

R.J. Brim, 23 months, of Fairview Township, cheers out March butterflies on display at the Lake Erie Arboretum at Frontier Park Festival on Saturday. The butterflies belong to Mari... twin, president of the Erie County Master Gardeners.

Tree lovers celebrate

Large crowd turns out for annual L.E.A.F. Festival

By **KARA MURPHY**

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The roots of more than 250 species of trees reach deep into Frontier Park.

The community's roots are planted just as firmly in the green space.

"We're here at least a couple of times a week," said Susan Ross. "I love it — we come for walks, the playground, just to be here."

Ross brought her family to the park Saturday for the annual Lake Erie Arboretum at Frontier Park (L.E.A.F.) Festival, a one-day event celebrating the park and its trees.

"It's a wonderful, wonderful park," said Sheila Causgrove, the director of the arboretum. "The festival is about bringing the community together here, for a good time and to make them more aware of the trees here."

While displays about the park and its trees helped



Chester Lee, master gardener from Summit Township, showed his bee poles at the Lake Erie Arboretum of Frontier Park Festival on Saturday. Lee's patented bee poles are 6 feet of decomposing timber that he drilled holes into to attract bees.

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THIS IS AN EFFORT TO HIGHLIGHT THE PLAN TO BRING TOGETHER THE PRINCIPLE COOPERATE SPONSORS AND PLAN A MIGRATORY NATIVE BEE POLE ROUTE. THIS IS A MICRO TEST THAT WILL START OFF AT THE PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION SITE #109 AND HEADING NORTH TO THE SHORES OF LAKE ERIE.

OUR PRINCIPLE COOPERATE SPONSORS WASTE MANAGEMENT, PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS, THE ERIE ZOO, AND MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY WILL BE STOPS ON OUR ROUTE FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION BEFORE ENDING AT LAKE ERIE.

OUR PLANS TO COORDINATE THE PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION, PENNSYLVANIA FISH COMMISSION, EPA, DEP, BOY SCOUTS FRENCH CREEK COUNCIL, AND ROBISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AS THE PRINCIPLE CONTROLLING BODY TO MAKE SURE THESE BEE POLES ARE KEPT UP.

THIS PROJECT WILL BE PLACING NATIVE BEE POLES IN ONE MILE POINTS FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION SITE #109 STOPPING AT THE PRINCIPLE COOPERATE SPONSORS SITES AND ON TO LAKE ERIE. OUR PLAN IS TO UTILIZE THE BOY SCOUTS FRENCH CREEK COUNCIL AS OUR LABOR FORCE FOR THIS MICRO TEST.

OUR BEES ARE DWINDLING AND THIS IS THE REASON BEHIND THE "TEST" TO PROVE THE NATIVE BEES DO MIGRATE THUS CREATING MORE BEES. THESE ARE NOT OUR HONEY BEES. NATIVE BEES BY DROPPING POLLEN AS THEY MIGRATE START NEW PLANT GROWTH.

WE HAVE A LARGER PROJECT PLANNED FOR LATER THIS YEAR AND THIS IS PART OF THE REASON FOR THE TEST NOW BECAUSE THIS WILL GIVE US A CHANCE TO STUDY SOME OF THE CHANGES THAT ARE GOING TO HAPPEN IN EARLY SPRING.

WE ARE HOPING THAT THROUGH WORD OF MOUTH AND PEOPLE SEEING THE BEE POLES IT WILL GET MORE COMPANIES, SCHOOLS, AND PEOPLE INVOLVED. IF JUST THE SCHOOLS IN THE AREA GOT THEIR STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM AND TAUGHT THEM MORE ABOUT THE NATIVE BEES WE COULD INCREASE BEE POLES BY ABOUT 30 IN ERIE COUNTY ALONE.

TO REITERATE, OUR PRINCIPLE COOPERATE SPONSORS WASTE MANAGEMENT, PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS, THE ERIE ZOO, AND MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY ARE OUR FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE PROJECT. THE BOY SCOUTS FRENCH CREEK COUNCIL WILL BE OUR LABOR FORCE PLACING BEE POLES IN ONE MILE DISTANCES FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION SITE #109 STOPPING AT THE PRINCIPLE COOPERATE SPONSOR SITES AND ON TO THE SHORES OF LAKE ERIE.

ALSO THE PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION, PENNSYLVANIA FISH COMMISSION, EPA, DPW, AND ROBISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL BE THE PRINCIPLE CONTROLLING BODY THAT IS THE UPKEEP AND REPAIR OF THE NATIVE BEE POLES.

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THE NATIVE BEE POLE PROGRAM.

Boy Scouts of America

Mr. Michael Ramsey,

We are writing again in reference to the "National Native Bee Program". Somehow, we had missed the phone call on Aug. 4. We are still wanting to do our Bee Pole project, utilizing the Boy Scouts for planting/installing the poles from Lake Erie to the Gulf of Mexico. This is a very large project, but with the help of the Scouts, we believe it can be accomplished within a 12 hour window on a specific day. We would ideally like the project to co-inside with our National Pollinator Day, which would be April 13, 2024. Any dates in April or May would have the sunrise/sunset times within the 7:00am/7:00pm (12 hour window).

For more information, you can contact us at Native Bee .com or phone us at 814-600-6045(Chet Lee) or 814-969-0573 to set up another time that we can provide more information concerning our program/project. This is a good opportunity to earn merit badges and achieve National Recognition. We have a web site we are working on , though not finished, that will have information about Bee Poles Web site is—www.BeePole.net. Again, Thank You in Advance!

Sincerely,

John Petrush

for-National Native Bee Program
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814-969-0573

Boy Scouts of America National Council Headquarters

is the date set to go with this project

I would like permission to contact the Boy Scout Council Headquarters in 11 different states to ask for help in participation in setting up the first national pollinator migratory route. What I am requesting is to allow me access to the Boy Scouts to plant the bee poles at predetermined locations in a single day in their district across the United States, from the shores of Lake Erie to the Gulf of Mexico, in a coordinated effort through a 12 hour window 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

This effort will successfully establish the first national pollinator migratory route, and highlight the abilities of our scouts to affect the environment in a positive and greatly influential way.

The goal is to coordinate with school kids across America and the scouts in a single effort on a single day to have a positive effect on our planet for the pollinators.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your participation and remind you what Albert Einstein said back in 1956, "As go the pollinators so goes humanity."

Sincerely

National Native Bee Project

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From: Michael Ramsey (michael.ramsey@scouting.org)

To: pet1218@aol.com; bee@aol.com

Date: Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 04:08 PM EDT

John –

I received your request for support with the National Native Bee Project.

It's an interesting project, however it's a very short turn time for us. Also challenging as schools are just starting and many troops are just starting to meet.

That said, I'm interested in finding out more. Would you have time this week for a call?

Sincerely,

Michal Ramsey

Michael D. Ramsey | Vice President

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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Hello, my name is _____.

We're doing the National Native Bee Project. This is a national project to save the bees and your help is crucial.

We are placing bee poles from Lake Erie to the Gulf of Mexico.

We need help from the boy scouts in your district for the bee project in your area.

Opportunity for service and compensation:

1. Any scout trying to make Eagle Scout status may be interested in this project as a community service project.
2. In compensation for your help each boy scout that participates will receive a patch.
3. Each Council headquarters will receive Congressional recognition from United States Congress.
4. You will have the possibility to discover and name a native bee.

We are asking for your help on August 21, 2013. (Wednesday) We are requesting help planting bee poles. The poles will be manufactured and delivered to your Council Headquarters at no cost. Trucks leave Erie, PA at 6:00a.m. on August 5th.

The poles will be arriving August 6th

We need a representative from your district who will receive the phone call from the truck driver telling you the approximate time he will arrive with the poles to your Council headquarters. Your delivery will include instructions telling you how to place the poles and where to place them.

Please direct any questions to the Boy Scout Council Headquarters in Erie, Pa. French Creek Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Liaison between the Boy Scouts, and the bee pole:

jared.magoon@scouting.org

Please join us at this memorial event.

Boy Scouts of America National Counsel Head Quarters

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This will highlight the abilities of our scouts to influence and effect the environment in such a positive way as to allow them to shine as a super hero.

This will be coordinated with all schools in America,, which will help educate and promote the importance of pollinators for our planet.

