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## Previous Surveys

In 1988, Will County performed a survey of unincorporated rural areas, documenting approximately 4,867 structures dating from before 1945. The documentation, performed by architect Michael A. Lambert, consisted of black and white photographs and a completed information card utilizing a format established by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. Recorded information included the approximate age, architectural style, construction materials, noticeable additions or alterations, and overall condition of the structure. For most sites, survey data was gathered from the public right-of-way. In addition to the survey a report was prepared, "Historic Structures of Will County," dated 1991. The report examined the overall rural themes present in the county and identification of noteworthy structures.

In 1999, the Will County Land Use Department, acting as liaisons for the Will County Historic Preservation Commission, engaged Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. to perform an intensive survey of Wheatland, Plainfield, and Lockport Townships in northwest Will County, Illinois. In 2001, an intensive survey was performed of Du Page Township in Will County, followed by Homer Township in 2002. The resulting reports from these surveys were used as a basis for developing this report on New Lenox Township.

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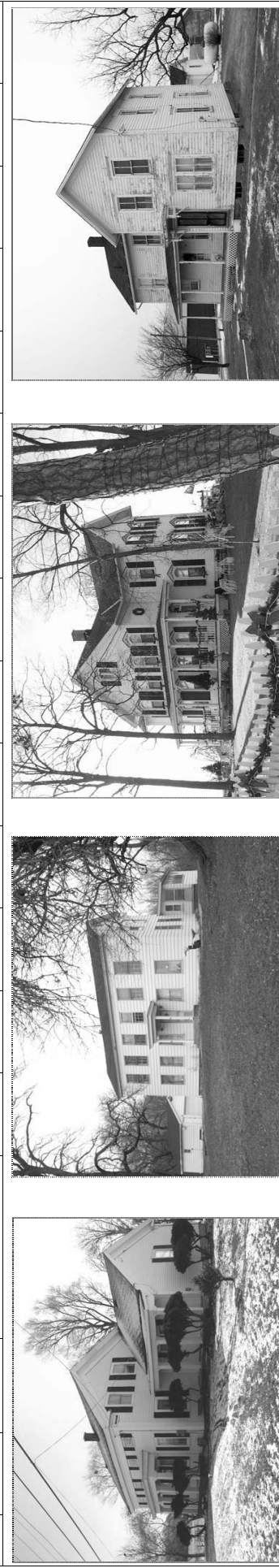
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The table provides information on ownership as listed by the above referenced plat maps for farmsteads determined to be significant historic rural resources and a select number of contributing historic rural resources.



**TABLE 1**  
**Will County Rural Historic Structural Survey**  
**New Lenox Township Survey Sites (November 2002 through March 2003)**  
 Names listed on historic plat maps listed in bibliography  
 (Items in parenthesis indicate farmland owners before surveyed farmstead was likely constructed)

