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VERIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

(*includes color images*)

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In accordance with the Board's Decision No. 30 served in this proceeding on August 18, 2026, Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad Company ("RBMN") submits this verified environmental statement for RBMN's responsive application to purchase from Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NS") approximately 13 miles of rail lines (including Hazleton Yard) in and around Hazleton, PA, described as follows (the "Subject Lines"):

Hazleton Proper Lines				
Line Segment	**Junctions**	**Mileposts**	**Mileage**	**Map Color**
Sheppton IT	Harwood – Oneida	KA 148-150	2	Orange
Hazleton RT	Ashmore – Oneida	JW 141.3 -147.4	6.1	Pink
Tomhicken IT	Hazleton - end of property NERT	TH 145.8-149.6	3.8	Blue
Ebervale IT	Harleigh - end of track	QO 150.7-151.8	1.1	Green
W. Hazleton IT	Oakbur - both ends of tracks		~1.0	Yellow
Heights IT	Lead to heights to property line		~0.5	Red
TOTAL			**13**	

Color-coded maps are attached hereto as Exhibit A. Attached as Exhibit B is a snippet of the area of the Subject Lines from the Office of Environmental Analysis "Union Pacific Acquisition of Norfolk Southern Data Explorer" ("OEA Data Explorer")

RBMN currently has overhead and limited local trackage rights over the Sheppton IT and Hazelton RT that enable RBMN to serve the Humboldt Industrial Park as well as two anthracite coal customer origins. RBMN currently handles approximately 7,000 cars per year over the

trackage rights segments of the Subject Line. To RBMN's knowledge, NS currently handles approximately 1,200 cars per year over the Subject Lines.

RBMN does not believe that any of the Subject Lines are located in a non-attainment area. None of the Subject Lines are shown in the OEA Data Explorer as segments that exceed the Board's thresholds for either air quality, or air quality and noise, analysis. Further, Hazleton Yard does not show in the OEA Data Explorer as a rail yard that exceeds the Board's thresholds.

RBMN anticipates that if it is able to acquire the Subject Lines, traffic over the Subject Lines would increase at approximately 3% per year.

If RBMN is able to acquire the Subject Lines, it does not intend to conduct any major capital improvements beyond regular maintenance of the Subject Lines.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

