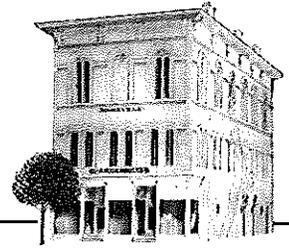




# VILLAGE OF JONESVILLE

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April 18, 2012

State Boundary Commission  
Office of Land Survey & Remonumentation  
Bureau of Construction Codes  
P.O. Box 30704  
Lansing, MI 48909

Re: Petition of the Village of Jonesville to become a Home Rule City

Dear Commissioners:

Enclosed you will find the Village of Jonesville's petition to seek incorporation as a Home Rule City. We look forward to the legal sufficiency hearing with the State Boundary Commission.

In accordance with the submittal requirements, this enclosure includes:

1. Cover Sheet
2. Part I-Map on one Page
3. Part Ia-Map overlaid on aerial photo
4. Part II-Petition for City Incorporation
5. Part II-Resolution of Support by Village Council
6. Part IIa-Identification of Contacts
7. Part III-Legal description of property proposed to be incorporated
8. Part IV-Verified petitions signed by registered voters and freeholders
9. Part V-Reasons for incorporation as a Home Rule City
10. Part VI-Map of surrounding area of the Village of Jonesville

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Snow  
Village President

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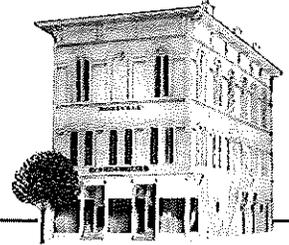
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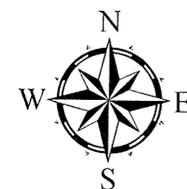
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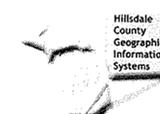
# Jonesville Part A Boundary Map



0 500 1,000 2,000 Feet

## Legend

-  Village Boundary
-  Section Lines
-  State Highway
-  US Highway
-  Roads/Street
-  Village Parcels
-  Township Parcels
-  St Joseph River



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JONESVILLE

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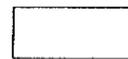
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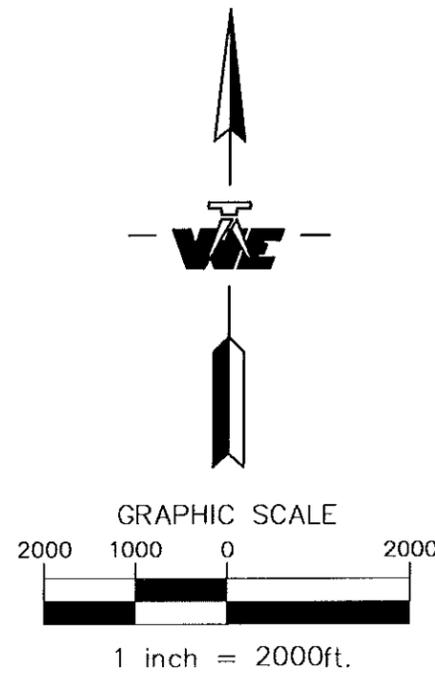
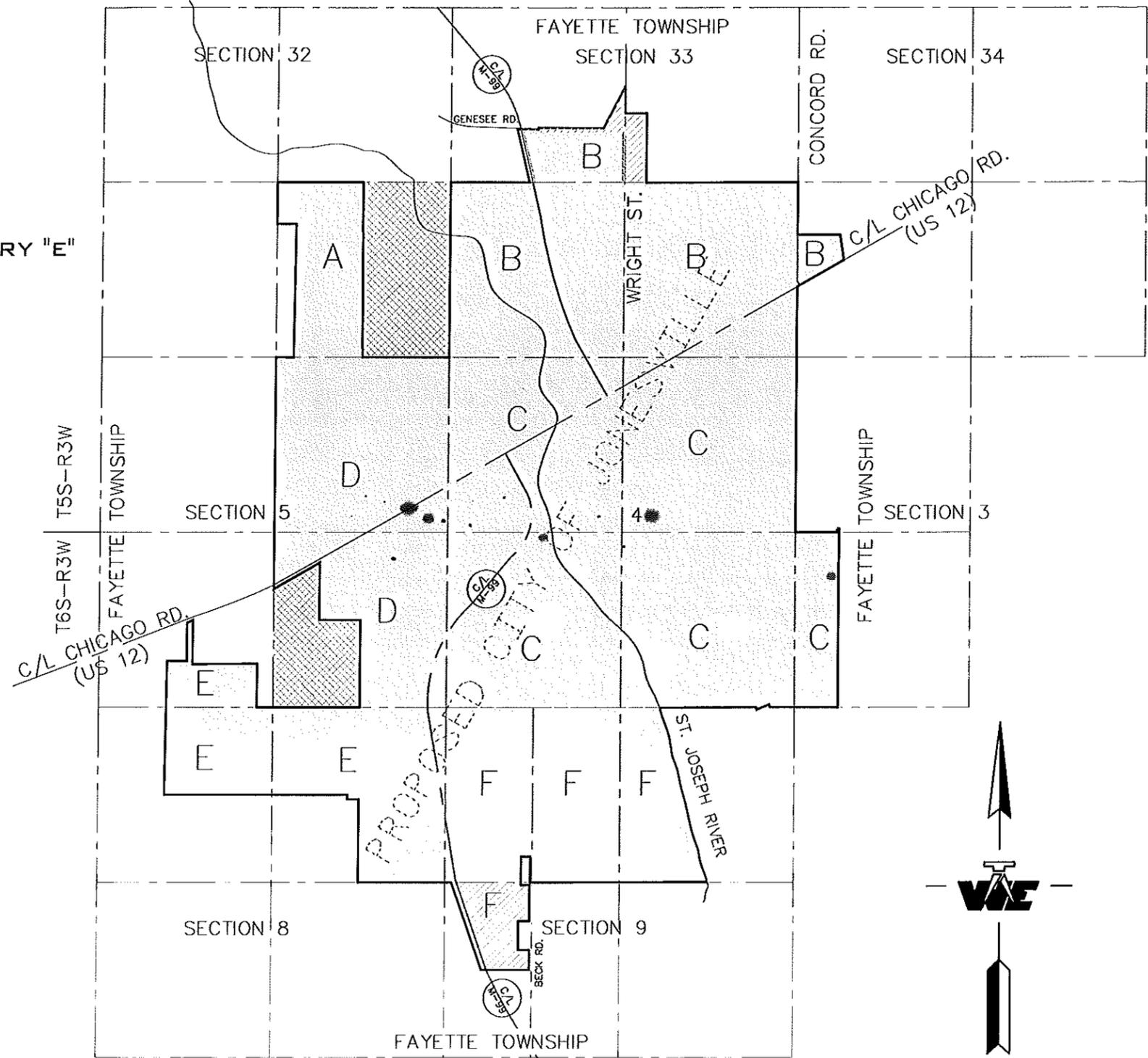
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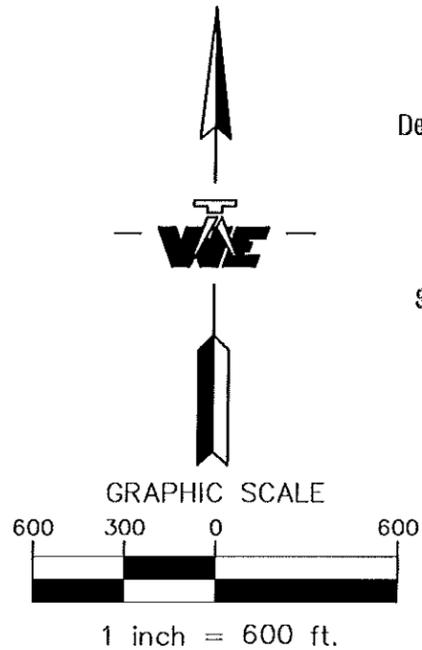
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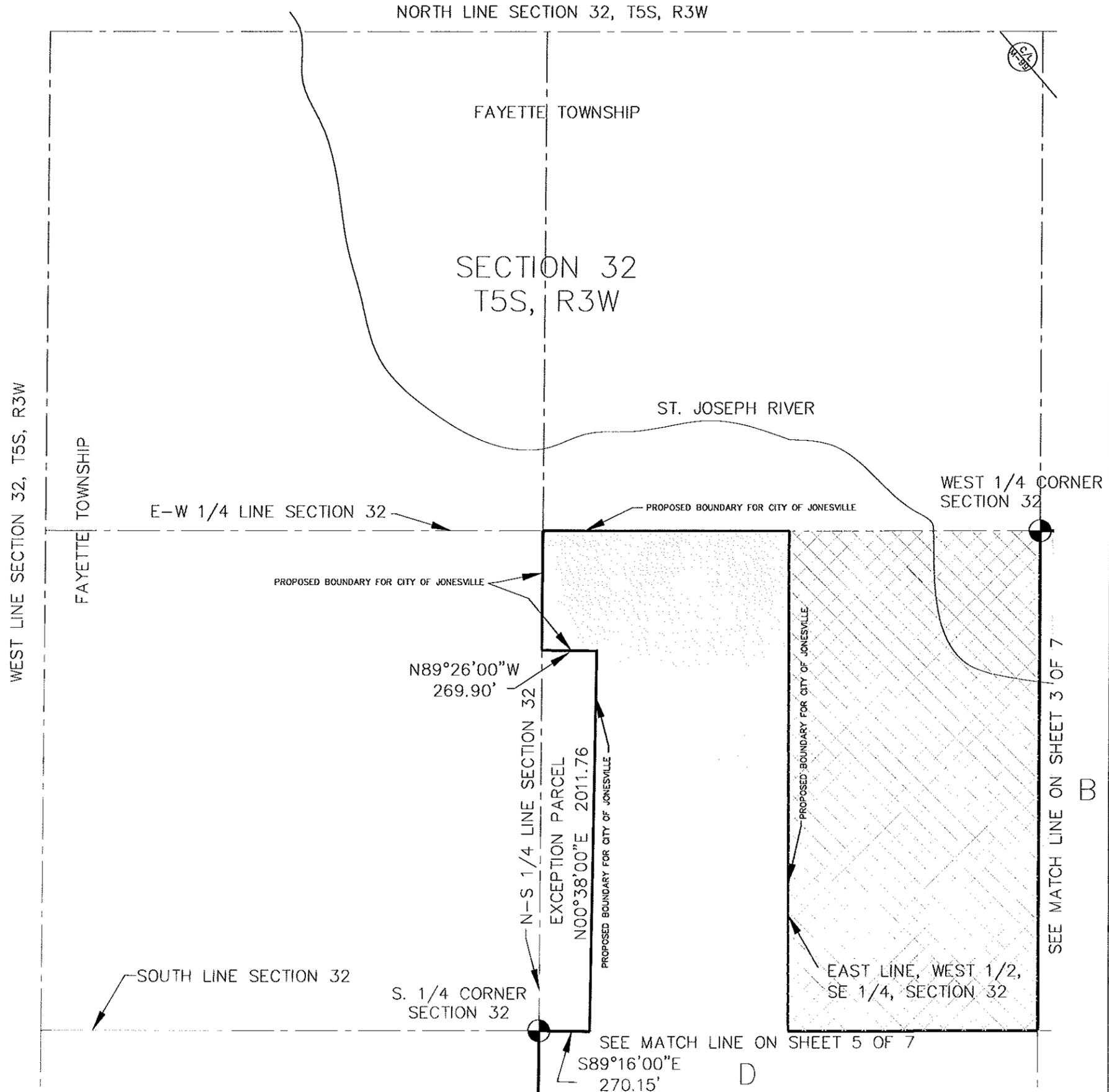
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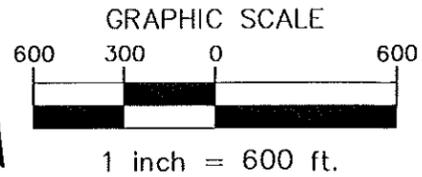
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## METES & BOUNDS TERRITORY FOR "B"

