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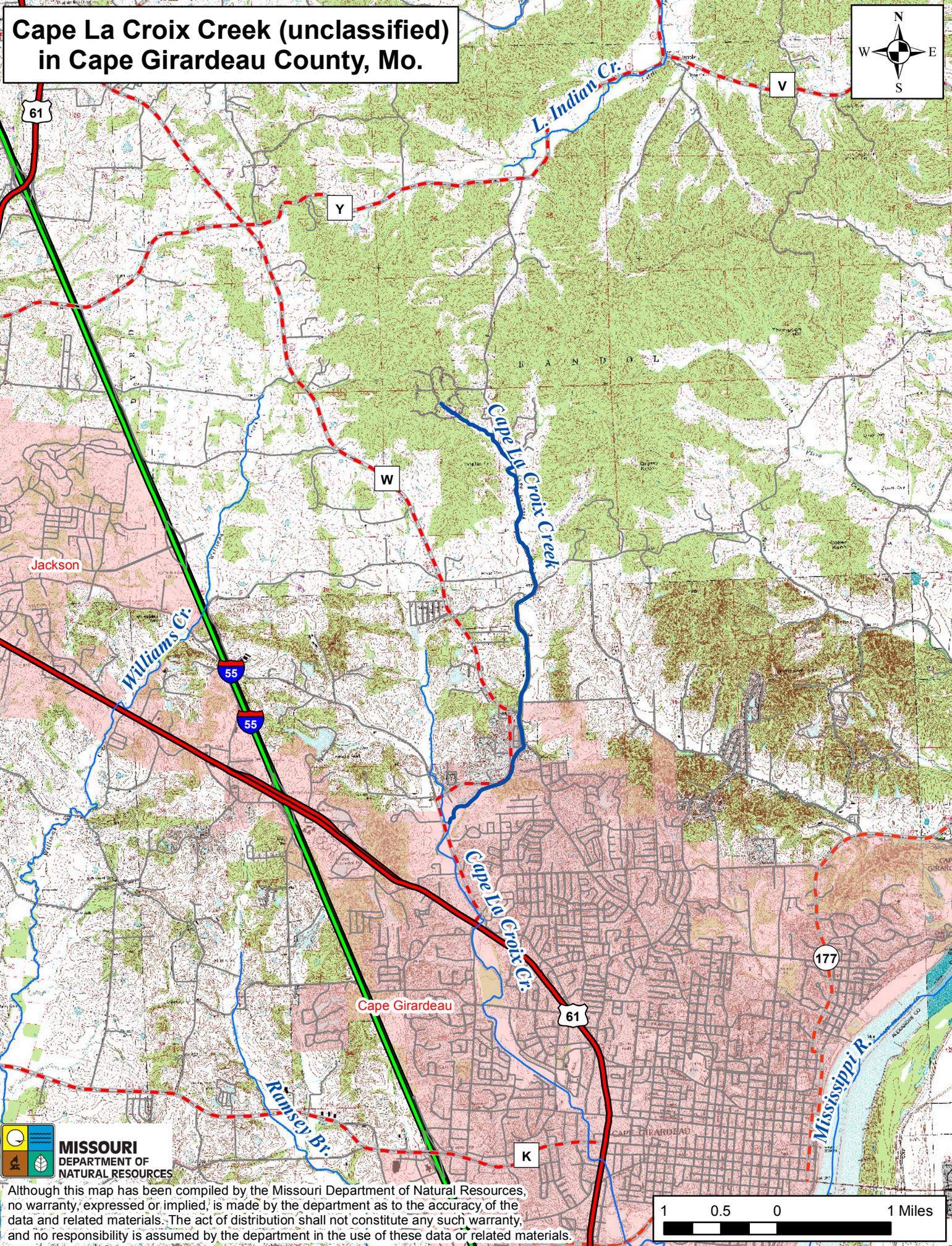
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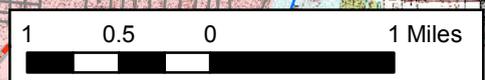
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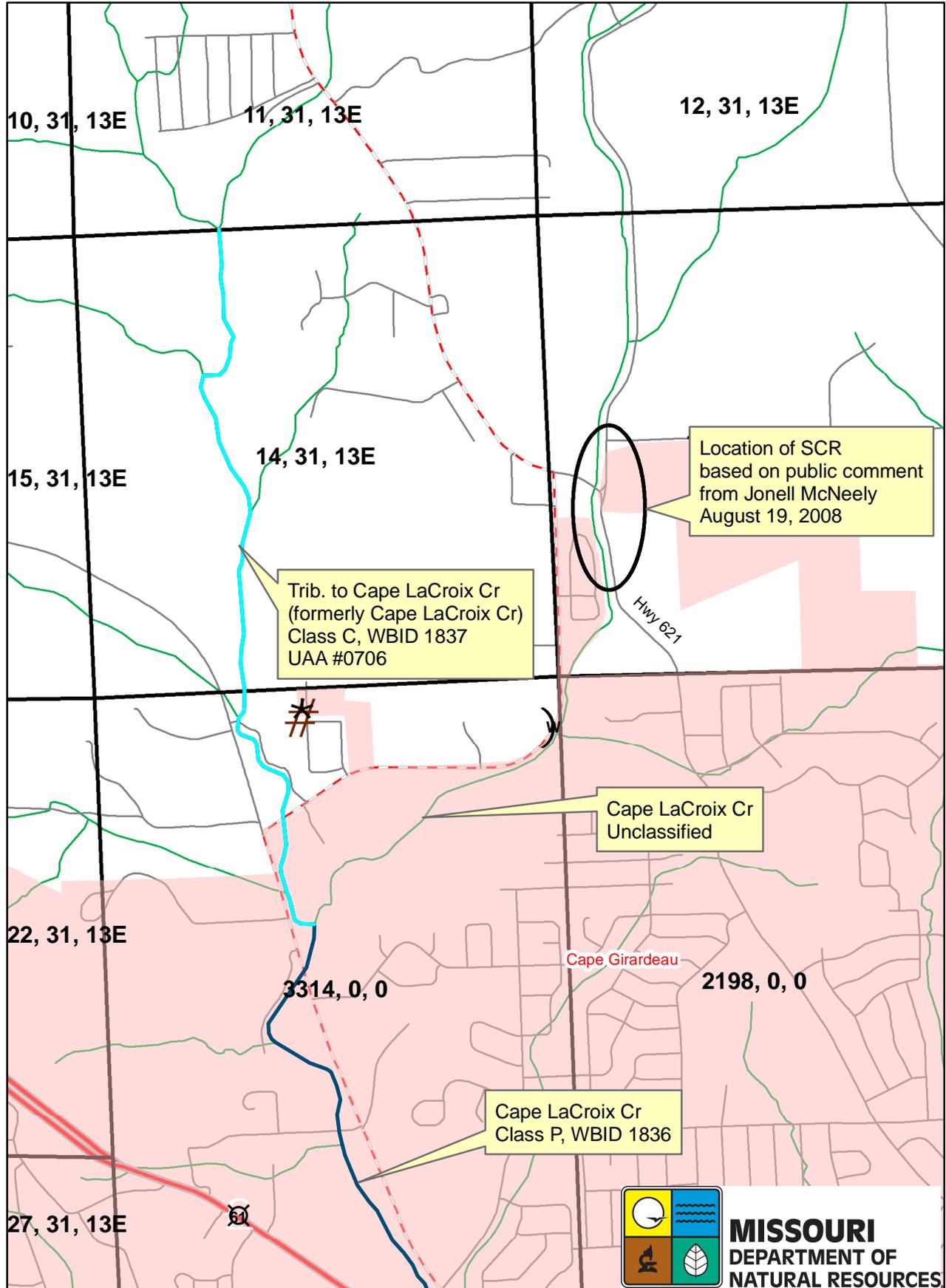
Cape La Croix Creek (unclassified) in Cape Girardeau County, Mo.



