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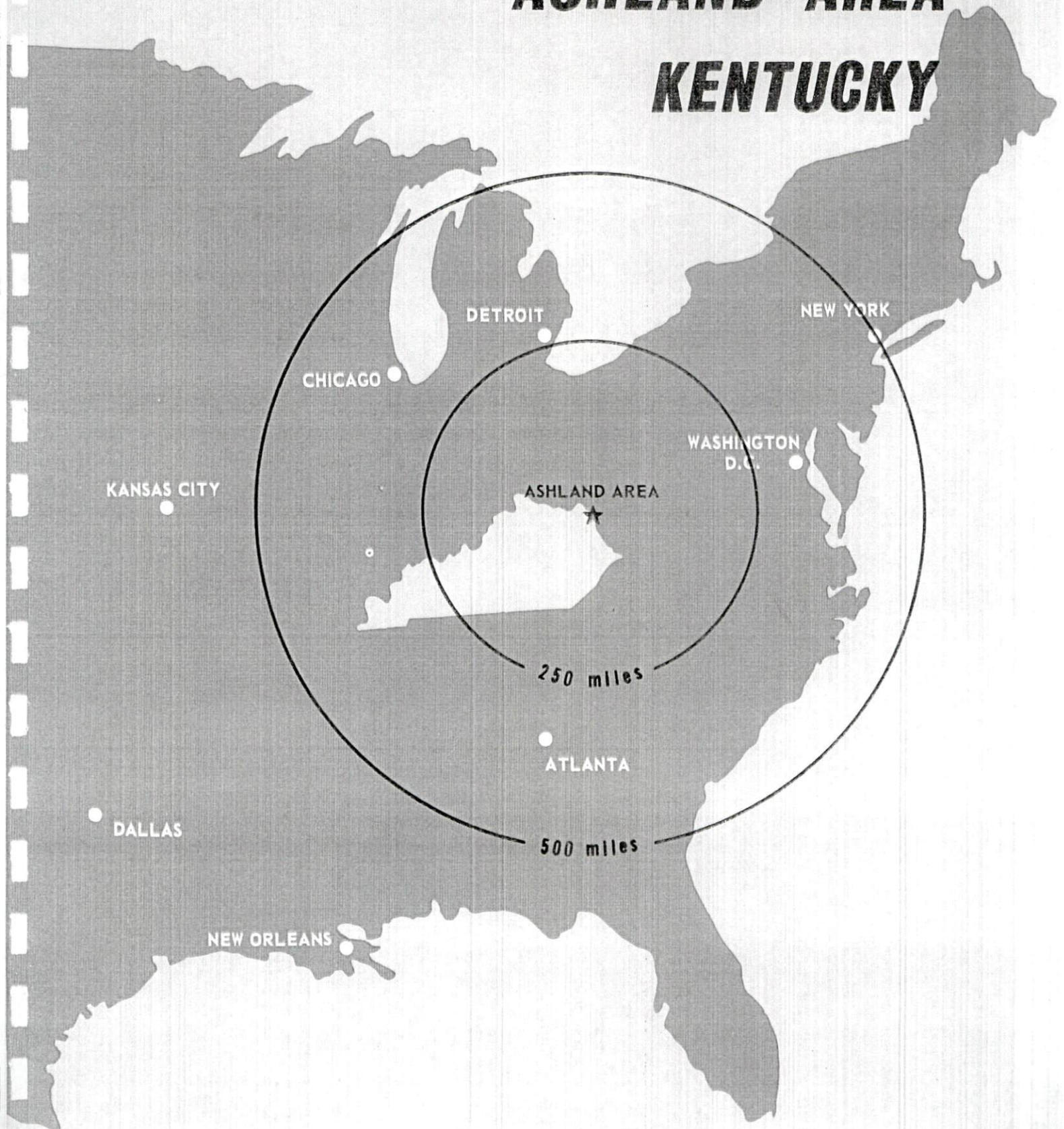
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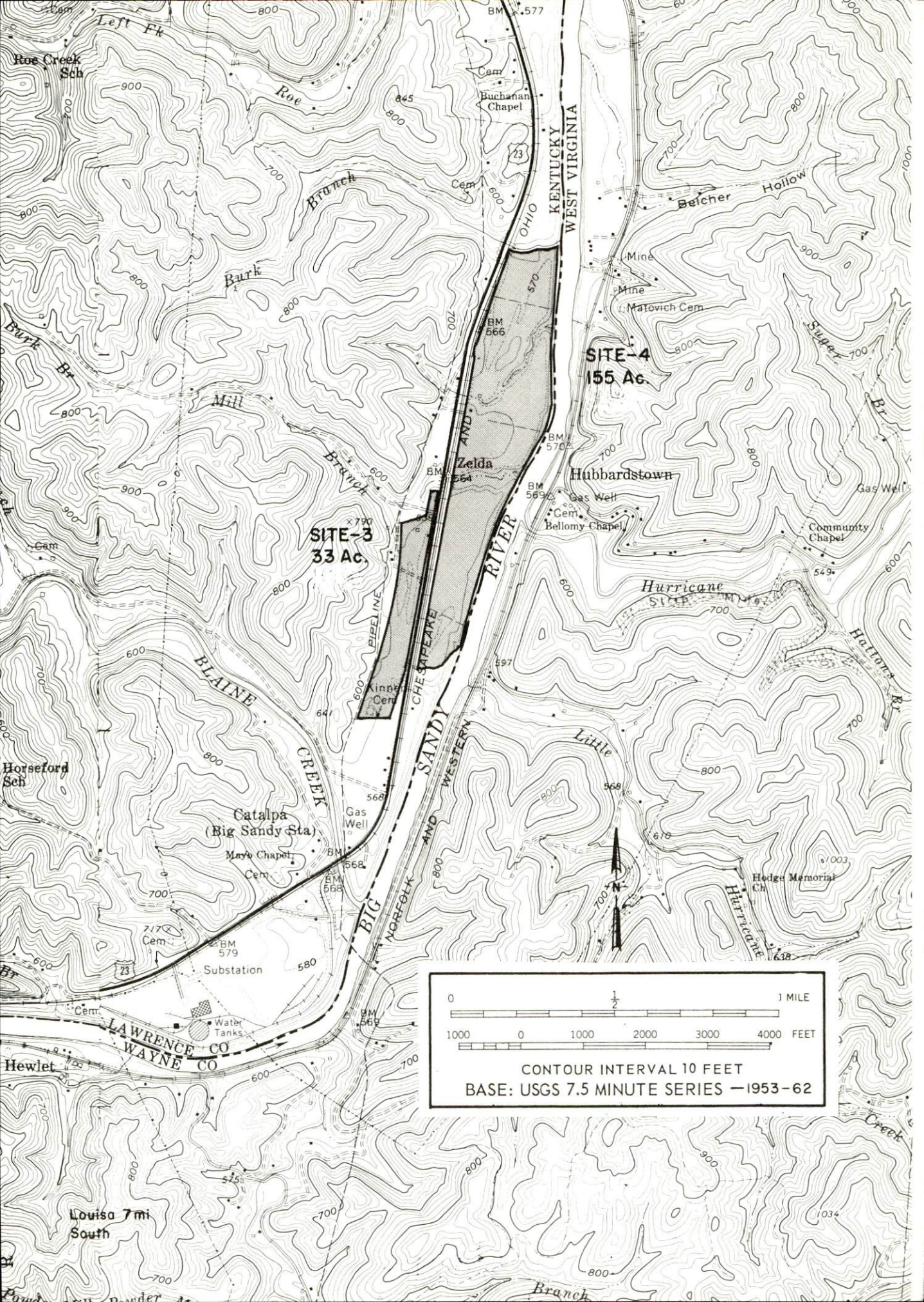
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INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