### FOR INCORPORATION AS THE CITY OF JONESVILLE HILLSDALE COUNTY, MICHIGAN



The Southeast 1/4 and Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 5 South, Range 3 West; Also two parcels of land identified by the following two tax identification numbers: 06-033-100-036-33-5-3 and 06-033-100-035-33-5-3, the legal description for the land containing said two parcels of land being described as follows: All land within the NW 1/4 of said Section 33 which lies East of the Easterly right-of-way line of Highway M-99, West of the Westerly right-of-way line of Penn Central Railroad and South of a line which connects the East right-of-way line of Highway M-99 with the West right-of-way line of the Penn Central Railroad, said line being described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 33; thence South 89 degrees 38 minutes 06 seconds East along the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 33 a distance of 1250.48 feet to the centerline of Highway M-99, said point being recorded as West 1385.13 feet from the Center corner of said Section 33; thence North 13 degrees 11 minutes 55 seconds West along said Highway centerline 640.68 feet (record 642.3 feet); thence North 76 degrees 48 minutes 05 seconds East 75.00 feet to the Easterly right-of-way line of said Highway M-99; thence North 13 degrees 11 minutes 55 seconds West along said right-of-way line 198.40 feet; thence continuing along said right-of-way line Northwesterly 31.48 feet on the arc of a curve to the left with a radius of 1984.86 feet, a central angle of 000 degrees 54 minutes 31 seconds and a chord which bears North 13 degrees 39 minutes 10 seconds West 31.48 feet to the Point of Beginning for the line connecting said right-of-ways; thence North 83 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds East 220.79 feet to the Northeast corner of the parcel described in Liber 1179, Page 970, Hillsdale County Records; thence North 06 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds West 16.16 feet; thence Easterly to a point on the Westerly Right-of-way line for Penn Central Railroad which lies 892 feet (as measured along the Westerly right-of-way line for said railroad) from the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 33 to the Point of Ending for said line; Also all land within the NW 1/4 of said Section 33, which lies Easterly of the Westerly right-of-way line of the Penn Central Railroad; Also the South 1,171.50 feet of the West 297 feet of the NE 1/4 of said Section 33; Also that portion of Highway M-99 right-of-way lying North of the East-West quarter line of said Section 33 and South of the Northerly right-of-way line of Genesee Road extended eastward to its intersection with the Easterly right-of-way line of Highway M-99;

Also five parcels of land lying within the SW 1/4 of Section 34 in Town 5 South, Range 3 West identified by the following five tax identification numbers: 06-034-300-003-34-5-3, 06-034-300-011-34-5-3, 06-034-300-013-34-5-3, 06-034-300-014-34-5-3 and 06-034-300-015-34-5-3, the legal description for the land containing said five parcels of land being described as follows: The South 1/2 of the following tract of land described in the Record of Proceedings filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on February 17, 1995, viz: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34 in Town 5 South, Range 3 West, running thence South to the center of Chicago Road; thence Easterly along the center of the said Chicago Road, far enough with the subsequent boundaries to contain 20 acres of land; thence Northerly to a point on the 1/4 line 32 rods East of the aforesaid Northwest corner (being the starting point of this description); thence West 32 rods to the place of beginning.

