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Cc: gaalsjon@gmail.com
Subject: Martin County Line Route Suggestion
Date: Friday, August 02, 2013 12:40:23 PM

Ray Kirsch:

This is in response to your request for suggestions regarding the Iowa 345 KV Transmission Line Project Docket Nos ET675/TL-12-1337 and ET 6675/CN-12-1053. My suggestions apply only to the route through Martin County and specifically through Elm Creek and Fox Lake townships, with which I am familiar.

My proposed route would follow existing transmission lines north from Sherburn through Sec 1 Jay TWP and Sec 36 of Elm Creek TWP. In Sec 36 of Elm Creek the line would turn and go diagonally through Sec 30 and 29 of Fox Lake TWP. These two sections have large areas of non-tillable land that the line could follow. The line would then follow 150th Street until it intersects with the existing line that goes north from Fox Lake and then follows that line's route to Fraser Township.

Notes:

1. This route solves the expressed concerns presented by the Assemblies of God Church in Sherburn.
2. This route solves the airplane runway concern of Doug Hilgendorf in section 13 Fox Lake TWP.
3. This route removes the double wooden poles of the existing line in sections 13,14,15,16,17, 20 of Fox Lake Township, which will be advantageous to the affected farmers.
4. This route does not affect existing building sites.
5. This route has minimal impact on aerial agricultural spraying and scouting.

Other considerations:

1. One of the previously proposed routes would have gone through sections 11 and 12 of Fox Lake TWP. I would again like to note that I have existing irrigation pivots in these sections as well as sections 7,8 and 17 Fox Lake TWP. These locations are unfeasible.
2. The existing line in section 14 of Fox Lake TWP, land which I rent, has a jog in it to avoid the building site. This building

site has been removed. The replacement of the two and three-post wooden towers through this section with single post towers would be a welcome relief.

Thanks for listening

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Name: Gerald Gage Email: _____

Street Address: 203 South 9th St.

City: Cohasset State: IA ZIP: 51334

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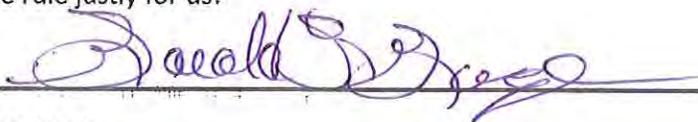
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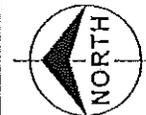
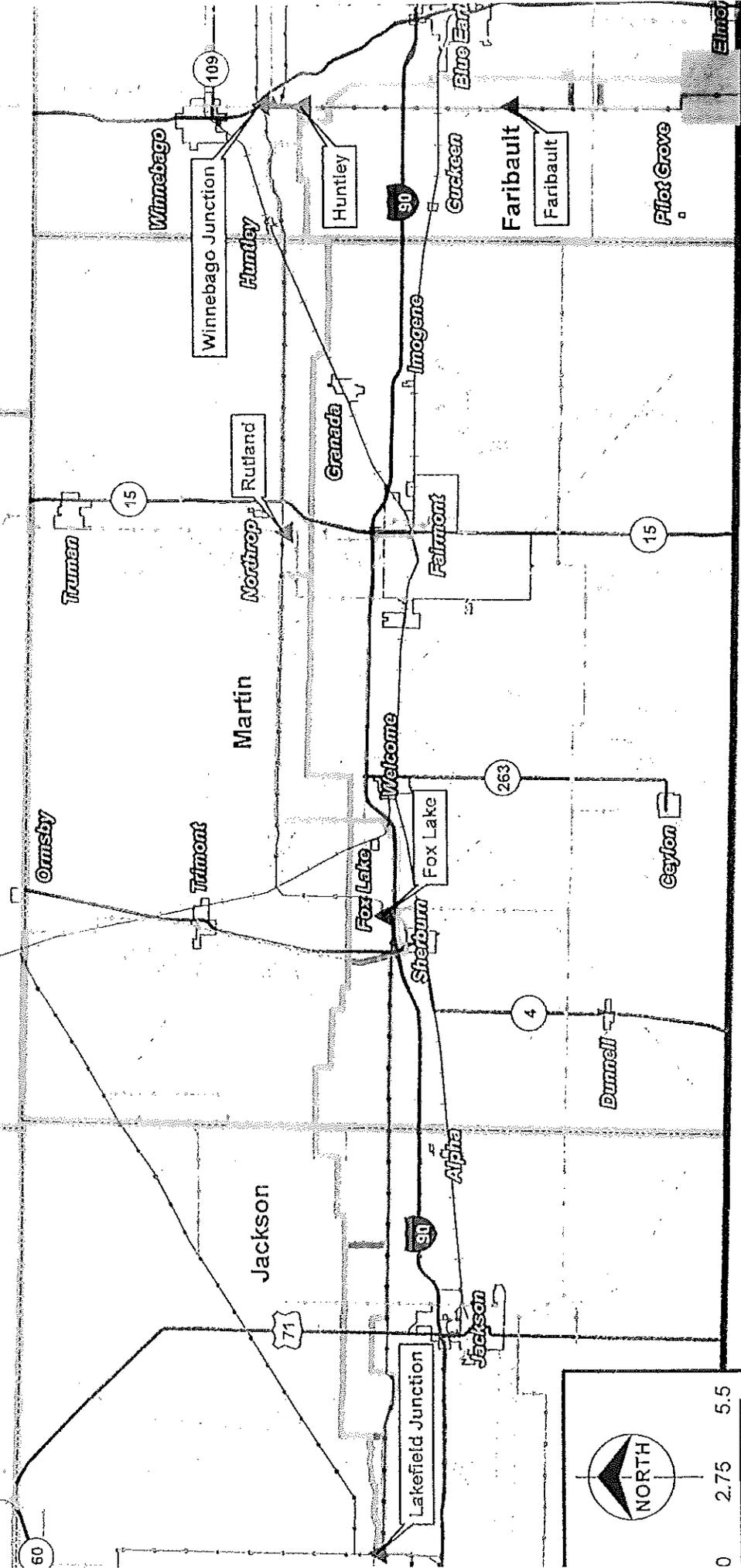
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Name: Bruce Grant Email: None
 Street Address: 330 Fos Lake Ave
 City: Sherburn State: MN ZIP: 56171

