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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

January 23, 2013

Engineering & Technical Services
Regulatory Office
File No. LRE-2013-00011-280-A13

Robert Wimbish
Baker & Miller, PLLC
Counsel for the West Michigan Railroad Company
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Washington, District of Columbia 20037

Dear Mr. Wimbish:

This is in response to your December 18, 2012, letter regarding the Corps of Engineers' (Corps) jurisdiction regarding the abandonment of approximately 10.67 miles of rail line located in Van Buren County, Michigan, (STB Docket No. AB-1107X). Specifically, this rail line abandonment extends from milepost 19.88 to milepost 30.55, which spans between the Villages of Lawrence and Paw Paw, Michigan.

In 1984, a portion of the Corps' regulatory responsibilities were assumed by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). This project site is within the assumed area. Unless otherwise notified, a separate authorization from the Corps is not required; however, you may need to obtain a permit from the DEQ. Therefore, we recommend that you contact Mr. Derek Haroldson with the DEQ's Kalamazoo Office, Water Resources Division, at (269) 567-3567 for a determination of State permit requirements.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the above address, by e-mail at Shawn.S.Sanchez@usace.army.mil or by phone at (313) 226-1326. In all future communications with regard to this project, please refer to Department of the Army File Number LRE-2013-00011-280.

We are interested in your thoughts and opinions concerning your experience with the Detroit District, Corps of Engineers Regulatory Program. If you are interested in letting us know how we are doing, you can complete an electronic Customer Service Survey from our web site at: <http://per2.nwp.usace.army.mil/survey.html>. Alternatively, you may contact us and request a paper copy of the survey that you may complete and return to us by mail or fax. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey, we appreciate your feedback.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Regulatory Project Manager
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Enclosures

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USACE, Detroit District, Environmental Analysis Branch, Mr. Paul Allarding
DEQ, Kalamazoo Office, Water Resources Division, Mr. Derek Haroldson
Baker & Miller, PLLC, Mr. Robert Wimbish

