

Al-Rahma Cemetery

21564 N Rahma St, Maricopa, AZ 85139

Request for Rezoning and Planned Area Development

(Case # PZ-013-24 & PZ-PD-007-24)

Pinal County Planning & Zoning Commission Hearing
September 25, 2024

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Islamic Community Center of Tempe
131 E 6th St, Tempe, AZ 85281

Existing cemetery in operation since 1990

- N Rahma St & Hwy 238
- Rezoning from GR to SR approved by BOS on April 2, 1990 (PZC-008-89) “for religious cemetery”
- Serves Pinal & Maricopa County Muslim Community (125k+, 35+ Mosques)
- Managed by the Islamic Community Center of Tempe

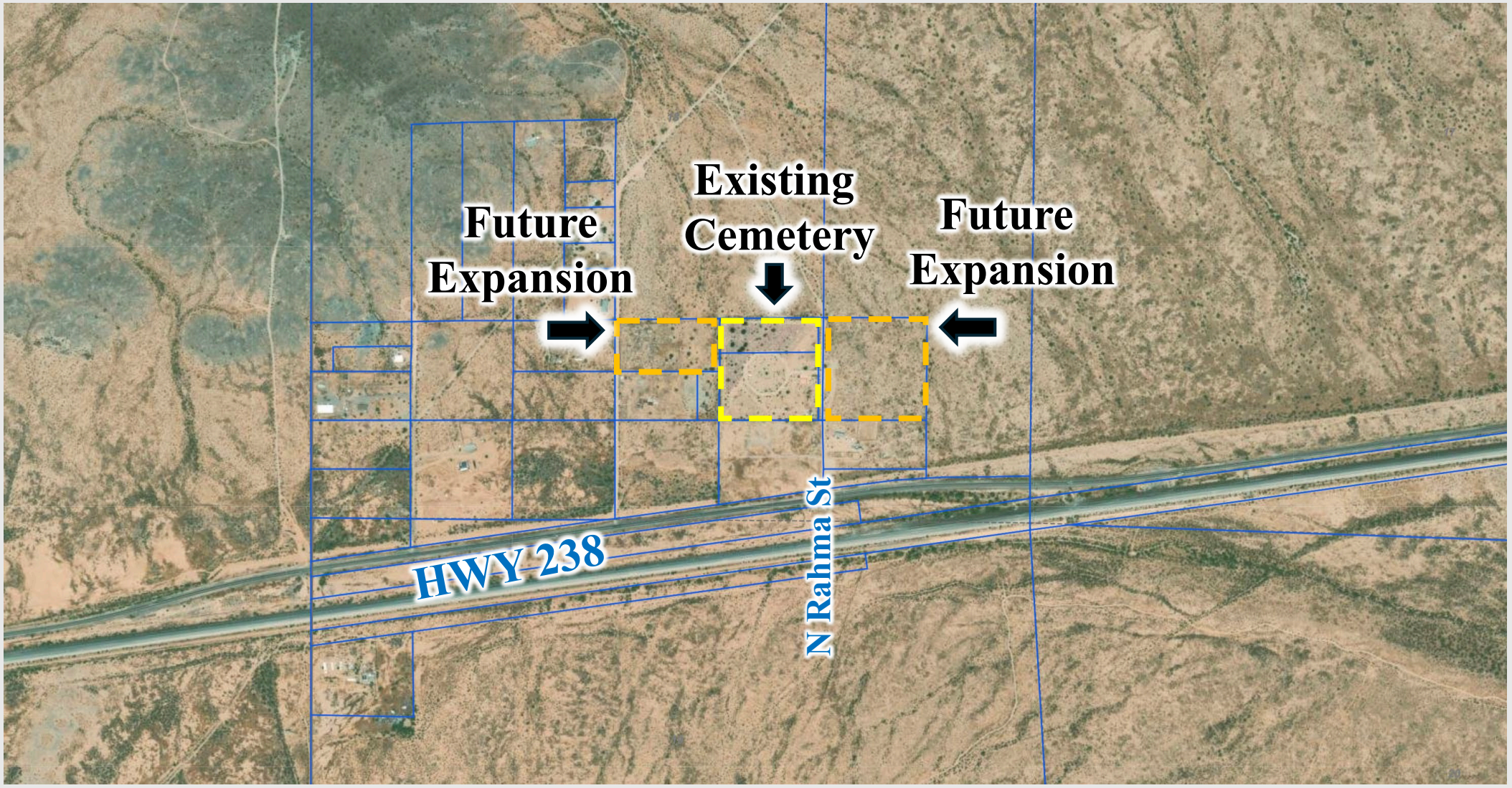


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- The ONLY Muslim cemetery following Islamic Burial obligations
- Necessary low-cost, and sometimes no-cost, burial services
- Serves a growing community
- Planning for the future

