

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

City of Pullman	)	DOCKET NO. TR-100041
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Petitioner,	)	PETITION TO OPEN A
	)	PEDESTRIAN RAIL CROSSING
	)	
vs.	)	
Washington State Department of	)	
Transportation – Rail and Marine Division	)	
_____	)	
Respondent	)	
	)	
Washington and Idaho Railway Company	)	
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Respondent	)	
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The Petitioner asks the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission approve construction of an at grade pedestrian railroad crossing as described in this petition.

*Section 1 – Petitioner’s Information*

City of Pullman
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Petitioner
325 SE Paradise Street
_____
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Pullman, WA 99163
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City, State and Zip Code
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Contact Person Name
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Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

**Section 2 – Respondent's Information**

Washington State Department of Transportation – Rail and Marine Division

Respondent

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Olympia, WA 98504-7407

City, State and Zip Code

Mailing Address, if different than the street address

Michael E. Rowswell, Special Initiatives Manager

Contact Person Name

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Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

Washington and Idaho Railway Company

Respondent

PO Box 154

Street Address

Marshal, WA 99020

City, State and Zip Code

Mailing Address, if different than the street address

Stan Patterson, General Manager

Contact Person Name

208 290 8148

Contact Phone Number and E-mail Address

**Section 3 – Crossing Location**

1. Existing railroad Northern Pacific Railway
2. Located in the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 32, Twp. 15N, Range 45 EWM
3. GPS location, if known \_\_\_\_\_
4. Railroad mile post (nearest tenth) 3972+40
5. City Pullman County Whitman

***Section 4 – Rail Crossing Traffic***

1. Name of railroad(s) operating at the proposed crossing \_\_\_\_\_  
Washington and Idaho Railway Company
2. Type of railroad at crossing     Common Carrier     Logging     Industrial  
    Passenger                     Excursion
5. Type of tracks at the proposed crossing     Main Line     Siding or Spur
6. Number of tracks at the proposed crossing    1
7. Average daily train traffic, freight    less than one per week average  
Authorized freight train speed 10 mph    Operated freight train speed 6mph
8. Average daily train traffic, passenger None  
Authorized passenger train speed \_\_\_\_\_    Operated passenger train speed \_\_\_\_\_
8. Will the proposed crossing eliminate the need for one or more existing crossings?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X
9. If so, state the distance and direction from the proposed crossing.
10. Does the petitioner propose to close any existing crossings?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No No

**Section 5 – Current Highway Traffic Information**

1. Name of roadway/highway Grand Avenue/College Hill Path Connector

2. Roadway classification Bike/Pedestrian Path

3. Road authority City of Pullman

4. Average annual daily traffic (AADT) N/A

5. Number of lanes 10' wide paved path

6. Roadway speed N/A

7. Is the crossing part of an established truck route?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X\_\_\_\_\_

8. If so, trucks are what percent of total daily traffic? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Is the crossing part of an established school bus route?    Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X\_\_\_\_\_

10. If so, how many school buses travel over the crossing each day? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Describe any changes to the information in 1 through 7, above, expected within ten years:  
None

**Section 6 – Description of Proposed Crossing**

1. Describe in detail the reasons for constructing a crossing at this location.  
The proposed crossing will provide a bike/pedestrian connection from the College Hill neighborhood and path system to the North Grand Avenue business district and the Military Hill residential neighborhood. The crossing will also channel the informal pedestrian trails crossing the tracks and creek in the immediate vicinity.

3. How far is the nearest alternate access across the tracks from the proposed crossing?  
1400 feet

4. Describe the alternate access route, including distance and driving time.  
Paved 10' wide path south to Whitman Street, cross tracks to Grand Avenue, north along 5' wide sidewalk to proposed crossing (bicycles must use traffic lanes on Grand Avenue-ADT 16,000+ and no bike lane). Total distance approximately 2900 feet. Pedestrian travel time 12 minutes.

*Section 7 – Illustration of Crossing*

Attach a diagram, drawing, map or other illustration showing the location of the railroad and the proposed location of the crossing. Also include proposed warning signals and signage. Include the parcels of private property located on both sides of the proposed crossing for a distance of 500' from the crossing and the name and mailing address of each property owner.

