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Congress of the United States
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November 4, 2002

Department of the Interior
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Dear Sir:

The attached communication concerns a matter involving the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply, returning the enclosed correspondence. Please address your reply to my district office as listed above.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter, and I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



Patrick J. Tiberi
Representative to Congress

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Nick Rahall II

2307 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-4803

Dear Mr. Rahall,

I am writing in regards to access on the Gauley River. First, I would like to thank you for all the efforts and accomplishments that you have done with the Gauley River. I have been paddling the Gauley for over 20 years now and do remember how instrumental you were in obtaining scheduled releases. The scheduled releases was a huge win for private and commercial boaters as well as the State of West Virginia, But, a even bigger issue still remains unresolved and that is of public access.

For years private boaters have had to walk out of a very steep and precarious trail when paddling the Upper Gauley. The trail was a challenge when I was in my twenties and has increased in difficulty with age. It is very strenuous carrying a boat up out of the trail. In addition, private rafters are forced to carry up the trail . Carrying a raft up Panther Creek trail is very difficult and extremely taxing.

We recently wanted to take our children rafting on the much milder Middle section but had to abandon because of the access issue. Our kids are old enough to enjoy the section of Gauley after the Upper section and before the Lower Section. It is a shame that the public is severely restricted to access to the river. I think private boaters are a valuable resource to all river users. Private boaters add a safety benefit to commercial trips.

Kayaks are a lot more agile than rafts and many times kayakers will assist in the rescue of rafters. Two of my friends whom are doctors and kayak the Gauley have even saved the life of a commercial rafter. The vast majority of private boaters are very skilled in rescue and contribute to the overall safety of the Gauley.

Please help in obtaining public access so not only fit private boaters willing to make the strenuous hike up the hill, but also paddlers of all ages and skills can enjoy the special resource that the Gauley is.

Sincerely,

NR



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March 3, 2004

The Hon. Gale Norton
Secretary
Department of the Interior
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Dear Secretary Norton:

I write today to express support for the proposed "Joint Counterpoint Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Consultation Regulations" issued in January by the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The proposed regulation would simplify and streamline the pesticide registration process without weakening protection for endangered species or the environment. FWS and NMFS say they have determined that EPA's risk assessment, which is required under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, adequately assesses potential harm to fish and wildlife. The former agencies' involvement in the current review process is duplicative and can result in delays in product approval.

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I support your efforts in this area and urge swift adoption of the regulations listed above.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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December 31, 2002

Honorable Patrick J. Tiberi
Member, United States House
of Representatives
2700 East Dublin-Granville Road
Suite 525
Columbus, Ohio 43231

Dear Mr. Tiberi:

Gaulley River NRA

Thank you for your letter dated November 4, 2002, to the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs, National Park Service, on behalf of your constituent, **NR** who wrote to you requesting public river access within the Gaulley River National Recreation Area. The letter has been referred to this office for a reply.

The National Park Service strongly agrees that the lack of adequate public access is a concern of the highest priority. The 1997 General Management Plan for the National Recreation Area responded to many similar comments with the following statement:

"When the National Park Service is able to acquire river access points for public use, private boaters as well as commercial outfitters will be able to use the areas. The National Park Service is aware of the public's preference for Mason Branch and Bucklick river access areas. The General Management Plan has identified these two areas as high priorities for acquisition, but they cannot be acquired until there is a willing seller... (vol.2, page 94)."

The National Park Service's Lands Resource Office is currently in negotiations for a river access site at Woods Ferry. The lack of public access continues to be an extremely awkward and unacceptable condition, and we will continue to pursue acquisition of at least one site in the middle section, and one site near Swiss.

Thank you for your interest in and support of the National Park Service, and specifically, Gaulley River National Recreation Area.

Sincerely,

Marie Rust
Northeast Regional Director



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United States Department of the Interior

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MAY 13 2004

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Sincerely,

Steve Williams

DIRECTOR

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September 15, 2005

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President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I write today to urgently request your help on a matter of great importance to the people of Gahanna, Ohio in my congressional district.

For years, the city has attempted to clean up a brownfields site known as the Bedford Landfill properties. When completed, the restored site holds great potential for economic development and the creation of new jobs.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded the City of Gahanna a \$400,000 grant under the Federal Brownfields Funding Program for cleanup at the Bedford site. The site is owned by the non-profit Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation, which is partnering with the city to conduct redevelopment activities. The city recently learned that since it does not own the Bedford site, it may lose this badly needed \$400,000 grant, despite that fact that under its agreement with the Central Ohio CIC, the city has complete control over all cleanup activities at the Bedford site.

It is my understanding that The President has the authority to make an exception in cases such as this, and allow the City of Gahanna to accept the federal grant and spend it at the Bedford Landfill site. Section 42 USC 9601 (39) (c) states in part that the President may authorize financial assistance to eligible entities "if the President finds that financial assistance will protect human health and the environment, and either promote economic development or enable the creation of, preservation of, or addition to parks, greenways, undeveloped property, other recreational property, or other property used for nonprofit purposes."

As the primary purpose of cleanup activities at the Bedford Landfill site is to provide a cleaner, safer property that will be used for economic development, this situation fits precisely the conditions listed above.

I am certain you will agree that what the city of Gahanna proposes to do with the EPA grant fully complies with the intent of federal law as it pertains to brownfields cleanup. That grant--and with it, the possible redevelopment of this blighted area-- is now being held up on the basis of a mere technicality. I urge you to use your authority to allow the City of Gahanna to receive this grant, and make this badly needed project a reality.

I have enclosed a letter from the Mayor of Gahanna that explains this matter in much greater detail. On her behalf, and on behalf of the city as a whole, thank you for your consideration. I look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely,



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cc: Alexander Mistri



CITY OF GAHANNA

September 13, 2005

The Honorable Patrick J. Tiberi
3000 Corporate Exchange Drive #310
Columbus, OH 43231

Dear Representative Tiberi:

Thank you for taking the time to talk with me about our dilemma concerning the application of the City of Gahanna for Brownfields Cleanup Grants for the Bedford Landfill properties. As you know, the cleanup of the Bedford Landfill properties has been a priority for Gahanna for many years. The City has expended significant monies to assess the properties and has worked diligently to put together a team of public and private entities to best access the necessary public funding to accomplish this project. Without such funding, the cleanup and redevelopment of this contaminated property is nearly impossible.

Gahanna has begun some preliminary cleanup activities and is in immediate and substantive need of these monies to keep this project moving. Our development plan includes 5 committed end users, which will greatly enhance the economic viability of our industrial district. This plan is dependent on these funds and the landfill cleanup. Unfortunately, due to a technicality in the grant guidance that was written to clarify the Federal Brownfields Funding Program, the city risks losing this \$400,000 grant because it does not currently own the Bedford property. Instead, the City has partnered with the Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation, the current site owner, to jointly conduct the cleanup and redevelopment of this blighted property.

As discussed, the intent and purpose of the Federal Brownfields Grant Program will be fulfilled if the City of Gahanna is the grant recipient. The fact that the CIC and not the City currently owns the property should not be a fatal issue resulting in denial. At the time that the City of Gahanna made application for the Federal Grant monies, the City's intent was to take title to the Property by urging foreclosure for nonpayment of taxes. The property, at that time was owned and abandoned by a defunct landfill operator. The City encouraged the County Prosecutor's Office to initiate foreclosure action and engaged in discussions with the County Treasurer concerning the County's possible acquisition of the property.

The foreclosure took over 18 months due to a variety of legal complications. During that time period, and after the City applied for and was awarded the US EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grants, the City began discussions with Franklin County officials and private developers. This initiative successfully resulted in an innovative public/private partnership to remediate and redevelop the landfill. This also allowed the City to apply for three million dollars for cleanup and redevelopment of the site through the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund (CORF) program. It

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was determined by all parties that the most expedient and predictable way to achieve this cleanup was for Franklin County to establish the Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation in May 2005. The very purpose of the Central Ohio CIC was and is to address and take title to distressed properties in the Franklin County/Central Ohio region. The Bedford Landfill will be the first of such properties taken on by the CIC in partnership with the City. The City of Gahanna and the CIC are co-applicants for the Clean Ohio Funds and had one of the highest scores of all CORF applicants. Therefore, the City of Gahanna does not currently have legal title to the property. The CIC will retain title to the property in its Land Back until such time that is remediated.

As we discussed, however, pursuant to the Development Agreement between the City of Gahanna and the CIC, as presented to the State of Ohio, **the City of Gahanna has complete control over the implementation of the cleanup of the Bedford Landfill properties.** The City of Gahanna, as the applicant under CORF, retains all substantive responsibility for conducting the brownfields cleanup and seeking reimbursement for such activities through CORF funding. The same would be true with the US EPA award the Federal Brownfields Grants for these properties. Such grants are required to complete the closure of the Bedford Landfill properties and address the lingering environmental contamination issues. The federal funds have been included in all of the City and CIC's budget summaries and projections.

The US EPA has raised the issue of "ownership" based on the language contained within the "Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment revolving Loan Fund and Cleanup Grants" concerning whether the applicant "owns" the property for which it is seeking funding. While the definition of an "Eligible Entity" under the Brownfields Grant statute does not mention "ownership" or define that term, the grant guidelines do contain such an ownership requirement. *see 42 USC 9604 (k)(1)*. As explained, the City of Gahanna does not own a fee simple interest in the property at this time. However, as we discussed, the City of Gahanna, for all practical purposes, has access, control, and ownership of the actual implementation of the cleanup through its Development Agreement with the CIC. The CIC is also willing to grant a comprehensive easement covering the scope, authority, access and implementation of the cleanup at the site. The easement would be recorded with the title of the property and serve to formalize the City's legal interest in the property. Such easement should satisfy any substantive issues concerning the City's ability to conduct the cleanup and, thus, US EPA's concern about property ownership. In the alternative, the CIC would be willing to act as a co-applicant for the current grant via an addendum to the grant application and award as well as to enter into a sole-source partnership with the City for the purpose of conducting the cleanup. All terms of the grant application would remain the same in that the project as described and the eligibility and ranking criteria would not change.

The Central Ohio CIC is a nonprofit entity eligible under the Brownfields Revitalization Law, 42 USC § 9604(k). The City is willing to engage in a sub-grant agreement with the US EPA and the CIC similar to what is set forth for the RLF program. This would allow the property

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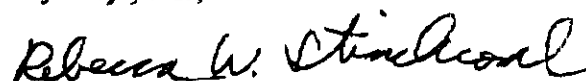
owner direct access to the grant monies and involve the CIC in the grant administration. Finally, the City might be able to take a partial ownership interest in the property if necessary in order to satisfy the ownership guidance requirement. We have explained all of this to the US EPA Office of Brownfields Assessment. The US EPA has, however, rejected all of these alternatives and interprets the guidance to require 100% fee simple title to the subject property.

We believe any of the above-described proposals would satisfy the spirit and the letter of the Brownfields Restoration Act. We want to emphasize that the City of Gahanna is an eligible applicant as defined in the law and the site is an eligible site. The requirement that the applicant own the property at the time that the grant is awarded is a matter of interpretation and guidance created by the US EPA - and is not statutorily defined.

We ask that you urge the President to exercise his discretion in awarding this grant money to the City of Gahanna so that it may initiate its cleanup efforts. The City's application meets all of the eligibility requirements as defined by statute and ranks favorably pursuant to the criteria set forth by the federal law. The Bedford Landfill cleanup and redevelopment project will clearly benefit the needs of the City of Gahanna and the region; will facilitate the creation of green space with the inclusion of a golf training facility and ravine protection; will facilitate the use and reuse of existing infrastructure; and will benefit public health and the environment. The City, along with the Central Ohio CIC, a nonprofit entity with representation of the City on its board, will remain in control of the property throughout the cleanup process. The City and the Central Ohio CIC are also working jointly in determining the best opportunities for future development of that property to benefit the community.

We urge you to contact the President and ask him to exercise his discretion set forth in 42 USC 9601(39) (C) to go forward with the disbursement of the \$400,000 in grant monies to the City of Gahanna. If you have any further questions concerning this issue, please feel free to call me or William Murdock, our Deputy Development Director at 614-342-4020. We truly appreciate any assistance you can provide in helping us achieve this brownfields revitalization project in our community.

Very truly yours,



Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Mayor
City of Gahanna

cc: Sadicka White
William Murdock
Sarah E. Lynn

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David Bernhardt
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
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VIA FACSIMILE: 202-208-5533
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Dear Mr. Bernhardt:

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EMAIL: NR
DATE: November 1, 2005 10:50 PM

NR

Dear Mr Tiberi,

I am writing you to see if there is anything you may be able to do for me with a very unfortunate situation with respect to applying for an Allegheny National Forrest DMAP coupon for the 2005 hunting season.

I am an avvid hunter NR once a year a get a chance to hunt with my father-in-law and two brother-in-laws in Halton, PA in the Allegheny National Forrest. This year the state of Pennsylvania did not have any available doe permits for the management unit 2F, so I submitted an application on August 11 to hunt in the Allegheny, but unfortunately I was affected by an internet worm that did not allow me to recieve a DMAP coupon for doe in the Allegheny National Forrest. I do not know if there is anything you may be able to do to help me, but I thought I would send you a note see if there is any chance of correcting this unfortunate situation.

Please see my communication, via e-mail to the Allegheny National Forrest below.

I appreciate your consideration and time concerning my situation. I will await your reply. I will be traveling to Halton, PA on November 26, 2006

NR
Mobile
Home

Gosh NR I sent you a note. I'm sorry you didn't get it. We will be offering you and all the others affected by the worm the chance to receive an early application for DMAP Area #148 for the 2006 hunting season. We realize this is not compensation for the loss of your coupon for the 2005 hunting season, but we do want to see you given extra consideration for the 2006 hunting season. You will receive a letter and an application form from the Allegheny NF in mid-May to mid-June of 2006 with instructions. This will result in your application getting priority. You do not need to do anything else at this time as you are already on the "early" list. I can be reached at 814/723-5180, X203, if you have any questions on M, T, Th, and F of each week. Sincerely,

Mary Hosmer
Public Affairs
Allegheny National Forest
814-723-5180/203

NR

NR
[Redacted]

<mhosmer@fs.fed.us>

To

cc

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PM

Subject

FW: DMAP application

Dear Mary,

It has been several weeks since we last spoke and I have not heard from you. Have you come up with any way to compensate us who applied for the DMAP coupons during the August 11th worm attack on your servers?

Please let me know what the status is.

Thanks in advance,

NR
[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: NR [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2005 3:01 PM
To: 'Mary Hosmer'
Subject: RE: DMAP application

Mary,

Thank you for your response to my earlier email. I am sure that you are looking at a way to correct this unfair situation. Are you looking at issuing additional coupons for those of us who know that we submitted our application before the deadline and have others in our hunting party that submitted after us and received coupons? I think it would be fair that you make an effort to correct this situation especially since the State of Pennsylvania made no doe tags available to non-residents. I have been an avid hunter for several years and many of those years in the State of Pennsylvania, I would hate to see this unfortunate occurrence not be corrected.

Please let me know how you plan to proceed.

NR
[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Mary Hosmer [mailto:mhosmer@fs.fed.us]
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2005 7:20 PM

To: NR [REDACTED]
Cc: Mary Hosmer
Subject: DMAP application

Dear NR [REDACTED], I am sorry to report that you are not even in our database, which means that we never received your application. The "worm" that infected computers nationwide apparently came into our system and erased hundreds of applications such as yours. You are one of many, many hunters that has called in the last week. We are trying to sort the problem out right now and expect to be back in touch with you in about two weeks. We appreciate your patience in the meanwhile. Sincerely,

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NOV 29 2005

Honorable Patrick J. Tiberi
House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Tiberi:

Thank you for your letter of November 8, 2005, on behalf of your constituent, NR concerning his application for an Allegheny National Forest DMAP coupon for the 2005 hunting season. Your letter was received on November 21, 2005.

We have reviewed the correspondence, and your inquiry falls within the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service. Therefore, in following our longstanding practice, we have forwarded your inquiry to that agency for a direct response to you.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Matt Eames
Director, Office of Congressional and
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cc:

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VIA FACSIMILE: 202-208-5533

Dear Mr. Eames:

The attached communication concerns a matter involving the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply, returning the enclosed correspondence. Please address your reply to my district office as listed above.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter, and I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



Patrick J. Tiberi
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Congressman Pat Tiberi
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Dear Sir:

The Ohio Division of Wildlife has notified the Associated Bird Clubs of Ohio, that there will be no more horseback field trials allowed at Killdeer Plains, and Indian Creek Wildlife Areas after April of 2008.

Horseback field trials have been held at Killdeer Plains for over 50 years, and at Indian Creek for over 30 years.

This decision to stop trialing was brought about by the US Fish and Wildlife Services. USFWS published guidelines stating that wildlife habitat is damaged by horses, and some mowing that is done to facilitate the field trials. They also state that field trials are not compatible with the intent of hunting as defined by the Pittman-Robertson Act.

Pittman-Robertson money was used in the purchase of both Killdeer Plains and Indian Creek wildlife areas. The majority of field trialers I know are all hunters, and as such, we all contribute to the Pittman-Robertson tax money, and should not be excluded from the use of land we helped purchase.

The Ohio Division of Wildlife arranged with a representative of American Electric Power, to show us some suitable land owned by AEP, they thought might be suitable for horseback field trials. The land has potential, but we need water, facilities for horses, barn, corrals, club house, parking facilities which are not available. These facilities are already in place at Killdeer Plains and at Indian Creek.

It would take a minimum of five years and considerable expense to prepare new grounds, and build the facilities that already exist at Killdeer Plains and Indian Creek.

Sincerely,

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PATRICK J. TIBERI
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November 1, 2007

Matt Eames
Director of Congressional and Legislative Affairs
U.S. Department of the Interior
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1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240-0001

VIA FACSIMILE: 202-208-5533

Dear Mr. Eames:

The attached communication concerns a matter involving the U.S. Department of the Interior.

I am contacting you again because I have not received a response to my earlier correspondence of September 25, 2007.

Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply, returning the enclosed correspondence. Please address your reply to my district office as listed above.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter, and I look forward to your reply

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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Washington, D.C. 20240



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The Honorable Patrick J. Tiberi
Member, United States House
of Representatives
3000 Corporate Exchange Drive, Suite 310
Columbus, Ohio 43231

Dear Mr. Tiberi:

Thank you for your letter of September 25, 2007, to Mr. Matt Eames, Director of the Department of the Interior's Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs, on behalf ^{NR} [REDACTED] concerning the decision to stop horseback field trials at Killdeer Plains and Indian Creek Wildlife Areas. Mr. Eames has asked the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) to respond to you directly, and I apologize for the delay in my response.

As you may know, field trials may be held on State Wildlife Areas that have been acquired or managed with Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (Act) program assistance. However, field trials must be managed so as not to interfere with wildlife restoration and public use activities that are prescribed in the Act. While field trials have been permitted for more than 50 years on Ohio's Wildlife Areas, these areas are now being used more frequently by hunters. At Killdeer Plains and Indian Creek Wildlife Areas, the extent (1,100 acres) and timing of mowing and the amount of habitat used for field trials (2,600 and 1,794 acres, respectively) have caused conflicts both for wildlife management and hunting activities. The infrastructure exclusively used for field trials on these two areas was not approved in the original acquisition project and is problematic to habitat management.

The Service respects the Ohio Division of Wildlife's authority to determine appropriate uses on State Wildlife Areas (Service Manual 522 FW 21) and supports Ohio's determination to discontinue the management of Killdeer Plains and Indian Creek Wildlife Areas for hunting dog field trials.

The changes to field trials in Ohio in the spring of 2008 will only affect field trials at Indian Creek and Killdeer Plains Wildlife Areas. Field trials will continue to be allowed at six other wildlife areas: Delaware (223 acres), Resthaven (90 acres), Rush Run (300 acres), Grand River (559 acres), Berlin (196 acres), and Woodbury (350 acres). In total, this will provide more than 1,700 acres for field trial activities.

Over the past 10 years, the Service has been conducting a review of the compatibility of field trial activities throughout the midwestern States. Changes similar to those at Killdeer Plains and

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Indian Creek Wildlife Areas have occurred in other States, including Indiana and Illinois. The Service continues to monitor field trial activities and policies in the Midwest to ensure that lands purchased using Pittman-Robertson funds are managed for “the restoration of wild birds and mammals and the public use of these resources,” as specified in the Act. The Service and the State of Ohio understand the challenges involved in identifying new grounds and are committed to assisting groups in this effort.

We appreciate your interest in this matter. If you have further questions, please contact me or Ms. Robyn Thorson, the Service’s Midwest Regional Director, at (612) 713-5301.

Sincerely,



Acting

DIRECTOR

Copy to your Washington office

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 12, 2007

The Honorable Dirk Kempthorne
Department of Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing to encourage your participation in an important upcoming event in Washington, D.C. to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Antarctic Treaty. As you may be aware, an international and interdisciplinary summit will be convened for 3-4 days in early December, 2009 in Washington, D.C.

The *Antarctic Treaty* was signed by the United States and eleven other nations in Washington, D.C. on December 1, 1959. It is an international agreement regarding management of nearly 10 percent of the Earth for "*peaceful purposes only... on the basis of freedom of scientific investigation.*"

Over the past five decades, the Antarctic Treaty System has succeeded as a firm foundation for ongoing international cooperation, despite many challenges. It has grown to include 46 nations, representing nearly 90% of the world's population.

The 2009 Antarctic Treaty Summit will be a unique venue for scientists, legislators, administrators, lawyers, historians, educators, executives and other members of civil society to explore the science-policy achievements of the Antarctic Treaty System and its global precedents in international governance.

The Summit has been endorsed by the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board and additional public-private support also is being provided by the American Geophysical Union, the Marine Mammal Commission and the Tinker Foundation.

We hope that you will recognize the important contributions that the Department of Interior can make and will identify a liaison to communicate about planning for the Antarctic Treaty Summit. The point of contact is Dr. Paul Arthur Berkman (berkman@bren.ucsb.edu), Fulbright Distinguished Scholar at Cambridge University.

As observed by Laurence Gould (former chairman of the United States National Committee on Polar Research at the National Academy of Sciences):


"The Antarctic Treaty is indispensable to the world of science which knows no national or other political boundaries, but it is much more than that... it is a document unique in history which may take its place alongside the Magna Carta and other great symbols of man's quest for enlightenment and order."

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Thank you very much for your consideration.



Patrick J. Tiberi
Member of Congress



Vernon J. Eilers
Member of Congress

cc: Mark Meyers, Director, United States Geological Survey.



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

OCT 15 2007

The Honorable Vernon J. Ehlers
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Ehlers:

Thank you for your letter of September 12, 2007, encouraging the U.S. Department of the Interior to participate in the 50th anniversary of the Antarctic Treaty.

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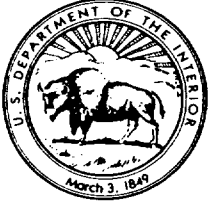
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Sincerely,



DIRK KEMPTHORNE



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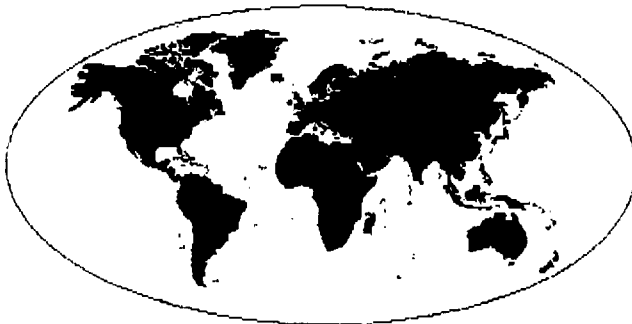
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Congress of the United States
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March 1, 2011

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

In light of continuing instability in the Middle East and in North Africa, we write today to urge your Administration's immediate action to ensure America's energy security by expediting the permitting process for safe offshore energy exploration and development without further delay.

