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Minnesota to Iowa 345 kV Transmission Line Project  
 Docket Nos. ET6675/TL-12-1337 and ET6675/CN-12-1053

Name: CHARLES SAATHOFF Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 City: Sherburne State: MN ZIP: 56171

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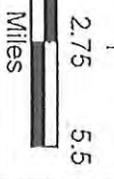
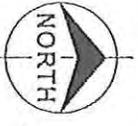
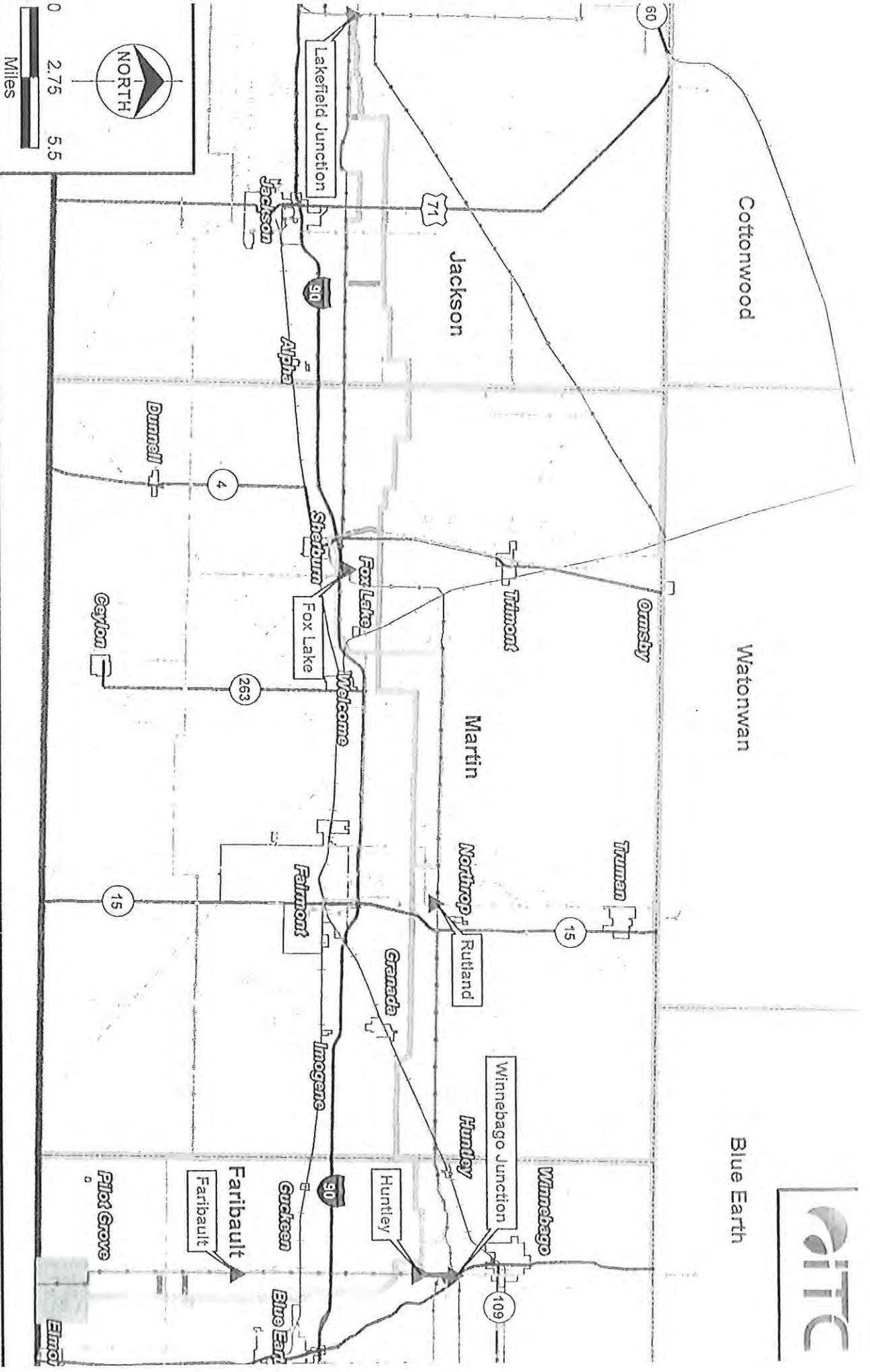
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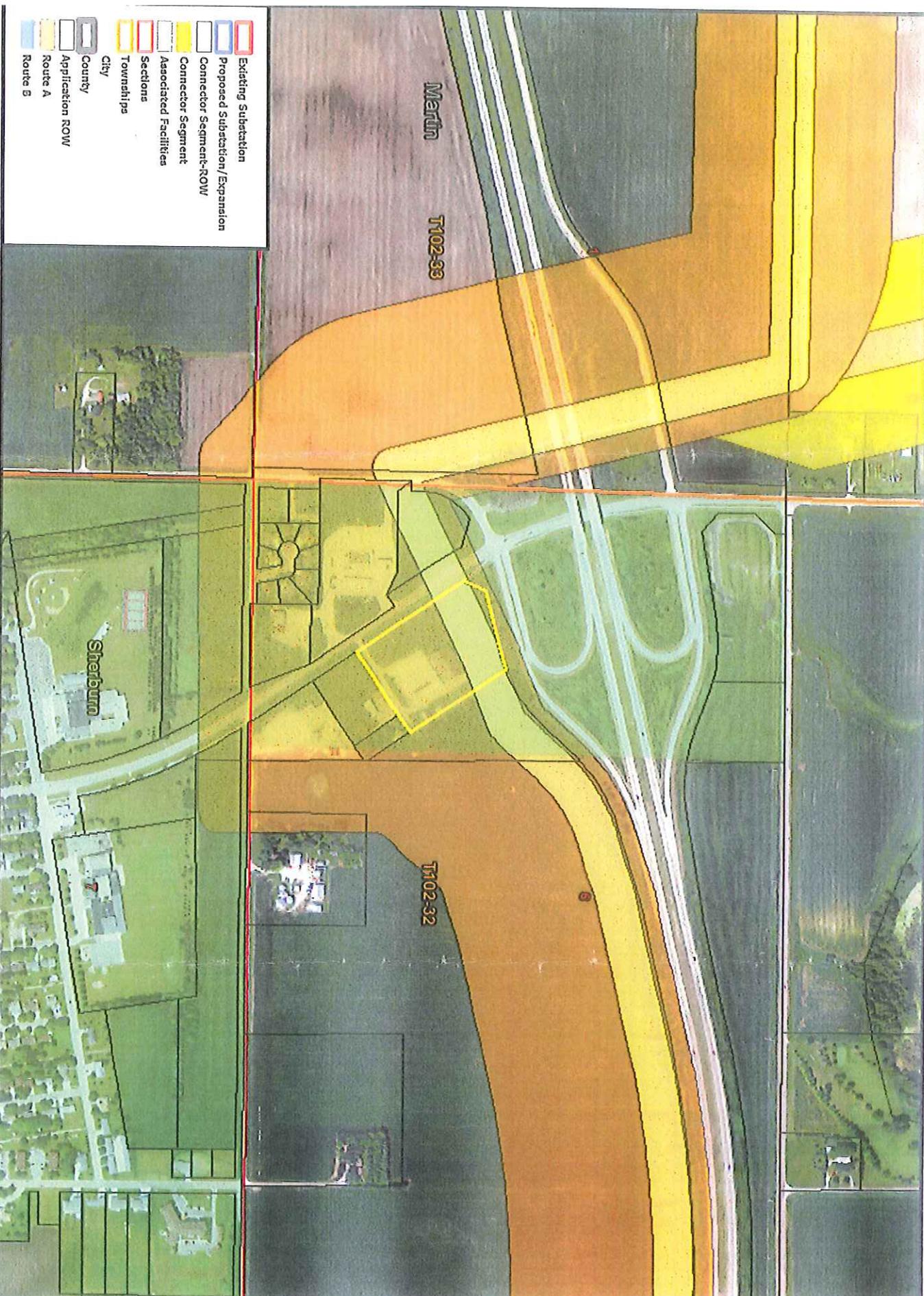
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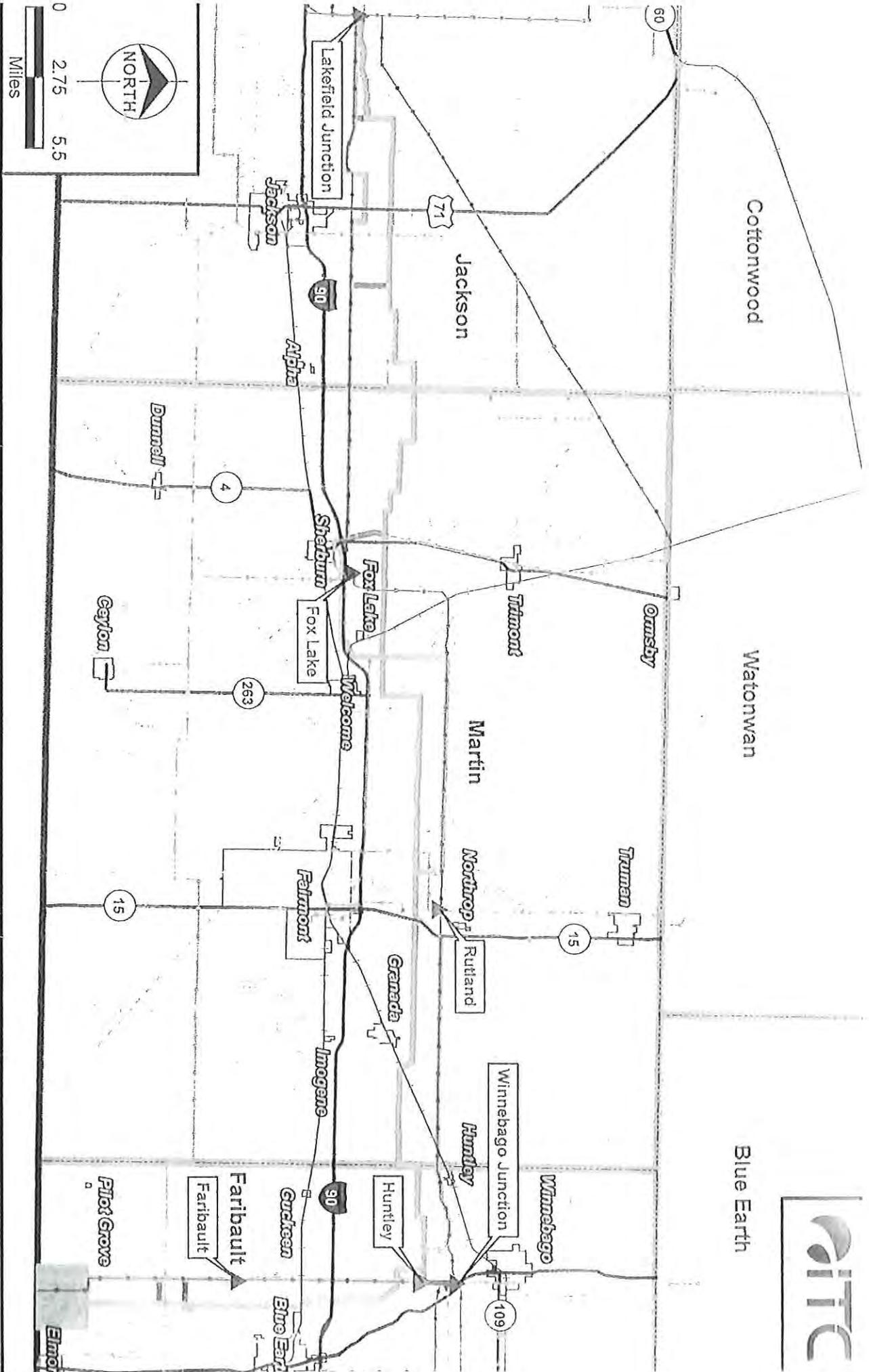
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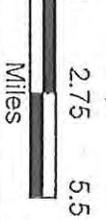


