

DIXON DISTRICT PARK

Mr. Bob Olson
112 E Second St
Dixon, IL 61021

Dear Mr. Olson:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit three of our funding proposals to the County's ARPA Committee for their consideration. We have prioritized our requests, with this proposal - a request for \$755,503 for the repaving of the roads of Lowell Park (2114 Lowell Park Road, Dixon) - being our top priority.

This project is our number one priority due to Lowell Park being used by so many residents of Lee County, not to mention the volume of visitors from Illinois and other parts of the United States. We are very grateful for the increase in the use of the park and the road improvements will greatly benefit our patrons. The grant will allow us to complete this project and keep Lowell Park a top destination for years to come.

The usage of Lowell Park has increased in the last three years due to the addition of disc golf, a new zip-line playground and the corn hole game. Covid-19 is also a huge factor in the considerable increase of people visiting this park. The community and visitors are wanting to get out and enjoy outdoor activities. Lowell Park is used by visitors from all over Lee county along with Dixon residents and out of town visitors.

The repaving of Lowell Park roads is in dire need to be completed. The base of the roads are satisfactory at this time, but as time goes on the base will start to break down, meaning two times the cost to repair the damage to the roads. All the other amenities are in great shape at Lowell Park. The restrooms, shelters, boat ramps, playgrounds, Woodcote Cottage, disc golf, cornhole game, security cameras, and the Ruth Edwards Nature Center are welcoming to park users. The Dixon Park District has applied for a \$80,000 grant for a canoe launch to add to the amenities Lowell Park has to offer.

The cost breakdown for this road improvement project is as follows;

Main Gate Area:	\$53,000
North Loop Road:	\$209,475
Pinetum Loop:	\$61,866
Hairpin Road:	\$187,845
Lower River Road:	\$152,817
Woodcote:	\$30,000
Lions Parking Area:	\$10,000
Engineering:	\$50,000

*Over 1100 acres of recreational space and natural area
28 sites including historic Lowell Park where President Reagan served as a lifeguard for seven summers*

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The engineering and all bidding will be completed by Willett & Hofman and Associates to keep the tax dollars local. A series of photos showing the deterioration of these roads in Lowell Park are included as exhibits to this proposal. If you would like to schedule a time when we can visit the Park together, I will make myself available for such a meeting.

In recognition of this grant, provided funding is awarded, we will install a permanent sign at the entrance of Lowell Park to inform people that Lee County granted the funds to repave all the roads at Lowell Park. Examples of this signage has been included in this packet of information.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. The total cost estimate for this project is \$755,503. Meanwhile, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself, at (815)284-3306 or send me an email at: director@dixonparkdistrict.com.

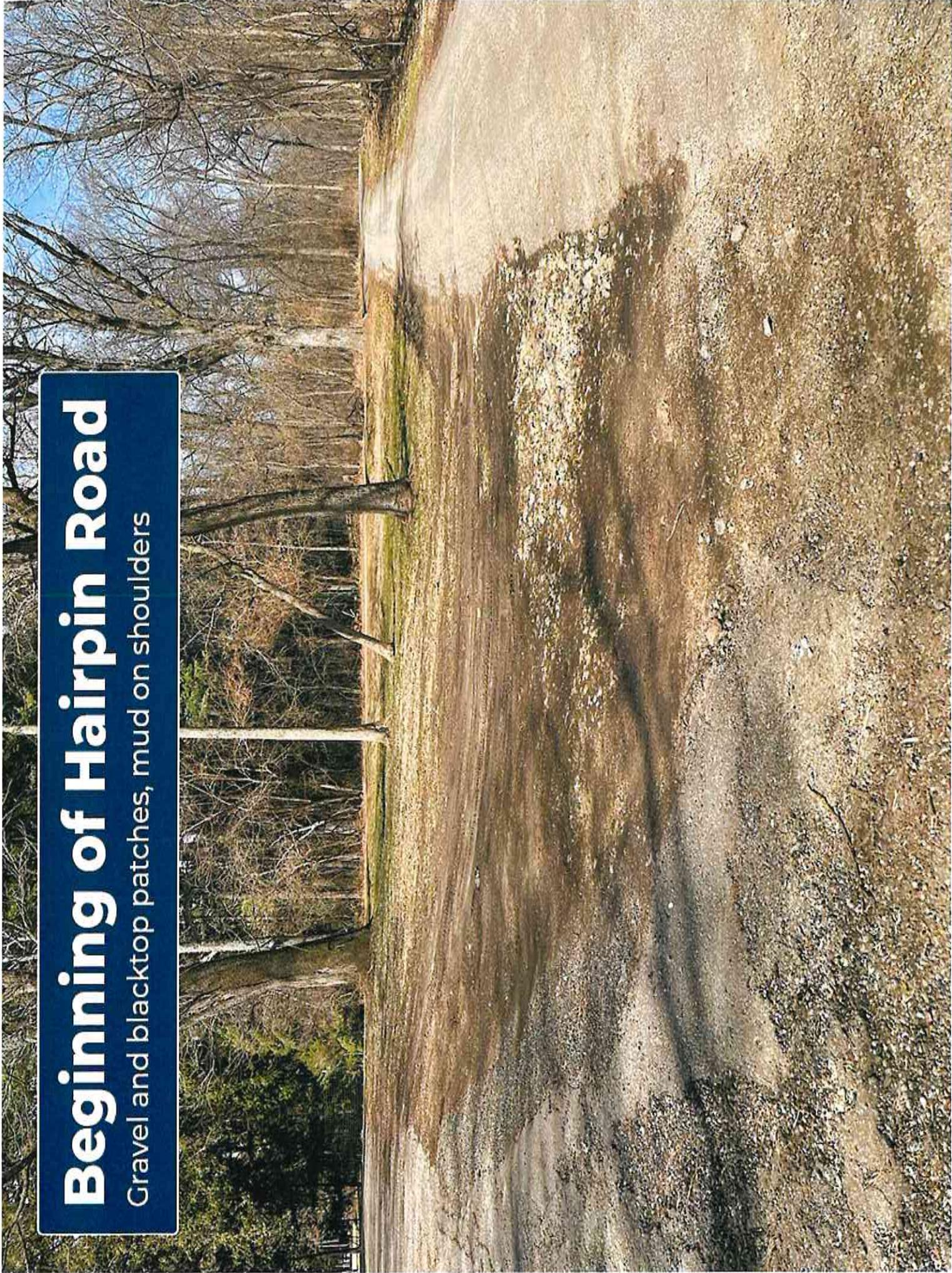
Sincerely,

Duane Long
Dixon Park District, Executive Director

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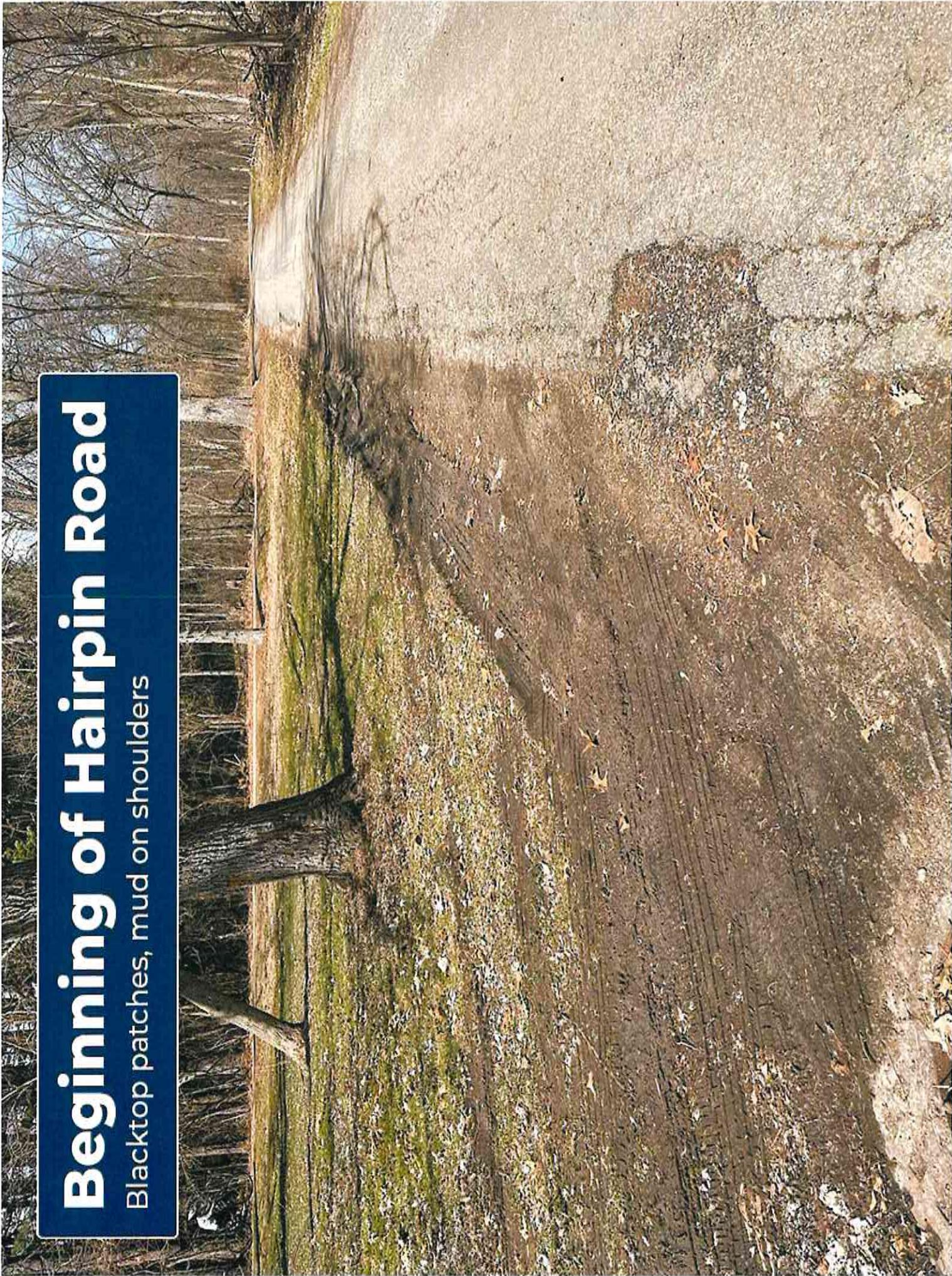
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Gravel and blacktop patches, mud on shoulders



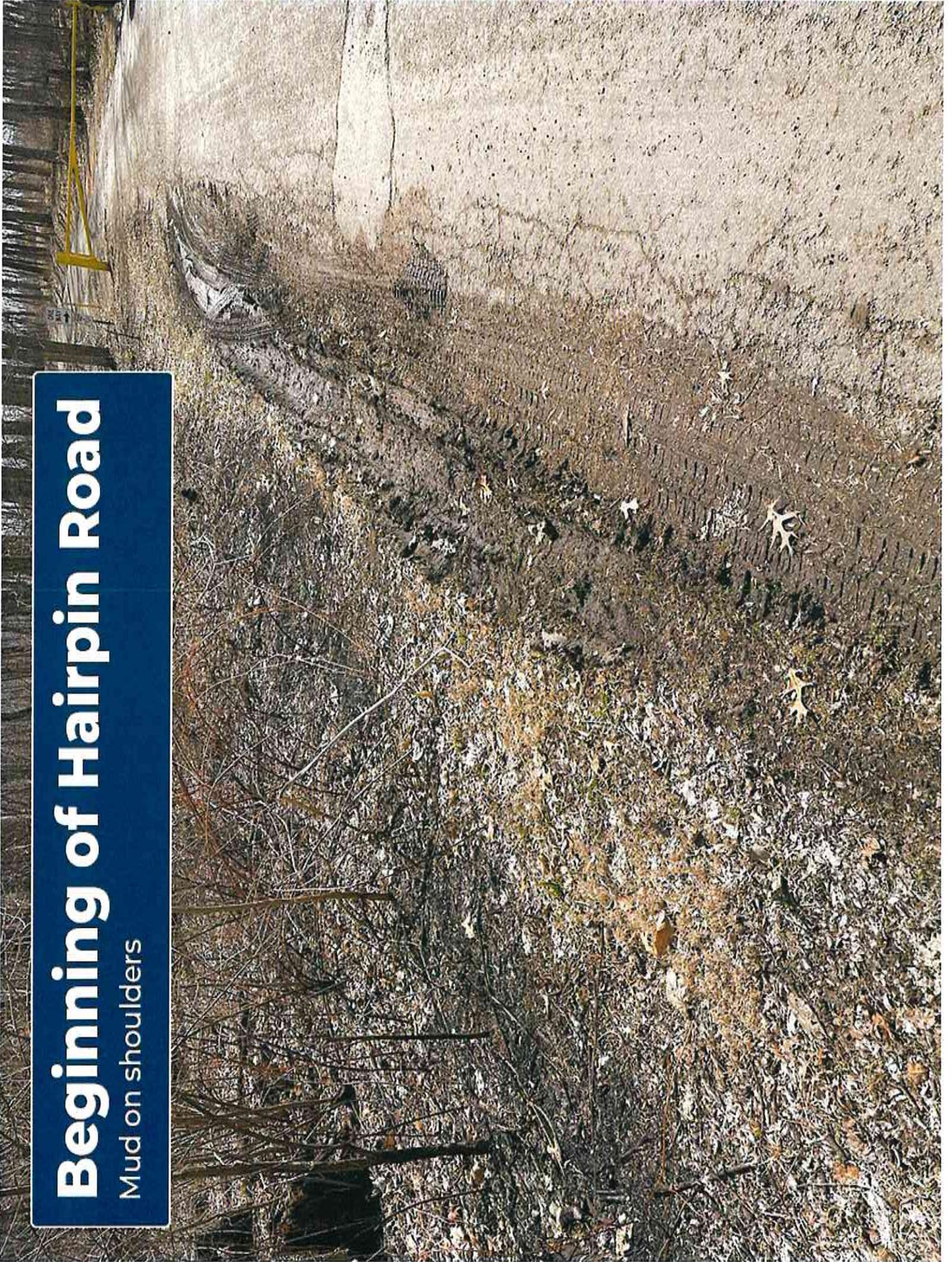
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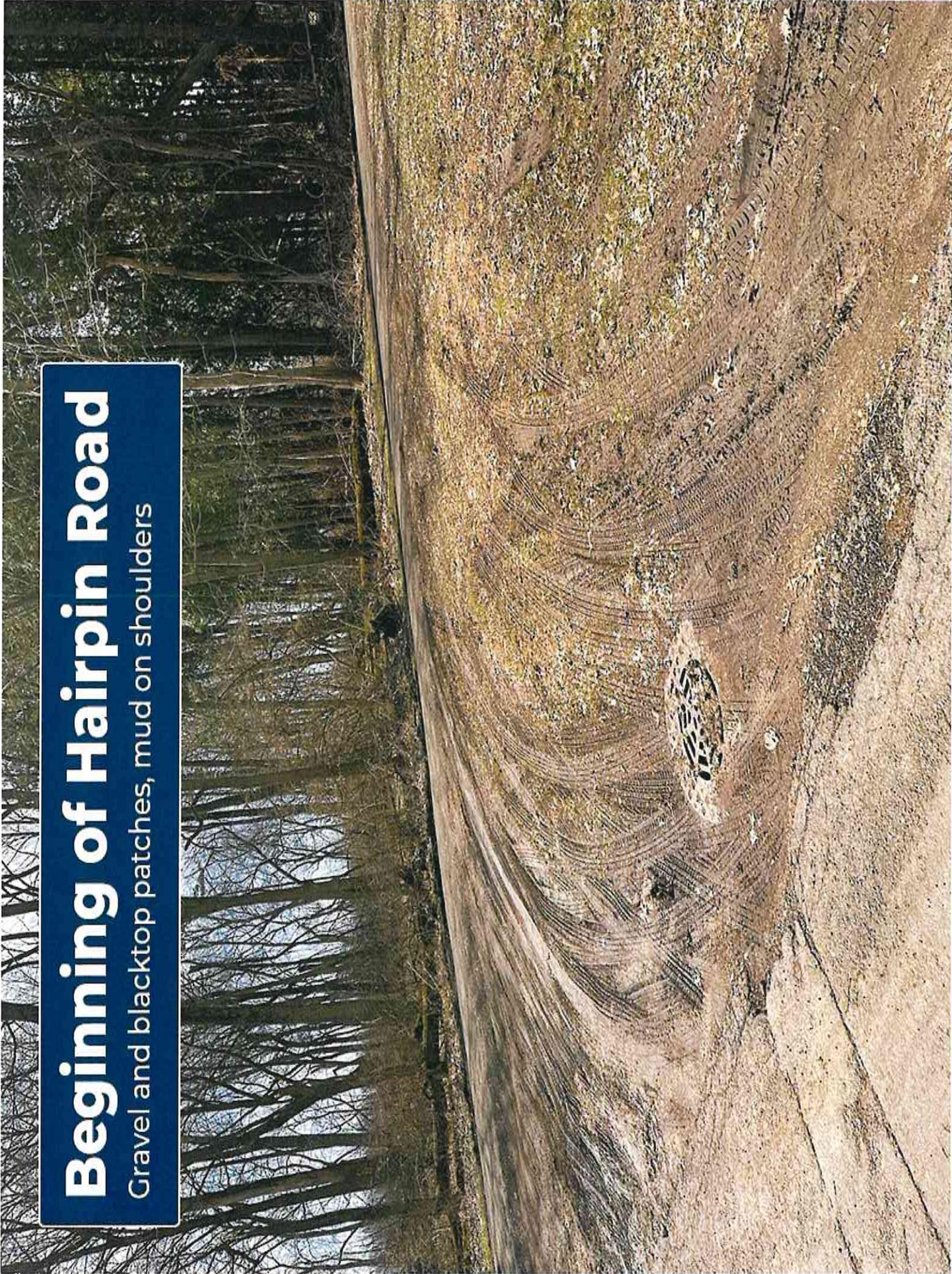
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Mud on shoulders



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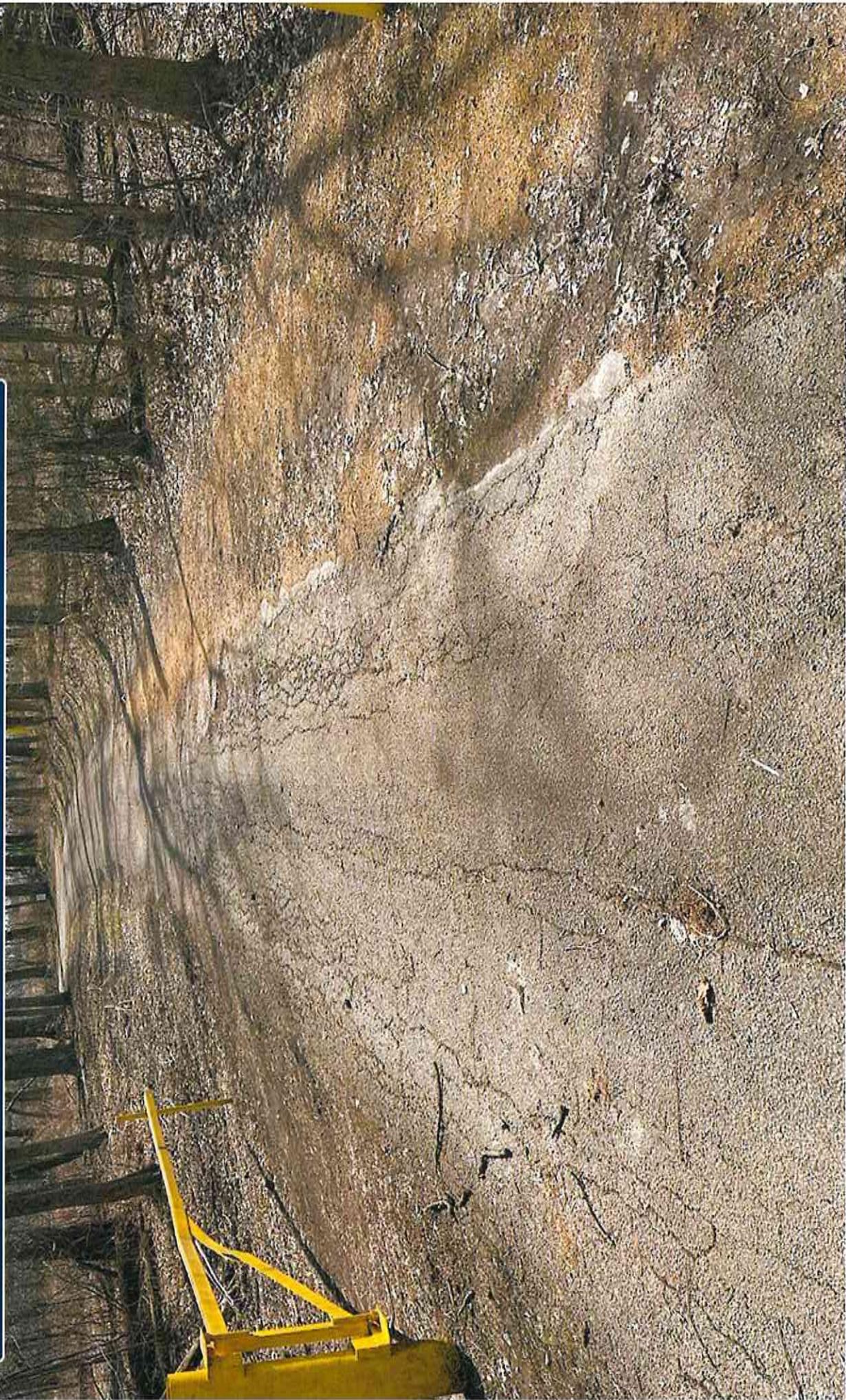
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Area to be improved with pavement, mud on shoulders



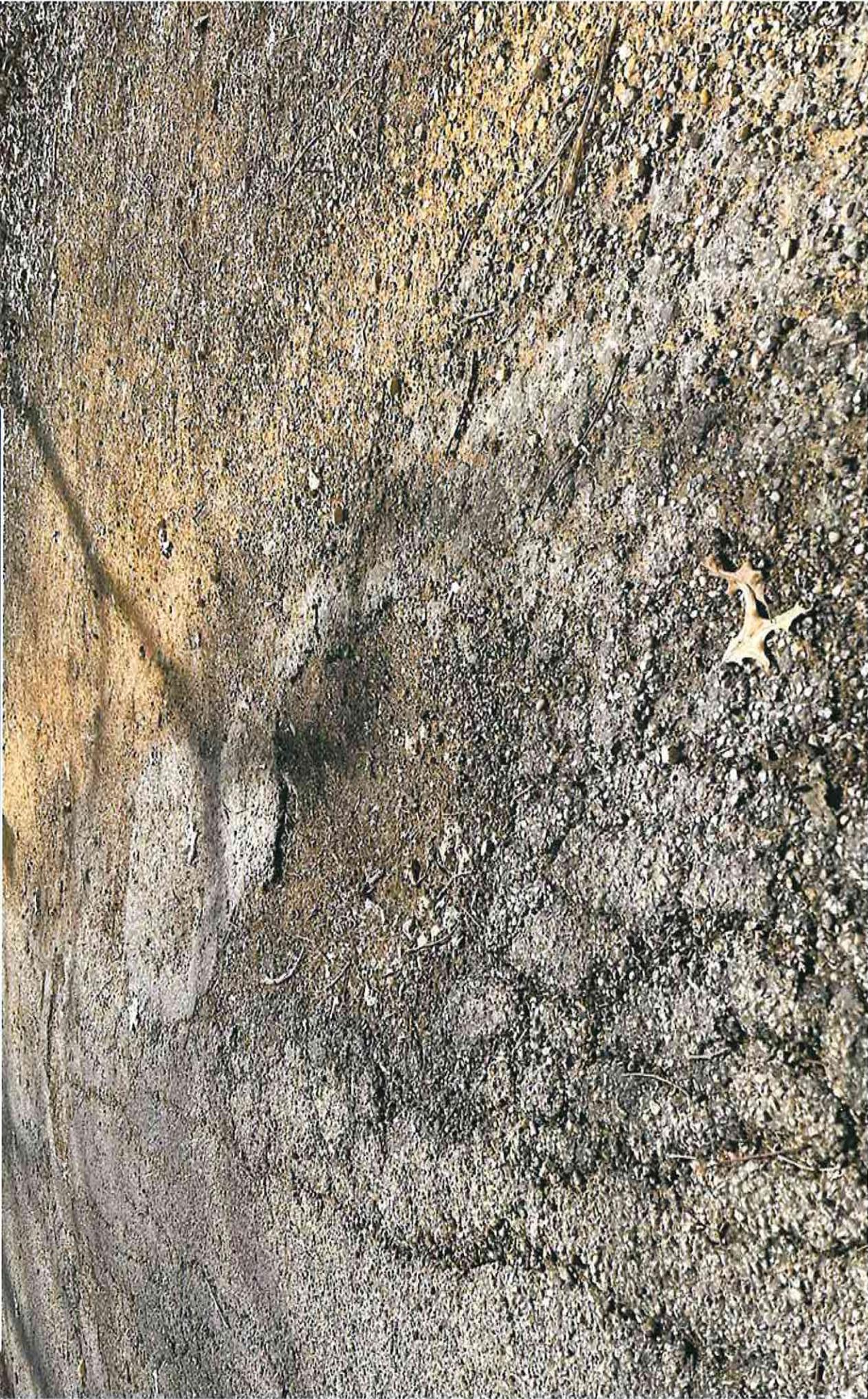
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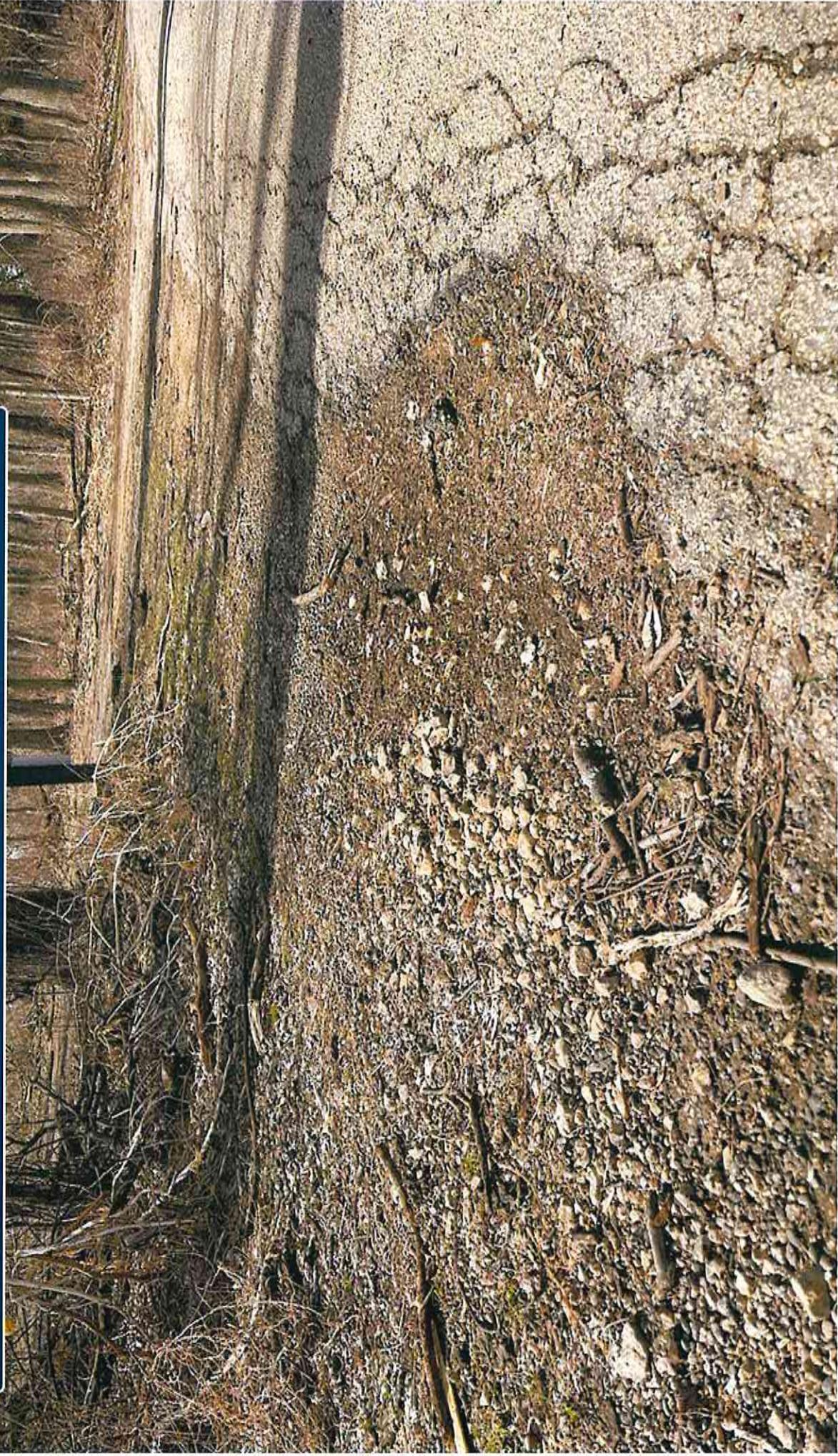
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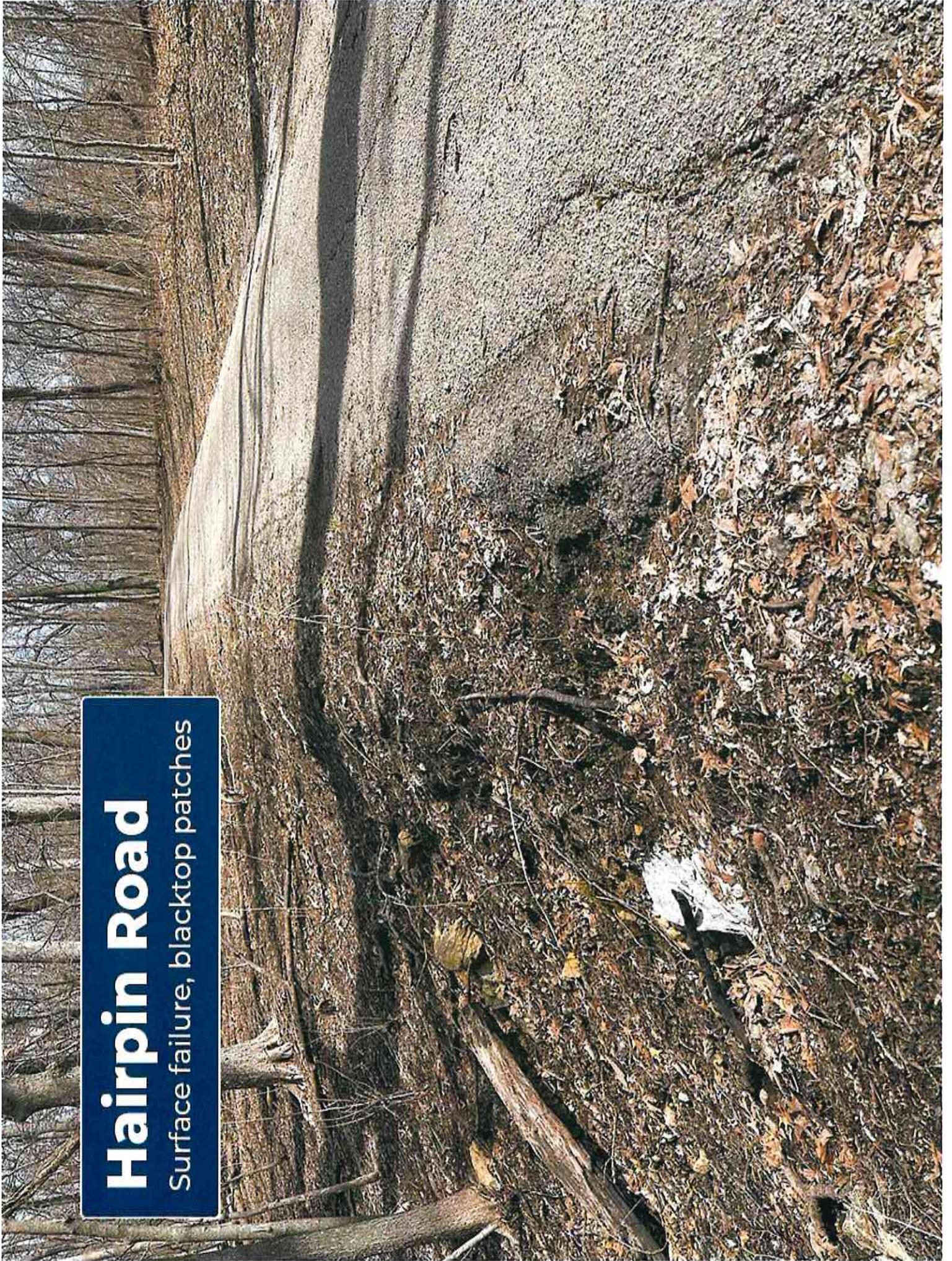
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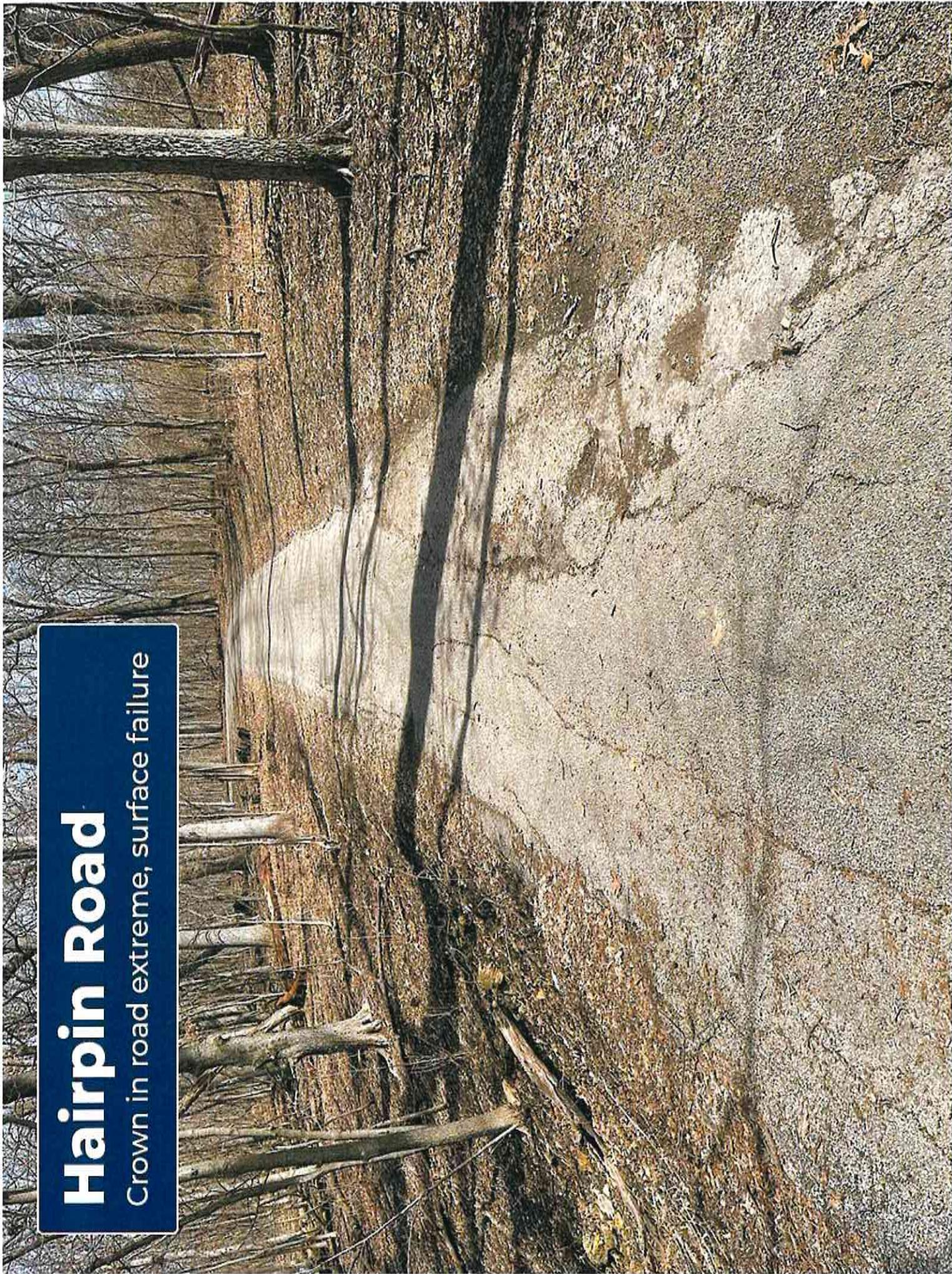
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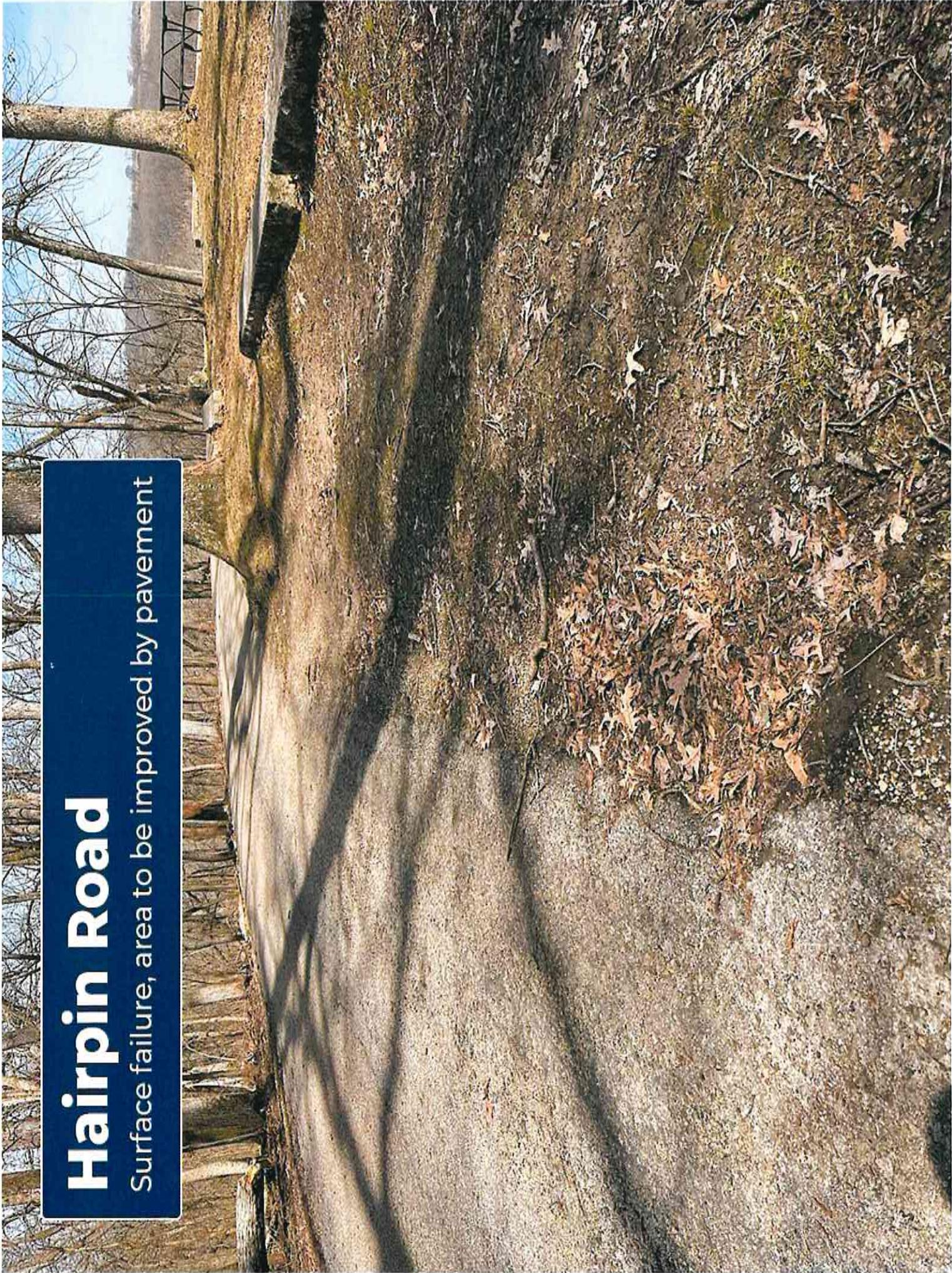
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Crown in road extreme, surface failure



