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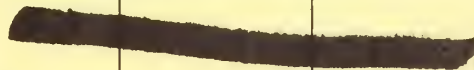
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# PROGRAM AND PARK DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS FOR STITES TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT




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STITES TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

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BACKGROUND CONCERNING  
STITES TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

Stites Township Park District is a special district that was organized on July 3, 1967. It is located along the east side of the Mississippi River about two miles north of East St. Louis and about two miles south of Venice.

Two cities are situated within the boundaries of Stites Township Park District, namely Brooklyn, with a population of about 1,500 persons, and National City with a population of about 70 persons.

A recent count of families in the district indicated that there are 545. Three hundred seventy-eight of the people are over 21 years of age, 590 are over 25 years of age, and there are 133 people over 60 years of age. About 400 children attend the Lovejoy School located within the park district, of which about 260 are boys and 140 are girls.

A report of the Southwestern Metropolitan Plan Commission, dated July 9, 1968, indicated that there were 637 housing units in Brooklyn at that time. Five hundred seventeen of these housing units were classified as being unsound (deteriorating and dilapidated), representing a total of 81.2%.

New housing has been constructed in the southern section of Brooklyn. More is contemplated during the next few years.

National City has 75 houses that are owned by the Swift Company.

Although the population in Brooklyn has been declining from 2,500 experienced in 1950 to the present day population of 1,500, it is anticipated that a leveling off process will occur.

With new development of houses and apartments the population should increase during the next ten-year period.



The following information is provided for your reference. It is intended to be a general overview of the current state of the market and the various factors influencing it. The data is based on the most recent available information and is subject to change without notice.

The market has shown a steady upward trend over the past few months, with significant growth in the technology and healthcare sectors. This is primarily due to the increasing demand for digital solutions and the continued expansion of the healthcare industry.

Key factors influencing the market include the overall economic environment, government policies, and the actions of major corporations. The Federal Reserve's monetary policy remains a critical factor in determining interest rates and inflation.

In the technology sector, the focus is on artificial intelligence, cloud computing, and cybersecurity. These areas are expected to continue to drive growth in the coming years. The healthcare industry is also seeing significant innovation, particularly in biotechnology and medical devices.

Overall, the market outlook is positive, with strong growth prospects in the long term. However, there are still some risks and uncertainties, particularly related to global economic conditions and the impact of geopolitical events.

For more detailed information and analysis, please refer to the full report or contact our research team. We are committed to providing you with the highest quality data and insights.

## STITES TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT'S PRESENT PARK AND RECREATION PROGRAM

The responsibility for park and recreation development for Stites Township Park District now rests with the Stites Township Park Board. The park district does not own any land. The park district was established on July 3, 1967, in accordance with the laws and provisions of the Illinois Park District Code and functions in accordance with the standard powers and within the financial capacities indicated in that code.

The residents of Stites Park District do not have access to or are not served by other existing or proposed park and recreation boards or facilities either public or private, except that the Brooklyn Municipal Building is utilized by the Neighborhood Opportunity Commission for the offering of some recreation programs.

The N.O.C. operates on a budget of about \$2,000.00 per year. The program is funded on a year to year basis. Programs offered include a teen program, home arts, some playground programs (held at the Lovejoy School), pool club, senior citizens program.



## STITES TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT PROJECT

### LONG RANGE PURPOSES

1. To establish a park district at Stites Township in accordance with the Illinois Park District Code which brings about maximum possible benefits to its residents in the community service of recreation and parks.
2. To establish a pilot program of university procedures for the administration of public recreation programs and parks involving the black community.

The goal is to implement successful procedures in other communities of similar character.

3. To expand and extend university services to the large metropolitan black communities of Southern Illinois.
4. To interest potential recreation and park leaders, supervisors, and administrators who now reside in poverty areas in black communities to enter the University of Illinois in the Recreation and Park Administration curriculum.
5. To establish a field instruction agency in an economically deprived, black, Southern Illinois community which will meet existing University goals and develop continuing feedback to the University for the improvement of educational methods and services.