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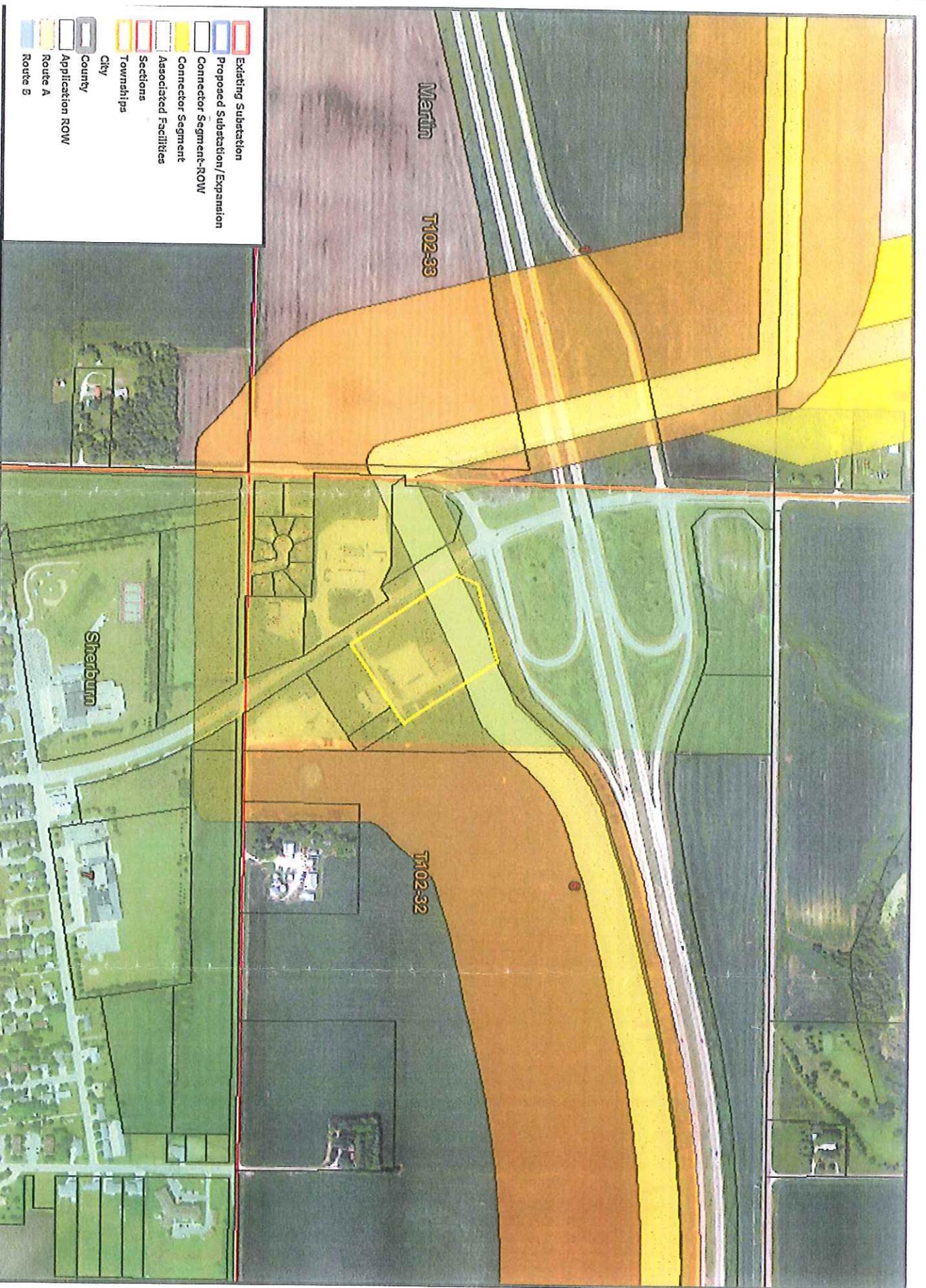
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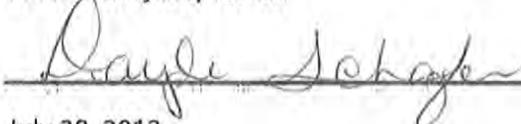
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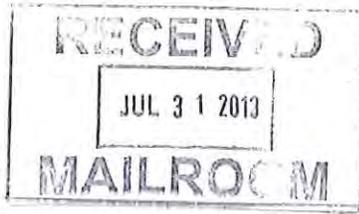
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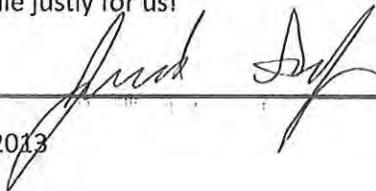
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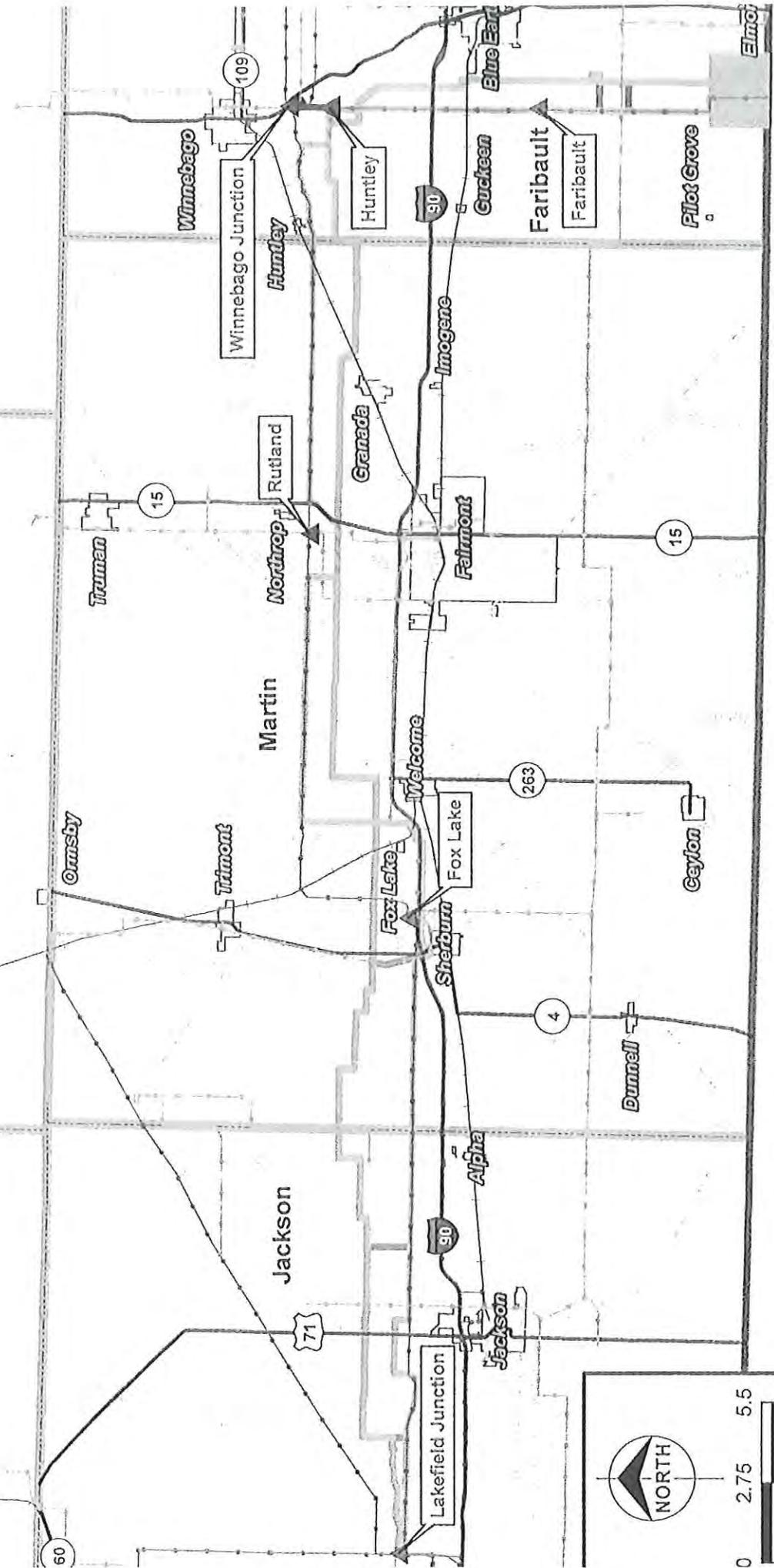




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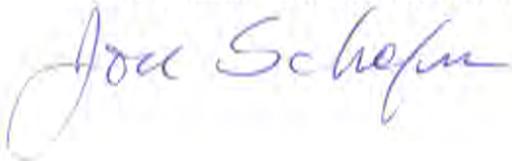
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Since the line will jog north either way, please go north from Sherburn on the old railroad right-of-way, avoiding the congestion of the Sherburn, Fox Lake, Temperance Lake, I-90 area.

