



# City of Independence

**Traffic Safety Commission**  
**Wednesday, October 15, 2025 @ 6:00 PM**  
**Civic Center - Ash Creek Meeting Room**

(see agenda footer for meeting attendance information)

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Minutes**
  - 3.1. Regular Meeting 06/18/2025
4. **Visitors/Public Comment**
5. **Staff Reports/Presentations**
  - 5.1. Traffic Data
  - 5.2. Vehicular Incidents
6. **Action/Discussion Items**
7. **Adjournment**

### **Meeting Attendance Information:**

The Traffic Safety Commission will hold this meeting in-person in City Hall, Ash Creek Meeting Room, via video conference (Zoom) or by phone.

- To attend in person, the City Hall address is 555 S. Main St.
- For Zoom login  
visit:<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84643205176?pwd=9XgZS1HzNOWFEkdK8QLfYBGQ4p0Roq.1>
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## Agenda

**Traffic Safety Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, June 18, 2025 @ 6:00 PM  
Civic Center - Ash Creek Meeting Room**

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by LT. Gilbert.
2. **ROLL CALL.** Present: Commissioners Present: Trevor Williamson, Kevin Crutsinger, Mike Tweed, Keli McWilliams, Jason Branske. Others present: Lyle Gilbert-Staff, Myra Russell-Staff, Council liaison-Dawn Roden  
Absent: Fred Evander (Excused)
3. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the October 16, 2024, meeting were submitted in the agenda packet. Kevin Crutsinger moved to approve as amended; Mike Tweed seconded. Motion passed by all commissioners present.
4. **VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENTS.** None.
5. **STAFF REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS.**
  - 5.1. Traffic Data. LT Gilbert presented data as submitted in the agenda packet. Question about high school address and multiple accidents. New student drivers. Question about why people would be warned instead of cited for DWS. Officers have discretion.  
Stats and Mapping information handed out at meeting. Discussion of Independence PD traffic stops. Maps of crashes, hit and runs, and traffic stops in Independence. Same areas for traffic stops is where PD get complaints from. Question about putting up traffic speed trailers. Semi perm on Hoffman. Other one can be put out when complaints of speeding in area. PW is working to replace one and put on Main st. near City Hall.
6. **ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS.**
  - 6.1. Question about light at crosswalk at Central High. Gerald has requested from Pacific Power but not yet installed.
  - 6.2. Question about sidewalks on newly annexed roadways.
  - 6.3. Question if IPD gets calls about speed bumps, etc. Gilbert not sure, hasn't heard much about it. They create issues for emergency responders.
  - 6.4. Question about I st and Bridge in regard to traffic lights. Once Jurisdictional transfer of roadways goes through the City will have options.
  - 6.5. Discussion of PD staffing. Should be fully staffed by 2026. Part time officer works on traffic stop through grants.
7. **ADJOURNMENT.** LT. Gilbert adjourned the meeting at 6:35 PM

Minutes submitted by:  
Myra Russell, City Recorder

## IDP Traffic Incidents 6/12/2025 to 10/7/2025

Date	Offense Code	Location	Notes
6/24/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	S 13TH ST & MONMOUTH ST	While turning onto Monmouth St a motorist was unable to stop before seeing a cyclist who was traveling on the side walk. The cyclist struck the side of the vehicle and had minor injuries.
7/1/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	MONMOUTH ST & MAIN ST	A cyclist, while crossing the street at a crosswalk, is struck by the rear end of a vehicle making a turn.
7/2/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	S 16TH ST & TALMADGE RD	A pedestrian was struck by the front of a work vehicle while crossing the street at a cross walk. Driver had been looking at on coming traffic and did not see pedestrian.
7/4/2025	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	1315 MONMOUTH ST	A troop transport vehicle that was to join the parade is unable to stop and rear ends vehicle in front of it. Drivers are unable to exchange info and drive off. Vehicles later tracked down and insurance info is exchanged.
7/8/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	S GUN CLUB RD	2 vehicle crash at an intersection with a traffic light.
7/9/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	256 MONMOUTH ST	An ambulance backed into a utility pole, minor damage.
7/12/2025	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	N GUN CLUB RD	A vehicle was struck while waiting to safely turn by another vehicle who took a turn too fast. Driver left the scene and was later found at a nearby apartment complex.
7/14/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INJURY	1630 MONMOUTH ST	A person on an electric bike is struck by a vehicle that was exiting a driveway.
7/30/2025	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	535 G ST	A vehicle was struck while parked in a parking lot. There were no occupants in vehicle when it was struck and the other vehicle left the scene. No cameras at location.
7/31/2025	RECKLESS DRIVING	50 C ST	A driver was doing cookies on a gravel lot at the park, sending rocks at other vehicles and people at the park. Cited.

8/2/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INJURY	S 3RD ST & MONMMOUTH ST	A bicyclist who was not paying attention to vehicles around it struck a vehicle as it was making a turn. Witness at scene stated another vehicle was honking at bicyclist prior to the accident.
8/17/2025	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	740 WHITE OAK CIR	A witness reported a vehicle backed into another vehicle in a parking lot and drove off. Owner of vehicle that was struck did not want to pursue charges, closed.
8/20/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	N POLK ST	A two vehicle crash occurred when drivers were stopped at an intersection and both vehicles began to drive at the same time.
8/20/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	94 S MAIN ST	Two vehicles reversed into each other in parking lot. One vehicle had trailer attached and may not have noticed they struck another vehicle as they drove off.
8/20/2025	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	175 MONMOUTH ST	A motorist reversed out of a parking space and rear ended another vehicle. Driver got out see damage and decided to drive off. Cameras in area help identify driver and they are cited.
8/21/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	HOFFMAN RD & JAMES ST	Single vehicle crash occurred when a motorcycliest struck a cat which caused them to crash.
8/24/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	200 I ST	When the brakes failed, a vehicle crashed through a barricade at the end of a deadend street. Driver was cited.
9/2/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	1495 MONMOUTH ST	Two drivers exchanged information after a rear end collison that occurred when one of the drivers was following too closely.
9/5/2025	RECKLESS DRIVING	10 DEANN DR	Report of a vehicle doing donuts in park parking lot, no suspect vehicle identified and report taken as vehicle struck Port-a-Potty at the park.
9/6/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	1737 MONMOUTH ST	The rider of an electric scooter was involved in an accident with a vehicle that was exiting a parking lot. Driver stated it was difficult to see traffic that was coming from East.

9/16/2025	RECKLESS DRIVING	MONMOUTH ST & S 4TH ST	Multiple reports of a vehicle driving erratically and at high speeds through town. Driver is later located and arrested.
9/16/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	MONMOUTH ST & S 16TH ST	Rear end collision between 2 vehicles, one driver admitted to looking at phone which caused the accident. Driver cited.
9/18/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	N MAIN ST & N WILLIAMS ST	An accident occurred when a driver reached down to grab something from the floor of the car and was not able to stop in time. This resulted in a rear end vehicle crash.
9/20/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INJURY	1630 MONMOUTH ST	Rear end vehicle crash caused by a driver following too closely and driving an unsafe vehicle.
9/25/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	S MAIN ST & F ST	While a vehicle was stopped for a pedestrian another vehicle rear-ended stopped vehicle. No major injuries and pedestrian was safe.
9/26/2025	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	1080 MONMOUTH ST	A citizen came into report a hit and run crash to his vehicle while it was parked in the lot at their place of work. Currently the other vehicle is being tracked down.
10/1/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	MONMOUTH ST & S 4TH ST	Rear end collision between 2 vehicles when a driver failed to stop with traffic. Driver cited.
10/5/2025	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	STRYKER RD & HOFFMAN RD	Unexpectedly a tire blew on the front of a vehicle while driving. The driver was unable to maintain control of their vehicle and swerved into an oncoming vehicle. The other driver was able to swerve away but the two vehicles still collided.

