Town of Wallingford

Economic Development Commission

March 10, 2014

Senator LeBeau and Representative Perone, Co-Chairs
Commerce Committee
Room 110, Capital Building
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Senate Bill 419, An Act Concerning Hospital and Wellness Enterprise Zones
Senate Bill 422, An Act Concerning Knowledge Center Enterprise Zones
House Bill 5161, An Act Concerning Enterprise Zones in Municipalities in Which A Postal Service Processing and Distribution Center Has Closed

Good morning Senator LeBeau, Representative Perone and members of the Commerce Committee. I am Don Roe, Economic Development Coordinator for the Town of Wallingford. I am here representing William Dickinson, Mayor and Mr. Joe Mirra, Chairman of the Economic Development Commission. We are asking you to add the language of House Bill 5161 to Senate Bill 419 and Senate Bill 422. Doing so would provide our community with targeted Enterprise Zone benefits.

By way of background, Wallingford has been the location of a USPS Regional Distribution facility since the Service bought the land and built the facility in the mid-1990's. Then, in 2011, the USPS announced that this facility will be closed. Doing so adds a 300,000 square foot facility on 35 acres to the market and removes what historically was an employer of 1,200 from the community end region.

The State has offered the Enterprise Zone tool to other communities that have had major facilities vacated due to either government and/or corporate downsizing. Such is the situation our community is facing: hence, our request for assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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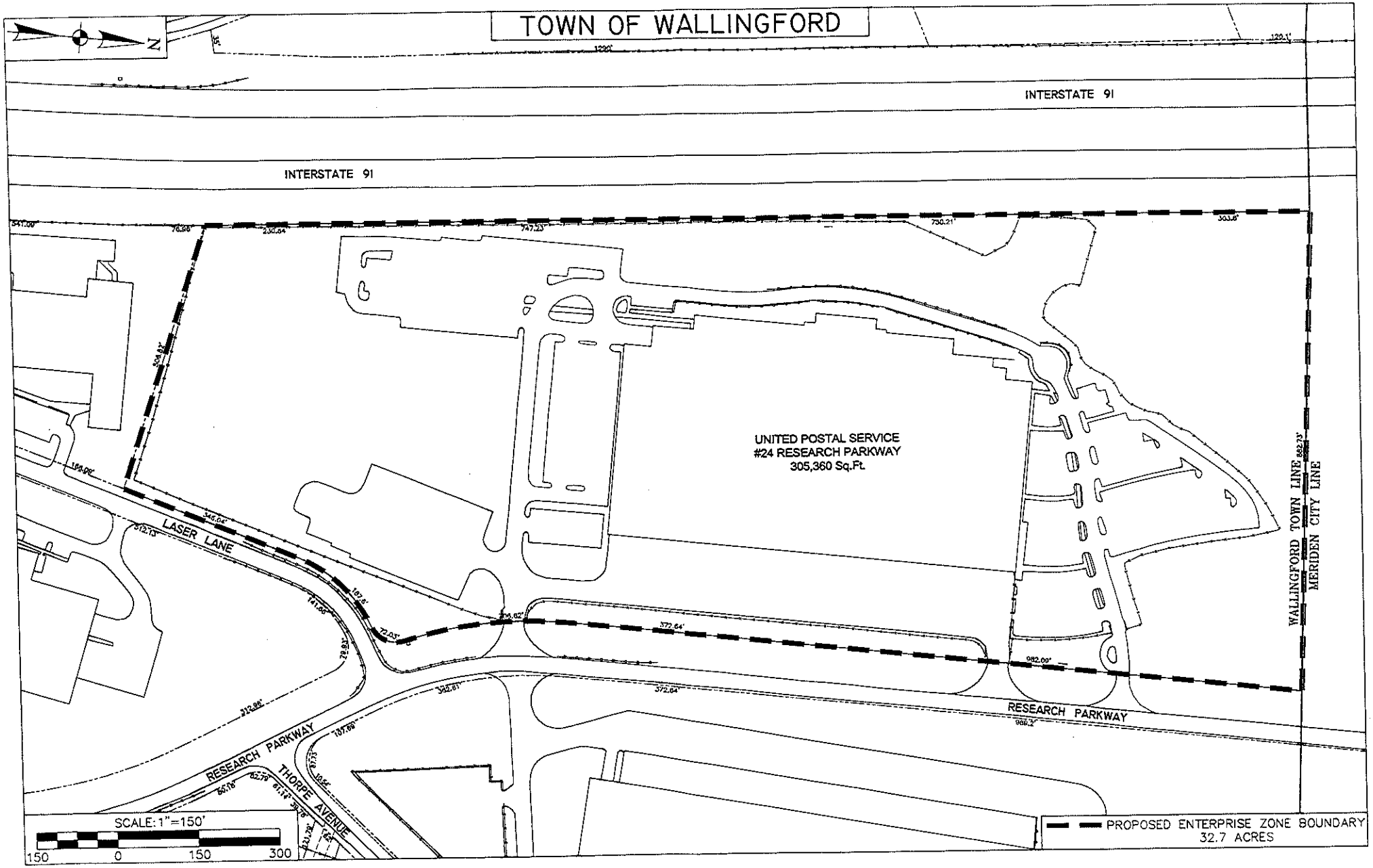