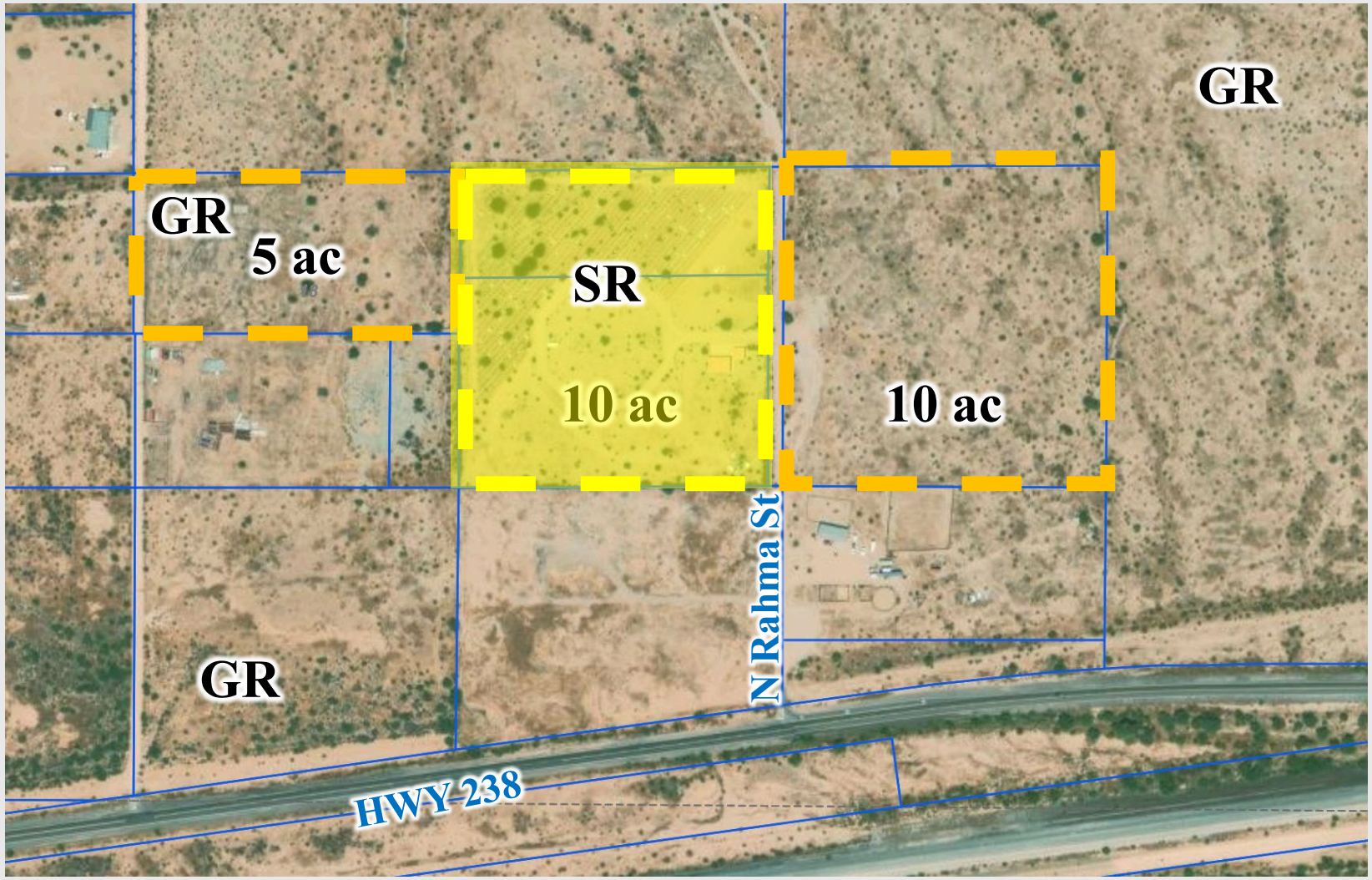


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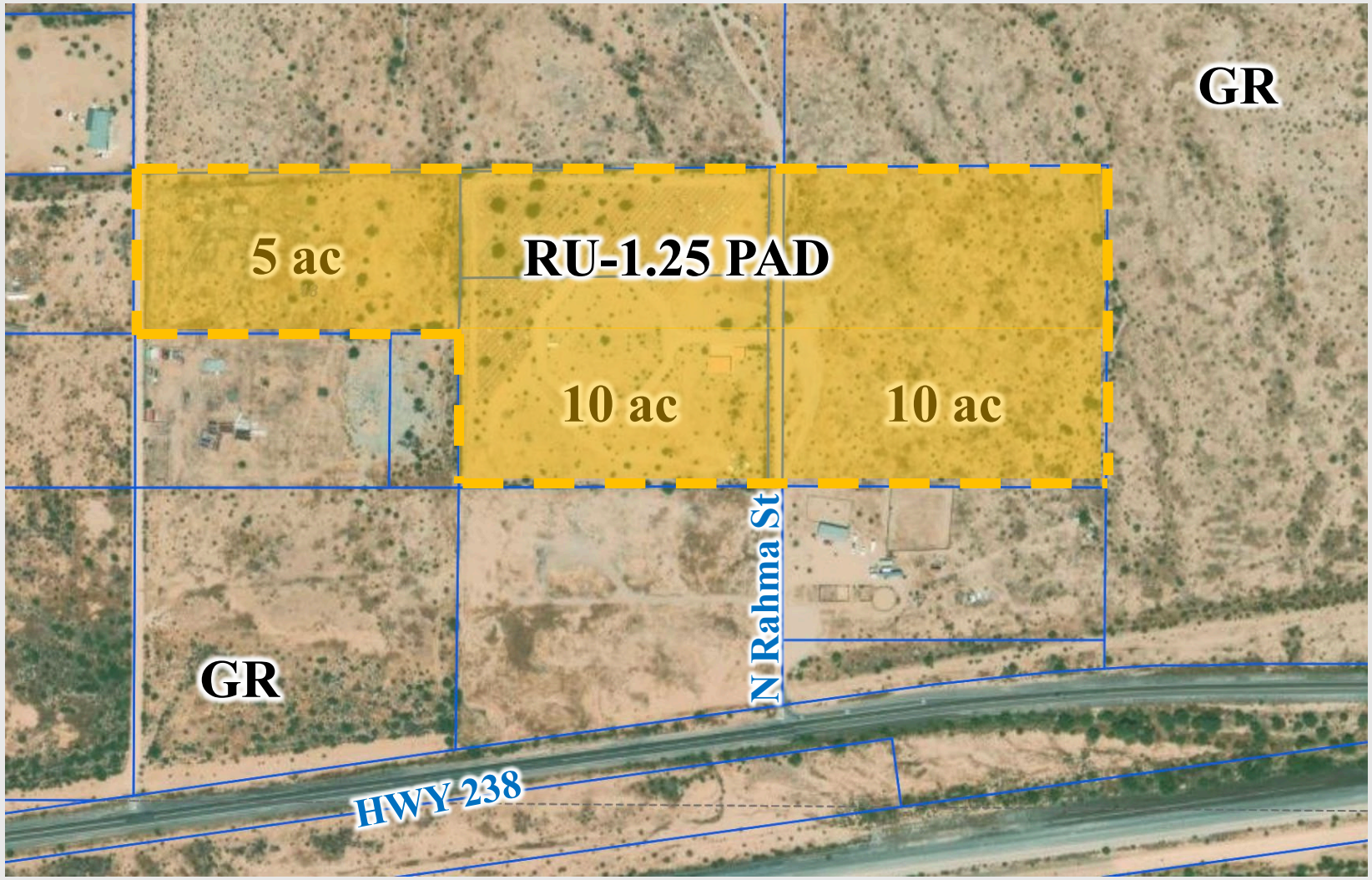
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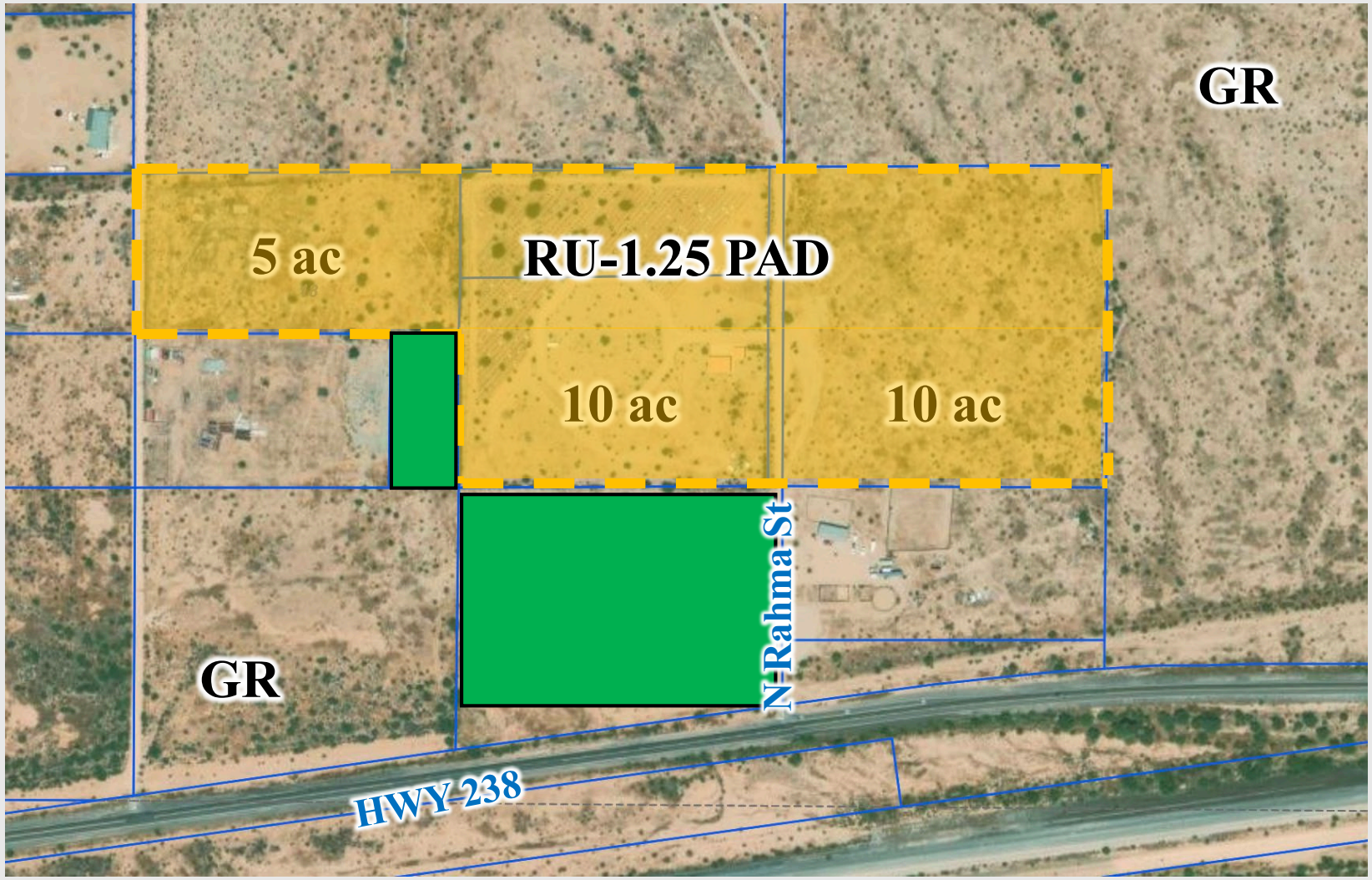
- Existing cemetery to remain as-is
- Provides consistent, uniform zoning for the overall site
- Limits use to cemetery use



Neighbor & Community Outreach

- Neighborhood meeting, mailers
- The only 2 neighbors adjacent to existing cemetery support the request
- Dozens of support letters received from County residents

- Neighbor dust concern addressed
- Applicant initiated and installed paved driveway on Rahma St
- Applicant supported and helped facilitate paving of Rahma St



Rahma Street is now paved!

