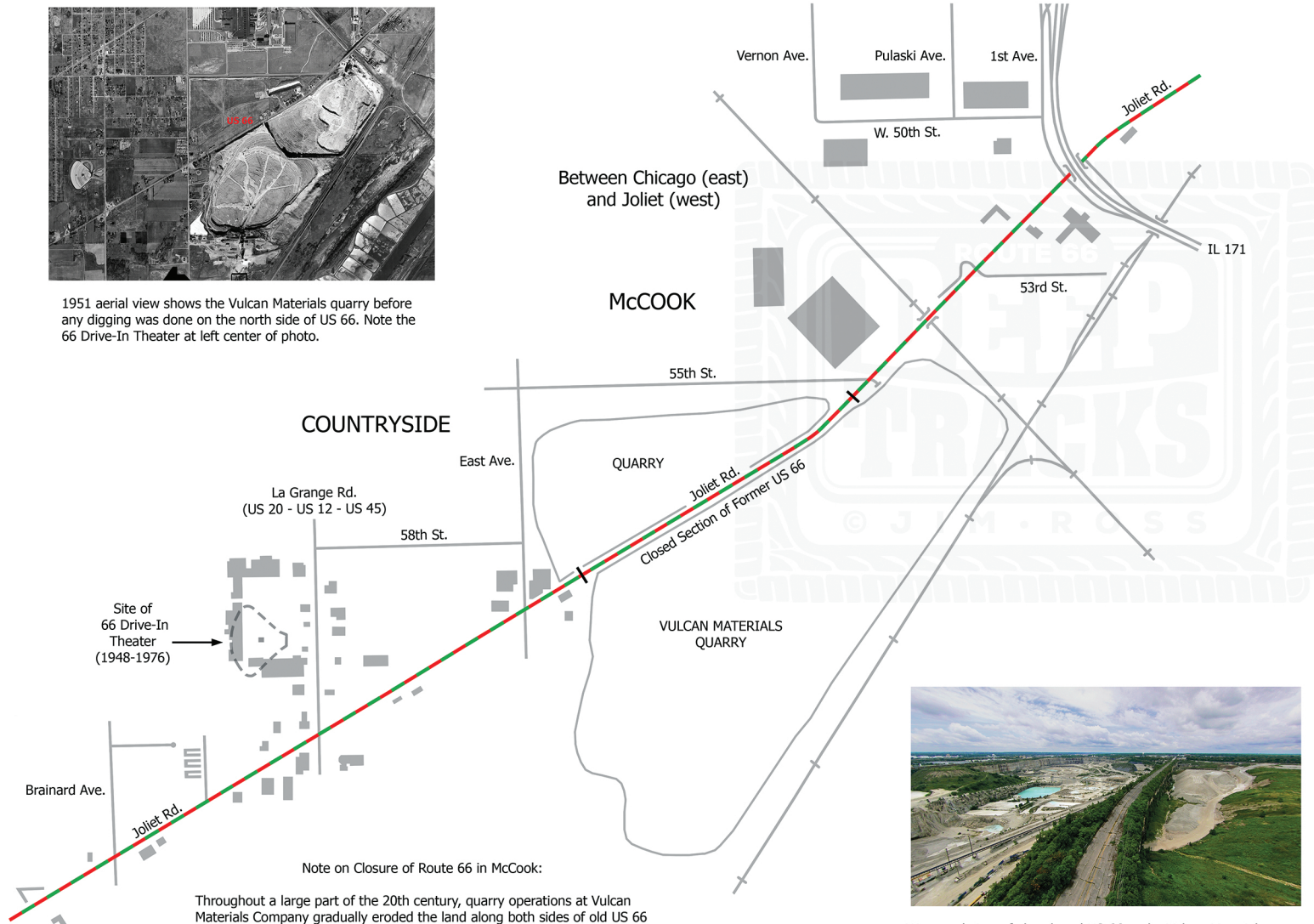




1951 aerial view shows the Vulcan Materials quarry before any digging was done on the north side of US 66. Note the 66 Drive-In Theater at left center of photo.



Note on Closure of Route 66 in McCook:

Throughout a large part of the 20th century, quarry operations at Vulcan Materials Company gradually eroded the land along both sides of old US 66 until the roadbed became unstable and was closed to traffic, with motorists directed onto a detour following 55th St. and East Ave. A 2001 lawsuit brought by the State of Illinois resulted in a settlement, though Vulcan has never admitted responsibility. It is unlikely that this barricaded one-mile section of the route will ever reopen.



Westward view of abandoned US 66 at the Vulcan Materials quarry. Photo by Roamin' Rich Dinkela.