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St. Johns County, FL
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RESOLUTION NO. 2006- 43

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE COURTS, UNDER SECTION 95.361, FLORIDA STATUTES TO FILE THE SURVEY MAP FOR HILL TOP ROAD, CLAIMING A VESTED INTEREST IN THE ROAD DESCRIBED IN THE SURVEY MAP, AND/OR ESTABLISHING A PRESCRIPTIVE EASEMENT IN THE SAME RIGHTS-OF-WAY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN DOWNING V. BIRD, 100 SO.2D 57 (FLA. 1958)

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida have instructed staff to obtain documentation in order to justify continued County maintenance of roads that are neither dedicated to St. Johns County, nor are owned by St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, Hill Top Road, as described in attached and incorporated Exhibit A, which is the Survey Map, and which is a road that County staff has documented as warranting continued County maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Section 95.361, Florida Statutes details the procedure for a local government to claim a vested interest in a road not constructed by the local government; and

WHEREAS, the procedure set forth in Section 95.361, Florida Statutes, is as follows:

- 1) the road has been constructed by a non-governmental entity, or not constructed by the entity currently maintaining or repairing the road;
- 2) the road has been maintained and/or repaired for the immediate past twenty seven (27) years by the County; and

WHEREAS, under the criteria set forth in Section 95.361, Florida Statutes, such road shall be deemed dedicated to the County, to the extent of the width of the road being varying in width as shown in the survey that actually has been maintained or repaired for the prescribed period, whether or not such road has been formally established as a public highway; and

WHEREAS, the filing of the Survey Map with the Clerk of the Courts of St. Johns County, pursuant to Section 95.361, Florida Statutes, by St. Johns County serves as prima facie evidence of ownership of Hill Top Road, as shown in the survey that is included as Exhibit A, attached hereto, and incorporated herein; and

*For let - P. Segura
BCC Secty*

WHEREAS, in Downing v. Bird, 100 So.2d 57 (Fla. 1958), the Florida Supreme Court set forth separate criteria in which a public entity (such as the County), may establish, claim, and maintain a prescriptive easement on certain property; and

WHEREAS, the criteria set forth in Downing v. Bird, supra, is as follows:

- 1) actual, continuous, uninterrupted use by the public entity for the full prescriptive period of twenty (20) years;
- 2) that the use be adverse under a claim of right, and either be with the actual knowledge of the owner, or so open, notorious, and visible that knowledge of the use is imputed to the owner;
- 3) that such use be inconsistent with the owner's use and enjoyment of his land, and must not be a permissive use; and
- 4) that such use be related to a certain limited and defined area of land, or if for a right-of-way, the use be of a definite route with a reasonably certain line, width, and termini; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County can demonstrate that **Hill Top Road**, meets each of the criteria, set forth in Downing v. Bird, supra; and

WHEREAS, the public entity has been continuously using **Hill Top Road** without permission of the underlying land owners for in excess of twenty seven (27) years; and

WHEREAS, County Road and Bridge Supervisor, **Billy Tedder**, has stated in an affidavit (attached and incorporated as **Exhibit B**) that the County has been responsible for maintaining **Hill Top Road**, for the last twenty seven (27) years; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County can demonstrate that St. Johns County's actions meet the criteria set forth in both/either Section 95.361, Florida Statutes, and/or Downing v. Bird, 100 So.2d 57 (Fla. 1958), with respect to establishing either statutory dedication, or a prescriptive easement over the above-noted, and described **Hill Top Road**; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of St. Johns County to establish its existing ownership of **Hill Top Road**, under either statutory dedication or prescriptive easement, and that such acquisition will benefit the citizens of St. Johns County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution, and such Recitals are adopted as Findings of Fact.

Section 2. The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and Clerk of the Courts are hereby authorized to file the attached **Survey Map of Hill Top Road**, in the Public Records of St. Johns County, Florida.