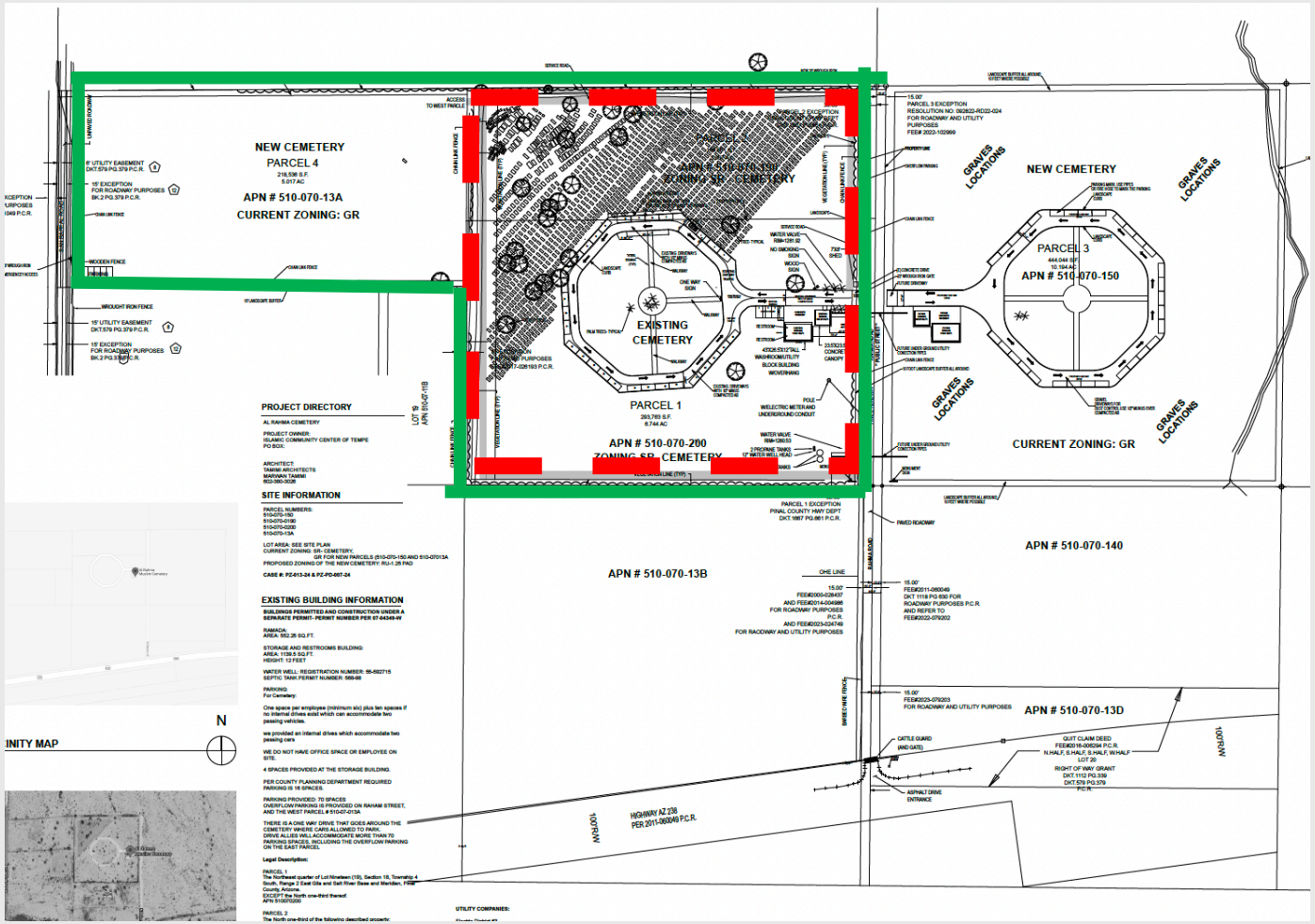


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Anticipated Phasing

Phase 1

- Existing Cemetery (red outline) to continue operating as-is. No development proposed.
- Lot combination (green outline) of the parcels.

