

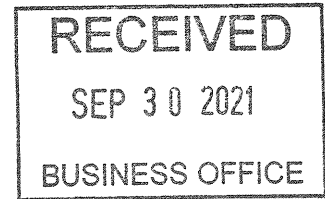


# Illinois Department of Transportation

Office of Highways Project Implementation / Region 1 / District 1  
201 West Center Court / Schaumburg, Illinois 60196-1096

OPERATIONS: Serious Safety Hazard Finding-Busing  
Woodridge S.D. #68

September 28, 2021



Mr. Curt Saindon  
Assistant Superintendent for Business Services  
School District 68  
7925 Janes Avenue  
Woodridge, IL 60517


Dear Mr. Saindon:

We have enclosed one copy of the approved Serious Safety Hazard Findings, which your school district submitted. This copy should be retained in your files for use in obtaining reimbursement for **68-21-01**.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this or other hazardous locations, please contact Mr. Jonathan Lloyd at (847) 705-4135.

Very truly yours,

Jose Rios, P.E.  
Region One Engineer

By:   
Lisa E. Heaven-Baum, P.E.  
Bureau Chief of Traffic Operations

Enclosure



A publication entitled "School Safety Busing and Instructions for Submitting Findings" is available from the Illinois Department of Transportation, 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois 62764. The school administrator preparing this submittal should refer to the instructions in the booklet.

Two copies of this form are to be submitted to the IDOT District Office indicated in the instruction booklet. The IDOT District Office will approve or disapprove the submittal within thirty (30) days and return one copy to the school district indicating the action taken.

Name of School District: Woodridge Elementary School District; Address of Administrative Office: 7925 Janes Avenue, Woodridge, IL 60517; Name of Contact Representative: Curtis Saindon; Title: Assistant Superintendent; Phone Number: (630) 795-6821; Name of School to Which Children Are Walking: Edgewood Elementary School; Annual Sequential Number: 68-21-01

Type of Condition: 1. [X] Single Hazard Type II (Walking on a Roadway); 2. [ ] Combination Hazard

Location: 3. Along (Westview, Everglade, Tongquit, Crabtree, Butternut, Woodview, Forest Glen, 76th and Westridge) (Street or Road Name); 4. Type I From To; 5. Type II From Westview Lane To Woodridge Drive; 6. Type III At; 7. Type IV At

Points Type I - Walking Along a Roadway: 8. Highest qualifying grade level (through 6 grade) 5 Points; 9. Location of walkway (on shoulder 500+ feet from roadway OR behind curb or ditch 50+ feet from roadway) 3 Points; 10. Speed of traffic (30-35 mph) 5 Points; 11. Volume of traffic (less than 400 vehicles/hour) (2 lanes) 1 Point; 12. Length of hazardous section (.5-.7 miles) 3 Points; 13. Board's judgment points (attach explanation) 2 Points; 14. Total of lines 8 through 13 14.5 Points

Points Type II - Walking on a Roadway: 15. Highest qualifying grade level (through 6 grade) 5 Points; 16. Reason for walking on roadway: (No shoulder or walkway off pavement for 500+ feet, OR Narrow bridge or underpass for 50+ feet) 3 Points; 17. Speed of traffic (30-35 mph) 5 Points; 18. Volume of traffic (less than 400 vehicles/hour) (2 lanes) 1 Point; 19. Length of hazardous section (.5-.7 miles) 3 Points; 20. Board's judgment points (attach explanation) 2 Points; 21. Total of lines 15 through 20 14.5 Points

Points (Continued)	Type III – Crossing a Roadway (Name of roadway being crossed _____)	Points
22.	Highest qualifying grade level (through _____ grade)	_____ Table 11
23.	Control on roadway being crossed (_____)	_____ Table 12
24.	Speed and volume of traffic (_____ mph) (_____ vehicles/hour)	_____ Table 13
25.	Width of roadway (_____ feet)	_____ Table 14
26.	Board's judgment points (attach explanation)	_____ Points
27.	Total of lines 22 through 26	_____ Points