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The ongoing unrest and rising volatility throughout the Middle East underscores the urgency to put our country on a path toward energy independence. U.S. oil prices recently jumped above the \$100 per barrel mark for the first time since 2008, and as prices continue to rise, American families and businesses are already feeling the impact in their pocketbooks and at the pump. Our country is home to vast energy resources, and your Administration has forced American exploration and drilling to a halt in the most critical region of the U.S. that provides our domestic energy supplies.

The Gulf of Mexico produces nearly one-third of our domestically produced oil, and offshore natural gas production in the Gulf accounts for 13 percent of total U.S. production. While your Administration's official moratoria on drilling permits were lifted on May 28, 2010 and October 12, 2010 for shallow and deepwater drilling permits respectively, a de facto moratorium ("permitorium") still exists and must be lifted without delay. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has issued only one deepwater drilling permit and only 32 permits for new shallow water wells since the official moratoria were lifted, which is far below the 10 permits per week that were averaged before the Macondo well spill.

Not only is American energy security at risk, so too are thousands of American jobs. In addition, these policies by your Administration are a contributing factor to the increase we're seeing in gasoline prices at the pump. As a result of the uncertainty by the federal government, seven floating rigs and five jackup rigs have departed the Gulf of Mexico since the Macondo spill. There are currently an additional four rigs that are considering leaving the Gulf of Mexico. With one rig equaling 500 jobs (100 workers on the rig, plus 400 workers supporting drilling operations onshore), thousands of jobs across the Gulf Coast both upstream and downstream remain at risk. This industry in the Gulf of Mexico comprises not only oil and gas companies, but also a network of suppliers and contractors that purchase goods as diverse as forgings, valves, computers, chemicals and helicopters from suppliers in all 50 states.

As the executive in chief, you have the ability, and more importantly the duty, to direct your Administration to act in a manner that protects our national energy security and American jobs and ensures that we do not remain hostage to the political tensions of Middle Eastern nations. We respectfully ask that you direct DOI and BOEM to remove the barriers to the safe exploration and production of our domestic energy resources that are vital to all Americans and to our energy security by bringing immediate and very concrete clarity for offshore permitting and require DOI and BOEM to immediately hasten the approval of permits for safe offshore drilling.

There is no time more urgent than now to require this action. We need to safely and responsibly produce our domestic resources offshore in order to reduce this reliance on Middle Eastern imports and in turn, increase our economic growth. The Gulf of Mexico holds the largest and most productive oil resources in the United States, and further delays to safely producing these domestic resources will severely jeopardize our energy security and leave us more dependent on the volatile Middle East for our energy supplies.

Sincerely,

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Washington, DC 20240

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The Honorable Todd Akin
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Akin:

Thank you for your letter dated March 1, 2011, to President Obama regarding the permitting of both shallow water and deepwater drilling operations and requesting that the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) bring immediate and concrete clarity for offshore permitting and to hasten the approval of such permits. I have been asked to respond on the President's behalf. A similar response will be sent to each signer of your letter.

In the wake of the Deepwater Horizon, BOEMRE has moved forward with the fundamental reforms and new regulatory measures necessary to improve the safety of offshore drilling, as well as enhance protection of the ocean and coastal environments. At the same time, we are working every day to allow safe drilling and production operations on the federal Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) to continue in order to keep production flowing and people working in an industry that is crucial to our nation's economy and energy independence. The major challenge facing us and the industry is to dramatically improve the safety of drilling in the Gulf of Mexico, particularly in deepwater, while continuing with operations, keeping production flowing and keeping people working. I believe we are meeting that challenge.

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The Honorable Rodney Alexander
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Lou Barletta
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Joe L. Barton
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The Honorable Marsha Blackburn
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Blackburn:

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The Honorable Jo Bonner
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Bonner:

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The Honorable Mary Bono Mack
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Bono Mack:

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The Honorable Charles Boustany Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Boustany:

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The Honorable Kevin Brady
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Paul Broun
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Broun:

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The Honorable Michael C. Burgess
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Burgess:

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The Honorable Dan Burton
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Burton:

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The Honorable Francisco "Quico" Canseco
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable John Carter
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Bill Cassidy
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Jason Chaffetz
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable K. Michael Conaway
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Conaway:

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The Honorable John Culberson
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Geoff Davis
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Robert Dold
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Dold:

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The Honorable John J. "Jimmy" Duncan Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Duncan:

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The Honorable Blake Farenthold
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Farenthold:

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The Honorable Stephen Fincher
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable John Fleming
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Jeff Fortenberry
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Fortenberry:

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The Honorable Cory Gardner
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Gardner:

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The Honorable Bob Gibbs
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Robert W. Goodlatte
House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Goodlatte:

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The Honorable Tim Griffin
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Michael G. Grimm
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Grimm:

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The Honorable Brett Guthrie
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Guthrie:

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The Honorable Gregg Harper
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Vicky Hartzler
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Hartzler:

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The Honorable Doc Hastings
House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Hastings:

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The Honorable Nan Hayworth
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Joe Heck
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Heck:

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The Honorable Dean Heller
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Tim Huelskamp
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Huelskamp:

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The Honorable Duncan Hunter
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Bill Johnson
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Jim Jordan
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Peter T. King
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Adam Kinzinger
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable John Kline
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Doug Lamborn
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Leonard Lance
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Jeff Landry
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Steven C. LaTourette
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative LaTourette:

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The Honorable Bob Latta
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Billy Long
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Cynthia M. Lummis
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Michael McCaul
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative McCaul:

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The Honorable Tom McClintock
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative McClintock:

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The Honorable Patrick T. McHenry
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative McHenry:

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The Honorable Howard P. "Buck" McKeon
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative McKeon:

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The Honorable David B. McKinley
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative McMorris Rodgers:

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The Honorable Jeff Miller
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Candice S. Miller
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Sue Myrick
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Randy Neugebauer
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Rich Nugent
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Nugent:

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The Honorable Devin Nunes
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Alan Nunnelee
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Pete Olson
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Steven M. Palazzo
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The Honorable Ron Paul
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Erik Paulsen
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Ted Poe
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Tom Price
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Ben Quayle
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Tom Reed
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Denny Rehberg
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Rehberg:

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The Honorable Martha Roby
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Roby:

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The Honorable Phil Roe
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Dana Rohrabacher
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Todd Rokita
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Steve Scalise
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable David Schweikert
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tim Scott
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Pete Sessions
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The Honorable Bill Shuster
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Shuster:

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The Honorable Adrian Smith
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Steve Stivers
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable John Sullivan
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Glenn Thompson
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Pat Tiberi
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Fred Upton
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Tim Walberg
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Greg Walden
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The Honorable Lynn Westmoreland
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Edward Whitfield
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Joe Wilson
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rob Wittman
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The Honorable Steve Womack
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rob Woodall
House of Representatives
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You requested a removal of barriers to exploration and production: On October 12, 2010, the deepwater drilling suspensions were lifted. Since then, the industry has submitted and BOEMRE has approved permits consistent with the heightened safety standards required by our new regulations.

As of April 19, 2011, we have received 37 deepwater applications for permit to drill for types of activities that were allowed under the moratorium, subject to applicable safety rules, such as water injection wells and drilling from a fixed rig with a surface blowout preventer. We have approved 34 of these permits, with two applications pending.

As of April 19, 2011 we have also received 58 deepwater drilling permit applications that are subject to BOEMRE's new safety and environmental requirements, including demonstration of subsea containment capability. These include applications to drill new wells, bypasses, and sidetracks. Twenty of these permits have been returned to the operator with requests for additional information, particularly concerning subsea containment. We have approved 19 of these permits (for 11 unique wells), with 17 applications pending.

As of April 19, 2011 we have approved 49 shallow water permits for new wells and have four pending. Information on the status of well permits and plans are available on our website, which we refer to often and update daily.

The webpage can be found at:

http://www.gomr.boemre.gov/homepg/offshore/safety/well_permits.html.

Together with Secretary Salazar, we have undertaken the most aggressive and comprehensive reform of offshore oil and gas regulation and oversight in U.S. history. This includes the reorganization of the former MMS to establish mission clarity and to strengthen oversight; and it also includes the development and implementation of heightened standards for drilling practices, safety equipment, and environmental safeguards.

These new rules set forth prescriptive standards that industry must meet. But they also establish, for the first time in the U.S. offshore regulatory system, performance-based standards focused on the identification and mitigation of specific risks associated with offshore operations. These changes are substantial, and more work is being done to ensure that these changes are both lasting and effective. The ultimate goal is to establish an industry-wide culture of safety, and to have well-equipped and professional regulators. Both elements are necessary to keep pace with the challenges and risks of offshore drilling, particularly as those operations push into new frontiers and face increased technical challenges.

We no longer accept the view that the appropriate response to a rapidly evolving, developing and changing industry, which employs increasingly sophisticated technologies, is for the regulatory framework and the applicable rules to remain frozen in time. Over time, the regulatory framework and the specific requirements must keep pace with advances in the industry – and with industry ambitions to drill in deeper water in geological formations that have greater pressures.

We will continue to analyze information that becomes available, and we will implement reforms necessary to make offshore oil and gas production safer, smarter and with stronger protections for workers and the environment. In developing these reforms, we will balance the need for regulatory certainty – whose importance we well recognize – against the need to act on new insights and adapt to changing technology. And importantly, the processing of drilling permit applications and proposed drilling plans will not be delayed while these additional reforms are developed.

I agree with you that a vital oil and gas industry is essential to our Nation's security and economy. However, I stand behind the increased safety measures that have been adopted. They will protect American lives and diminish the risk of oils spills and related environmental damage. And, I believe the men and women at BOEMRE can implement these measures without unduly or unnecessarily increasing the regulatory burden on industry.

Sincerely,

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Michael R. Bromwich
Director

June 21, 2012

The Honorable John McHugh
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United States Army
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Major General Merdith W.B. (Bo) Temple
Acting Commanding General and Acting
Chief of Engineers
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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The Honorable Ken Salazar
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW, Room 5665
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The Honorable Mike Pool
Acting Director
The Bureau of Land Management
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Dear Secretary McHugh, Secretary Salazar, Major General Temple, and Acting Director Pool:

We write to express our strong opposition to the requests made by some elected officials, advocacy groups, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to dramatically expand the scope of environmental reviews necessary for singular port projects necessary for coal exports. Such an action would have widespread implications for coal-producing states, as well as states that are home to the ports through which these products are shipped overseas. When federal action is involved, projects are rightly subject to appropriate review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). However, NEPA analysis must be limited in scope to the project itself.

The Powder River Basin (PRB) of Wyoming and Montana produce a significant volume of coal for domestic energy consumption. For the United States, this abundant, reliable supply of energy is the primary source of affordable power for many Americans. Political attacks and continual efforts by the EPA to regulate cost increases on working Americans' electricity bills have had a chilling effect on coal's market share in recent months, but not on its demand. This is particularly true in the case of world demand. The International Energy Agency (IEA) notes that between 2000 and 2010, world coal consumption increased by nearly 3.3 billion metric tons – an increase of nearly 60%. The IEA estimates that global coal use will continue to grow in the next decade.

There is no question that coal will be the primary source of new power for the currently 1.3 billion people without access to electricity today. The only question is if the western United States will benefit from this fact. In 2011 the combined total of exports heading east or south was nearly 100 million tons, while shipments originating at western ocean ports and heading to rapidly emerging markets in Asia languished at less than 7 million tons. Thanks to amazing feats of engineering that enable the efficient recovery of this vast resource, and the ability to safely transport it over land and sea, western ports are poised to significantly increase exports of coal to Asia. These western ports are the most efficient and cost effective departure point for PRB coal. There should be no misunderstanding: coal from the PRB will make its way to Asia, it is merely

a matter of whether its transport and shipment will be a boon to Canada and Canadian workers, or to America, and American workers.

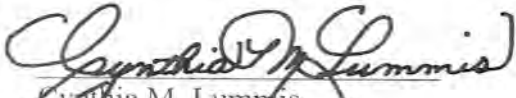
Efforts by the EPA and others to pressure your agencies into an expansion of NEPA that strays beyond analysis of a pending federal action, and into the theoretical effects of coal mining, transport, and sales to Asia, is nothing more than a thinly-veiled attempt to hamstring our ability to benefit from meeting the global demand for coal. If agreed to, the requests for your agencies to use the NEPA process to analyze the speculative global implications of coal use would institute a dangerous new precedent: that NEPA analysis should go beyond the projects themselves. NEPA was not designed for, and federal agency employees should not be undertaking, broad analysis that reaches well beyond the direct impacts of specific projects and into the realm of policymaking and speculation.

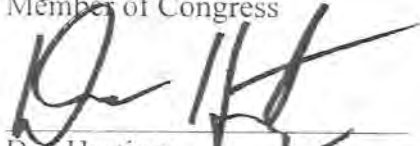
Federal action on port projects, rail expansion, and mining all require separate and robust environmental reviews. We do not ask you to shirk these reviews. However, if a new precedent is established for how broadly NEPA is conducted on these projects, no clear boundary will exist for any product shipped by rail or port. A programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for one local project that encompasses the life-cycle of coal would establish a new baseline for NEPA analysis that could negatively affect exports of natural resources from all regions of the United States, including Midwest and Appalachian coal.

We urge you to resist pressure to expand the scope of NEPA reviews beyond what should reasonably be expected of federal employees to implement. Broader, speculative debates on national and global energy policy are properly left to Congress.


Thank you for your careful attention to this matter.

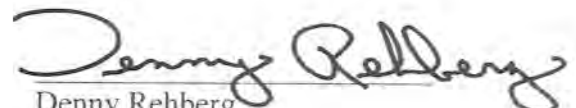
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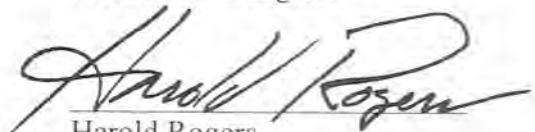

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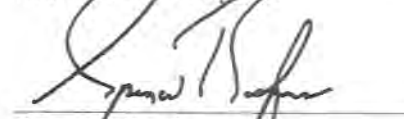

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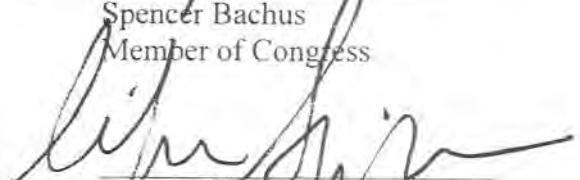

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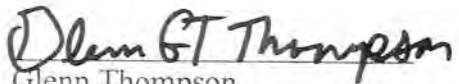

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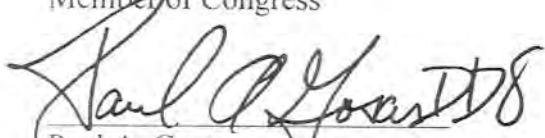

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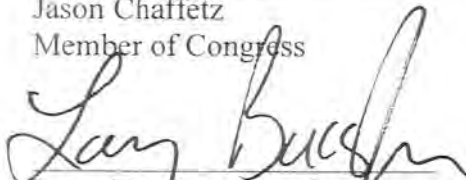

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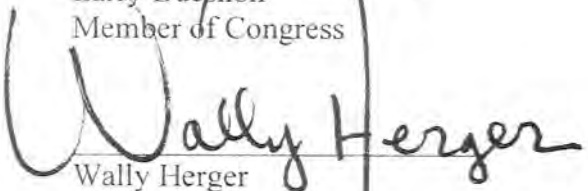

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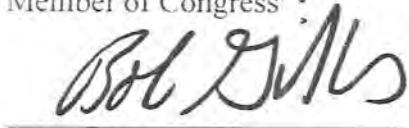

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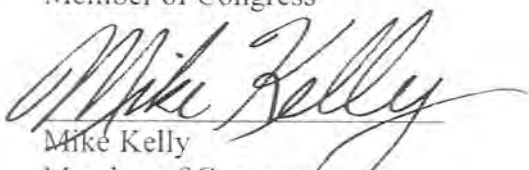

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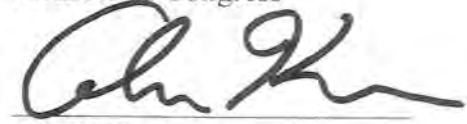

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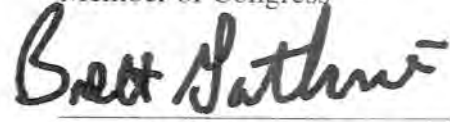

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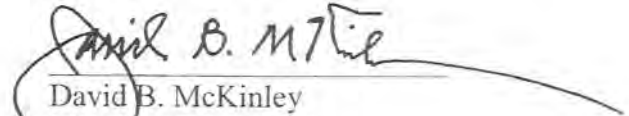

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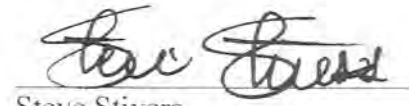

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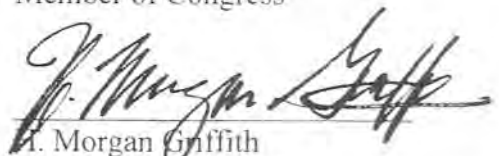

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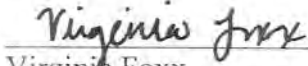

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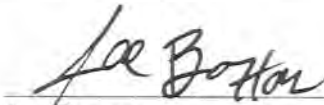
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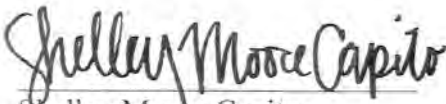
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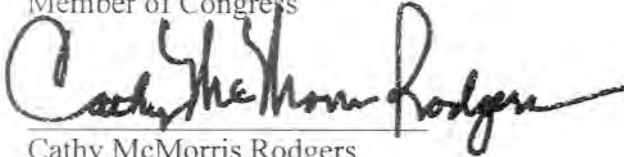
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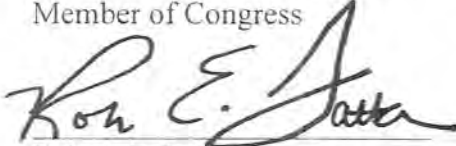
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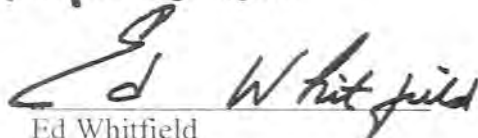
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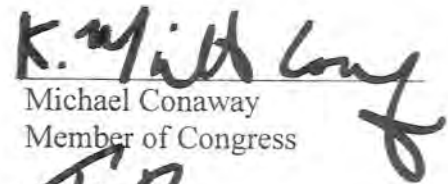
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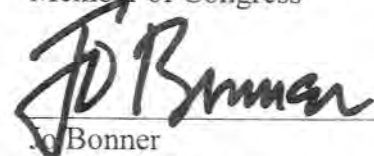
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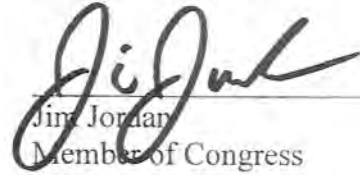
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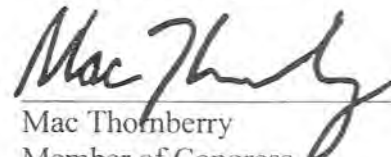
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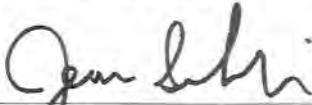
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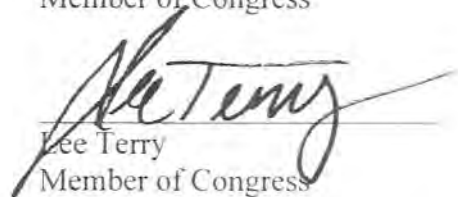
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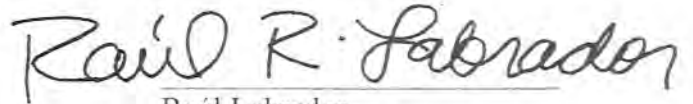
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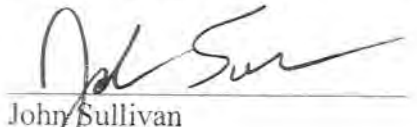
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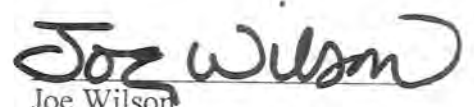

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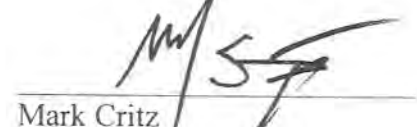

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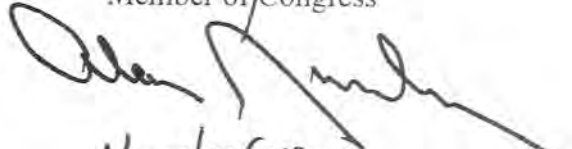

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The Honorable Cynthia Lummis
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Lummis:

Thank you for your June 21, 2012, letter regarding review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to study pending coal export proposals in the Pacific Northwest and the potential effects in the United States of the use of exported coal in Asia. Secretary Salazar has asked that I respond to your letter on his behalf. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) does not intend to undertake a Federal programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) evaluating the potential impacts of increasing coal export proposals at this time. Instead, the BLM will continue to carefully consider the issues raised when determining the scope of NEPA analyses for applications to lease and develop Federal coal.

As you know, many Federal, state, and local agencies have distinct responsibilities for making decisions that ensure responsible leasing, mining, and transportation of coal or regulate aspects of the construction and operation of coal export facilities based on applicable regulatory requirements. The BLM is responsible for leasing Federal coal, while the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) within the Department of the Interior and delegated state agencies regulate and oversee surface coal mining and reclamation operations. When the BLM accepts an application to open a tract of Federal land for coal leasing, it begins a NEPA analysis of potential environmental impacts of a proposed leasing action, including "reasonably foreseeable" direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of leasing Federal coal. Typically OSM, the state coal permitting regulatory agency, Federal surface management agencies (which must consent prior to any lease sale), and other concerned Federal or state agencies participate as "cooperating agencies" in the BLM's NEPA analysis concerning Federal coal leasing.

The Wright Area Coal Lease Applications EIS is one example of how Federal agencies have approached NEPA analyses for Federal coal leasing, mining, and reclamation. In the EIS, the BLM considered a number of coal-leasing applications that are in close proximity to each other for continued operations of three mines in Wyoming's Powder River Basin (PRB). The U.S. Forest Service and OSM, as well as the State of Wyoming, participated as cooperating agencies.

