

Date 12/3/2001

Facility Name Kenosha Beet Interim

Receiving Water CENTER BRANCH OF DES PLAINES R. AND UNNAMED TRIBUTARY

Evaluated by SAMUEL, STEVE

This stream classification is not included in the revised code because (select one):

The discharger is no longer at this location.

A new classification has resulted in a full fish and aquatic life designation.  
New survey date \_\_\_\_\_ Please provide copy of new classification report.

This receiving water should be added to the database and to the code. Specify information, as it should be included in code.

AN UNNAMED TRIBUTARY FROM ITS CONFLUENCE  
WITH THE CENTER BRANCH OF THE DES PLAINES  
RIVER IN THE NW NW T1N R21 E S2  
TO THE KBI OUTFALL SHALL BE CLASSIFIED  
AS A LFF Community.

THE CENTER BRANCH OF THE DES PLAINES  
R. SHALL BE CLASSIFIED AS WWSF.

Other (please explain)

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**Department of Natural Resources Stream Classification for an Unnamed Tributary to the  
Center Branch Des Plaines River**

Des Plaines River Watershed, Fox (IL) River Basin. Kenosha County.  
June 7, 2000

by Steve Galarneau

WWTP and Stream Description

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Wisconsin Stream Classification System

The Wisconsin Stream Classification System provides a basis for making and supporting water quality management decisions. Surface waters require classification as part of Wisconsin's codified water quality standards so that water quality criteria for specific waters, and point source discharge effluent limits needed to maintain water quality standards, can be designated and regulated. Written guidelines for classifying Wisconsin's streams were first developed in 1982, "Stream Classification Guidelines For Wisconsin". Although these procedures were developed primarily for designating stream uses, they can be applied to any surface water for the purpose of designating water quality standards.

The Wisconsin's Stream Classification system describes the potential biological use of Wisconsin's streams. Although streams can be used for a variety of uses (i.e. recreation, food production, and wastewater assimilation), only those uses that can be described in terms of biological communities are considered. *Use* is defined by the biological community a surface water has the natural capacity to support. The stream classification system recognizes that not all streams have the capacity to support all forms of fish and other aquatic life communities due to natural limiting factors (i.e. stream size and depth, and water temperature), or culturally irreversible factors (i.e. dams and concrete channels). The differences in natural water quality and habitat can be measured or predicted and, along with biological data, form the basis for classifying surface waters into their appropriate biological use classifications.

The use classification in this system is also based on a surface water's *potential* to support a community type, (i.e., warm water sport fish), not necessarily on its *existing* biological community. Use classification based only on existing conditions could perpetuate non-attainment of potential uses by allowing continued discharge of inadequately treated effluent, and could inhibit efforts to manage other water quality problems such as nonpoint source sediment and nutrient impacts.

*Existing use* is defined by the fish and other aquatic life community currently living in a stream. The existing use is dependent upon current habitat and water quality conditions, and any natural or cultural impacts that may or may not be controllable. The existing use may or may not be the same as the classified use depending on the controllability of water quality and habitat impacts. *Potential use* is the fish and other aquatic life community that could exist in a stream following the removal or management of controllable impacts. The potential use can be different from the existing use where controllable impacts have degraded habitat or water quality to the point that few fish and other aquatic life exist in a stream. Potential use is based on a stream's capacity to improve when controllable impacts are removed or properly managed. A stream's potential use is its designated classification and sets the standards for deriving water quality criteria and for calculating effluent limits needed to attain water quality standards **and** the potential use.

#### Previous Stream Classification for the Unnamed Tributary to Center Branch Des Plaines River

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#### **Stream Classification Survey – July 1998**

##### Fish Community Survey

Fish community data used in this stream class consisted of both historical fish collections made in 1965 and 1979 (Fago 1984) and electroshocking collections made during 1998 (Table 1). Historical fish collections recovered a total of 15 species from four fish collections made on the Center Branch Des Plaines River. These collections contained five sport species, the black bullhead, yellow bullhead, green sunfish, bluegill, and northern pike. The fish collection made during the 1998 survey recovered 11 species from a single site on the Center Branch. These included four sport fish with one species not collected during the historical survey. Five species in total, including two game fish species, were collected from a single site on the unnamed tributary to the Center Branch Des Plaines River (Table 1).

Table 1. Fish community for the unnamed tributary to the Center Branch Des Plaines and the Center Branch Des Plaines collected July 17, 1998.

