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September 29, 2015

Mr. Ben Hark  
Environmental Section Head  
WV Division of Highways  
1334 Smith Street  
Charleston, WV 25301

RE: WV Route 2: New Cumberland, Hancock County  
State Project U215-2-6.20; Federal Project N/A  
FR#: 15-981-HK

Dear Mr. Hark;

We have reviewed the Phase IA archaeological technical report that was submitted for the above referenced project to determine potential effects to cultural resources. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

According to submitted information, the WV Division of Highways proposes to modify existing WV 2 where it currently passes through the city of New Cumberland, Hancock County, WV. It is our understanding that specific design of a preferred has not yet been developed.

Archeological Resources:

According to the technical report, the Phase 1A archaeological constraints investigations covered a general study area comprised of all of the proposed alternatives with the exception of the four-lane bypass. It is our understanding that the majority of the study area is located on a floodplain along the east bank of the Ohio River. Although much of the floodplain surface has been disturbed by modern development, the potential for buried archaeological deposits is unknown. Therefore, geomorphological investigations were conducted in addition to the background research in order to assess the need for deep testing of various landforms within the study area. Portions of the study area were found to be disturbed, wet or steeply sloped, including the steep slopes along Ridge Avenue in the northern and southern portions of the study area, the channelized Hardin Run stream channel, the former Ohio River backchannel, disturbances on the upland landform, and disturbance in the area of the bridge over Hardin Run. No further archaeological investigation is recommended for these areas.

The remainder of the study area was divided into four test area: the Ohio Floodplain Test Area, the Fill/Floodplain Test Area, the Hardin Run Test Area and the Ridge Test Area. Intact soils were identified in each of these areas at varying depths and often below surface disturbance. The report makes recommendations for field investigations in each of the test areas depending upon where the preferred alternative is located. Within the Ohio Floodplain and Fill/Floodplain Test Areas, deep testing

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is recommended beginning at the surface or at the base of any fill deposits. Methods used could include hand excavation of test units, mechanical excavation of trenches or a combination of both. Within the Hardin Run Test Area, recommendations are for the survey to investigate the modern ground surface to an approximate depth of 175.0 centimeters using a combination of shovel probe excavation with some form of deep testing. The report recommends shovel probe excavation for any portion of the preferred alternative that is located within the Ridge Test Area. We concur with the recommendations made and look forward to reviewing the Phase IB survey report once the preferred alternative have been selected.

Architectural Resources:

The submitted project materials do not address the proposed project's potential to affect architectural historic resources. We will provide comment upon receipt of this information

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have any questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please contact Lora A Lamarre-DeMott, Senior Archaeologist, at 304-558-0240.*

Sincerely,



Susan M. Pierce  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Office

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December 11, 2017

Jeffrey Lapp  
Associate Director  
Office of Environmental Programs  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Dear Mr. Lapp:

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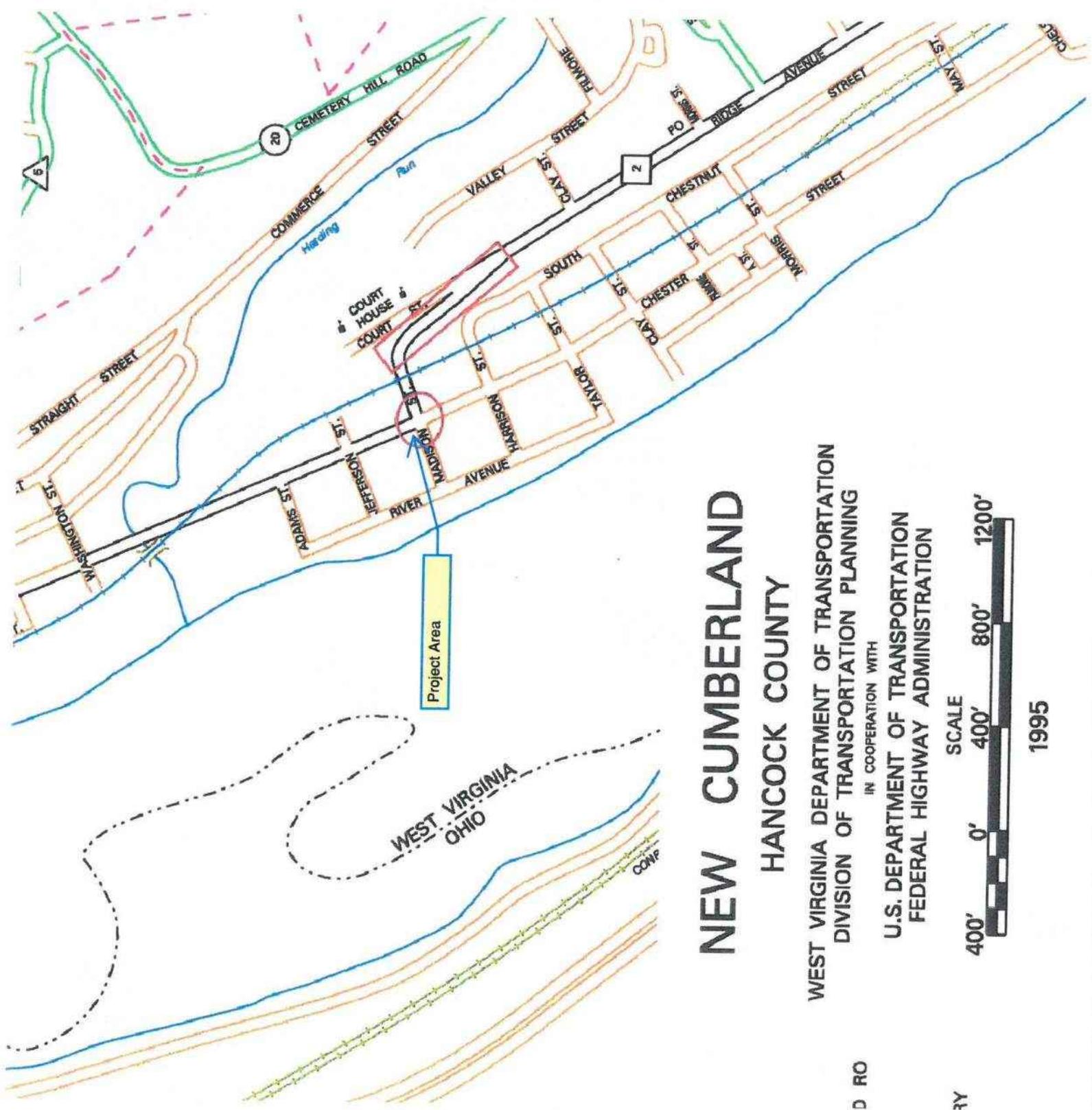
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Chief Regulatory Division  
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Huntington District  
502 Eighth Street  
Huntington, WV 25701-2070

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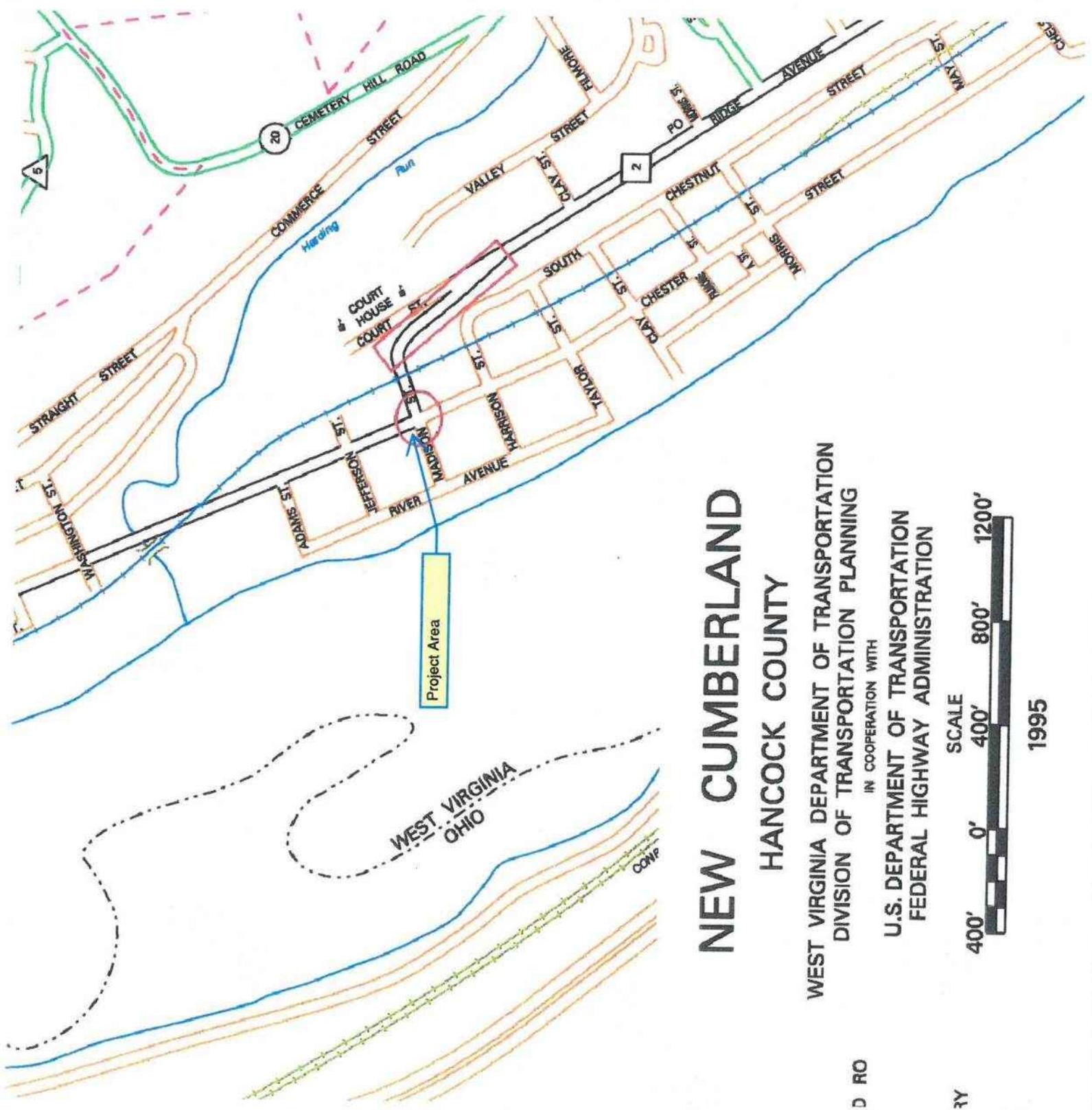
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John Schmidt  
Supervisor  
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Services  
West Virginia Field Office  
694 Beverly Pike  
Elkins, West Virginia 26241

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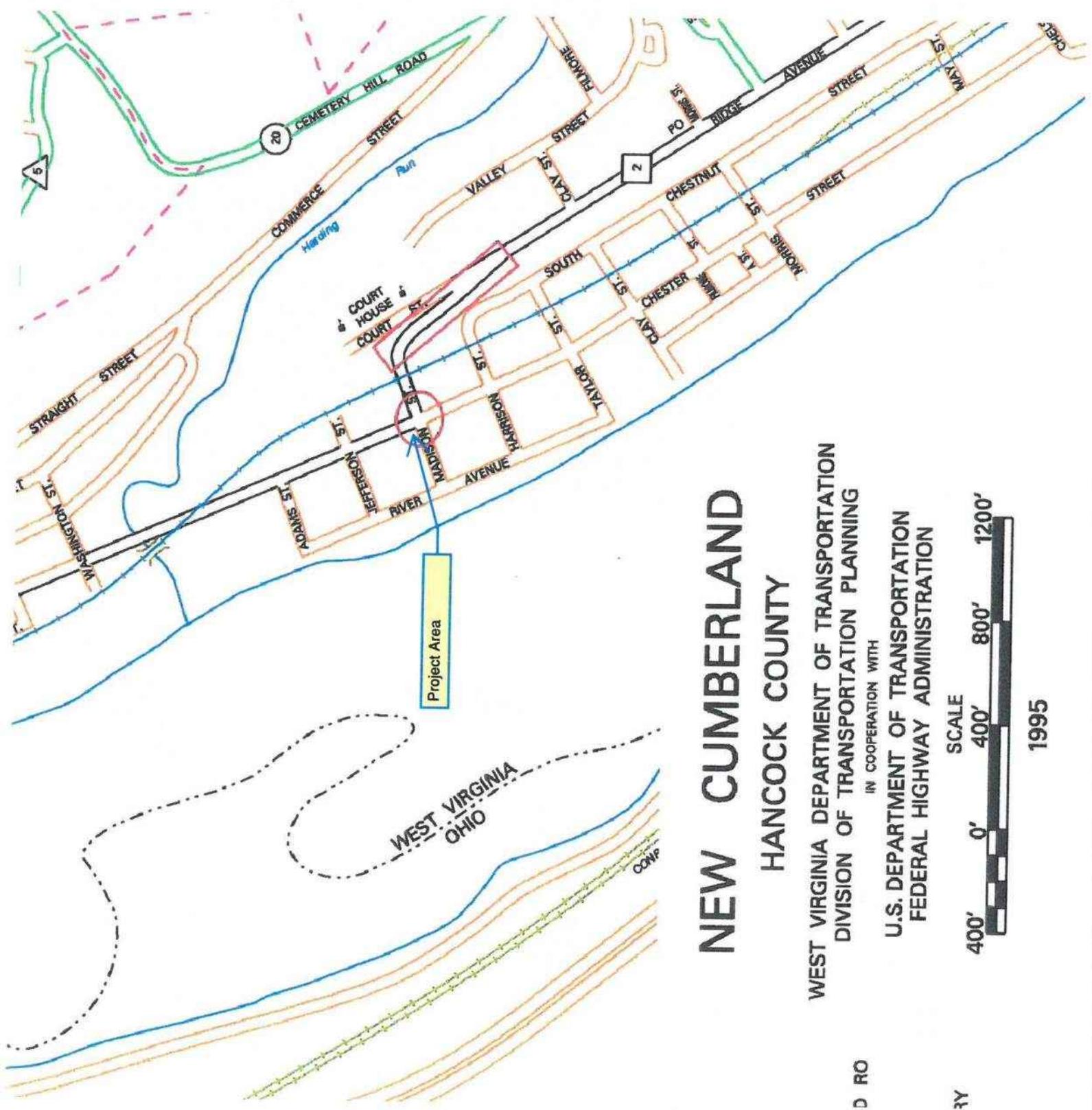
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Assistant State Conservationist-Programs  
U. S. Department of Agriculture  
1550 Earl Coe Road, Suite 200  
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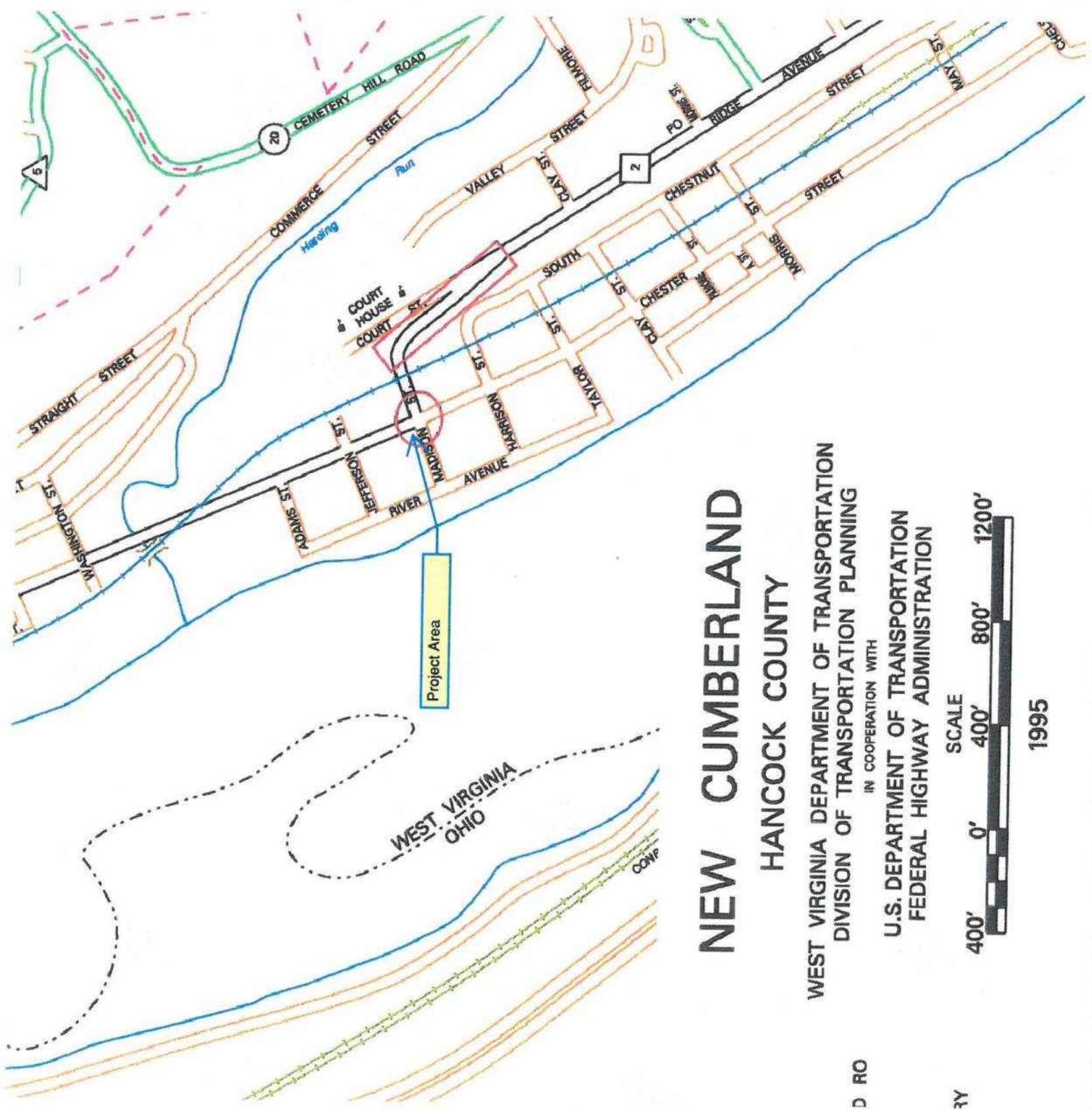
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Mary Ann Tierney  
Regional Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Region III  
615 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106