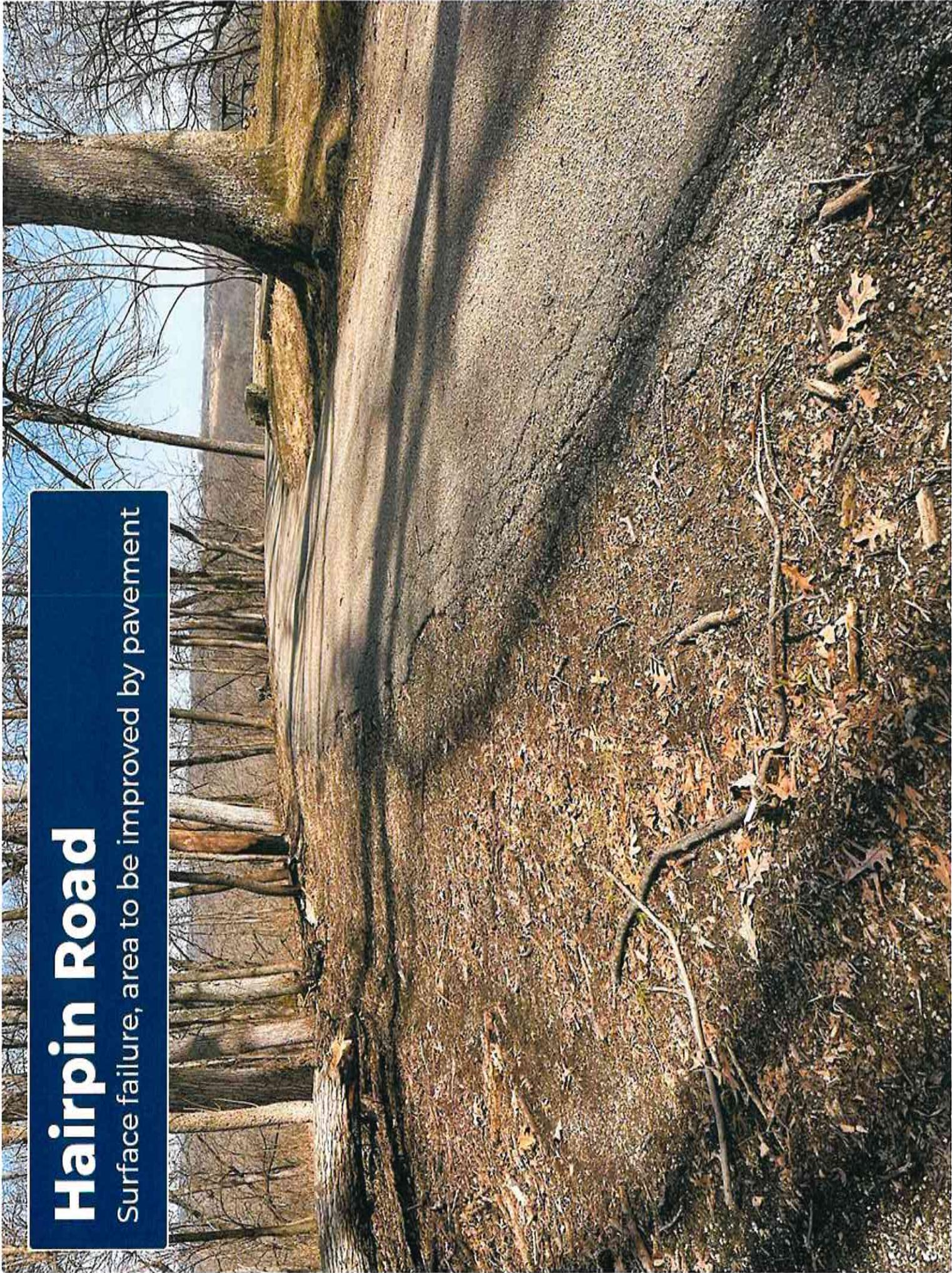
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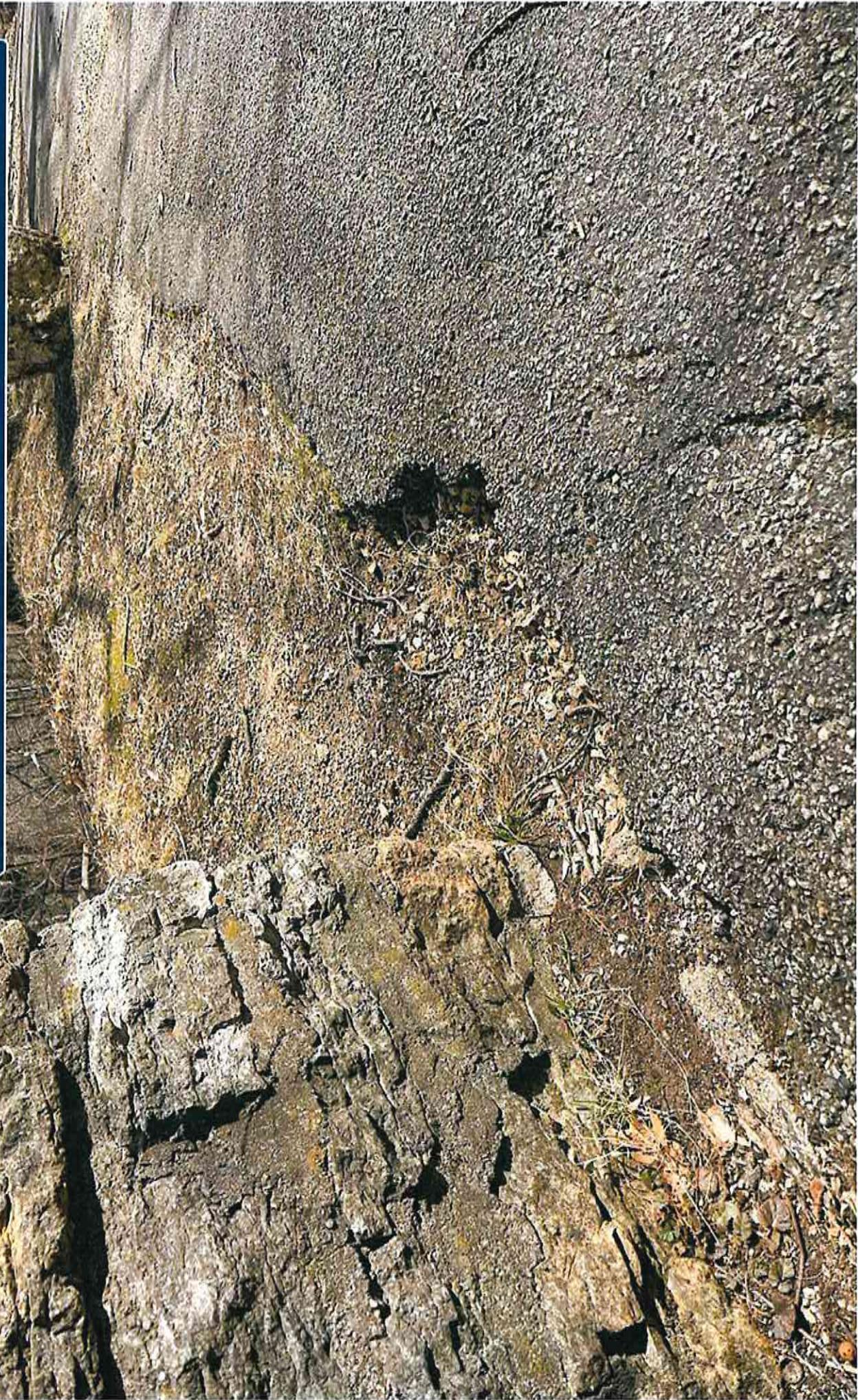
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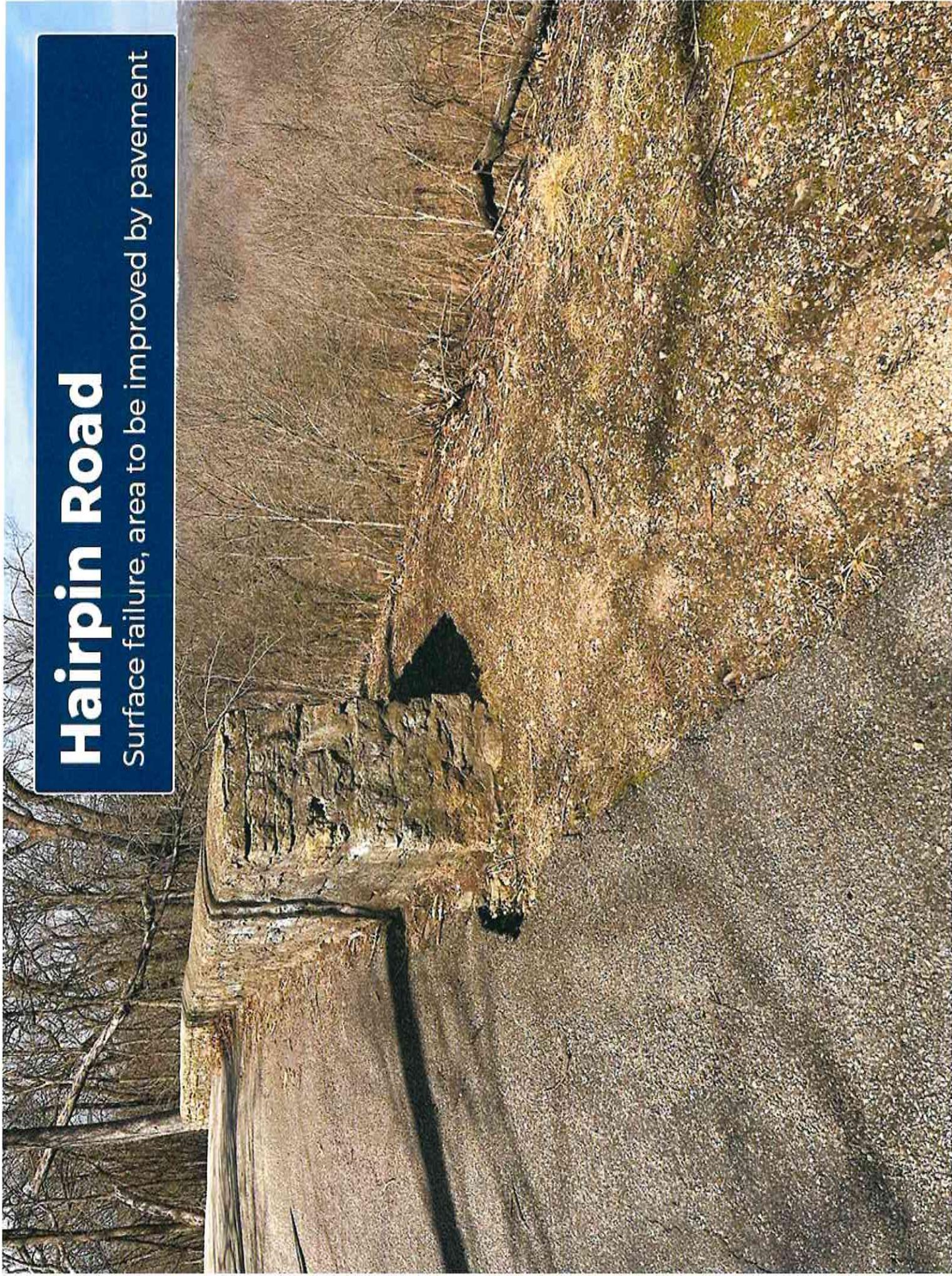
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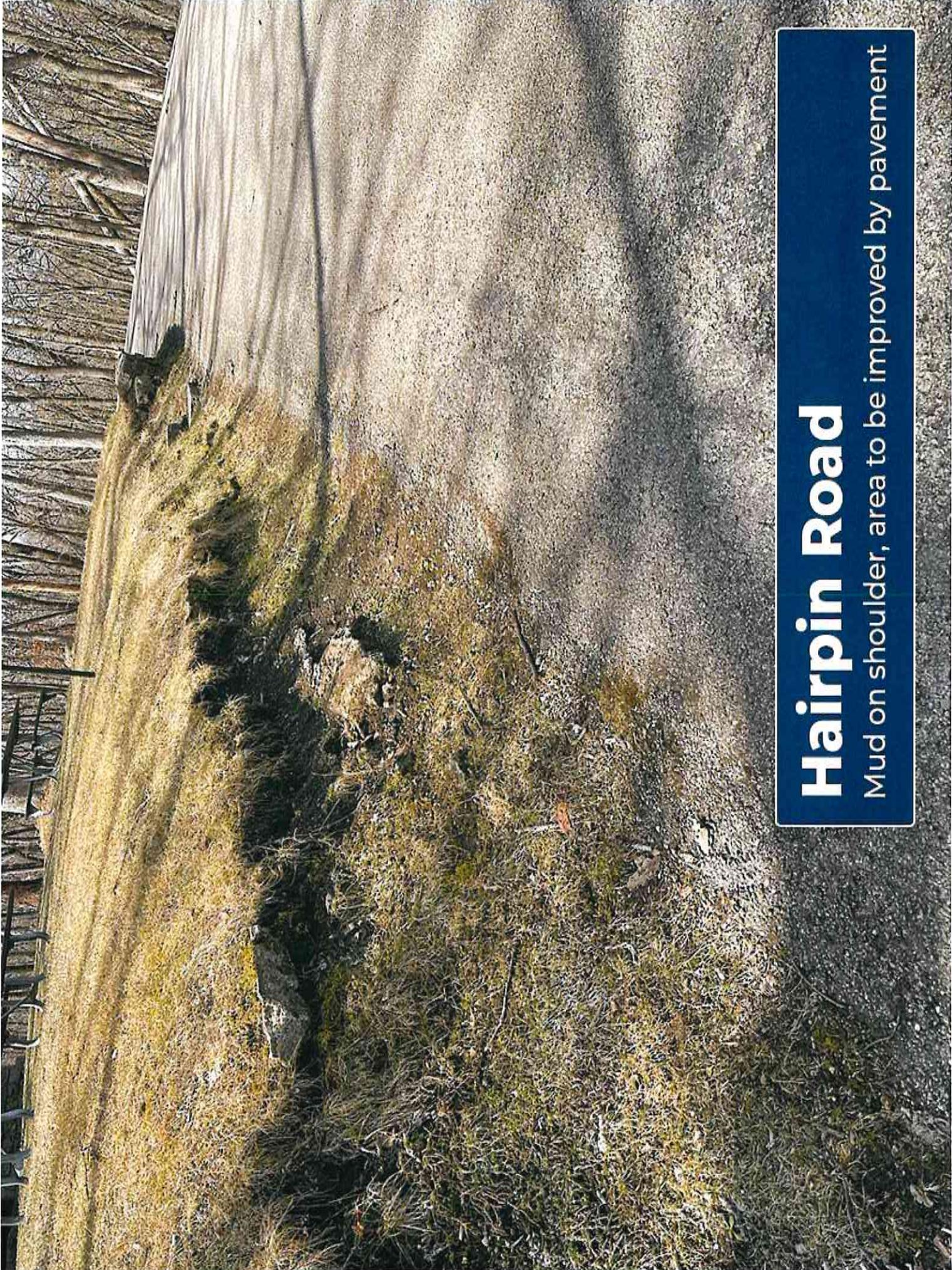
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Hairpin Road

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Hairpin Road

Mud on shoulder, area to be improved by pavement

Hairpin Road

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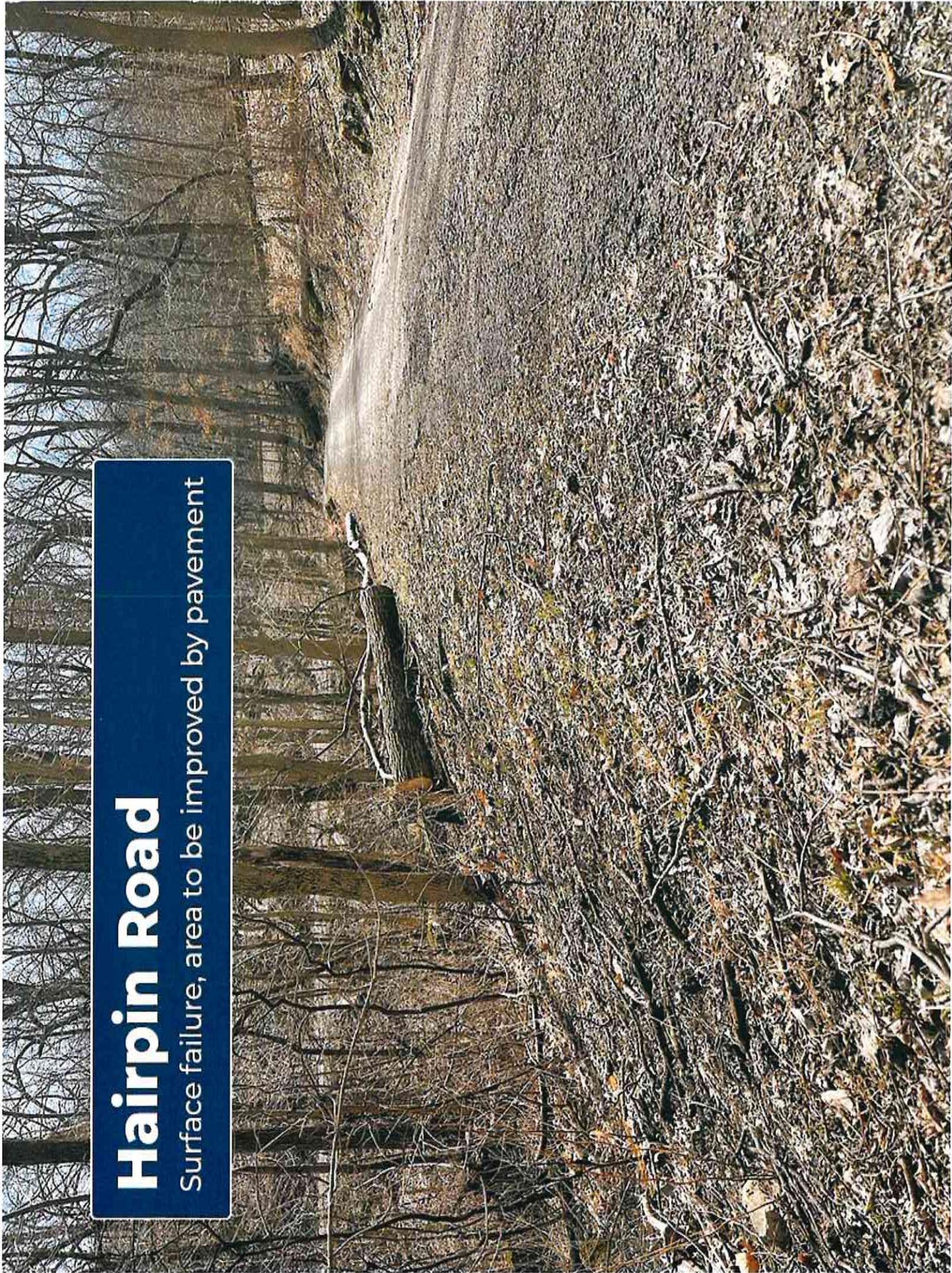


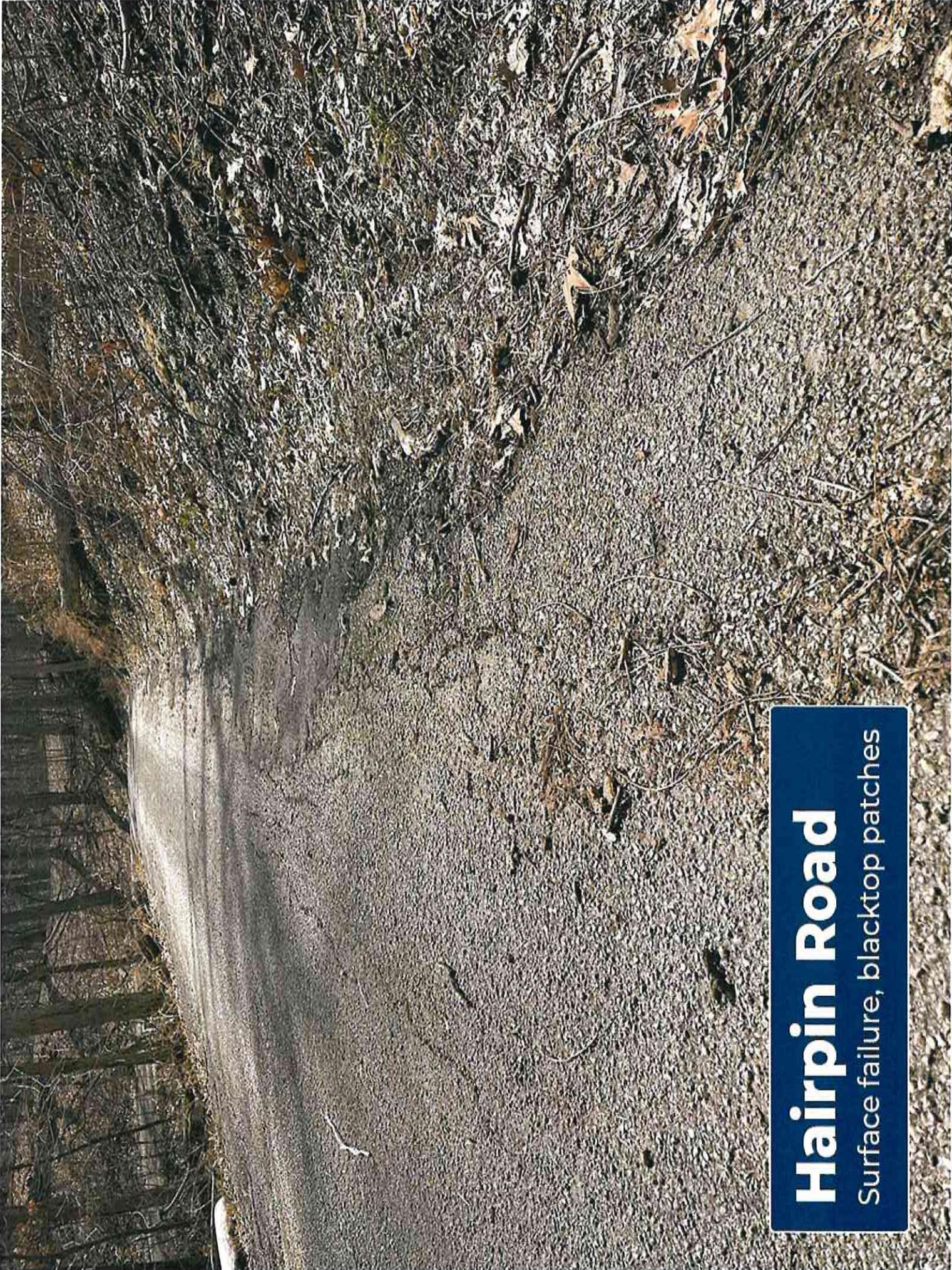


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Surface failure, gravel and blacktop patches