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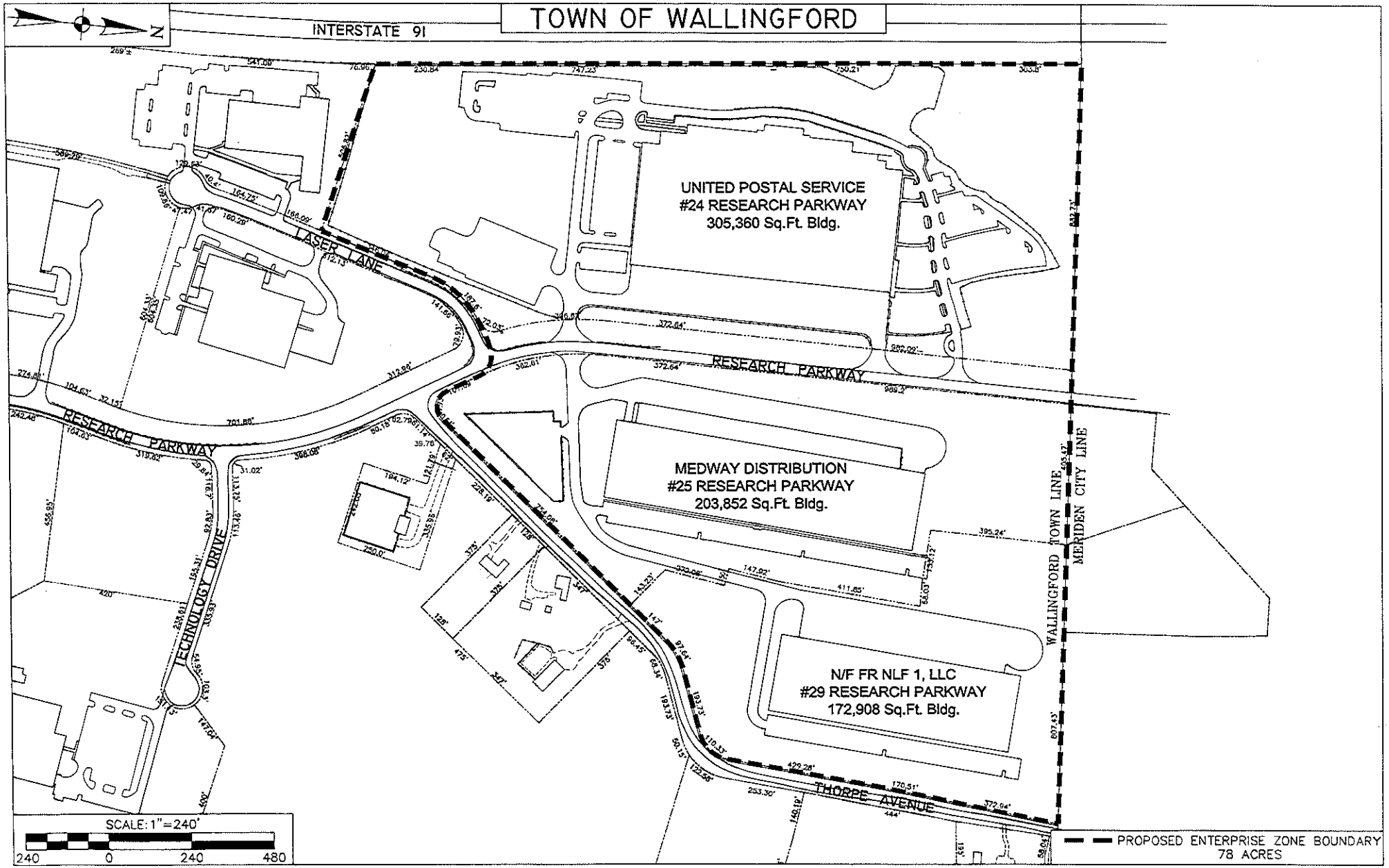

