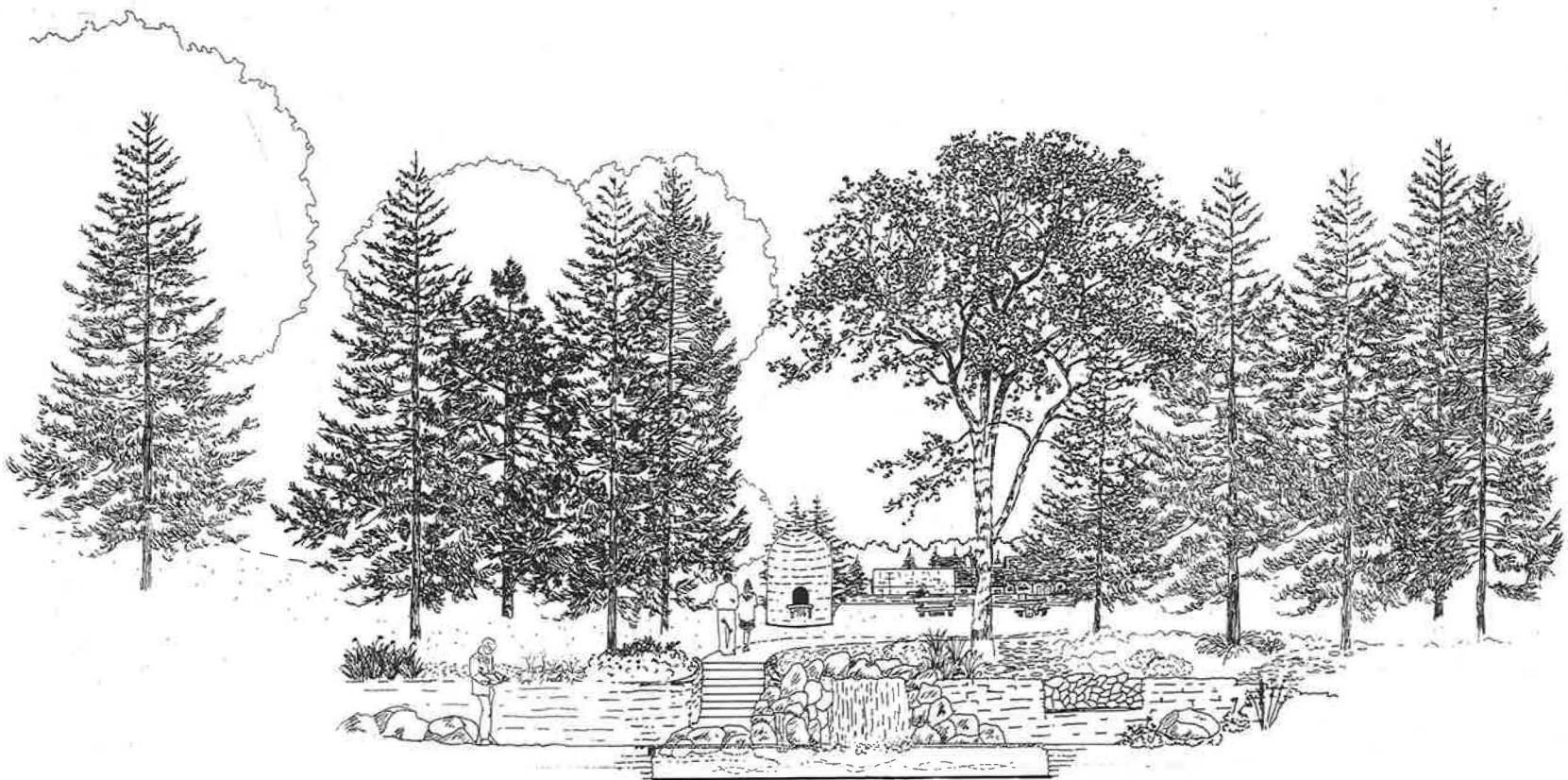




## Hennepin County Library Robbinsdale Branch

The view is to represent the proposed location of the Robbinsdale Library and provide a view of the improvements to the facilities grounds. The entry has been addressed to be more grand in appearance and give a focal point to the library. On the side of the building an arbor covered reading area is provided to those who wish to enjoy the weather while reading. The library will house the Robbinsdale City Museum and a library of old and rare books. The Robbinsdale Library building is a structure that represents more of the historical and cultural past of Robbinsdale and Minnesota. This building has been saved to represent this and has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Current use is to house the collection of Robbinsdale memorabilia that depict the city's growth and its people. The current issue for the city has been to continue its growth for the future needs of the community while recognizing its past. The county has proposed that the North route of the Light Rail Transit system go through the city along an existing railroad corridor next to the library. The decision of where to provide a stop for the LRT which could benefit the downtown area the most is in debate. Graeser Park could solve this issue while strengthening its focus to a cultural center for the city. Proposed is the move and relocation of the library next to the Cultural Learning Center.