ASHLAND AREA KENTUCKY





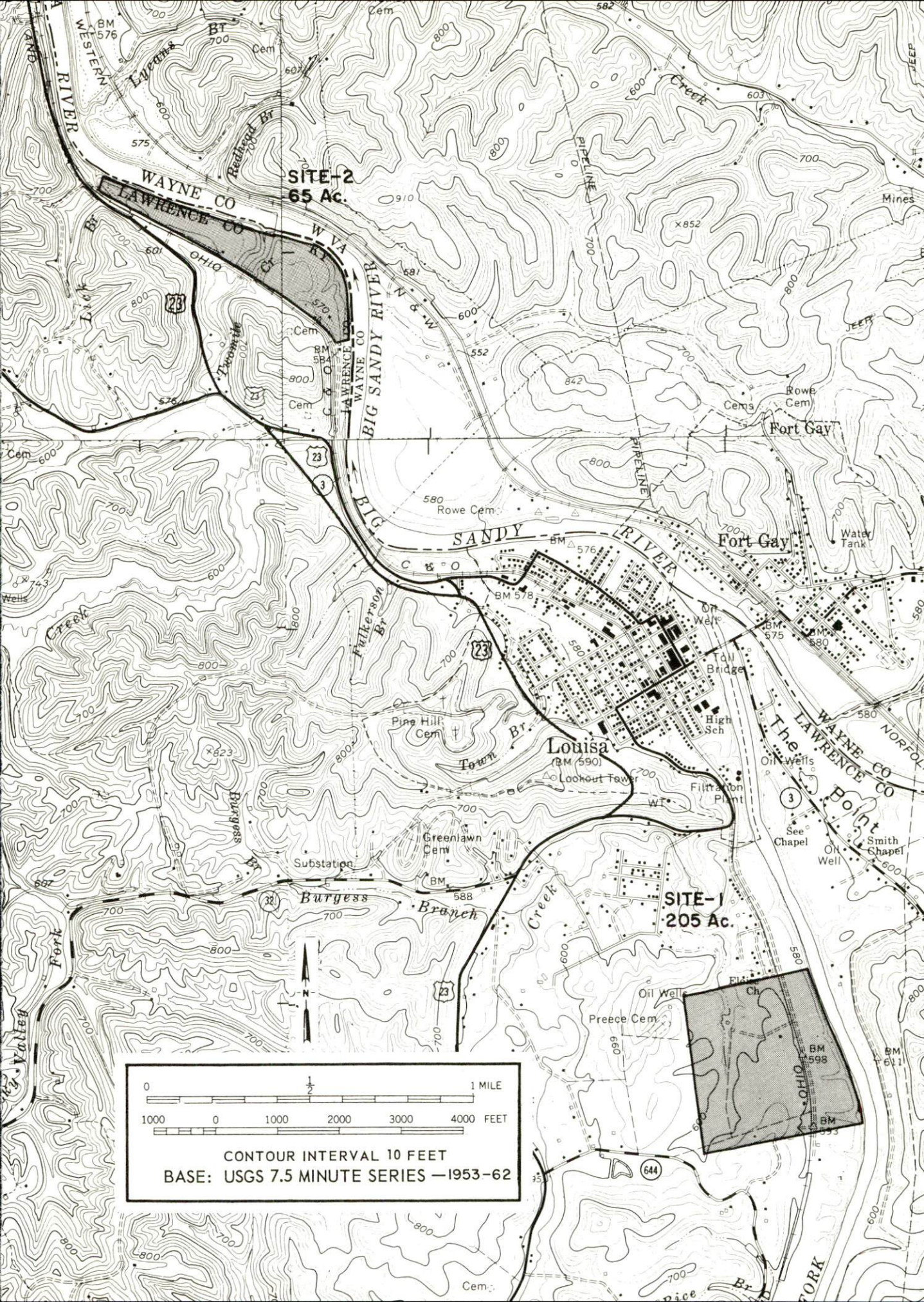
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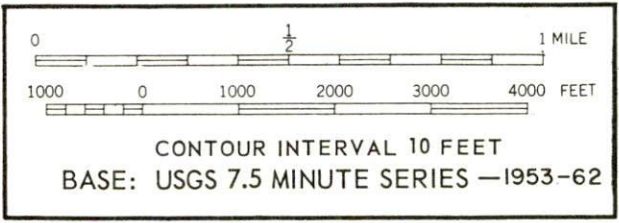
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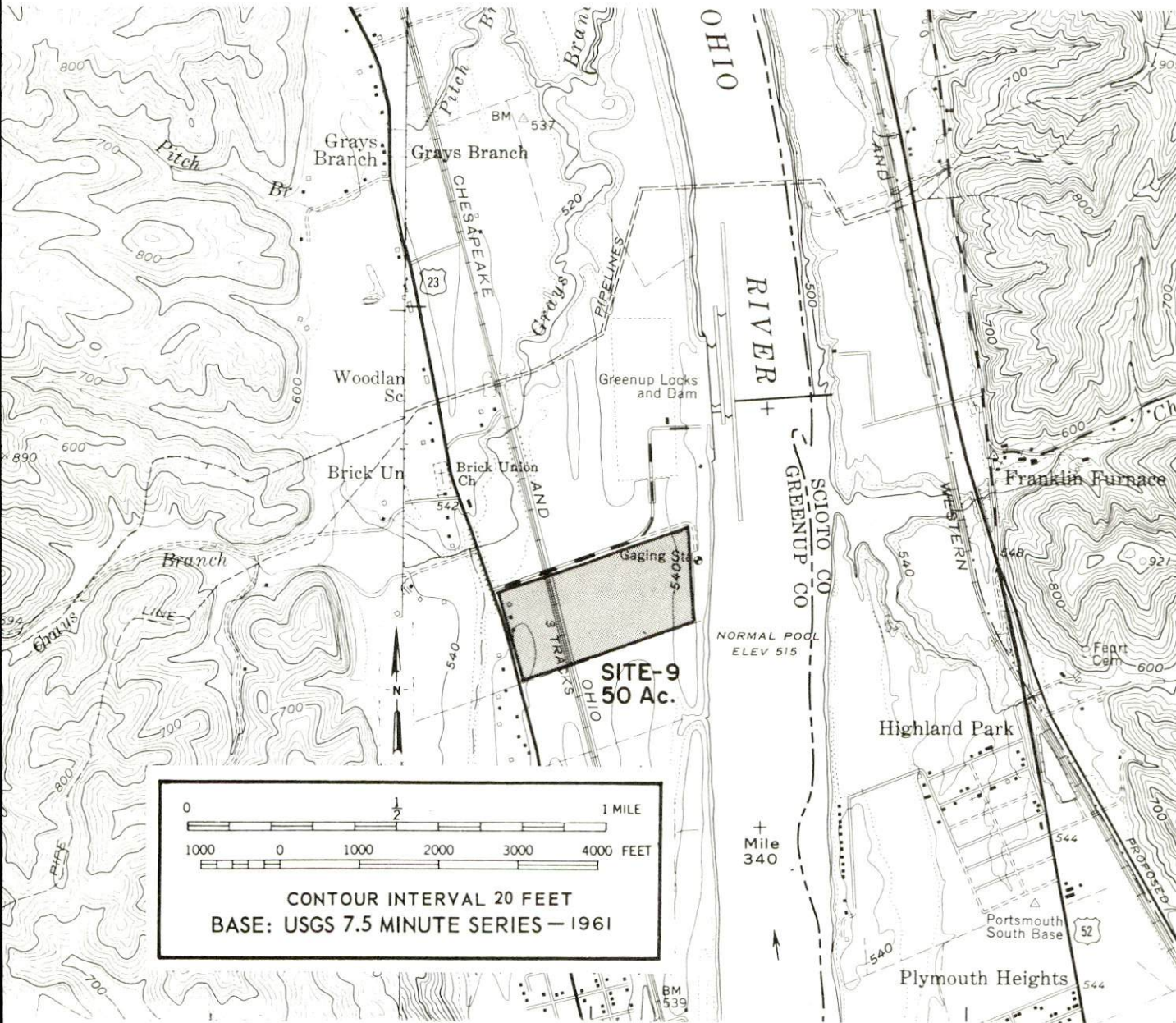
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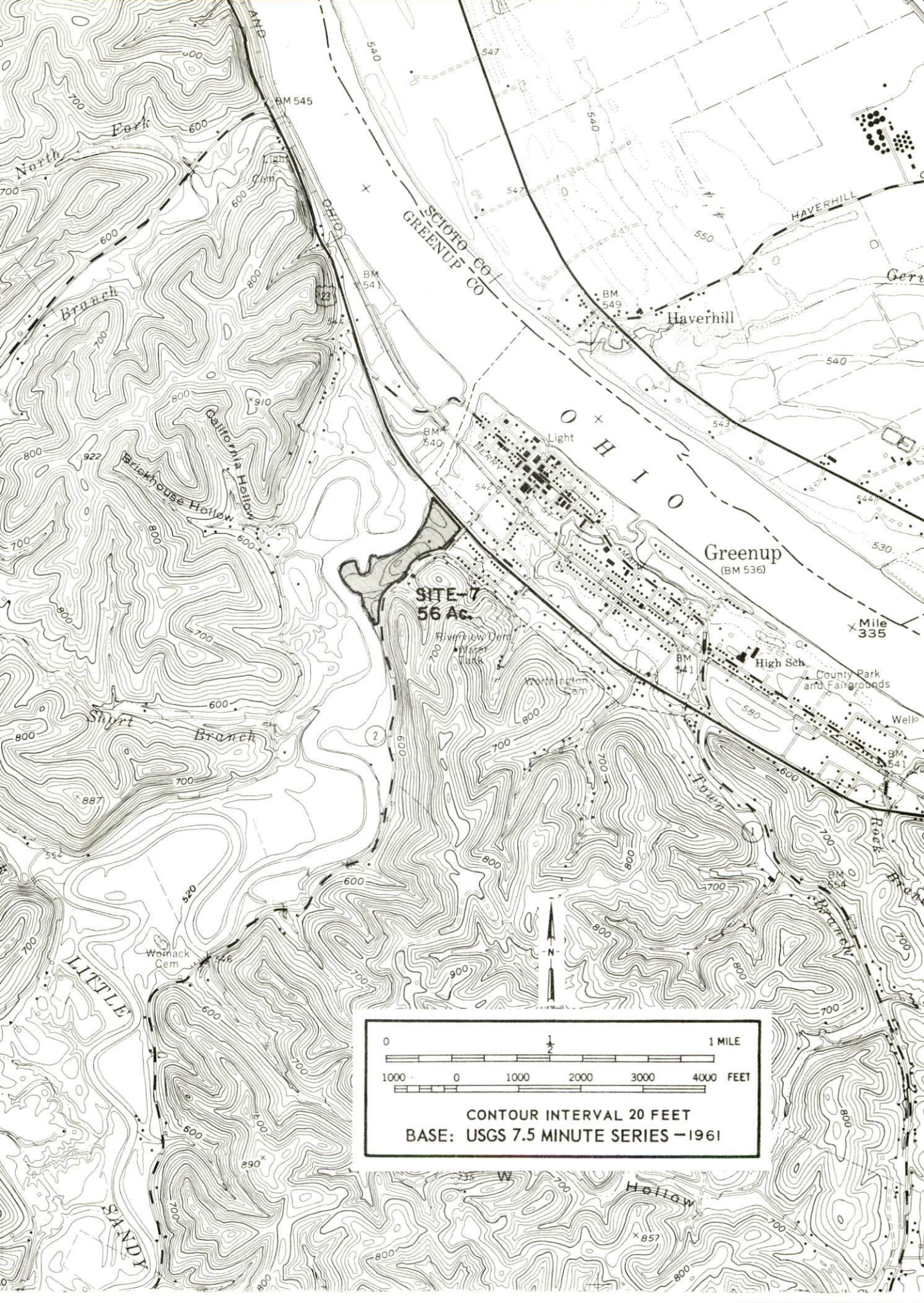
Louisa
(BM 590)



SITE #7: ACREAGE: Approximately 56 acres
 LOCATION: Southwest Greenup city limits and 15 miles northwest of Ashland
 HIGHWAY ACCESS: U. S. 23 bounds site on the north.
 RAILROADS: Chesapeake and Ohio Railway located approximately 1,500 feet to the north across U.S. 23
 WATER: Greenup Water Commission
 SIZE LINE: 1-inch line along Kentucky Route 2; 2-inch on Perry Street; 6-inch on Main Street approximately 2,500 feet to north
 GAS: Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.
 SIZE MAIN: 4-inch main along Kentucky Route 2; 12-inch main along U.S. 23 at north boundary
 ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
 SEWERAGE: Greenup Sewer Commission
 SIZE LINE: Sewage treatment plant located approximately 2,000 feet to north across U. S. 23 and C&O Railway
 OWNERSHIP: Private

SITE #9: ACREAGE: 50 acres
 LOCATION: Approximately 4 1/2 miles northwest of Greenup and 18 miles northwest of Ashland
 HIGHWAY ACCESS: U. S. 23 on west boundary; paved road bounds site on the north.
 RAILROADS: Chesapeake and Ohio Railway crosses the western portion of the site.
 WATER: Greenup Water Commission
 SIZE LINE: Small line along U.S. 23
 GAS: Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.
 SIZE MAIN: 12-inch main along the rail crossing site
 ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
 SEWERAGE: Greenup Sewer Commission
 OWNERSHIP: Private





SCIOTO CO
GREENUP CO

Haverhill

Greenup
(BM 536)

SITE-7
56 Ac.

River View Cem
Water Tank

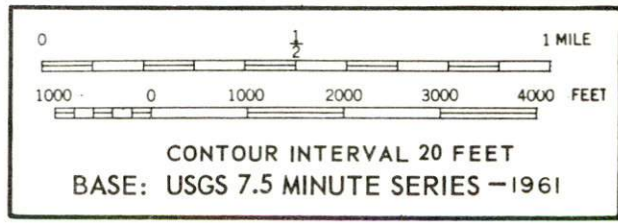
Worthington Cem

High Sch.

County Park
and Fairgrounds

Well

Mile 335



ASHLAND AREA INDUSTRIAL SITES
SITE MAP II
1972

For more information about the following sites, contact Mr. Roger Thompson, Kentucky Power Company, Ashland, Kentucky, 41101; or the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Washington and Wapping Streets, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601.

SITE # 1: ACREAGE: 205 acres

LOCATION: 34 miles south of Ashland at Louisa
HIGHWAY ACCESS: County road from site to U. S. 23
RAILROAD: Chesapeake & Ohio Railway bisects the site.
WATER: Louisa Water Company; 12-inch line 2,000 feet from site
GAS: Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.; 10-inch HP main adjoins site.
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
SEWERAGE: Louisa Sewer Company; 8-inch line 2,000 feet from site
OWNERSHIP: Private

SITE # 2: ACREAGE: 65 acres

LOCATION: 32 miles south of Ashland at Louisa
HIGHWAY ACCESS: U. S. 23 borders the site.
RAILROAD: Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad borders the site.
WATER: Louisa Water Company; 8-inch line 1 mile from site
GAS: Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.; 4-inch LP main 1 mile from site
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
SEWERAGE: Louisa Sewer Company; 10-inch line 1 mile from site
OPTIONED BY: Greater Louisa Industrial Foundation

SITE # 3: ACREAGE: 33 acres

LOCATION: 30 miles south of Ashland at Louisa
HIGHWAY ACCESS: U. S. 23 borders site
RAILROAD: Chesapeake & Ohio Railway across U. S. 23 from site.
WATER: Louisa Water Company; 8-inch line 2 1/2 miles from site
GAS: Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.; 10-inch HP main adjacent to site
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
SEWERAGE: Package plant necessary
OWNERSHIP: Private

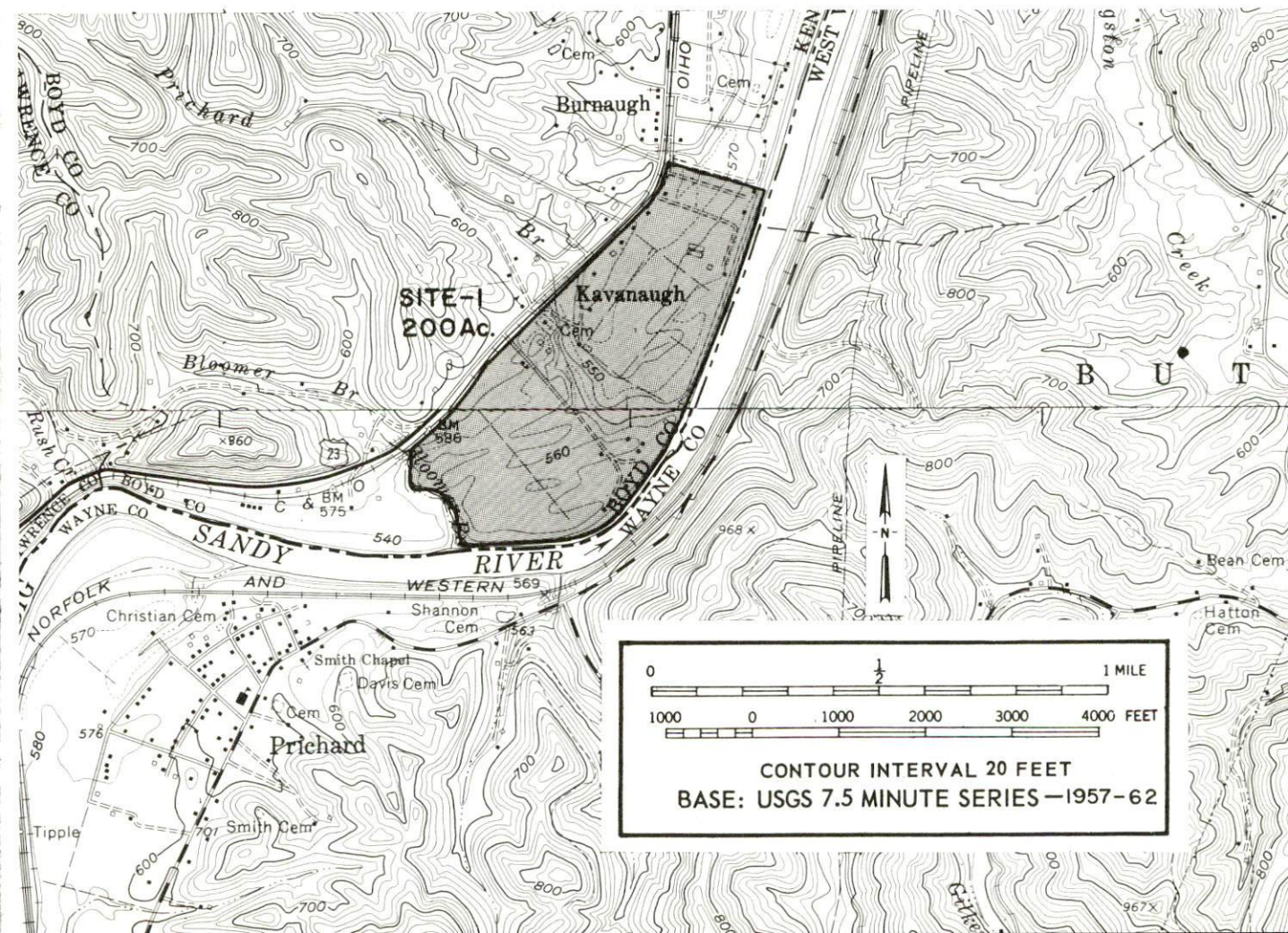
SITE # 4: ACREAGE: 155 acres

LOCATION: 30 miles south of Ashland at Louisa
HIGHWAY ACCESS: U. S. 23 adjacent to site
RAILROAD: Chesapeake & Ohio Railway borders the site.
WATER: Raw water; Louisa Water Company; 8-inch line 2 1/2 miles from site
GAS: Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.; 10-inch HP main adjacent to site
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
SEWERAGE: Package plant necessary
OWNERSHIP: Private

