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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

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1. Name of Property

Historic name: Edward Ford Plate Glass Company Employee Relations Building

Other names/site number: The Ford Club

Name of related multiple property listing:
N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & number: 140 Dixie Highway

City or town: Rossford State: Ohio County: Wood

Not For Publication: NA Vicinity: NA

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

 national statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

X A B C D

<u>Barbara Tower</u>	DSHPO/Inventory and Registration	July 15, 2016
Signature of certifying official/Title:		Date
<u>State Historic Preservation Office/Ohio Historical Society</u>		
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government		

In my opinion, the property <u> </u> meets <u> </u> does not meet the National Register criteria.	

Signature of commenting official:	Date

Title :	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:)


Signature of the Keeper

8-15-2016
Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

Category of Property

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Neoclassical Revival

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: Brick and stone

Narrative Description

Summary Paragraph

The 1917 Edward Ford Plate Glass Company Employee Relations Building is a two story brick masonry Neoclassical building, rectangular in plan, approximately 9000 square feet in area, located on the Dixie Highway in Rossford, Wood County. A one story rectangular projection of matching brick is on the rear of the west side of the building. The east side has a two story rectangular portion at the rear of the building. This footprint is shown in a 1931-1944 Sanborn Map. The front (south elevation) includes a full width porch reaching the full two story height. The building has a gabled roof expressed on the front with an oculus supported by six rectangular brick columns. (Photos 1, 3, 4) The building sits on a full basement which housed the gymnasium at the rear (north) end and according to local oral history, a bowling alley at one time although no trace of it remains. The second floor is largely an auditorium. The first floor has been used for a variety of office/business functions ceasing in the 1980's. The interior has been modified numerous times during the course of the building's life, although the main circulation corridors, important spaces and some historic material remain. The exterior of the building appears to have had very little modification and the majority of the exterior fabric appears original.

Narrative Description

The nominated building is located along Dixie Highway sometimes referred to on maps as Superior Street in Rossford directly in front of the Pilkington Glass Company (formerly Libbey Owens Ford) (LOF) facing south. (Photo 4) Dixie Highway is the primary artery through Rossford expanded at some point to include three lanes (two active and one parking) in each direction. While not heavily traveled, it is part of Ohio's scenic drives. The city of Rossford owes its origins to the turn of the century brick glass factory located behind the Employee Relations Building. As the glass factory grew, so did the city.

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Behind the subject property an asphalt parking area is currently used for outdoor storage. (Photo 7, 8) Beyond this area the glass factory is still in use. Much of the original factory has been modified and substantial expansions have been added. (Figure 8) At the front of the building, concrete stairs with brick knee walls and metal handrails lead to the sidewalk. (Photo 3) A small flat grassy lawn fronts the sidewalk and street. On the west side on the adjacent property, there is a memorial to the centennial celebration, constructed in 1998. The memorial includes a gazebo with plaques describing local history. The supports for the structure are made of brick to match the Employee Relations Building. This gazebo is not included within the boundary of this nomination.

The gabled roof and double hung wood windows of the Employee Relations Building distinguished it from the large glass factory which is located behind it, yet adopted a similar brick to presumably provide a link to the plant beyond. The traditional dark red/brown running bond brick work matches the brick pattern of the plant and the brick columns on the front are accented with stone base and capitals.

The gabled front of the Employee Relations Building is approximately 60 feet wide with pronounced full-height porch, which provides a distinct public entrance. The large porch provides respite to the spaces inside and allows a substantial gathering place, useful for between functions or at intermission from the second floor auditorium. At the first level, three pairs of original doors open onto the porch with windows between them. This front elevation is largely intact and the windows, doors, and railings appear to be original. Each pair of doors has sidelights. (Photo 1, 3) The top of the second floor porch forms an entablature with a simple frieze and wood cornice with dentils. The porch includes a wrought iron balustrade although the second floor porch appears to have had the rail replaced with fencing. The second floor porch has one centered pair of doors and two windows flanking each side of it. The entablature forms the base of a gabled pediment. Within the pediment is an oculus window with stone keystones at the quarter points vertically and horizontally. The pediment is supported by six full height square brick columns with simplified stone bases and capitals.

The side elevations (east and west) are approximately 148 feet long and reflect the interior with strategically located windows indicating room locations. All of the window openings appear to be original. The punched openings reflect the office uses inside and include either historic 9 over 9 wood windows or 12 over 12 wood windows most of which have deteriorated sash and muttons as well as broken glass.(Photos 2,3,5,6) The east side has rectangular a two story projection that includes a freight elevator and stair. The west side includes a rectangular one story projection which is at grade. (Refer to the Sanborn map.) A small covered entry way at the west side leads directly into the building at this point. The west projection was used as office space for LOF into the 1980's. Both sides of the building include the original wood trim extension of the entablature which supports a gutter and include continuous dentil trim. Both the east and west sides include a continuous gutter with various spaced downspouts.

The rear elevation shows the pediment and an emergency exit from the auditorium above. (Photo 7, 8) A fire escape extends along the rear wall, most likely added during the 1930's. Four

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masonry chimneys are evident, two on each of the west and east elevations. The caps of these are topped with modest brick detailing. All four appear to be original.

The interior has been modified for various uses throughout the building's life. When looking at the floor plan, the large open space on the second floor reflects the auditorium space although the ceiling has been lowered in subsequent renovations, possibly dating to the 1970s. (Photo 9, 32) The first floor shows hints of where fireplaces once were on the west wall with the chimney visible on the exterior. (Photo 1, 4) A wide stair, presumably original, is located on the east side of the building and reflects the numbers of people that would potentially be entering or exiting the auditorium. The building plans also reflect the two story gymnasium (Photos 9, 32) that remains on the north side of the building. When looking at the basement floor plan, the large narrow storage space on the west side reflects the anecdotal bowling lanes that once were in the space. The near full length corridor in the basement links the two original stairways and provides access to the gymnasium. (Photo 24, 29)

The building has been used for a variety of office/ business functions over the years and is in fair to poor shape with some roof leakage, miscellaneous debris and broken windows. Immediately inside the building from the main front entry is office space that likely dates to the 1970s/80s. The first floor is divided into office space/suites. Past the initial space, the first floor (Photo 10) incorporates a central double loaded corridor which appears to be original. The corridor includes wood base that appears original, and connects to the stairway at the northwest part of the building near the gymnasium. This stairway appears to be original including newel posts (Photo 20) and is an important link between the basement (gymnasium), at grade west portion, and the first floor. (See floor plans.) A larger open office area is on the east side of the building. (Photos 14, 18) Modifications on this floor include the division of spaces with studs and drywall as well as the construction of partitions before the advent of office cubicles. The spaces have been vacant for at least 25 years and some areas are used for storage. A portion of the building is at grade on the west side and the area of the northwestern most part of this has a partial floor collapse where roof leaking has occurred for some time.

At the rear of the building at the basement floor level is a former gymnasium (Photo 9, 32) which is one and one half stories in height. The height appears to be original and reflective of the activities once held there. The windows appear to be original in the original locations and are tall, allowing the space to be naturally lit. The room can be seen from an original upper viewing area that has been enclosed with windows. The floor had vinyl tiles added at some point. The gymnasium is accessed by the northwest stairway which appears to be original and/or the corridor in the basement which also appears to be in its original location. This corridor links two sets of stairs which include landings at grade there by retaining the original access to the building

The stair at the south east part of the building appears original (Photo 25) and connects the basement, first, and second floors. This seems to be the primary access to the second floor auditorium and culminates with an arched entry way (Photo 12, 15) at the top of the stairs. This arch has original trim and base. The entry to the auditorium is a pair of flush doors most likely part of a 1970's renovation. While the trim is painted to match the others it does not appear to be

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original. This area forms something of a lobby where some of the openings have wood trim and base that do appear to be original (Photo 12, 15). Approximately 30% of the second floor is office space. The floor also includes restrooms which serves the primary space the auditorium. Modifications to the restroom and offices (est. 1970's) at the second floor most likely reduced this space however one gets the sense of an upper lobby which would have served the auditorium.

The north end of the auditorium includes a raised stage with portions of the original surround visible at the sides of the stage. (Photo 16) Tall windows flank both sides of the auditorium and a door exiting the rear behind the stage leads to the metal fire escape at the back of the building. The space appears to have retained its original shape. The building has been used for baseball practice in recent years and a variety of debris, (Photo 16) including netting, is left in the auditorium. The auditorium itself has been modified and includes a suspended ceiling with spray on treatment presumably for acoustical reasons. Tubular light fixtures were added (ca. 1980's) which go continuously from east to west. (Photo 16, 28) The floor has received carpet (ca. 1980's). The window locations remain and include original minimal trim as the windows are set within plaster returns at the side and top. Numerous windows are broken and the overall condition of the space is fair

Despite the alterations and deterioration, the Employee Building retains sufficient historic integrity for listing through the design, materials and stylistic details and an interior that still reflects the functions for which it was built.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Industry _____

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Period of Significance

1917-1966

Significant Dates

1917

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

N/A

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph

The Edward Ford Plate Glass Company Employee Relations Building is being nominated under Criteria A at the local level of significance for its association with the Edward Ford Plate Glass Company, a significant employer and developer of the City of Rossford. The property represents the relationship between Edward Ford and his considerable labor force that worked, lived, worshipped and socialized in the community that his company created. The period of significance is from the date of the building's construction in 1917 to 1966. During this period the building was owned by the Edward Ford Plate Glass Company (later Libbey-Owens-Ford) and was in continuous use either as the Employee Relations Building or later as offices. The glass factory behind the Employee Relations Building is still in operation.