## STITES TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT PROJECT

### IMMEDIATE PURPOSES

To assist the Stites Township Park Board to initially establish the following:

1. Proper fiscal policies and procedures including the establishment of a working budget, appropriations budget, levy ordinance, the issuing of bonds, procurement of properties, improvement of said properties and the construction of facilities.
2. Recommendations for procedures to hire a director of parks and recreation.
3. Recommendations concerning development of a plan for park property procurement.
4. Assisting with procurement procedures including negotiating with owners of properties involved.
5. To initiate a request for Federal Aid monies if desired.
6. Discussing needs for facilities and stimulating Board action by giving the Board alternate site patterns and facility templates for study.
7. Recommending procedure for the hiring of a professional park planner and an architect.
8. Discussing preliminary ideas for the location and construction of a swimming pool.
9. Initially establishing a year around program of recreation and coordinating this effort with the federally sponsored Neighborhood Opportunity Commission or Corps of the Economic Opportunity Commission (EOC).





Immediate Purposes (Continued)

10. Establishing park-school cooperation.
11. Establishing a continuing summer field work program for University of Illinois students at this park district.



STITES TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT PROJECT

Requested Expenses for visitations of -

2 University personnel, one white and one black

Cost per visitation	<u>Total</u>
Transportation 400 miles 100 miles @ 9¢, 300 miles @ 5½¢	\$21.00
Lodging, \$7.50 each	15.00
Meals, 2 days, 4 meals each 4 x 2 x \$2.50	20.00
Miscellaneous costs, example: film	5.00
Total	<u>\$61.00</u>

Visitation Schedule:

	<u>Totals</u>
1 per month, 1969	12
1 per spring, 1 per fall	
1 per winter, 3 per summer 1970, 1971, 1972	
6 x 3	18
Total	<u>30</u>

TOTAL COST --- \$1830.00

Note: Summer visitations might be taken from field instruction budget.



## PROCEDURAL STEPS



Stites Township Park District  
Community Recreation and Park Project

<u>Step Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>
1	October 30, 1968	Written contact with Park Board President.
2	October 30, 1968	Written contact with Park District Attorney.
3	November 11, 1968	Met Committee of Park Board.
4	November 11, 1968	Met Mayor of Brooklyn. Developed cooperative attitudes.
5	November 11, 1968	Toured entire Park District with Mayor and Board Committee.
6	November 11, 1968	Attended Park Board Meeting.
7	November 11, 1968	<u>At meeting:</u> Gave ORPR background.
8	November 11, 1968	Gave purpose of being there to work side by side with them.
9	November 11, 1968	Asked Board for needs, concerning parks, facilities, programs.
10	November 11, 1968	Promised follow-up ideas for decision-making to be presented at next meeting.
11	November 11, 1968	Established genuine rapport.
12	November 12, 1968	Interviewed Federal NOC Recreation Program Leader personnel - developed cooperative attitudes.
13	November 12, 1968	Interviewed two high school coaches. Developed cooperative attitudes.
14	November 12, 1968	Interviewed Mayor of National City. Developed cooperative attitudes.
15	November 12, 1968	Requested population statistics from Board Secretary.
16	November 15, 1968 - January 12, 1969	Studied project methods and prepared material for decision-making.





<u>Step Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>
17	December 1, 1968	Discussed project in Recreation 375 Class.
18	December 2, 1968	Black student volunteered to work in project, and was accepted.
19	December 8, 1968 - January 12, 1969	Black student prepared site location plans and facility templates. Developed genuine rapport with black student.
20	January 13, 1969	Black student made trip with Recreation Specialist and roomed with him.
21	January 13, 1969	Took pictures of district for study purposes.
22	January 13, 1969	Attended Park Board Meeting. Presented decisions and alternatives.
23	January 13, 1969	<u>Decision:</u> Should the Park District establish park-school cooperation?
24	January 13, 1969	Yes, made unanimous decision.
25	January 13, 1969	<u>Decision:</u> What should the total budget for next fiscal year be?
26	January 13, 1969	Study own ideas, and make recommendations at next meeting.
27	January 13, 1969	<u>Decision:</u> What programs of recreation and maintenance should be included in the budget?
28	January 13, 1969	Study own ideas and make recommendations at next meeting.
29	January 13, 1969	<u>Decision:</u> Should the Park District hire a Director?
30	January 13, 1969	Yes, made unanimous decision.
31	January 13, 1969	<u>Decision:</u> What should the hiring schedule be?
32	January 13, 1969	Sixty days, unanimous decision.
33	January 13, 1969	<u>Decision:</u> Where should a community park be located?
34	January 13, 1969	East border of district, unanimous decision.