Street Numb er	Street Name	PIN as Indicated in Sidwell	Assessment of Significance	1862	1873	1893	1902	1909	Circa 1940	1948	1957	1966	1972	1976	1985	1990	2003
	Haven Avenue	08-21-200-021	Surviving farmstead buildings potentially significant locally despite poor condition of some of the buildings	J. Rugg	J. Rugg	J.J. Rugg	E. Button	E.F. Button	Ronald E. Button	Patrick Warren	Patrick Warren	John Warren	John Warren	John and Jane Warren	Land incorporated into the Village of New Lenox		
	Cedar	08-28-200-017	Locally significant and potential for national significance	R.J. Broadie	Robert J. Broadie	J.C. Broadie	J.R. Bentley	J.R. Bentley	Mrs. J.R. Bentley	Mrs. J.R. Bentley	Caroline Bentley	Caroline Bentley	Caroline Bentley	Land subdivided			
22593	Old Manhattan Road	08-31-300-006	Locally significant farmstead site; farmstead is eligible as a Centennial Farm	L. Spalding	L. Spalding	Thomas Tait (Tate?)	J. Fritz	Julius Fritz	Julius Fritz	Oscar Fritz	Oscar Fritz	Oscar Fritz	Oscar Fritz	New Lenox State Bank	Eugene Fritz	Oscar H. Fritz	Glen and Bernadine Fritz
1413	Laraway Road	08-34-100-002	Potential for local significance	J. Hubbard	P.H. Wagner	H. Wessell	P. Wagner [H. Wessell]	H. Wessell	Wessell Brothers	C.L. Wessell	William Hobbs	William Hobbs	William Hobbs	First National Bank of Joliet	First National Bank of Joliet	Robert, Harry, and Irene Hobbs	Robert, Harry, and Irene Hobbs
14058	Delaney Road	08-34-300-002	Locally significant farmstead site, potentially significant nationally as well	[name illegible]	J. Pester	J. Pester	J. Pester	J. Pester Estate	William Hobbs	William Hobbs	William Hobbs	William Hobbs	William Hobbs	Chicago Title and Trust Co.	Constantine Drugas	Constantine Drugas Trust	Orland Golf View
	Scheer Road	08-36-400-___	Potential for local significance, although farmhouse structure is currently abandoned	P. Nickalle Ogdin Bretwood & Co.	Philip Bauch	Philip Bauch	Philip Bauch	Philip Bauch	Clarence Scheer	Clarence Scheer	Clarence Scheer	Clarence Scheer	Clarence Scheer				



*Illustrated above are four different farmhouse types from New Lenox Township, each with some degree of local significance. From left to right: the New England One and a Half on the Van Duse-Handorf farmstead in Section 4; the Gougar farmhouse in Section 18, an example of an I House; the Cross-Gabled Brodie-Bentley farmhouse in Section 28; and the Gabled Ell farmhouse on the Pester-Hobbs farmstead in Section 34.*

<sup>1</sup> The Three-bay Threshing barn and crib barn for this former farmstead site are part of the property address immediately to the south with PIN 08-28-200-016.

