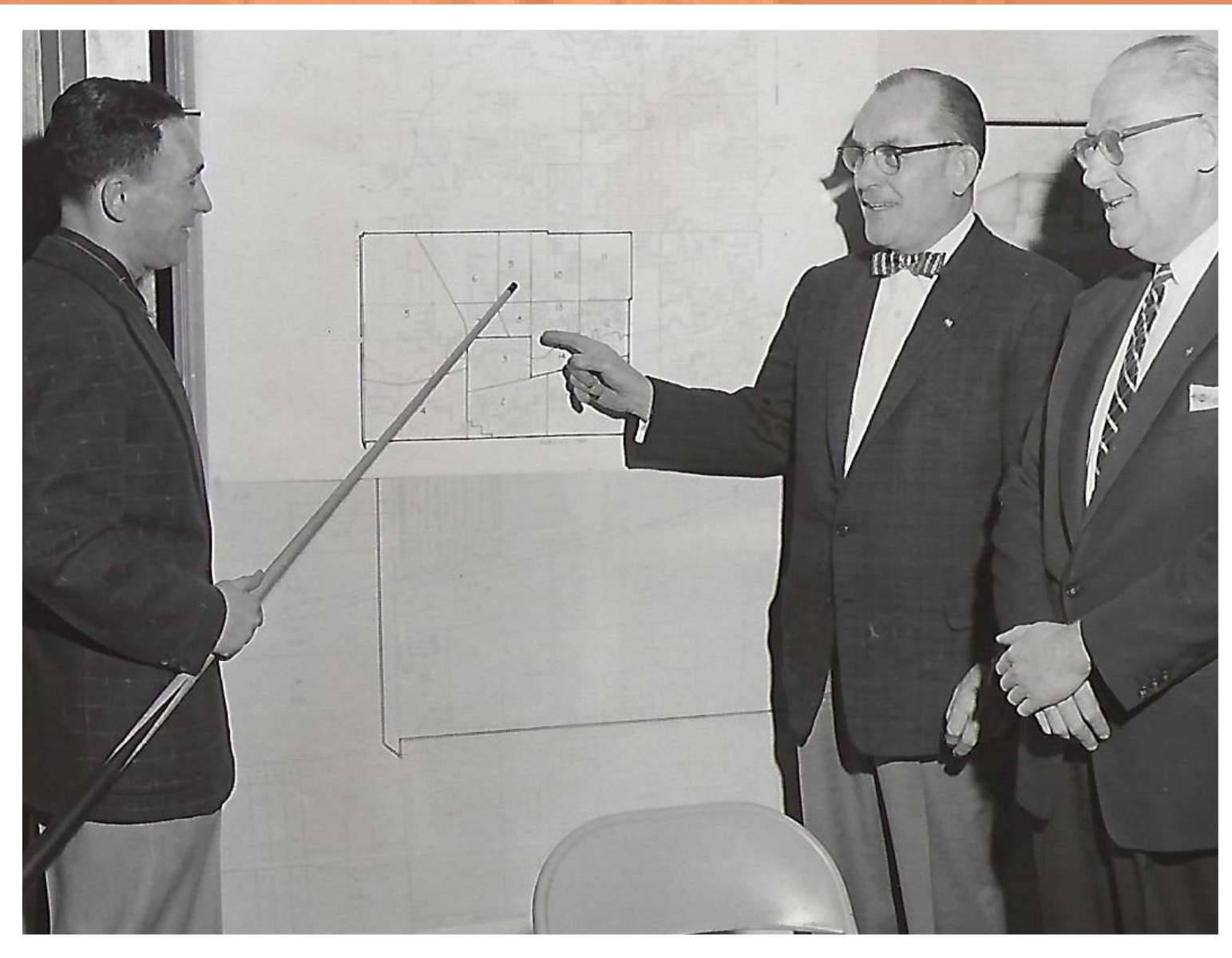
