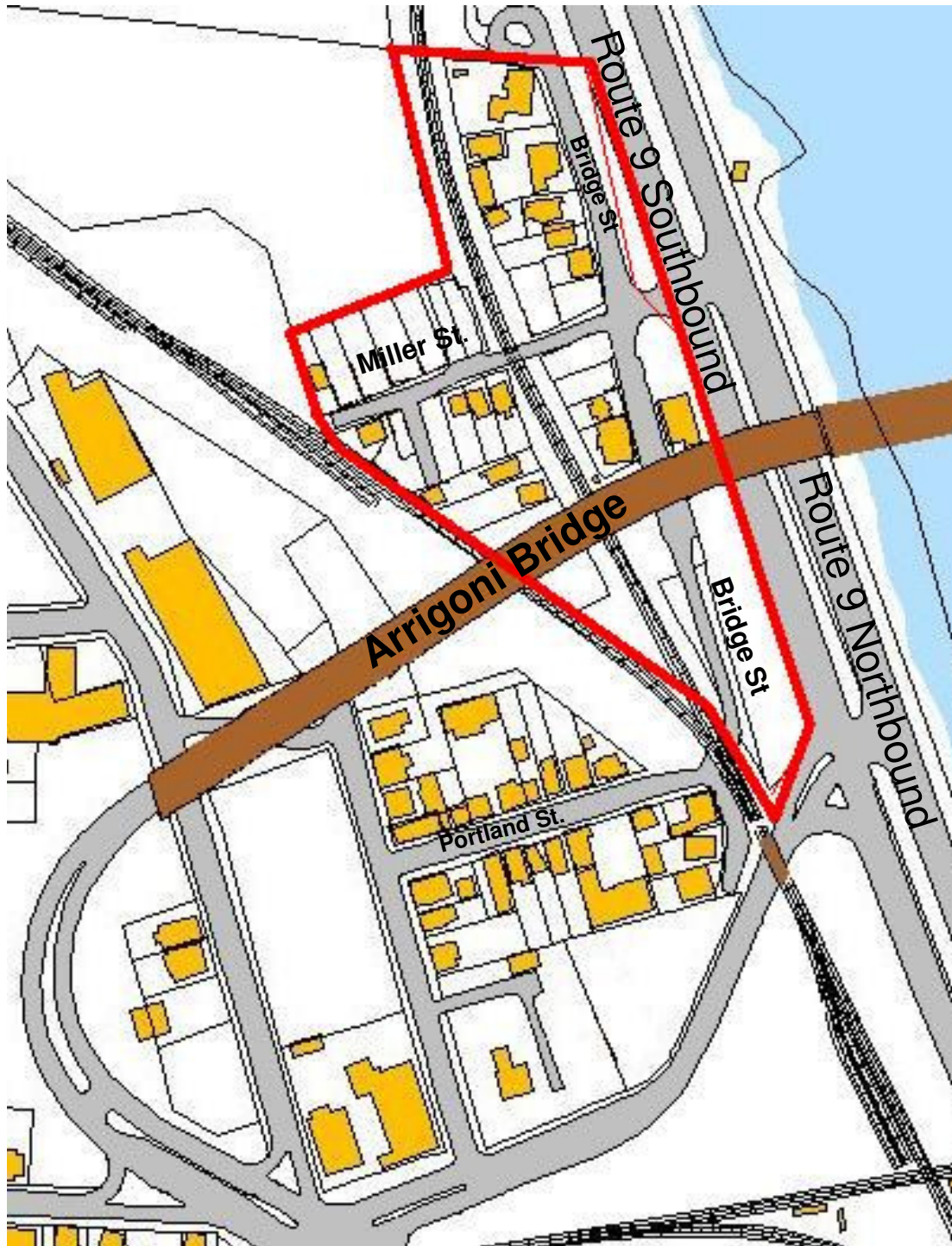




Miller Bridge Redevelopment

Briefing explaining the Redevelopment
Agency's recommendations





Miller Bridge Street Area and Surrounding Neighborhood

Red- boundary of
Redevelopment Area

History of Miller and Bridge Street Area Redevelopment

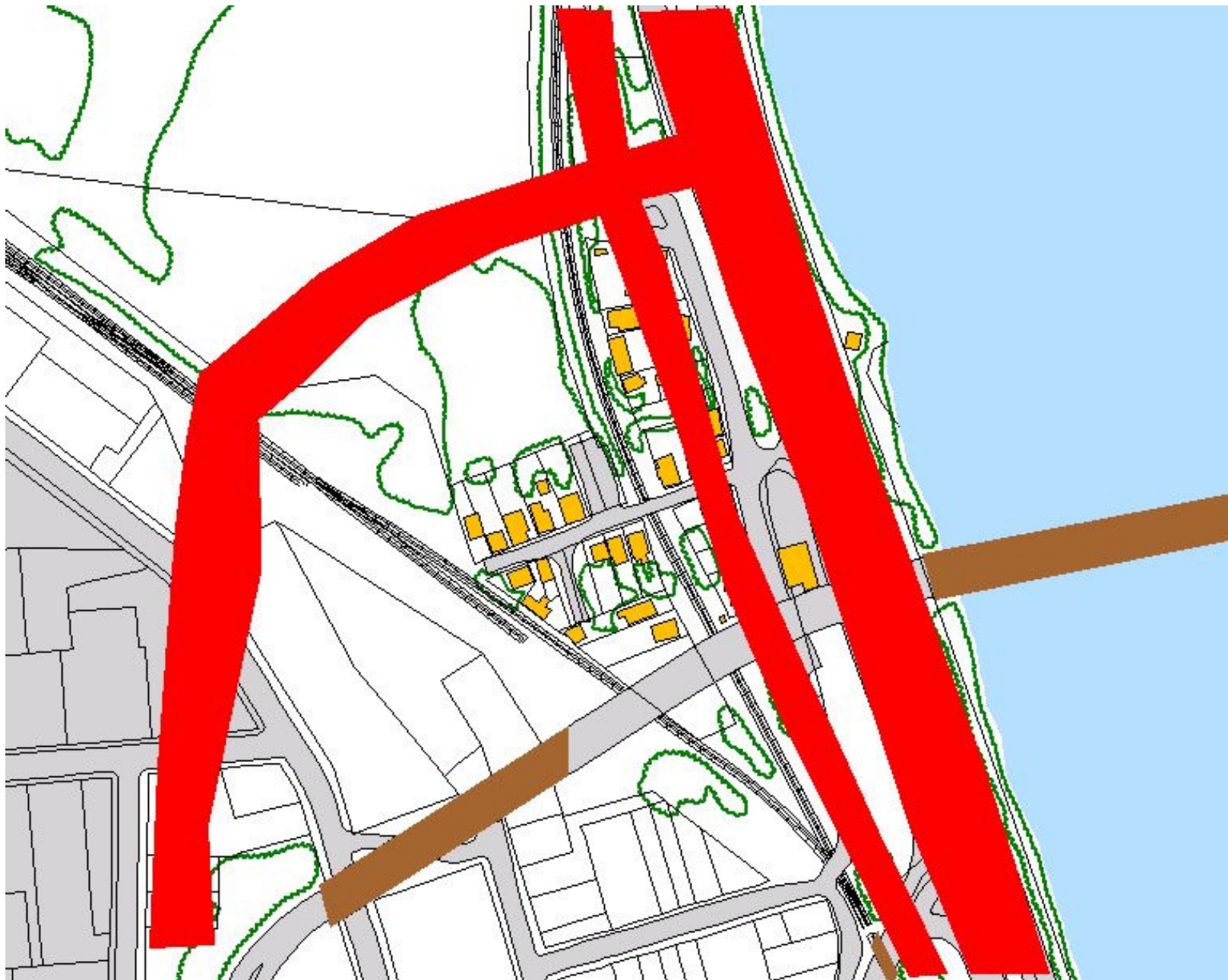
- 1999- City conducted workshops with neighborhood to find ways to improve the area.
 - Conclusions-
 - No feasible infrastructure options
 - Acquire and demolish neighborhood
- 2000- City with support of neighborhood adopts current Redevelopment Plan that acquires and demolishes the neighborhood, within a 5 year timetable.

Funding is the KEY issue!

- The City was able to acquire and demolish 12 properties.
- The remaining 15 properties would cost the City approximately \$3 million to acquire, relocate residents and demolish structures.

The future of this Neighborhood will always be in question!

