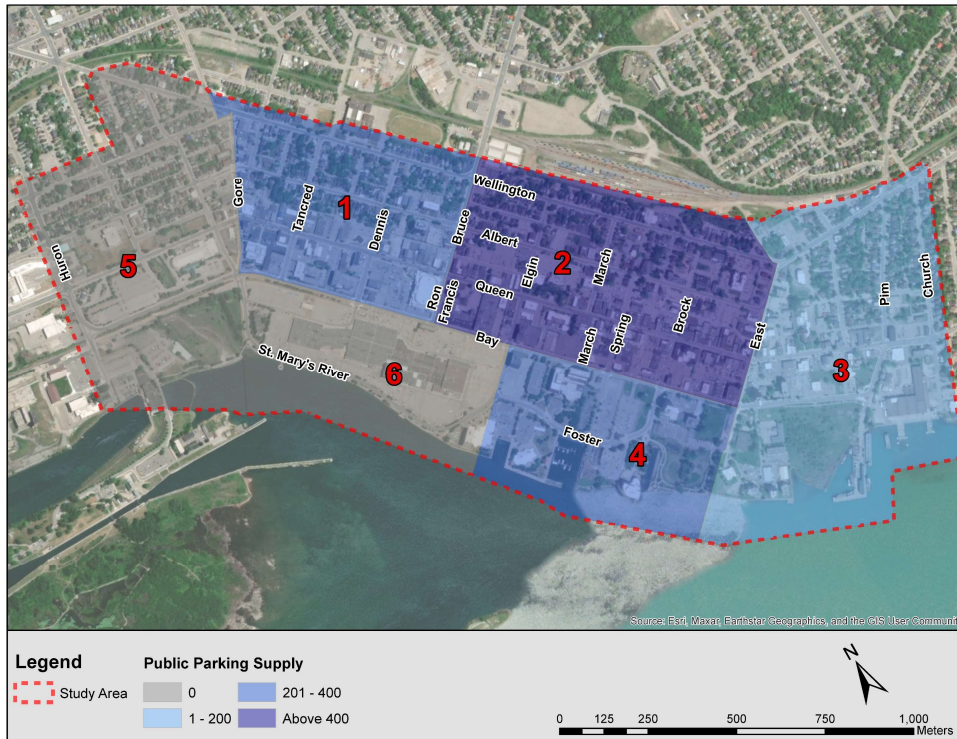
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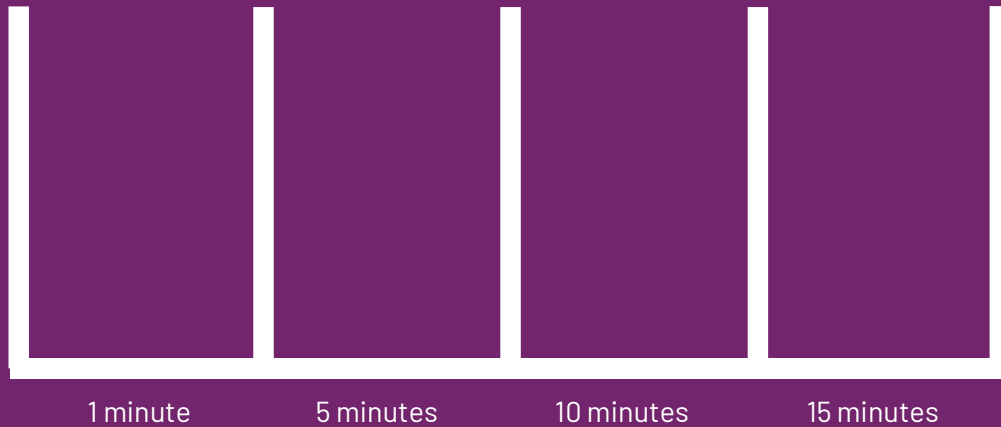
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