ASHLAND AREA INDUSTRIAL SITES
SITE MAP III
1972

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- SITE #1:** ACREAGE: 200 acres
LOCATION: 16 miles south of Ashland at Burnaugh
HIGHWAY ACCESS: U. S. 23 is adjacent to this site.
RAILROAD: Chesapeake and Ohio Railway borders this site.
WATER: Raw water
RIVER TRANSPORTATION: A 6-foot channel extends from the Ohio River.
GAS: Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.; 10-inch HP main 3,000 feet from site
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
SEWERAGE: Package plant necessary
OWNERSHIP: Jointly owned by the Kentucky Power Company and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company



ASHLAND AREA INDUSTRIAL SITES

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For more information about the following sites, contact Mr. Roger Thompson, Kentucky Power Company, Ashland, Kentucky; or the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Frankfort, Kentucky.

SITE #1: ACREAGE: 388 acres

LOCATION: Approximately 1 mile east of South Shore and 29 miles northwest of Ashland
 HIGHWAY ACCESS: U. S. 23 bounds site on the south.
 RAILROADS: Chesapeake and Ohio Railway crosses the southern boundary.
 WATER: South Shore Water Works Company
 SIZE LINE: 8-inch line along U. S. 23 at south boundary
 GAS: Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.
 SIZE MAIN: 6-inch main along U. S. 23; 12-inch main along Tygarts Creek Road
 ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
 SEWERAGE: No sewerage system available
 OWNERSHIP: Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company

SITE #4: ACREAGE: 113 acres

LOCATION: Approximately 1 mile west of Wurtland and 10 miles northwest of Ashland
 HIGHWAY ACCESS: U. S. 23 crosses the southern portion of the site.
 RAILROADS: Chesapeake and Ohio Railway crosses the center portion of the site.
 WATER: Wurtland Water District
 SIZE LINE: 6-inch line at Uhlens Run approximately 2,000 feet from site; proposed 12-inch line along U. S. 23
 GAS: Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.
 SIZE MAIN: 12-inch main along U. S. 23
 ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
 SEWERAGE: Wurtland Water District
 SIZE LINE: 8-inch line and sewerage treatment plant 2,000 feet from site at Uhlens Run
 OWNERSHIP: Kentucky Power Company

SITE #2: ACREAGE: 135 acres

LOCATION: Approximately 2 miles east of South Shore and 28 miles northwest of Ashland
 HIGHWAY ACCESS: A county road leads from U. S. 23 to the site.
 RAILROADS: Chesapeake and Ohio Railway bounds the site on the south.
 WATER: South Shore Water Works Company
 SIZE LINE: 8-inch line along U. S. 23
 GAS: Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.
 SIZE MAIN: 6-inch main along U. S. 23 and up to the southeast boundary
 ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
 SEWERAGE: No sewerage system available
 OWNERSHIP: Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company

SITE #5: ACREAGE: 313 acres

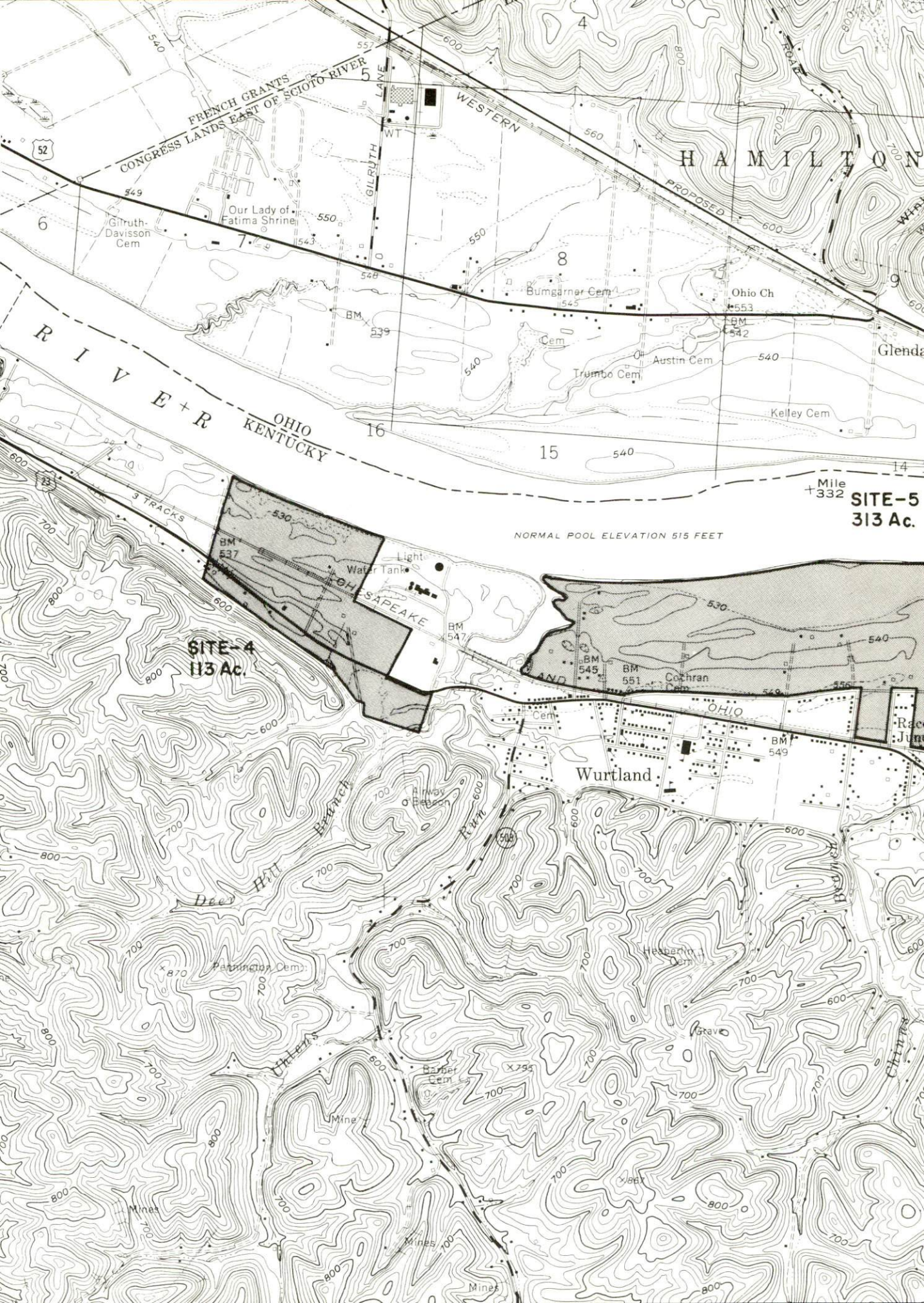
LOCATION: At Wurtland and 10 miles northwest of Ashland
 HIGHWAY ACCESS: Riverside Drive bounds the site on the south. Intersection to U. S. 23 is very near the southwest boundary.
 RAILROADS: Chesapeake and Ohio Railway bounds the site on the southwest.
 WATER: Wurtland Water District
 SIZE LINE: 6-inch line along U. S. 23 and from U. S. 23 to property; Proposed 12-inch line along U. S. 23
 GAS: Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.
 SIZE MAIN: 6- and 2-inch main along Riverside Drive
 ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
 SEWERAGE: Wurtland Water District
 SIZE LINE: 8-inch line along Riverside Drive
 OWNERSHIP: Kentucky Power Company

SITE #3: ACREAGE: 119 acres

LOCATION: Approximately 3 miles east of South Shore and 27 miles northwest of Ashland
 HIGHWAY ACCESS: Two county roads lead to U. S. 23 to the south.
 RAILROADS: Chesapeake and Ohio Railway bounds the site on the south.
 WATER: South Shore Water Works Company
 SIZE LINE: 8-inch line along U. S. 23
 GAS: Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.
 SIZE MAIN: 6-inch main at Hooker Chemical Company; 3-inch main along U. S. 23
 ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
 SEWERAGE: No sewerage system available
 OWNERSHIP: Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company

SITE #6: ACREAGE: 32 acres

LOCATION: Worthington and 8 miles northwest of Ashland
 HIGHWAY ACCESS: City streets lead to Kentucky Route 244 which leads to U. S. 23.
 RAILROADS: Chesapeake and Ohio Railway has a spur entering the southeastern portion.
 WATER: Worthington Water Works
 SIZE LINE: 6-inch line along Prospect Street
 GAS: Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.
 SIZE MAIN: 6-inch main along Riverside Drive; 10-inch main from U. S. 23 to property
 ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
 SEWERAGE: Worthington Water Works
 SIZE LINE: 8-inch and 18-inch line at sewerage treatment plant which is adjacent to the northeast boundary
 OWNERSHIP: Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company



FRENCH GRANTS
CONGRESS LANDS EAST OF SCIOTO RIVER

HAMILTON

52

Gilruth-Davison Cem

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

WESTERN

PROPOSED

SCIOTO RIVER
OHIO KENTUCKY

Bumgarner Cem

Ohio Ch

Glendale

Trumbo Cem

Austin Cem

Kelley Cem

Mile 332
SITE-5
313 Ac.

NORMAL POOL ELEVATION 515 FEET

SITE-4
113 Ac.