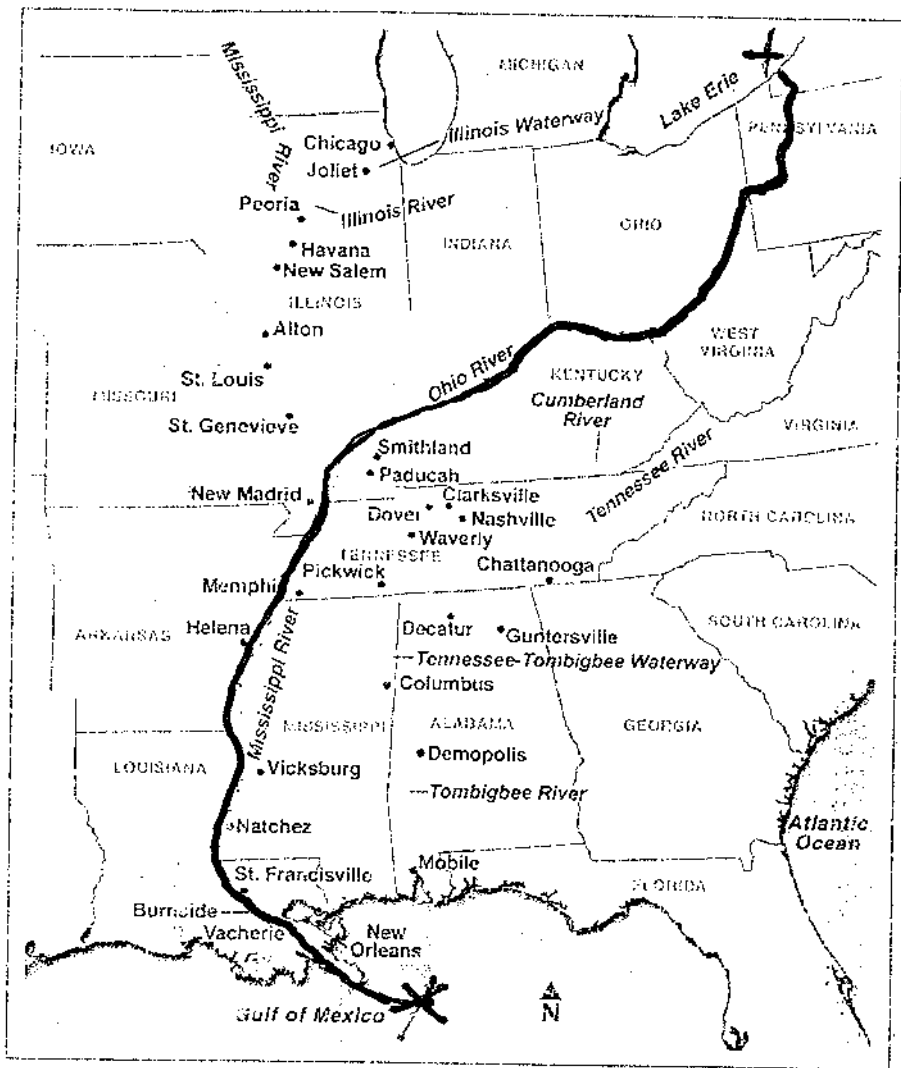
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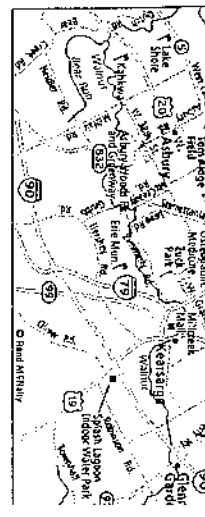
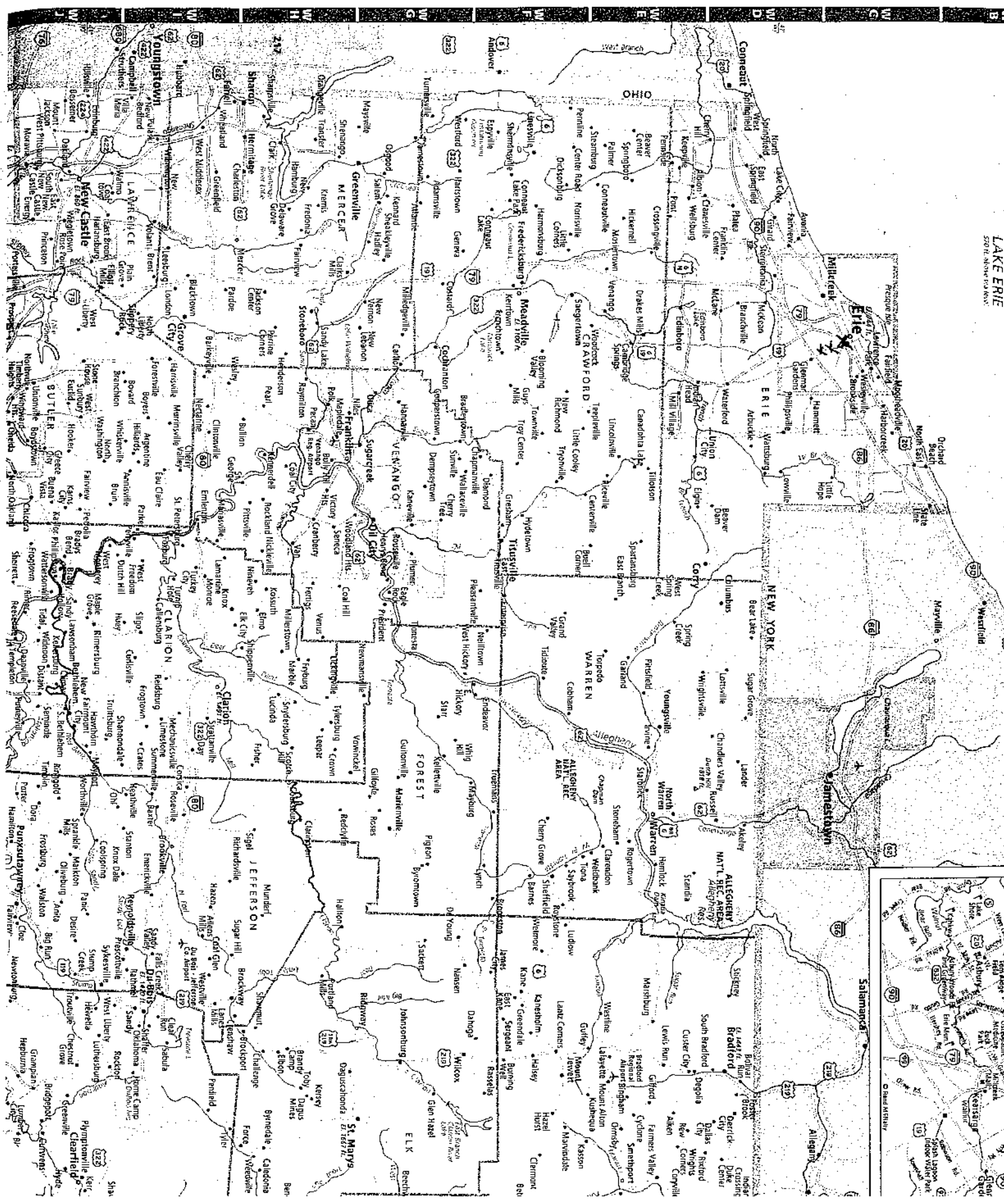
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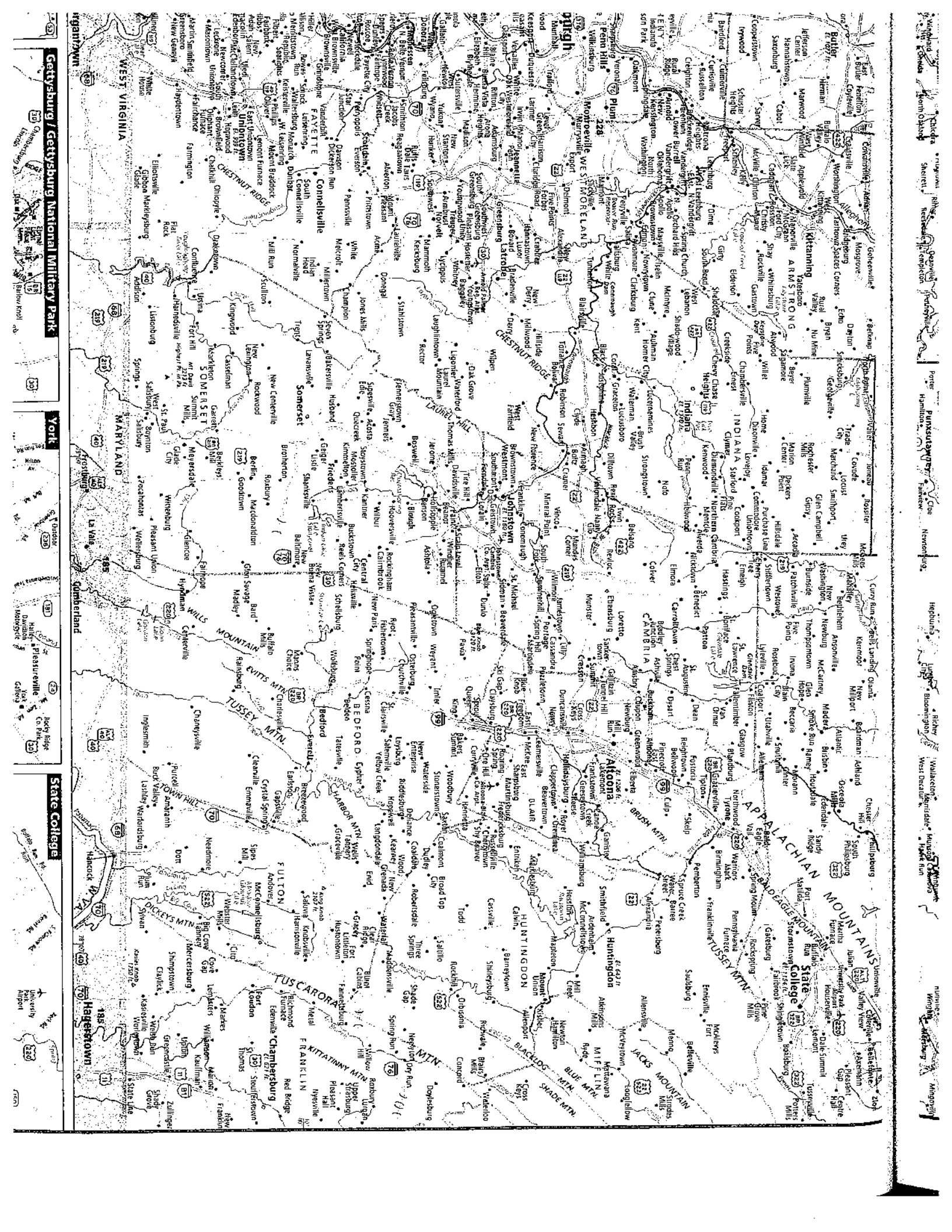
Sincerely,

