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Director
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 2
Multi-Media Permits and Compliance Branch
Centro Europa Building, Suite 417
1492 Ponce de Leon Ave.
San Juan, PR 00907

RE: Notice of Intent (NOI) for Puerto Rico Small MS4 NPDES General Permit
Juncos' Pueblo Urbanized Area
Juncos Municipality, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

Dear Mr. Soderberg:

On July 10, 2007, the Municipality of Juncos received a request of information from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requesting the submission of a Notice of Intent (NOI) for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit. The Juncos Municipality has a Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) operating for many years that discharges storm water mainly to the Valenciano River and the Gurabo River. The Juncos municipality is located within the South-East San Juan urbanized area as determined by the EPA based on the latest Decennial Census (year 2000) by the Bureau of Census. Juncos is a municipality with a population of less than 100,000 persons. On January 9, 1998, EPA established in the proposed rule for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico that for MS4s that are located within an urbanized area and the municipality has population of less than 100,000, only the Pueblo will be regulated. Based on this ruling and the urbanized area map prepared by the EPA for the Juncos Municipality, the Juncos' Pueblo Urbanized Area (JPUA) covered by the NPDES General Permit is shown on the maps in Appendix 1.

After review of six (6) Environmental Impact Statement documents (see copies of the front page of the EIS documents reviewed in Appendix # 2) for projects in proximity to the JPUAU where the effects on listed endangered or threatened species and critical habitats have been evaluated, there is no reason to believe that the storm water discharges, allowable non-storm water discharges and discharge related activities will jeopardize the continued existence of any species or result in the adverse modification or destruction of critical habitat. Also, based on this evaluation, there is no reason to believe that there are suitable habitats for these species within the JPUA.

In addition, after review of six (6) Environmental Impact Statement documents (see copies of the front page of the EIS documents reviewed in Appendix # 2) for projects in proximity to the JPUAU where compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act have been evaluated, there is no reason to believe that the storm water discharges, allowable non-storm water discharges and discharge related activities will affect a property that is listed or is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as maintained by the Secretary of the Interior.

As required by EPA and to be authorized to discharge storm water from a small MS4, the Municipality of Juncos submits a notice of intent (NOI) and a description of their storm water management program that currently is being developed (see NOI in Appendix # 3).

Sincerely,



Alfredo Alejandro-Carrión
Mayor, Juncos Municipality

Appendix # 3

EPA Region 2 NPDES Permit Applications Form – Notice of Intent (NOI) Regulated Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) in EPA's Jurisdiction within Puerto Rico

1) Activities by the applicant that require obtaining an NPDES permit.

The Municipality of Juncos in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico operates a municipal separate storm sewer system located in Juncos' Pueblo Urbanized Area (JPUA).

2) Name, mailing address, and location of the facility for which the application is submitted.

**Honorable Alfredo Alejandro-Carrión
Mayor, Municipality of Juncos
Juncos' Pueblo Urbanized Area
Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)
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3) Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code that reflect the service provided by the facility.

The SIC code established by the federal Office of Management and Budget for public administration/general federal, state or local government activities is 9199.

4) The operator name(s), address(es), telephone number(s), ownership status, and status as a federal, state, local, Tribal or other public entity.

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5) A listing of any permits or construction approvals received or applied for under any of the following programs:

- a) **Resource Conservation or Recovery Act: NONE**
- b) **Underground Injection Control under the Safe Drinking Water Act: NONE**
- c) **NPDES program under the Clean Water Act: NONE**
- d) **Prevention of Significant Deterioration program under the Clean Air Act: NONE**
- e) **Non attainment program under the Clean Air Act: NONE**
- f) **National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants preconstruction approval under the Clean Air Act: NONE**
- g) **Ocean Dumping Permits under the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act: NONE**
- h) **Dredge or fill permits under section 404 of the Clean Water Act: NONE**
- i) **Other relevant environmental permits, including state permits:**
 - 1- **EQB Emission Source Permits for Various Emergency Electricity Generators**
 - 2 - **EQB Non-Hazardous Waste Transportation Permit (DS-1)**

6) A topographic map (or other map if a topographic map is unavailable) extending one mile beyond the property boundaries of the source, depicting the facility and each of its intake and discharge structures; each of its hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facilities; each well where fluids from the facility are injected underground; and those wells, springs, other surface water bodies, and drinking water wells listed in public records or otherwise known to the applicant in the map area.