***Section 8 – Waiver of Hearing by Respondent***

**Waiver of Hearing**

The undersigned represents the Respondent in this matter.

Docket Number: Pedestrian path crossing at North Grand Avenue and Ritchie Street in Pullman, Washington.

We have investigated the conditions at the crossing. We are satisfied the conditions are the same as described by the Petitioner in this docket. We do not oppose the proposed at grade pedestrian crossing and consent to a decision by the commission without a hearing.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, Washington, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

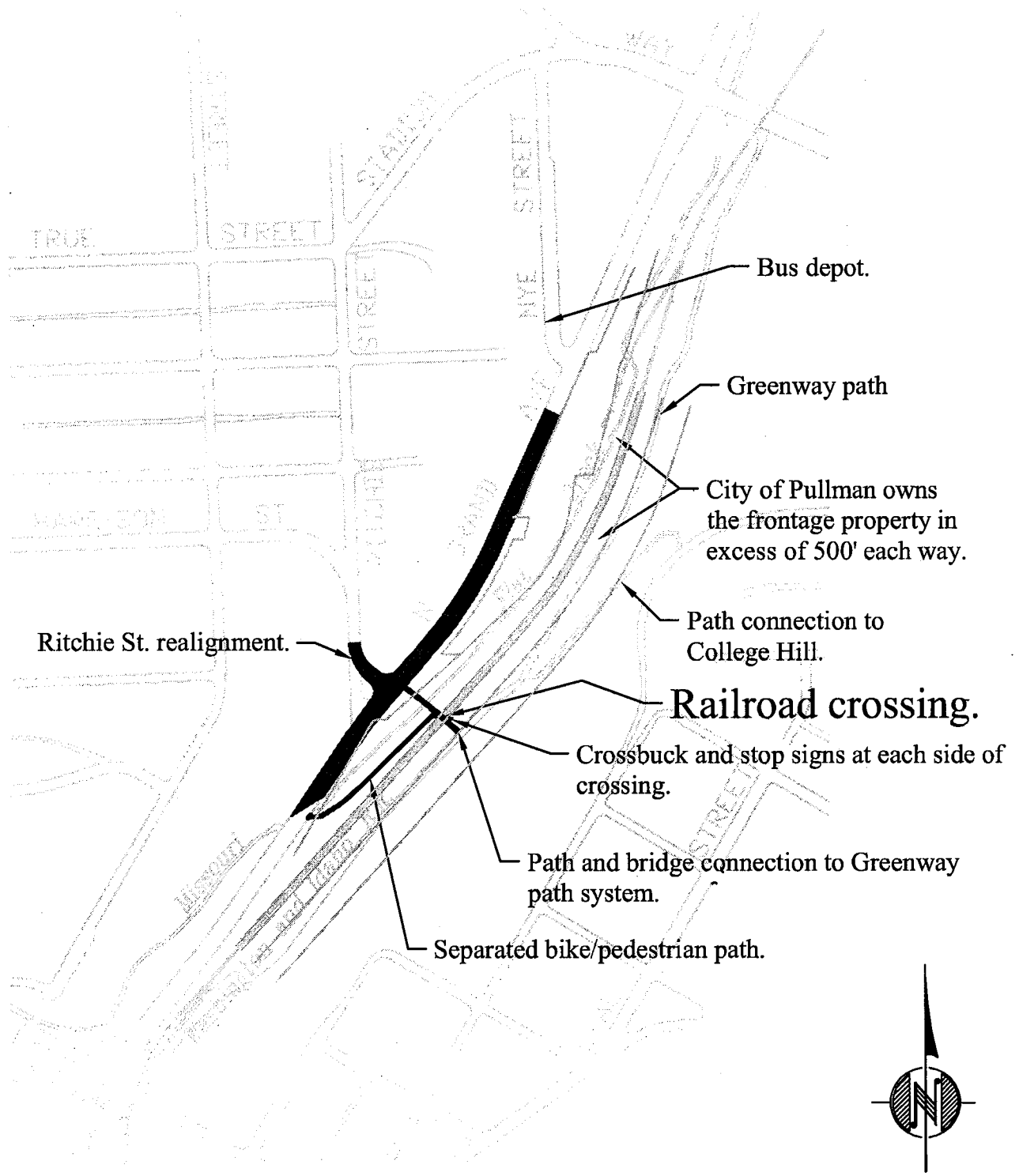
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Signature of Respondent's Representative