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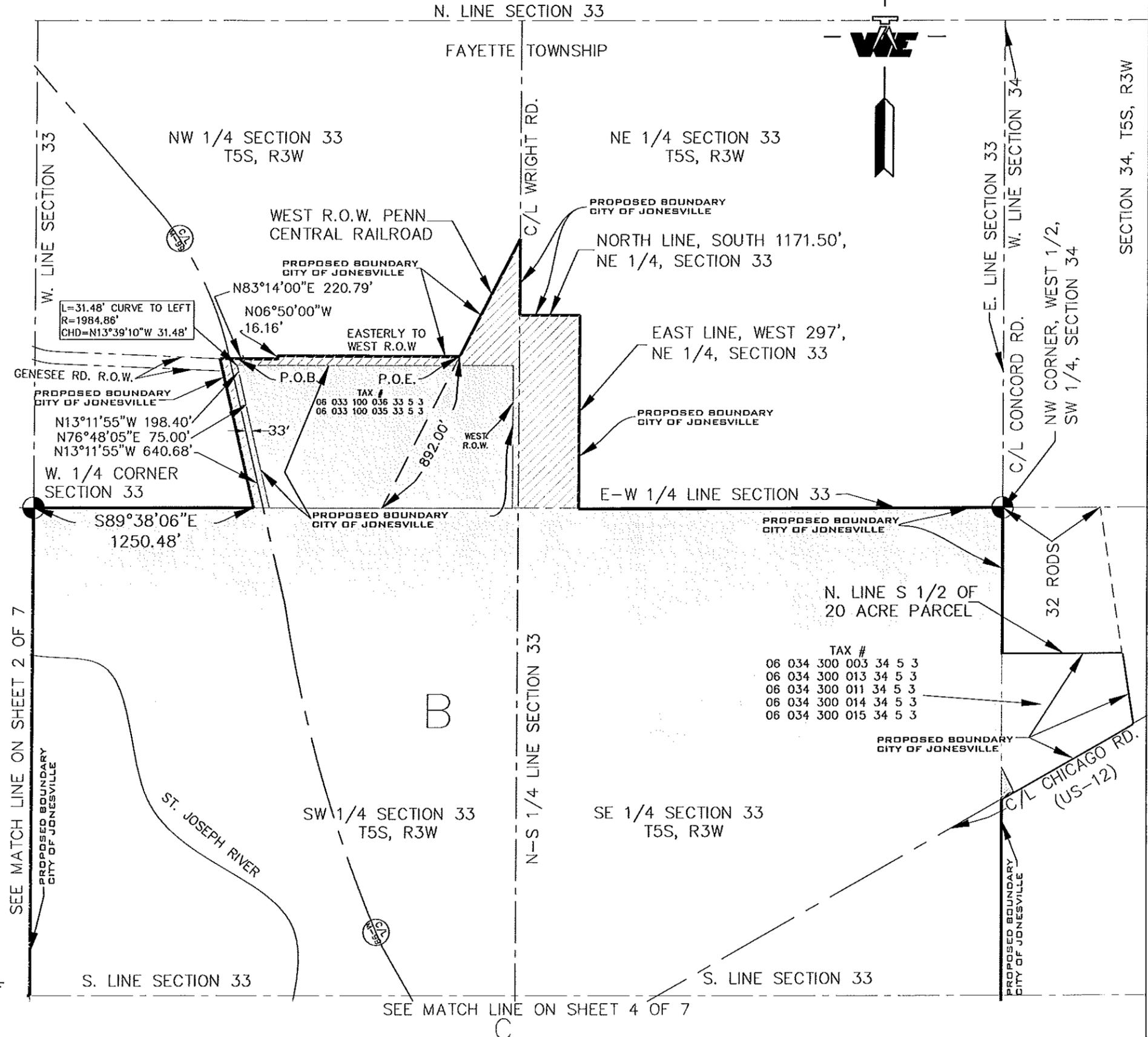
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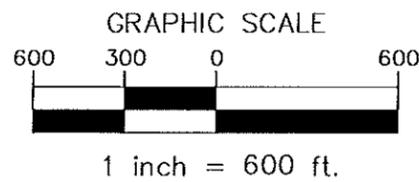
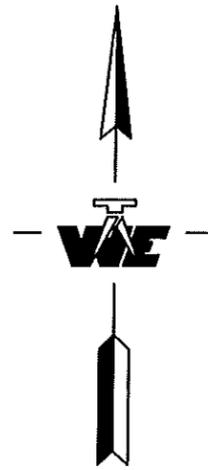
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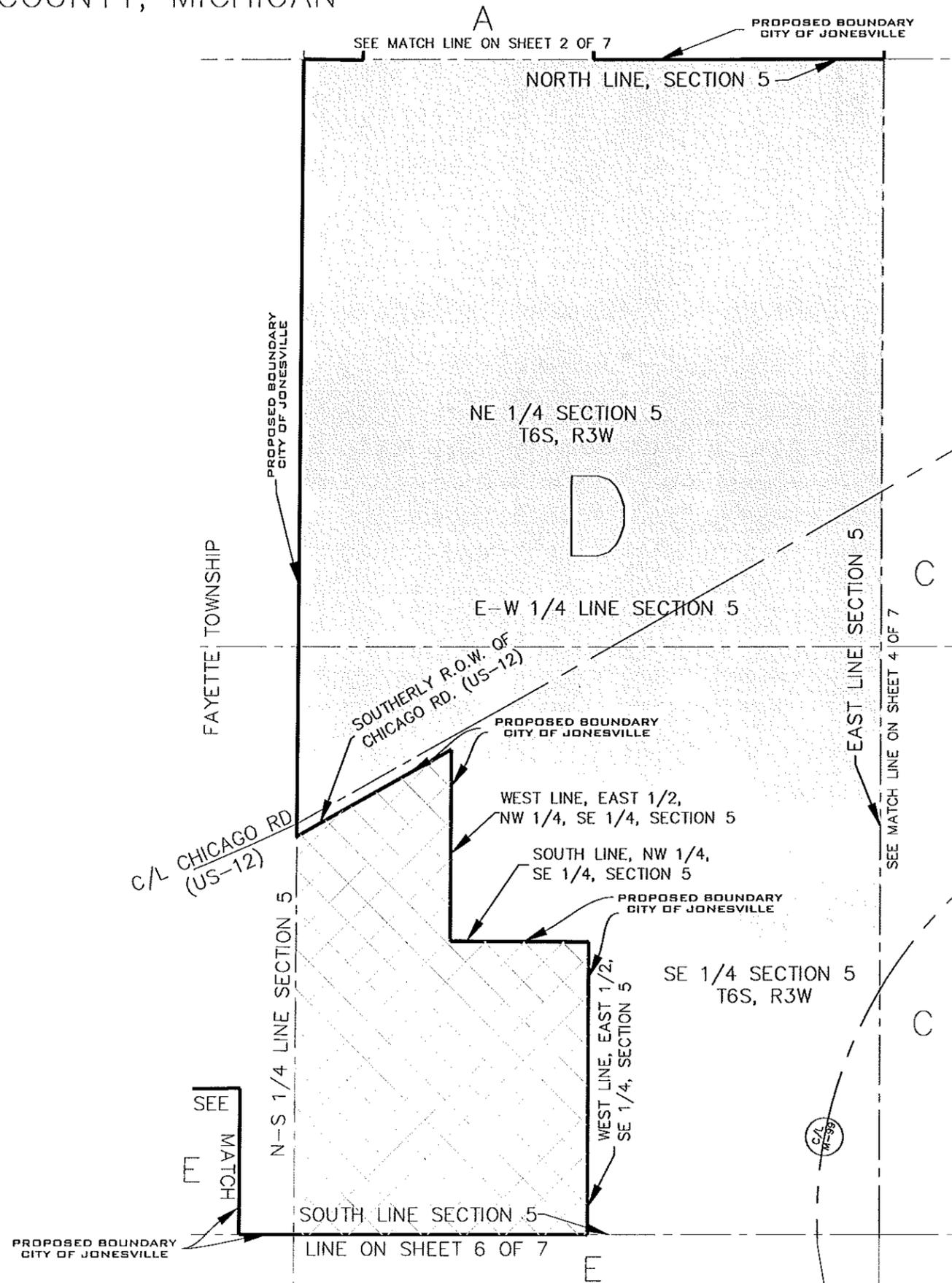
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## TERRITORY FOR "D"