## Appendix A

### Reproductions of Will County Plat Maps

#### New Lenox Township, New Lenox, Spencer, and Marley

##### Introduction

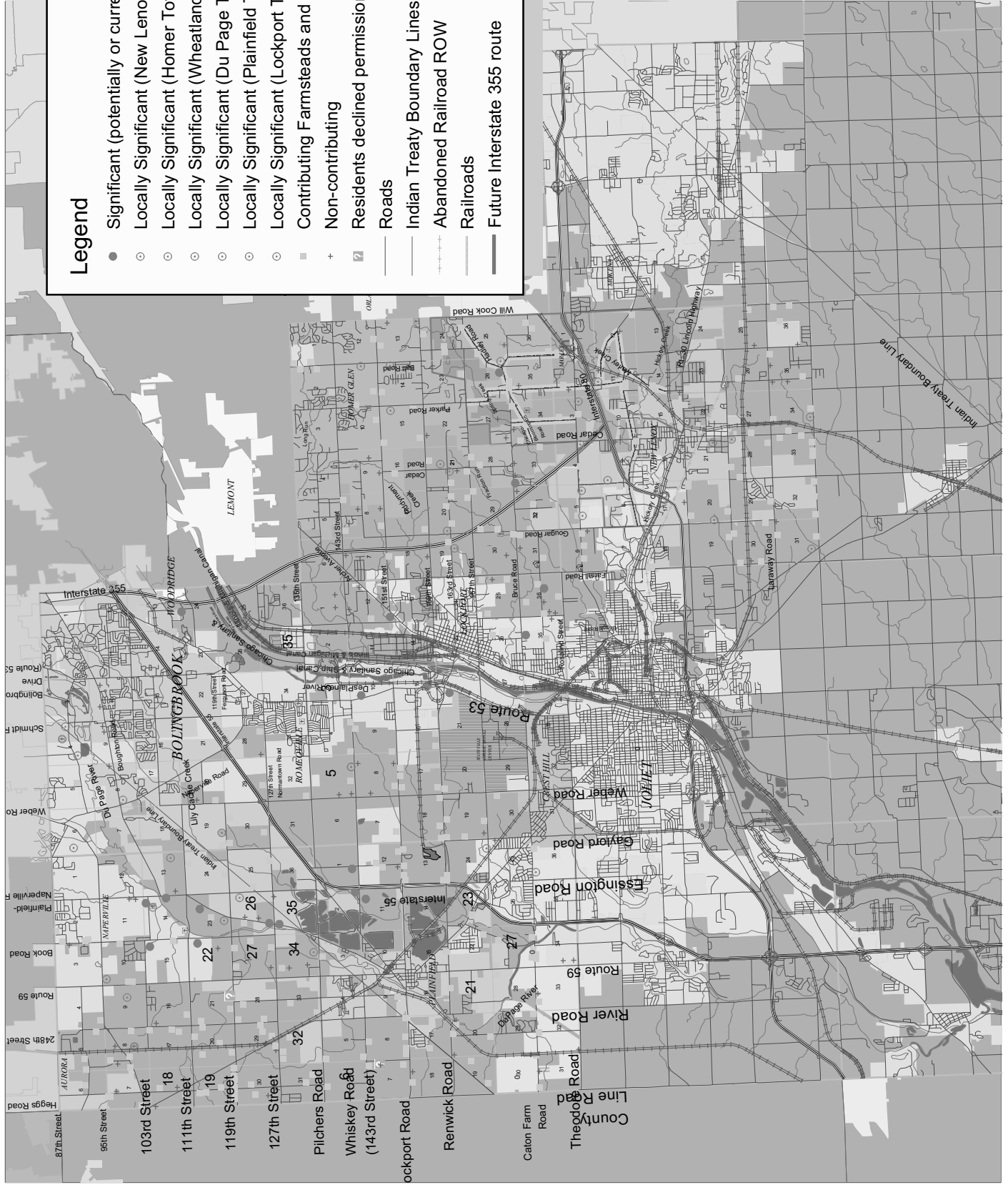
In researching and analyzing the farmsteads included in this study, a range of historic plat maps were reviewed to determine the recorded owner of each of the more significant sites. As with any plat map, the *owner* of the property is listed and not necessarily the *occupant*. Nonetheless, these maps are useful in determining the overall patterns of settlement; tracking the uses of the land for farming and subsequent other uses (such as residential and industrial development or quarrying operations); and for understanding the patrimony of some of the more significant families, as farmsteads passed from generation to generation. All maps are reproduced here from copies obtained from a variety of sources. For some of the maps, more legible or original copies may exist. Most maps dating between 1940 and 2003 are copyright Rockford Map Publishers, Inc.; reproduction of these maps for commercial use is prohibited.