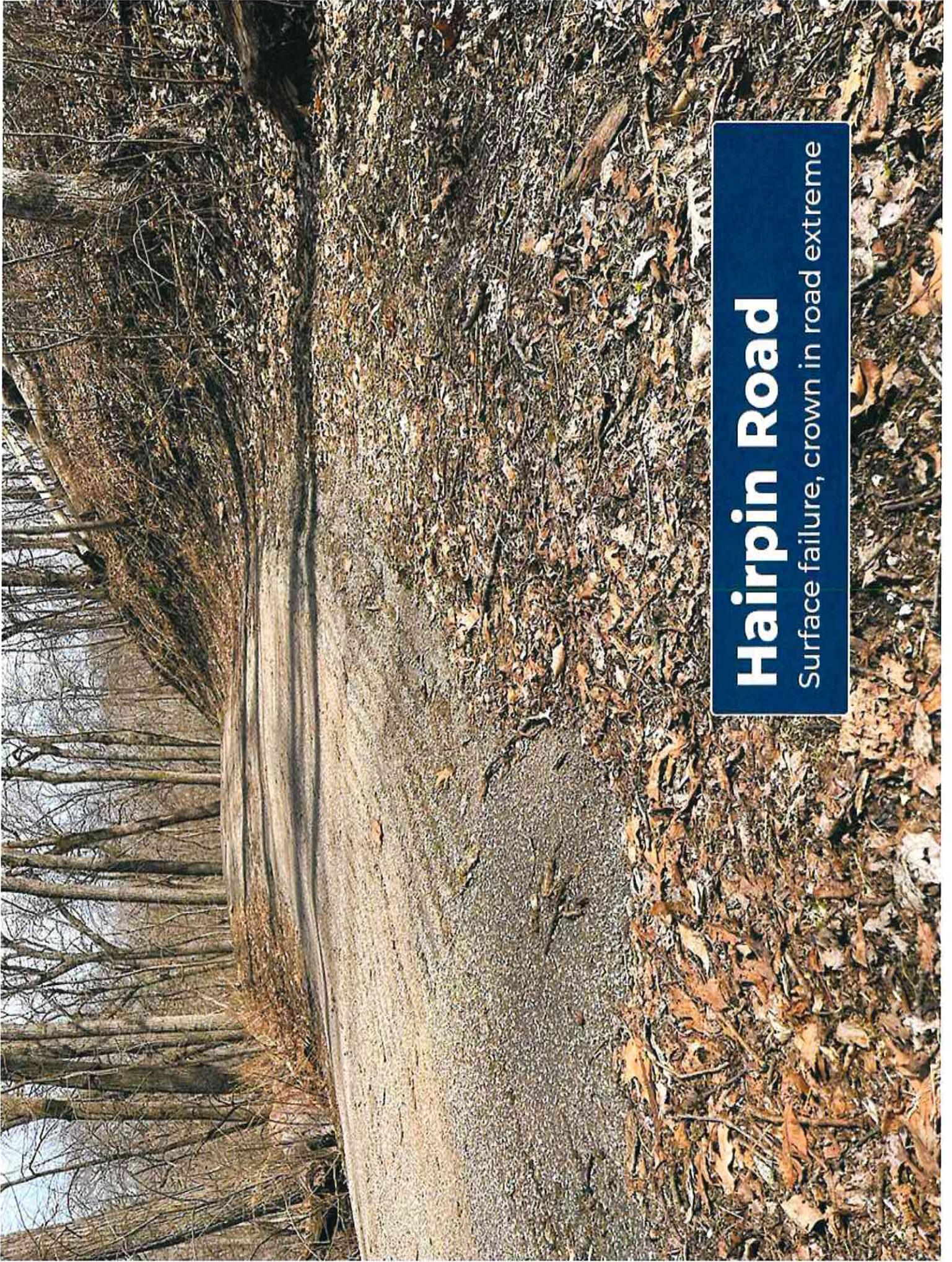
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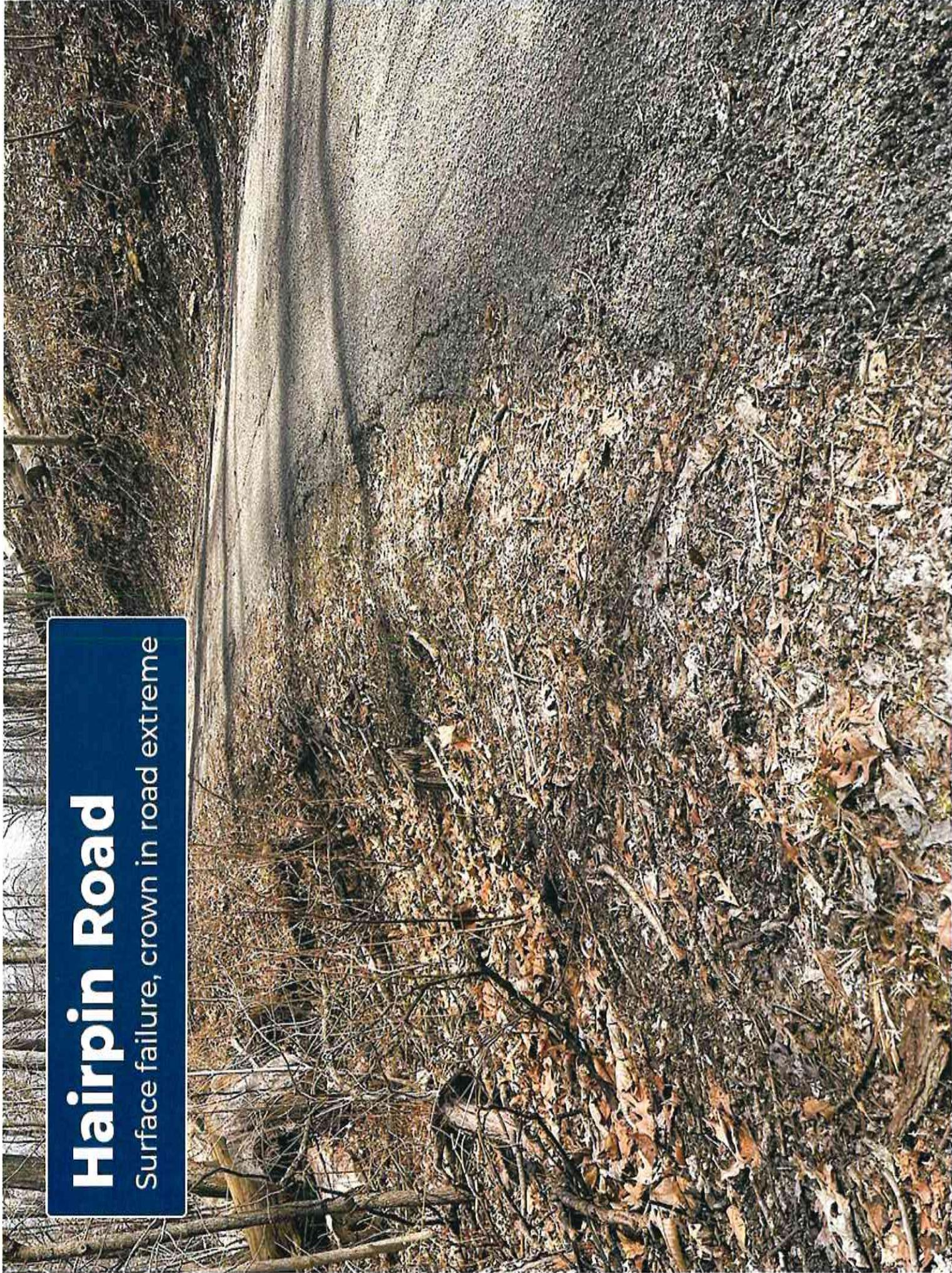
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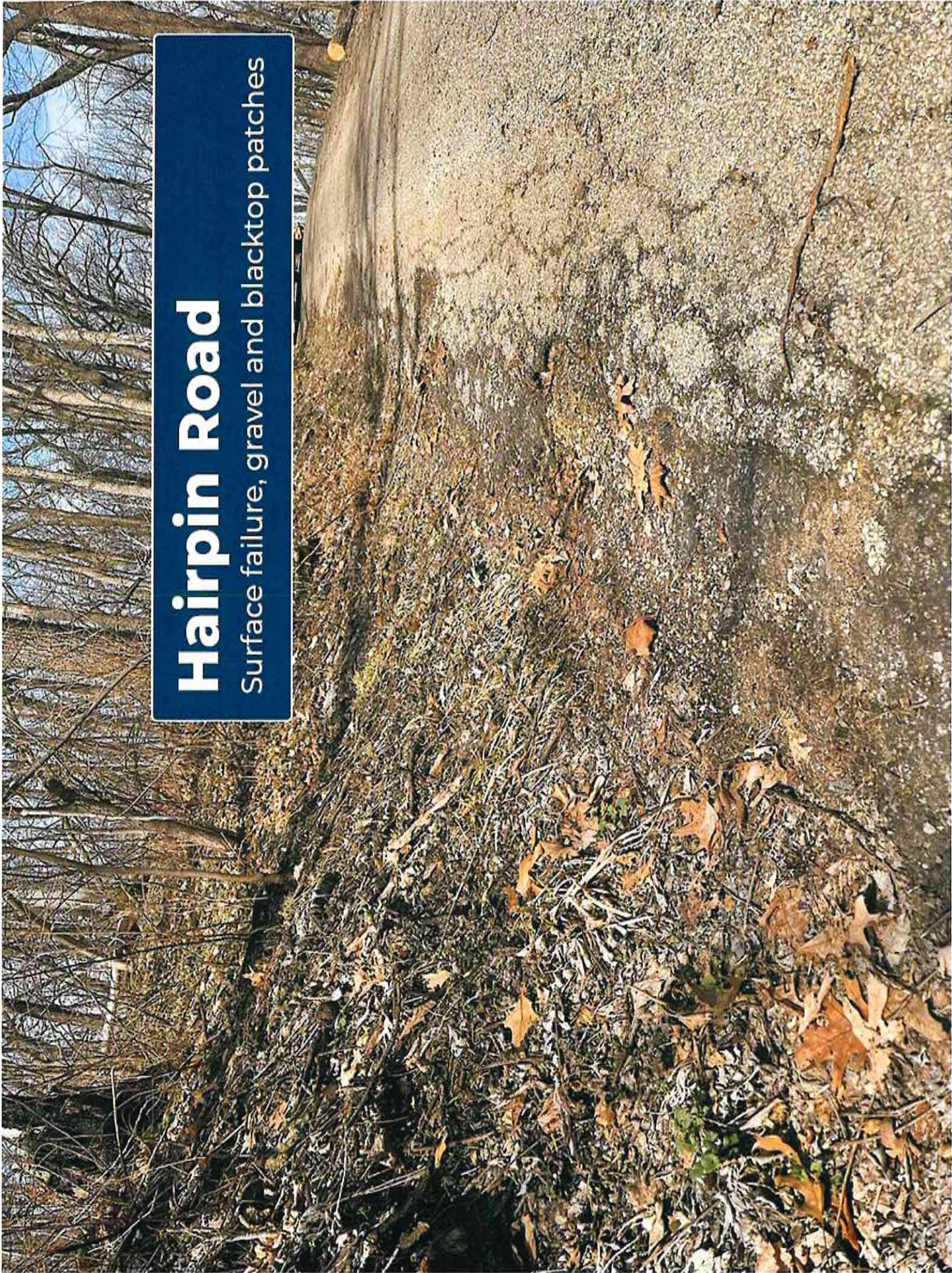
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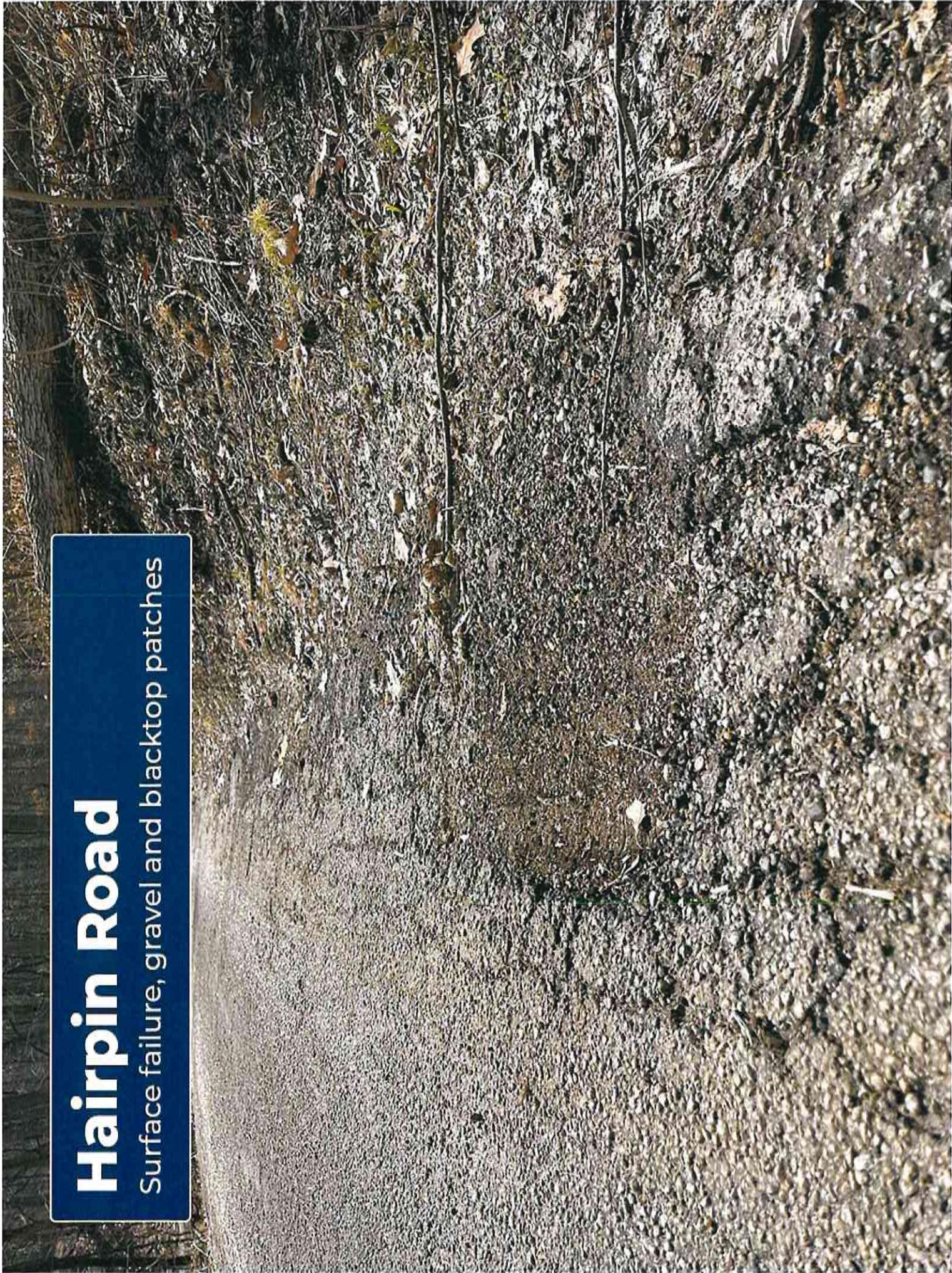
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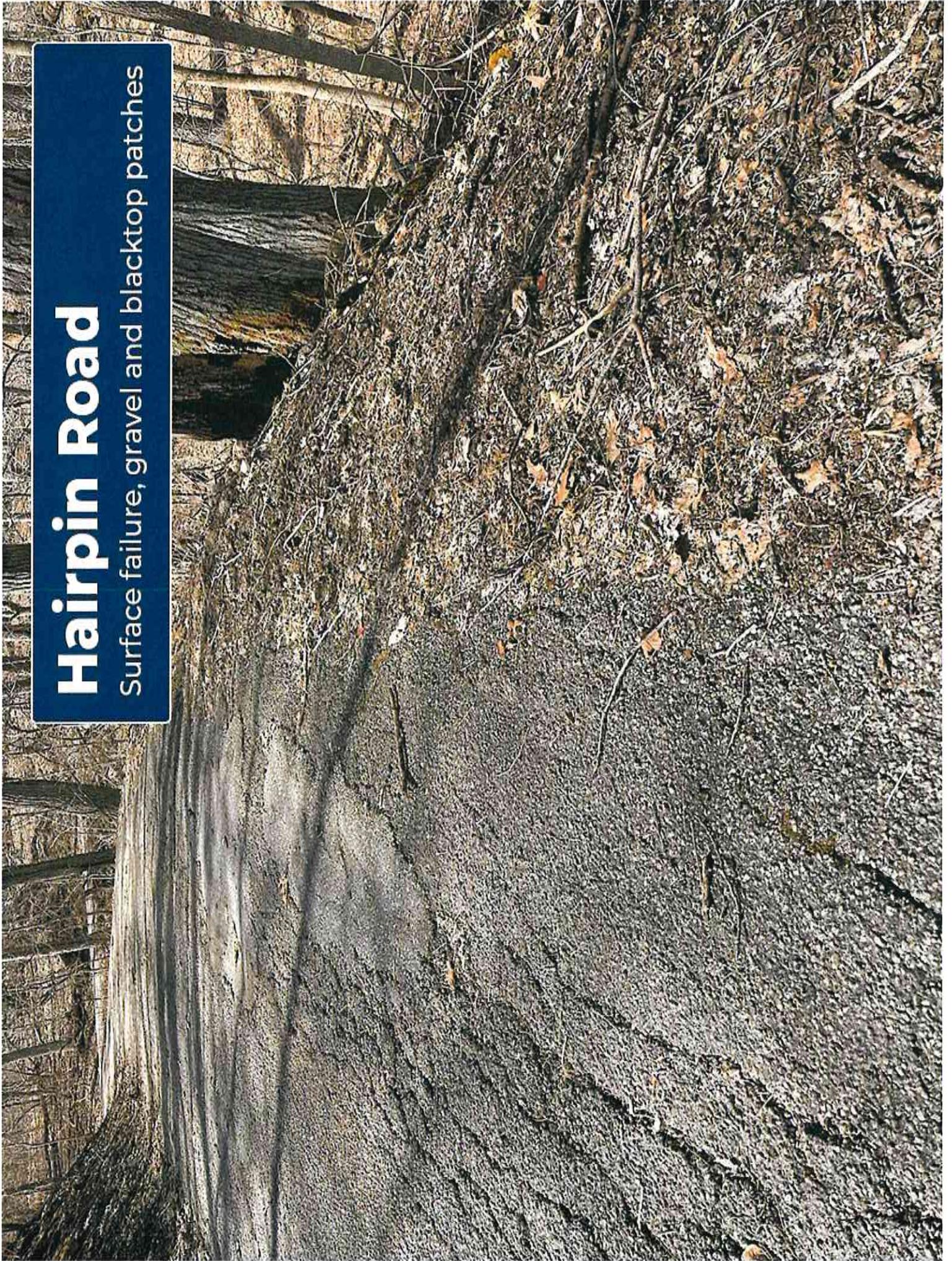
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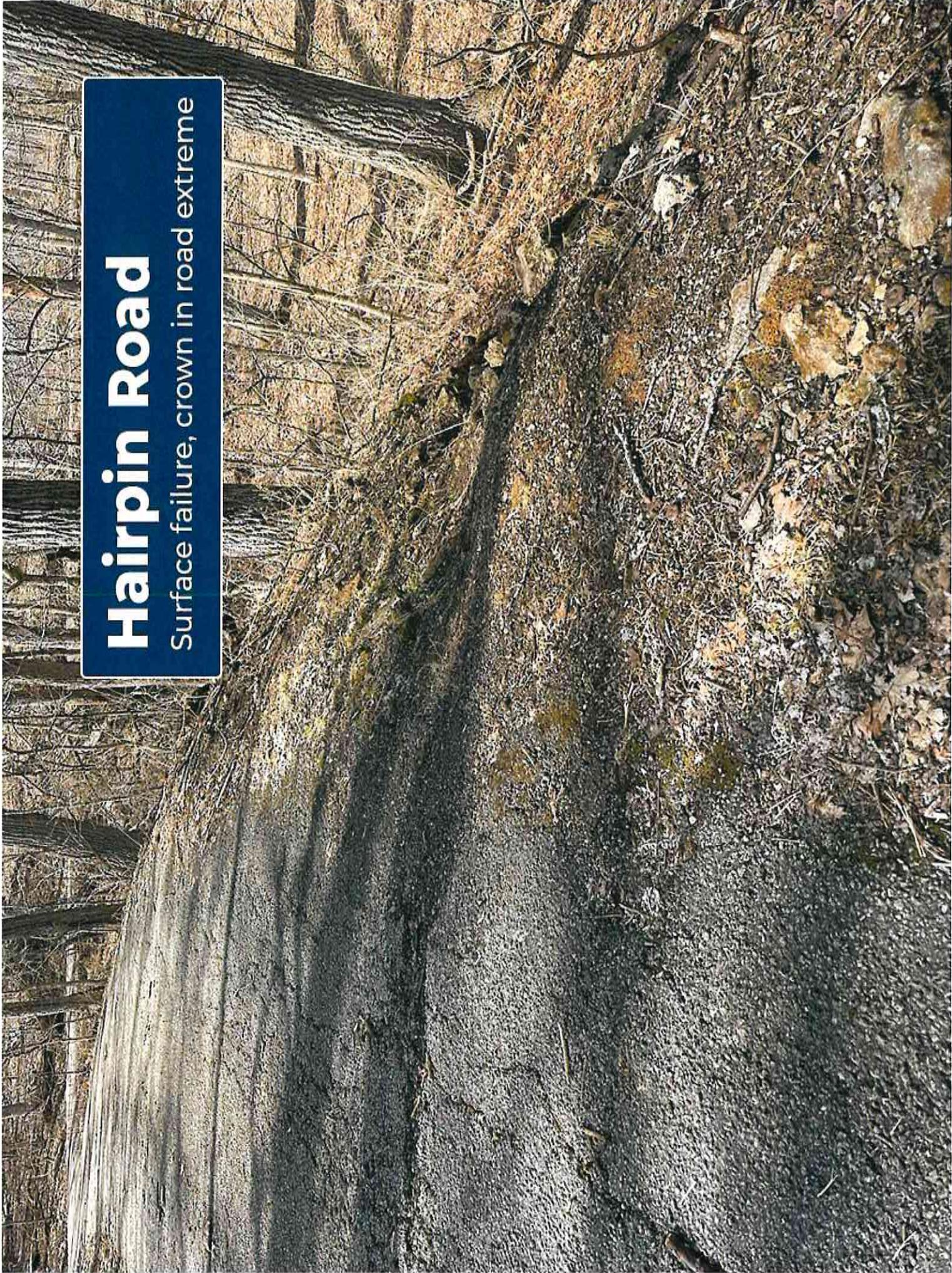
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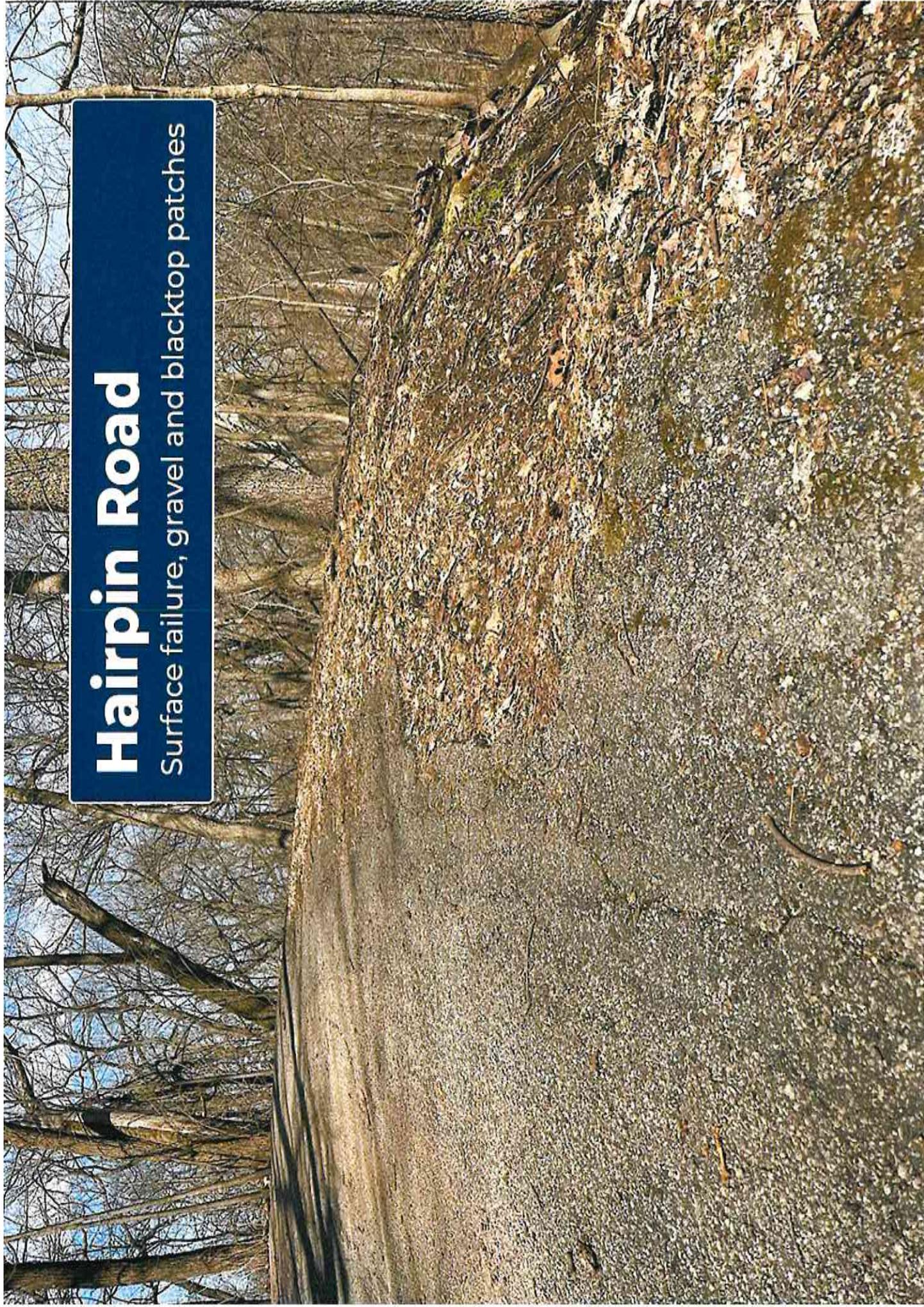
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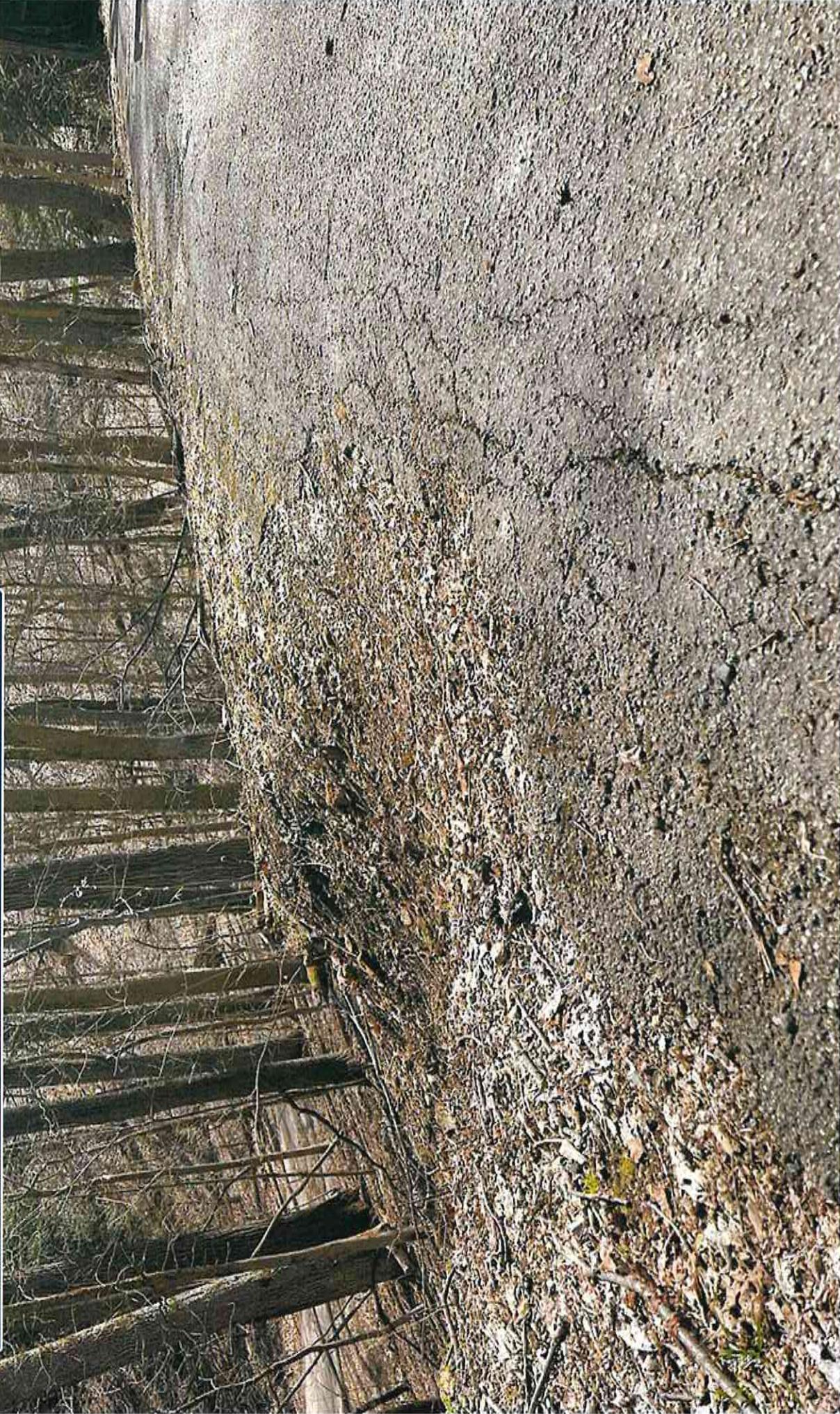
Hairpin Road

Surface failure, gravel and blacktop patches



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Surface failure, gravel and blacktop patches



Hairpin Road

Surface failure, erosion onto roadway, gravel and blacktop patches



Hairpin Road

Surface failure, erosion onto roadway, gravel and blacktop patches



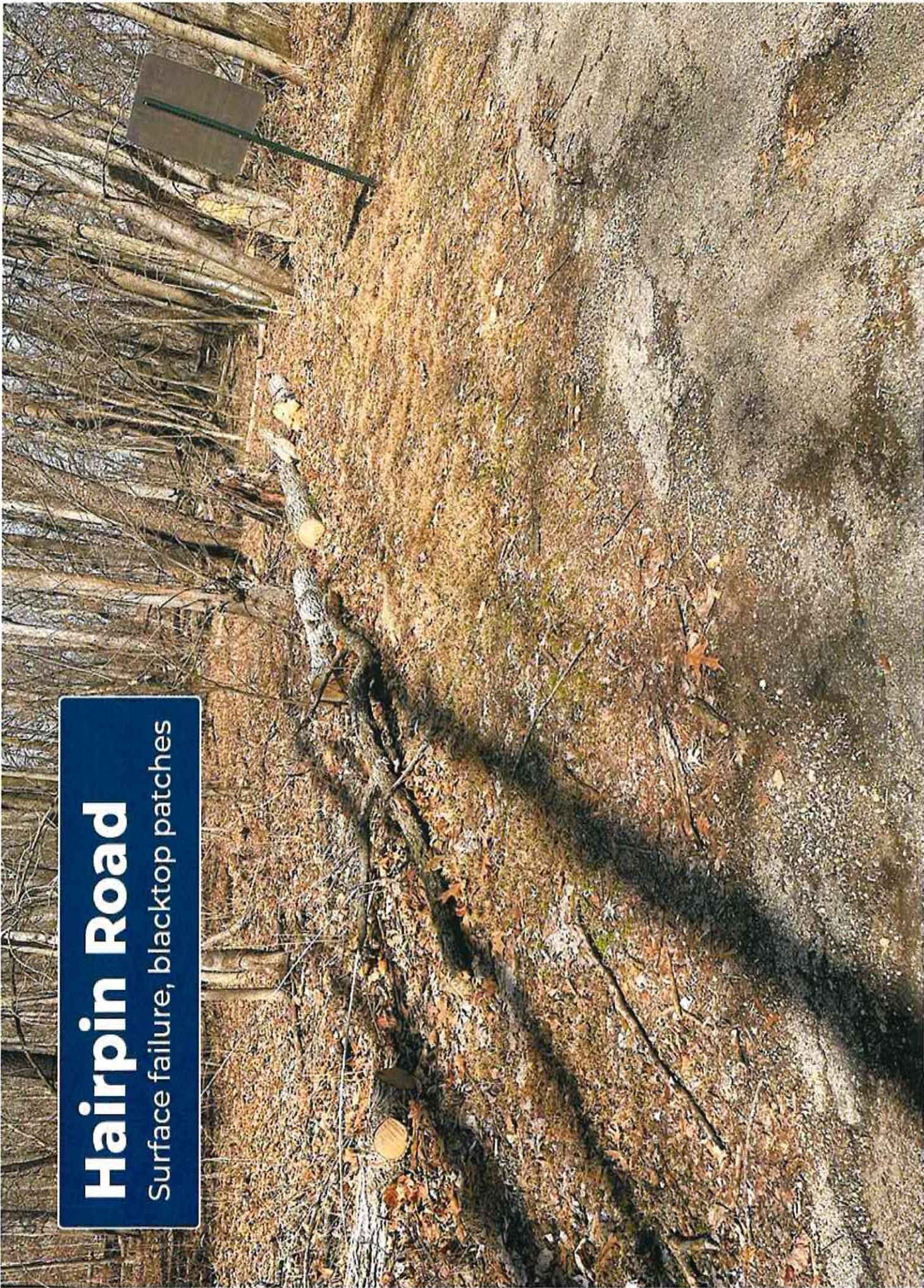
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Surface failure, crown in road extreme, mud on road shoulder