## Rock Garden

The Rock garden is the focal point to the site and provides historical significance. The view provided represents the proposed design improvements with the structures and expanded gardens in place. The design for the park is to expand on the original idea of the picnic and rest area along the roadside. To accommodate the community with the park they remember and expand the experience enjoyed in the past it was proposed to create a unique park that had a character of its own. To meet this the park grounds become a passive landscape with both natural and formal gardens to stroll through. The trail system links the gardens and provides an accessible circulation in, through, and out of the park. To strengthen the focus of the community the existing viewing platform is expanded into a plaza with display gardens for the Cultural Learning Center. This structure provides space for community activities such as theater, art, and horticultural courses and displays for the public.

Attached to the building are two greenhouses to provide the plant materials required by the gardens. This building will provide the community with a facility for year round use of the park while giving a focus to the cultural character of the community. The park also has been the picnic place for the community where the large groups could gather for their special day. To meet the needs for today while keeping in the style of the park a picnic shelter is provided to accommodate these large groups. Other facilities which exist on the site are the stone picnic tables, and fire places with the "beehive" fireplace oven standing as the icon of the park. It is proposed to move the remaining pieces from the ruins of the park in St. Louis Park to this site. They currently stand in the cloverleaf entry ramps of Highway 100 and Highway 5.

## Section/Elevation

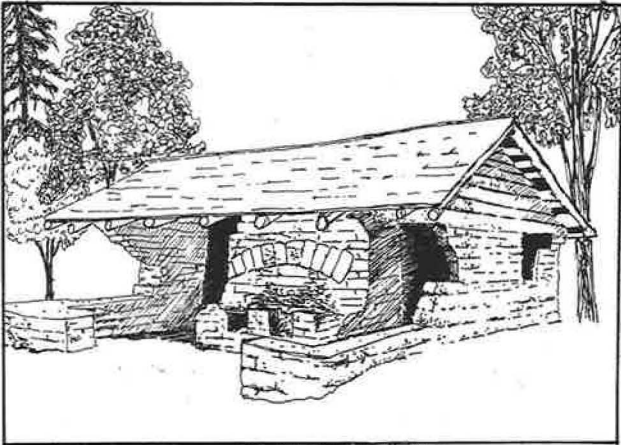


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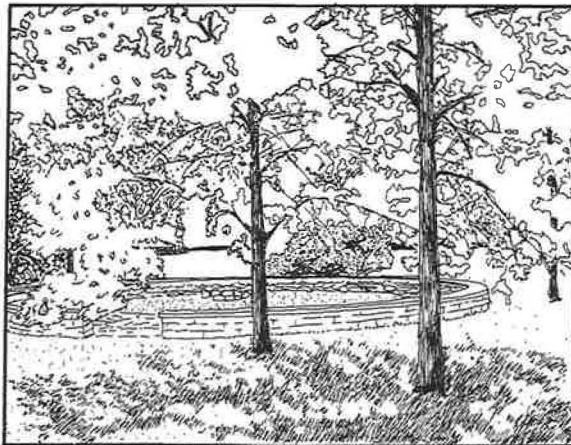
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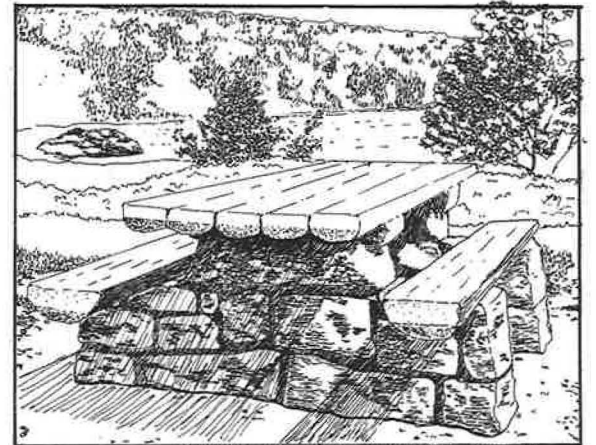




