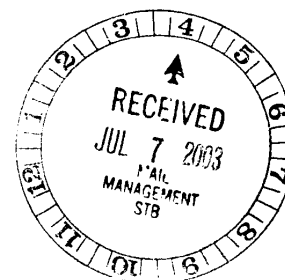


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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Finance Docket No. 34375

JAMES RIFFIN, dba NCRR L.L.C. -- CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND TRACKAGE
RIGHTS EXEMPTIONS--BETWEEN COCKEYSVILLE INDUSTRIAL TRACK
LINE AT Sta. No. 750 + 00 (MP 14.2) AND THE MARYLAND / PENNSYLVANIA LINE
(MP 35.1), A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 20.9 MILES- ALL LINES LOCATED IN
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

James Riffin dba NCRR L.L.C. (Petitioner), a Non-Carrier, provides the following as his
verified exemption notice to construct and operate exemptions of approximately 20.9 miles of
industrial track and 5 spurs and a trackage rights agreement with Norfolk Southern Corporation
between milepost 14.2 and milepost 14.35 on their Cockeysville Industrial Track near
Cockeysville, MD, a distance of 0.15 miles, all within Baltimore County, MD, pursuant to 49
U.S.C. §10906. This action comes within the class of transactions which are exempt from
regulations under 49 U.S.C. §10906.

1. The following 49 CFR §1150.31 *et. seq.* details, which would be required by a 49 U.S.C.
10901 exempt transaction, are provided:

(a) and (b): PETITIONER and representative to whom correspondences should be sent:

James Riffin dba NCRR L.L.C.

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(c): No agreement has been reached. One may be reached following a determination by the Board.

(d): James Riffin dba NCRR L.L.C. will be the operator of the property.

(e): The following is a brief summary of the proposed activity:

The Petitioner proposes (a) a trackage rights agreement with Norfolk Southern Corporation between milepost 14.2 and 14.35, their Cockeysville Industrial Track near Cockeysville, MD, a total distance of 0.15 miles; (b) to construct (utilizing used rails and ties) and operate 5 spurs and one 20.9-mile long industrial track, all to be located entirely within Baltimore County, Maryland. Two of the spurs and the southern ten-mile portion of the industrial track would be utilized by the Petitioner, a proposed Class III carrier, to transport aggregates from the Blue Mount quarry to a property in Cockeysville, Maryland, owned by the quarry. One of the spurs would be utilized to transport aggregates from Norfolk Southern's Bayview yard to barges moored on Back River. Two of the spurs would be used to transport a dinner / excursion passenger train from Petitioner's properties to the industrial track. The passenger train would use the entire 21-mile industrial track. The industrial track would be built within the former Northern Central right-of-way (abandoned in 1972), from MP 14.2 to the Maryland / Pennsylvania line, near former MP 35.1, a distance of approximately 20.9 miles. Construction would commence 90 days after the Board rules in this matter.

(f): A map is attached hereto.

(g): The Petitioner certifies that projected annual revenues of the property will not exceed the Class III carrier threshold.

2. Caption Summary required by 49 CFR §1150.34 is attached.

3. Environmental and Historical Impact:

Petitioner certifies that these activities will not exceed the thresholds established in 49 CFR §§1105.7 (e) (4) or (5), that per 49 CFR §1105.6 (c) (2) no environmental documentation need be prepared, and that the proposed activities will not affect any historic structures.

Respectfully submitted,



Date: July 7th, 2003

James Riffin dba NCRR L.L.C., Owner

VERIFICATION

I, James Riffin dba NCRR L.L.C., having been duly sworn, state that I am the majority owner of NCRR L.L.C., that I have read the foregoing Notice of Exemption, and that its contents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

James Riffin dba NCRR L.L.C., Owner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of July, 2003.



