

## EXHIBIT "I"

### Electric Systems Task Force Phase 1 Report 15 October, 2007

#### Findings and recommendations of the Phase 1 Report of the Electric Systems Task Force

The Electric Systems Task Force (ESTF) was commissioned by the Village Council of Yellow Springs to provide information regarding the condition of its electric system, and to assist the Village Council to understand and address issues of electric power usage in the Village. The driving force for the creation of the ESTF was concern over issues of delivering power quality and capacity to meet current and future village needs and the potential need for a new substation. The tasking of the ESTF was split into two phases: Phase 1 provides information regarding the condition of the electric system and an exploration of options regarding the needs of the system. Phase 2 is to provide information and recommendations about electric power conservation in the Village. This report is on Phase 1.

The ESTF gathered information from public documents, information supplied by the Village Manager, and by face-to-face meetings with representatives from AMP-Ohio, which schedules and coordinates the delivery of electric power to the Village, and discussions with large power users.

#### Village Distribution System

The ESTF has determined that the condition of the Village-owned distribution system is generally good and well maintained. Some customers at the end of a distribution circuit experience low line voltage during periods of high energy demands on the Village distribution system and, according to Michelle Palmer of AMP-Ohio, this problem can be fixed by installing a 3<sup>rd</sup> set of voltage regulators on the two existing Village 3 phase distribution circuits at a cost of approximately \$120,000. Installation of a 3<sup>rd</sup> distribution circuit is recommended in the near future to further improve the quantity and quality of power at a cost of approximately \$210,000. The additional 3<sup>rd</sup> circuit will increase the total village distribution system capacity to approximately 14 MW from its current limitation of approximately 9.4MW (on the two existing circuits) and should eliminate the need for the Village to "shed load" as is required now whenever the two existing circuits are overloaded and exceed their individual limitations of approximately 4.7 MW each. A model of the existing Village electric system is being developed by AMP-Ohio as requested by the Village Manager at the recommendation of the ESTF. The model will enable analysis of power distribution within the Village and improvements of power quality and capacity. It will also, with inputs from the ESTF, simulate growth scenarios and their effect on the electric system.

#### Demand & Capacity

Historic data show that the existing Village electric system has a margin of approximately 25% in capacity (comparing 2006 usage to 1999 usage). As for distribution from DP&L to the Village, Amp Ohio estimated that DP&L would likely operate their system at a demand of up to approximately 40% over 2006 peak usage before upgrading. Also, peak demand has consistently trended downward since 1999, and a survey of large industrial users indicates further reductions in demand. Finally, modest conservation efforts can reduce peak usage in the Village by at least 10%, again adding margin to capacity. More detailed analysis of conservation measures is the task of Phase 2.

It is concluded that there is a significant margin for peak demand.

### **Substation**

The purpose of the electric substation would be to accept increased power transmission capacity from DP&L and distribute it within the Village. When this was first raised as an option by the Blaeser Engineering Study in 1990, it was proposed as a cost-saving measure that would have paid for itself in a 7 year period. The cost of this project has increased seven fold. The modest savings in transmission and distribution costs paid to DP&L of \$90,000 per year would not offset the \$280,850 cost per year to finance its construction. This analysis negates financial considerations as a factor for construction of a substation. From the demand analysis discussed above, it is clear that there is ample time to react to year-on-year changes in demand, including long lead-time installations such as a substation if or when one is ultimately needed.

In conclusion, the ESTF has determined that the electric substation is not needed now, and that the decision to delay building it can be safely made, even taking into account the long lead time to bring it online. This finding is supported by AMP-Ohio.

### **Recommendations**

The ESTF does believe that the Village distribution system needs to be upgraded. Here are three recommended options to achieve this:

Option 1) Based on results from the "Electrical System Modeling" by AMP Ohio, it may be possible to better balance the existing Village distribution system.

Option 2) If Option 1 is not sufficient to meet current needs, 1 or 2 voltage regulators may be added to the existing 3-phase distribution circuits at an estimated cost of \$60,000 each.

Option 3) If additional quality and capacity are needed, a 3<sup>rd</sup> 3-phase distribution circuit can be added at an estimated cost of \$210,000. The 3<sup>rd</sup> distribution circuit will increase the total capacity to distribute power within the Village to approximately 14 MW.

If demand exceeds 13.7 MW, it will exceed the existing capacity of the power transmission lines to the Village distribution system, and will necessitate an increase in power delivered by DP&L or the installation of a substation. Note that Options 1 and 2 will need to be executed first in order to distribute 13.7 MW or greater anyhow.

The options provided above comprise a series of improvements for consideration by the Village Council that can make the distribution of power within the Village more reliable and meet power demand for the Village.

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**Introduction:**

The purpose of this report is to respond to the Village Council charter for the Energy Task Force Phase 1. The Phase 1 tasks set by council are as follows:

The Task Force will provide information regarding the condition of our electric system and explore options regarding the needs of the system. It will identify the questions which need to be answered, identify the sources of expertise needed to assist them in their work and report their findings to Council and the community. An important component of the process is to invite public involvement in the discussion. The Task Force will issue a report with the following findings:

- A description of the current electrical system, its condition, reliability, safety and demand capability based on historic and present day data.
- A description of electrical capacity needs of residential, commercial and industrial users based upon historic, current and anticipated future needs.
- A description of available options to meet these needs.

Electrical Power Systems are complex and the terminology and numbers can be daunting. Simply stated, Dayton Power & Light transmits electricity from the "grid" to Yellow Springs and the Village distributes the electricity to Village customers. To distribute electricity, the Village owns and maintains a 3 phase distribution system that delivers 3 phase power to industrial and commercial customers and single phase power to small businesses and residential customers.

It is necessary to understand this in some detail in order to understand the recommendations of the task force. In a later section describing the details of the system, a table is provided rather than placing it in an appendix. The reader may refer to this table as he or she reads the text. Throughout this document the abbreviation SRS is used to designate DP & L's Snypp Road Substation and VMS is used to describe what can be called the village switching station or distribution station or metering system.

**Getting Power**

There are three terms that are necessary to understand electricity delivery systems – generation, transmission and distribution. Power first must be generated. Generation is mostly done by electrical power plants burning coal, oil and natural gas. In Ohio almost 90% of its electrical power is generated by coal fired plants. Other ways of generation include nuclear power plants and hydroelectric dams along with wind turbines. A small percentage of power (less than 2%) is generated by burning biomass, mostly wood. Less than 1% of the nation's power is generated from photovoltaic (solar) and wind generation.