Dear Ms. Tierney:

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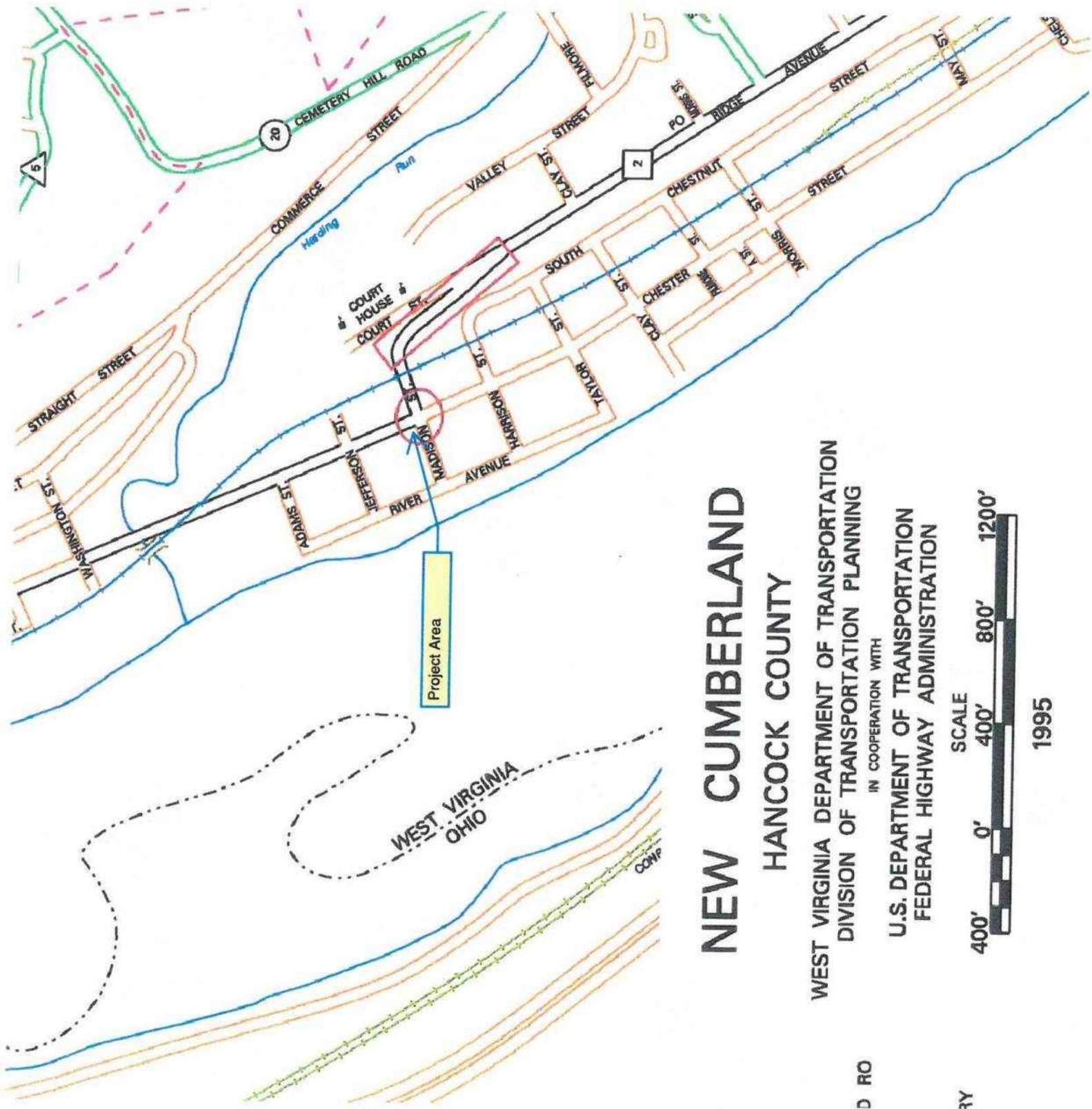
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Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
Seneca – Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma  
23701 South 655 Road  
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Dear Tribal Historic Preservation Officer:

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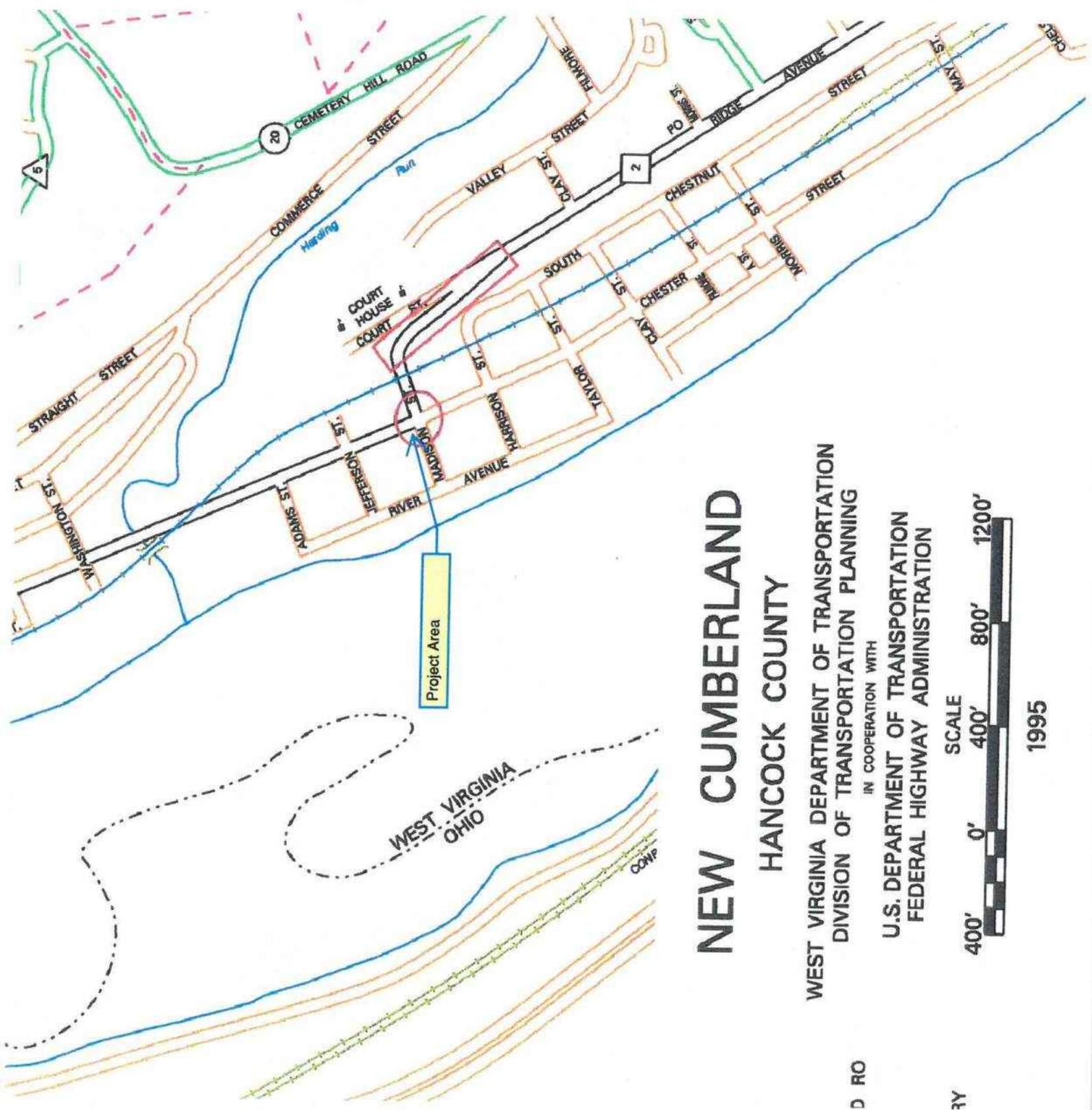
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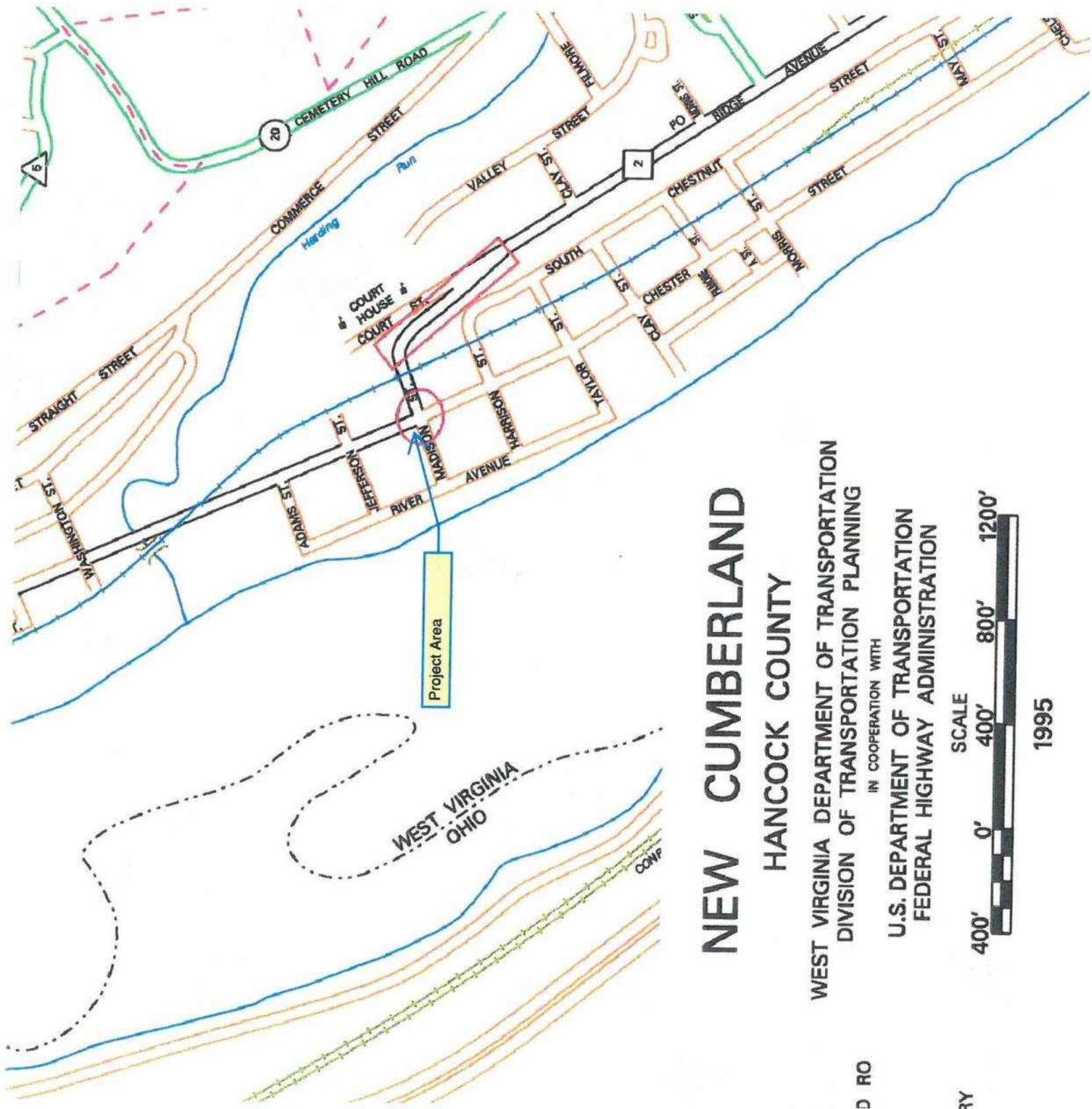
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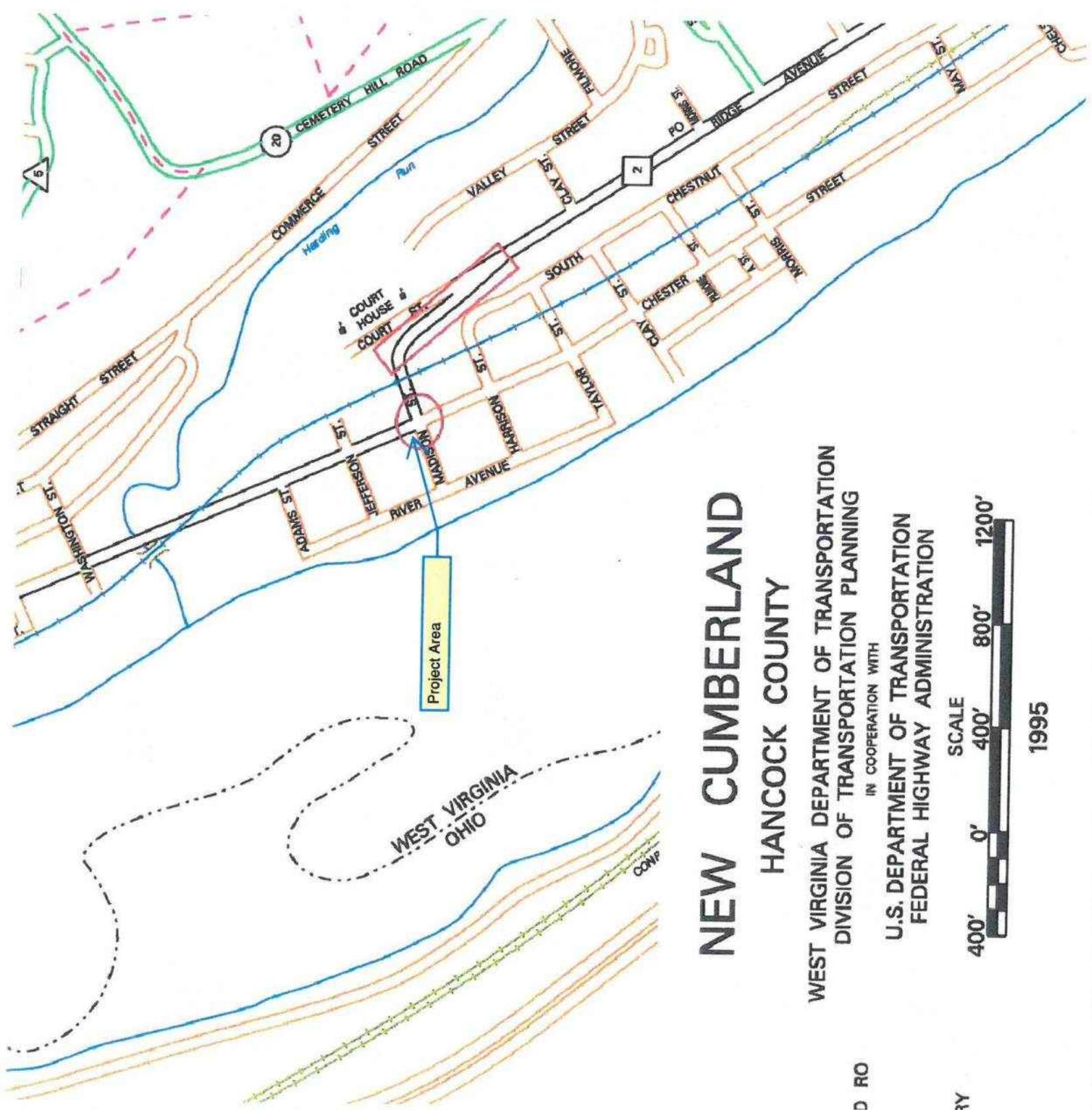
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Stephen McDaniel  
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Natural Resources  
Building 74  
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South Charleston, WV 25303

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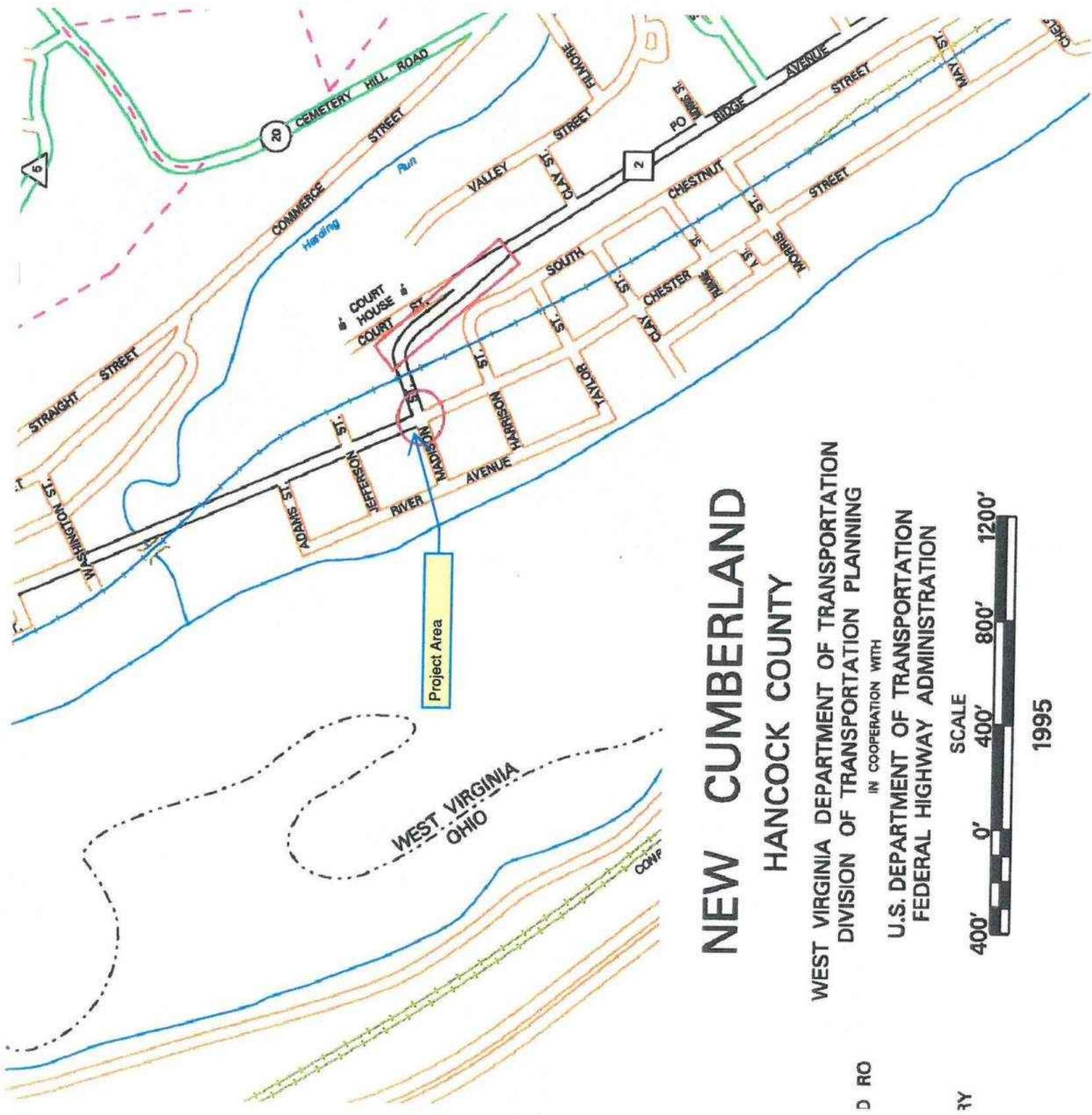
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John McGarrity  
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Charleston, WV 25305