The Northeast 1/4 of Section 5, Town 6 South, Range 3 West; Also the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 5, Town 6 South, Range 3 West; Also the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 5, Town 6 South, Range 3 West; Also that portion of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 5, Town 6 South, Range 3 West which lies North of the Southerly right-of-way line of Chicago Road;



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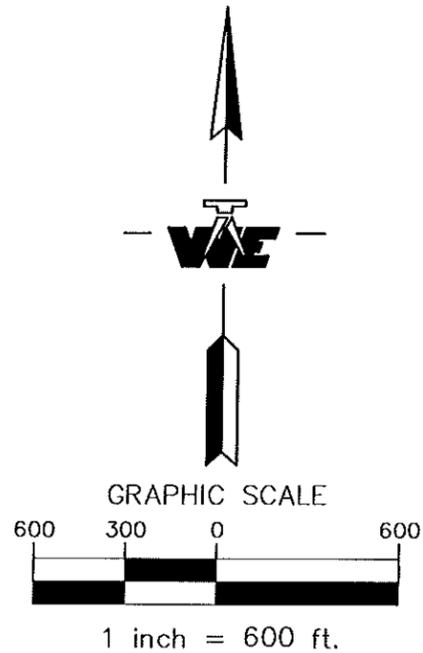
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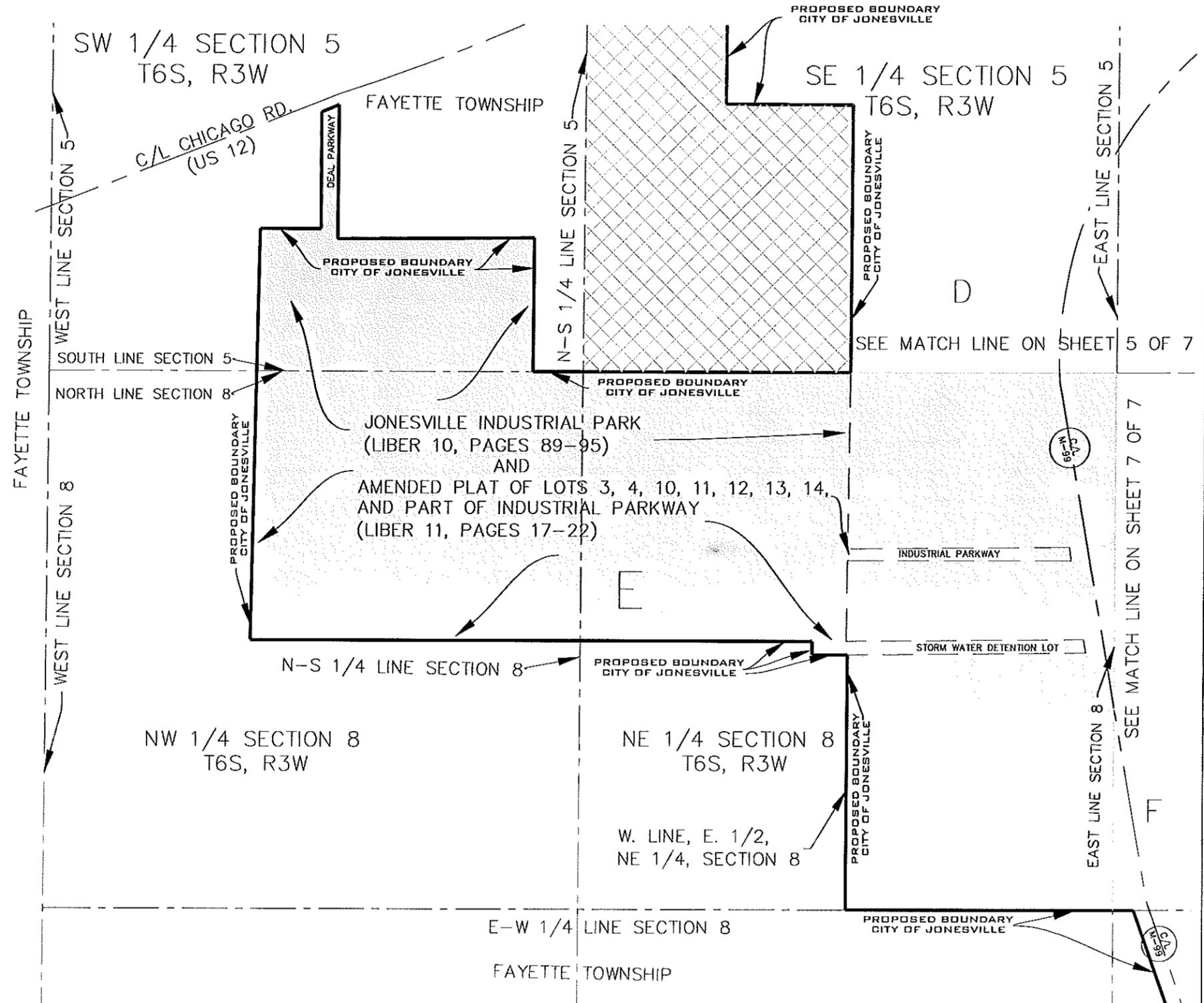
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## TERRITORY FOR "E"