<u>Step Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>
35	January 13, 1969	<u>Decision:</u> What should the size and shape of this park be? (Presented by black student who donated his time for the people of the district.)
36	January 13, 1969	To be studied by Board and a decision made at next meeting.
37	January 13, 1969	<u>Decision:</u> What major facilities should be located in this park? (Templates presented by black student.)
38	January 13, 1969	To be studied by Board. Vigorously received. Couldn't wait to go to site and arrange templates. Decision to be made at next meeting.
39	January 13, 1969	<u>Decision:</u> Should the Park District construct a swimming pool?
40	January 13, 1969	Yes, made unanimous decision to study idea.
41	January 13, 1969	<u>Decision:</u> What shape and size of a swimming pool does the Board prefer?
42	January 13, 1969	To be studied and decision made at a future meeting.
43	January 13, 1969	<u>Decision:</u> How shall a project for the procurement of a park, park development, and pool construction be financed?
44	January 13, 1969	To be studied, decision to be made at next meeting.
45	January 13, 1969	<u>Decision:</u> What steps should be taken for park procurement?
46	January 13, 1969	Asked to research property ownership and make preliminary contact to pinpoint actual owner(s).
47	January 13, 1969	<u>Decision:</u> If necessary, does the Park Board desire to enter condemnation proceedings?
48	January 13, 1969	To be studied and decision made at next meeting.
49	January 13, 1969	<u>Decision:</u> Should the Park Board hire a surveyor, and survey the property?
50	January 13, 1969	Yes, unanimous decision. Attorney directed to hire same.



<u>Step Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>
51	January 13, 1969	<u>Decision:</u> Where should a swimming pool be located?
52	January 13, 1969	By the school, unanimous decision.
53	January 13, 1969	<u>Decision:</u> What Federal aid programs are available and does the Board desire to make application for them?
54	January 13, 1969	To be studied and decision made at next meeting.
55	January 13, 1969	<u>Decision:</u> Should the Park Board levy an audit tax?
56	January 13, 1969	To be studied and decision made at next meeting.
57	January 13, 1969	<u>Decision:</u> Should the Park Board levy an insurance tax?
58	January 13, 1969	To be studied and decision made at next meeting.
59	January 13, 1969	<u>Decision:</u> Should the Park Board levy a recreation tax?
60	January 13, 1969	To be studied and decision made at next meeting.
61	January 14, 1969	Personal contact made in East St. Louis with black Equal Opportunity Commission leader. Cooperative attitudes and genuine rapport established. He stated, East St. Louis area is "hellhole of United States." Set date for cooperative planning meeting for recreation programs of States Park District.
62	January 14, 1969	Personal interview with real estate department of Norfolk and Western Railroad in St. Louis. Have bought land in West Brooklyn for freight train yard. Houses to be torn down.
63	January 14, 1969	Personal interview with Terminal Railroad Association in St. Louis, which owns potential Park property. Not interested in selling property.