**Traffic Patrol**

	Cited	Warned
Speed	37	68
Driving While Suspended	45	3
Operating a mobile device while driving	27	36
Fail to Obey Traffic Control Device	4	17
DMV Violations	18	224
Other	187	152



Traffic Stops

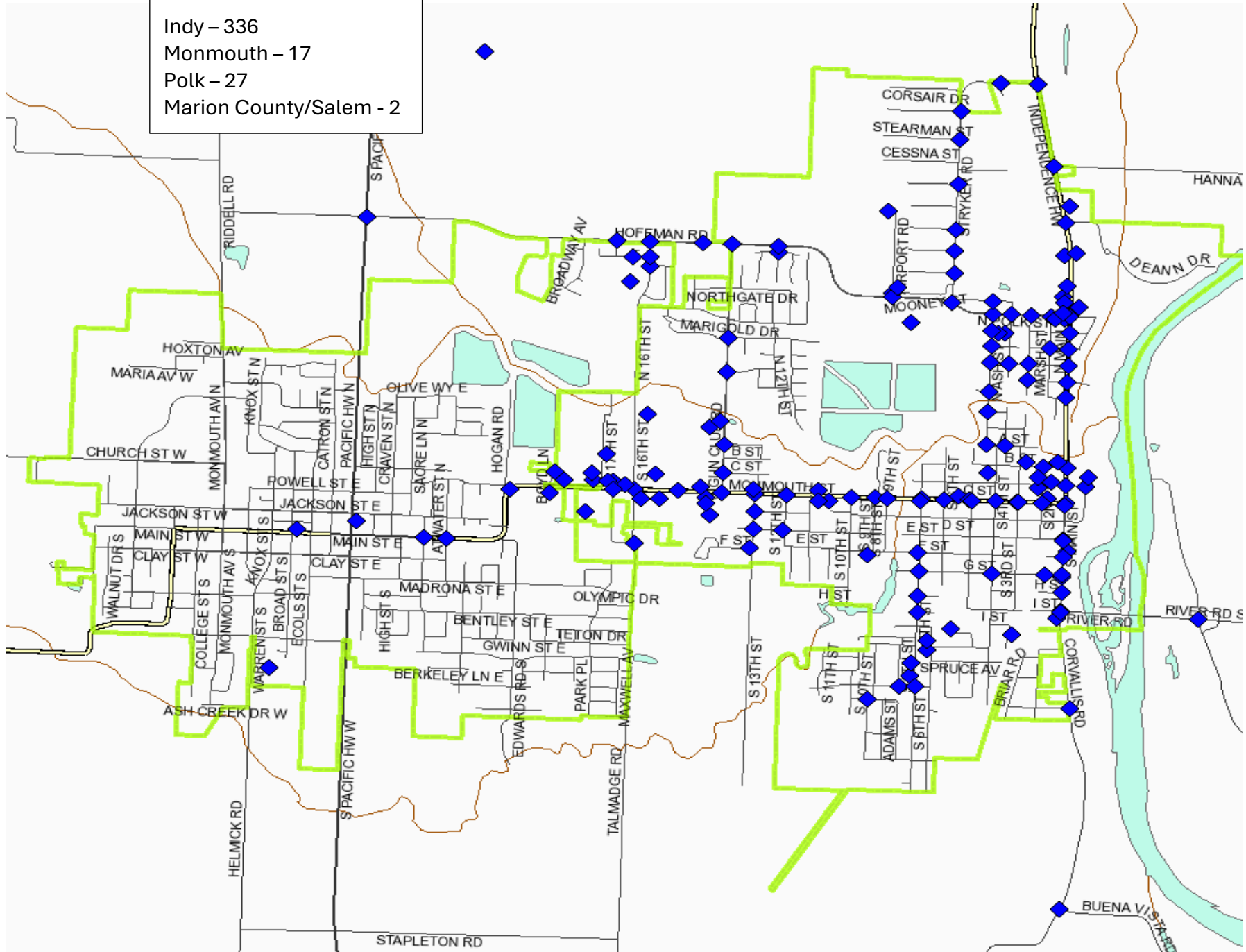
382 Traffic Stops

Indy - 336

Monmouth - 17

Polk - 27

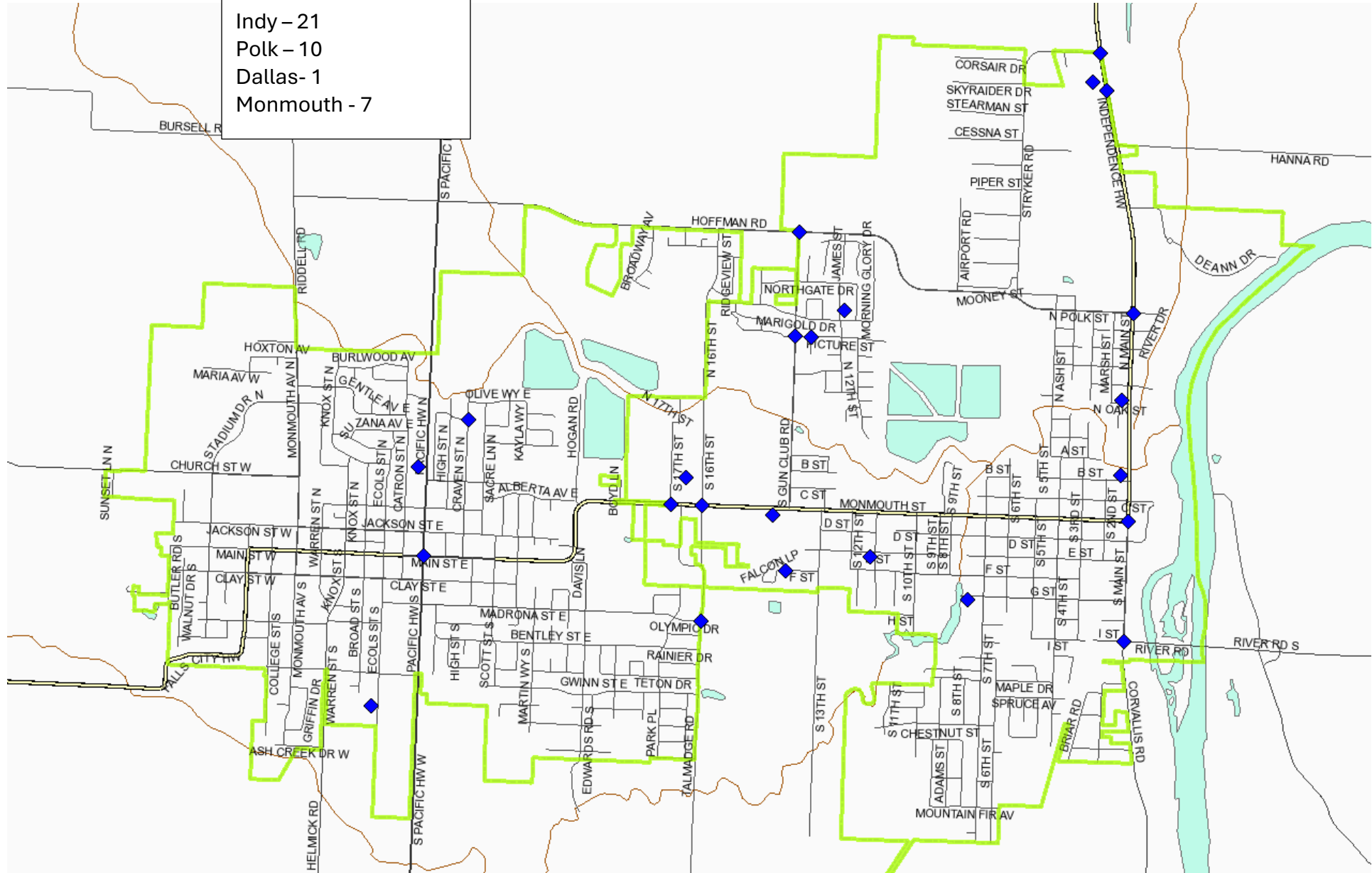
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Traffic Complaints