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Senator Ryan Weld  
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Charleston, West Virginia 25305

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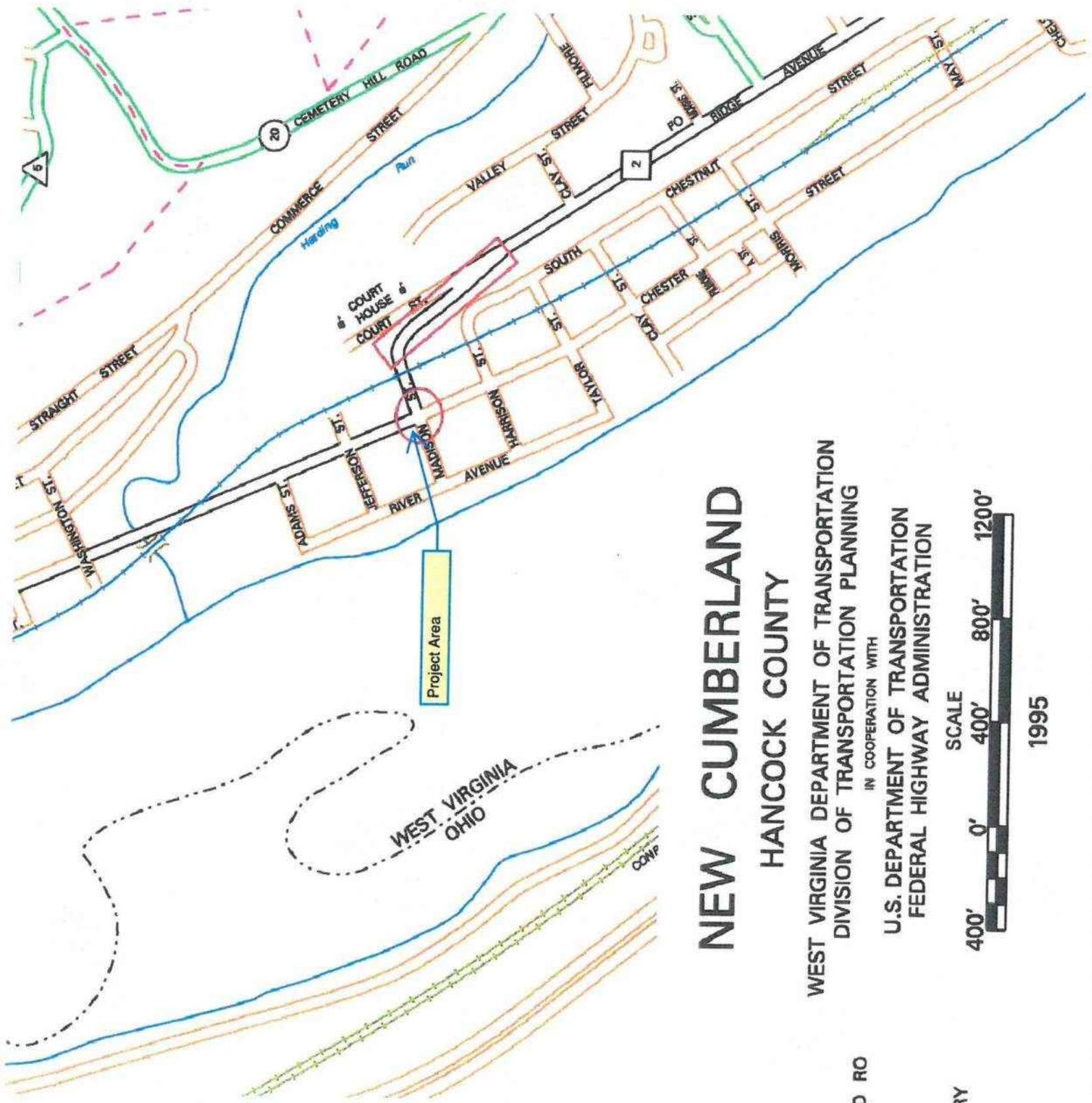
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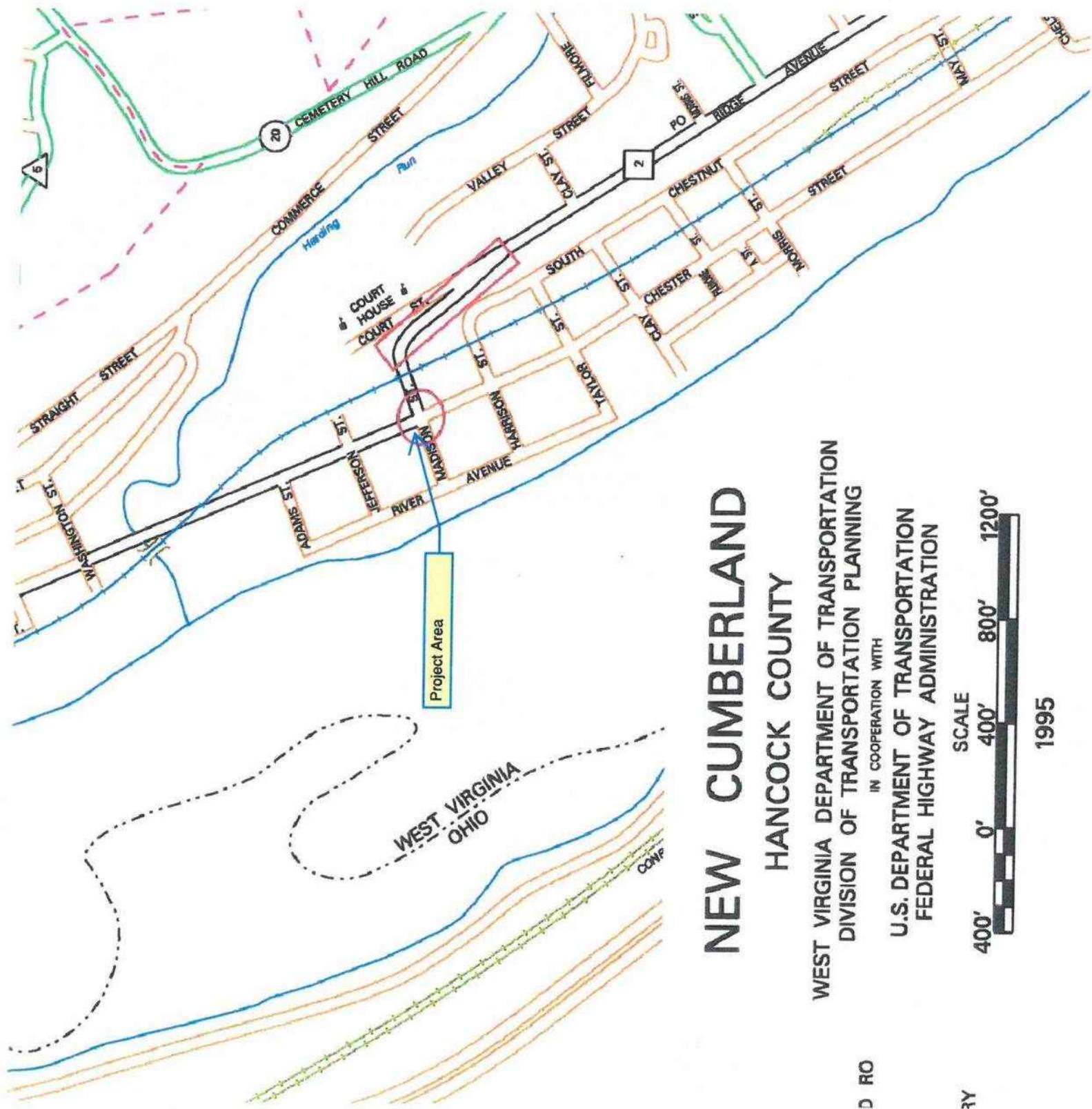
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Delegate Mark Zatezalo  
Room 201E, Building 1  
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Dear Delegate Zatezalo:

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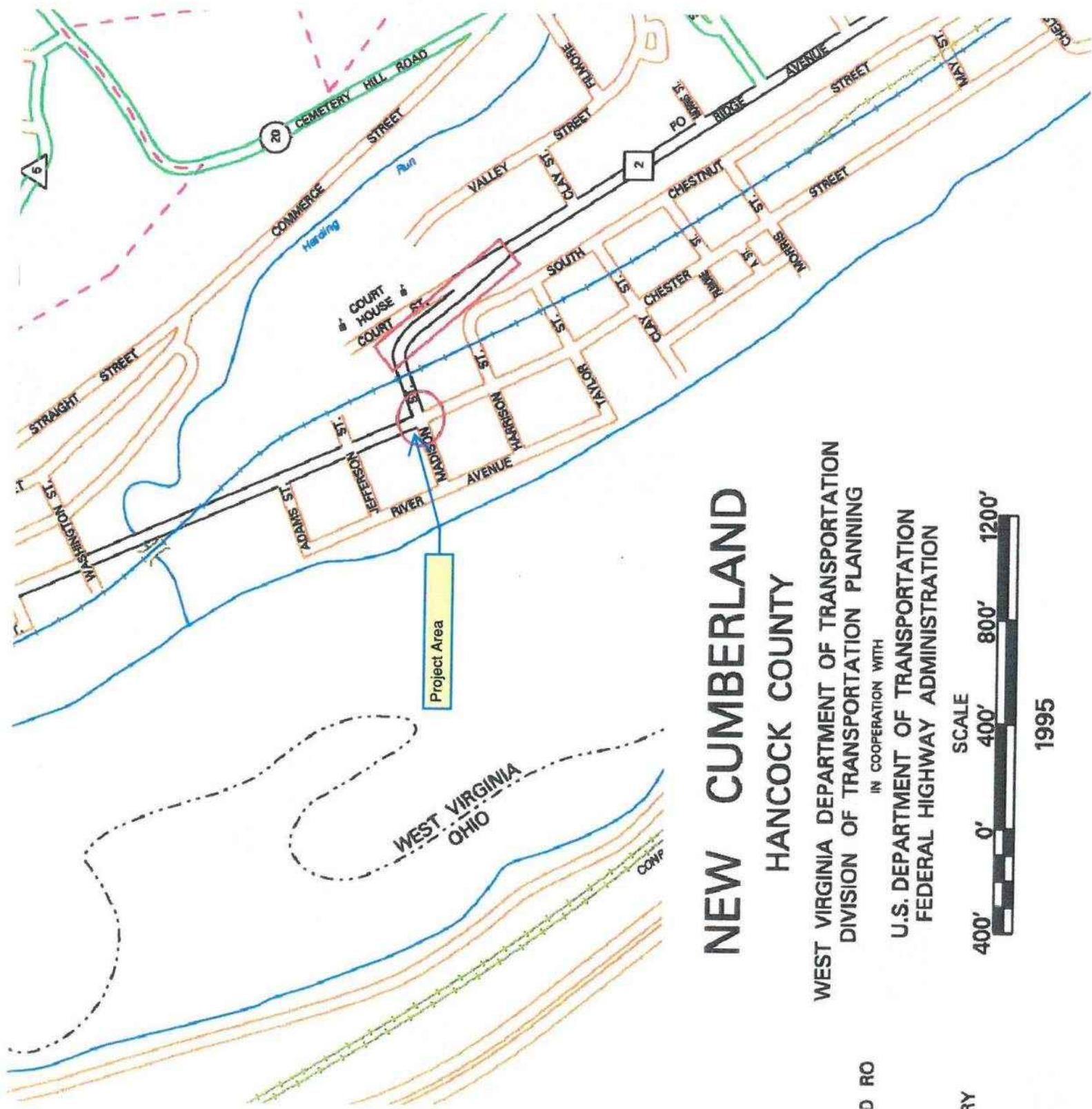
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Jessica Martinsen  
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Office of Environmental Programs (E3A3O)  
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III  
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

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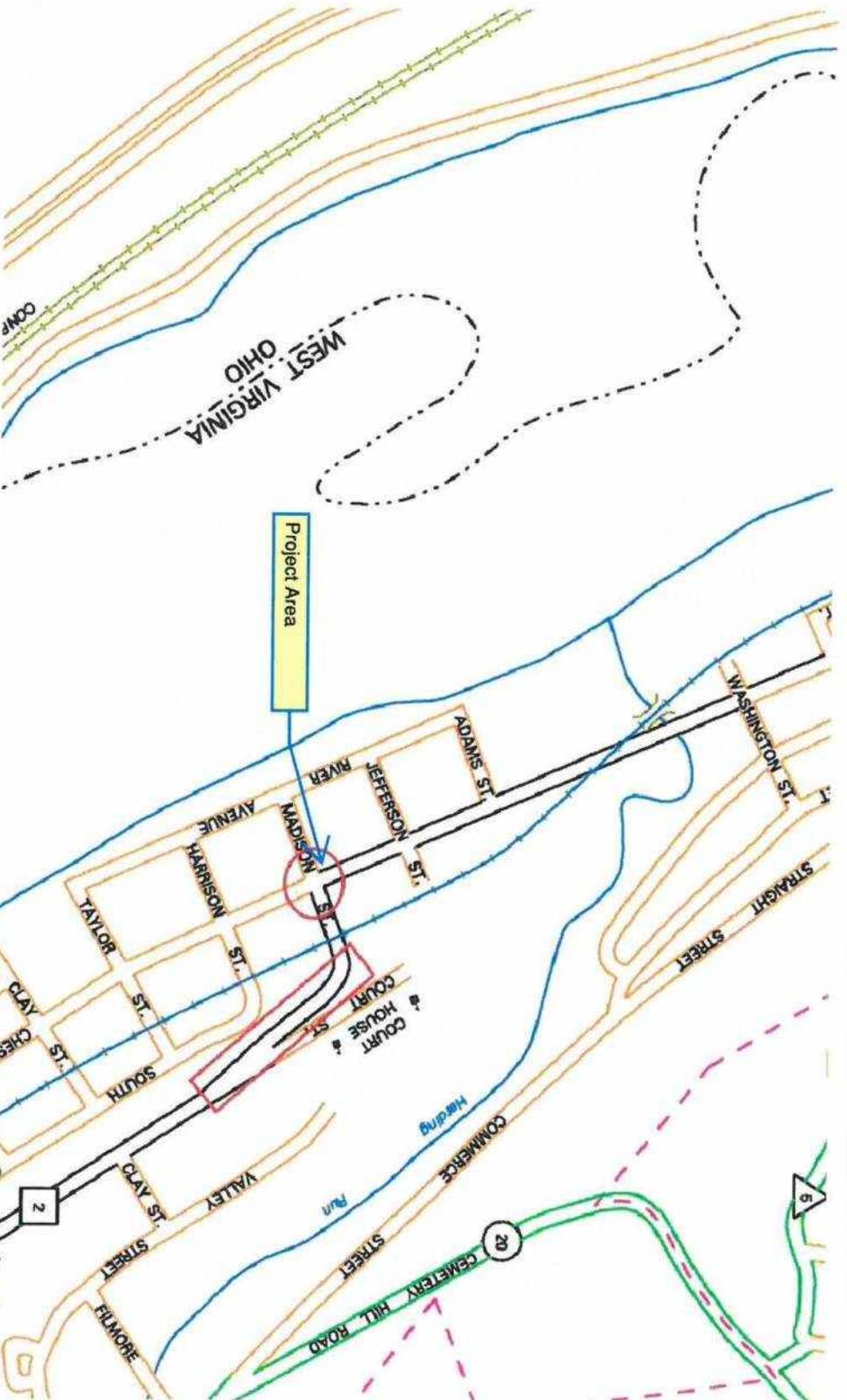
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Delegate Pat McGeehan  
Room 226EE, Building 1  
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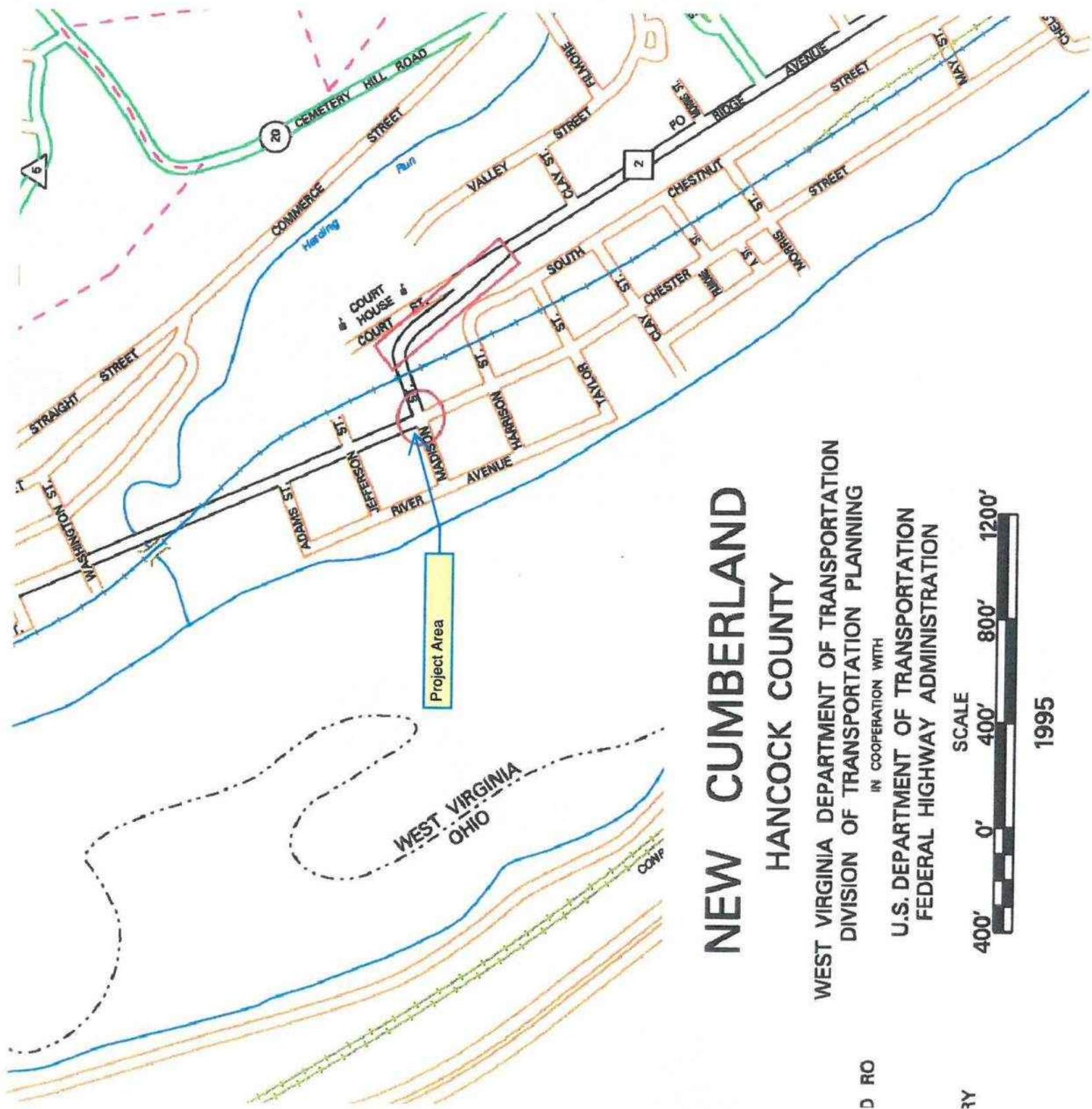
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2669 Main Street  
Weirton, West Virginia 26062