| <b>Fish Species</b>   | <b>Ball Tolerance<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>Lyons IBI Tolerance<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>Center Branch Des Plaines River Historical Fish Collections (Fago 1984)</b> | <b>Center Branch Des Plaines River upstream of CTH MB</b> | <b>Unnamed tributary to Center Branch Des Plaines River upstream of CTH K</b> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| Black Bullhead        | Sport                             | N/A                                    | X  | 7   |   |
| Blackstripe Topminnow | N/A                               | N/A                                    | X  |   |   |
| Bluegill              | Sport                             | N/A                                    | X  | 1   |   |
| Bluntnose Minnow      | Tolerant                          | Tolerant                               |  | 12  |   |
| Iowa Darter           | Intolerant                        | Intolerant                             | X  |   |   |
| Brook Stickleback     | Tolerant                          | N/A                                    | X  | 3   | 1   |
| Central Stoneroller   | Intolerant                        | N/A                                    | X  |   |   |
| Central Mudminnow     | Very Tolerant                     | Tolerant                               | X  | 37  | 49  |
| Pirate Perch          | N/A                               | N/A                                    | X  |   |   |
| Creek Chub            | Tolerant                          | Tolerant                               | X  | 54  |   |
| Golden Shiner         | Tolerant                          | Tolerant                               | X  |   |   |
| Fathead Minnow        | Very Tolerant                     | Tolerant                               | X  | 4   | 17  |
| Green Sunfish         | Sport                             | Tolerant                               | X  | 44  | 21  |
| Johnny Darter         | Tolerant                          | N/A                                    |  | 11  |   |
| Northern Pike         | Sport                             | N/A                                    | X  |   |   |
| Yellow Bullhead       | Sport                             | Tolerant                               | X  |   |   |
| Large Mouth Bass      | Sport                             | N/A                                    |  | 5   | 7   |
| White Sucker          | Tolerant                          | Tolerant                               | X  | 8   |   |

<sup>1</sup> Ball (1982)

<sup>2</sup> Lyons (1992)

An Index of Biotic Integrity (IBI) (Lyons 1992) was calculated for both fish collection sites with ratings ranging from 34 (Fair) at the site on the Center Branch to 14 (very poor) from the unnamed tributary to the Center Branch (Table 2). These sites were limited from achieving a

higher classification due to the high number of tolerant fish, the lack of darter species and lithophylic (riffle) spawning species.

Habitat assessments were conducted at both fish collection sites using the Stream System Habitat Rating (SSHR) (Ball 1982) protocols. The SSHR provides a watershed wide perspective on riparian and instream habitat. SSHR scores ranged from 195 (Fair) from a site on the Center Branch Des Plaines to 209 (Poor) for the unnamed tributary to the Center Branch Des Plaines River (Table 2). The unnamed tributary to the Center Branch is habitat limited due to the extensive channelization, and the lack of pool habitat and adequate riffle depth. Water depth is limiting to fish communities.

Table 2. Fish community assessment station locations and habitat survey results for the Center Branch Des Plaines River and an unnamed tributary to the Center Branch sampled during July 17, 1998.

| STREAM   | SAMPLE SITE        | SSHR       | IBI            |
|--|--------------------|------------|----------------|
| Center Branch Des Plaines River                      | Upstream of CTH MB | Fair (193) | Fair (34)      |
| Unnamed tributary to Center Branch Des Plaines River | Upstream of CTH K  | Poor (209) | Very Poor (14) |

### Recommendations

Based on all of the available data, the **entire unnamed tributary to the Center Branch Des Plaines River (confluent at T1N R21E S2 NW NW) shall be classified as a Limited Forage Fish Community.** The **Center Branch Des Plaines River shall be classified as Full Fish and Aquatic Life Communities – Warmwater Sport Fish.** The existing fish communities support this classification. The fish community in the unnamed tributary is limited by existing habitat conditions, primarily the destruction of pool depth, coarse riffle substrates from historical channelization and low flows.

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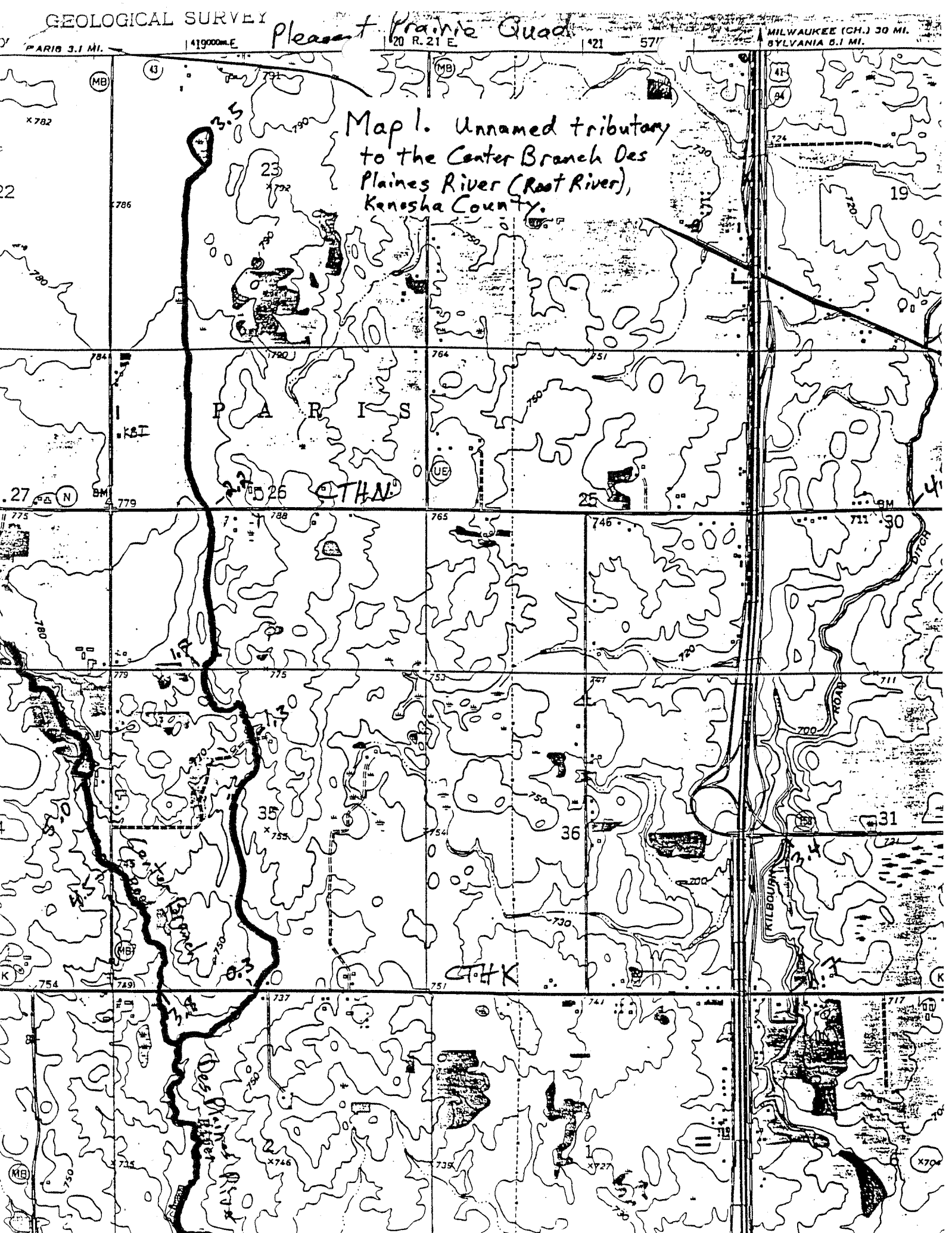
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Map 1. Unnamed tributary  
to the Center Branch Des  
Plaines River (Root River),  
Kenosha County.