Jon Schafer

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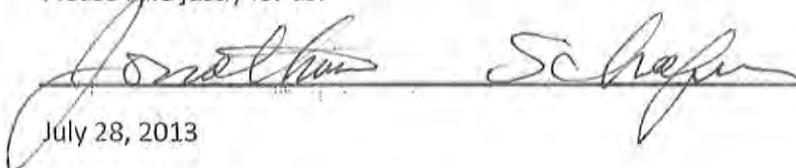
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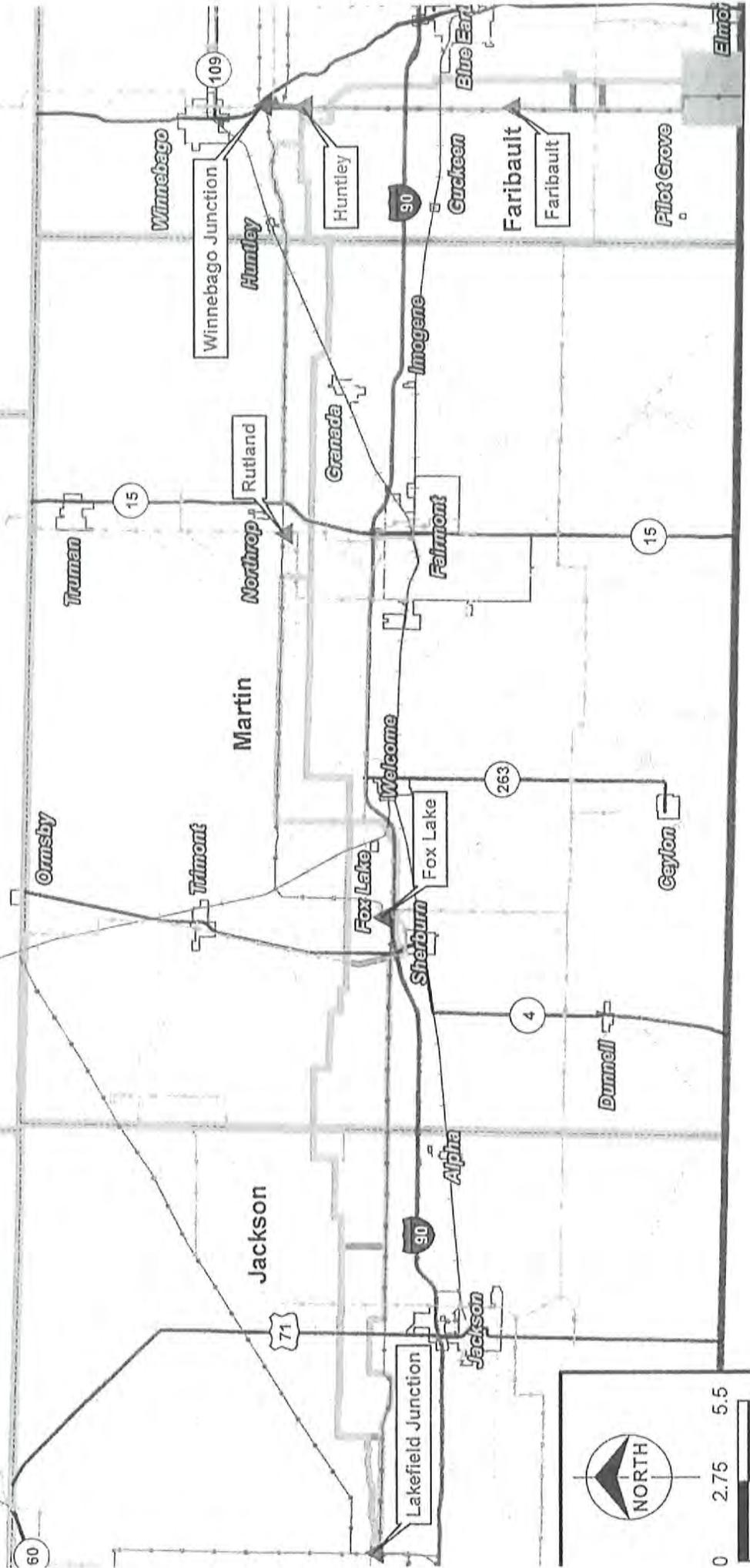
  
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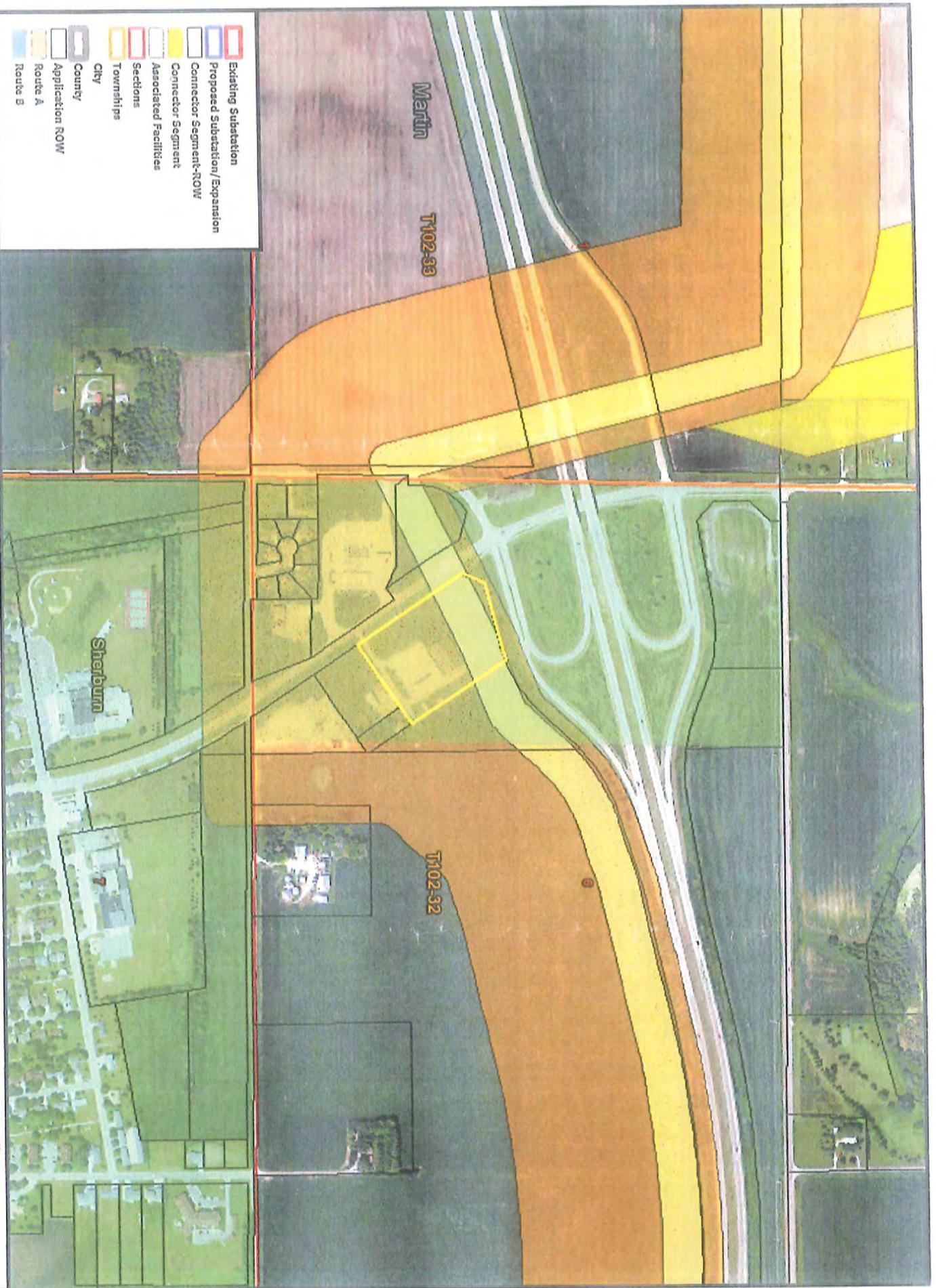
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**From:** [Jonathan Schafer](#)  
**To:** [Kirsch, Raymond \(COMM\)](#)  
**Subject:** ITC Powerline project Dockets ET6675/TL-12-1337 and ET6675/CN-12-1053  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 31, 2013 10:16:13 PM

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Dear Sir ,

You have other communications from me, testimony at a recent meeting and a signed petition with attachments. I am speaking in this e-mail for a coalition of the Sherburn Assembly of God Regional Worship Center Board, Pastors, Members affiliates and friends and for Swanson Drive property owners.

At this time this is a loose affiliation which is considering retaining an attorney to seek an injunction regarding this matter. We have two primary complaints. Both have been partially stated in various formats.

The first complaint is that we did not have adequate time to prepare our response because of the deceptive or misleading maps which were sent with the early public meeting notices. The early maps had an outlined "Notice Area Boundary". This black boundary line totally obliterated the dogleg jog across I-90 and across our church property. The map does show, on very close, retrospective inspection, the "Route A" orange line North of I-90 until Sherburn, then South of I-90 after Sherburn for about 3 miles, then crossing to the north again. The location of the North to South crossing at Sherburn is not visible, or not visible until a couple of weeks ago when we were all shocked to see the detailed maps with the incredible dogleg jog into Sherburn. I could have polled the town two weeks ago and probably not found anyone who knew that information including city government people. Everyone I know who has seen the detailed map is incredulous.