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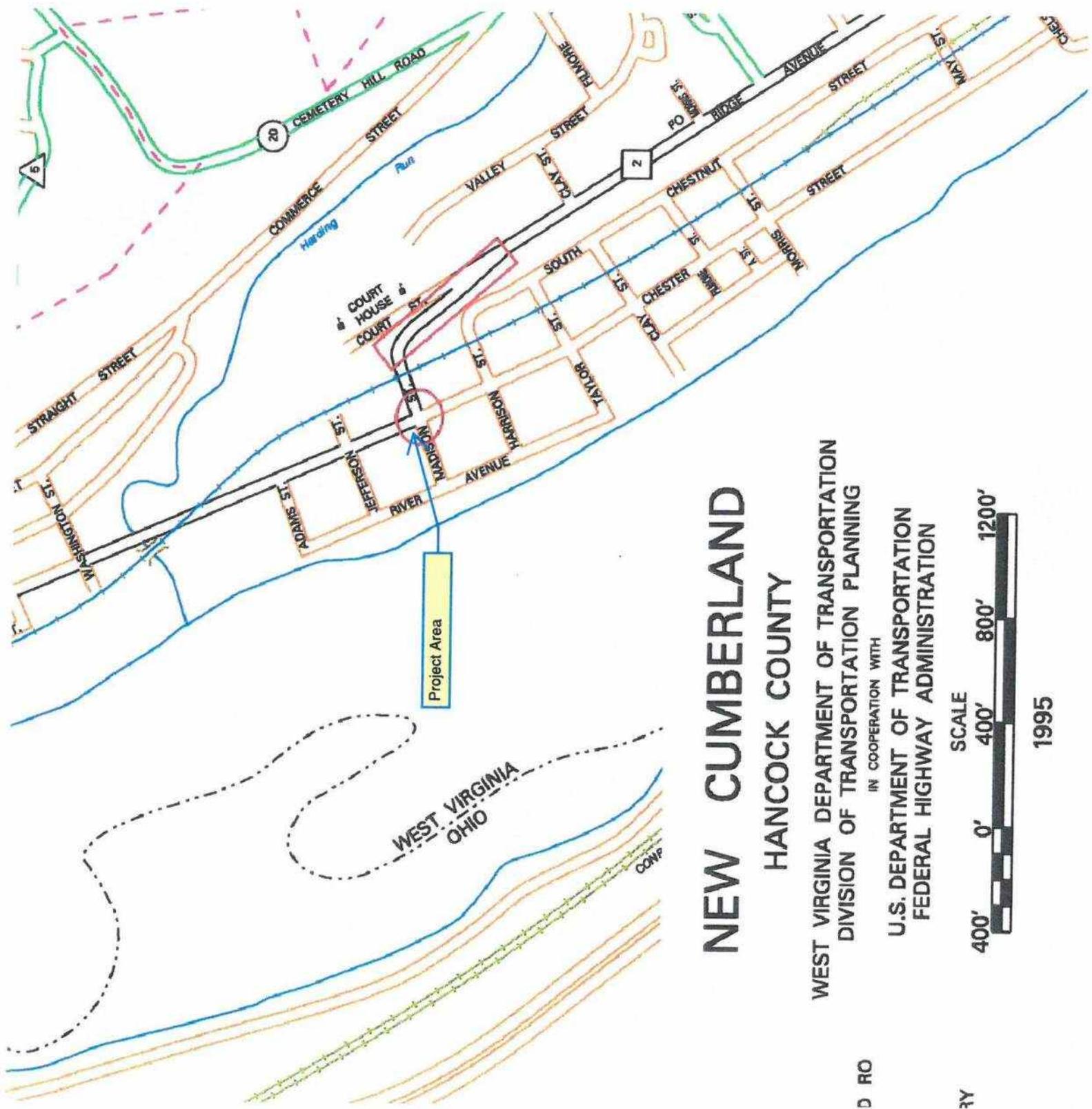
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Jeff Davis, President  
Hancock County Commission  
P. O. Box 485  
New Cumberland, West Virginia 26047

Dear Mr. Davis:

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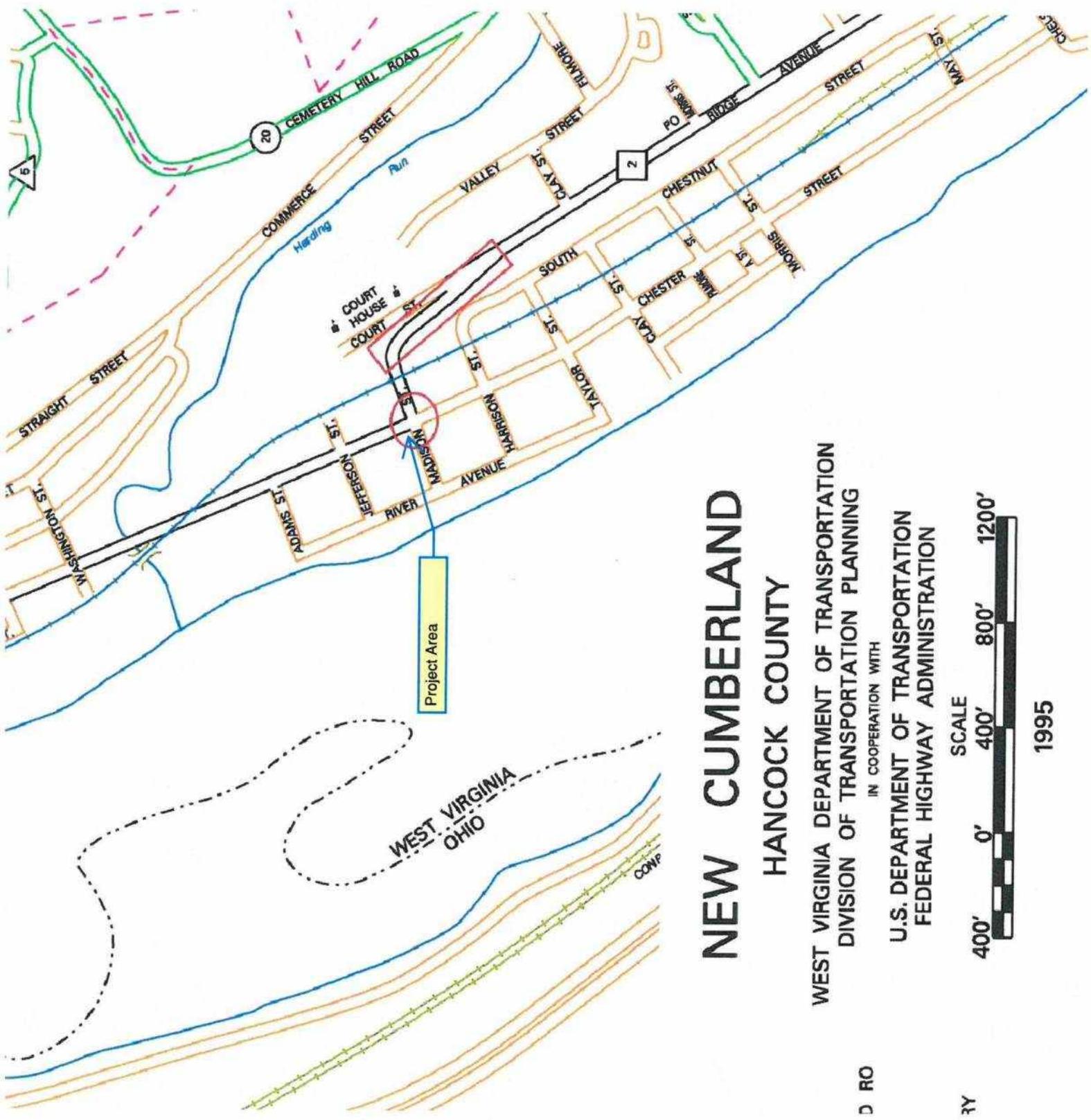
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Richard Blackwell, Mayor  
City of New Cumberland  
Mayor's Office  
P. O. Box 505  
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Dear Mayor Blackwell:

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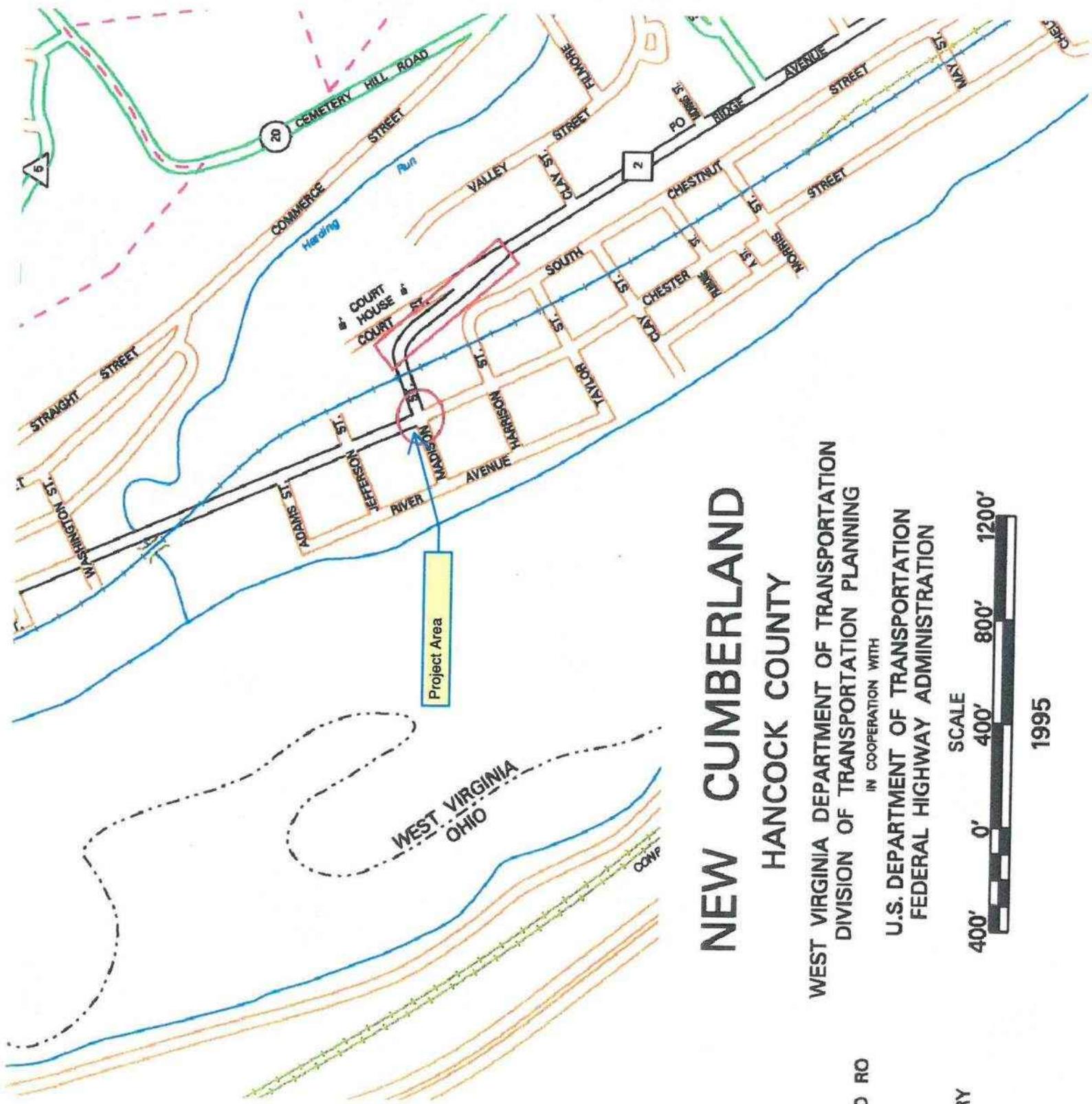
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Mike Paprocki  
Executive Director  
Brooke, Hancock, Jefferson Metropolitan Planning  
Commission  
124 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Steubenville, Ohio 43952

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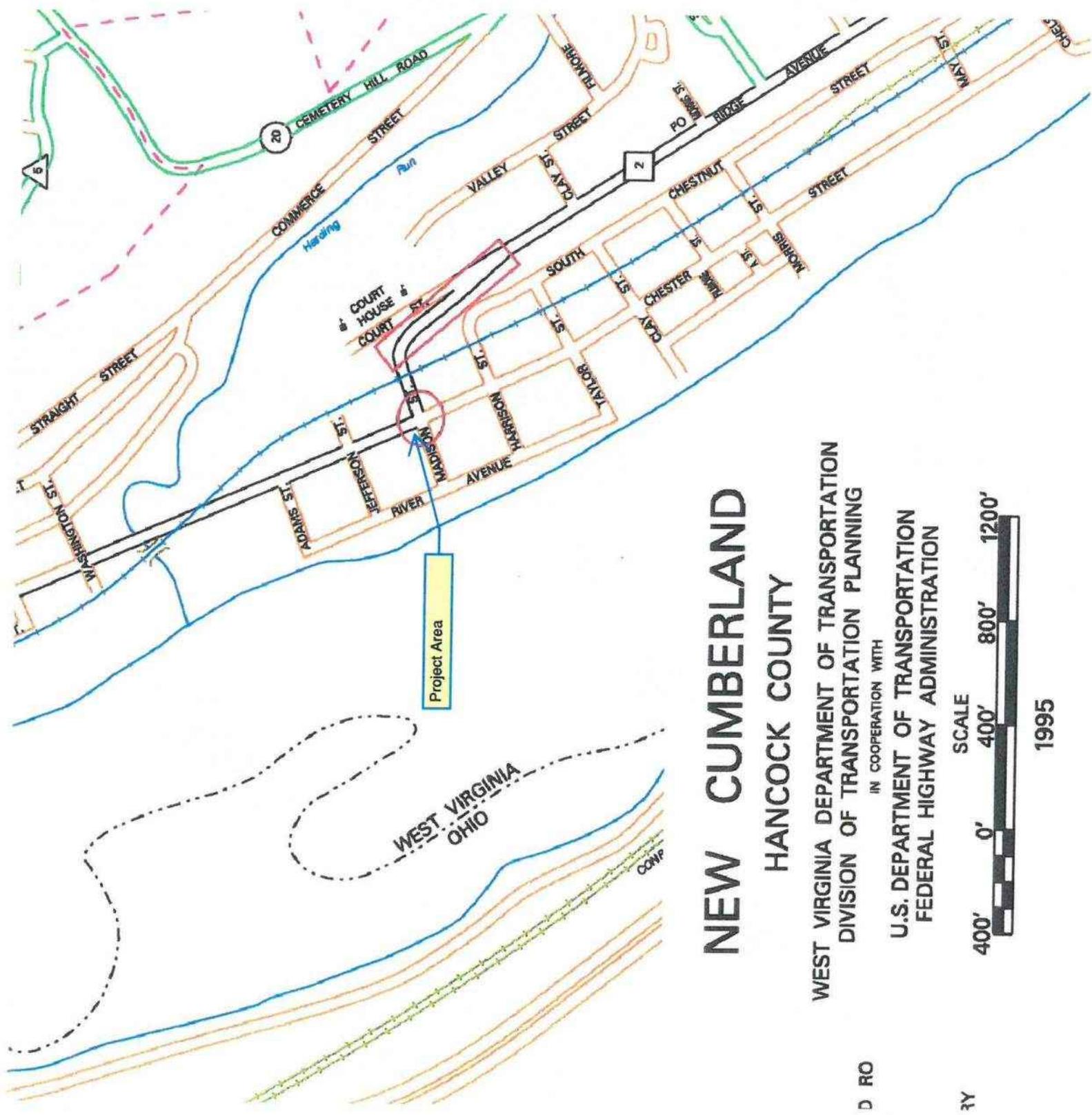
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Danielle LaPresta Parker  
Executive Director  
Preservation Alliance of West Virginia  
421 Davis Avenue #3  
Elkins, West Virginia 26241