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# Appendix B

## Maps

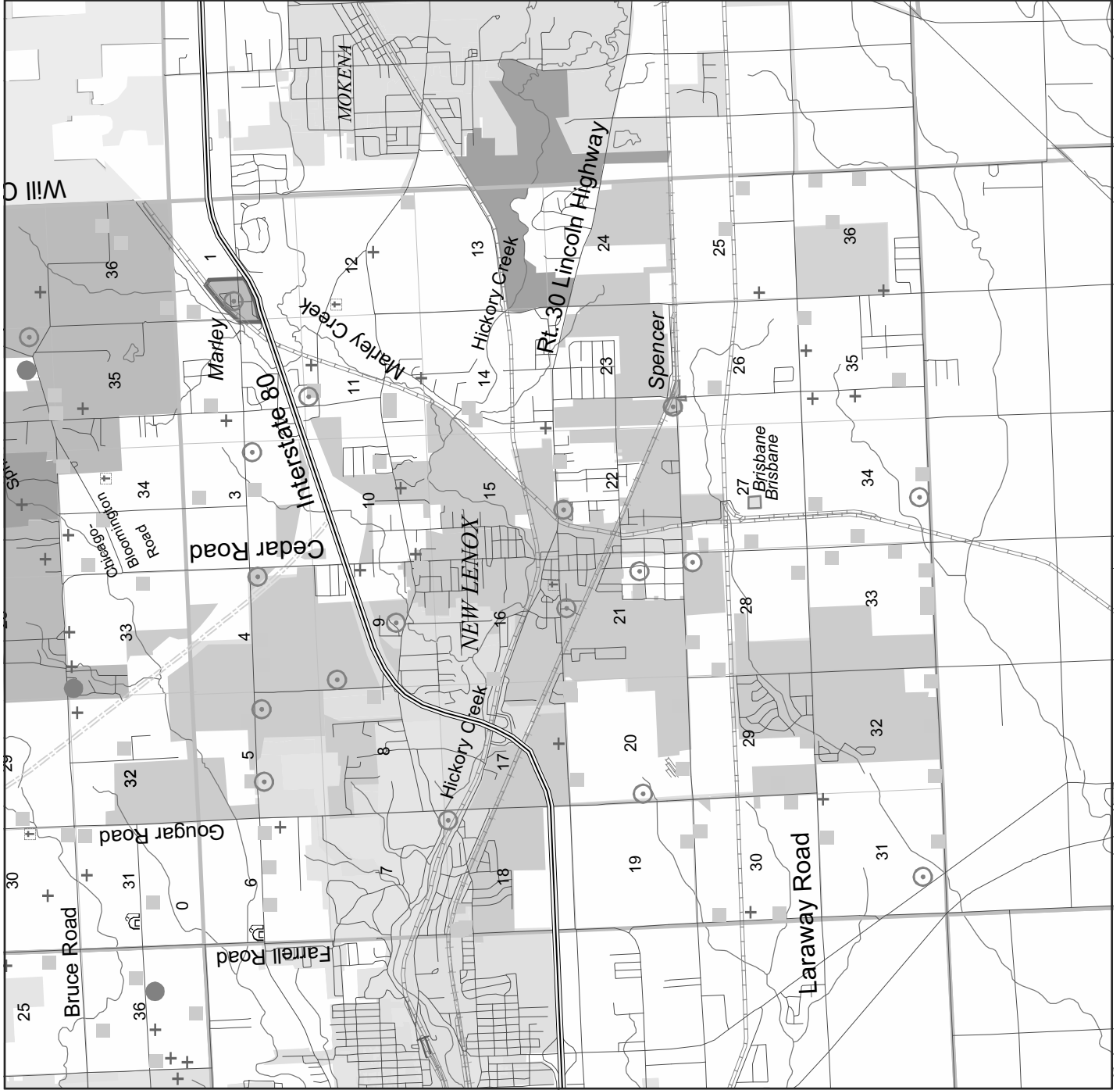




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- Locally Significant (Homer Township)
- Locally Significant (Wheatland Township)
- Locally Significant (Du Page Township)
- Locally Significant (Plainfield Township)
- Locally Significant (Lockport Township)
- Contributing Farmsteads and Elements
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- Residents declined permission for survey
- Roads
- Indian Treaty Boundary Lines
- - - Abandoned Railroad ROW
- Railroads
- Future Interstate 355 route