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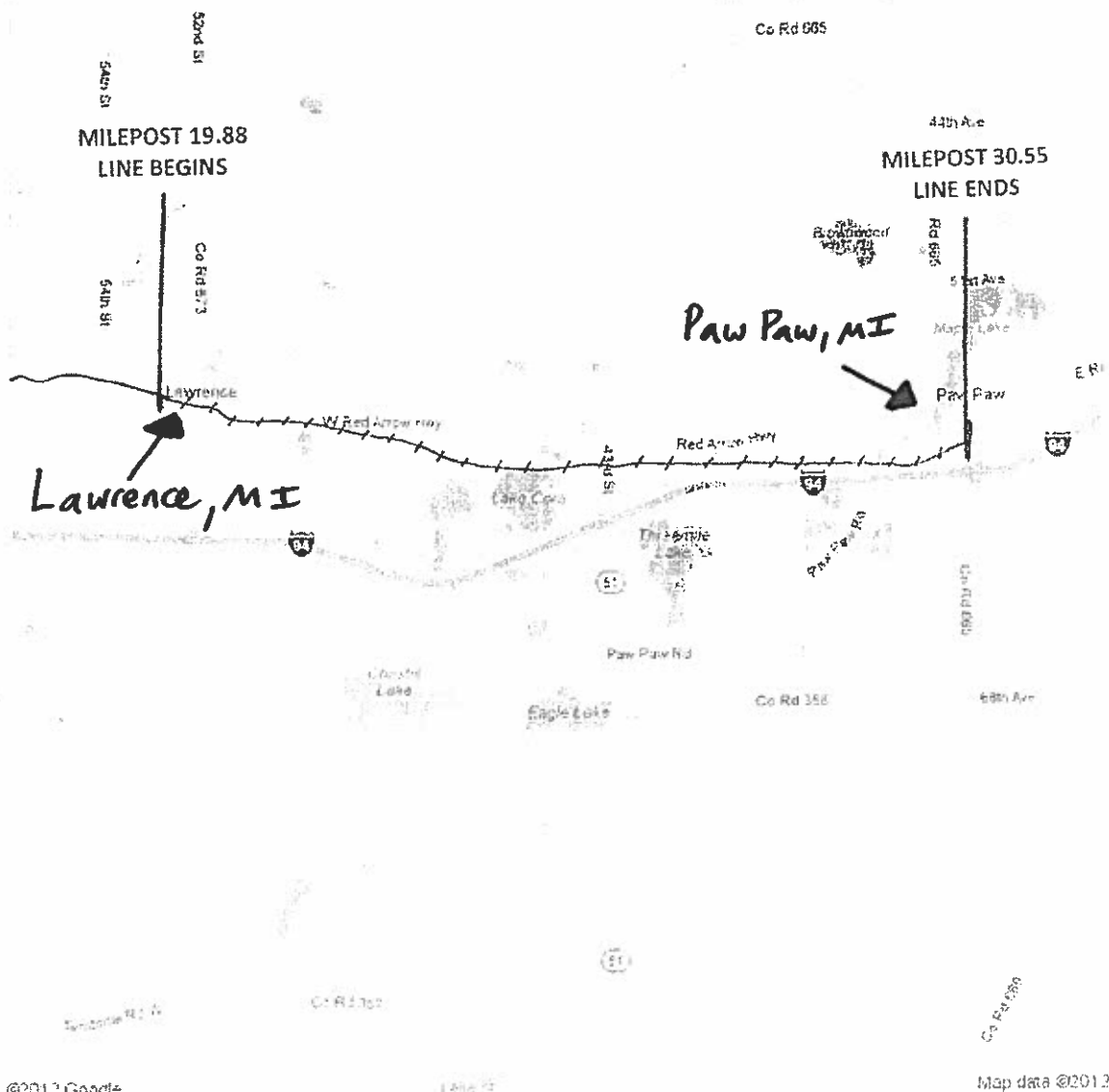
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