Dear Ms. Parker:

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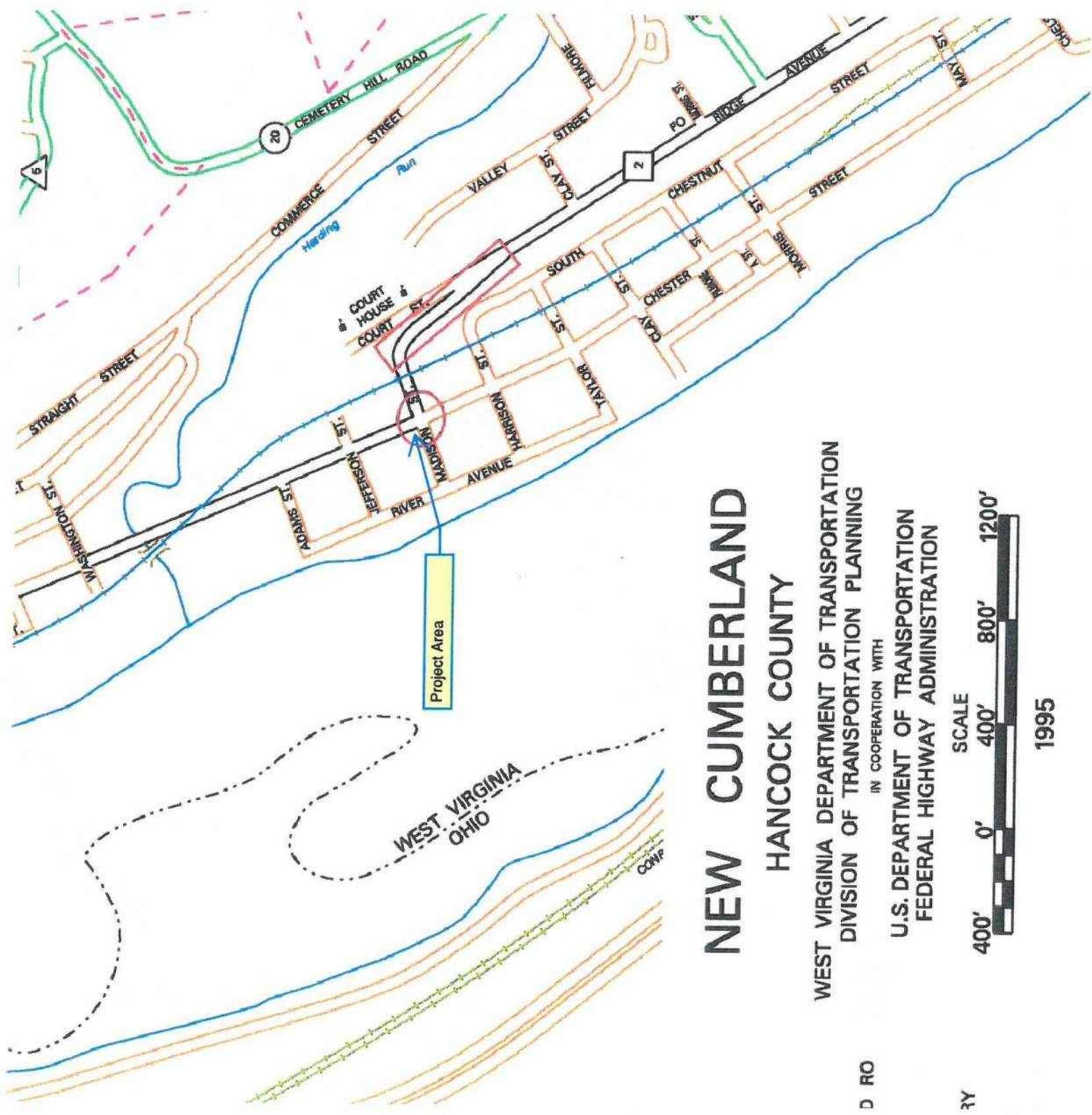
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Scott G. Mandirola  
Deputy Cabinet Secretary  
Director, Division of Water and Waste Management  
Permitting and Engineering Branch  
West Virginia Department of  
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601 57<sup>th</sup> Street, SE  
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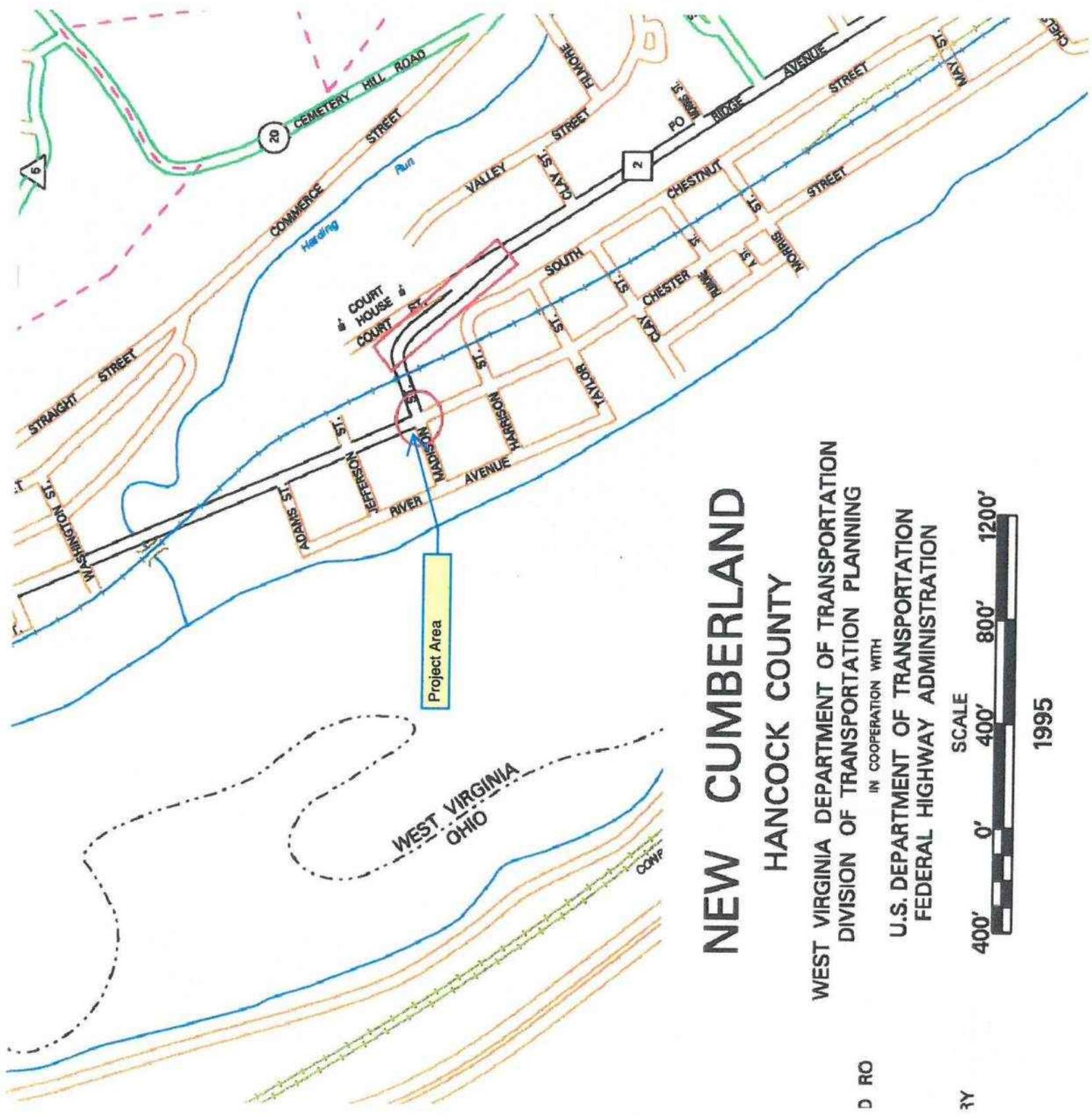
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Austin Caperton  
Cabinet Secretary  
West Virginia Department of  
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601 57<sup>th</sup> Street, SE  
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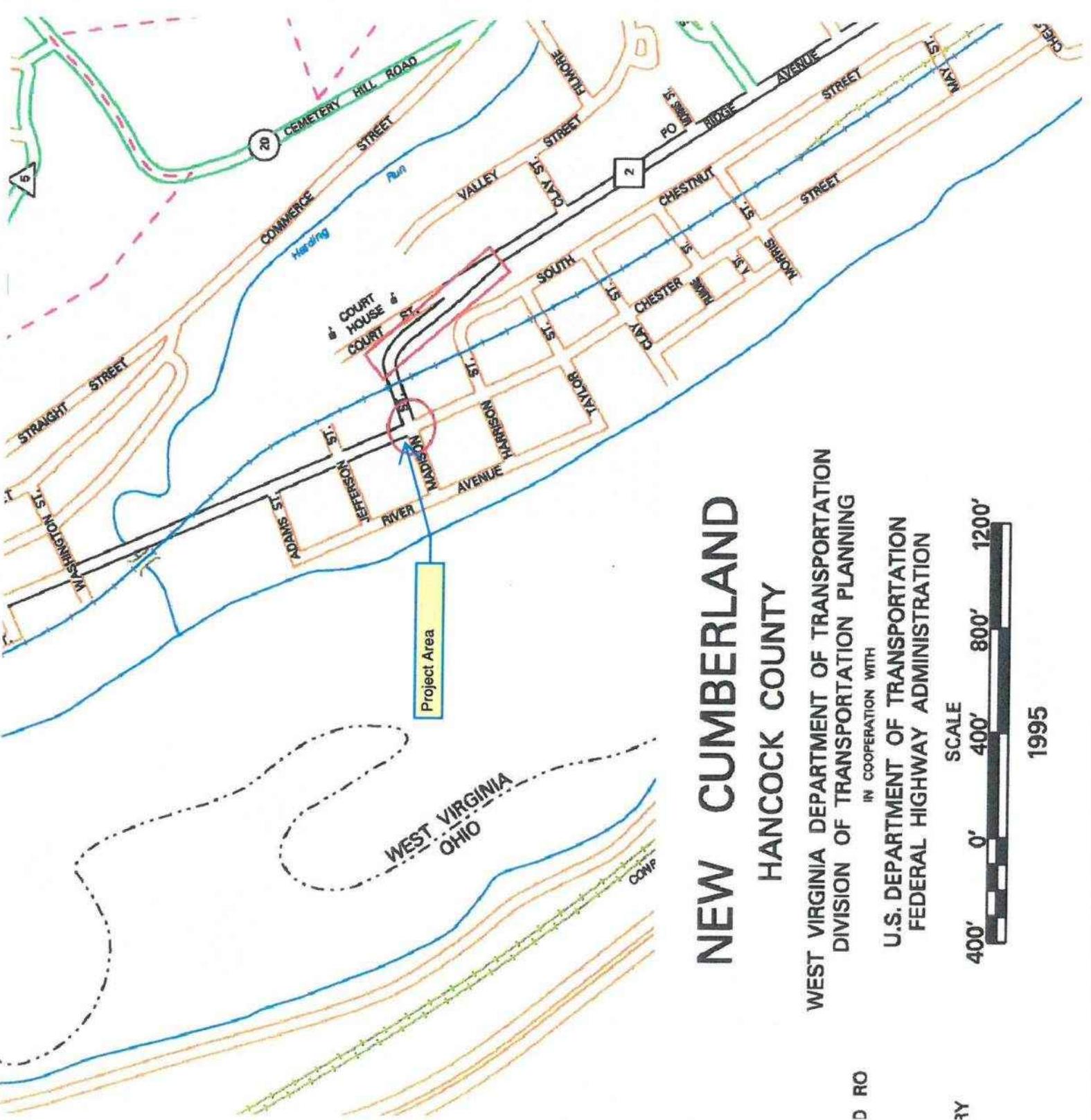
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William Durham  
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601 57<sup>th</sup> Street, SE  
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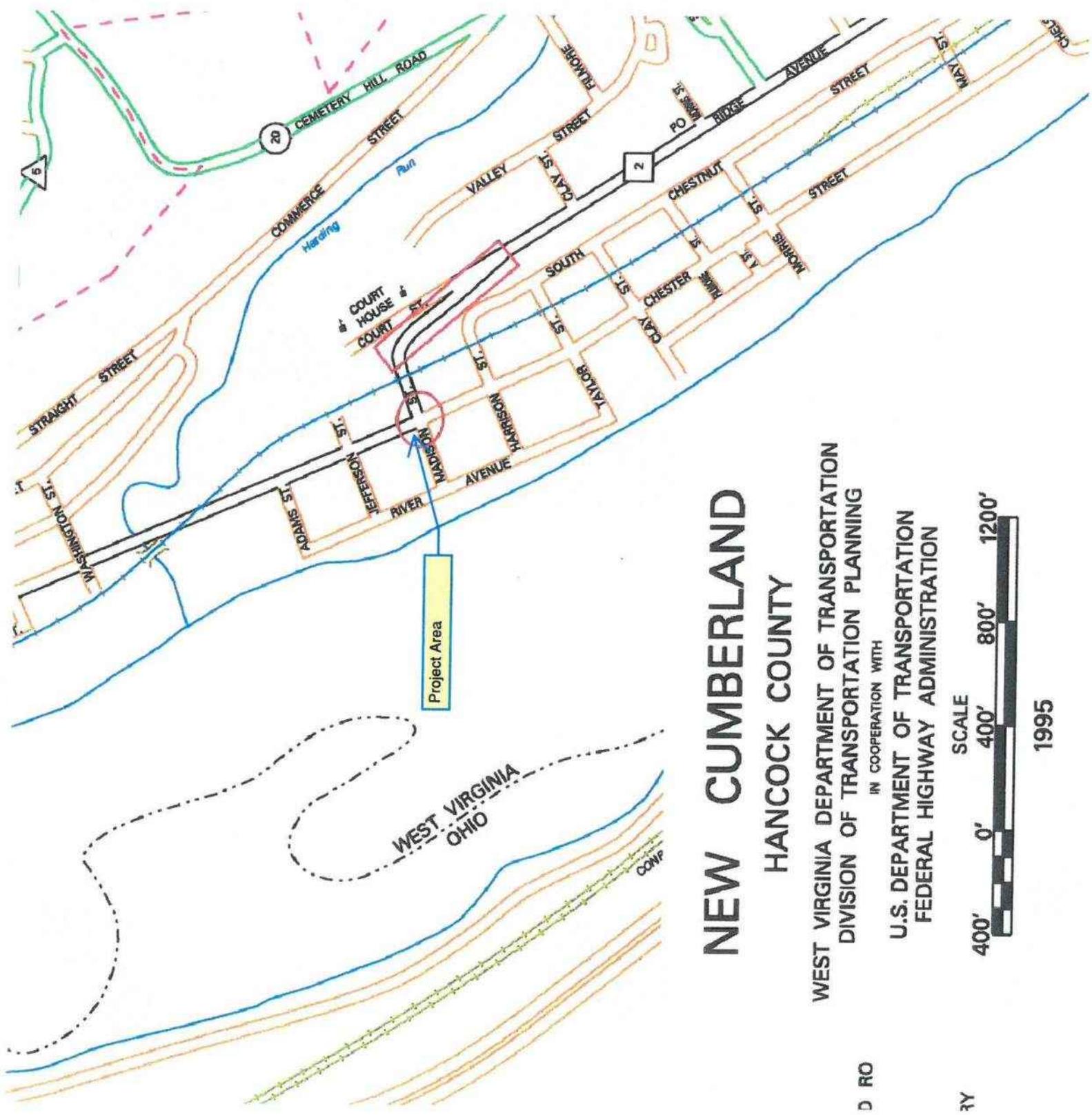
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Susan Pierce  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Office  
Division of Culture and History  
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East  
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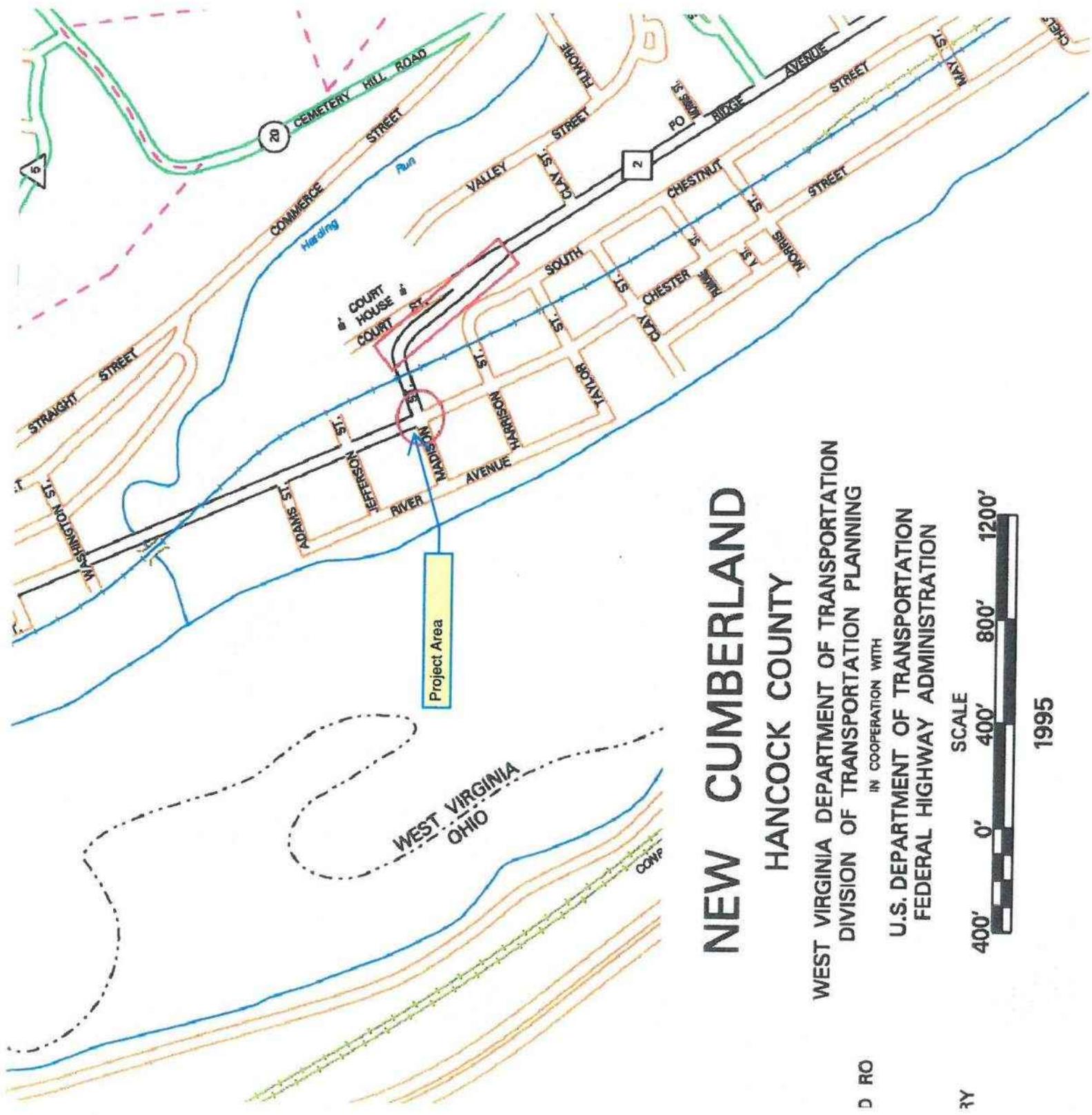
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Ann Wakeford  
West Virginia Division of Natural Resources  
P. O. Box 67  
Elkins, West Virginia 26241