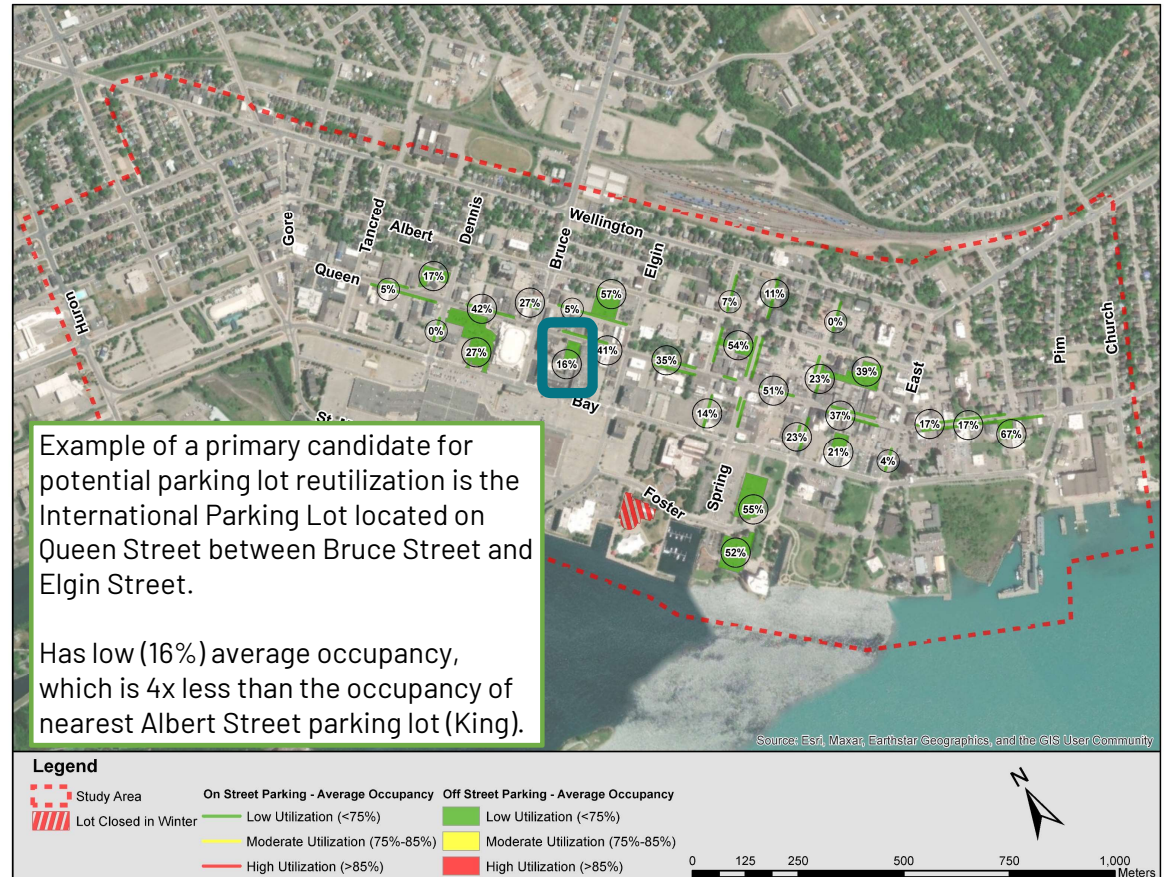
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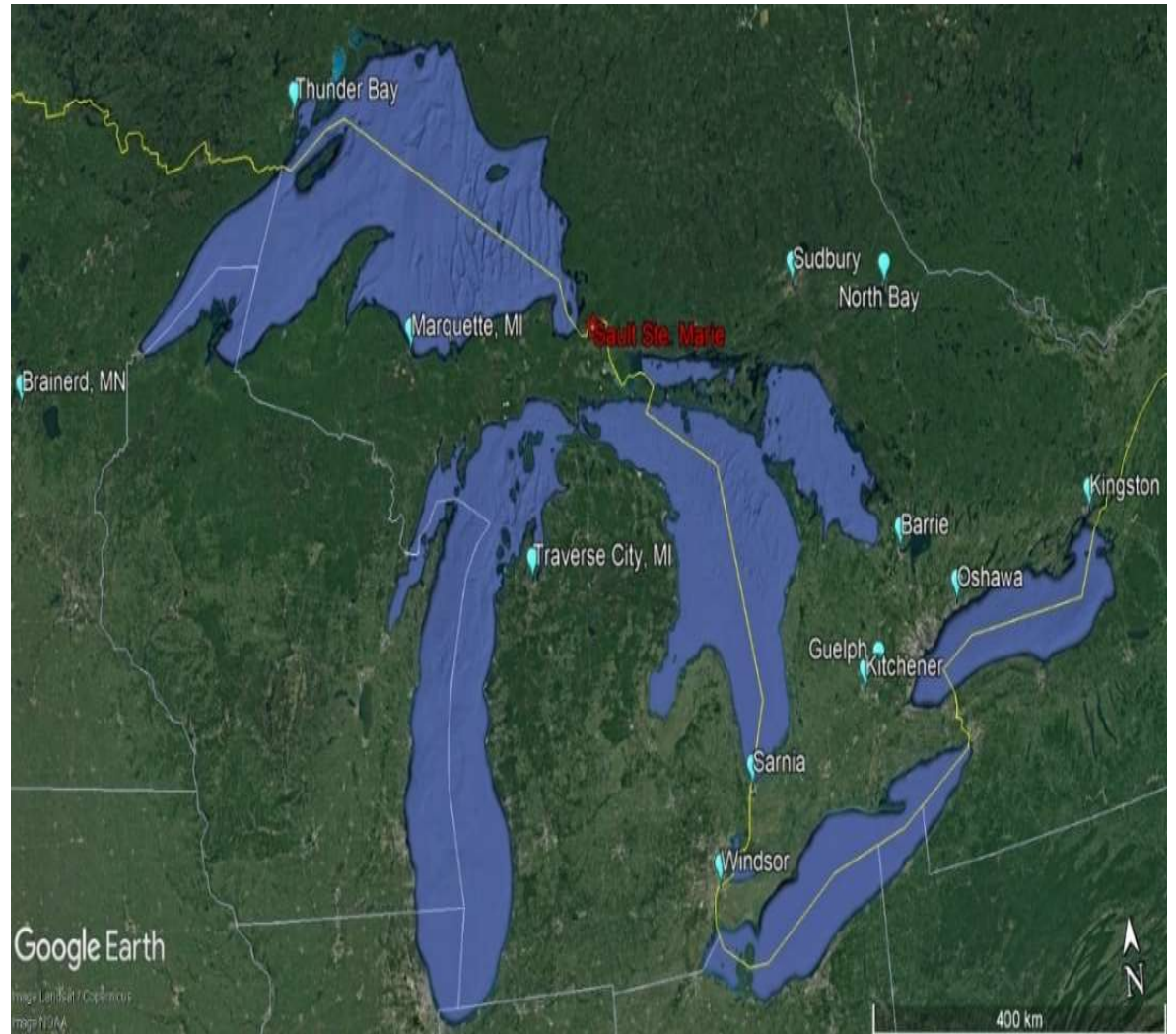
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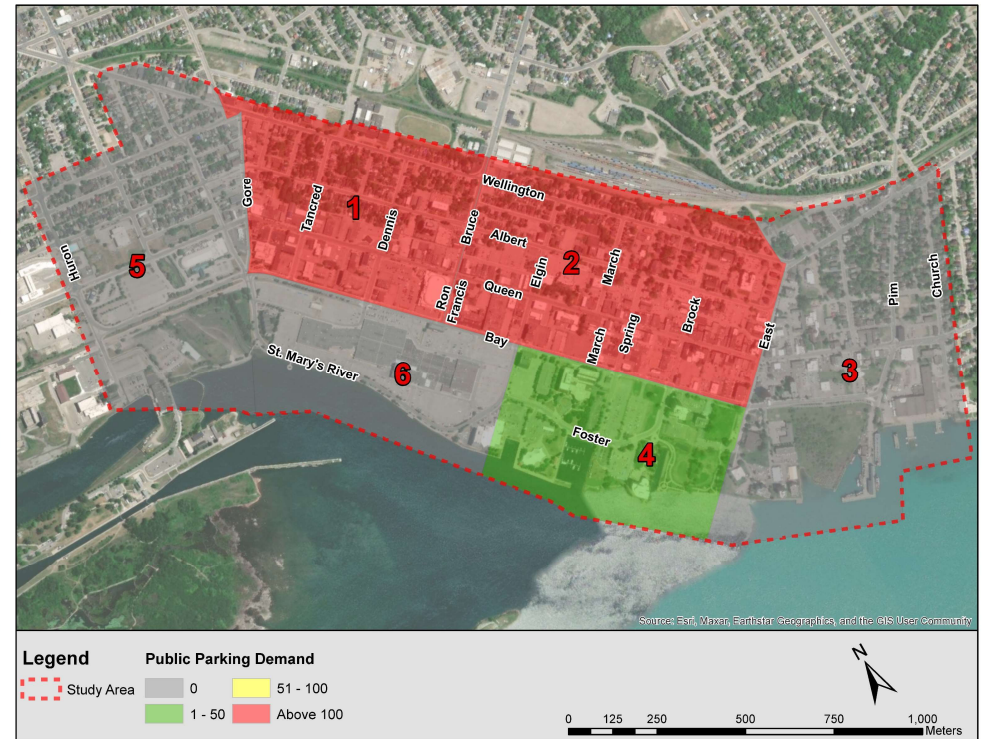
