

**ANOKA COUNTY**  
**COUNTY DITCH INSPECTION REPORT**

**DITCH # 27**                      **DATE 7/19/94**      **BY: P K Ruud**

**COMMUNITIES: Burns, Ramsey**

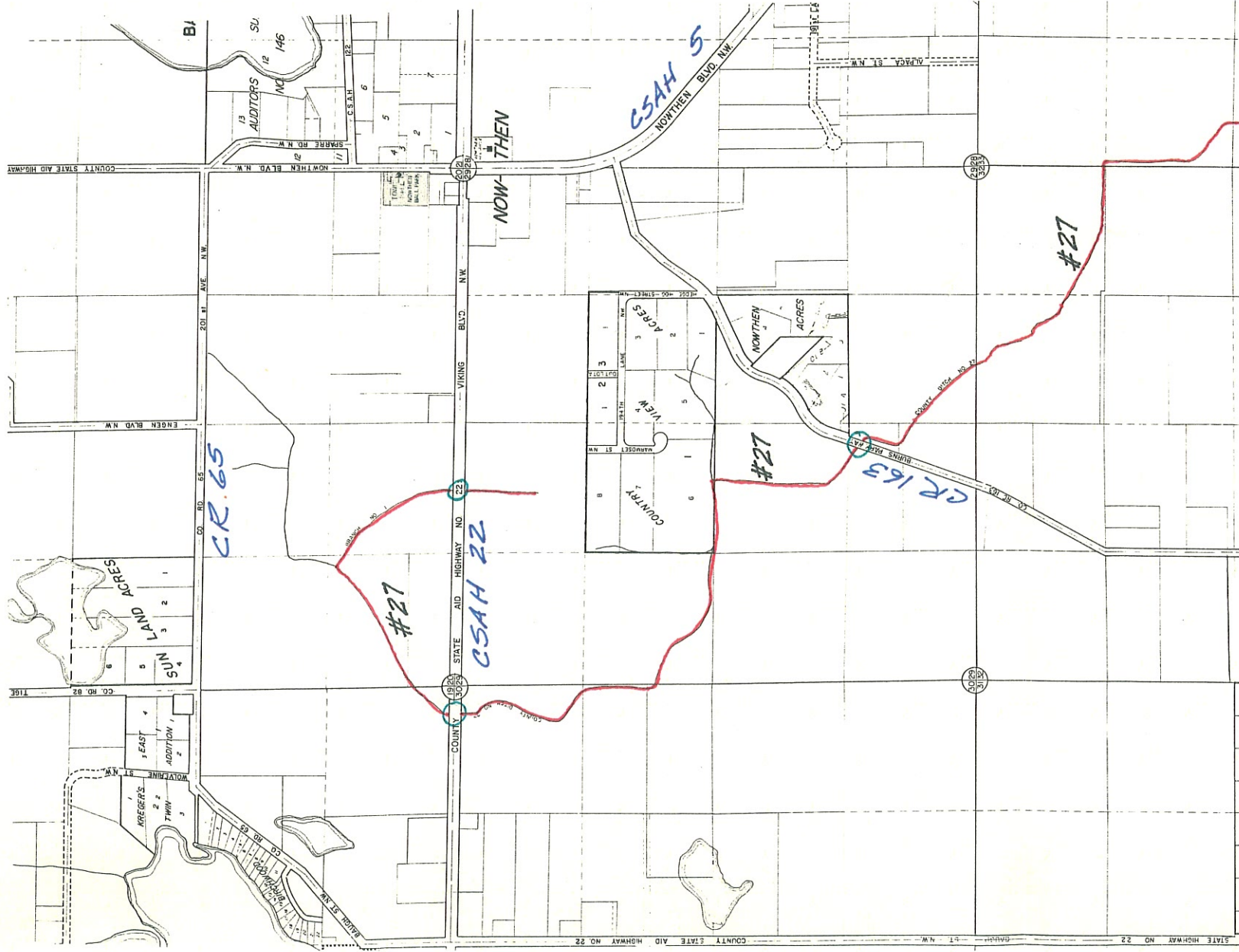
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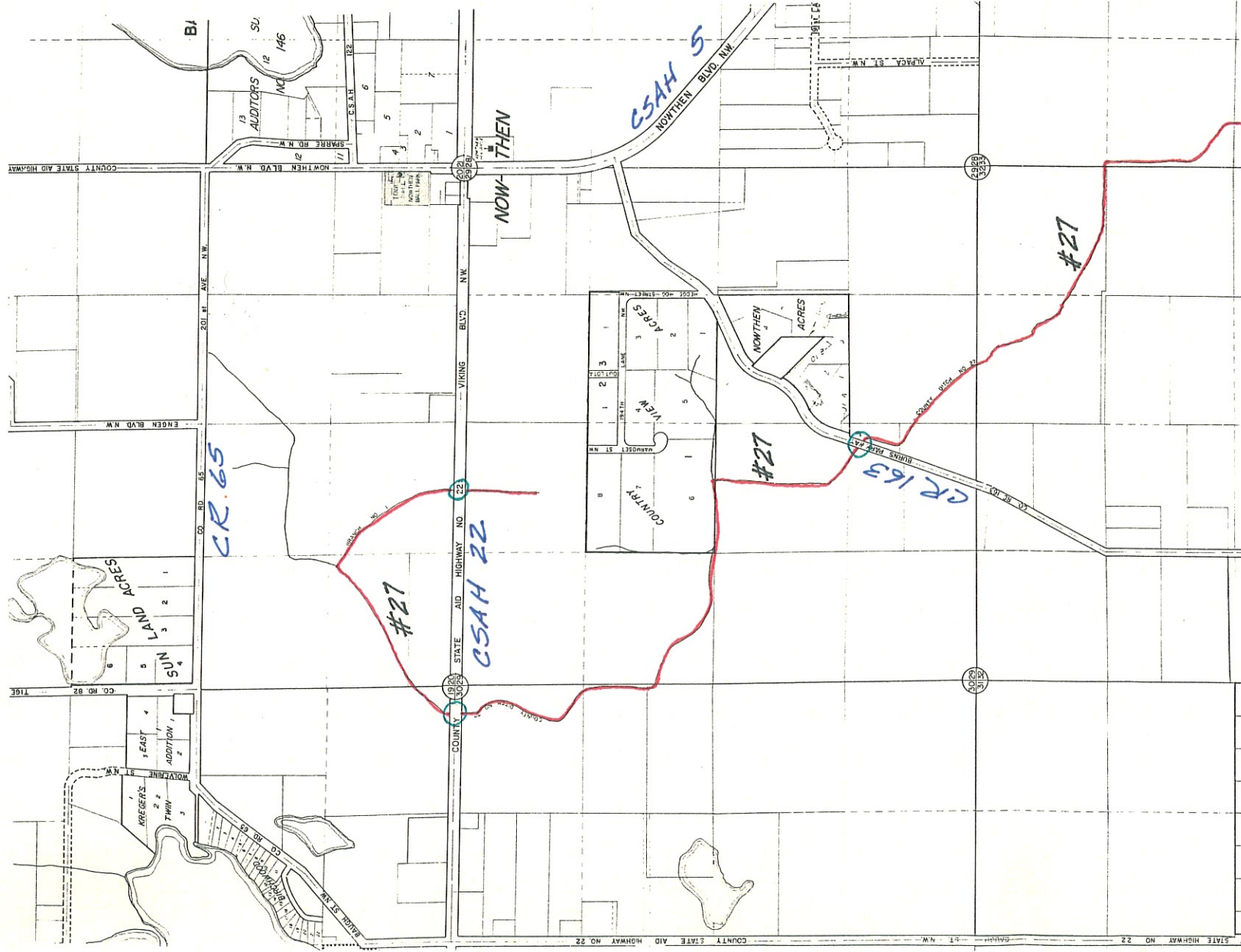
CSAH # 5	Ditch well defined and flowing.
Xenolith St	Branch ditch is defined, no apparent flow. Pond excavated along the west side of the street. ( See note below. )
CR #64	Ditch well defined and flowing.
CR # 163	Ditch well defined and flowing slowly.
CSAH # 22	This crossing on the main ditch is well defined and flowing.
CSAH # 22	This crossing of a branch is defined but has no apparent flow. Pond excavated on the south side of the road.