Chester R. Lee

National Native Bee Project







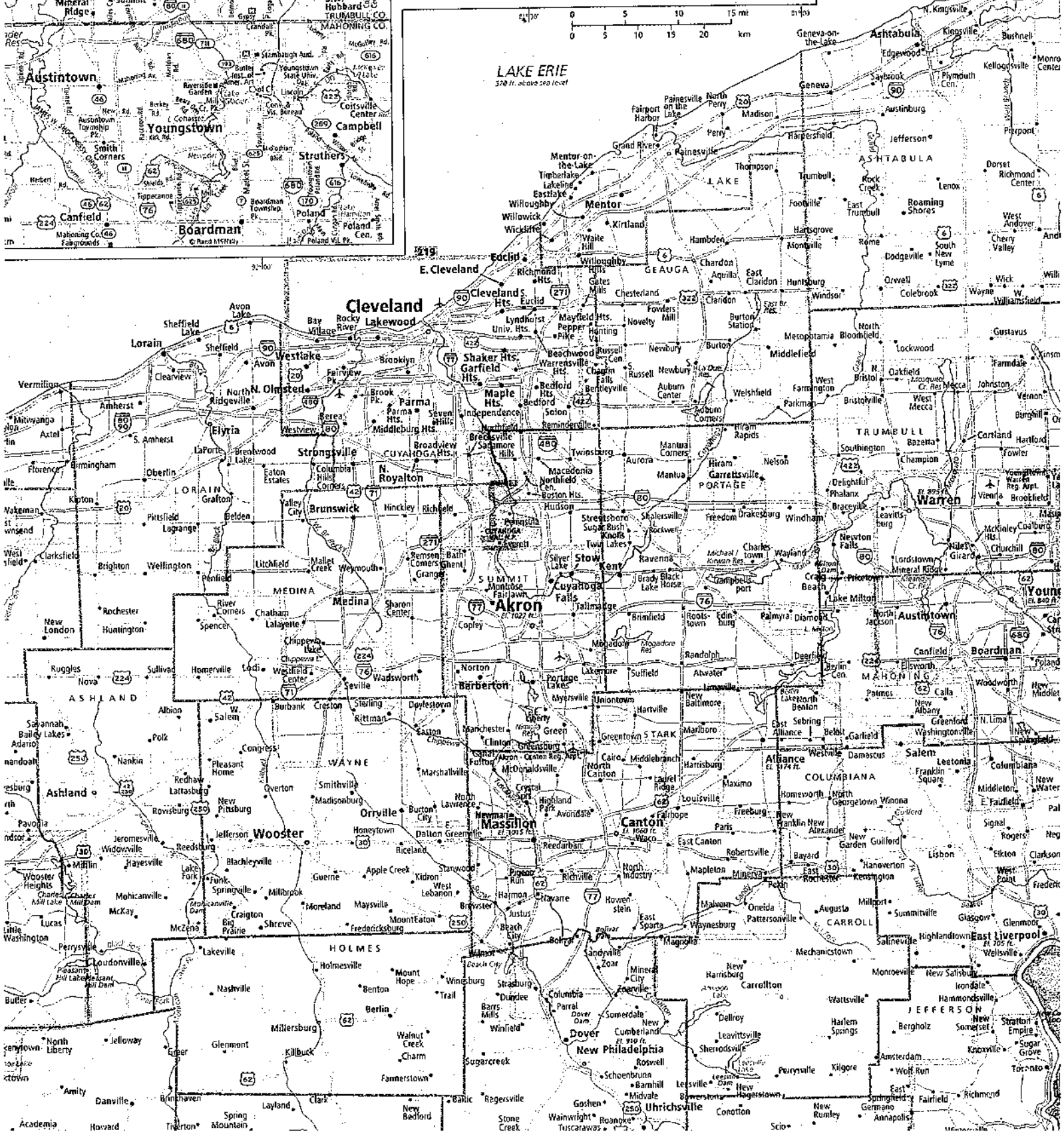
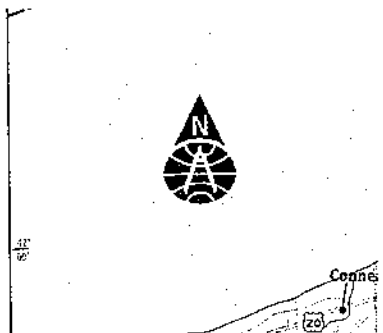
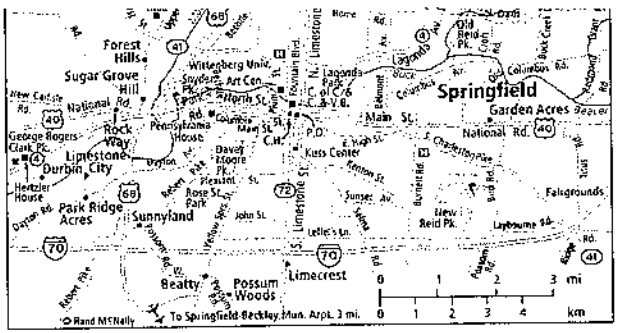
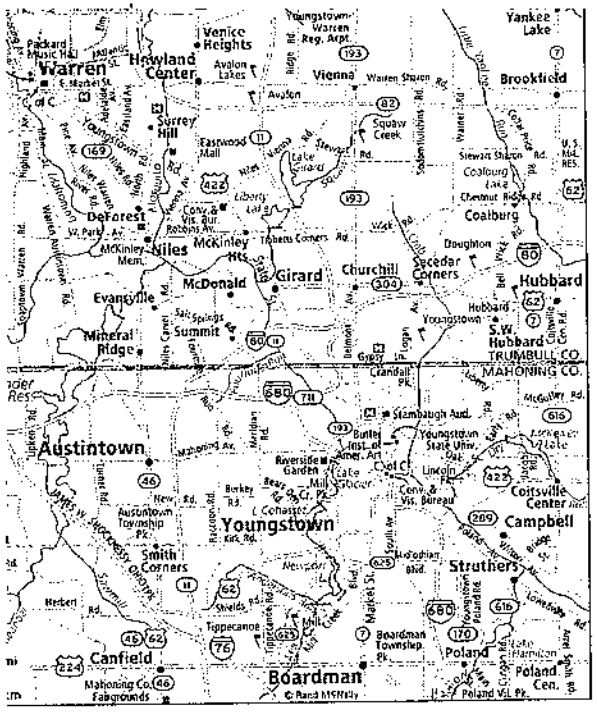
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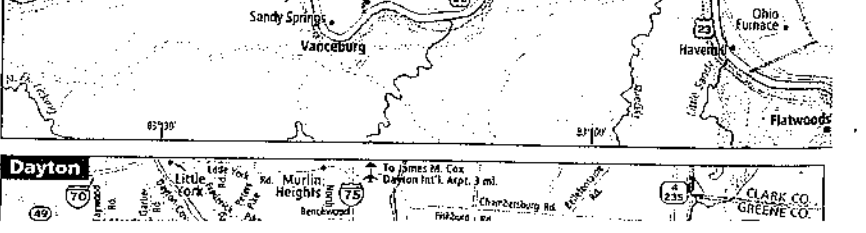