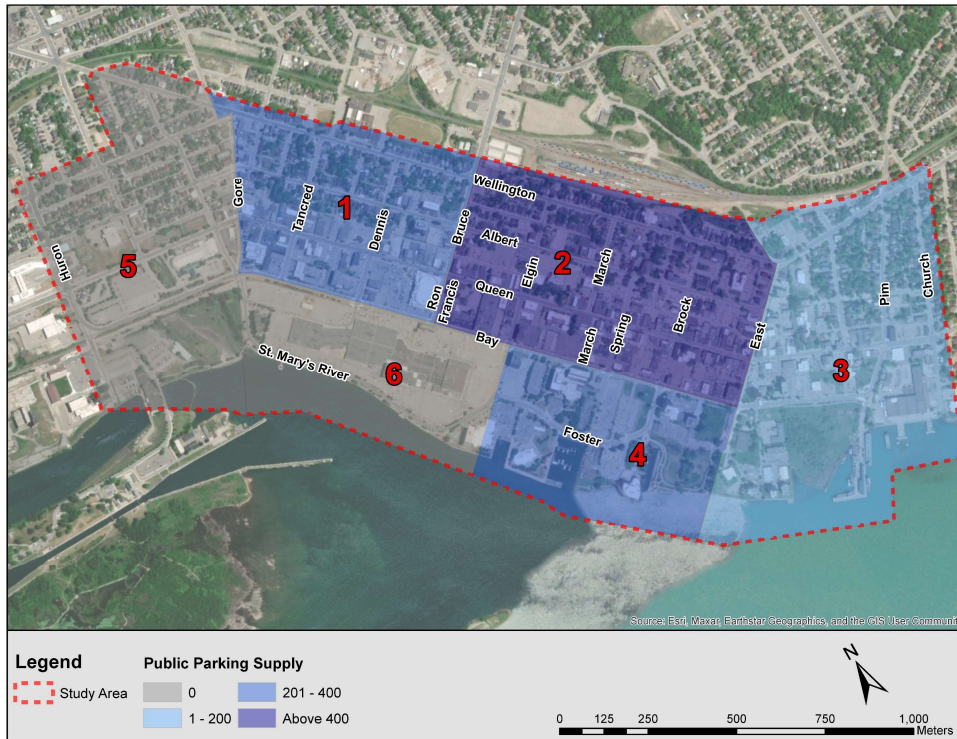
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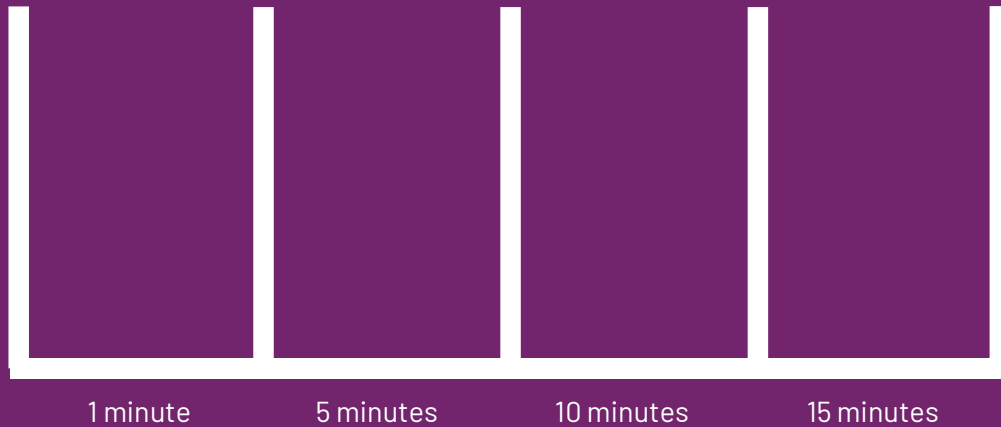
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- EV parking requirements are not recommended in the short-term, however, sales/registration of EVs within the City should be monitored in the long term for re-evaluation of parking needs