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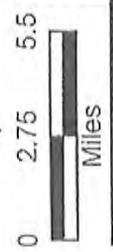
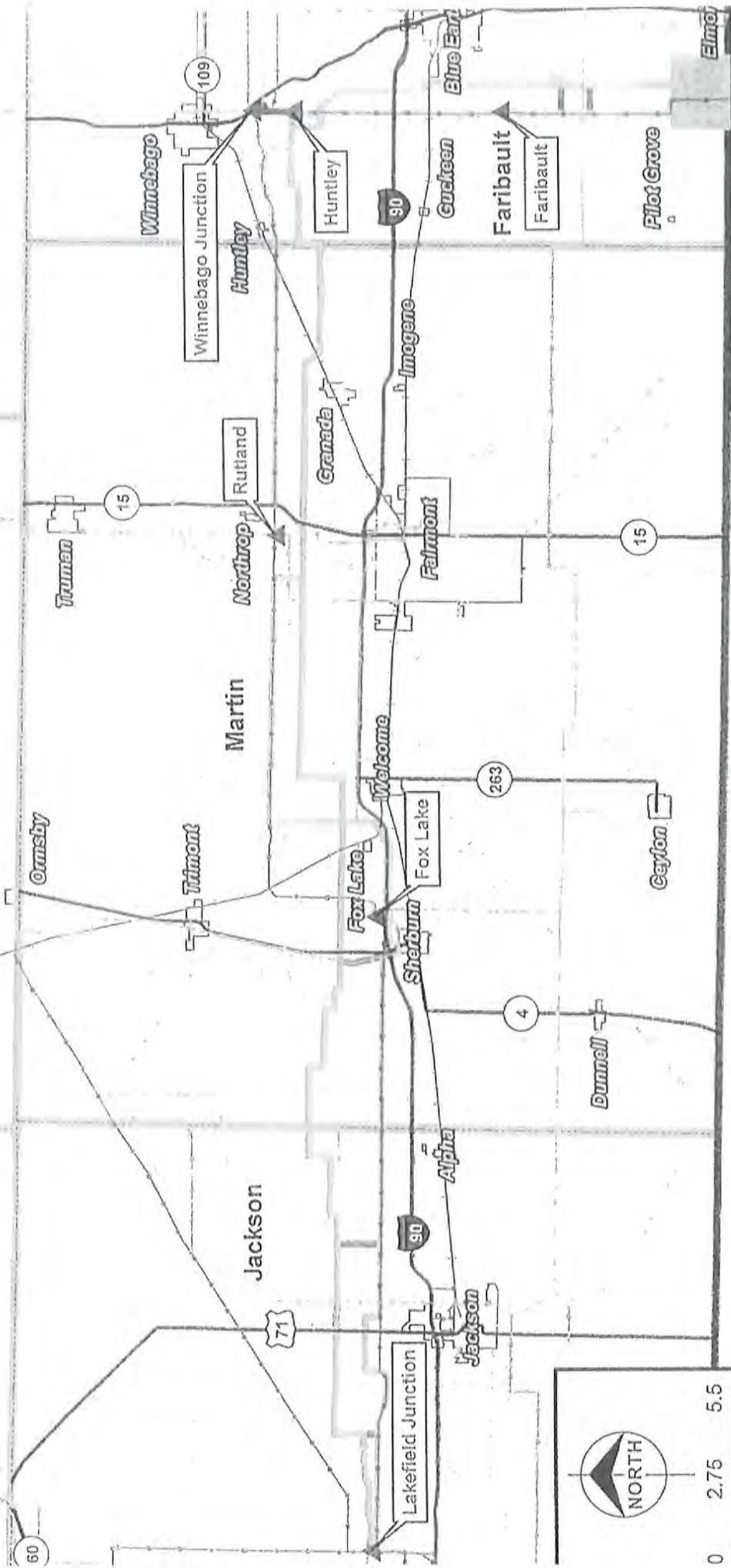
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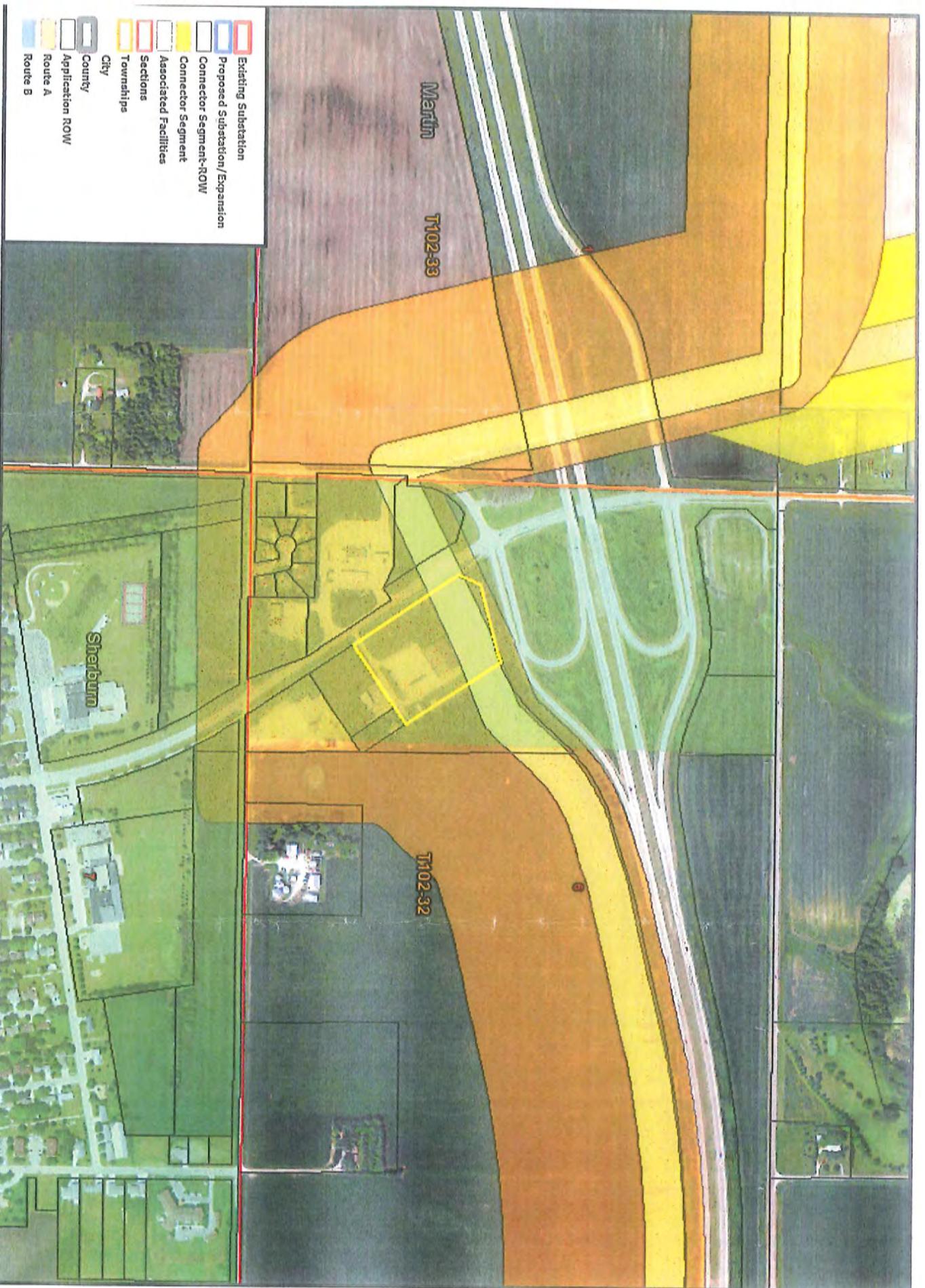
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Name: Sandra Guger Email: _____
 Street Address: 203 S. 9th St
 City: Estherville State: IA ZIP: 51334

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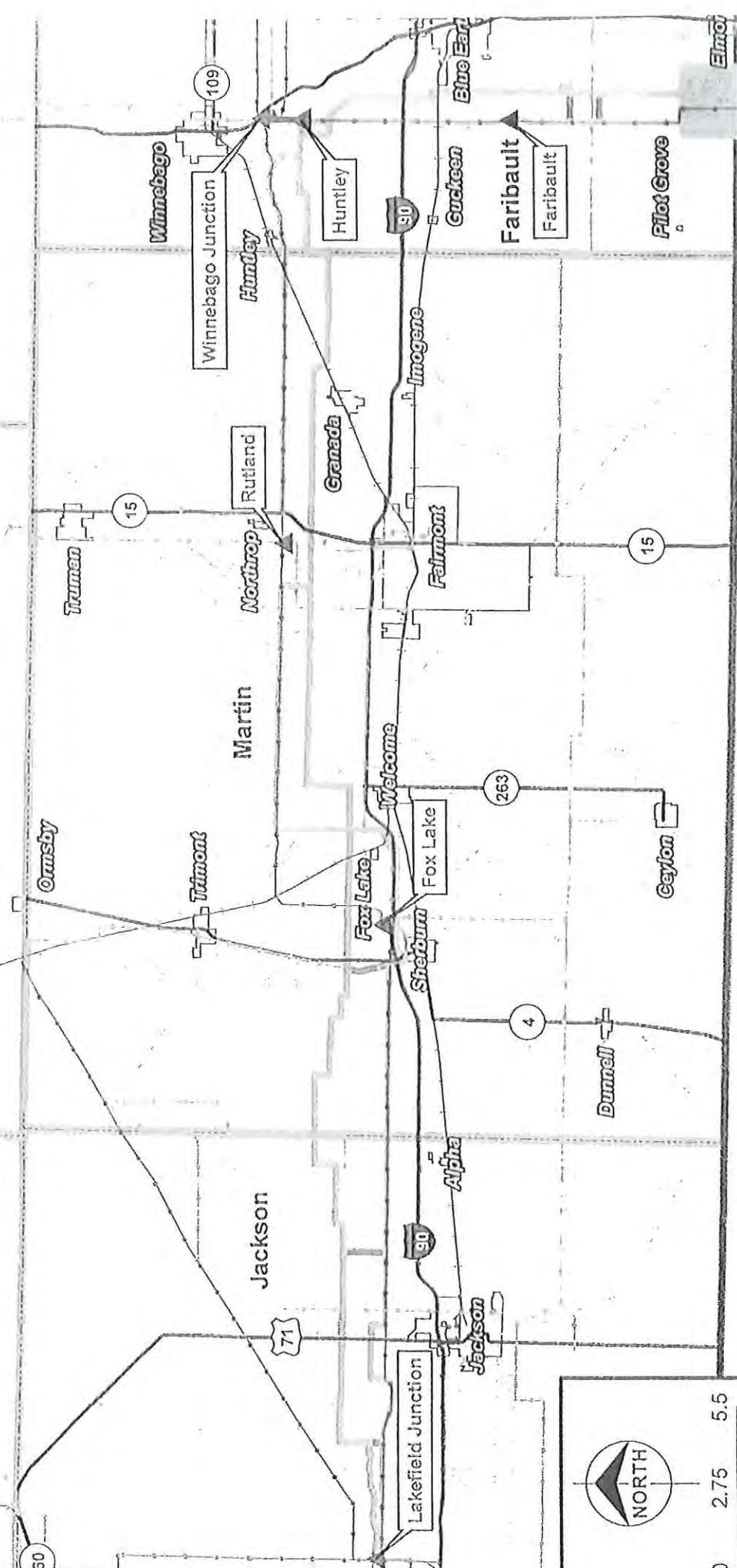
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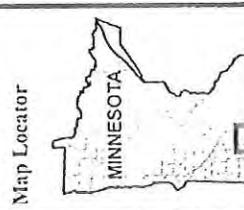
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 Street Address: 410 Fox Lake Avenue
 City: Sherburn State: MN ZIP: 56171