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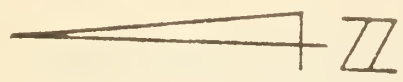
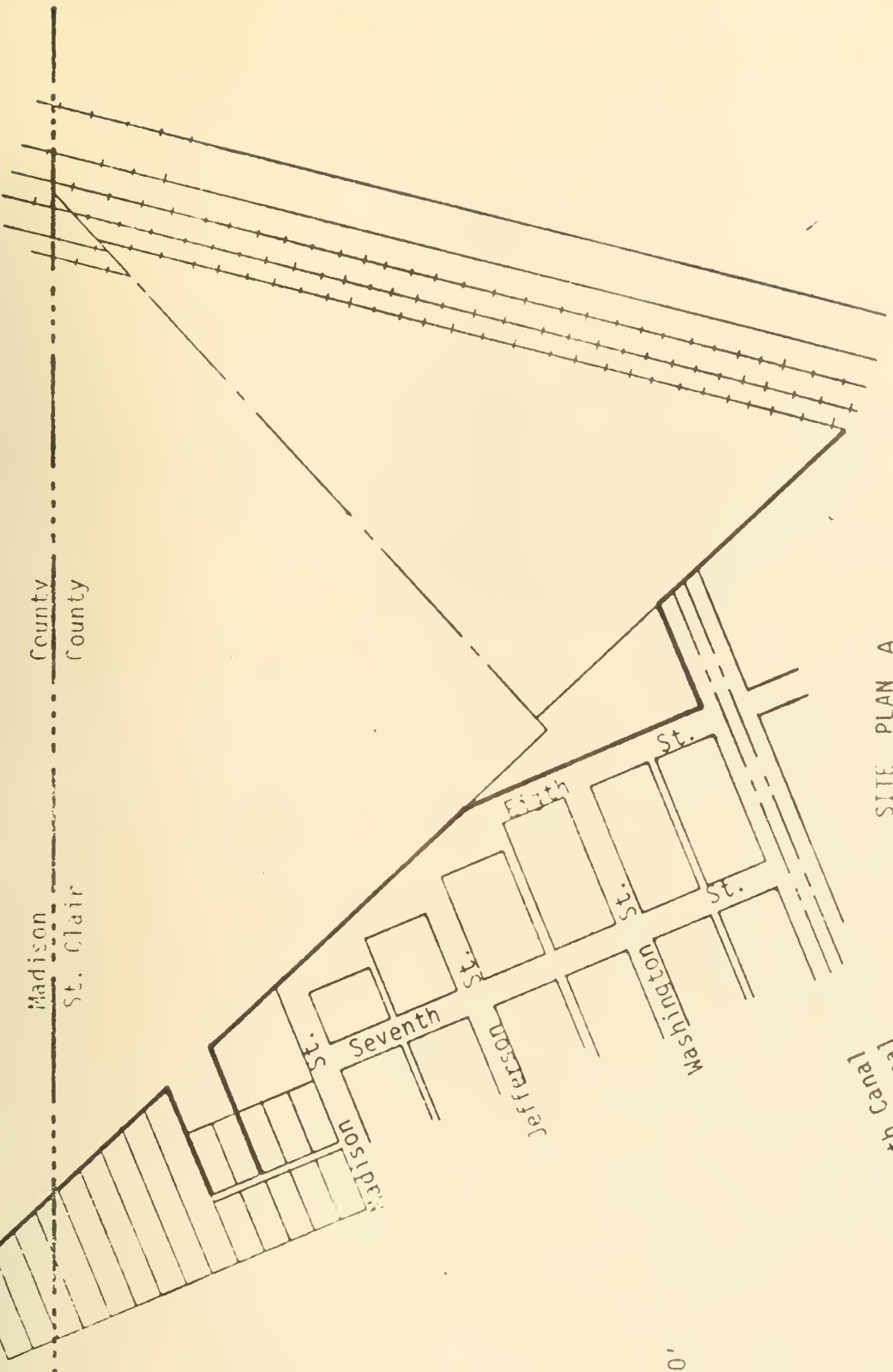
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| 64 | January 14, 1969                       | Personal interview with Illinois Highway Department in French Village. No plans in next ten years for highway development in Brooklyn. |
| 65 | January 20, 1969                       | Contacted Illinois Power Commission concerning proposed power lines that could transit park.   |
| 66 | January 20, 1969 -<br>February 1, 1969 | Prepare program ideas with black student for February Board presentation.  |
| 67 | February 10, 1969                      | Park Board meeting.  |