Notary Public

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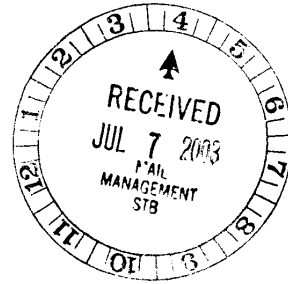
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Finance Docket No. 34375

CAPTION SUMMARY



JAMES RIFFIN, dba NCRR L.L.C. -CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND TRACKAGE RIGHTS EXEMPTION--BETWEEN COCKEYSVILLE INDUSTRIAL TRACK LINE AT Sta. No. 750 + 00 (MP 14.2) AND THE MARYLAND / PENNSYLVANIA LINE (MP 35.1) A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 20.9 MILES- ALL LINES LOCATED IN BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

James Riffin, dba NCRR L.L.C., a Non-Carrier, has filed a Notice of Exemption under 49 U.S.C. §10906 to construct and operate 20.9 miles of industrial track and 5 spurs, and a trackage rights agreement with Norfolk Southern Corporation between milepost 14.2 and milepost 14.35 on their Cockeysville Industrial Track near Cockeysville, MD, a distance of 0.15 miles, all within Baltimore County, Maryland. The industrial track is to be constructed within the former Northern Central right-of-way from milepost 14.2 to the Maryland / Pennsylvania line, near former milepost 35.1. This action comes within the class of transactions which are exempt from regulations under 49 U.S.C. §10906.

Comments must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board and served on James Riffin dba NCRR L.L.C., 1941 Greenspring Drive, Timonium, MD 21093, telephone (443) 414-6210.

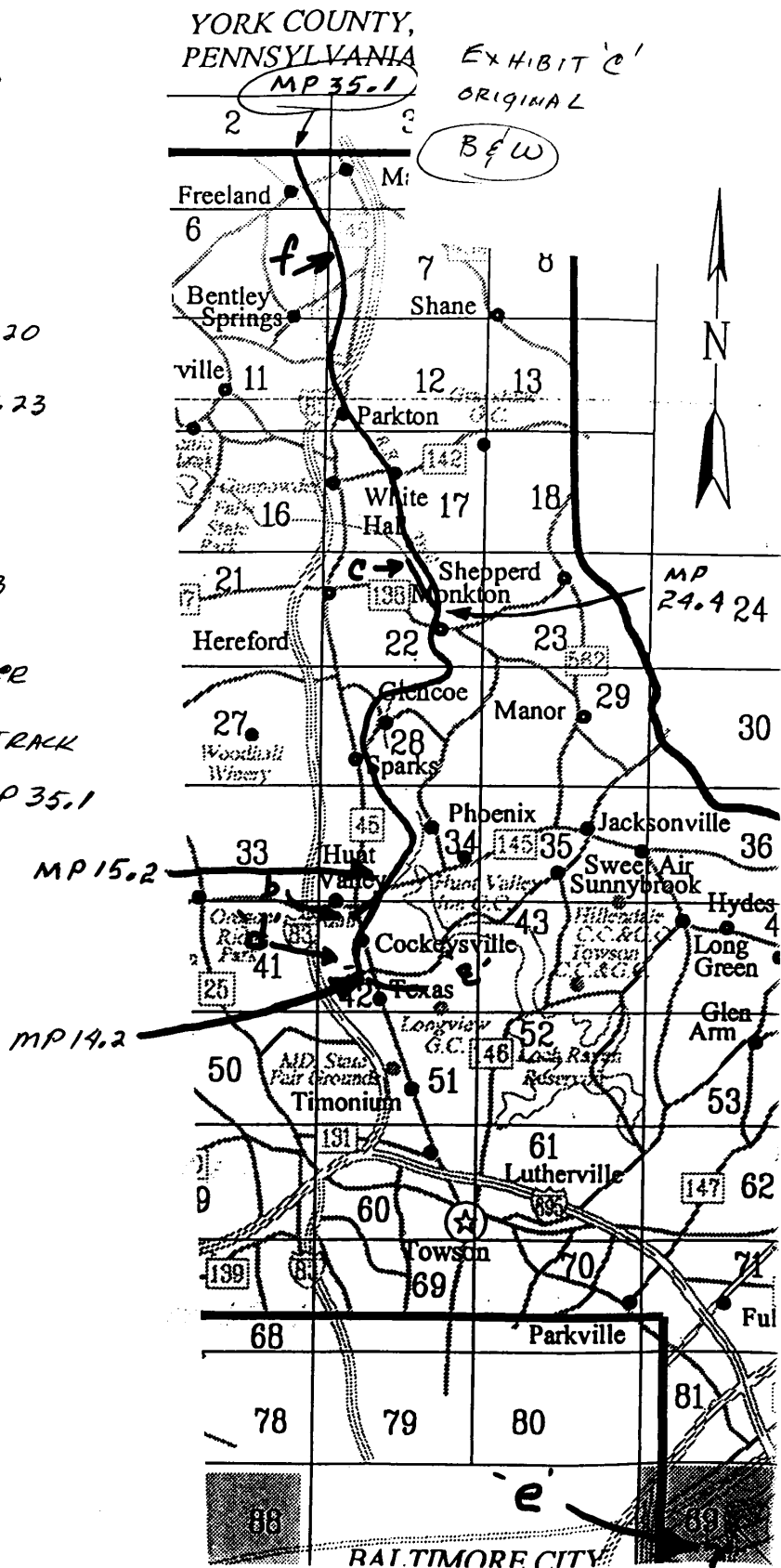
This Notice conforms to the format in 49 CFR §1150.34. If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemptions under 49 U.S.C. §10505 (d) may be filed at any time. Filing petitions to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