39 Driving Complaints

- Indy - 21
- Polk - 10
- Dallas - 1
- Monmouth - 7



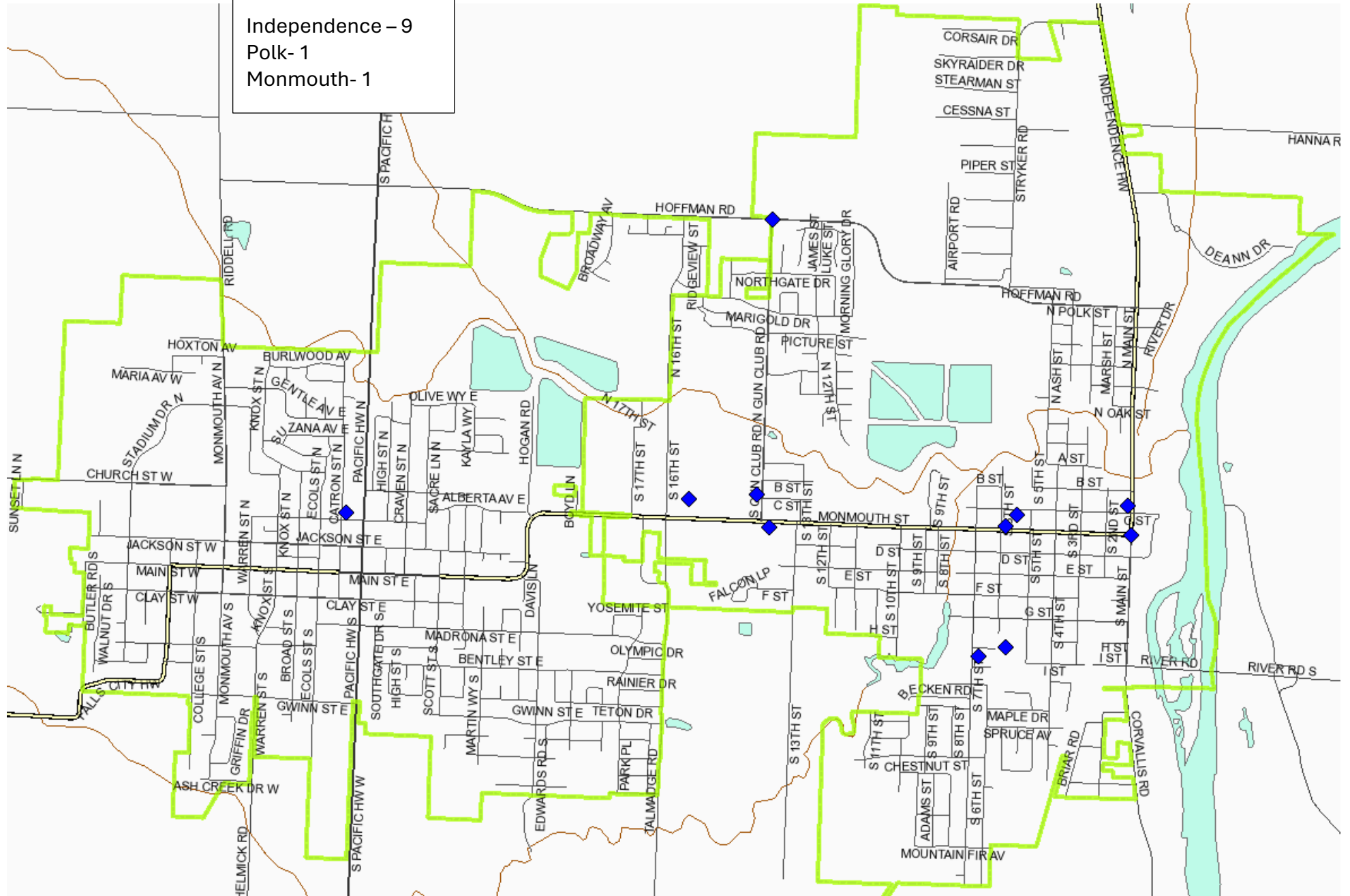
Hit and Run Crashes

11 Hit&Runs

Independence - 9

Polk - 1

Monmouth - 1

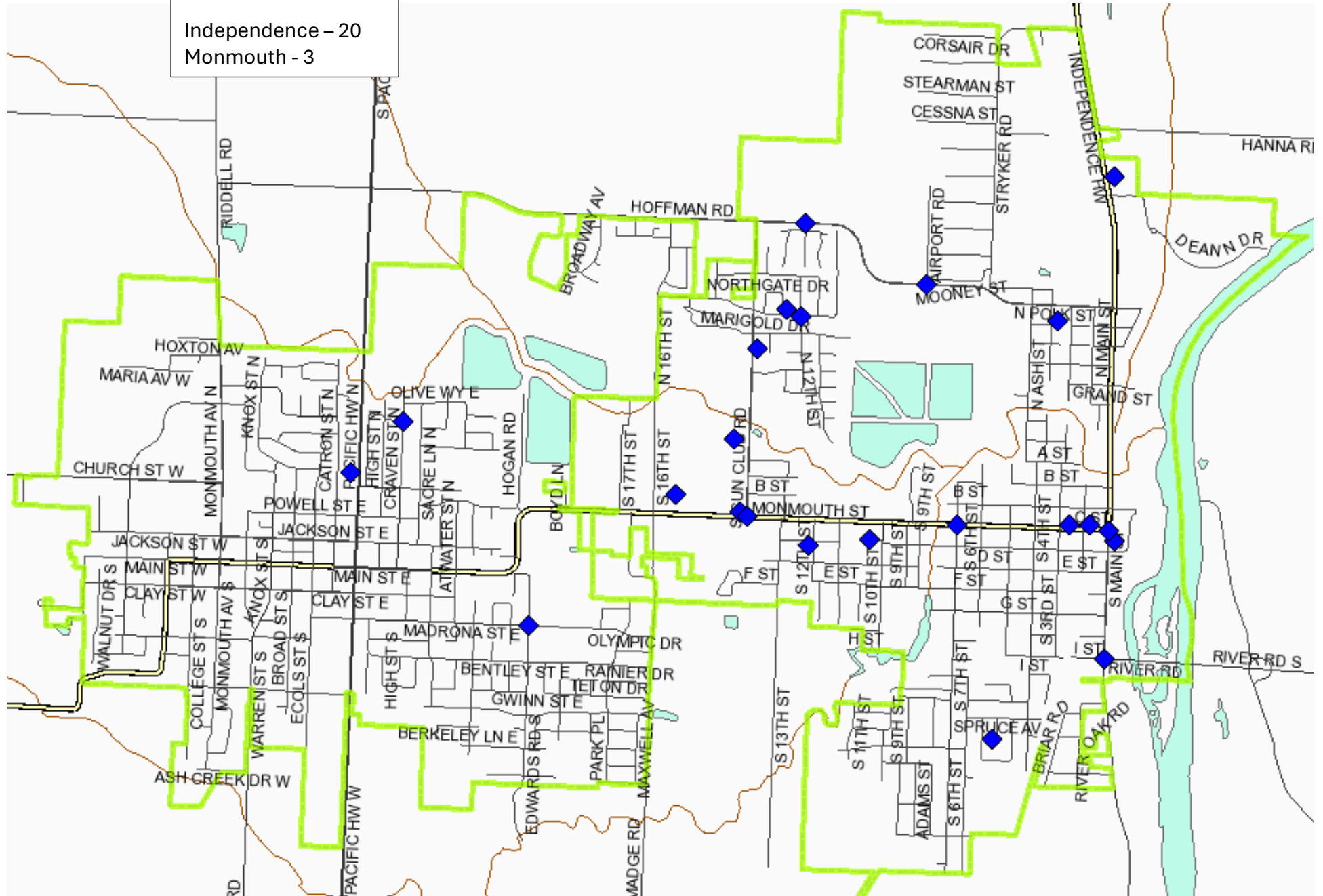


Crashes

23 Crashes