A map of the Juncos' Pueblo Urbanized Area MS4 is expected to be completed by August 2009. See other relevant maps in Attachment A.

7) A brief description of the nature of the business.

The maps and other information of the MS4 (in terms of its general characteristics, such as: capacity, general operation, or other relevant information) is being developed and it is expected to be completed by August 2009. A description of the Juncos Municipality is included in Attachment B.

The following additional information is required as part of an NPDES application from regulated small MS4(s) according to 40 CFR 122.33(b)(2)(i) and 40 CFR 122.34(d)(1):

8) An estimate of the square mileage served by the MS4(s):

The Juncos' Pueblo Urbanized Area as determined from the EPA map has an estimated area of 5.85 square miles (15.15 square kilometers).

9) Descriptions of the best management practices to be implemented by the applicant or another entity for each of the six storm water minimum control measures described in 40 CFR 122.34(b)(1) through (b)(6).

See the action plan in Attachment C.

10) Descriptions of the measurable goals for each BMP, including (as appropriate) the months and years in which the action will be taken, including interim milestones and the frequency of the action.

See the action plan in Attachment C.

11) The person(s) responsible for implementing or coordinating the applicant's storm water management program.

See the action plan in Attachment C.

12) Certification.

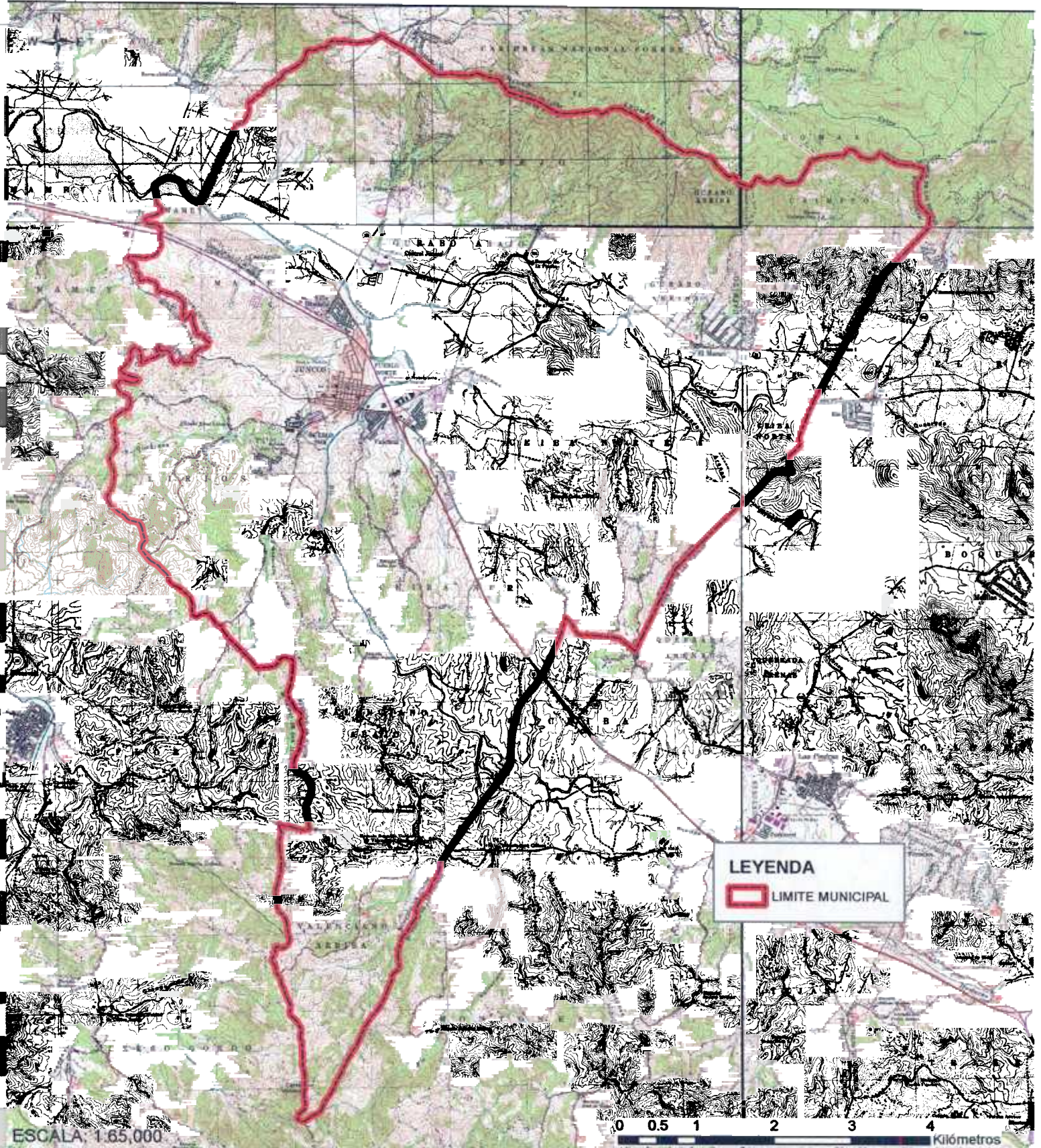
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Alfredo Alejandro-Carrión
Mayor, Municipality of Juncos