Transmission is the process of moving the generated power from the point of generation to various parts of the country or region. Transmission is differentiated from distribution, which is the process of taking transmitted power, normally at high voltages, "stepping it down", and sending it to the end consumer, normally in a residence (single phase) or a commercial/industrial building (3-phase).

Power is generated throughout the country. The pylons of the national grid pass a few miles away from Yellow Springs. Dayton Power and Light (DP&L) has the equipment to take high voltage power from the national grid and convert it to the lower voltages used by distributors. All power consumed in Yellow Springs comes through power lines from the Snypp Road Substation (SRS), owned by DP&L. All the power purchased by the village is transmitted to Yellow Springs via the DP&L transmission lines.

Transmission lines from the SRS arrive in Yellow Springs at the Village's metering electrical substation (VMS) on Fairfield Pike Road. The power received from SRS is diverted into the two 3-phase circuits that carry power throughout the village. Each of the two 3-phase circuits runs (supported by power poles) to the various users within the village who use 3-phase power or single phase power.

### **Electricity Ownership – Participants**

Electricity is delivered to Yellow Springs' residents via efforts of many different entities. Each entity has different responsibilities for the different components of power delivery. The Village owns and operates its own electric utility in the same manner that it owns and operates its water and sewer system. This is not the most common approach to providing electrical services in the U.S. The average person receives electricity through a commercial power company such as Dayton Power and Light (DPL). In such cases, DPL would own the lines, poles, etc. However, in the case of Yellow Springs, the poles, lines and transformers belong to the village. The village sets electric rates and collects payments. The Village employs utility staff and associated equipment, trucks, etc. While two bucket trucks are used mostly by the electric utility, other larger equipment and all employees work with more than one utility.

The electric utility that the village owns includes the metering station (VMS located on Fairfield Pike road). The metering station includes a wide range of power equipment resting on a foundation surrounded by a wire fence. The station includes transformers, current limiting devices, voltage regulators and monitoring equipment.

The power delivered to the various industries/businesses/homes of Village electric customers is not generated by the village. That power is generated at many different locations connected to the electric grid – some from coal plants, some from hydroelectric sites and some from waste products. AMP-Ohio schedules and coordinates the delivery of power delivered to the Village. Other means of generation also contribute. To be more precise, all power generated goes into a common pool and although the village might buy hydropower from one source, what actually is delivered could be from any generating plant as noted above.

Dayton Power and Light (DP&L) is the entity that delivers electricity to the village metering station (VMS). The village buys the actual power from the multiple sources previously mentioned and pays DP&L to transit it to the VMS.

The Village is a member of AMP-Ohio. AMP-Ohio is a non-profit cooperative, municipally-owned corporation (AMP-Ohio schedules and coordinates the delivery of power delivered to the Village. Yellow Springs purchases most of its power generation (not transmission) through AMP-Ohio. AMP-Ohio also provides a variety of other services to private electrical distributors, including legislative advocacy, electric generation facilities, conservation tools, technical consulting, etc.

## **Reliability and Capacity**

The formation of the task force was based initially on concerns about the age and reliability of the system in general as well as the reliability of the system at its highest loads. Surprisingly, there were no specific details found that could measure either abnormal events or the level of the severity of any events that did occur. One benefit of this analysis was in learning that AMP-Ohio does have access to some data on the YS system which they received by a telemetry system. AMP-Ohio said it would be possible to add some analysis capability using the data that is generated to get a better sense of the reliability in the future.

The conclusion that the system is reliable comes mostly from AMP-Ohio as well as the experience of two task force members, Dave Heckler, former Village Manager, and Richard Zopf, former consultant to the village. The task force did no analysis of its own with system data nor was any attempt made by task force members to review or measure the system. Michele Palmer of AMP-Ohio toured the distribution system and in her professional judgment it was deemed well maintained and reliable. AMP-Ohio has over 102 systems – her familiarity with many of these systems adds credence to her conclusion. She acknowledged that there was system degradation in terms of voltage levels on a few occasions throughout the year, typically at times of hot weather (high demand associated with air conditioning load). She also noted that tree trimming is needed in some areas.

## Issues—Capacity versus Quality

The following table summarizes information that is used in the remainder of this section (MW means megawatts, kV means kilovolts, V means volts, A means amps, kWh means kilowatt hours):

<b>Present Capacity Information</b>	
Rated capacity of DP&L's 3-phase Snypp Road Substation (SRS)	10 MW
Maximum peak capacity (short periods) provided by SRS	11 MW
Peak Transmission from SRS to Village Metering Station (VMS) 2006	9.1 MW
Peak Usage in 2006	9.1 MW
Transformer voltage change at SRS	69 kV to 12.47kV
Present power transmission voltage from SRS to VMS	12.47kV
Maximum Contracted quantity of power DPL must deliver to VMS	18.8 MW
Single Phase voltage range within Village	114V to 126V
Number of 3-phase Village distribution circuits	2
Number of voltage regulators on each Village 3 phase distribution circuit	1
Number of voltage regulators on DP&L's transmission circuit to VMS	1
Existing limit (MW) on each Village distribution circuit (Total 9.4 MW)	4.7 MW
Amperage of VMS Recloser that sets 4.7 amps per distribution circuit	219A
Year of historical peak usage	1999
Amount of 1999 historical peak usage	11.15 MW
Percent decline from high usage point (1999 to Sep 2006)	22%
Percent decline from high peak point (1999 to Sep 2006)	19%
Possible increased usage capacity	25% (11.15/9.1)
<b>Potential Capacity Information</b>	
Potential power transmission voltage from SRS to VMS with new substation	69kV
Number of voltage regulators that can be added to each existing circuit	1
Number of 3 phase distribution circuits that can be added to existing VMS	1
Cost estimate from AMP-Ohio to add 3rd (final) voltage regulator to 2 circuits	\$120,000
Cost estimate from AMP-Ohio to add 3rd circuit -	\$210,000
Amount of additional power provided by adding 3rd 3 phase distribution circuit (System capacity will increase from current 9.4 MW to 14.1 MW)	4.7MW
Space available at the existing switching station to add circuits	sufficient
Estimated cost of a new substation	\$3.5 million
Estimated time to design and build a new substation	3 years
<b>Statistics – large users</b>	
Antioch University (includes Antioch College and McGregor) usage	4,842,543 kWh
Antioch College future usage requirements	Unknown
Morris Bean usage (DP&L customer)	6,000,000 kWh
Antioch Company goal to reduce future usage	15-25%
YSI goal to reduce future usage	10-25%
Number of residential customers 2005	1850
Total residential electrical usage	14,692,114 kWh
Average residential energy usage	8,000 kWh

The issue of electric power to Village residents and businesses is actually two problems: Capacity and Quality. Quality of power here refers primarily to the distribution of power by the Village to customers within a specific voltage range. Capacity is the ability to deliver enough power during peak usage periods to meet demand. In our case it refers specifically to the capacity of DP&L to transmit power to the VMS from the SRS. For the Village these two issues are basically independent—that is increasing capacity does not improve quality to Village customers, and improving quality does not increase capacity delivered by DP&L. However, if DP&L were to provide greater capacity to VMS, the current village system does not have the capacity to deliver in excess of 9.4 MW.