Narrative Statement of Significance

Edward Ford moved to Toledo to start a glass company after leaving the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company (PPG) in a dispute over ethical distributor processes. His father, one of the founders of the glass industry, had made several moves before suggesting to his son, Edward, that he start his own company. Coming to the Toledo area, Edward Ford built his company on 173 acres on the east side of the Maumee River and in 1899 opened the Edward Ford Plate Glass Company.

As Ford's company prospered and grew, his workforce naturally increased. Ford was very familiar with management practices of the era. The industrial labor relations trend at the time was to develop programs and facilities to help foster a cooperative and content workforce. Industrial leaders hoped to avoid unionization of their workforce by providing recreational, health and social services to promote satisfied workers. This national wide practice was represented in Ohio by companies such as Proctor and Gamble in Cincinnati, Goodyear Tire in Akron and Youngstown Sheet & Tube in Youngstown. Consistent with other companies working in the welfare capitalist model, Ford constructed housing, churches and a bank for his employees along Superior Street in Rossford in front of the glass plant. Edward Ford is also credited with starting a Board of Education and initiating the first school used for both lessons and religious services. The Employee Relations Building is one of a few vestiges of the amenities created and constructed by Ford. (Figures 1-6)

Hearing that there was need for a space for a company band, Ford constructed the Employee Relations Building as a resource for his workers on the Dixie Highway, the main street for the City of Rossford. By providing a location for personal enhancement and entertainment the company provided for the workers as a human resource as opposed to simply an employee. The building contained an auditorium and gymnasium with multiple smaller spaces for meetings, rehearsals, and discourse.

Whether this shows a later vestige of industrial paternalism or genuine pride in the workforce, the Employee Relations Building highlighted the mutual respect and admiration the employer and employees had for each other. Constructed in the Neoclassical Revival style, the building utilizes quality materials and building techniques to develop a meeting and gathering space for

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the employees of the glass works. The well-proportioned brick building makes a striking statement about the importance of the structure (given the start of World War I) with its location prominently placed on the primary road for Rossford.

Ford built company housing in Rossford and encouraged religious services. Building again along Superior Street, the simple row housing was constructed of brick with shed roofed porches. (Figures 5&6) The majority of these were demolished in 1961. The housing, like the bank and Employee Relations Building, were all built in support of the glass factory. Mortgages for worker's houses were taken at a bank constructed approximately 500 feet west of the Ford Club. Currently the bank remains, repurposed to a law office. As seen in the 1931-1944 Sanborn insurance maps, a hotel was once adjacent to the building and the Rossford and Ross Township Fire Department was located behind the Employee Relations Building. These civic buildings are gone as well. The Employee Relations Building stands as a reminder of a time when the glass works the primary employer in a town built by and around it. Indeed, the town, Rossford, takes its name from combining the names of Ford's name with that of his second wife.

While creating Rossford, Edward Ford lived in the fashionable area of Toledo, now known as the Old West End Historic District (NR Reference Number 84003771) on Collingwood Street. This is just around the corner from the house which Edward Drummond Libbey built. There is no doubt the two interacted. Both of these houses still exist.

Ford brought many employees to the Ford Glass Company and often recruited from many parts of Europe. Ford consistently studied the techniques of his European counterparts. In 1928, Ford purchased a Belgium technique for flat glass production. Rossford can trace much of its eastern European roots to those coming to America in order to work at the Rossford Glass plant. The city of Rossford included a Polish Club and a separate Ukrainian Catholic church built to serve the Eastern European workers at the plant.

A group of the employees who had formed a band heard that Ford was visiting his son and traveled to the residence one afternoon. An impromptu concert was met with questions by Mr. Ford. The result was a commitment to uniforms and a place to practice and play. This was done with the assistance and urging of Mrs. Ford. Ford hired Clarence Smith to direct the band and despite the rumblings in Europe, the club was constructed.

The Ford Plate Glass Company merged with the Libbey-Owens Sheet Glass Company in 1930. The merger created a conglomerate that had a virtual lock on the automotive glass industry and the formation of LOF (Libbey-Owens-Ford). The company was based in Rossford. In 1960, LOF constructed a new headquarters in downtown Toledo. The Rossford location still housed offices for the plant and the Employee Relations building was renovated for office use on several occasions.

The building exhibits architectural design through the brick exterior, stone detailing and wood trim. It represents the quality of Neoclassical architecture being undertaken at the time of its

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construction. Arched windows, doors with sidelights, and substantial trim make this an example of craftsmanship and design no longer endeavored.

Historic Context

Toledo was re-founded in 1837 when, after a brief “war” with Michigan over the access and ownership of Maumee River and bay, the city was determined to be in Ohio. The city benefitted from improved transportation through the Ohio Canal and its proximity to Lake Erie. As the modes of transportation changed, the city of Toledo was a crossroads for the trains traveling between New York and Chicago. Steam boats plied the river and lake for commerce and enjoyment. After the Civil War, Toledo like many parts of Ohio, evolved from primarily agrarian interests to see the rise of cities, industry and the associated urbanization. The moving of freight by rail and water (Maumee River) allowed the production and distribution of natural resources and goods to thrive. It is along this river that the glass industry was to begin and Edward Ford built his glass works.

A wealth of natural resources, including the discovery of a large pocket of natural gas, allowed the state and in particular Northwest Ohio to grow and develop at the turn of the century. Indeed the availability of natural resources and good transportation were cited as reasons in 1888 for the moving of the New England Glass Company (later known as Libbey Glass) to Toledo. Ford followed, setting up Ford Plate Glass Company just across the river 10 years later. His location was strategic to avoid paying the higher city taxes within Toledo city limits. From these industries, Toledo became known as the *Glass City* and the reputation for glass innovation continued with the advent of the Owens automatic bottle machine and the formation of other glass related companies such as Owens Illinois, Owens Corning Fiberglas and Trinova. The modern studio art glass movement was attributed to the Toledo Museum of Art and a LOF glass worker and engineer named Dominic Labino.

The Ford Plate Glass Company was one of a number of glassworks developed in the northwest Ohio region. The company was a major employer in Rossford and was instrumental in bringing skilled immigrants to this part of Ohio. The companies eventually merged to form Libbey-Owens-Ford whose glass was utilized in numerous significant buildings across the nation and nearly all the automobiles coming out of Detroit at that time. While the Pilkington Glass factory still produces glass, the Edward Ford Plate Glass Employee Relations Building reflects a time before automation and multiple mergers. The building stands where it was originally was, not part of the factory, but part of the community that was built upon the glass industry. The Employee Relations Building is significant as a property that represents the industrialization of Ohio and the efforts of company owners and their labor force as they sought to balanced a precarious relationship.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other
- Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): WOO0030004

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 0.872

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

1. Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

2. Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

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3. Latitude: Longitude:

4. Latitude: Longitude:

Or
UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or NAD 1983

1. Zone: 17 Easting: 287217 Northing: 4609909

2. Zone: Easting: Northing:

3. Zone: Easting: Northing:

4. Zone: Easting : Northing:

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The nominated property is located in the city of Rossford, county of Wood and State of Ohio; and known as being part of parcel number T68-300-820101002004. See Page 4 of additional information section of this form for map with illustration of boundary line.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary includes the Employees Relations Building and the land immediately around it. This area is associated with the Clubhouse and allows access to it. It is the parcel associated with this building and not owned by anyone but the current property owners.