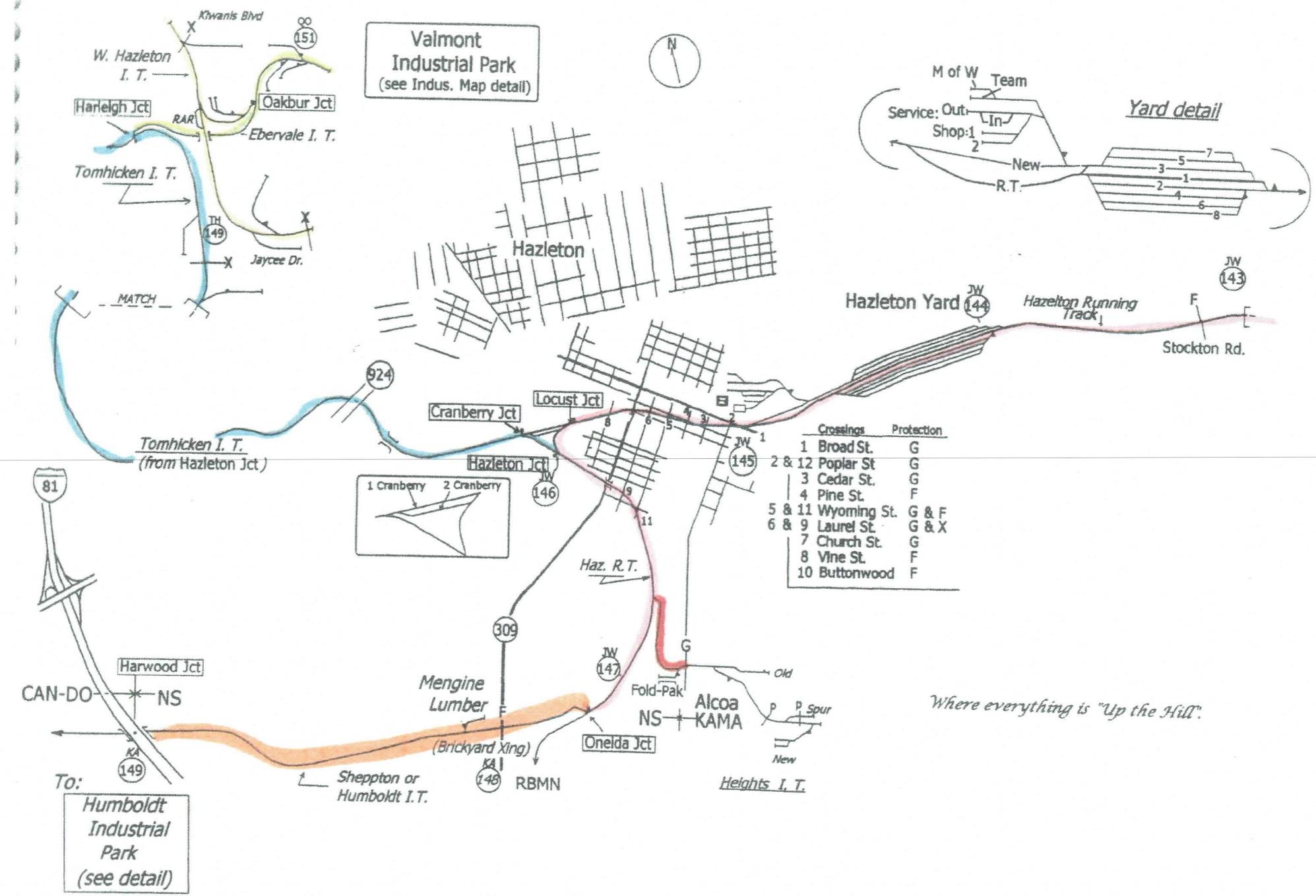
I, Eric Peters, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing Environmental Statement is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified to and authorized to submit this Environmental Statement.