Kitchen Shelter - Turkey Run State Park, Indiana



Council Ring - Lincoln Memorial Garden, Springfield, Illinois



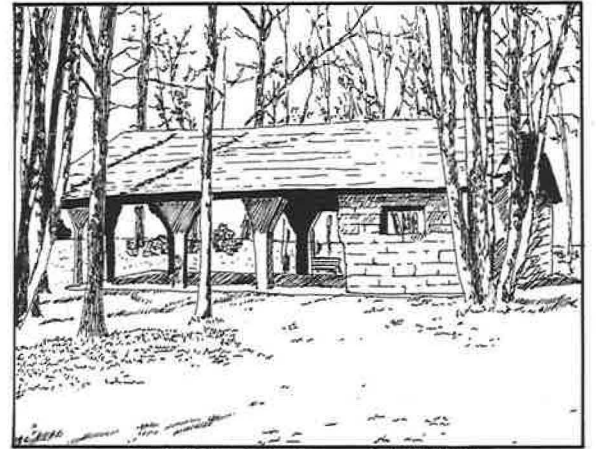
Picnic Table - Gooseberry Falls State Park, Minnesota



Stone Walkway - Bronx River Parkway, New York



Rock Garden - Hammond Park, Kerney, Nebraska



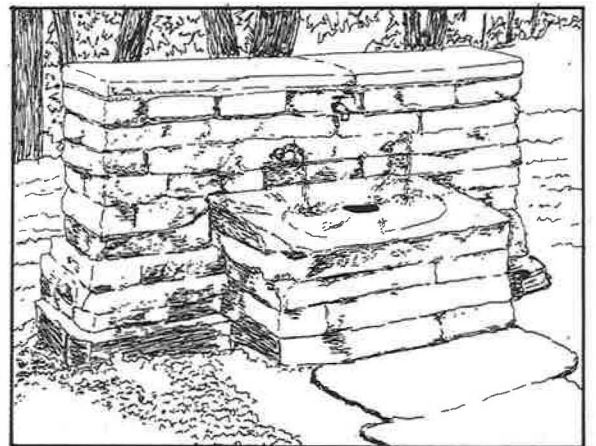
Picnic Shelter - Whitewater State Park, Minnesota



Entrance Sign - Steckel County Park, California



Shelter - Fishing Bridge Museum, Yellowstone National Park



Water Fountain - Spring Mill State Park, Indiana



Council Ring - Morse Dell Plain Place, Hammond, Indiana



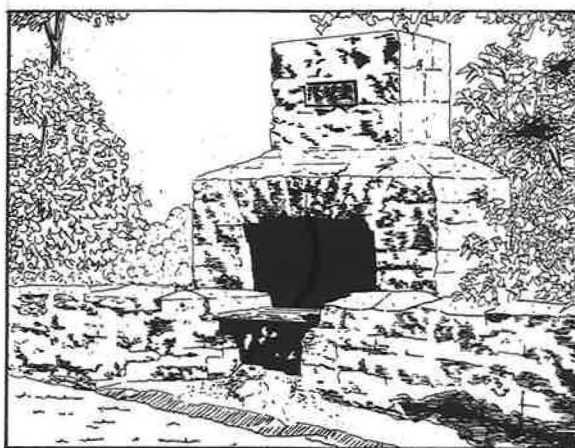
Trail Steps - Bronx River Parkway, New York



