

2023 MIC Urban Area Boundary Adjustment

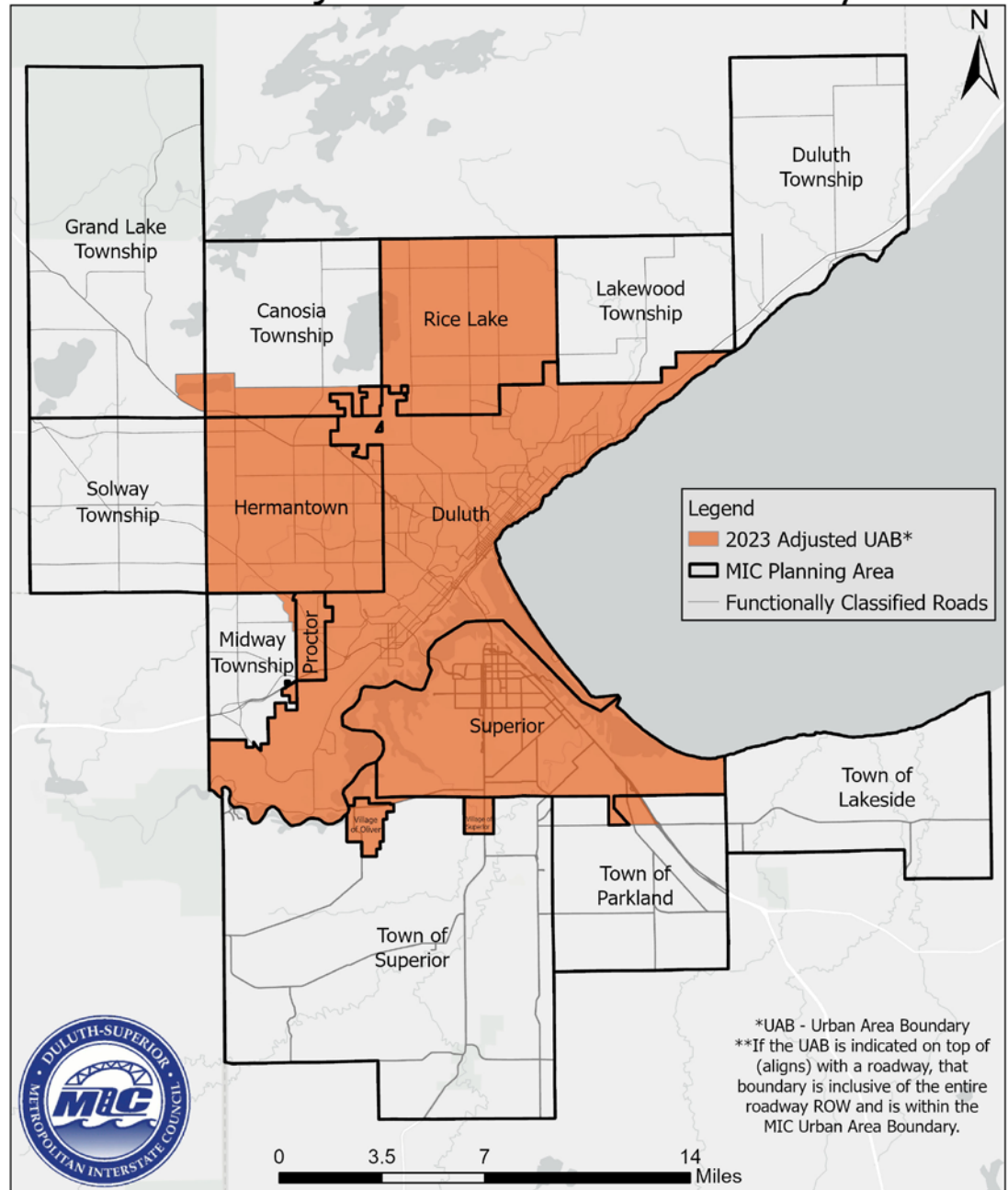


TAC Meeting
October 17th, 2023

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What is the MIC's "Urban Area"?

