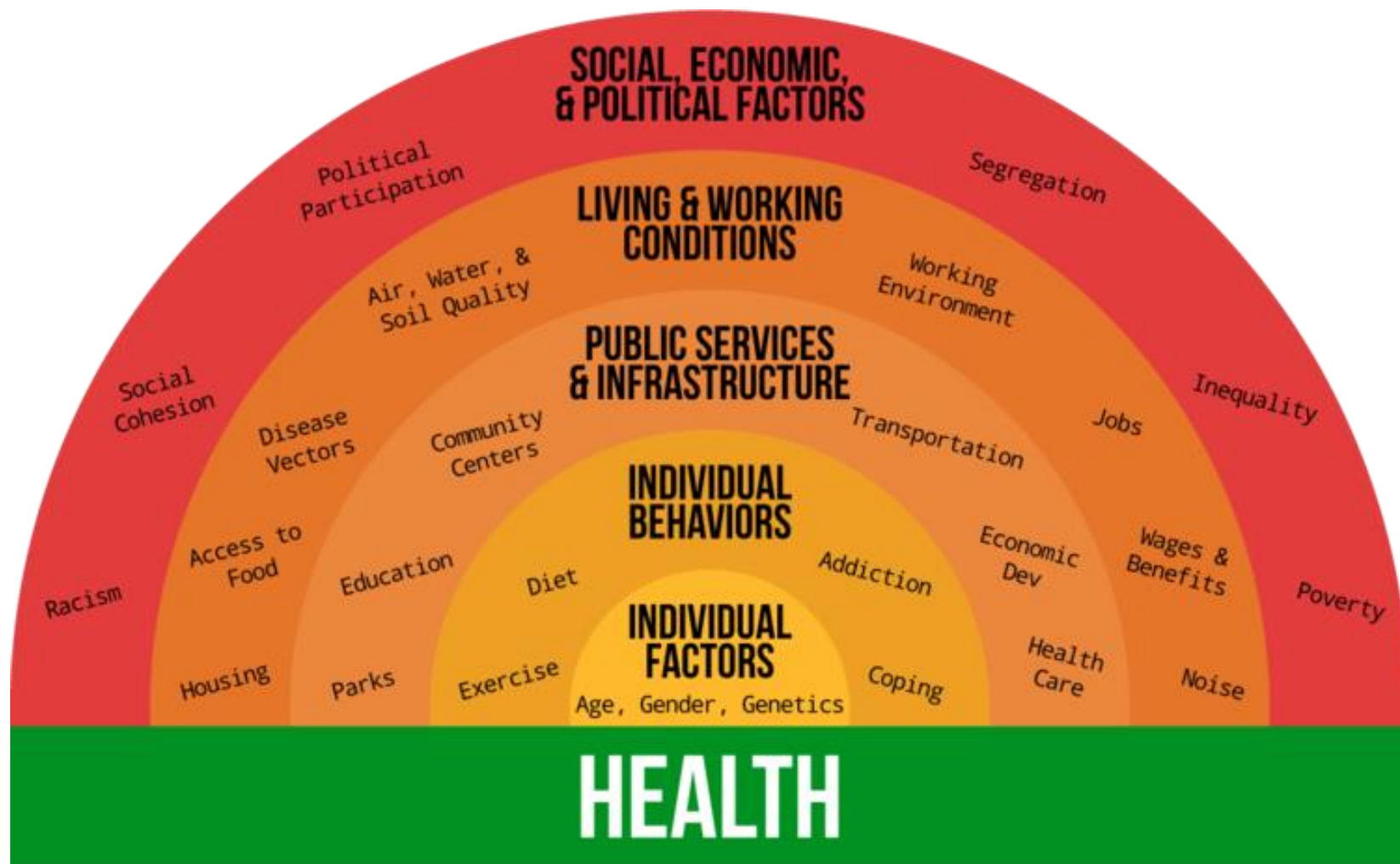




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Environmental Justice Principles

- Equal protection from and equitable distribution of environmental and health hazards, burdens and benefits.
 1. Procedural justice
 2. Distributive justice

Environmental Justice Communities:

- Minority, Low-income, Tribal, and other underrepresented communities, such as youth, elderly, those with physical or mental disabilities, or those who identify as LGBTQ or gender non-conforming.



