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October 3, 2018

Ryan Sundberg, Chair  
Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt  
825 5th Street, Room 111  
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Chair Sundberg,

On Tuesday, September 25, 2018 the Board of Supervisors met to discuss the issue of an ADA compliant space for the Rio Dell Branch Library. The Board ultimately wanted to explore the concept of a partnership with the City of Rio Dell to place a modular library on the grounds of City Hall. This was in addition to the other options presented by County staff on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

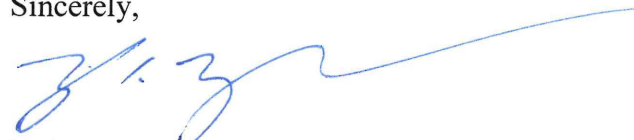
On Tuesday, October 2, 2018 the City Council of the City of Rio Dell met to discuss options for the library and to consider a partnership with the County on a modular facility on City Hall grounds. The following list of points garnered a 5-0 vote of approval from the City Council.

1. Position on library facility co-locating with a proposed Danco Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) project: The Council opted to not continue consideration of placing the library on Rigby Street at the proposed PSH facility. Concerns were raised about the location being off of Wildwood Avenue as well as concerns about the compatibility with a potential PSH project. It should be noted that if the library were to be placed at this facility, it would need to go through a Conditional Use Permit process wherein the Council maintains the discretion to approve or deny the library's relocation to this facility. It can be anticipated that the Council would not approve such a permit.
2. Desire to maintain the library on Wildwood Avenue: The Council affirmed its desire for the library facility to be maintained on Wildwood Avenue, Rio Dell's main thoroughfare. Potential locations include:
  - a. City Hall Grounds: The City is open to the placement of a modular facility on the grounds. Concerns were raised that many of the City's adjacent facilities, such as parking and the interior bathrooms of City Hall are not currently ADA compliant. Therefore, a modular unit would need bathroom facilities and there are other potential ADA improvements that could be necessary, including a ramp to the sidewalk.

- b. Triangle Park (aka Blue Star): The Council also stated that Triangle Park would also be an acceptable location. This park is located to the immediate south of the City Hall property, across Side Street.
  - c. Downtown Rio Dell at the city parking lot: The Council also stated that locating a modular unit at the City's downtown parking lot would be acceptable. This includes a vacant space immediately adjoining the parking lot at 203 Wildwood Avenue. City staff has asked the property owner of their willingness to lease or sell the space for a modular library and has been told this is a possibility. This site would help infill a portion of vacant downtown commercial space.
3. Acceptability of a modular library: The City Council finds a "High Grade Modular" unit to be acceptable.
4. City financial contribution: The City is willing to waive all permit costs and is prepared to fund \$55,125 dollars towards the cost of ADA Path of Travel – a figure identified by the Independent Licensed Architect (ILA) for needed repairs to the path of travel between the current transit stop at Rio Dell City Hall and the frontage sidewalk for City Hall itself. Other costs and project management should be the responsibility of the County.

We appreciate the Board of Supervisor's commitment to maintaining library services in Rio Dell. As you know, Rio Dell has been hit hard by changes in the local economy, including the loss of the County's largest single private employer, Pacific Lumber. Significant improvements have been made and Rio Dell is experiencing the largest investments in its history and our unemployment rate has gone from one of the County's highest (18.3% in 2010) to an unemployment level that during 2017 was lower than the rates for the Cities of Fortuna, Eureka, Arcata and lower than that of the unincorporated county.<sup>1</sup> We want to continue this momentum and retain and improve services and we feel confident that the Board of Supervisors has the same goal.