## **Capacity: Peak power delivery from DP&L to the Village of Yellow Springs**

### ***The Capacity Situation Today***

Power is transmitted to the Village by DP&L, who owns and operates the equipment up to the Village switching station. DP&L transmits power to the village from the Snypp Road Substation (SRS) which includes a transformer that reduces the voltage of the electricity from 69 kV to 12.47kV, the voltage that is transmitted to Yellow Springs. The rated capacity of the SRS transformer is 10 MW although at times DP&L has used the transformer at the slightly higher rate of 11.1 MW). The limit of transmission capacity of the power lines from Snypp Road to the Yellow Springs switching station is 13.6 MW. DP&L current equipment can deliver 10 MW of peak power. This is sufficient to meet the 2006 Village power demands of 9.1 MW. This leaves a margin of growth of peak power of about 10%.

### ***Delivering more power to the Village:***

The DP&L power transmission system as of today can deliver a maximum peak power of 10-11 MW. If the peak power demand of the Village exceeds the DP&L transmission capacity, then either new DP&L equipment must be installed or Village-owned equipment must be installed. The current DP&L Substation at Snypp Road (SMS) is limited to 11 MW peak power while the lines can carry 13.6 MW.

The current contract between the Village and DP&L stipulates that DP&L must be ready to deliver up to 18.8 MW of power to the village. DP&L might be required by this contract to upgrade their equipment to meet an increased peak power demand from the Village. One option is to increase the substation transmission capacity. Another option is to deliver power at 69kV to VMS and build a new substation there. This option may not be practical for DP&L but might be practical for the village. The substation and new transmission lines would cost the Village \$3.5 million.

A second scenario to increase peak power capacity above about 13 MW is to install another 12.47 kV transmission line to the Village. This would still require an upgrade of the DP&L transformer at SRS. It is unclear what this would cost the Village but appears to be covered within the existing contract with DP&L. Questions for DP&L on this issue to be discussed in Phase II include:

- Would the Village be required to pay for any of the upgrades?
- How long would the upgrade take?
- What would the peak power capacity of the upgraded system?

## **Quality of Power and Brownouts**

Quality of power here refers to the delivery of power within a range of voltages. For residential users this is 114V to 126V. Excursions above, or more typically below this range can harm some

electrical equipment. The existing Village-owned distribution system sometimes delivers power below the 114V limitation.

A brown out is defined as the delivery of power at less than 114V. A brownout is a decrease in power quality, not an interruption in service. Full interruptions – often called blackouts - are caused by falling tree limbs, squirrels, lightning storms, etc. Brownouts come when the demand at some time of day is greater than the capacity of the distribution system.

While brown-outs (or system overloads not resulting in system shut-down) caused by a limitation on the capacity to deliver (regulate and distribute) power to the village have been reported by users, documentation has not been produced as the village does not have the ability to record these events. So the number or severity of the brownouts is not known. Also, it is not clear what the cause of the brownouts were, i.e., the Village system or DP&L; however, currently available evidence point to limitations in the Village distribution system.

Voltage regulators can be installed to increase the lower voltage. Industry practice limits the number of voltage regulators to 3 per circuit. The Village has two 3 phase distribution circuits, (each of which has 1 voltage regulators). There is also a voltage regulator at SRS. Thus, one solution to the voltage drop problem is to install a third voltage regulator on each of the two 3 phase distribution circuits at a cost of \$120,000. (Estimate from AMP-Ohio's Michelle Palmer).

An alternate solution is to install a third 3 phase distribution circuit in the Village, with a more direct feed to those customers receiving poor quality power. AMP-Ohio's Michelle Palmer gave a rough estimate of \$210K as the cost to install a third distribution circuit. This would increase the approximately 9.4 MW limit to about 14 MW. Note that improving the Village distribution system does not increase the power delivered to the Village by DP&L.

The quality of power, i.e., the providing of electric power within specifications appears to be within the control of the Village. The addition of a third voltage and/or a third power distribution line will enhance quality. The upgrade to a substation (which receives 69 kV power) does not solve the problem of power quality. Similarly, upgrading the power quality with a regulator or another distribution line does not increase the peak power transmission capacity of DP&L to the Village. The placement of the voltage regulator and/or the third distribution line should be modeled as soon as possible.

## **Summary**

There is no immediate need for a new substation. Both capacity and quality can be improved at a much lower cost. Adding a third Voltage regulations to both of the 3 – phase distribution circuits will improve quality. Adding a third distribution circuit will increase both quality and capacity. It will also allow Yellow Springs to balance total load (MW) across three 3-phase distribution circuits (current load occasionally exceeds capacity of two existing 3-phase circuits)

Note that these possible improvements are congruent with the Blaser capital improvement report dated November, 1990. These possible improvements are a continuation of improvements previously outline in that report. Some of the improvements in the Blaser report have already been implemented.



**Future Work**

Phase II of the task force will address growth of Village residential population, growth in Village business, increase or decrease in per capita electric power as well as peak power demand and a strategy for energy conservation and efficiency. Power transmission and distribution equipment takes time (years) to install—if demand exceeds capacity upgrades may be slower than desired. Growing demand may exceed supply for housing and business (commercial and large industrial). Potential businesses interested in establishing a Village location might be deterred by the capacity limits of the electric system. Concern that not enough is being done to conserve (reduce consumption) and fight global warming must be addressed.