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Title

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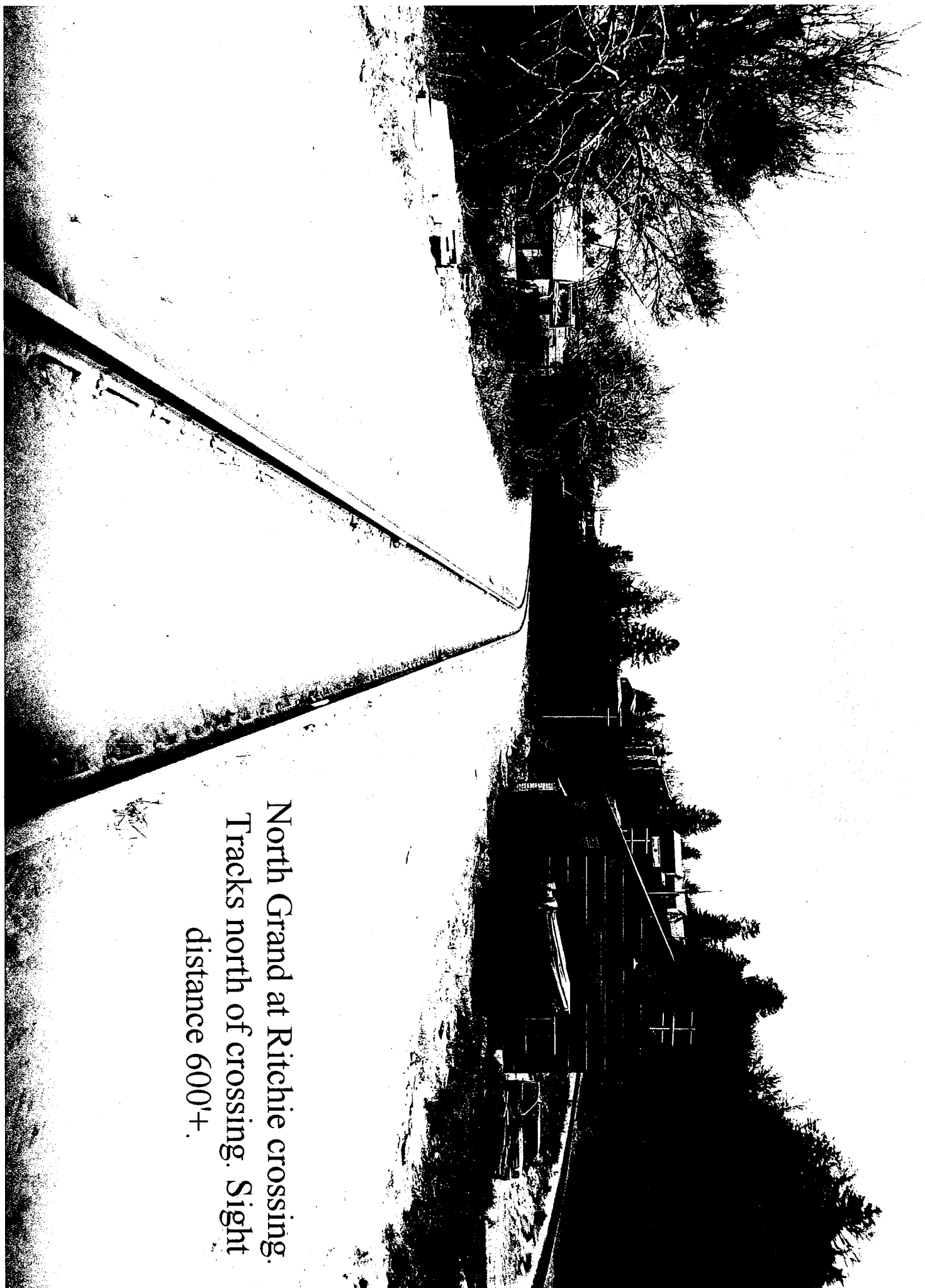
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 WASHINGTON**  
  