IBI Calculator for Central and Southern WI

(REV. 6/8/2000)

Sample Date 07/17/1998

SITE Unnamed tributary to Center Branch Des Plaines River upstream of CTH K and downstream of KBI discharge

PERSONNEL

MATRIX

|                                  | VALUE    | SCORE |                                |           |
|----------------------------------|----------|-------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| total # of fish                  | 95       | n/a   | Equipment Type =               | Back Pack |
| total # of native spp.           | 5        | 0     | Stream width (m) =             | 3.66      |
| total # of darter spp.           | 0        | 0     | Ln stream width (m) =          | 1.3       |
| total # of sucker spp.           | 0        | 0     | Distance shocked (m) =         | 91        |
| <=8km from lake                  | n/a      |       |                                |           |
| total # of sunfish spp.          |          | 0     |                                |           |
| >8km from lake                   | n/a      |       |                                |           |
| total # of sunfish spp.          | 1        | 2     |                                |           |
| total # of intolerant spp.       | 0        | 0     |                                |           |
| total # of tolerant fish         | 87       | 0     | % of tolerant spp.             | 92        |
| total # of omnivores             | 17       | 10    | % of omnivorous spp.           | 18        |
| total # of insectivores          | 71       | 10    | % of insectivores              | 75        |
| total # of top carnivores        | 7        | 2     | % of carnivores                | 7         |
| total # of simple lithophils     | 0        | 0     | % of simple lithophilous       | 0         |
|                                  | subtotal | 24    | Correction Factors             |           |
| Correction Factors               |          | 14    | # of nontolerant fish per 300m | 26        |
| total # of DELT fish             | 0        | 14    | % DELT                         | 0         |
| Total after correction factors = |          | 14    |                                |           |
| IBI SCORE =                      |          | 14    |                                |           |

Biotic Integrity Rating

VERY POOR

# of fish Fish species

- 49 Central Mudminnow
- 21 Green Sunfish
- 17 Fathead Minnow
- 7 Largemouth Bass
- 1 Brook Stickleback

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Calculated number of fish per 150 m =                          | 157 |
| Game fish community: # of individuals / 150 m =                | 12  |
| Percent Non-game fish Intolerant to low dissolved oxygen (%) = | 0   |



IBI Calculator for Central and Southern WI

(REV. 6/8/2000)

Sample Date: 07/17/1998

SITE: Center Branch Des Plaines River upstream of OTH MB

PERSONNEL

MATRIX

|                              | VALUE                            | SCORE | Equipment Type =               | Back Pack |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| total # of fish              | 186                              | n/a   | Stream width (m) =             | 2.44      |
| total # of native spp.       | 11                               | 5     | Ln stream width (m) =          | 0.89      |
| total # of darter spp.       | 1                                | 2     | Distance shocked (m) =         | 91        |
| total # of sucker spp.       | 1                                | 2     |                                |           |
| <=8km from lake              | n/a                              |       |                                |           |
| total # of sunfish spp.      |                                  | 0     |                                |           |
| >8km from lake               | n/a                              |       |                                |           |
| total # of sunfish spp.      | 2                                | 10    |                                |           |
| total # of intolerant spp.   | 0                                | 0     |                                |           |
| total # of tolerant fish     | 159                              | 0     | % of tolerant spp.             | 85        |
| total # of omnivores         | 24                               | 10    | % of omnivorous spp.           | 13        |
| total # of insectivores      | 103                              | 5     | % of insectivores              | 55        |
| total # of top carnivores    | 5                                | 0     | % of carnivores                | 3         |
| total # of simple lithophils | 8                                | 0     | % of simple lithophilous       | 4         |
|                              | subtotal                         | 34    | Correction Factors             |           |
| Correction Factors           |                                  | 34    | # of nontolerant fish per 300m | 89        |
| total # of DELT fish         | 0                                | 34    | % DELT                         | 0         |
|                              | Total after correction factors = | 34    |                                |           |
|                              | IBI SCORE =                      | 34    |                                |           |

