



May 11, 2021

Hello MI Redistricting Commission —

We live in Zip Code 49534, in Kent County. 10 or 20 years ago we were taken out of District 3 (US House of Reps, currently Peter Meijer) & put into District 2 (us House of Reps, currently Bill Huizenga).

Please put us back into Kent County District 3 since we so much more relate & are involved in this Grand Rapids/^{City of} Walker community! We need to be back in District 3.

Thank you for serving in the fairness of our votes. Regards —

Harry & Deb Kundelski

[REDACTED]
Grand Rapids, MI 49534

May 17, 2021

I testified at the hearing in Kalamazoo on May 13, 2021. I spoke extemporaneously, so I do not have an exact written copy of my testimony. This is from my notes, and I believe close to what I said. We were told to also submit a written copy of our testimony. I did go to the website and try to submit this testimony on May 16, 2021. I was told that I would receive an email confirming the receipt of my testimony. I have not received any confirmation, and my testimony is not on the website, although the testimony of other people who testified at the May 13th hearing is there. So, I am submitting it in this form, just to make sure you have it.

My name is Marcene Telfer, and I am a life-long resident of the Battle Creek-Kalamazoo area. I currently reside in Kalamazoo but lived most of my adult life in Battle Creek. I want to echo what Mr. Helmboldt said previously, I am here to advocate for the cities of Battle Creek and Kalamazoo being in the same Congressional district. As Mr. Helmboldt said, many area resources are shared by the two cities, and many people live in one city, but work in the other. I have been interested in politics since I was very young, and I remember when Battle Creek and Kalamazoo were in the same Congressional District. And the district was competitive, having had both Republican and Democratic representatives to Congress in the first half of my lifetime. Even though I now live in Kalamazoo, I am here advocating more for Battle Creek, because it has suffered more from the separation of the two cities into different districts. In the '90's, Battle Creek was put in a district with suburban Lansing and the rural counties to the south, Branch, Hillsdale, Jackson and Lenawee. In the redistricting after the 2010 Census, it was put into a district with Kent County, and even parts of Montcalm County to the north. The current 3rd Congressional district is currently one of the most gerrymandered districts in the state.

And as I said previously, the district in the 60's, 70's and 80's was competitive. I realize that it will be impossible for you avoid creating any "safe" districts. There will undoubtedly be some safe Republican districts in the northern part of the state and some safe Democratic districts in the Detroit area. But the second thing I am here to advocate for is the creation of as many competitive districts as possible. When districts are more evenly split between members of both political parties, I think the representatives of those districts are more responsive to the needs of the entire area.

Finally, I would like to add that you have a yeomen's task. After listening to many of the comments made at the hearing in Kalamazoo, it sounded like many people want to be in district where everyone else is "like them." That is not possible, of course. But Battle Creek and Kalamazoo are only about 20 miles apart and have many shared economic and cultural interests.