A survey map of the property is included on the continuation sheet. The boundaries are indicated on this drawing

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs

Name of Property: Edward Ford Plate Glass Company Employee Relations Building

City or Vicinity: Rossford

County: Wood

State: Ohio

Photographer: Paul R. Sullivan Jr. AIA

Date Photographed: October/ November 2015

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

1. exterior looking northeast at front of building
2. exterior looking northeast at west side of building
3. exterior looking northeast at front of building (primary façade)
4. exterior looking northeast from across the street
5. exterior looking west showing east elevation
6. exterior looking southwest showing edge of porch and former connector location
7. exterior looking southeast showing rear of building (facing the former factory)
8. exterior looking south showing rear of building including pediment
9. interior of former gym looking west
10. interior of former office/entry looking west
11. exterior looking southeast
12. interior second floor looking north toward auditorium entry
13. interior first floor looking southeast in the west grade level portion
14. interior first floor looking north in former office space
15. interior second floor looking east, top of stair looking at office and restrooms
16. interior second floor looking northeast in auditorium
17. interior basement looking up northwest stairs
18. interior first floor looking south in office space
19. interior second floor looking south west at former office
20. interior first floor looking east at northwest stairs
21. interior at basement adjacent to stairs looking at original wall
22. interior at basement adjacent to stairs looking at original wall and door

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23. interior at first floor primary hallway looking north
24. interior at basement original hallway looking south
25. interior at first floor southeast stairs looking north
26. interior at first floor stairs looking south showing original door and sidelight
27. interior at second floor auditorium looking south
28. interior at second floor auditorium looking north
29. interior at basement original hallway looking north
30. interior at stair first floor looking up (east) to gymnasium overlook
31. interior at basement looking west at northwest stair to at grade west portion
32. interior at basement (former gym) looking east

Figures

Figure 1: Views of properties associated with Edward Ford Plate Glass Company

Figure 2: Aerial view of Edward Ford Plate Glass Company

Figure 3: View of Edward Ford Plate Glass Company complex from watertower

Figure 4: View of Edward Ford Plate Glass Company Employee Relations Building
(undated)

Figure 5: Libbey-Owens-Ford Employee Housing

Figure 6: Libbey-Owens-Ford Employee Housing

Figure 7: Examples of office buildings glazed with Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass

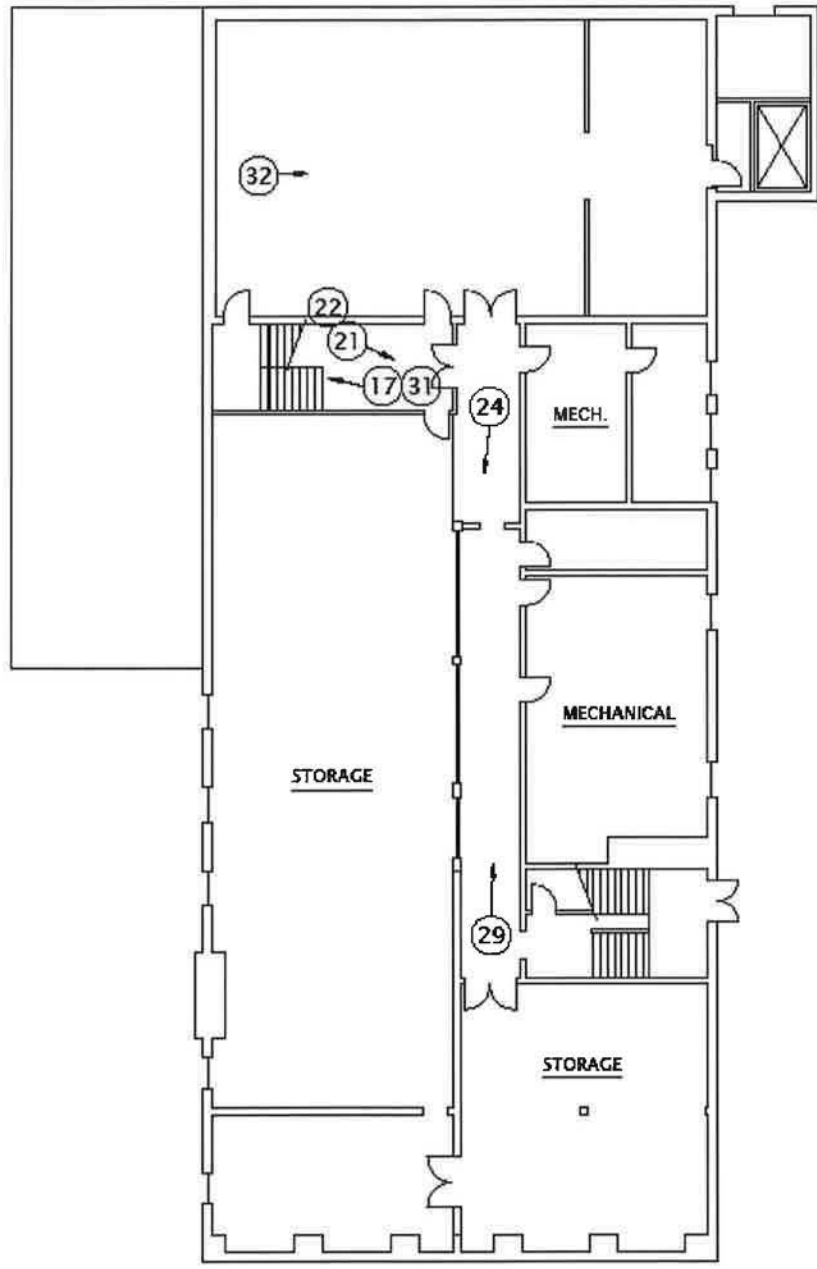
Figure 8: View that shows existing nominated property in relation to existing glass plant

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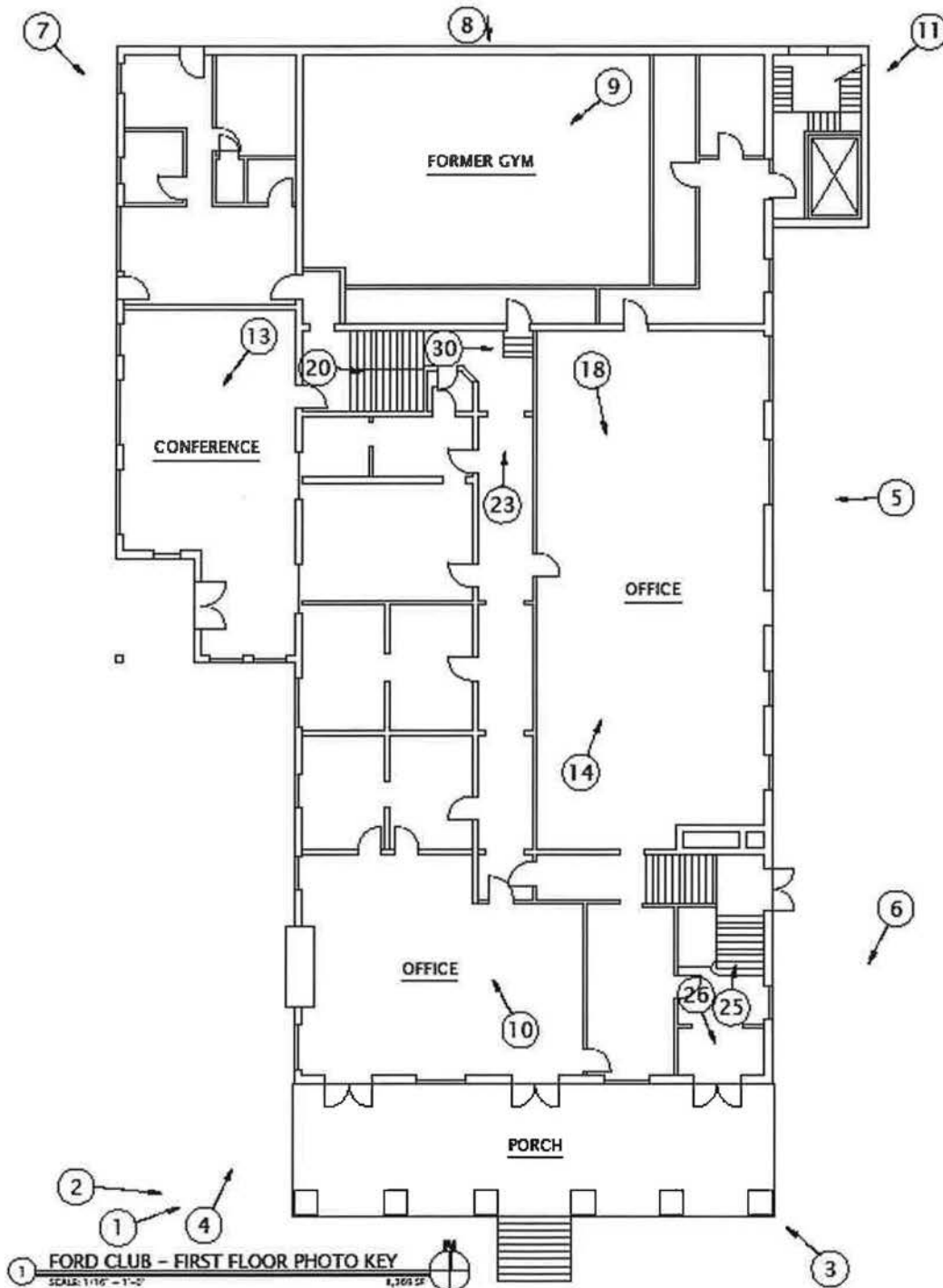
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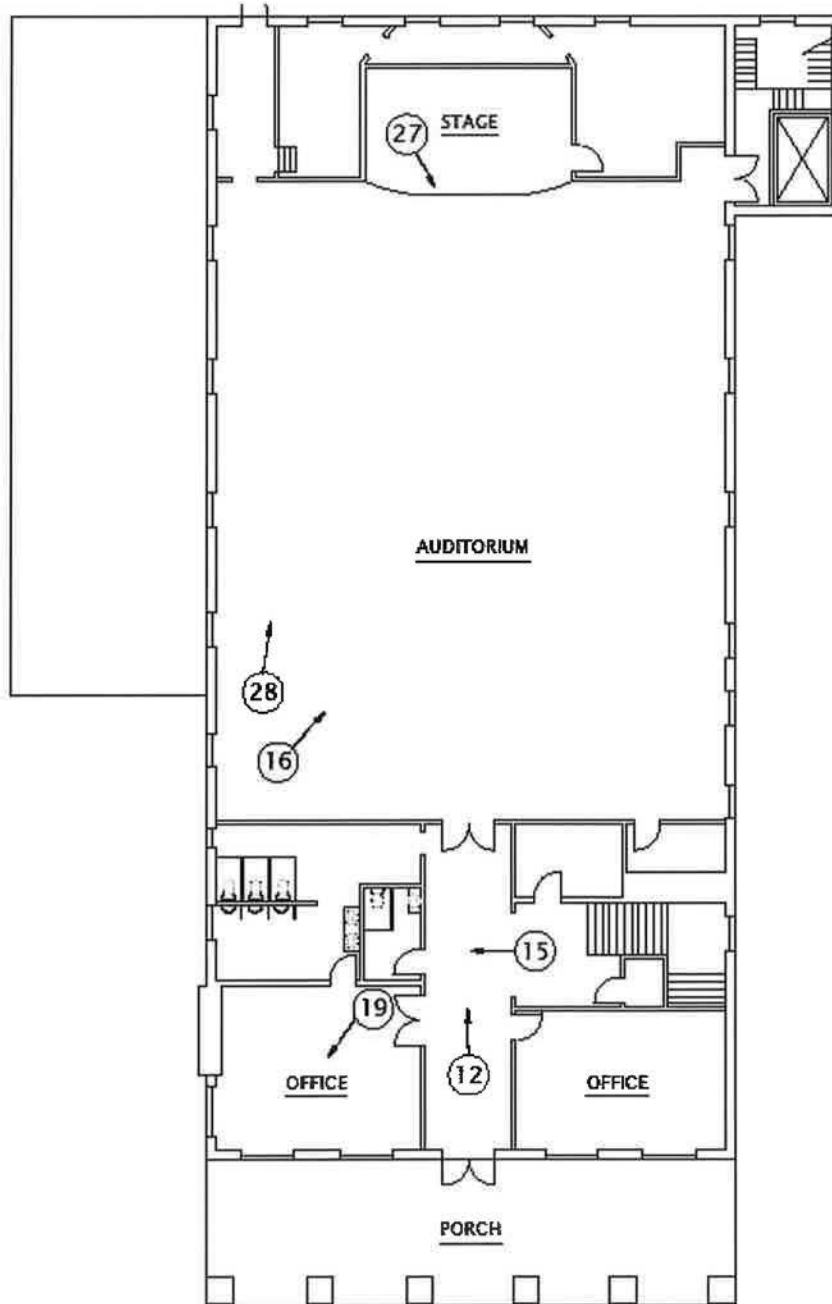