Independence - 20

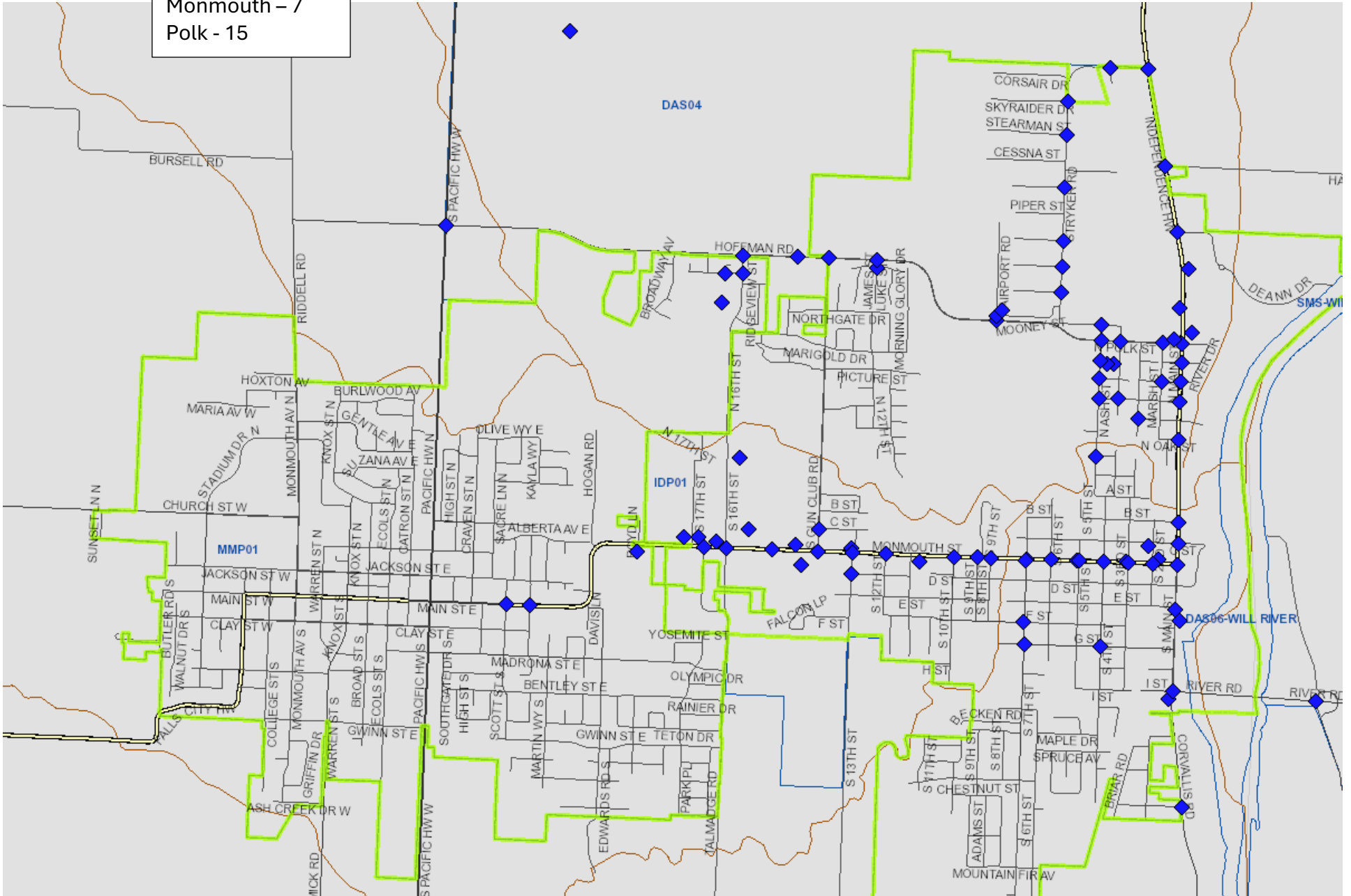
Monmouth - 3



Traffic Stops

134 Traffic Stops

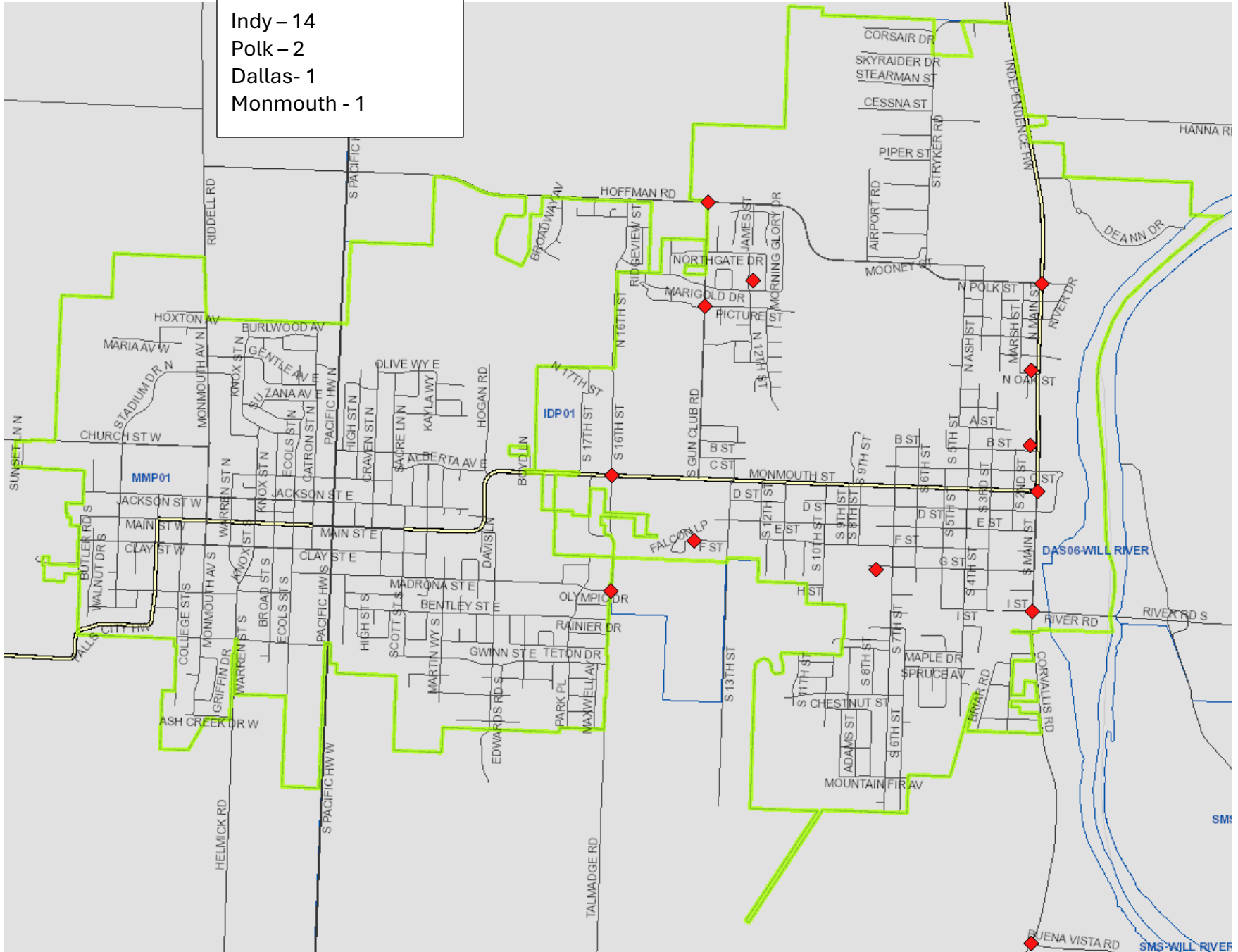
Indy - 112  
Monmouth - 7  
Polk - 15



Traffic Complaints

18 Driving Complaints

- Indy - 14
- Polk - 2
- Dallas - 1