Picnic Table - Whitewater State Park, Minnesota



Picnic Fireplace - Darvin State Park, New Jersey



Picnic Fireplace - Mount Penn Metropolitan Reservation, Reading, California



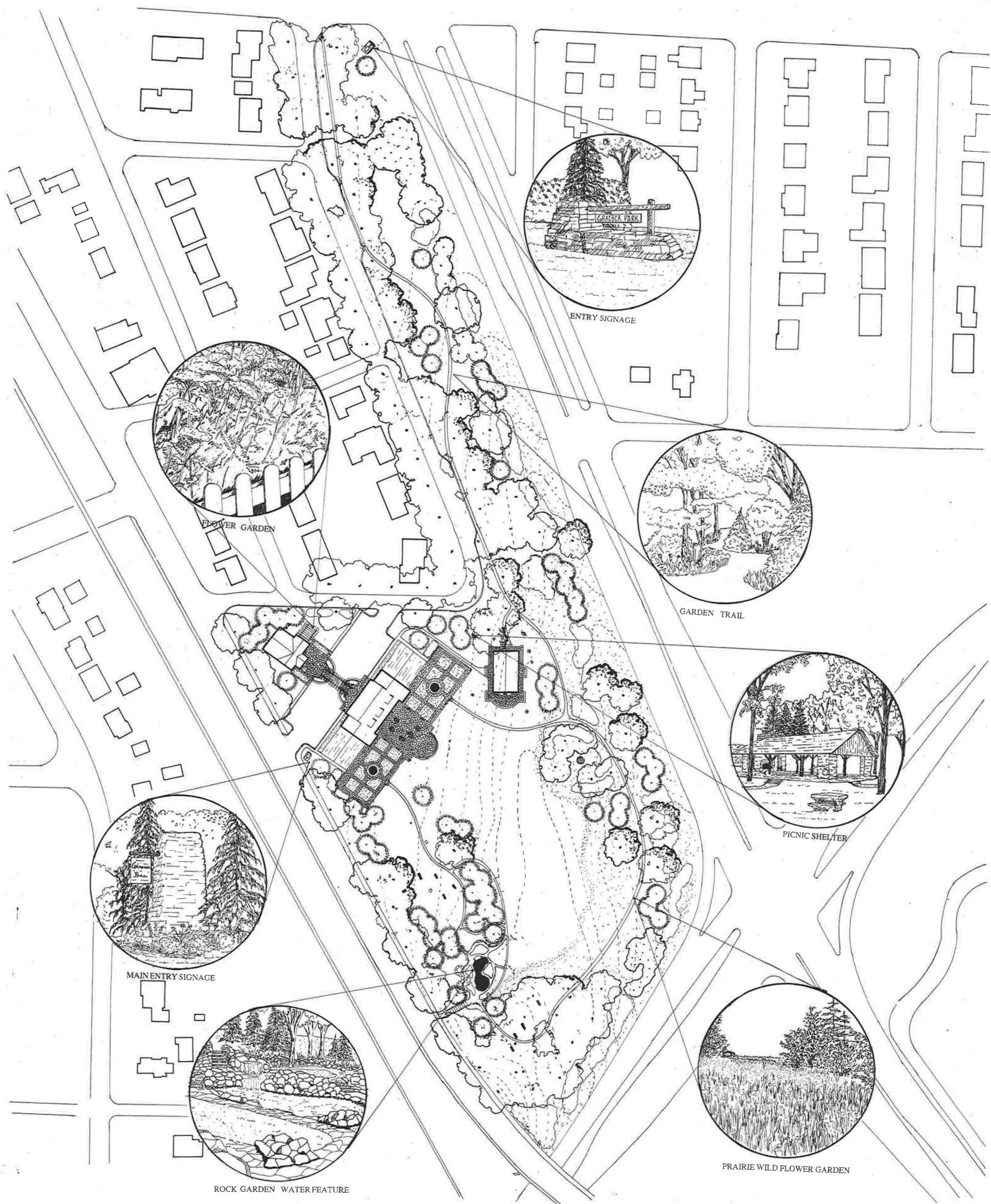
Picnic Fireplace - Sibley State Park, Minnesota

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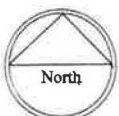
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# Master Plan