Marcene Telfer – [REDACTED] Kalamazoo, MI 49009



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Claudia

Midland

Houghtaling

Reeder

Add - Oceango

Crawford

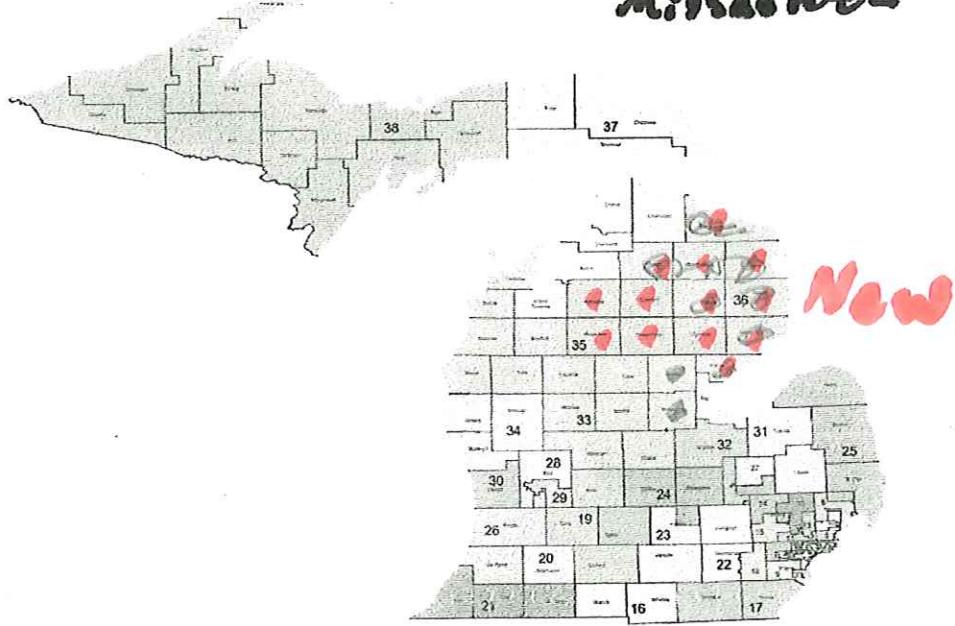
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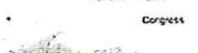
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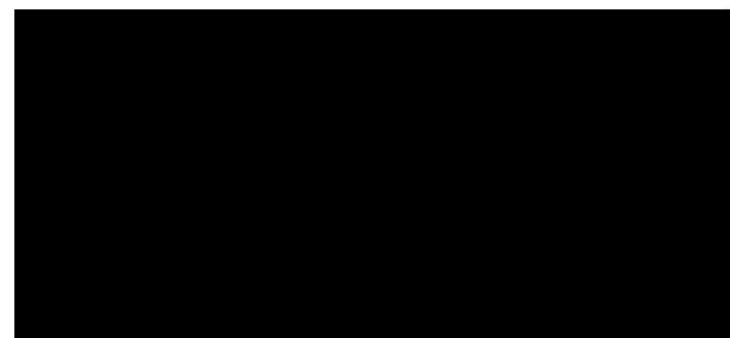
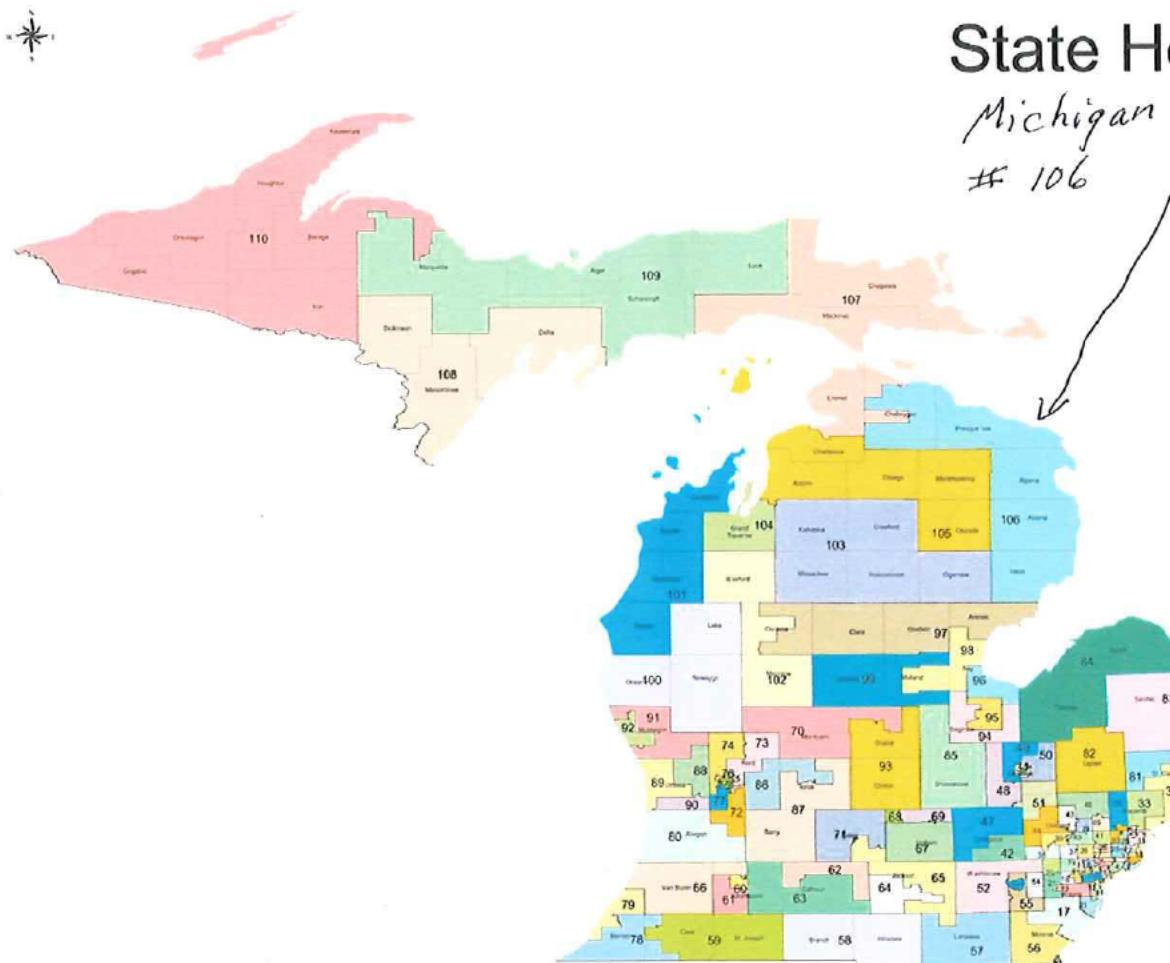
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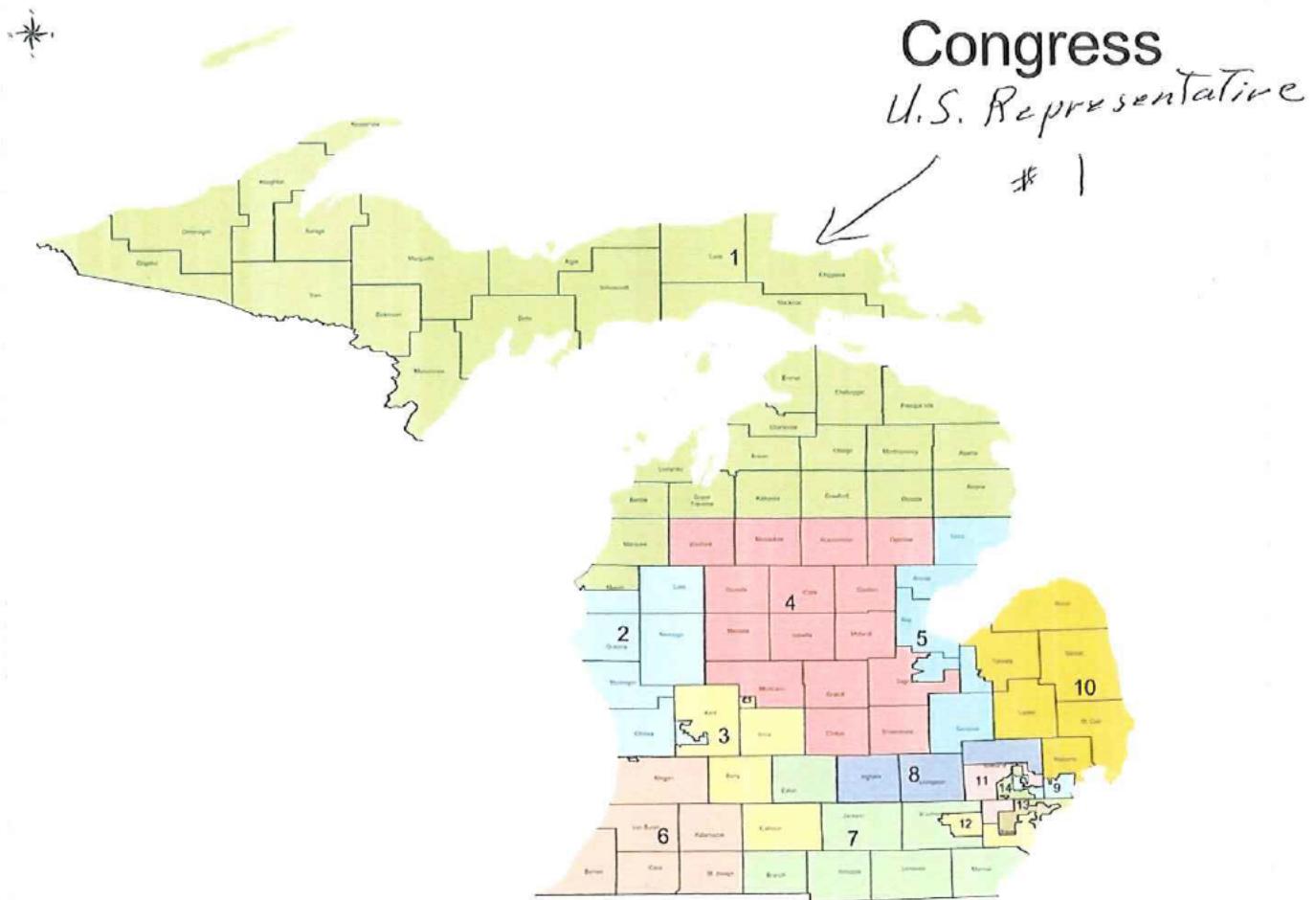
League of Women Voters
of Northeast Michigan