The second complaint, which has been broadly commented, but needs more specific attention is that the Assembly of God Church has several specific plans in mind which involve the portion of our property which is proposed as "easement" for the line. We have not yet decided which project will be first, but we will decide soon. We are not inclined to wait 14 months or more for the PUC decision, and there is growing demand by the congregation that we go ahead with a project now. I expect that a building project plan will be finalized and permit sought soon. For this reason, expect pertinent information to come to you after the August 2, 2013 deadline which will clarify our chosen action. For now, proceed with your analysis with the assumption that a structure of some design will be in that area soon.

Jonathan Schafer  
for Sherburn Assembly Of God Church and other affected area residents.

Schafer Shores LLC

14 Schafer Shore Drive

Sherburn, MN 56171

Re: Public Utilities Commission Docket Number ET-6675/CN-12-1053

: Public Utilities Commission Docket Number ET-6675/TL-12-1337

July 15, 2013,

My name is Jonathan Schafer. I am an owner and the contact person for Schafer Shores LLC.

My family and I created this Rural Residential development known as Schafer Shores. We are located on the southeast shore of Temperance Lake. One of the most delightful "amenities" of our development has been the everyday presence of a nesting pair of Bald Eagles on the north shore of the lake. This nest is located about 1/8 mile south of the Interstate 90 right of way. These eagles soar over us, providing us with inspiration and an "uplift" nearly every day.

The first informational mailings we received were difficult to decipher, but the map seemed to clearly place all of the proposed new construction north of I-90. While any new power line construction in the area of the eagles would be a concern, the expressed need for upgraded, upsized transmission lines made us unwilling to comment or object at that time.

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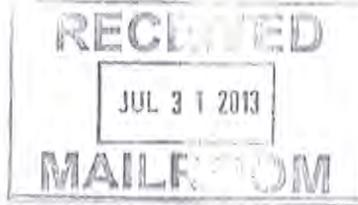
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Name: Linda Schafer Email: Linda.K.Schafer@gmail.com  
 Street Address: 14 Schafer Shore Dr.  
 City: Sherburn State: MN ZIP: 56171

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Route A proposal is totally  
 UN acceptable for Sherburn  
 A/G church and residents.  
 See Attached 9 reasons.  
 thank you.

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Signature: Linda Schafer Date: 7-28-13

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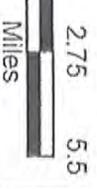
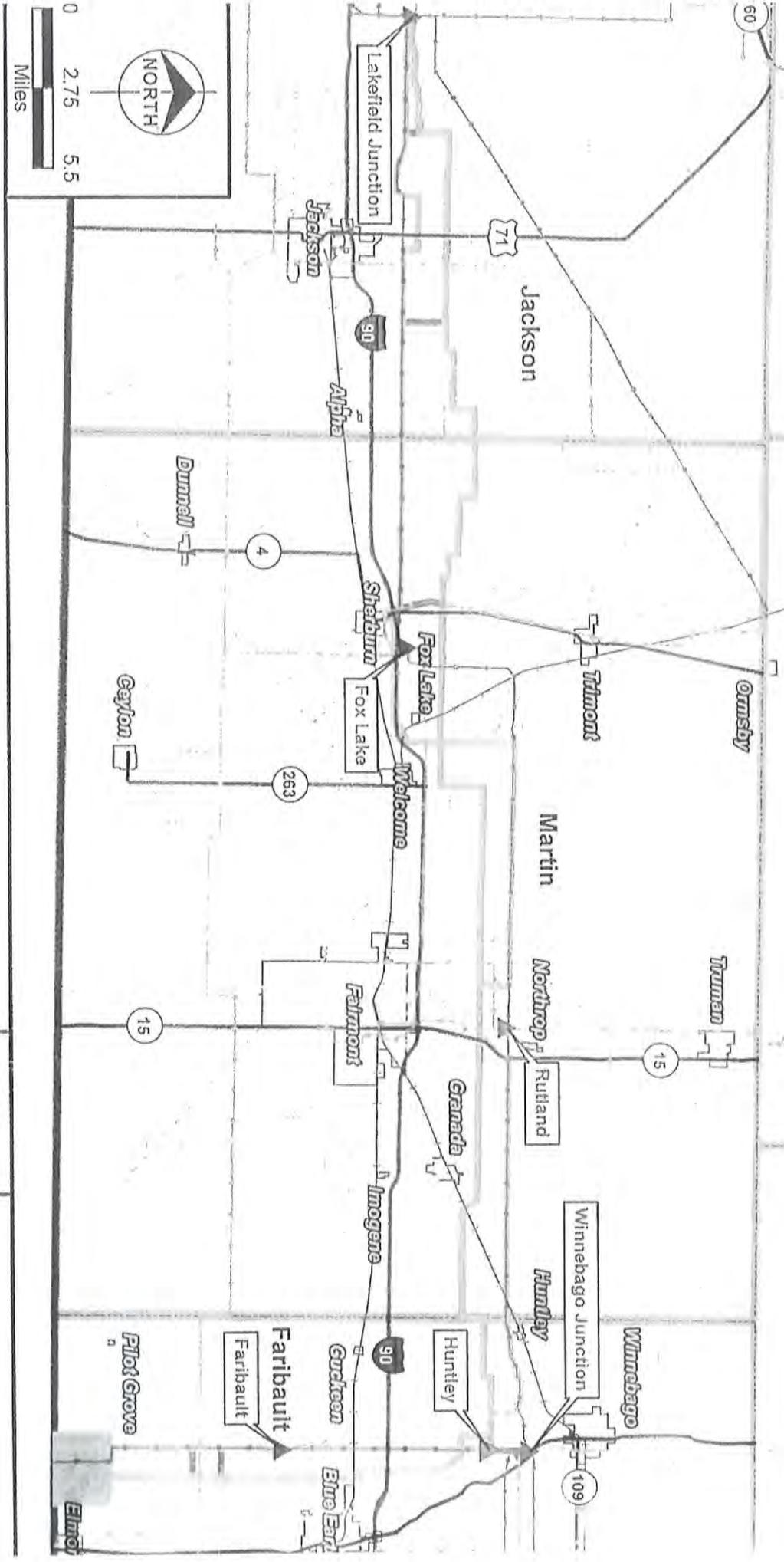
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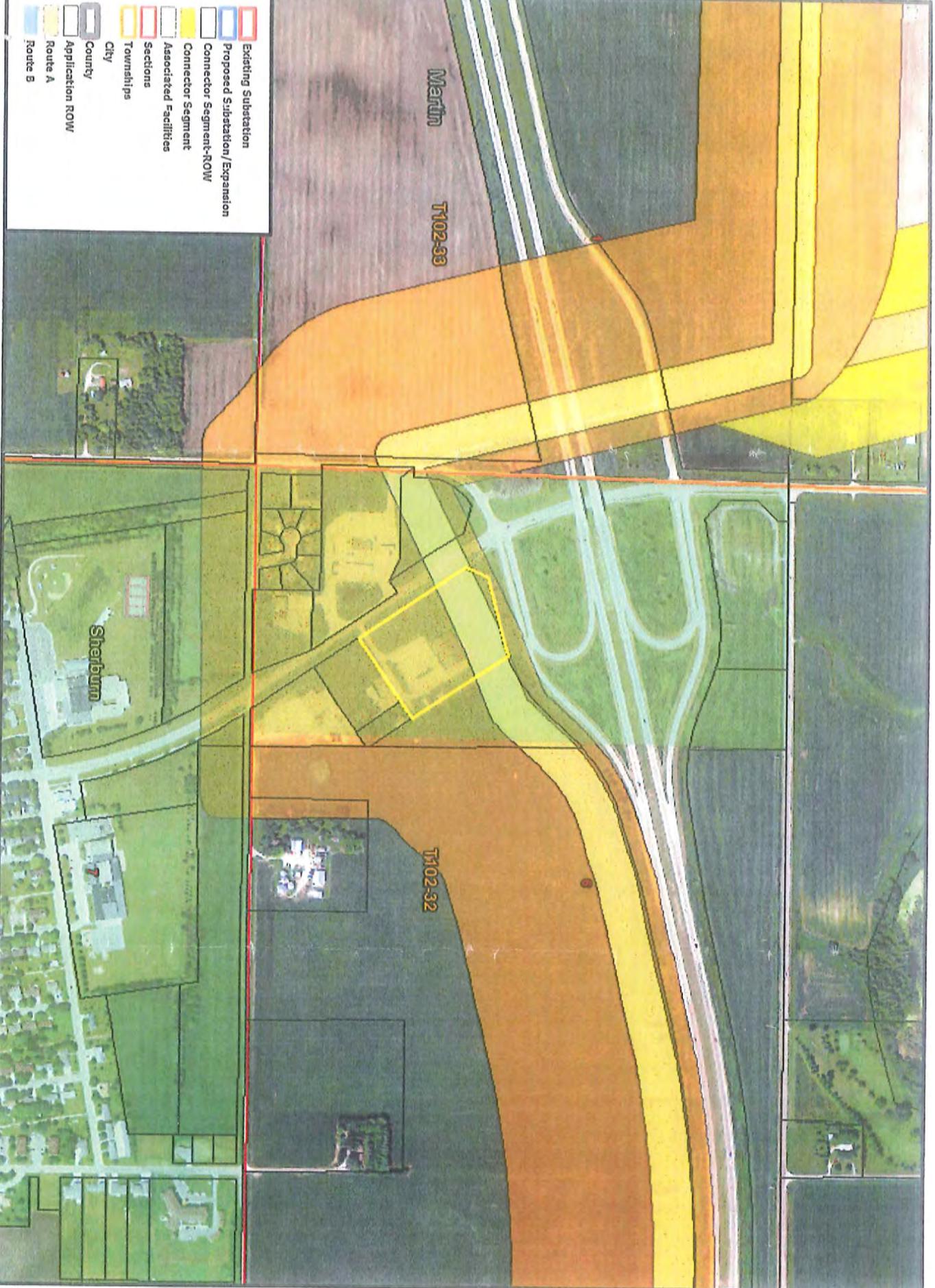
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Name: Phil Schoter Email: JAKPS@HOTMAIL  
 Street Address: 648 110th ST  
 City: SHERBURN State: MN ZIP: 56171

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Most of the town of SHERBURN is against the line coming south of the INTERSTATE! Please consider the other routes!