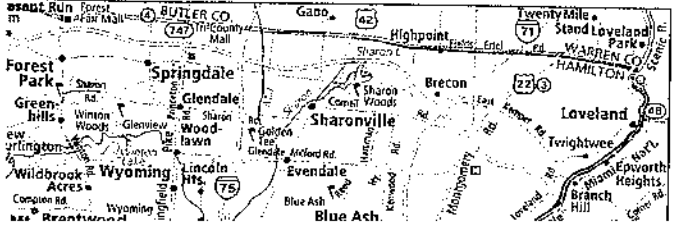
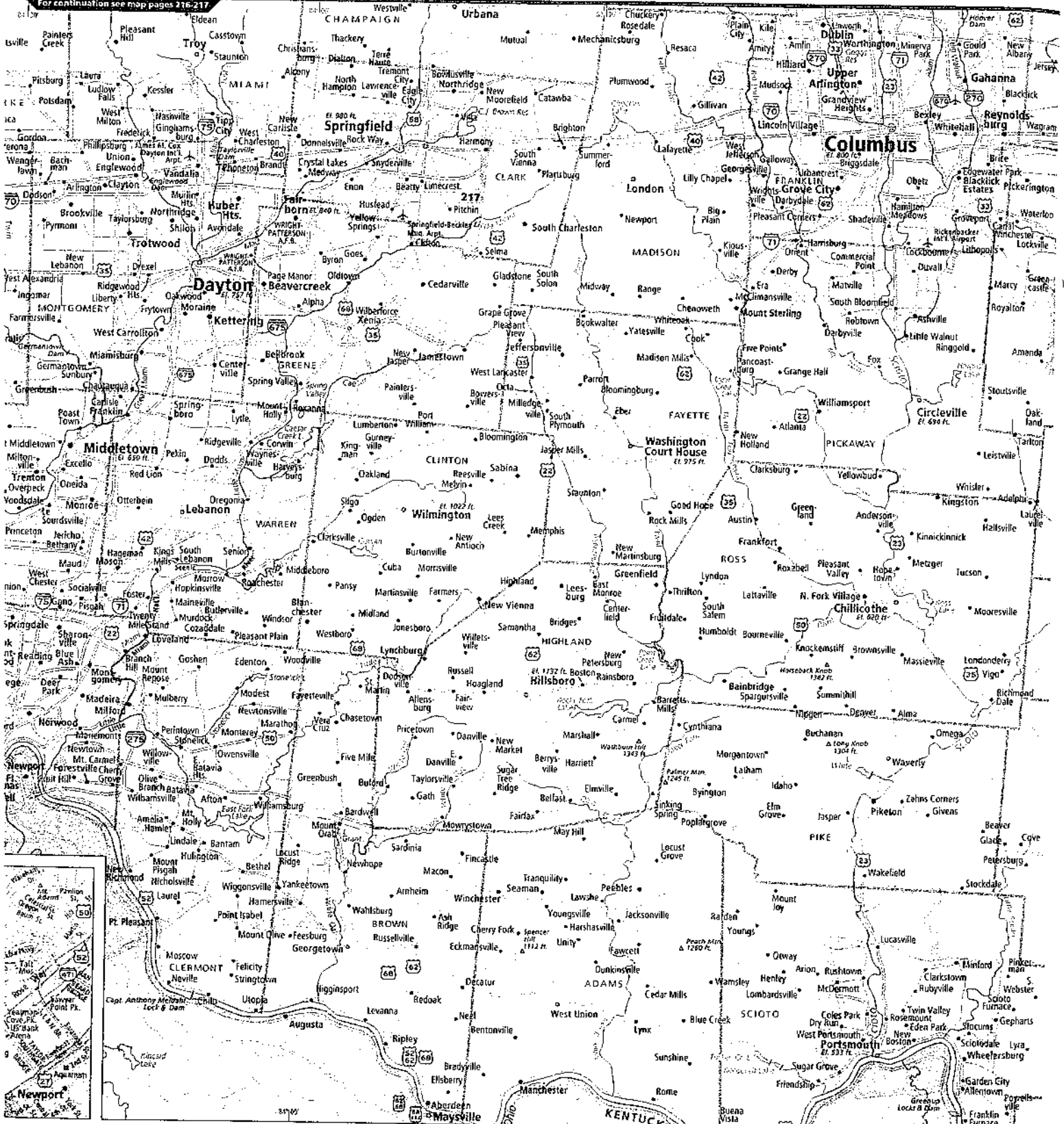
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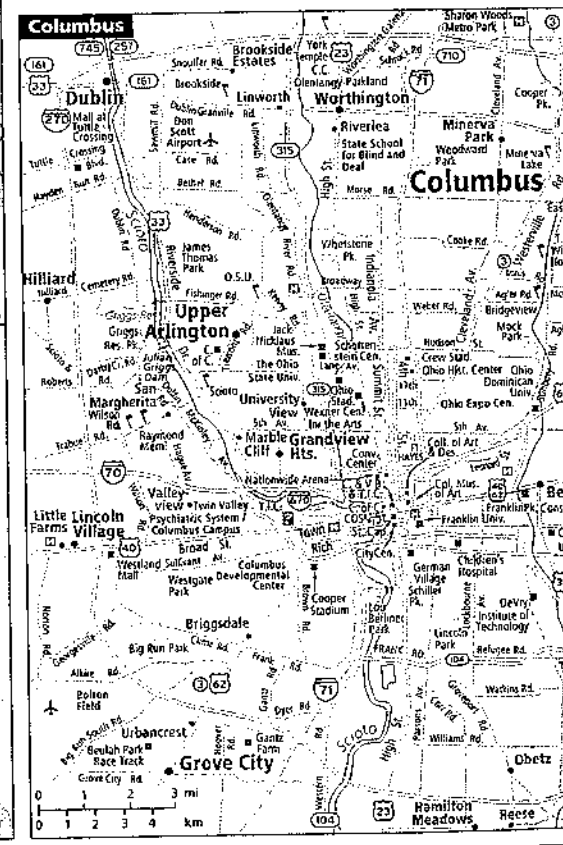
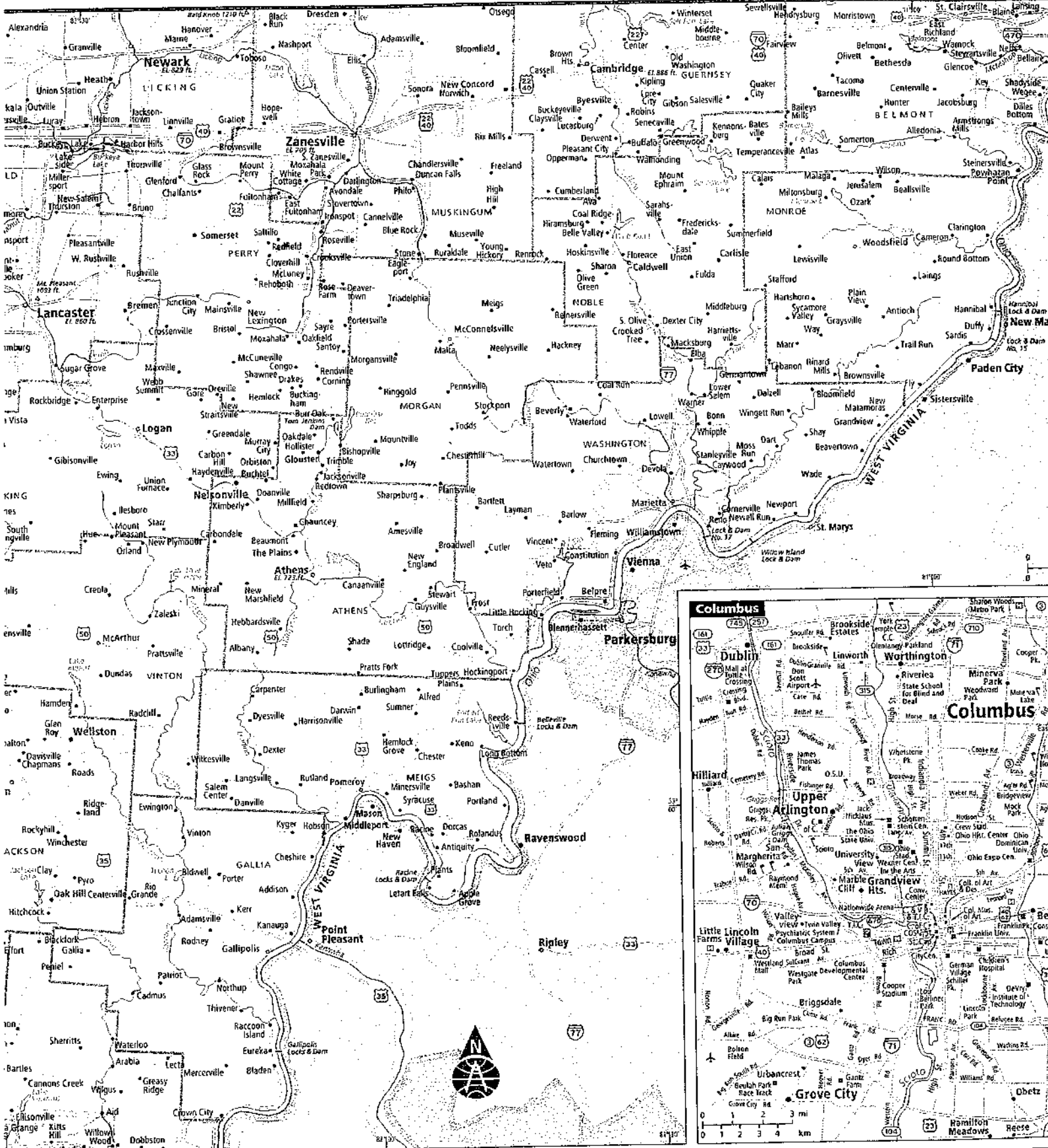
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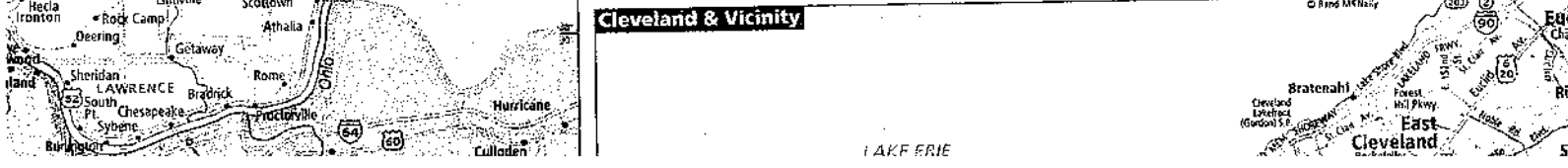