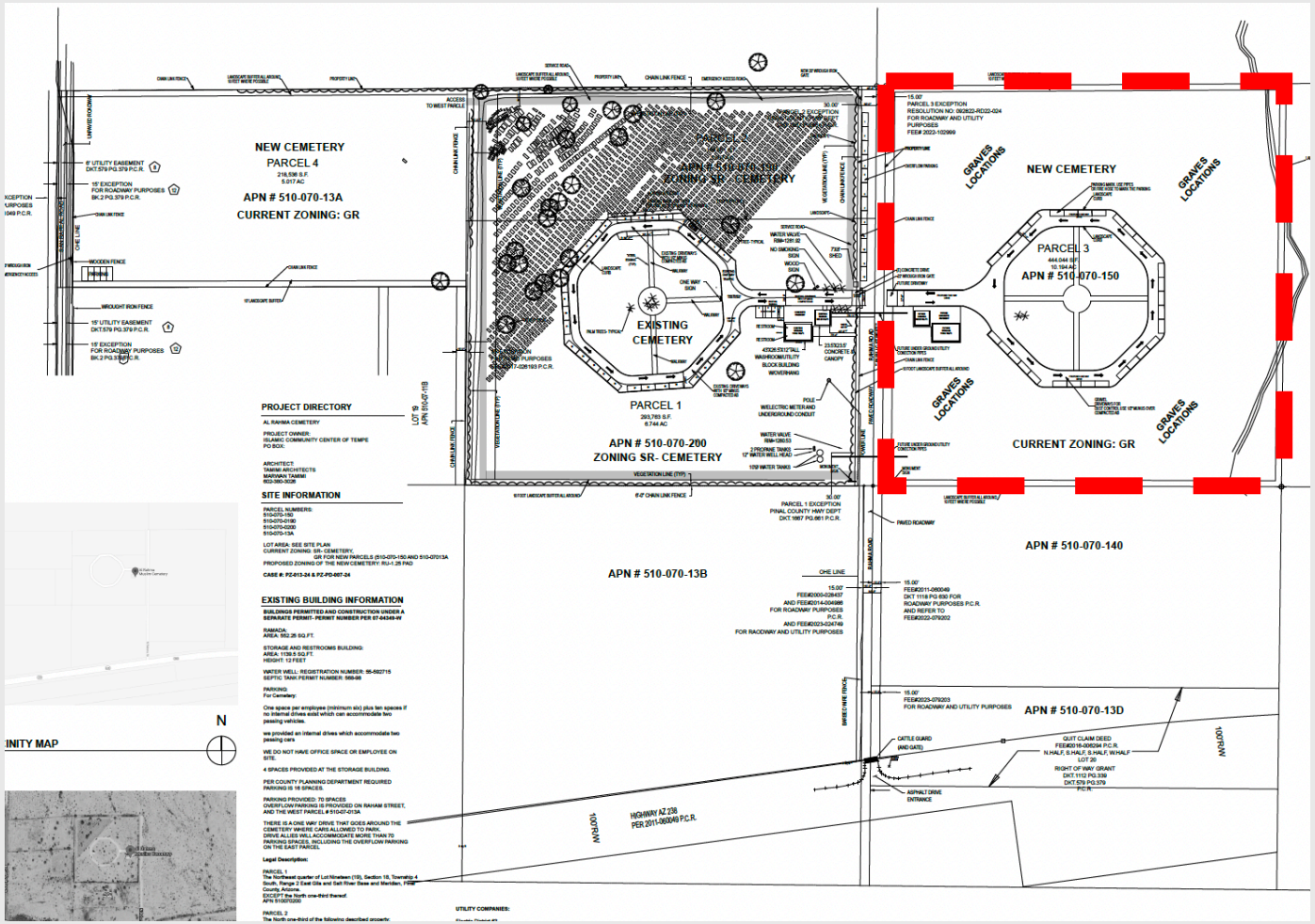


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Phase 2

- Site planning and development of the east 10 acres.