Light
Water Tank

SAPEAKE

Wurtland

Patterson Cem

Harbarn Cem

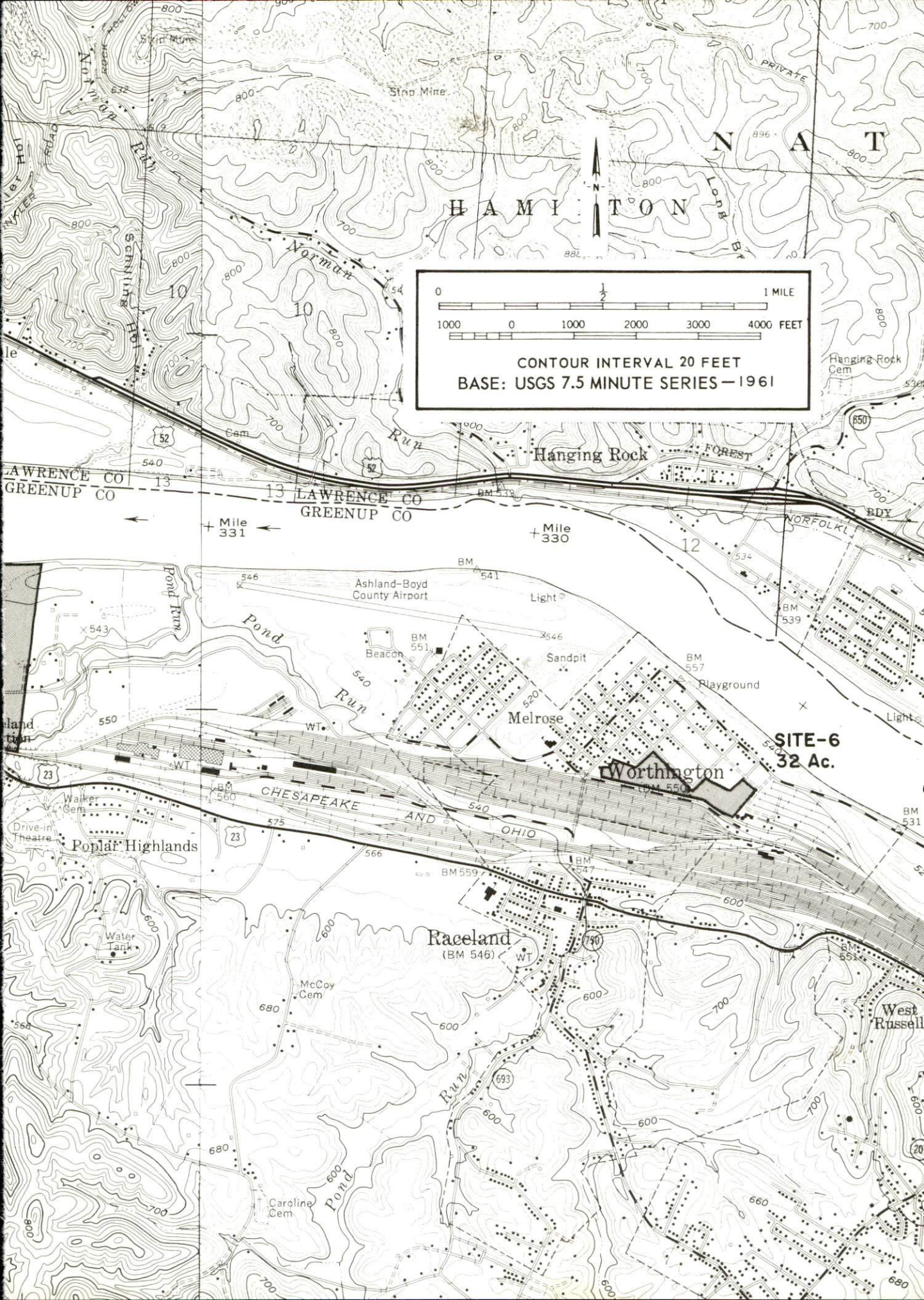
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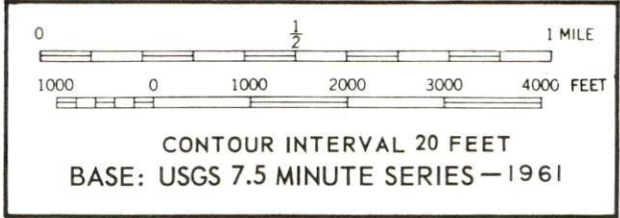
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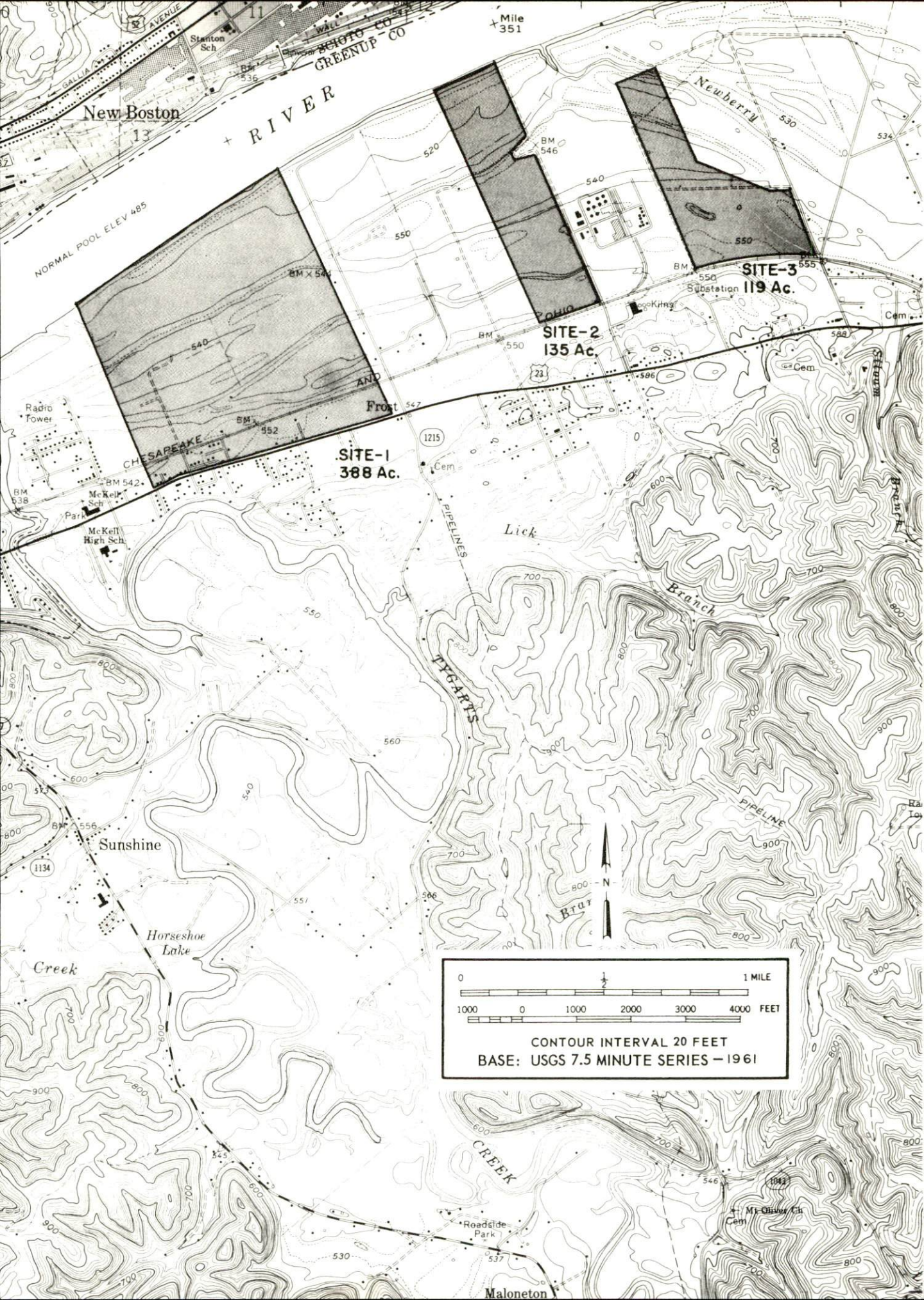
CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO

SITE-6
32 Ac.

Poplar Highlands

Raceland
(BM 546)

West Russell



New Boston

LICK RIVER

WALTON CO
GREENUP CO

Mile 351

Newberry

NORMAL POOL ELEV 485

SITE-3
119 Ac.

SITE-2
135 Ac.

SITE-1
388 Ac.

Radio Tower

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Substation

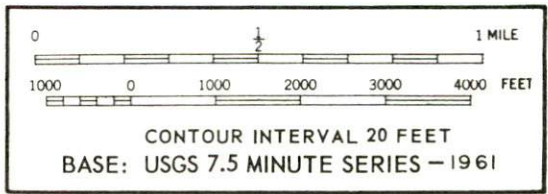
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Sunshine

Horseshoe Lake

Creek



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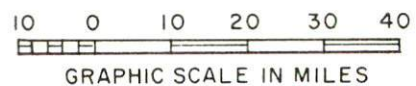
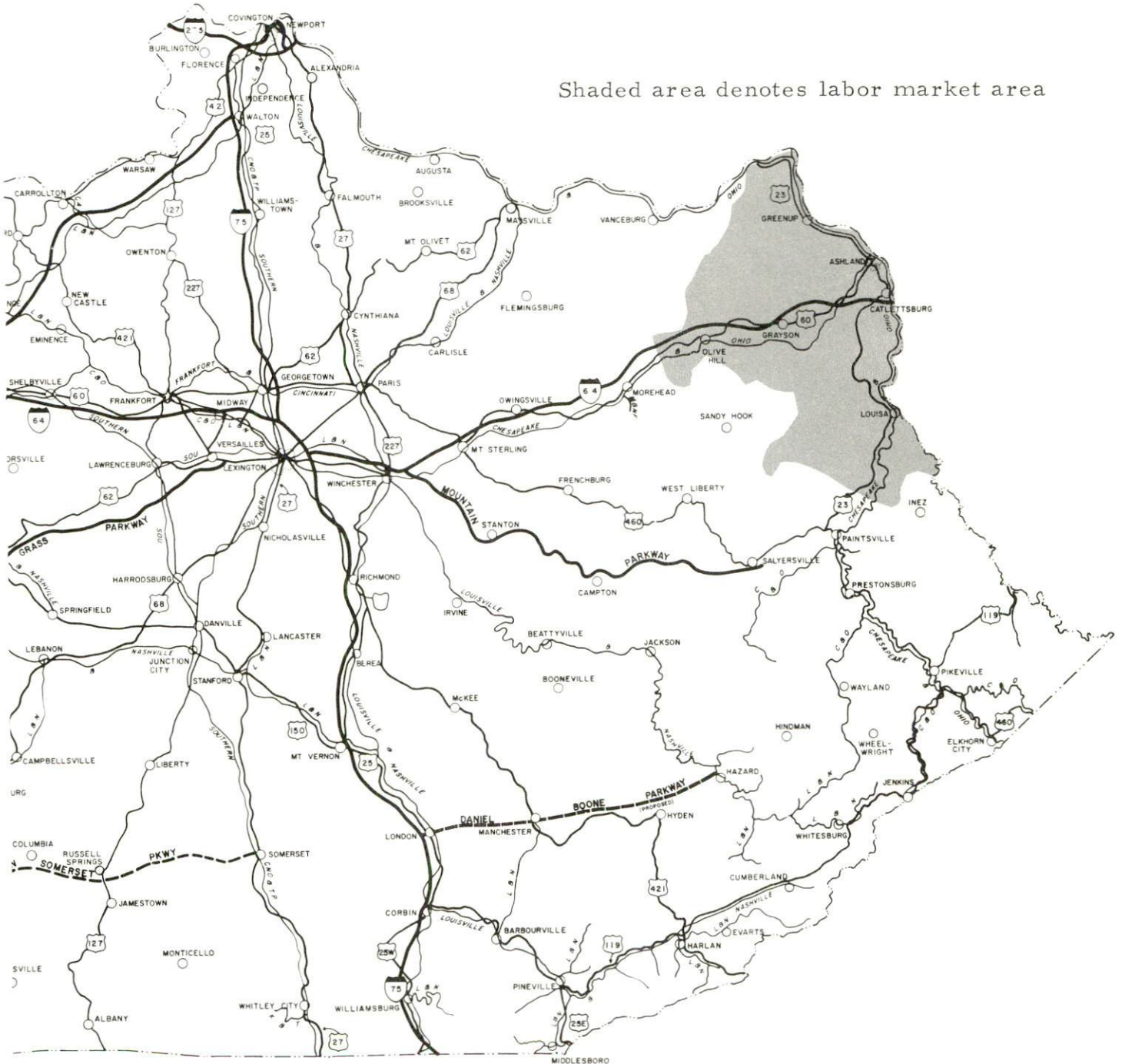
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AERIAL VIEW OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY

ASHLAND AREA LABOR MARKET AREA

Shaded area denotes labor market area



ASHLAND AREA, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Location

Boyd County is located in northeast Kentucky and lies adjacent to the Ohio River at its junction with the Big Sandy River. Catlettsburg is the county seat of Boyd County. The Ashland Area is 20 miles west of Huntington, West Virginia, 128 miles east of Lexington, Kentucky, and 160 miles east of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The 1970 population of Ashland was 29,245, while Catlettsburg had a population of 3,420. Boyd County had a 1970 population of 52,376.

The Economic Framework

Total employment in Boyd County in 1970 averaged 25,700 with agriculture providing 300 jobs, manufacturing 8,100, trade and services 6,155, and government 2,100. Since 1961 manufacturing employment has increased by approximately 40 percent. Major industrial products are iron, steel, chemical, and petroleum products.

Per capita income in the county in 1969 was \$3,980. Between 1959 and 1969, per capita personal income in the county increased approximately 110 percent.

The Ashland Area labor market includes Boyd County, the three adjoining Kentucky counties, Wayne County, West Virginia, and Lawrence County, Ohio. In 1970, employment in the Kentucky portion of the labor market area totaled 37,900 with agriculture providing 1,700 jobs, manufacturing 9,800, trade and services 7,925, and government 4,100. Industrial employment in this area has increased approximately 38 percent since 1961, with sharpest gains in the chemical and petroleum industries, and the primary metals industry.

Despite industrial gains in recent years, this area still has a deficit of 1,089 manufacturing jobs when measured against the national industrial employment-population ratio. This indicates an area where the potential for additional manufacturing production is excellent.

Resources For Growth

1. There is a current estimated labor supply of 4,140 men and 5,060 women available for industrial jobs in Boyd County and the surrounding Kentucky counties. In addition, 6,500 young men and 6,180 young women in this area will become 18 years of age by 1978 and potentially available for employment. Also, the current labor supply can be increased by the number of men and women in the adjoining West Virginia and Ohio counties who are available for industrial jobs.

2. The local transportation capability is excellent. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway provides the area with a variety of services. The area has more than adequate trucking service. I-64, an east-west route, passes 10 miles from downtown Ashland; U.S. 23 and 60 pass through Ashland. The Ashland-Boyd County Airport has a 5,000-foot paved runway capable of accommodating light aircraft. Commercial air service is available at Tri-State Airport, Kenova, West Virginia, only 12 miles distant. Barge transportation is available on the Ohio River.

3. Kentucky Power Company provides electric power to the Ashland Area. Natural gas is furnished in the Ashland Area by Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., whose source of supply is the Columbia Gas Transmission Company.

4. Industrial sites - The Ashland Area has a total of 13 sites available for industrial use.

5. Education is an important growth asset for the Ashland Area. Five school systems operate within the county. Two senior and three community colleges are located within 60 miles of the county, and the Ashland Community College is located in Ashland.