**ACTIVITIES:**

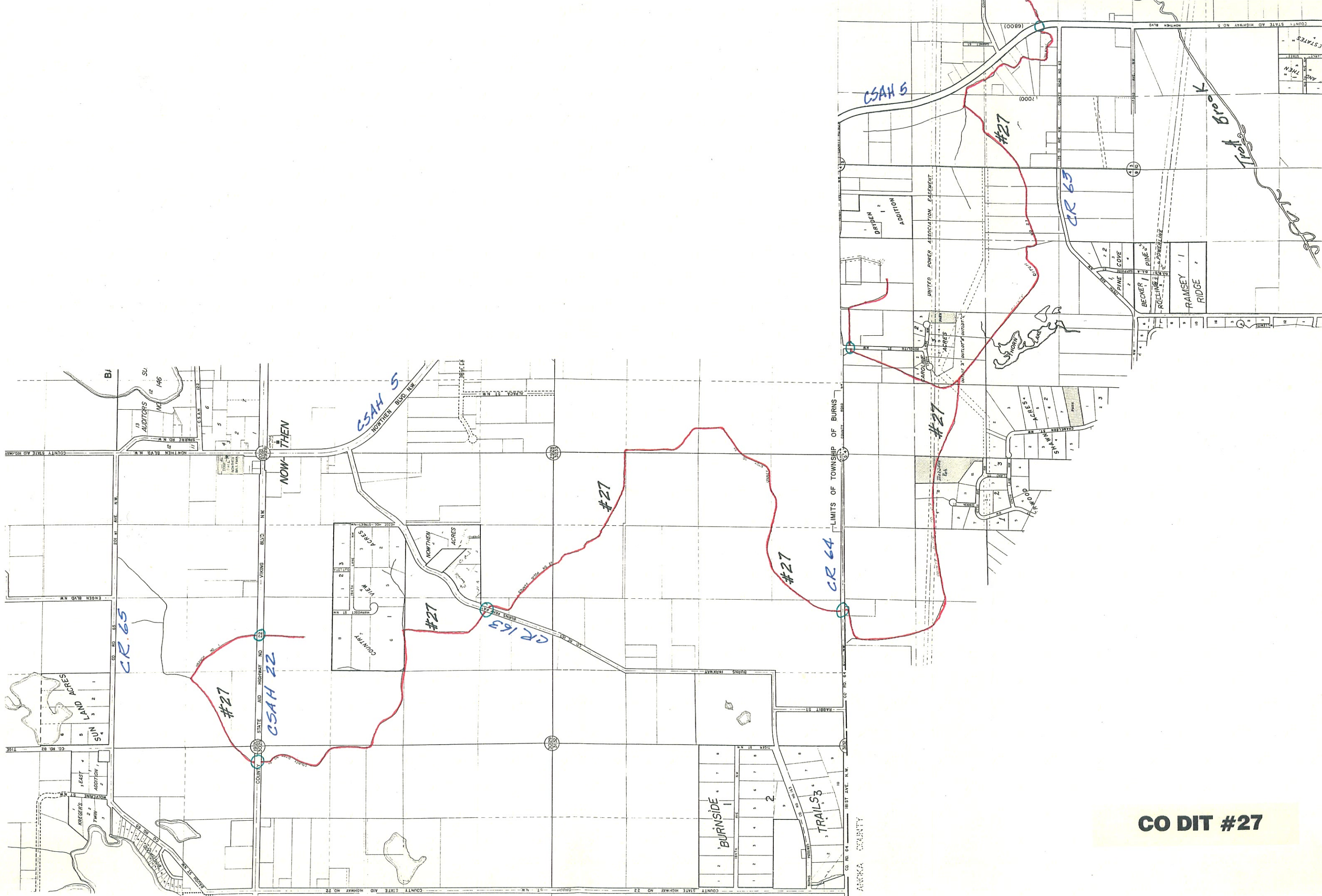
The concrete blocks that had been placed on the ditch as a dam have been removed as requested. (See letter from Dan Klint and the response.)