BICYCLE PARKING REQUIREMENTS

- Introduce bicycle parking requirements in areas where there is existing and/or proposed active transportation infrastructure to promote active transportation modal use

MICRO-MOBILITY PARKING REQUIREMENTS

- Micro-mobility parking requirements should be evaluated based on the demand (i.e., registration, sales) in conjunction with the infrastructure before implementation in the future

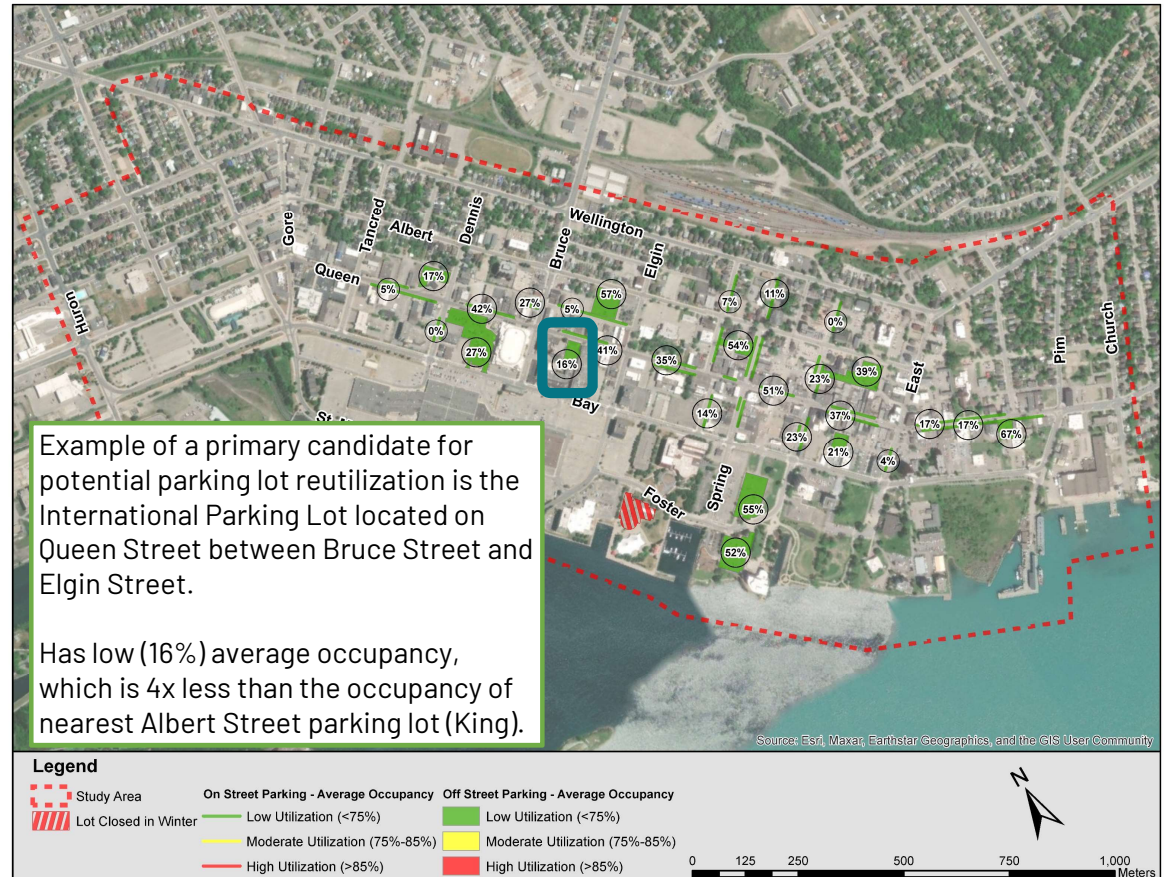
What is a Zoning By-law?

The Zoning By-law is the legislated control that implements the land use policies of the Official Plan. Zoning outlines how a specific parcel of land may be used and the regulations that apply to development, such as lot size, setbacks, parking requirements, and building height.