Section 3. The Clerk is instructed to record this Resolution in the Public Records of St. Johns County, Florida.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 21st day of Feb., 2006.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: James E. Bryant
James E. Bryant, Chair

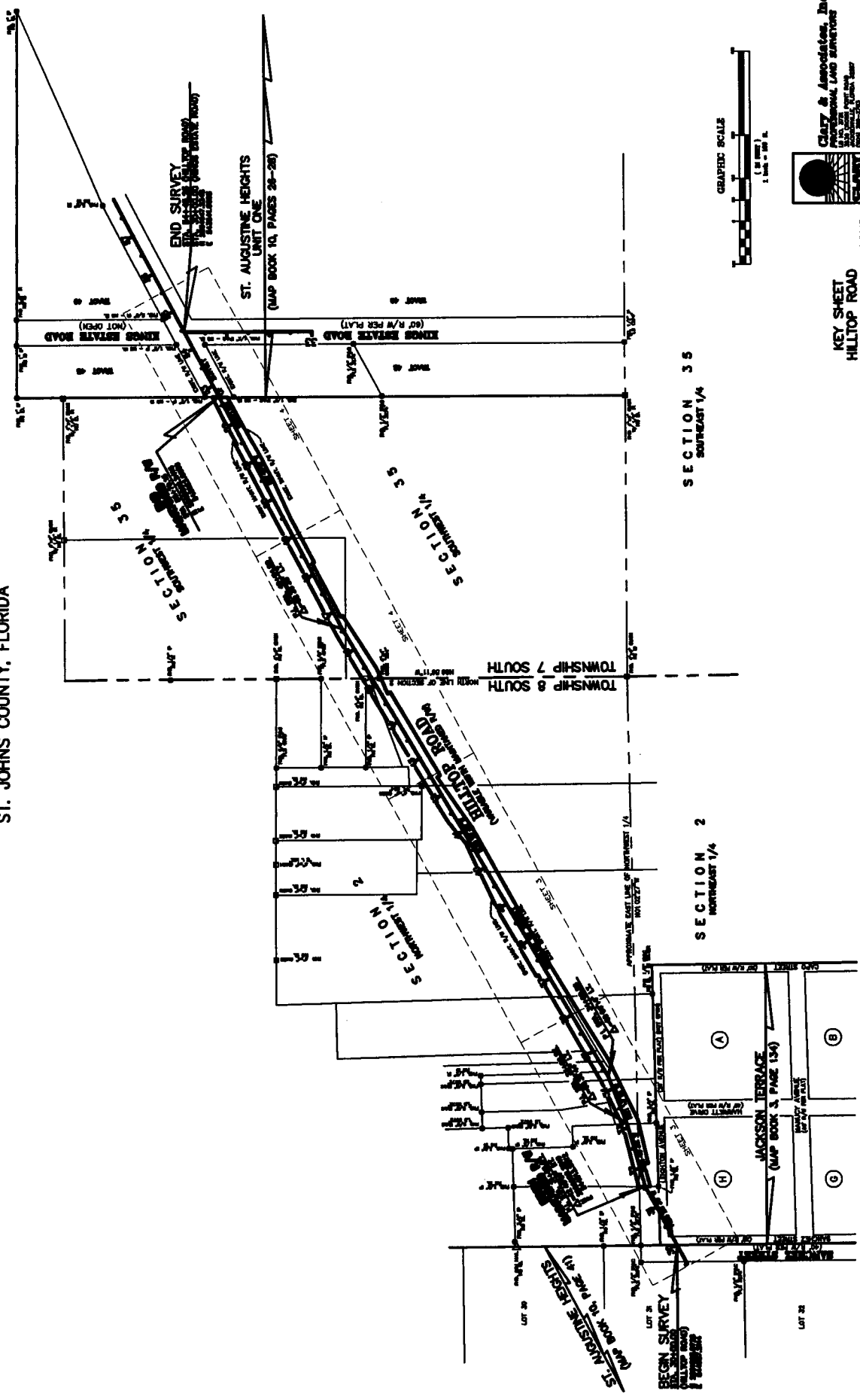
ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

Cheryl Strickland
Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 2-23-06



TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST,
 TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST,
 ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA



KEY SHEET
 HILLTOP ROAD
 FROM SHERWOOD STREET TO KINGS ESTATE ROAD
 COUNTY PROJECT NO. N/A
 ST. JOHNS COUNTY
 SECTION N/A