Biotic Integrity Rating

FAIR

# of fish Fish species

\*\* STREAM WIDTH BELOW IBI MODEL CALIBRATION (<2.5m or 8.2 ft.)

- 54 Creek Chub
- 44 Green Sunfish
- 37 Central Mudminnow
- 12 Bluntnose Minnow
- 11 Johnny Darter
- 8 White Sucker
- 7 Black Bullhead
- 5 Largemouth Bass
- 4 Fathead Minnow
- 3 Brook Stickleback
- 1 Bluegill

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Game fish cCalculated number of fish per 150 m =               | 307 |
| Game fish community: # of individuals / 150 m =                | 21  |
| Percent Non-game fish Intolerant to low dissolved oxygen (%) = | 90  |

# CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

State of Wisconsin  
Department of Natural Resources

DATE: January 5, 1998

FILE REF: 3200

TO: Stream Classification File

FROM: Steve Galarneau Water Quality Biologist / SER



SUBJECT: Stream Classification for the Unnamed Tributary to Center Branch Des Plaines River

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## Recommendations for the First NR 104 Update for the Unnamed Tributary to the Center Branch Des Plaines River

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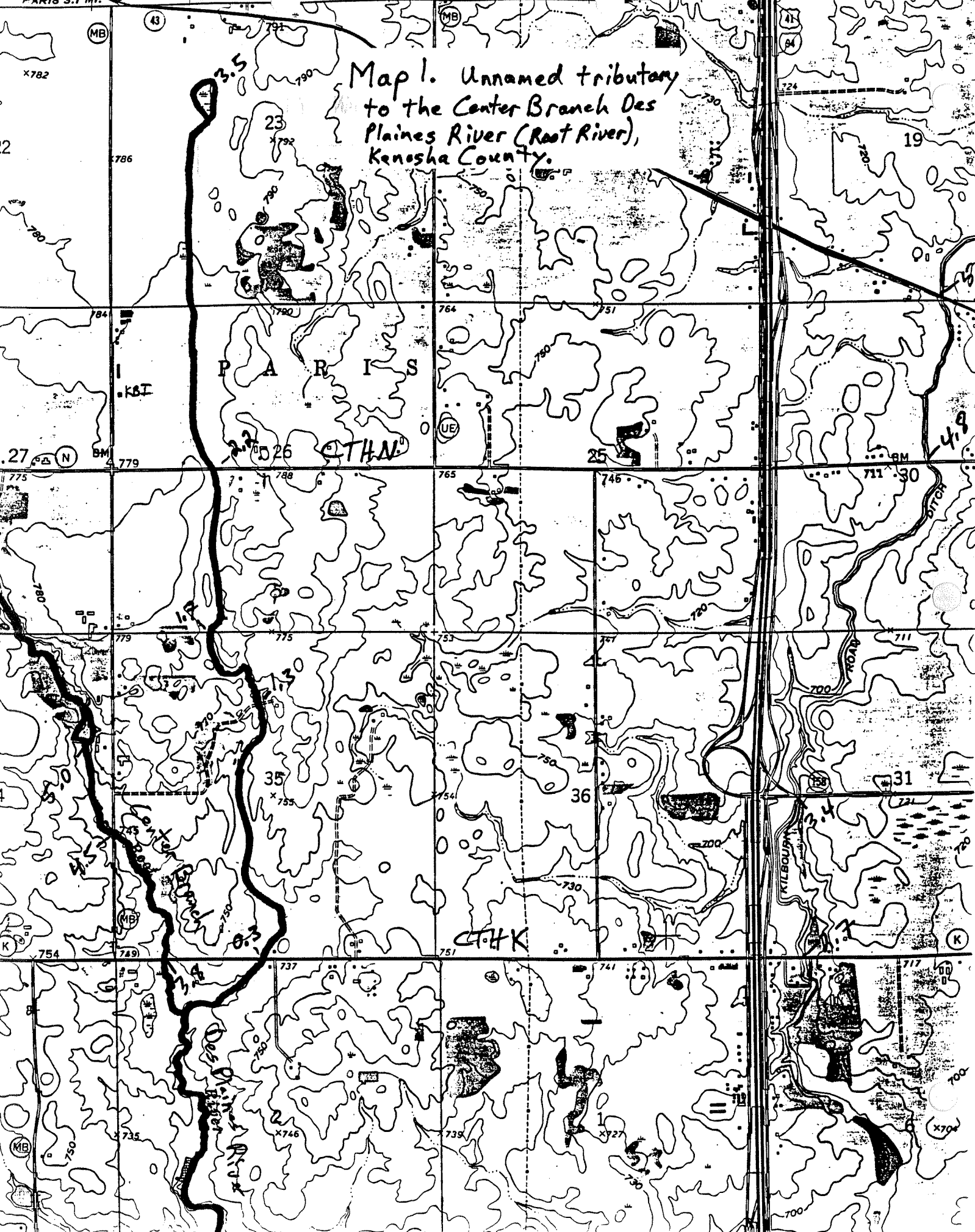
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Map 1. Unnamed tributary to the Center Branch Des Plaines River (Root River), Kenosha County.