ATTACHMENT A


Other relevant maps of Juncos Municipality





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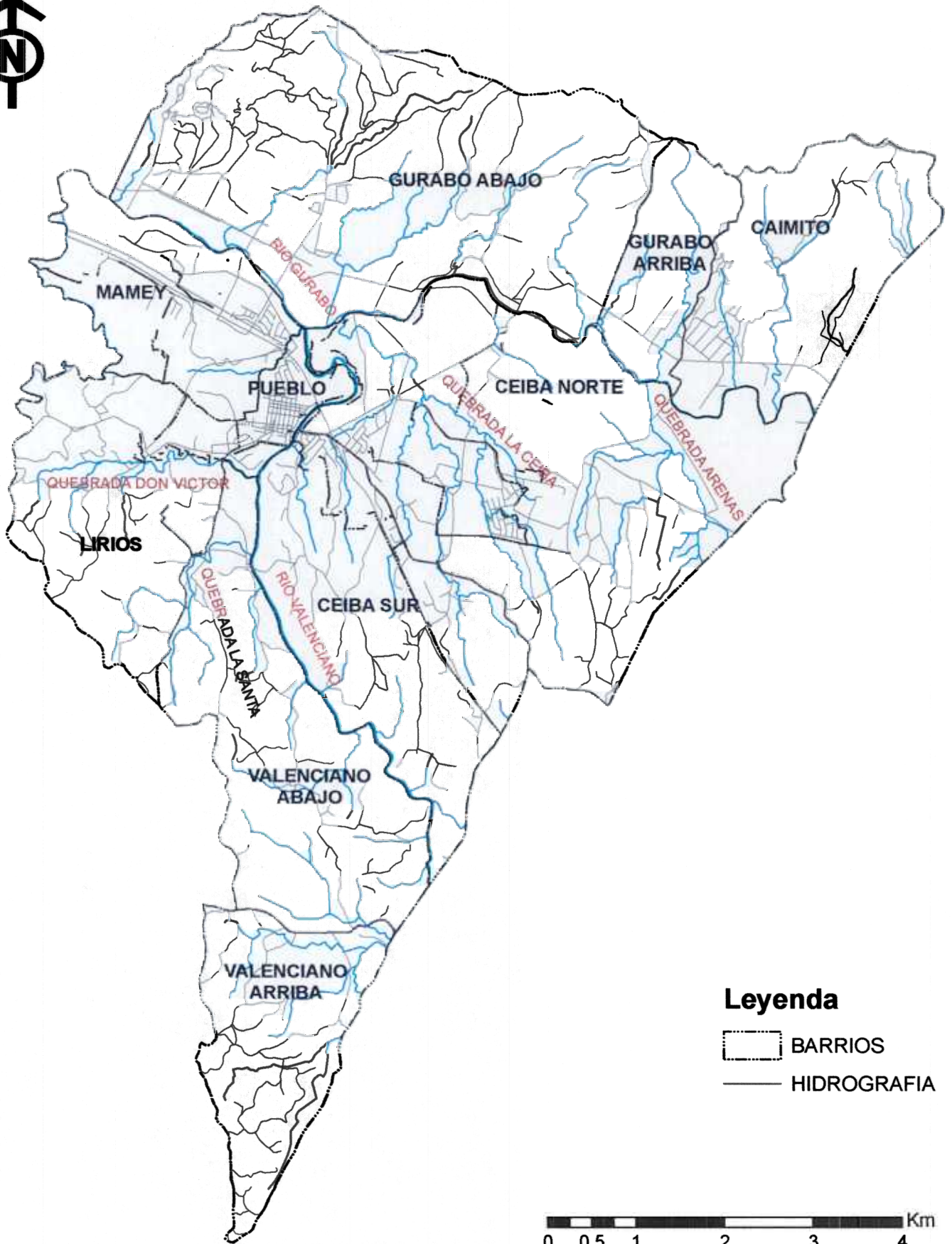
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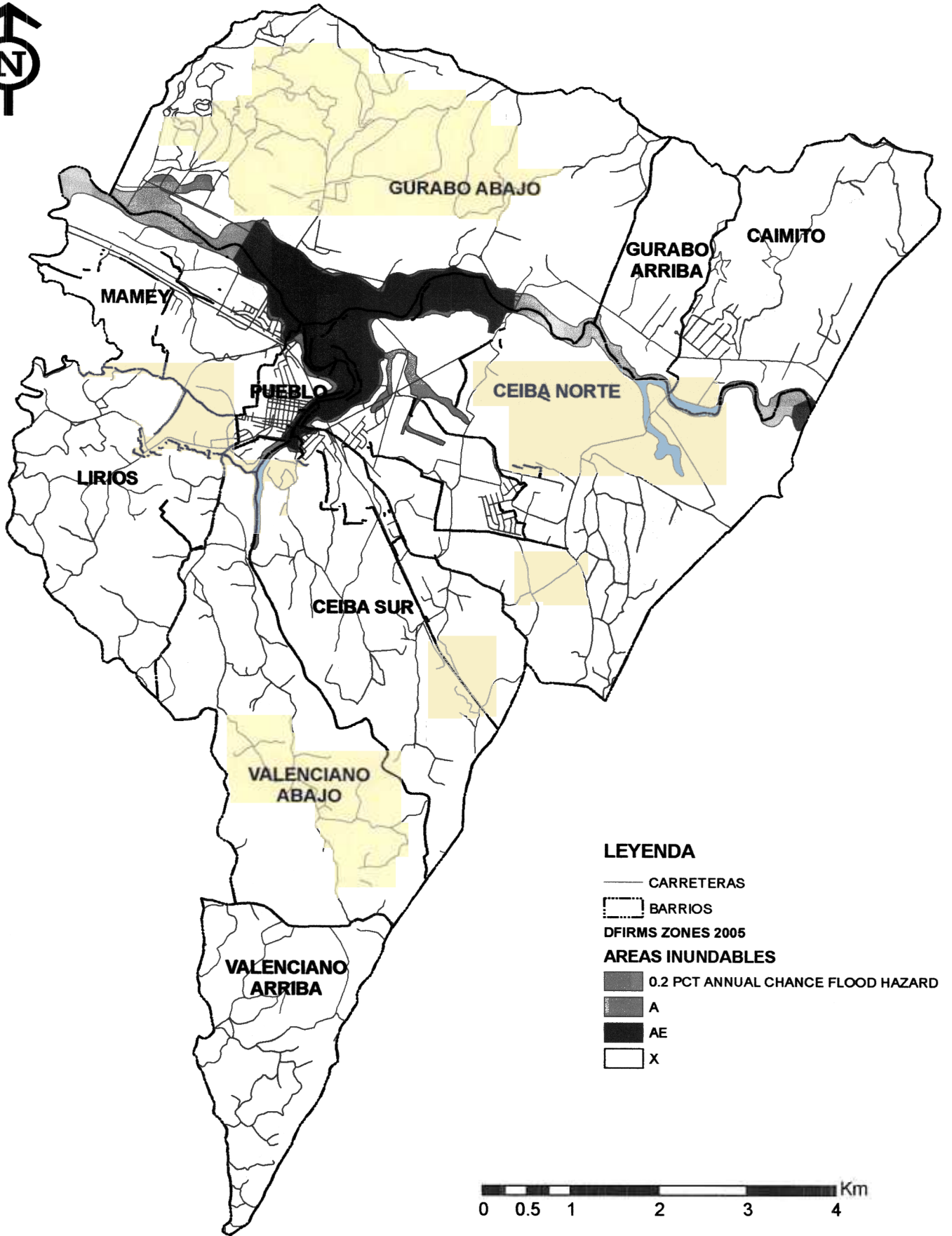