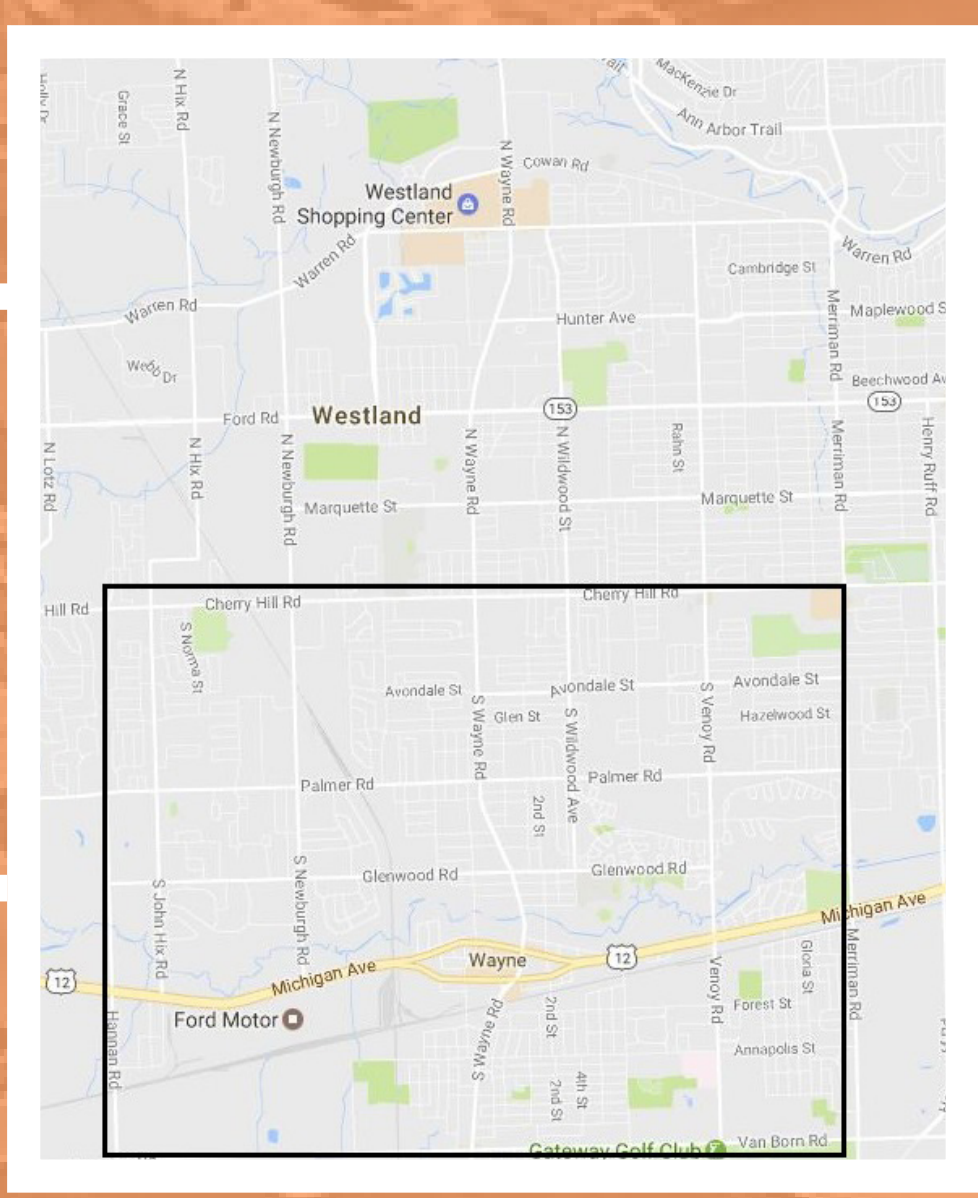