Type IV – Crossing Railroad Tracks		
28.	Highest qualifying grade level (through _____ grade)	_____ Table 15
29.	Crossing protection and number of tracks: (_____ protection; _____ tracks used)	_____ Table 16
30.	Speed and number of trains: (_____ mph; _____ trains)	_____ Table 17
31.	Board's judgment points (attach explanation)	_____ Points
32.	Total of lines 28 through 31	_____ Points

Finding		
33.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single hazard qualifies since <u>14.5</u> points in a Type <u>II</u> situation equals or exceeds 12.	
34.	<input type="checkbox"/> Combination hazard qualifies since the total of _____ points in a Type _____ situation and _____ points in a Type _____ situation equals or exceeds 20.	
35.	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazard is temporary for _____ school year (resubmit annually).	
36.	<input type="checkbox"/> No hazard	

**Certification** I hereby certify that the date in this application, including accompanying maps and statements, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Board approval was given on date of August 23, 2021, and the minutes of this meeting bear evidence of this approval.

8/23/21  
 Date

  
 Signature of Secretary or President of Board of Education or Board of Directors

**Action by Illinois Department of Transportation**


Date Submittal Received September 9, 2021 Serial No. 1-21-76

Approved

Disapproved for corrections, additions, or clarifications noted in transmittal letter.

Disapproved for reason or reasons noted in transmittal letter.

9/21/21  
 Date

  
 Signature of IDOT Regional Engineer

**Reimbursement Estimate** (This information will have no effect on IDOT's action on the submittal.)

1. Approximately how many students will annually be qualified for busing by this submittal that did not previously qualify for reimbursable busing? \_\_\_\_\_ students

2. What is the projected additional annual reimbursement that will result from this submittal? \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**WOODRIDGE**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 68

memo

To: IDOT, School Services Division  
From: The Board of Education  
Date: August 23,2021  
Subject: Serious Safety Hazard Application for Edgewood Elementary School

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The Woodridge Board of Education is applying for a Serious Safety Hazard Designation for the area/neighborhood northwest of Edgewood Elementary School, located at 7900 Woodridge Drive, and bordered by Westview Lane (to the west), 75<sup>th</sup> Street (to the north), Woodridge Drive (to the east) and Everglade Avenue (to the south). See the attached map for the designated area and we are only focusing on the part of the subdivision without sidewalks (highlighted in yellow). This is a mature, hilly and winding subdivision that is without sidewalks and whose conditions force students to walk in the street to get to school (see the attached pictures for examples of the dangerous conditions that exist). Mature trees, landscaping, creeks, bridges and a park all force students to walk in the street, and with the winding roads and uneven/hilly terrain it creates several blind spots and dangerous areas. The walking distance to school for these students is in the .3 to .9 mile range, depending on where you are located in the subdivision, and parents have repeatedly complained that walking in the street creates a serious danger for their children.

Based on these conditions, the Board of Education has allocated the maximum allowable judgement points (2) related to this request. Additionally, the evaluation of this area, we believe, constitutes a Type II Hazard (Walking on a Roadway) and with 14.5 total points clearly meets the base definition of a serious safety hazard per IDOT's scoring system. We would ask that IDOT approve this application so that we can begin busing these students who have no access to a sidewalk in this hilly and mature area and must walk in the street to get to school. Thank you.