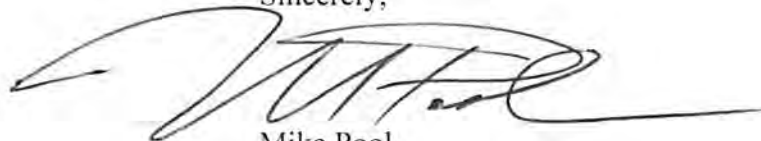
The Wright Area EIS analyzed a number of impacts. For instance, in discussing impacts on transportation systems, the EIS acknowledged indirect effects associated with rail transport of Federal coal from the six tracts in the study area, including "potential impacts of the

accumulation of coal dust and fines blowing or sifting from moving, loaded rail cars....” (Section 4.2.12, p. 4-107).¹ The EIS also analyzed the potential cumulative effects of Wyoming PRB coal combustion by electricity-generating power plants in the U.S. on greenhouse gas emissions, and the EIS discussed global warming and associated climate change-related effects. (Section 4.2.14, pp. 4-129 to 4-152.) The analysis “assumed that this coal will be sold to coal users in response to forecasts of demand for this coal,” noting that “[h]istorically these users have been electric utilities in the U.S., although there is potential for sales outside the U.S.,” because the coal market is “open and competitive” (p. 4-137). The analysis also discussed potential effects of coal combustion byproducts, including the global problem of mercury emissions. In particular, it noted the potential for Asian countries’ contributions to global anthropogenic atmospheric mercury emissions to grow with increased coal consumption in Asia. (Section 4.2.14.5 and p. 4-153.)

Prior to leasing Federal coal, the BLM typically does not have information indicating that certain quantities of the coal from any particular tract would be transported to specific facilities or export markets. We recognize, however, that the increased demand for exports of U.S. coal to Asia appears to be motivating proposals for port facilities in the Pacific Northwest and other locations on the Pacific coast. If the BLM receives a future coal leasing application that describes plans to use particular facilities to export leased Federal coal to Asia, or if such exports are raised as an issue during scoping, the BLM will consider whether the potential impacts associated with such exports fall within the scope of its NEPA analysis. If they do, the BLM will consider how best to analyze them.

Thank you again for your input. We look forward to continuing to work with you. A similar reply was sent to the co-signers of your letter.

Sincerely,

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Mike Pool
Acting Director

¹ The entire EIS is available at: <http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/hpd/Wright-Coal.html>. Chapter 4 is directly available at: <http://www.blm.gov/pgdata/etc/medialib/blm/wy/information/NEPA/hpdo/Wright-Coal/feis.Par.67430.File.dat/08chap4.pdf>.

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The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary of the Interior
1849 C St. NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Jewell,

Congratulations on the Department's recent success in getting Poverty Point in Louisiana inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List earlier this summer, only the 22nd U.S. site to earn this status. I am writing about two issues related to the United States' participation in the World Heritage program to which I hope you will give your most serious consideration.

As you may recall, Ohio has several sites on the World Heritage Tentative List. One nomination – the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks – is comprised of the Newark Earthworks, the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park and Fort Ancient Earthworks. I am proud to share with you that the 2,000-year-old Newark Earthworks are located in my congressional district. The Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks nomination has been on UNESCO's Tentative List since 2008. The recent Poverty Point nomination helps demonstrate that UNESCO is willing to consider U.S. sites for World Heritage inscription despite the non-payment of our UNESCO dues. Therefore, I am writing to urge the Department of the Interior to publish a Federal Register announcement inviting U.S. Tentative List sites to show their readiness to submit their nominations for UNESCO consideration by the World Heritage Committee.

Also, Rachel Jacobson's recent departure from the position of Undersecretary in the Department of Fish and Wildlife and Parks leaves a vacancy that may be harmful to sites such as those in Ohio on the Tentative List since she played such a critical role in the successful Poverty Point inscription. I would like to urge you to fill this vacancy in the Department as soon as possible to ensure that when future nominations are submitted, the United States has a strong advocate working for the success of the U.S. nominees.

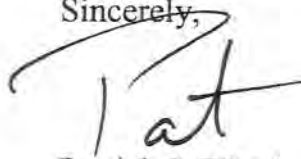
In closing, I would also like to invite you or any of your senior staff to visit the Newark Earthworks, operated by the Ohio History Connection in partnership with the Licking County Convention and Visitors Bureau and The Ohio State University Newark



Earthworks Center, if you are able to travel to Ohio. To do so, please contact Michael McLean in my Washington, DC office at (202) 225-5355.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests. I look forward to hearing your response.

Sincerely,

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Patrick J. Tiberi
Representative to Congress

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The Honorable Patrick J. Tiberi
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3512

Dear Mr. Tiberi:

Thank you for your September 16, 2014, letter to Secretary Jewell and for your interest in the World Heritage Program. We are aware of the strong support among local proponents of the Hopewell sites to receive authorization to prepare a World Heritage nomination. Staff of the National Park Service's International Affairs office participated in last year's on-site workshop hosted by the Ohio Historical Society and other proponents and since then has offered advice on an informal basis on how best to frame the case for the international significance of the sites.

While we were very pleased that the World Heritage Committee was willing to overlook the non-payment of U.S. dues to UNESCO and to the World Heritage Fund in its decision to inscribe Louisiana's Poverty Point on the World Heritage List at its most recent session, we cannot take this as a guarantee that future U.S. nominations will be treated the same way. The Committee's continued willingness to inscribe U.S. sites while we remain in arrears will again be tested when it reviews the nomination for the San Antonio Missions in Texas at its next session in June 2015. We hope that the Missions nomination, as was the case for Poverty Point, will be reviewed only on its merits and that other factors, such as non-payment of dues, will not be raised as an issue.

However, based on the continuing uncertainty about how U.S. nominations will be received by the World Heritage Committee while the U.S. is in arrears, the Department is reviewing its options for future engagement with the World Heritage Convention, including the possibility of authorizing new nominations. Given the significant time and expense that are required to produce a nomination dossier, we believe this is the most responsible course of action for now. Please rest assured that this is not a reflection on the value or the prospects for any particular nomination included on the Tentative List of future U.S. nominations. We remain very interested in a future nomination of the Hopewell sites and will keep you and our local partners apprised as this situation evolves.

Sincerely,

Michael Bean
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Fish and Wildlife and Parks

PATRICK J. TIBERI
12TH DISTRICT, OHIO



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May 3, 2016

Sally Jewell
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW, Room 3325
Washington, DC 20240

Via Fax: (202) 208 - 5533

Dear Secretary Jewell:

The attached communication concerns a problem my constituent is experiencing with the National Parks Service.

Please look into the statements contained within the attached documents and forward me the necessary information for reply. Please address your reply to my district office at 250 E. Wilson Bridge Road, Suite 100, Worthington OH 43085.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Shaver in my district office at 614-523-2555. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter, and I will look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Tiberi
Representative to Congress

PJT/ns

Enclosures

cc: Secretary Vilsack
U.S. Department of Agriculture





Board of Park Commissioners of Richland County, Ohio
2295 Lexington Avenue
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April 26, 2016

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Re: Board of Park Commissioners of Richland County, Ohio and Village of Butler, Ohio

Honorable Sirs:

The Board of Park Commissioners of Richland County, Ohio has unanimously authorized me to send this letter on its behalf. The purpose of this letter is to declare the Board's support for the Village of Butler, Ohio's written request dated April 21, 2016 to obtain a construction easement within the Richland B & O Trail. Prior to making its decision, the Park Board took the following into consideration: (1) Board representatives met with the Village's Engineer and actually walked the proposed site for its discussion and inspection; (2) Board representatives met with the Village's Engineer, legal counsel and Mayor to discuss the proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant design and construction plans; (3) the Board reviewed and unanimously approved the content of the Village's above-referenced written request.

The Park Board's approval was based on the following factors in keeping with its responsibility for the management of the bike trail.

Particular Benefits to the B & O Trail

1. The elimination of the Clear Fork Mobile Home Park's sewer lagoons and associated odors will benefit all users of the bike trail.
2. The project will permit the Village's replacement of its current Wastewater Treatment Plant and its secondary use of the Clear Fork River. That will enhance the area's recreational uses accessible by B & O Trail patrons, to-wit: the newly opened 8.1 mile hiking trail located 0.6 miles from the bike trail; Malabar Farm State Park/Pleasant Hill Lake Park located 3 miles from the bike trail; the Mohican Memorial State Forest located 6 miles from the bike trail; and the Clear Fork Ski and Recreation Area located 0.6 miles from the bike trail.

General Benefits to the B & O Trail

The B & O Trail runs 18.4 miles between the City of Mansfield, Village of Lexington, Village of Bellville and Village of Butler. All these communities have and continue to support the Park Board since the start of the trail by providing necessary law enforcement, emergency medical services, parking and public access points, local business and destination points for food and refreshment, restrooms, and public parks. The Village of Butler provides and maintains its Hitchman Park as the southerly trailhead of the B & O Trail.

The continued cooperation between the Park Board in its management of the bike trail and the local governments has resulted in a very successful public utilization of this "energy efficient transportation use" as the interim use of the railroad rights-of-way. Because the Village of Butler has presented and documented a clear public health need in their request, the Park Board unanimously supports that request.

No Detriment to the B & O Trail

The Park Board is satisfied, having met with the Village's Engineer, that the proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant project, including the force main to be constructed within the right-of-way, will be professionally designed and constructed in keeping with Ohio EPA regulations and Ohio public improvement construction laws. Because the one-time construction will be completed well-outside the travelled portion of the B & O Trail; because the site will then be returned to its same or similar condition following construction; and because there is no known detriment to future use of the trail as a rail transportation corridor; we, the Board of Park Commissioners of Richland County, Ohio, respectfully request that the Village of Butler, Ohio's request to obtain a construction easement within the Richland B & O Trail be granted.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF
RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO



By Eric Miller, Commissioner

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IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO

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Board of Park Commissions
Richland County, Ohio

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Case no. 88-31-C

Plaintiff

v.

CSX TRANSPORTATION, et al.

Defendants

THE SHIPMENT CONTRACT
VESTING LETTER

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The Court by its judgment entry of March 21, 1988 having ordered the Board of Park Commissioners for Richland County, Ohio (called the "park Board" herein) to deposit with the Clerk of this Court the sum of \$82,100, being the full compensation for the property appropriated herein, and that sum having been deposited by the Commissioners with the Clerk on April 20, 1988, it is hereby ordered that:

1. All right, title, and interest of defendants, the CSX Transportation Co. (and its predecessors, the Baltimore & Ohio and the Chesapeak and Ohio Railroads) and Manufacturers Hanover Bank (and its predecessors in interest), in the following described real property (called the "Subject Property" herein) is hereby vested in the Park Board effective January 14, 1988, which is stipulated by the parties to be the date of take:

May 20, 1988
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COUNTY AUDITOR
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that portion of the CSX Transportation Co./ Baltimore & Ohio railroad real property and right-of-way along the Ohio-Newark Division of the S.M.&N. Branch located in southern Richland County, Ohio (Townships of Worthington, Jefferson, Washington, Troy, Springfield, and Madison, Villages of Bellville and Lexington, and City of Mansfield) between CSX Transportation

Company's mile no. 43.20 west of Butler, Ohio and its mile no. 60.50 in Mansfield, Ohio, as is reflected on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad track maps pages 22 through 31, which are attached as "Exhibit A" (incorporated fully herein by reference) to the plaintiff's petition for appropriation in this case, but specifically excluding the following parcels (references are to the maps page numbers and parcel numbers shown on Exhibit A):

<u>map number</u>	<u>parcel number</u>
22	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, and that part of 7 southeast of CSX's mile no. 43.20
27	10, 11, 16, and 17
29	5 and 9
31	that portion of parcel 3 east of CSX's mile no. 60.50 and all portions of the right-of-way east of parcel 3

The Subject Property includes, without limitation, any bridges or other structures located on the described right-of-way.

2. The right to possession of the Subject Property is transferred to the Park Board as of the date of deposit of the compensation with the Court.

3. Pursuant to paragraph 4 of the Park Board's petition for appropriation in this case, the Park Board's acquisition of the Subject Property is subject to the following limitations and undertakings to which the Board has consented pursuant to section 8(d) of the National Trails System Act (16 United States Code §1247(d)):

a. The Board of Park Commissioners' interim use of the right-of-way for trail purposes shall be subject to restoration or reconstruction of the right-of-way for rail service purposes as specified in 16 United States Code §1247(d) and in the Interstate Commerce Commission's Notice of

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Interim Trail Use issued for this portion of the right-of-way.

b. The Board of Park Commissioners will assume full responsibility for the management of, any legal liability arising out of the transfer or use of, and the payment of any taxes that may be levied or assessed against this portion of the right-of-way as specified in 16 United States Code §1247(d) and in the Interstate Commerce Commission's Notice of Interim Trail Use issued for this portion of the right-of-way.

4. The Clerk of this Court shall furnish the Park Board with a certified copy of this entry for recording the Park Board's title to the Subject Property.

5. The Richland County Recorder shall record a certified copy of this entry together with a duplicate copy of the railroad track maps attached as Exhibit A to the plaintiff's complaint in this case, upon their presentation by the Park Board for recording.

Max K. Chilcote
Max K. Chilcote, JUDGE

Approved:

Michael Murray
Michael Murray
Attorney for plaintiff
Board of Park Commissioners
Richland County

Richland County Clerk of Courts
I hereby certify that
the following is a true and correct copy of the
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END PROJECT: MILEPOST 60.50 CSX TRANSPORTION RAILROAD

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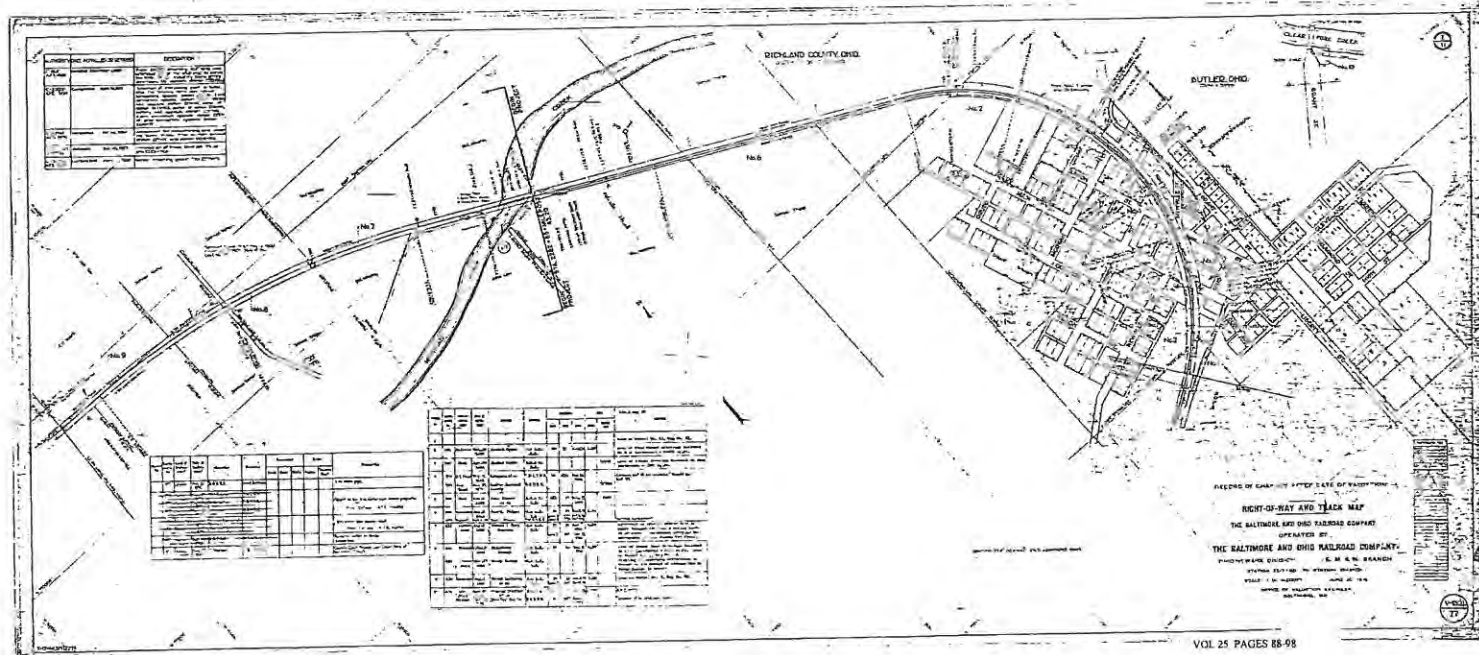
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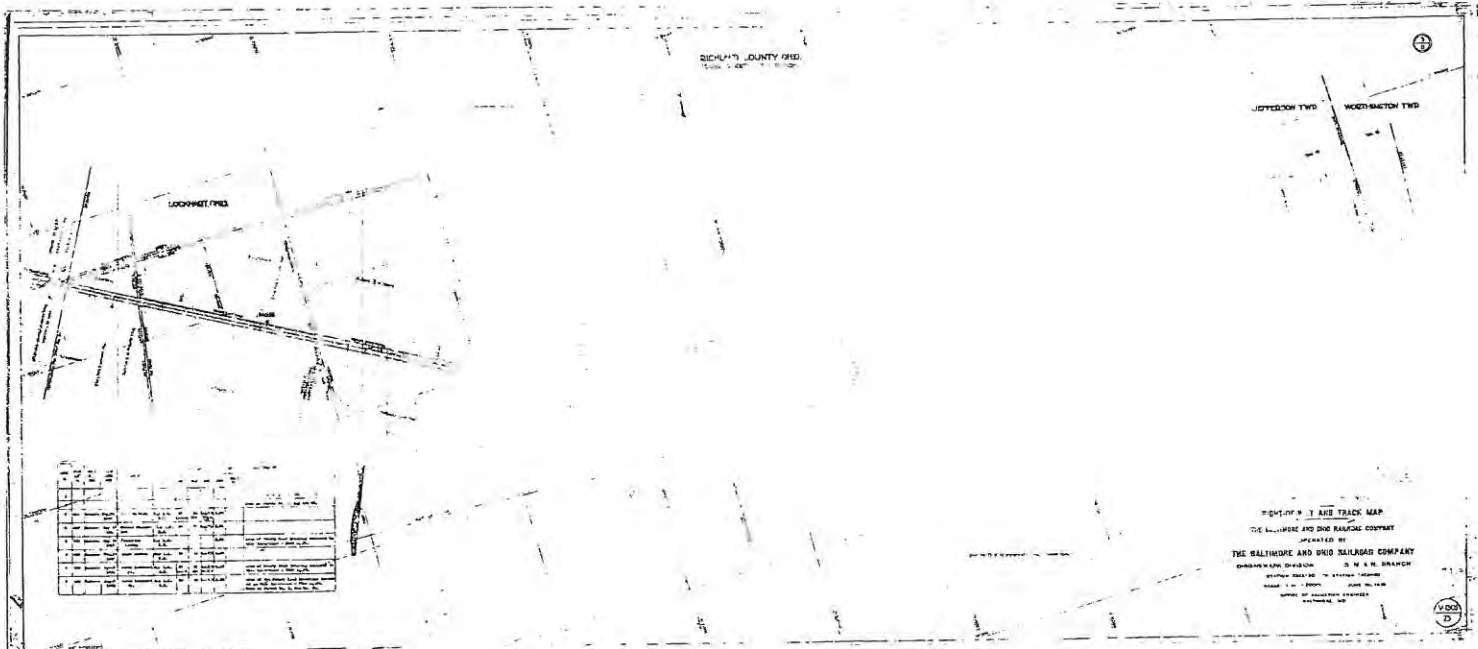
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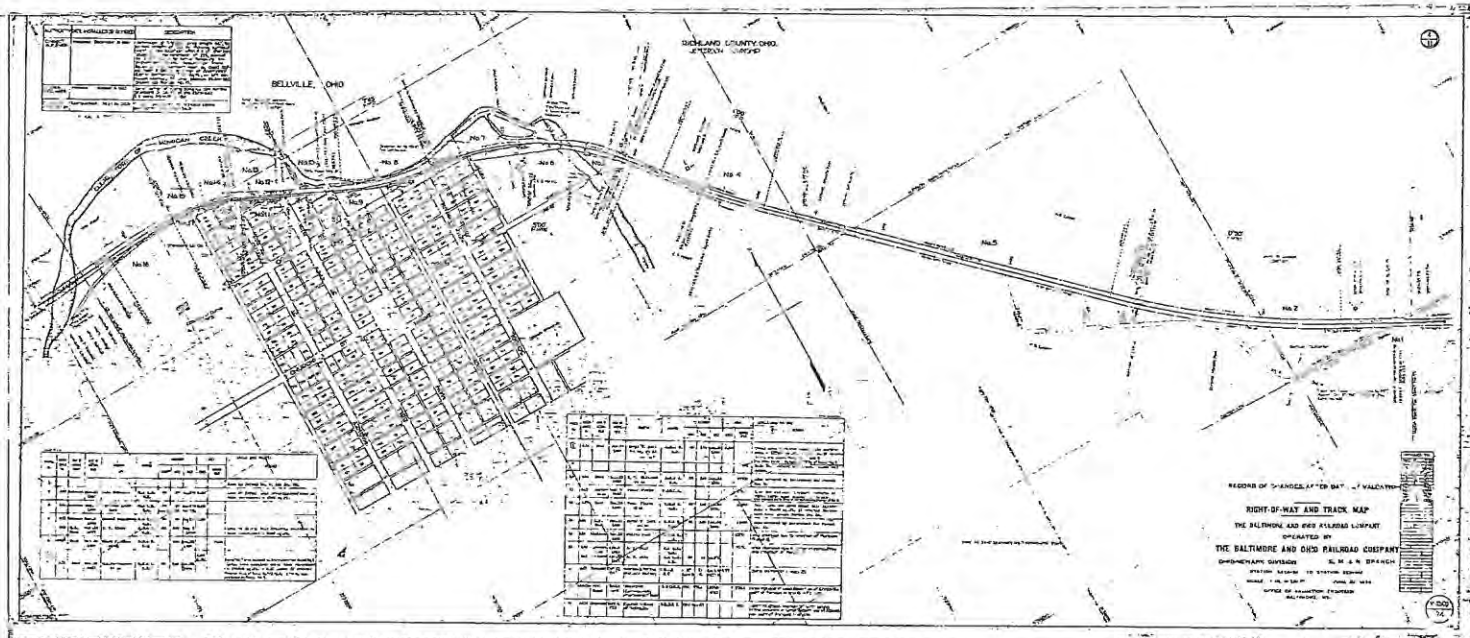
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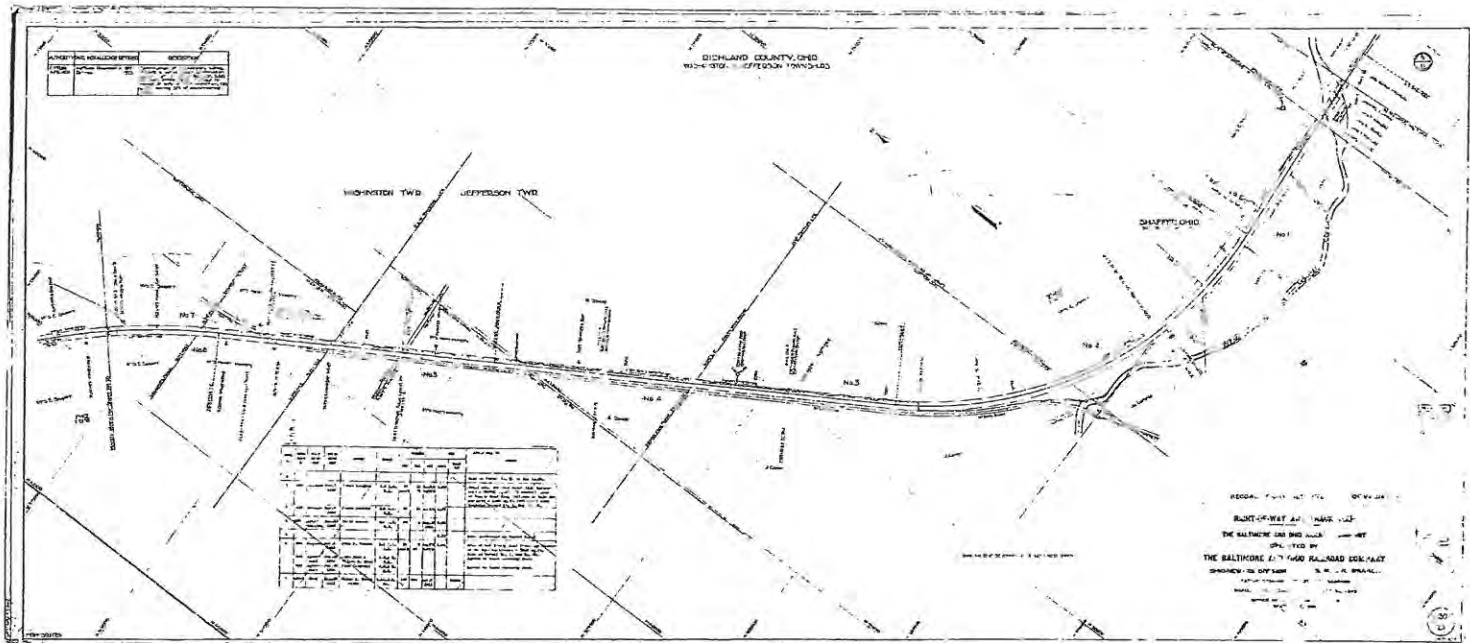
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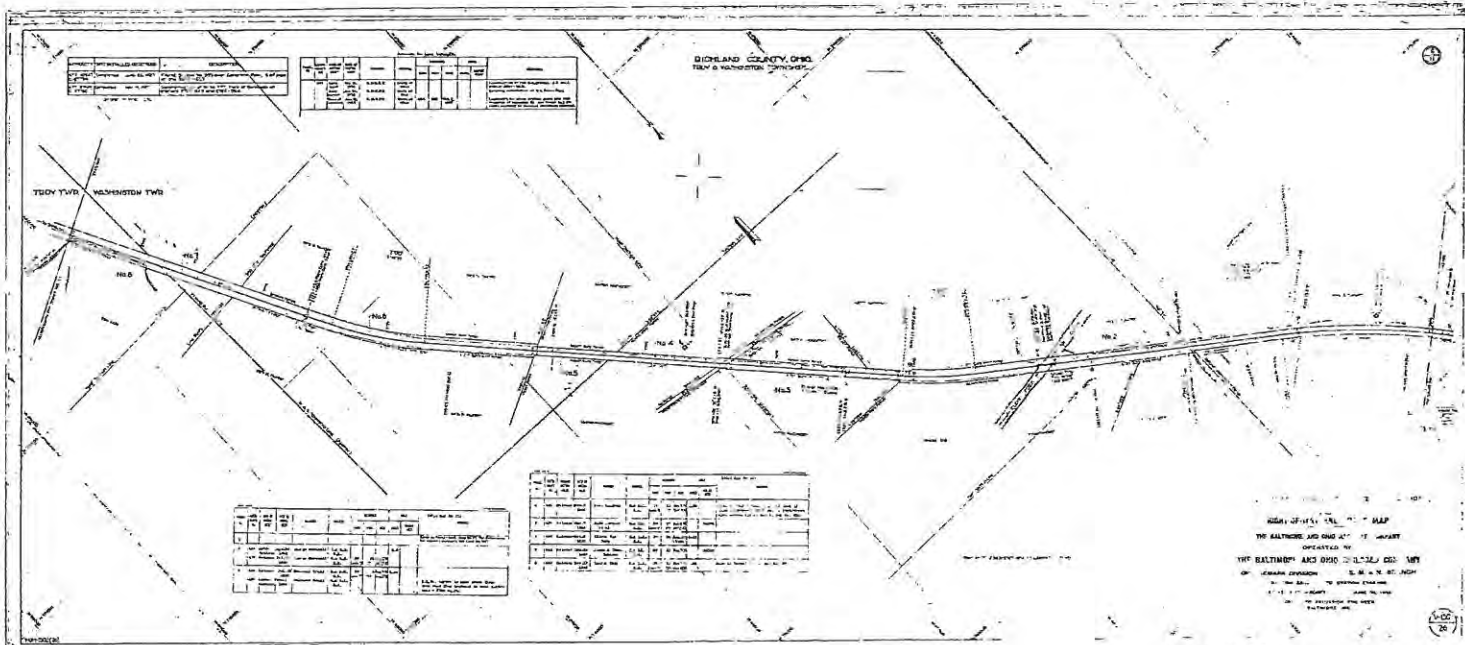