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# **[ ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS TASK FORCE ESTF PHASE II FINAL REPORT ]**

Final report for Phase II of the Electrical Systems Task Force to the Village Council of Yellow Springs,  
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**Recommendations**

In concert with Village Council's current goal to "Develop a comprehensive policy that addresses global warming and seeks to reduce the carbon footprint of our community", the ESTF recommends that Council

**commit to and begin funding a long term (2025) phased-in project to minimize our reliance on coal, provide as much of our electricity from renewable sources as possible, reduce our average per meter consumption by 50% and create 100 new conservation, efficiency and/or renewable energy related jobs in the village.**

Methods to implement this include:

- Fund a study to size and cost an energy plan towards the above goals. (anticipated cost not to exceed \$75K.) This is in addition to the \$125K and possibly could be funded with KWH tax funds or economic development funds.
- Increase electric utility rates to generate an additional \$125K per year for a minimum of 5 years.
- Use these funds for conservation, education and renewable generation (in order of priority) working closely organizations like AMP-Ohio and Ameresco
- Allocate \$50k per year (from the \$125k or KWH tax) for 3 years to initiate conservation measures in Village-owned facilities (Bryan center, library, water and sewage treatment plants, etc.)
- Implement a plan to incentivize the creation of 100 new jobs through a "conservation, efficiency and intermediate technology" energy themed economic development program

Execution:

- Establish a new task force to assist the Council and Staff in developing and implementing the strategy. Involve new task force in all phases of the effort.
- Develop a request for information (RFI) from potential contractors who would be pre-qualified to execute the energy plan under contract.
- Develop a request for proposals (RFP) to execute the energy plan.
- Implement the plan over the funded 5 years.

Funding:

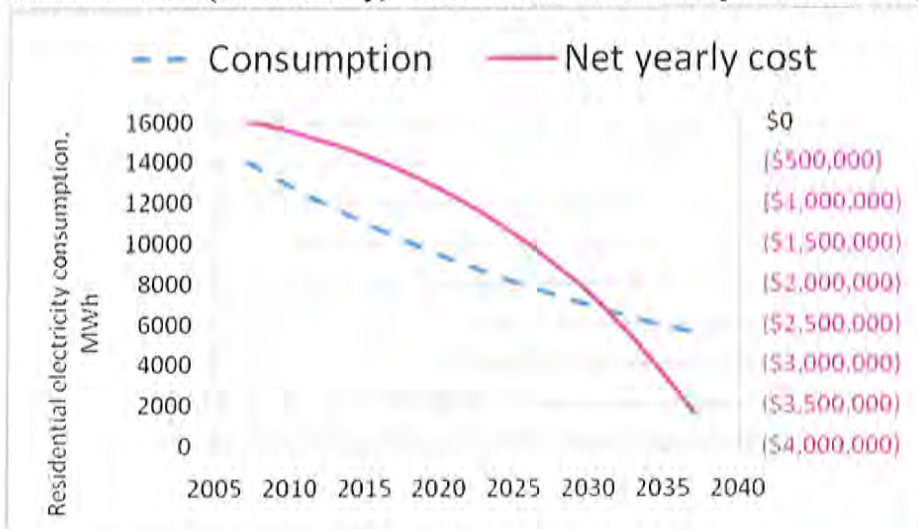
- \$75K from the general fund for a consultant to produce a detailed work and estimated cost plan.
- \$125K per year for 5 years in funds generated from Electric Utility rates to pay for conservation and alternative energy generation.

## APPENDIX A Analysis by Robert Brecha

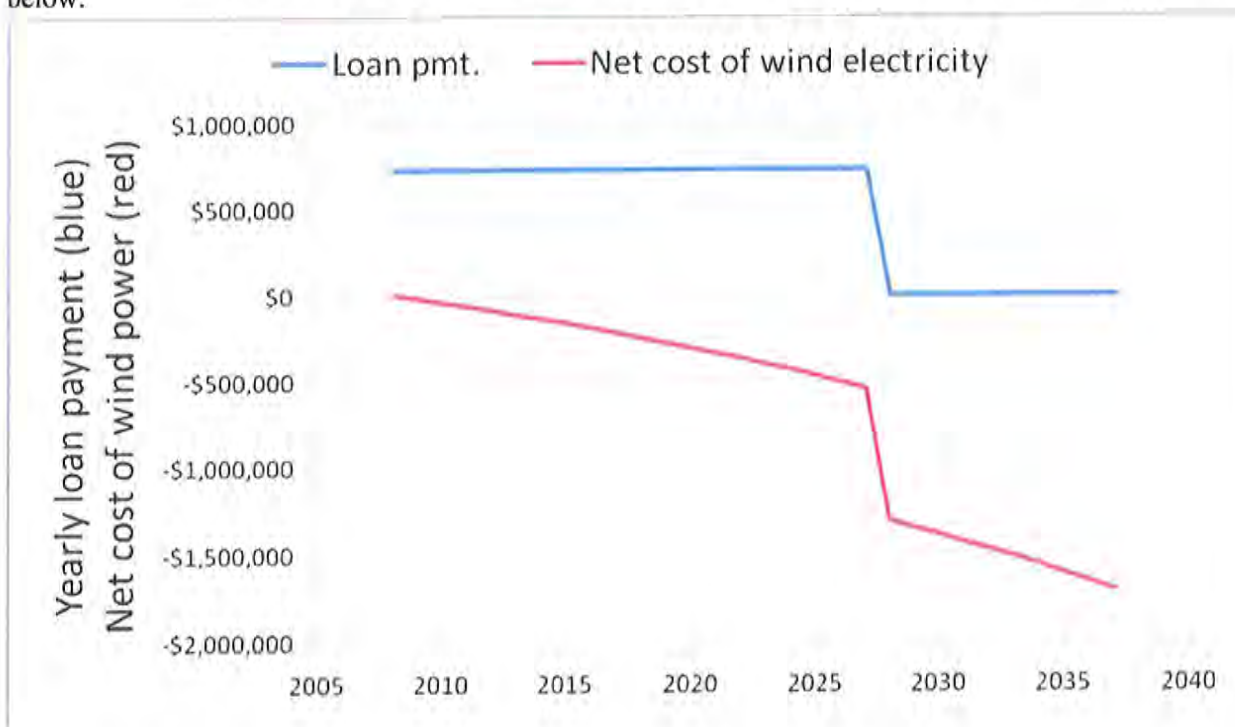
### ESTF – Energy efficiency and alternative energy cost and benefit examples