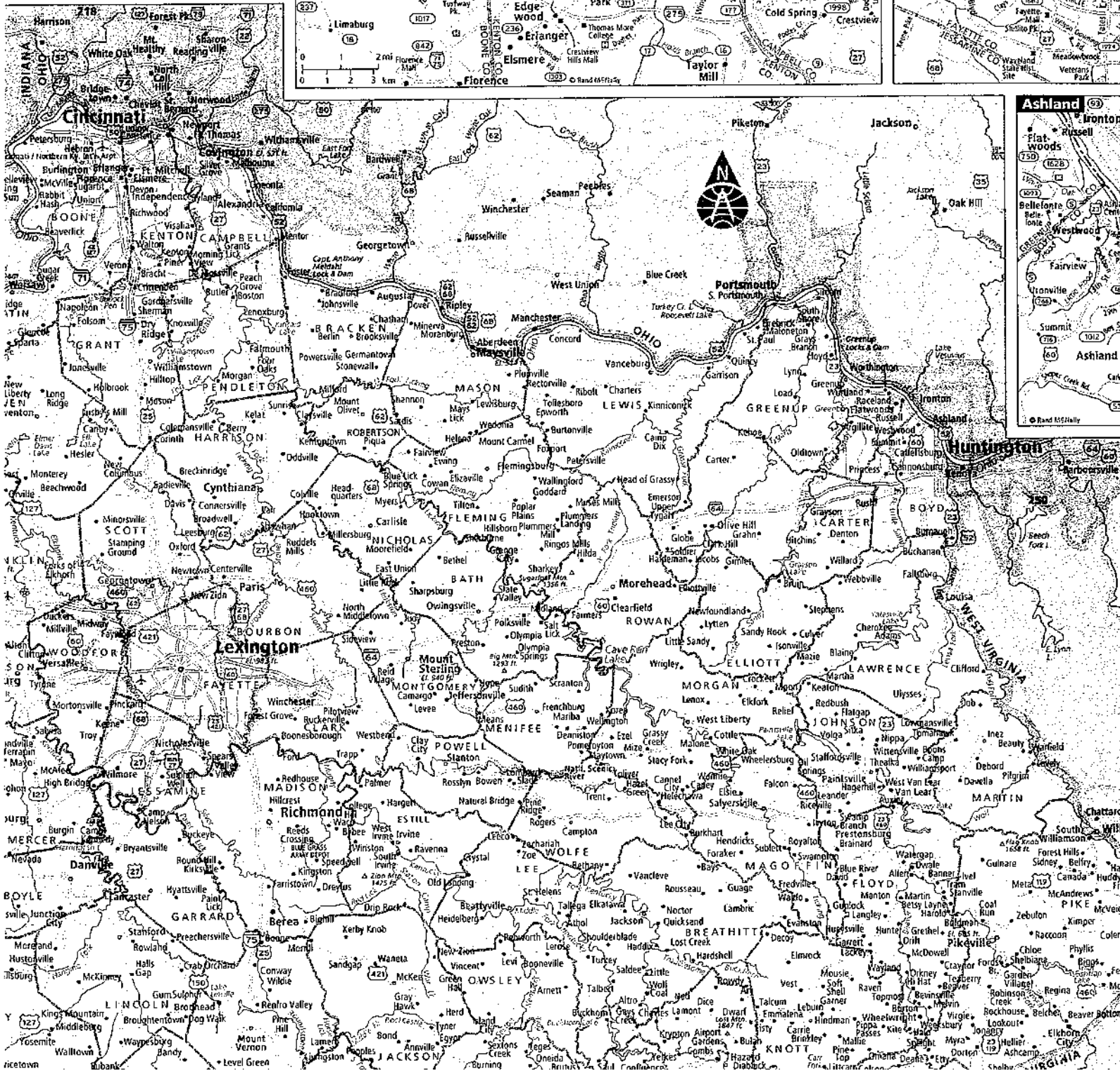
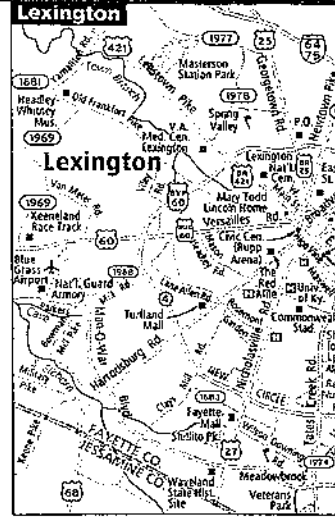
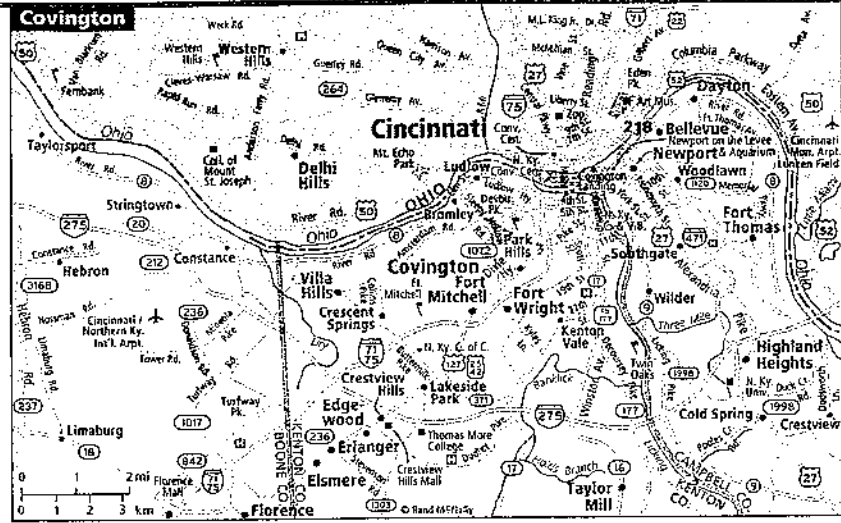
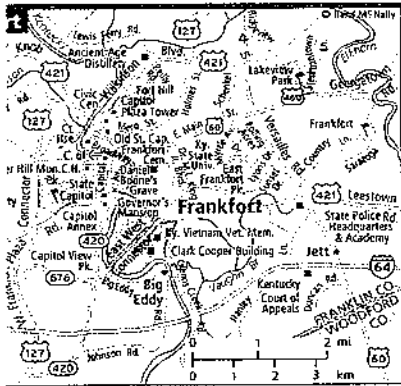
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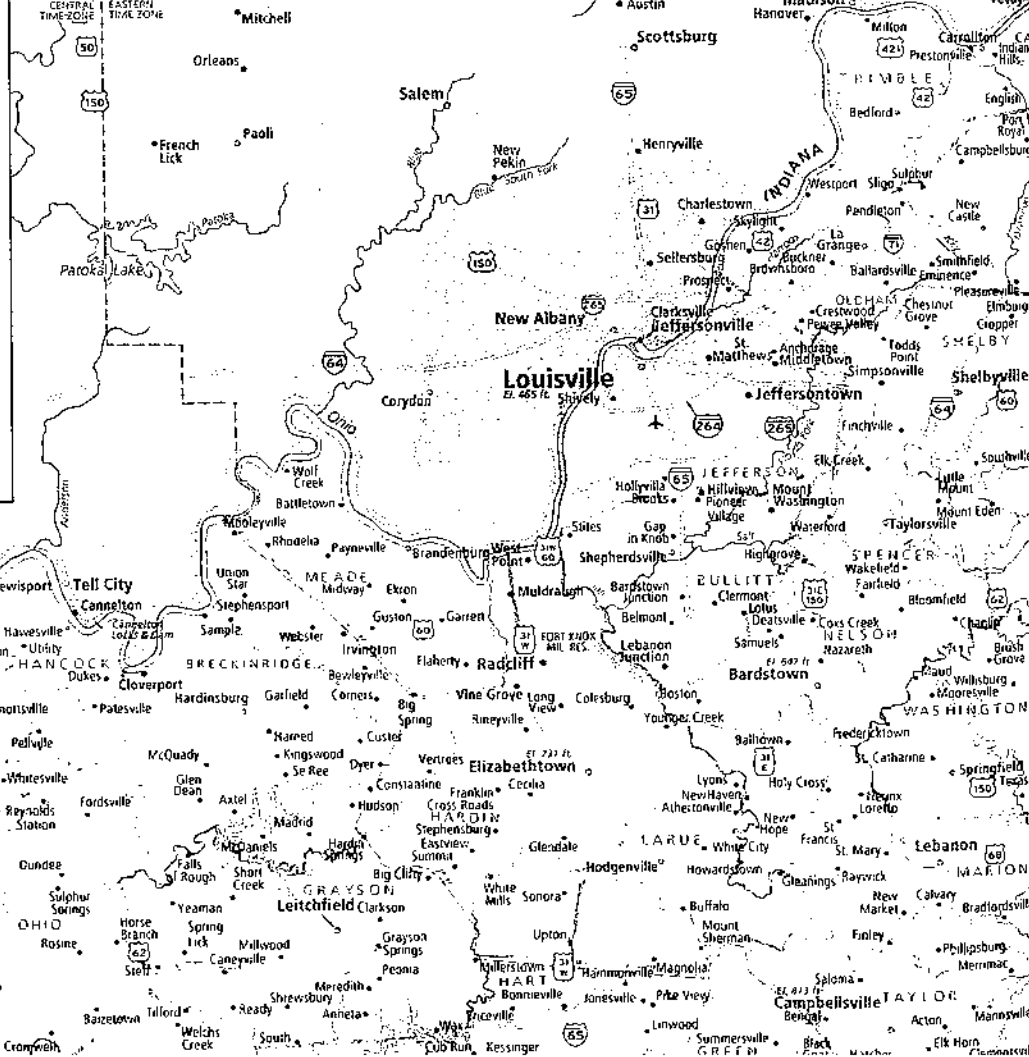
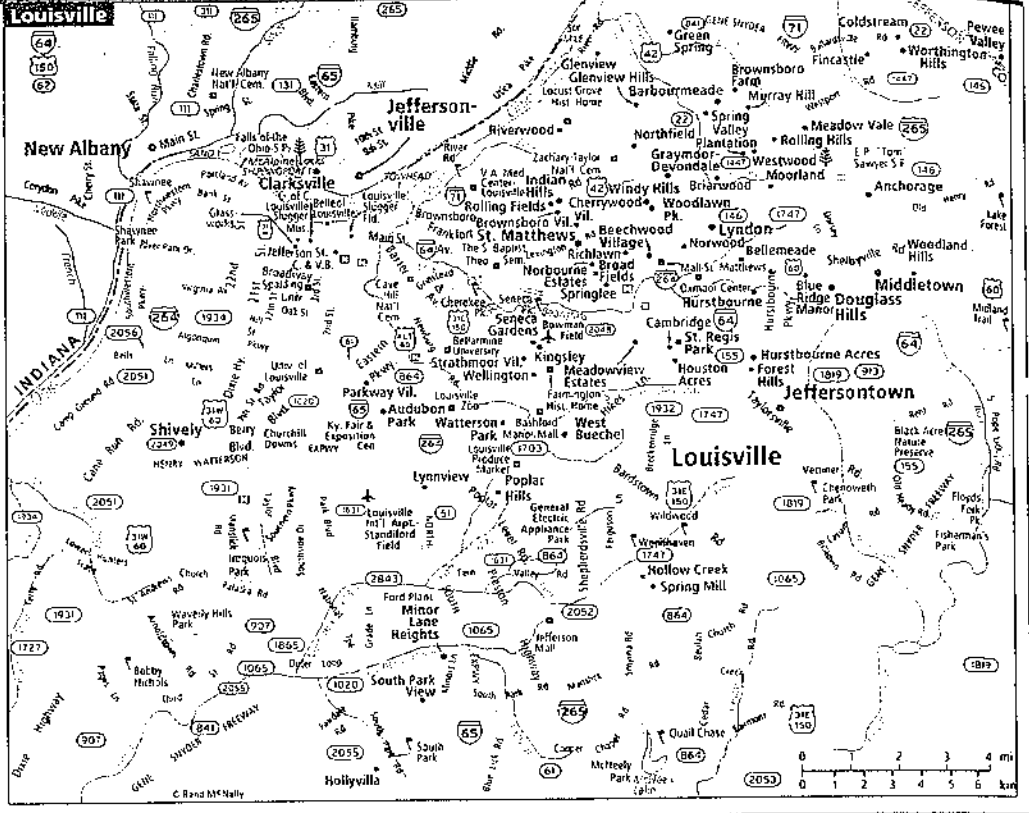
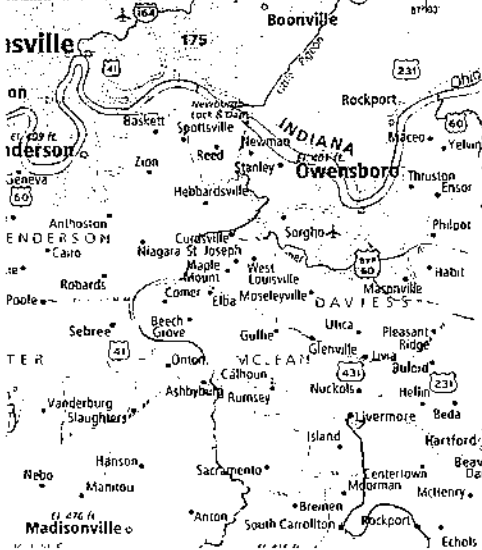
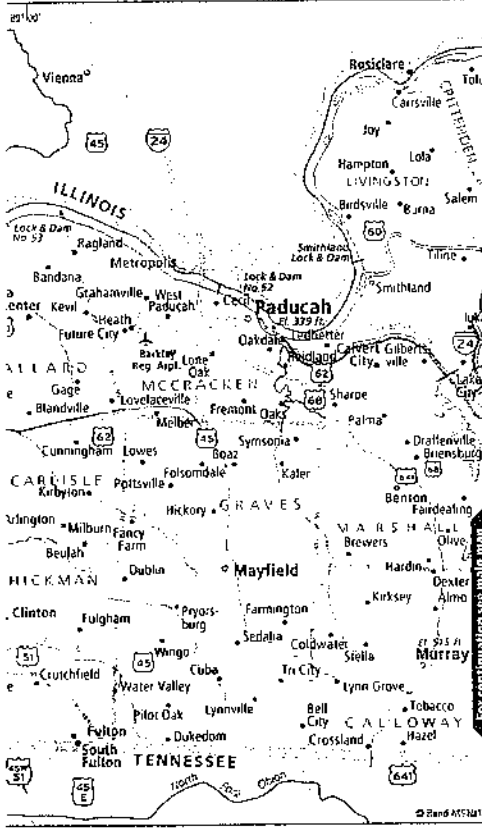
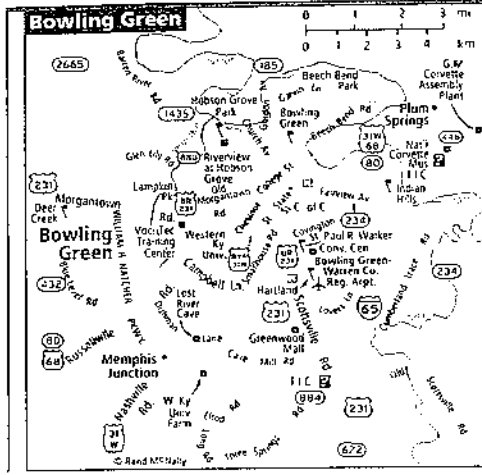