The Ashland Area Vocational School is located in Ashland and offers 14 different courses.

Community Programs For Improvement

Ashland's recently completed programs for improvement include: the four-laning of U.S. 60 from I-64 to Ashland and 156 units of low-cost public housing. Community improvements underway include the four-laning of U.S. 23 through Ashland, and a new \$200,000 YMCA. Planned community improvements include: a 600-foot runway extension at the Ashland-Boyd County Airport; an addition to King's Daughters' Hospital; a football stadium for Fairview School System; a music and vocational extension center at Boyd County High School; the addition of a second sewage treatment plant and the extension of water lines south on U.S. 23.

Catlettsburg's recent community improvements include: a new AM-FM radio station, the remodeling of federal court and post office building. Community improvements under construction include a new \$250,000 medical arts building, a new 175-unit housing project and a new 100-unit 2.5 million dollar high-rise apartment building for the elderly. Planned improvements include a new city government building.

The Tri-State Airport is planning a 6.7 million dollar expansion project which will extend the runway to 6,500 feet, with a 1,000-foot graded overrun, a 3,000 by 60-foot crosswind runway, a complete instrument landing system, and an overlay of the existing pavement. These improvements will benefit the Ashland Area.

Recreation, Entertainment and Livability

A wide variety of recreational facilities are available in Boyd County. Boating and fishing are excellent on the Ohio and Big Sandy Rivers. Boat docks, picnic areas and park facilities are also available. Public swimming pools, golf courses and tennis courts are widely used during the summer months. Ashland sponsors the Community Concert Series.

Carter Caves State Resort Park, 24 miles distant, is a resort park of 1,000 acres. Besides its beautiful caves, it has rugged cliffs, mountain streams, and natural bridges to enjoy. Activities at the park include: swimming in the lodge pool, camping, hiking, riding, golfing, boating, and picnicking.

Grayson Reservoir, 14 miles distant, has a 1,500-acre lake for fishing, boating, swimming, and picnicking.

Greenbo Lake State Resort Park, 12 miles distant, is a resort park of 3,300 acres. Facilities and activities include a lodge, camping, playground equipment, lake, beach, boat house, boat and motor rentals, paddle boats, launching ramp, boat dock, swimming, boating, fishing, hiking and picnicking.

THE LABOR MARKET

POPULATION TRENDS ^{1/}

Area	Population			Percent Change	
	1970	1960	1950	1960-70	1950-60
Ashland	29,245	31,283	31,131	- 6.5	+ 0.5
Catlettsburg	3,420	3,874	4,750	-11.7	-18.4
Labor Market Area	116,144	114,352	111,813	+ 1.6	+ 2.3
Boyd County	52,376	52,163	49,949	+ 0.4	+ 4.4
Carter County	19,850	20,817	22,559	- 4.6	- 7.7
Greenup County	33,192	29,238	24,887	+13.5	+17.5
Lawrence County	10,726	12,134	14,418	-11.6	-15.8

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1970 ^{2/}

Major Employment Group	Employment	
	Boyd County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	25,700	37,900
Agricultural	300	1,700
Nonagricultural	25,400	36,200
Manufacturing	8,100	9,800
Trade and Services	6,155	7,924
Government	2,100	4,100
Other	9,044	14,376

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY INDUSTRY
SEPTEMBER 1971 AND 1961 ^{3/}

Industry	Boyd County			Labor Market Area		
	1971	1961	%Change	1971	1961	%Change
TOTAL	8,240	5,882	+ 40.1	9,838	7,139	+ 37.8
Food & kindred products	224	285	- 21.4	238	322	- 26.1
Tobacco	1	3	- 66.7	2	4	- 50.0
Apparel, textiles, leather	377	309	+ 22.0	1,052	685	+ 53.6
Lumber & furniture	43	46	- 6.5	138	93	+ 48.4
Printing, publishing, paper	140	94	+ 48.9	269	104	+158.7
Chemicals, petroleum, coal, rubber	1,758	675	+160.4	1,937	763	+153.9
Stone, clay & glass	97	228	+ 57.5	602	926	- 35.0
Primary metals	4,884	4,113	+ 18.7	4,884	4,113	+ 18.7
Machinery & metal products	716	129	+455.0	716	129	+455.0

MAJOR ASHLAND AREA MANUFACTURING FIRMS,
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT ^{4/}

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>		
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<u>Ashland</u>				
Armco Steel Corp.	Iron, steel sheets, coils	4,724	4,625	99
Ashland Asphalt Paving Co.	Asphaltic concrete	43	40	3
Ashland Chemical Co.	Naphthalene, cumene, cyclohexane	53	50	3
Ashland Crafts, Inc.	Children's dresses, children's sportswear	168	8	160
Ashland Publishing Co.	Newspaper	124	101	23
Betsy Ross Bakeries, Inc.	Bread	80	75	5
Castle Showcase Co.	Display showcases, fixtures, hardware	45	40	5
Cline Brick Co.	Brick	41	40	1
Johnson Dairy, Inc.	Ice cream, milk, cottage cheese	67	56	11
Kentucky Electric Steel Co.	Steel flats, structural angles	386	383	3
A. C. Lawrence Leather Co.	Sole leather	112	110	2
National Mine Service Co.	Mining machinery, equipment mining, industrial locomotives	540	504	36
Pennco, Inc.	Aluminum windows and glass doors	65	45	20
Semet Solvay Div., Allied Chemical Corp.	Coke, crude tar, ammonia	512	511	1
Valley Poultry Farms, Inc.	Turkey production, egg processing	50	40	10
<u>Catlettsburg</u>				
Ashland Petroleum Co.	Petroleum products and petrochemicals	1,098	1,080	18
Huntington Alloy Products Division, The International Nickel Co., Inc.	Extruded high-nickel alloys	183	178	5
Pittsburgh Activated Carbon Division, Calgon Corp.	Activated carbon	109	97	12

WAGE RATES FOR SELECTED OCCUPATIONS
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY ^{5/}

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Wages Per Hour</u>		
	<u>Starting</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Prevailing</u>
<u>Production Employees</u>			
Assembler	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$3.50
Drill Press Operator	3.00	4.00	3.50
Grinder, Machine	3.25	4.50	3.75
Inspector	3.20	4.45	3.70
Lathe Operator	3.20	4.45	3.70
Machinist, Set Up	3.50	5.00	4.00
Polisher and Buffer	3.00	4.50	3.75
Production Laborer	2.10	2.80	
Punch Press Operator	3.00	3.70	3.30
Sprayer or Painter	3.00	3.70	3.30
Welder, Arc or Acetylene	3.00	3.70	3.30
Welder, Resistance or Spot	3.00	3.70	3.30
<u>Service Employees</u>			
Carpenter	\$3.05	\$5.60	\$4.30
Crane Operator	3.05	3.80	3.45
Electrician	3.05	6.05	4.30
Janitor	1.90	3.00	2.40
Laborer	1.90	3.65	2.40
Machinist	3.00	3.70	3.35
Mechanic, Maintenance	3.00	3.70	3.35
Shipping Clerk	1.90	2.95	2.60
Truck Driver	1.90	4.80	3.30
Welder, Acetylene, Carbon and Arc	3.00	3.70	3.35
<u>Office Employees</u>			
Bookkeeper or Accounting Clerk	\$1.90	\$2.80	\$2.20
Chief Clerk	1.90	2.80	2.20
Draftsman	1.90	2.80	2.20
File Clerk	1.90	2.80	2.20
Key Punch Operator	1.90	2.80	2.20
Receptionist	1.60	2.00	1.90
Secretary	1.90	2.80	2.20
Stenographer	1.90	2.80	2.20
Tabulating Machine Operator	1.90	2.80	2.20
Telephone Operator	1.90	2.80	2.20
Typist	1.90	2.00	1.90

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
International Ladies' Garment Worker's Union	Ashland Crafts, Inc.
Leather Workers International Union of America	A. C. Lawrence Leather Co.
Oil Workers International Union	Ashland Petroleum Company
United Brick & Clay Workers of America	Cline Brick Co.
United Coke & Chemical Workers	Semet Solvay Division, Allied Chemical Co.
United Steel Workers Local Union 1865	Kentucky Electric Steel Co., and Armco Steel Corp.

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY - ASHLAND AREA LABOR MARKET AREA

<u>Area</u>	<u>Current Labor Supply, 1971 ^{6/}</u>			<u>Future Labor Supply by 1978 ^{7/}</u> <u>(Becoming 18 Years of Age)</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Labor Market						
Area	9,204	4,142	5,062	12,679	6,500	6,179
Boyd	2,562	966	1,596	5,515	2,767	2,748
Carter	2,567	1,469	1,098	2,185	1,141	1,044
Greenup	2,300	855	1,445	3,785	1,961	1,824
Lawrence	1,775	852	923	1,194	631	563

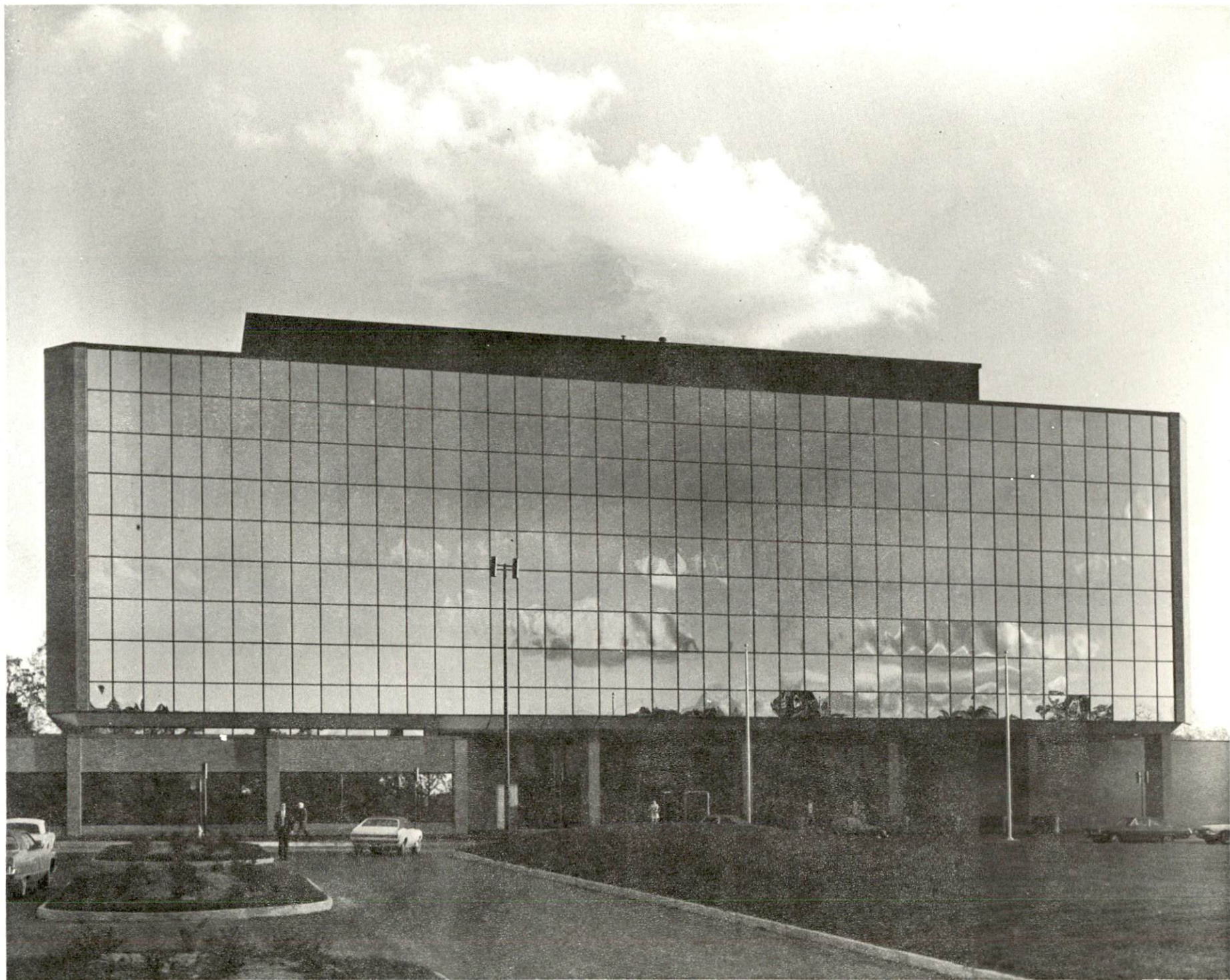
TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME ^{8/}

<u>Area</u>	<u>1969*</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Boyd County	\$ 216,897,000	\$ 94,800,000	+128.8
Labor Market Area	321,005,000	146,257,000	+119.5
Kentucky	9,202,000,000	4,655,000,000	+ 97.6