The County Board ,in response to a petition for a ditch repair, ordered an Engineer's report for this ditch in about 1988. See the ditch file for details.









**CO DIT #27**



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#5

Ditch well defined & flowing.

(Branch #1)

Xenoliths St.

Ditch defined, no apparent flow.  
Pond excavated along west side  
of street.

Intet <sup>to culvert</sup> under driveway to east of  
Xenoliths has been cleared of  
concr. blocks. (See letter from Co.  
Atty, dated. ).

#64

Ditch well defined & flowing.

#163

Ditch well defined, flowing slowly.

#22

(Branch #1) Ditch defined, no  
apparent flow. Pond excavated on  
south side of road.

#22

Ditch defined & flowing.



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June 25, 1994

Mr. Dan Klint  
Assistant Anoka County Attorney  
Government Center  
2100 Third Avenue  
Anoka, Minnesota 55303-2265

RE: Obstruction of County Ditch Number 27

Dear Mr. Klint:


I have removed the 12 concrete block that you referenced to in your letter dated June 23, 1994. The block was removed on June 23, 1994 at 3:30 P.M. and the total time to remove was 15 minutes. I hope that this is satisfactory to you.

I also want you to know that this area is a beautiful wildlife area and I own most of the land that is and was affected. The water is excellence for Ducks, Deer, Geese, Summer Time Birds and the Swamp Grass is perfect for winter protection for the Pheasants.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at my office (612) 784-8389 or my home (612) 753-2217.

Note: Most of the block was used as rip-rap around my driveway culvert to keep it from washing out anyway.

Sincerely,

  
Tyrone T. Mills  
Vice President  
Division 3,5, 7, Specialties, Inc.

**F.Y.I.**

To: Paul Ruud

From: Dan Klint

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June 23, 1994

Tyrone and Marian Mills  
7705 - 181st Avenue NW  
Ramsey, MN 55303-3022

Re: Obstruction of County Ditch No. 27

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Mills:

It has been brought to my attention that concrete blocks have been placed in County Ditch No. 27, Branch No. 3, at the inlet to the culvert where the ditch passes under your driveway, which lies east of and parallel with Xenolith Street in the City of Ramsey. The approximate location of the concrete blocks is indicated on the enclosed map. Furthermore, it is my understanding that the concrete blocks obstruct the flow of water in County Ditch No. 27.

I am writing to formally request that you remove the obstruction (concrete blocks) that has been placed in County Ditch No. 27. If you do not remove the obstruction by June 24, 1994, I will have no choice but to request that the County Board initiate formal procedures under Minn. Stat. § 103E.075, a copy of which is enclosed herein for reference. This statute provides that, after notice and hearing, the County Board may have the obstruction removed and the cost thereof assessed against the property as a lien. If the County Board determines that you are responsible for the obstruction, the lien may be enforced against you in a civil action. In addition, Minn. Stat. § 103E.081, subd. 2 (a copy of which is enclosed for reference), provides that a person who wilfully obstructs a "drainage project or system," such as County Ditch No. 27, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Please advise me in writing, within ten days of the date of this letter, when you will complete the removal of the concrete blocks from County Ditch No. 27. Your prompt attention and cooperation in resolving this matter would be greatly appreciated. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 323-5668.