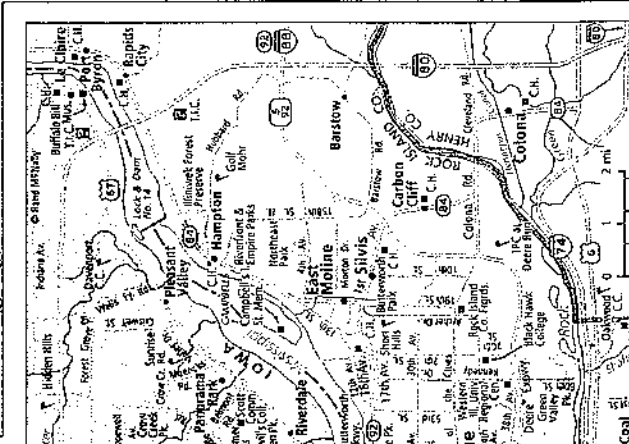
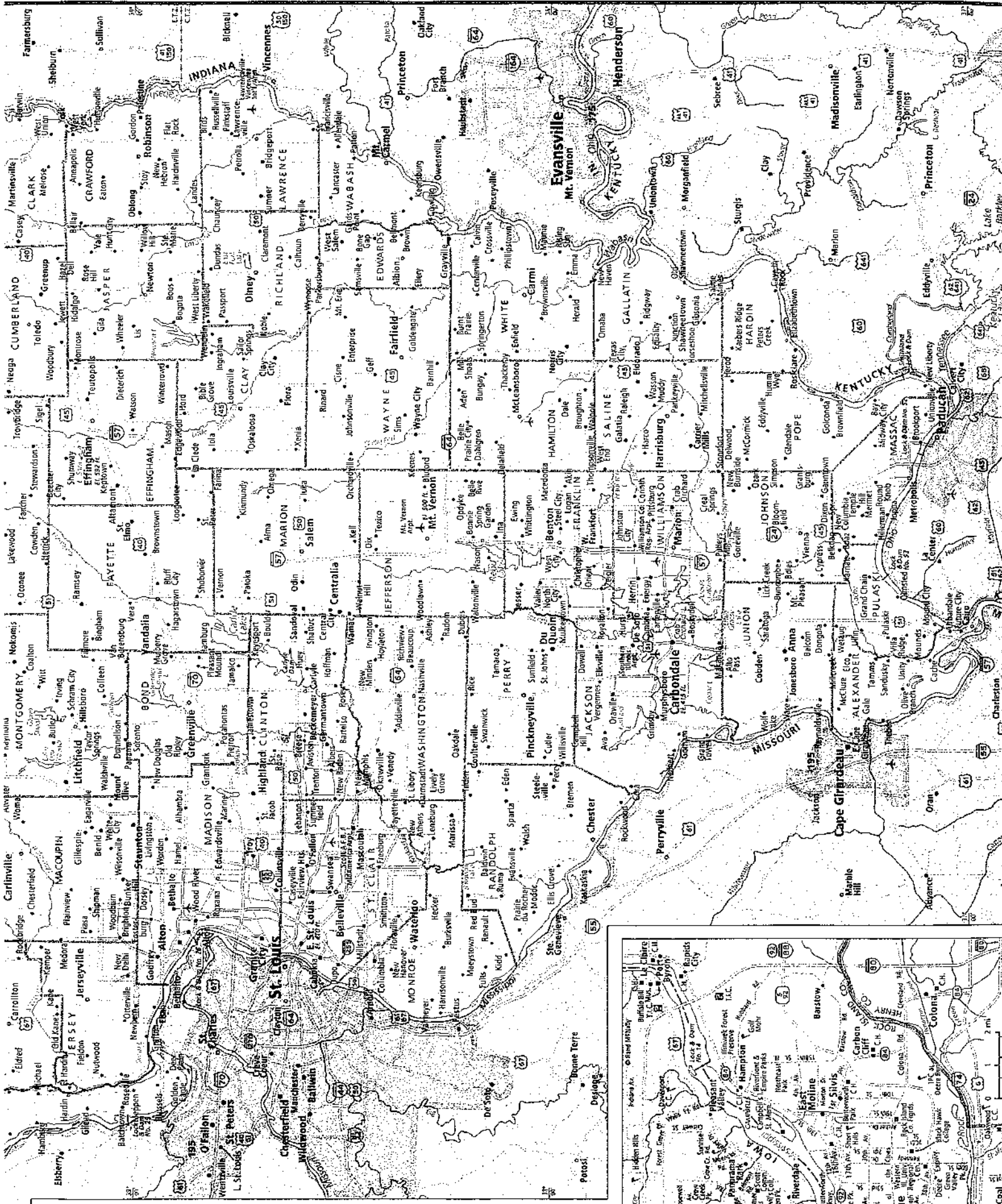