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Signature: *Phil Schoter* Date: 7-28-13

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 Street Address: 442 130<sup>th</sup> ST  
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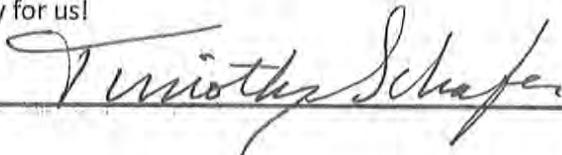
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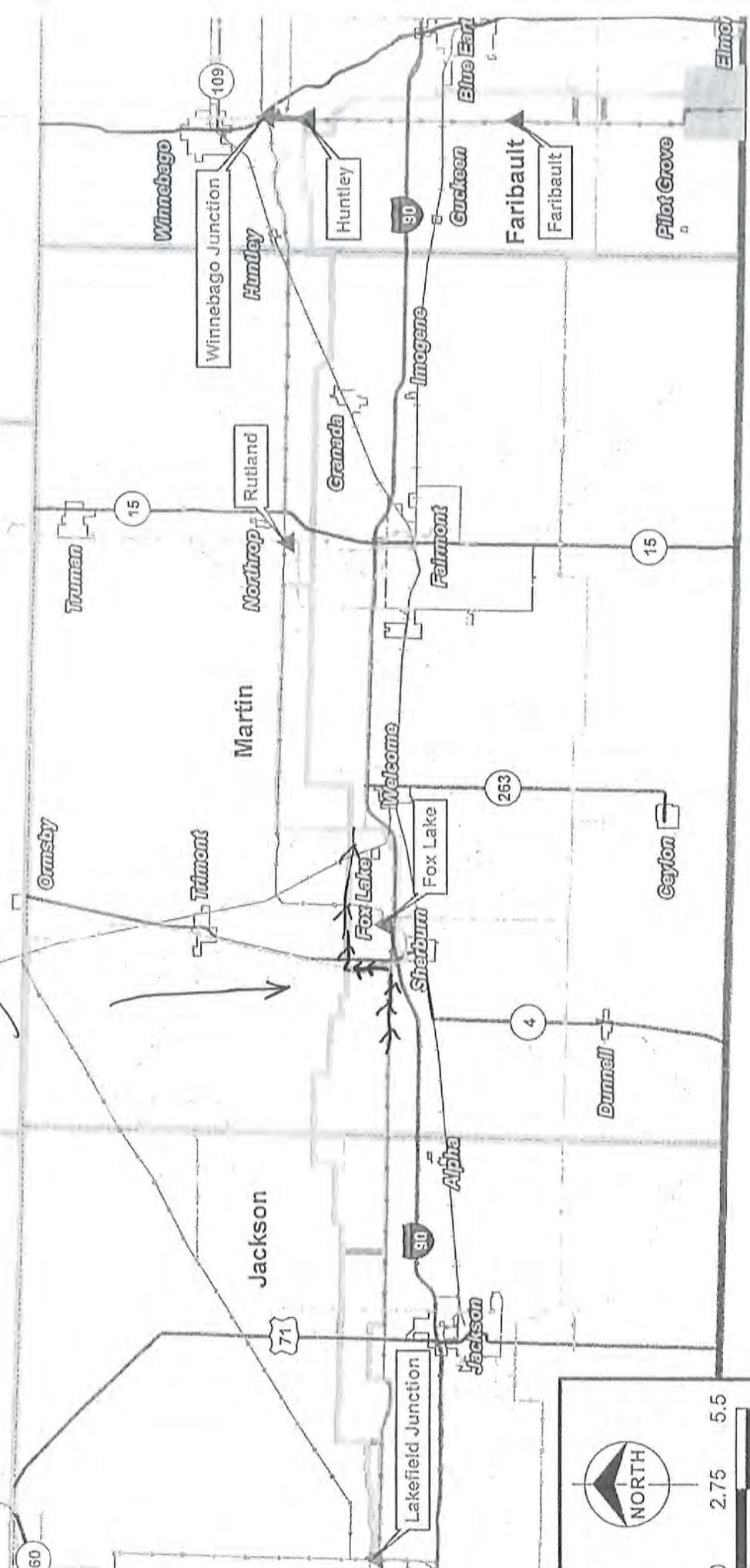


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Name: CARMEN C SCHEPPMANN Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: 101 SYLVAN

City: FAIRMONT State: MN ZIP: 56031

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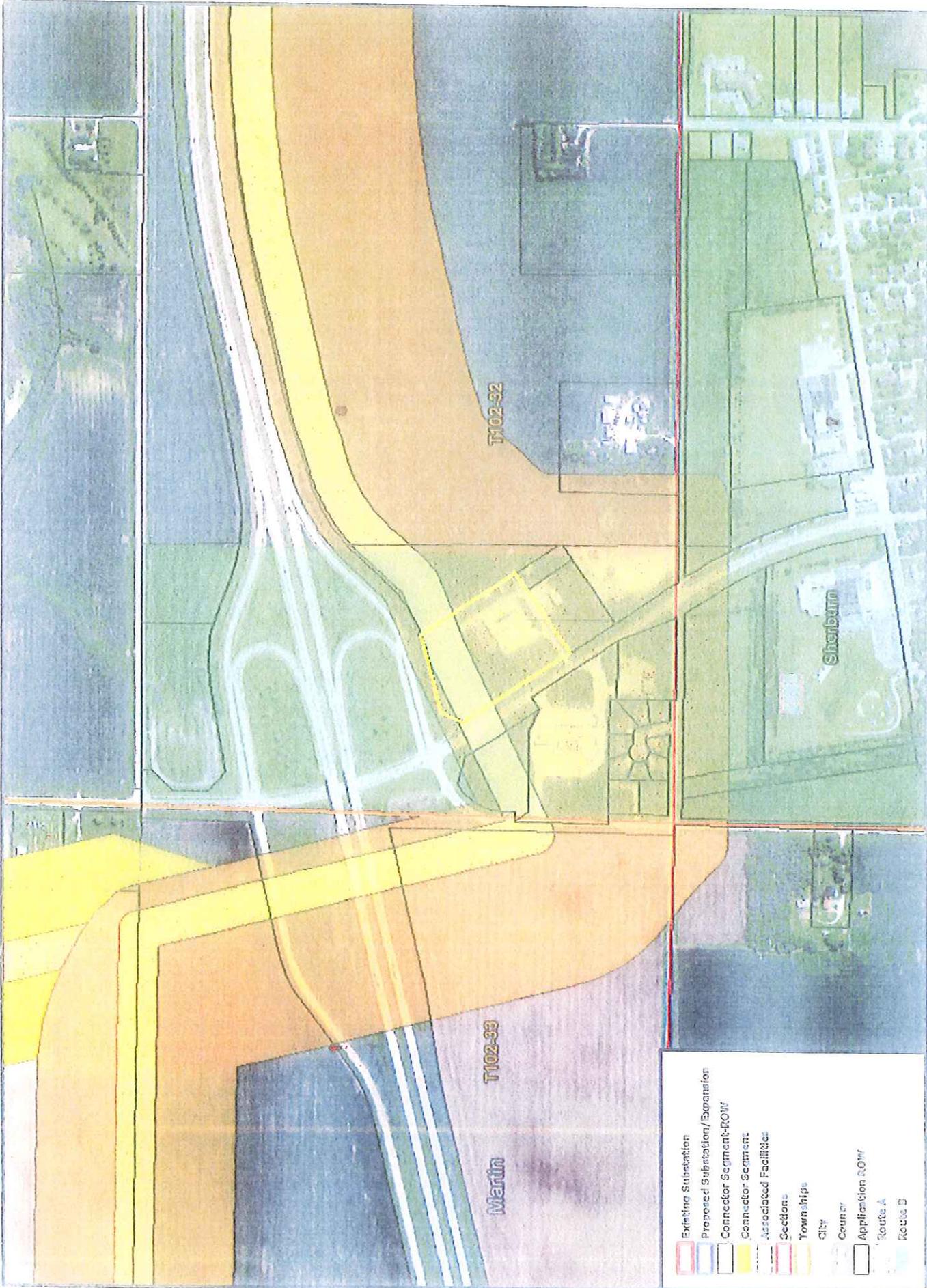
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# Martin County West Public Schools

Central Office  
105 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
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*Allison Schmidt, Superintendent*

District Number 2448  
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August 2, 2013

TO: Energy Facility Permitting  
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Lori Swanson, Attorney General  
102 State Capitol  
St. Paul, MN 55155

MN Public Utilities Commission  
Attn: Scott Ek  
121 7<sup>th</sup> Place E; Ste 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101

To Whom It May Concern:

As the Superintendent of Schools for the Martin County West School District I am concerned about the impact of the proposed route change for the MN to IA 345kV transmission line project. I respectfully request that you reconsider the proposed route change due to the health and financial related impact on the School District, as well as the community of Sherburn.

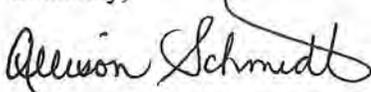
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The proposed voltage of 345kV, in addition to the current 161kV line, results when 506kV of electricity flowing too close for comfort for the health and safety of my students and staff. Two-thirds of the students in the Martin County West District attend classes at these sites. With several scientific studies showing an increase in childhood leukemia rates due to proximity to high voltage power lines, I would hope that you realize the necessity of keeping the proposed 345kV line away from our students and schools.

I am not only concerned about the health impact the proposed line would have on the School District, but also anticipate a negative financial impact on Martin County West Schools. One local business has already stated that they will not expand their business into Sherburn if the proposed 345kV line is run south of the interstate. When businesses choose not to develop in Sherburn this has an undesirable effect on the tax base, which affects the property tax base upon which the School District's revenue is calculated. Martin County West Schools is proud of the opportunities we provide our students because of the support of our taxpayers. The proposed line change will negatively impact the revenue we are able to generate to allow us to continue our strong programs for students.