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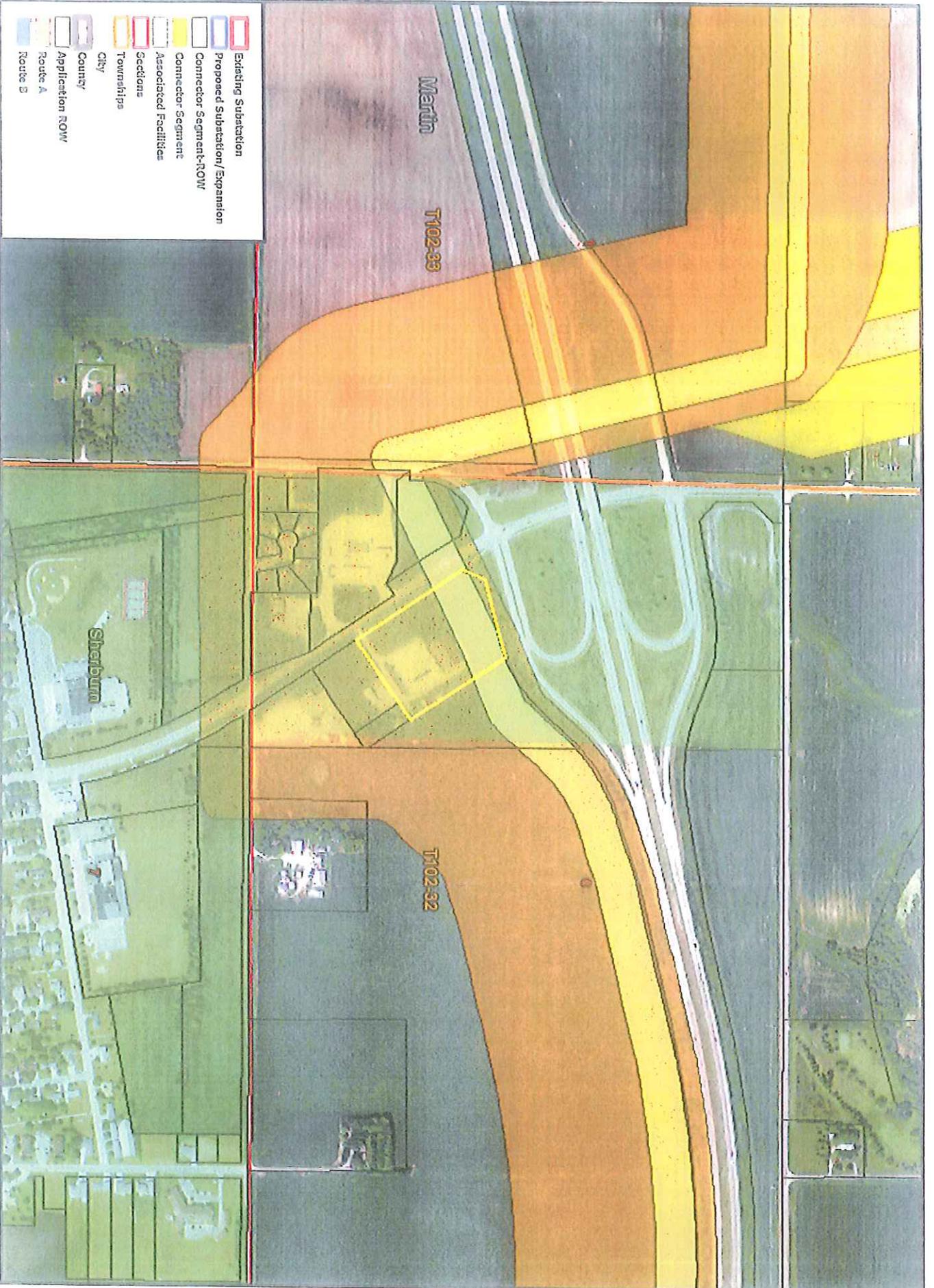
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Signature: Paul R. Groskreutz Date: 7-28-13

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 Street Address: 125 N. OLSON AVE
 City: DUNNELL State: MINN ZIP: 56127

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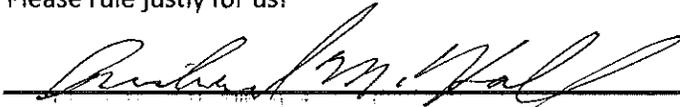
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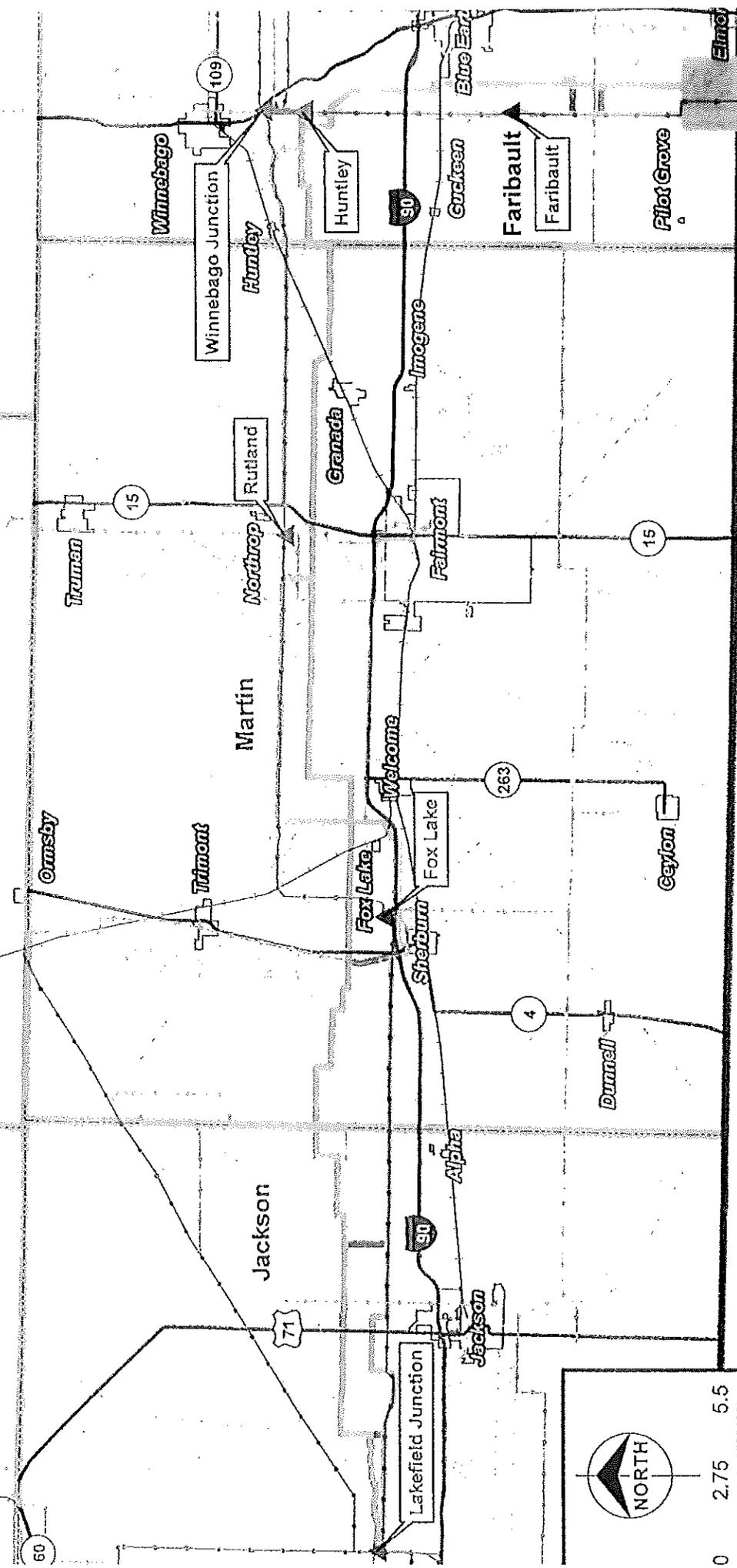
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 Street Address: 410 Fox Lake Ave Apt 201
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Signature: Jan Handevick Date: 7-27-13