That portion of Section 5 and Section 8, Town 6 South, Range 3 West contained within the following two plats: Jonesville Industrial Park as shown on the plat recorded in Liber 10 of Plats on Pages 89 thru 95, Hillsdale County Records AND Amended Plat of Lots 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and Part of Industrial Parkway, in the Recorded Plat of Jonesville Industrial Park as shown on the plat recorded in Liber 11 of Plats on Pages 17 thru 22, Hillsdale County Records; Also all lands contained within the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 6 South, Range 3 West located outside of said plat of Jonesville Industrial Park;



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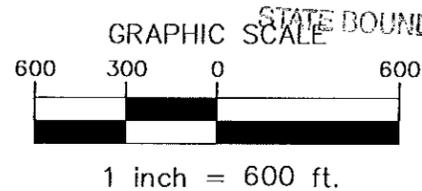
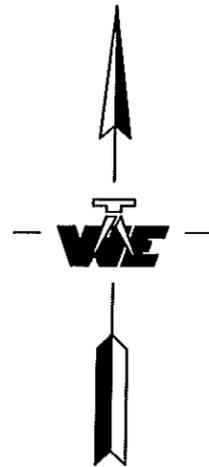
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## TERRITORY FOR "F"

The Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 6 South, Range 3 West AND that portion of the North 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 9 which lies East of the West line of the 150 foot wide right-of-way of M-99 and West of the West right-of-way line of Beck Road EXCEPT the following described land: A 2.00 acre rectangular tract of land measuring 200.00 feet East-West (oriented perpendicular to Beck Road) and 435.60 feet North-South and whose Southeast corner lies 2,593.80 feet North of the South line of said Section 9 and whose Easterly boundary lies 33 feet West of the centerline of the 66 foot wide Beck Road right-of-way; ALSO EXCEPT the following described land: A 2.00 acre rectangular tract of land measuring 200.00 feet East-West (oriented perpendicular to Beck Road) and 435.60 feet North-South and whose Southeast corner lies 1,613.70 feet North of the South line of said Section 9 and whose Easterly boundary lies 33 feet West of the centerline of the 66 foot wide Beck Road right-of-way; Also that portion of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 9 lying westerly of the thread of the St. Joseph River (formally known as Mill Pond prior to removal of dam creating said pond);



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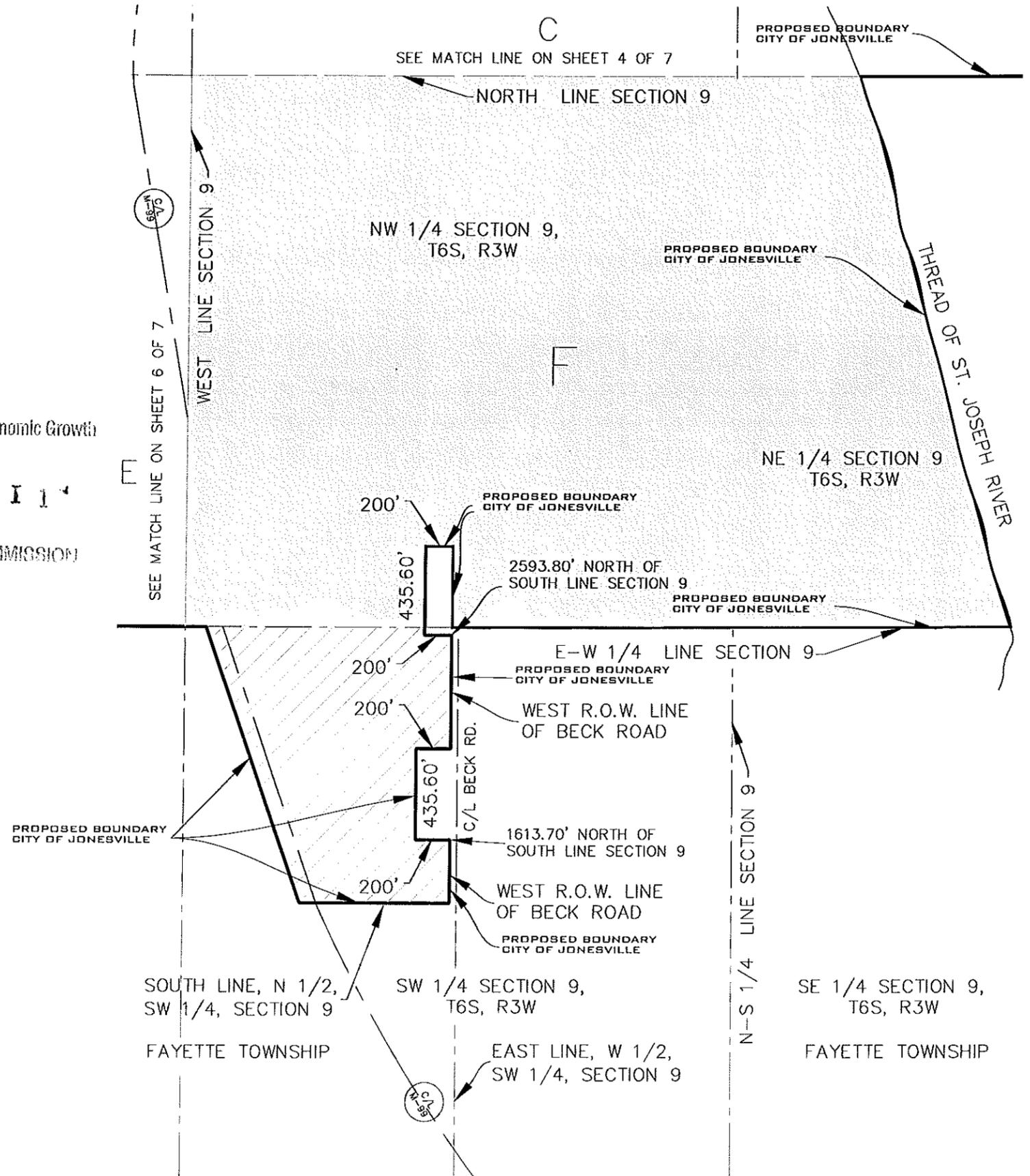
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PETITION FOR CITY INCORPORATION  
PART II

We, the undersigned eligible electors and freeholders residing within the Village of Jonesville do petition that the question of incorporation of the proposed City of Jonesville as a home rule city be considered by the State Boundary Commission in accordance with the provisions of Act 279 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended, and the provisions of Act 191 of the Public Acts of 1968, as amended.