*\*(Area in which children reside)\**

68-21-01

Edgewood Elementary School

Google Maps



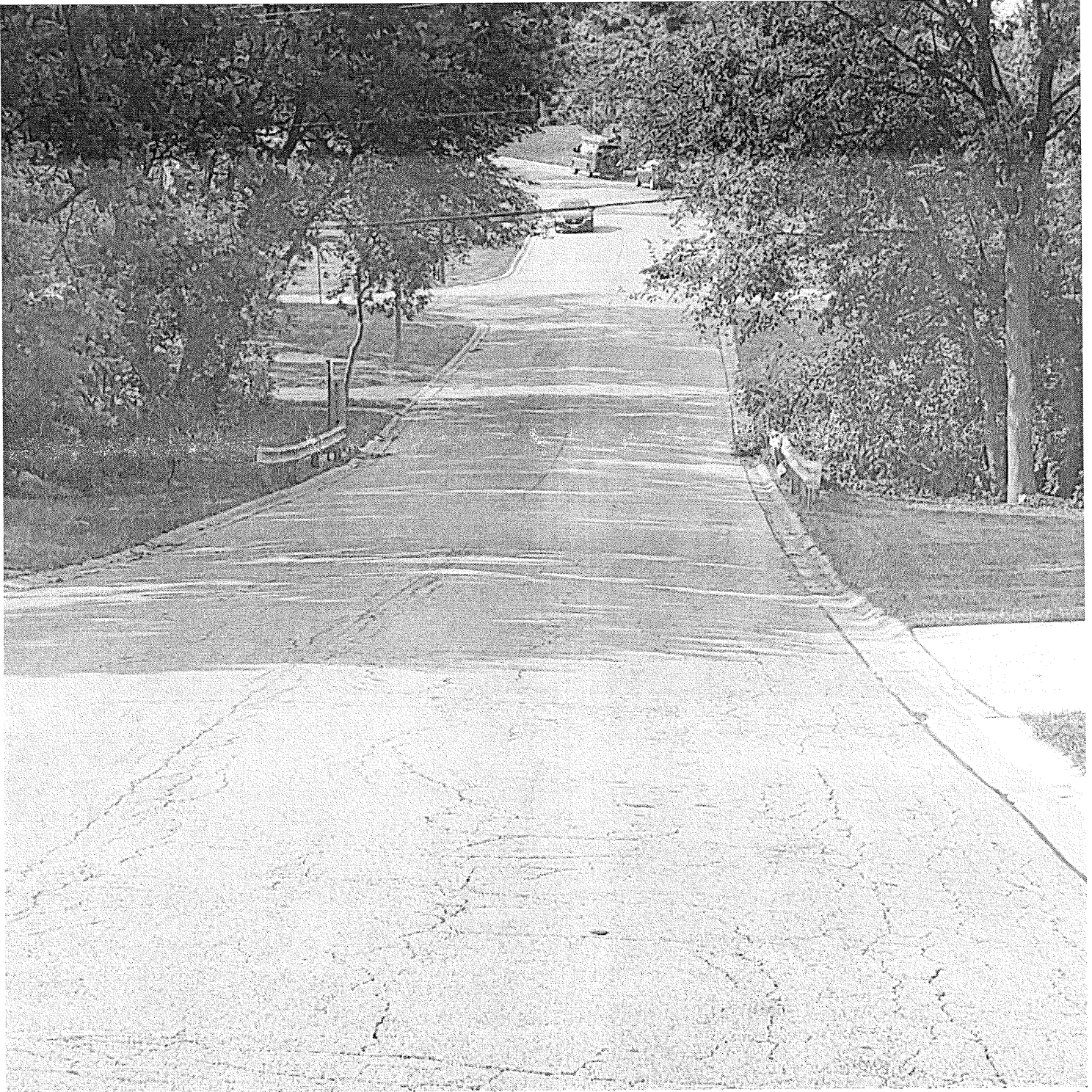
Map data ©2021 500 ft

= No sidewalks

= Sidewalks

#1

(8-18-21)



Westview Lane

(68-21-01)

Edgewood Elementary

(Hilly, winding street with no sidewalks and a narrow bridge over a creek causes kids to walk in street creating a dangerous situation.)