Executed on November 13, 2026

Eric Peters
EVP Transportation & Fleet Management

Exhibit A

Maps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Valmont Industrial Park
(see Indus. Map detail)
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(from Hazleton Jct.)
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JW 145
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2 Cranberry
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2 & 12 Poplar St G
3 Cedar St. G
4 Pine St. F
5 & 11 Wyoming St. G & F
6 & 9 Laurel St. G & X
7 Church St. G
8 Vine St. F
10 Buttonwood F
81
Haz. R.T.
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JW 147
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Old
Fold-Pak
Alcoa KAMA
NS
P
P Spur
New
Heights I. T.
Harwood Jct
CAN-DO
NS
Mengine Lumber
F
(Brickyard Xing)
KA 149
KA 148
RBMN
Oneida Jct
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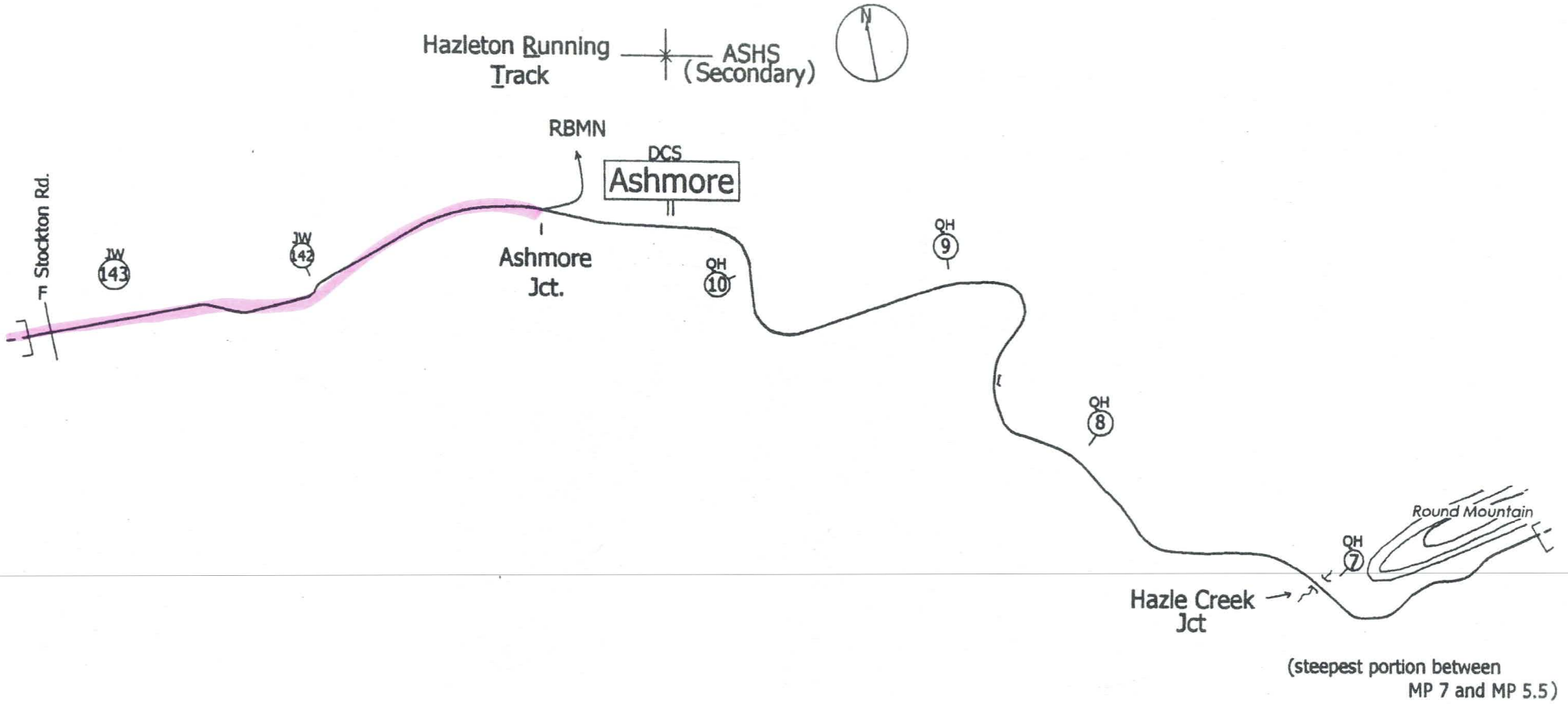
Sheppton or Humboldt I.T.
Where everything is "Up the Hill".
Downgrade
East
Hazleton Jct.