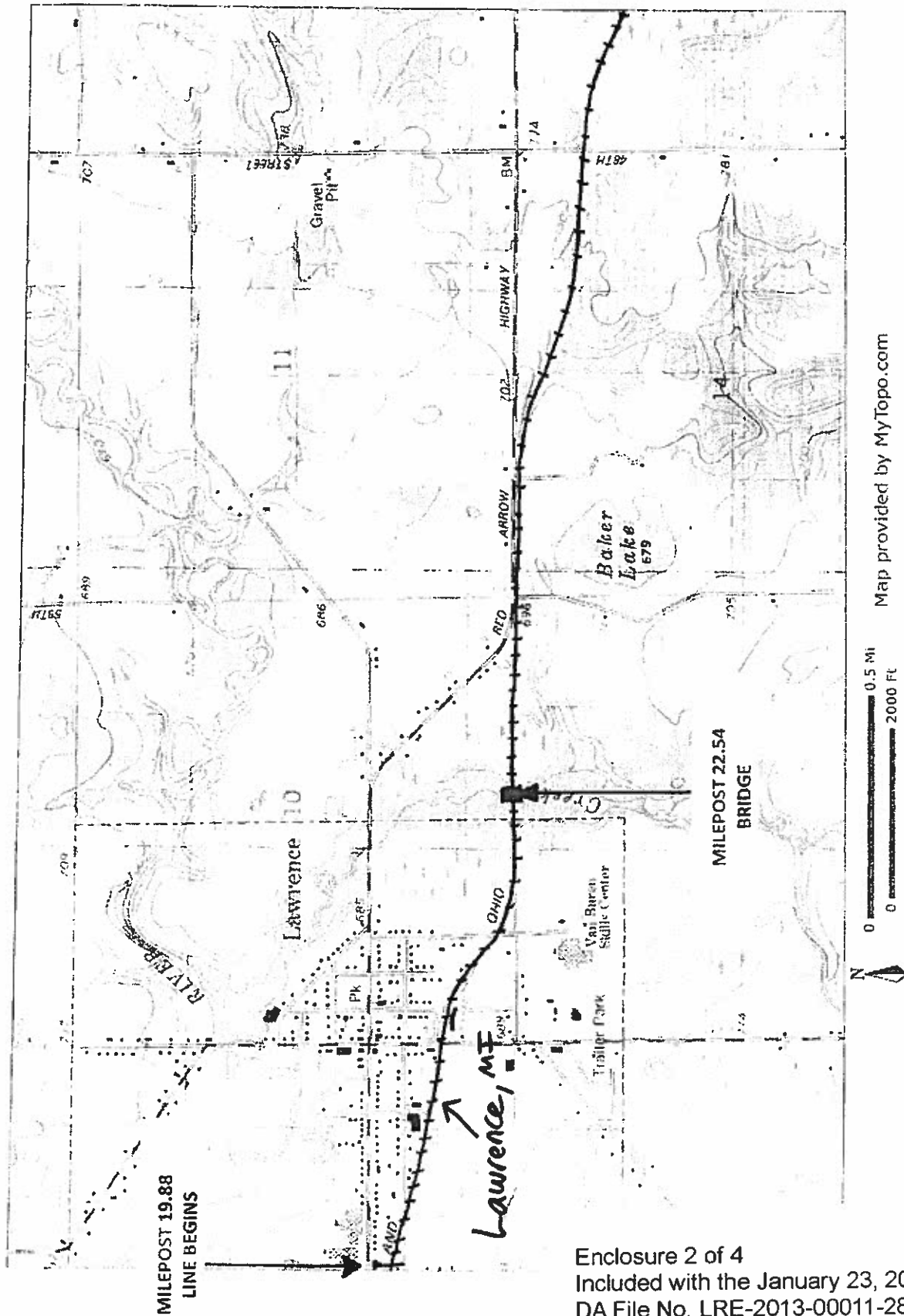
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Van Buren County, MI