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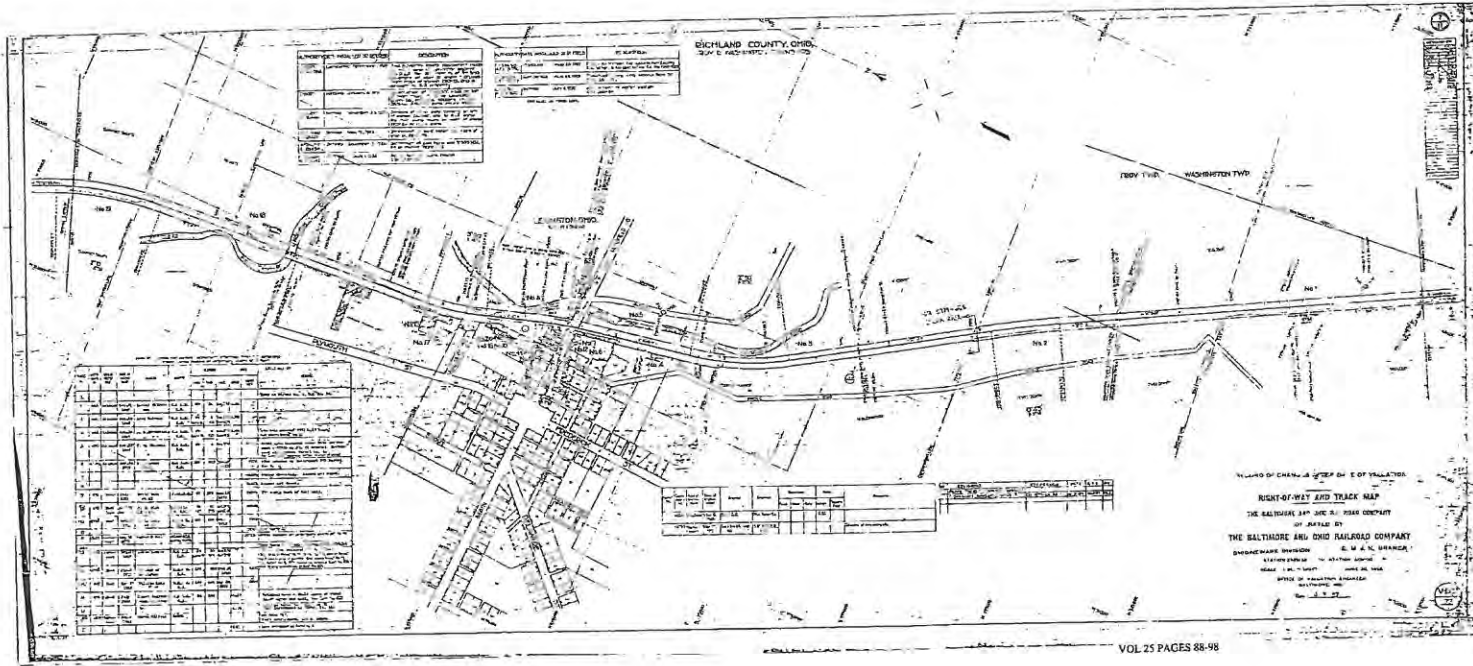


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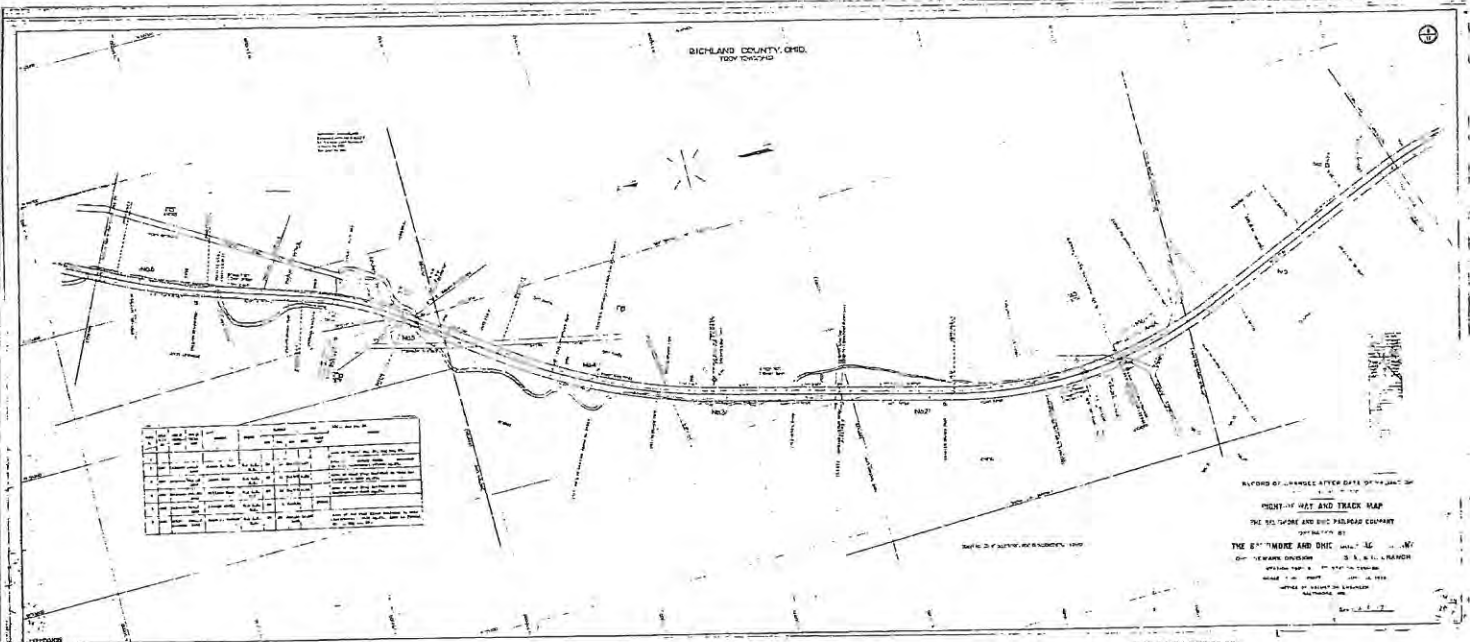
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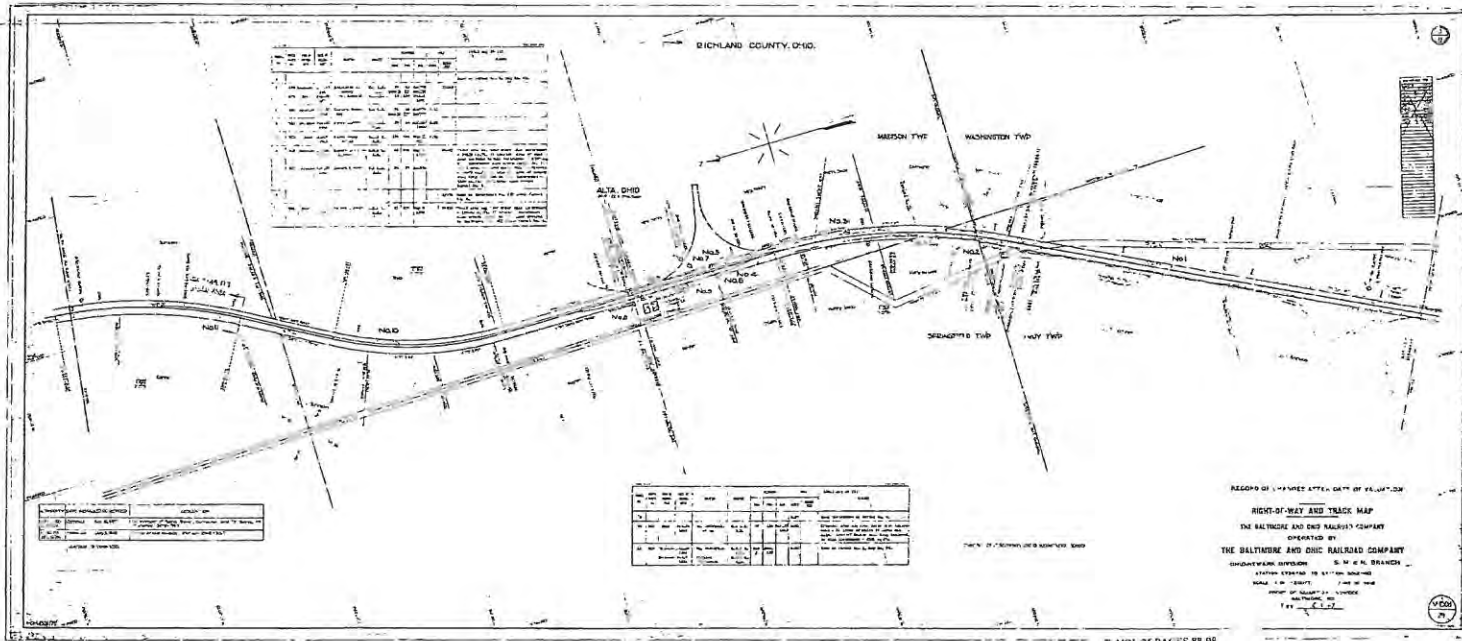
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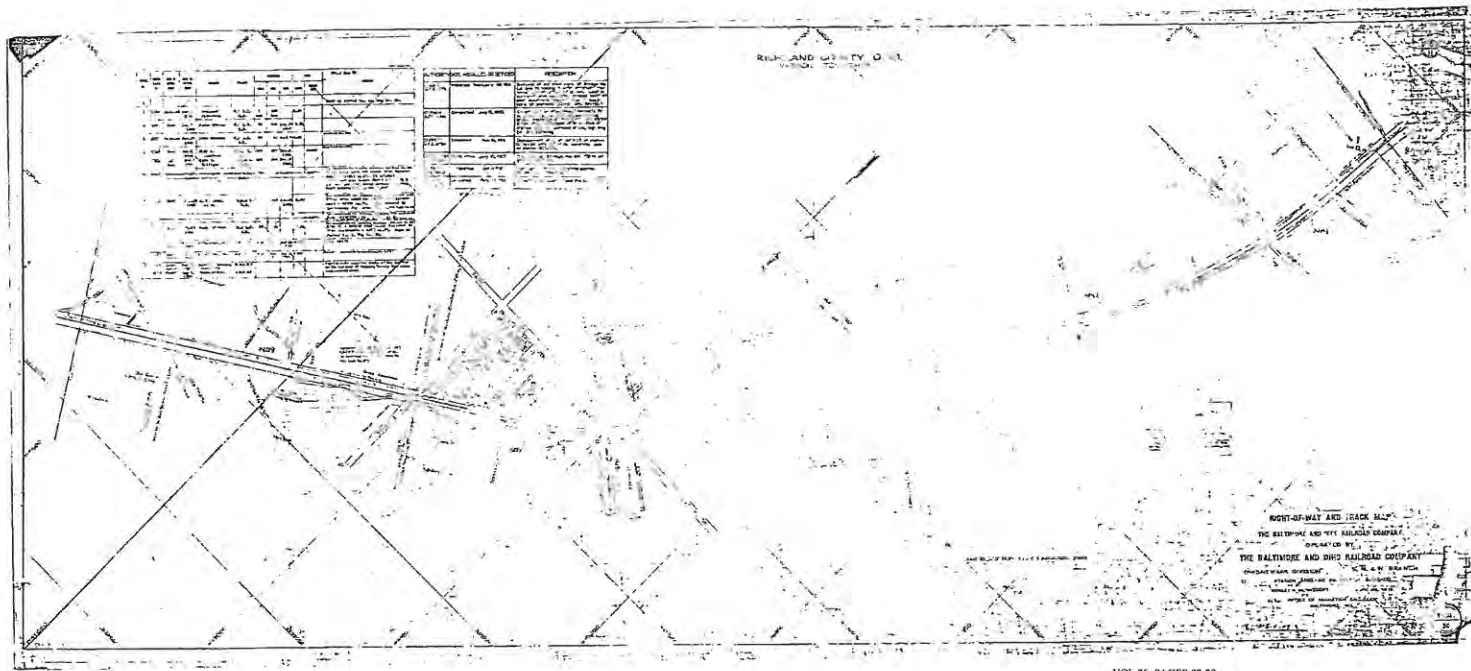
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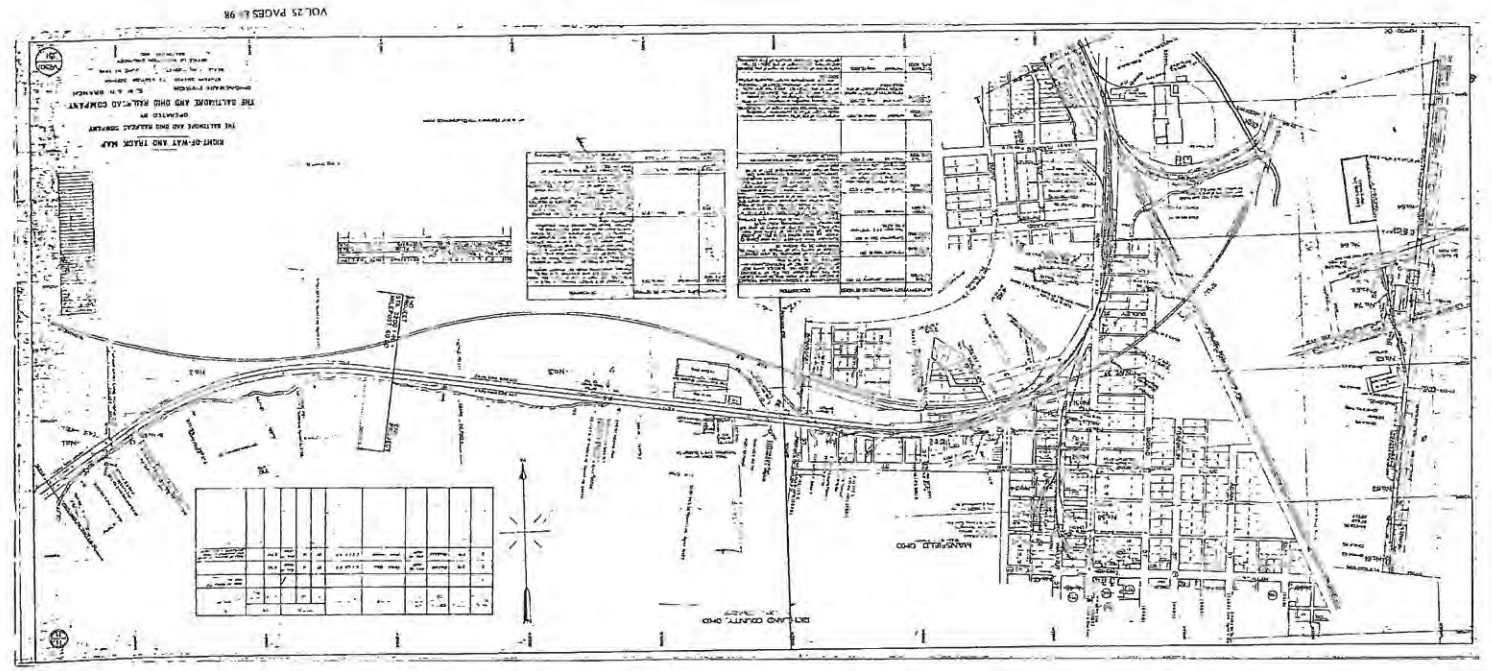


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RIC-RICHLAND COUNTY BIKEWAY - PHASE II

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VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON
TROY, SPRINGFIELD AND MADISON TOWNSHIPS
RICHLAND COUNTY

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BIKEWAY-PHASE II FEDERAL PROJECT

Surface Transportation Program
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1993 SPECIFICATIONS

The standard specifications of the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation, including changes and supplemental specifications listed in the proposal shall govern this improvement.

I hereby approve these plans and declare that the making of this improvement will not require the closing of traffic of the highway and that provisions for the maintenance and safety of traffic will be as set forth on these plans and estimates.