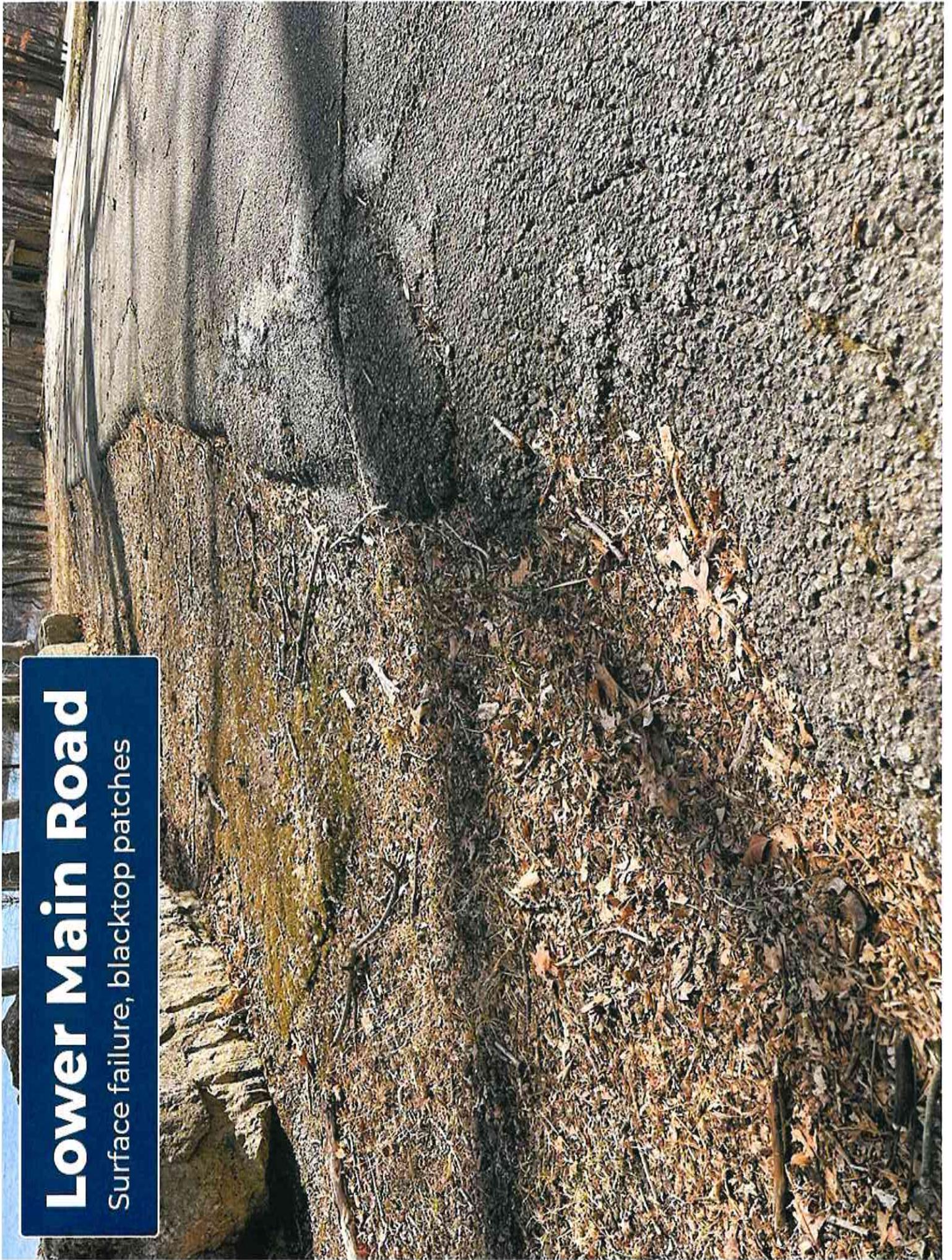
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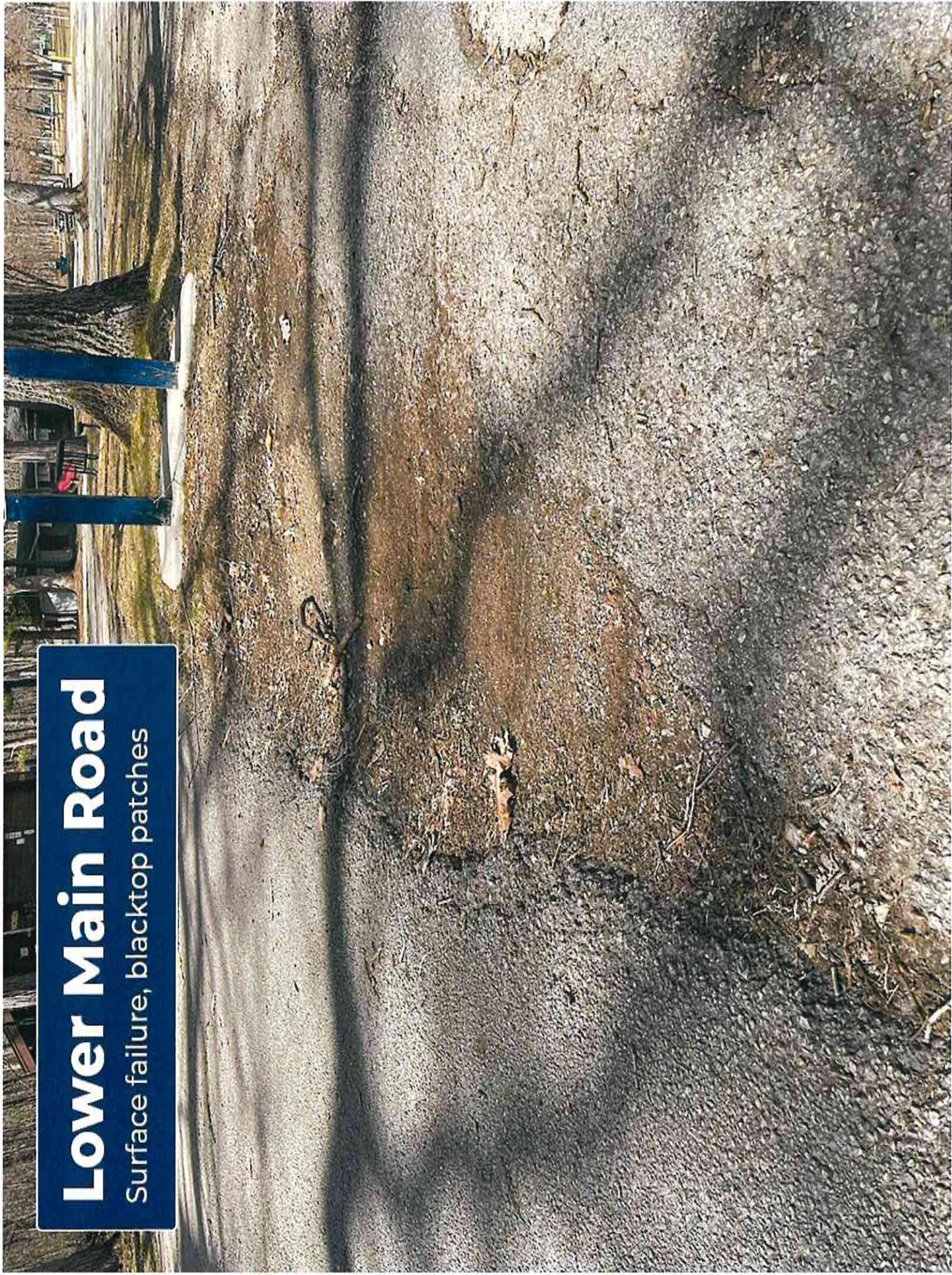
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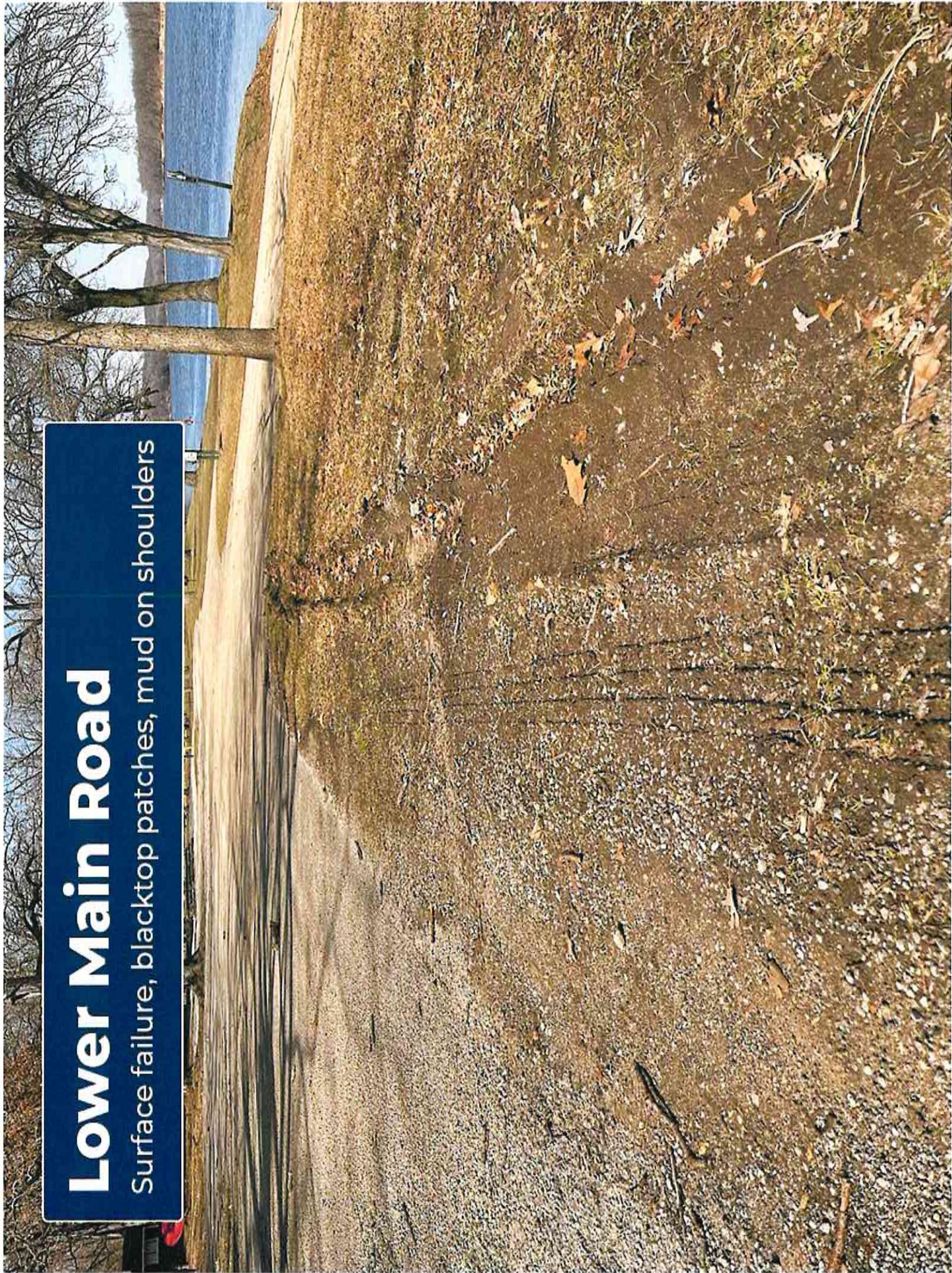
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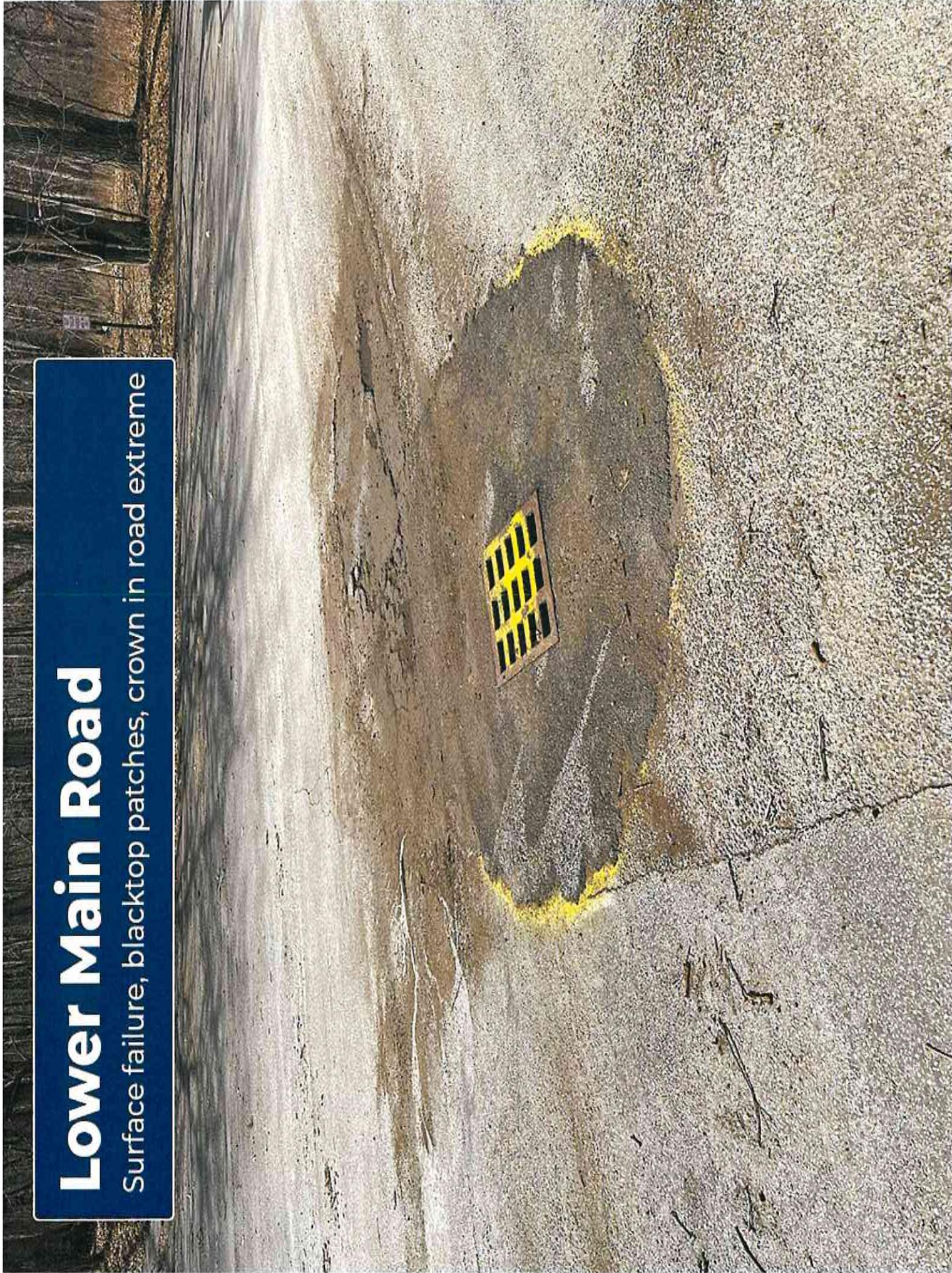
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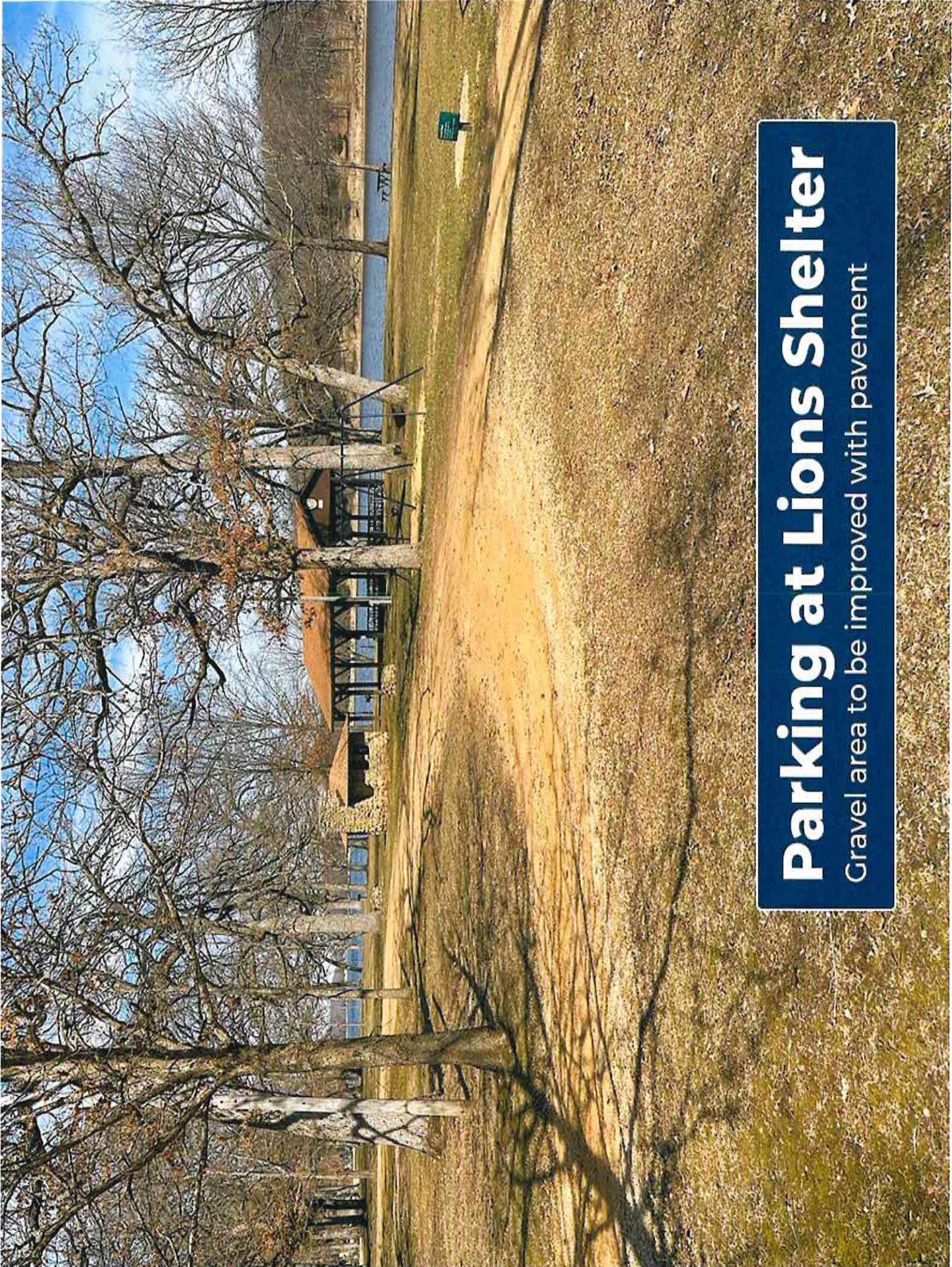
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Lower Main Road

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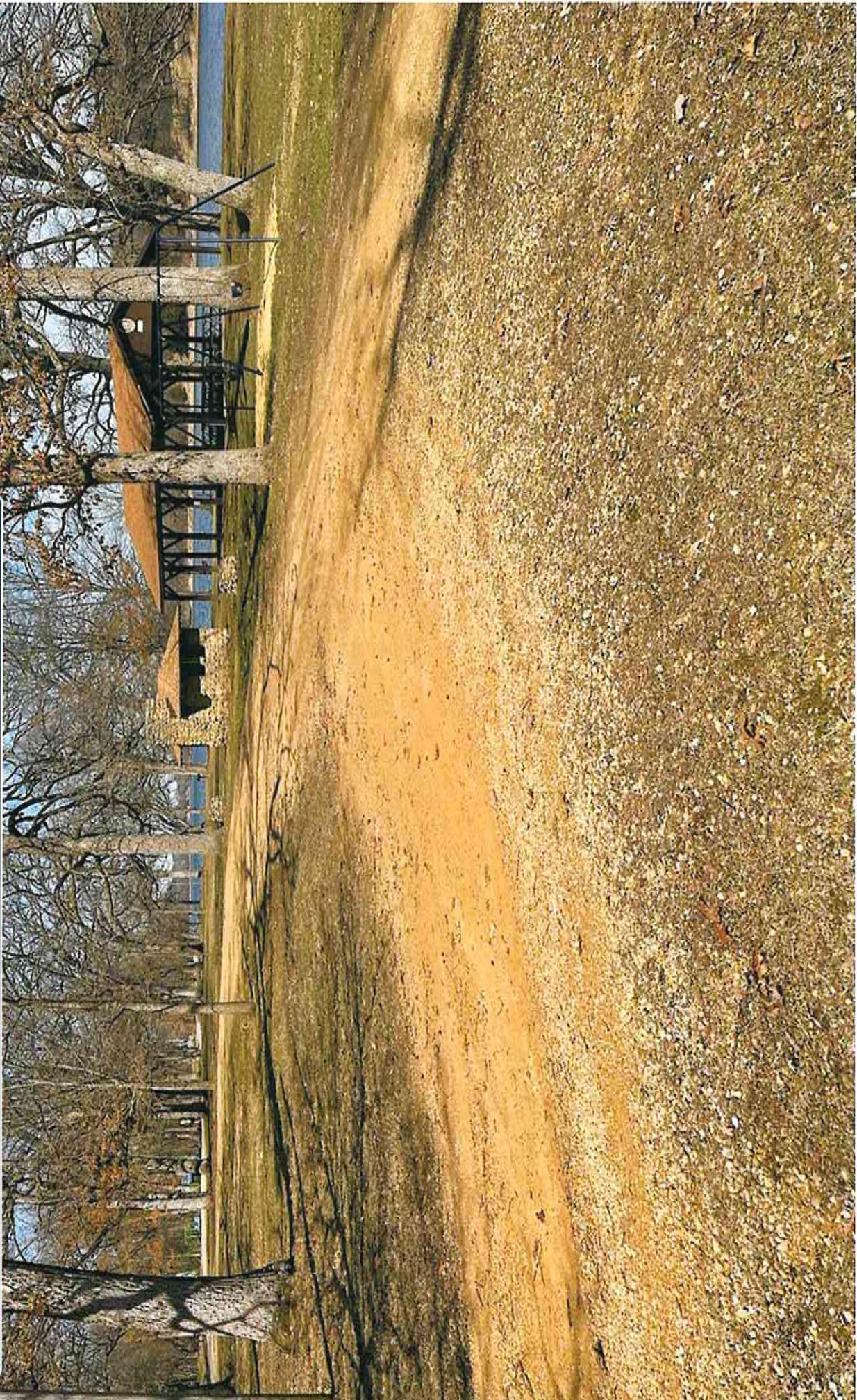




Parking at Lions Shelter
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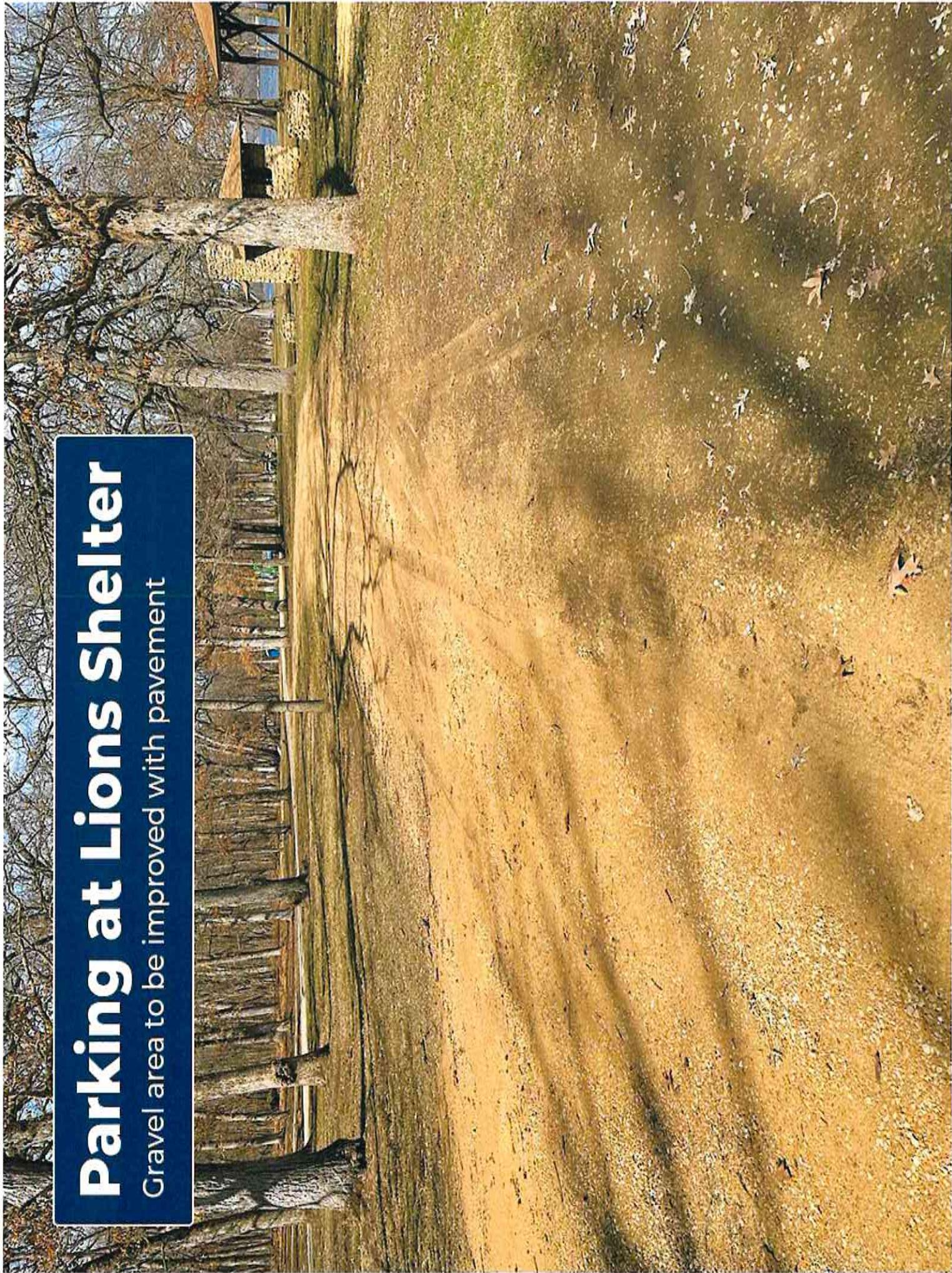
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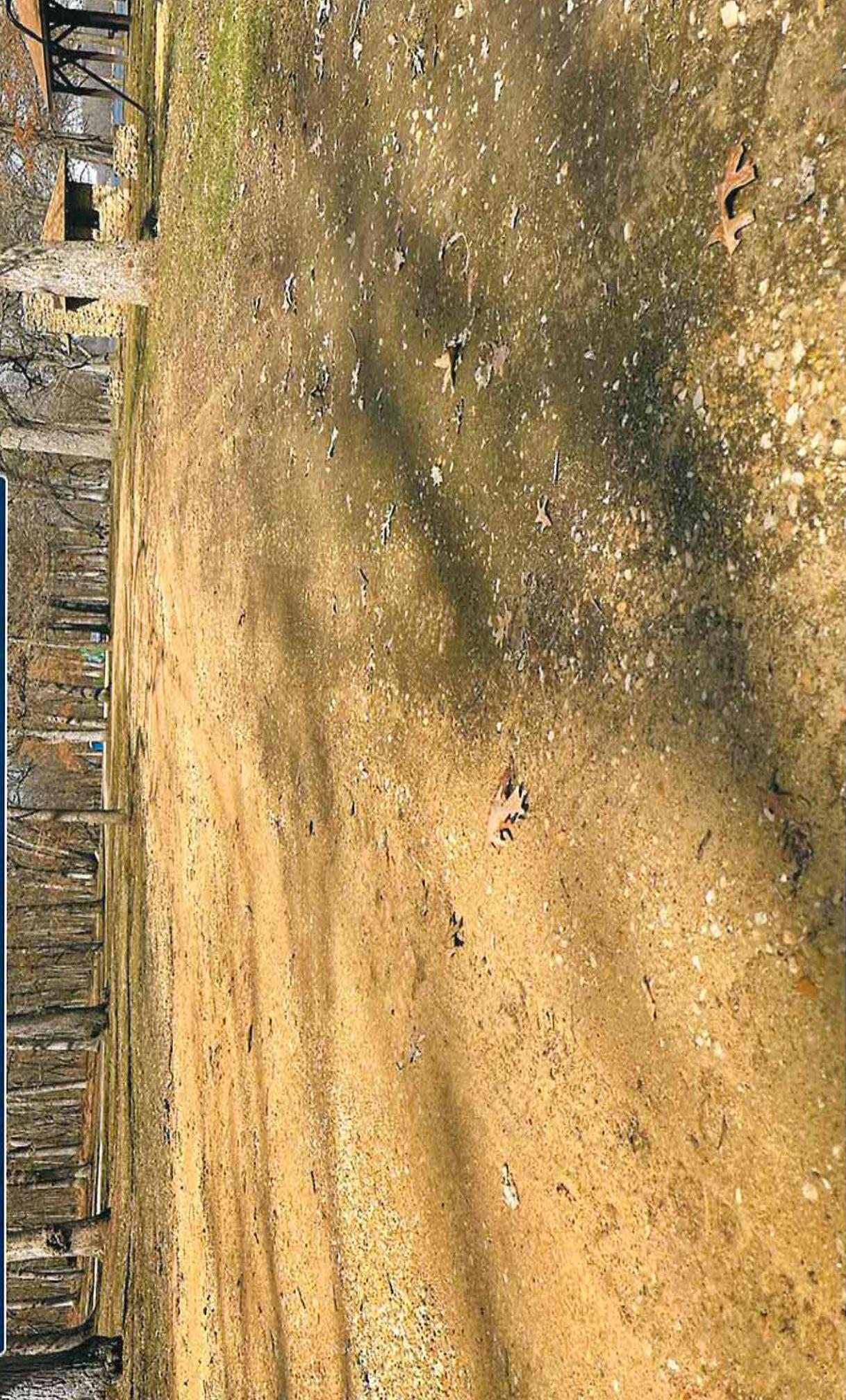
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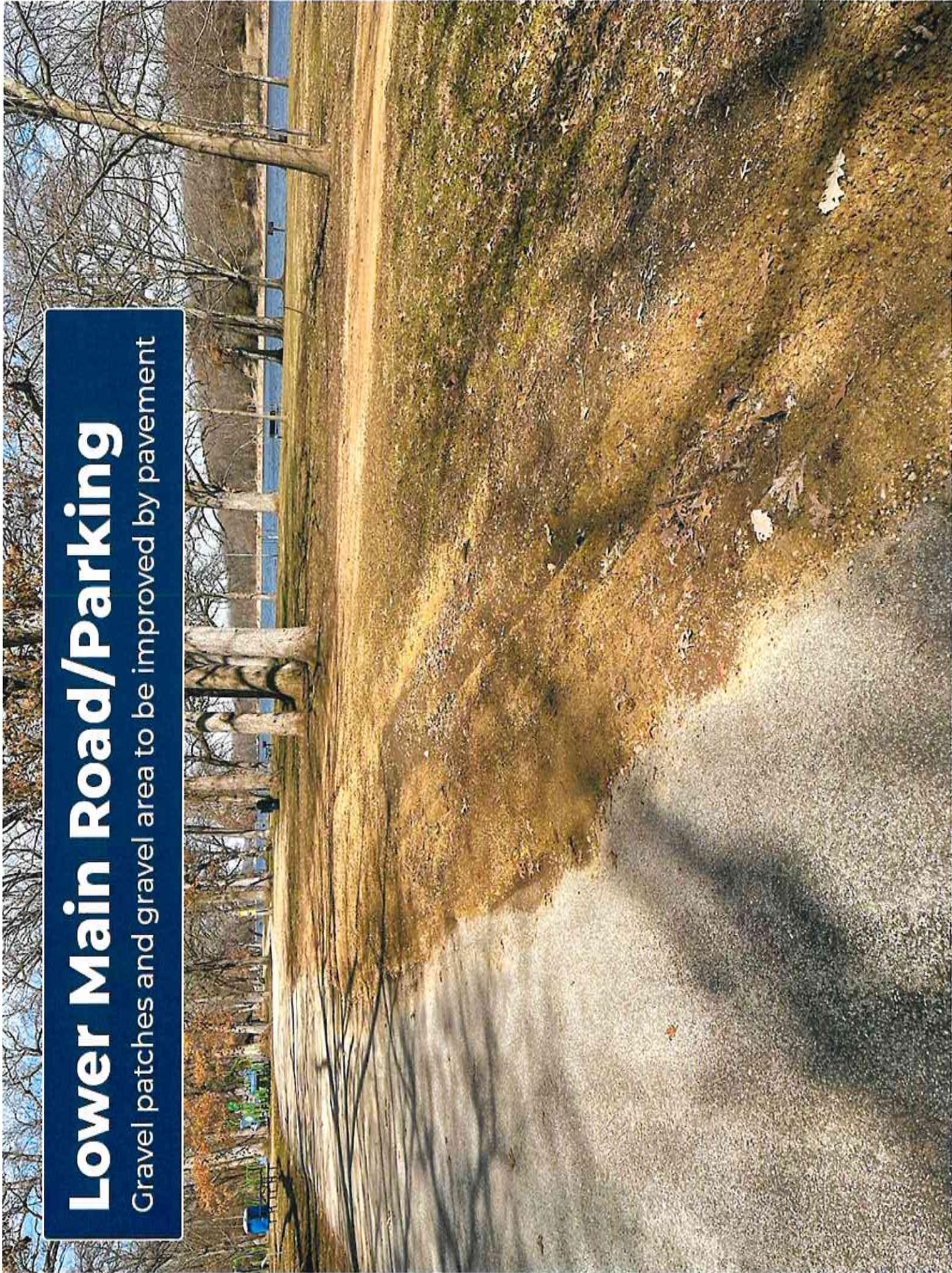
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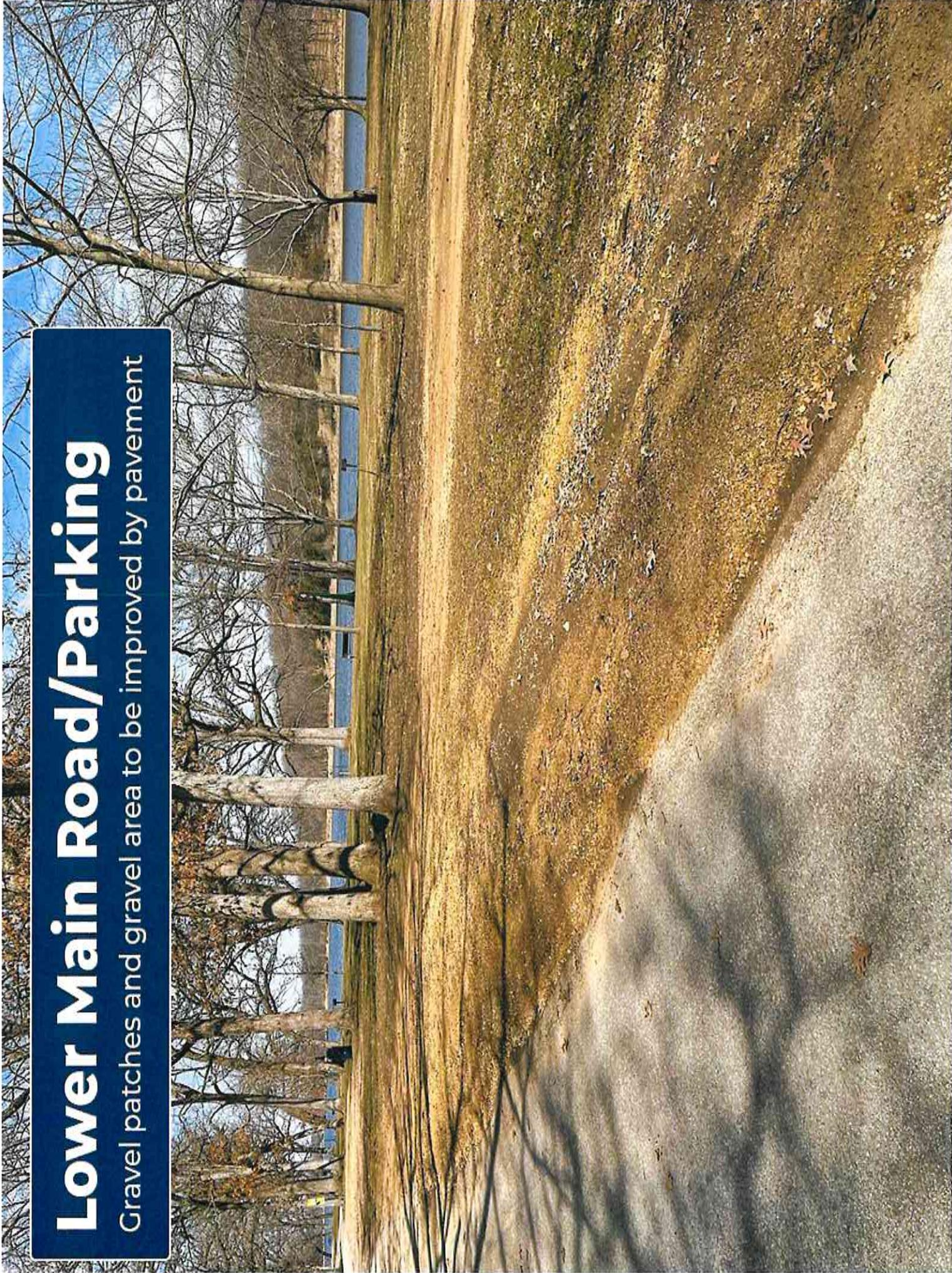
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Gravel patches and gravel area to be improved by pavement