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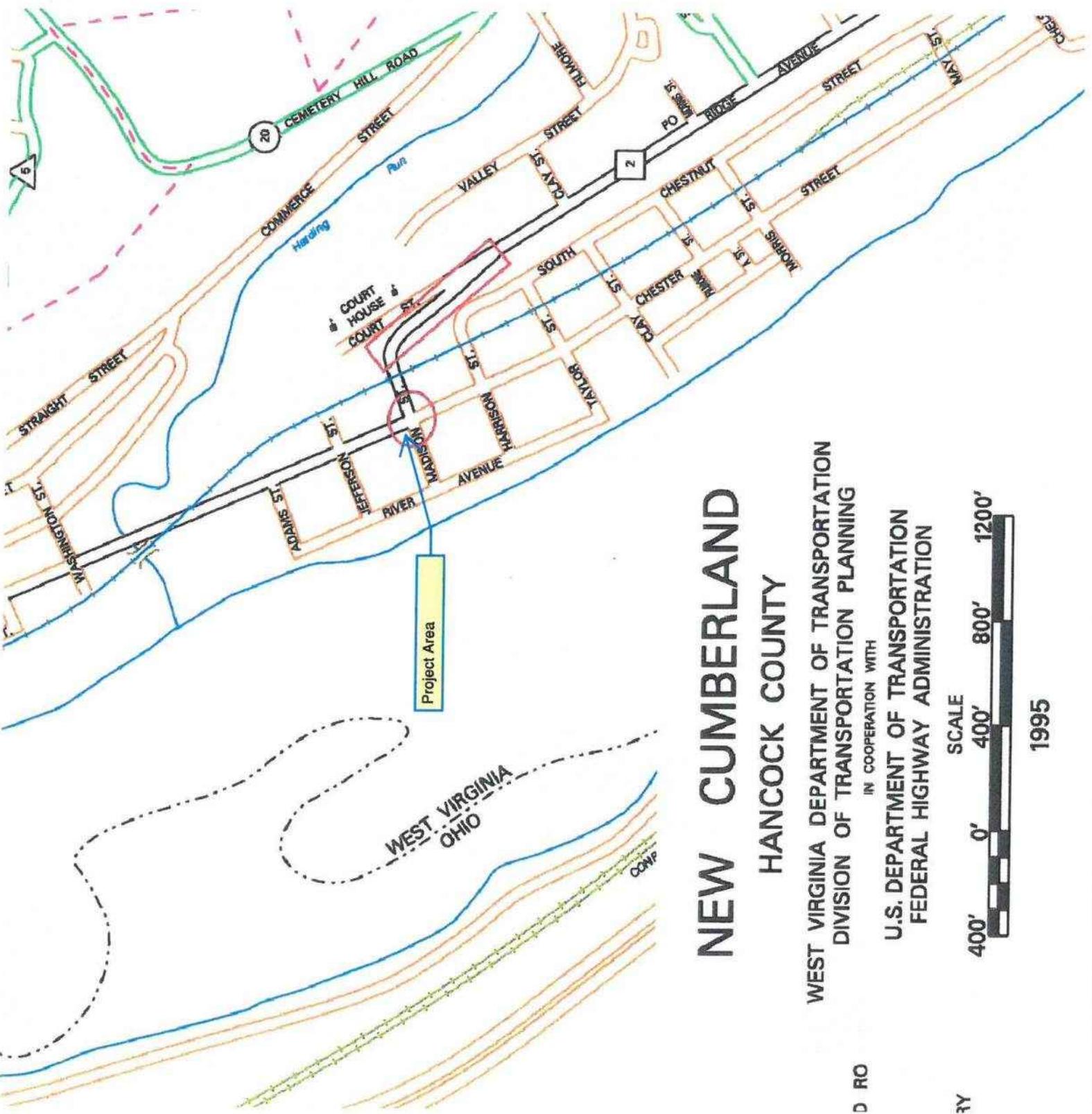
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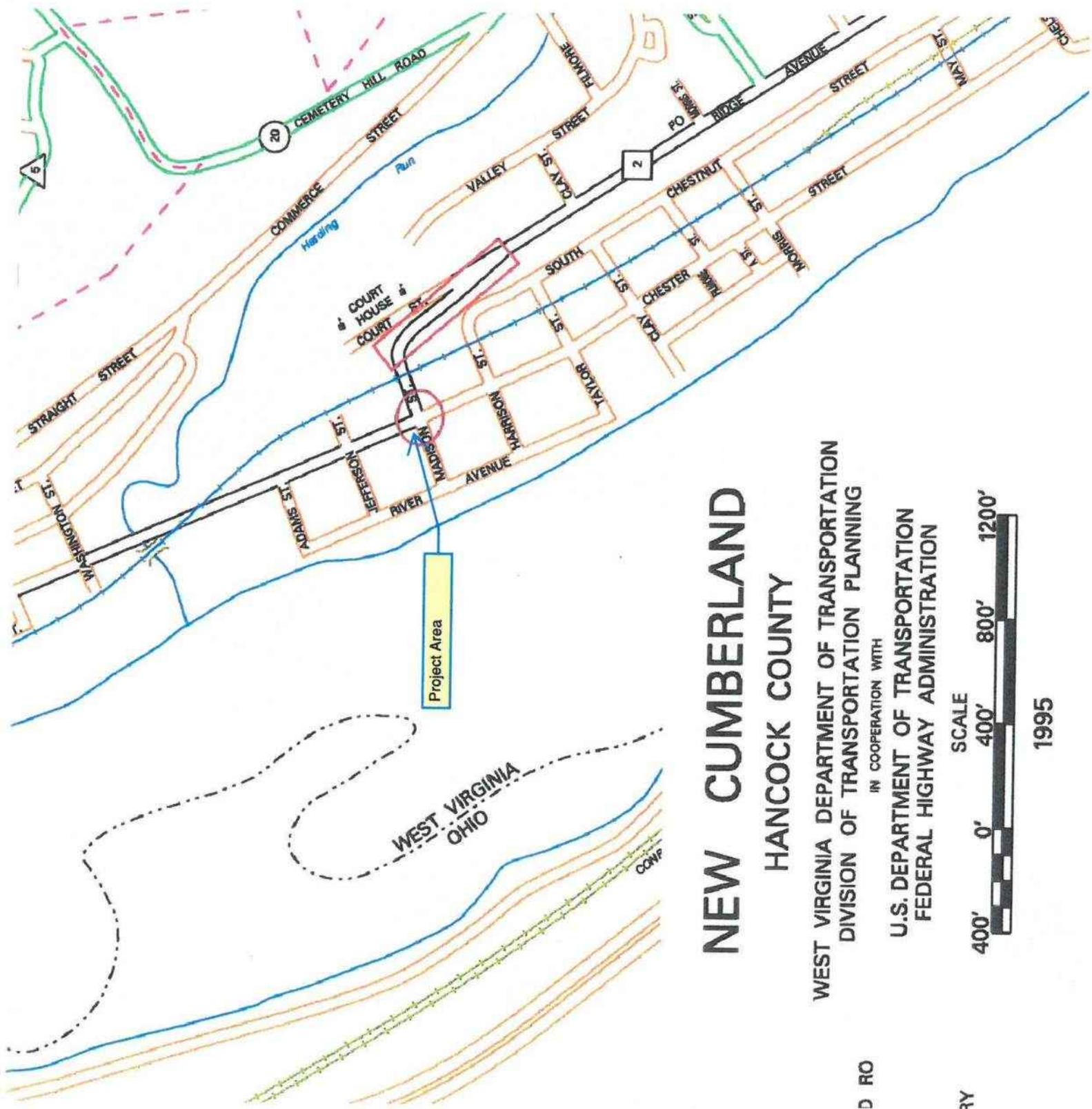
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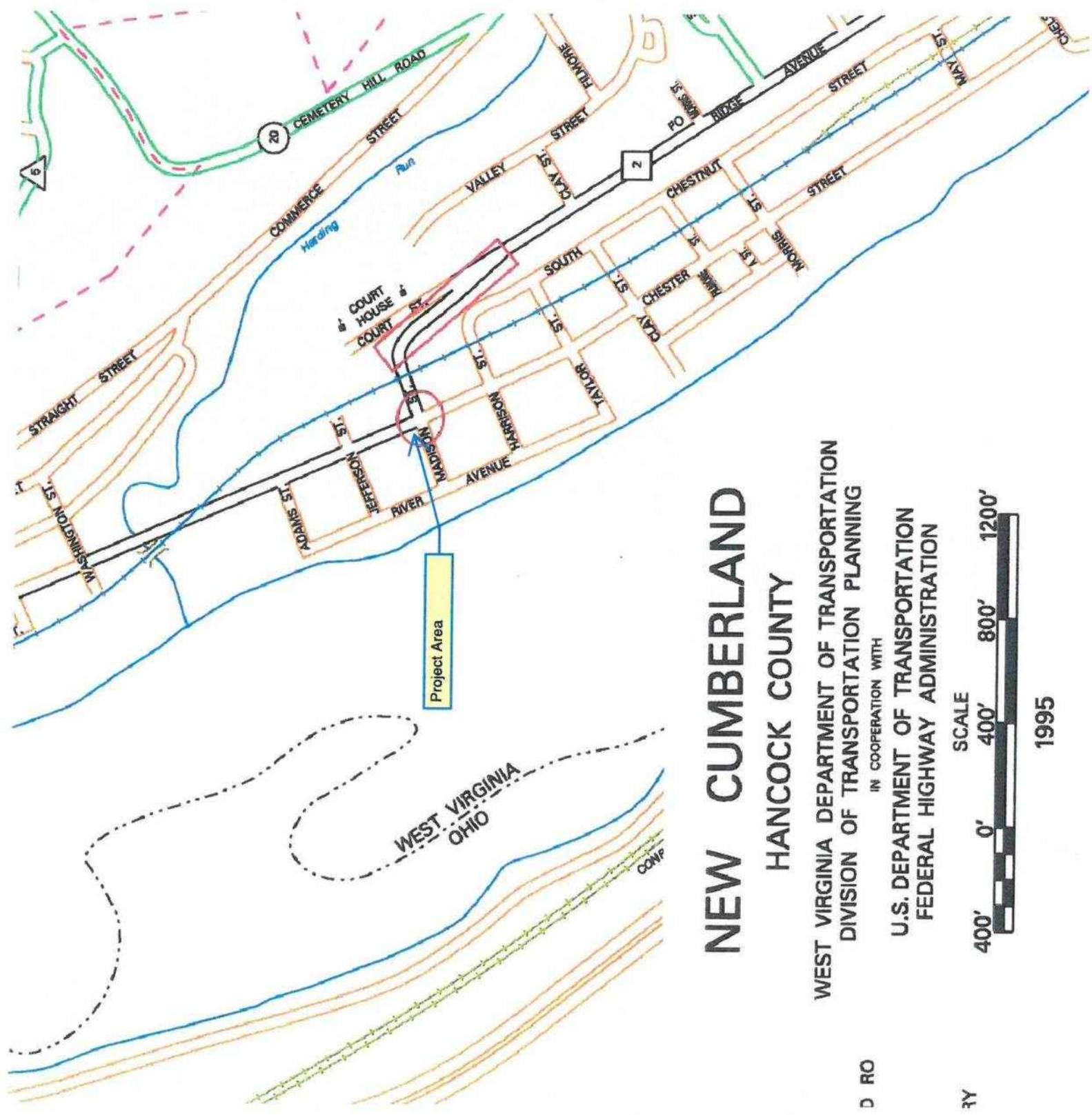
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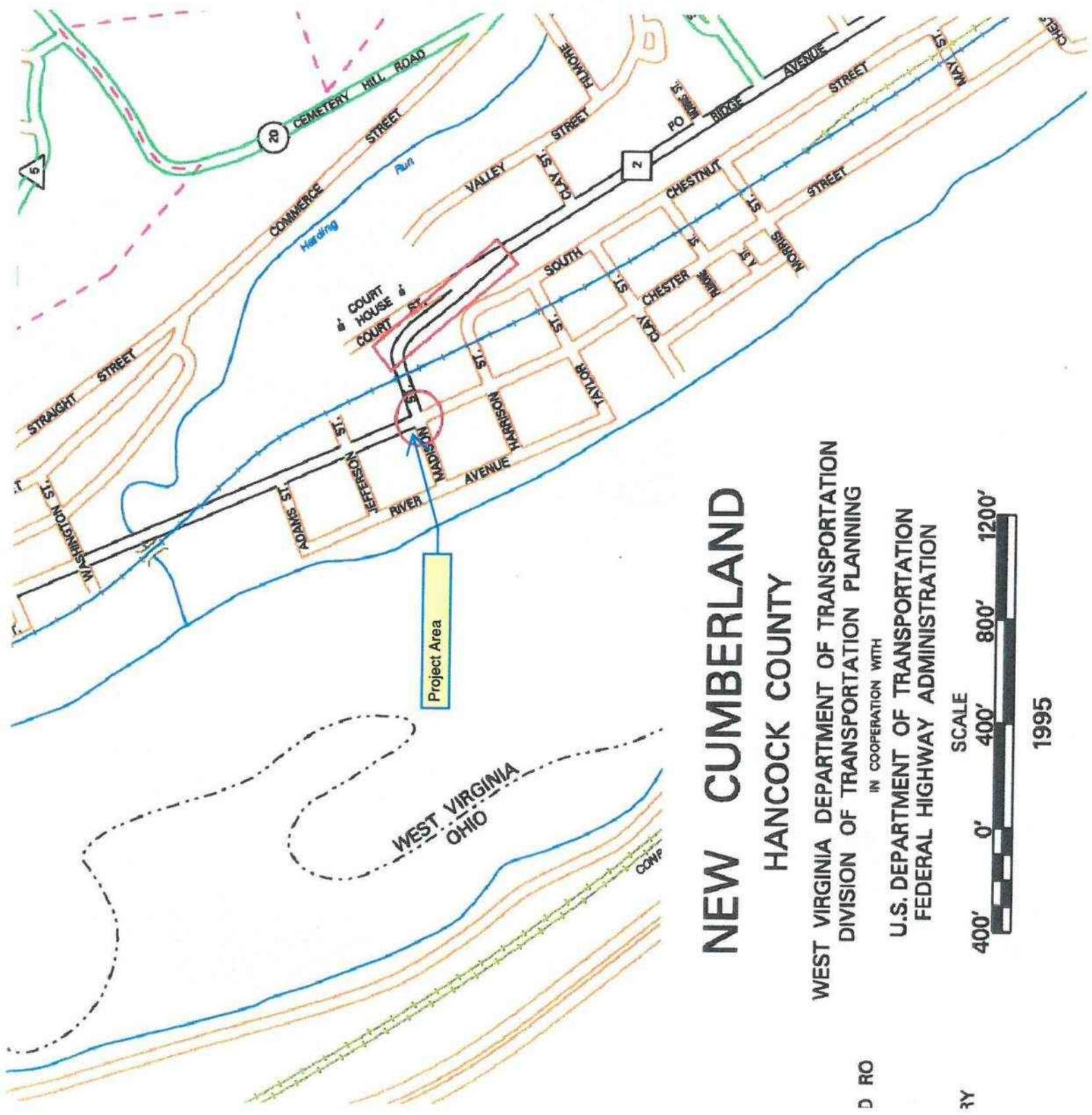
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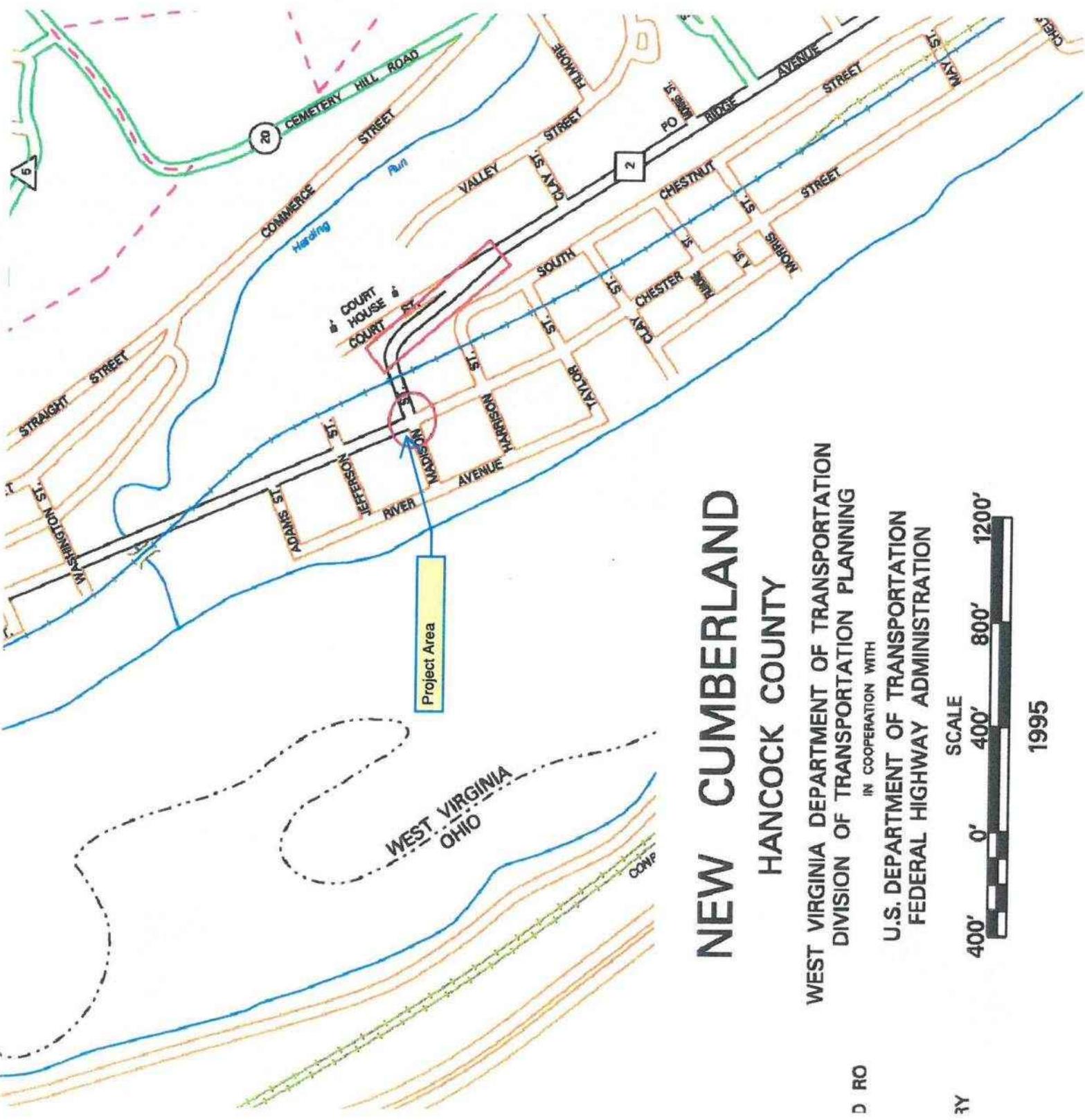
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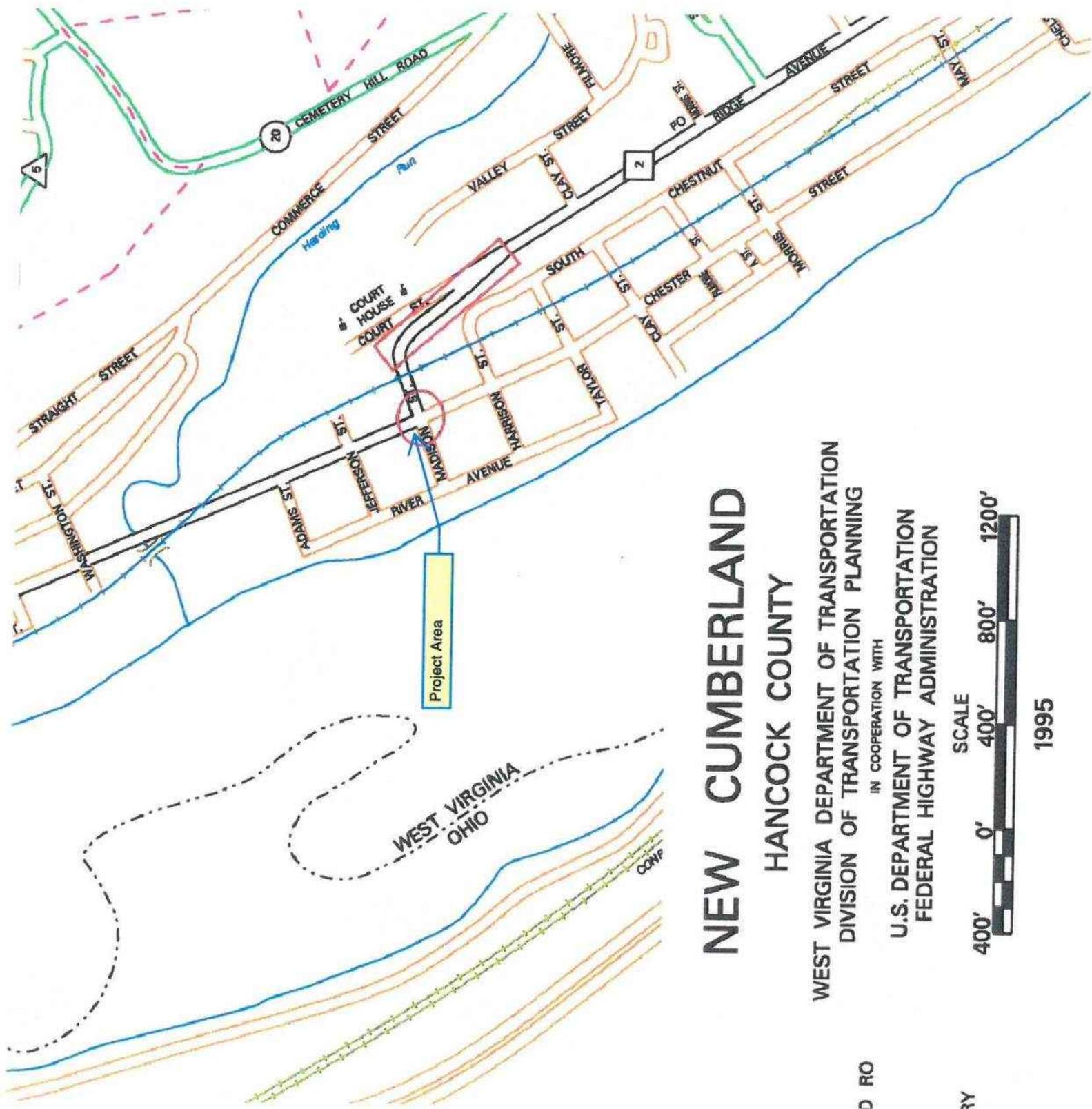
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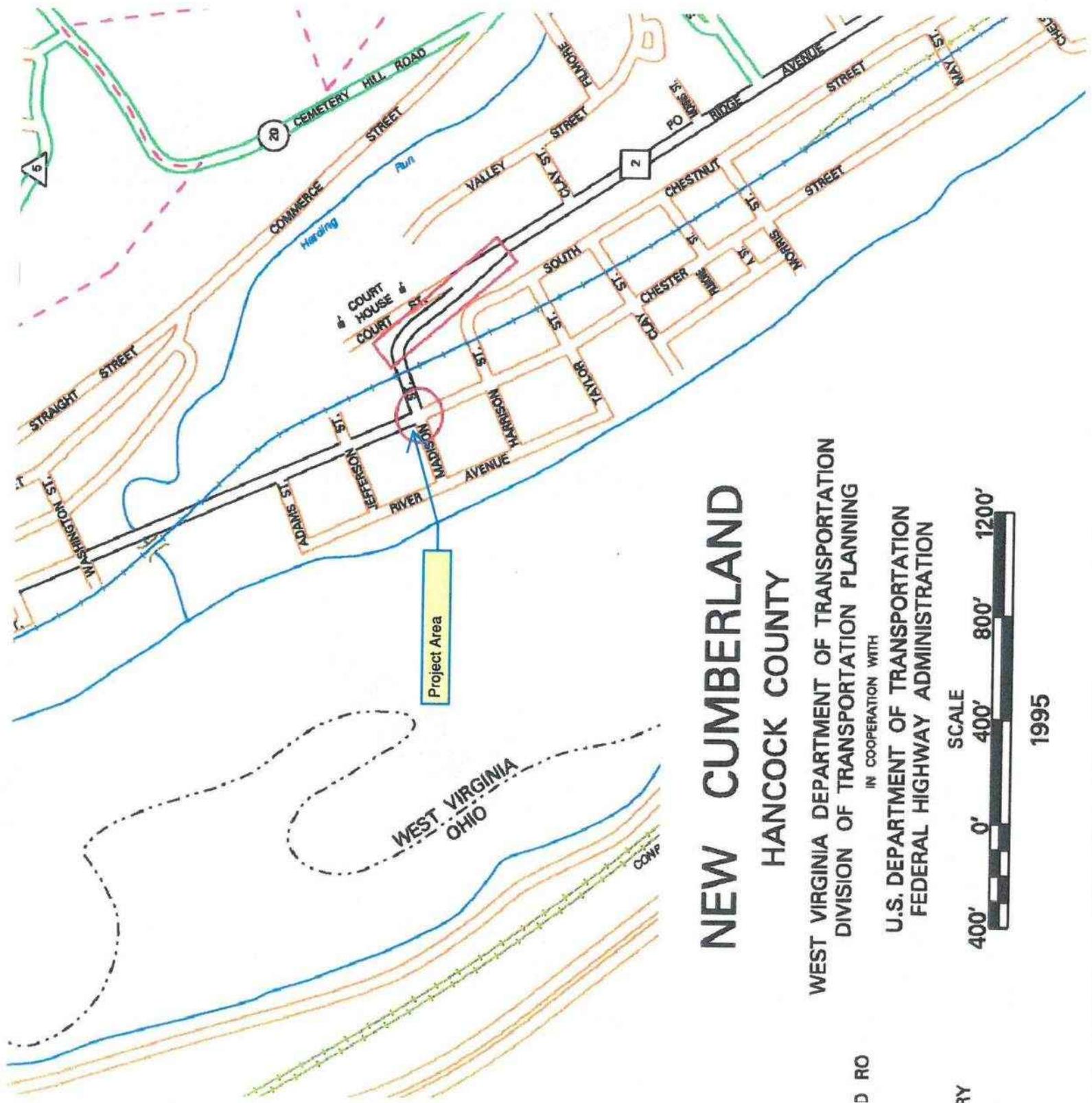
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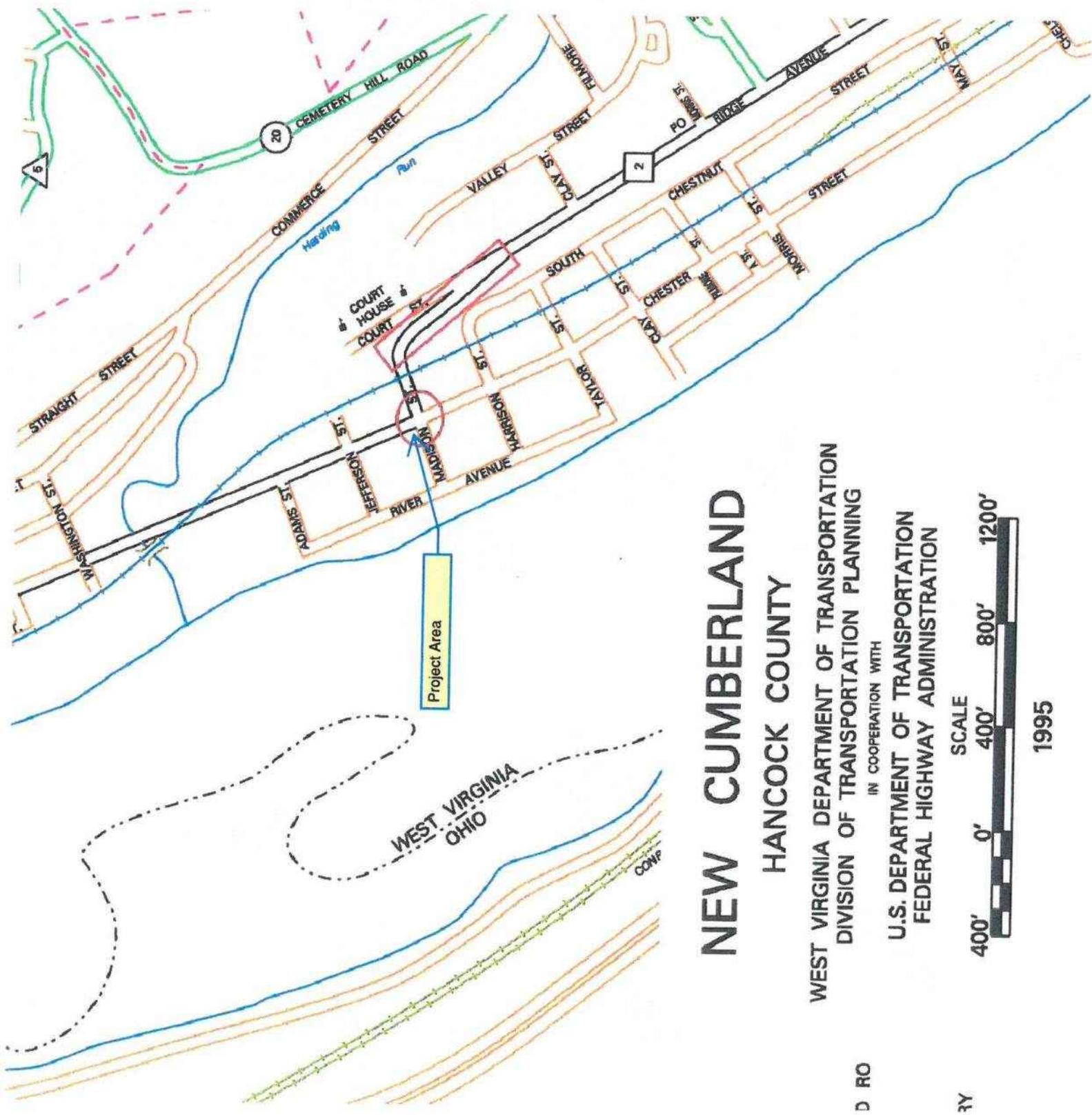
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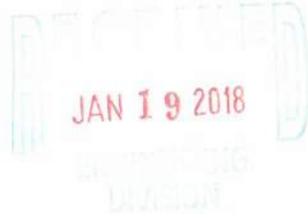
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RE: WV Route 2, New Cumberland  
State Project U215-2-6.20  
FR#: 18-224-HK