Environmental Justice Principles

1. Procedural justice

- Meaningful involvement in environmental decision-making

2. Distributive justice

- Environmental burdens and benefits are distributed fairly

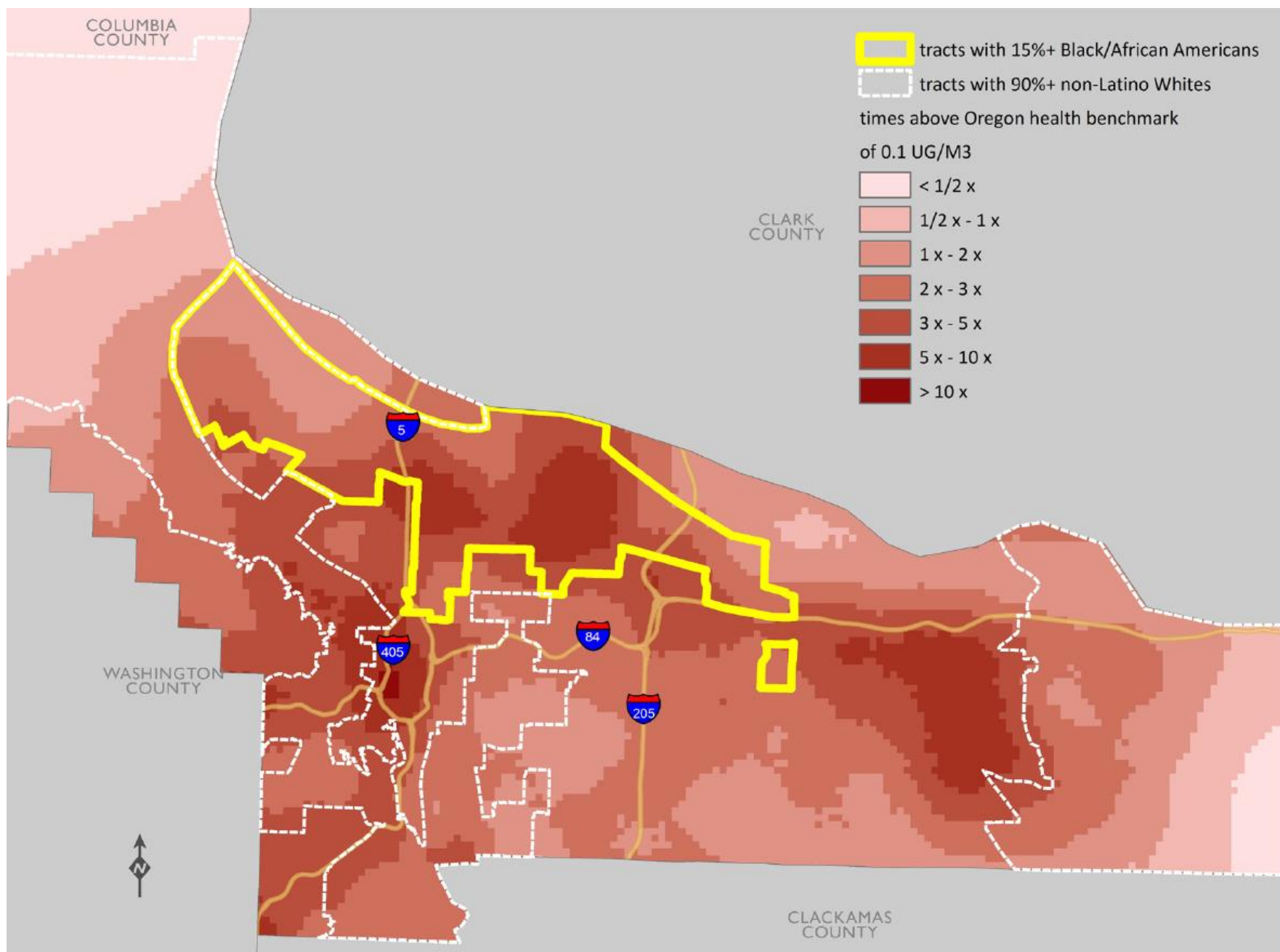
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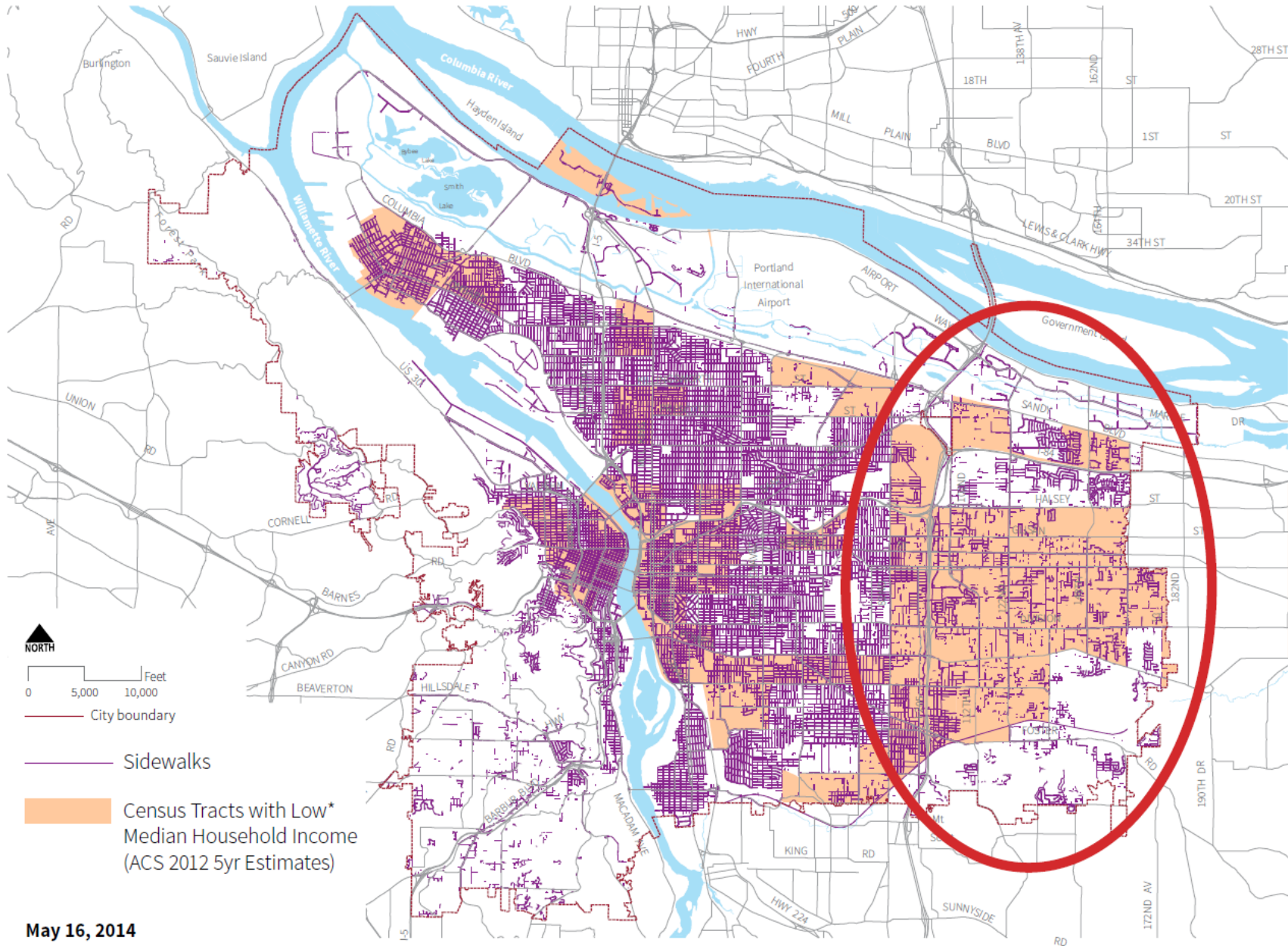