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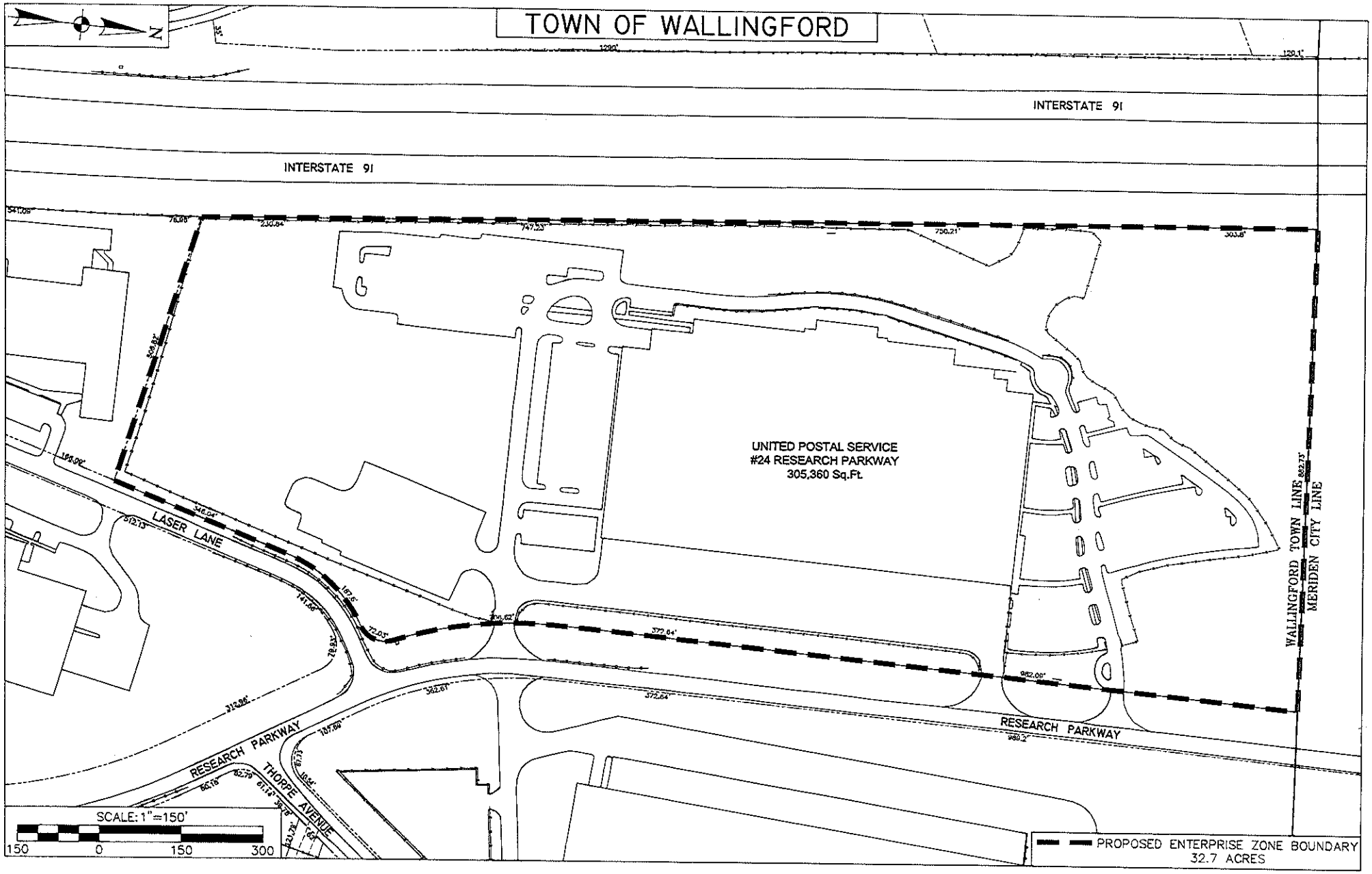