Sincerely,



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City Manager  
City of Rio Dell

Cc: Chris Dart, Danco  
Nick Wilczek, County Library  
Amy Nilsen, CAO

Attachment: Maps of possible modular library locations

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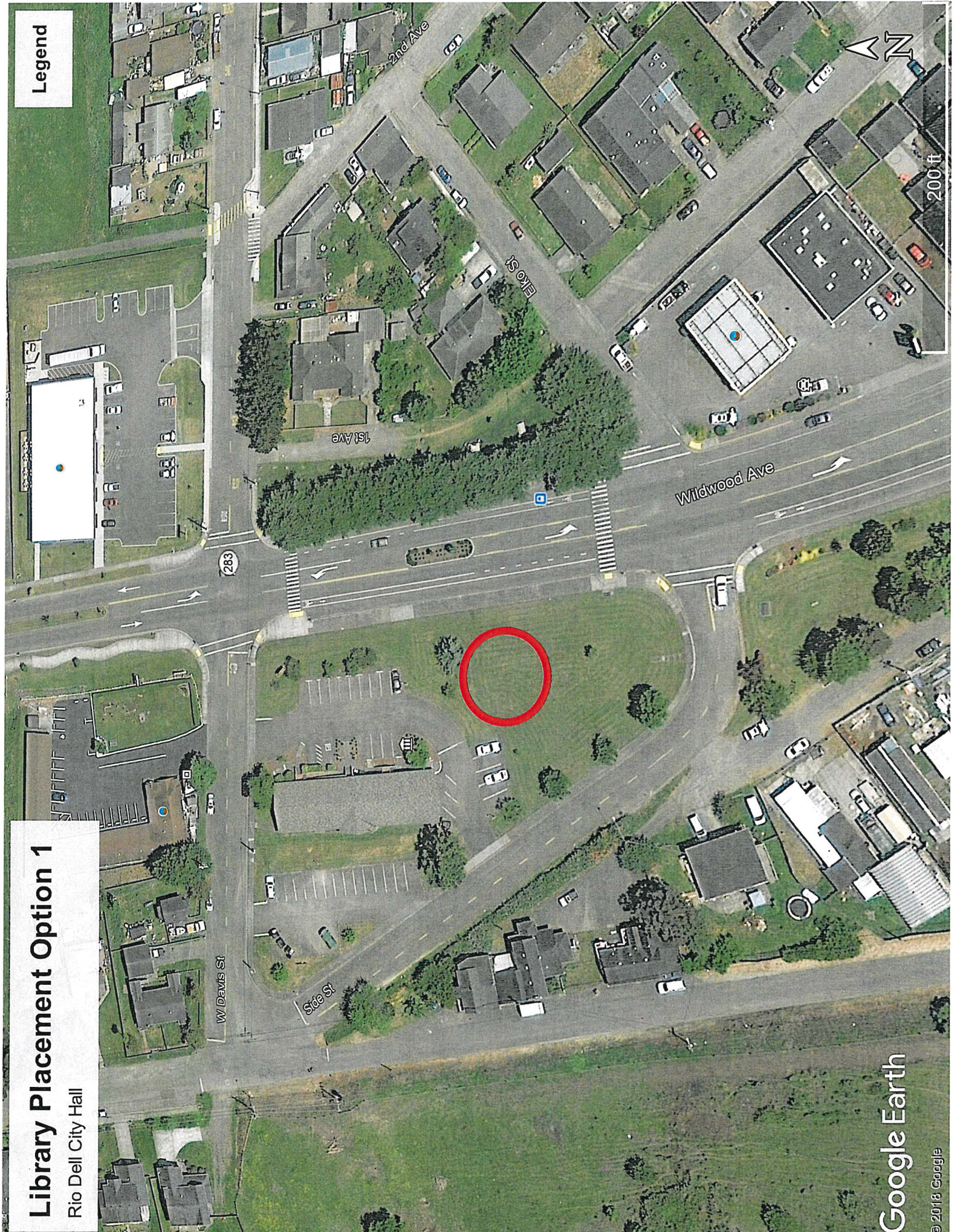
<sup>1</sup> Employment Development Department, Labor Force Annual Averages 2010-2017