- The Connecticut Department of Transportation has proposed a new Route 9 entrance/exit design to connect the highway to downtown and the bridge. This design would require the State to acquire the entire neighborhood.
- Estimate timeframe- 7 to 15 years



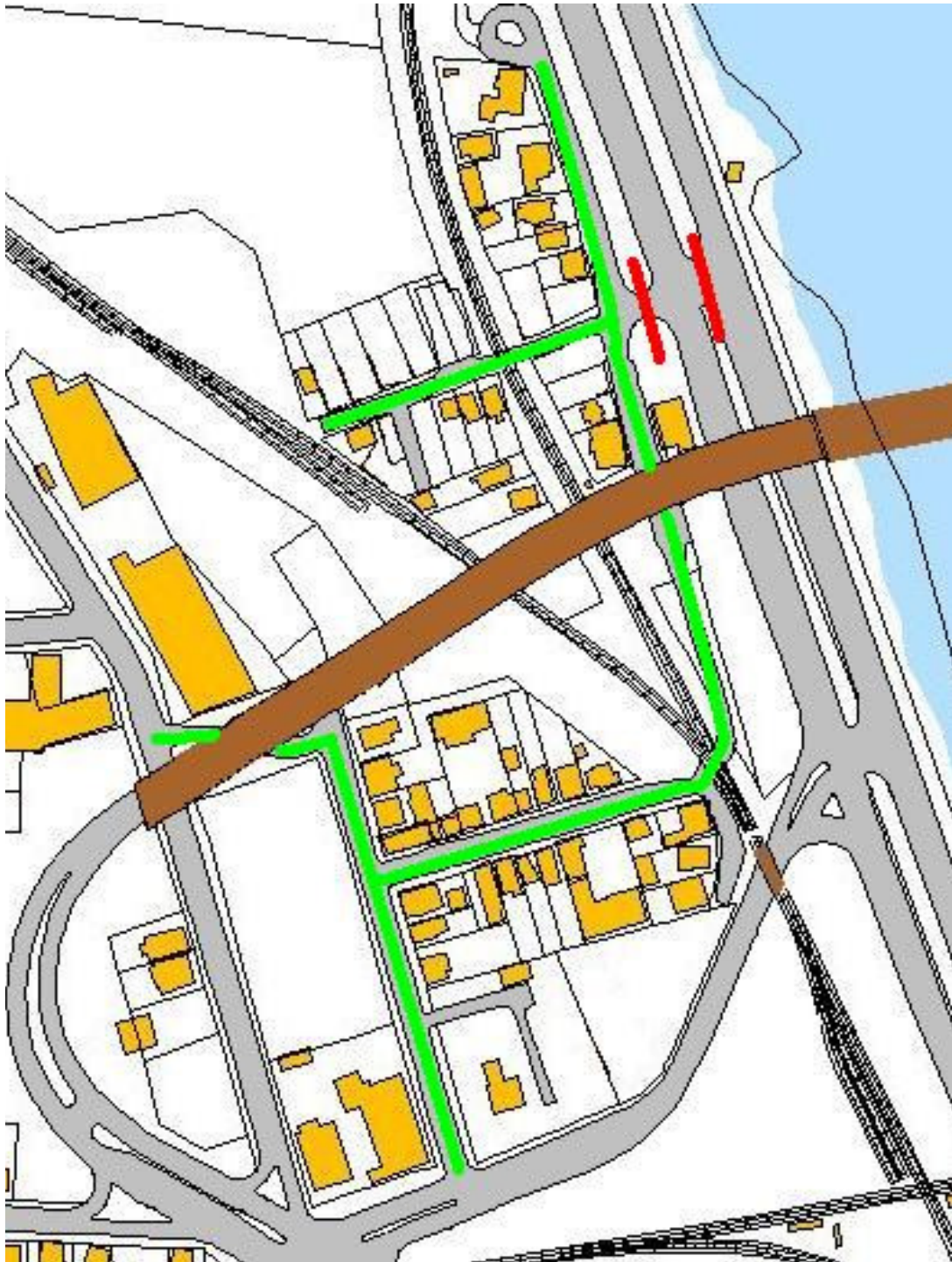
Red indicates the impact area of the proposed new Route 9 Northern Interchange

Current Situation

- Access only from Route 9.
- Emergency Rail Crossing at Portland Street.



Green- Traffic flow
Red- Blocked egress/ingress



Redevelopment Agency Short-term Solution

- Eliminate Route 9 Northbound left-turn lane in to neighborhood.
- Open Portland St Crossing Temporarily as a public crossing, if CT General Assembly passes legislation to allow it.
- Eliminate Route 9 Access to neighborhood all together.

Green- Traffic flow

Red- Blocked egress/ingress

Redevelopment Agency's recommendations

- Take up Senator Doyle's and Rep. Serra's offer and request that the General Assembly approve an temporary at-grade crossing at Portland Street
- Make the Bridge St-Route 9 access available only for emergency vehicles with collapsible or retractable bollards.
- Seek a long-term solution connecting Miller Street to North Main Street
- Rescind the Redevelopment Plan once the Portland Street at-grade crossing is established.