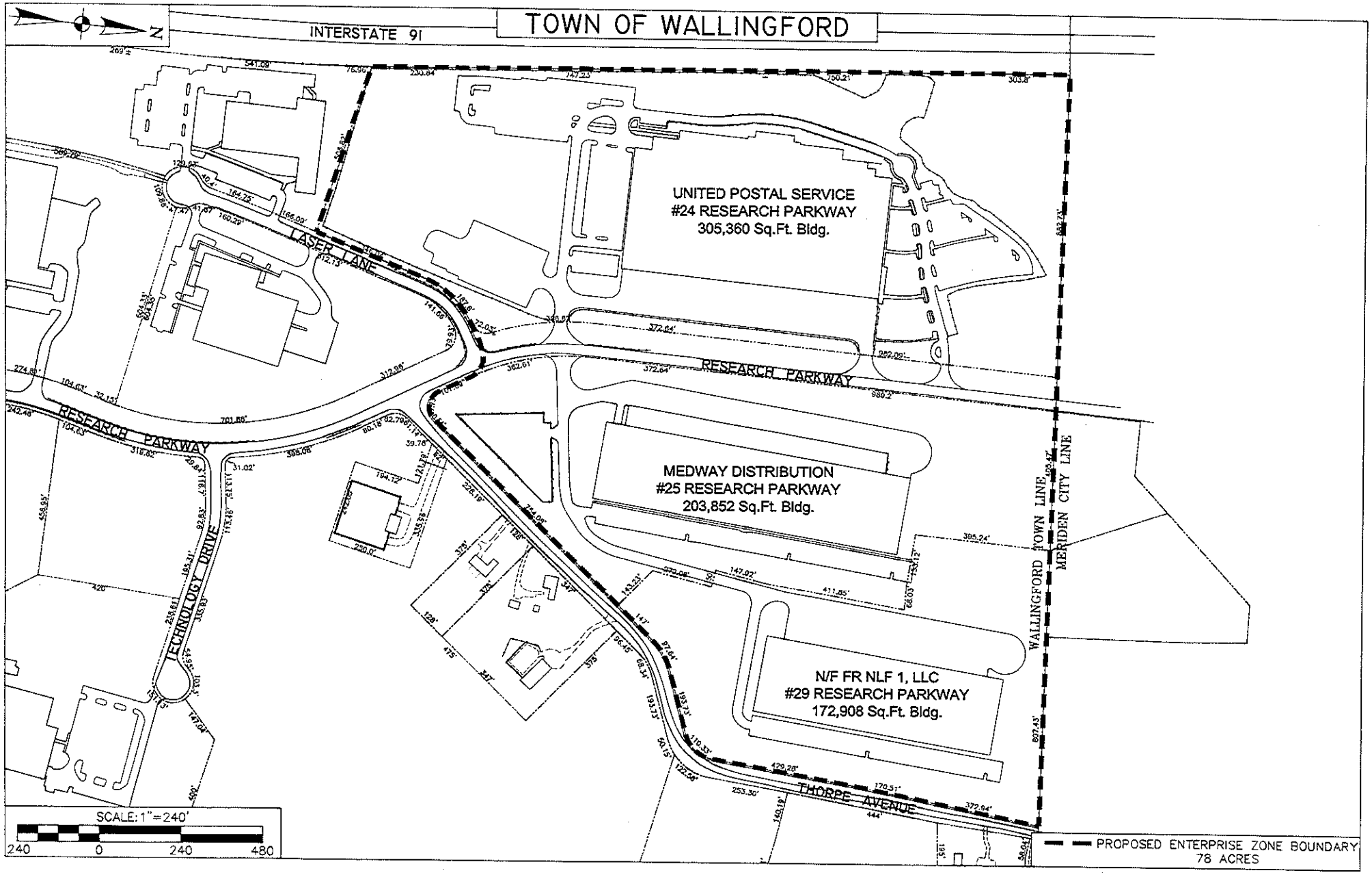
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INTERSTATE 91
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UNITED POSTAL SERVICE
#24 RESEARCH PARKWAY
305,360 Sq.Ft. Bldg.
MEDWAY DISTRIBUTION
#25 RESEARCH PARKWAY
203,852 Sq.Ft. Bldg.
N/F FR NLF 1, LLC
#29 RESEARCH PARKWAY
172,908 Sq.Ft. Bldg.
LASER LANE
RESEARCH PARKWAY
TECHNOLOGY DRIVE
THORPE AVENUE
WALLINGFORD TOWN LINE
MERIDEN CITY LINE
SCALE: 1"=240'
240 0 240 480
PROPOSED ENTERPRISE ZONE BOUNDARY
78 ACRES