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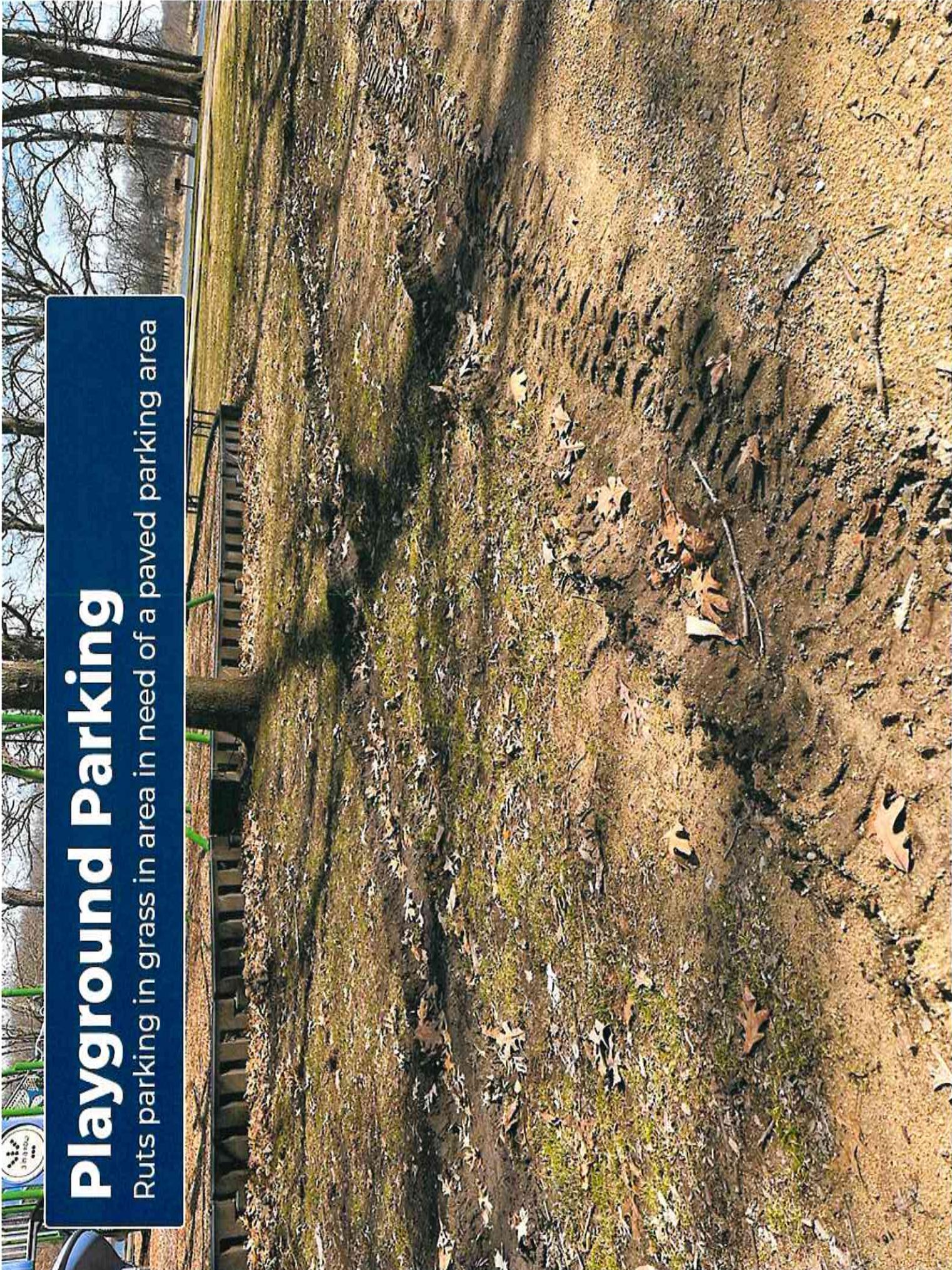
Gravel area to be improved by pavement; muddy shoulders



Playground Parking

Ruts from parking in grass in area in need of paved parking area





Playground Parking

Ruts parking in grass in need of a paved parking area

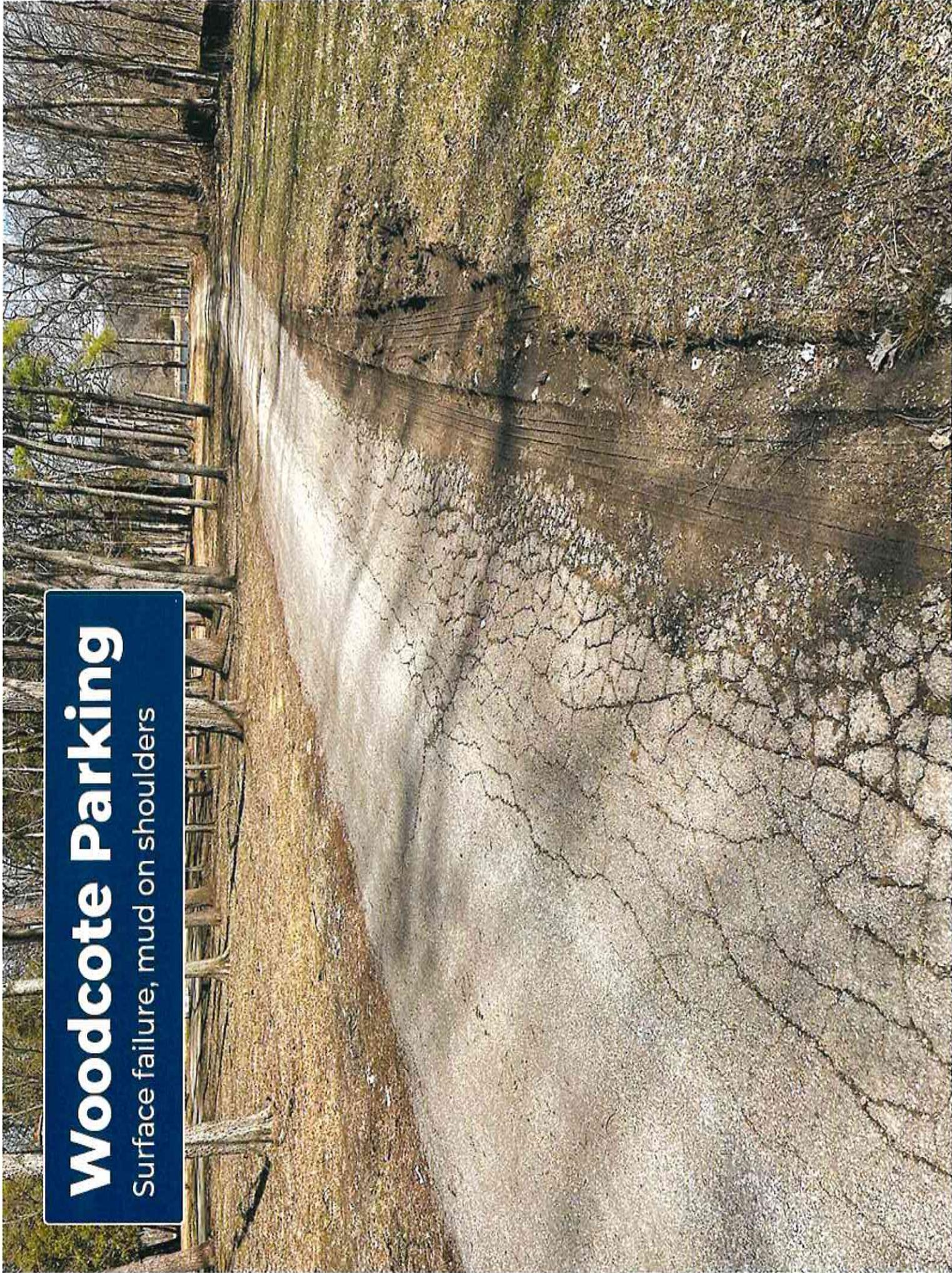
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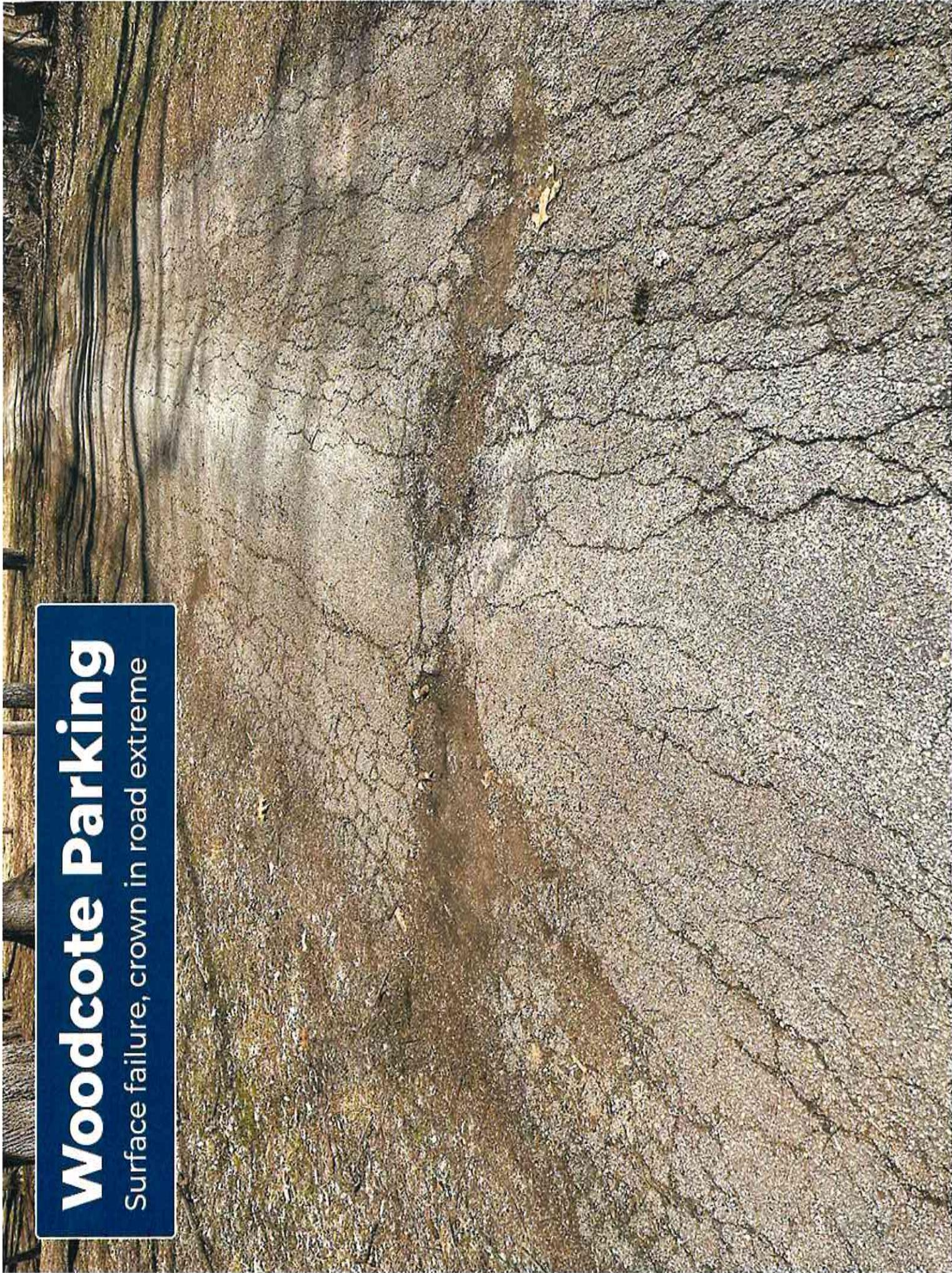
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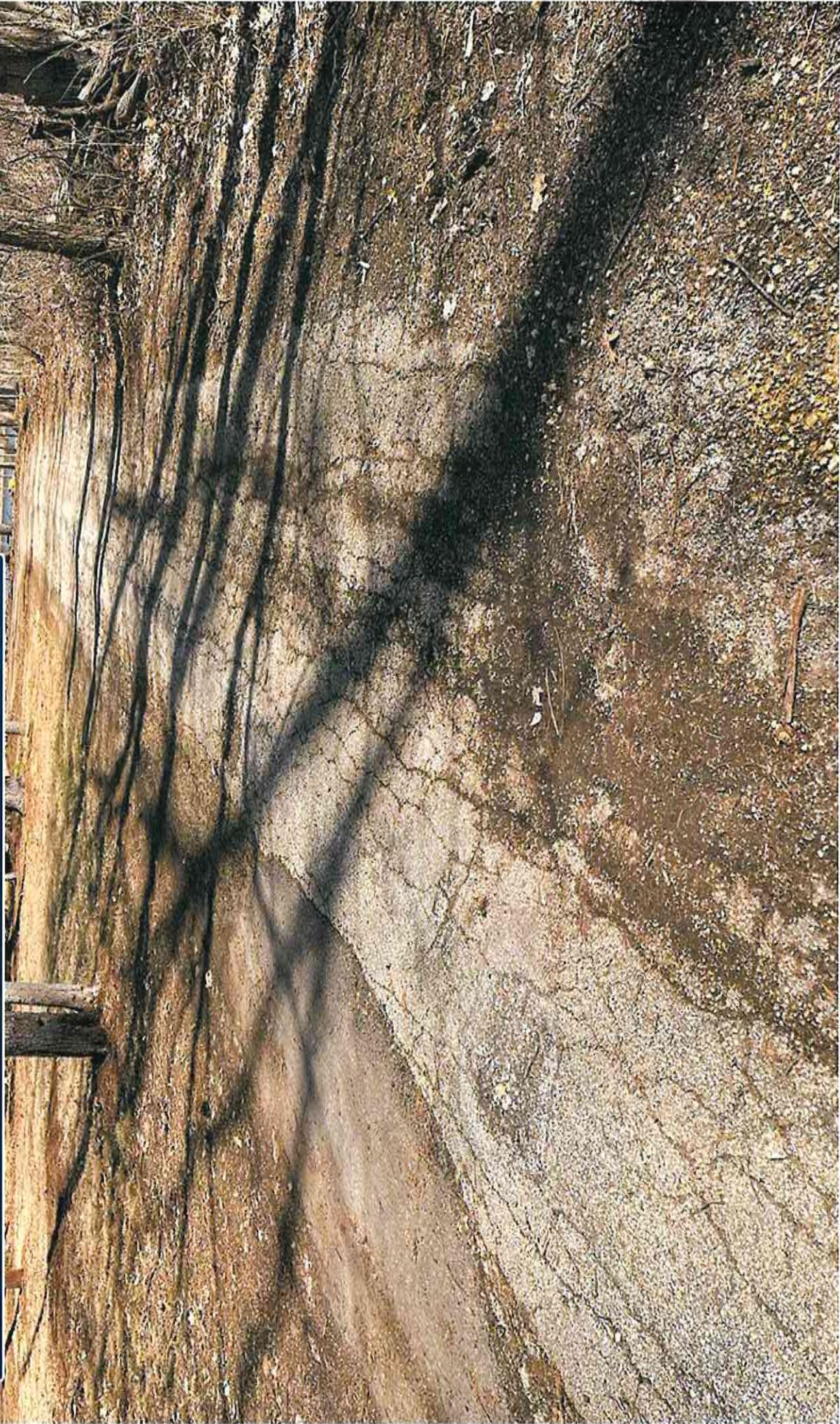
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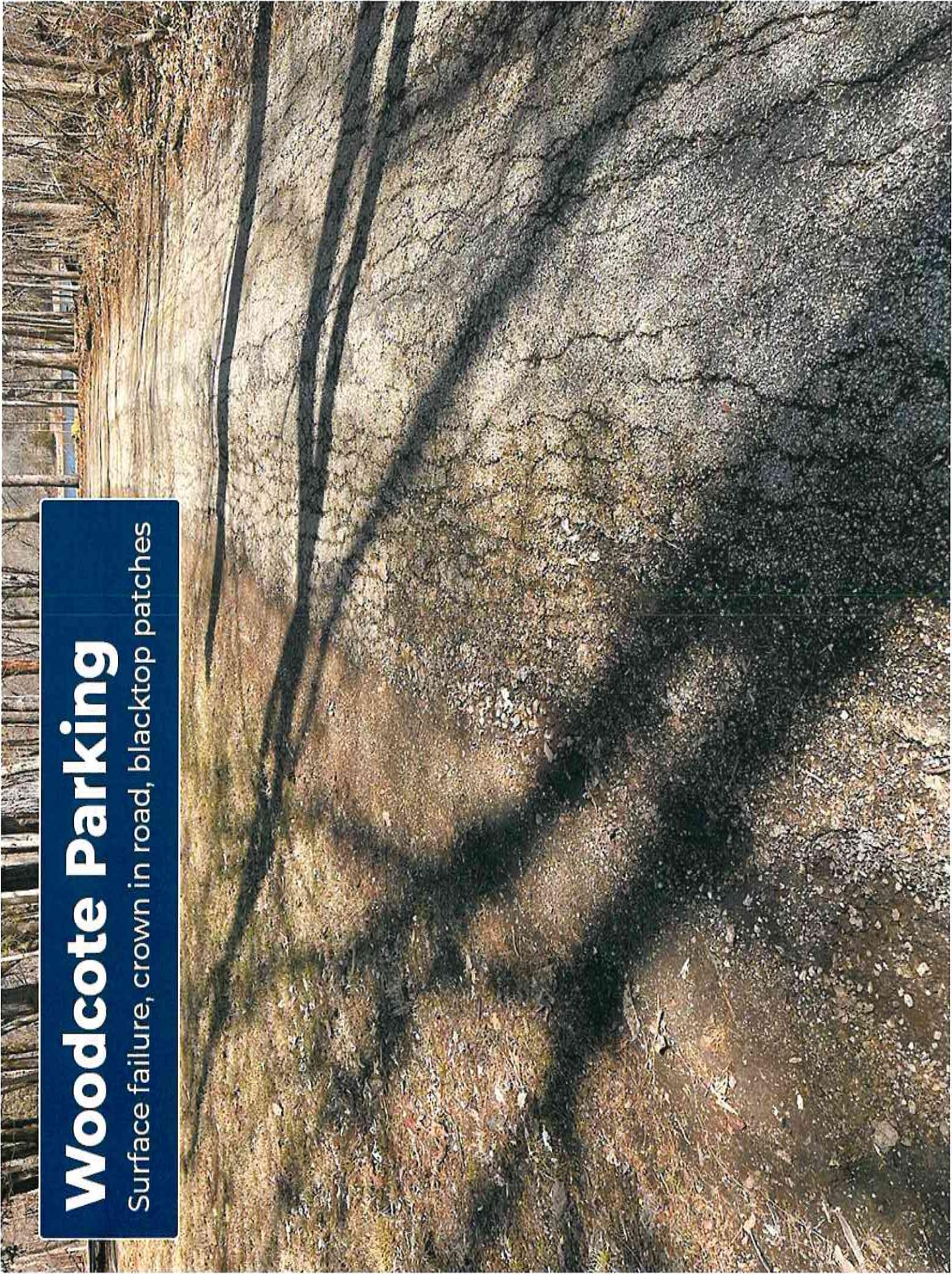
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Surface failure, crown in road, blacktop patches