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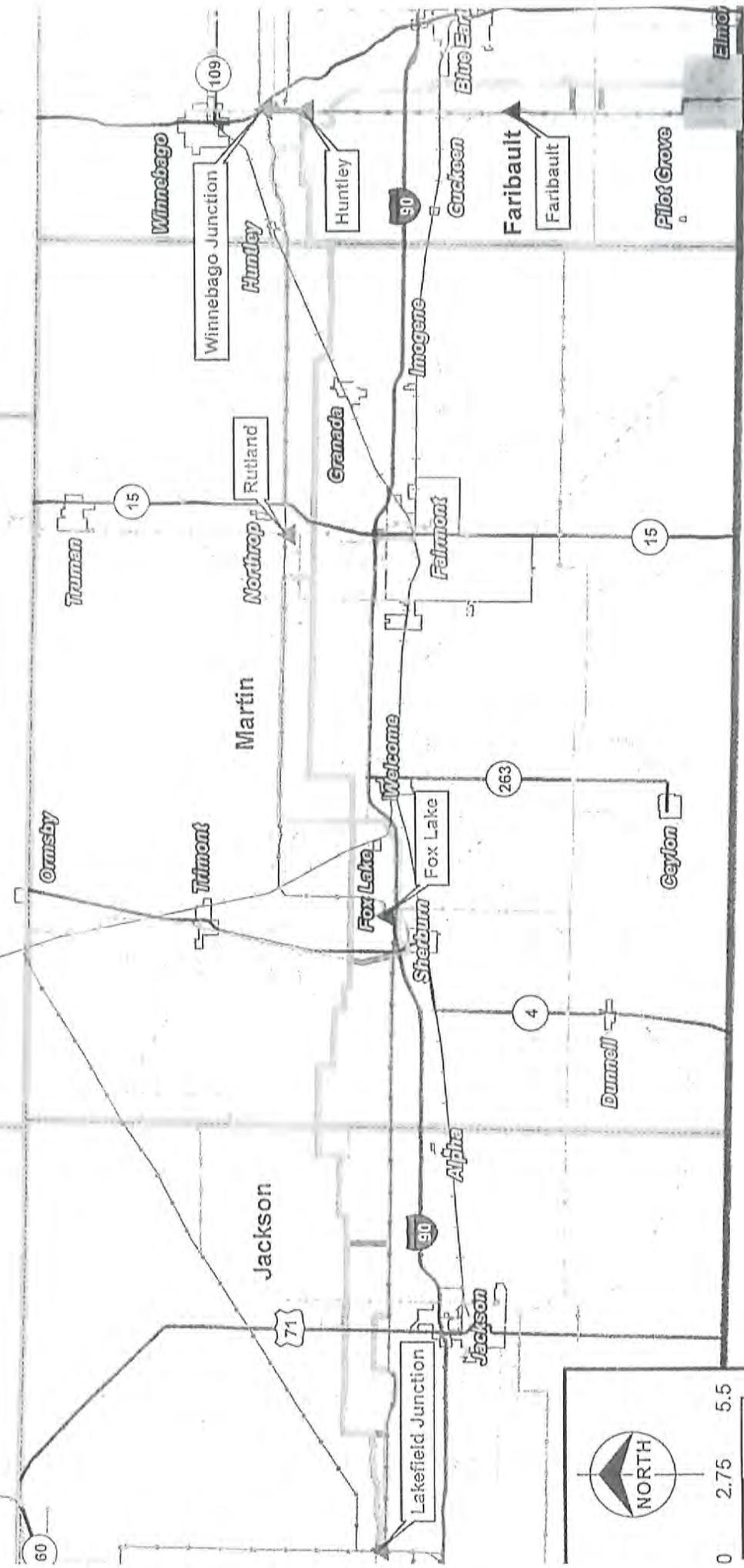
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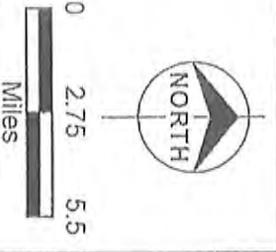
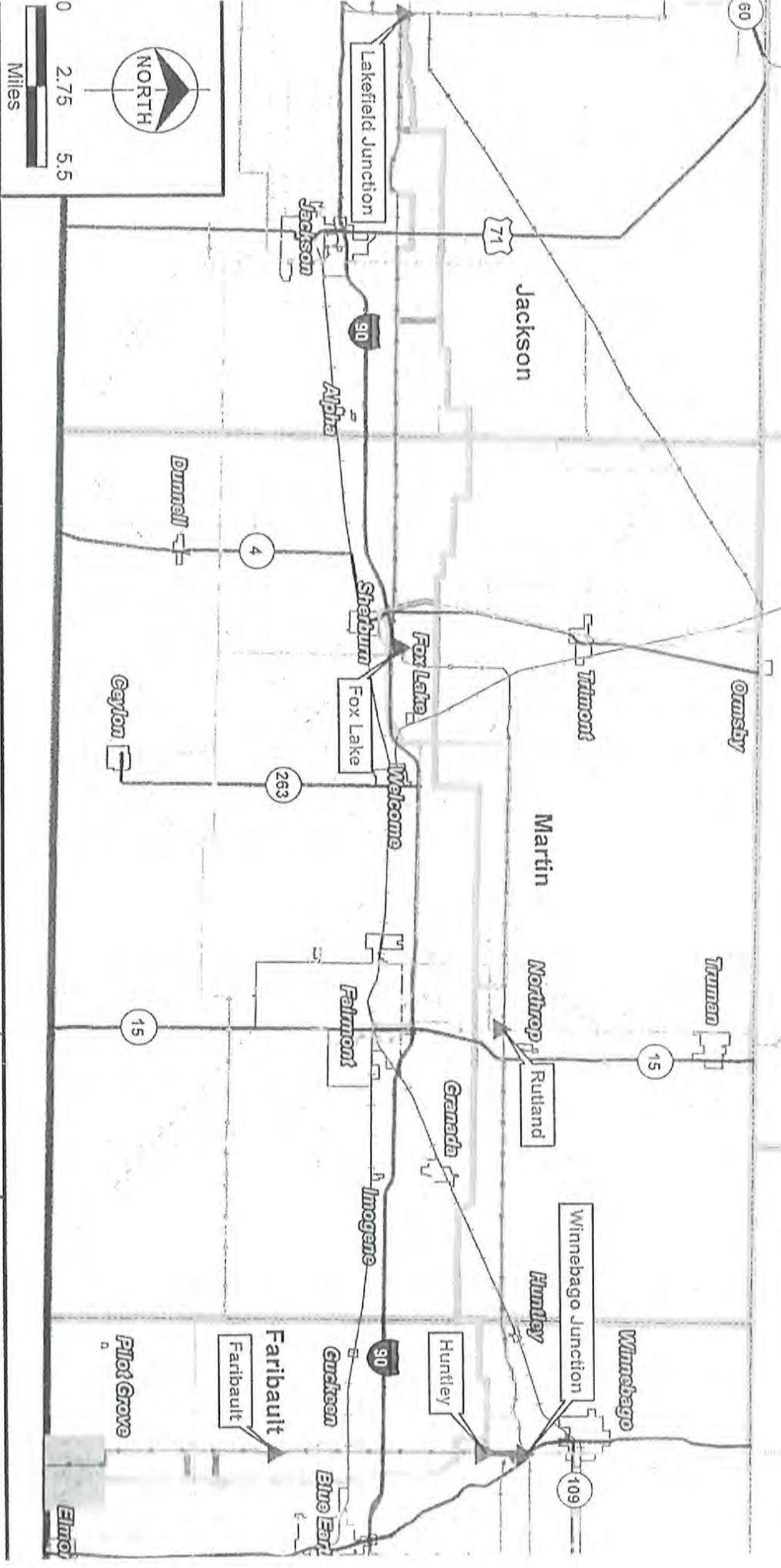
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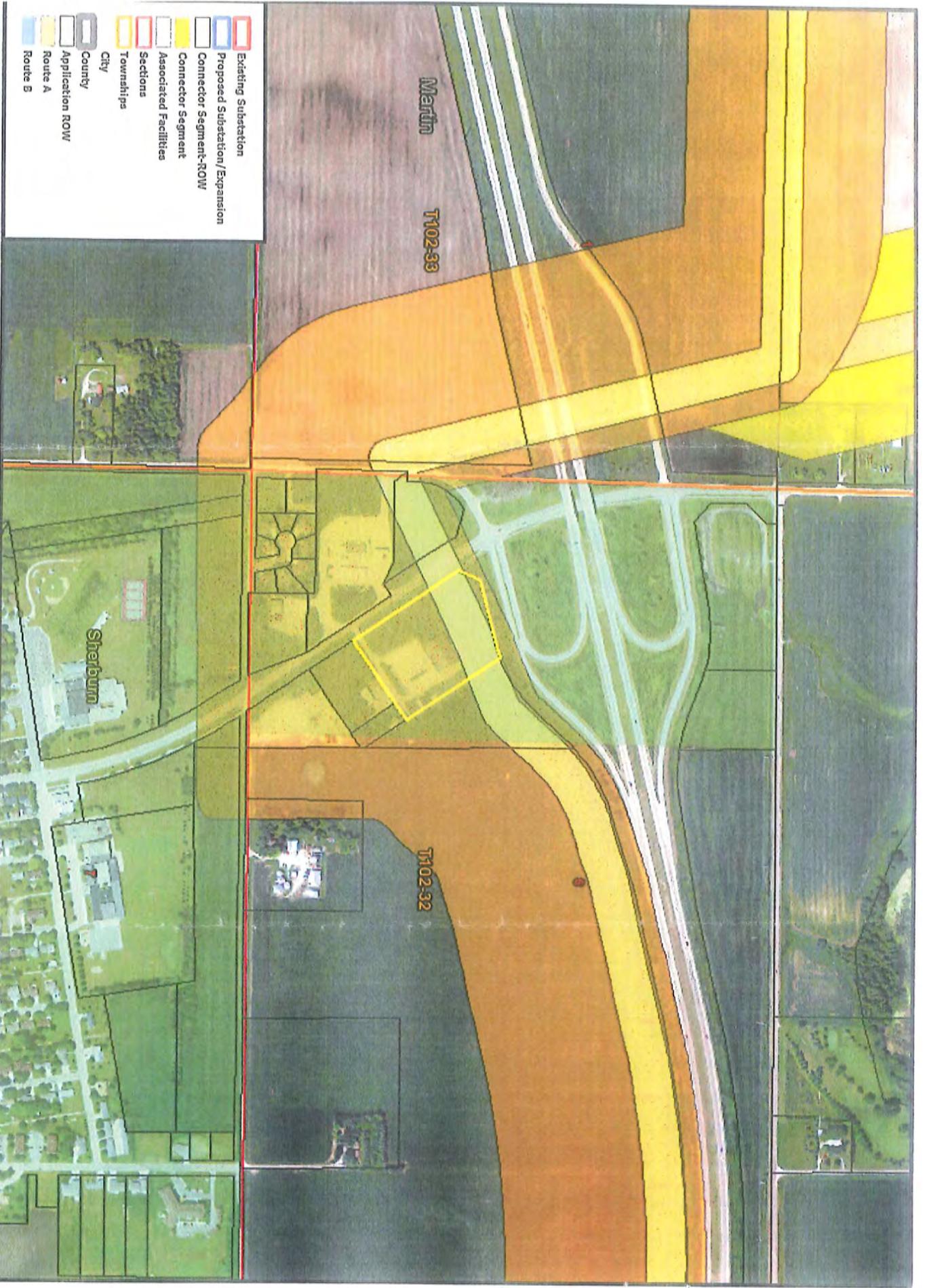
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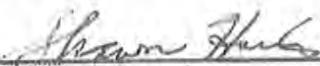