- Monmouth - 1

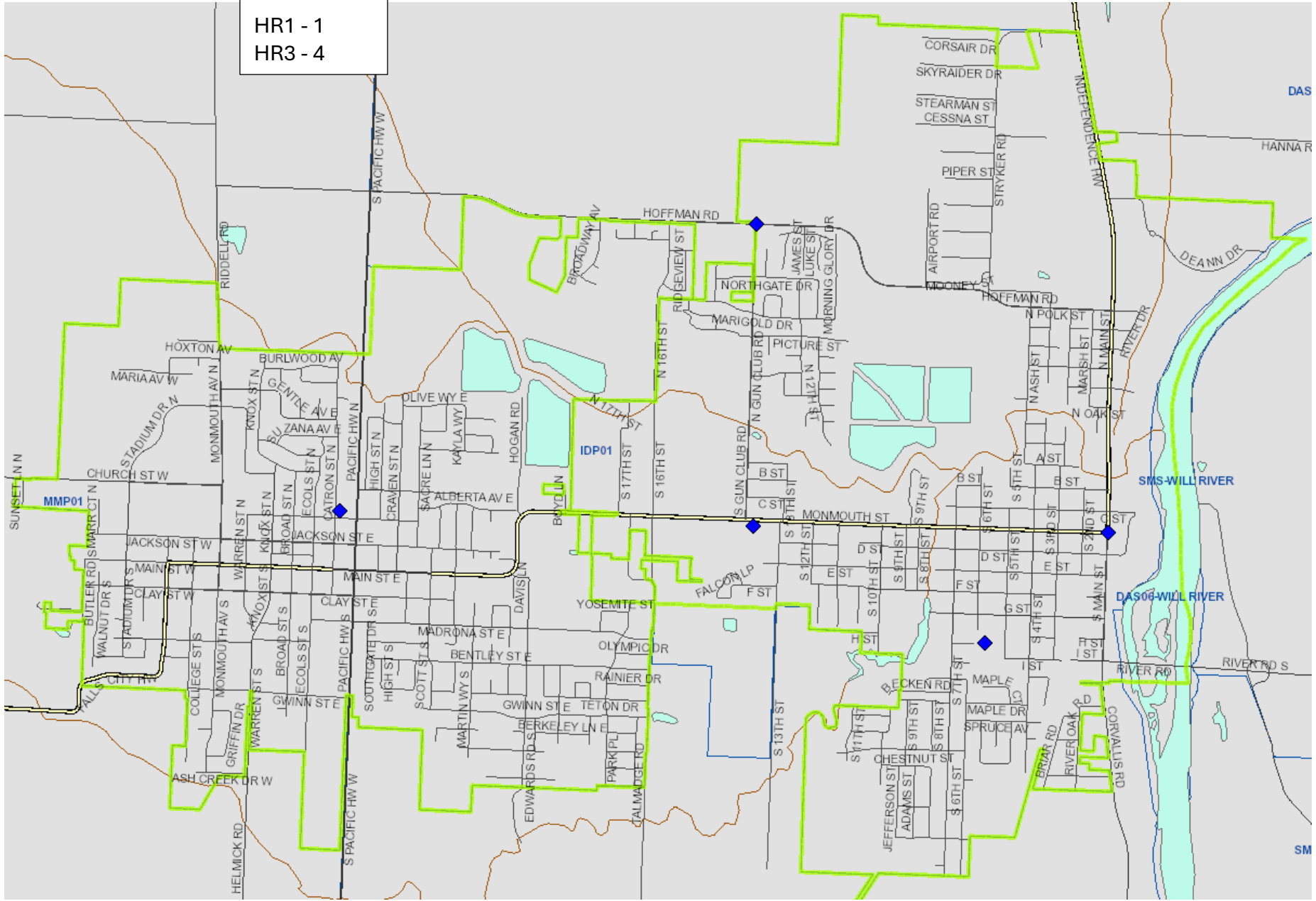


Hit and Run Crashes

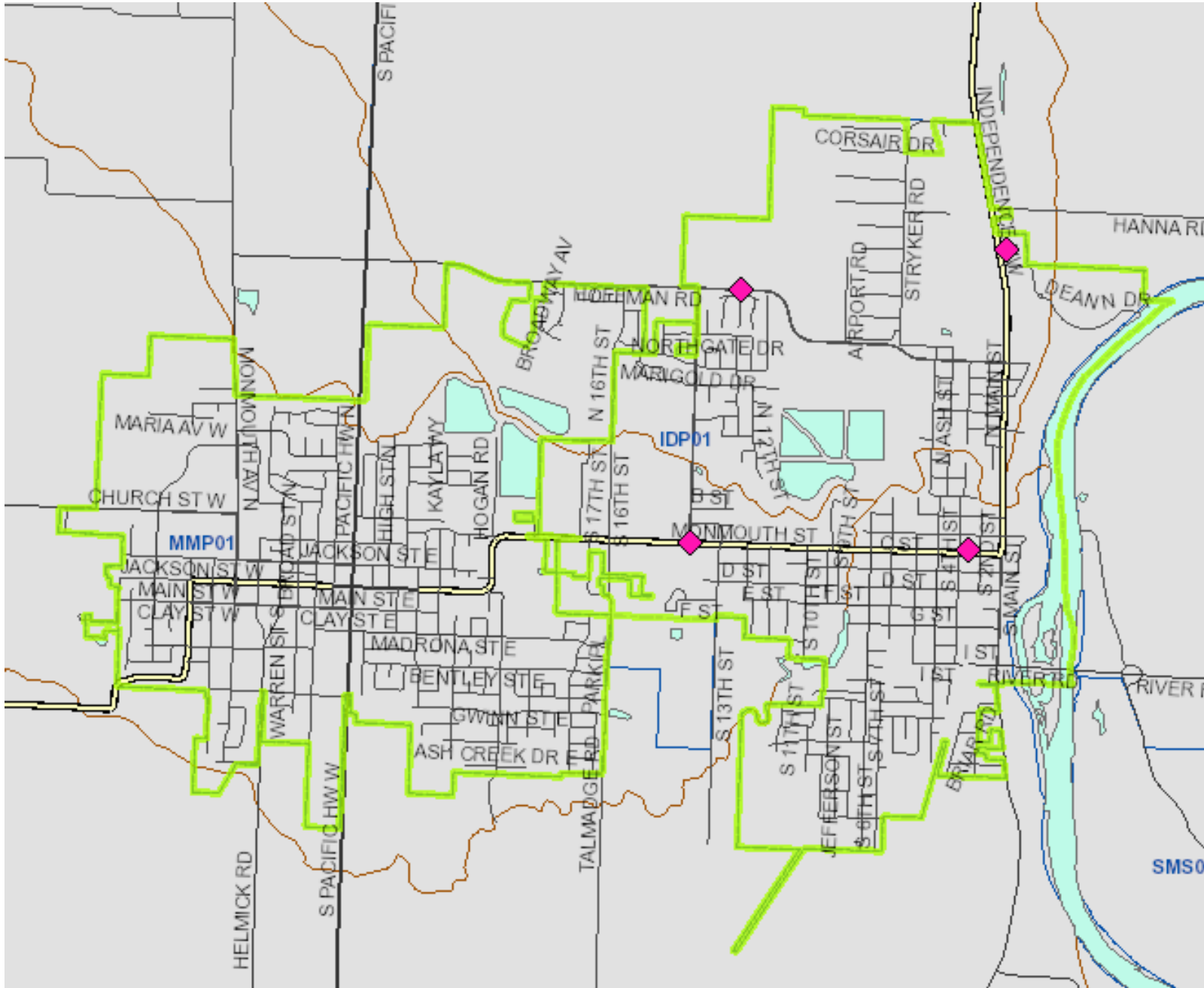
5 Hit&Runs

HR1 - 1

HR3 - 4



Crashes



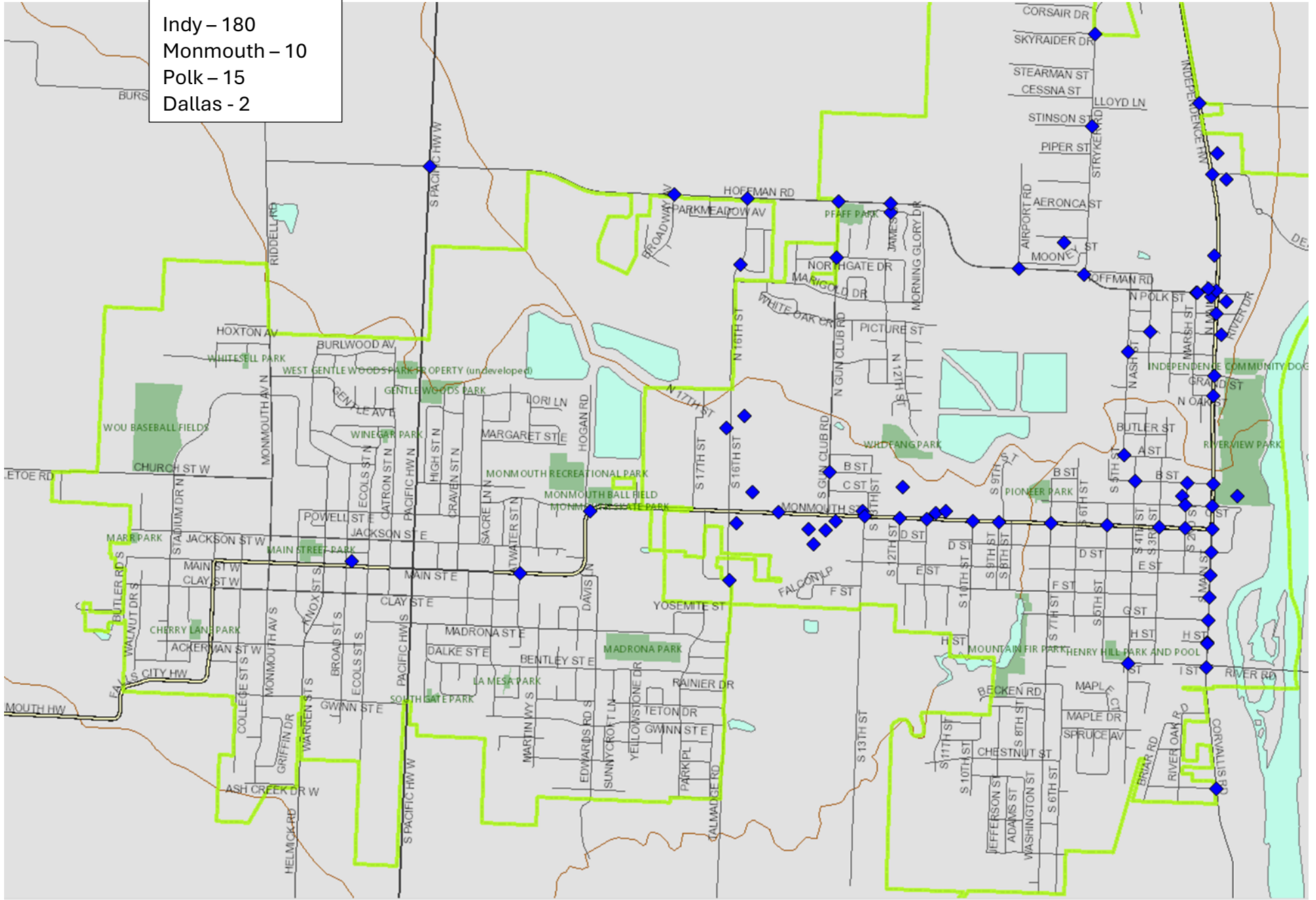
4 Crashes  
Crash1 - 2  
Crash2 - 1  
Crash3 - 1