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JACK REINER, County Auditor
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Date: _____ Engineer, Bureau of Bridges and Structural Design

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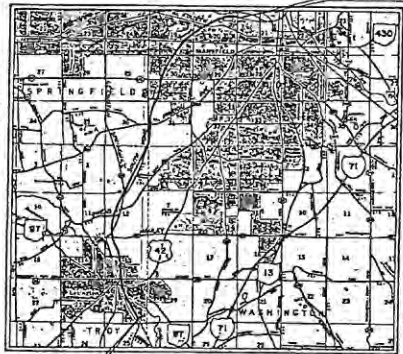
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- Center Line - Railroad
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LOCATION MAP
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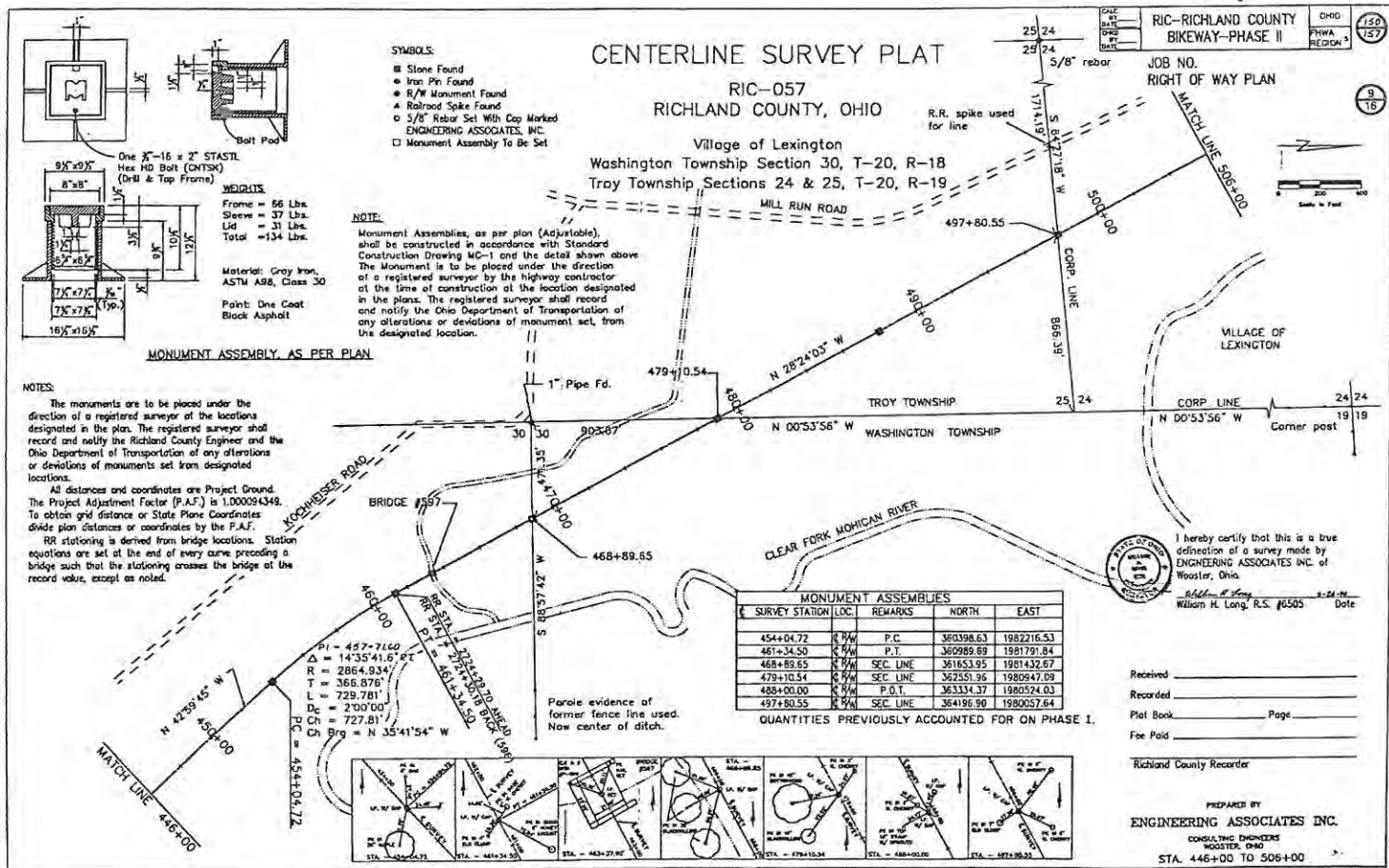
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1	547+20.62	R/W	P.C.	368600.55	1977928.07
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CENTERLINE SURVEY PLAT

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RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO

Village Of Lexington
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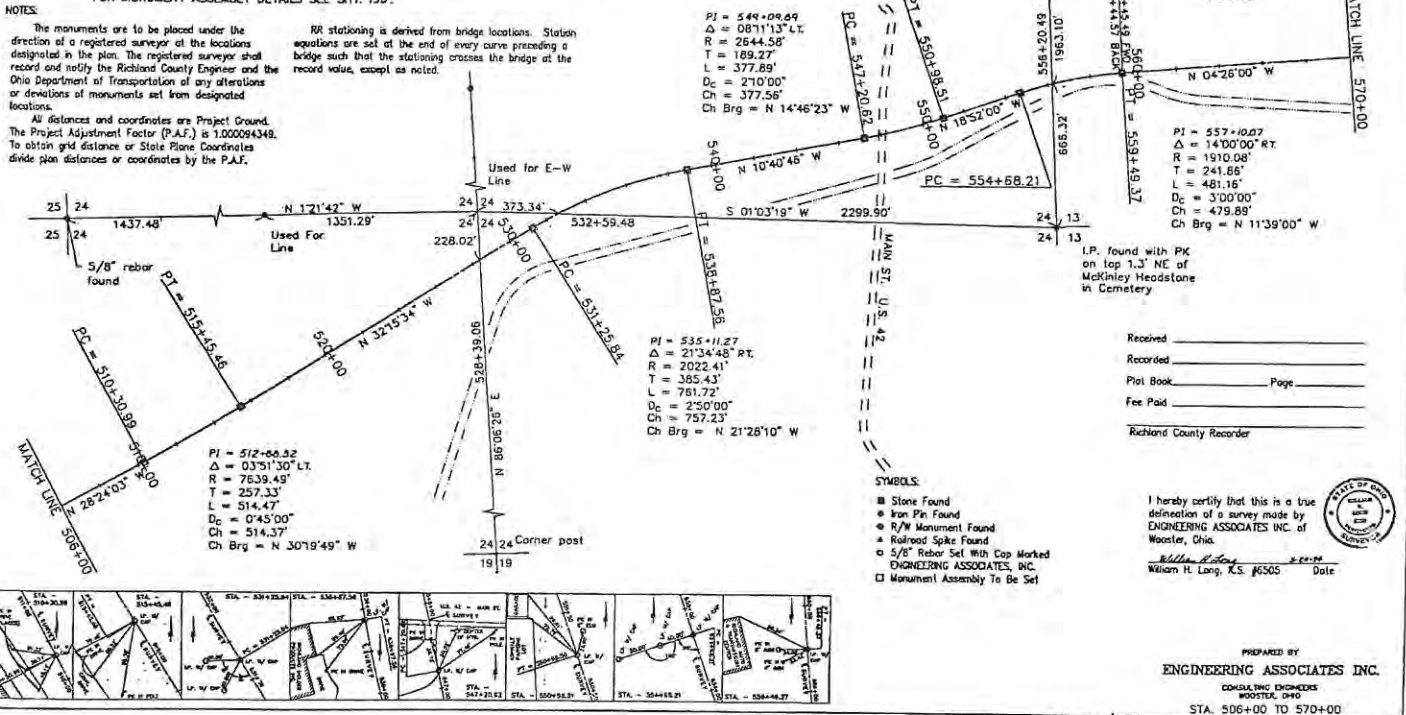
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The monuments are to be placed under the direction of a registered surveyor at the locations designated in the plan. The registered surveyor shall record and notify the Richland County Engineer and the Ohio Department of Transportation of any alterations or deviations of monuments set from designated locations.

All distances and coordinates are Project Ground. The Project Adjustment Factor (P.A.F.) is 1.000094348. To obtain grid distance or State Plane Coordinates divide plan distances or coordinates by the P.A.F.

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QUANTITY CARRIED TO SUB-SUMMARY SHT. "12".
FOR MONUMENT ASSEMBLY DETAILS SEE SHT. 750.



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- SYMBOLS:
- Stone Found
 - Iron Pin Found
 - R/W Monument Found
 - ▲ Railroad Spike Found
 - 5/8" Rebar Set With Cap Marked
 - Monument Assembly To Be Set

I hereby certify that this is a true definition of a survey made by ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES INC. of Wooster, Ohio.
 William H. Long, R.S. #6505 Date

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Village Of Lexington
Troy Township Sections 12 & 13, T-20, R-19

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FOR MONUMENT ASSEMBLY DETAILS SEE SHT. 19.

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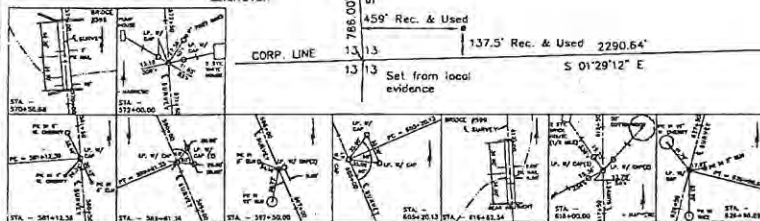
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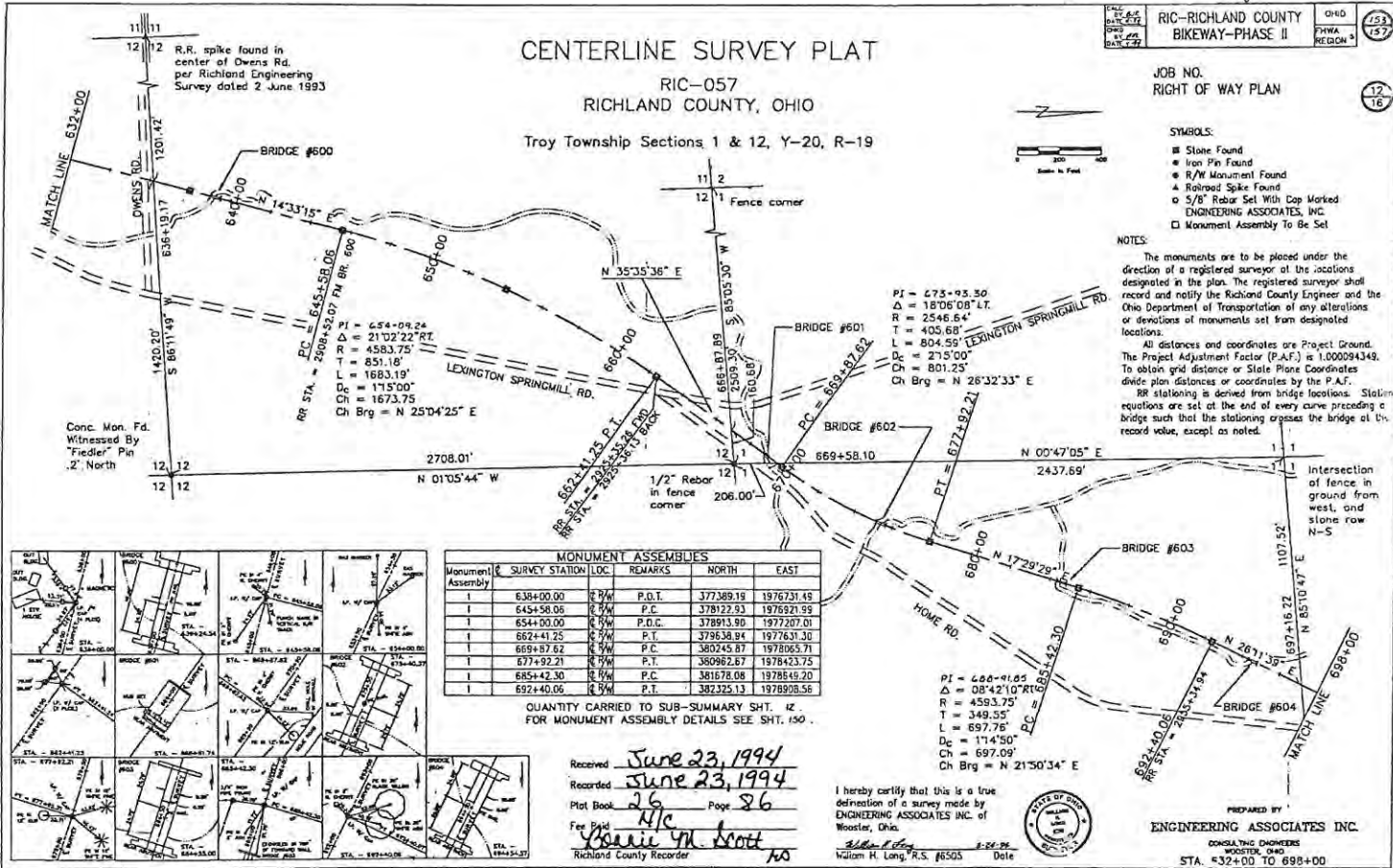
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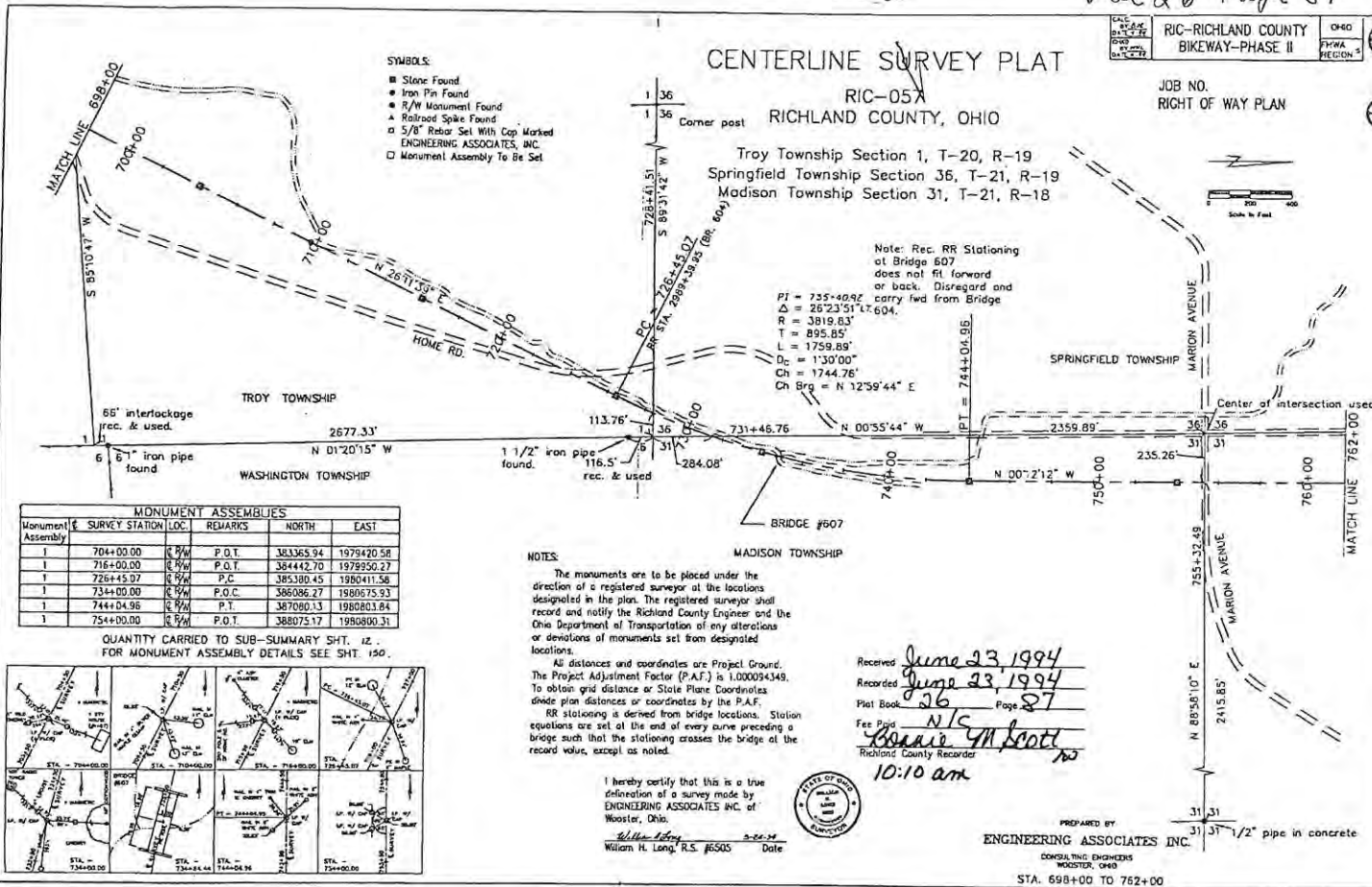
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FOR MONUMENT ASSEMBLY DETAILS SEE SH. 150.

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William H. Long, R.S. #5005 Date

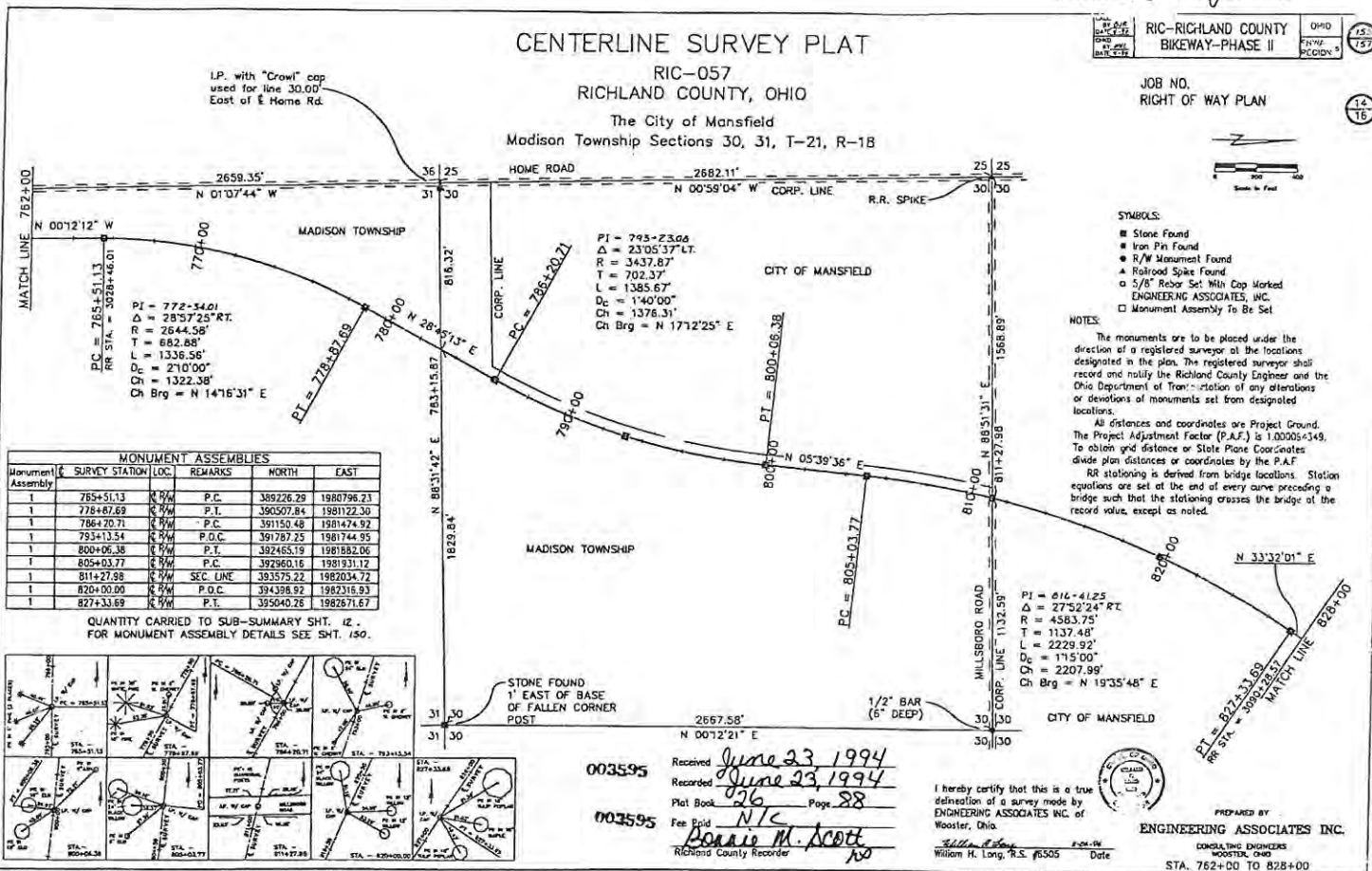


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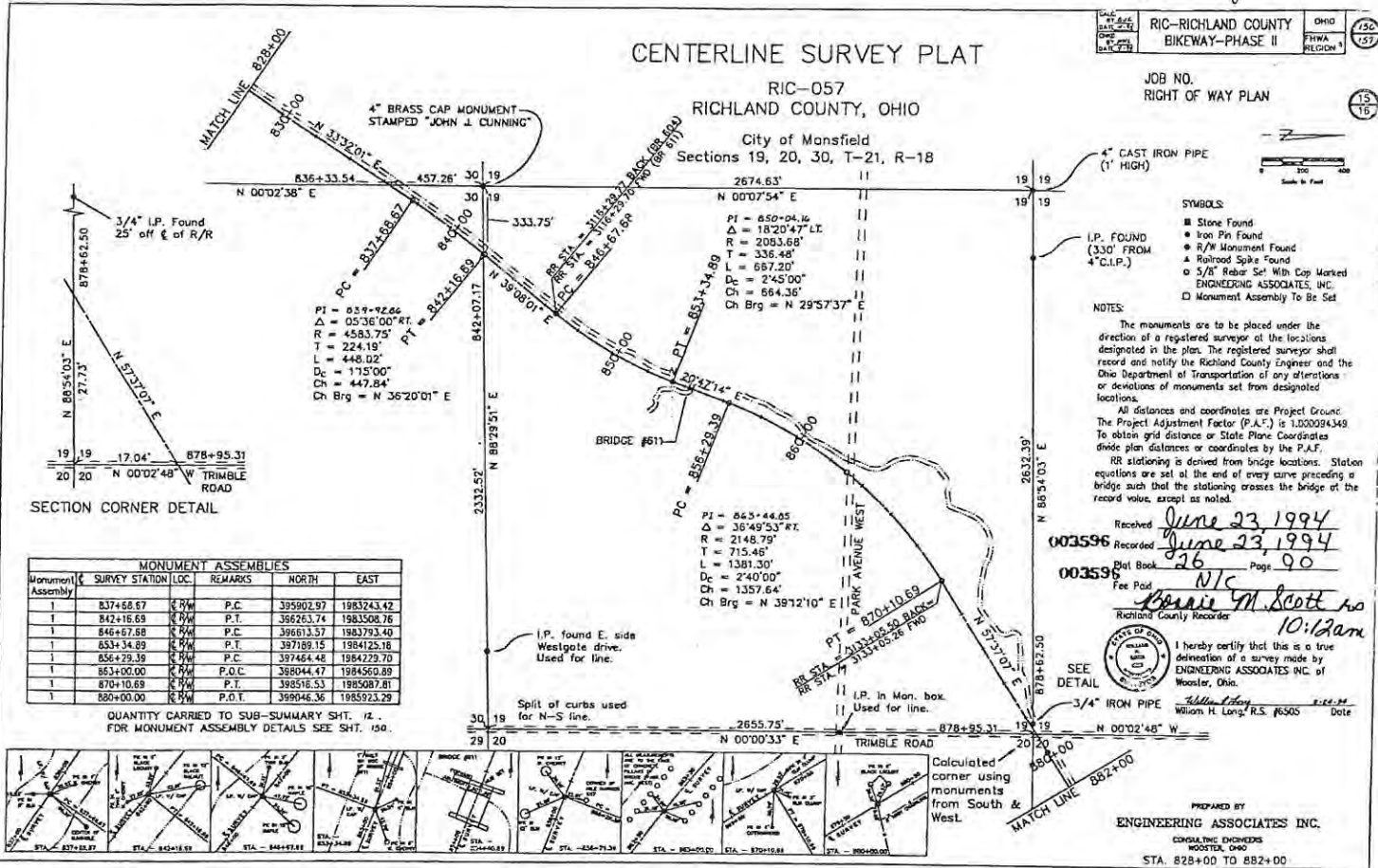


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RIC-RICHLAND COUNTY OHIO
BIKEWAY-PHASE II
JOB NO. 150
RIGHT OF WAY PLAN

CENTERLINE SURVEY PLAT

RIC-057
RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO
City of Mansfield
Sections 19, 20, 30, T-21, R-18



- SYMBOLS**
- Stone Found
 - Iron Pin Found
 - R/W Monument Found
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 - 5/8" Rebar Set With Cap Marked
 - Monument Assembly To Be Set
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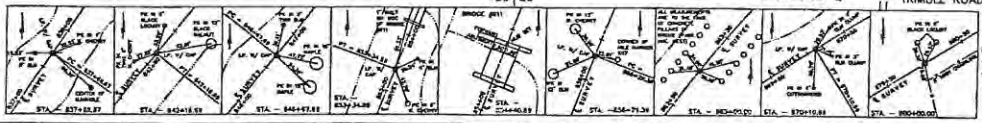
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William H. Long, R.S. #6505 Date 5-22-94

SECTION CORNER DETAIL

MONUMENT ASSEMBLIES					
Monument Assembly	SURVEY STATION	LOC.	REMARKS	NORTH	EAST
1	837+68.67	4" W	P.C.	395902.97	1983243.42
1	842+16.69	4" W	P.T.	396263.74	1983508.76
1	846+67.88	4" W	P.C.	396613.57	1983793.40
1	853+34.89	4" W	P.T.	397189.15	1984125.18
1	856+29.39	4" W	P.C.	397464.48	1984229.70
1	863+00.00	4" W	P.O.C.	398044.47	1984560.89
1	870+10.68	4" W	P.T.	398516.53	1985087.81
1	880+00.00	4" W	P.O.T.	399046.36	1985923.29

QUANTITY CARRIED TO SUB-SUMMARY SH. 12.
FOR MONUMENT ASSEMBLY DETAILS SEE SH. 150.