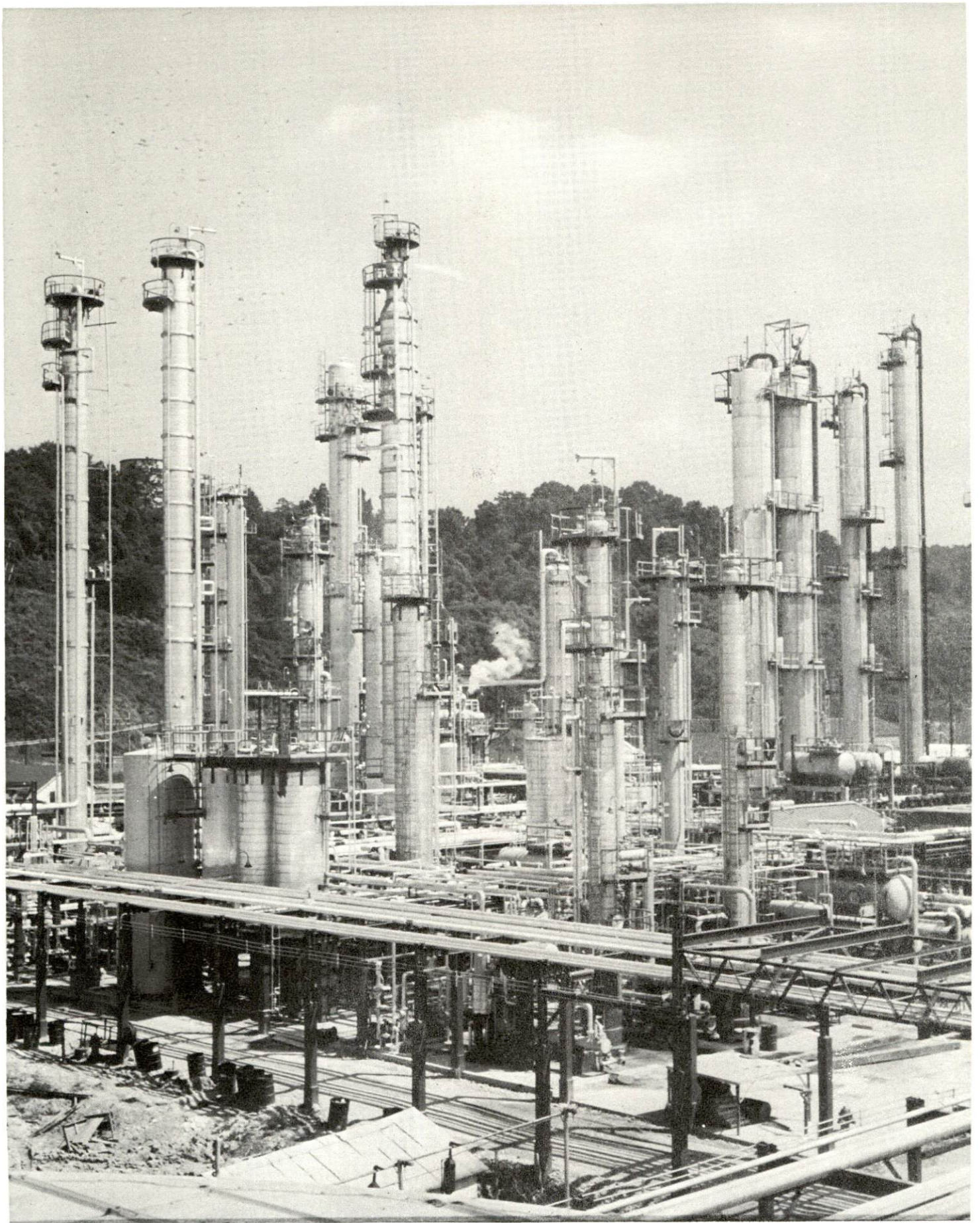
PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME ^{9/}

<u>Area</u>	<u>1969*</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Boyd County	\$3,980	\$1,896	+109.9
Labor Market Area	\$1,480 to 3,980	\$705 to 1,896	N. A.
Kentucky	2,847	1,552	+ 83.4

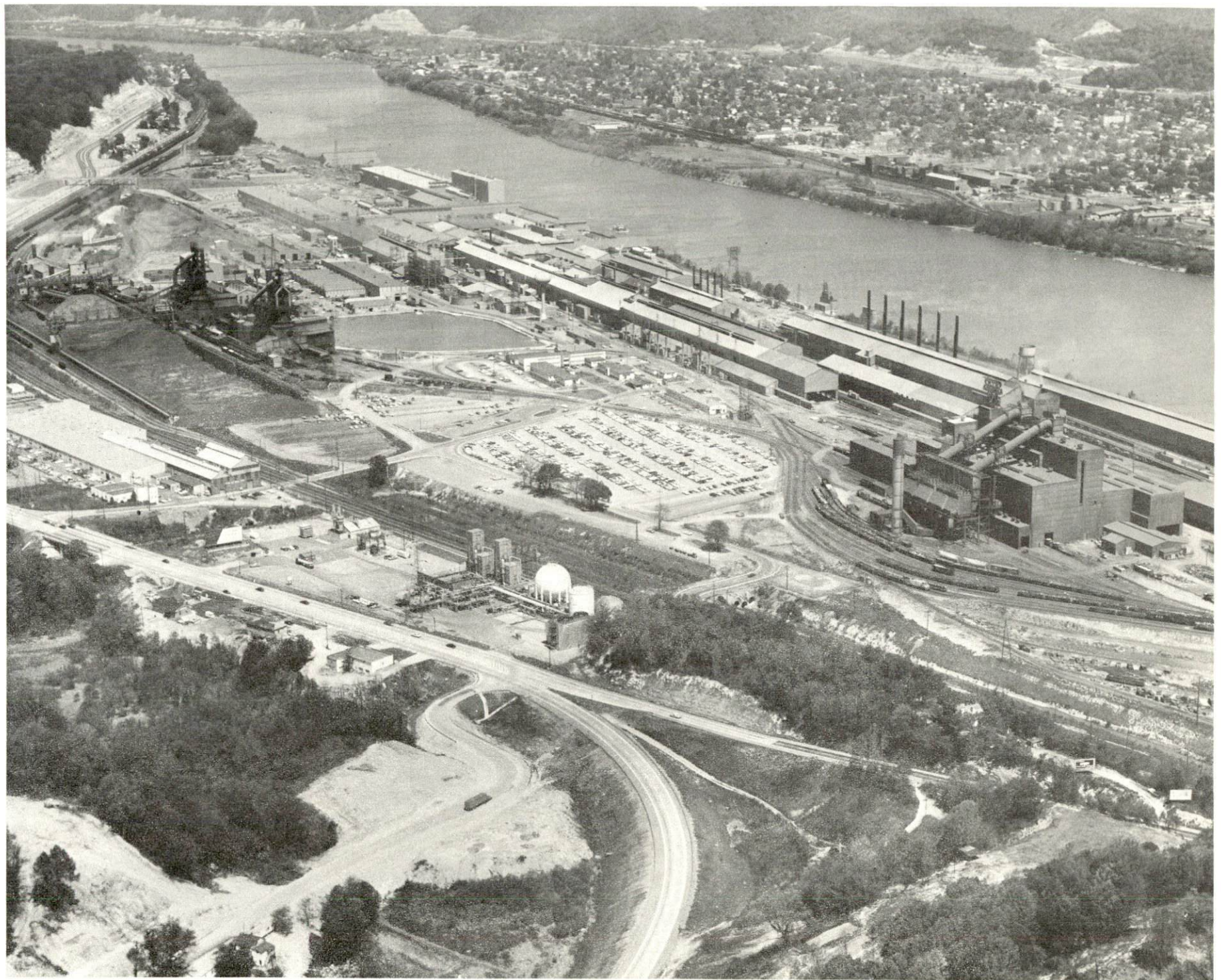
* Preliminary figures.



ASHLAND OIL'S NEW EXECUTIVE HEADQUARTERS



ASHLAND OIL, INCORPORATED



ASHLAND WORKS OF ARMCO STEEL CORPORATION

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	<u>Ashland Independent</u>	<u>Catlettsburg Independent</u>	<u>Fairview Independent</u>	<u>Boyd County</u>
Total Enrollment	5,794	759	1,204	3,941
Elementary	2,674	383	572	2,691
Junior High	1,680			
High School	1,440	376	632	1,250
Student-Teacher Ratio	30-1	22-1	26-1	25-1
Elementary	26-1	21-1	30-1	24-1
Junior High	32-1			
High School	36-1	24-1	23-1	26-1
State Rating of High School	Comprehensive (1) Merit (1) Standard (2)	Basic (1) Standard (1)		Standard (1)
Other Accreditations	The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools			
Percent High School Graduates to College	53.3	32.0	32.3	40.7
Current Expenditures Per Pupil	\$492.23	\$422.34	\$504.15	\$401.61
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1971	\$2,007,000	\$264,000	\$698,000	\$1,070,000

Parochial Schools

Total Enrollment	416
Elementary	301
High School*	115
Student-Teacher Ratio	18-1
Elementary	22-1
High School	13-1

* Holy Family High School, located in Ashland, has a state rating of Basic, and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

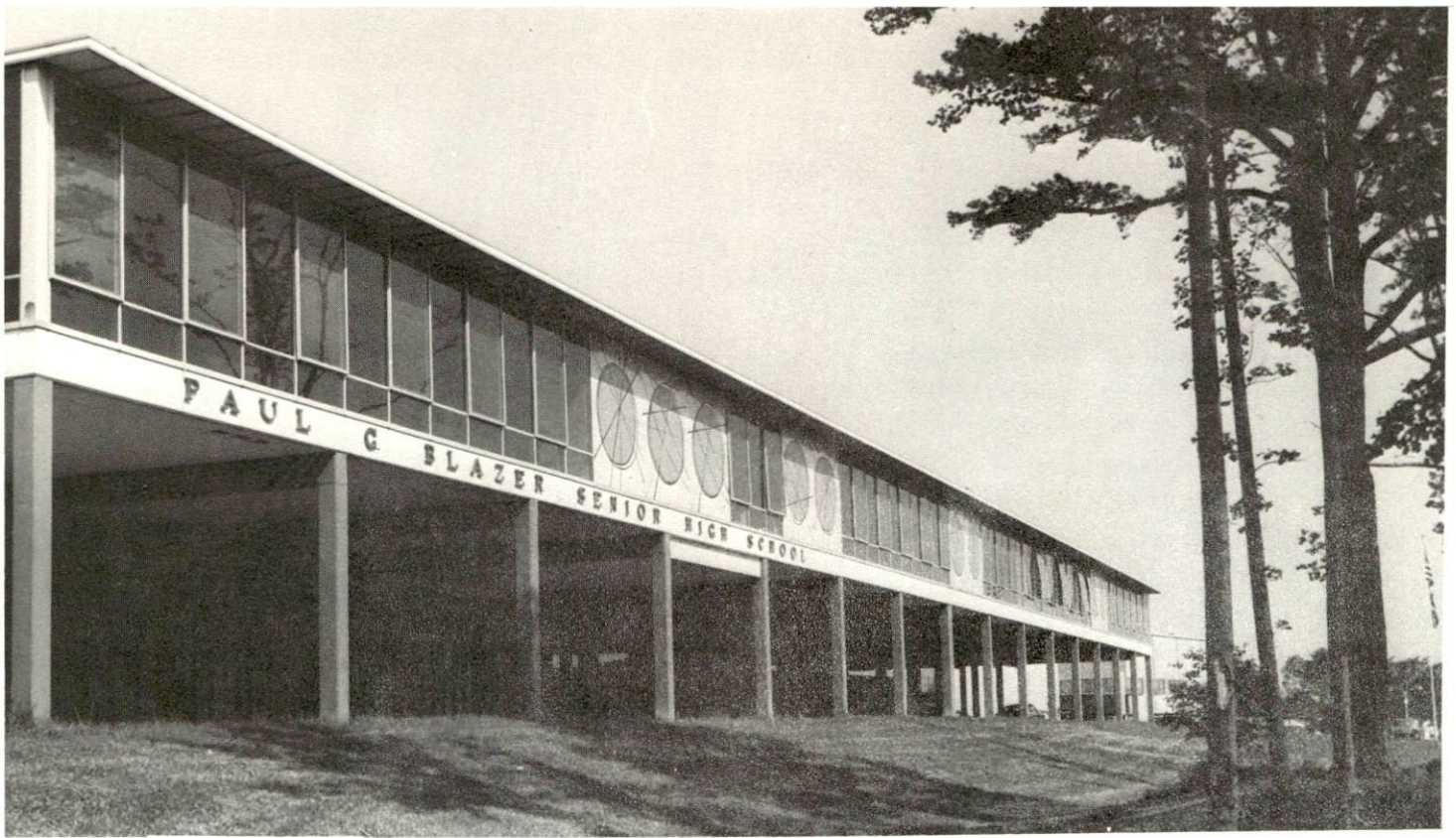
Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest Area School</u>
Location	Ashland Area Vocational School Ashland
Curriculum	General Clerical Secretarial-Steno Practical Nursing Food Service Electronics (Technology) Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Carpentry Cosmetology Drafting Electricity Machine Shop Radio and TV Repair Tool and Die Making

