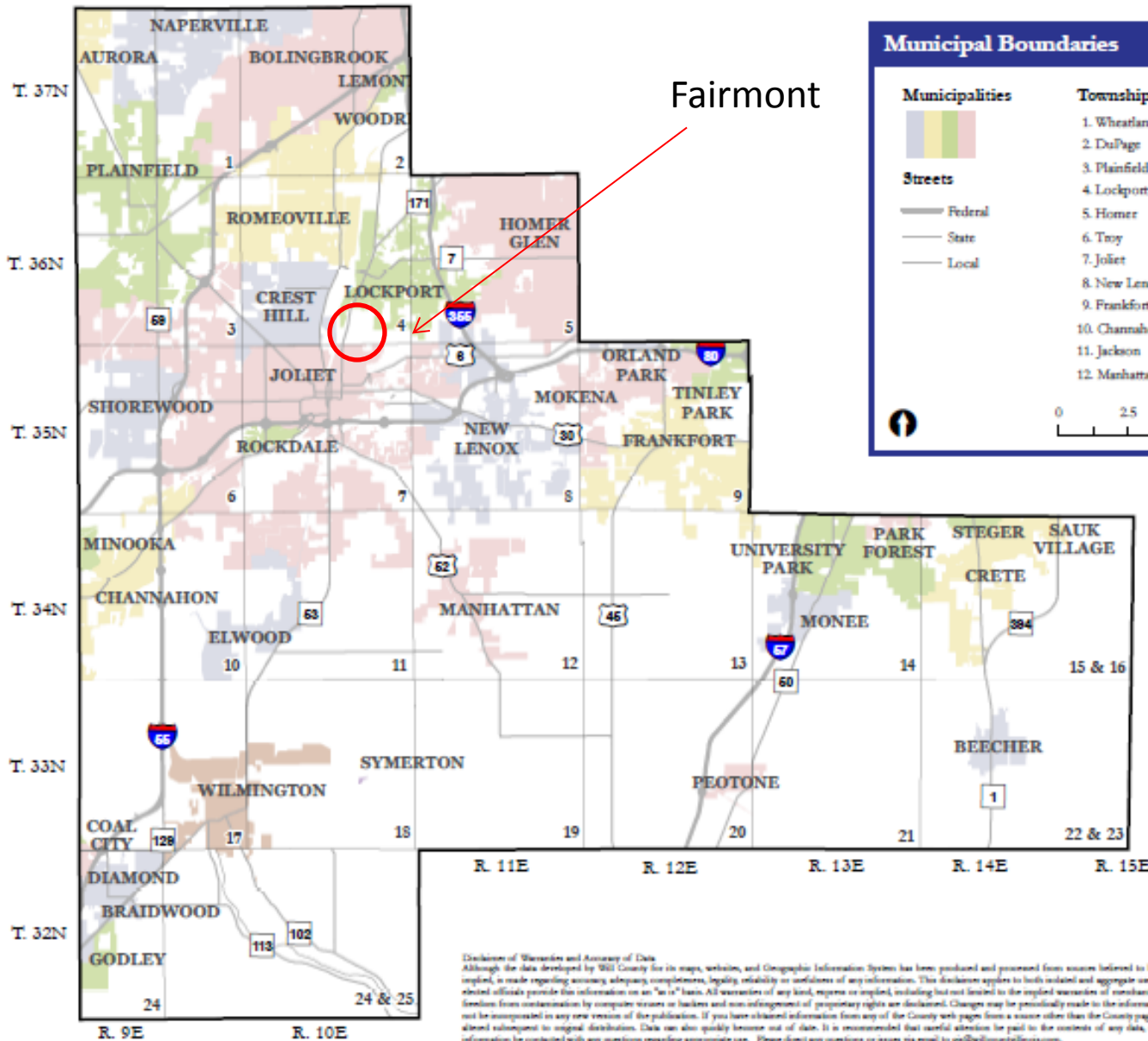


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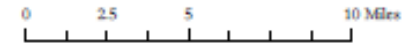