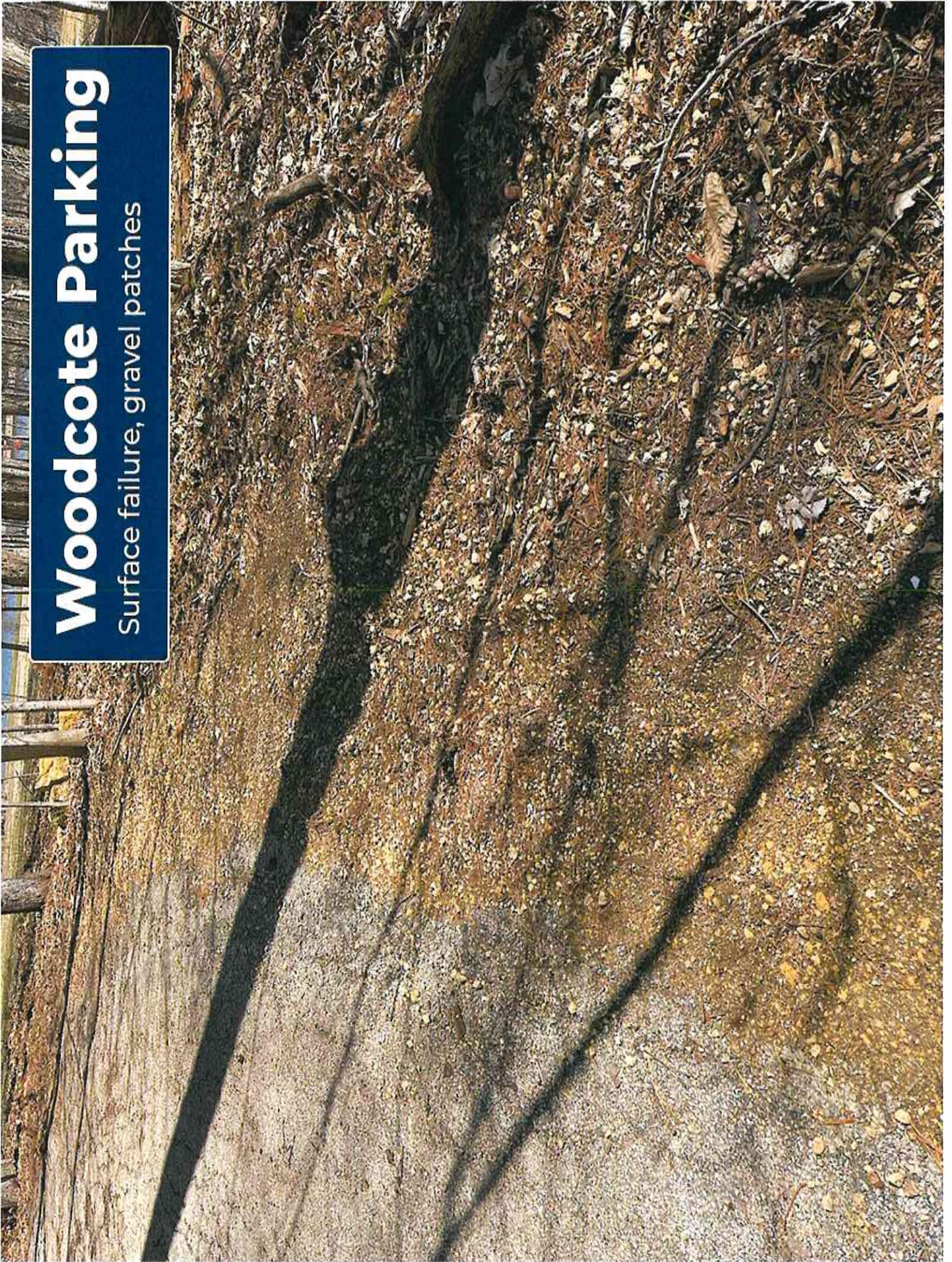
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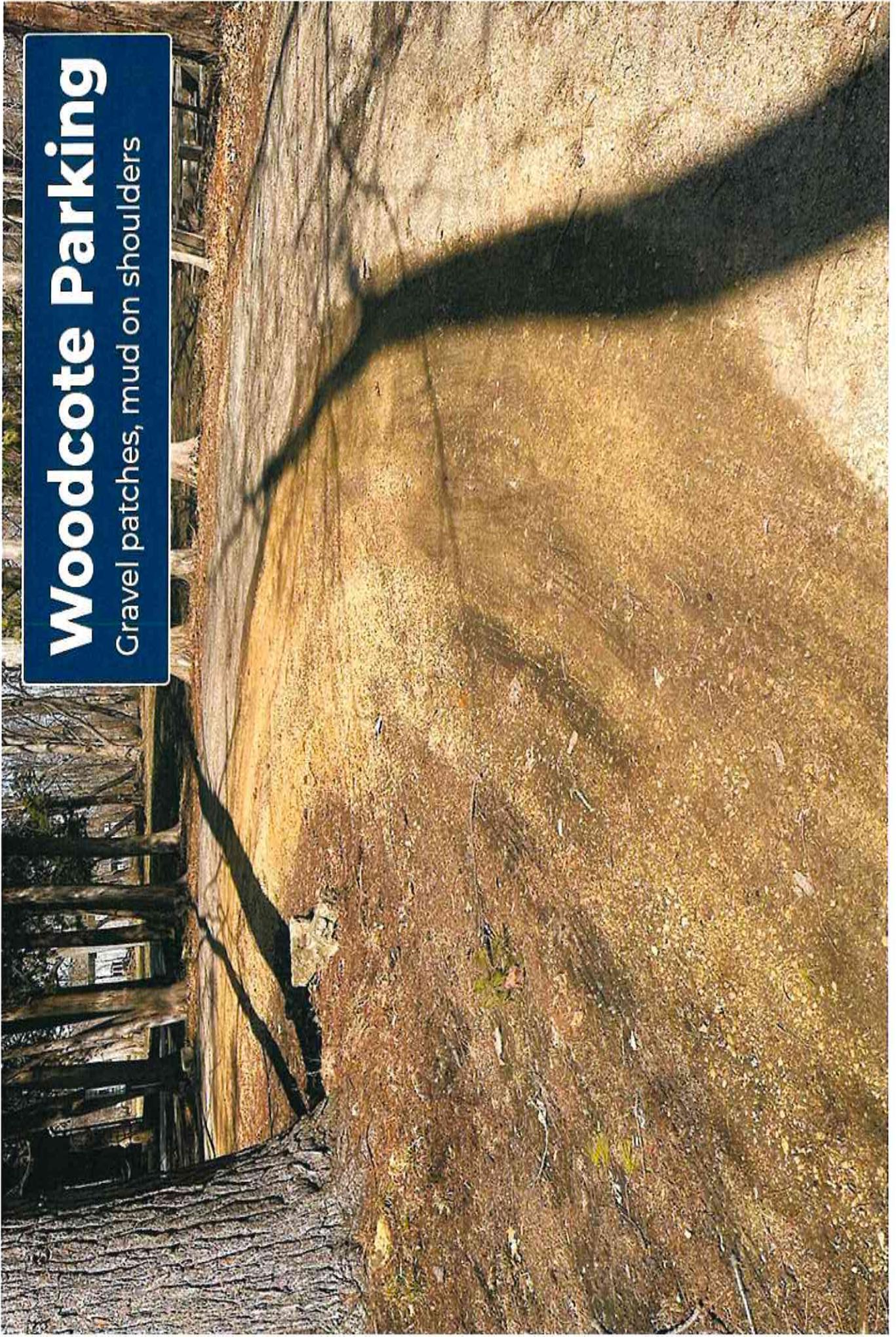
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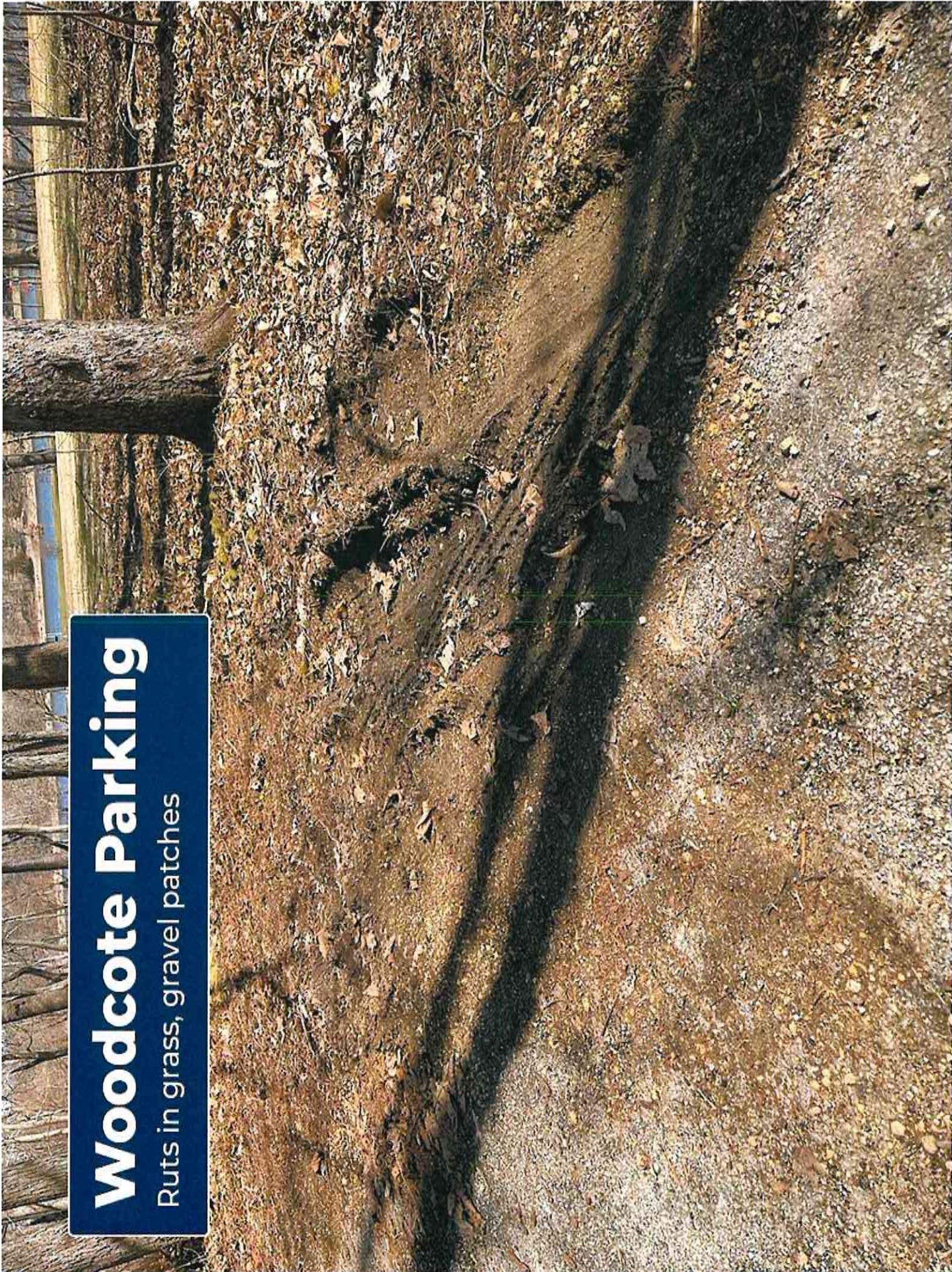
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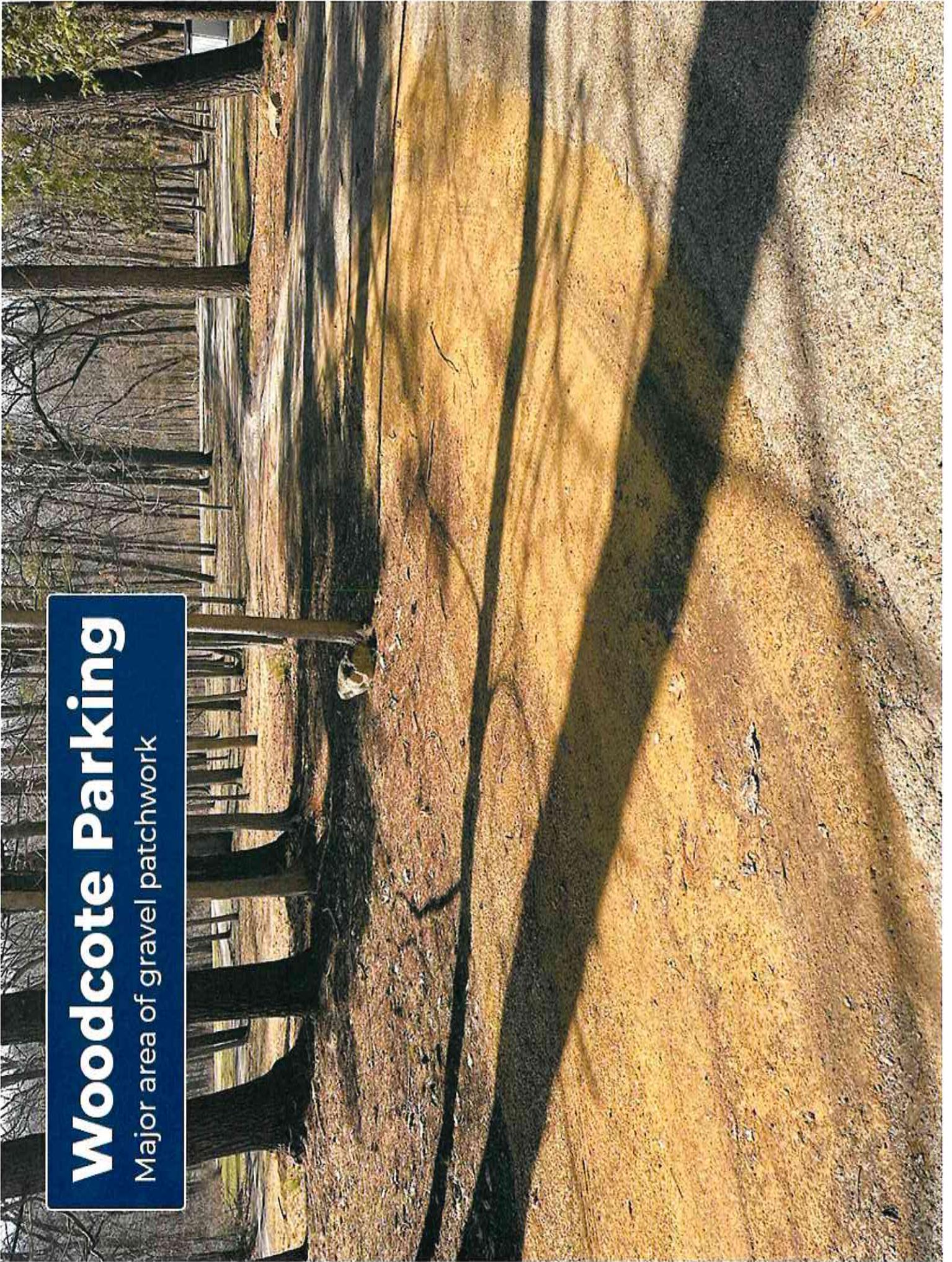
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Ruts in grass, gravel patches



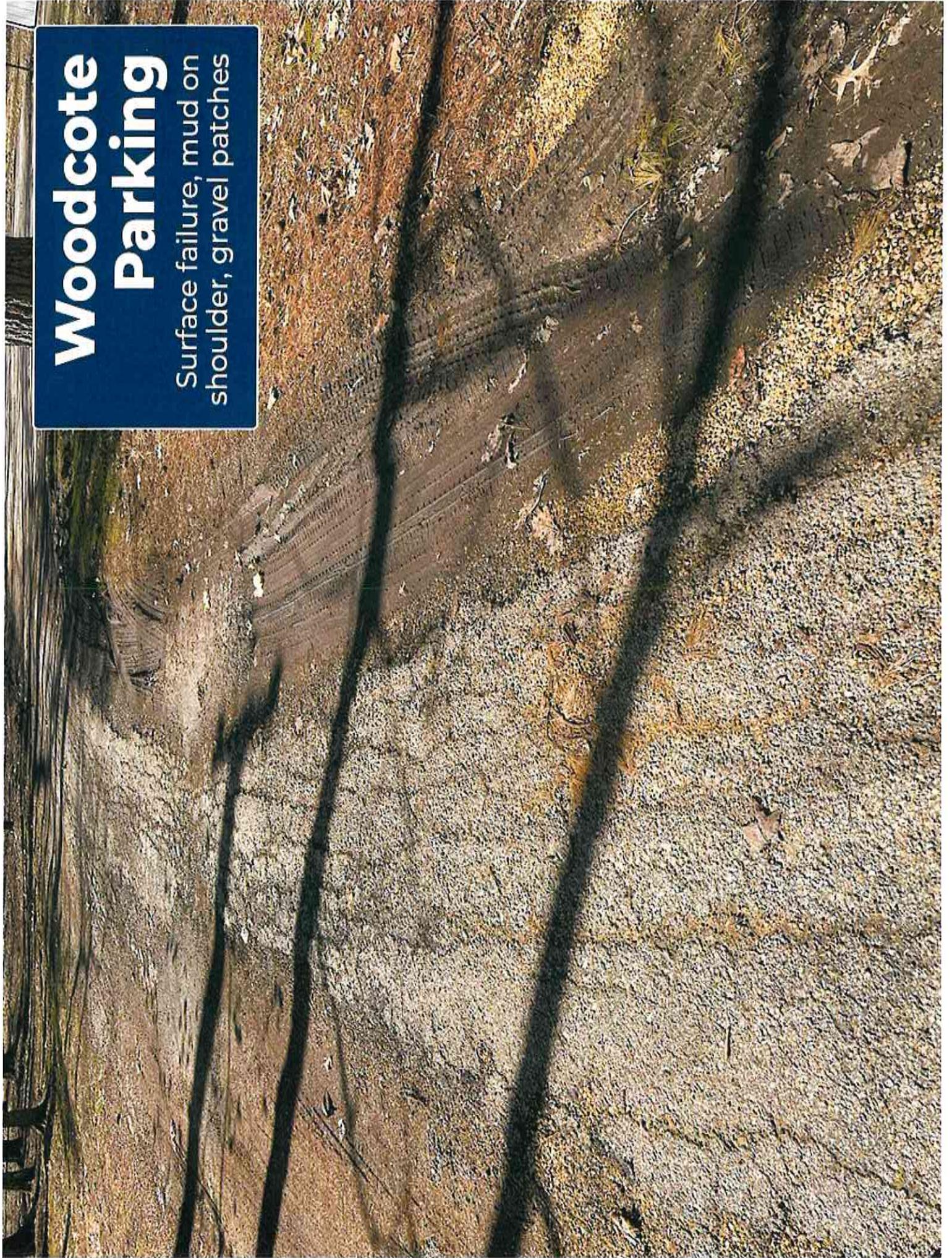
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Major area of gravel patchwork



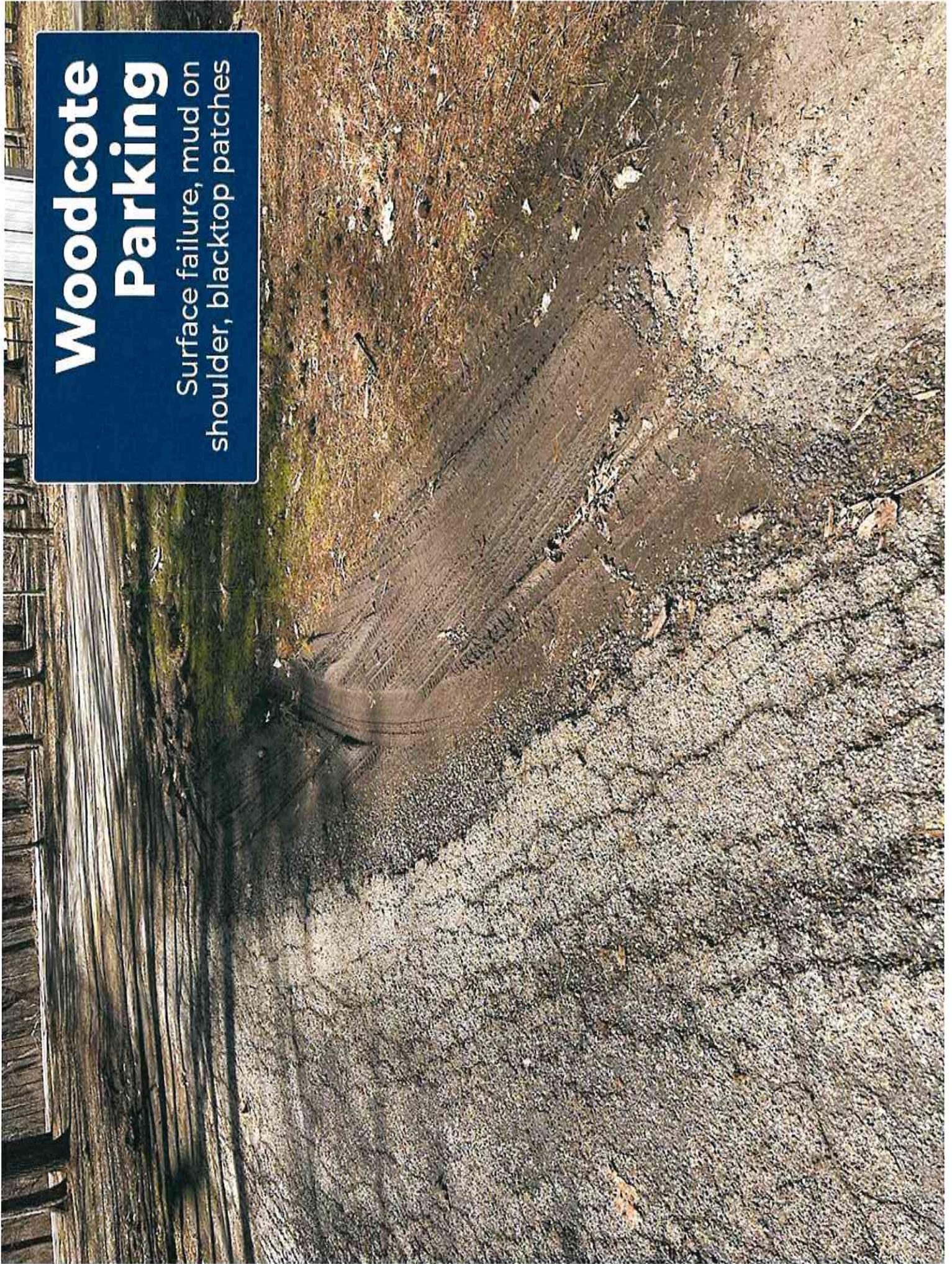
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Surface failure, mud on
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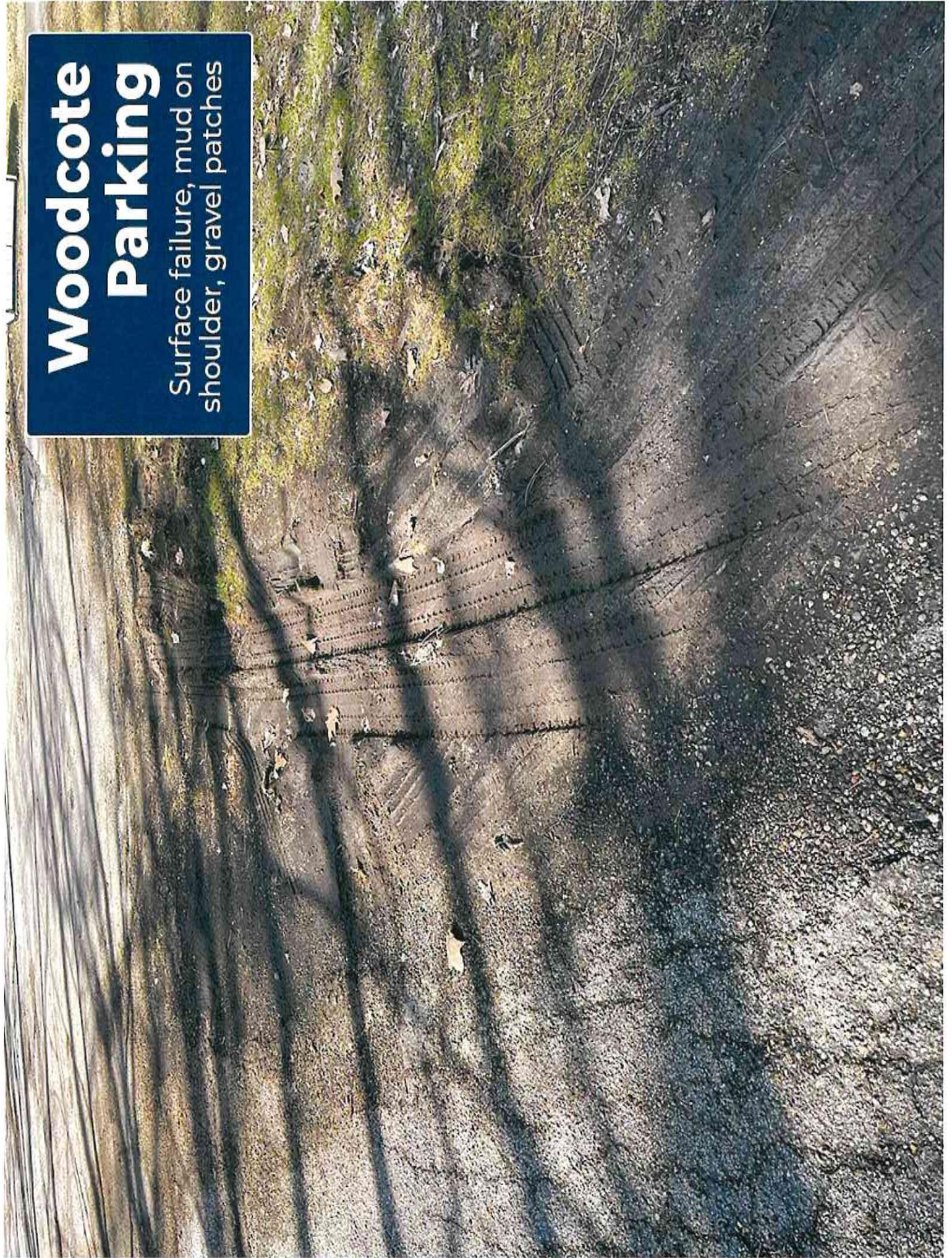
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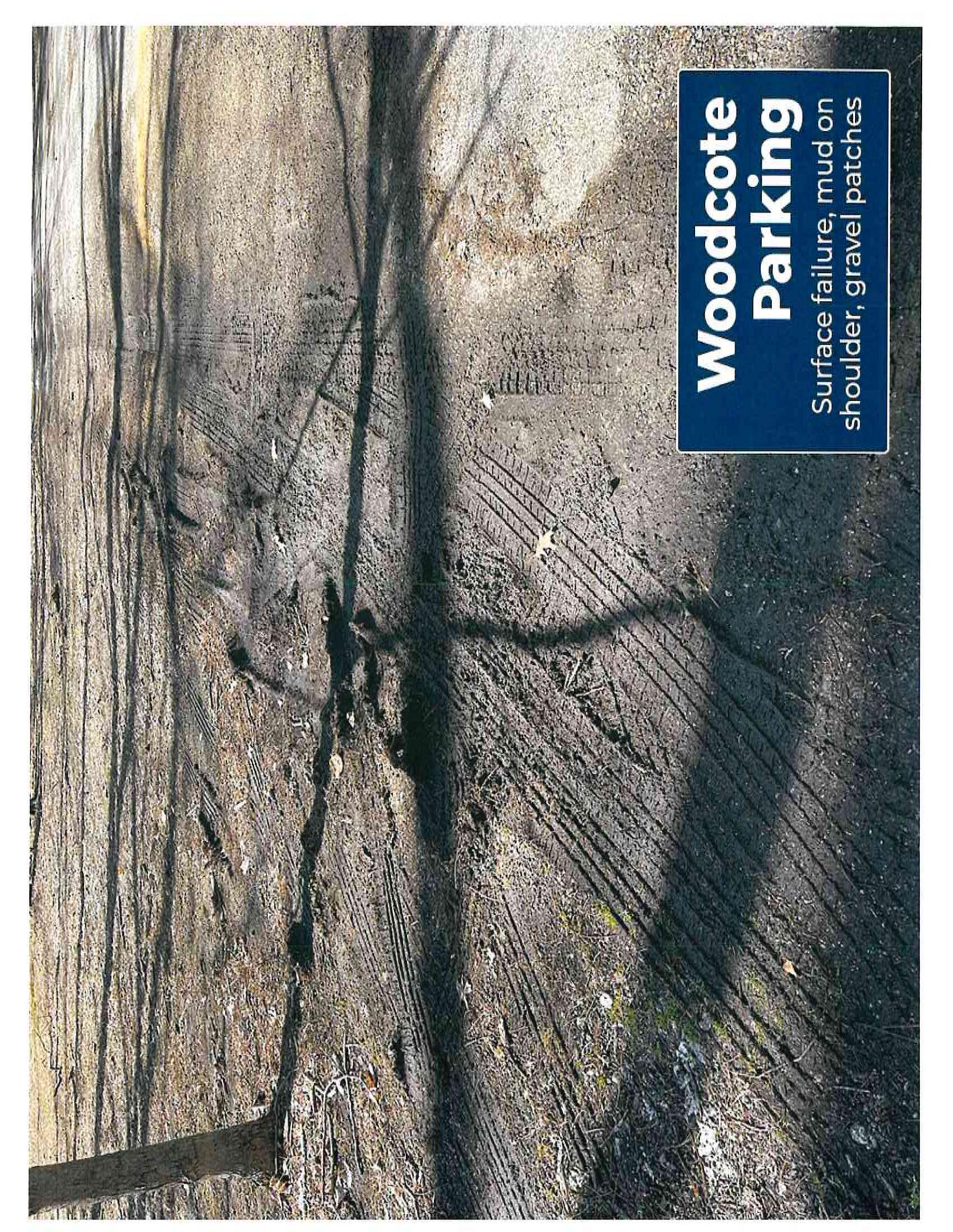
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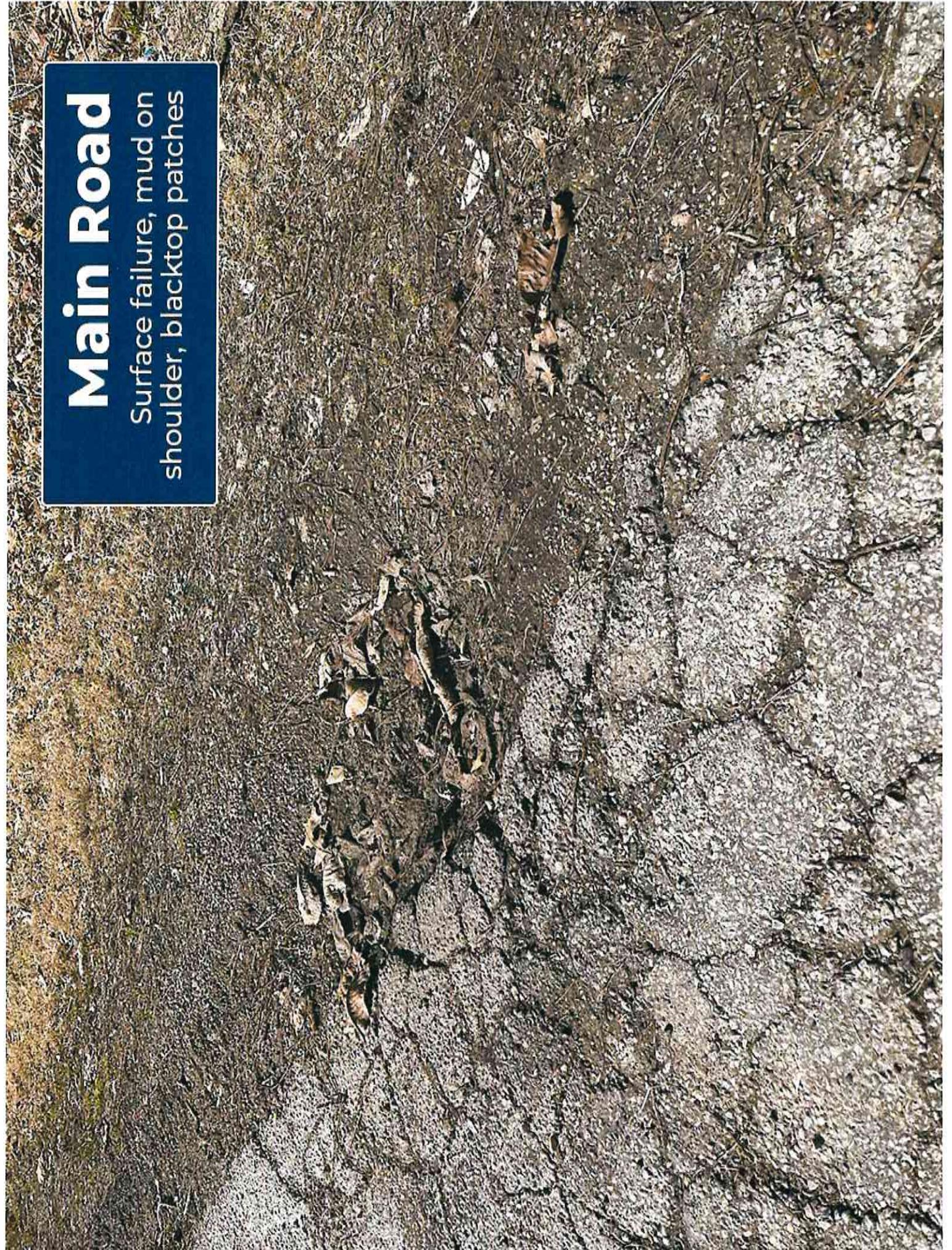


Woodcote Parking

Surface failure, mud on
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Main Road