The community of interest in this district is Waterfront, Clean Water and Air, Environmental issues. This district is suggested to stay as is.



League of Women Voters of Northeast Michigan

Because of sparse population, this district
will probably need to remain as is.



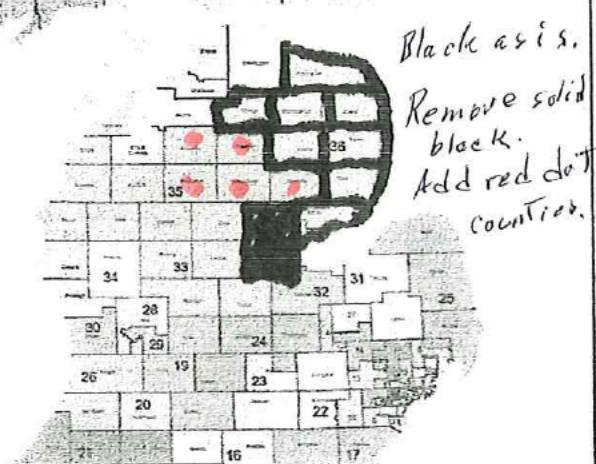
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This district was gerrymandered
in the 2010 census legislature.

Gladwin and Midland do not
share a community of interest
with the upper part **State Senate**

* with the upper part
of the district.

State Senate Michigan Senator # 36



A community of interest for the
36 district would include

instead - Crawford, Ogemaw,
Roscommon, Kalkaska and Missaukee,

This would be more rural,
agricultural, smaller businesses,
similar school districts, similar population governing bodies,

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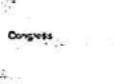
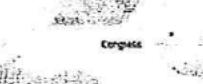
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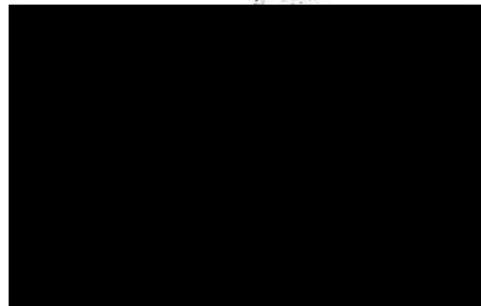
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Chip Pointer's painting—Anaka

Audrey's crane painting—Abby

Bastar Paintings-CA. Quail, Ducks --Hannah

Theater Play books and music—Jordan

Macker Plaque—Jordan

Games and Puzzles—divide

Christmas ornaments—back to whoever gave them to me

Dishes—Wheat pattern was from Gramma Ainsworth—Maybe Neishelle

Woodworking books—Wesley

Germany items—Julie for her kids.