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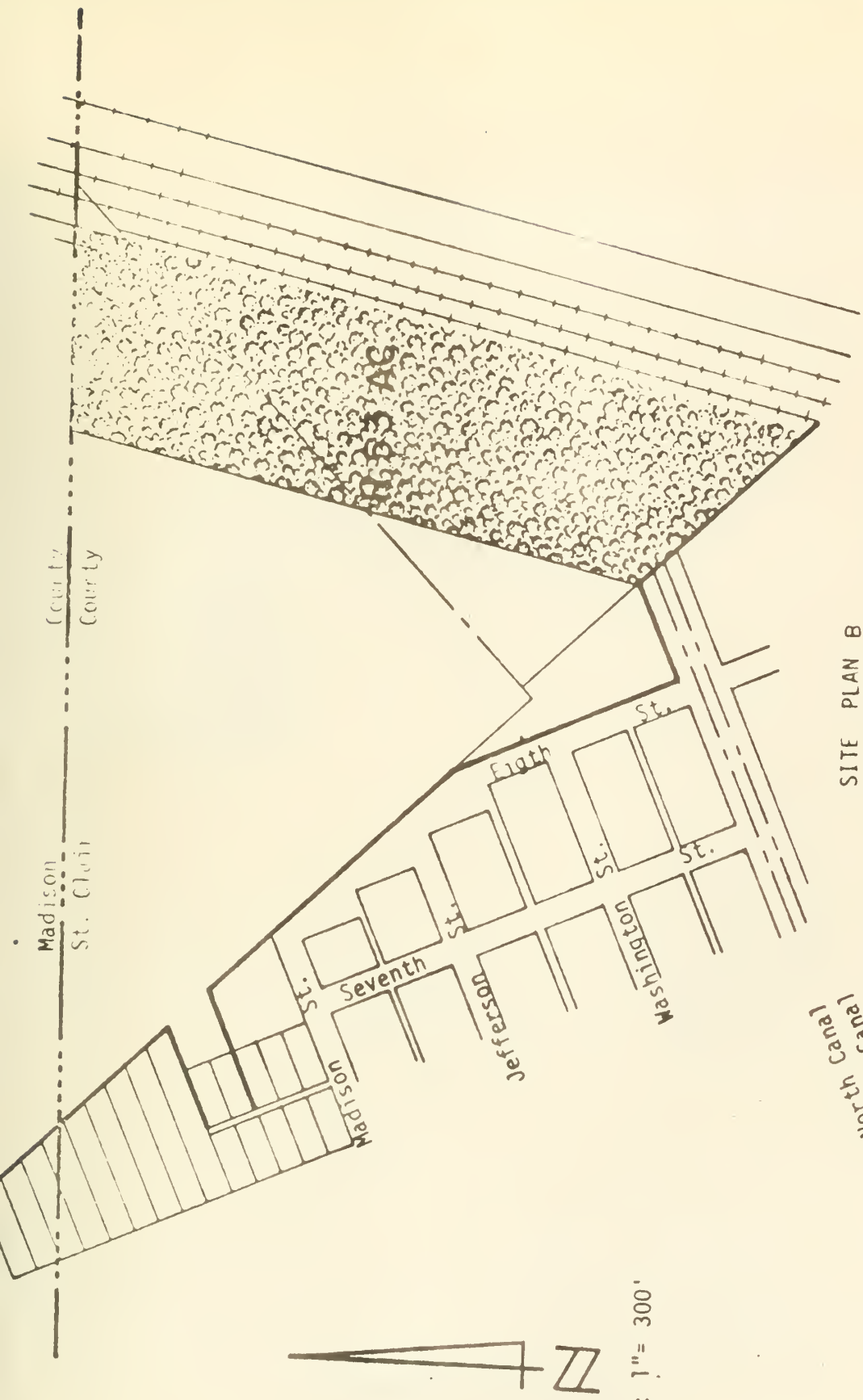


