

ANOKA COUNTY
COUNTY DITCH INSPECTION REPORT

DITCH # 31

DATE: 7/8/94

BY: P K Ruud

COMMUNITIES: Columbus

REMARKS:

CSAH # 18

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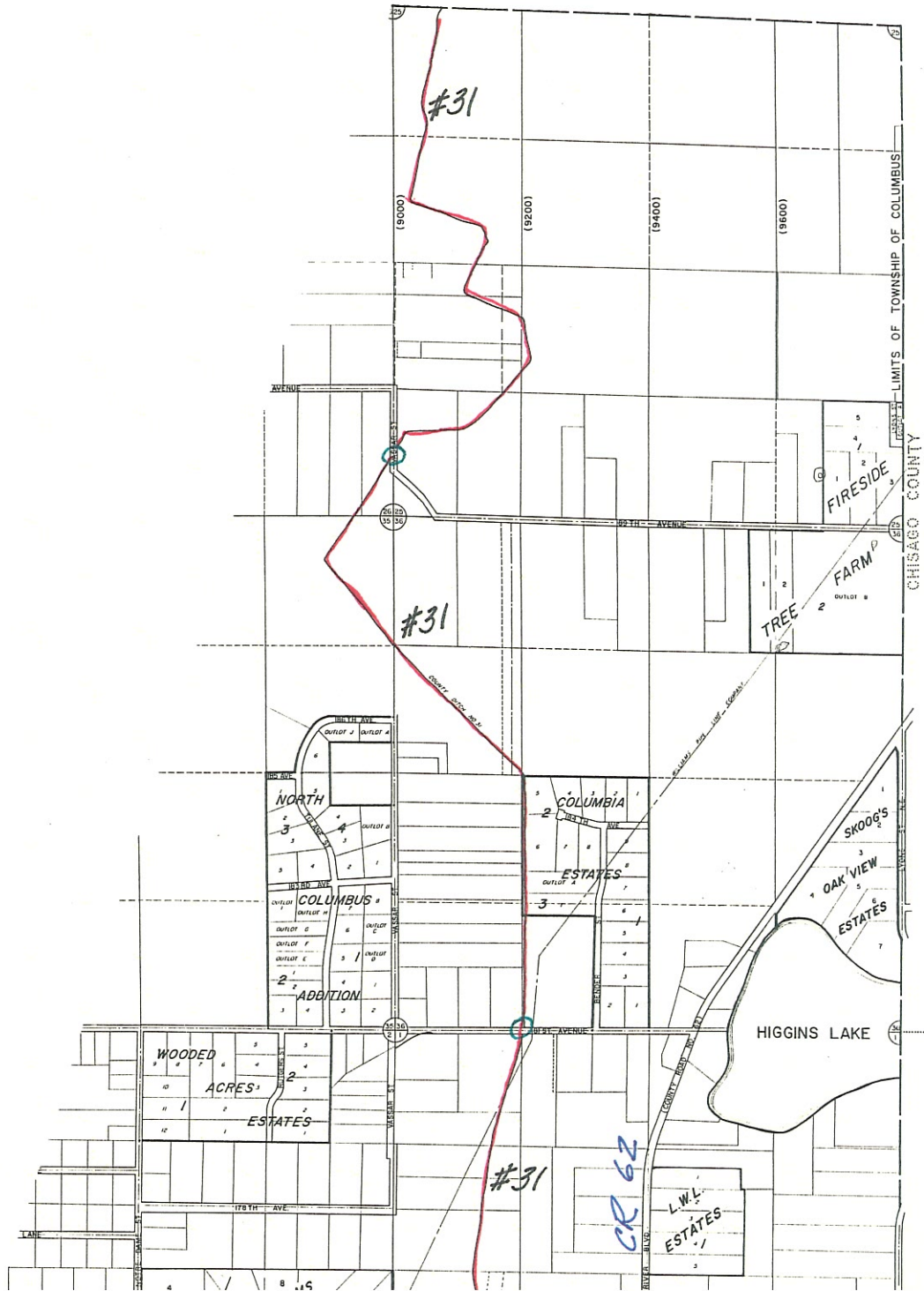
181st Ave