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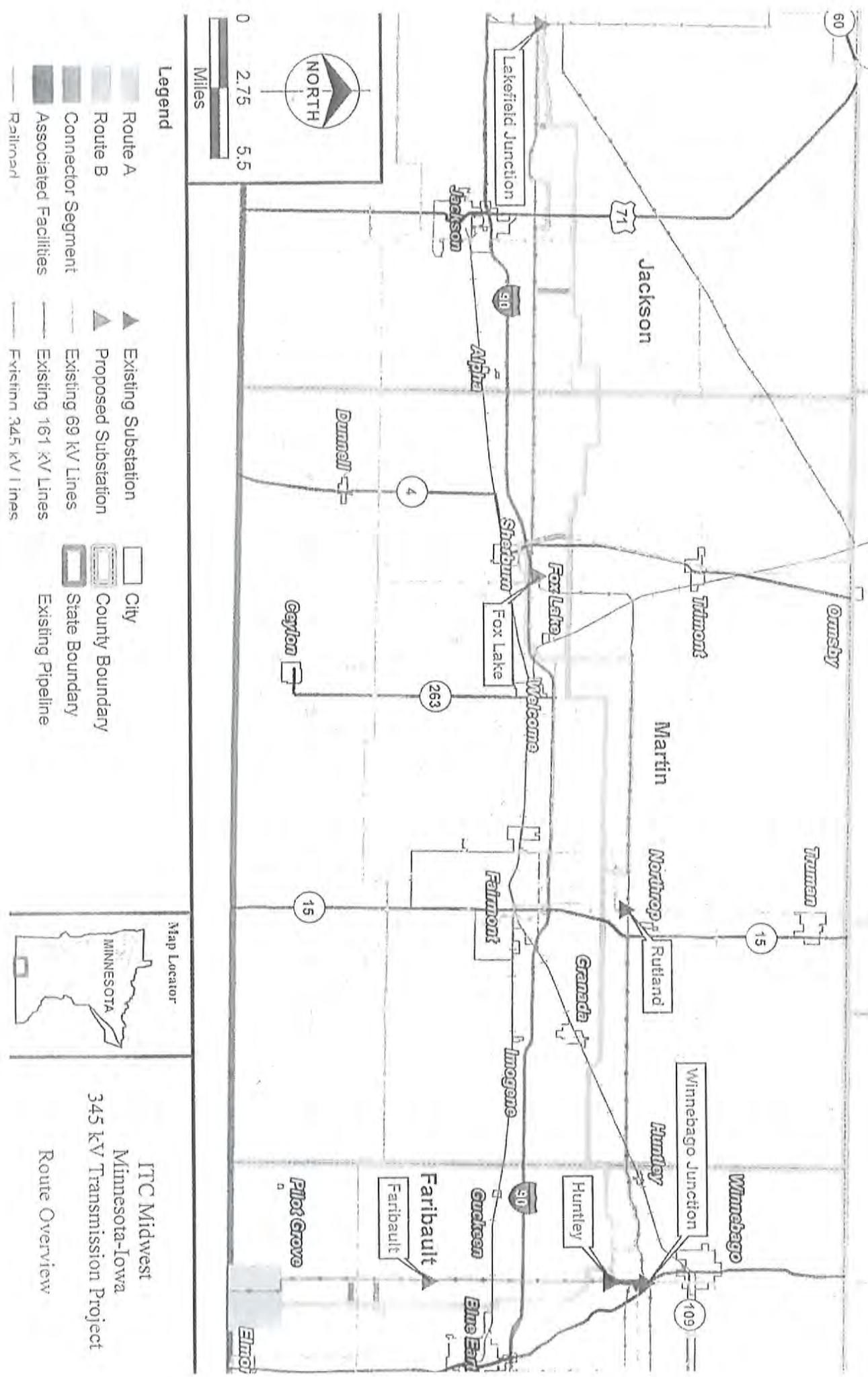
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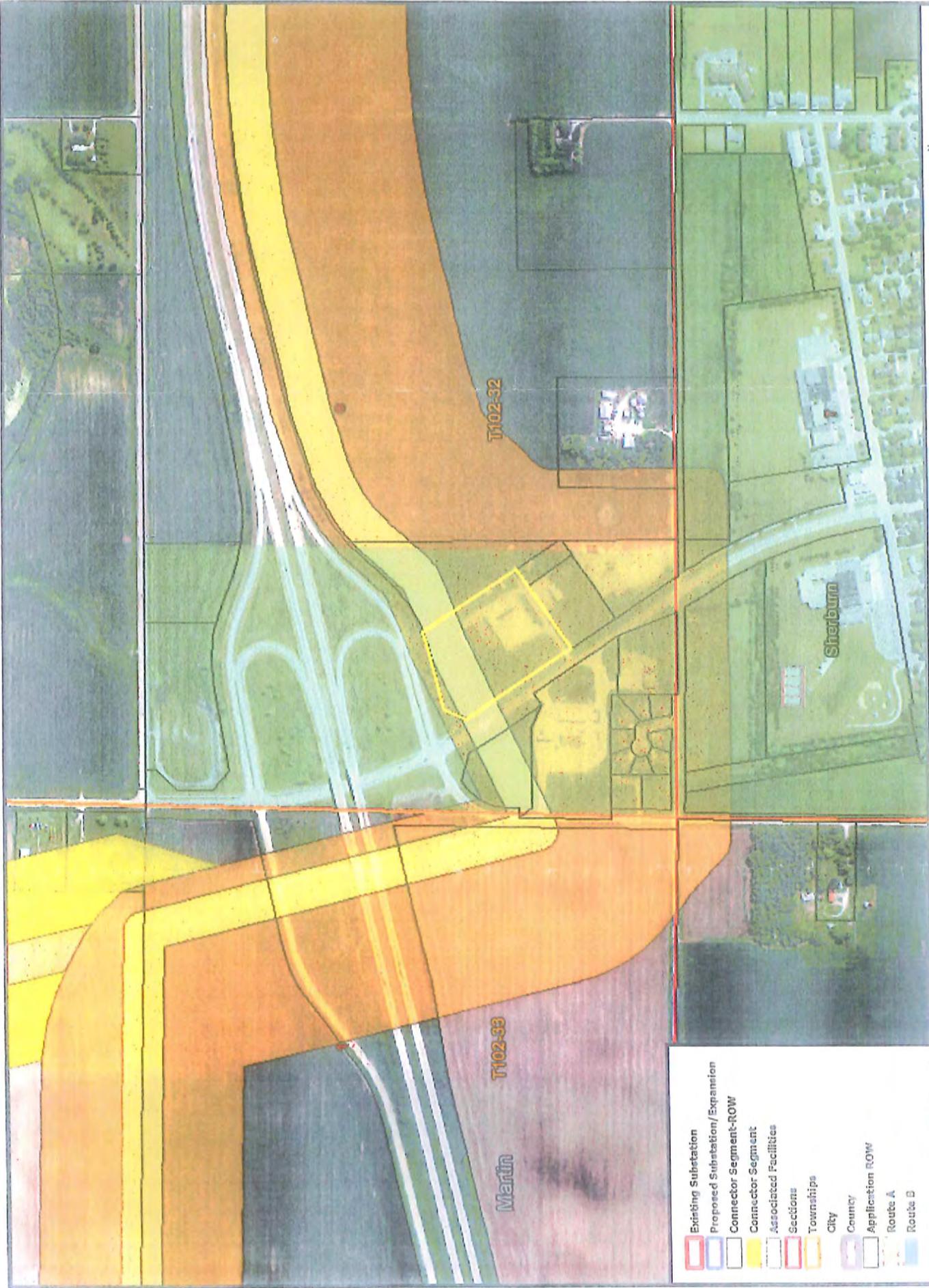
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*Re: Minnesota to Iowa 345 kV Transmission Line Project
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Our File: 7384-2004-I-1*