1. Consider the costs and benefits of implementing energy efficiency measures in the Village. In the following, I assume (following AMP-Ohio and others, and being conservative) that energy efficiency measures cost \$0.03/kWh saved. Total residential consumption in the Village is about 14,000 MWh across approximately 1700 households. If we further assume that electricity costs will rise at 5%/year, and that our goal is to realize energy-use reductions of 3%/year going forward, we find the following, for the first five years of a program. In the first year,  $0.03 \times 14,000 \text{ MWh} = 420 \text{ MWh}$  reduction. Since the investment needed to realize this savings is \$0.03/kWh, the total cost will be  $420,000 \text{ kWh} \times \$0.03/\text{kWh} = \$12,600$ . At our current electricity rate of about \$0.10/kWh, the total dollar savings for villagers by reducing consumption by an aggregate 420 MWh is  $420,000 \text{ kWh} \times \$0.10/\text{kWh} = \$42,000$ . We can continue these calculations into the future, assuming that electricity costs increase, per kWh, and efficiency investments continue as well. After five years, just for the sake of argument, we can assume that the cost per kWh for energy efficiency will increase to \$0.05/kWh, as we move to more and more difficult measures. Further increases to \$0.08/kWh and \$0.15/kWh occur after 10 years and 20 years, respectively. (These numbers are pure guesses, and might be high or low; the point is to roughly acknowledge the fact that as measures are implemented, somewhat larger investments will be necessary to take further steps.) Following this path until 2025, we find that total consumption will have decreased to about 8100 MWh, and villagers will be saving nearly \$1.5million per year compared to what electricity expenses would otherwise be. For an average family, the total savings will be on the order of \$7000 over that time period.

The key point in this exercise is that the dollar amount saved each year is significantly greater than the investment made to implement efficiency measures. This point is actually obvious, because the cost of each saved kWh (\$0.03 initially) is less than the cost of each purchased kWh (\$0.10 initially).



2. The second example is a bit more speculative, until we talk to energy providers, but will still serve to illustrate the potential advantage to investing in renewable energy generation capacity. If we were to pay for the installation of wind turbines with a total capacity of 4 MW (for example, four turbines with 1 MW power output rating), and the cost per kW of installed capacity were \$2500, the total capital cost would be \$10,000,000. Given a capacity factor of about 0.2 (capacity factor is essentially the fraction of time the turbine is actually producing at its nameplate capacity), we can calculate how many kWh of energy the turbines would produce. If we assume that we could get financing for 20 years at a rate of 4% for this project, there will be a monthly or yearly debt payment necessary. However, the electricity generated by the turbines is sold to homes in YS at the going rate of \$0.10/kWh, inflating at about 3%/year, as assumed in the previous example. This system would produce about 7000 MWh/year. (Remember that the example for efficiency considered only households; even so, this example might be a bit ambitious in that there is almost too much wind power.) Village residents would pay  $\$0.103/\text{kWh} \times 7,008,000\text{kWh} = \$720,000$  in the first year for power from the turbine. The debt payment would be, given the above conditions, \$727,000 in that first year, and for every year after. As time goes on, electricity gets more expensive, so the income from wind-generated electricity increases over time, whereas the debt payments remain constant. The result is that after the first year, there is net income from the wind project, as shown below.



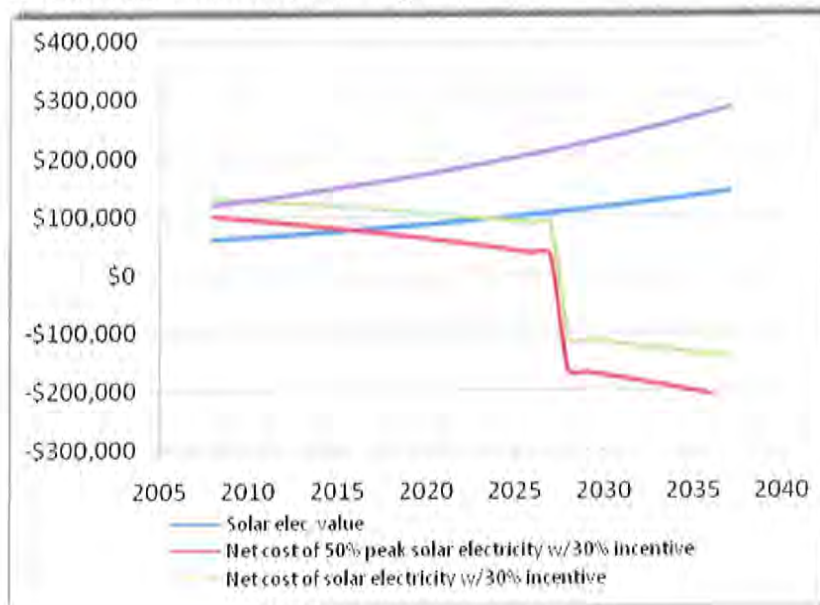
Photovoltaic energy (electricity directly from the sun) is, relatively speaking, an expensive source of electricity if quoted costs are taken merely at face value. Looking into photovoltaics a bit more carefully, some of the excess cost is reduced significantly, although it is still more expensive than even wind power. The main advantages of solar energy are that the “fuel” is free and the generation is local. Financially, solar energy is eligible for various tax credits. The cost to install and generate solar photovoltaic systems is often quoted as being on the order of \$0.30/kWh. However, there are at least four points to consider, all tending to reduce the relative cost disadvantage of solar photovoltaics. First, there are subsidies available; for example, a 30% cost reduction in the form of a tax rebate will reduce the overall cost of

generation by that same 30%, to ~\$0.21/kWh. Second, the cost of the solar input energy will not increase over time, meaning that as fossil-fuel generated electricity becomes more expensive, solar electricity will close the gap in price. Third, since solar electricity is generated locally, there is very little loss in transmission to the end-user. Overall, “line losses” account for about 7% of the electricity generated nationwide; this figure can climb to as high as 20% in summer peak-load periods. Thus, extra energy must be generated at peak-load times, not only to satisfy demand, but also because a greater percentage is being lost in transmission. The effect of this is to make locally-generated solar electricity less costly, relatively speaking. Fourth, electricity prices fluctuate over the year and during the day, as more expensive generating sources are brought on line to satisfy cyclic demand increases. Generation costs can vary by a factor of four or more, with the highest-cost electricity coming at just the time on hot summer afternoons when solar photovoltaic generation is at its maximum. Therefore, much of the electricity that is being replaced by photovoltaics is high-cost electricity, and not low- or average-cost electricity to which the price is often compared.

Given this preamble, here are a couple of options for solar photovoltaics.

3. Solar photovoltaic (version 1)

Buy a system, or large set of systems to be mounted on individual buildings, houses, parking lots, etc. Imagine a total capacity of 500kW, at an installed cost of \$7.50/kW peak capacity. If, as in the wind example, financing is available for 20 years at 4%, and furthermore, if there is a 30% tax credit available, then there will be debt service of approximately \$200,000/year. The generated electricity, assuming half to be at peak rates does cost more per year than the debt payment, at least for the period of the loan. However, over the last ten years or so of the expected lifetime of the panels, there is a net income to the Village electric system. It should be noted as well that the total amount generated annually by this rather large photovoltaic system is only slightly less than 600 MWh; on the other hand the extra cost involved is also only a relatively small amount of the income to the utility, and therefore represents only a very small rate increase which itself decreases over time. The figure below shows this information graphically (positive numbers are net dollar outflows, while negative numbers are net income).