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Des Plaines River

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Stream Classification for a Tributary to the Des Plaines River - Center Branch (Kenosha Beef International)

The tributary of concern discharges to the Des Plaines River - Center Branch in T1N, R21E, Section 2, NW NW and is part of the Des Plaines River drainage basin. The land use in the tributary's watershed is primarily agricultural. A stream classification of this tributary was conducted on July 20, 1982.

The stream originated from a small wetland in T2N, R21E, Section 23, SE NW and flows southward. The majority of the stream channel has been straightened and acts primarily as a drainage ditch for the wetland and surrounding area. The estimated discharge of the tributary during low flow is <0.1 cfs.

No aquatic biota was observed in the tributary at CTH "N", however at CTH "K" numerous minnow schools were observed. No identification was made of the minnow species. Also observed at CTH "K" were various tolerant macroinvertebrates belonging to the families Hydropsychidae, Chironomidae and Hydroptilidae. Of interest was the observed absence of Asellus, a very tolerant organism normally present in small, warm-water streams. The substrate in the tributary, which consists primarily of sand and silt, is not conducive to a wide diversity of macroinvertebrates. Filamentous algae was observed at CTH "K" but was not in nuisance proportions. It was the only observed aquatic plant life in the tributary.

The Des Plaines River - Center Branch, in the vicinity of the tributary confluence, is a very turbid stream. The primary land use in the area is agriculture. No low flow information is available for this stream. Fish species collected from this stream in May, 1979 include several sport fish and tolerant forage fish species.

Based on the observed stream conditions and fish distribution information the following stream classifications are recommended:

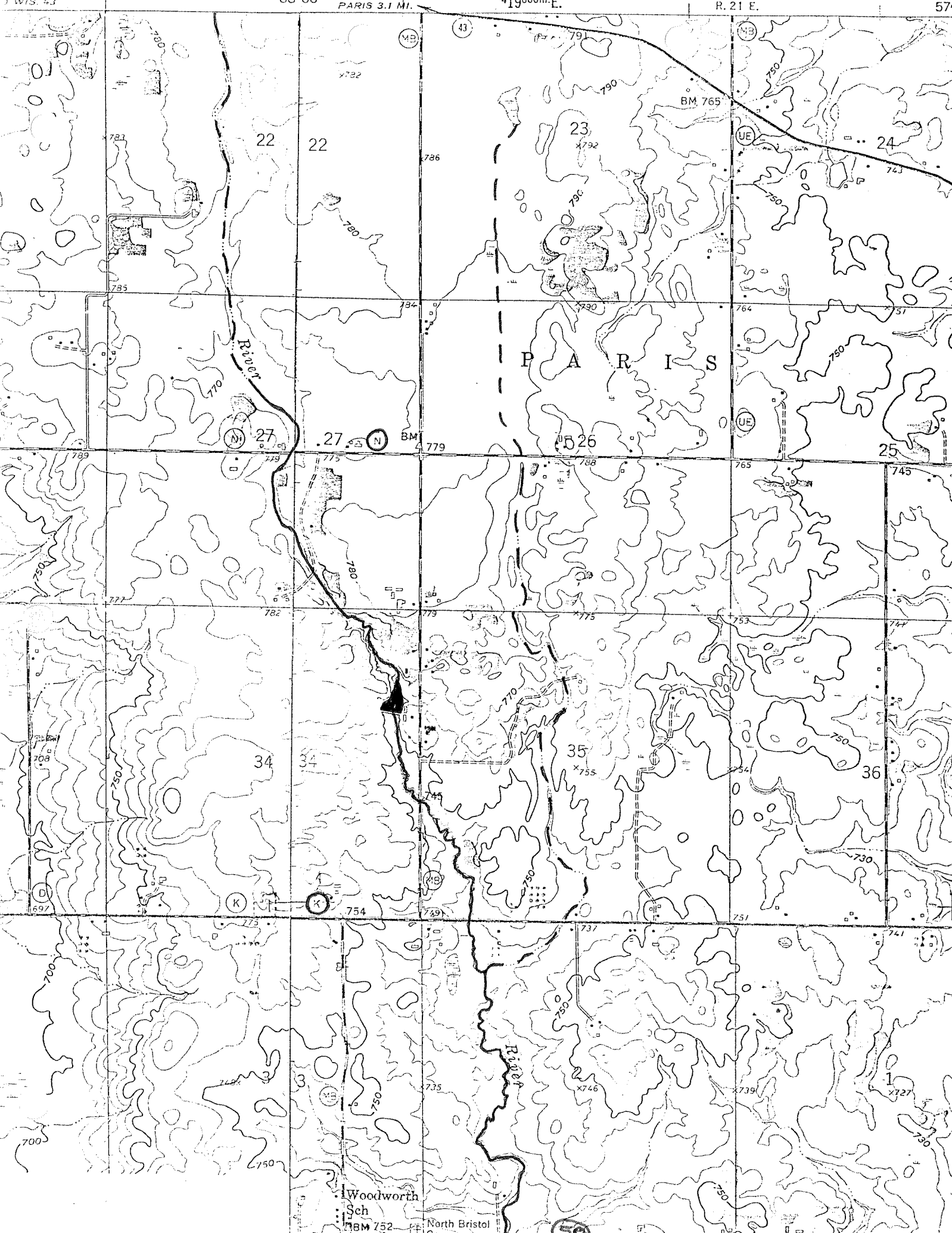
- 1) The tributary at CTH "N" is capable of supporting very tolerant macroinvertebrates (Use Class E or marginal fish and aquatic life).