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCORPORATION AS A HOME RULE CITY**  
**Village of Jonesville**  
**Hillsdale County, State of Michigan**

WHEREAS, the Jonesville Citizen Advisory Committee on Cityhood was formed to assess the potential advantages and disadvantages of the incorporation of the Village of Jonesville as a Home Rule City; and

WHEREAS, it was the unanimous opinion of the Jonesville Citizen Advisory Committee on Cityhood that there are significant benefits to incorporation and have recommended to Village Council that incorporation be pursued; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council believes that it is in the best interest of the Village and its residents to become a Home Rule City; and

WHEREAS, the Village has held several public information meetings regarding incorporation and gathered signatures of Village property owners and eligible voters,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Village Council does hereby support and authorize that the petition be submitted to the State Boundary Commission to Incorporate the Village into a Home Rule City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Council does hereby request and urge that the State Boundary Commission and all other government entities, after public hearing, approve and Order that the Village of Jonesville be incorporated as a Home Rule City.

**This resolution was introduced by Councilperson Andy Penrose and supported by Councilperson Jerry Drake.**

**YEAS: Tim Bowman, Jerry Drake, Ron Hayes, Jim Marks, Andy Penrose and Robert Snow.**

**NAYS: None**

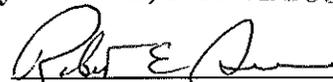
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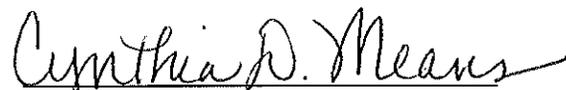
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**Resolution approved for adoption on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2012** STATE BOUNDARY COMMISSION



  
Robert E. Snow, Village President

  
Cynthia D. Means, Village Clerk

PETITION FOR CITY INCORPORATION  
PART IIa

It is the responsibility of the petitioner(s) to furnish the Boundary Commission with the contact information requested below in order for the government units to receive notice of docket material, meetings, and public hearings. The importance of accurate and current information cannot be overemphasized. The processing of a petition may be delayed if inaccuracies cause improper notice.

1. Name of Petitioner:  
Village of Jonesville  
Robert Snow, Village President  
265 E. Chicago  
Jonesville, MI 49250  
(p) 517-849-2104 (f) 517-849-9037

2. Name of Village:  
Village of Jonesville  
Cindy Means, Clerk  
265 E. Chicago  
Jonesville, MI 49250  
(p) 517-849-2104 (f) 517-849-9037  
[clerk@jonesville.org](mailto:clerk@jonesville.org)

3. Name of Village  
Village of Jonesville  
Adam Smith, Village Manager  
265 E. Chicago  
Jonesville, MI 49250  
(p) 517-849-2104 (f) 517-849-9037  
[manager@jonesville.org](mailto:manager@jonesville.org)

4. Name of Township  
Fayette Township  
Karen Champion, Township Clerk  
211 North Street  
Jonesville, MI 49250  
(p) 517-849-2351

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5. Name of County  
Hillsdale County  
Marney Kast, County Clerk  
29 N. Howell St Rm-1  
Hillsdale, MI 49242  
(p) 517-437-3391

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Jonesville Part III City Incorporation Legal Description

STATE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Land lying within the Township of Fayette, the County of Hillsdale and State of Michigan described as follows:**

The West ½ of the West ½ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 3, Town 6 South, Range 3 West;

Also Section 4, Town 6 South, Range 3 West, EXCEPT that portion of Lot 8, Maumee Sites as shown on the plat recorded in Liber 7 of Plats, Page 5, Hillsdale County Records, which lies within said Section 4; ALSO that portion of Lot 9 of said plat of Maumee Sites which lies within the NE ¼ of Section 9, Town 6 South, Range 3 West;

Also the Northeast ¼ of Section 5, Town 6 South, Range 3 West; Also the East ½ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 5, Town 6 South, Range 3 West; Also the East ½ of the Northwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 5, Town 6 South, Range 3 West; Also that portion of the West ½ of the Northwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 5, Town 6 South, Range 3 West which lies North of the Southerly right-of-way line of Chicago Road;

Also that portion of Section 5 and Section 8, Town 6 South, Range 3 West contained within the following two plats: Jonesville Industrial Park as shown on the plat recorded in Liber 10 of Plats on Pages 89 thru 95, Hillsdale County Records AND Amended Plat of Lots 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and Part of Industrial Parkway, in the Recorded Plat of Jonesville Industrial Park as shown on the plat recorded in Liber 11 of Plats on Pages 17 thru 22, Hillsdale County Records; Also all lands contained within the East ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 8, Town 6 South, Range 3 West located outside of said plat of Jonesville Industrial Park;

Also the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 6 South, Range 3 West AND that portion of the North ½ of the West ½ of the Southwest ¼ of said Section 9 which lies East of the West line of the 150 foot wide right-of-way of M-99 and West of the West right-of-way line of Beck Road EXCEPT the following described land: A 2.00 acre rectangular tract of land measuring 200.00 feet East-West (oriented perpendicular to Beck Road) and 435.60 feet North-South and whose Southeast corner lies 2,593.80 feet North of the South line of said Section 9 and whose Easterly boundary lies 33 feet West of the centerline of the 66 foot wide Beck Road right-of-way; ALSO EXCEPT the following described land: A 2.00 acre rectangular tract of land measuring 200.00 feet East-West (oriented perpendicular to Beck Road) and 435.60 feet North-South and whose Southeast corner lies 1,613.70 feet North of the South line of said Section 9 and whose Easterly boundary lies 33 feet West of the centerline of the 66 foot wide Beck Road right-of-way; Also that portion of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 9 lying westerly of the thread of the St. Joseph River (formally known as Mill Pond prior to removal of dam creating said pond);

Also the West ½ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 32, Town 5 South, Range 3 West EXCEPT the following described parcel: Beginning at the South ¼ Corner of said Section 32; thence South 89 degrees, 16 minutes East 270.15 feet along the South line of said Section 32; thence North 0 degrees, 38 minutes East 2011.76 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 26 minutes West 269.90 feet; thence Southerly along the North-South ¼ line of said Section 32 to the Point of Beginning for this exception;

Also the Southeast ¼ and Southwest ¼ of Section 33, Town 5 South, Range 3 West; Also two parcels of land identified by the following two tax identification numbers: 06-033-100-036-33-5-3 and 06-033-100-035-33-5-3, the legal description for the land containing said two parcels of land being described as follows: All land within the NW ¼ of said Section 33 which lies East of the Easterly right-of-way line of Highway M-99, West of the Westerly right-of-way line of Penn Central Railroad and South of a line which connects the East right-of-way line of Highway M-99 with the West right-of-way line of the Penn Central Railroad, said line being described as: Commencing at the West ¼ corner of said Section 33; thence South 89 degrees 38 minutes 06 seconds East along the East-West ¼ line of said Section 33 a distance of 1250.48 feet to the centerline of Highway M-99, said point being recorded as West 1385.13 feet from the Center corner of said Section 33; thence North 13 degrees 11 minutes 55 seconds West along said Highway centerline 640.68 feet (record 642.3 feet); thence North 76 degrees 48 minutes 05 seconds East 75.00 feet to the Easterly right-of-way line of said Highway M-99; thence North 13 degrees 11 minutes 55 seconds West along said right-of-way line 198.40 feet; thence continuing along said right-of-way line Northwesterly 31.48 feet on the arc of a curve to the left with a radius of 1984.86 feet, a central angle of 000 degrees 54 minutes 31 seconds and a chord which bears North 13 degrees 39 minutes 10 seconds West 31.48 feet to the Point of Beginning for the line connecting said right-of-ways; thence North 83 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds East 220.79 feet to the Northeast corner of the parcel described in Liber 1179, Page 970, Hillsdale County Records; thence North 06 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds West 16.16 feet; thence Easterly to a point on the Westerly Right-of-way line for Penn Central Railroad which lies 892 feet (as measured along the Westerly right-of-way line for said railroad) from the East-West ¼ line of said Section 33 to the Point of Ending for said line; Also all land within the NW ¼ of said Section 33, which lies Easterly of the Westerly right-of-way line of the Penn Central Railroad; Also the South 1,171.50 feet of the West 297 feet of the NE ¼ of said Section 33; Also that portion of Highway M-99 right-of-way lying North of the East-West quarter line of said Section 33 and South of the Northerly right-of-way line of Genesee Road extended eastward to its intersection with the Easterly right-of-way line of Highway M-99;