# Wayne Becomes a City

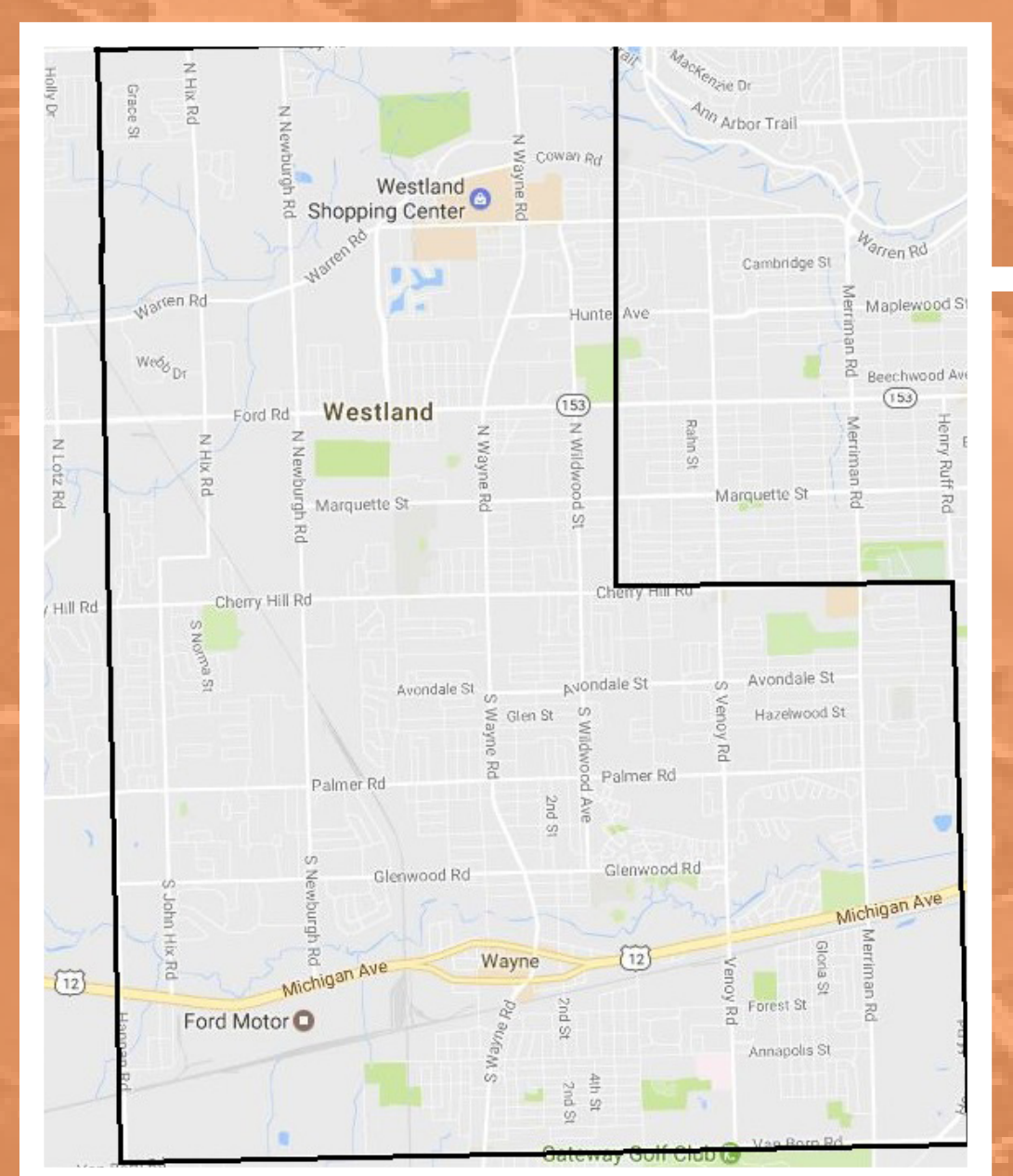


As early as 1951 the Village of Wayne began to think about becoming a city. A special committee was established to investigate the idea and come up with a plan.



The first proposal in 1952 for the boundaries of the new city would have followed Cherry Hill, Merriman, Van Born and Hannan road. There was an idea to extend it up to Ford road at one point.

In 1954 a new extended boundary plan was drawn up that followed Joy rd., Radcliffe, Cherry Hill, Henry Ruff, Van Born and Hannan. The Wayne County Supervisors rejected this proposal and refused to let it go to a vote. The village took the supervisors to court and won at the Supreme court in 1955.



"DO YOU WANT YOUR AREA TO BE A PART OF THE PROPOSED NEW CITY OF WAYNE?"

YES  NO

REMARKS: *It's long overdue - How can I help?*

NAME *Edwin S. Smith*

ADDRESS *32223 Woodbrook*

The village sent out survey cards to township residents to judge their feelings on becoming part of the city of Wayne, and some approved.