Surface failure, mud on shoulder, blacktop patches



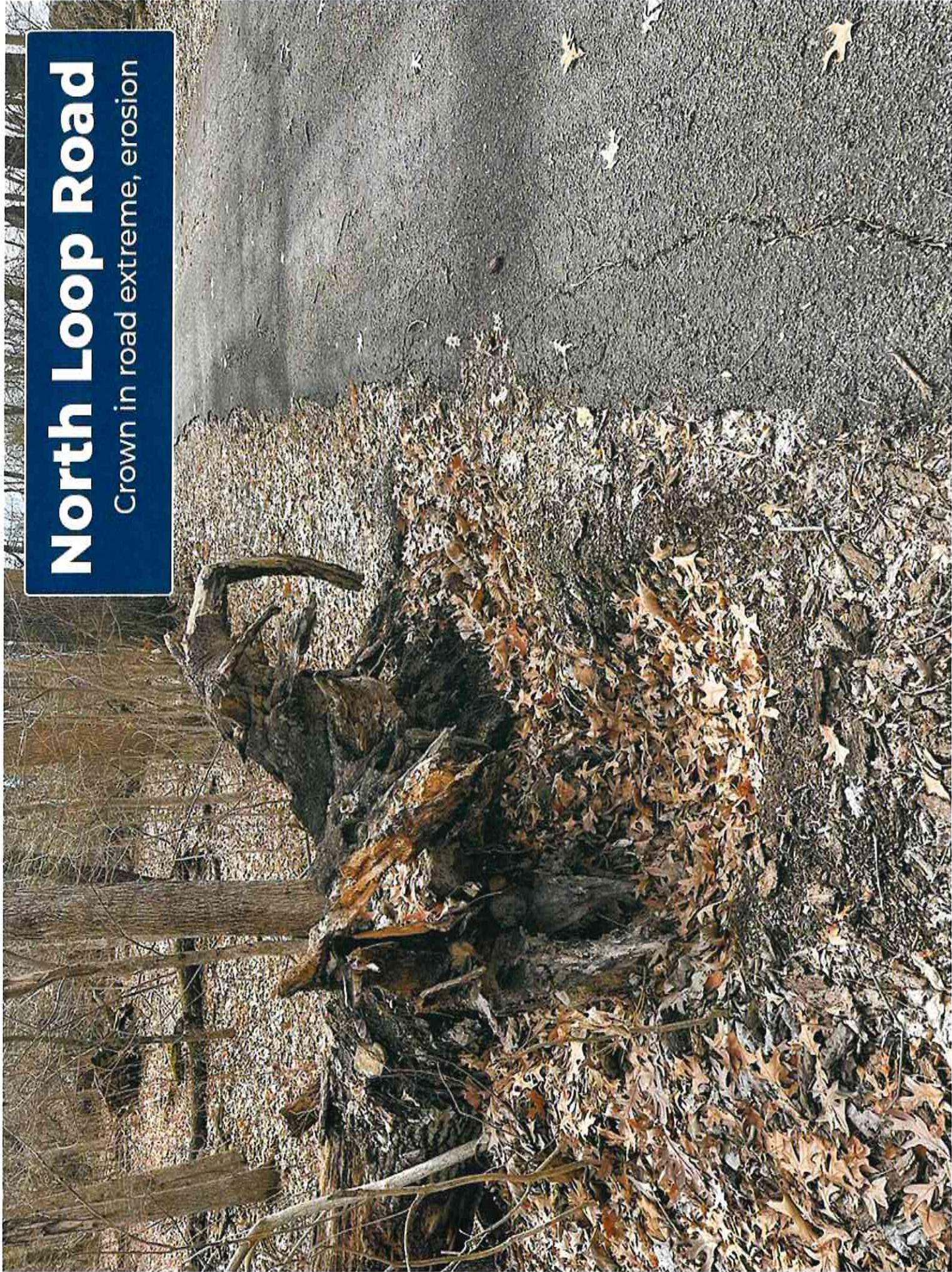
North Loop Road

Surface failure, blacktop patches



North Loop Road

Crown in road extreme, erosion



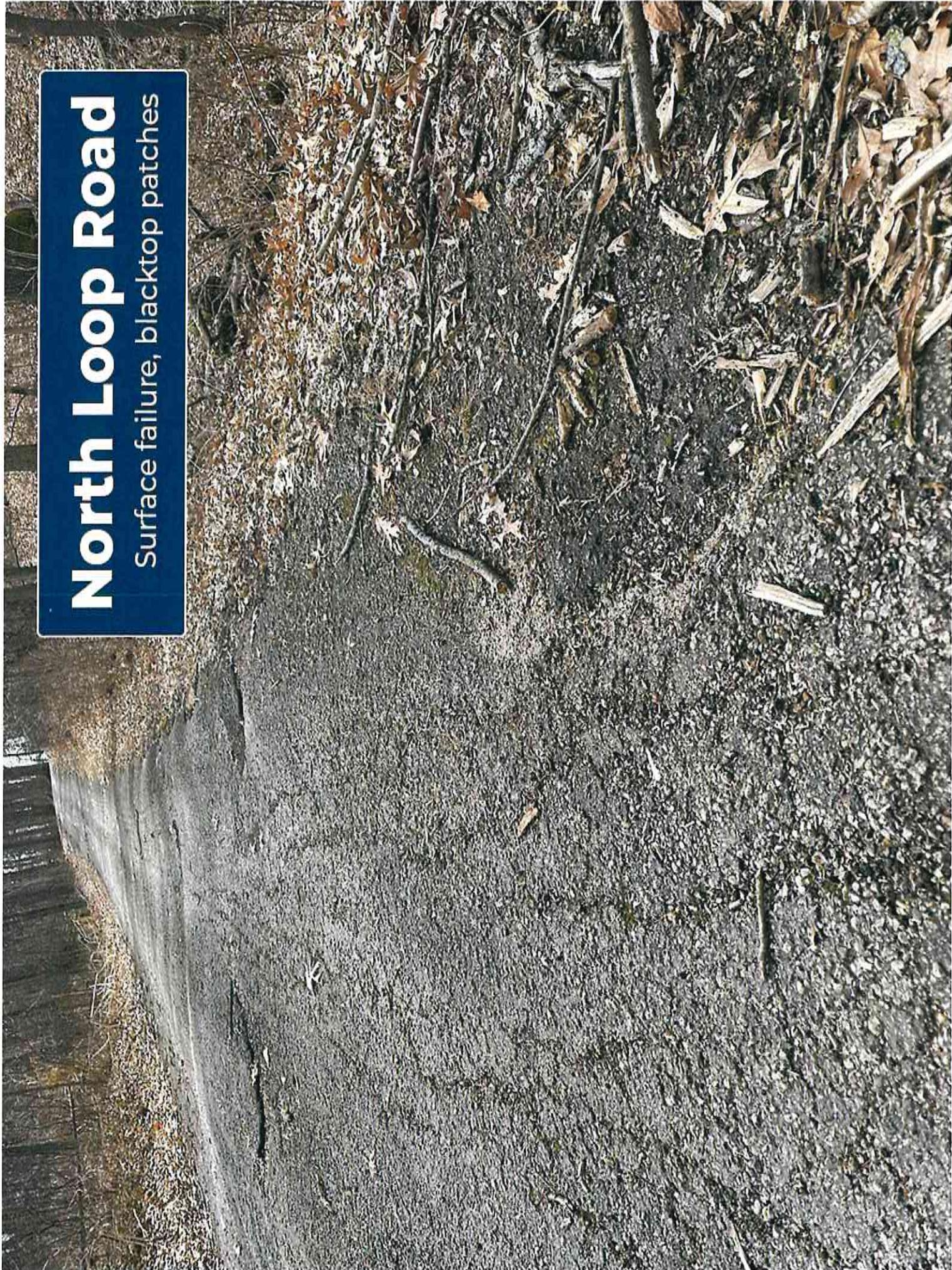
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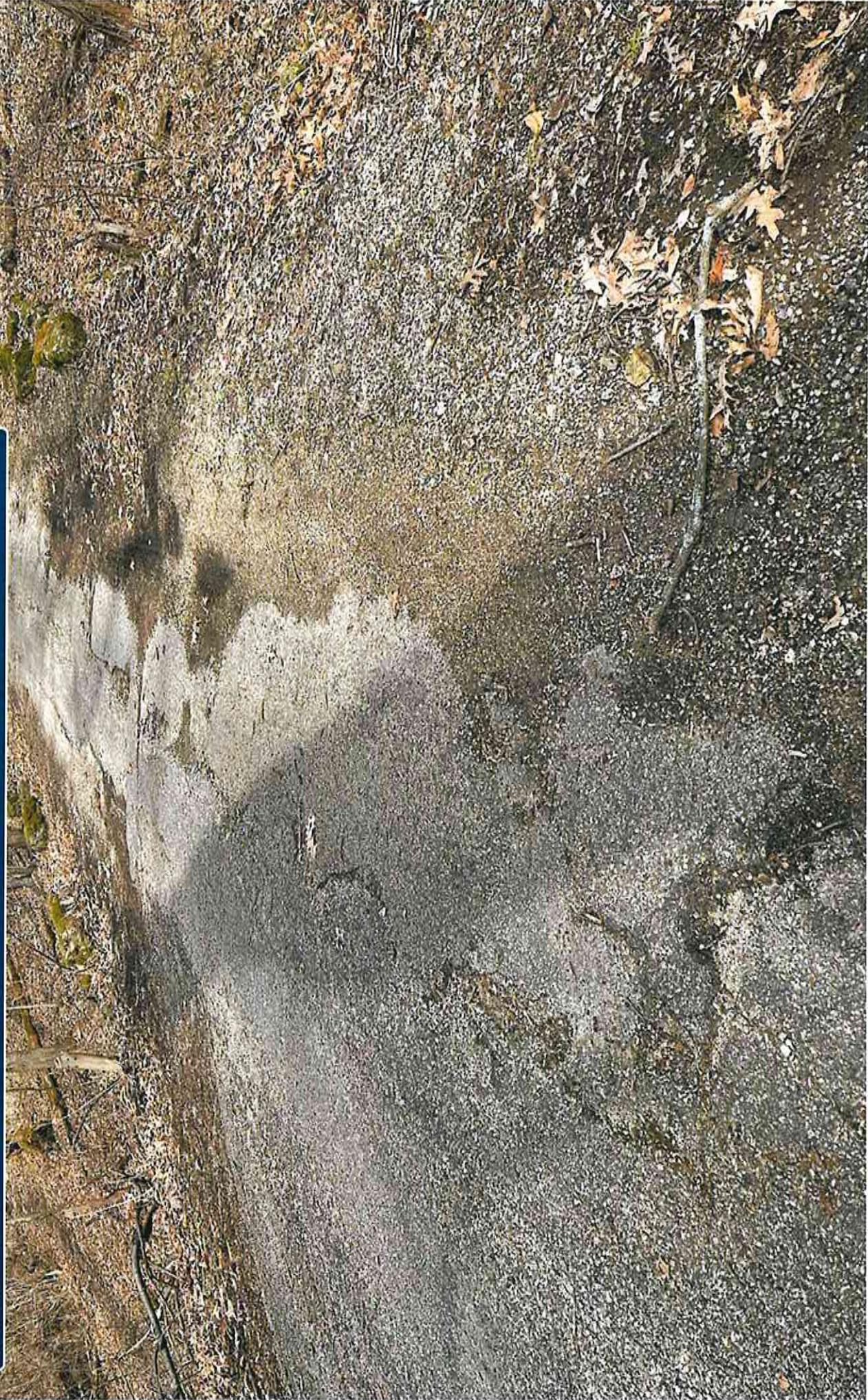
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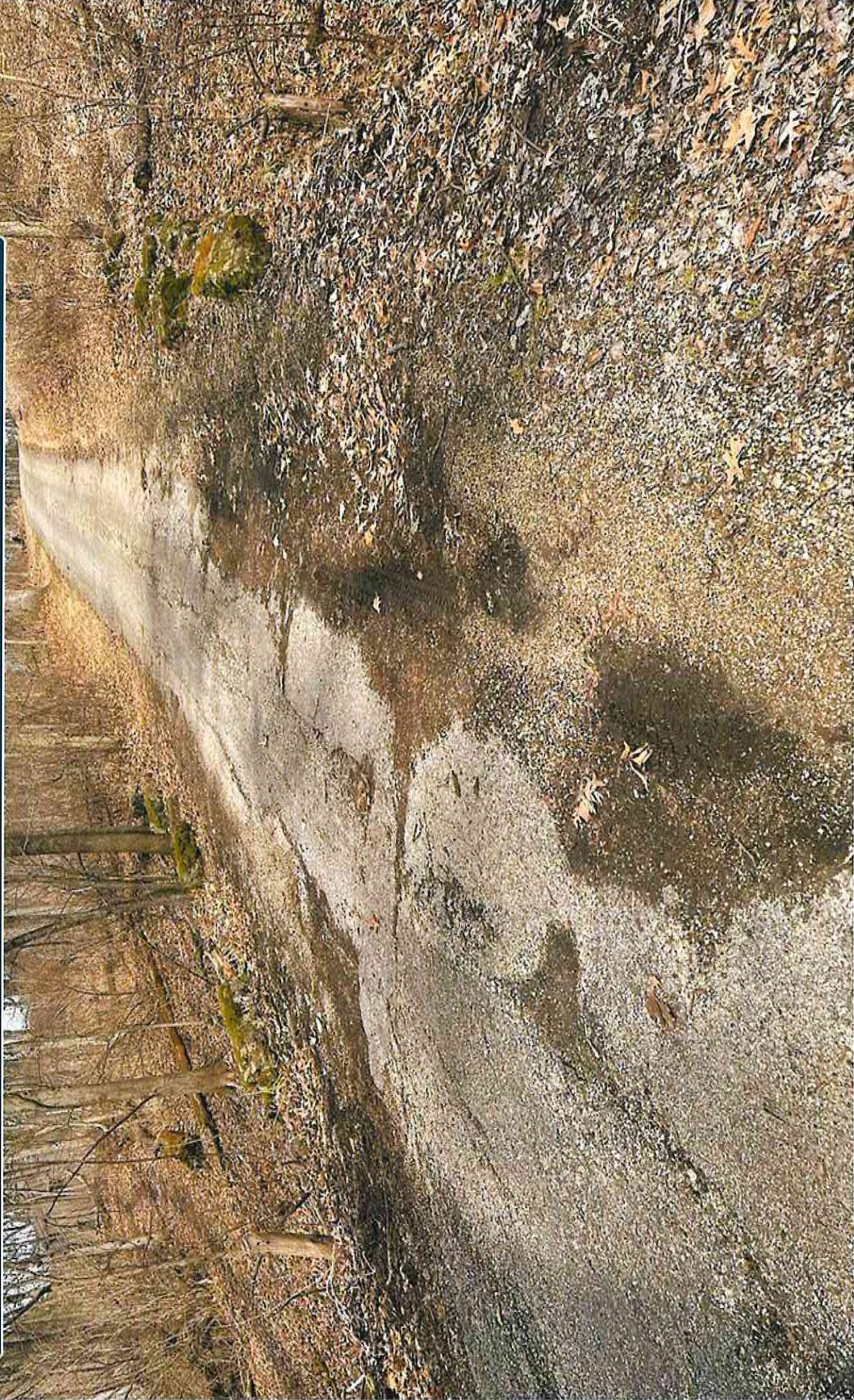
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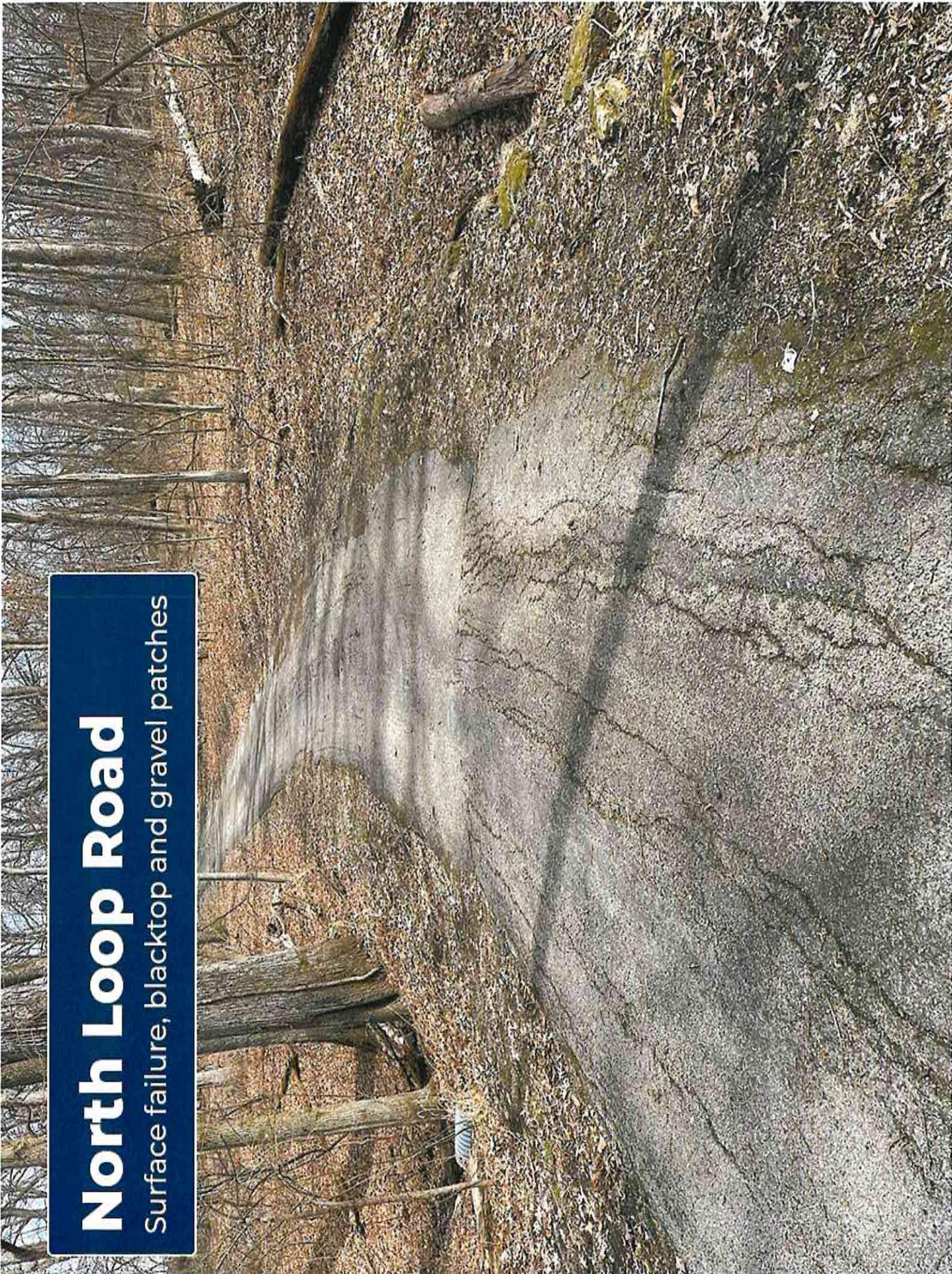
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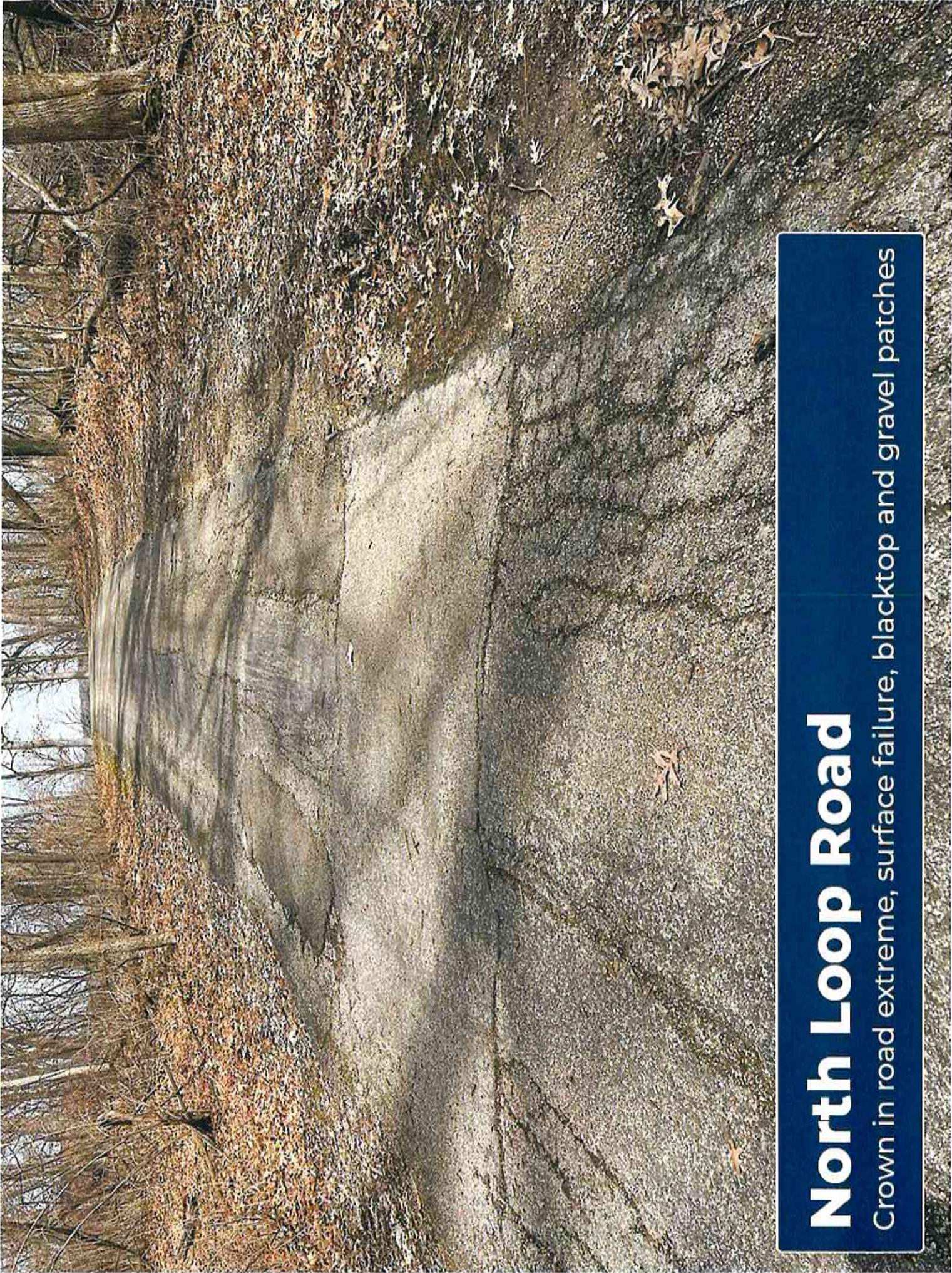
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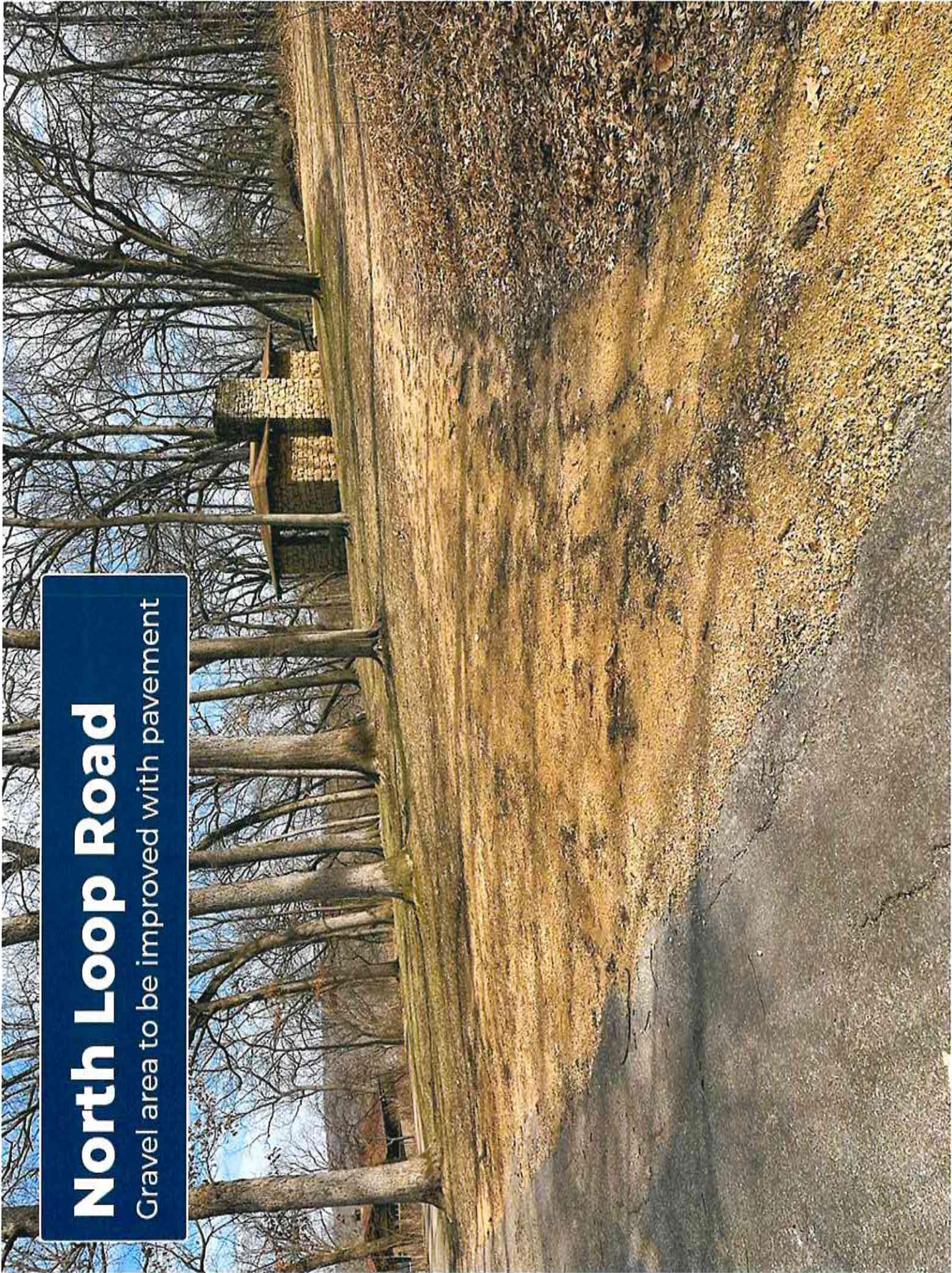


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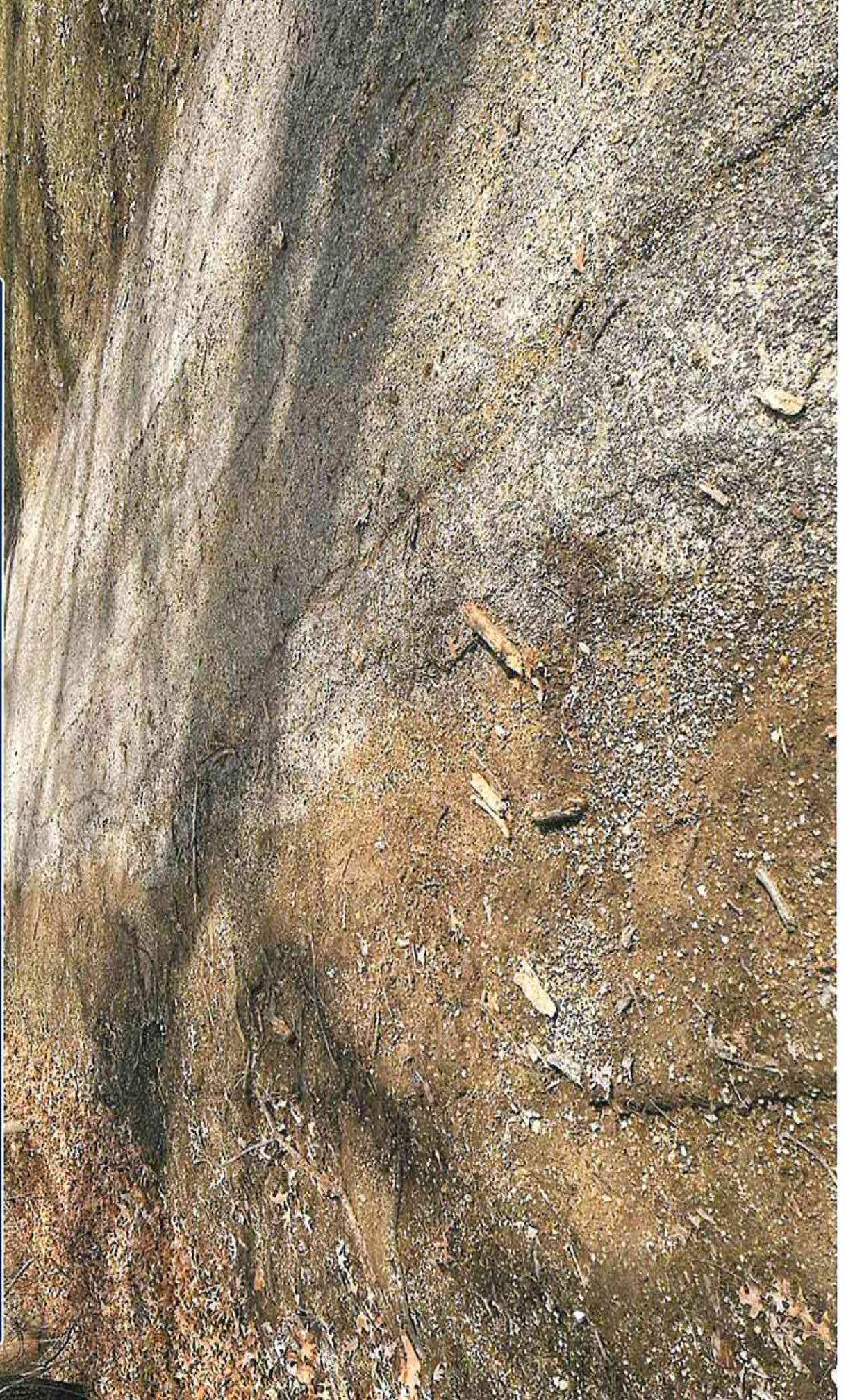
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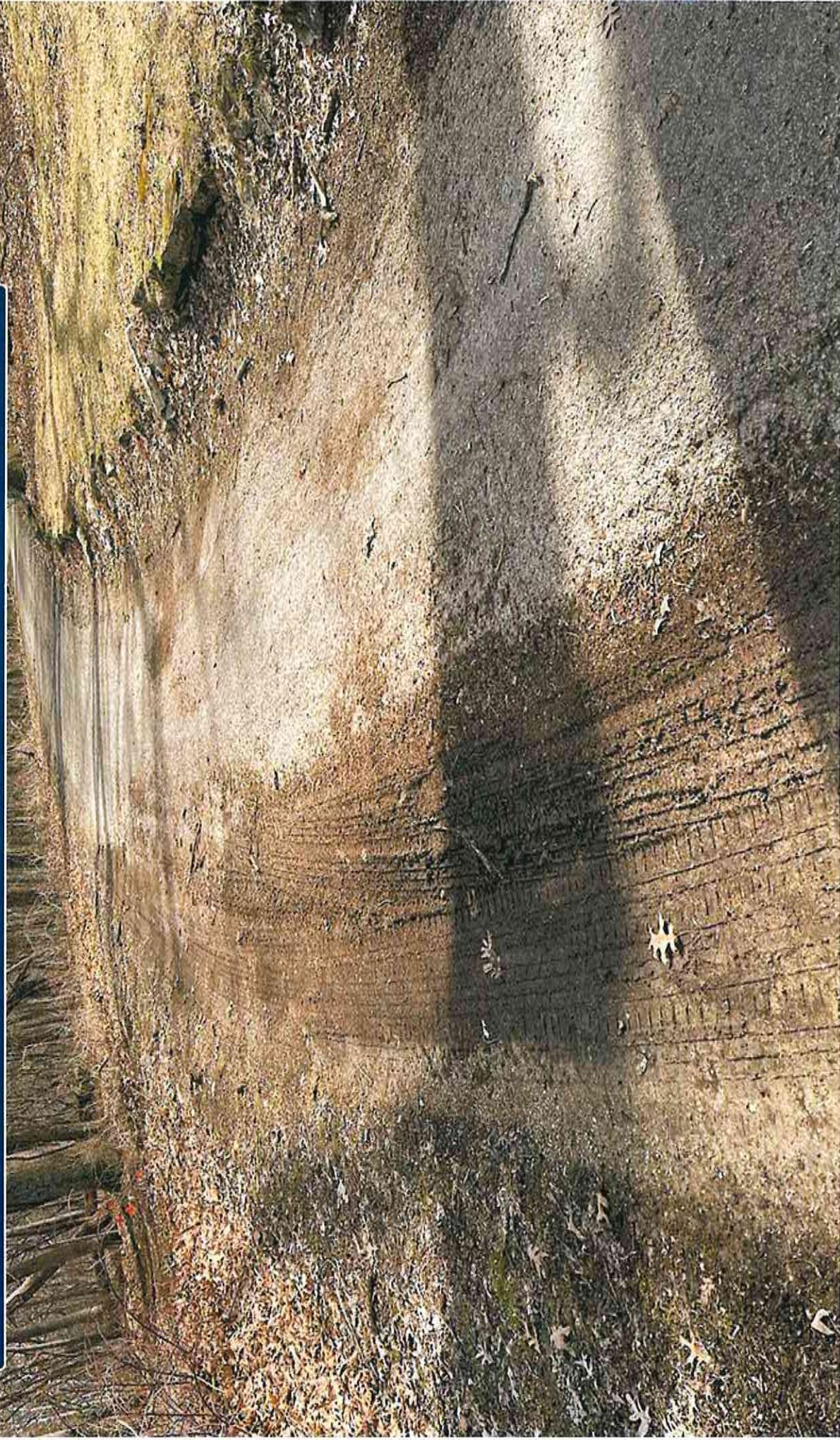
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Surface failure, blacktop and gravel patches, mud on shoulders