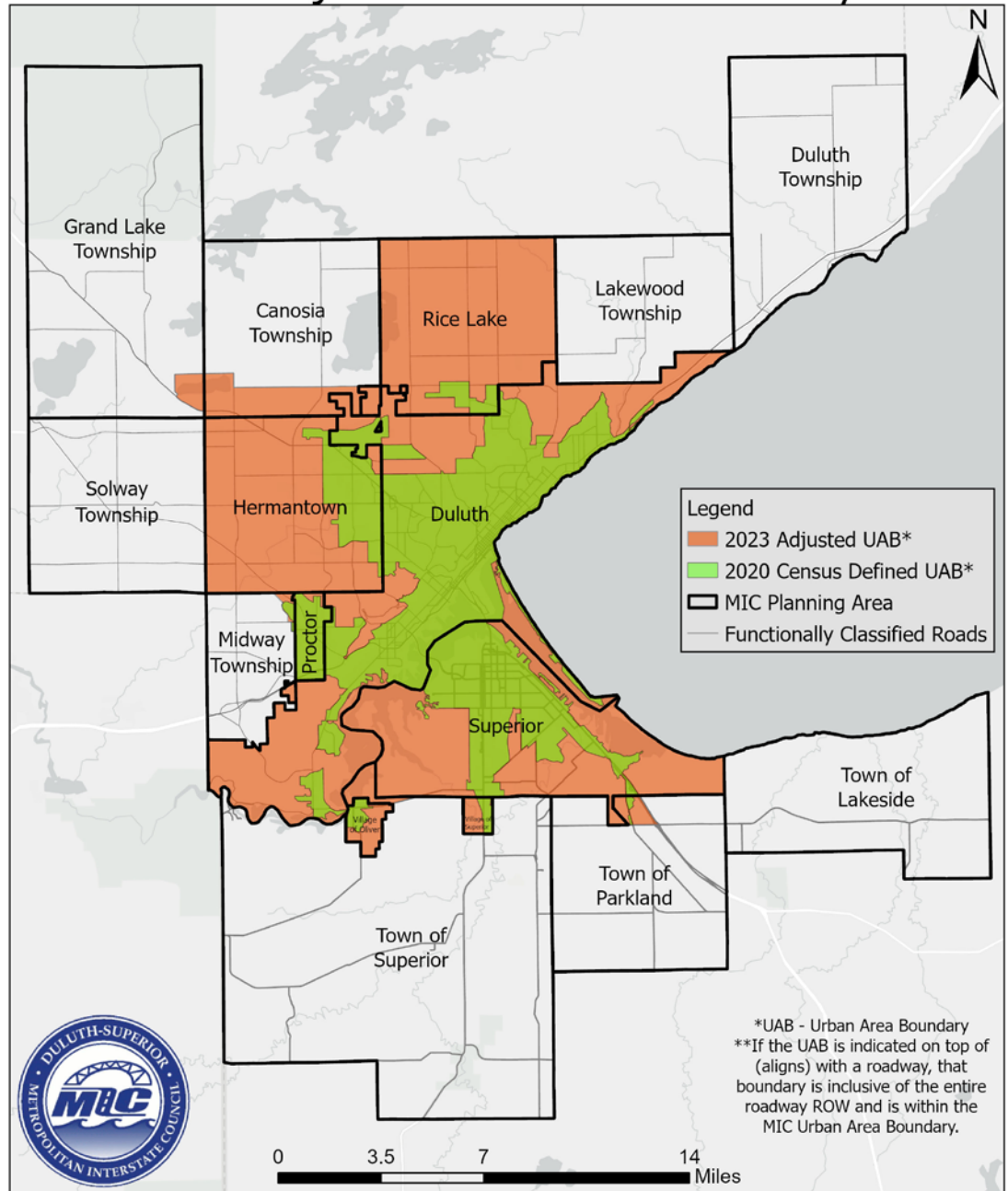
- The Urban Area is a defined section of the overall MIC Planning Area



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Why is the MIC's Urban Area Boundary being Adjusted?