- 2) The tributary at CTH "K" is capable of supporting tolerant forage fish and macroinvertebrates (Use Class D or intermediate fish and aquatic life).
- 3) The Des Plaines River - Center Branch, downstream of CTH "N" is capable of supporting warmwater sport fish (Use Class B or full fish and aquatic life).

No attempt was made to actually delineate where Use Class E ends and Use Class D begins in the tributary.

JK:jm

cc: Dan Moran - WRM/2 ←  
Dave Olig - WW/2  
SED Wastewater Section



Des Plaines River Drainage Basin Fish Distribution Data

DES PLAINES RIVER - CENTER BRANCH @ CTH "N"

5/09/79

Fathead minnow - 19  
Black bullhead - 12  
Green sunfish - 8

DES PLAINES RIVER - CENTER BRANCH @ CTH "K"

5/10/79

|                                 |                     |                         |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Central mudminnow - 5           | Northern pike - 3   | Central stoneroller - 3 |
| Golden shiner - 1               | Fathead minnow - 12 | Creek chub - 11         |
| White sucker - 41               | Black bullhead - 2  | Green sunfish - 15      |
| Green sunfish X<br>bluegill - 1 |                     |                         |

DES PLAINES RIVER - CENTER BRANCH @ STH 50

5/09/79

|                        |                     |                         |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Central mudminnow - 13 | Fathead minnow - 16 | Central stoneroller - 1 |
| Creek chub - 22        | White sucker - 12   | Black bullhead - 5      |
| Yellow bullhead - 2    | Green sunfish - 33  | Bluegill - 7            |



tributary to  
Des Plaines R.

STREAM SYSTEM HABITAT RATING FORM

Stream Center Branch Reach Location @ CTH "N"

Reach Score/Rating 151

County Kanawha Date 7/20/82 Evaluator J. Kurtz

Classification E - Marginal Fish & Aquatic Life

| Rating Item                       | Category   |   |   |   |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|---|
|                                   | Excellent  | Good  | Fair  | Poor  |
| 1. Watershed Erosion              | No evidence of significant erosion. Stable forest or grass land. Little potential for future erosion. <b>8</b> | Some erosion evident. No significant "raw" areas. Good land mgmt. practices in area. Low potential for significant erosion. <b>10</b> | Moderate erosion evident. Erosion from heavy storm events obvious. Some "raw" areas. Potential for significant erosion. <b>14</b> | Heavy erosion evident. Probable erosion from any runoff. <b>15</b>  |
| 2. Watershed Nonpoint Source      | No evidence of significant source. Little potential for future problem. <b>4</b>                               | Some potential sources. (roads, urban area, <u>farm fields</u> ). <b>8</b>  | Moderate sources. (Small wetlands, tile fields, urban area, intense agriculture). <b>15</b>                                       | Obvious sources. (Major wetland drainage, high use urban or industrial area, feed lots, impoundment). <b>20</b> |
| 3. Bank Erosion, Failure          | No evidence of significant erosion or bank failure. Little potential for future problem. <b>6</b>              | Infrequent, small areas, mostly healed over. Some potential in extreme floods. <b>9</b>   | Moderate frequency and size. Some "raw" spots. Erosion potential during high flow. <b>15</b>                                      | Many eroded areas. "Raw" areas frequent along straight sections and bends. <b>18</b>                            |
| 4. Bank Vegetative Protection     | 90% plant density. Diverse trees, shrubs, grass. Plants healthy with apparently good root system. <b>6</b>     | 70-90% density. Fewer plant species. A few barren or thin areas. Vegetation appears generally healthy. <b>9</b>                       | 50-70% density. Dominated by grass, sparse trees and shrubs. Plant types and conditions suggest poorer soil binding. <b>15</b>    | <50% density. Many raw areas. Thin grass, few if any trees and shrubs. <b>18</b>                                |
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STREAM SYSTEM HABITAT RATING FORM

Tributary to  
Des Plaines R. -  
Stream Center Reach Location @ CTN "K"  
Branch  
County Kewasha Date 2/20/82 Evaluator J. Kusz