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RIC-RICHLAND COUNTY BIKEWAY - PHASE I

Surface Transportation Program PID 6503

NOTE: All references to Part I shall be considered to read Phase I of II. For Phase II see RIC-RICHLAND COUNTY BIKEWAY Phase II.

1993 SPECIFICATIONS

The standard specifications of the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation, including changes and supplemental specifications listed in the proposal shall govern this improvement.

I hereby approve these plans and declare that the making of this improvement will not require the closing to traffic of the highway and that provisions for the maintenance and safety of traffic will be as set forth on the plans and estimates.

LIMITED ACCESS This improvement is especially designed for through traffic and has been declared a limited access highway or freeway by action of the Director in accordance with the Provisions of Section 5511.02 of the Revised Code of Ohio.

Approved: [Signature] Date: 5-18-94 District Deputy Director of Transportation

Approved: [Signature] Date: [Blank] Engineer, Bureau of Bridges and Structural Design

Approved: [Signature] Date: [Blank] Deputy Director, Design

Approved: [Signature] Date: [Blank] Director, Department of Transportation

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

APPROVED: DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR DATE

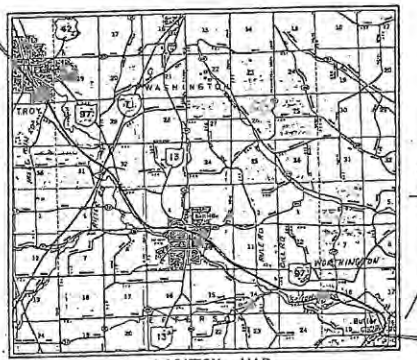
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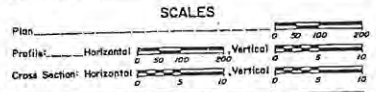
DESIGN EXCEPTIONS None Required

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Portion to be Improved: State & Federal Routes, Other Roads



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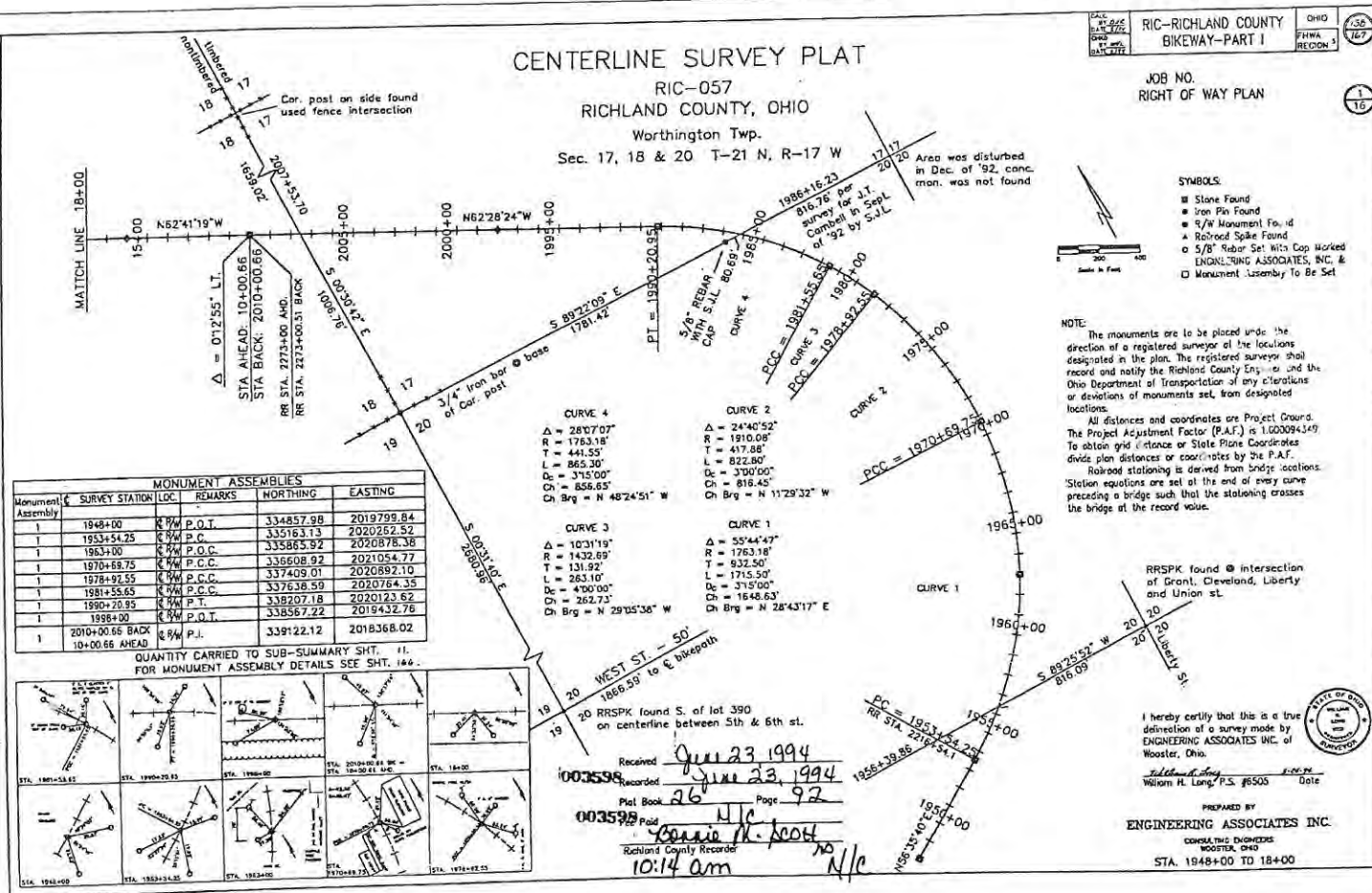
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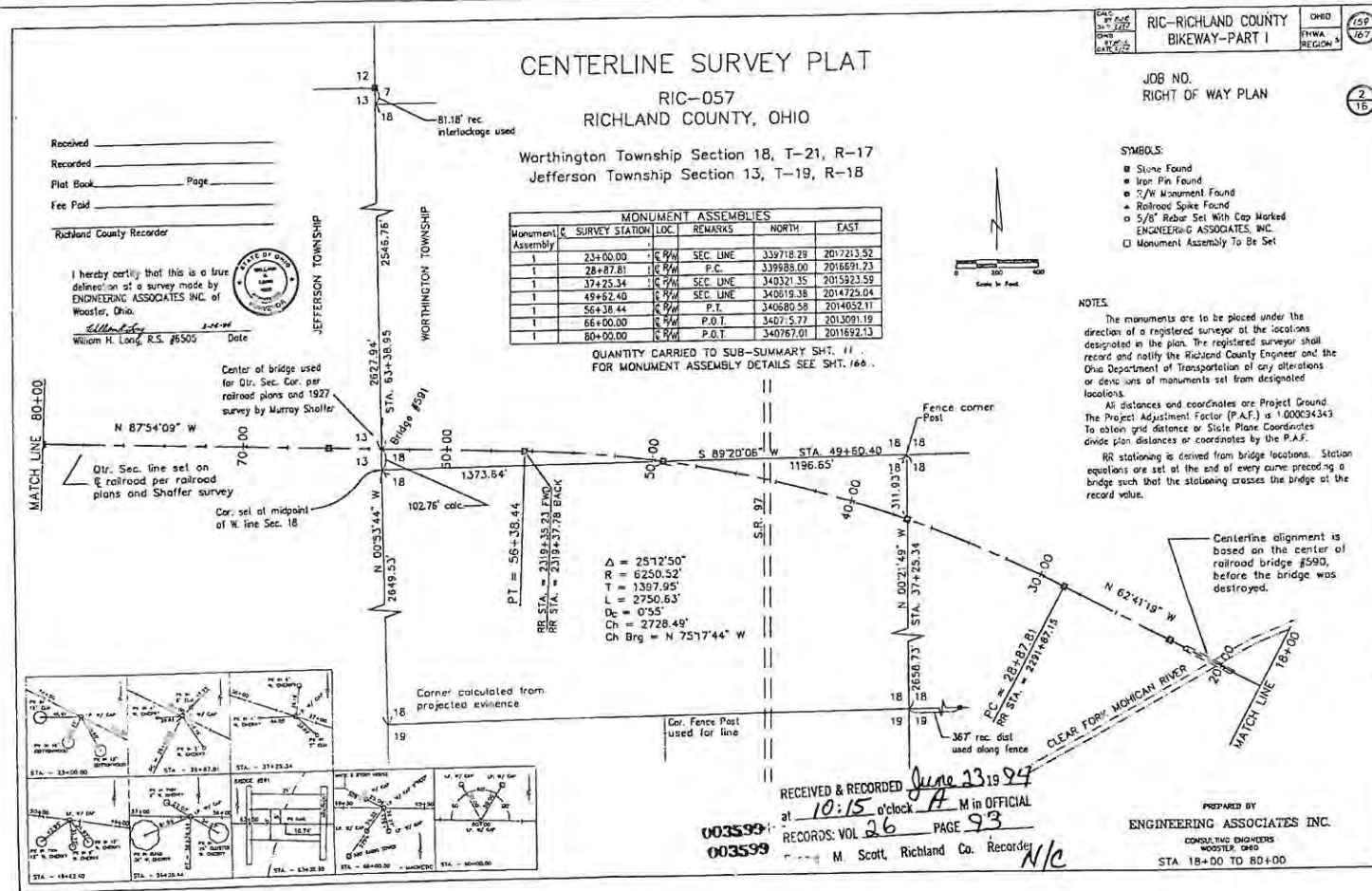
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William H. Long R.S. #6505 Date

CENTERLINE SURVEY PLAT
 RIC-057
 RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO
 Jefferson Township Sec. 13, 14, T-19, R-18

Monument Assembly	SURVEY STATION LOC.	REMARKS	NORTH	EAST
1	89+31.36	R/W P.O.T.	340801.10	2010761.39
1	98+42.65	R/W P.C.	340834.46	2009983.71
1	107+00.00	R/W P.O.C.	340925.02	2008958.85
1	115+81.44	R/W SEC. LINE	341139.60	2008145.72
1	127+20.51	R/W P.T.	341583.13	2007101.51
1	137+00.00	R/W P.O.T.	342064.37	2006242.83

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 FOR MONUMENT ASSEMBLY DETAILS SEE SHET. 166

RIC-RICHLAND COUNTY BIKEWAY-PART I

JOB NO. 3
 RIGHT OF WAY PLAN 16

SYMBOLS:

- Stone Found
- Iron Pin Found
- ▲ R/W Monument Found
- ▲ Railroad Spike Found
- 5/8" Rubber Set With Cap Marked
- ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC.
- Monument Assembly To Be Set

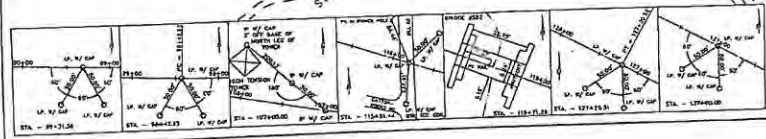
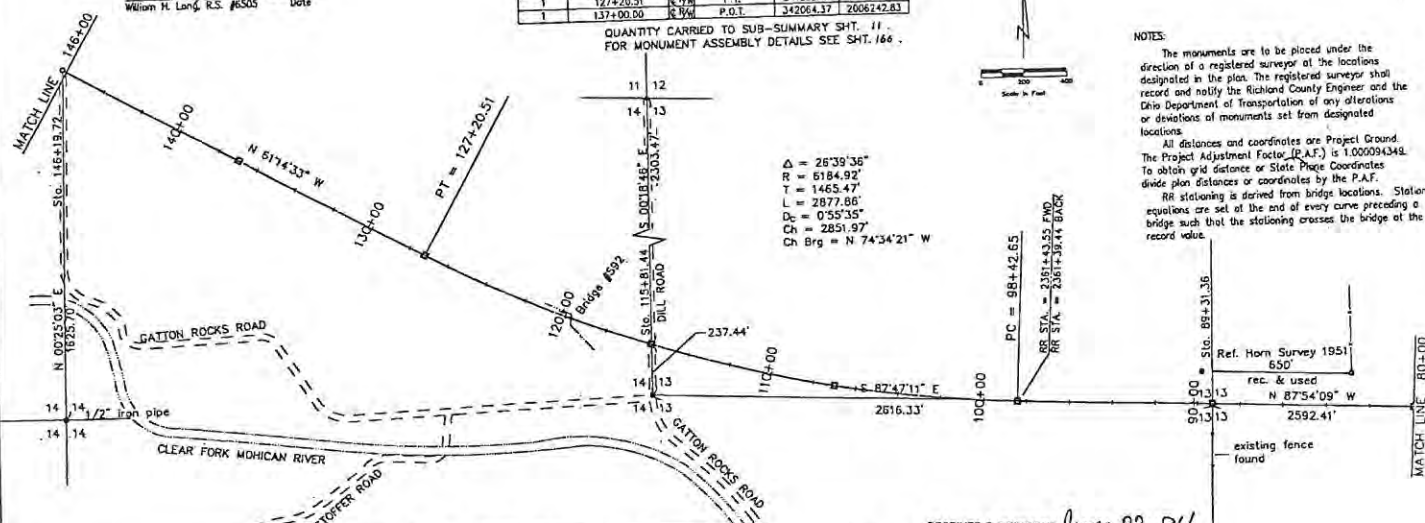
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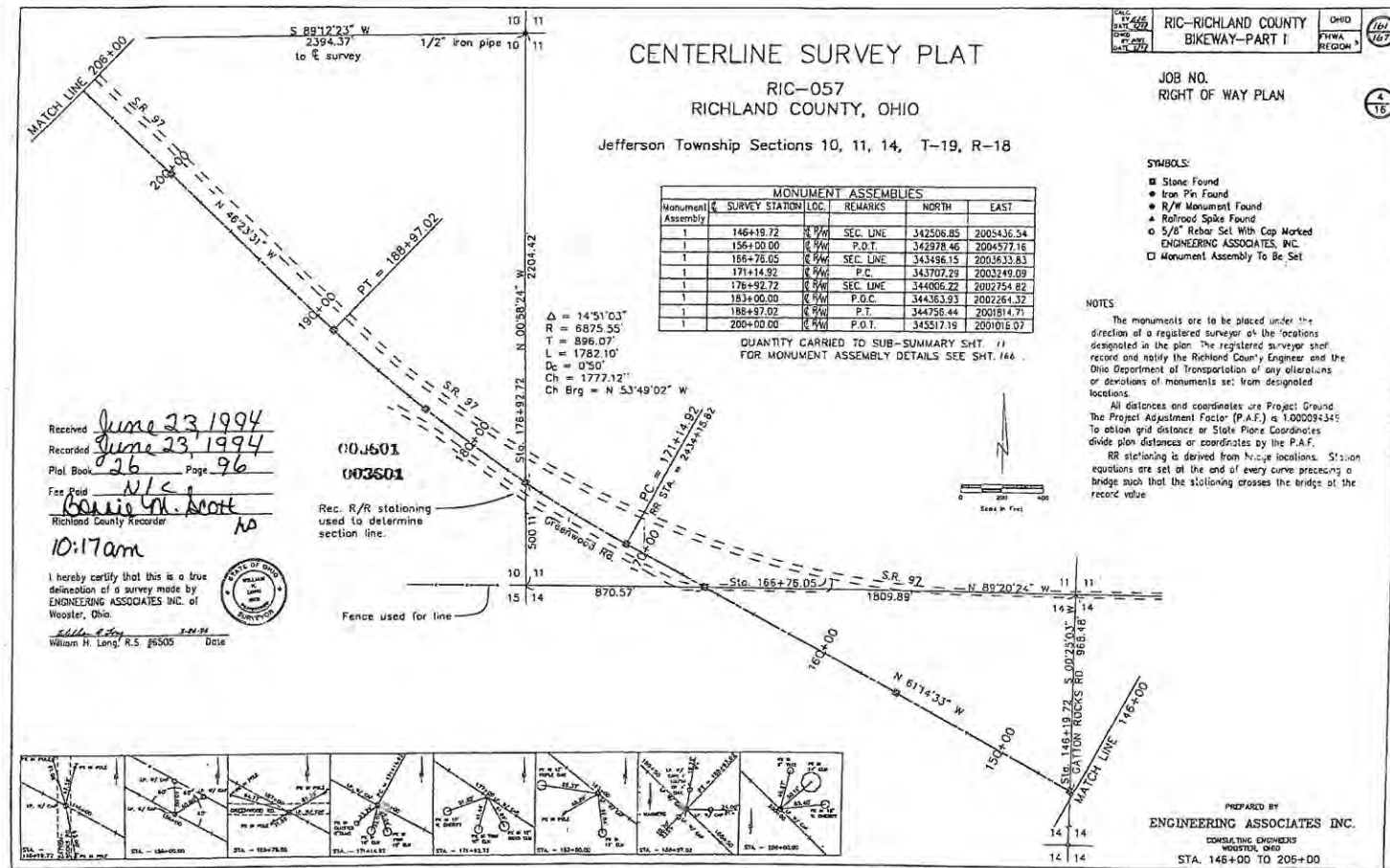
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 $R = 6184.92'$
 $T = 1465.47'$
 $L = 2877.86'$
 $D_c = 0^{\circ}55'35''$
 $Ch = 2851.97'$
 $Ch Brg = N 74^{\circ}34'21'' W$



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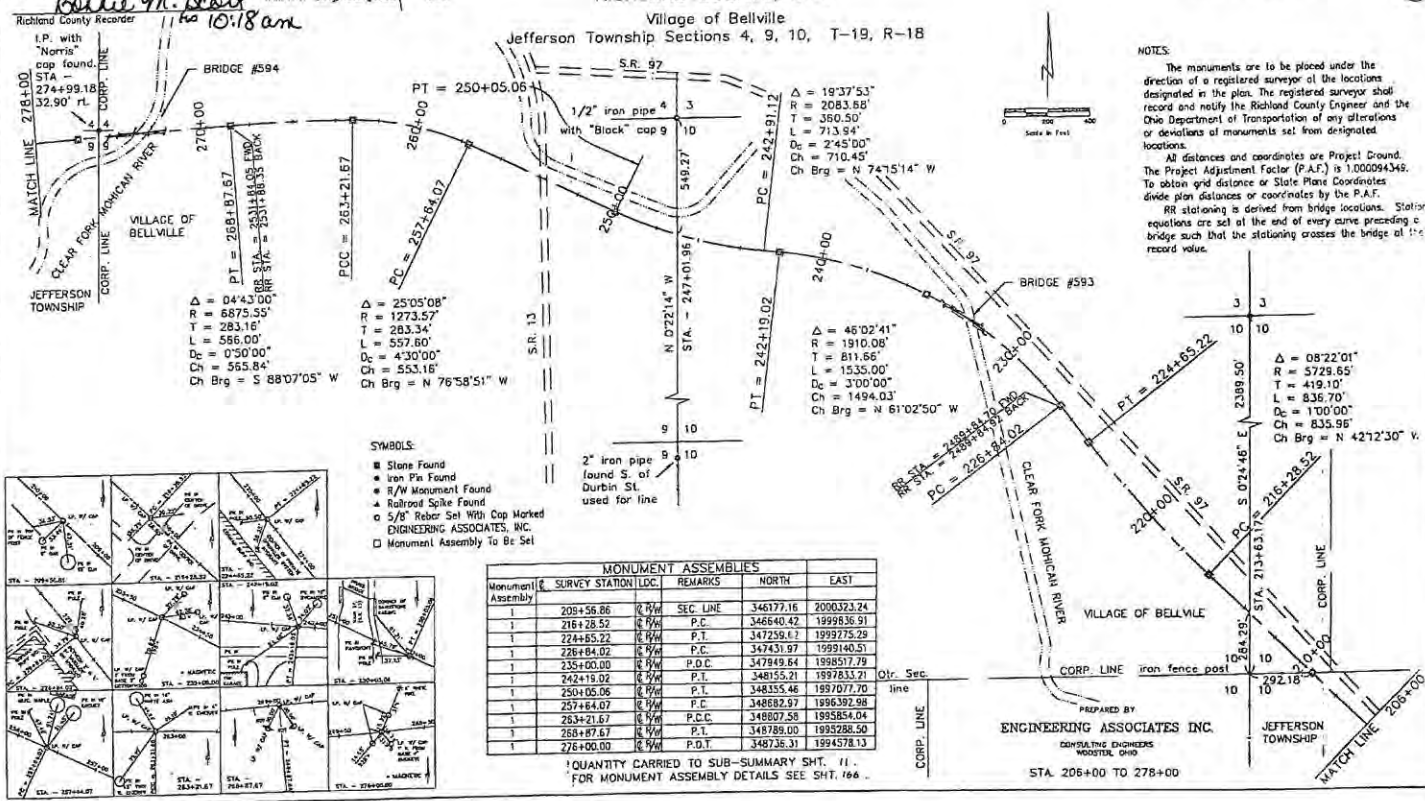
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 RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO

Village of Bellville
 Jefferson Township Sections 4, 9, 10, T-19, R-18

RIC-RICHLAND COUNTY BIKEWAY-PART I

JOB NO. RIGHT OF WAY PLAN



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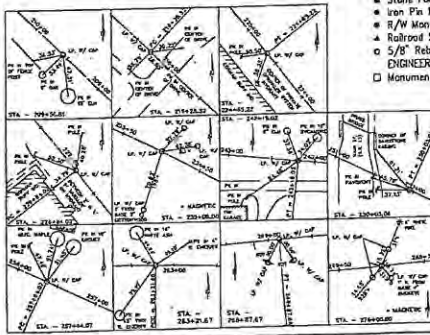
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 - ▲ R/W Monument Found
 - ▲ Railroad Spike Found
 - 5/8" Rebar Set With Cap Marked
 - Monument Assembly to Be Set

Monument Assembly	SURVEY STATION	LOC.	REMARKS	NORTH	EAST
1	206+56.86	R/W	SEC. LINE	346177.16	2000393.74
1	216+28.52	R/W	P.C.	346640.42	1999836.51
1	224+85.22	R/W	P.T.	347250.47	1999775.29
1	226+84.02	R/W	P.C.	347431.97	1999140.51
1	235+00.00	R/W	P.O.C.	347949.64	1998517.79
1	242+19.02	R/W	P.T.	348155.21	1997833.71
1	250+06.06	R/W	P.T.	348355.46	1997077.70
1	257+84.07	R/W	P.C.	348680.97	1996392.98
1	263+21.67	R/W	P.O.C.	348807.58	1995584.04
1	268+87.67	R/W	P.T.	348789.00	1995288.50
1	276+00.00	R/W	P.O.T.	348736.31	1994578.13

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 BIKEWAY-PART I DNRD P.W.A. REC'D: 5/26/94

JOB NO. 278
 RIGHT OF WAY PLAN

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 R = 2817.87'
 T = 1741.555'
 L = 3119.846'
 Dc = 2'02.00"
 Ch = 2962.93'
 Ch Brg = N 62°31'32" W