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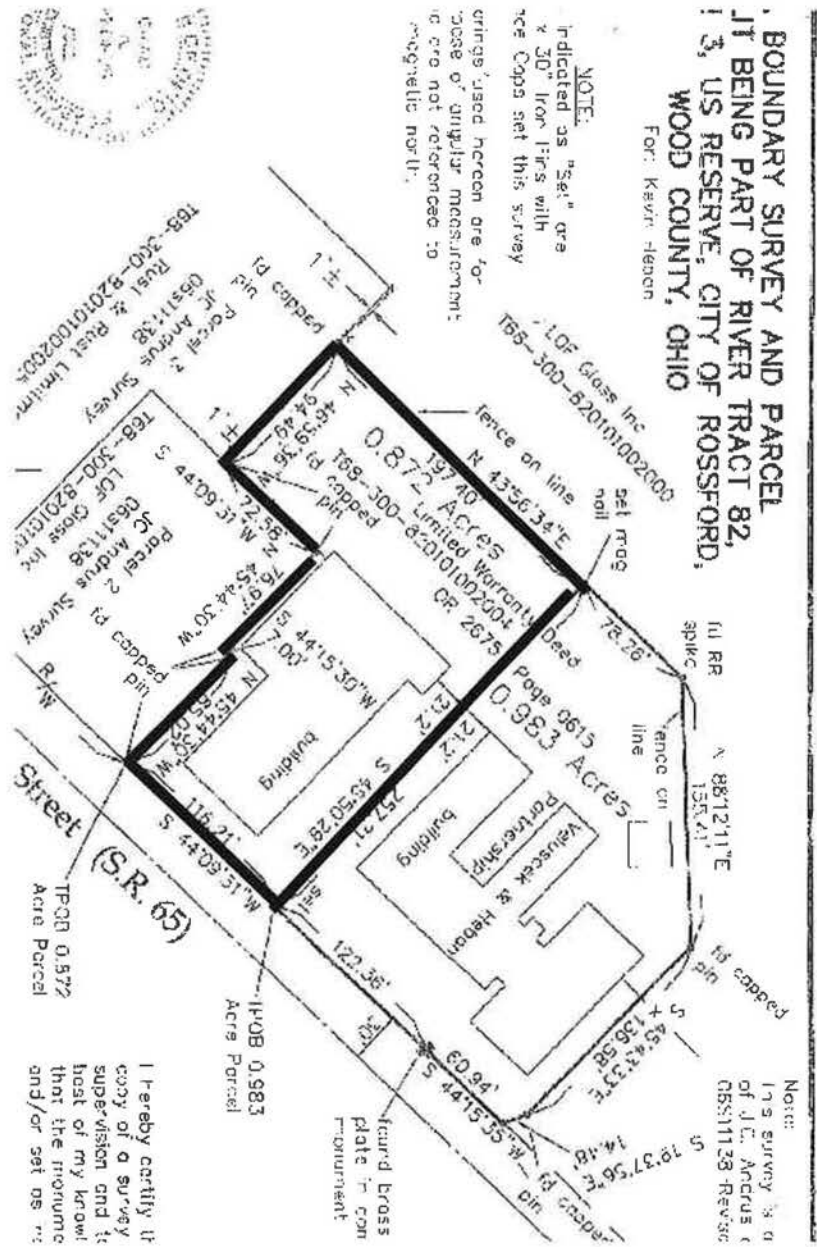
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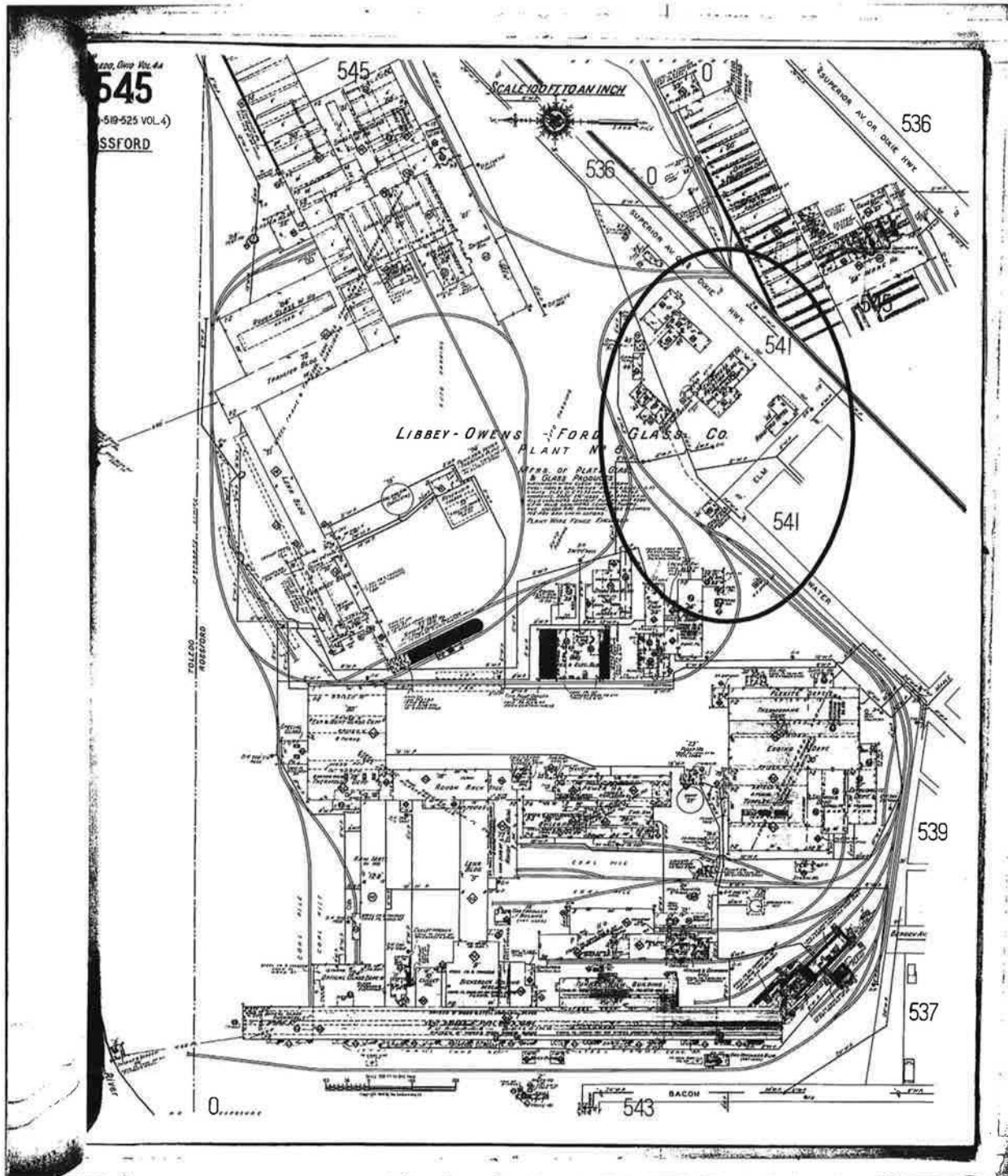
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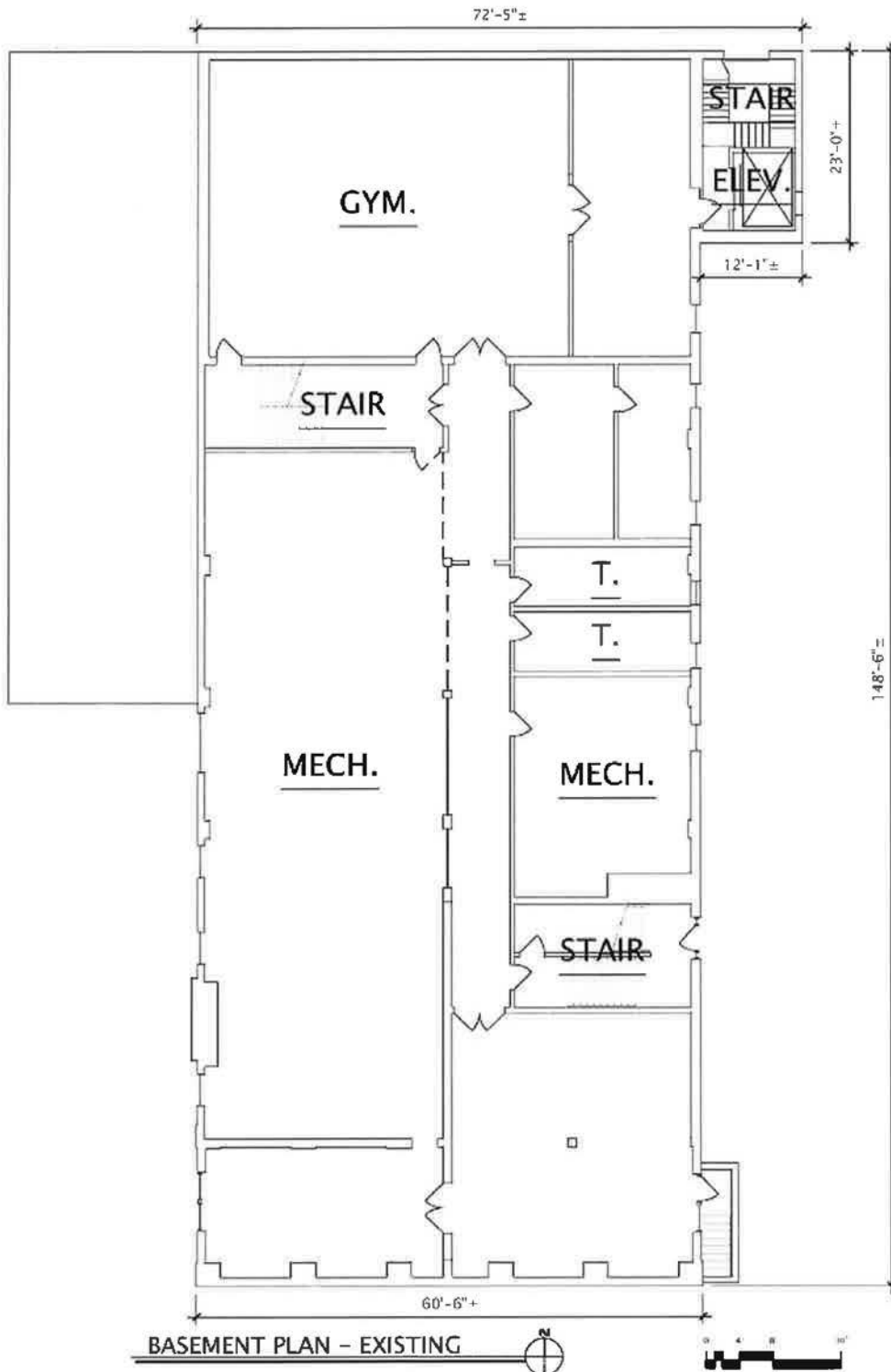
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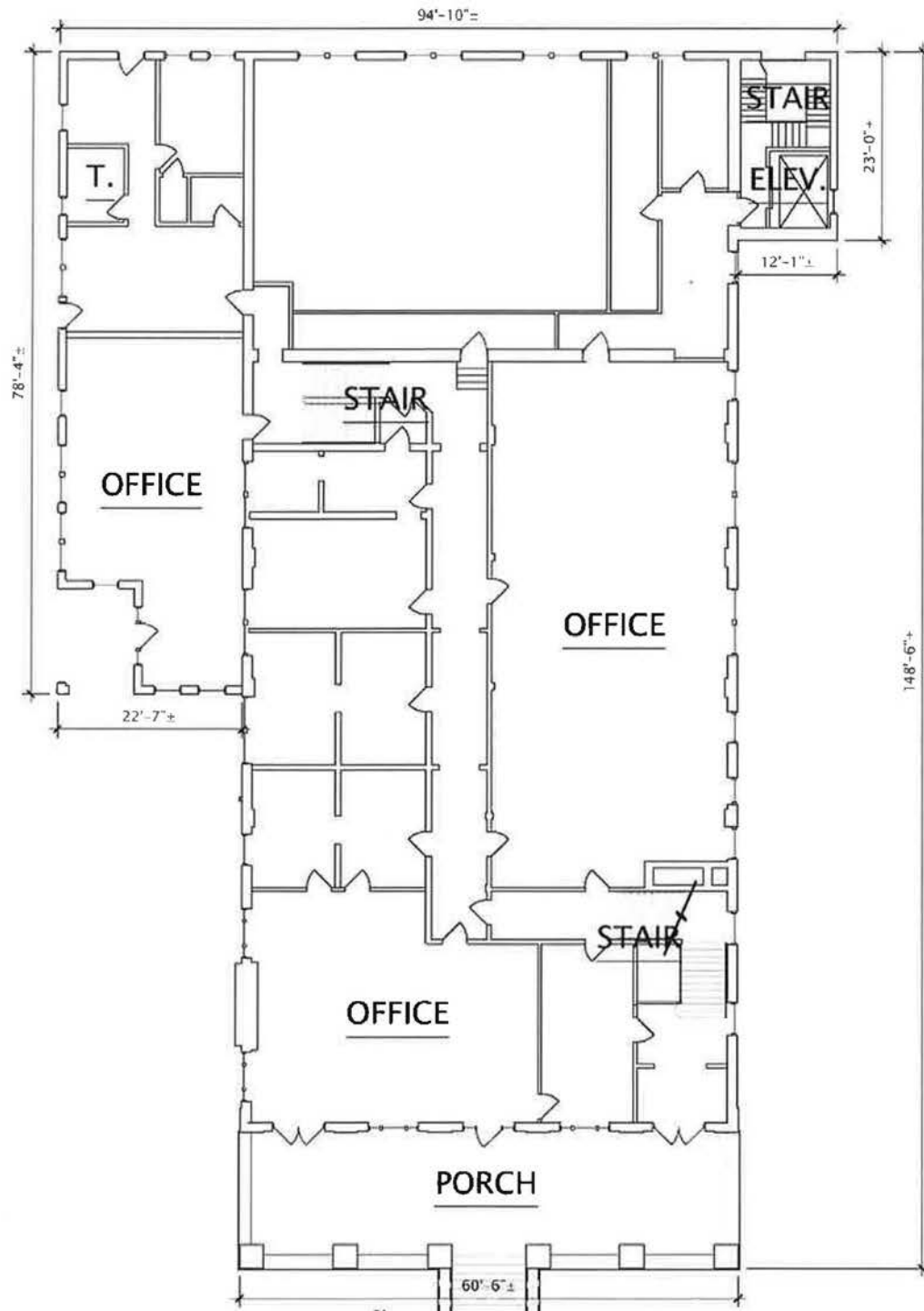