Modifications to Current Parking Supply Being Considered

Opportunities to potentially reduce the amount of parking spaces servicing the Study Area due to the surplus parking identified in all zones.

Use of Average Occupancy as the main performance measure to determine ideal locations to reduce parking.



Modification to Current Parking Fees Being Considered

- No need for changes to the current parking fees framework
- Recommended to update the current parking data collection technology to make more informed public parking decisions.

Potential technological improvements include:

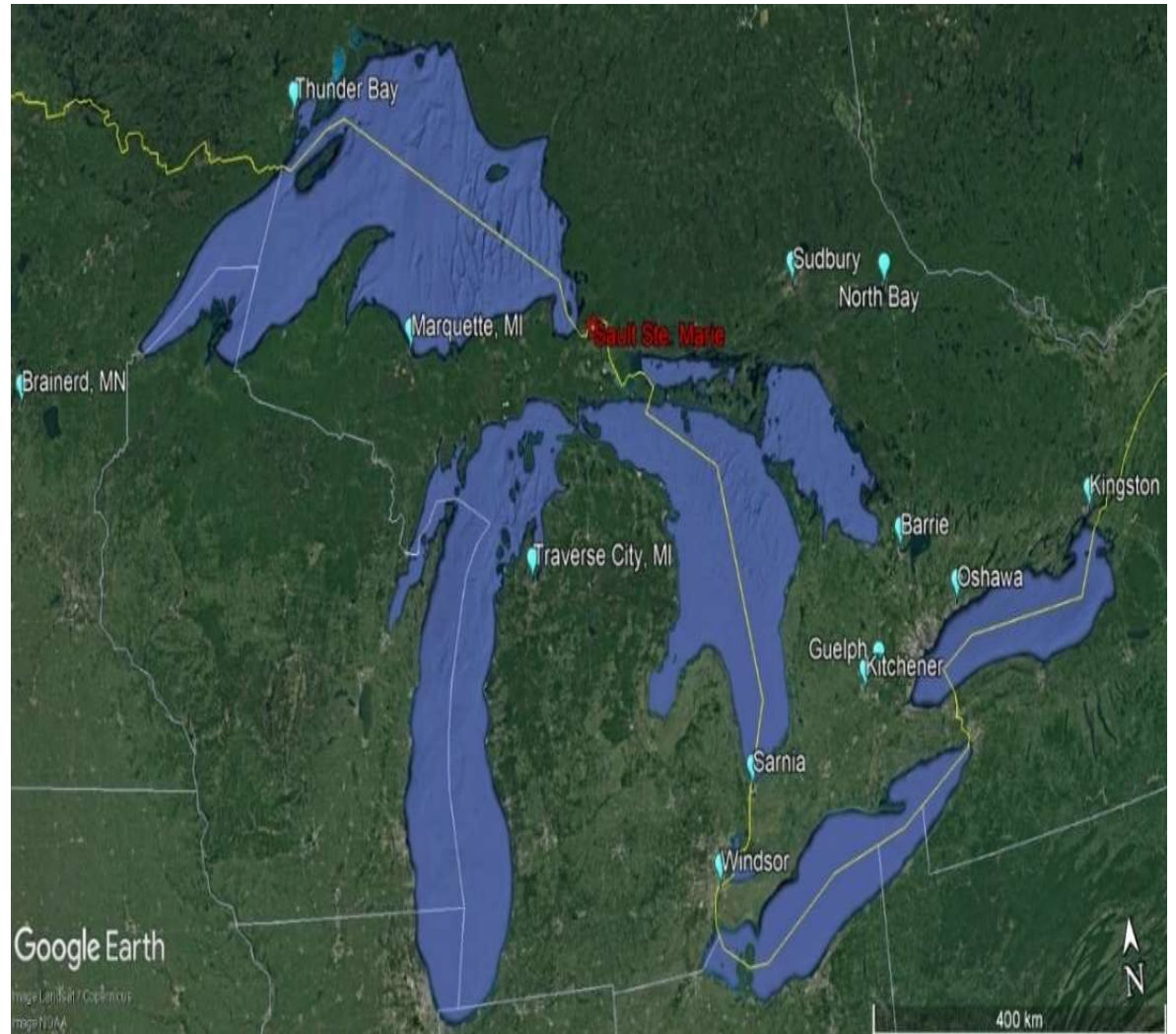
- Integrating the Passport parking data with the existing GIS data to create a Public Parking Dashboard
- Geo-coding the on-street parking data to monitor the on-street parking utilization

Further Discussion Beyond the Downtown

Proposed Parking Review

To develop the new proposed parking requirements a review was done of 13 Municipalities throughout North America to gauge overall best practices for parking.