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Cape LaCroix Creek Classification



map created by: Bill Whipps
MODNR WPCP
10/8/08

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Date: August 19, 2008

To: Anne Peery

From: Jonell McNeely

Subject: Cape LaCroix Creek Use Designation

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I don't understand the designation WBID 1837 for this stream. Both the Cape Girardeau, MO.-ILL. 1967 (revised 1978) and the Cape Girardeau NE, MO .1993 quadrangles of the Geological Survey maps clearly mark the branch of the stream which turns and follows Route W (where County Road 620 begins on the left) as Cape LaCroix Creek. After about a mile, when Route W turns north, this larger stream runs alongside County Road 621 for 3+ miles, eventually ending (arising) just north of the North Hills Subdivision.

For the most part the impact that I referred to occurred on the true Cape Lacroix Creek near the intersection of Rt. W and CR 621. The lagoon system that used to serve the Lamplighter MHP has long since been replaced by a trunk sewer to the City of Cape Girardeau. To my knowledge the only likely significant contamination of that stream would be runoff from County Road 621.

The section that you have designated WBID 1837 is smaller and continues more or less due north for a couple of sections. Eventually a branch of this segment receives the effluent from a mobile home park (I think they call it RT. W MHP now). This segment also drains storm water from the hills northeast of Cape which are being rapidly developed. For that reason there is a major storm water drainage basin on that segment. It can barely contain major rain events.

Other than the MHP, most of the homes in the basin of WBID 1837 were built under the newer on-site sewage laws and are little problem to the stream. Again the major impact on the branch, other than the one MHP, is alteration and sediment from construction projects.