Your consideration of the significant adverse effects the proposed 345kV line will have on the Martin County West School District is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Allison Schmidt, Superintendent  
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Name: Amber Schueler Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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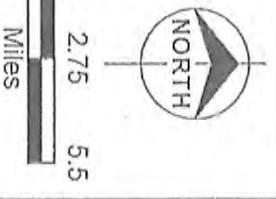
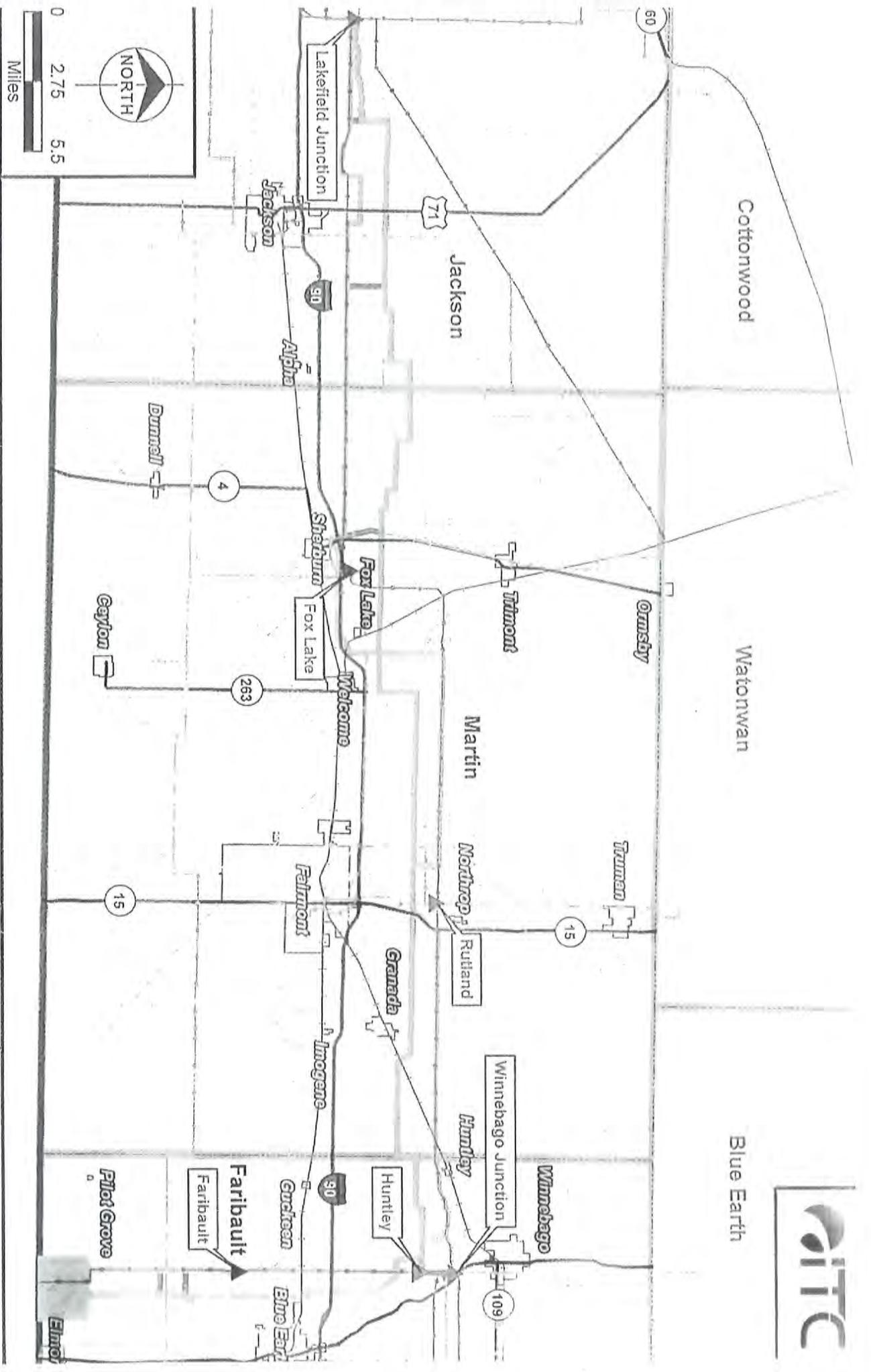
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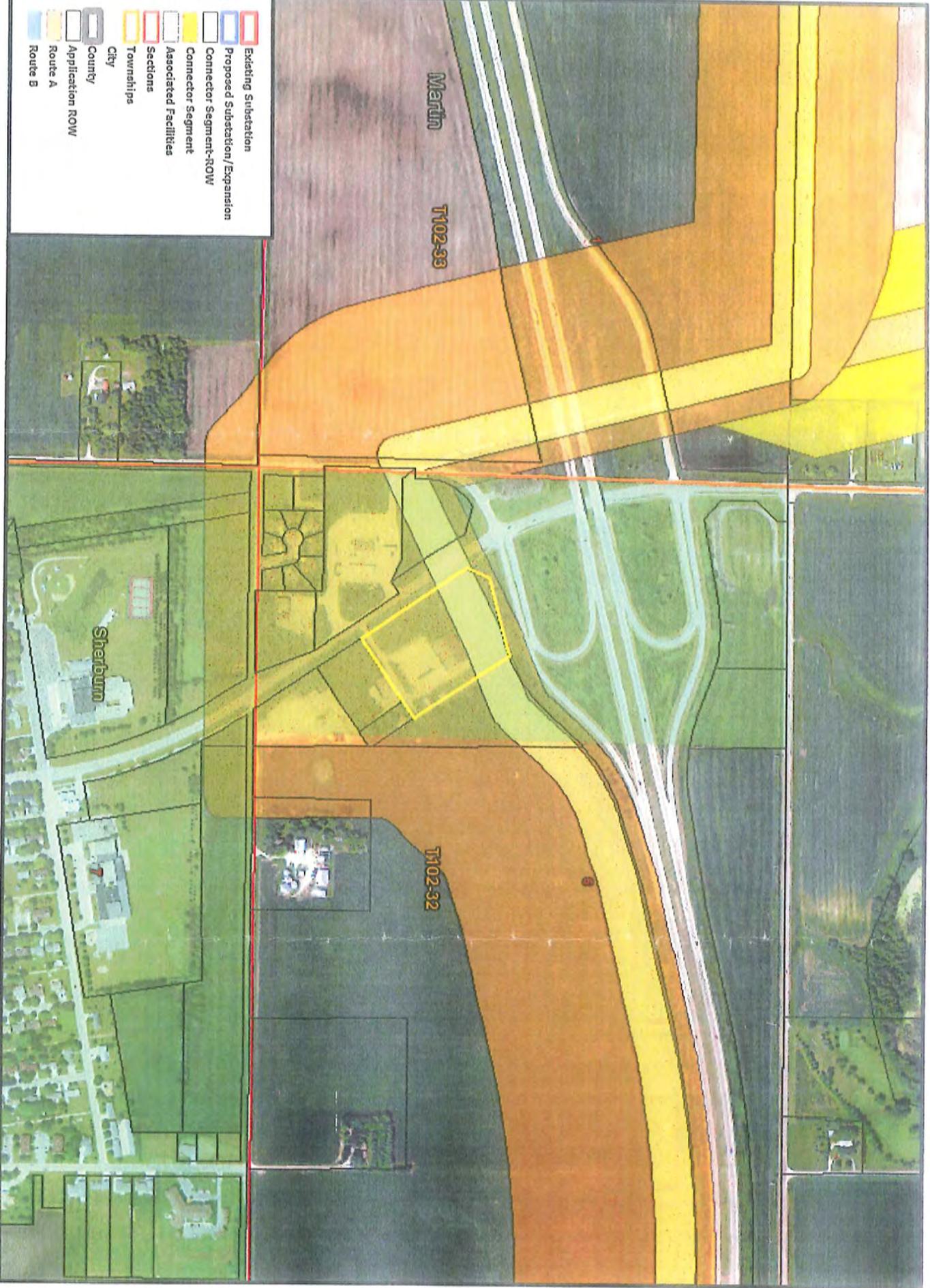
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Name: Benjamin Schueler Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: 217 S. Prairie  
 City: Fairmont State: MN ZIP: 56003