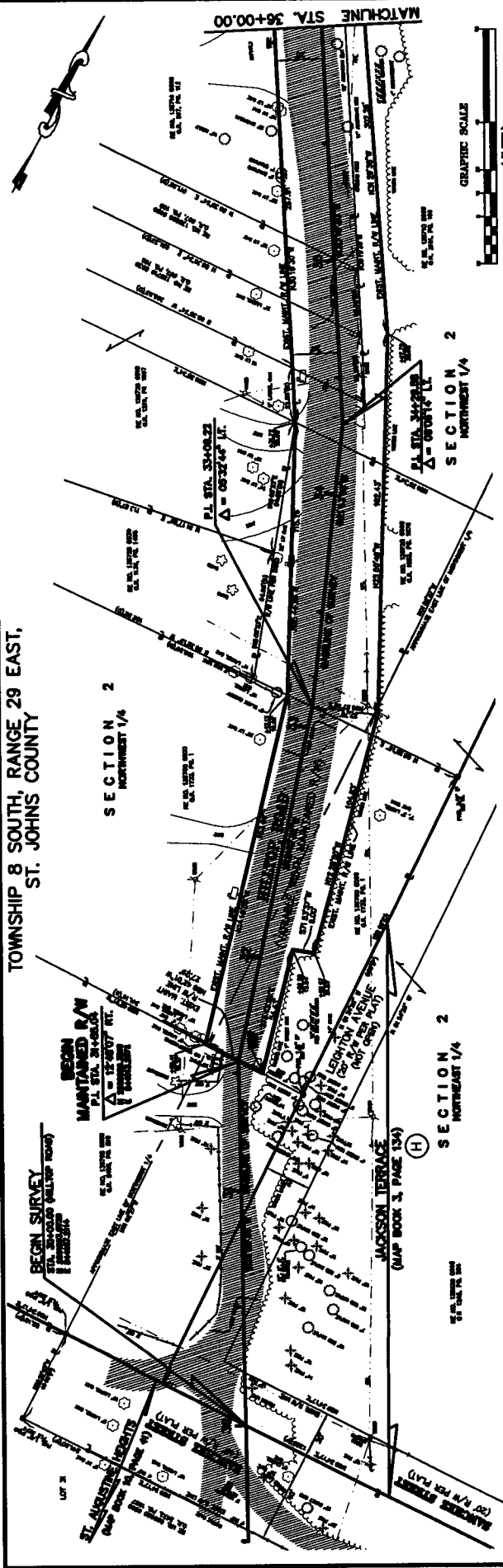
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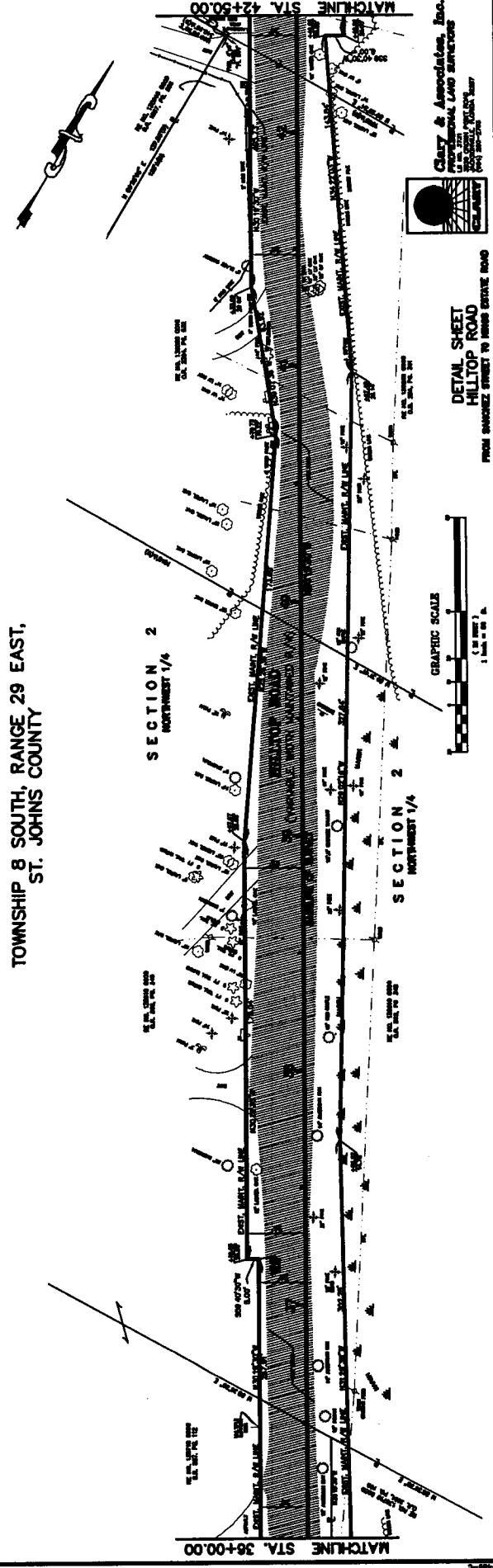
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MAINTENANCE MAP
 COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS
 RIGHT OF WAY MAPPING
 SHEET 2 OF 4