 ENGINEERING DIVISION

# Grand Avenue Widening Railroad Crossing

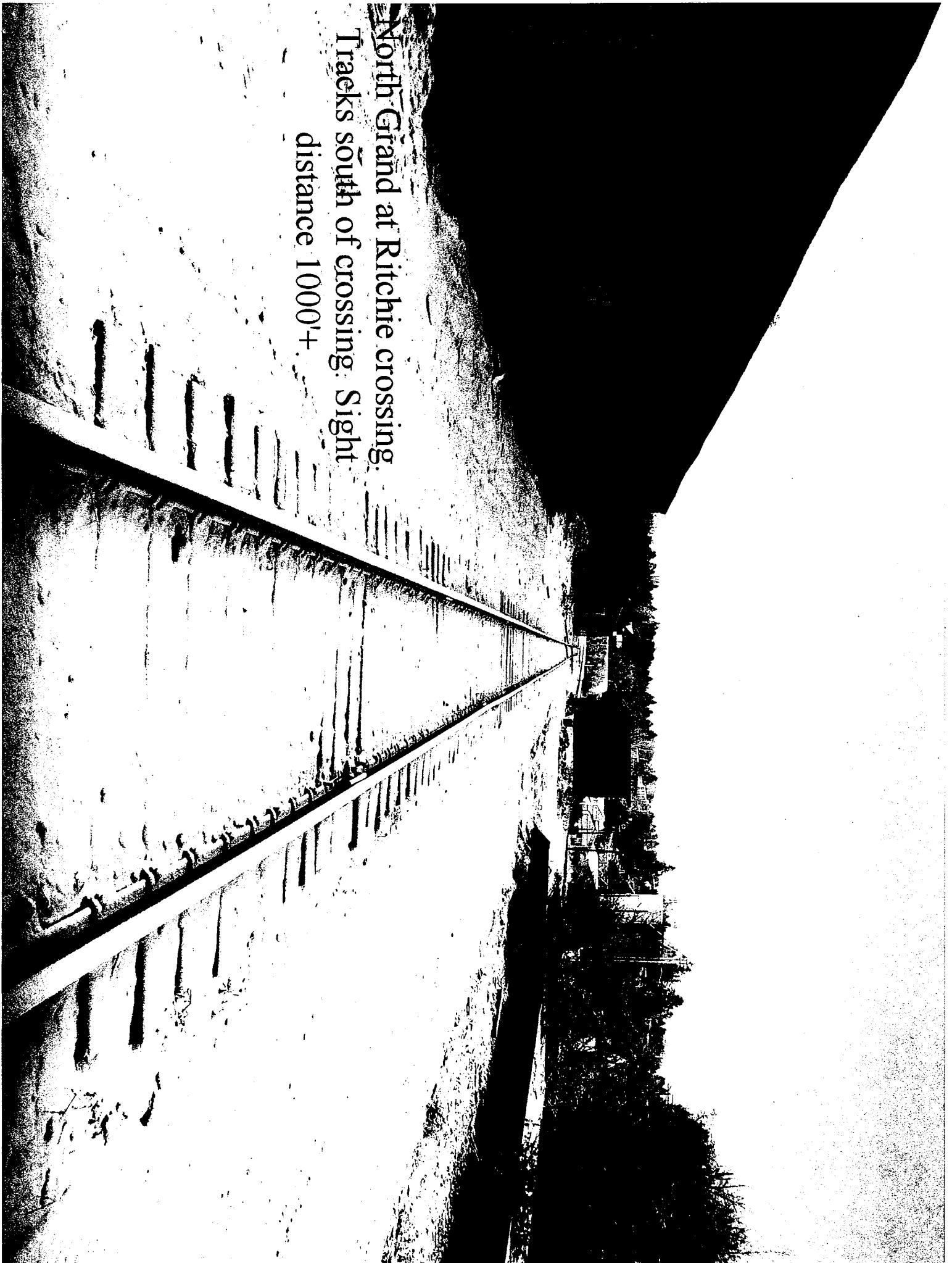
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North Grand at Ritchie crossing.  
Tracks north of crossing. Sight  
distance 600'+.



