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Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Norfolk Southern Railway Company Abandonment in Kalamazoo County, Michigan, STB
DOCKET NO. AB-290 (Sub-No. 284X)

Dear Secretary:

This request is filed on behalf of Kalamazoo County Parks, which is a department of Kalamazoo County Government, hereinafter referred to as "proponent."

Proponent requests issuance of a Public Use Condition rather than an outright abandonment authorization between the rail property from the eastern end of the Kalamazoo River Bridge and CQ 42.7, at Mosel Avenue. (map attached)

Proponent asks the STB to find that this property is suitable for other public use, specifically trail use, and to place the following conditions on the abandonment:

1. An order prohibiting the carrier from disposing of the corridor, other than the tracks, ties and signal equipment, except for public use on reasonable terms. Justification for this condition is: The rail corridor in question will connect the City of Parchment to the Kalamazoo River Valley Trailway. The time period sought is 180 days from the effective date of the abandonment authorization. Proponent needs this much time to begin negotiations with the carrier.
2. An order barring removal or destruction of potential trail-related structures such as bridges, trestles, culverts and tunnels. The justification for this condition is that these structures have considerable value for recreational trail purposes. The time period requested is 180 days from the effective date of the abandonment authorization for the same reason as indicated above.

A map depicting the right-of-way is attached.

By my signature below, I certify service upon Norfolk Southern Railway Company, by U.S. Mail, postage per-paid, first class, this 15th day of December, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,


David Rachowicz, Director Kalamazoo County Parks

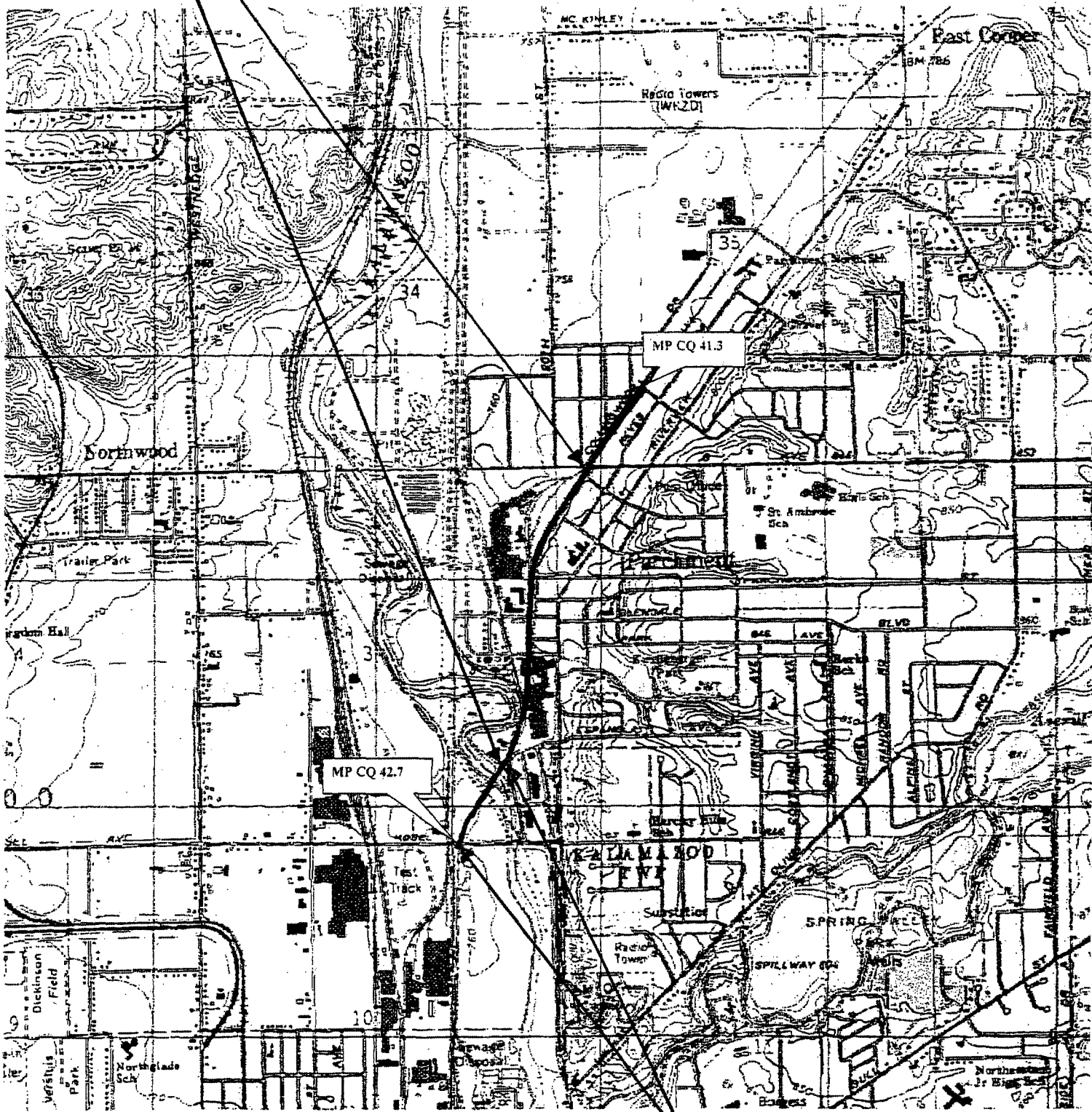
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Parchment, Kalamazoo County, Michigan



Area requested for Public
Use Condition (Trail) by
Kalamazoo County Parks