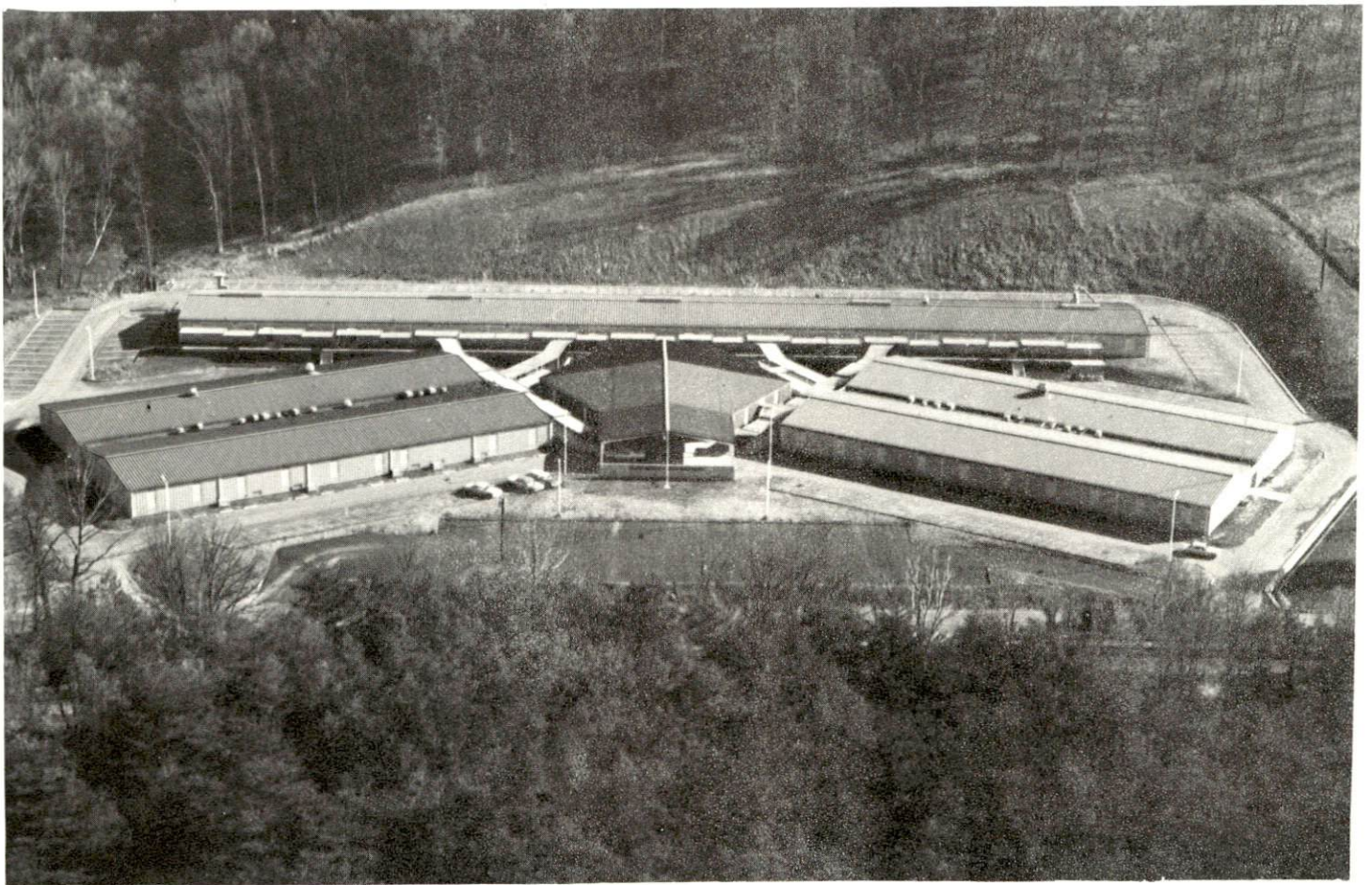
Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ashland Area - Within 60 miles</u>		<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	
Morehead State University	Morehead	6,227	Masters
Ashland Community College	Ashland	1,138	Associate
Marshall University	Huntington, West Virginia	9,476	Masters
Ironton Campus, Ohio University	Ironton, Ohio	338	*
Portsmouth Campus, Ohio University	Portsmouth, Ohio	694	*

* The degrees are conferred from Ohio University at Athens.



PAUL G. BLAZER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



ASHLAND AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Line serving Ashland - Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company

Services - Passenger, freight, switching, siding, REA Express.

Piggyback service is available at Huntington, West Virginia, 20 miles distant.

Line serving Catlettsburg - Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company

Services - Freight, switching, siding, REA Express

RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, TO: 10/

City	No. of Days CL	City	No. of Days CL
Atlanta, Ga.	3	Los Angeles, Calif.	4
Birmingham, Ala.	3	Louisville, Ky.	1
Chicago, Ill.	1	Nashville, Tenn.	2
Cincinnati, Ohio	1	New Orleans, La.	3
Cleveland, Ohio	2	New York, N. Y.	3
Detroit, Mich.	2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	2
Knoxville, Tenn.	3	St. Louis, Mo.	2

Truck Service

Company

Home Office

Associated Transport, Inc.	New York, New York
Commercial Motor Freight, Inc.	Columbus, Ohio
Hogan Storage & Transfer Co.	Williamson, West Virginia
W. J. Maier Storage Co.	Huntington, West Virginia
McLean Trucking Company	Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Miami Transportation Co.	Cincinnati, Ohio
O. K. Trucking Co.	Cincinnati, Ohio
Point Express, Inc.	Charleston, West Virginia
Reinhardt Transfer Co.	Portsmouth, Ohio
Smith's Transfer Corporation	Staunton, Virginia
Suburban Motor Freight, Inc.	Columbus, Ohio
United Parcel Service	Ashland, Kentucky

HIGHWAY MILES AND TRUCK TRANSIT TIME IN DAYS FROM
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time <u>11</u> / LTL TL		City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time LTL TL	
		Atlanta, Ga.	515			3	2
Birmingham, Ala.	538	3	2	Louisville, Ky.	204	3	2
Chicago, Ill.	453	3	2	Nashville, Tenn.	351	3	2
Cincinnati, Ohio	160	2	1	New Orleans, La.	881	4	3
Cleveland, Ohio	336	3	2	New York, N. Y.	659	3	2
Detroit, Mich.	393	3	2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	289	3	2
Knoxville, Tenn.	321	3	2	St. Louis, Mo.	468	3	2

Air

	<u>Local</u>	<u>Nearest Commercial</u>
Location:	Ashland-Boyd County Airport 6 miles northwest of Ashland	Tri-State Airport (Walker- Long Field) Kenova, West Virginia 12 miles distant
Runways:	1 paved	1 paved
Length:	5,000 feet	5,280 feet
Traffic Control:	Tetrahedron	Tower
Lighting:	Sundown to sunrise	Beacon, runway
Services:	Gas and oil, A & E service, charter flight instruction, storage	80, 87, 100, 130 jet fuel; restaurant; storage; car rental; limousine; taxi; Eastern, Piedmont, Allegheny, and Wright Airlines

Water

Nine-foot navigation is maintained on the Ohio River and on the Big Sandy River to a point south of Catlettsburg. Eleven water terminals are privately operated on the Kentucky shores of these rivers in the Ashland Area.

Bus

Greyhound Bus Lines, Trailways Bus Lines and Ohio Valley Bus Lines serve both Ashland and Catlettsburg.

Taxi

One company - 24-hour service

Rental Service

Car and truck



TRI-STATE AIRPORT, WALKER-LONG FIELD



BARGE TRANSPORTATION ON THE OHIO RIVER

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving Ashland, Catlettsburg, and Boyd County - Kentucky
Power Company

Source of power - Kentucky Power Company

Total generating capacity - 1,080,000 KW

Industrial rates furnished by - Kentucky Power Company, Ashland,
Kentucky

Natural Gas

Company serving Ashland, Catlettsburg, and Boyd County - Columbia
Gas of Kentucky, Inc.

Source of supply - Columbia Gas Transmission Company

Size of transmission lines - 12-inch

Distribution lines - 2 to 16 inches

BTU content - 1,050

Specific gravity - .60

Distribution pressure - 6 ounces to 125 pounds

Rates - furnished upon request by Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.,
Ashland, Kentucky

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving Ashland - Ashland Utilities Department

Source - Ohio River

Treatment plant capacity - 8,000,000 gpd

Average daily consumption - 5,000,000 gallons

Peak daily consumption - 7,000,000 gallons

Type treatment - filtration and chemical

Storage capacity - 8,150,000 gallons

Size mains - 2 to 24 inches

Average pressure - 80 psi

Average temperature - 56 degrees

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

5/8-inch meter (commercial and industrial - inside city)

0 to	2,000 gallons	\$0.80	per M gallons - Minimum \$1.60
2,000 to	10,000 gallons	.55	per M gallons
10,000 to	100,000 gallons	.45	per M gallons
100,000 to	300,000 gallons	.40	per M gallons
300,000 to	700,000 gallons	.35	per M gallons
700,000 to	1,000,000 gallons	.30	per M gallons
All over	1,000,000 gallons	.25	per M gallons

5/8-inch meter (commercial and industrial - outside city)

0 to	2,000 gallons	\$1.175	per M gallons - Minimum \$2.35
2,000 to	8,000 gallons	.80	per M gallons
10,000 to	100,000 gallons	.65	per M gallons
100,000 to	300,000 gallons	.58	per M gallons
300,000 to	700,000 gallons	.52	per M gallons
700,000 to	1,000,000 gallons	.45	per M gallons

Company serving Catlettsburg - Catlettsburg, Kenova, & Ceredo Water Co.

Source - Big Sandy River

Treatment plant capacity - 2,000,000 gpd

Average daily consumption - 1,000,000 gallons

Peak daily consumption - 1,500,000 gallons

Type treatment - filtration, lime, alum, chlorine, charcoal filter

Storage capacity - 1,500,000 gallons; Size mains - 1 to 20 inches

Average pressure - 120 psi; Average temperature - 63 degrees

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE
AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

Monthly Minimum Charge		\$1.65
First	10,000 gallons	.80 per M gallons
Next	40,000 gallons	.70 per M gallons
Next	50,000 gallons	.60 per M gallons
Next	50,000 gallons	.50 per M gallons
Next	100,000 gallons	.40 per M gallons
Next	100,000 gallons	.35 per M gallons
All over	350,000 gallons	.25 per M gallons

Surface water sources - Ohio and Big Sandy Rivers

Expected ground water yield - 500 to 1,000 gpm along Ohio River; 50 to 200 gpm in eastern part of county; 5 to 50 gpm in western portion of county

Sewerage

Company serving Ashland - Ashland Utilities Department

Design capacity - 9,000,000 gpd

Average daily flow - 3,000,000 gallons; Treatment - primary

Type treatment - vacuum filtration, primary clarifiers, chlorine, sludge thickeners, digesters

Treated effluent discharged into - Ohio River

Size of sanitary mains - 8 to 60 inches; Size of storm mains - 12 to 60 inches

Monthly Rates: (Based on water usage)

0 to	2,000 gallons	\$1.00 per M gallons - Minimum \$2.00
2,000 to	10,000 gallons	.70 per M gallons
10,000 to	100,000 gallons	.55 per M gallons
100,000 to	300,000 gallons	.45 per M gallons
300,000 to	700,000 gallons	.40 per M gallons
700,000 to	1,000,000 gallons	.32 per M gallons
All over	1,000,000 gallons	.25 per M gallons

Company serving Catlettsburg - Catlettsburg Municipal Sewer System

Design capacity - 500,000 gpd

Average daily flow - 225,000 gallons

Treatment - primary and secondary

Type treatment - aeration

Treated effluent discharged into - Big Sandy River

Size of sanitary mains - 4, 6, 8, and 12 inches

Size of storm mains - 12, 15, 24, and 56 inches

Rates:

Monthly Minimum Charge		\$2.15
First	10,000 gallons	1.04 per M gallons
Next	40,000 gallons	.91 per M gallons
Next	50,000 gallons	.78 per M gallons
Next	50,000 gallons	.65 per M gallons
Next	100,000 gallons	.52 per M gallons
Next	100,000 gallons	.45 per M gallons
All over	350,000 gallons	.42 per M gallons

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Ashland

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 4 commissioners - 4-year terms;
city manager

Budget 1971-72 - General Fund \$2,165,732; Water and Sewer Fund \$1,128,233

Fees and licenses - net profits license fee \$30 minimum or 1 1/2 percent
net profits per year; auto sticker \$20 per year

Catlettsburg

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 8 councilmen - 2-year terms

County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 3 magistrates - 4-year terms

Budget 1971-72 - General Fund \$339,510; Road Fund \$196,500

Assessed Value of Property, 1971

<u>Classes of Property*</u>	<u>Ashland</u>	<u>Boyd County</u>
Real Estate	\$151,687,380	\$257,091,472
Tangibles	34,273,670	219,183,454
Public Service	19,301,245	49,396,961 (1970)

Local General Property Tax Rates Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation, 1971 ^{12/}

<u>Taxing Unit**</u>	<u>Ashland</u>	<u>Catlettsburg</u>	<u>Boyd County</u>
State	\$.015	\$.015	\$.015
County	.167	.167	.167
School	.752	.672	.556
City	.578	.840	
Total	\$1.512	\$1.694	\$.738

* Property assessed at 100 percent of fair value.