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SITE PLAN A  
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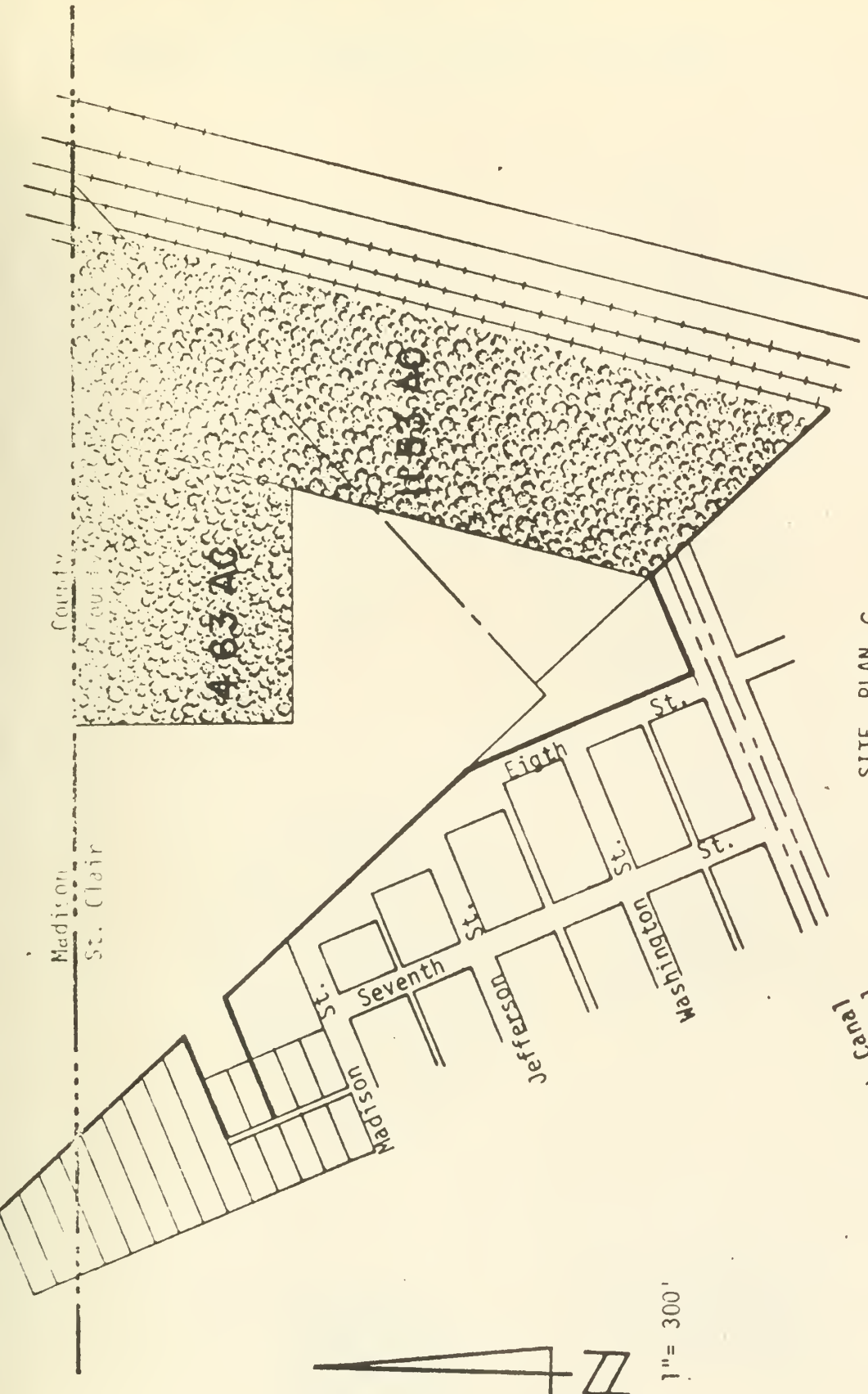
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SITE PLAN C  
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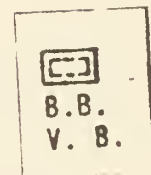
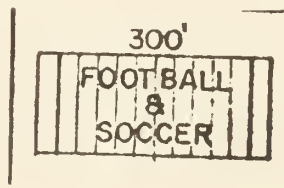
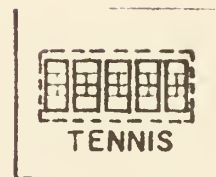
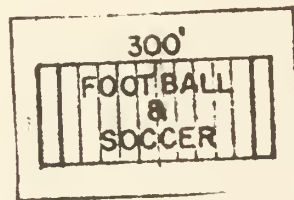
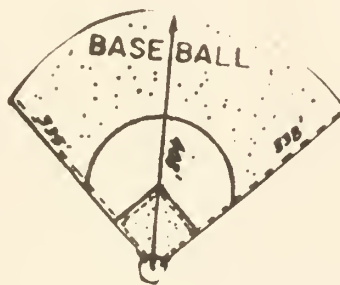
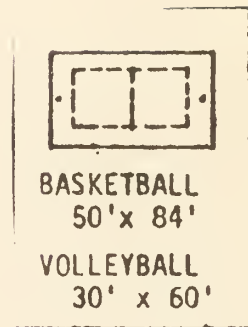
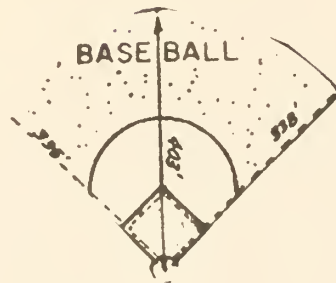