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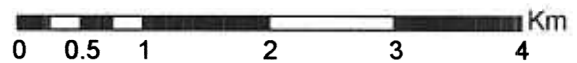
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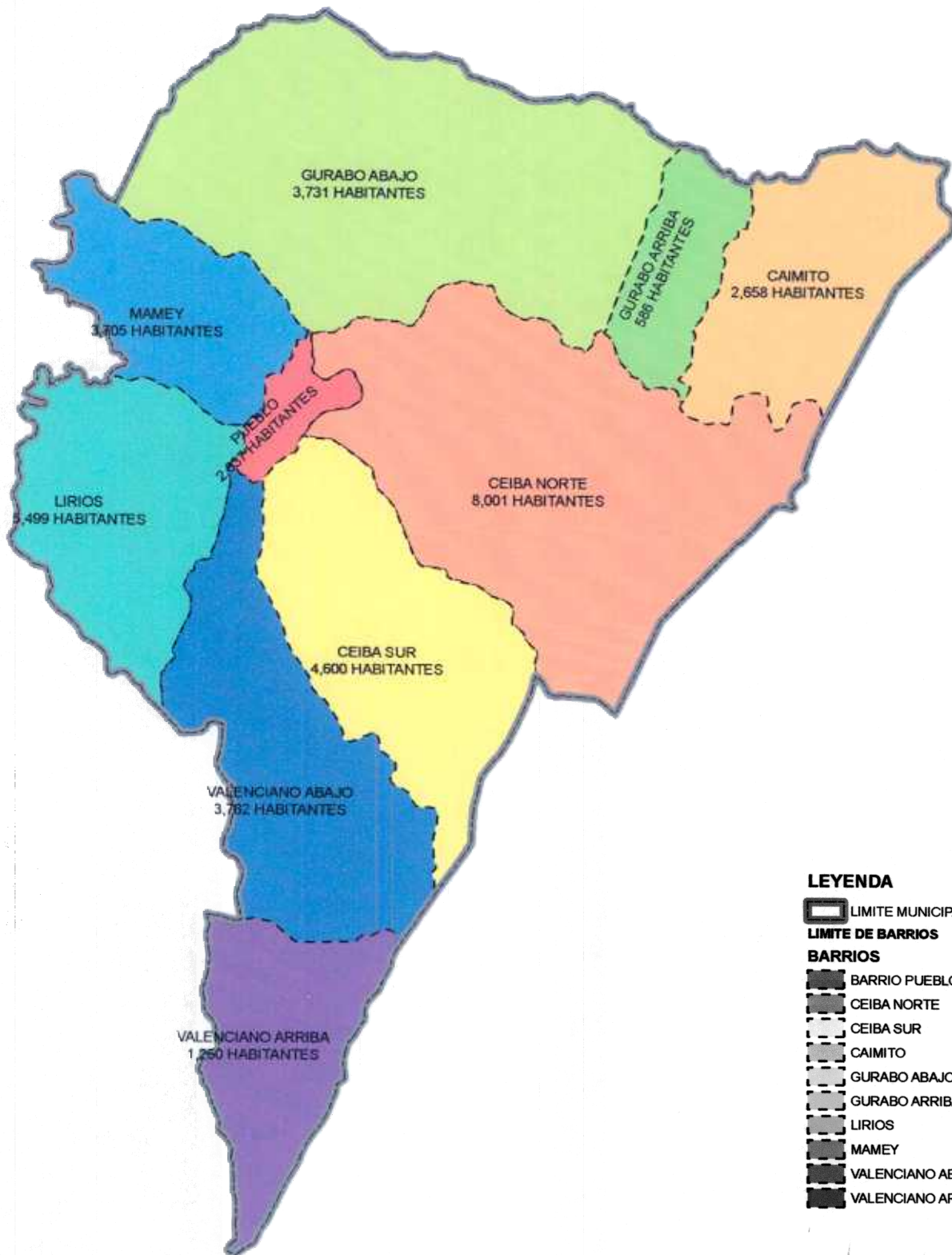
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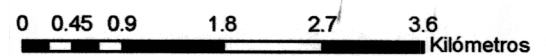
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