CENTERLINE SURVEY PLAT

RIC-057
 RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO

Jefferson Township Sections 4, 5, 9, T-19, R-18

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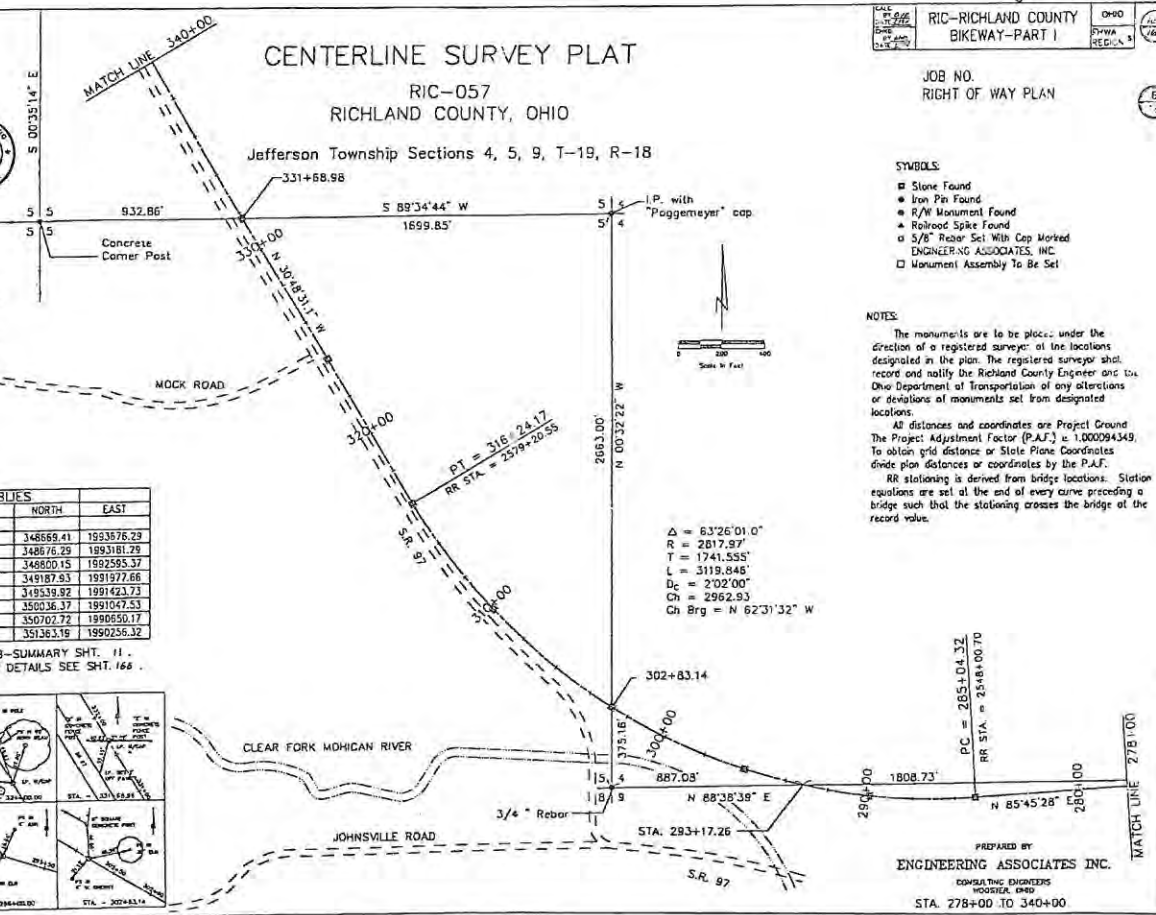
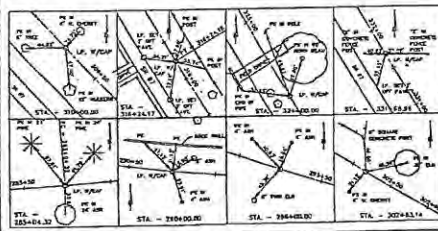


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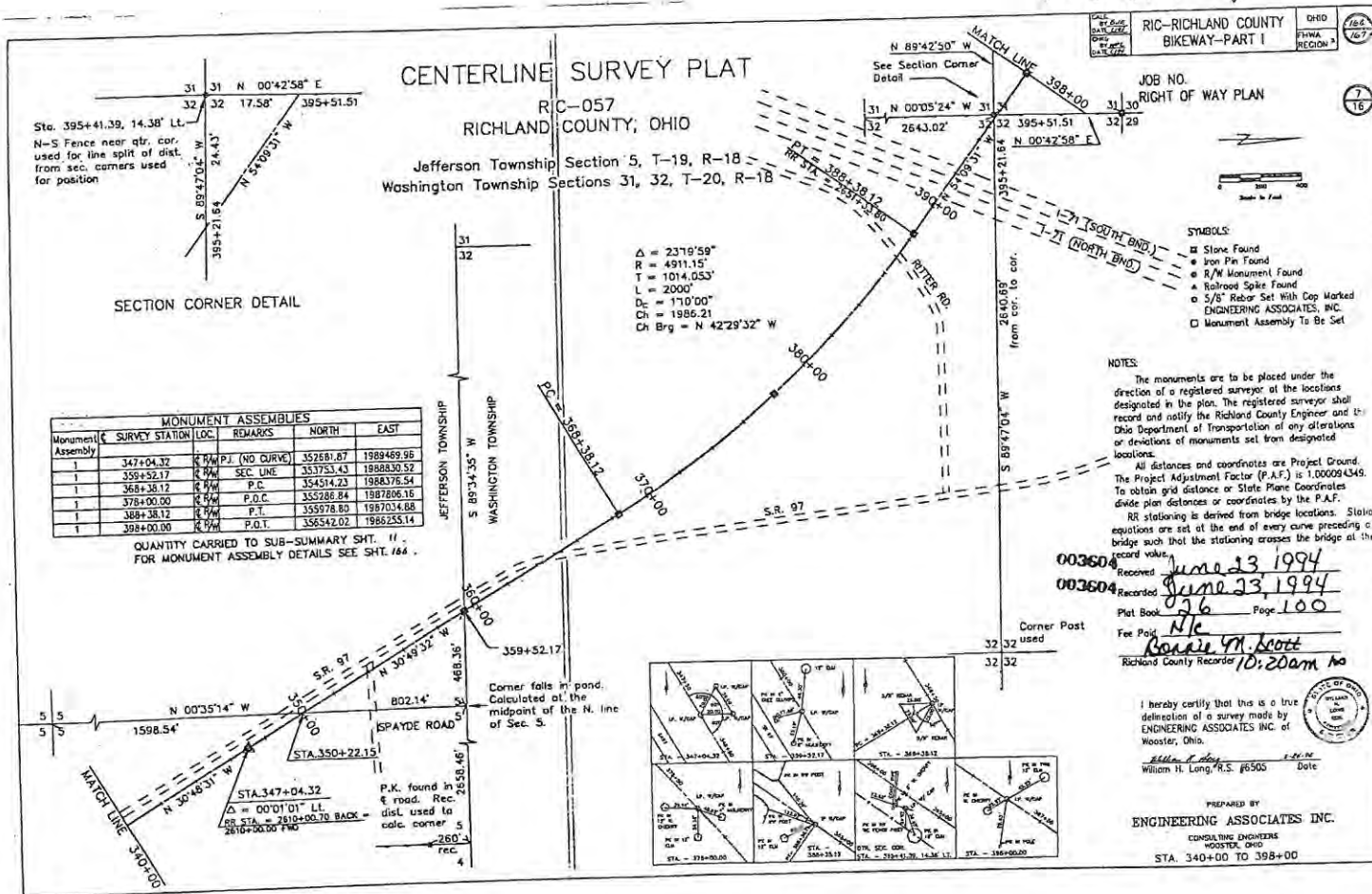
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1	285+04.32	C/W	P.C.	348669.41	1993876.29
1	280+00.00	C/W	P.O.C.	348676.29	1993181.29
1	295+00.00	C/W	P.O.C.	348800.15	1992595.37
1	302+83.14	C/W	SEC. LINE	349187.83	1991972.66
1	310+00.00	C/W	P.O.C.	349539.82	1991423.73
1	316+24.17	C/W	P.T.	350036.37	1991047.53
1	324+00.00	C/W	P.O.T.	350702.72	1990650.17
1	331+68.98	C/W	SEC. LINE	351363.19	1990258.32

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CENTERLINE SURVEY PLAT

RIC-057
RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO

Washington Township Sections 30 & 31, T-20, R-18

RIC-RICHLAND COUNTY
BIKEWAY-PART I

DHW
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JOB NO.
RIGHT OF WAY PLAN

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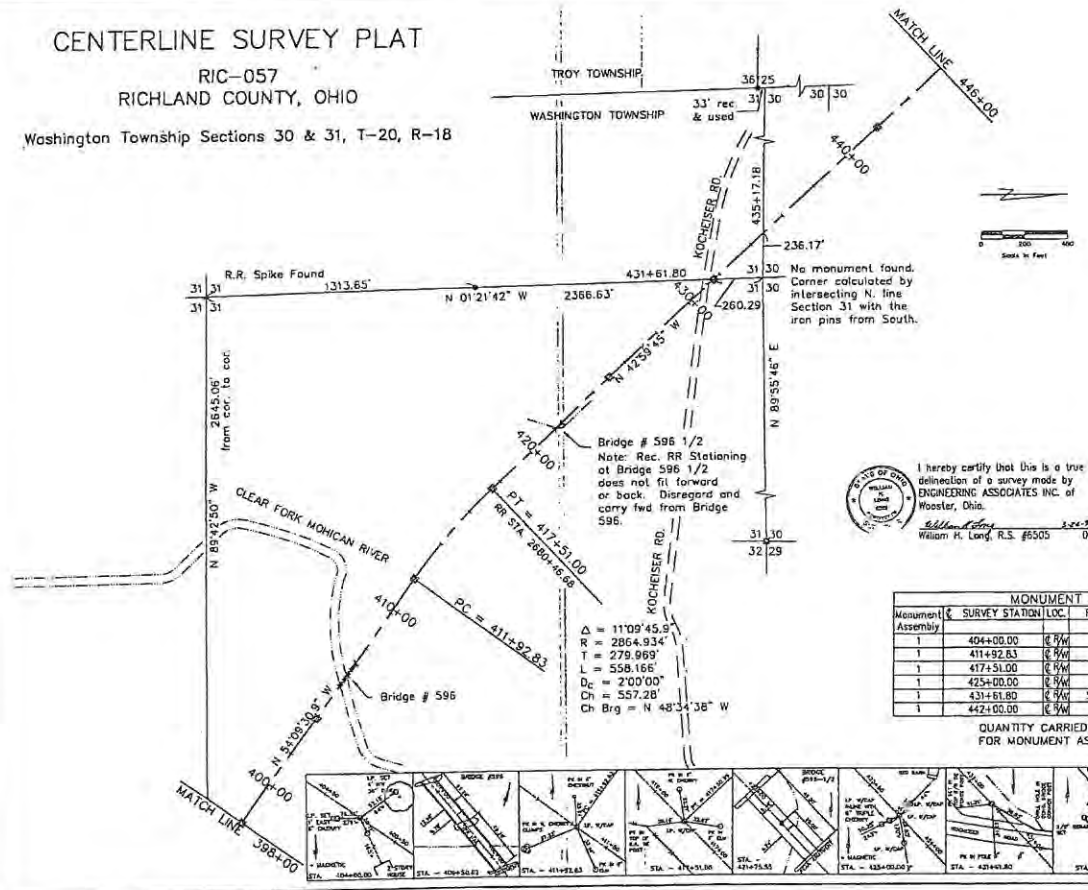
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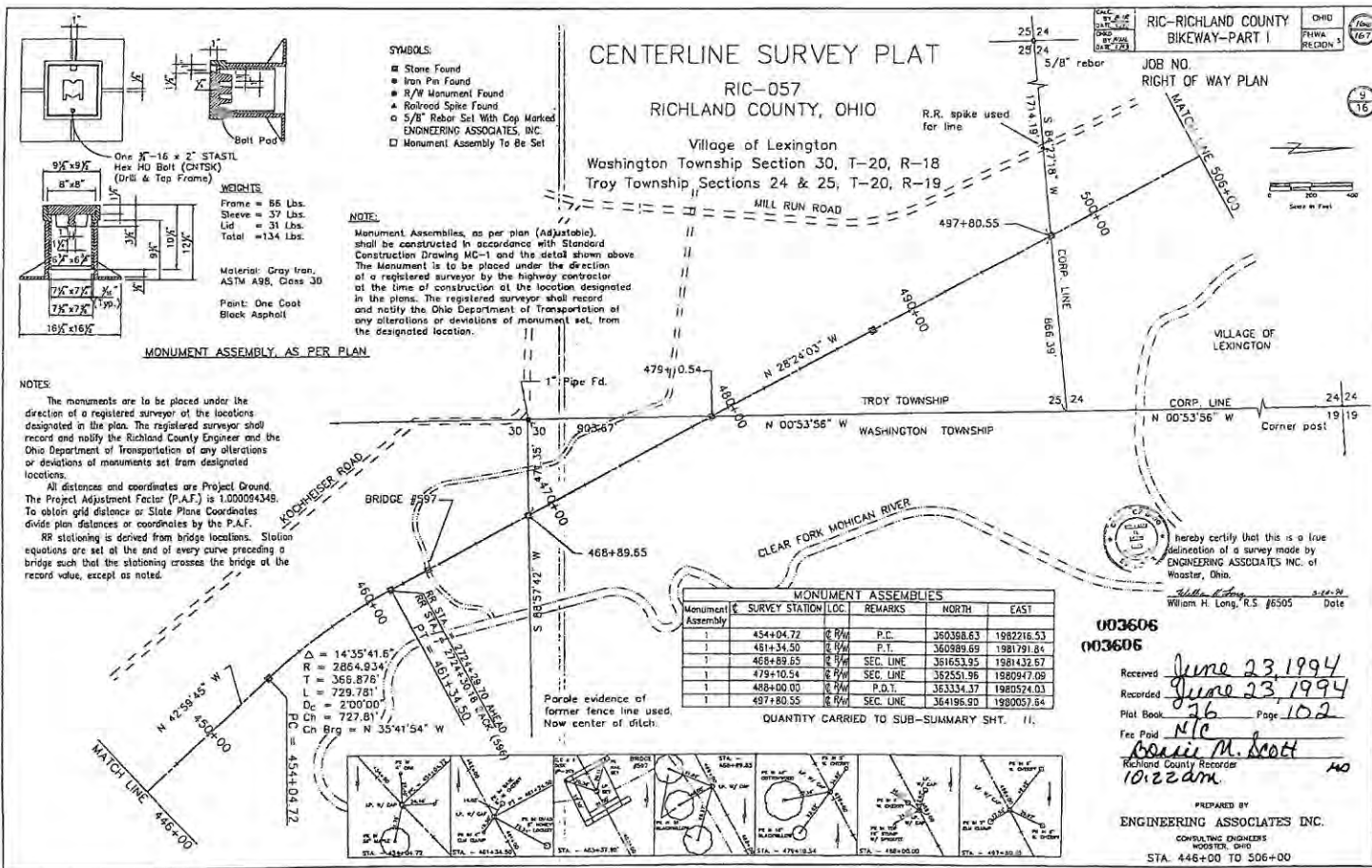
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MONUMENT ASSEMBLIES					
Monument Assembly	SURVEY STATION	LOC.	REMARKS	NORTH	EAST
1	404+00.00	EW	P.O.I.	356893.35	1985768.75
1	411+92.83	EW	P.C.	357357.58	1985126.06
1	417+51.00	EW	P.T.	357726.28	1984708.18
1	425+00.00	EW	P.O.I.	358274.11	1984197.40
1	431+61.80	EW	SEC. LINE	358738.15	1983746.09
1	442+00.00	EW	P.O.I.	359517.49	1983038.08

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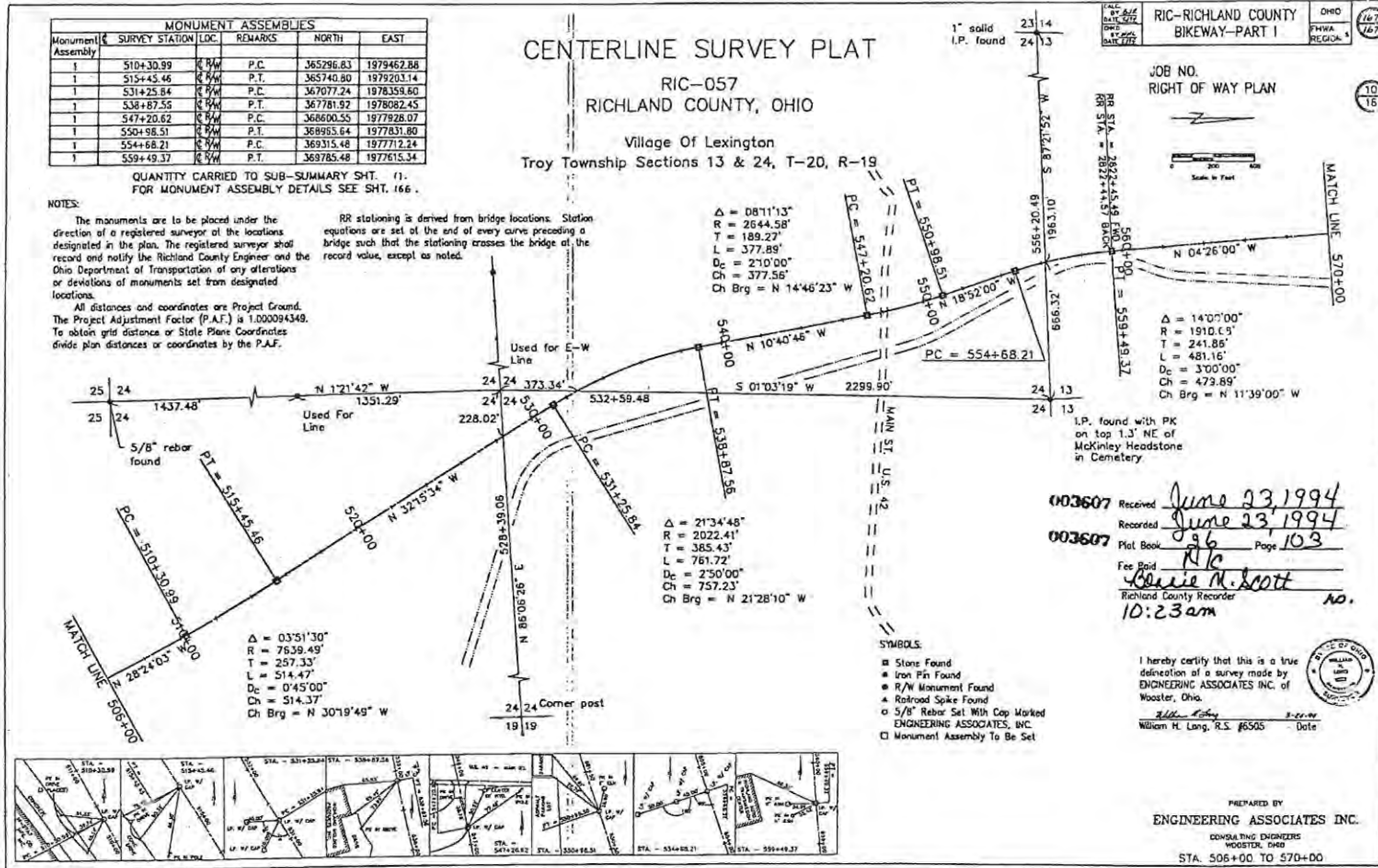




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RIC-RICHLAND COUNTY
BIKEWAY-PHASE II

JOB NO.
RIGHT OF WAY PLAN

CENTERLINE SURVEY PLAT

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RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO

The City of Mansfield
Madison Township Section 20, T-21, R-18

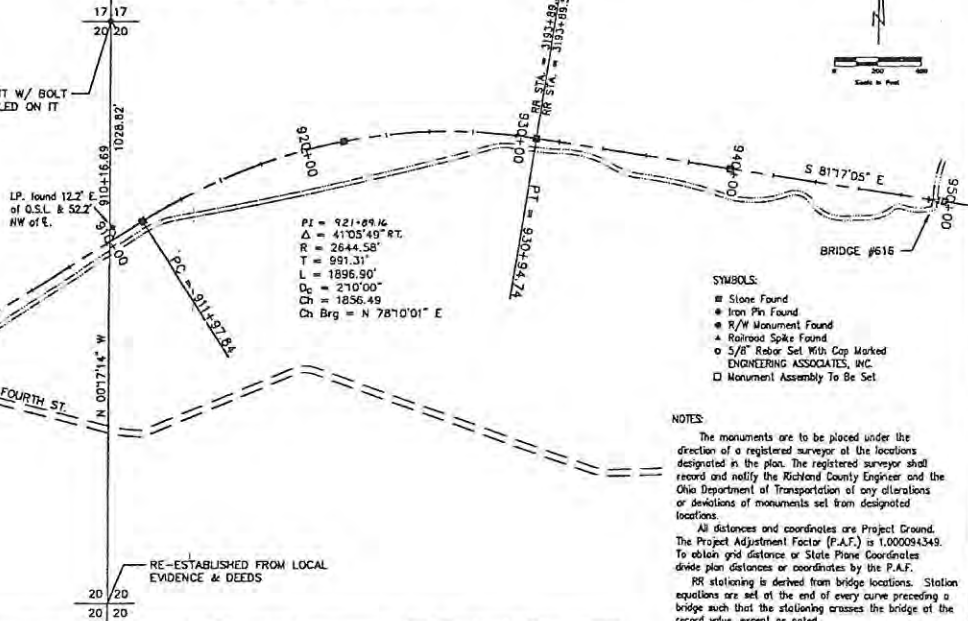
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1	811+97.84	R/W	P.C.	400758.98	1986623.67
1	922+00.00	R/W	P.O.C.	401124.49	1983550.56
1	830+94.74	R/W	P.I.	401139.68	1980440.91
1	840+00.00	R/W	P.O.T.	401002.51	1991335.72
1	850+00.00	R/W	P.O.T.	400850.98	1992324.18

QUANTITY CARRIED TO SUB-SUMMARY SHT. 12.
FOR MONUMENT ASSEMBLY DETAILS SEE SHT. 150.

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CONCRETE MONUMENT W/ BOLT
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delineation of a survey made by
ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES INC. of
Woodstar, Ohio.



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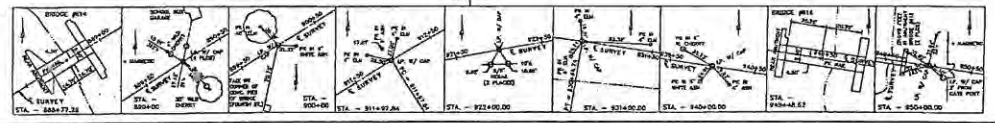


EXHIBIT B

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Butler County (NAS)
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THIS QUITCLAIM DEED, made this 8 day of November, 1991, between CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC., a Virginia corporation, whose mailing address is 500 Water Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202, successor by Articles of Merger effective September 2, 1987 to The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, in turn successor by Articles of Merger effective April 30, 1987 to The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, hereinafter called "Grantor", and BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO, whose mailing address is 2295 Lexington Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio 44907, hereinafter called "Grantee", and MANUFACTURERS HANOVER TRUST COMPANY and D. A. URSITTI, JR., Trustees as hereinafter provided, WITNESSETH:

(Wherever used herein, the terms "Grantor" and "Grantee" may be construed in the singular or plural as the context may require or admit, and for purposes of exceptions, reservations and/or covenants, shall include the heirs, legal representatives and assigns of individuals or the successors and assigns of corporations.)

THAT Grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of TEN AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$10.00), and other valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby RELEASE, REMISE and forever QUITCLAIM unto Grantee, its successors and assigns, for use for transportation, trail and other lawful purposes, and for preservation of the Premises for possible future reactivation of rail service, in accordance with section 8(d) of the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d), all right, title and interest in and to those three (3) certain tracts or parcels of land situate, lying and being in Richland County, Ohio, hereinafter designated "the Premises," more particularly described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, and together containing 12.30 acres, more or less.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the Premises, and all the estate, right, title, lien, interest and claim whatsoever of Grantor therein, either in law or equity, and all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto, unto the proper use, benefit and enjoyment of Grantee, Grantee's heirs and assigns or successors and assigns, forever.