Reach Score/Rating 15/

Classification D - Intermediate Fish & Aquatic Life

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STREAM SYSTEM HABITAT RATING FORM

Stream Des Plaines R. -  
Center Branch Reach Location @ CTH "K"

Reach Score/Rating 126

County Kenosha Date 7/20/83 Evaluator J. Kurtz

Classification B- Full Fish & Aquatic Life

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# CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

12 1982  
STATE OF WISCONSIN

Date: December 7, 1982  
To: Central Office - Madison

File Ref: 3200  
→ (Jim Schmidt - WRM/2)

From: Joe Kurz JEK

Subject: Kenosha Beef International

This memo is a follow-up to a phone conversation with Dave Olig (IWW) held on November 19, 1982, on a field investigation of the Kenosha Beef International tributary to the Center Branch of the Des Plaines River. The investigation was conducted by Rick Randall of our staff to determine a more precise point in the stream where a change in the stream classification occurs from marginal to intermediate fish and aquatic life.

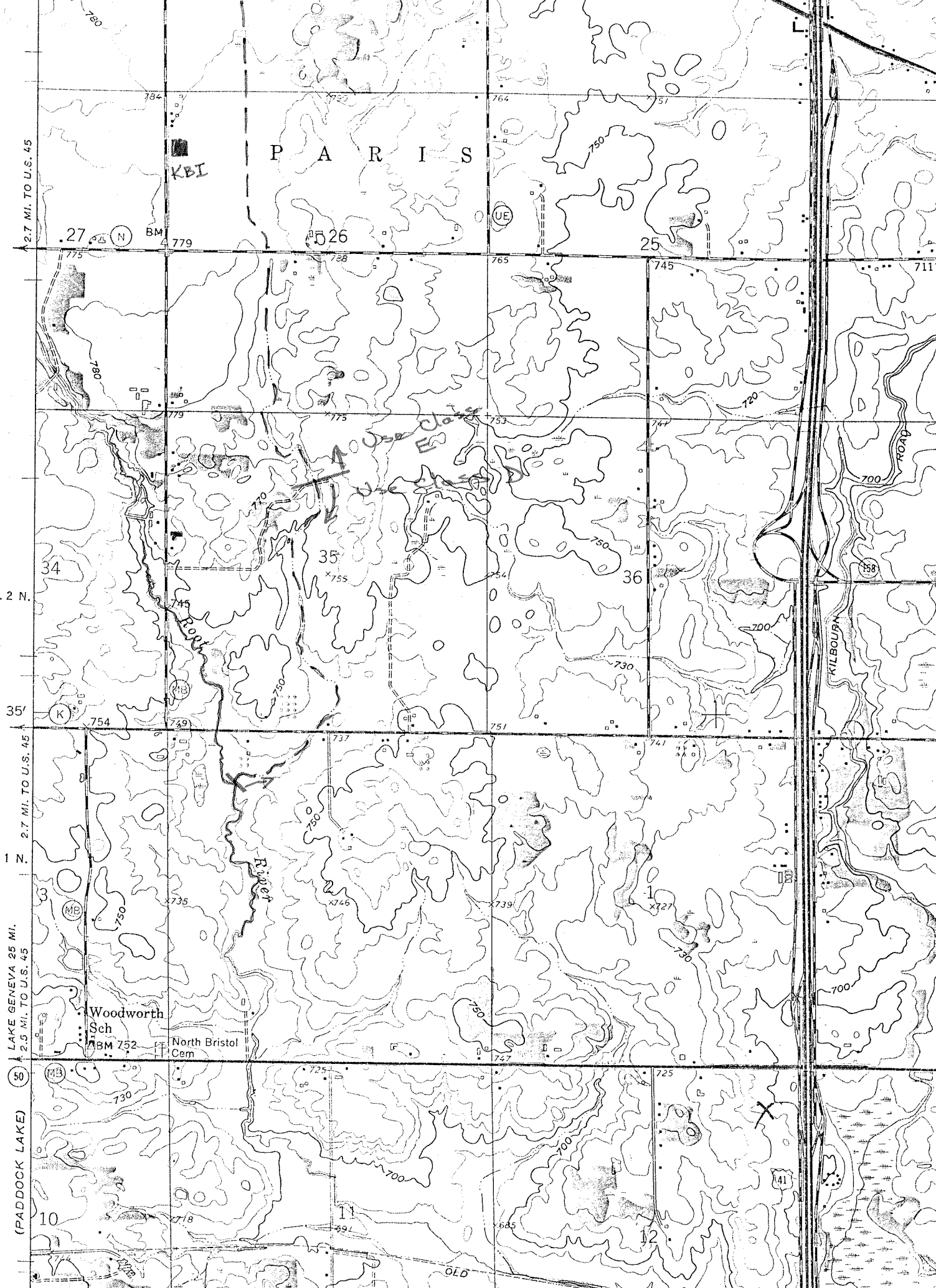
The following observations were made by Rick:

- 1) @ Hwy. "K" - minnows were observed.
- 2) 0.5 - 0.75 miles above Hwy. "K" @ farm bridge crossing - no fish were observed but numerous tolerant macroinvertebrates were present; good riffle-pool ratio; moderate current (slope is ~ 30 ft./mile at this point); natural meandering channel; substrate is sand, gravel and silt.
- 3) Upstream of farm bridge - bridge obstructs stream flow; channel less defined, more of wetland area; significant non-point source area; no fish observed; few tolerant amphipods.