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Also five parcels of land lying within the SW ¼ of Section 34 in Town 5 South, Range 3 West identified by the following five tax identification numbers: 06-034-300-003-34-5-3, 06-034-300-011-34-5-3, 06-034-300-013-34-5-3, 06-034-300-014-34-5-3 and 06-034-300-015-34-5-3, the legal description for the land containing said five parcels of land being described as follows: The South ½ of the following tract of land described in the Record of Proceedings filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on February 17, 1995, viz: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the West ½ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 34 in Town 5 South, Range 3 West, running thence South to the center of Chicago Road; thence Easterly along the center of the said Chicago Road, far enough with the subsequent boundaries to contain 20 acres of land; thence Northerly to a point on the ¼ line 32 rods East of the aforesaid Northwest corner (being the starting point of this description); thence West 32 rods to the place of beginning.

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### Village of Jonesville Petition Summary

Petition Sheet	Number of Signatures
1	10
2	12
3	9
4	12
5	12
6	2
7	2
8	4
9	12
10	12
11	12
12	12
13	12
14	11
15	12
16	12
17	12
18	12
19	3
20	9
21	12
22	5
Total	211
Unable to verify eligibility	6
Adjusted Total	205
2010 Census Population: 2,258	9%

\*Unable to verify eligibility for: Ryan Griffiths, Carolyn Petrie, Lois Blair, Scott Leising, Luz Horvath, Larry Rathburn

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Briefly listed below are the capital investments and services currently provided to Village residents:

**Water:** The Village employs three certified water and wastewater operators at the treatment plant who are responsible for the drinking water production and treatment operations and the 13 mile sewer collection system. The water supply at the Village of Jonesville is supplied by two wells each capable of pumping more than 500 gallons per minute. The water is treated to remove iron before it is pumped into the Village water distribution system. After the iron is removed, the water is disinfected with chlorine, and fluoride is added at recommended state levels. A 500,000 gallon spherical water tower provides storage, fire protection, and water pressure throughout the Village. The iron removal plant is equipped with a permanent standby generator that will provide water during times of power failure.

**Sewer:** Sanitary sewer lines and a waste water treatment facility are also maintained by the Village of Jonesville. Additionally, we provide contracted services for water and waste water via lab.

**Streets:** The Department of Public Works is responsible for maintaining all of the Village's streets. This includes roadside cleanup, snow removal, and repairs. This department also takes care of the water loop system and water mains. They are also responsible for reading water meters as required. The Village's buildings, parks, and sidewalks are also cared for by the DPW. The Village of Jonesville also provides contracted snow removal for the Jonesville Post of the Michigan State Police and Fayette Township Cemetery.

**Police:** The Village of Jonesville has its own police department, which is tasked with enforcement of all laws within Village Limits. The department provides full-time, 24/7 service. Currently the police department employs 5 full-time officers and 2 part-time officers.

**Fire Protection:** The Village of Jonesville has a volunteer fire department which provides fire protection to its residents. Additionally, The Village has an agreement to provide fire protection to Fayette Township and Scipio Township. The fire department has 20+ part-paid fire fighters. The department has an ISO rating of 6.

**Local Administration:** The Village of Jonesville operates under a council-manager form of government. Jonesville has a full time Village Manager, Assistant to the Manager, Finance Director/Treasurer, Clerk/Recreation Director, Police Chief, DPW Superintendent, and Waste Water Superintendent. Additionally, the Village of Jonesville has contracted economic development services through the Hillsdale County Economic Development Partnership.

**Parks & Recreation:** The Village of Jonesville has two community parks. Carl Fast Memorial Park is located downtown. The park encompasses one block along the north side of US-12 downtown. The park has a pavilion, benches, picnic tables and some playground equipment. The Wright Street Park, approximately four acres in size, has a pavilion with rest rooms, tennis

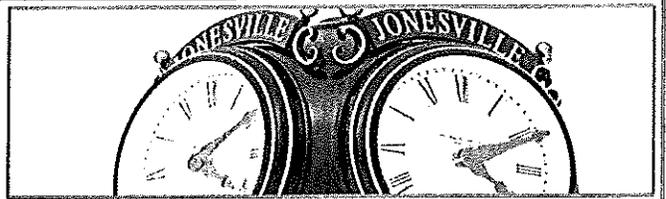
courts, a basketball court, playground equipment and two baseball fields. The Jonesville American Legion Veterans Freedom Memorial is located at the east end of town along US-12. Jonesville is also home to the Mill Race Golf Course, a privately owned and operated nine-hole course, located just four blocks south of downtown. The Village of Jonesville has the largest Summer Recreation Program in the county, which provides activities for youth throughout the region.. The Village also has a joint recreation plan and Master Plan with Fayette Township. The Village of Jonesville is also a member of the Hillsdale County Headwaters Recreation Authority.

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# Village to City Incorporation Information Sheet *Time for Change?*



## Advantages of City Incorporation

Streamlined government; village residents deal with one government, not two.

Residents, businesses, and property owners **no longer pay township taxes**. Property tax bill will be reduced by 0.9011 mills.

City assumes responsibility for assessing property, preparation of tax roll, and collecting taxes.

City retains the **existing** 1% tax administrative fee previously collected by the township. The fee offsets the costs of the additional responsibilities.

City assumes responsibility for all elections.

Collaboration with surrounding units would remain a priority.

Ability to conduct local government business 42 hours a week.

Elimination of double tax/duplication of services.

With incorporation, residents are able to develop their own city charter to meet current and future needs of governance.

## Disadvantages of City Incorporation

Financial impact on Fayette Township; property tax currently collected from village taxpayers would no longer be available.

There could be potential conflict over boundaries.

Citizens may perceive that city status will result in higher taxes.

Division and separation of township assets can be controversial.

Residents may perceive village status denotes a sense of community, as opposed to city status.

## Frequently Asked Questions

*What are the reasons for becoming a city?* Cityhood evaluation is a strategic objective of the Village Council in an effort to:

1. Streamline government.
2. Reduce the tax liability for residents and businesses.
3. Further economic development.

*What will happen if the Village of Jonesville becomes a city?* As a city, Jonesville will operate independent of Fayette Township. Jonesville residents, businesses, and property owners would no longer pay taxes to Fayette Township.