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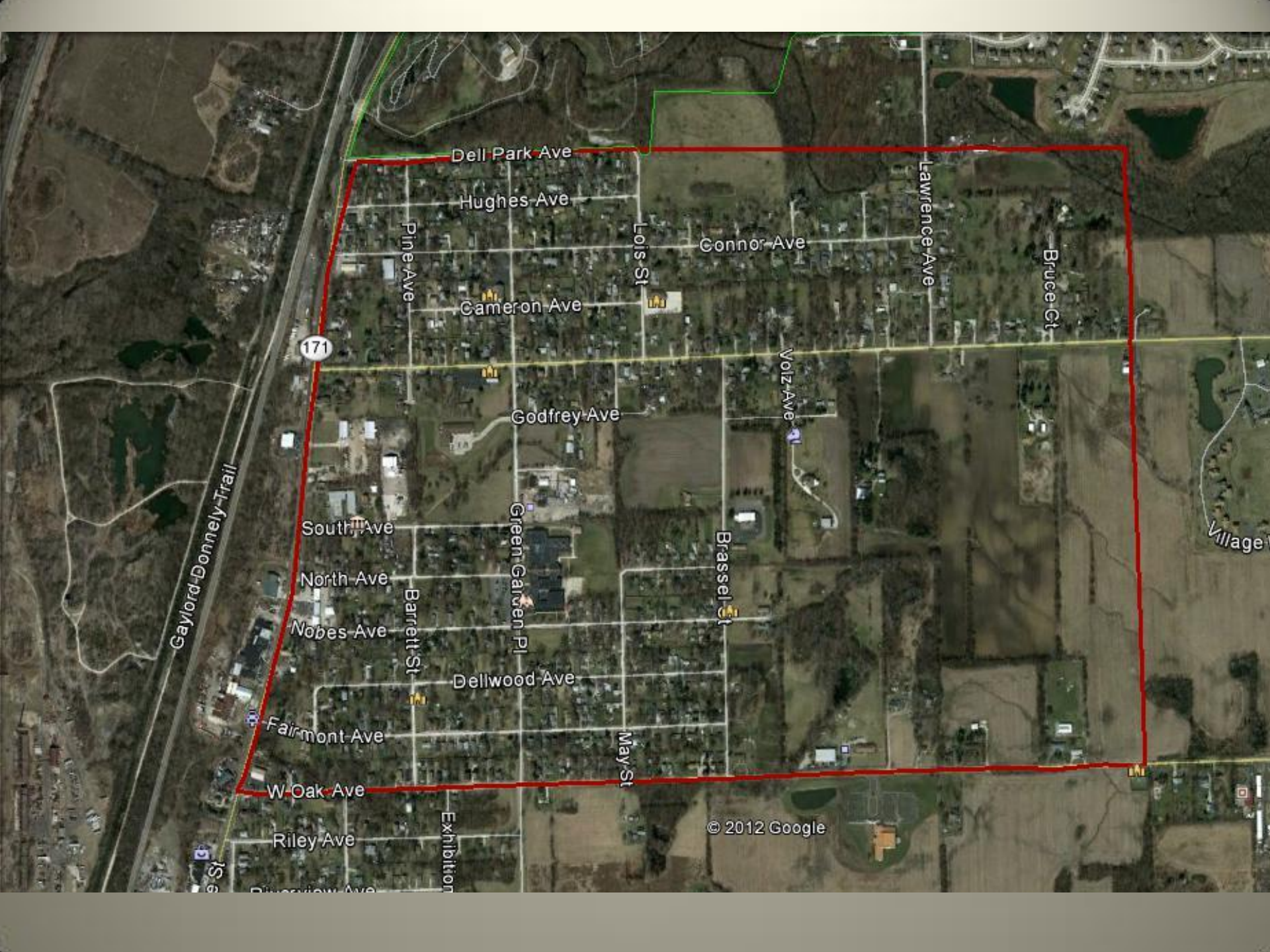
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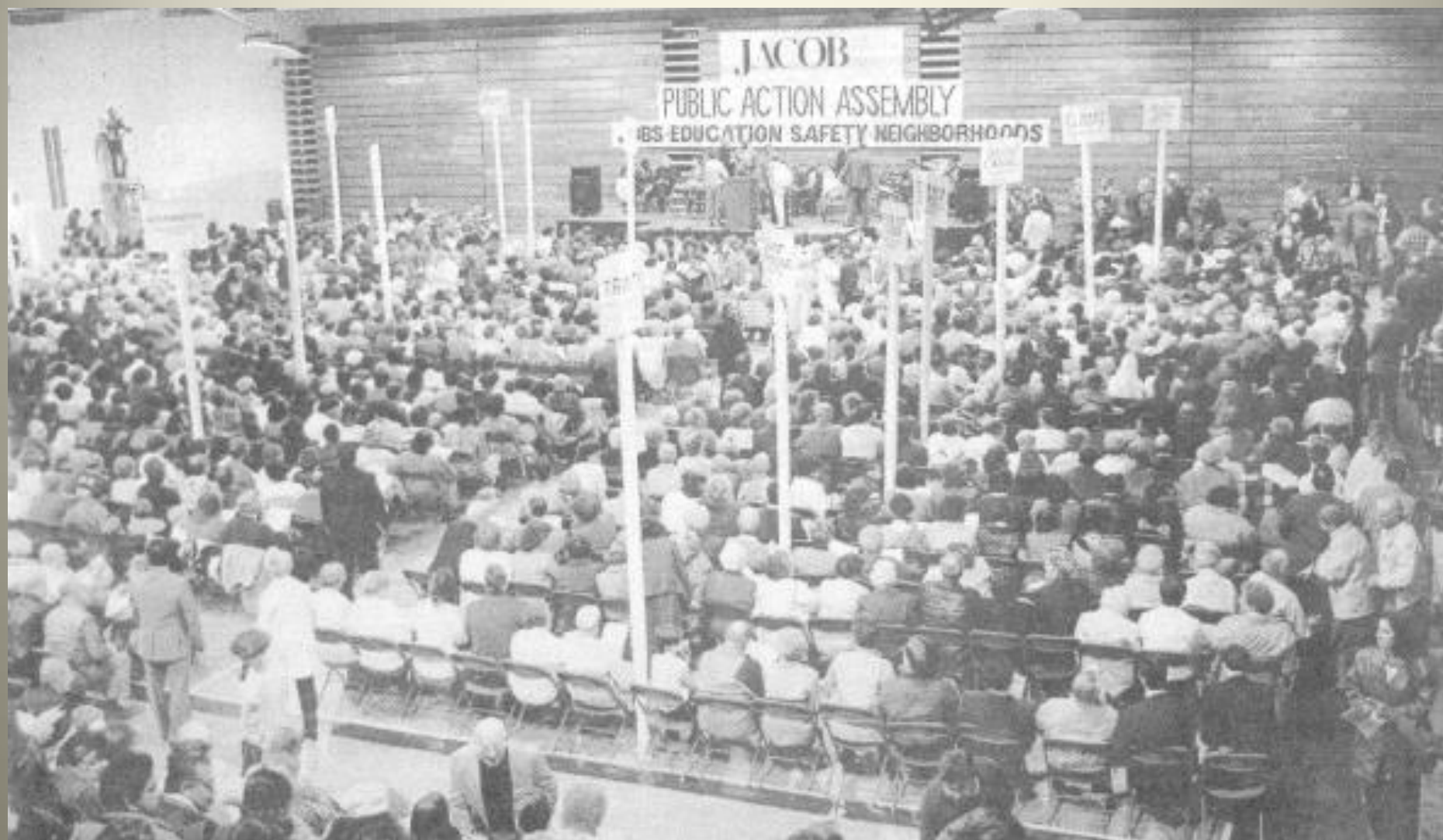
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Loss of Industry