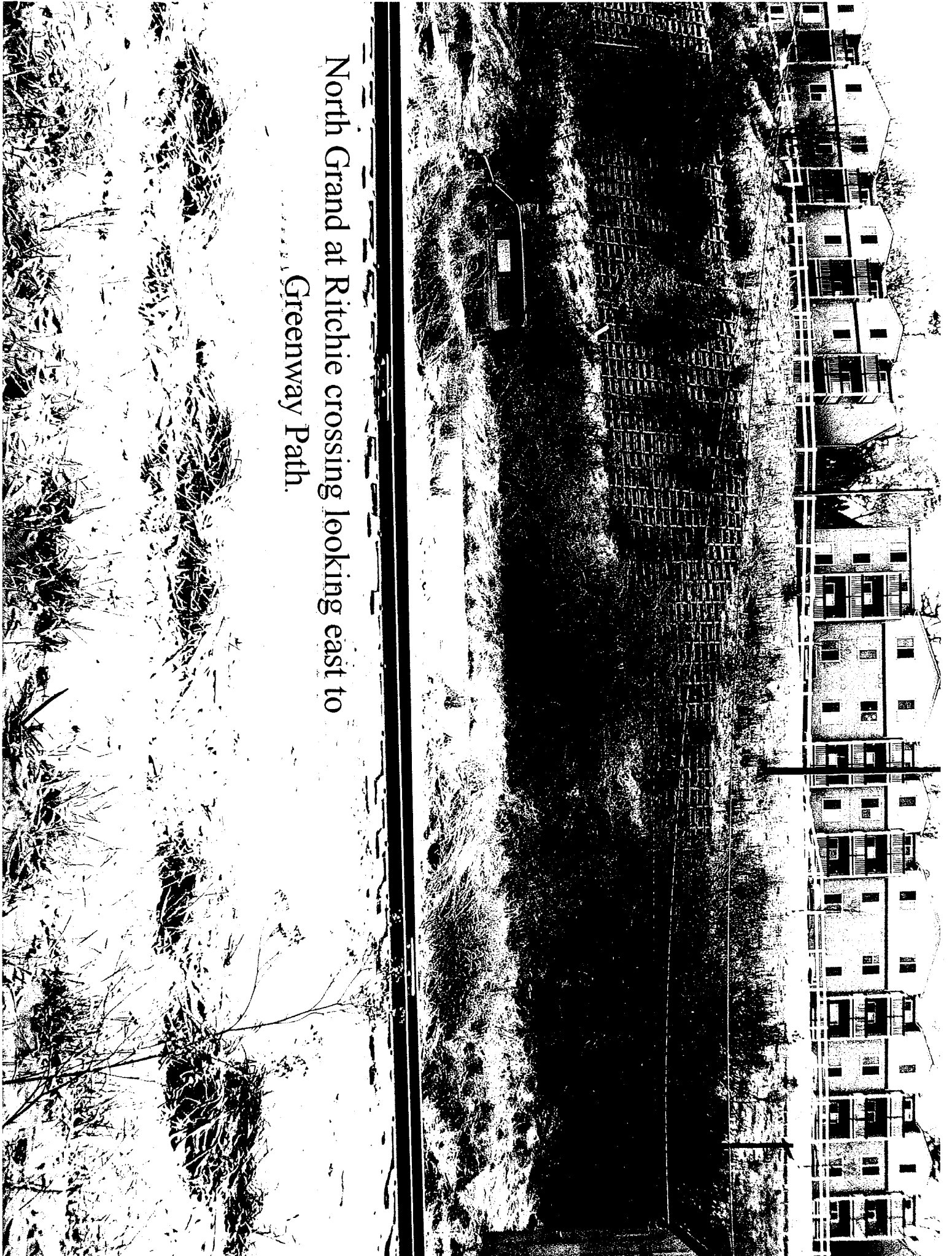


North Grand at Ritchie crossing.  
Tracks south of crossing. Sight  
distance 1000'+