Dated:

By the Board: Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

EXHIBIT 'C' MAP

- a - 2600' spur @ MP 14.20
- b - 1200' spur @ MP 15.23
- c - 4000' QUARRY spur
@ MP 24.4
- d - 300' spur @ MP 14.3
- e - 1600' spur @ BACK RIVER
- f - 21-mile INDUSTRIAL TRACK
FROM MP 14.35 TO MP 35.1



**EXHIBIT C
DETAIL**

- a - 2600' spur AT MP 14.35
- b - 1200' spur AT MP 14.35
- c - 4000' Quarry spur
- d - 300' spur AT MP 14.35
- e - 1600' spur AT BALTIMORE
- f - 21-mile Industrial FROM MP 14.35 to

1- Light Rail TRACES
2- Existing Active NorFolk Southern TRACKS
3- Existing Abandoned S...
4- Existing Abandoned Industrial TRACES

SCALE: 1" = 600'

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 - e - 1600' spur AT Oak River
 - f - 21-mile Industrial track
from MP 14.35 to MP 35.1
- 1 - Light Rail Tracks
 - 2 - Existing Active Norfolk Southern Tracks
 - 3 - Existing Abandoned Spur Tracks
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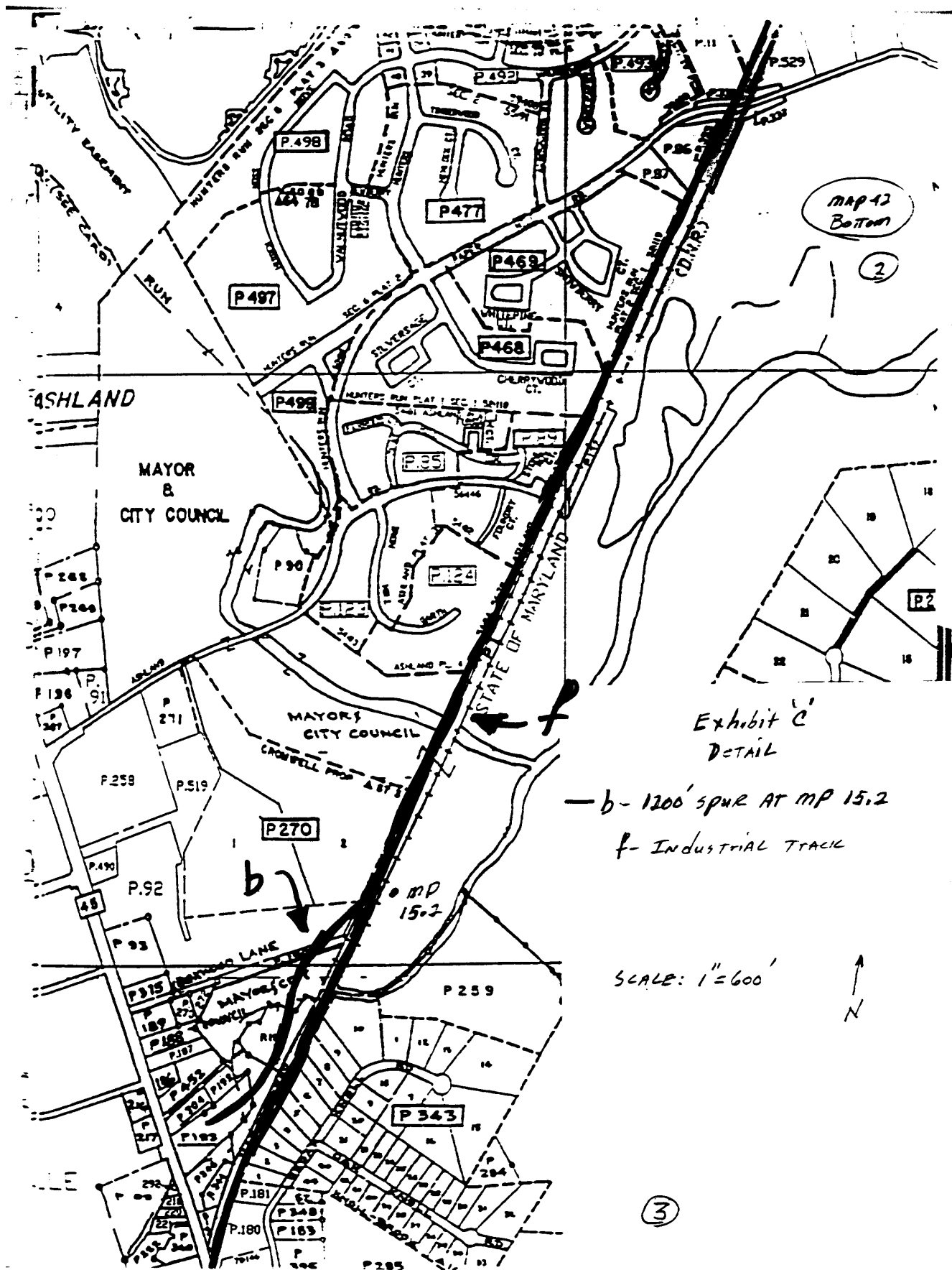
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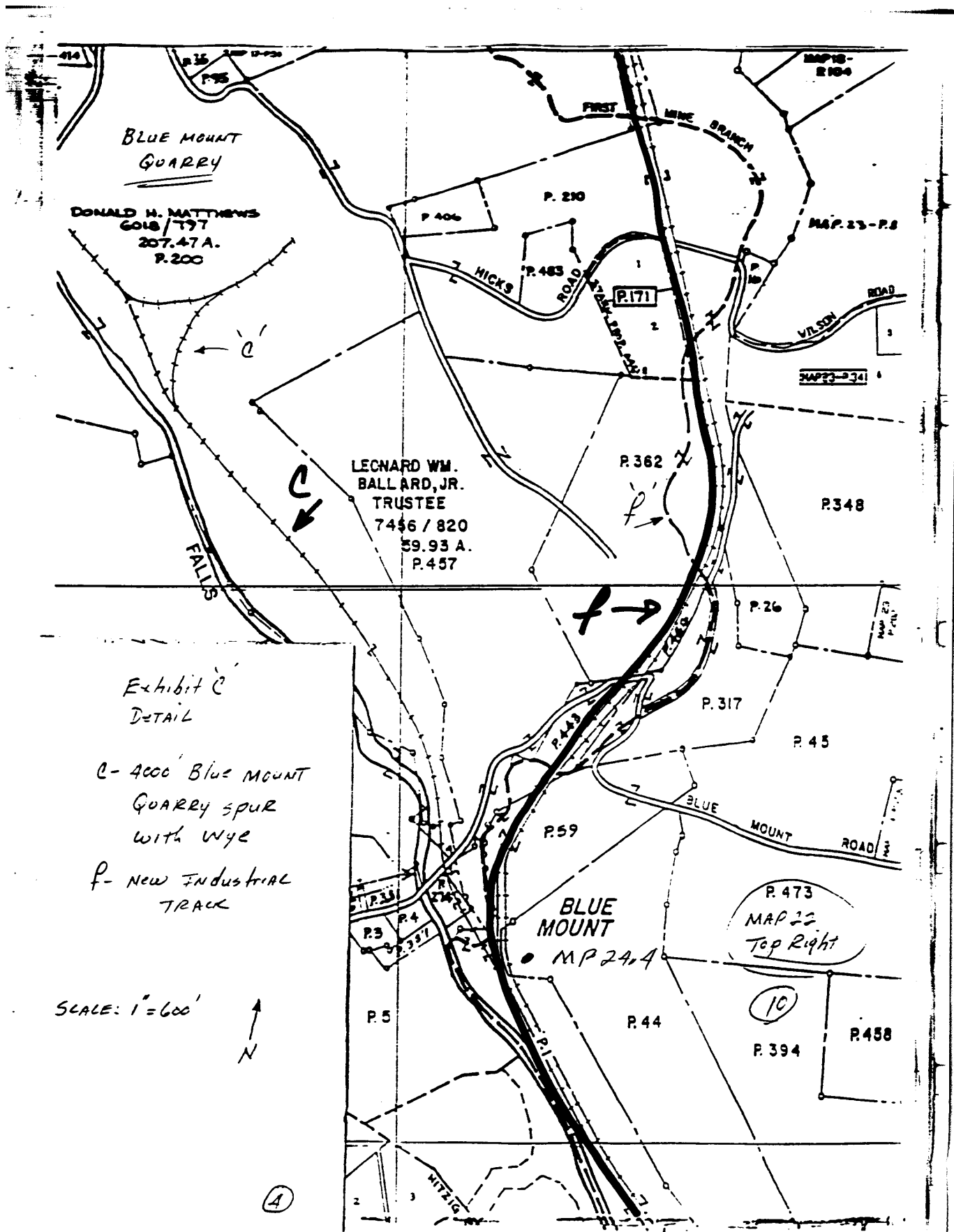
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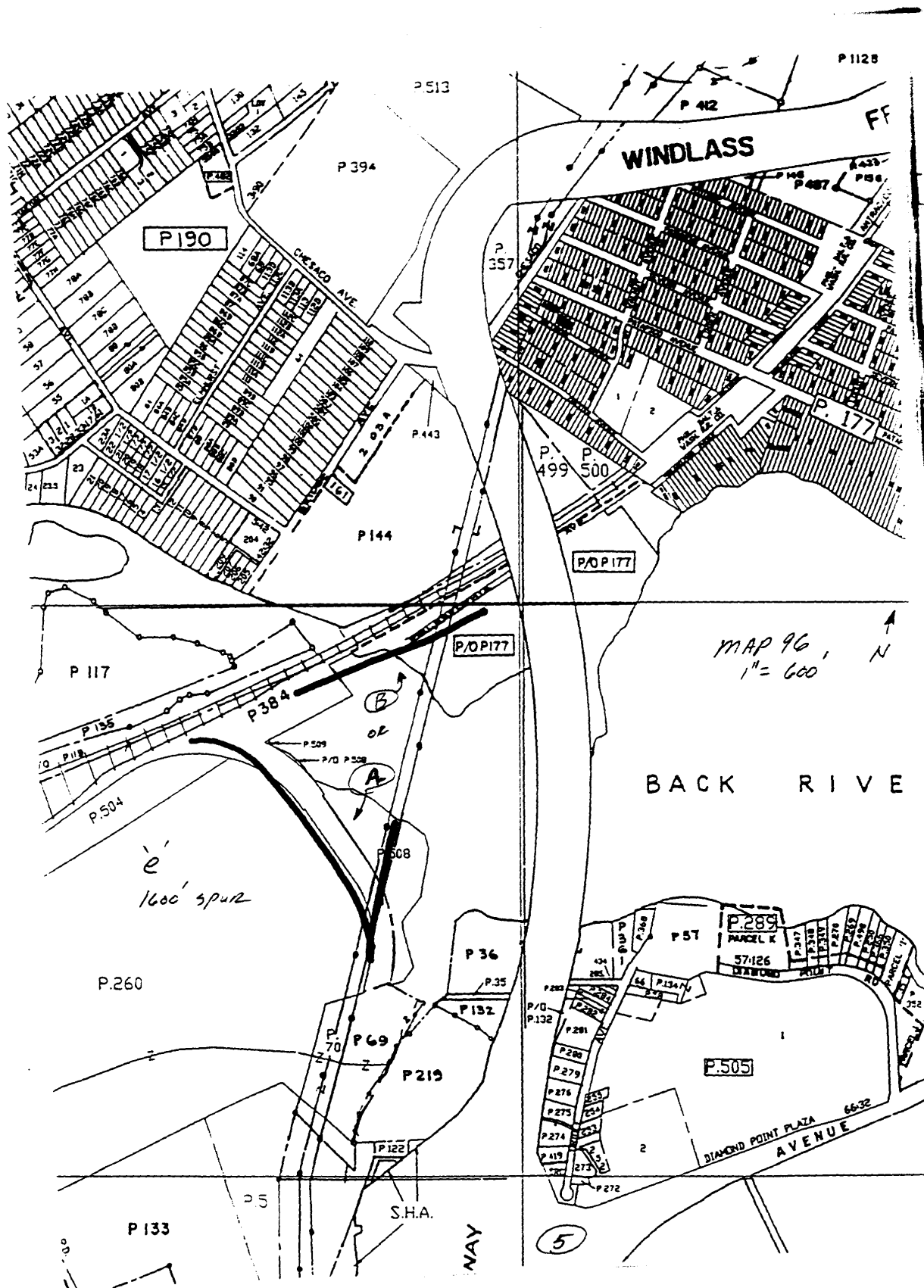