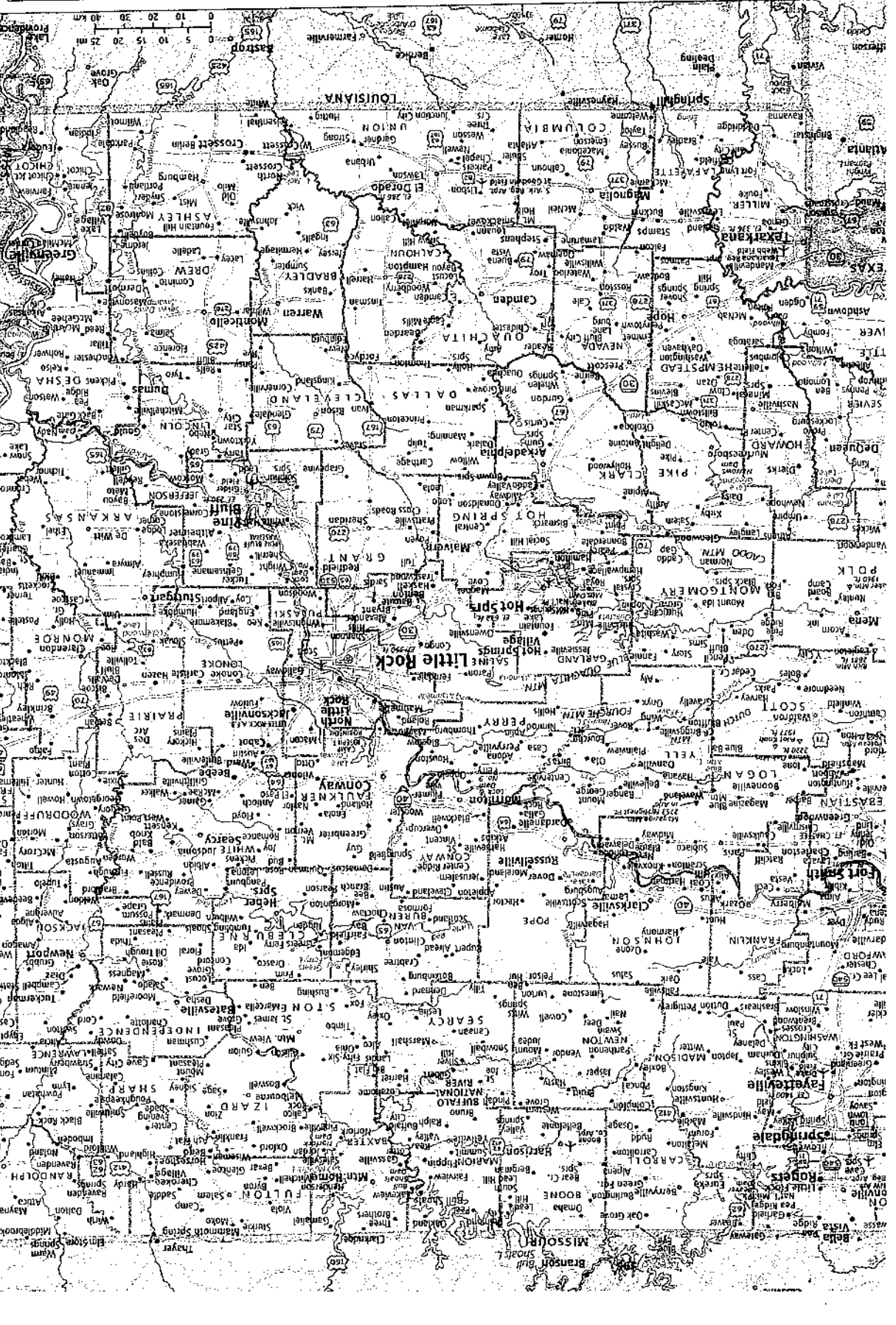
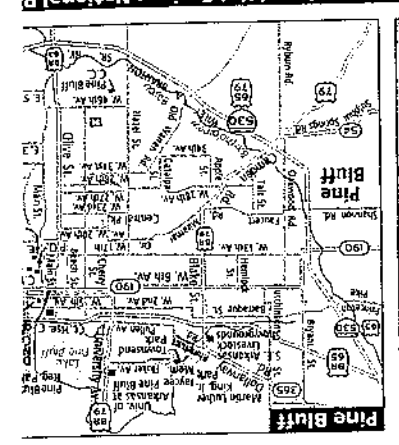
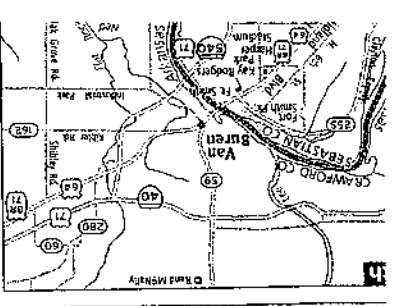
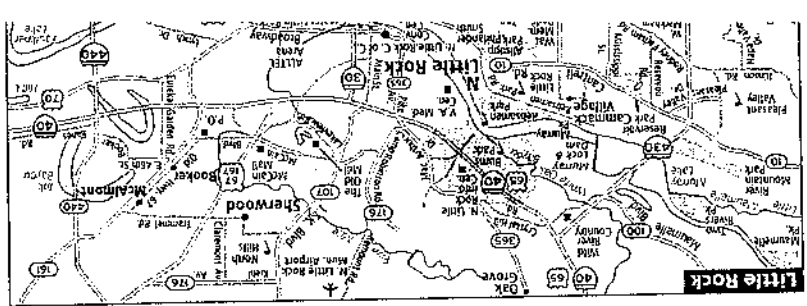
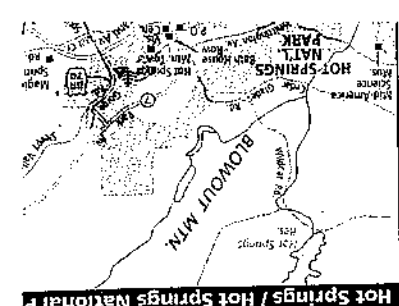
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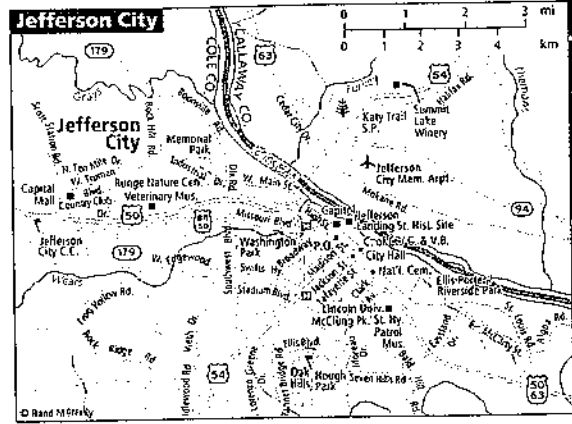
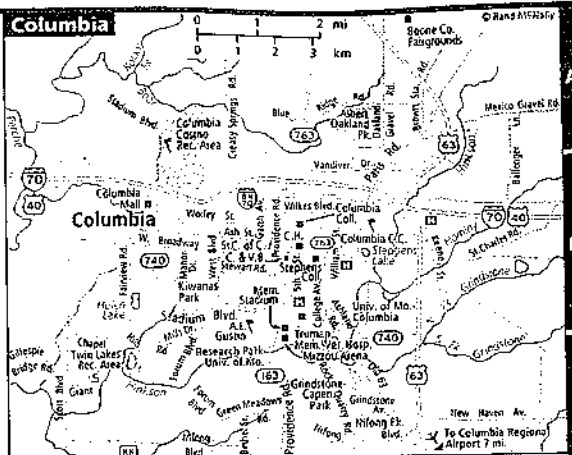
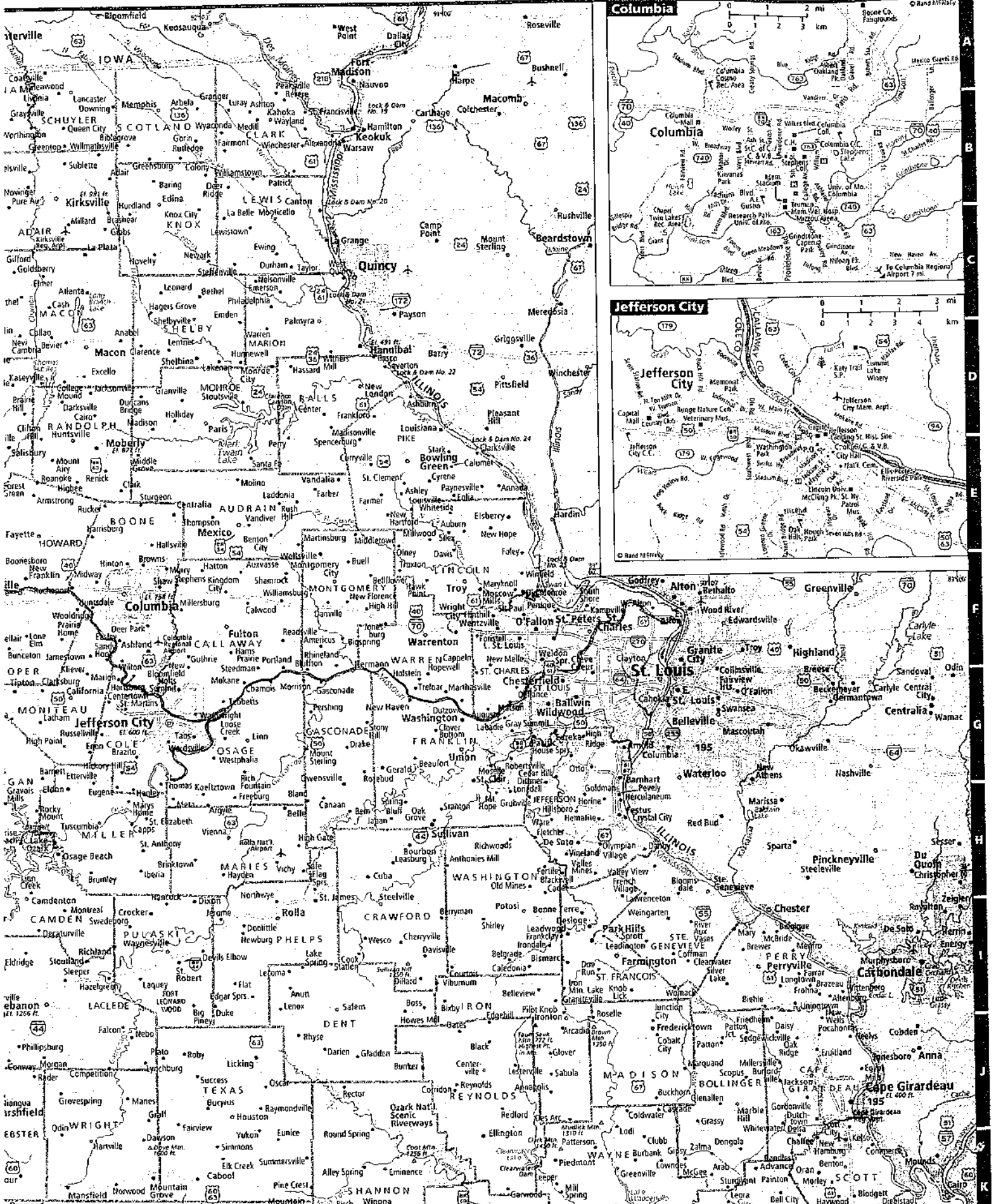