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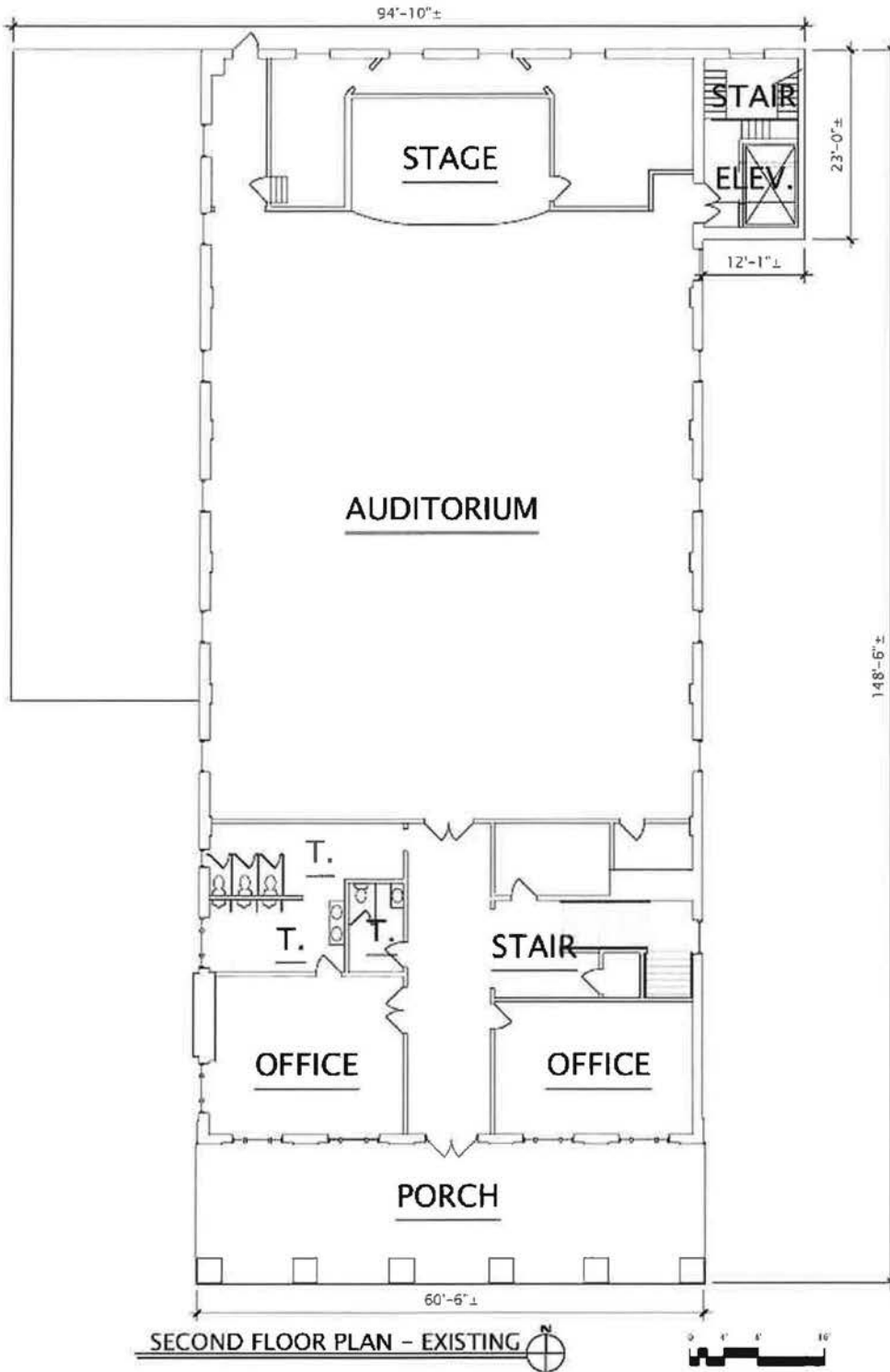