While I can imagine children playing in those little drainageways behind their homes (it is primarily a residential area), there is no public access as far as I know.

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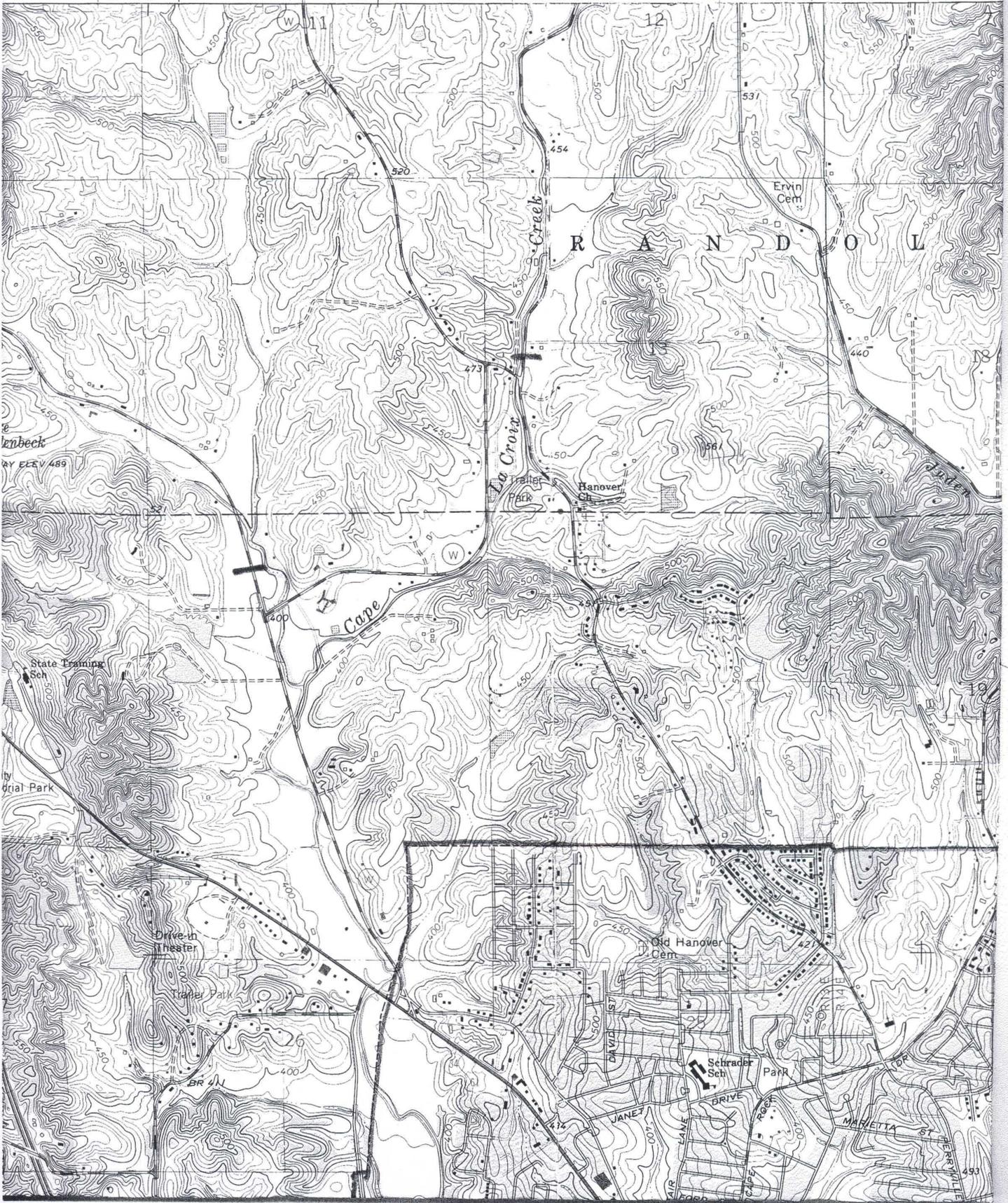
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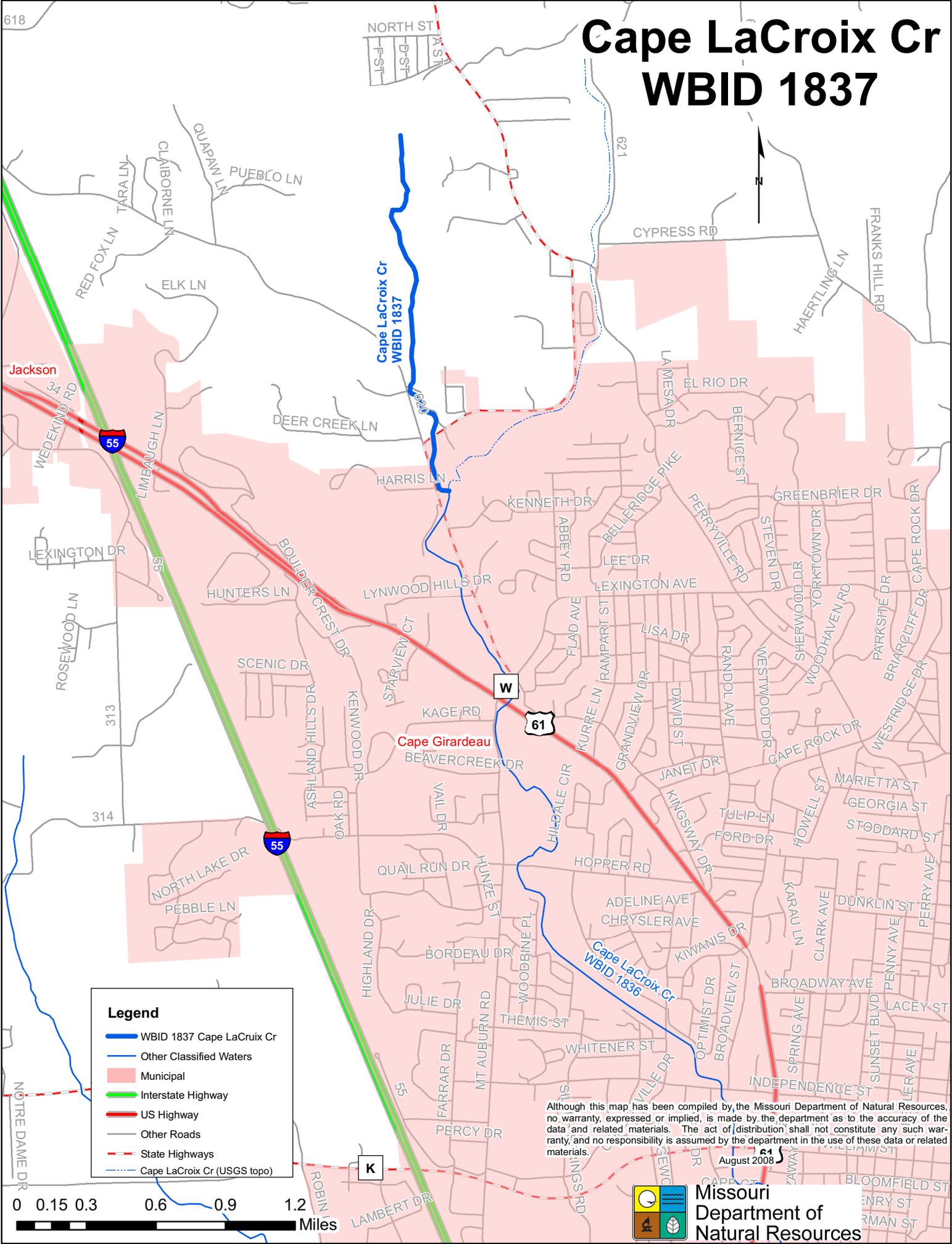
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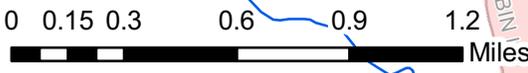