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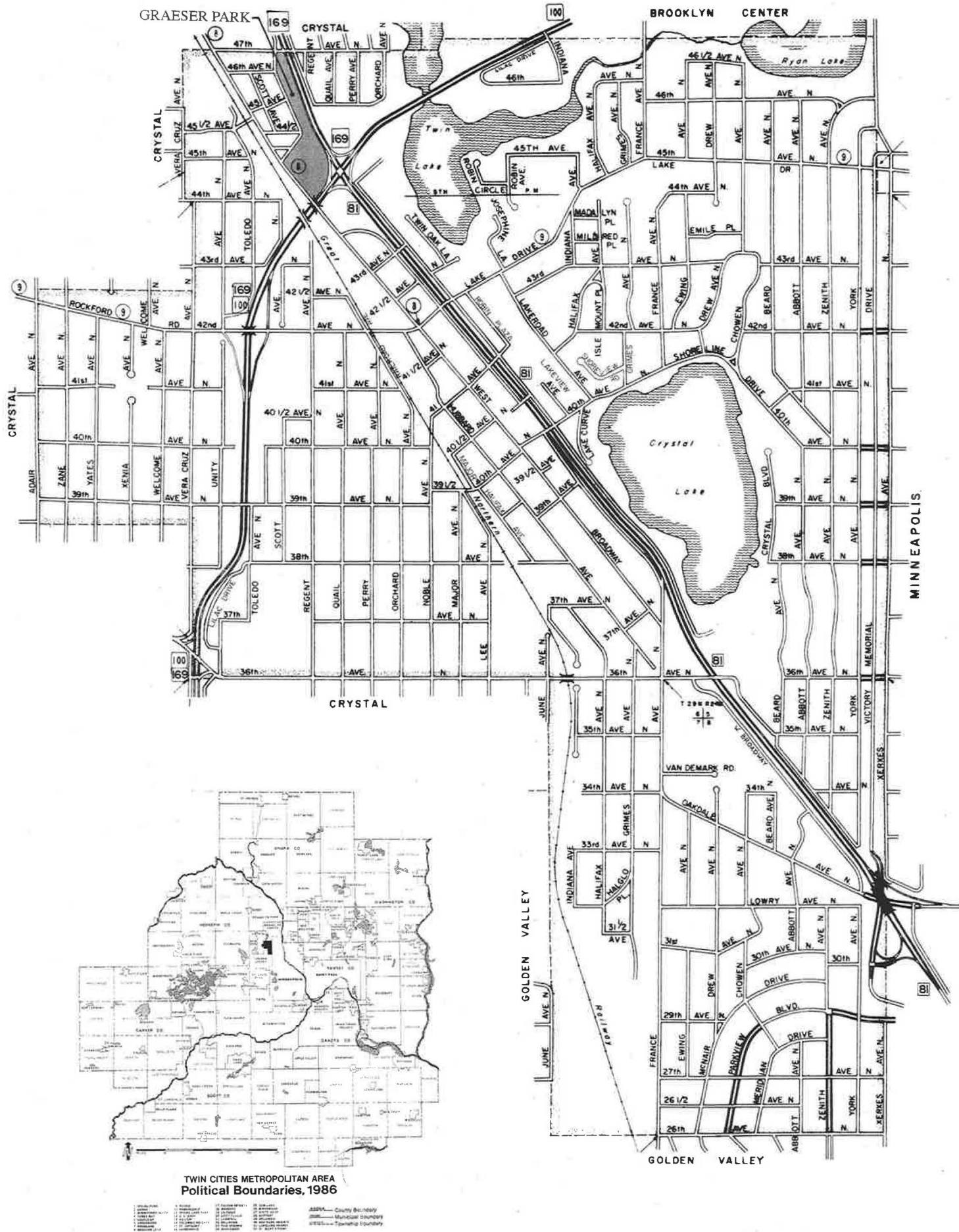
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# MUNICIPALITY OF ROBBINSDALE



The City of Robbinsdale is a "fully developed", first ring suburb located in the Northwest Suburban Sector of the Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan area. The City is also situated entirely within the Metropolitan Council Urban Service Area (MUSA). It is bordered by three suburban municipalities; these being Brooklyn Center, Crystal, and Golden Valley; and one major central city, Minneapolis.

Due to its location, Robbinsdale offers its residents convenient accessibility to all parts of the metropolitan region and particularly the Minneapolis central business district. This geographic placement has provided residents with a wide range of choice in both employment, shopping, and recreational opportunities. In addition, the City is located in the rapidly developing northwest sector of Minneapolis, which places it directly in the path of strong growth pressures. Thus Robbinsdale benefits from a northwest locational demand factor for housing, services, and transportation.

Graeser Park is located in the north west corner of the City of Robbinsdale. It is bounded by two major highway corridors, Highway 100 to the south and Highway 169 to the west. On the west boundary is County Road 8 which is also a frequently used arterial route. To the north boundary meanders Lakeland Ave. which is a residential collector that provides access to the park. Also along this northern boundary is a residential neighborhood which has easy access to the park. All access to the park is by automobile or pedestrian routes along County Road 8. This facilitates the main entry to be on County Road 3.