- FHWA allows MPOs to adjust the Census-defined urban boundaries for funding and planning purposes



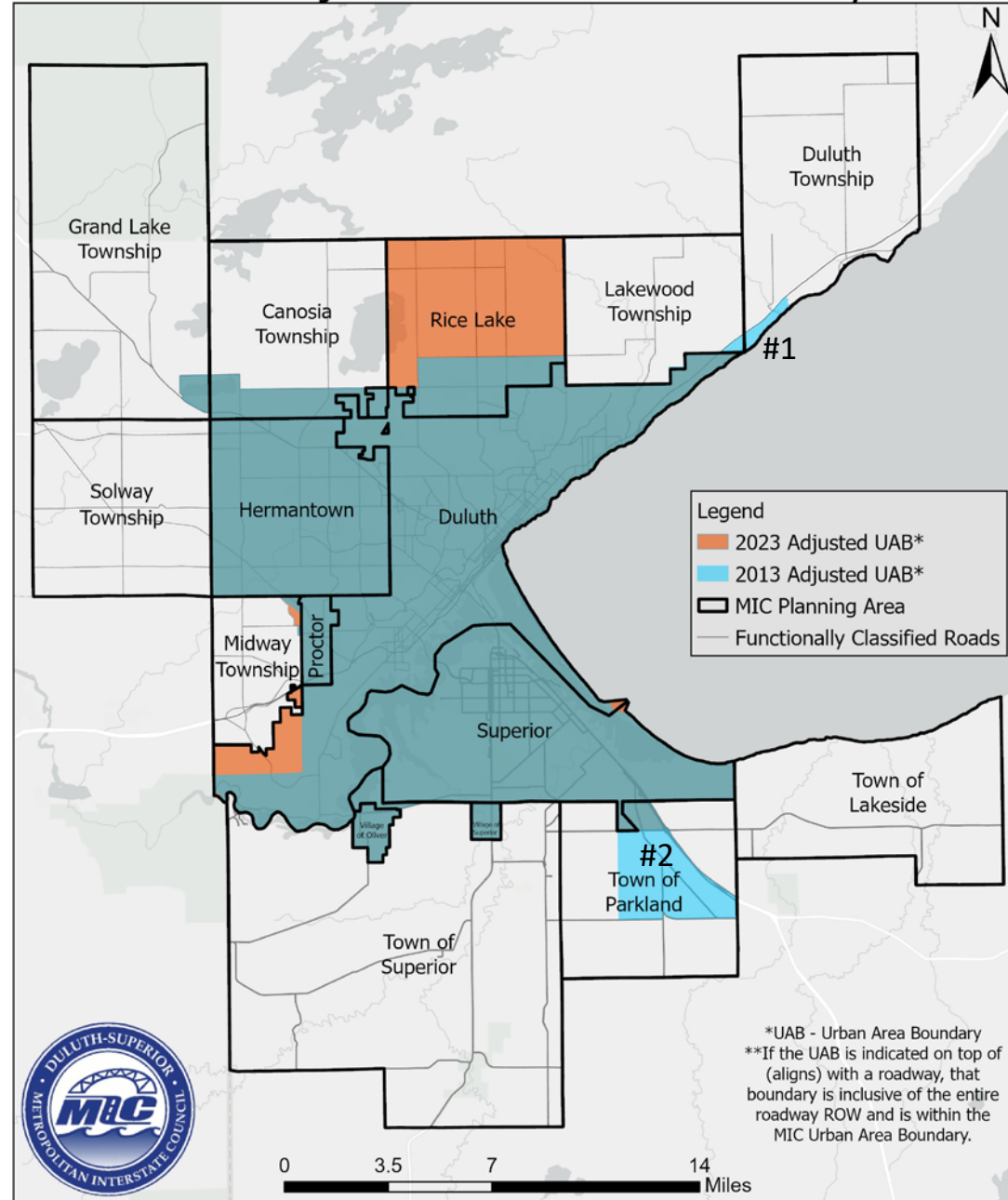
Guidelines for Determining the Adjusted Urban Area Boundary

- The adjusted boundary must include all of the Census-defined boundary.
- The adjusted boundary must include only one Census-defined Urban Area.
- The adjusted boundary should encompass one contiguous area.
- Include within the adjusted boundary areas expected to be developed in the next 10 years.
- Eliminate inaccurate, unreasonable, or vaguely apparent boundaries.
- Adjust portions of the Census-defined boundary that do not follow a recognizable feature.
- Include all of an incorporated city or village.
- Include typically urban land uses within the urban area boundary.
- Ensure that the adjusted boundary includes or excludes all roads that run concurrent with the boundary.
- Include an entire interchange either inside or outside the urban area boundary.
- Consider the functional classification of roads near the urban boundary.