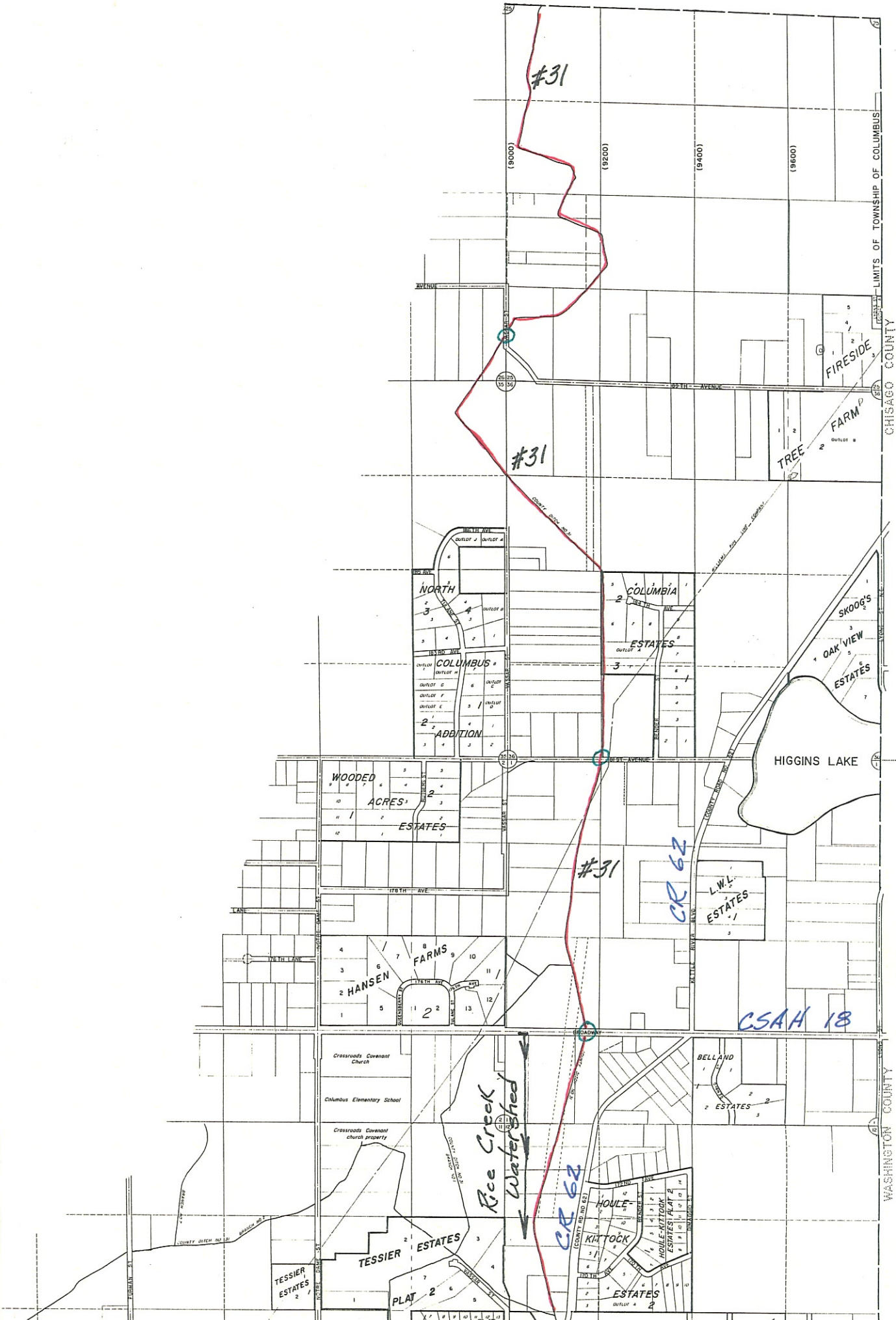
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Vassar St

Swamp area with tall canary grass. Could not find the culvert under the road or a defined ditch.

ACTIVITIES:





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Rice Creek Watershed

FIRESIDE

TREE FARM

NORTH

COLUMBUS

ADDITION

WOODED ACRES

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HIGGINS LAKE

L.W.L. ESTATES

BELLAND ESTATES

HOULE ESTATES

KITTOCK ESTATES

LIMITS OF TOWNSHIP OF COLUMBUS
CHICAGO COUNTY
WASHINGTON COUNTY

#31

7/2/94

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20. Have other local units or private parties performed maintenance work on the ditch?
Yes _____ No ; List parties: _____