Dear Mr. Kirsch;

Our firm has been retained by three (3) property owning branches of the Hartung family affected by the power line siting decision under review by the Department of Commerce. The three (3) family units we represent all own land, or homes, or live stock production buildings, and in one family's case all three (3), that would be adjacent to and directly affected by the proposed power line if route B is chosen. As you can surmise when these farm buildings and homesteads were build there was no indication that power lines might some day traverse the area. My clients request that I make five (5) key points in the public comment we file.

1. Route A is along an established power line corridor that is, if you will, already compromised aesthetically by a power lines. Route B goes across virgin farm land and very near to three (3) of my clients' properties. Common sense dictates that route A be utilized for the new power line.
2. A unique natural resource, Eagle Lake, is within half a mile of the proposed route. Deer, eagles, ducks, geese, and host of other small fur bearing animals and other birds and mammals use this lake as regular habitat. A power line can not help but compromise this special place to some degree.
3. Proximate to one of my client's land is a road and ditch system that if traversed by a power line will carve up the involved farm land and make it impossible to farm

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using the size farming equipment my clients currently use for their farming operation.

4. My clients have health concerns associated with high voltage power lines running so close to where they live. They are aware that the scientific evidence of the negative affects of close exposure to high voltage power lines is not well documented. Nevertheless they prefer to be safe rather than sorry if some negative effect currently unknown ultimate proves to exist.
5. Loss of crop production during construction and permanently caused by maintenance access easements to the lines and towers will surely be reduced if existing line route A is used.

Thank you for considering these thoughts. My clients have filed Notices of Appearance for your hearing process. I trust they will have further information to present on the matters discussed beyond this regulatory comment. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Richard R. Caldecott

RRC: emc

Cc: Mr. & Mrs. David L. Hartung
Mr. & Mrs. Dayton D. Hartung
Mr. & Mrs. Dustyn D. Hartung

12-1337

Rice, Robin (PUC)

From: dave and dawn hartung <davedawnhartung@frontier.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2013 12:03 AM
To: Ek, Scott (PUC)
Cc: staff, cao (PUC); WebTeam
Subject: Puc Docket Number 12-1337

ITC Midwest proposed Minnesota - Iowa 345 kv Transmission Project Route
PUC #12-1337

To whom this may Concern:

We would like to comment on the proposed Route B of the Power Line Project scheduled to be built through Martin County. This proposed High Voltage Power Line runs 600 feet South of our new home Section 19 Fraser Township Martin County. My husband and I would not have built our new home in this location had we been aware that a power line project might be built so close to our home on our Century Farm that is register with the State of Minnesota. My husband and I took great care in picking the location of our new home, it was picked for the beautiful landscape view of our surrounding property. It is our belief that running a power line along route B will severely damage the value of our home and our surrounding property. In addition, two of our sons and wives also own land, residents and buildings associated with farming along Route B. It is our belief that their properties will also be devalued if Route B is chosen for the Power Line.

What is particular troubling to us is Route A of the Proposed power line Project would run along an existing Power Line Corridor obviously, people that have purchased property built homes and farm buildings along route A did so with full knowledge that they were building next to existing high voltage power lines. People building along Proposed Route B had no opportunity to know that a power line might be run next to their property much less plan for that event. Please make sure that your new power line is built along route A .

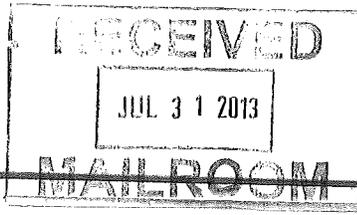
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Sincerely,

David Dawn Hartung
Dustyn and Leah Hartung
Dayton and Michelle Hartung
Sheri Hartung-LaRue

I have been trying to send all day and this would not go through to you. Please be sure this gets included with the public comments. I had to contact our internet service provider to help with a email to you. So we should still have the opportunity to be heard. Thank you.

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Name: JEANNETTE HAUGEN Email: NONE
Street Address: 408 NORTH MAIN STREET P.O. BOX 415
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Signature: Jeannette Haugen Date: 07-29-13