Preliminary Planning Templates

(Detach desired template facilities and arrange on park boundary map)



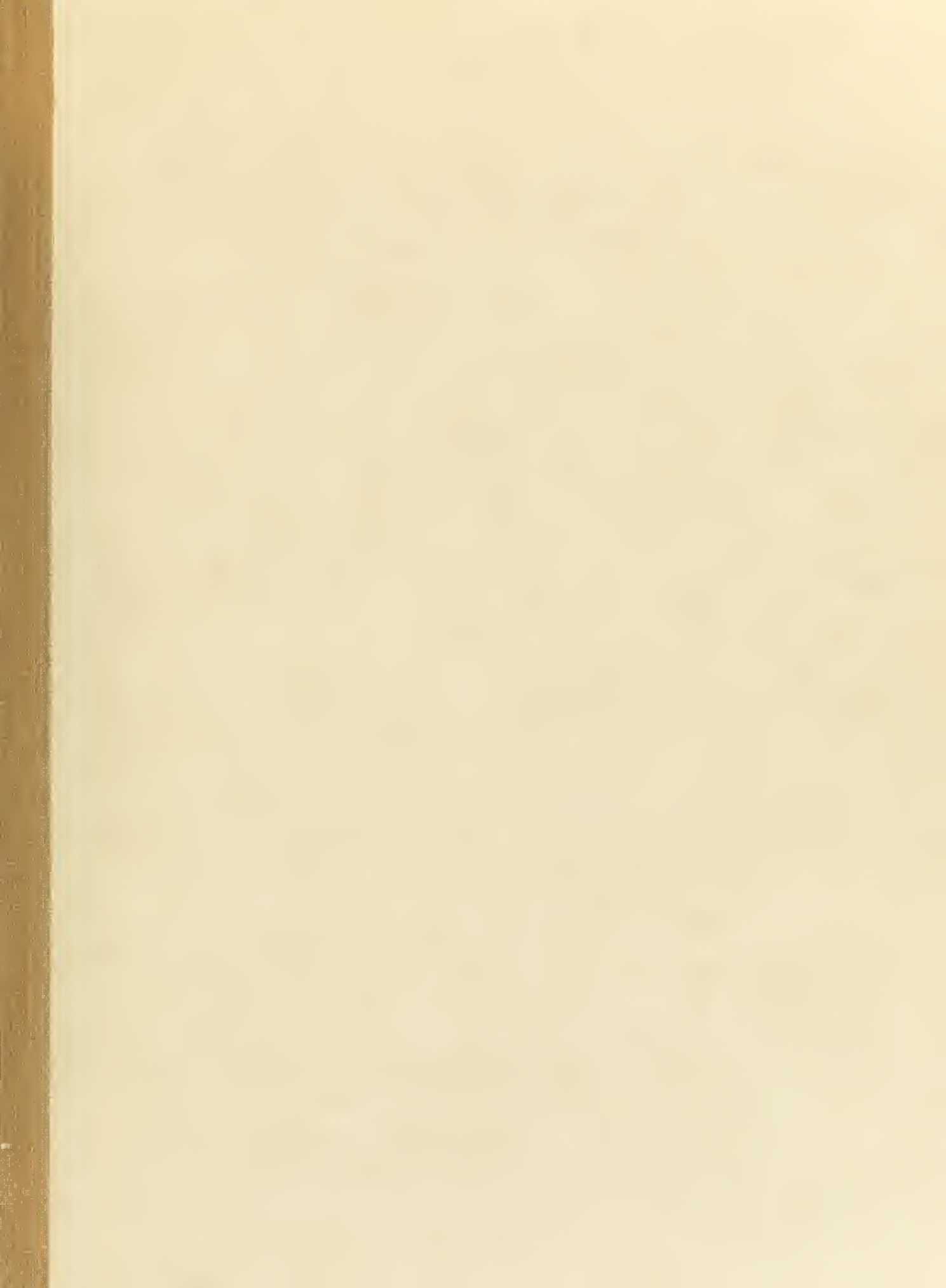












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