## Site Context



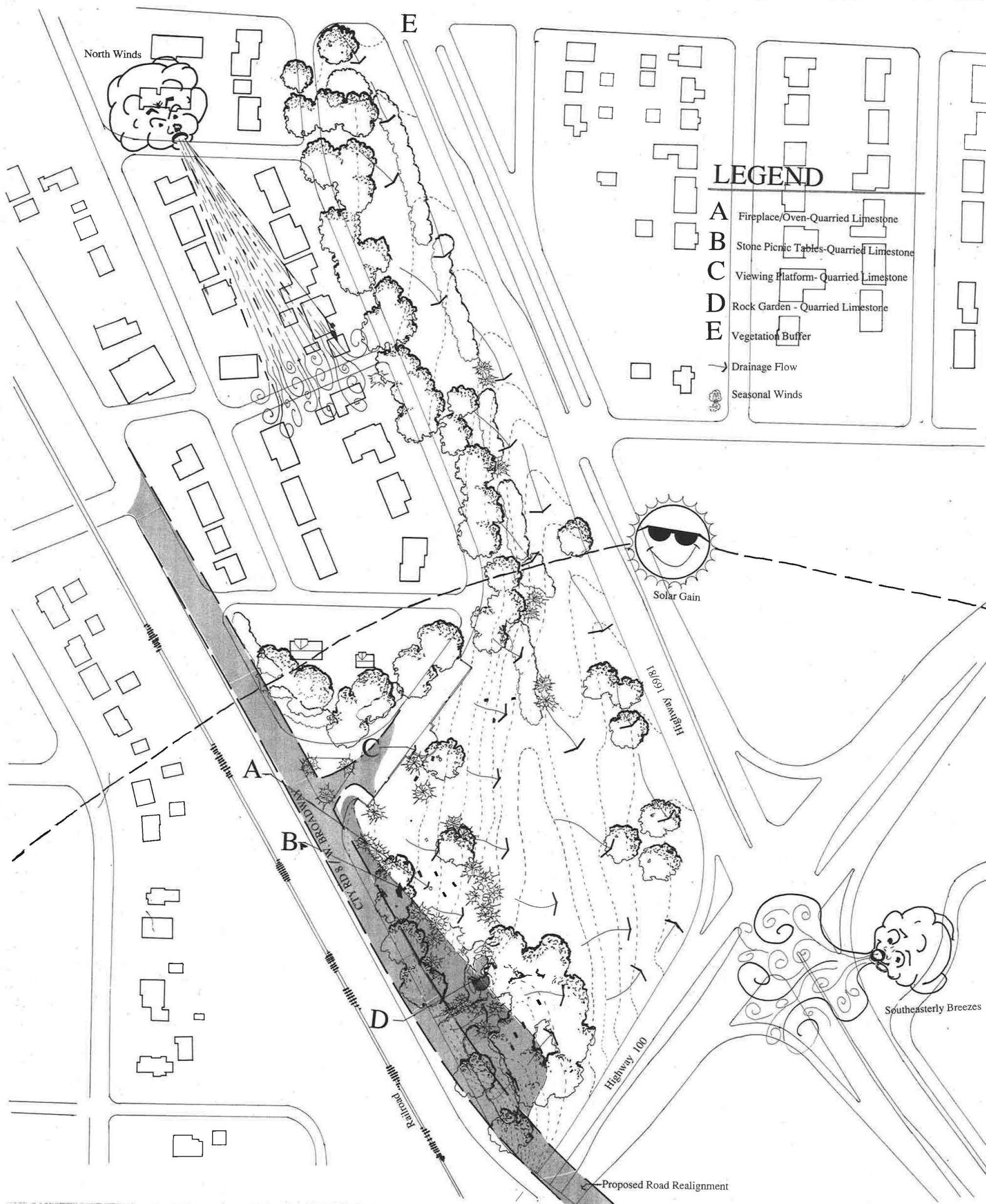
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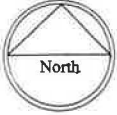




**LEGEND**

- A Fireplace/Oven-Quarried Limestone
- B Stone Picnic Tables-Quarried Limestone
- C Viewing Platform- Quarried Limestone
- D Rock Garden - Quarried Limestone
- E Vegetation Buffer
- Drainage Flow
- ☀ Seasonal Winds