Sincerely,



Dan Klint  
Assistant Anoka County Attorney

DK:jcs  
Enclosure

c: Paul Ruud ✓  
County Highway Engineer  
  
Jon Olson  
Deputy County Highway Engineer

PUBLIC DRAINAGE DITCH INVENTORY FORM  
(Laws of 1990, Chapter 601, Section 27)

1. Drainage authority name: Anoka County (Burns/Ramsey)
2. Drainage ditch name and number: #27
3. Ditch location and drainage area boundary: (shown on attached quadrangle map)
4. Drainage area in acres: 3679 ; Benefitted area in acres: 1331
5. Approximate length in miles: Open Ditch 8.65 Buried Tile 0
6. Year constructed: 1899 ; Original cost: \$ 2106.21
7. Are original plans on file? Yes  No  ; Location: Anoka County Courthouse
8. Date of original plans: 1897
9. Are "as built" plans on file? Yes  No  ; Location: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Year(s) improved: 1903
11. Are improvement plans on file? Yes  No  ; Location: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Year(s) repaired: 1903
13. Are repair plans on file? Yes  No  ; Location: \_\_\_\_\_
14. If the ditch was transferred from a county or joint county ditch authority to a watershed district or WMO, is the transfer order on file? Yes  No  NA
15. Is the list of lands benefitted and damaged on file? Yes  No
16. Have the benefits and damages been redetermined? Yes  No  ; If yes, year(s) of redetermination: \_\_\_\_\_
17. Has right-of-way been acquired for a 1-rod permanent grassed strip? Yes  No  ; If yes, has it been maintained? Yes  No N/A
18. Is there a maintenance fund for the ditch? Yes  No  ; If yes, current balance in maintenance fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
19. What was the last year maintenance work was performed by drainage authority:  
1988



20. Have other local units or private parties performed maintenance work on the ditch?  
Yes  No  ; List parties: Ditch north of #22 cleaned by landowner  
w/permission of drainage authority in 1988.

21. Have the alignment, grade, bottom width, or bridge or culvert crossings been materially changed from the original or improved construction, without going through formal ditch proceedings? Yes  No

22. Is the ditch inspected annually  ; every 2-5 years  ; every 5-10 years; only when a problem arises  ; or never  ? Year of last inspection: 1988

23. Approximate percentage of the ditch's contributing drainage area that is currently urbanized: 3 % ; rural: 97 %

24. Have any substantial areas of wetlands originally totally drained by the ditch reestablished themselves due to lack of ditch maintenance? Yes  No

25. What is the general condition of the ditch?

- a. well-maintained
- b. fairly well-maintained
- c. poorly maintained
- d. very poorly maintained
- e. functionally abandoned

26. Describe the existing condition of the ditch, including erosion/sedimentation problems:

The north end of Ditch 27 drains fairly well. Mid portion of ditch originally drained many large wetlands that have redeveloped this area, flow is sluggish. Two petitions for improvement/repair have failed due to landowner objections. One in 1949 and one in 1985.

27. Does the ditch continue to serve a useful purpose to one or more properties? Yes

No  ; Estimated acres of agricultural land currently benefitting: 665

Area between CR No. 64 & 63 drains only at high water level.

28. What plans are there for future management of the ditch? A. Monitor the ditch for problems that occur, such as deadfalls, unapproved culverts/crossings, or filling, that block or impede the normal flow. B. Review, with municipalities & the WMO's, the impact of new development on the drainage system. C. Monitor & repair/replace drainage structures at county highway crossed by the ditch.