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*we the people*

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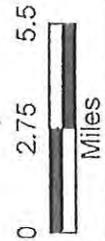
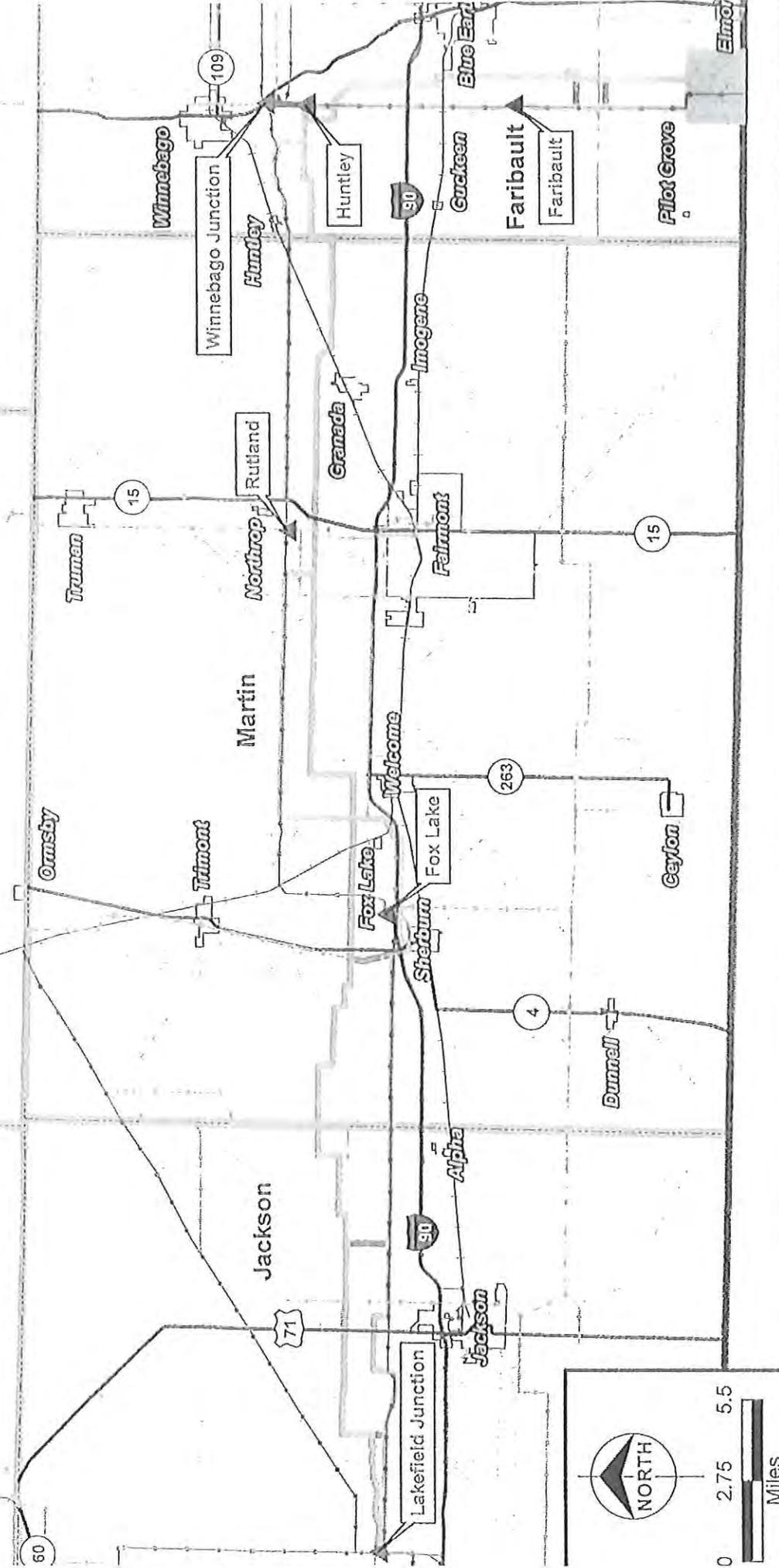
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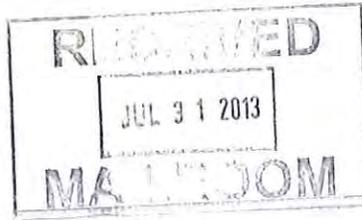
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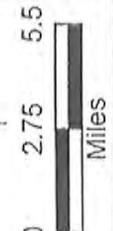
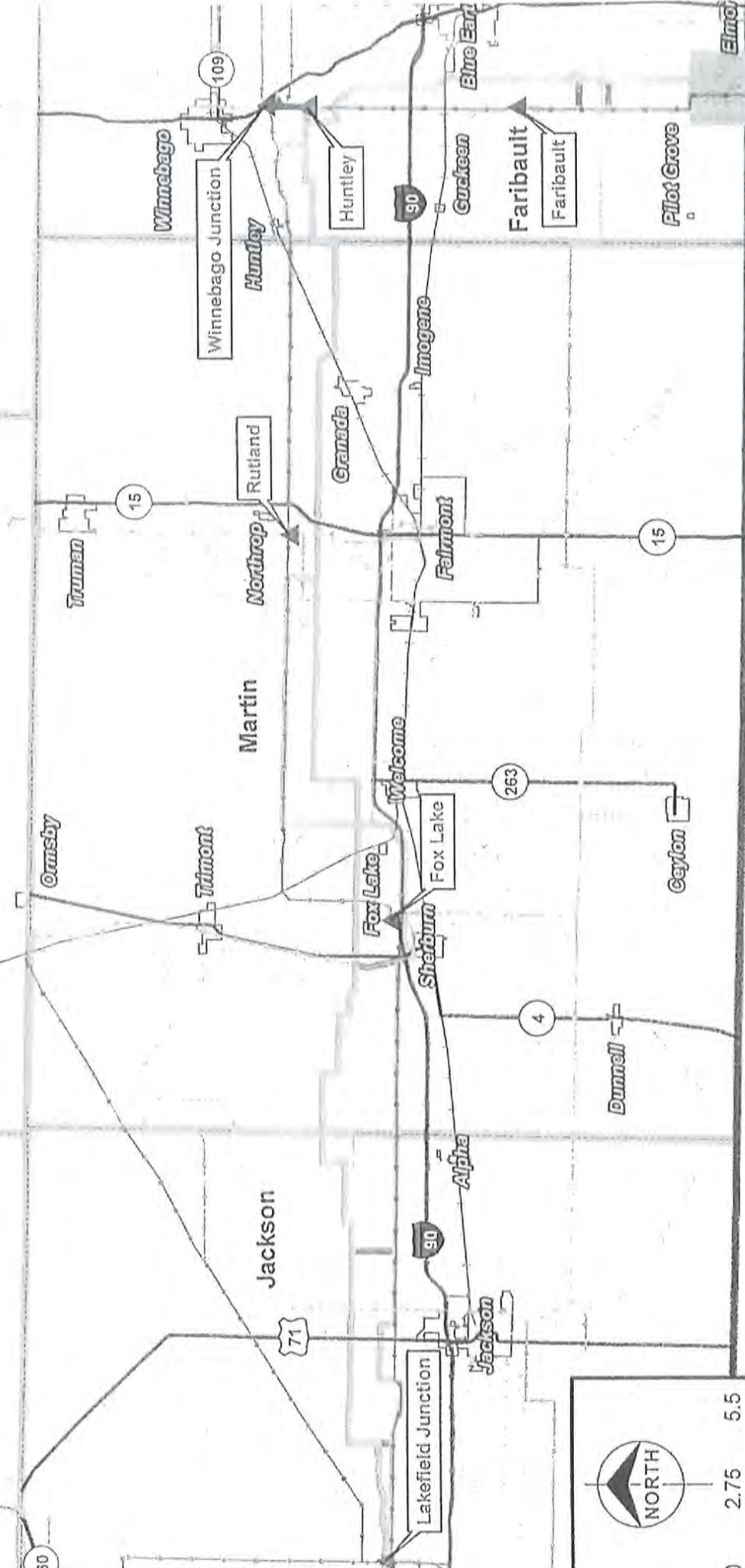
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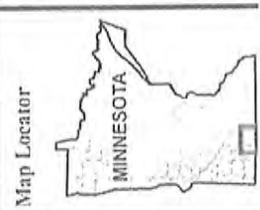
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 Street Address: 1561 Meadowlark Lane  
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- c. renter plans to have pasture for horses + build additional bins in that area.*
- d. high voltage lines covering the driveway would affect possible sale of property in future.*
- e. possible negative impact on tile located in that area.*

*We feel that since there already is a line crossing Charlotte lake, it would make more sense to use that route or possibly going down the 1-90 interstate.*

Signature: Nelson M Schultz Date: 7-31-13  
Carol A. Schultze

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**To:** [Kirsch, Raymond \(COMM\)](#)  
**Subject:** Schweiss Mon Jul 29 14:33:01 2013 ET6675/TL-12-1337  
**Date:** Monday, July 29, 2013 2:36:01 PM

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Project Name: ITC Midwest Minnesota to Iowa 345 kV Transmission Line Project

Docket number: ET6675/TL-12-1337

User Name: Harold & Mary Schweiss

County: Martin County

City: Sherburn

Email: [schweiss@frontiernet.net](mailto:schweiss@frontiernet.net)

Phone: 507-764-4336

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Submission date: Mon Jul 29 14:33:01 2013

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For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

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## Kirsch, Raymond (COMM)

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**Subject:** FW: power line

**From:** Mary Schweiss [<mailto:schweiss@frontiernet.net>]

**Sent:** Thursday, August 01, 2013 9:18 PM

**To:** ;

**Subject:** power line

I am supporting the option B for the power line so it will not be close to Sherburn and it's population and schools. Although there are studies stating there is no correclation between power line transmissons affecting human nature there are also studies to the contrary. Why take a chance and affect our students and our townspeople?.

Thank you for listening.

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 City: Shenburn State: MN ZIP: 56171

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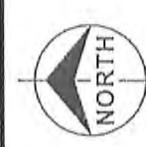
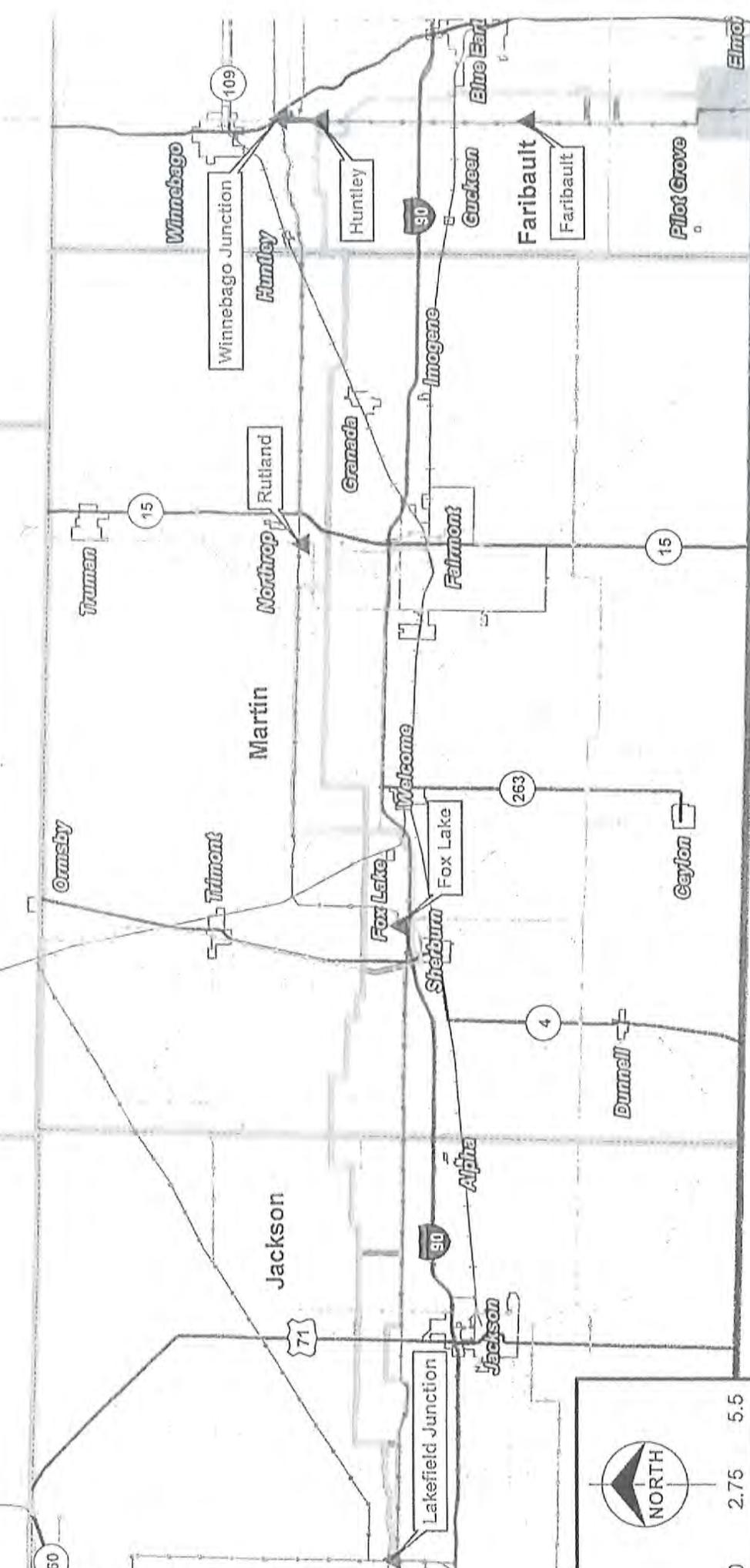
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Map Locator