Traffic Stops

207 Traffic Stops

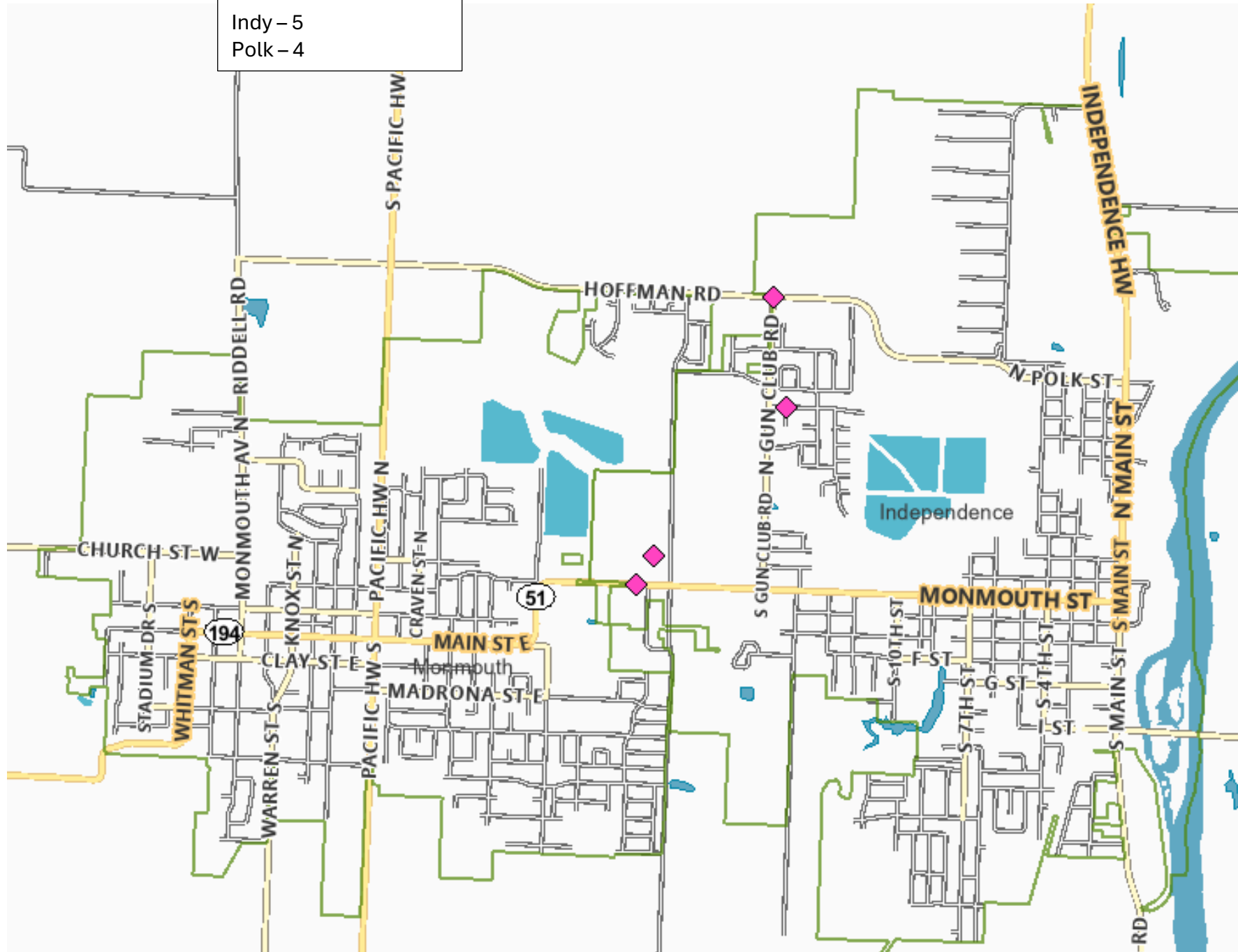
Indy - 180  
Monmouth - 10  
Polk - 15  
Dallas - 2