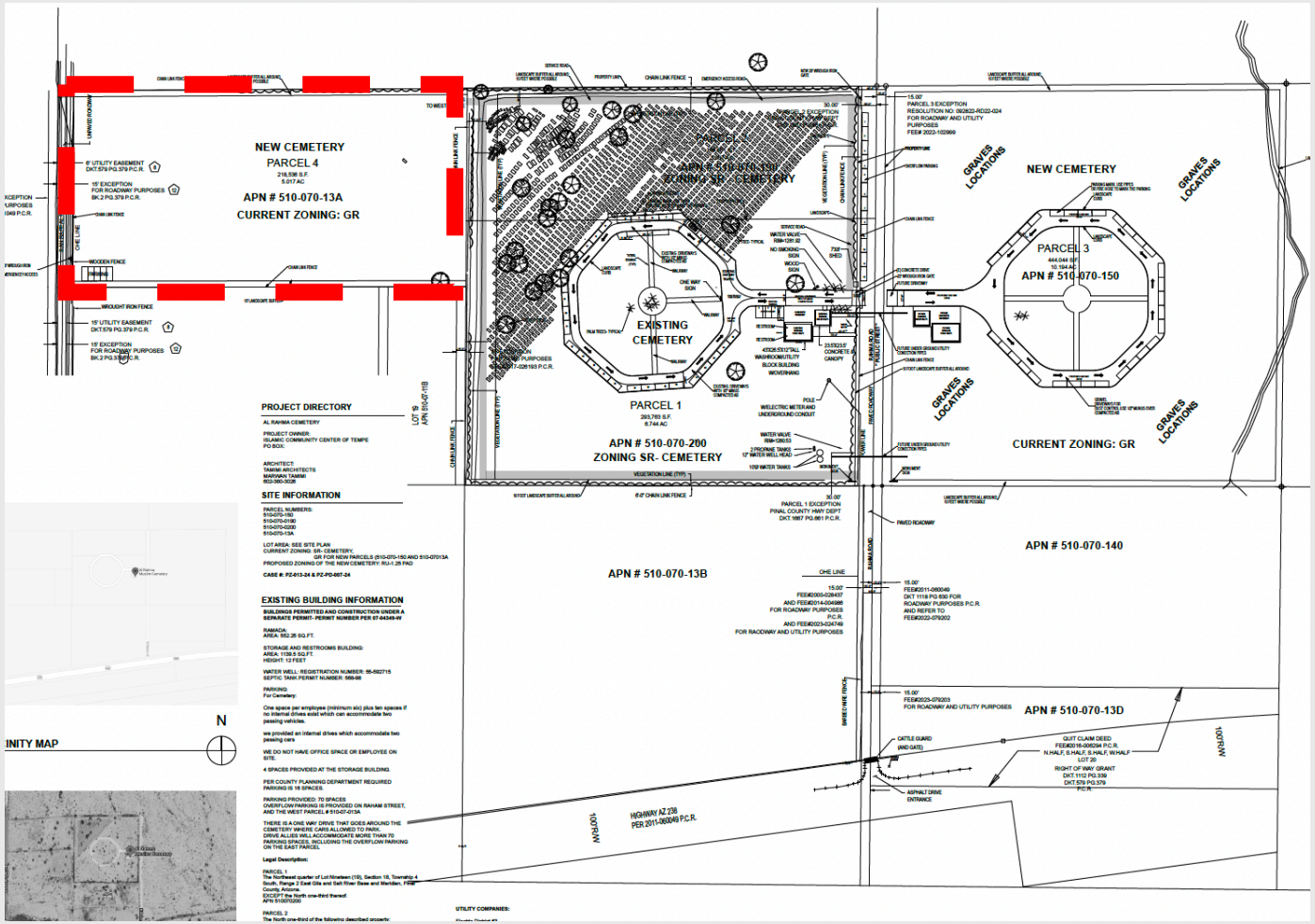


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Phase 3

- Site planning and development of the west 5 acres.









Thank you!

- Continues operation of cemetery operating in the County for nearly 35 years
- Plans for future growth of Pinal County and surrounding communities that use the cemetery
- Supported by neighboring landowners
- Promotes low intensity use with minimal impact on environment
- Road improvements that support expansion already made

Questions?