Based on the observed stream conditions and aquatic biota, the following revision to the July 20, 1982 classification is recommended: Use Class E (marginal fish and aquatic life) from the headwaters downstream to the farm bridge in Section 35 (see map) and Use Class D (intermediate fish and aquatic life) from the farm bridge downstream to the confluence with the Center Branch of the Des Plaines River.

JK:jm

cc: Dan Moran - WRM/2  
Dave Olig - WW/2  
Frank Schultz



2.7 MI. TO U.S. 45

PARIS

KBI

27

N

BM 779

526

25

T. 2 N.

34

35

36

35'

K

754

739

751

T. 1 N.

2.7 MI. TO U.S. 45

LAKE GENEVA 25 MI.  
2.5 MI. TO U.S. 45

Woodworth Sch

BM 752

North Bristol Cem

50

ME

730

735

750

X746

739

X727

700

(PADDOCK LAKE)

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OLD



# WINNESHAW BEEF INT'L - 10/23/82

1) KBI TRIB. LOOKING  
NORTH OF CTH 'N'

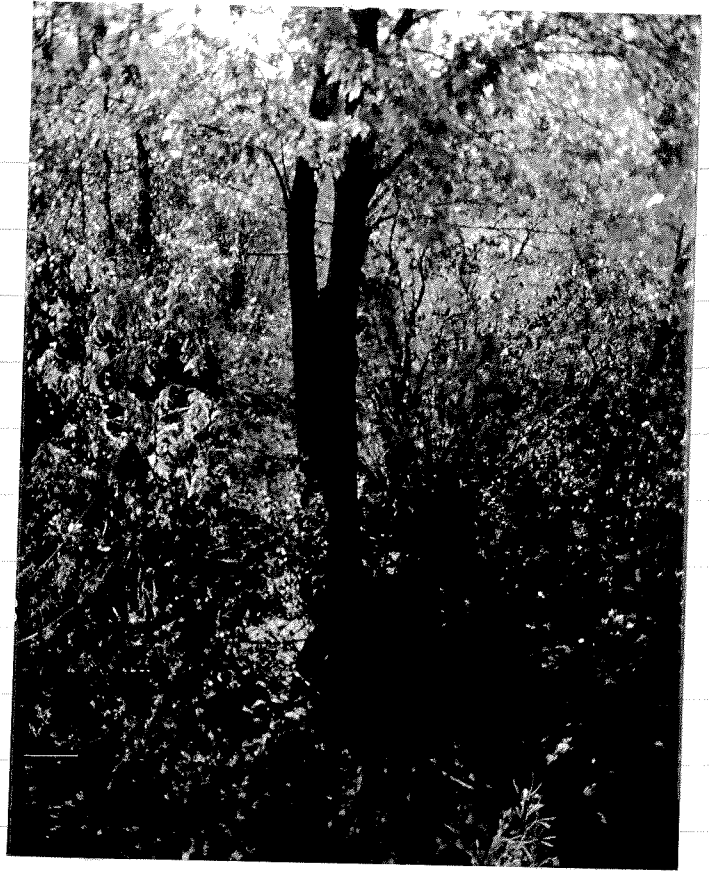
ESSENTIALLY FLAT AREA,  
FIELDS ON BOTH SIDES.  
DENSE PLANT GROWTH AROUND  
TRIB, IS CLASSIFIED MARGINAL,  
WHITE BUILDING IN DISTANCE  
IS KBI



2) SAME PICTURE AS ABOVE,  
FROM NORTH SIDE OF ROAD,  
CORN FIELDS IN DISTANCE ON  
WEST SIDE, STREAM VISIBLE  
ONLY IN DISTANCE.



4) TRIB IMMEDIATELY  
BELOW 'N.' LESS GRASS  
GROWTH, MORE OPEN WATER,  
BUT MORE TREES, SO IT'S  
MAINLY SHADED. STILL MARGINAL  
HERE, CHANGES TO INT.  
BETWEEN 'N' and 'K'.  
EVIDENCE OF CHANNELIZED  
FLOW, FLOW INCREASE MUST BE  
CONSIDERABLE TO RESULT IN AN  
INCREASE IN STREAM WIDTH,



5) TRIB LOOKING NORTH  
FROM CTH 'K.' CLASSIFIED  
AS INTERMEDIATE HERE.  
PONDING AT BRIDGE, YOU  
SEE IT IS NARROWED  
(AND SLIGHTLY CHANNELIZED)  
FARTHER NORTH.

CONFLUENCE w/ CENTER BRANCH  
OF DES PLAINES  $\approx 1/3$  MI. BELOW 'K'.



FARM ON SOUTH SIDE OF  
ROAD w/ CATTLE, NO EVIDENCE OF SAME ON NORTH SIDE,



3) TRIB AT CULVERT  
UNDER CTH 'N'

SOMEWHERE DOWN THERE  
IS WATER, BUT GRASS  
IS VERY THICK.

STARRING- JIM SCHMIDT  
AS "THE SHADOW"