Traffic Complaints

9 Driving Complaints

Indy - 5  
Polk - 4



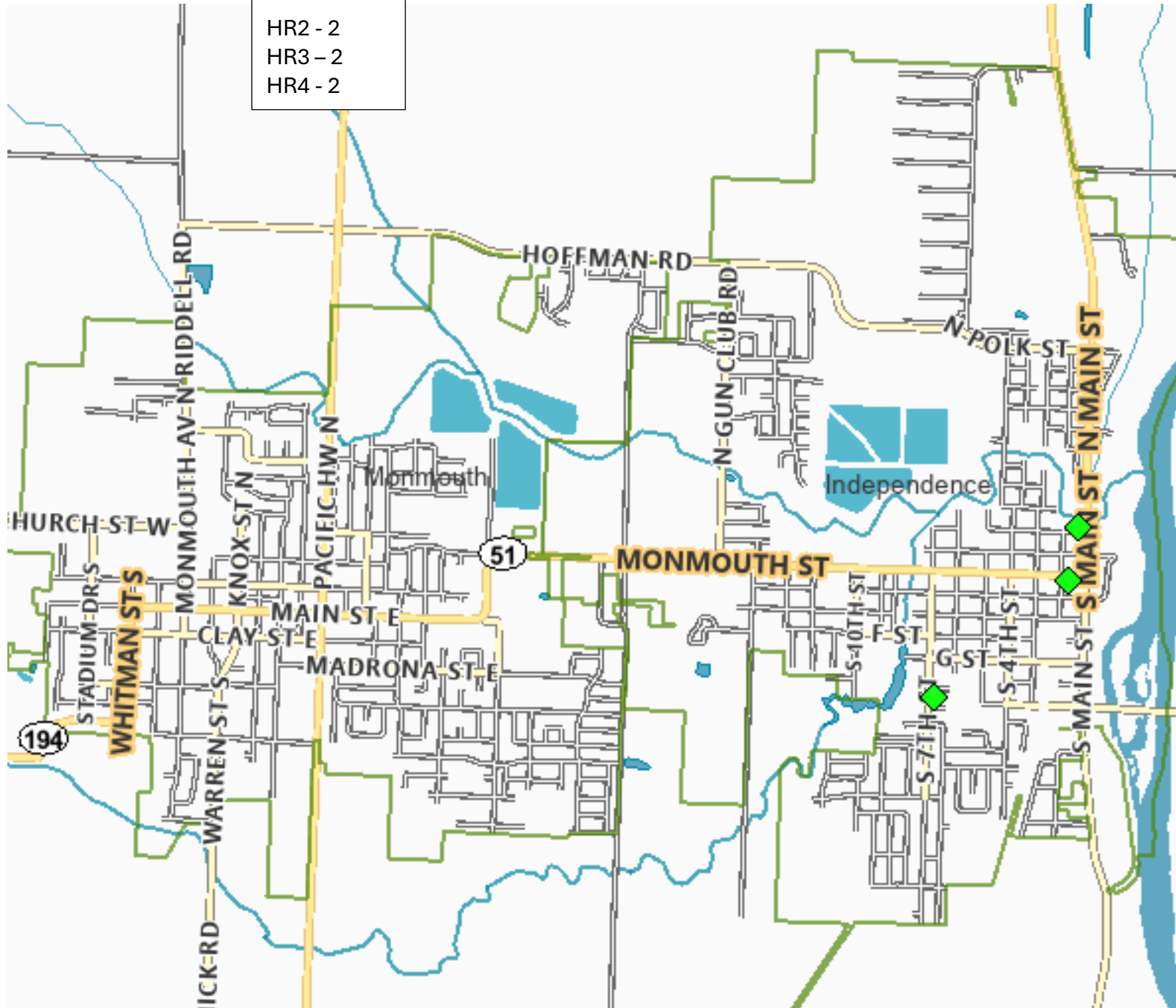
Hit and Run Crashes

6 Hit&Runs

HR2 - 2

HR3 - 2

HR4 - 2



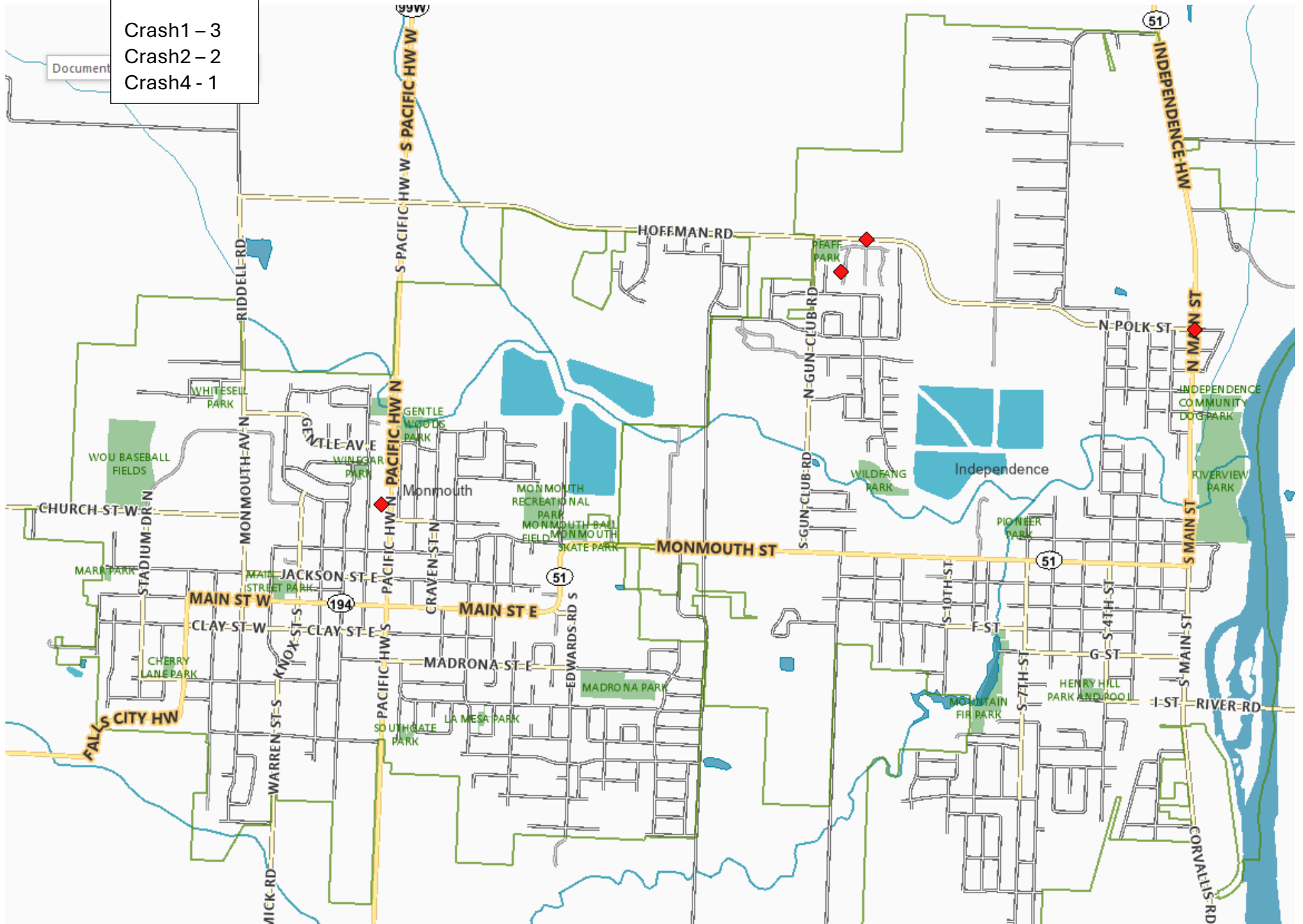
Crashes

6 Crashes

Crash1 - 3

Crash2 - 2

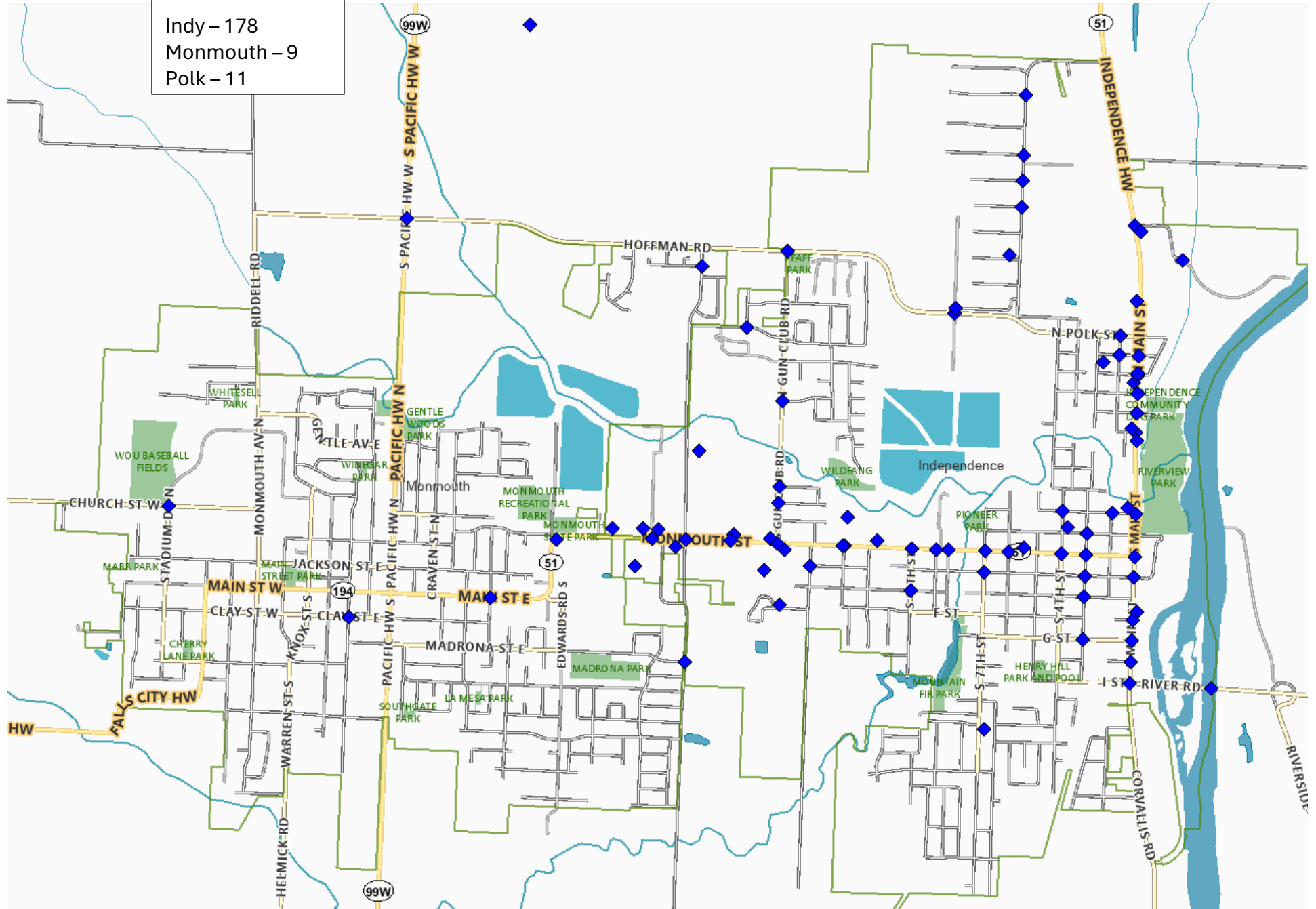
Crash4 - 1



Traffic Stops