Woven Baskets Tracey and Randy or donate to Museum.signed(Wabek, Alberts, Bundii) *January*

Armoire—Kasy or sell

Tables Bob made divide up or sell

Roll top—Jac's Dad's roll top on desk Jac

Depression or carnival glass—Sammy and Jennifer

Reunion Quilt—Nanette and Paula

Green Quilted March of Dimes Quilt from Gramma Buchner-Tracey

Blue quilted flowered quilt from Bill Buchner-Kasy

Fish painting on slate-Charley Dailey-\$10

Buck Saw- Dave blacker-\$10

Framed frost poem -the road less traveled\$50 Paula

Wood inlay deer-\$10 Beth

Angel-Beth \$10

Spoons Jim Shaffer \$10each

Carvings spoon, tree, fox etc. Howard Lahti -Kali

Cactus -Peetie

Flowers Peetie

5 women-sisters & Mom Nan \$100

Hands-Paula \$100

Hannah's painting—Hannah's Painting

1/22/91
Redfield antique fair
MAY 1991

RIVER C. Market, Inc.

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100 ft P

100 ft high, 200 ft wide

Exhibit and gift 90% Michael
Market area over break
Market area open to public

Redfield, May 1991

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Post office box 1844

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Dakota County, North Dakota

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Good afternoon and thank you very much for serving your fellow Michiganders in this very challenging and important task!

My name is Ben Jamieson and I live in Gun Plain township in Allegan County. We are an agriculture and rural residential area and I consider this my main COI. We do have one small city, Plainwell, in our area connected to a modest shopping and service area of a couple super stores, automotive parts and service businesses which provide needed services, groceries, personal and household items. Fortunately these area do not impact us as a larger dense urban area could. *similar for Allegan*

My other COI is my church which is in Kalamazoo. It is my congregation of birth and I have continued to worship there and participate in the 6 ministries that provide services to an urban population even though there are closer options within my denomination in Plainwell and Orangeville. Also I operated and light industrial business in the Richland area and relied on Kalamazoo for industrial materials and services. However, I do not believe that I should be voting with the residents of Kalamazoo or any other major urban area especially when it comes to the more local state issues.

I do believe that my interests lie with other citizens residing in a more rural culture and we would want to be represented by someone with a strong focus on our needs.

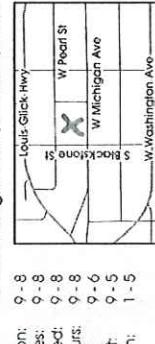
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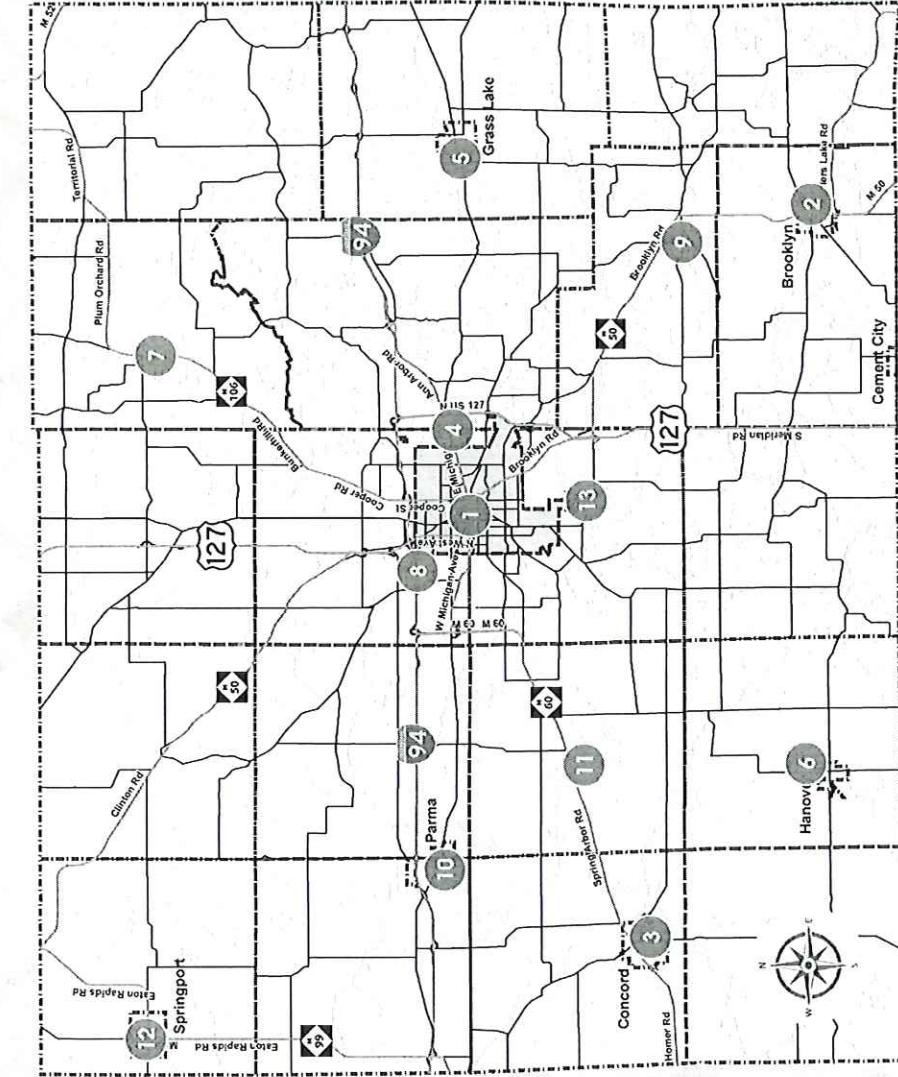
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CARNEGIE LIBRARY

517-783-4087
244 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson, MI 49201



LOCATIONS IN JACKSON COUNTY



NAPOLEON BRANCH

517-536-4266
675 Brooklyn Rd., Jackson, MI 49201
Mon: 1-6
Tues: 1-6
Wed: 10-6
Thurs: Closed
Fri: Closed
Sat: Closed
Sun: Closed