AND THIS DEED FURTHER WITNESSETH that Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company and D. A. Ursitti, Jr., Trustees under former The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company's Refunding and General Mortgage to Central Trust Company of New York (now Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, successor by merger), and James N. Wallace, dated December 1, 1915, as amended, modified and supplemented, have executed this deed for the sole purpose of releasing and do hereby release all estate, right, title, lien and interest of the Trustee(s) under said Mortgage, in and to the property herein conveyed, or in and to the estate, right, title and interest herein quitclaimed, pursuant to the provisions of said Mortgage. This release is subject to any and all the same rights, reservations, exceptions, limitations and agreements herein specified on behalf of the Grantor, and is without covenant or warranty, express or implied, and without recourse against said Trustee(s) in any event, and recitals of fact herein are to be taken only as recitals of Grantor and not of Trustee(s).

EXHIBIT 1

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STATE OF FLORIDA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF DUVAL)

I, Robert L. Whealton, a Notary Public of the State of Florida and the County of Duval, do certify that, on the date below, before me in said County personally came Gerald L. Nichols to me known, and known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the above instrument, who, being by me first duly sworn, did depose, acknowledge and say that: he resides in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida; he is Senior Vice President, of CSX Transportation, Inc., the corporation described in and which executed said instrument; he is fully informed of the contents of the instrument; he knows the seal of said corporation; the seal affixed to said instrument is such seal; it was so affixed by authority of the Board of Directors of said corporation; he signed his name thereto for said corporation pursuant to such authority; and instrument is the free act and deed of said corporation; and the conveyance herein is not part of a transaction, sale, lease, exchange or other transfer or conveyance of all or substantially all of the property and/or assets of the Grantor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal, this 8th day of November, 1991.

My commission expires on:

Robert L. Whealton
Notary Public

NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA
My commission expires Dec. 7, 1993
Bonded thru Patterson - Becht Agency

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS.
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

I, G. John Kirsch, a Notary Public of said City and County, do certify that on NOV 14 1991, before me in said City and County personally came Carolyn F. Baxter, to me known, and known to me to be one of the persons whose name is subscribed to the above instrument, who, being by me first duly sworn, did depose, acknowledge and say that he resides at 140-16 34th Avenue Linden Hill, New York 11354; that he is an Assistant Vice President of Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, one of the corporations described in and which executed said instrument; that said corporation is a Trustee under the mortgage of The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company dated December 1, 1915, as amended, modified and supplemented; that he knows the seal of said corporation; that one of the seals affixed to said instrument is such seal; that it was so affixed by authority of the Board of Directors of said corporation; that he signed his name thereto for said corporation pursuant to such authority; and that said instrument is the free act and deed of said corporation as such Trustee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal, this _____ year written above.

My commission expires on:

G. JOHN KIRSCH
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 4984968
Qualified in Nassau County
Certificate filed in New York County
Commission Expires April 18, 1992

G. John Kirsch
Notary Public

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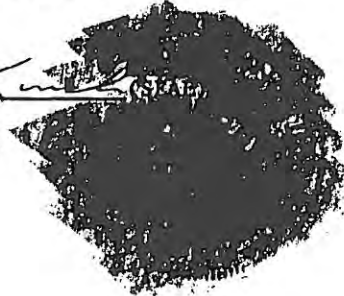
I, G. John Kirsch, a Notary Public of said City and County, do certify that on NOV 14 1991, before me in said City and County personally came D. A. Ursitti, Jr., to me known, and known to me to be one of the persons whose name, as a Trustee under the mortgage of The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company dated December 1, 1915, as amended, modified and supplemented, is subscribed to the above instrument, who, being by me first duly sworn, did depose, acknowledge and say that he resides at 26 Evergreen Lane, New Hyde Park, New York 11040; that he is a Trustee under the mortgage of The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company dated December 1, 1915, as amended, modified and supplemented; and that he executed said instrument as his free act and deed as such Trustee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal, the day and year written above.

My commission expires on:

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EXHIBIT A

Description of property in: Richland County, Ohio
To: Board of Park Commissioners Richland County, Ohio
CSXT Deed File No.: Butler County (MAS)

PARCEL ONE

A strip of land situate in Sections 20, 17 and 18, Town 21, Range 17, Worthington Township, Richland County, Ohio, being a portion of Grantor's former Ohio-Newark Division of the S. M. & N. Branch, lying on either side of the following described centerline:

Commencing at the point of intersection of the centerline of Grantor's former main line track with the half-section line of Section 20, being the south line of lands acquired from Daniel Spohn by document dated October 22, 1847, recorded in Book 39, Page 31; thence in a northeasterly direction along Grantor's former centerline of track a distance of 167.1 ft. to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING at Grantor's Valuation Station 2221+07.1 (M.P. 42), such BEGINNING POINT being indicated on a fragment print of Grantor's Valuation Map 130.1, sheet 22, marked Exhibit A-1, attached hereto; thence extending generally in a northwesterly direction along Grantor's former centerline of track with a width of 100 ft. (50 ft. on either side), a distance of 2,803.5 ft., more or less, to Grantor's Valuation Station 2249+10.6, being the south line of Section 17, at which point the width changes to 66 ft. (33 ft. on either side); thence continuing along Grantor's former centerline of track generally in a northwesterly direction a distance of 2,140.1 ft., more or less, to Grantor's Valuation Station 2270+50.7, being the west line of Section 17, at which point the width changes to 60 ft. (30 ft. on either side); thence continuing along Grantor's former centerline of track generally in a northwesterly direction a distance of 1,457.6 ft., more or less, to the ENDING POINT at Grantor's Valuation Station 2285+08.3, being the easterly line of lands condemned by The Board of Park Commissioners of Richland County, Richland County Court of Common Pleas Case No. 88-31-C, such ENDING POINT being indicated on a fragment print of Grantor's Valuation Map 130.1, sheet 22, marked Exhibit A-2, attached hereto; Containing 11.69 acres, more or less. P.P.# 049-12-501-10-000

PARCEL TWO

ALL of in Lot No. 39 in The Village of Independence, now Butler, in Richland County, Ohio, being the same lands conveyed to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company by the County Auditor of Richland County by Auditor's Deed dated August 25, 1875; Containing 0.30 of an acre, more or less, as shown on Exhibit A-1. P.P.# 050-13-500-20-000

PARCEL THREE

A strip of land 31 ft. in width situate in Section 20, T. 21, R. 17, Worthington Township, Richland County, Ohio, more fully described as follows:
BEGINNING at the point of intersection of the east line of Parcel One described above with the east line of Main Street; thence with the east line of Parcel One in a northerly direction a distance of 390 ft., more or less, to the south line of Newville Street; thence with the south line of Newville Street in a northeasterly direction a distance of 65 ft., more or less, to a point; thence parallel to and distant 31 ft. east of the east line of Parcel One, in a southwesterly direction a distance of 480 ft., more or less, to the east line of Main Street; thence with the east line of Main Street in a northwesterly direction a distance of 35 ft., more or less, to the POINT OF BEGINNING; Containing 0.31 of an acre, more or less, as shown on Exhibit A-1. Being the same lands conveyed to the Sandusky Mansfield and Newark Railroad Company by deed dated April 20, 1854, unrecorded. Parcel same as Parcel #2

ALL as shown in detail on Grantor's Valuation Map 130.1, sheet 22, incorporated herein by reference.

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JACK REINER
COUNTY AUDITOR

has been examined and the
has complied with Section 319.202
of the Revised Code.
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EXEMPT
JACK REINER, County Auditor

BEING all or part of the same property acquired by a predecessor of Grantor, by the following instruments, recorded among the Public Land Records of Richland County, Ohio:

<u>Predecessor Railroad</u>	<u>Acquired From</u>	<u>Date of Instrument</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>
C&LE*	Thomas Yearian, et ux	08/03/1850	21	285
C&LE	Samuel Phipps	03/09/1848	18	529
SM&N**	Daniel Spohn	04/20/1854	None	None
C&LE	Daniel Spohn	10/22/1847	39	31
B&O***	Auditor, Richland County	08/25/1875	None	None

- * C&LE - Columbus & Lake Erie Railroad Company
 ** SM&N - Sandusky, Mansfield and Newark Railroad Company
 *** B&O - The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company

Pursuant to agreement entered into November 23, 1853, Columbus & Lake Erie Railroad Company consolidated on January 1, 1854, with the Mansfield & Sandusky City Railroad Company and the Huron & Oxford Railroad Company, the new company being known by the name of Sandusky, Mansfield and Newark Railroad Company, said agreement filed with the Secretary of State of Ohio on December 30, 1853. By deed dated October 1, 1915, recorded among the Public Land Records of Richland County, Ohio in Book 144, Page 324, the Sandusky, Mansfield and Newark Railroad Company was merged into The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.

Effective April 30, 1987, The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company was merged into The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company in accordance with the terms of the Plan of Merger dated December 2, 1986. Effective September 2, 1987, The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company was merged into CSX Transportation, Inc. in accordance with the terms of the Articles of Merger dated August 18, 1987.

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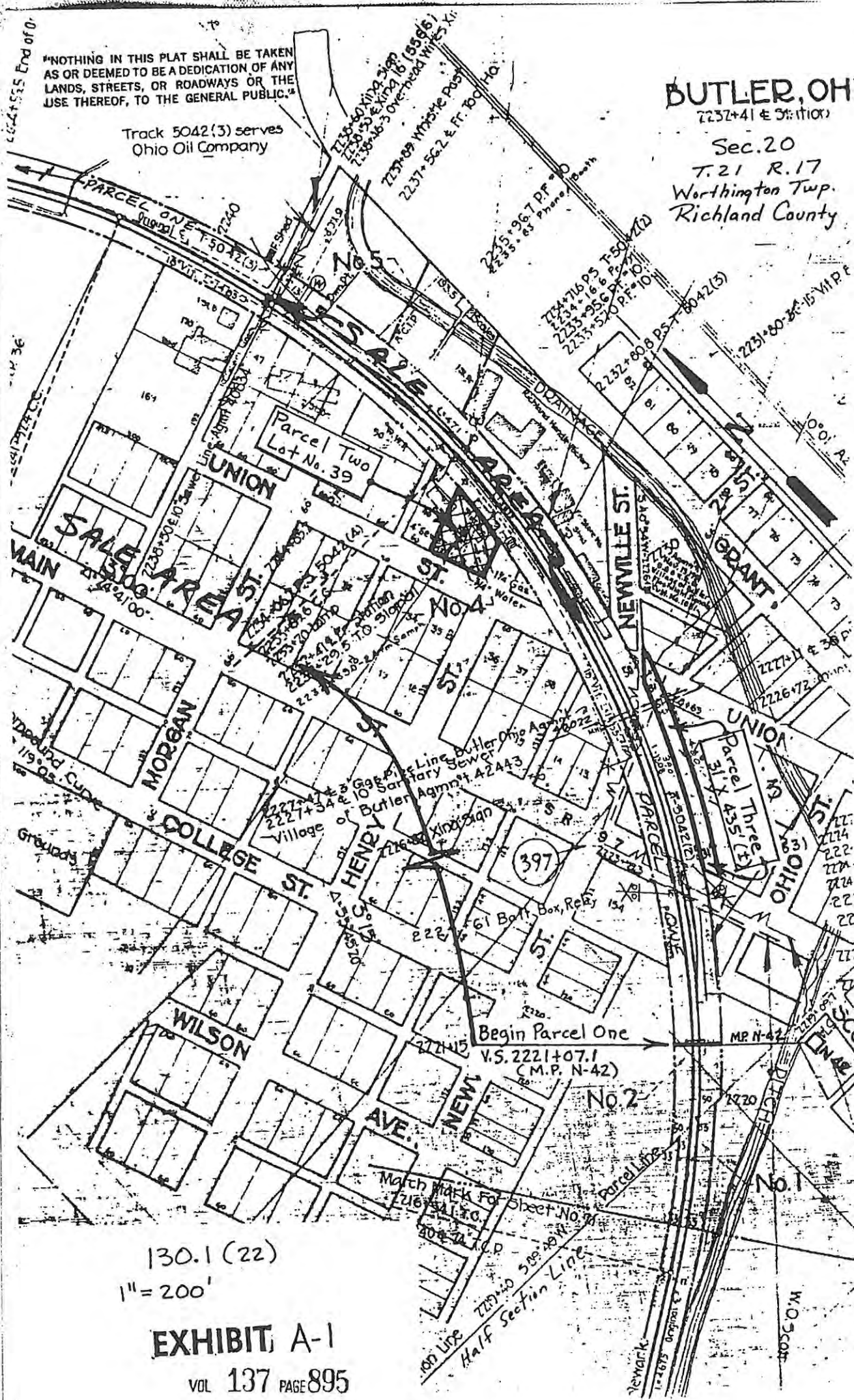
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Worthington Twp.

Richland County



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W.C. Mischer
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Case No. 88-31-C

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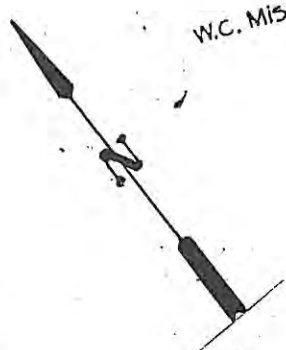
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7279+65 'M.R. Cable Track

Sale Area



W.C. Mischer

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EXHIBIT A-2

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Cannuscio, Lisa <lisa_cannuscio@ios.doi.gov>

Fwd: Release of the Richland B & O Bike Trail and Easement

1 message

Hackett, G <elaine_hackett@nps.gov>
To: Lisa Cannuscio <lisa_cannuscio@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, May 10, 2016 at 4:28 PM

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: Shaver, Nancy <nancy.shaver@mail.house.gov>
Date: Tue, May 10, 2016 at 3:45 PM
Subject: Release of the Richland B & O Bike Trail and Easement
To: "Elaine_Hackett@nps.gov" <Elaine_Hackett@nps.gov>

Good afternoon Elaine,

I am following up on the voicemail I left earlier this afternoon. Last week we faxed over an inquiry to Secretary Jewell requesting assistance in releasing an easement along the Richland B & O Bike Trail for the Village of Butler.

I have attached our original request as well as additional easement information provided by the Village.

The Village is being required by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to install a new sanitary sewer system. The Village would like to use some the easement along the bike trail for a sewer line. They have requested our assistance to obtain this by June 1, 2016 in order to meet Ohio EPA deadlines.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Nancy

Nancy Shaver
Executive Assistant/Office Manager
Congressman Pat Tiberi
250 E. Wilson Bridge Rd, Suite 100
Worthington OH 43085
614.523.2555 Phone
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1-855-728-6412 Toll Free

Dear Ms. Shaver -

I am the Butler Village Law Director. Attorney Miller forwarded to me your request for easement documentation. Therefore, please find the following attachments:

1. (A) Attachment A is the Judgment Entry vesting the CSX right-of-way to the Richland County Park Board. The Entry referenced EXHIBIT A being the plat maps for the right-of-way between the City of Mansfield and Mile Post No. 43.20, West of Butler Village is designed by me as EXHIBIT A-1.

1. (B) EXHIBIT A-2 is the 1994 PHASE II Centerline Survey Plat of the Richland County Bikeway.

2. Attachment B is the Quit Claim Deed from CSX to the Park Board of Commissioners. The purpose of this Deed was to complete the Bike Trail's vesting from Mile Post 43.20, being West of Butler Village into Butler village to its Hitchman's Park, which serves as the southerly terminus of the Bike Trail Easement.

By way of information, please refer to Plat Volume 25, Page 89 that shows Mile Post 43.20, West of Butler Village from which the Quit Claim then commences to run.

After your review of these documents you need further information, please let me know.

Thank you for your help,


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Elaine Hackett
NPS Congressional Liaison
1849 C Street - NW Room 3325
Washington, DC 20240
202-208-7331 (direct)
202-329-5735 (cell)



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2 attachments

 Bike Trail, Easement - Documents.pdf
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 Village of Butler.pdf
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May 3, 2016

Sally Jewell
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW, Room 3325
Washington, DC 20240

Via Fax: (202) 208 - 5533

Dear Secretary Jewell:

The attached communication concerns a problem my constituent is experiencing with the National Parks Service.

Please look into the statements contained within the attached documents and forward me the necessary information for reply. Please address your reply to my district office at 250 E. Wilson Bridge Road, Suite 100, Worthington OH 43085.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Shaver in my district office at 614-523-2555. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter, and I will look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Tiberi
Representative to Congress

PJT/ns

Enclosures

cc: Secretary Vilsack
U.S. Department of Agriculture



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Representative Mark J. Romanchuk
77 S. High St., 11th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Request to Obtain a Construction Easement within the
Richland B & O Trail, a Designated National Trail System
(16 USC 1247, 1248)

Honorable Sirs:

I am the attorney for the Village of Butler, Ohio. The purpose of this letter is to request your assistance to obtain written authority from the authorized federal authorities to construct and maintain a sanitary sewer force main within the Richland County Bike Trail. Provided below is my explanation of this request.

Facts

I.
Bike Trail

1. Pursuant to the Judgment Entry in *Board of Park Commissioners, Richland County, Ohio vs. CSX Transportation, et al.*, Case No. 88-31-C, filed for transfer May 20, 1988, the Park Board acquired all interest in the former CSX Transportation Co. Railroad right-of-way. Entry attached.

2. Thereafter on February 4, 1992, by Quit Claim Deed, the Richland County Park Commissioners, hereinafter RCPC, took ownership of additional railroad rights-of-way that completed the RCPC ownership to include that within the Village of Butler, Ohio.

3. Thereafter the 18.3 mile Richland B & O Trail was completed. The bike trail is a popular public attraction, see attached.

4. The RCPC established the Richland B & O Trail in keeping with the respective transfer of ownership within the Judgment Entry and Deed subject to the following limitations:

- (a) The Board of Park Commissioners' interim use of the right-of-way for trail purposes shall be subject to restoration or reconstruction of the right-of-way for rail service purposes as specified in 16 United States Code §1247(d) and in the Interstate

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Commerce Commission's Notice of Interim Trail Use issued for this portion of the right-of-way.

- (h) The Board of Park Commissioners will assume full responsibility for the management of any legal liability arising out of the transfer or use of, and the payment of any taxes that may be levied or assessed against this portion of the right-of-way as specified in 16 United States Code §1247(d) and in the Interstate Commerce Commission's Notice of Interim Trail Use issued for this portion of the right-of-way.

II. Proposed Site of Wastewater Treatment Plant

5. The bike trail runs through and has its southern terminus in the Village of Butler's public park, see attached map.

6. Butler Village is now subject to the Ohio EPA Director's Final Findings and Orders requiring construction of a replacement of a Wastewater Treatment Plant to be completed by July 1, 2018, copy attached.

7. Pursuant to the Director's Orders, the Village's Engineer has prepared a Preliminary Engineering Report that provides for the new Wastewater Treatment Plant to be constructed west of the Village.

8. This Wastewater Treatment Plant site would become a regional plant providing not only service to the Village but to the 140 unit Clear Fork Mobile Home Park, which is also currently under Ohio EPA Findings and Orders for its wastewater treatment package plant violations, copy attached. Also it is possible the nearby Clear Fork School complex would benefit.

By way of information, the Clear Fork Mobile Home Park's Wastewater Treatment Plant lagoons abut the bike trail and an odor and visual nuisance to the users of the trail currently exists.

III. Bike Trail Easement Access

9. The bike trail right-of-way provides the best and most economically feasible route that promotes the choice of the proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant site as well as providing direct access to the Village by the construction of an eight-inch (8") force main. The construction of the force main would be along the boundary of the right-of-way and an approximate depth of five feet (5'). There would be no interference with the use of the bike trail or any of the continued recreational uses of the bike trail.

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IV.

Decision of the Richland County Park Commission

10. The Board of Richland County Park Commissioners has consented to provide a license to the Village granting whatever easement rights it has to permit the construction and maintenance of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant.

V.

Legal Interest and Rights of Ownership of The Richland County Park Commissioners

11. Pursuant to 16 USC 1247(d), the RCPC has interim use of the railroad right-of-way.

12. Pursuant to 16 USC 1247(e), the Richland B & O Trail has become a designated part of the nationwide system of trails.

13. Pursuant to 16 USC 1248(a), the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture may grant easements and rights-of-way upon, over, under, across or along the national trails system.

Purpose of Inquiry and Questions

14. Before Butler Village continues its engineering to construct a multi-million dollar Wastewater Treatment Plant, a determination must be made on the following questions:

- (a) Can the Village construct and maintain a sanitary sewer force main (pipeline) within the Richland B & O Trail provided the force main lies parallel to and is approximately fifteen feet (15') away from the center line of the trail?
- (b) If the answer is yes, who is the lawful authority to grant a construction easement?
- (c) If the lawful authority is either the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, is the written issuance of such an easement likely?
- (d) Time is of the essence. In consideration of the pending Ohio EPA Findings and Orders, if an easement would be granted, could it be granted by June 1, 2016? If not, what is the date the receipt of an easement would likely occur?

Your prompt review and consideration of this inquiry would be most appreciated. In the event there are questions during the review, then you may contact me for any legal questions. For questions about the Richland B & O Trail, please contact Attorney Eric Miller at (419) 522-6262. For engineering questions, please contact Matthew Witter, P.E. of R.E. McCartney & Associates at (419) 525-0093.

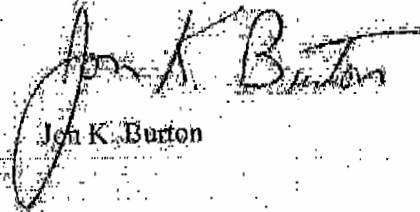
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On behalf of the Mayor and Council of the Village of Butler, Ohio, your assistance will be most appreciated.

Very truly yours,

RENWICK, WELSH & BURTON LLC



John K. Burton

JKB/jb
Encl.



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
1849 C Street, N.W.
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JUN 30 2016

The Honorable Patrick Tiberi
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
Attn: Nancy Shaver
District Office
250 E. Wilson Bridge Road, Suite 100
Worthington, Ohio 43085

Dear Mr. Tiberi:

This letter is in response to your May 3, 2016, correspondence to Secretary Jewell concerning the National Park Service (NPS) interest to resolve a need for public infrastructure along a rail trail in the Village of Butler, Ohio.

In this instance, the NPS does not hold an easement for the trail, nor has the authority for permitting construction and placement of a proposed sewer line within the corridor of the trail. The delay in response was due to our offer to facilitate a meeting between the council of Renwick, Welsh, and Burton, LLC, representing the Village of Butler, and the council of the Rails to Trails Conservancy, a national non-governmental organization, who assists communities with issues such as this.

A conference call occurred June 24, 2016, with the interested parties. We were able to confirm that the Board of Park Commissioners and the Village of Butler have the authority to place necessary infrastructure within the Rail Banked Corridor per the Rail Banking Order issued by the Surface Transportation Board when the trail was constructed. The staff of the Rails to Trails Conservancy will further assist the town as needed as they move forward with their project.

The NPS staff has contacted Nancy Shaver in your District office to inform her of this outcome to avoid any further delays. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-208-3390 or by email jeff_reinbold@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey P. Reinbold
Assistant Director
Partnerships and Civic Engagement

cc: Eric Miller, Commissioner, Board of Park, Richland County, Ohio
Jon K. Burton, Renwick, Welsh and Burton LLC