*Will incorporation as a city result in higher taxes?* As a city, Jonesville's governing body can levy a maximum of 20 mills, the same as the village can currently levy. The city intends to levy 16.388 mills, the same as the village currently levies.

*What do residents gain from Jonesville becoming a city?* Residents and businesses will see a reduction of 0.9011 mills as they no longer pay taxes to Fayette Township. Residents and businesses will deal with one government, not two.

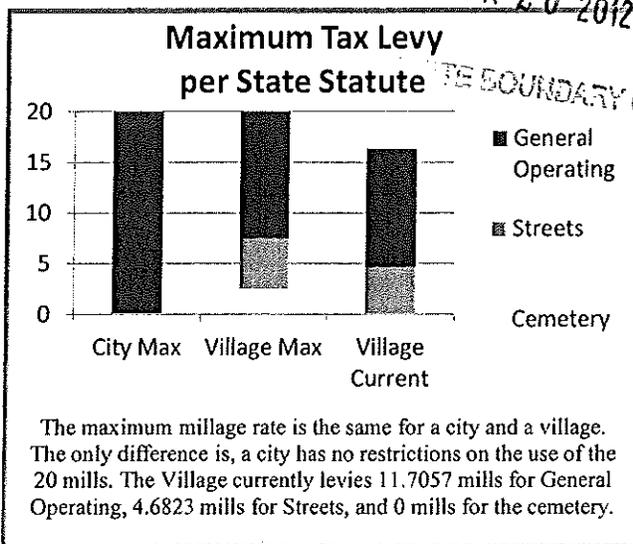
*Will becoming a city mean Jonesville will lose its sense of community?* Jonesville's sense of community is derived from its citizens.

*How will the Village choose the boundary map for the new city?* As a city, Jonesville intends to follow the existing village boundaries.

*What services does the Village currently provide to the Township?* The Village currently provides for contracted fire protection service to Fayette Township. As a city, Jonesville would offer the same service.

*What type of government would exist in the new city?* Currently the Village of Jonesville has a Council-Manager form of government. As a city, Jonesville intends to maintain the same form of government.

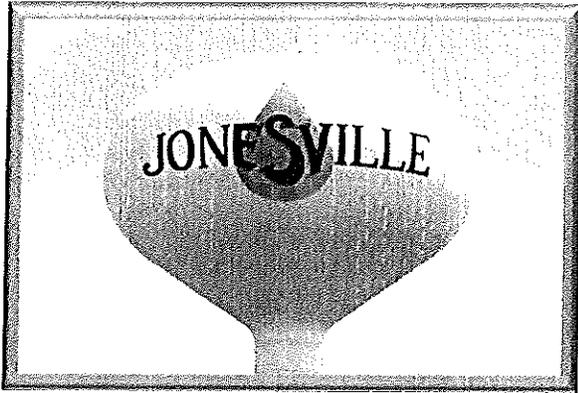
*What will happen to the Township Cemetery?* As a city, Jonesville proposes to establish a self-sufficient Cemetery Authority to oversee its activities. The city intends to levy 16.388 mills, the same as the village currently levies.



**This initiative will save Village residents and businesses \$52,444 annually.**

Property Type (Taxable Value)	Annual Savings Realized
Large industrial business (\$5,650,000)	\$3,600.00
Family purchasing a home (\$65,000)	\$59.00
Family building a home (\$75,000)	\$68.00
A local insurance office (\$58,000)	\$52.00
A local restaurant (\$184,000)	\$166.00
Commercial mixed-use (\$449,000)	\$405.00

Tax Formula: TV x millage rate (0.9011) ÷ 1,000 = Your savings



### FACTS

Village of Jonesville residents currently pay 0.9011 mills to Fayette Township.

Incorporation as a city would eliminate a layer of government.

The Village of Jonesville has not increased taxes since 1997.

The Village of Jonesville is a full service municipality; open to the public for 42 hours per week.

1/3 of Michigan cities have a population of less than 3,000.

Villages are not primary units of government.

Proposal A limits the yearly property tax increase to be equal to the lesser of the Inflation Rate Multiplier or 5%.

Incorporation does not affect taxes levied by the schools, county, senior services, ambulance, medical care facility, or library.

Cities are required to provide access to a cemetery.

### Incorporation Process

Village Council appoints committee to explore the impact of city incorporation. (08/17/2011)

Committee solicits community input and conducts educational sessions with residents (in progress)

Committee develops recommendation to council (11/16/2011)

If the Village Council proceeds with cityhood, they initiate a petition process, which includes the proposed boundaries.

Petition must contain signatures of 5% (113) of registered voters who own property in the village.

After collection of signatures, petition is then filed with State Boundary Commission (SBC).

SBC conducts "Sufficiency Hearing" to ascertain the accuracy of application and proposed boundaries.

If petition sufficient, SBC establishes date for public hearing.

Village residents have 45 days to file a petition opposing city incorporation.

If no petition is filed, SBC establishes a date for the election of Charter Commission (nine members).

Once Charter Commission is elected they have 90 days to develop a city charter.

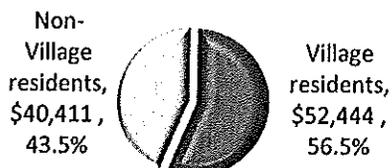
Draft of Charter is sent to the Governor for review.

Charter presented to village voters for approval or rejection. If vote is affirmative, charter is filed with State of Michigan.

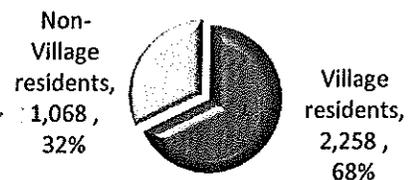
New city begins operation on the date as proposed in Charter.

This complete process takes an average of 9-24 months.

#### Fayette Township Total Tax Revenue \$92,855



#### Fayette Township Total Population 3,326



#### Village Council Members

Robert Snow-President, Gerry Arno-President Pro Tem, Tim Bowman-Trustee, Jerry Drake-Trustee, Ron Hayes-Trustee, Jim Marks-Trustee, Andy Penrose-Trustee

#### Cityhood Advisory Committee Members

Mike Fast -Co-Chairman, David Steel-Co-Chairman, Christine Bowman-Recording Secretary, Dean Adair II, Barbara Clark, Charles Crouch, George Humphries Jr., Jim Pope, Penny Sarles

*Dear Citizens,*

*I encourage you to be actively involved in your community. The information in this brochure is designed to help you make an informed decision about your community's future. If you have questions or comments, please share those with us.*

*~ Bob Snow, Village President*

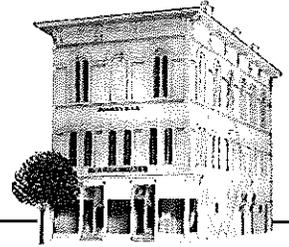
For future meetings and additional information regarding Village to City Incorporation, visit our website at [www.jonesville.org](http://www.jonesville.org). Your input is appreciated. Please feel free to write, phone or e-mail Village Hall with your questions, concerns and comments.



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