**Physical Analysis: Features**

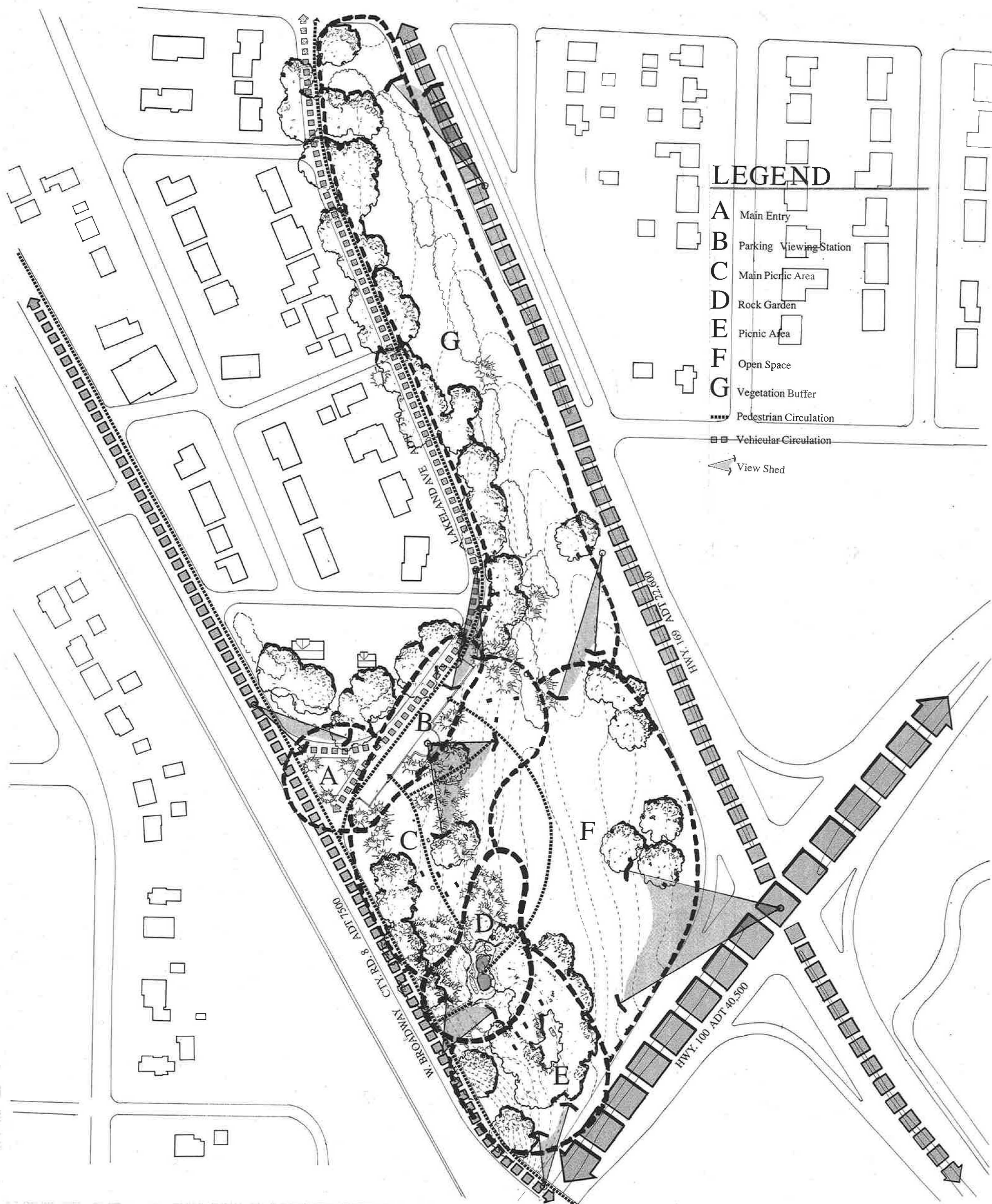


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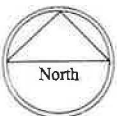
- A Main Entry
- B Parking Viewing Station
- C Main Picnic Area
- D Rock Garden
- E Picnic Area
- F Open Space
- G Vegetation Buffer

..... Pedestrian Circulation

- - - - Vehicular Circulation

View Shed

**Physical Analysis: Use**



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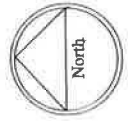
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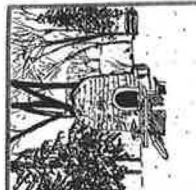
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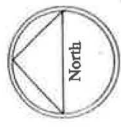
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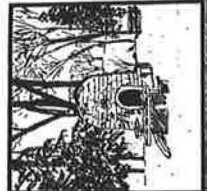


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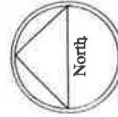




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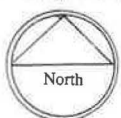