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST,
ST. JOHNS COUNTY



TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST,
ST. JOHNS COUNTY



<p>MAINTENANCE MAP</p> <p>COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS RIGHT OF WAY MAPPING</p>	<p>PREPARED BY</p>	<p>DATE</p>
	<p>PROJECT NO. N/A</p> <p>COUNTY PROJECT NO. N/A</p> <p>FROM BARNEZ STREET TO HILLSIDE DRIVE</p>	<p>ST. JOHNS COUNTY</p>
<p>DETAIL SHEET HILLTOP ROAD</p>	<p>SCALE: 1" = 40'</p>	<p>SHEET 3 OF 3</p>

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 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32202
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TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST,
TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST,
ST. JOHNS COUNTY

SECTION 35
SOUTHWEST 1/4

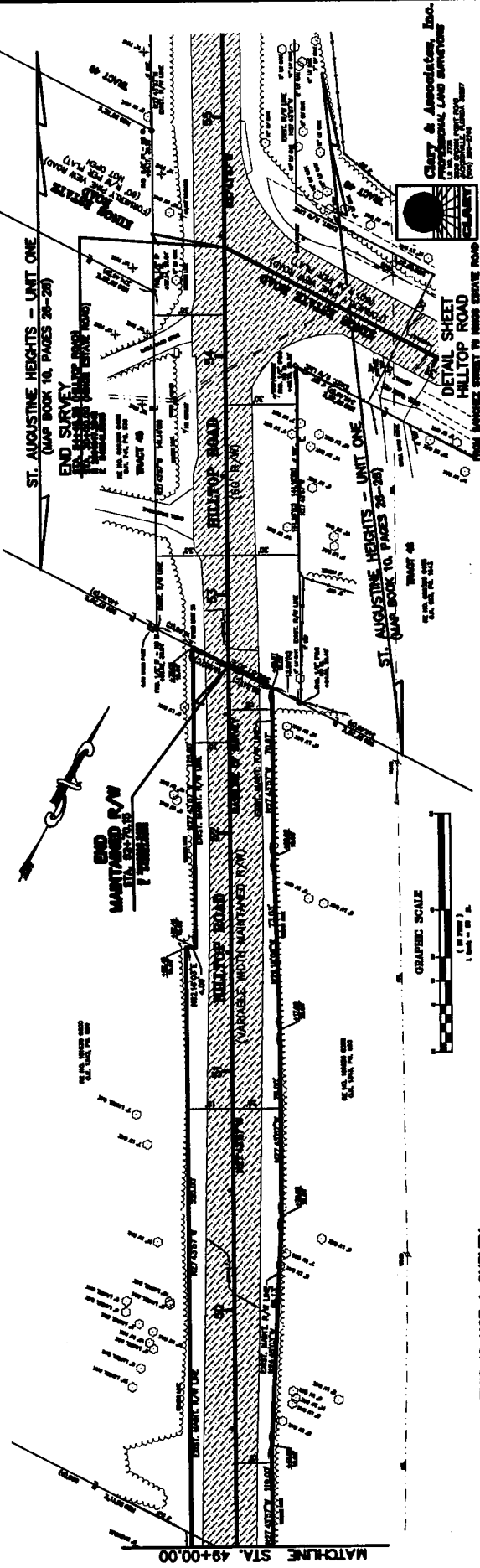
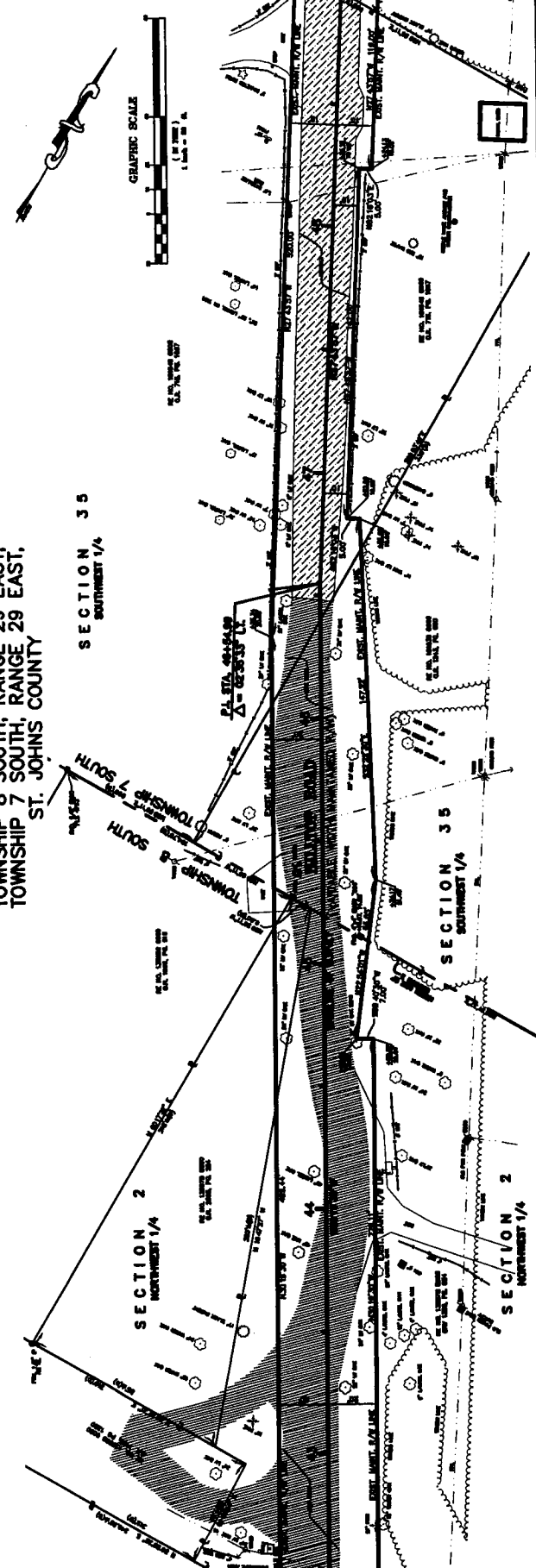
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NORTHWEST 1/4

SECTION 35
SOUTHWEST 1/4

SECTION 2
NORTHWEST 1/4

MATCHLINE STA. 49+00.00

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THIS IS NOT A SURVEY
COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS
RIGHT OF WAY MAPPING

MAINTENANCE MAP

ST. JOHNS COUNTY
HILLTOP ROAD

COUNTY PROJECT NO. N/A

FIELD BOOK NO. 3
DATE SURVEYED BY
CLARY & ASSOCIATES, INC.
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1000 W. 2ND STREET
MARIETTA, GA 30067
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SCALE 1" = 30'

SHEET 4 OF 4

EXHIBIT "B" TO RESOLUTION

AFFIDAVIT

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ST JOHNS**

On this day before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared **Billy Tedder**, Road and Bridge Supervisor, who being first by me duly sworn, deposes and says that the County has been maintaining **Hilltop Road** as shown on the attached map for the last 27 years and the public has continuously used the road during this time. This maintenance includes mowing, road grading and stabilization.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYEITH NAUGHT.

Billy Tedder
Billy Tedder

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS**

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 27th day of January, 2006 by Billy Tedder Road and Bridge Supervisor, who is personally known to me.

Jennifer Kinlaw
Notary Public