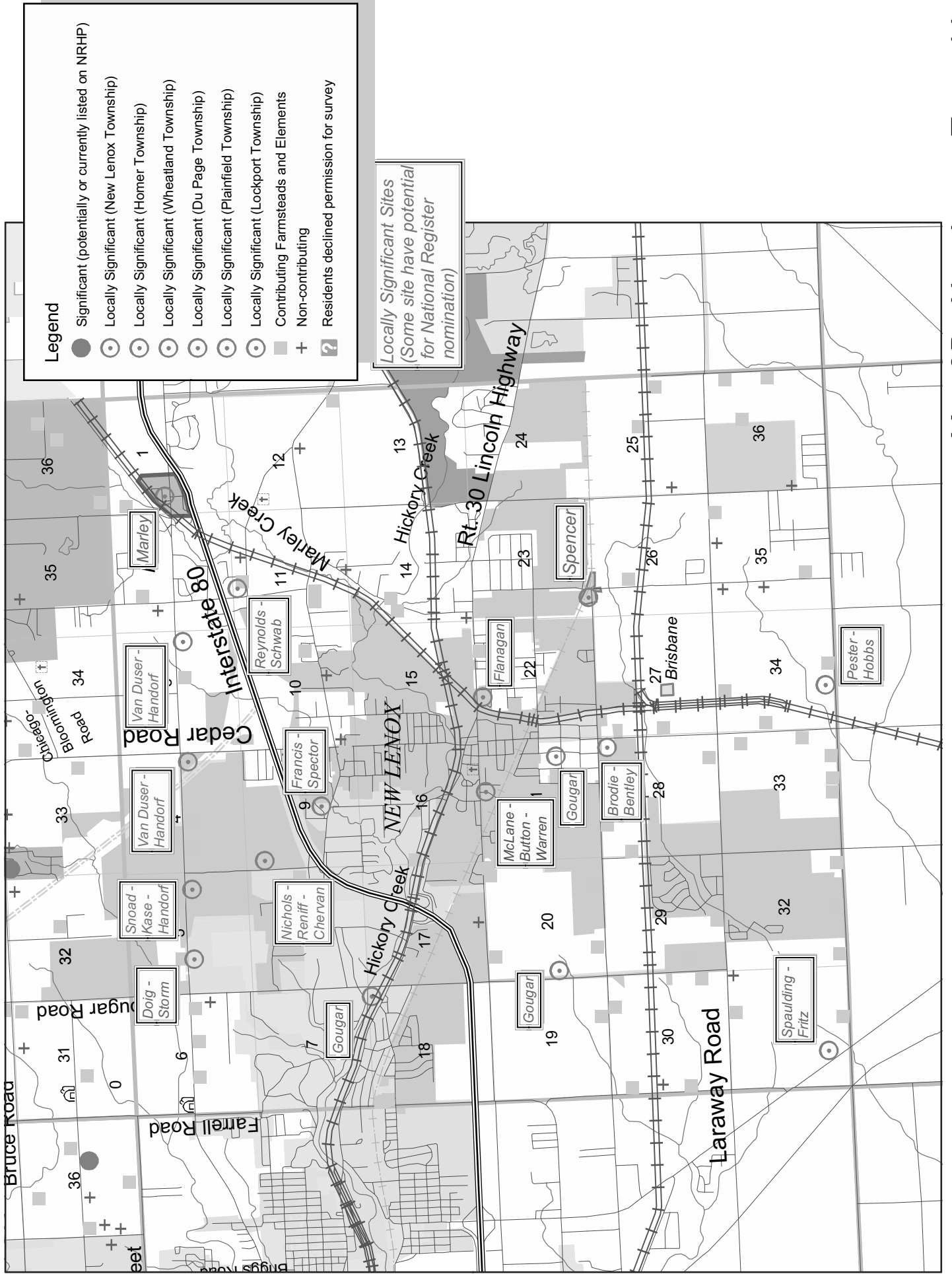




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- Contributing Farmsteads and Elements
- + Non-contributing
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- Future Interstate 355 route
- 🚂 railroads