BROOKLYN BRANCH

517-905-1369
207 N. Main St., Brooklyn, MI 49230
Mon: 10-7
Tues: 10-6
Wed: 10-6
Thurs: 10-6
Fri: 10-3
Sat: Closed
Sun: Closed

PARMA BRANCH

517-531-4908
102 Church St., Parma, MI 49269
Mon: 10-7
Tues: 10-6
Wed: Closed
Thurs: 1-6
Fri: Closed
Sat: Closed
Sun: Closed

CONCORD BRANCH

517-905-1379
108 S. Main St., Concord, MI 49237
Mon: 10-6
Tues: 1-6
Wed: Closed
Thurs: 1-6
Fri: 10-3
Sat: Closed
Sun: Closed

SPRING ARBOR BRANCH

517-750-2030
113 E. Main St., Spring Arbor, MI 49284
Mon: 10-6
Tues: 10-6
Wed: Closed
Thurs: 10-7
Fri: 10-6
Sat: 10-3
Sun: Closed

EASTERN BRANCH

517-783-4074
3125 E. Michigan Ave., Jackson, MI 49202
Mon: 9-8
Tues: 9-8
Wed: 9-8
Thurs: 9-8
Fri: 9-6
Sat: 9-5
Sun: 1-5

SPRINGPORT BRANCH

517-905-1459
116 Mechanic St., Springport, MI 49284
Mon: Closed
Tues: 10-7
Wed: Closed
Thurs: 1-6
Fri: 10-6
Sat: 10-2
Sun: Closed

GRASS LAKE BRANCH

517-522-3211
130 W. Michigan Ave., Grass Lake, MI 49240
Mon: 10-7
Tues: Closed
Wed: 10-6
Thurs: Closed
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Sat: 10-2
Sun: Closed

SUMMIT BRANCH

517-783-4030
104 W. Bird St., Jackson, MI 49203
Mon: 10-8
Tues: 10-6
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MEIJER BRANCH

517-783-4480
2699 Airport Rd., Jackson, MI 49272
Mon: 9-8
Tues: 9-8
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Sat: 9-5
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HENRIETTA BRANCH

517-769-6537
11744 Bunkernill Rd., Pleasant Lake, MI 49272
Mon: 10-7
Tues: Closed
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HANOVER BRANCH

517-905-1399
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Mon: 1-7
Tues: Closed
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JACKSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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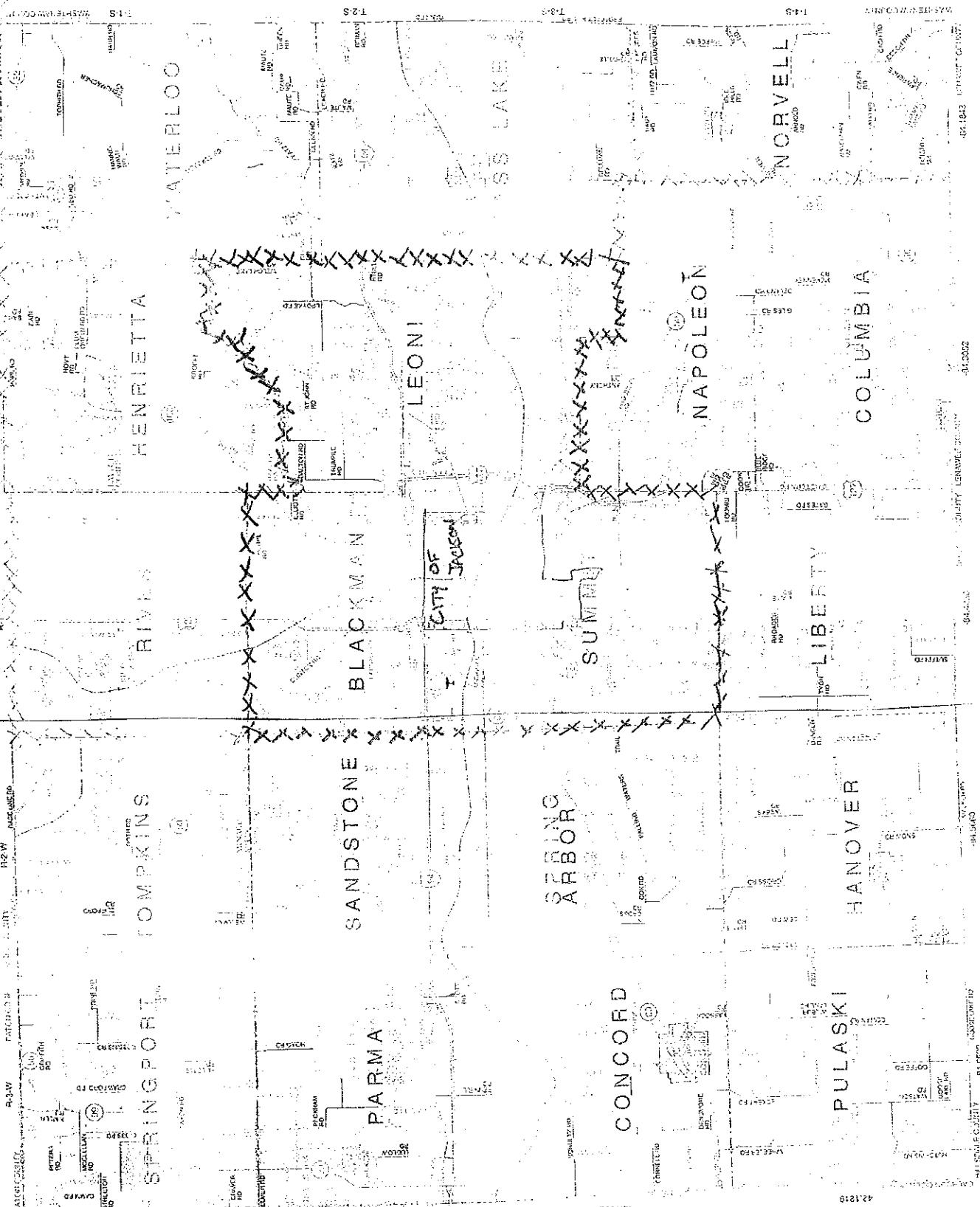
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40,000 ft. elev.