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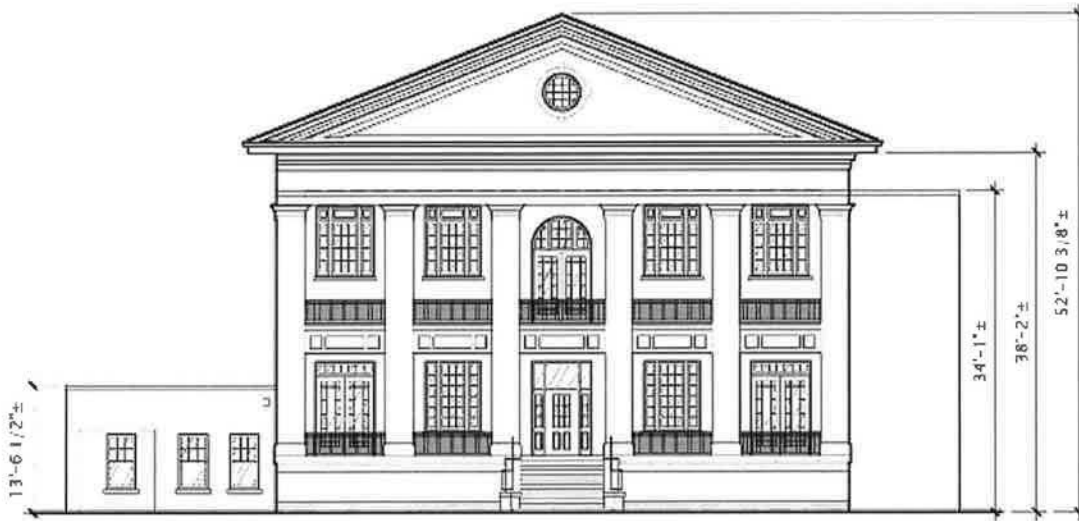


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SOUTH ELEVATION - EXISTING



WEST ELEVATION - EXISTING



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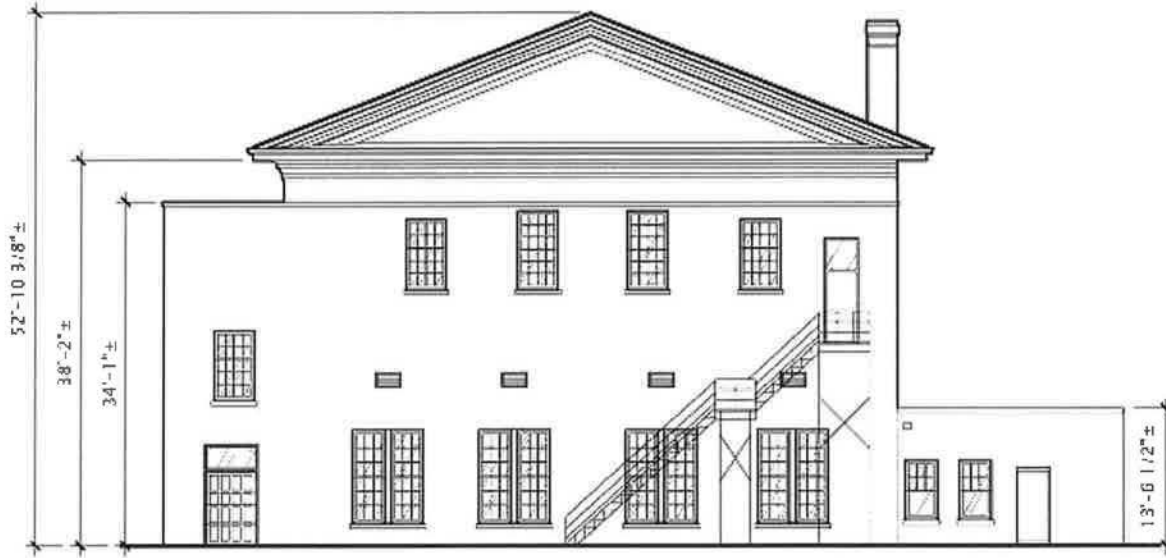
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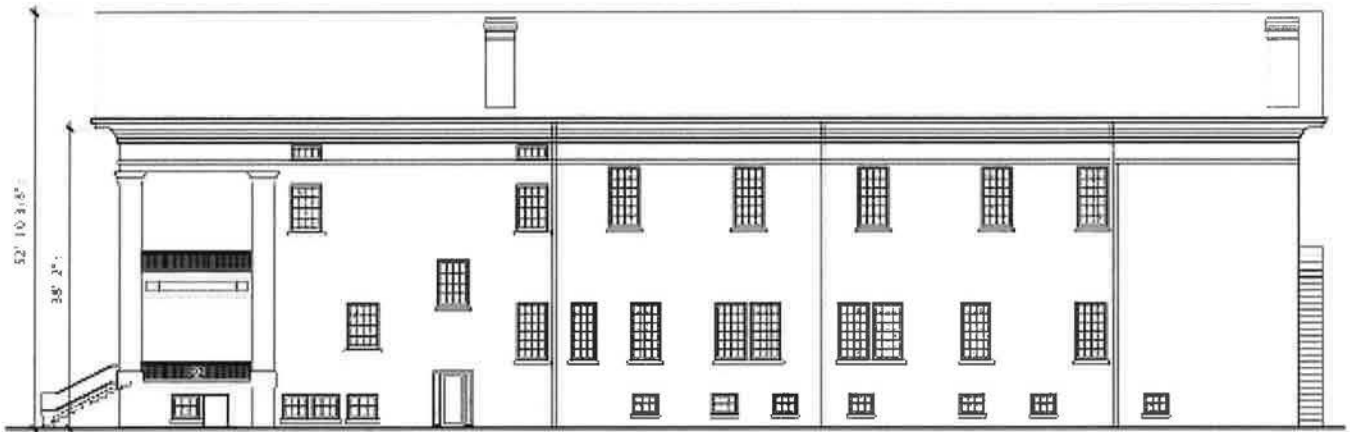
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NORTH ELEVATION - EXISTING



EAST ELEVATION - EXISTING



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Ford Plate Glass Company



ROSSFORD, OHIO 1911

view from 1911. Note the trolley car rails at the lower right. It appears the Manumee Valley trolley line tracks were on the site of the city boulevard area between Dixie and Superior. At right are the office buildings.