Areas being removed from UAB Compared to the 2013 UAB

- **#1 – Small section in Lakewood and Duluth Townships**
- **#2 - Larger section in the Town of Parkland**

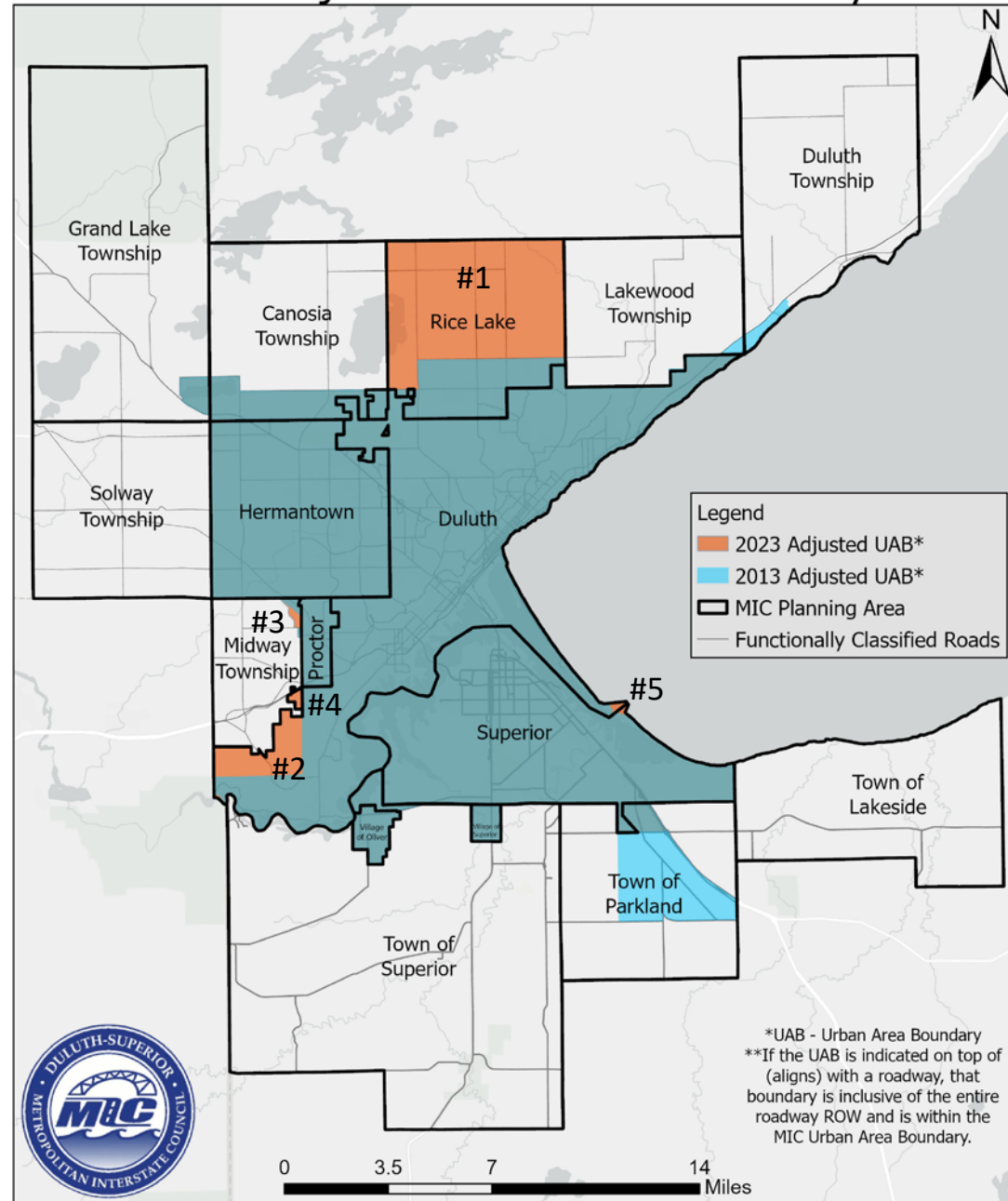
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New Areas added in 2023