#2

(8-18-21)



<Curve on Westridge Drive>

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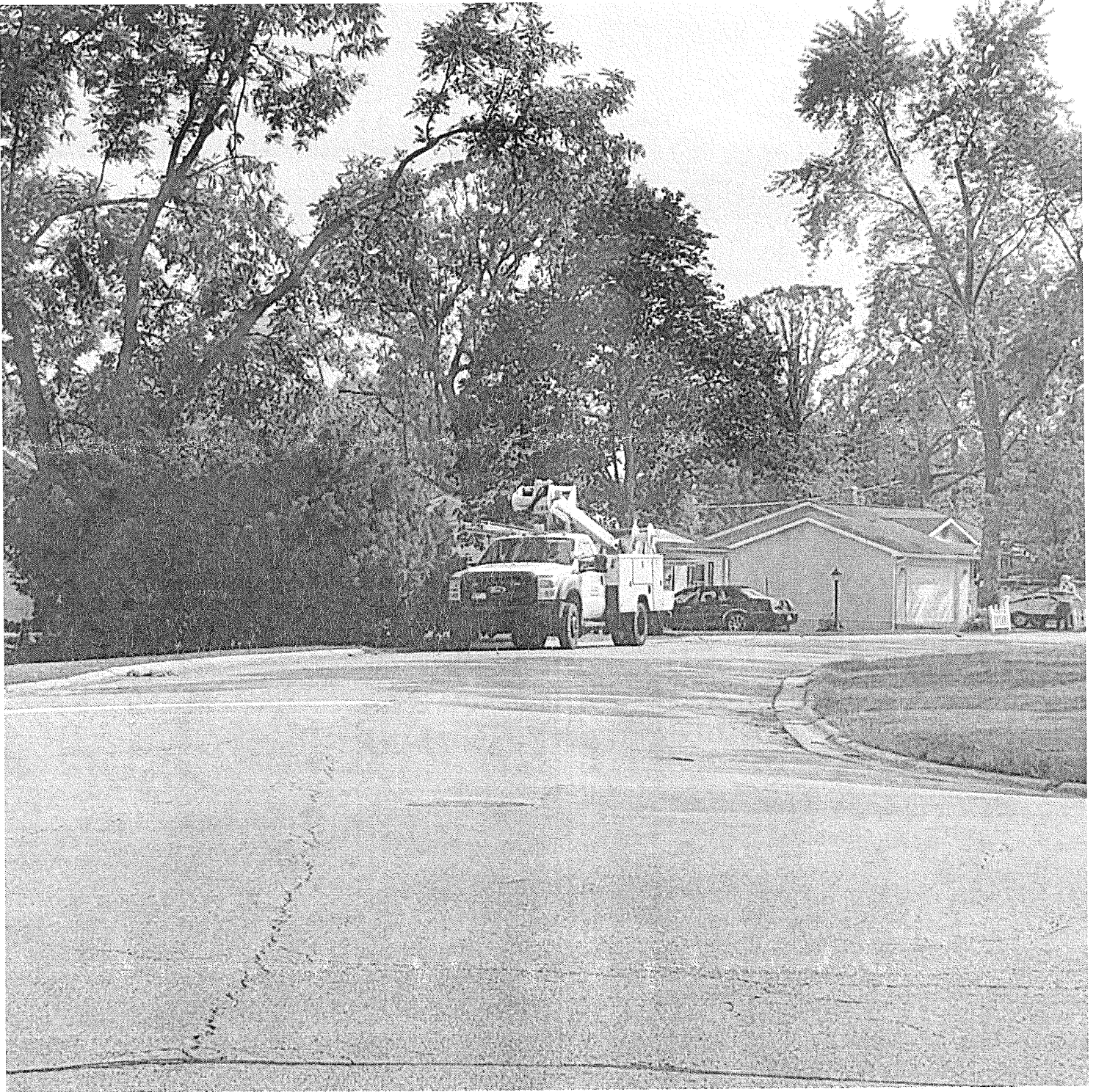
Edgewood Elementary

(No sidewalks and trees/landscaping  
force students to walk in street around  
a blind curve.)