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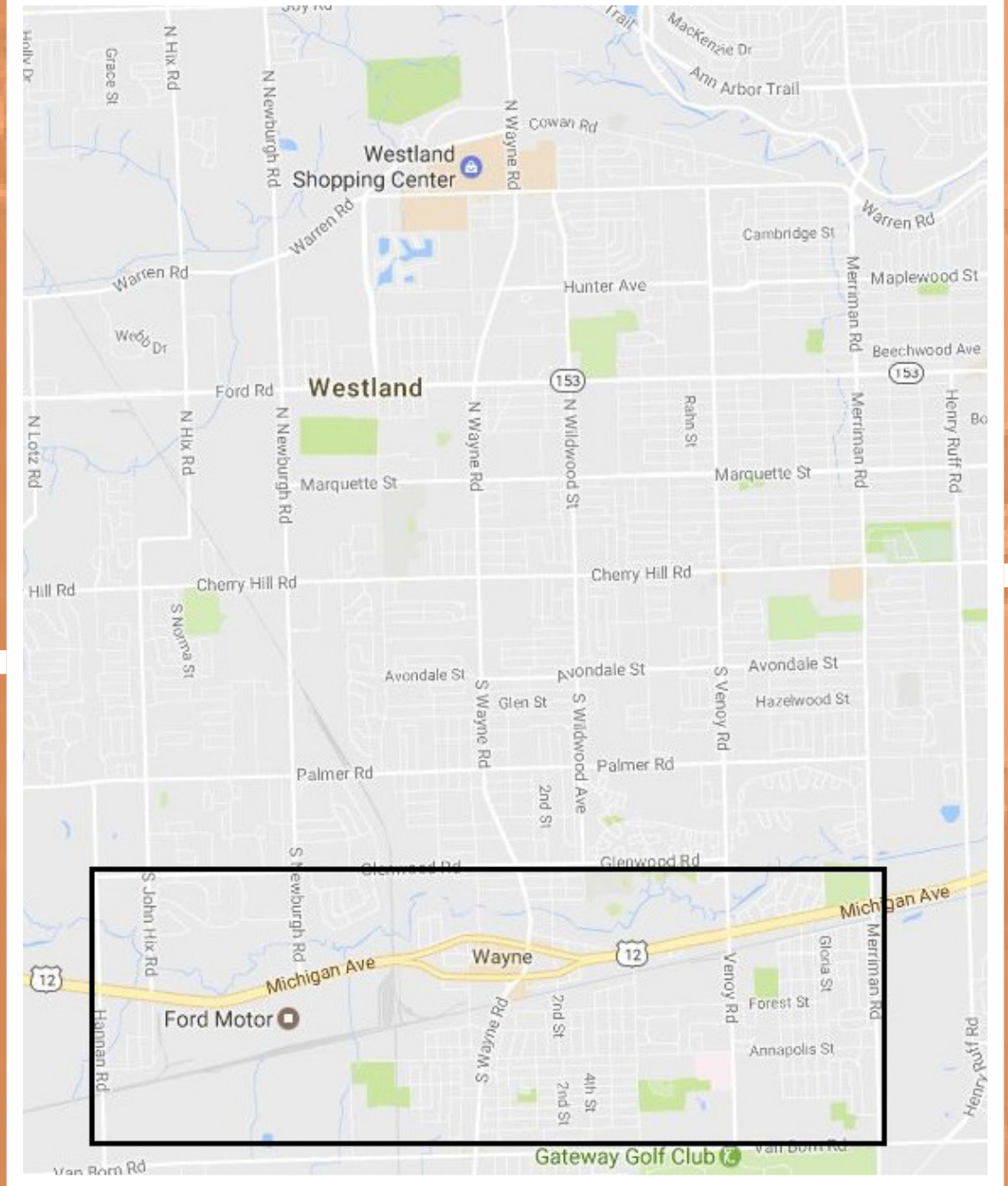
Yes  No

Remarks: *THE VILLAGE OF WAYNE HAS NOTHING TO OFFER THE PEOPLE OF NANKIN TOWNSHIP EXCEPT HIGHER TAXES*

Name *VIRGIL T. CLARK*

Address *35640 COLUMBIA*

Many did not.



Township residents and Ford Motor Company then sued the village to contest the results. The case went up to the Supreme Court again, and in 1960 the court decided that the vote was valid. Wayne council members are seen here celebrating the victory.

The huge expansion plan went to a public vote in March 1958, but was defeated by nine votes. The village immediately scaled down their borders to the current size and put it back on the ballot in August 1958. It passed.



After 9 years, multiple border changes and several court cases, the City of Wayne was born. Ironically, Nankin township residents who fought against becoming a city became the city of Westland in 1966.