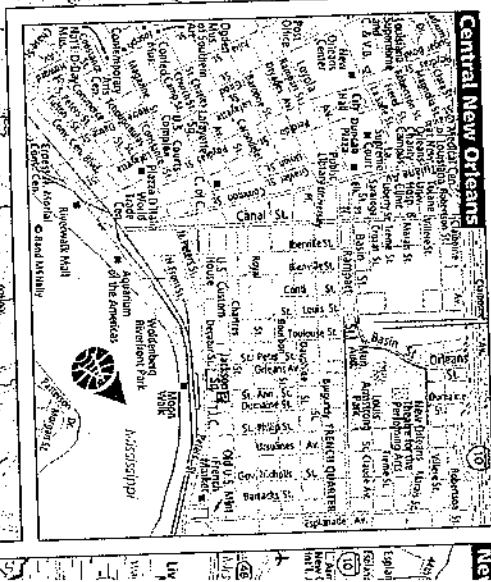
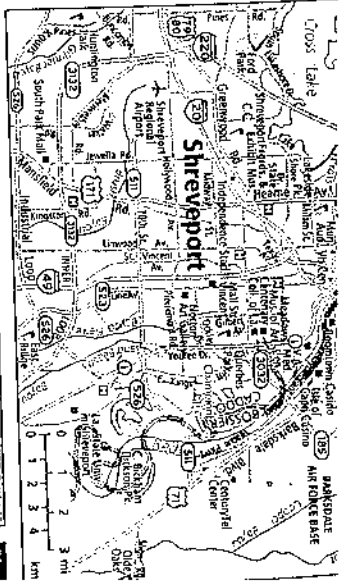
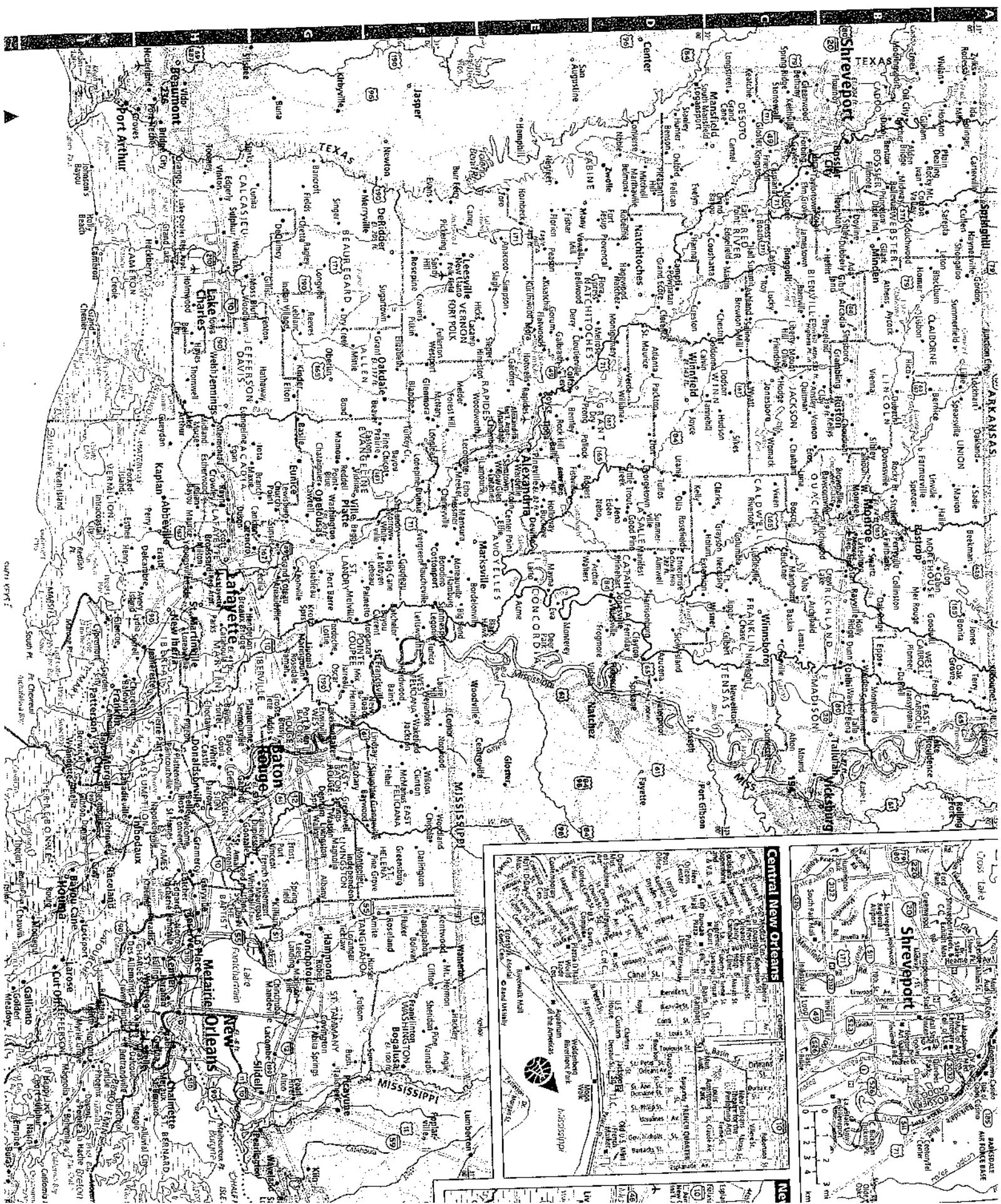












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Pennsylvania	Westmoreland-Fayette Council	- 724-837-1630
Pennsylvania	Moraine Trails Council	- 724-287-6791
West Virginia/Ohio	Ohio River Valley Council	- 304-731-6424 - 304-277-2660
West Virginia/Ohio	Alphak Council	- 800-654-5272
Ohio	Tri-State Area Council	- 304-523-3408
Ohio	Simon Kenton Council	- 614-436-7200
Ohio	Dan Beard Council	- 513-577-7735
Indiana	Hoosier Trails Council	- 812-336-6809 <i>tel free 800-844-6809</i>
Indiana/Illinois/Kentucky	Lincoln Heritage Council	- 502-361-2624
Indiana/Illinois	Buffalo Trace Council	- 812-423-5246
Illinois/Missouri	Greater St. Louis Area Council	- 800-392-0895
Arkansas	Quapaw Area Council	- 800-545-7268
Arkansas	DeSoto Area Council	- 870-863-5166
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Louisiana	Istourma Area Council	- 225-926-2697
Louisiana	Southeast Louisiana Council	- 800-394-9410
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Tennessee	West Tennessee Area Council	- 731-668-3787
Mississippi	Andrew Jackson Council	- 601-948-6111

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Louisiana Purchase Council

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