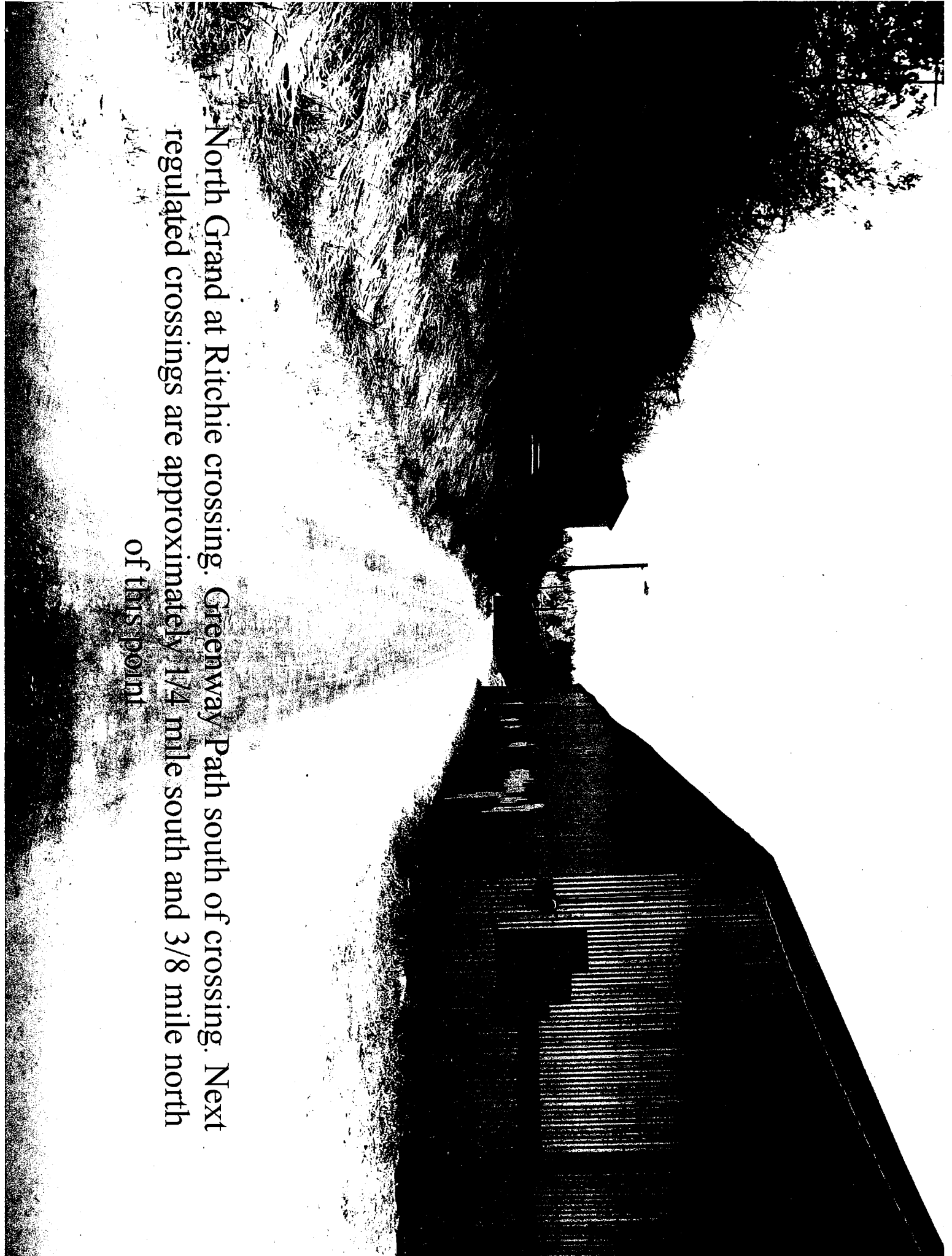


North Grand at Ritchie crossing viewed from pedestrian path east of tracks. Pedestrians routinely cross the tracks at this point to reach Grand Avenue and the residential neighborhood to the west.



North Grand at Ritchie crossing looking east to  
Greenway Path.

North Grand at Ritchie crossing. Greenway Path south of crossing. Next regulated crossings are approximately 1/4 mile south and 3/8 mile north of this point



North Grand at Ritchie crossing. Greenway Path  
north of crossing. Path up hill to the right connects to  
Washington State University.