198 Traffic Stops

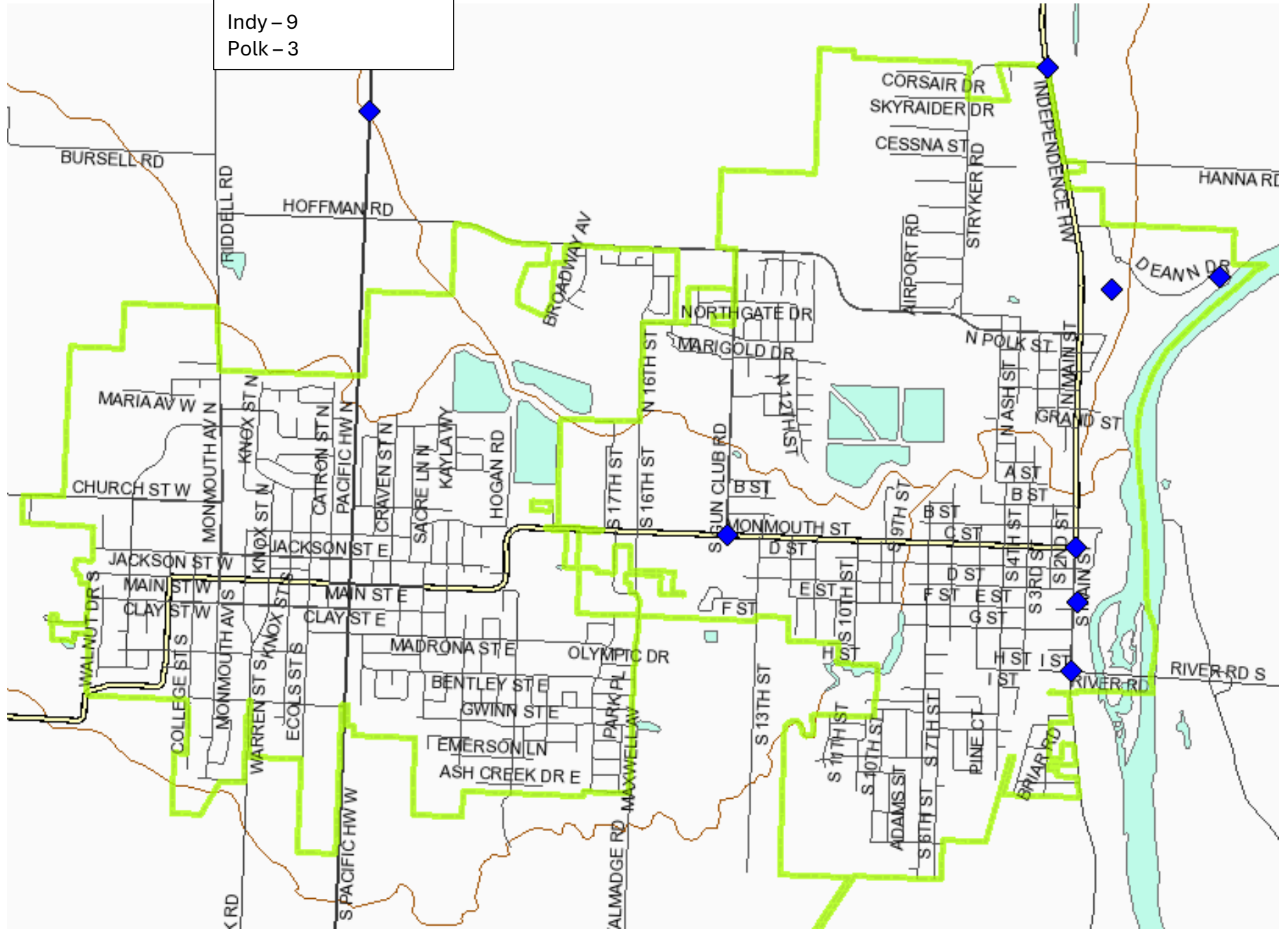
Indy – 178  
Monmouth – 9  
Polk – 11



Traffic Complaints

12 Driving Complaints

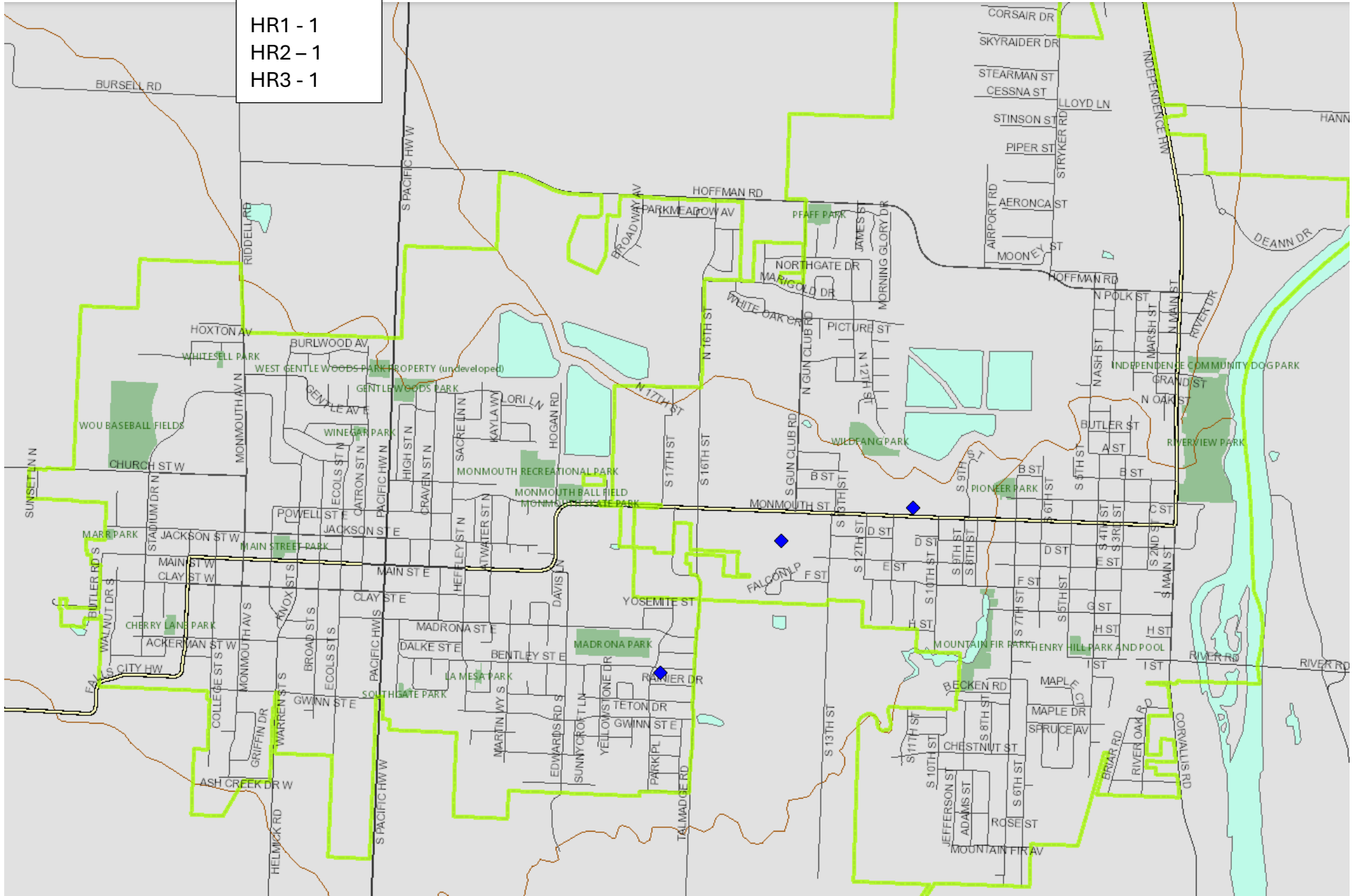
Indy - 9  
Polk - 3



# Hit and Run Crashes

## 3 Hit&Runs

- HR1 - 1
- HR2 - 1
- HR3 - 1



Crashes

8 Crashes

Crash1 - 4

Crash2 - 2

Crash3 - 2