A closer view of the office, about 1917.



This building is now used for storage and business meetings. *

And now.



The buildings are now connected to the Ford Club with additional offices. *

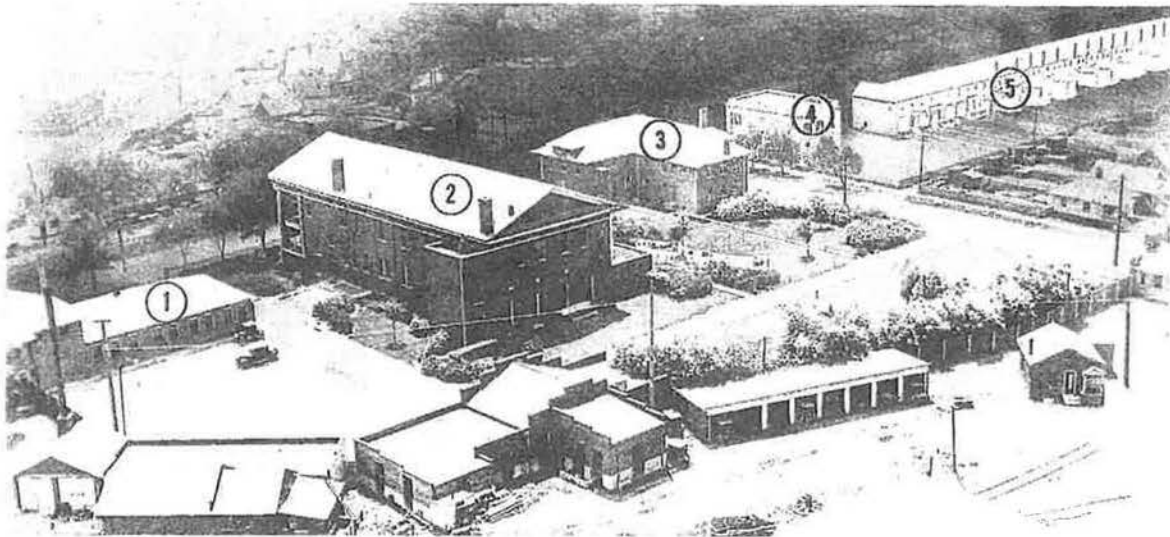
Figure 1. From As I Recall. Published by the City of Rossford

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Taken from a water tower, this back view shows several interesting construction progress factors. At extreme left, (1) the office wing extension, still used and where Edward Ford's office was located; the Rossford Club (2) (completed in 1917), the old Rossford hotel (3) (since razed); the Rossford Savings bank, (4) where early Rossford baseball enthusiasts cavorted and the Terraces, (5) still occupied by Rossford employees and where several retired men and their families live.

Figure 3. From The Roots Grow Deep Aiken; Lezius-Hiles Co. Cleveland OH, 1957

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Figure 4. Ohio Memory digital on-line collection: Ford Glass Plate Company Employee Building n.d.
<http://www.ohiomemory.org/cdm/ref/collection/p15005coll25/id/930>

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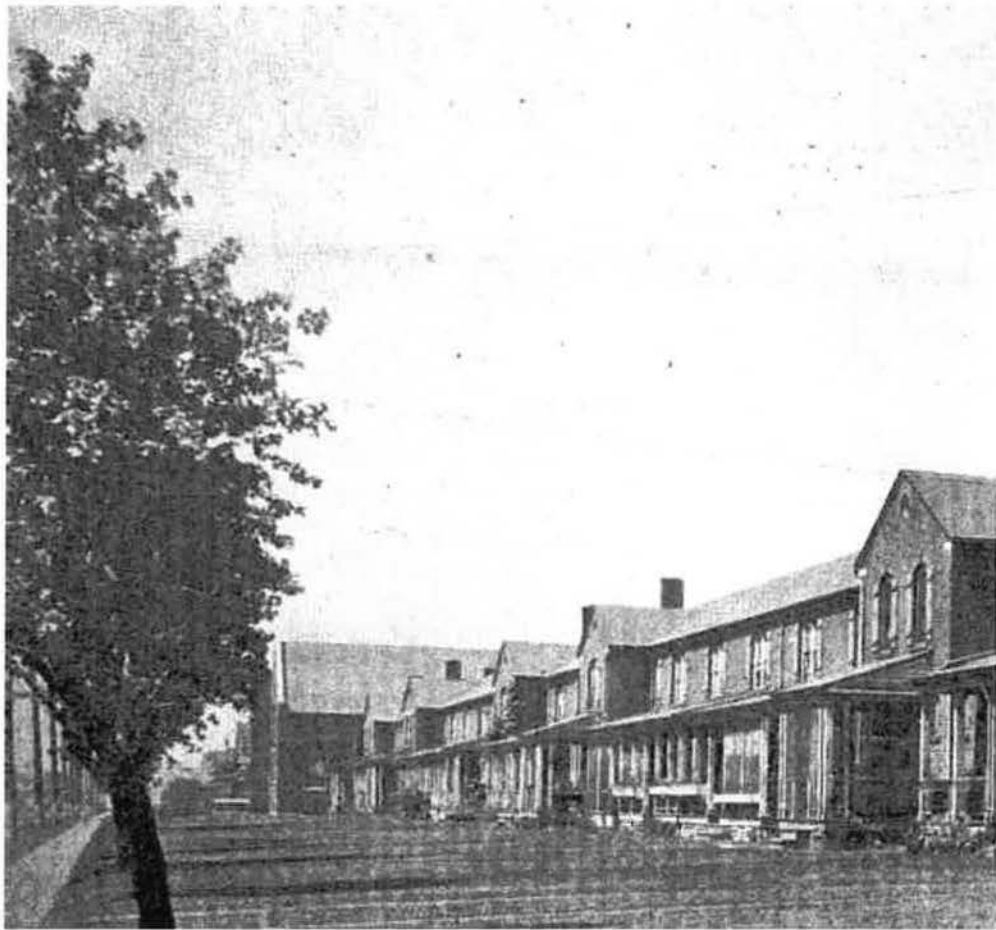


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Figure 6. Ohio Memory digital on-line collection: Libbey Owens Ford Employee Housing. Rossford, Ohio
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Office Buildings Glazed with Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass



Ampico Building
New York, N. Y.
Warren & Wetmore, Architects



The Watts Building
Birmingham, Alabama
Warren, Knight & Davis, Architects



Smith Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas
Alton B. Ayers, Architect



Jackson Tower Building
Jackson, Mississippi
C. H. Lindsley, Architect

Figure 7. Empire State Building in New York City was glazed with LOF Glass. A page from 1940s advertising folio courtesy of the Rossford Library