ITC Midwest  
 Minnesota-Iowa  
 345 kV Transmission Project  
 Route Overview



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### PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

Minnesota to Iowa 345 kV Transmission Line Project  
 Docket Nos. ET6675/TL-12-1337 and ET6675/CN-12-1053

Name: Gene Shepman Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: 101 Lyman St  
 City: Farmington State: MN ZIP: 56031

Please share your comments on the environmental impact statement (EIS) that will be prepared for the Minnesota to Iowa 345 kV transmission line project. What issues / impacts need to be evaluated for the project? What alternative routes should be considered to mitigate these impacts? What alternatives to the project should be studied?  
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Signature: [Signature] Date: 7-31-2013

Please submit this form at today's meeting or mail it to the address provided on the back. You may use additional sheets, as necessary. Comments can also be e-mailed to the Department of Commerce Environmental Review Manager, Ray Kirsch, at: [raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us](mailto:raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us) or submitted online at: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities>.

We, the undersigned worshippers and friends of Sherburn Assembly of God Regional Worship Center, #2 Crossroads Drive, Sherburn, MN 56171, beg your careful consideration of our request regarding :

P U C Docket ET-6675/CN-12-1053 and P U C Docket ET-6675/TL-12-1337

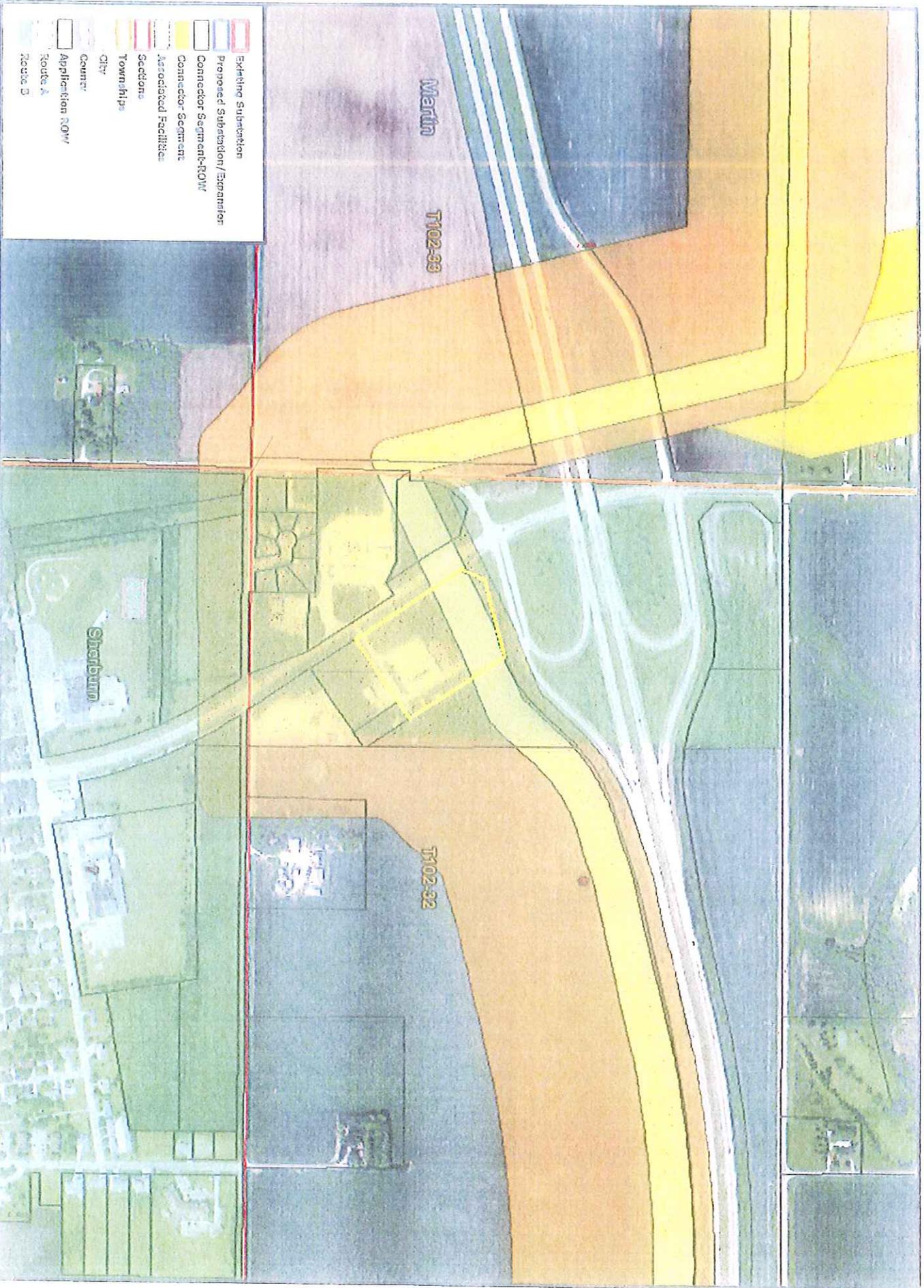
The original notices regarding the "proposed route" were at best unclear, and were possibly deceptive. The detailed maps used at the public hearings showed an abrupt "jog" south across Interstate 90 near the MN Hiway 4 intersection. The proposed easement, which then crosses our church lawn came as a complete surprise. For the following reasons, please require ITC Midwest LLC to use a different route.

- 1) Future planned church expansion to the north becomes impossible.
- 2) The route planners did not have our facility marked as a Church on their maps, possibly causing them to erroneously plan this route.
- 3) The 345KVA line would be located 100 feet from our building, 120 feet from our PA system, almost certainly causing significant interference and static.
- 4) We use the area designated as "easement" for our children's and youth programs outdoor activities.
- 5) This route would effectively take from us at least a third of our property.
- 6) There are many researchers who have clearly shown a strong connection between illnesses, including cancers, and a person's proximity to high voltage powerlines. Even the E P A cautions citizens that "There is reason for concern" and advises "prudent avoidance" of high voltage power lines. (from <http://safespaceprotection.com/electrostress-from-powerlines.aspx> )
- 7) Whether you believe these warnings (in #6) or not, they have a huge impact on much of the public with significant consequence:
  - a ) property located under a power line frequently loses up to ½ of its market value
  - b ) we are not a "traditional" Church depending on people coming out of religious habit, we are an "evangelistic", outreach church, depending on people to join us because they want to. A high voltage line near our building would be a deterrent to our ministry
- 8) We are a very active congregation. People who attend here are often at the facility 3 or more times each week for worship, music, Christian education, children's ministries, Bible studies, personal ministry, etc. This is not a "one hour a week" church. Such extended exposure to a High Voltage Power field would be dangerous
- 9) Our entire building is steel, even the stud walls. The entire structure is "bonded" as required by code. This means (1) the entire steel frame, (2) all of the studs in the interior walls with (2a) steel drywall screws just a fraction of an inch below the surface of the plaster, (3) the entire steel exterior of the building, and (4) the common wire and the ground wire in every switch, outlet, conduit and breaker box/fuse box are all connected. This is all grounded to a copper ground rod. This means our building is a very good target for electric current flow. The ground rod is probably not nearly large enough to actually handle the potential build-up, which would leave every steel door frame, every drywall screw head, every door knob which is latched to the steel frames, the entire exterior of the building, and probably every part of the plumbing system as "hot" electrified, just waiting for someone to touch it.

Please rule justly for us!

 7-31-2013

July 28, 2013



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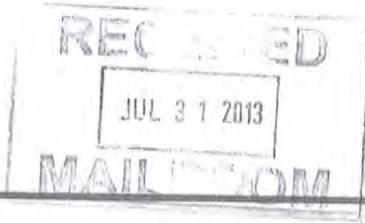
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Name: Margaret Simon Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: 410 Fox Lake Avenue  
 City: Sheburn State: MN ZIP: 56171

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*Route A into the city of Sheburn must not be approved. 345,000 volts cannot be tolerated into the midst of homes, businesses and a church's daily activities! Cancer, leukemia and radiation effects must be avoided. We have enough electrical voltage poles now. Please save our health, homes, and property values. If necessary, Route B north of I-90, must be the chosen route. Our children's lives and futures must be guarded. Why would electrical companies even consider coming into residential areas? We hope our democracy will respect our wishes. The lines must go north of I-90! Thank you for your help!*

Signature: Margaret Simon Date: 7-28-13

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