Rural townships
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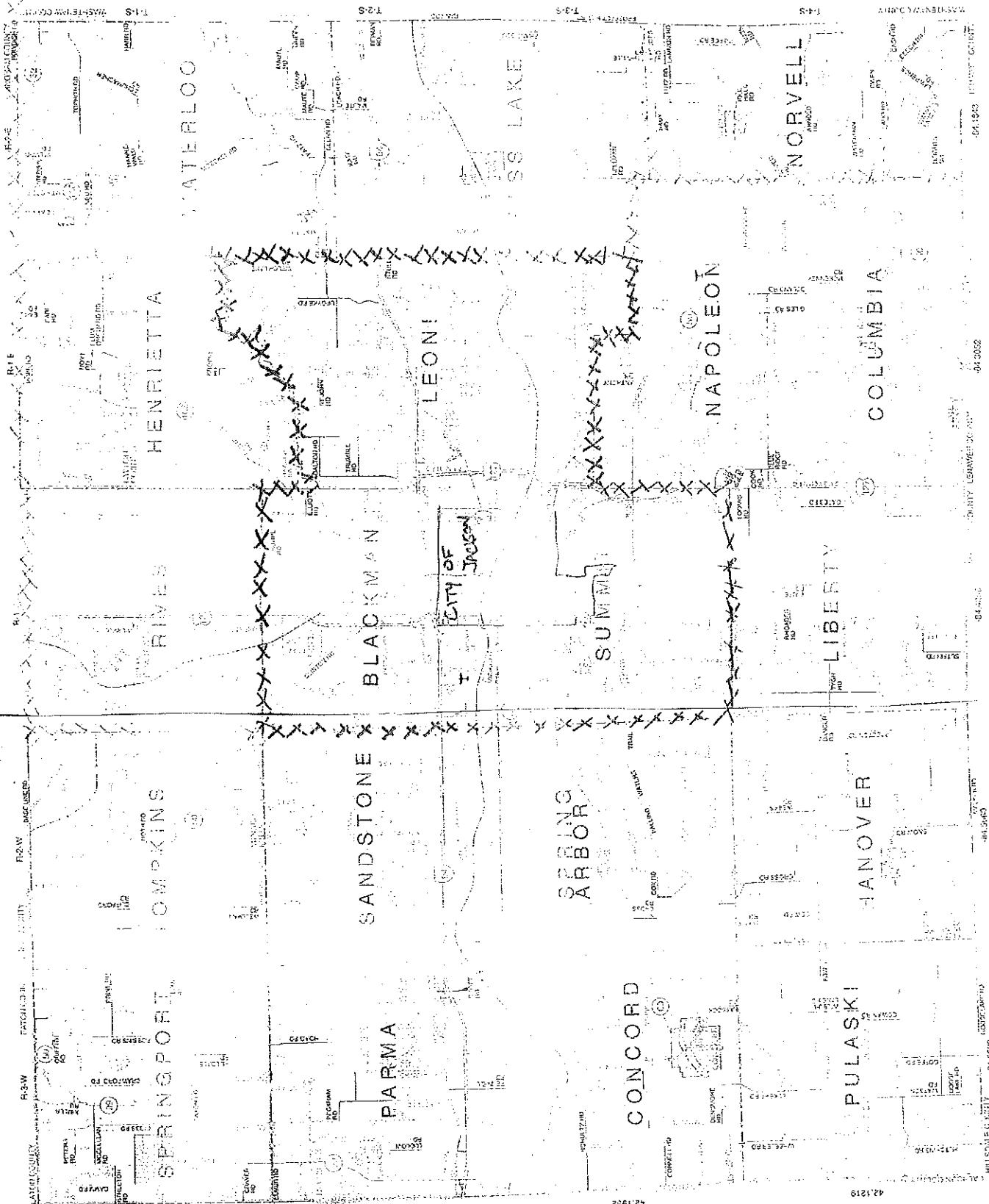
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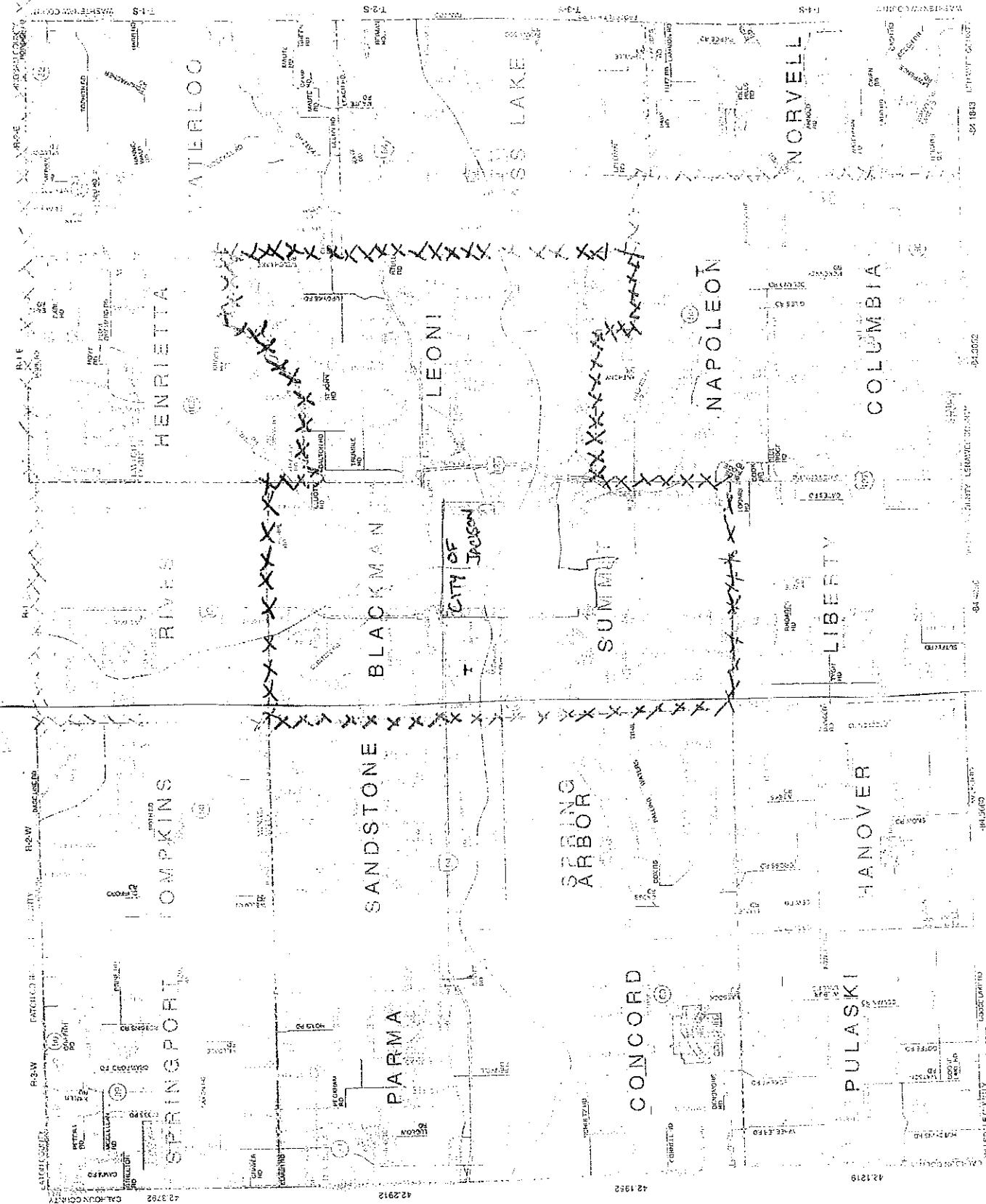
