

Village of Lowell
Dodge County

January 24, 1977

Beaver Dam River - Surface Acres = 136.7 Miles, Miles = 28.2, Gradient = 2.7 feet per mile.

The major river draining the northwestern portion of Dodge County. From its start at Beaver Dam Lake, it flows south to its junction with the Crawfish River south of Mud Lake, altogether draining an area of 297 square miles. A low gradient and fluctuating water levels complicate management, as during dry spells flow may be eliminated completely. The resultant pools become choked with profuse growths of vegetation. The fishery consists mainly of carp and bullheads, with some northern pike. During the spring spawning run, walleye and northern pike move up from the Crawfish River as far as Lowell, where a dam restricts further movement.

Recommendations

The Beaver Dam River in its entirety should be classified as continuous fish and aquatic life.

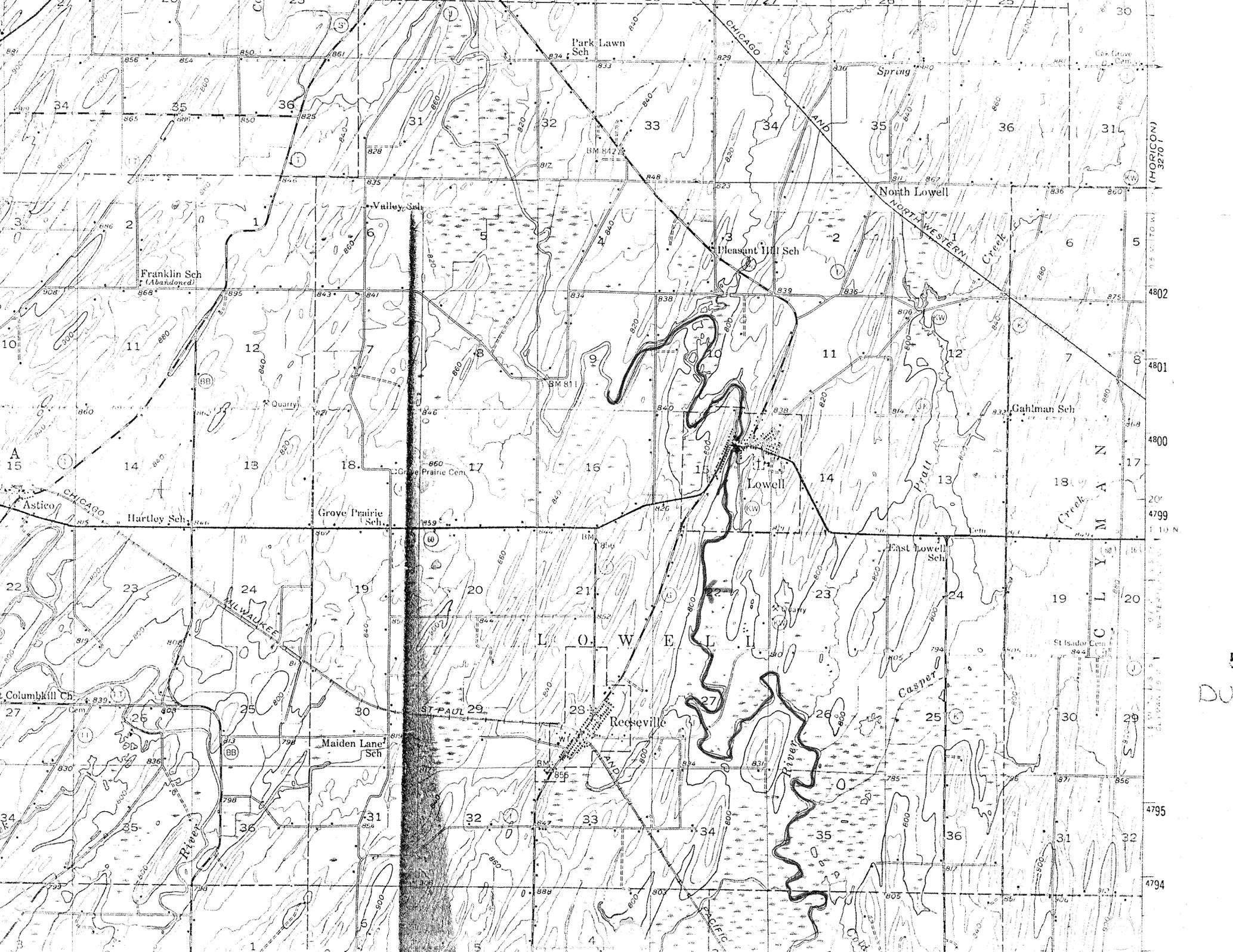
The above recommendations represent a concurrence of opinion of the stream classification team who are as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,


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