Hazleton Running Track
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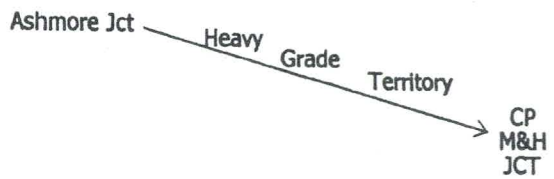
QH 8
QH 7
Round Mountain
Hazle Creek Jct
(steepest portion between MP 7 and MP 5.5)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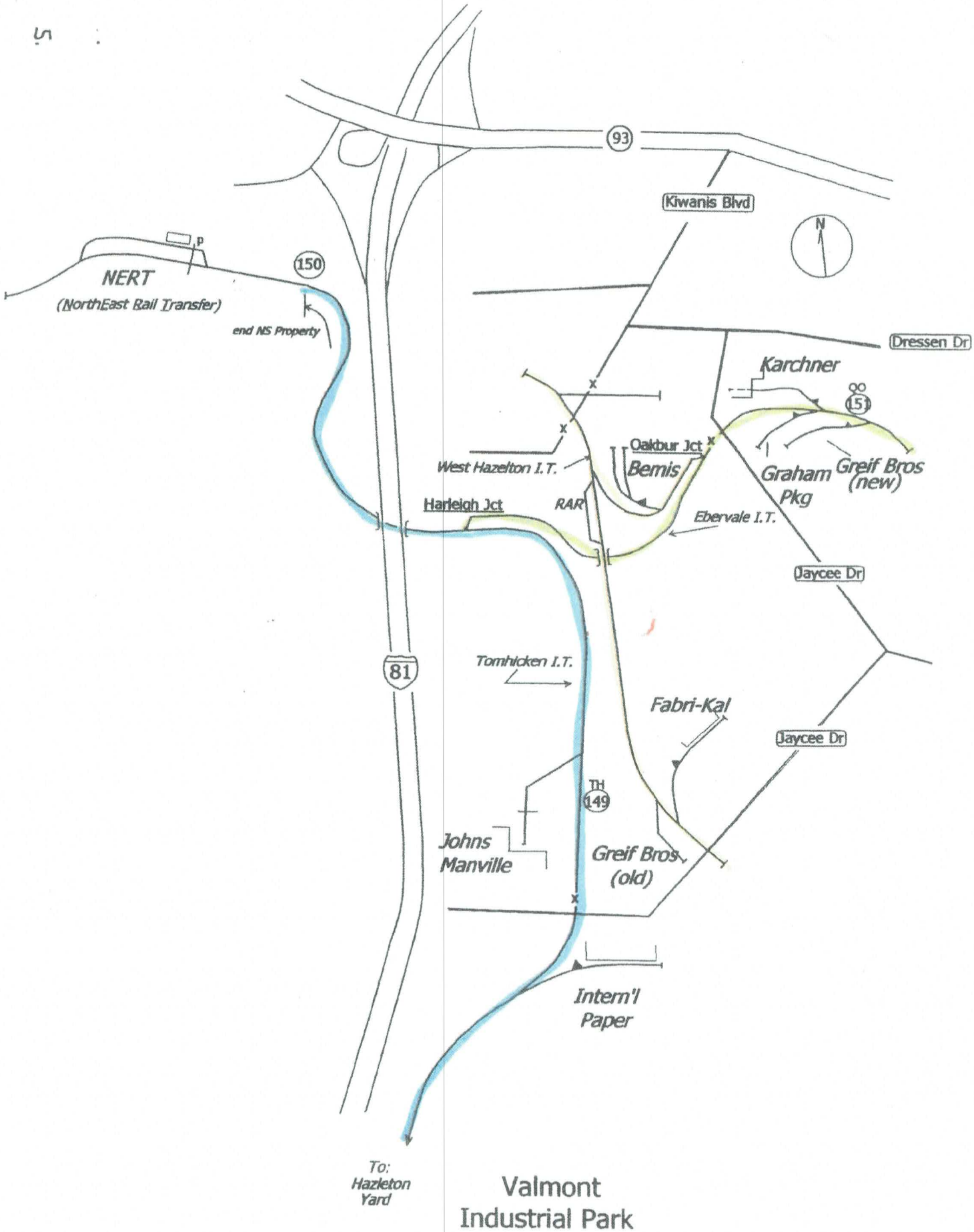
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Bemis
Graham Pkg
Greif Bros (new)
Harleigh Jct
RAR
Ebervale I.T.
Jaycee Dr
81
Tomhicken I.T.
Fabri-Kal
Jaycee Dr
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Johns Manville
Greif Bros (old)
Intern'l Paper
To: Hazleton Yard
Valmont Industrial Park

Exhibit B

OEA Data Explorer Map