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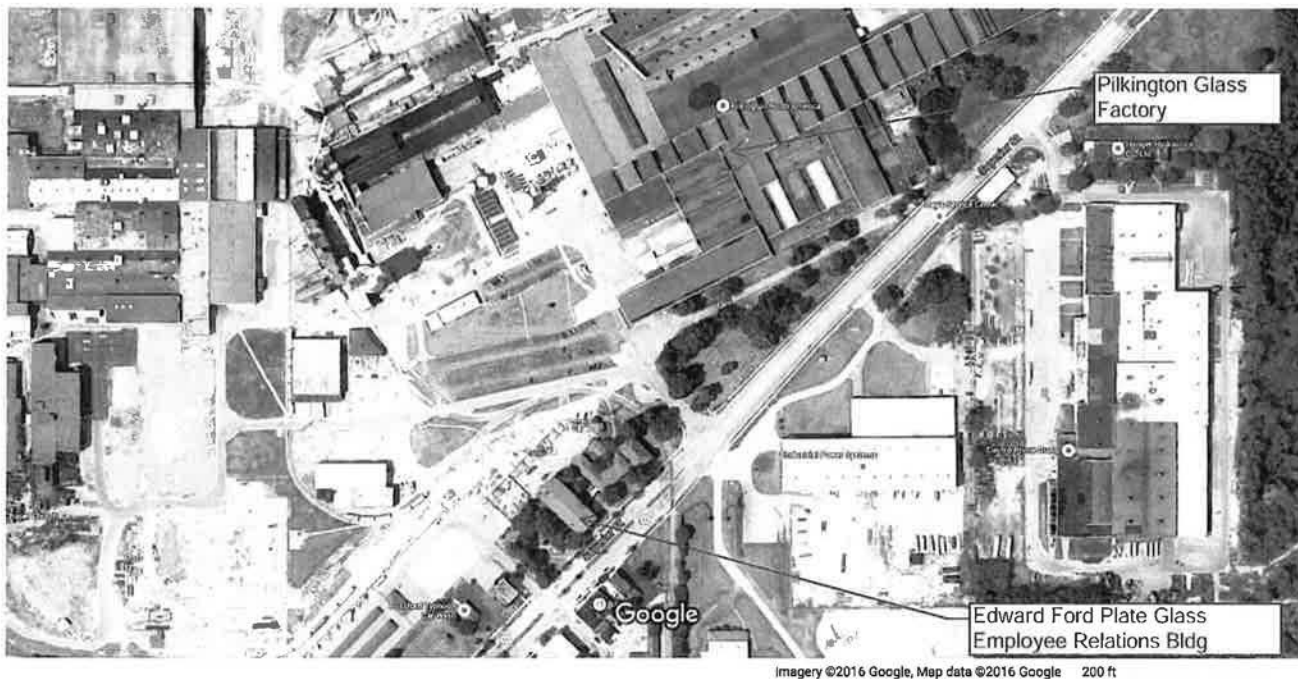
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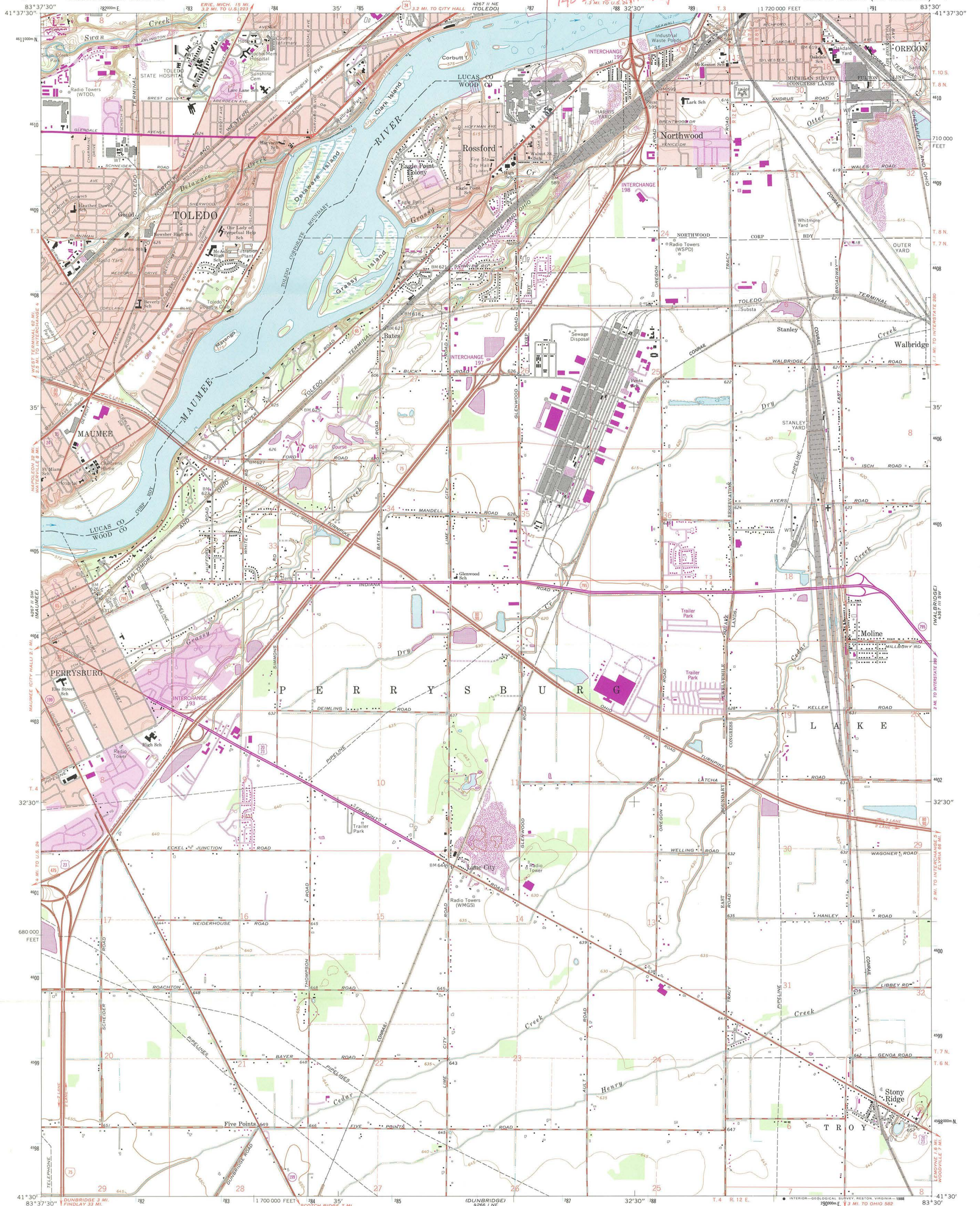


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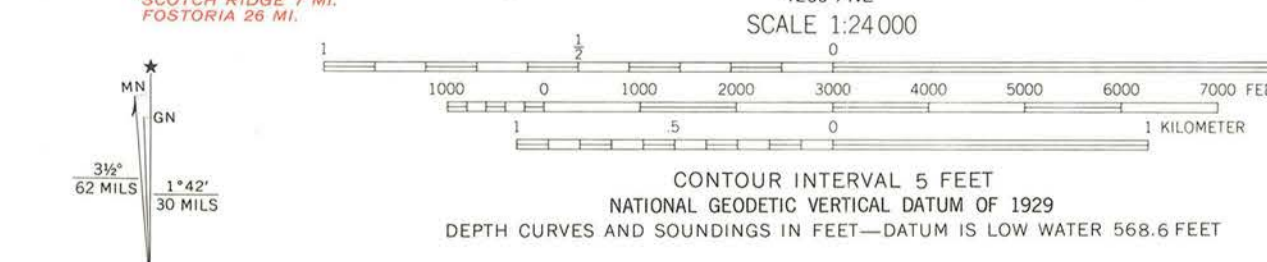
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Figure 8: View that shows existing nominated property in relation to existing glass plant



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Revised in cooperation with State of Ohio agencies
Control by USGS and NOS/NOAA
Topography by planetable surveys 1934. Revised 1965
Selected hydrographic data compiled from U.S. Lake Survey chart 374 (1965)
This information is not intended for navigational purposes
Polyconic projection. 10,000-foot grid based on Ohio coordinate system, north zone. 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 17, shown in blue. 1927 North American Datum To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983 move the projection lines 1 meter south and 6 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Land lines north of the Fulton Line based on the Michigan Meridian
Land lines south of the Fulton Line based on the First Principal Meridian



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Small signs on the lawn, including a blue sign and a white sign with text.























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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Ford, Edward, Plate Glass Company Employee Relations Building

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: OHIO, Wood

DATE RECEIVED: 7/22/16 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/10/16
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/25/16 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/06/16
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 16000600

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 8-15-2014 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

3 day Review

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A

REVIEWER J. Lubner DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/~~N~~ see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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July 15, 2016

J. Paul Loether, Deputy Keeper and Chief of National Register and
National Historic Landmark Programs
National Register of Historic Places
1201 Eye St. NW, 8th Fl. (2280)
Washington D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

Enclosed please find three (3) new National Register nominations for Ohio. All appropriate notification procedures have been followed for the new nomination submission.

NEW NOMINATION

COUNTY

Grossman Paper Company	Cuyahoga
Lewis Research Center, Development Engineering Building and Annex	Cuyahoga
Edward Ford Plate Glass Company Employee Relations Building	Wood

The enclosed disks contain the true and correct copy of the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Grossman Paper Company, Cuyahoga County, OH.

All three of these nominations must be listed before September 30, 2016 in order to qualify for the next round of the Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit. In order to expedite the listing of these three nominations I am requesting waiving the 15-day commenting period in the Federal Register for the nomination and that the nomination is listed as soon as possible. The chief elected officials in Cleveland, Fairview Park, and Rossford (the communities of each of the properties) and the Certified Local Government contact in Cleveland each have received the appropriate notification from the State Historic Preservation Office. Each of the property owners have received the appropriate notification from the State Historic Preservation Office and are in full support of the nomination of their property.

If you have questions or comments about these documents, please contact the National Register staff in the Ohio Historic Preservation Office at (614) 298-2000.

Sincerely,

Burt Logan
Executive Director and CEO
State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosures

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The following materials are submitted on July 15, 2016
For nomination of the Edward Ford Place to the National Register of
Historic Places: Glass Co Employee Retirement Bldg
Wood Co, OH

- Original National Register of Historic Places nomination form
 Paper PDF
- Multiple Property Nomination Cover Document
 Paper PDF
- Multiple Property Nomination form
 Paper PDF
- Photographs
 Prints TIFFs
- CD with electronic images
- Original USGS map(s)
 Paper Digital
- Sketch map(s)/Photograph view map(s)/Floor plan(s)
 Paper PDF
- Piece(s) of correspondence
 Paper PDF
- Other _____

COMMENTS:

- Please provide a substantive review of this nomination
- This property has been certified under 36 CFR 67
- The enclosed owner objection(s) do _____ do not _____
Constitute a majority of property owners
- Other: Request to waive Fed Reg. publishing
in order to expedite nom.