** Manufacturing machinery, raw materials inventories and goods in process
inventories are not subject to local tax. State rate is only \$0.15 per \$100.

Planning and Zoning

Ashland

Agency - Ashland Planning Commission

Plans completed - Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance, Housing Study, Population and Economic Study, Public Improvements Program, Annexation Study, Operation Plan, Economic Analysis and Projection, Information and Coordination Program

Codes adopted - Building, Housing, Plumbing, Electric, Fire and Gas

Catlettsburg

Codes adopted - Building, Housing, Plumbing, Electric, Fire, and Gas

Safety

<u>Police</u>	<u>Ashland</u>	<u>Catlettsburg</u>	<u>Boyd County</u>
Total staff	41	6	8
Radio-patrol cars	8	2	4
Motorcycles	2		

Fire

American Insurance

Association Fire Rating

4 7

Full-time staff

60 3

Volunteers

16 34

Equipment:

1,000 gpm pumpers

2

750 gpm pumpers

2

1

500 gpm pumpers

1

1

1

ladder trucks

2

utility trucks

1

2

radio equipped cars

2

ambulance

1

Rescue Service

Boyd County Rescue Squad

Number of volunteers - 9

Equipment - 1 bus converted into a first aid station, 1 truck, 1 station wagon, 5 KW generator

Personnel training - first aid, police training, Civil Defense

Sanitation

	<u>Ashland</u>	<u>Catlettsburg</u>	<u>Boyd County</u>
Type service	municipal	private	private
Cost:			
residential	\$2 per month	\$2 per month	\$2 per month
business		\$6 to \$7 per month	varies from \$6 to \$75 per month
Collection frequency:			
residential	weekly	weekly	weekly
business		daily	daily
Trash pickup	on request	on request	on request
Disposal method	land fill	land fill	land fill



OUR LADY OF BELLEFONTE HOSPITAL



KING'S DAUGHTERS' HOSPITAL

HEALTH

Hospitals

<u>General Hospitals</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
King's Daughters' Hospital	Ashland	345
Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital	Bellefonte	107

King's Daughters' Hospital general hospital facilities - 7 operating rooms, recovery room, X-ray, laboratory, intensive care, cardiac care, dental surgery room, OB section

King's Daughters' Hospital medical staff - 48 doctors, 98 registered nurses, 40 licensed practical nurses, 14 orderlies, 110 nurses' assistants

Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital general hospital facilities - X-ray, surgery, outpatient, emergency, EKG, pharmacy, laboratory, recovery rooms

Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital medical staff - 17 doctors on the active staff, 19 doctors on the courtesy staff, 35 registered nurses, and 15 licensed practical nurses

Other - The Kentucky District Number 4 State Tuberculosis Hospital is located in Ashland.

Nursing Homes

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Extended care homes	1	89
Personal care homes	3	70

Public Health

Facility - Boyd County Health Department

Staff - 1 medical doctor, 6 registered nurses, 3 sanitarians, 5 clerks, 1 lab technician and assistant, and one dentist (part-time)

Budget 1971-72 - \$174,852

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Ashland

Telephone - General Telephone Company; Services - standard

Telegraph - Western Union; Services - messenger service and telephone

Postal - U. S. Post Office

Class - First

Mail received - 16 times daily; Mail dispatched - 16 times daily

Newspapers - Ashland Daily Independent

Daily and circulation - 24, 326

Other papers received from - Huntington, West Virginia; Lexington and
Louisville, Kentucky

Radio - WCMI-AM, WTCR-AM, WIRO-AM, WGNT-FM

Stations received from - Louisville, Kentucky; Huntington and Charleston,
West Virginia

Television -

Reception from - Huntington and Charleston, West Virginia

Kentucky Educational Television - Ashland transmitter, Channel 25

Catlettsburg

Telephone - General Telephone Company; Services - standard

Telegraph - telephone from Ashland

Postal - U. S. Post Office

Class - Second

Mail received - 3 times daily; Mail dispatched - 3 times daily

Newspapers -

Received from - Huntington, West Virginia; Ashland, Lexington, and
Louisville, Kentucky

Radio - WCAK-FM

Stations received from - Louisville, Kentucky; Huntington and Charleston,
West Virginia

Television -

Reception from - Huntington and Charleston, West Virginia

Library Services

Public Libraries - Ashland Public Library

Size collection - 78,382 volumes

Circulation, 1970 - 97,656

Services - records, art, U. S. Government Deposit Library, newspapers, periodicals, geneology, Kentucky authors collection

Private Libraries - Ashland Community College Library

Size collection - 22,000 volumes

Circulation, 1970 - 12,000

Services - newspapers, copy machine, magazines, records, filmstrips, tapes, slides, periodicals, microfilm, educational games, study desks

Religious Institutions

Ashland

Number of churches - 60

Denominations - Apostolic, Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Christian Science, Church of Christ, Church of God, Congregation, Episcopal, Holiness, Jehovah's Witnesses, Latter Day Saints, Lutheran, Methodist, Nazarene, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, Seventh Day Adventist, Wesleyan, Morman

Number of synagogues - 2

Type congregation - Reformed and Orthodox

Catlettsburg

Number of churches - 12

Denominations - Baptist, Christian, Church of God, Nazarene, Methodist, Pentecostal, Presbyterian

Financial Institutions

<u>Bank</u> <u>Ashland</u>	<u>Statement as of December 31, 1971</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
Second National Bank	\$62,788,392	\$55,508,896
Third National Bank	36,724,081	32,569,242
Bank of Ashland	12,382,559	11,122,448
 <u>Catlettsburg</u>		
Kentucky Farmers Bank	\$19,772,970	\$16,513,227

<u>Savings and Loan Associations</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Shared Accounts</u>
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Ashland

Ashland Federal Savings & Loan	\$14,249,776	\$12,901,103
First Federal Savings & Loan	16,215,691	13,746,126
Home Federal Savings & Loan	20,304,357	17,655,389

Catlettsburg

Catlettsburg Federal Savings & Loan	\$14,616,041	\$13,222,456
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Hotels and Motels

Number - 19
Units - 425

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary, Optimist, Toastmaster, Medical Society, Dental Society, Ministerial Association, Salvation Army, Red Cross, Welcome Wagon, Ashland Civic League, Life Underwriters, Newcomers Club, South Ashland Business Association, Welcome Hostesses, Bar Association, Board of Realtors, PTA

Fraternal - American Legion, Eagles, FOP, IOOF, Masonic Lodge, Moose Lodge, Knights of Templar, Shrine, VFW, YMCA, Elks, Knights of Columbus, Art Clubs (3)

Women's - YWCA, Woman's Club, B and PW Club, DAR, Eastern Star, Homemakers, Garden Club, Rebekah, Lioness, Opti-Mrs., Jaycettes, Altrusa, American Legion Auxiliary, American Business Women's Association, American Association of University Women, League of Women Voters, Daughters of America, Sorority Council, Y-Wives, Toastmistress, DAV, Heritage Junior Women, Elks Auxiliary, Medical Auxiliary

Youth - Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies, FFA, FHA, 4-H, FTA, Beta Club, FBLA, Little League, Babe Ruth League, Junior League Football

Other - Catlettsburg Boat Club, Ashland Community Concert Association, Ashland Boat Club, Democratic Women's Club, Republican Women's Club, Kentucky Chess Association, Creative Arts

RECREATION

Local

	<u>Ashland</u>	<u>Catlettsburg</u>
Public Recreation Facilities		
Supervised program -	YMCA Recreation Department	
Parks -	1	1
Playgrounds -	10	5
Swimming pools -	3	
Golf courses -	5	
Tennis courts -	4	2
Baseball diamonds -	10	1
Football fields -	1	1
Other -	boating	boating, Youth Center
Private Recreation Facilities		
Country club -	1	
Golf course -	1	
Swimming pool -	1	
Movie theaters -	4 indoor	
Bowling alleys -	2	

Tourist Attractions

Wee House in the Wood, home of the Traipsin Woman of the Appalachians

Cultural Events

Ashland Civic Music Club

The Ashland Ambassador's Club

Ashland Community College and Marshall University provide a great many sporting and cultural events.

Area (Within 25 miles)

Carter Caves State Resort Park

Greenbo Lake State Resort Park

Grayson Reservoir

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture 13/

	<u>Boyd County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total land area (acres)	102,400	856,320
Percent of area in farm land	39.3	51.5
Number of farms	277	3,723
Average size of farms (acres)	145.3	118.6
1964 value of all farm products	\$1,505,204	\$ 8,402,291
Value per farm	5,434	2,257
Total crop sales	159,297	3,888,728
Total livestock & livestock products	1,345,907	4,502,268
1969 agricultural production included:		
Burley tobacco (lbs.)	62,000	5,738,000
Corn (bu.)	46,000	580,000
Cattle and calves (number)	7,300	39,800
Hogs and pigs (number)	700	5,500
Milk production (1968) (lbs.)	8,580,000	28,955,000

Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources	Coal and miscellaneous clays
Other mineral resources	Petroleum
Acres of commercial forest land	57,100
Most abundant tree species	Red oak, white oak, yellow pine, hickory, yellow poplar, beech, and soft maple

Climate 14/

	<u>Boyd County</u>
Temperature	
Annual mean (30-year record)	55.0 degrees
Average annual 1970	54.8 degrees
Record highest August, 1918 (82-year record)	106 degrees
Record lowest February, 1899 (82-year record)	- 27 degrees
Seasonal heating degree-days (30-year record)	4,754
Precipitation	
Mean annual total (30-year record)	38.77 inches
Mean annual snow and sleet (82-year record)	24.2 inches
Total precipitation 1970	38.32 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more)	
(82-year record)	142
Average number days thunderstorms (76-year record)	44

HISTORY

Boyd County, Kentucky's 107th county, was organized in 1860 from parts of Greenup, Carter, and Lawrence Counties. Boyd County was named after the Honorable Linn Boyd, who was for many years a member of Congress from the First Kentucky District and Speaker of the House of Representatives. The county has a land area of 159 square miles.

Early visitors to Boyd County included George Rogers Clark, Simon Kenton, Michael Tyger, and the Reverend David Jones, who came from New Jersey in 1772.

In 1860, the population of Boyd County was 6,044. This grew steadily to 15,701 in 1900, 52,163 in 1960, and 52,376 in 1970.

Catlettsburg is located at the junction of the Big Sandy and Ohio Rivers. It was named for Sawney Catlett who established a trading post there in 1808 and served traders and trappers for half a century. Catlettsburg remained a trading post until about 1857 when the cutting of big timber along the Big Sandy River inaugurated an era of low but steady growth. It became the county seat when Boyd County was organized, and has continued as such despite the center of industrial growth in Ashland only five miles distance. The business district is dominated by the courthouse, courthouse square, the waterfront, and the quiet streets which extend back from the river.

In 1815, three settlers, George and Robert Poage and Robert's son, Robert Jr., secured a title to lands along the Ohio River below Catlett's Station which became known as "Poage's Landing." Later, in 1854, the name of Poage's Landing was changed to Ashland in honor of Henry Clay's home in Lexington. By 1847, a post office had been established at Poage's Landing, and a few years later a plant which made brick from the abundant native clays was constructed.

After the Civil War, the Area's slumping industry began to show life again. The wealth of northeastern Kentucky's coal fields caused the Ashland Coal and Iron Company Railroad to channel through Ashland. The Ashland Iron Furnace was started in 1869, with a capacity of 45 tons a day. In 1872, the Norton Iron Works built a blast furnace, rolling mill, and nail and key factory. The furniture factory of H. Hermann came in 1883, the Ashland Hub and Spoke Factory in 1887, and the Ashland Foundry and Machine Shops in 1889.

During World War I, the open hearth steel plant of the Ashland Iron and Mining Company, successor of the Ashland Coal and Iron Company, was built. Following the War, the greatest single event in Ashland's history occurred. The American Rolling Mill Company selected Ashland as the site for its new steel processing plant. In 1920, construction was begun on the Armco plant, where steel sheets were to be produced by the new continuous rolling method - the first operation of its kind in the country.

The Roaring '20's were indeed roaring for the Area. New suburbs and new schools quickly sprang up. In 1924, the Area's second largest employer - the Ashland Petroleum Company - was formed.

With the outbreak of the Second World War, the Ashland Area took on an added significance because of its steel plant. The Area rendered both men and steel for our nation's cause. During the War, in 1942, Armco's Bellefonte Furnace was completed and soon operated at a maximum production rate of 1,000 tons of steel a day - one of the world's largest yields. Clayton-Lambert opened in Ashland to help in the War cause by making steel cartridge cases. Ashland Petroleum Company soon expanded its refineries, and there followed a "war-time" boom.

In 1943, an Ashland attorney, Simeon S. Willis, a Republican, was elected as Governor of Kentucky, and served from 1944 to 1948.

Being strategically located upon an important river, it is natural that the Ashland Area should continue in its prominence as a river port. Steelmaking was, and still is, the big industry with Armco Steel Corporation operating the country's largest blast furnace. For more than a century, the Ashland Area has had good leather, lumber, and chemical products. Coal, another of the region's resources, also plays an important role.

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