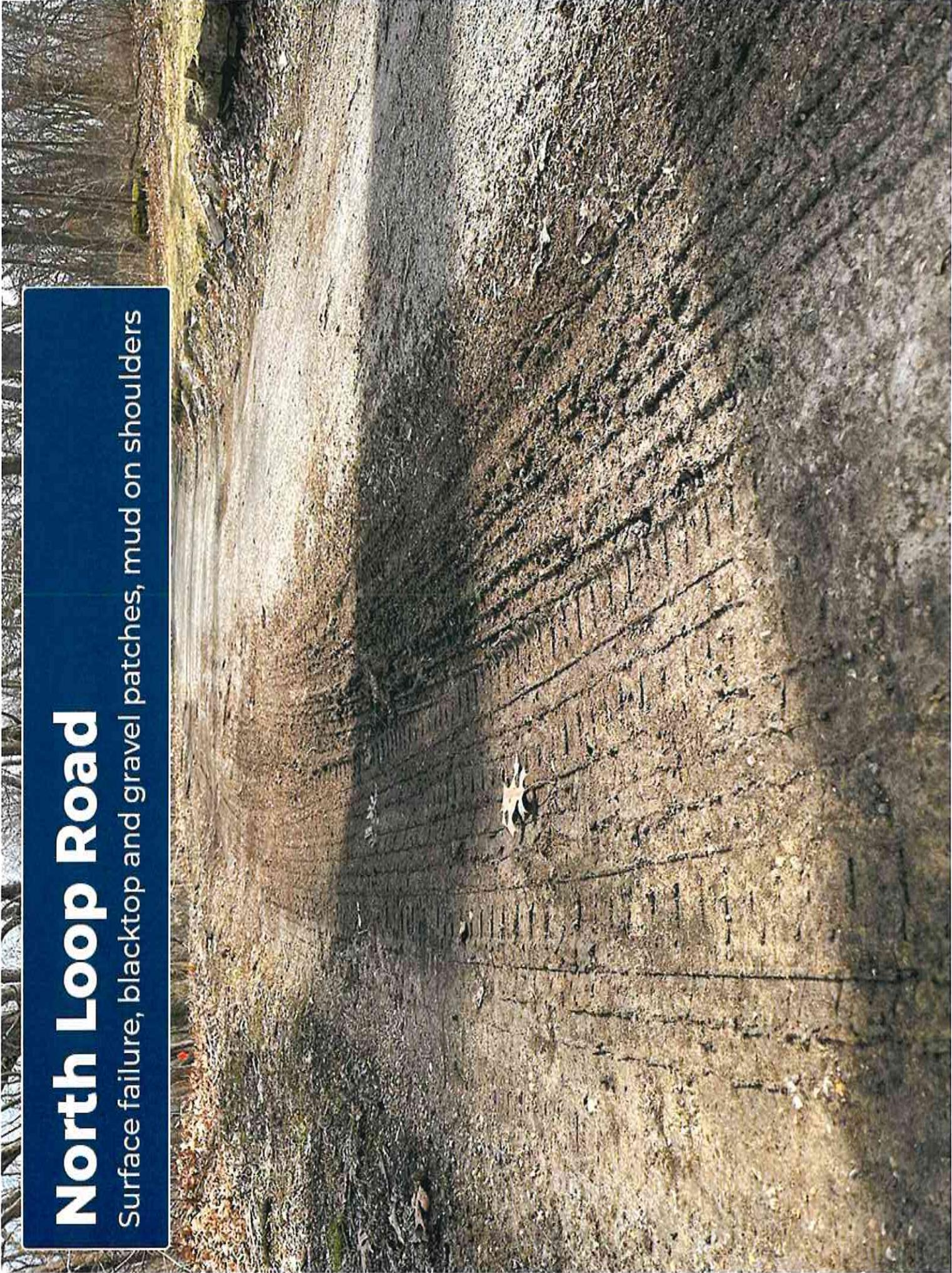
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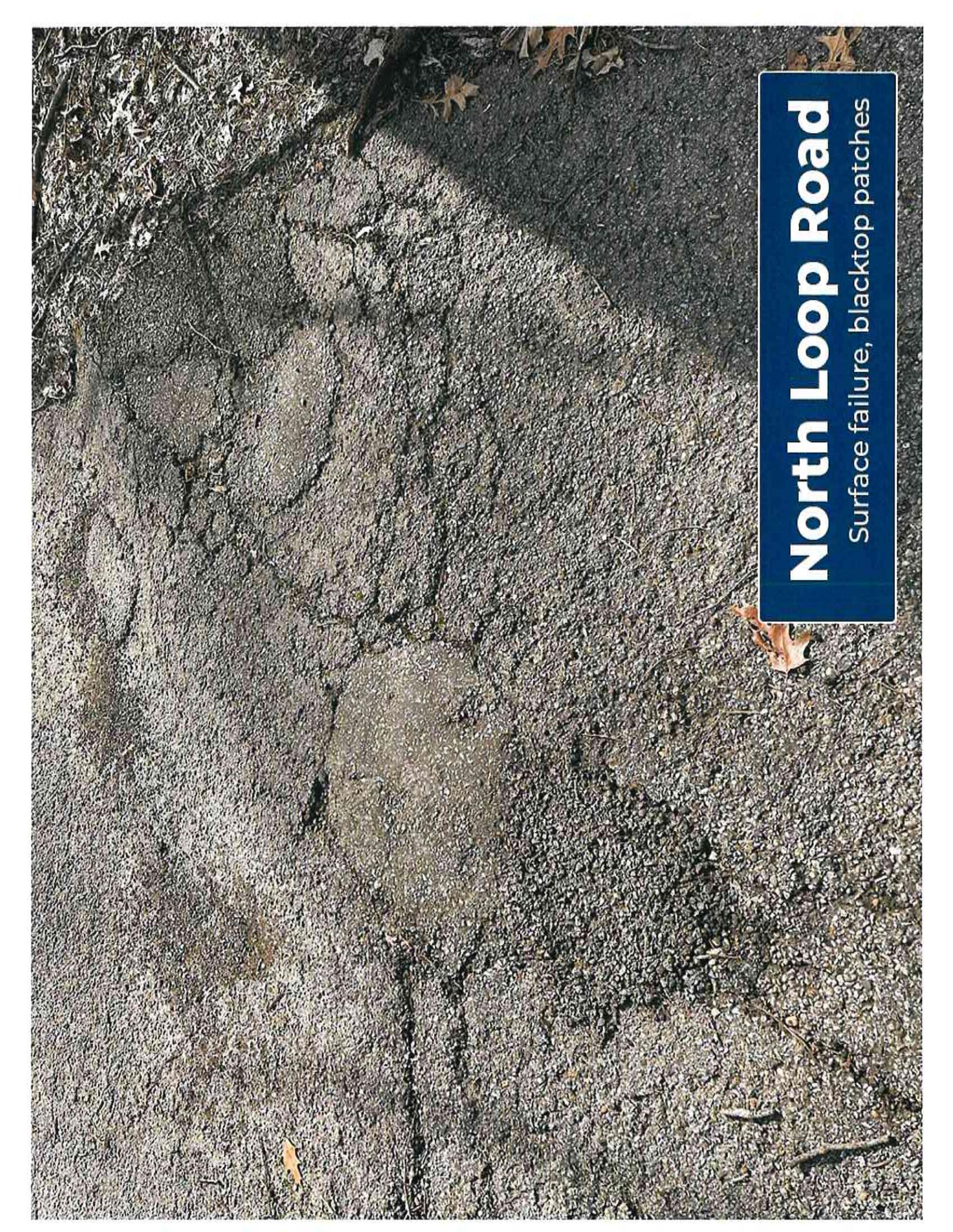
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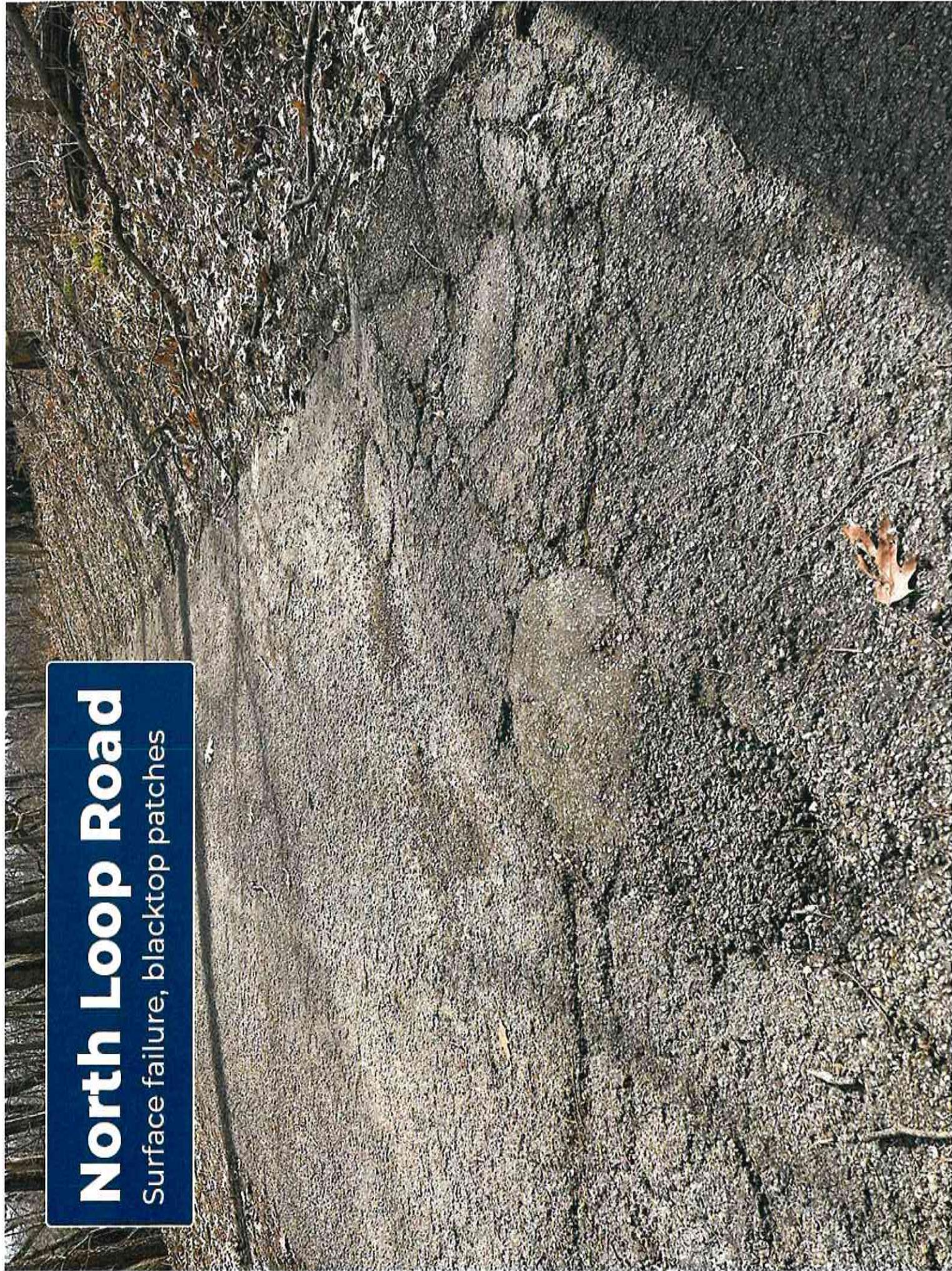


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Surface failure, blacktop patches

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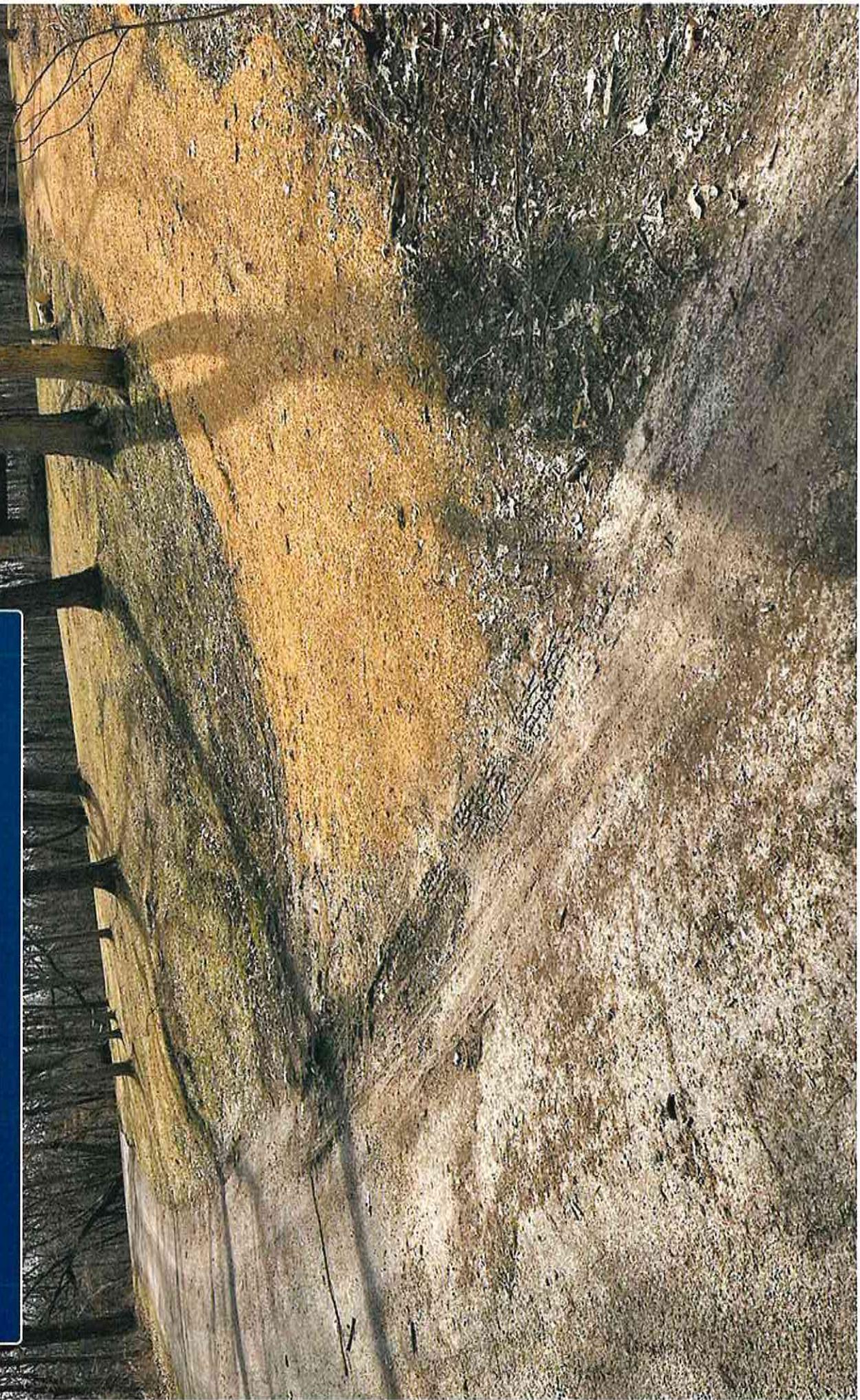
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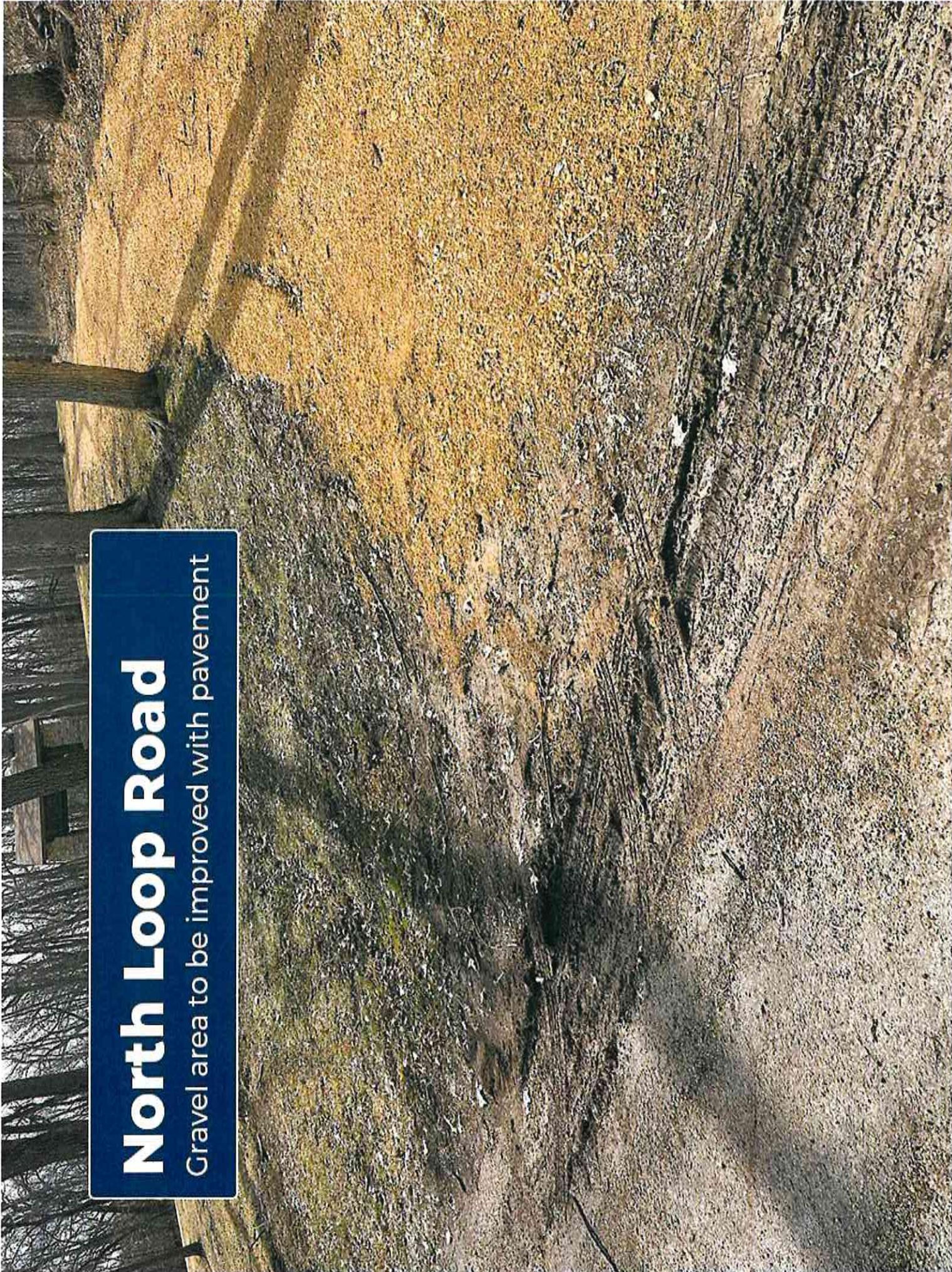
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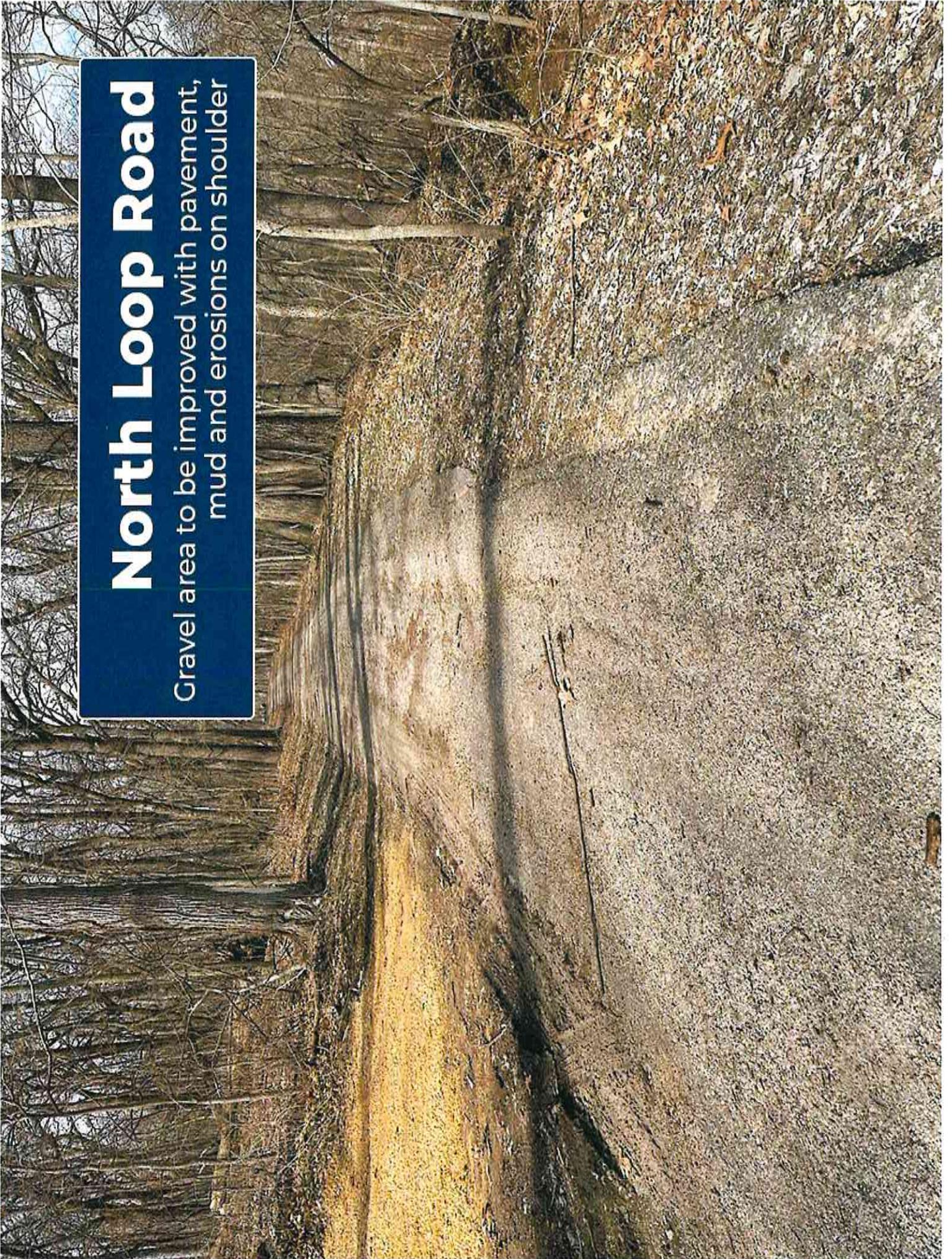
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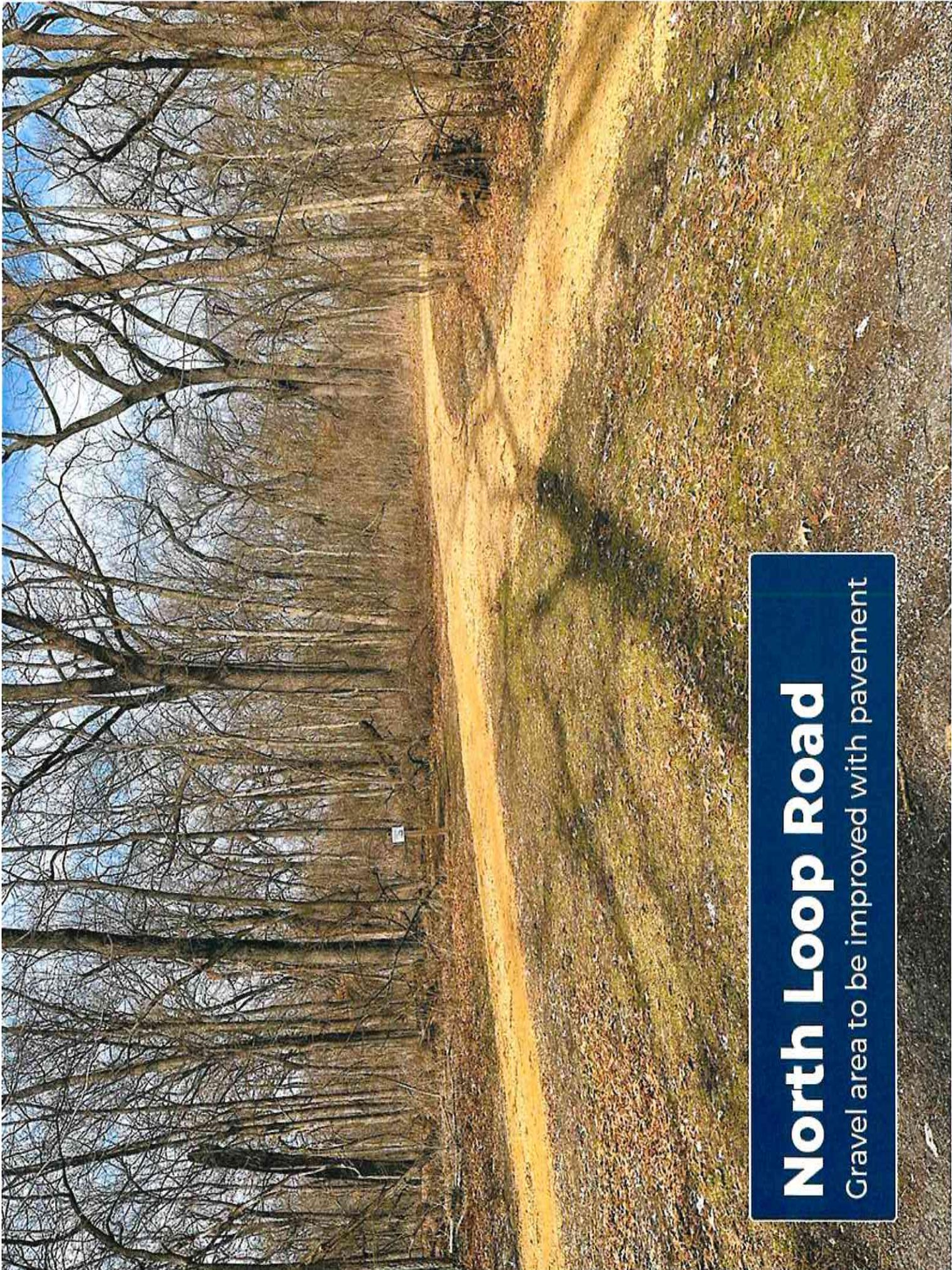
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North Loop Road

Gravel area to be improved with pavement, mud and erosions on shoulder



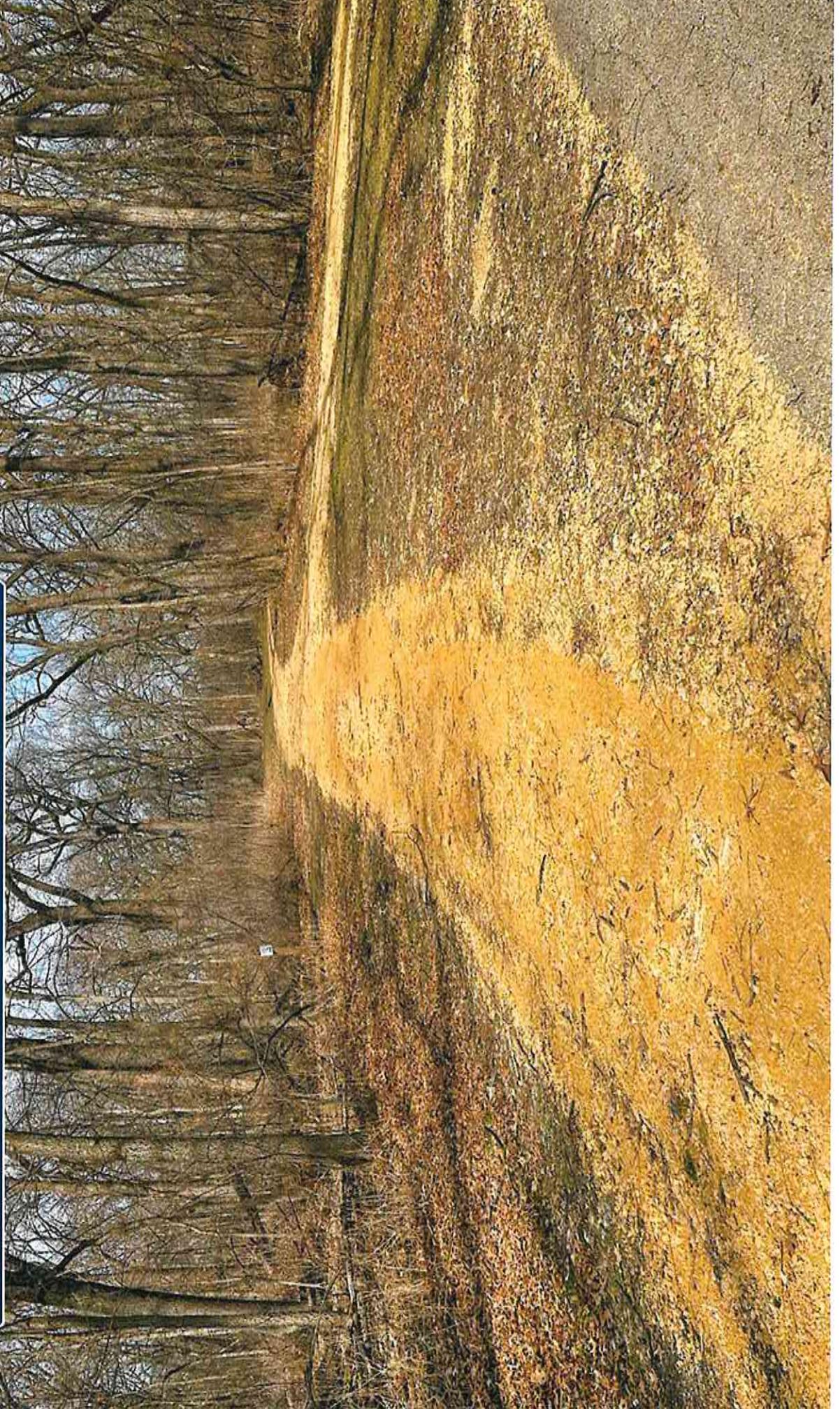


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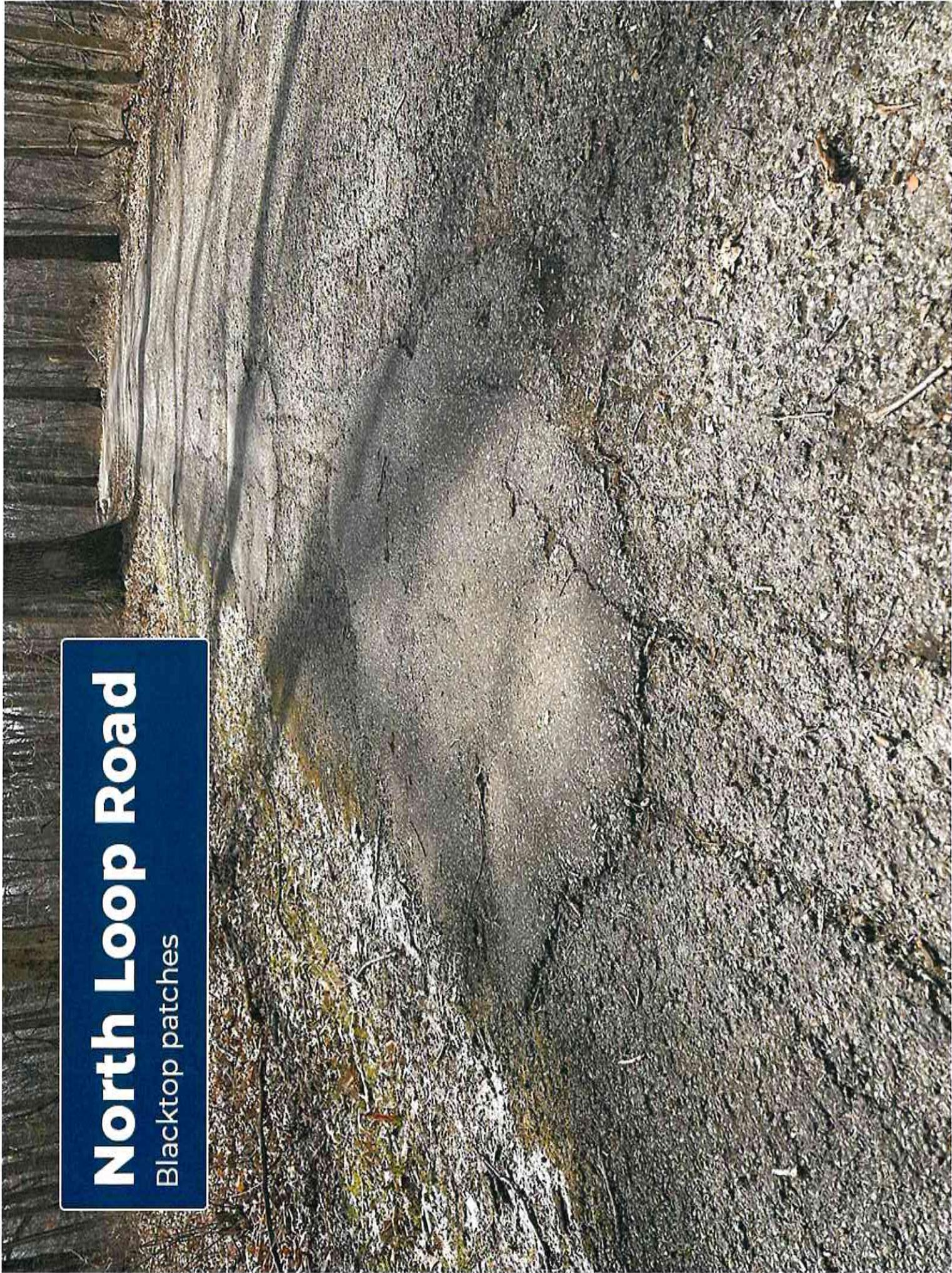
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