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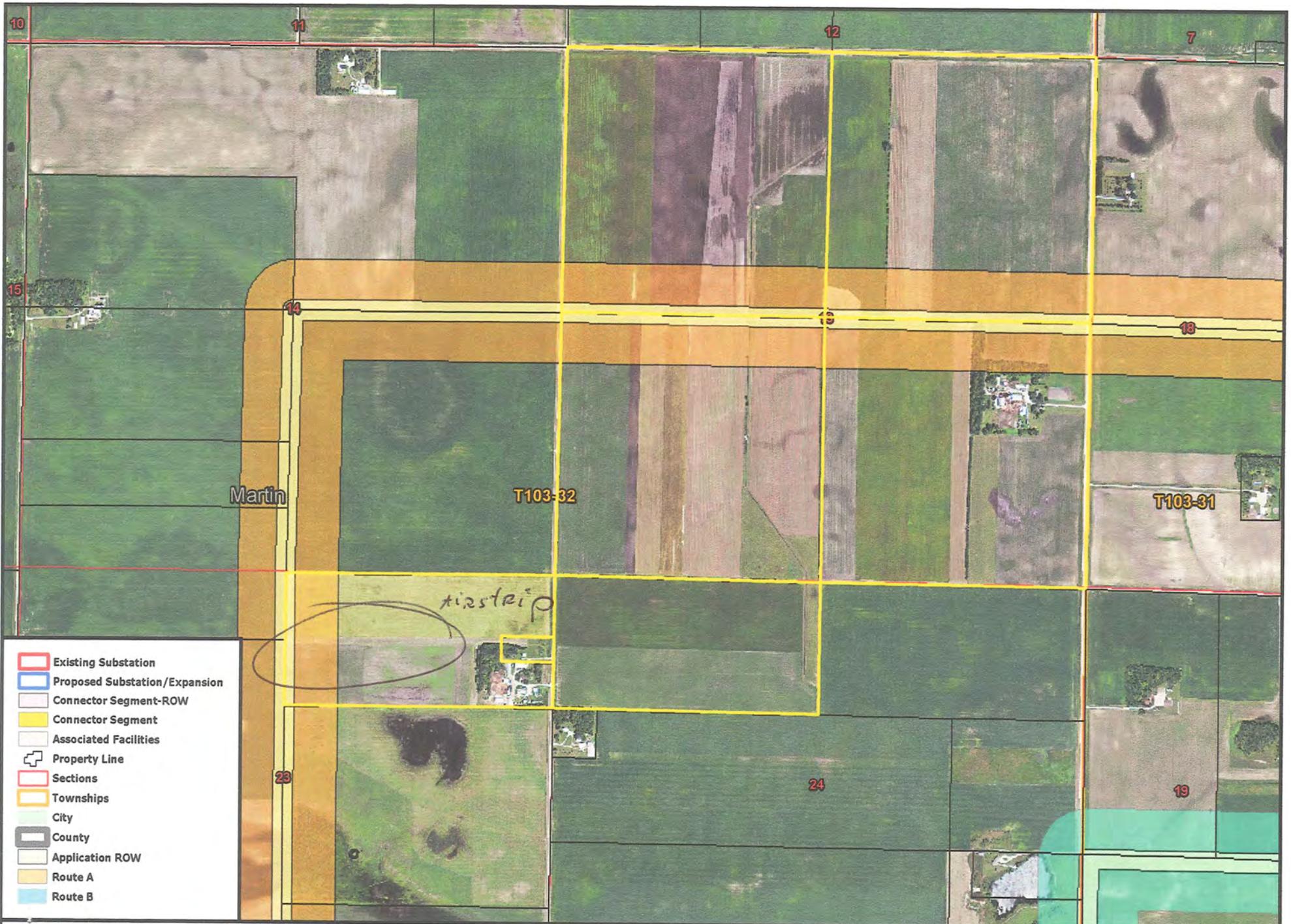
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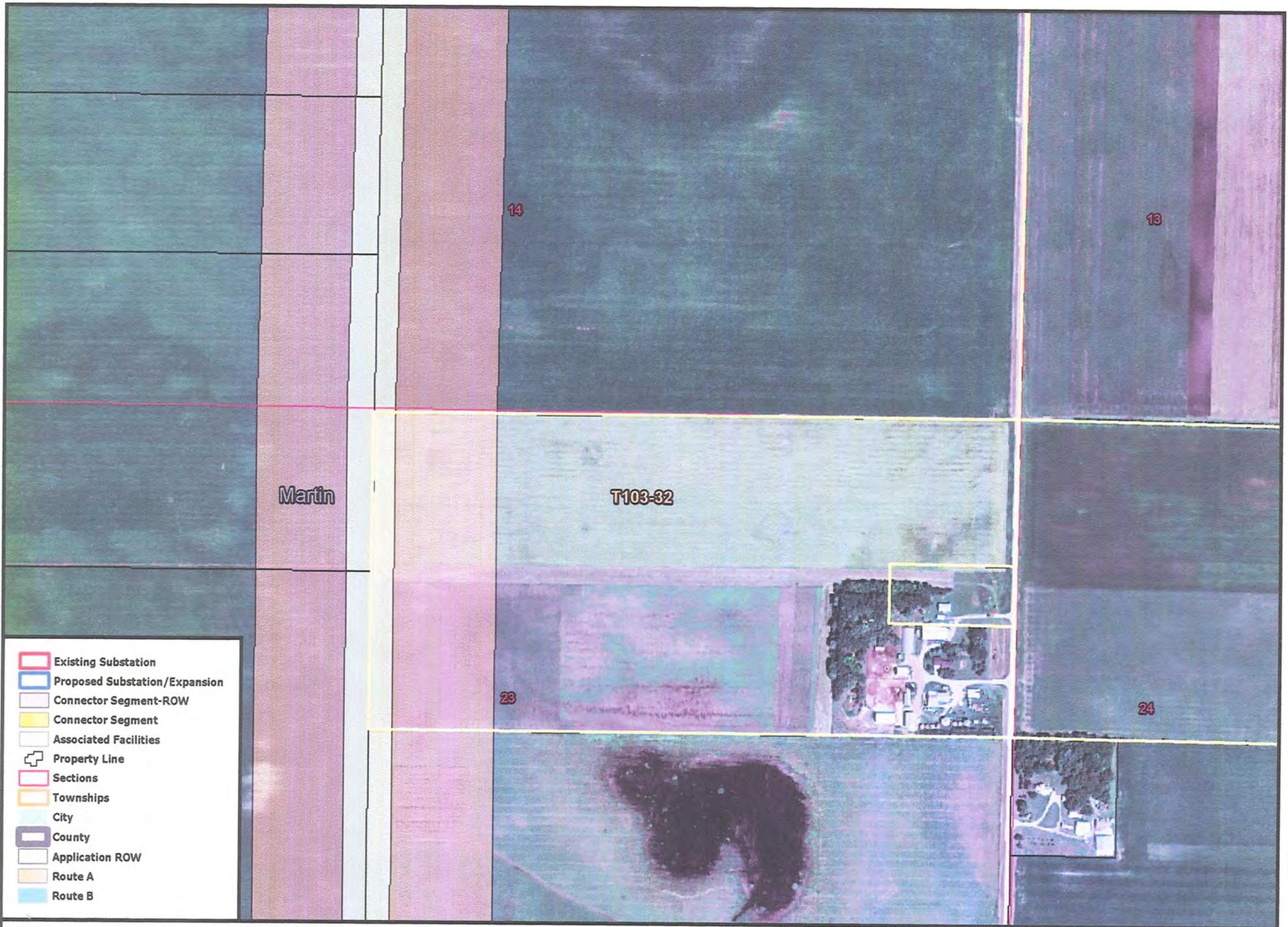
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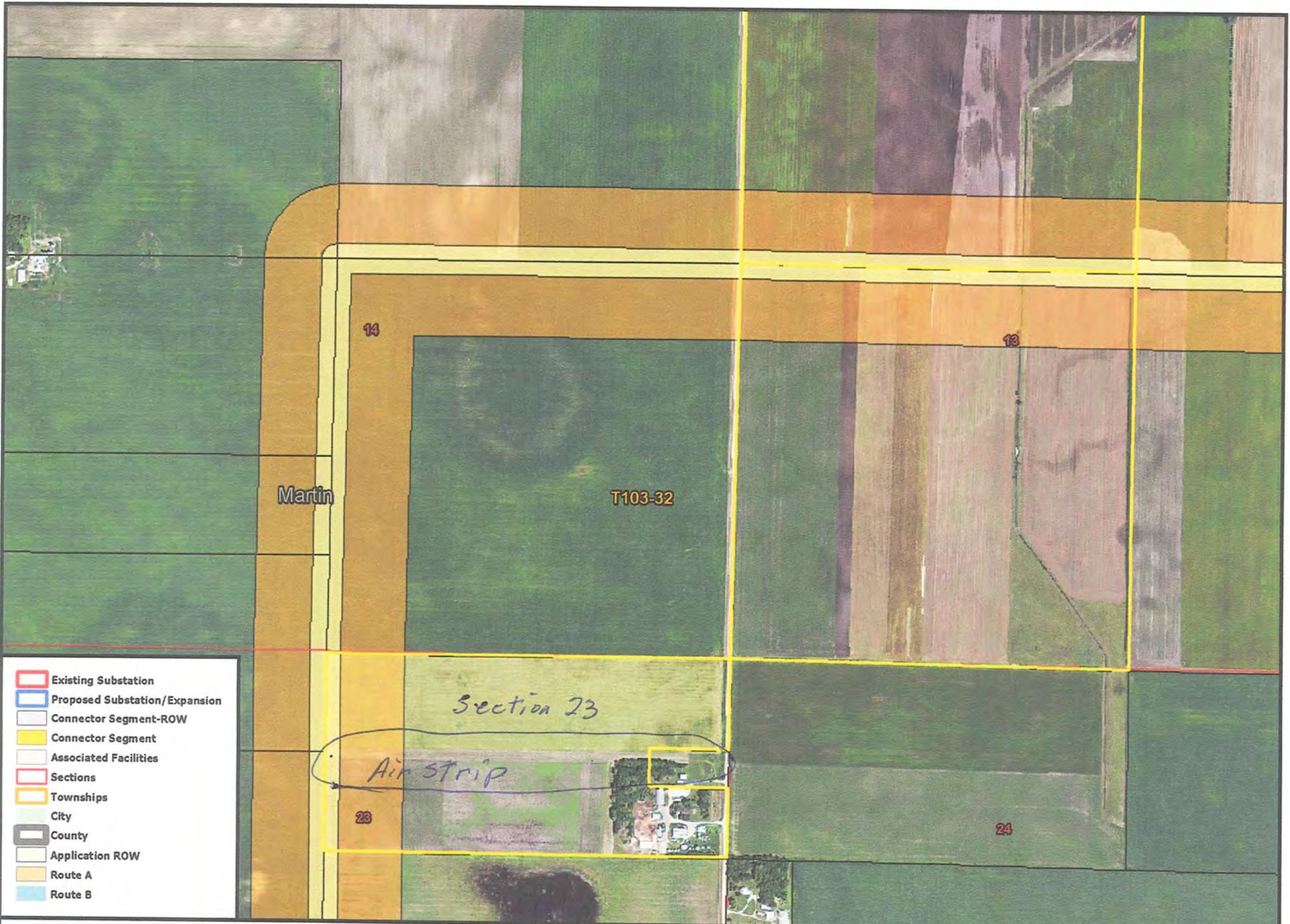
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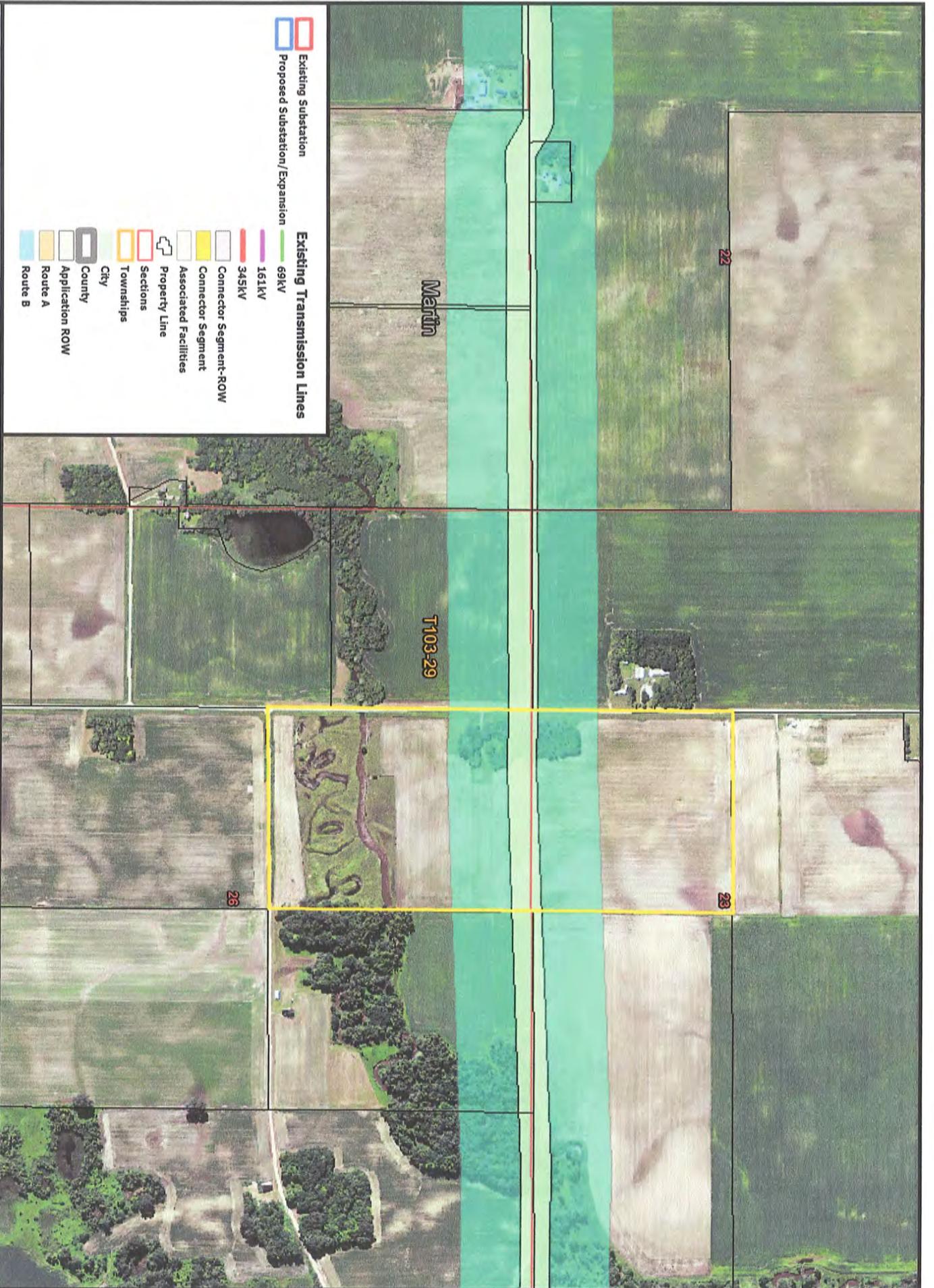
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Signature: Pamela Hill Date: 7-18-13