12-16-17 DOT Scoping letter comments

Dear Mr. Hark:

We have reviewed the information submitted for the abovementioned project to determine its effects to cultural resources. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," and West Virginia Code § 29-1-8, we submit our comments.

According to the submitted information, the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOT) is initiating NEPA studies for the WV Route 2, New Cumberland Project. The project proposes to upgrade WV Route 2 through New Cumberland by eliminating two 90 degree turns that make it difficult for large trucks to navigate the streets without running onto sidewalks. The first turn to be eliminated is located where WV Route 2 turns toward Madison Street and the Ohio River; the second turn is located at Madison and Chester Streets. As requested, we are providing your agency with our concerns.

Archaeological Resources:

A search of our records indicates that no previously documented archaeological resources are located within the general vicinity of the proposed project. However, given the nature of the terrain, there may be a potential for the proposed project to impact currently unknown archaeological sites. We will provide further comment once the Section 106 process has been initiated and project plans have been developed.

Architectural Resources:

Numerous previously identified architectural resources are located within close proximity to the proposed project intersections. Although none of these resources have been formally listed in the National Register of Historic Places, several of these resources, including, but not limited to, the Hancock County Courthouse (HK-0238); Union Soldier Monument (HK-1411); and the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad (HK-1712), have been determined either individually eligible or as contributing resources to a potential New Cumberland Historic District. As project plans are developed, potential impacts to the built resources in the vicinity should be taken into consideration.

In order to evaluate the proposed project's direct and indirect impacts to architectural properties, we request you forward to our office color photographs and original dates of construction of all properties that are forty-five (45) years or older and will be directly impacted or will have a line-of-sight of the proposed project area, including tree cuts or relocation of above-ground infrastructure. Your photographs need to be keyed to a USGS topographic or

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aerial map and should accurately depict from various angles any architectural resources, building or structural details, and outbuildings. Panoramic shots of surrounding landscapes and viewsheds are also necessary for us to complete our review. Be sure to include images of the proposed project area from the position of the individual properties. If nearby buildings or structures are less than forty-five (45) years old or will not be within the line-of-sight of the proposed project, please confirm in writing. We will provide additional comments upon receipt of the requested information; however, we reserve the right to request additional information, including the completion of Historic Property Inventory forms.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please contact Lora A. Lamarre-DeMott, Senior Archaeologist, or Benjamin M. Riggle, Structural Historian, at (304) 558-0240.*

Sincerely,



Susan M. Pierce  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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**From:** Kimberly Penrod <kpenrod@delawarenation.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2018 11:16 AM  
**To:** Epperly, Randy T  
**Cc:** Kimberly Penrod  
**Subject:** RE: State Project U215-2-6.20/ Federal Project/ WV Route 2, New Cumberland, Hancock County, West Virginia

Randy,

The protection of our tribal cultural resources and tribal trust resources will take all of us working together. We look forward to working with you and your agency.