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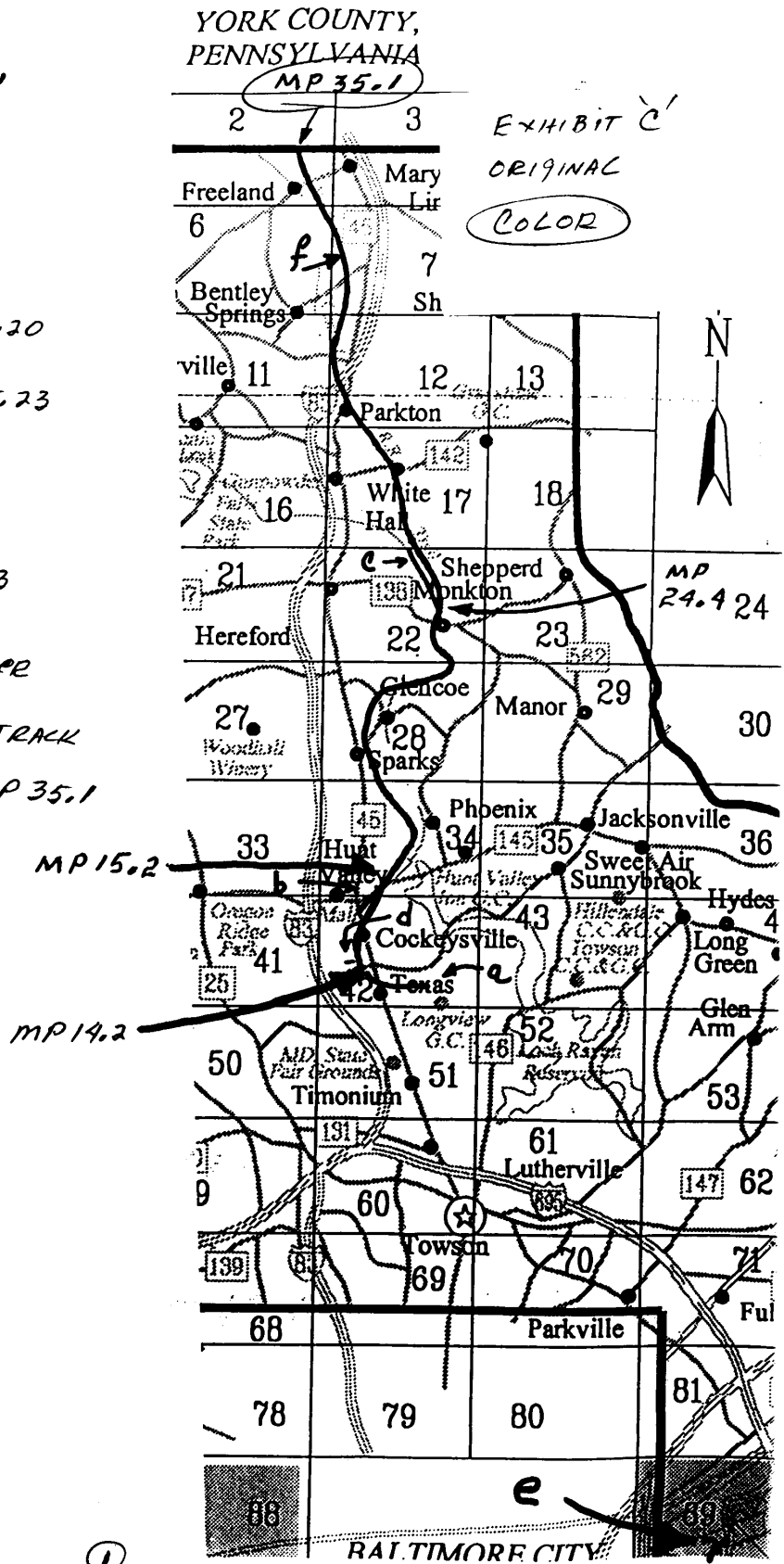
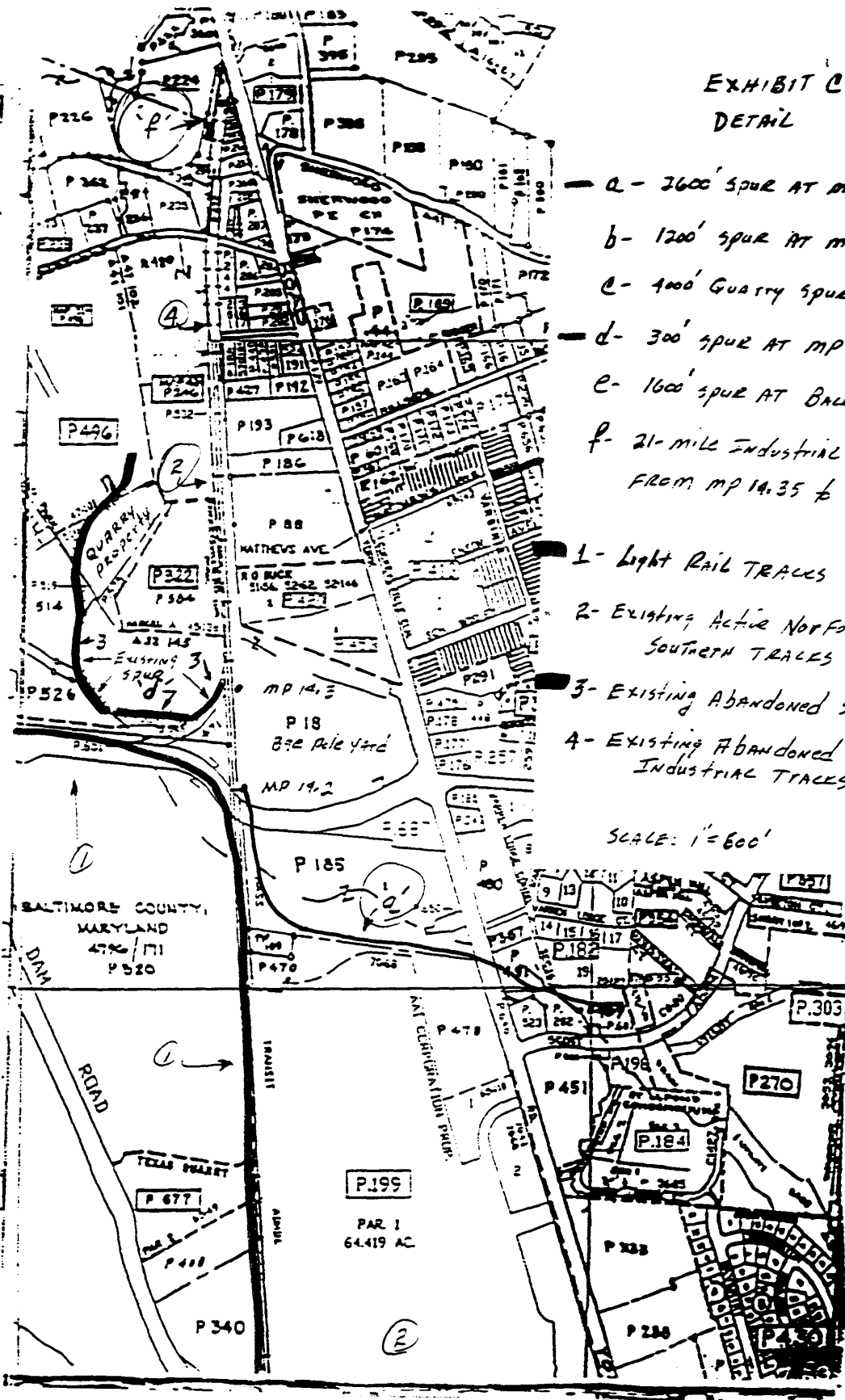


EXHIBIT C DETAIL



- a - 3600' spur AT MP 14.2
- b - 1200' spur AT MP 15.2
- c - 4000' Quarry spur AT MP 19.3
- d - 300' spur AT MP 19.3
- e - 1600' spur AT BALL RIVER
- f - 21-mile Industrial TRAIL FROM MP 14.35 to MP 35.1

- 1 - Light Rail TRAILS
- 2 - Existing Active Norfolk Southern TRAILS
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