4. Solar photovoltaic (version 2)

A second possibility for pv generation is to engage in a power-purchase agreement. An Ohio company, Dovetail Solar, offers a plan in which they provide installation and service, and essentially a lease agreement for roofspace, with the option to fully purchase the system at the end of an eight-year initial period. They claim an expected system lifetime (56.4 kW is the standard size they offer) of 40 years. Such an agreement would have to be investigated in more detail, and it may be that other entities, perhaps even AMP-Ohio, would offer similar or more favorable agreements.

5. Solar thermal

Using solar energy to heat water for domestic use is a viable option, and costs significantly less than photovoltaics. Solar thermal systems are also eligible for tax credits. Sample runs from a solar software package are shown below; without going into all details, a summary is as follows:

- a. Often, hot water heaters are set at temperatures that are too high, such as 140°F. If this is the case for an individual household, simply turning down the hot water heater to 120°F is enough to save ~\$50/year in energy costs. (See the comparison between the first two figures below, “Cost Aux Enrgy Without Solar”)
- b. In the second figure, for the lower set-point temperature, the cost savings per year for using solar hot water, calculated for our location and average solar input, comes out to about \$180/year for an average household.
- c. In the third figure, and again for the lower set-point temperature of 120°F, but now with an electric hot-water heater, the savings work out to about \$420/year by having a solar hot water system.

SolarSim

File Weather Data Active Solar Solar Wall PV Wind Help

Location: DAYTON  
 System: Hot Water  
 Collector Area = 8 (m2) Slope = 45 (deg) Azimuth from South = 0 (deg) Grnd Refl = 0.2  
 Num glaz = 1 Fita = 0.73 FrUL = 13.03 (kJ/hr m2 C)  
 Mass H2O Storage = 400 (kg)  
 Eff Hot Water Heater = 0.7 Cost Aux Energy = 12 (\$/GJ)

Month	Avg It kJ/dy	Avg Qts kJ/dy	Avg Qfshw kJ/dy	Avg Ts C	Avg Qloadhw kJ/dy	Avg Qauxhw kJ/dy	Total SLF Qts/Qloadtot
1	82,369	29,230	28,602	39.7	45,875	17,273	0.62
2	93,159	34,989	33,457	46.4	46,775	13,318	0.72
3	115,000	40,941	35,769	51.6	45,603	9,833	0.78
4	143,952	47,823	40,736	65.3	43,633	2,896	0.93
5	143,952	47,373	38,496	66.9	41,202	2,705	0.93
6	145,199	49,117	38,244	72.5	39,055	811	0.98
7	144,244	47,582	36,305	73.6	36,588	283	0.99
8	155,685	49,799	35,797	76.4	35,973	176	1.00
9	141,193	45,143	35,426	71.1	36,750	1,324	0.96
10	138,675	44,643	34,810	68.6	37,759	2,949	0.92
11	78,708	27,579	27,208	44.7	40,863	13,655	0.67
12	63,422	21,413	22,729	35.3	43,346	20,617	0.52
Annual Avg	121,073	40,493	33,953	59.4	41,083	7,130	0.83

Avg Solar System Eff = Qts/It = 0.28

Annual Savings  
 Cost Aux Enrgy Without Solar = \$257/year  
 Cost Aux Enrgy With Solar = \$45/year  
 Savings from Solar = \$212/year

Calculations assuming a gas hot-water heater with set-point of 140°F.

SolarSim

File Weather Data Active Solar Solar Wall PV Wind Help

Location: DAYTON  
 System: Hot Water  
 Collector Area = 8 (m2) Slope = 45 (deg) Azimuth from South = 0 (deg) Grnd Refl = 0.2  
 Num glaz = 1 Firta = 0.73 FiUL = 13.03 (kJ/hr m2 C)  
 Mass H2O Storage = 400 (kg)  
 Eff Hot Water Heater = 0.7 Cost Aux Energy = 12 (\$/GJ)

Month	Avg It kJ/dy	Avg Qts kJ/dy	Avg Qfshw kJ/dy	Avg Ts C	Avg Qloadhw kJ/dy	Avg Qauxhw kJ/dy	Total SLR Qts/Qloadtot
1	82,369	29,230	27,192	39.7	37,588	10,396	0.72
2	99,159	34,989	30,812	46.4	38,488	7,676	0.80
3	115,000	40,941	32,643	51.6	37,316	4,673	0.87
4	143,952	47,823	34,628	65.3	35,346	718	0.98
5	143,952	47,373	32,282	66.9	32,915	633	0.98
6	145,199	49,117	30,713	72.5	30,768	55	1.00
7	144,244	47,582	28,301	73.6	28,301	0	1.00
8	155,685	49,799	27,686	76.4	27,686	0	1.00
9	141,193	45,143	28,302	71.1	28,463	161	0.99
10	138,675	44,643	28,449	68.6	29,472	1,024	0.97
11	78,708	27,579	25,284	44.7	32,576	7,292	0.78
12	63,422	21,413	22,228	35.3	35,059	12,931	0.63
Annual Avg	121,073	40,493	29,021	59.4	32,797	3,775	0.88

Avg Solar System Eff = Qts/It = 0.24

Annual Savings  
 Cost Aux Engy Without Solar = \$205/year  
 Cost Aux Engy With Solar = \$24/year  
 Savings from Solar = \$182/year

Calculations assuming a gas hot-water heater with set-point of 120°F.

SolarSim

File Weather Data Active Solar Solar Wall PV Wind Help

Location: DAYTON  
 System: Hot Water  
 Collector Area = 8 (m2) Slope = 45 (deg) Azimuth from South = 0 (deg) Grnd Refl = 0.2  
 Num glaz = 1 Firta = 0.73 FiUL = 13.03 (kJ/hr m2 C)  
 Mass H2O Storage = 400 (kg)  
 Eff Hot Water Heater = 0.7 Cost Aux Energy = 28 (\$/GJ)

Month	Avg It kJ/dy	Avg Qts kJ/dy	Avg Qfshw kJ/dy	Avg Ts C	Avg Qloadhw kJ/dy	Avg Qauxhw kJ/dy	Total SLR Qts/Qloadtot
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Annual Avg	121,073	40,493	29,021	59.4	32,797	3,775	0.88

Avg Solar System Eff = Qts/It = 0.24

Annual Savings  
 Cost Aux Engy Without Solar = \$479/year  
 Cost Aux Engy With Solar = \$55/year  
 Savings from Solar = \$424/year

Calculations assuming an electric hot-water heater with set-point of 120°F.