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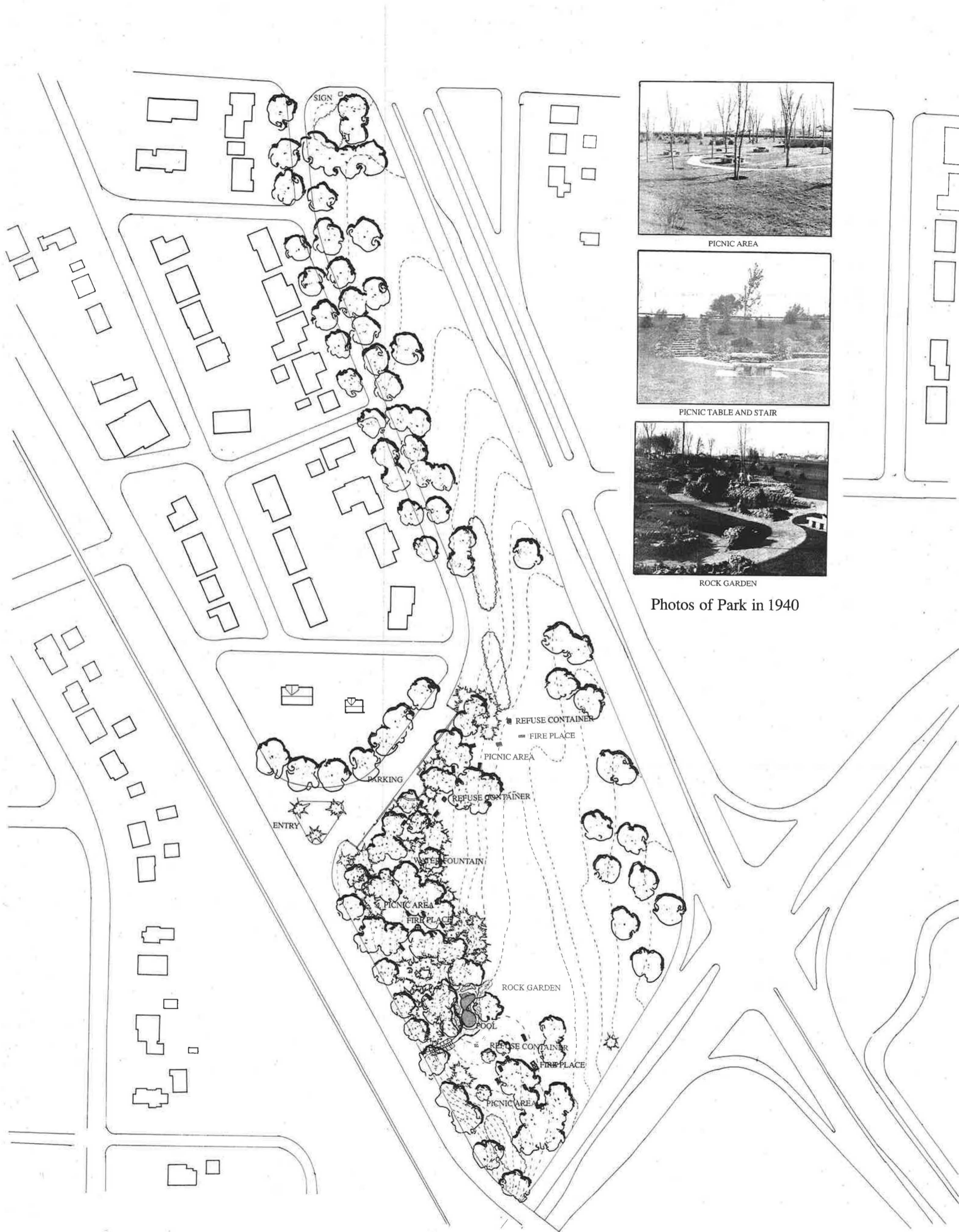


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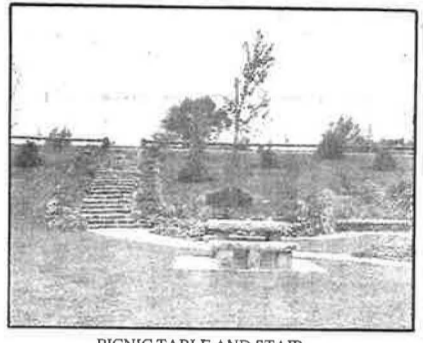
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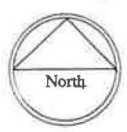
PICNIC TABLE AND STAIR



ROCK GARDEN

Photos of Park in 1940

Original Master Plan



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