With the information you have submitted we can concur at present with this proposed plan.

As with any new project, we never know what may come to light until work begins.

The Delaware Nation asks that you keep us up to date on the progress of this project and if any discoveries arise please contact us immediately.

Our department is trying to go as paper free as possible. If it is at all feasible for your office to send email correspondence we would greatly appreciate.

If you need anything additional from me please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Respectfully,*

*Kim Penrod  
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FWS File # 2018-I-0118 **All future correspondence should clearly reference this FWS File #.**

Project: WV Route 2, New Cumberland, Hancock County, WV

Date of Letter Request: December 12, 2017

This is in response to your letter requesting threatened and endangered species information in regard to the proposed project listed above. These comments are provided pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U. S. C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Two federally listed species could occur in the project area: the endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and the threatened northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) (NLEB).

The Indiana bat and NLEB may use the project area for foraging and roosting between April 1 and November 15. Indiana bat summer foraging habitats are generally defined as riparian, bottomland, upland forest, and old fields or pastures with scattered trees. Roosting/maternity habitat consists primarily of live or dead hardwood tree species which have exfoliating bark that provides space for bats to roost between the bark and the bole of the tree. Tree cavities, crevices, splits, or hollow portions of tree boles and limbs also provide roost sites. In West Virginia, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) considers all forested habitat containing trees greater than or equal to 5 inches in diameter at breast height to be potentially suitable as summer roosting and foraging habitat for the Indiana bat.

Indiana bats feed on emerged aquatic and terrestrial flying. Moths, caddisflies, flies, mosquitoes, and midges are major prey items. Aquatic insects that have concentrated emergences or that form large mating aggregations above or near water appear to be preferred prey items. As a result, streams, wetlands, and associated riparian forests are often preferred foraging habitats for pregnant and lactating Indiana bats. Indiana bats also forage within the canopy of upland forests, over clearings with early successional vegetation (e.g., old fields), along the borders of croplands, along wooded fencerows, and over farm ponds in pastures. Increased erosion and sedimentation of streams reduces diversity and biomass of benthic invertebrates, i.e. insects. Some projects propose impacts to aquatic features such as streams or wetlands, which could result in a decrease in insects available to both bat species for foraging.

Updated June 2017

Similar to the Indiana bat, NLEB foraging habitat includes forested hillsides and ridges, and small ponds or streams. NLEB are typically associated with large tracts of mature, upland forests with more canopy cover than is preferred by Indiana bats. NLEB seem to be flexible in selecting roosts. They choose roost trees based on suitability to retain bark or provide cavities or crevices, and this species is known to use a wider variety of roost types than the Indiana bat. Males and non-reproductive females may also roost in cooler places like caves and mines. Although rare, this bat has also been found roosting in structures like barns and sheds.

Indiana bats and NLEB use caves or mine portals for winter hibernation between November 15 and March 31. These species also use the hibernacula and the areas around them for fall-swarming and spring-staging activity (August 15 to November 14 and April 1 to May 14, respectively). Some males have been known to stay close to the hibernacula during the summer and may use the hibernacula as summer roosts. There may be other landscape features being used as hibernacula by NLEB during the winter that have yet to be documented.

The Service has reviewed the number of acres of potentially suitable foraging and roosting habitat on the West Virginia landscape available to each Indiana bat, versus the total acreage of forest. On that basis, we have determined that small projects, more than 10 miles from a known priority 1 or 2 Indiana bat hibernaculum, more than 5 miles from a known priority 3 or 4 Indiana bat hibernaculum, or more than 2.5 miles from any known maternity roost, or more than 5 miles from summer detection sites where no roosts were identified, that affect less than 17 acres of forested habitat, and will not affect any potential hibernacula, will have a very small chance of resulting in direct or indirect effects to the Indiana bat, and therefore these effects are considered discountable. **Please note that the Service may review and update this assessment at any time as new information becomes available.**

The Service has determined that this project is not likely to adversely affect the Indiana bat because your project: 1) will affect less than 17 acres of potential Indiana bat foraging or roosting habitat; 2) is not within any of the Indiana bat hibernacula or summer use buffers described above; 3) will not affect any potential caves or mines that could be used as hibernacula for this species; and 4) effects to aquatic features used for foraging habitat will be insignificant.

The NLEB may occur within the range of the proposed project, and may be affected by the proposed construction and operation of this project. Any take of NLEB occurring in conjunction with these activities that complies with the conservation measures (as outlined in the 4(d) rule), as necessary, is exempted from section 9 prohibitions by the 4(d) rule and does not require site specific incidental take authorization. Note that the 4(d) rule does not exempt take that may occur as a result of adverse effects to hibernacula and that no conservation measures are required as part of the 4(d) rule unless the proposed project: 1) involves tree removal within 0.25 miles of known NLEB hibernacula; or 2) cuts or destroys known, occupied maternity roost trees or any other trees within a 150-foot radius around known, occupied maternity tree during the pup season (June 1 to July 31). This proposed project is not located within any of these radii around known hibernacula or roost trees and will not affect any known NLEB hibernacula, therefore any take of NLEB associated with this project is exempted under the 4(d) rule and no conservation measures are required.

Should project plans change or amendments be proposed that we have not considered in your proposed action, or if additional information on listed and proposed species becomes available, or if new species become listed or critical habitat is designated, this assessment may be reconsidered.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact the biologist listed below at (304) 636-6586 or at the letterhead address.

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date: 03/12/2018  
Biologist

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date: 3/12/2018  
Field Supervisor



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January 25, 2018

Ms. Susan Pierce, Deputy State  
Historic Preservation Officer  
Division of Culture and History  
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East  
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Ms. Pierce:

State Project: U215-2-6.20  
Federal Project: NA  
WV 2 New Cumberland Improvements  
Hancock County

Enclosed for your review is the Historic Architectural Resource Survey and Determination of Effects Report for the WV 2 New Cumberland Improvements project. Seven properties were surveyed in addition to the properties inventoried in the 2015 Historic Architectural Resource Survey and Determination of Eligibility Report. Also attached are unbound copies of the Historic Property Inventory Forms for the newly surveyed properties, and a CD containing the report and KMZ files.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Randy Epperly of our Environmental Section at (304) 558-9385.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben L. Hark".

Ben L. Hark  
Environmental Section Head  
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Mr. Ben Hark  
Section Head  
Division of Highways  
1334 Smith Street  
Charleston, WV 25301

RE: WV 2 New Cumberland Improvements, Hancock County  
State Project U215-2-6.20  
FR#: 15-981-HK-2

Dear Mr. Hark:

We have reviewed the report titled *Historic Architectural Resource Survey and Determination of Effects Report WV 2 Improvements – New Cumberland, Madison Street and Chester Street Intersection and Widening, City of New Cumberland, Hancock County, West Virginia* that was prepared for the above-referenced project. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR § 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

Based on the submitted documentation, we concur with the consultant that the following resources lack the integrity and significance to be individually eligible for or contribute to a historic district eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places: 916 S. Chestnut Street (HK-1426); 924 S. Chestnut Street (HK-1427); 928 S. Chestnut Street (HK-1428); 932 S. Chestnut Street (HK-1429); 935 S. Chestnut Street (HK-1430); 940 S. Chestnut Street (HK-1431); and 1022 S. Chestnut Street (HK-1432). We also concur with the consultant that Alternatives 1, 3, and 5A will result in adverse effects to built resources eligible for or listed in the National Register. Alternatives 2 and 4 will not directly impact any resources eligible for or listed in the National Register.

If Alternatives 1, 3, or 5A are chosen, we request you evaluate alternatives or modifications to the proposed project to *avoid, minimize, or mitigate* the adverse effects the selected alternative will have to historic properties and then inform our office of those alternatives or modifications. As instructed in 36 CFR 800.6(a), as you know it is also your office's responsibility to notify the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) of our assessment of *adverse effect* if one of these three alternatives is chosen. We will provide additional comments upon receipt of the requested information.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please contact Benjamin M. Riggle, Structural Historian, at (304) 558-0240.*

Sincerely,

Susan M. Pierce  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

SMP/BMR



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December 12, 2017

Ann Wakeford  
West Virginia Division of Natural Resources  
P. O. Box 67  
Elkins, West Virginia 26241

Dear Ms. Wakeford:

**State Project U215-2-6.20  
Federal Project  
WV Route 2, New Cumberland  
Hancock County**

Please be advised the West Virginia Division of Highways has initiated NEPA studies for the above referenced project. As we begin this process, we request your early input as to any concerns your agency may have regarding this project.

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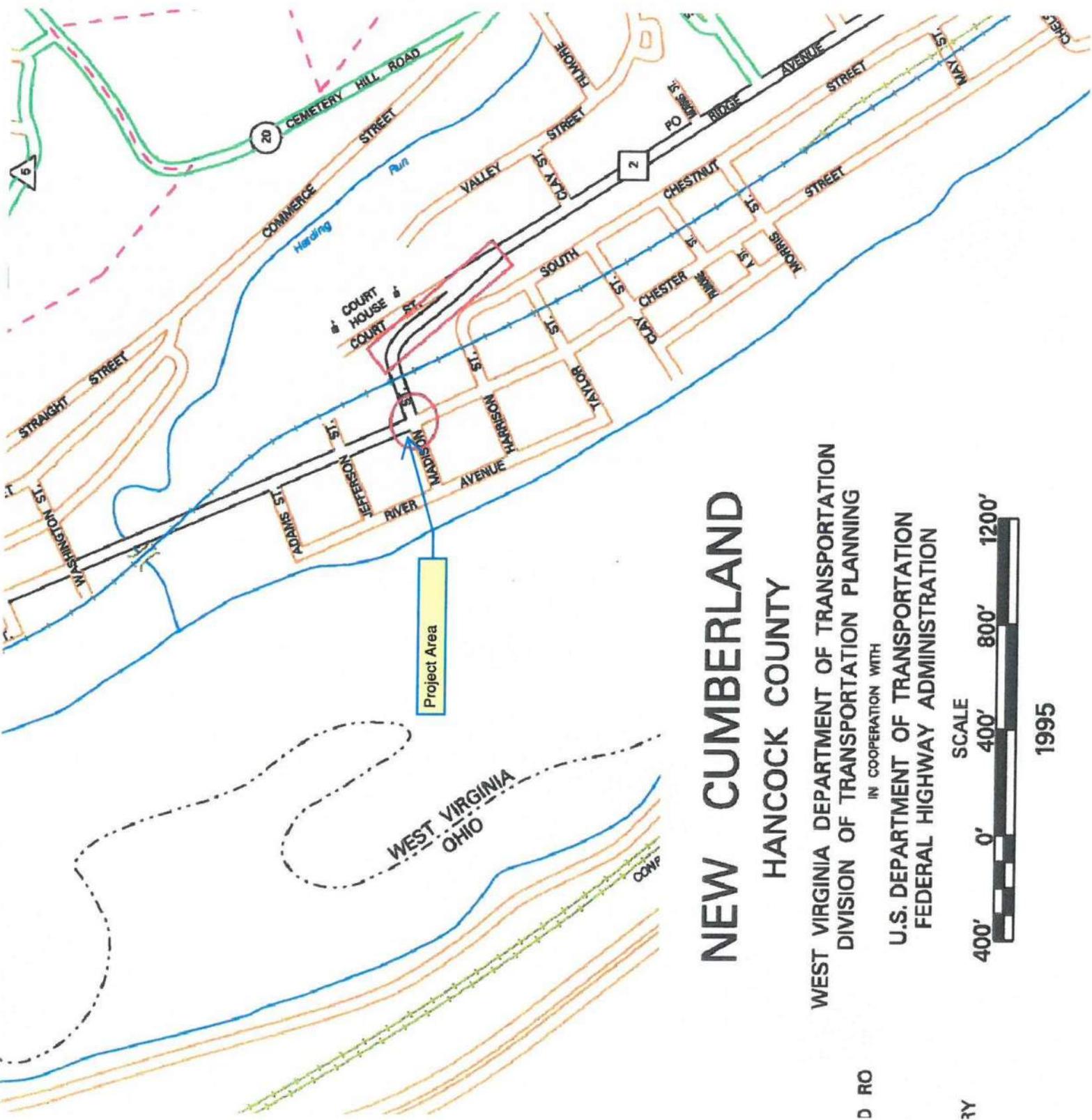
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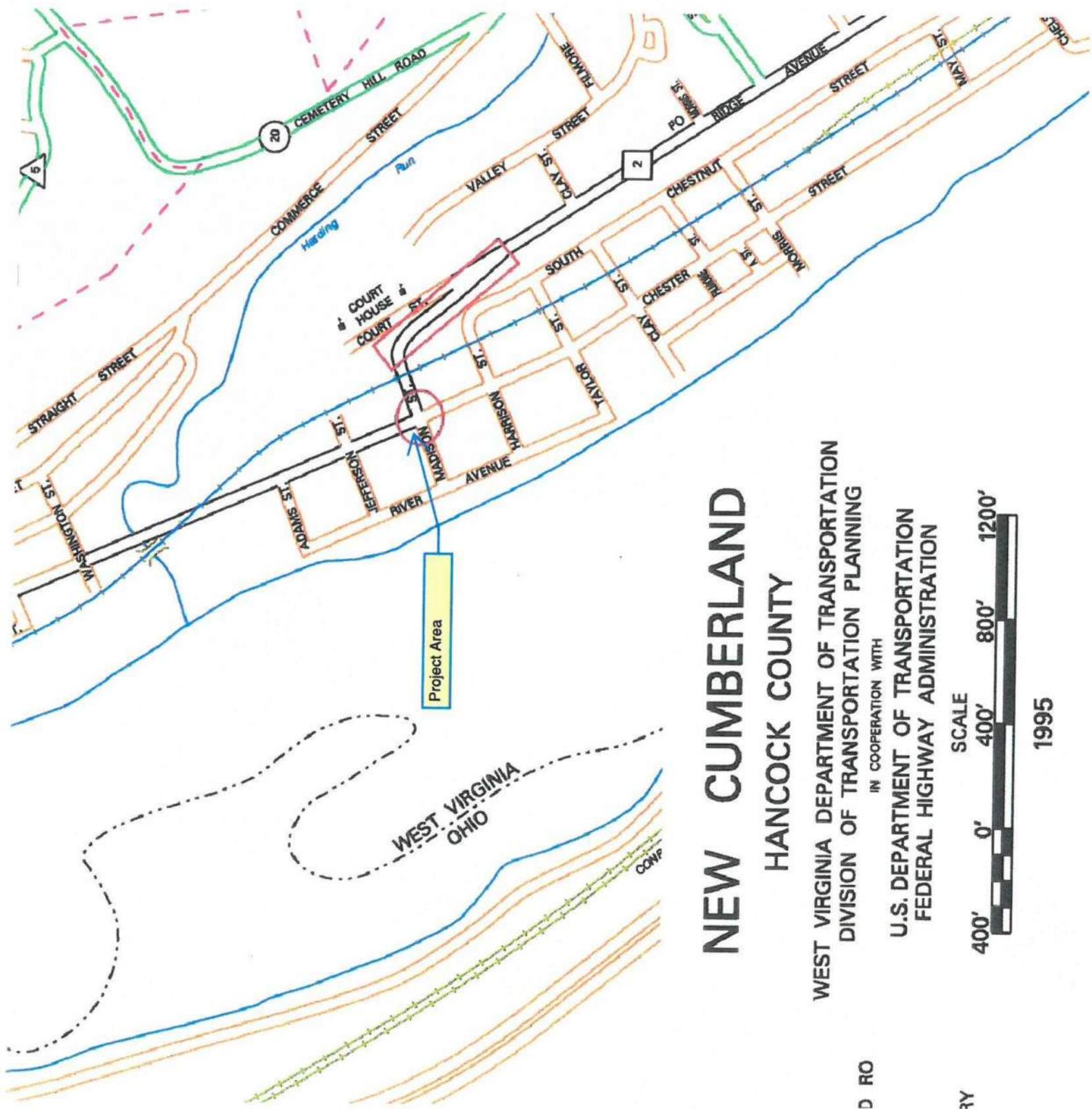
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**From:** [Epperly, Randy T](#)  
**To:** [Romano, Joe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: WV 2 New Cumberland Improvements  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 2:31:50 PM  
**Attachments:** [DNR.PDF](#)

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Please use the e-mail below as DNR clearance for New Cumberland. I'm still waiting on something from Fish & Wildlife.

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**From:** Cummings, Traci L  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 2:05 PM  
**To:** Epperly, Randy T <[Randy.T.Epperly@wv.gov](mailto:Randy.T.Epperly@wv.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: WV 2 New Cumberland Improvements

**Traci L. Cummings**  
**Natural Resources Program Manager**  
**WVDOH-Environmental Section**  
**304-558-9678 office**  
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**From:** Bennett, Danny A  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 2:03 PM  
**To:** Cummings, Traci L <[Traci.L.Cummings@wv.gov](mailto:Traci.L.Cummings@wv.gov)>  
**Cc:** Wakeford, Anne M <[Anne.M.Wakeford@wv.gov](mailto:Anne.M.Wakeford@wv.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: WV 2 New Cumberland Improvements

Traci,

The DNR does not anticipate and significant wildlife/fisheries issues related to the WV 2 New Cumberland project at this time.

Danny A. Bennett  
Natural Resource Program Manager I  
Coordination Unit  
304-637-0245- Office

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**From:** Epperly, Randy T  
**Sent:** Monday, February 12, 2018 10:43 AM

**To:** Bennett, Danny A  
**Cc:** Wakeford, Anne M; Cummings, Traci L  
**Subject:** WV 2 New Cumberland Improvements

Attached are NEPA scoping letters I sent on December 12, 2017 regarding the WV 2 New Cumberland project in Hancock County. I have not received a response other than a request for coordinates from Anne and wanted to follow up if you have comments or concerns. Let Traci or I know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Randy Epperly  
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