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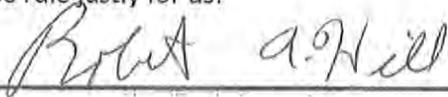
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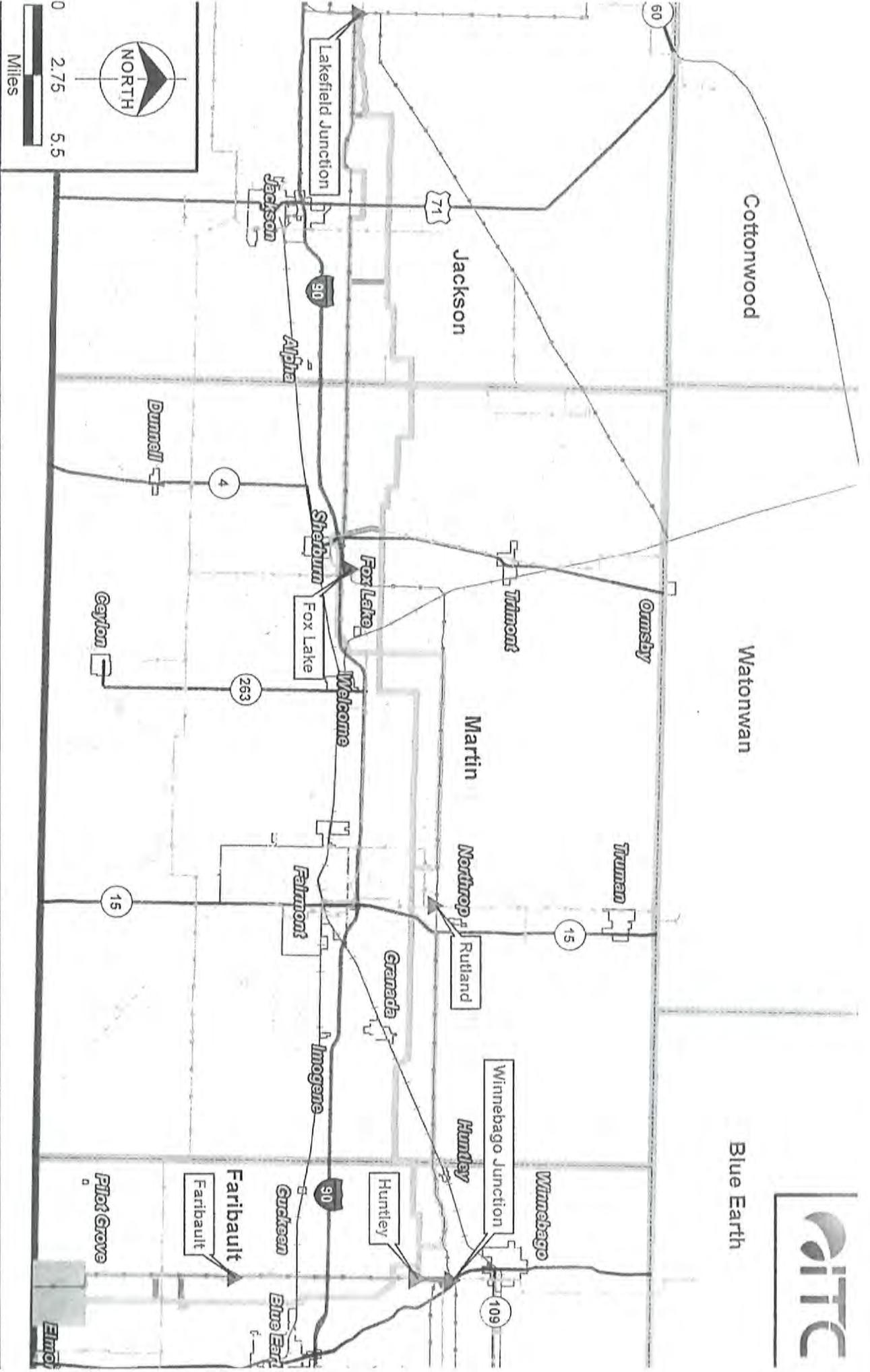
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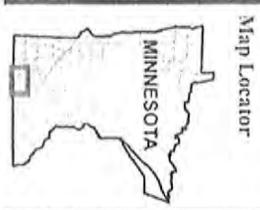
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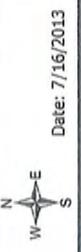
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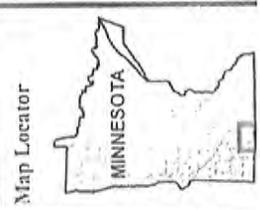
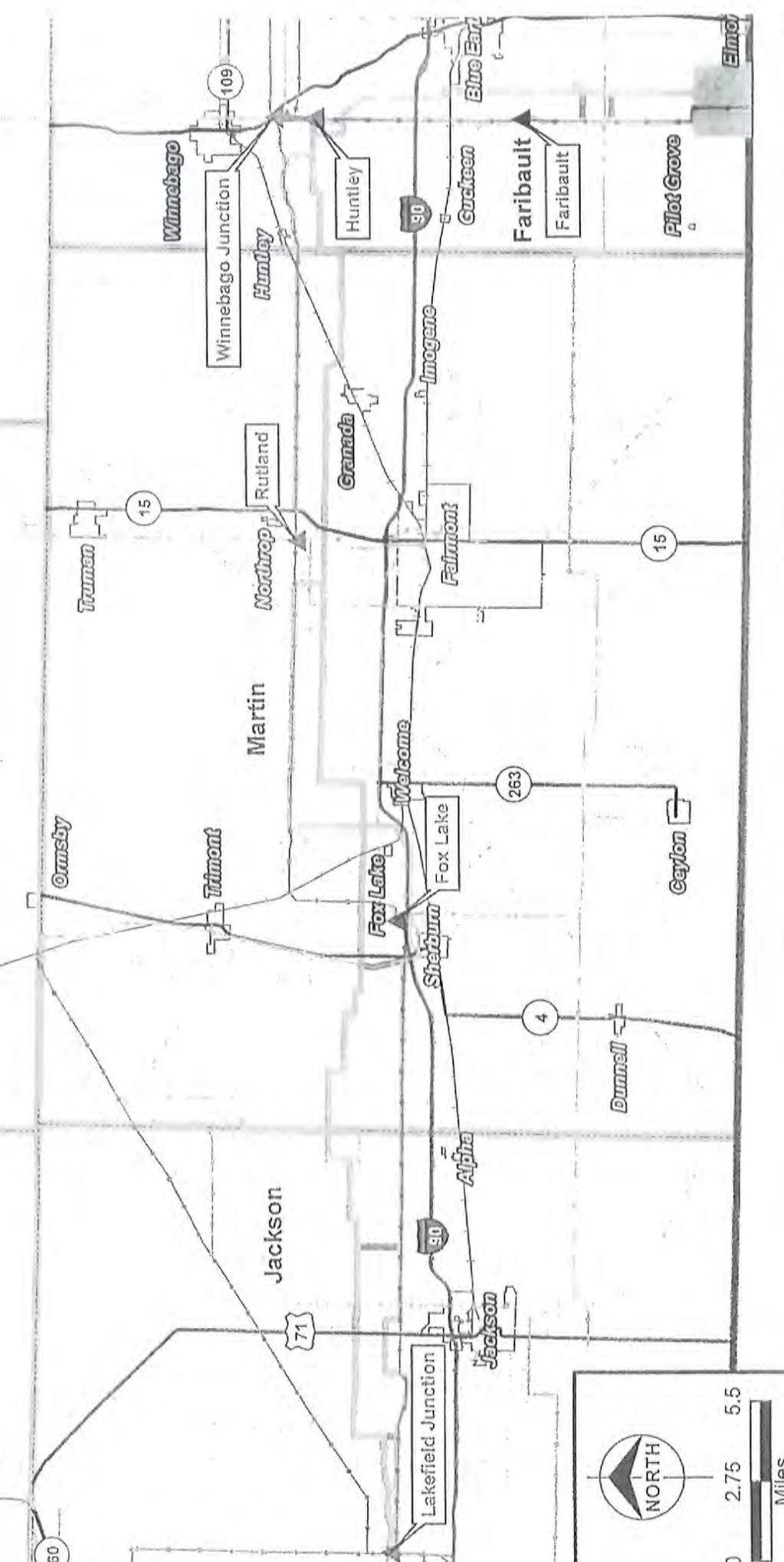
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