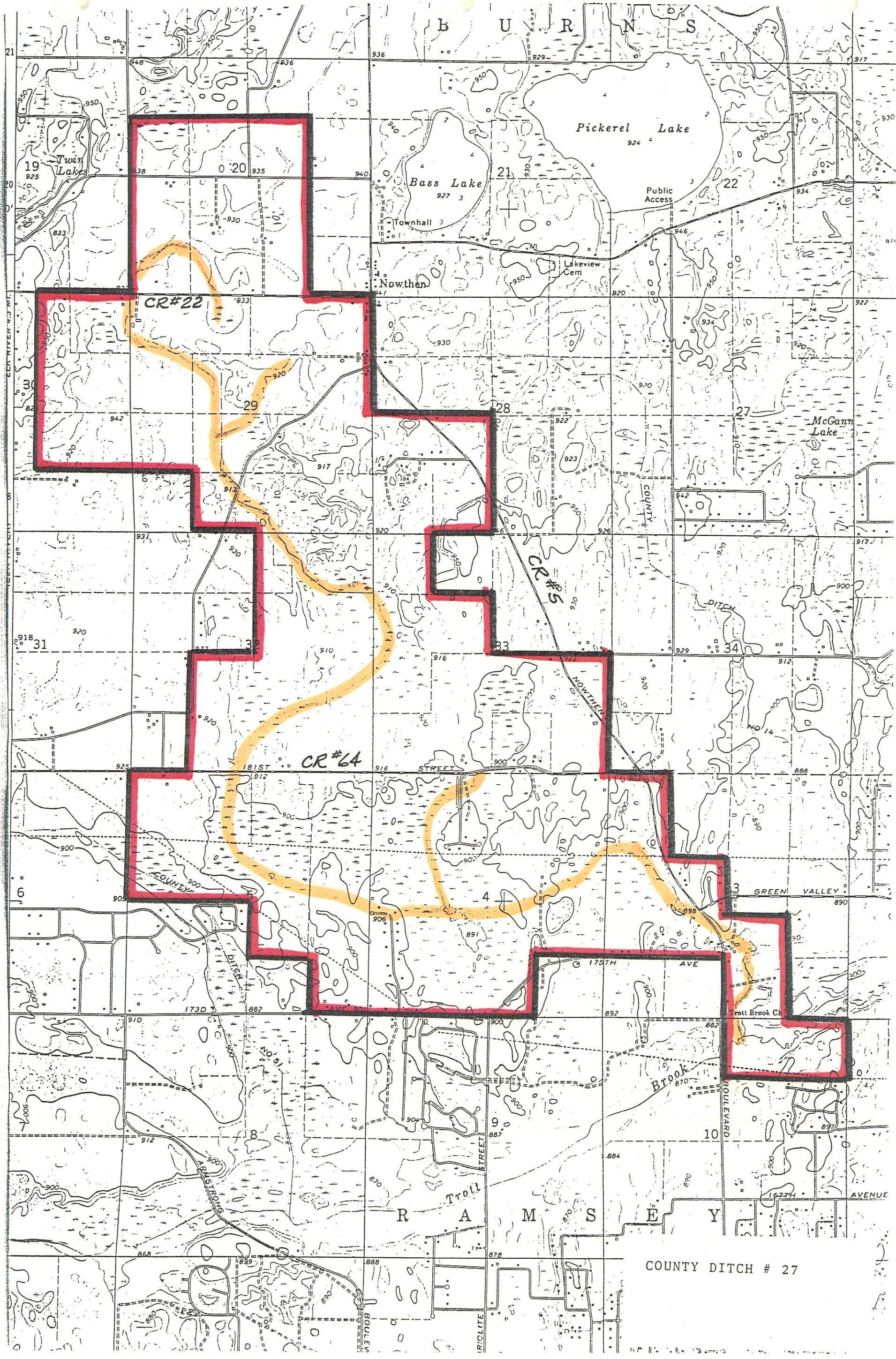
29. Additional comments or recommendations for statutory changes: \_\_\_\_\_

A. Need legislation that allows for maintenance of the county ditch system

B. Need changes in county ditch legislation that provides for a method (s)

of assessing property within a drainage area to pay for approved repairs or improvements.





B U R R N S

Pickrel Lake

Bass Lake

CR#22

CR#64

CR#5

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Trott Brook Ch

R A M S E Y

COUNTY DITCH # 27

Townhall

Nowthen

Public Access

Lakeview Cem

McGann Lake

DITCH

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GREEN VALLEY

BOULEVARD

AVENUE

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COUNTY

Brook

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