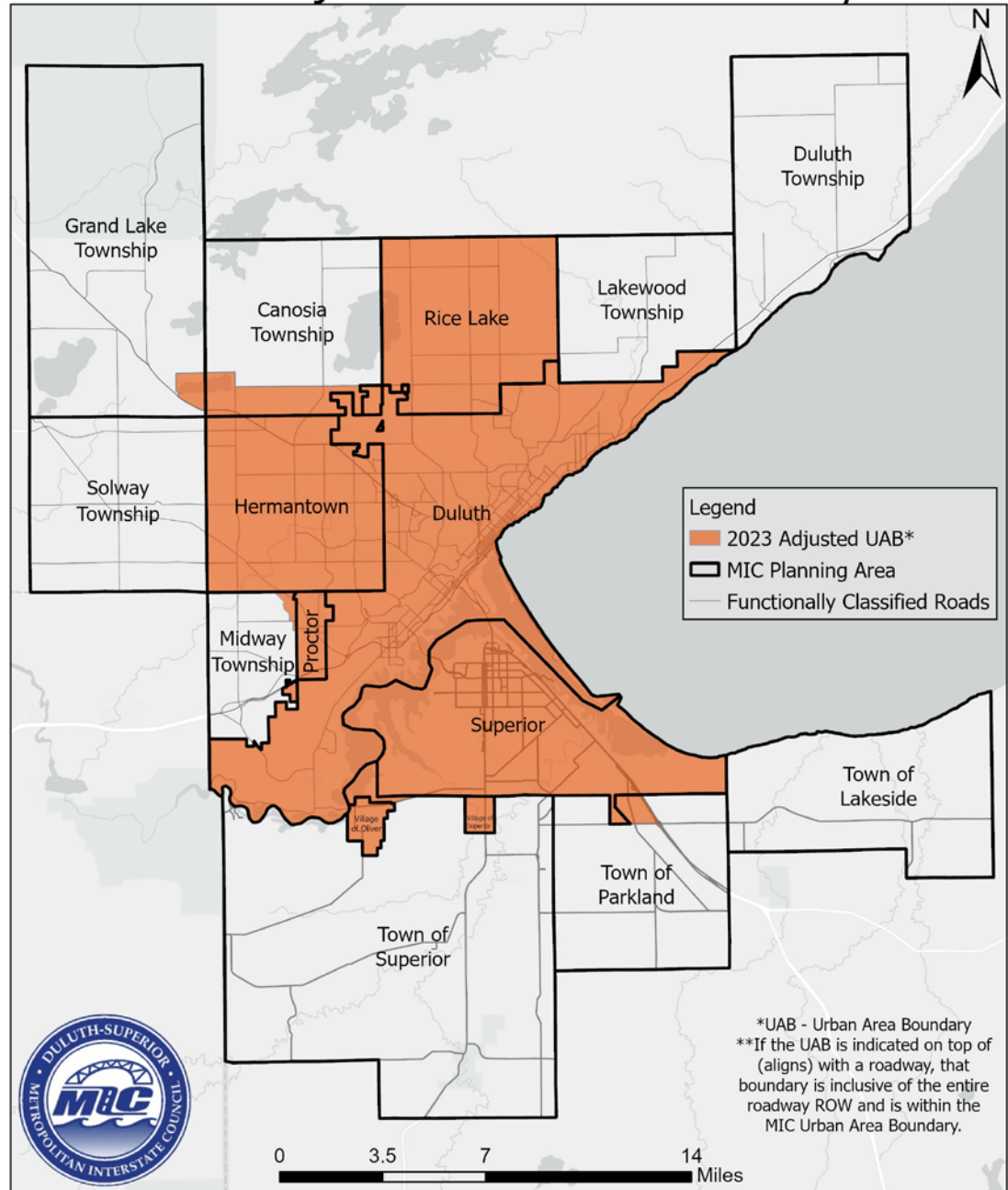
- **#1 – Rice Lake is now fully within the UAB**
- **#2 – Duluth Boundary changed requiring an increase in UAB**
- **#3 – Midway Township – Rail Yard included.**
- **#4 – Proctor Boundary changed requiring an increase in UAB**
- **#5 – MN WI Port Entry – Changed to include both break walls.**
- **Minor changes along the boundaries to make corrections from 2013 UAB**



Motion Requested

Recommend
Approval of
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Board

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Comments? Questions?

Thank You!

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