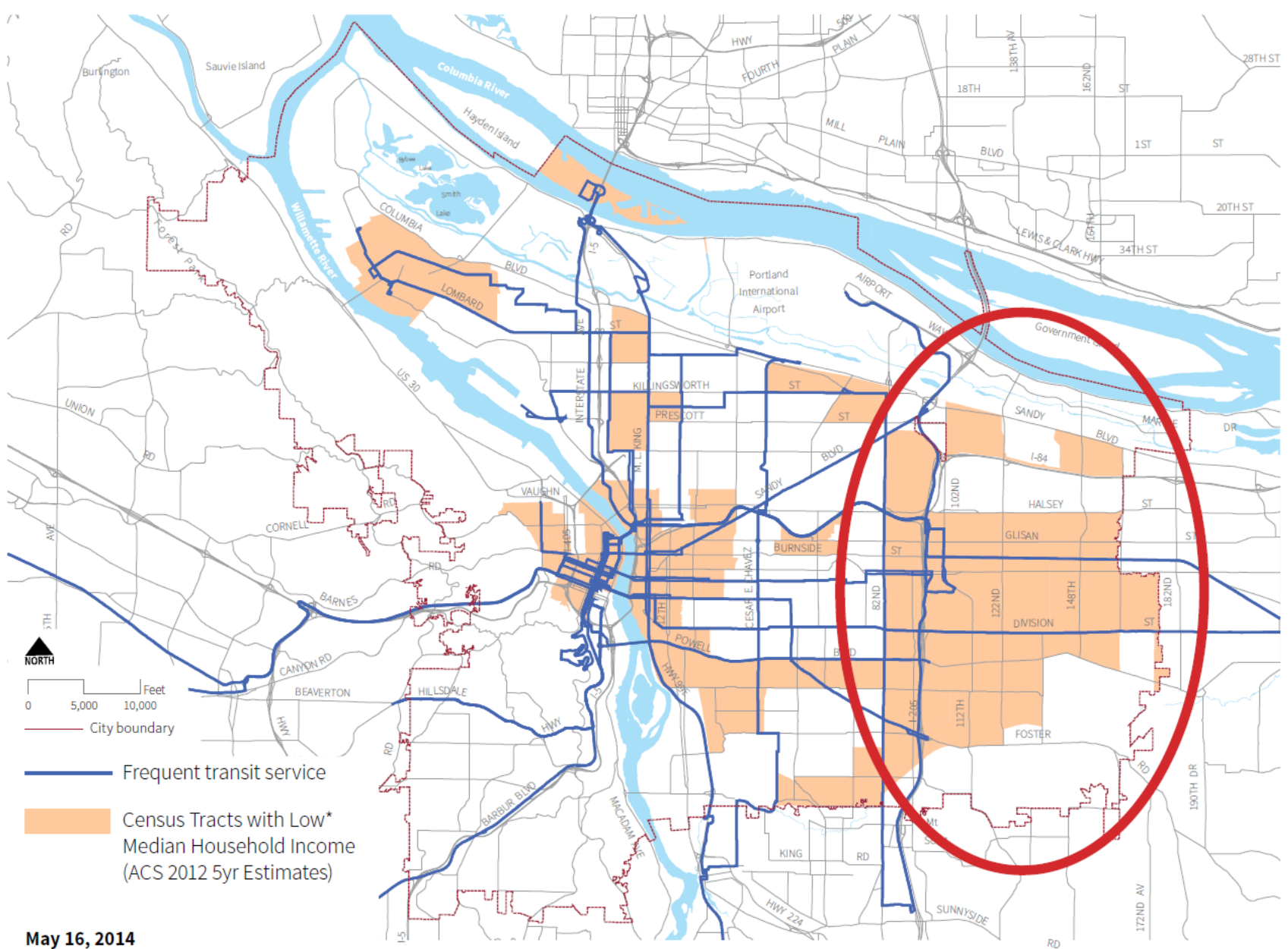




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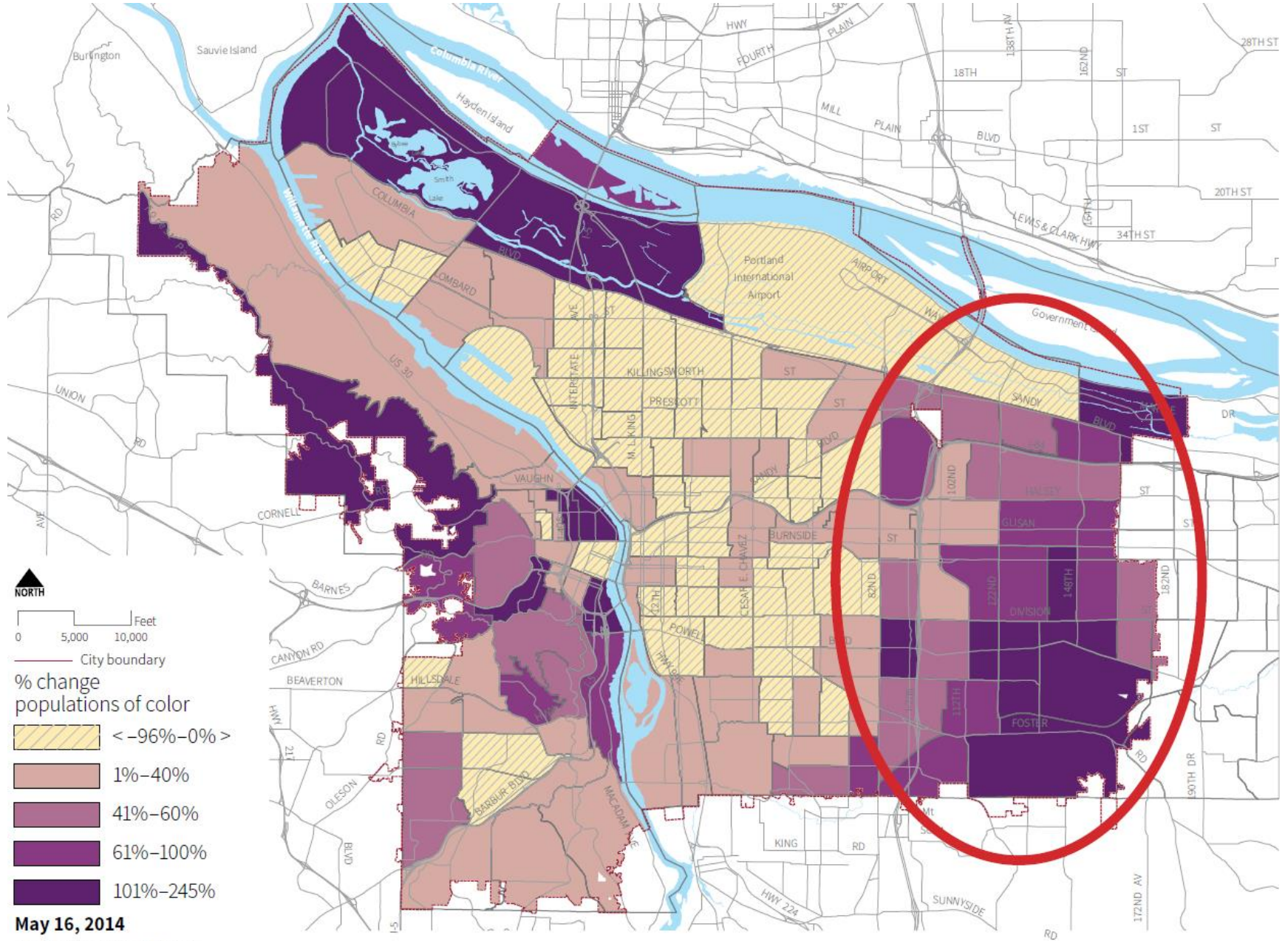




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Process

1. Review EJ and related actions in MultCo and other jurisdictions nationally
2. Convene internal stakeholder discussions
3. Convene external stakeholder discussions
4. Develop draft county policy
5. Incorporate feedback from County leadership, internal and external County stakeholders



What are we already doing?

- Health Equity Initiative (2008)
- Equity & Empowerment Lens (2008 & 2012)
- Racial & Ethnic Disparities Report (2014)
- Workforce Strategic Equity Plan (2018)
- Community Health Improvement Plan (2018)



Environmental Justice Snapshot

Partnership and Roles

To be developed over 18-24 months, including:

- Relevant EJ indicators
- Current County practices aligned w/ EJ
- Opportunities to better align w/ EJ
- EJ opportunities in MultCo areas of influence



Environmental Justice Snapshot

EJ in Action

- 2015 Climate Action Plan update
- 2016 Air toxics scare
- 2018 Cully scrapyard fire



Institutionalizing Environmental Justice in Multnomah Co.

Questions and comments