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: unknown

23. Approximate percentage of the ditch's contributing drainage area that is currently urbanized: 24 %; rural: 76 %

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 _____

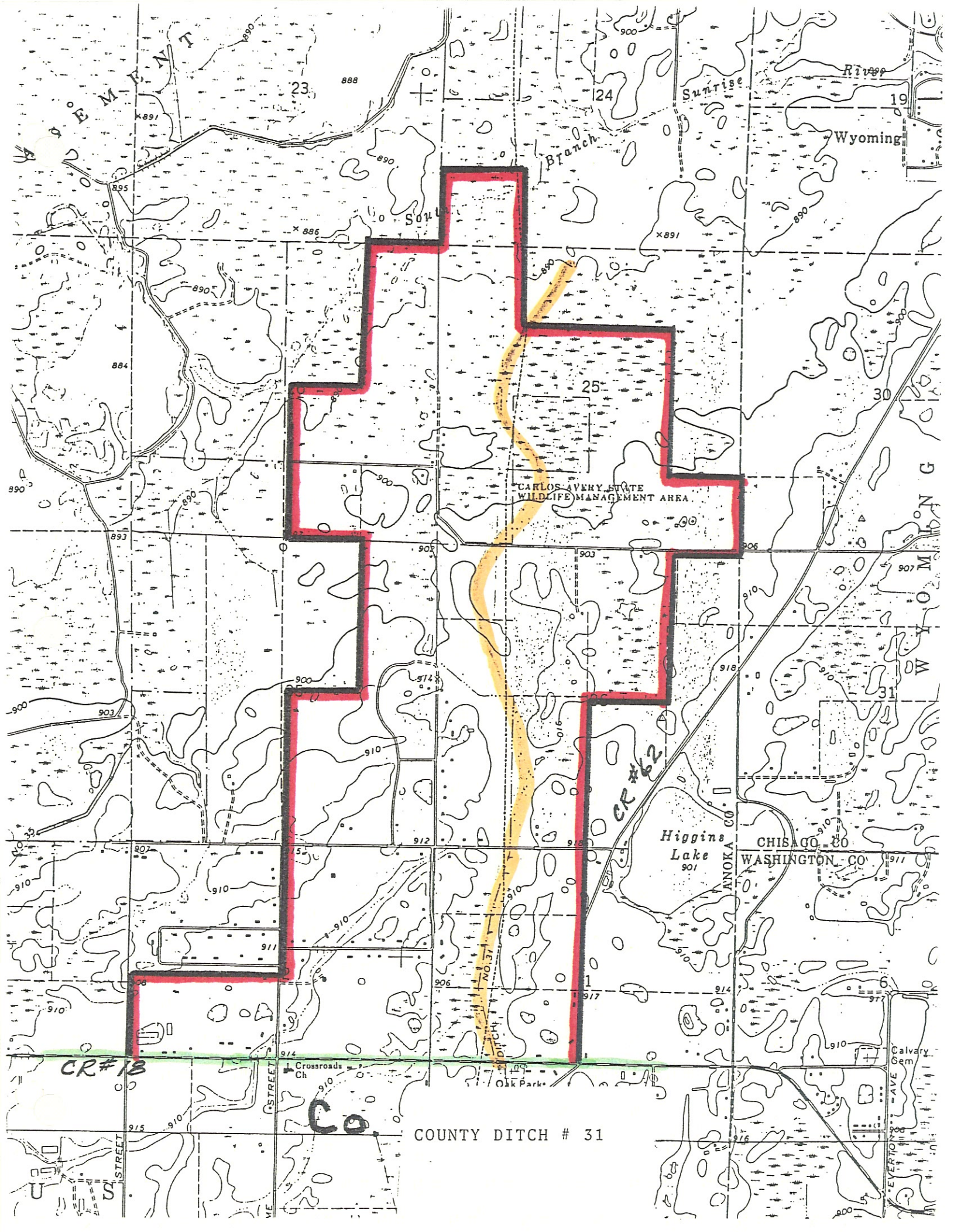
26. Describe the existing condition of the ditch, including erosion/sedimentation problems:
Ditch running fair, some weeds & brush choked areas.

27. Does the ditch continue to serve a useful purpose to one or more properties? Yes
No _____; Estimated acres of agricultural land currently benefitting: 319

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.



CARLOS AVERY STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Higgins Lake

CHISAGO CO - ILLINOIS
WASHINGTON CO - ILLINOIS

COUNTY DITCH # 31

CR #13

CR #62

DITCH NO. 31

Co

Crossroads Ch

Oak Park

Calvary Cem

EVERTON AVE