# Library Placement Option 1

Rio Dell City Hall

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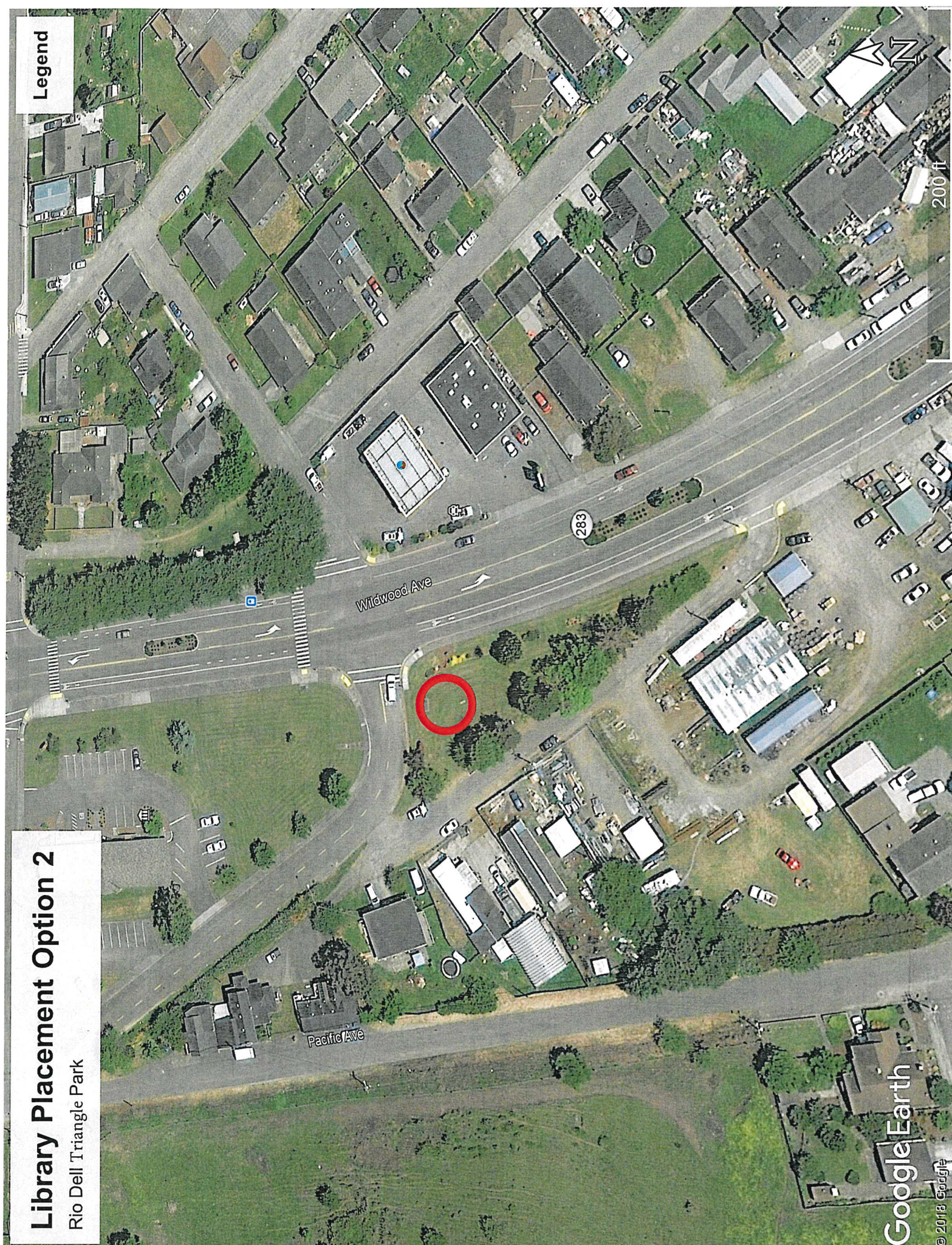