#3

(8-18-21)



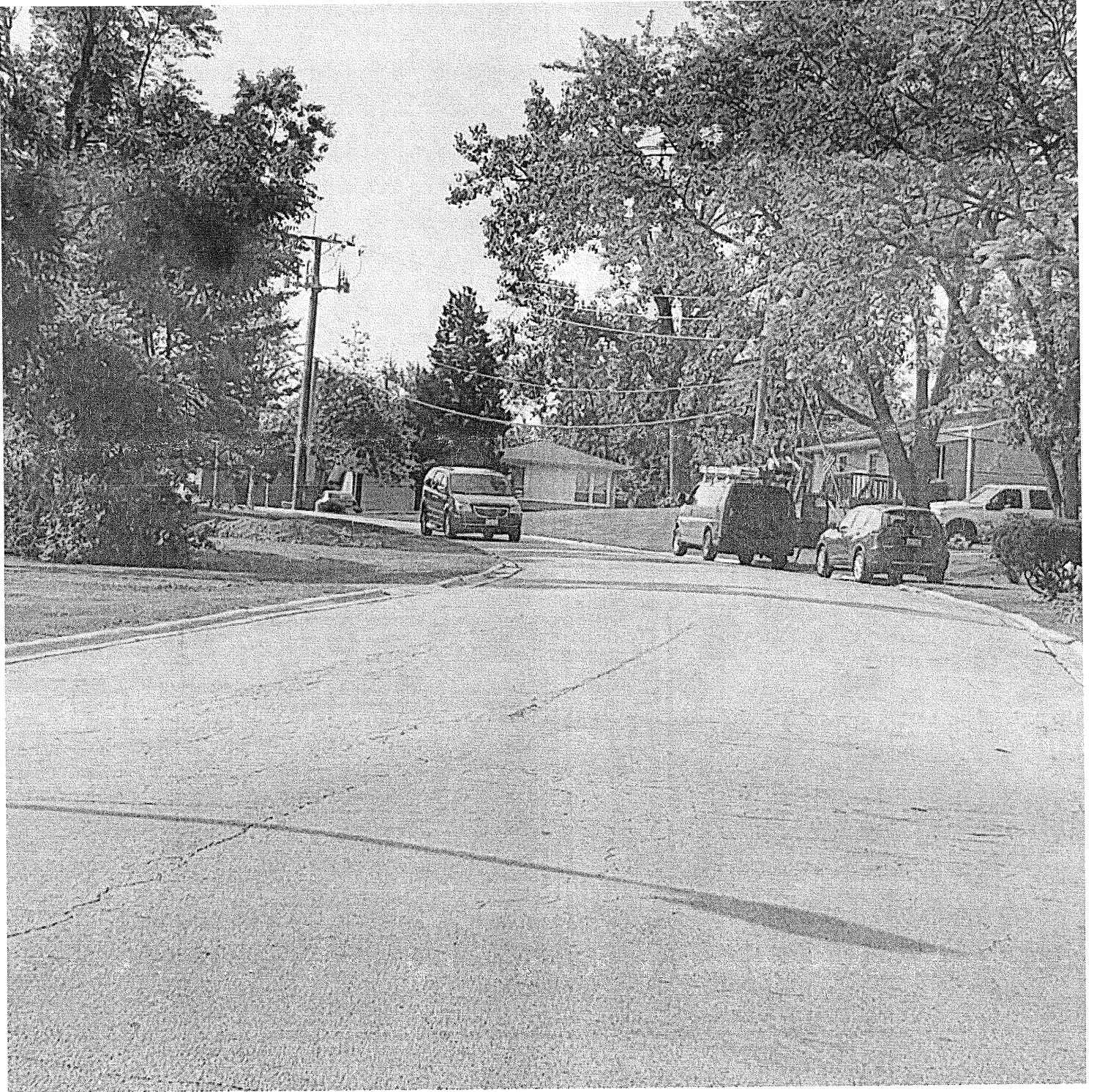
Everglode Avenue

(68-21-01)

(winding streets create many blind spots  
and no sidewalks force students to walk in street)

Edgewood Elementary





Woodview Drive

(winding, hilly subdivision causes many blinds spots and no sidewalks force students to walk in the street)

(68-21-01)  
Edgewood Elementary



76<sup>th</sup> Street

(68-21-01)