6. Job opportunities from energy efficiency and renewable energy generation.

There are many possibilities for meeting the additional Energy System Task Force goal of creating new job opportunities. Among these are:

- Energy efficiency – building (residential and commercial) energy inspections; energy efficiency retrofits to high and documentable standards; ultra-high efficiency (e.g. German passive house) construction.
- Wind – engineering design companies; turbine maintenance; manufacturing of components
- Solar pv – system design and planning; installation and maintenance
- Solar thermal – system design and planning; installation and maintenance; manufacturing of solar thermal panels

**APPENDIX B**  
**Analysis by Reginald Stratton**

**ESTF Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program Summary for Village Council**

**Program Goal and Objective**

**a. Goal:**

Reduce carbon footprint to help deter impact Village has on global warming.

**b. Objective:**

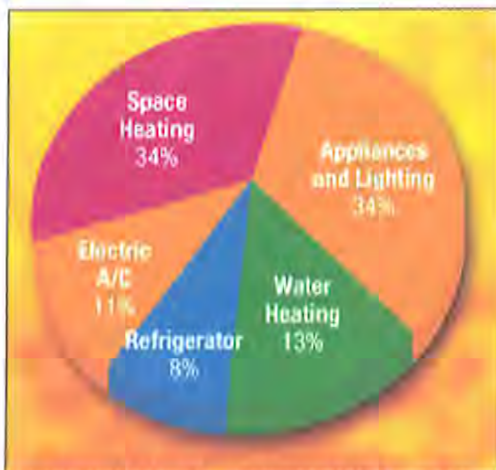
Reduce our average per meter consumption by 50% over the next 15 years through a comprehensive energy efficiency and conservation program.

The predicted effects of global warming for the environment and for human life are numerous and varied. The main effect is an increasing global average temperature. From this flows a variety of resulting effects such as rising sea levels, altered patterns of agriculture, increased extreme weather events, and an increased range of tropical diseases.

Energy efficiency and conservation is the quickest and most cost effective way that the village can reduce its contribution to global warming and its subsequent devastating effects.

In this report, we will provide an overview of programs our community could implement to reduce our energy use and lesson our contribution to global warming and help preserve the environment for generations to come.

Before embarking on a comprehensive EE & C program, it is important to understand how energy is consumed in residential and commercial buildings. As indicated from the U.S. Department of Energy chart below and the table demonstrating the end use of energy in residential and commercial buildings, the majority of energy is expended on heating and cooling buildings, lighting, water heating and refrigeration. Initiating programs that address these sectors of energy use can have the greatest impact.



Source: U.S. Department of Energy

**Table 3: U.S. Buildings Primary Energy and Expenditure End-Use Splits, 2004**

Energy consumed is shown in quads and % of totals

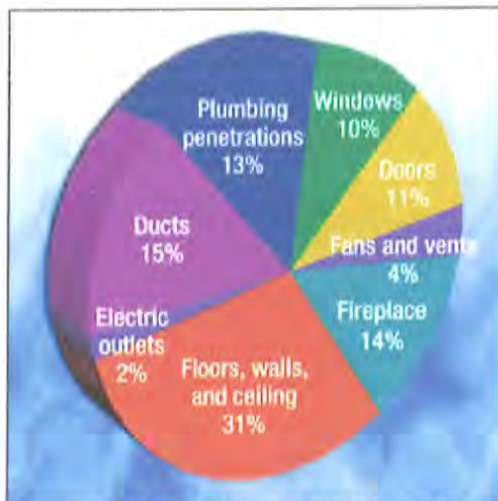
End Use	Residential		Commercial		All Buildings	
Space Heating	6.6	32%	2.3	13%	8.9	23%
Lighting	2.5	12%	4.3	25%	6.8	18%
Space Cooling	2.3	11%	1.9	11%	4.2	11%
Water Heating	2.7	13%	1.1	6%	3.7	10%
Refrigeration	1.7	8%	1.1	6%	2.8	7%
Electronics	1.1	5%	1.0	6%	2.0	5%
Cooking	1.0	5%	0.4	2%	1.3	3%
Wet Clean	1.0	5%			1.0	3%
Ventilation			1.0	6%	1.0	3%
Computers	0.2	1%	0.4	3%	0.7	2%
Other	0.9	4%	1.8	10%	2.6	7%
Adjusted to SEDS*	1.1	5%	2.2	13%	3.3	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* State Energy Data System

It is also important to know how energy is wasted through poor weatherization or insulation of buildings, inefficient use of hot water or the use of inefficient appliances and lighting systems.

**Air Infiltration and Thermal Transfer:** The chart below breaks down how air infiltrates our homes and buildings producing heat loss in the winter and cooling loss in the summer. Air leaking through cracks and crevices in doors and window framing or holes in plumbing penetrations can cause considerable cooling and heating loss. Thermal loss occurs as well through poorly insulated walls, attics and floors. Solar gain through windows in the summer time creates an extra burden on air conditioning.

Creating weatherization programs to address these losses is an important element of any EE & C Program.



Source: U.S. Department of Energy

**Water Heating:**

Water heating is the third largest energy expense in your home. It typically accounts for about 13% of your utility bill (U.S. DOE). The chart below details how the typical home owner uses heated water. Programs that promote the use of low flow faucets and shower heads, water heater insulation jackets and more efficient electric water heaters can help lessen this impact.

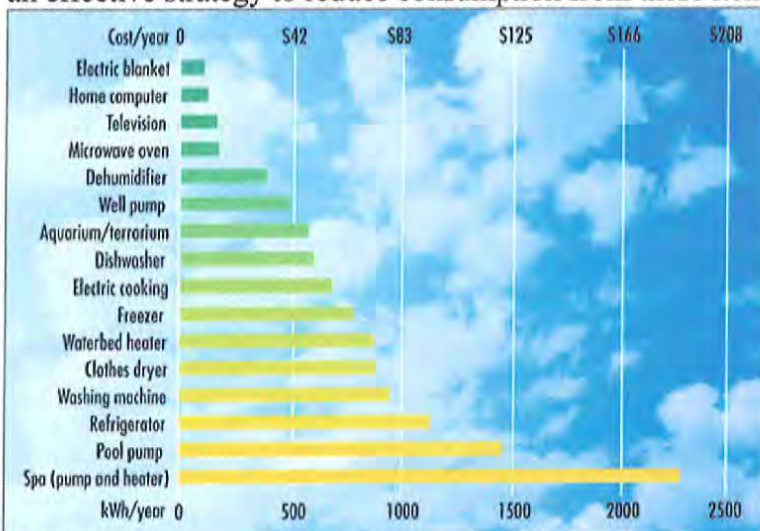
### Average Hot Water Use

Activity	Gallons per Use
Clothes washing	32
Showering	20
Bathing	20
Automatic dishwashing	12
Preparing food	5
Hand dishwashing	4

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

### Inefficient Appliances

Appliances account for about 20% of your household's energy consumption with refrigerators, clothes washers, and clothes dryers at the top of the consumption list (U.S. DOE). Encouraging the purchase of "Energy Star" rated appliances through incentive programs and new construction building codes can be an effective strategy to reduce consumption from these items.