The proposed new requirements seek to compile those elements from each Municipality that would be able to be applied to the local context in Sault Ste. Marie.



Benefits of Reduced Minimum Parking Requirements

- Encourages Active Transportation
- Assists with Improving Housing Supply and Affordability
- Promotes a Healthier Environment
- Lowers Development Costs for New Projects



Proposed Parking Requirements

Currently the City has two defined parking categories that include the Downtown and the remainder of the City. Currently, there are approximately 90 specific parking ratios that have been condensed into the proposed chart.

This proposal retains the two existing parking categories, while also creating a new third category around well serviced areas with access to key amenities referred to as “Nodes” that will be further defined through a series of upcoming open houses.

Ratio Type	Current Requirement	The Downtown	Nodes	Rest of the City
<i>Residential Uses</i>	1.25 spaces per dwelling type	No Minimum	.75 spaces per dwelling unit	1 space per dwelling unit
<i>Capacity Based Ratio</i>	A: 1/10 persons max. building capacity B: 1/5 persons max. building capacity	No Minimum	1/8 persons max. building capacity	1/6 person max. building capacity
<i>Square Footage Based Ratio #1</i>	3.5 spaces/100m ² for the 1 st 1000m ² + 1 space/200m ² thereafter	No Minimum	2 spaces/100m ² for the 1 st 1000m ² + 1 space/200m ² thereafter	2.75 spaces/100m ² for the first 1 st 1000m ² + 1 space/200m ² thereafter
<i>Square Footage Based Ratio #2</i>	2 spaces/100m ²		1.25 spaces/100m ²	1.75 spaces/100m ²
<i>Employee Based Ratios</i>	1 space per employee on the largest shift	No Minimum	.6 spaces per employee on the largest shift	.8 spaces per employee on the largest shift
<i>Professional Services and Retail</i>	A: 3.5 spaces/100m ² B: 4.5 spaces/100m ²	No Minimum	2 spaces/100m ²	3 spaces/100m ²
<i>College and University</i>	1 space per 2 employees + 1 space per 10 students with full time enrollment	No Minimum	.6 spaces per 2 employees + .6 spaces per 10 students with full time enrollment	.8 spaces per 2 employees + .8 spaces per 10 students with full time enrollment
<i>Elementary Schools</i>	1.25 spaces per classroom	No Minimum	.75 spaces per classroom	1 space per classroom
<i>Group Accommodations</i>	3 spaces/100m ²	No Minimum	2 spaces/100m ²	2.5 spaces/100m ²
<i>Bed and Breakfasts</i>	1 space/guestroom + required parking for residence		.6 spaces/guestroom + required parking for residence	.8 spaces/guestroom + required parking for residence
<i>Food Services as an Accessory Use</i>	1 space per 10 persons max. building capacity	No Minimum	.6 spaces per 10 persons max. building capacity	.8 spaces per 10 persons max. building capacity
<i>Marina, Boat Launching Ramps, Wharves</i>	15 spaces per launch ramp with min. dimensions of 11m by 4m + 1 space per docking space	No Minimum	9 spaces per launch ramp with min. dimensions of 11m by 4m + 1 space per docking space	12 spaces per launch ramp with min. dimensions of 11m by 4m + 1 space per docking space
<i>No parking Requirement</i>	No parking required for main use	No parking required for main use	No parking required for main use	No Parking required for main use

What Happens Next?

Next Steps for the Project Team

Following this PIC and over the next several months, the Project Team will:

- Review all feedback received from residents, business owners, the general public and agencies
- Present final recommendations to City Council for approval
- Post the final report on the project webpage

How You Can Stay Involved



Provide your feedback by leaving comments at this PIC or through the project webpage



Join the mailing list by providing your email on the PIC sign-in sheet or through the project webpage



To access the project webpage please scan the QR code



Thank you!

**We appreciate your time and
interest in this project**