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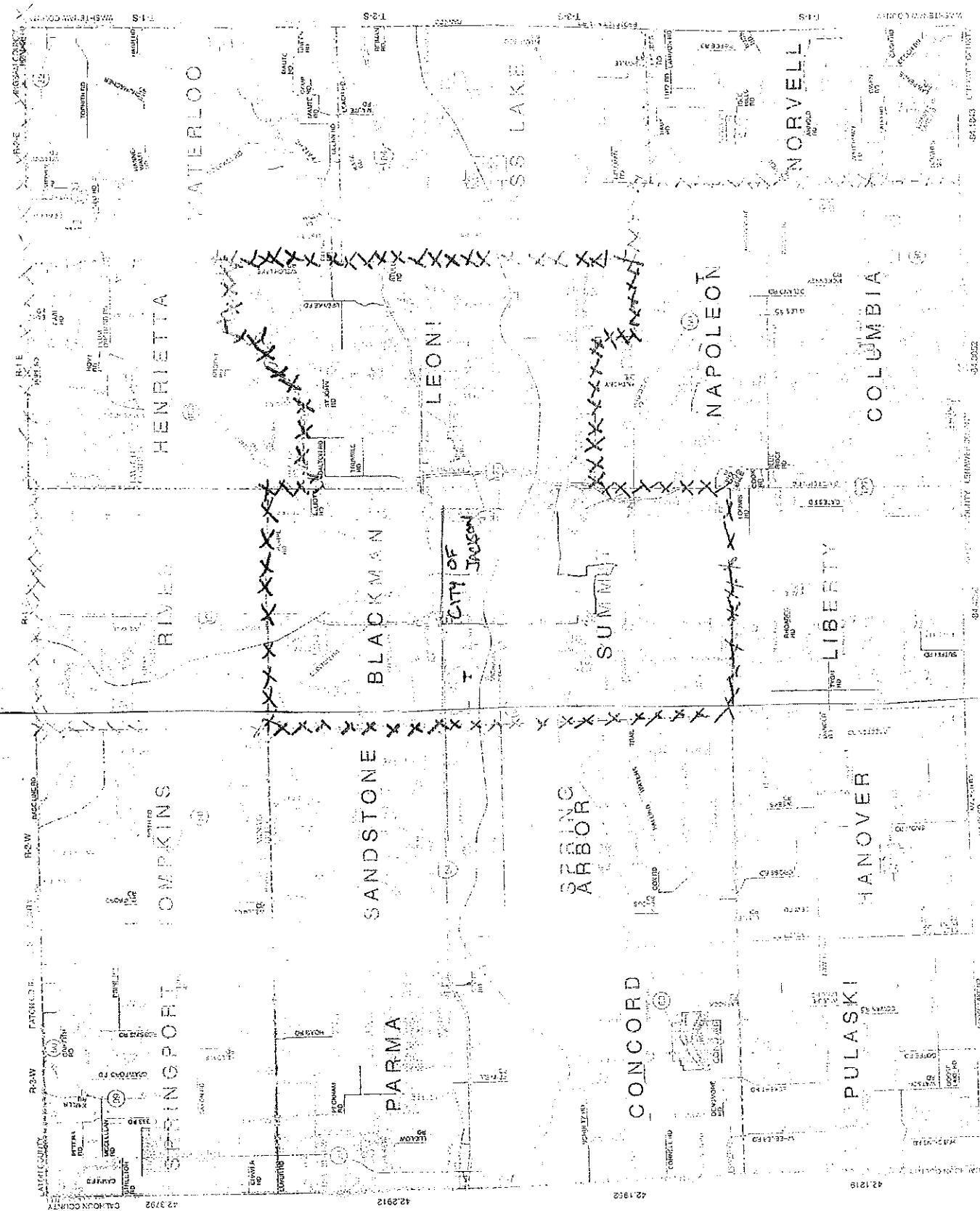
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Rural townships
other 16 Twp.