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Drastic cuts threatened for Fairmont

*Schools face split shifts,
program cuts if voters
reject bond issue that
would pay off debt*



Township targets empty homes

Gang migration gives problem new urgency

By Carrie Churnovic
HERALD-NEWS WRITER

LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP — Area officials want to get rid of abandoned homes before they become a haven for gangs.

Township and county governments are responsible for an unincorporated area in Lockport Township where more than 30 abandoned homes were found in the past year.

"Regardless of the neighborhood, a little deterioration can be like cancer — it keeps getting worse," Will County Sheriff Tom Fitzgerald said. "Abandoned homes used to be an invitation for horseplay. Now, they're used for narcotic traffic and gang traffic."

Abandoned houses are a magnet for migrating gangs in search of a new home, Township Supervisor Patricia Hartley says. She is responsible for identifying abandoned homes in unincorporated township areas.



An abandoned house at the corner of Oak Avenue and Illinois 171 in Lockport Township is typical of more than 30 in the Fairmont neighborhood that township

Since 1992 the township has been assisting the county to condemn and destroy 34 abandoned homes in the Fairmont area, just south of Lockport. Sixteen homes already have been demolished.

Once the township recognizes a problem, the county works to identify owners, check historic value and declare the home to be a public nuisance.

The township does not have the authority to create or implement laws, but officials' recommendations are what leads the county to a decision to demolish abandon homes.

"A lot of homes are being rehabilitat-

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and Will County officials have targeted for demolition. Authorities say some abandoned homes have become havens for gang activity.

ed," says Barb Smiles, head of the Will County Land Use Department. "That's great, since the demolition of a home is such a long process."

City and police officials say that however the problem is addressed, it needs prompt attention.

"Whether gangs are using them or not, somebody is," explains Undersheriff Tom Hernandez. "Abandoned homes are being used to store dope, and we've found stolen cars in the garages."

Hartley says if progress continues, the remaining abandoned homes in Fairmont will be demolished by early spring.

Street war on new front

■ **Slain father:** Bullets have whizzed through their neighborhood — even their house — but Lucille Sutton never imagined a gangland killer at the front door

By Stewart Warren
HERALD-NEWS WRITER

Lockport Township — Despite the gunshots that have been aimed at the house in the past, 2106 Arthur Ave. was home to the Sutton family.

Lucille and Otha Sutton raised their six children on The Hill. They lived on Fairview Avenue for 15 years, and they spent the last half-dozen on Arthur Avenue.

"All my kids grew up here and went to school here. When they were little, it wasn't like it is now," said Lucille, 49, as she sat on her home's blood-stained front



Otha Sutton

steps.

But Tuesday morning's events would be enough to scare anyone away.

A gunman knocked on their door about 12:40 a.m. and asked for one of the Sutton sons. Otha opened it, and there was a blast of gunfire. Six shots hit the retired ironworker. He died later in Silver Cross Hospital's emergency room.

County police Deputy Chief Sig Hjemvick said









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