# Library Placement Option 2

Rio Dell Triangle Park

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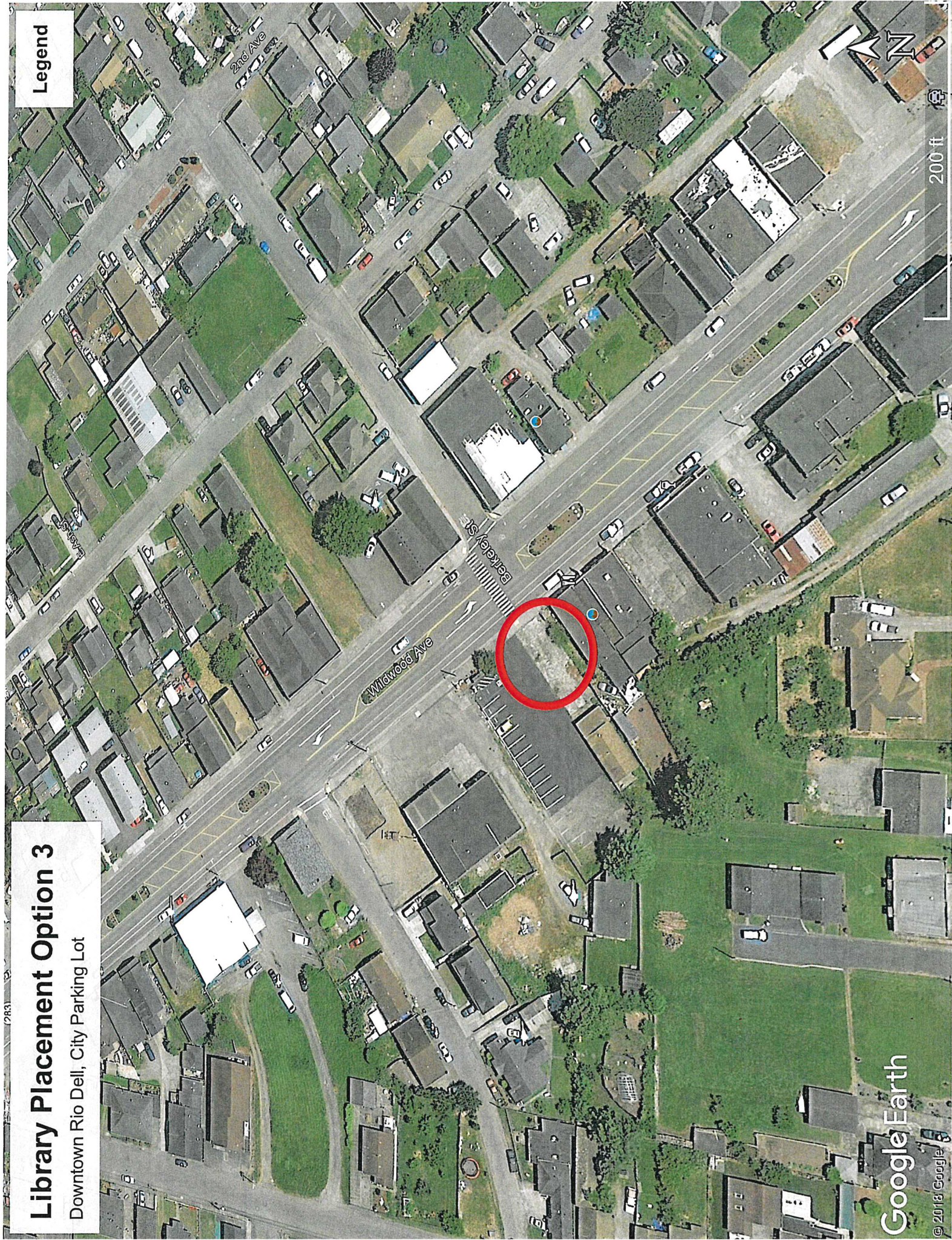




# Library Placement Option 3

Downtown Rio Dell, City Parking Lot

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