Cape LaCroix Cr WBID 1837



Legend

- WBID 1837 Cape LaCroix Cr
- Other Classified Waters
- Municipal
- Interstate Highway
- US Highway
- Other Roads
- State Highways
- Cape LaCroix Cr (USGS topo)



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July 23, 2008

John Hoke. UAA Coordinator
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Dear Mr. Hoke:

Enclosed please find a news story from Page one of the Jackson Post Cashbook to document the use of Hubble Creek by the public.

Goose Creek is similarly used by children and fishermen (to gather bait). I don't have time to document the use of that stream, but both Hubble and Goose Creeks are attractive flat rock creeks which are easily accessible from residential and city park areas. What IS your reviewer doing even considering removing the (minimally) protected status? Obviously they have no visual knowledge of the locale at all.

Cape LaCroix Creek ^{Since 1976!} is similarly attractive, if somewhat less accessible, to the public. In the past I have known of a child getting a severe infection from wading in that creek with his tennis shoes on. Parents did not become aware of the infected blister until it was almost too late. Cape LaCroix is located near homes including a low income trailer court, and the jogging trail of Cape Girardeau which crosses the Creek near the Osage Center.

I worked with a man named Tracy McCracken who, while working for PBRO, deemed such streams "grade school beaches". He believed that all streams, small or otherwise, receiving wastewater effluent should be clearly posted. Too bad there aren't people like him protecting our children now.

Sincerely,



Jonell McNeely

Encl: Jackson Post Cashbook article