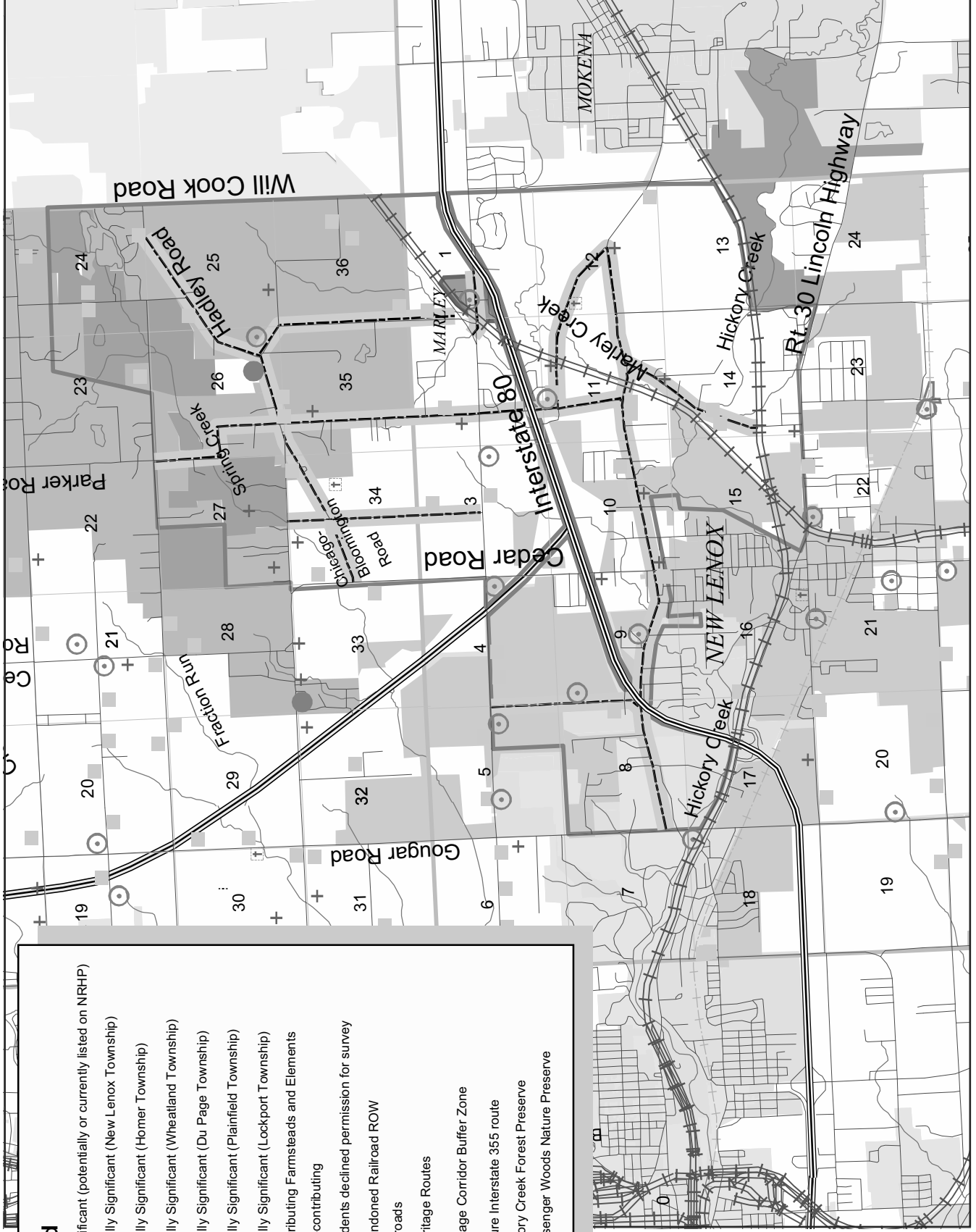


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- Contributing Farmsteads and Elements
- + Non-contributing
- ? Residents declined permission for survey

Locally Significant Sites  
(Some sites have potential  
for National Register  
nomination)

**Map 3 Rural Heritage Corridors in  
Homer and New Lenox Townships**



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- Contributing Farmsteads and Elements
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- ? Residents declined permission for survey
- Abandoned Railroad ROW
- Railroads
- Heritage Routes
- Heritage Corridor Buffer Zone
- Future Interstate 355 route
- Hickory Creek Forest Preserve
- Messenger Woods Nature Preserve