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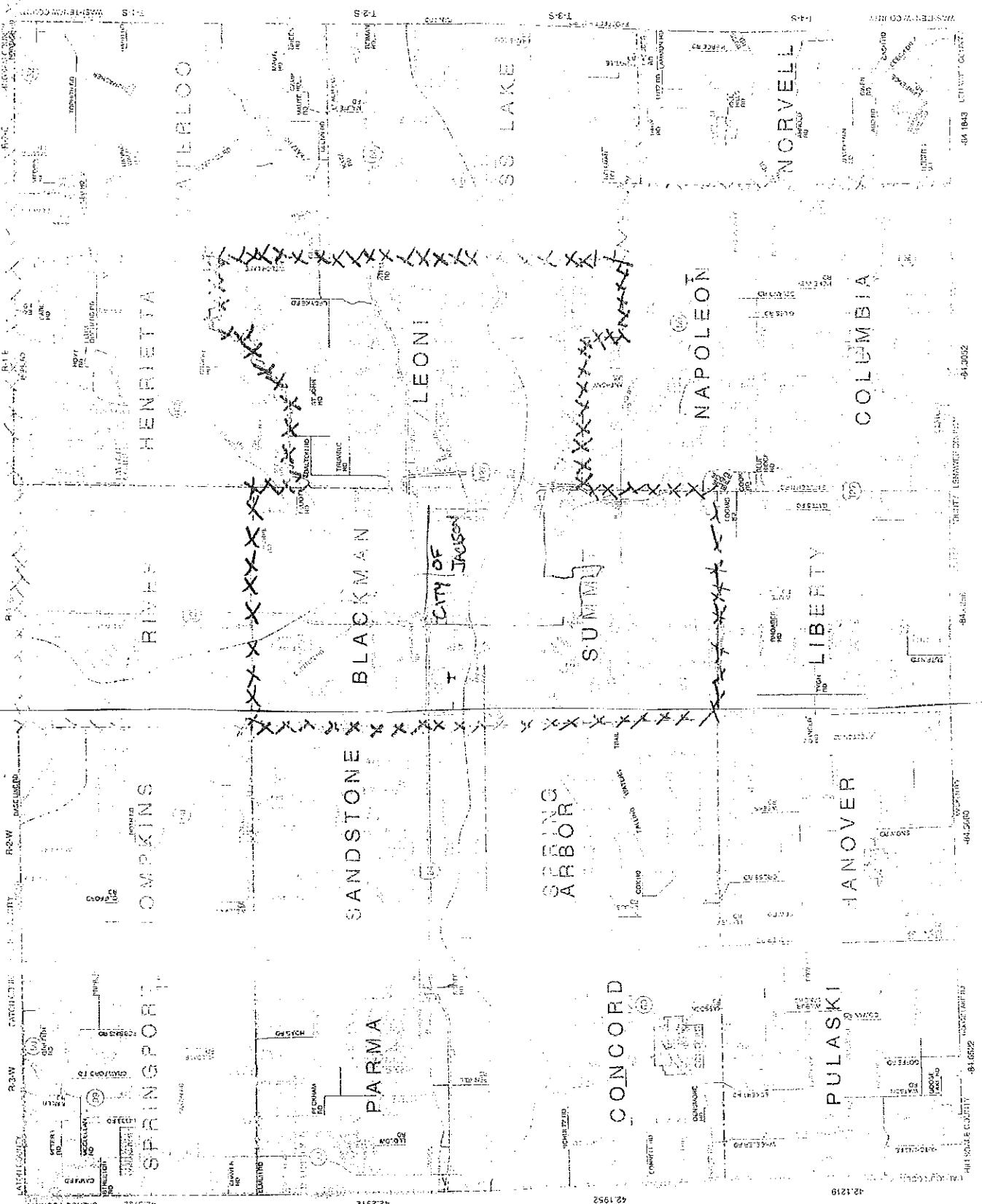
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Federal boundaries
Other 16 Towns.

40, 61 Valves



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2 State House
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Urbanized area
Blackman, Kronk,
Summit townships

46,370 acres

Rural townships
over 16 Twp.

14,400,000 acres

the Monroe