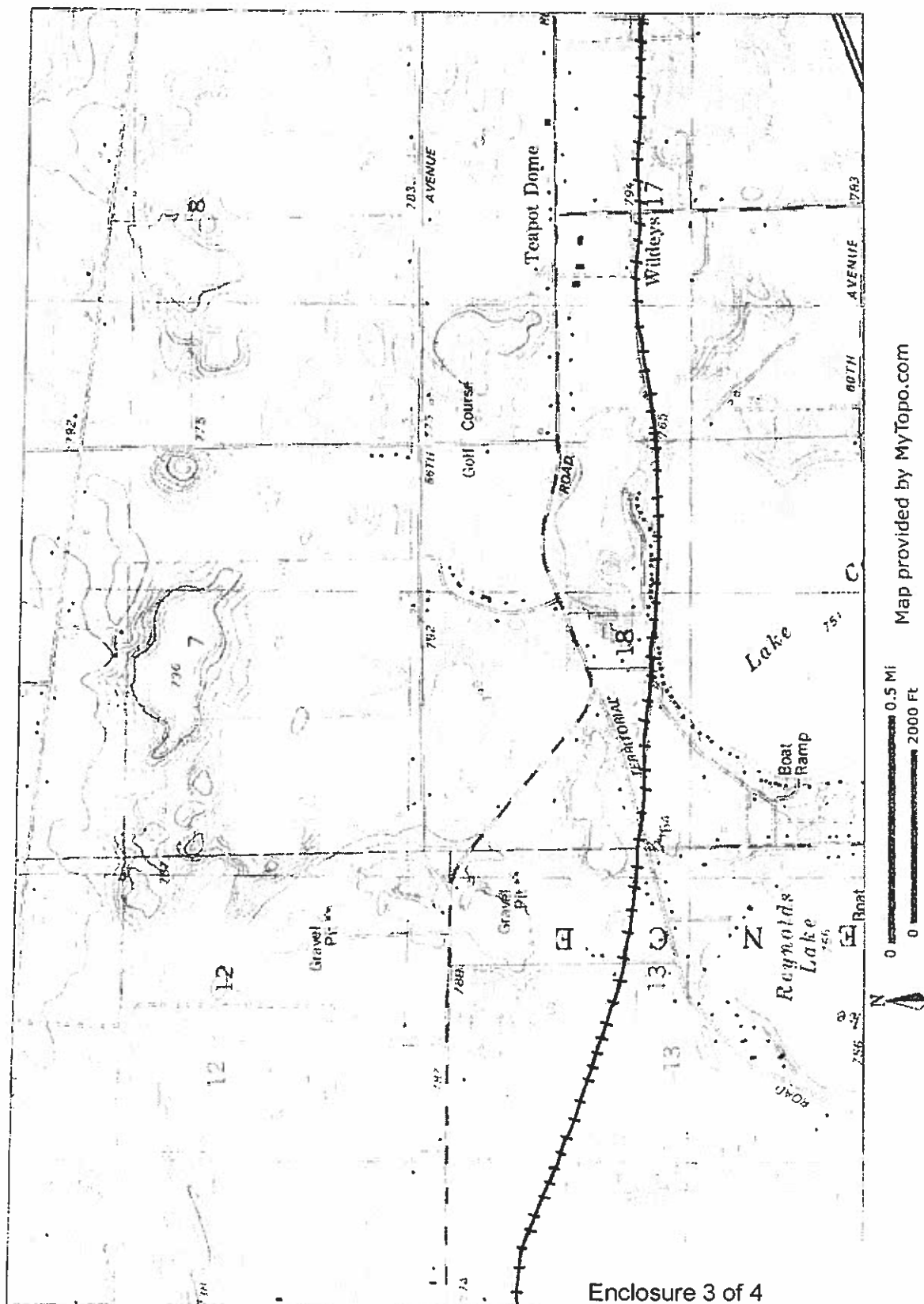
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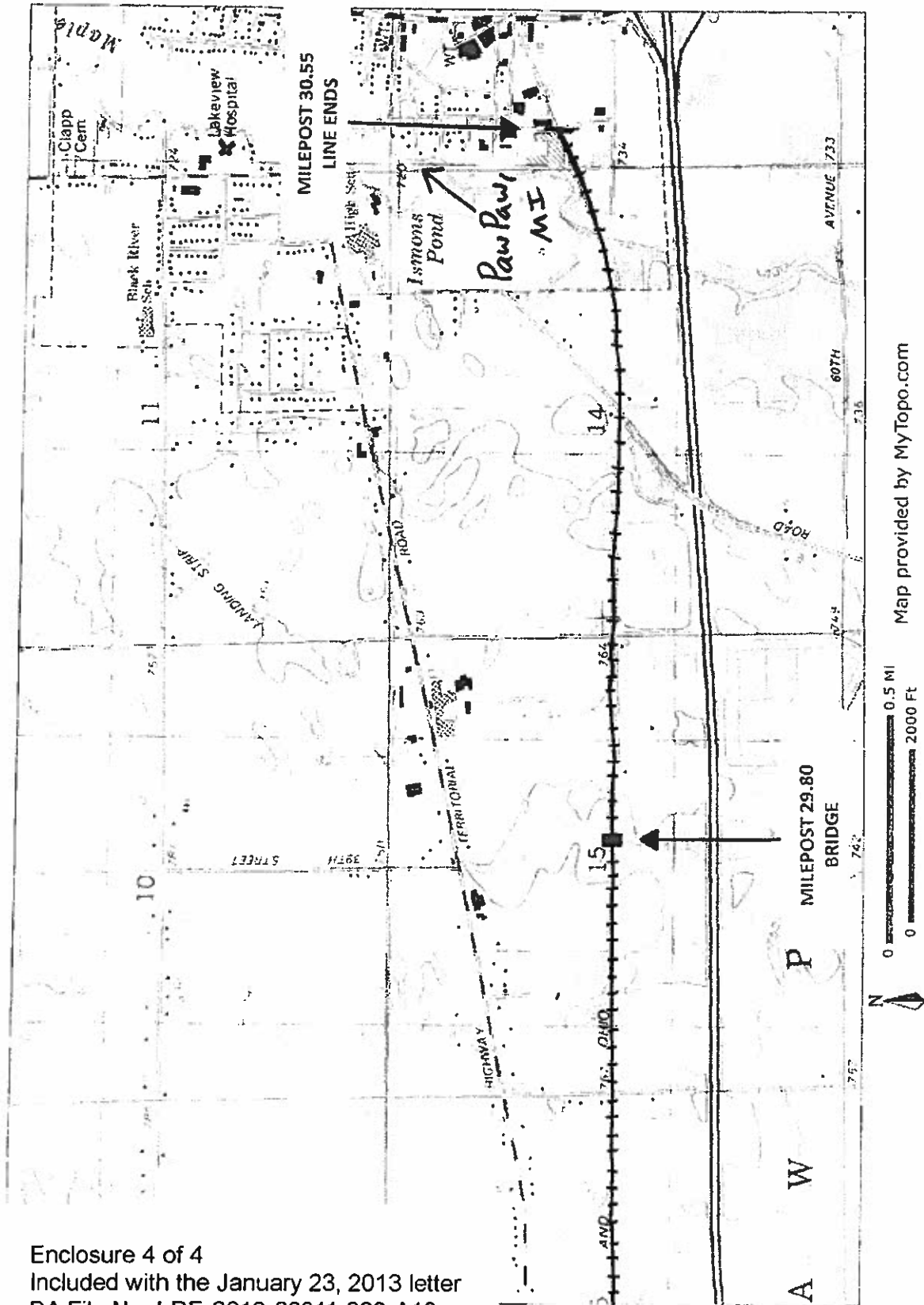
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