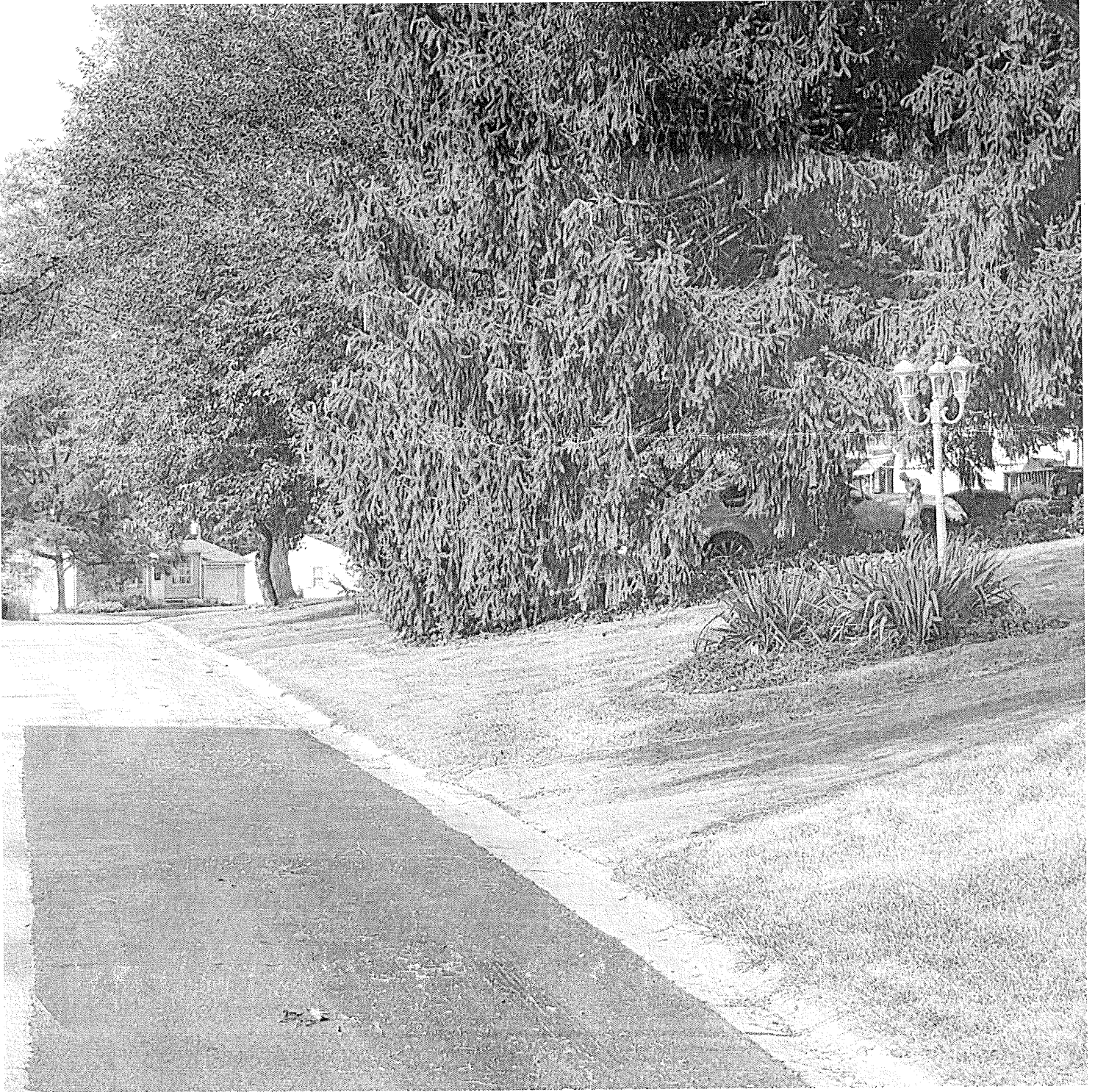
Edgewood Elementary

(rolling subdivision causes blind spots and with no sidewalks students must walk in street)



#6

(8-18-21)



Crabtree Avenue

(trees/bushes forces students to walk in street)

(68-21-01)

Edgewood Elementary



#7

(8-18-21)



Songquil Lane

(landscaping forces students to walk in street

(68-21-01)

Edgewood Elementary