(U.S. Department of Energy)

### Inefficient Lighting

Upgrading lighting systems from incandescent to fluorescent is one of the fastest ways to cut energy usage. An average household dedicates 12% of its energy budget to lighting while commercial buildings

dedicate up to 25%. Using new lighting technologies can reduce lighting energy use by 50% to 75% (U.S. DOE). Here is an example of energy savings realized by switching out twenty 60 watt incandescent bulbs with twenty 14 watt (60 watt equivalent) compact fluorescent bulbs in your home:

 [print this page](#)

### Simple Energy Estimator

Calculate the energy savings you'll gain by relamping your lighting system.  
Also find out how long it will take to recoup your full investment for the new system.

Enter the following information and click "calculate."  
**Your results will display below.**

* Required	
* Number of fixtures:	20
* Average number of hours on per year:	2184
* Your electric cost per kilowatt hour: \$	0.10
* Watts per fixture used in current system:	60
* Watts per fixture used in proposed system:	14
Cost to upgrade each fixture*: \$	1.60
<a href="#">CALCULATE</a>	

**Results**

Cost of Electricity		Energy Savings (with proposed system)	
Current system:	\$262.08 per year	Each fixture:	\$10.05 per year
Proposed system:	\$61.15 per year	Total:	\$200.93 per year

Using only your energy savings, you will get your full investment  
back in 2 months (0.16 yr.)

Source: General Electric Lighting Estimator

Note: In addition to the cost savings of \$200.93 year you use 1373 less kWh per year.

**Program Initiatives (all would need cost/benefit analysis)**

The following are descriptions of possible energy efficiency and conservation programs that could be adopted by the village to address many of the issues stated above. A comprehensive approach is needed

to obtain deep cuts in our consumption and delay large capital outlays for increased generation. Savings from energy efficiency and conservation efforts will also offset ever increasing costs of energy for residential, commercial and industrial customers:

### **Education Program**

- An educational program should be the cornerstone of any conservation program. Utilizing the local newspaper and radio station (WYSO) to launch the various initiatives, incentives, give aways or rebates are effective ways to “get the word out” to the general public. Developing a newsletter or sending out informational inserts with utility bills could also be effective communication tools. Posting links to energy efficient ideas, products or programs on the village web site would also be good conduit for exchanging information. The website could also have links to Green Energy Ohio or the US Green Build Council where information on renewable energy and green building design can be found.
- Develop an energy education program in our school curriculums (similar to the “water project”) through partnerships with local organizations such as Community Solutions or the Environmental Coalition. There are also state funded programs that will provide teacher assistance and educational materials. Amp Ohio also provides teacher assistance for schools in its member communities.
- Host Village sponsored events, such as an “energy expo” or conference with local business involvement and vendors brought in to display energy efficient products and services.
- Provide information on Local, State and Federal incentive programs for energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energy and post on village website or village newsletter.
- Host talks on energy efficiency and conservation and invite speakers in with expert knowledge or experience in the field of conservation.
- Network with other businesses to share conservation efforts and provide tours of facilities.
- Encourage membership in the local chapters of the USGBC and Green Energy Ohio and publish information about events hosted by these organizations.

### **Audit Program**

An audit program for residential and commercial/industrial customer is essential in helping the user to identify areas of high energy use, wasted energy or inefficient use of energy resources.

- Organize a group of volunteers group to do building scans with a thermal imaging camera to identify areas of poor insulation or air infiltration.
- Provide forms, tools and resources for homeowners to perform self audits.



- The Village could loan out an appliance meter, such as the “Watts Up” or “Kills-A-Watt” to residents to assist with self audits. The local library currently loans out one of these devices.
- Contract with a local vendor to perform audits at a discounted or subsidized rate. The contractor could offer a basic walk through audit or an audit involving thermal imaging and blower door tests.
- Commercial / Industrial customers can request a comprehensive audit through the village manager performed by an AMP-Ohio representative.

#### **Compact Fluorescent Bulb Program**

- A CFL program could be initiated by forming partnerships with local businesses support by village promotional/educational materials and rebates or other incentives. Downing’s Do-It-Best Hardware and Living Green store have expressed interest in supplying CFL’s for such a program. Other organizations that could champion this type of program could be the Environmental Coalition or Community Solutions. CFL’s could also be given out as part of a conservation kit.

#### **Programmable Thermostats**

- “Set-up” assistance from a local vendor, village staff, or local volunteers for programmable thermostats could be offered as part of a program to promote the purchase and installation of these devices in residential homes. AC Service is a possible local vendor who could stock this item and perform the installation and set up as a package deal. Programmable Thermostats range in price from \$29.00 to \$79.00 and are very user friendly.

#### **Appliance Program – Energy Star**

- An appliance exchange program to encourage residents to turn in their old refrigerators or other inefficient appliances with low income assistance provided by the village to promote the purchase of Energy Star rated appliances. Offering a “trade up” allowance to residents who are planning to buy a new appliance to encourage the purchase of a more efficient appliance could be an additional approach.

#### **Other Incentive Programs**

- Provide free materials in the form of a “Conservation Kit” that may include caulking, low flow showerheads, water heater blankets, power strips, window film and a CFL’s. Again, use a local vendor to stock these kits at a substantial discount and launch with promotional and educational materials.
- Provide credits on bill for energy efficiency/conservation implementation by commercial and residential customers or institute a usage penalty to those above a certain usage threshold.
- Low/No Interest Loans or incentives for Energy Efficiency Projects such as Energy Star appliance purchases or HVAC upgrades.

#### **Insulation/Weatherization Program**

There are a couple of existing weatherization programs available to Yellow Springs residents:

- **Greene County Program**  
Green County offers a low income assistance weatherization program. The village sent out flyers about this program; however, very few customers are taking advantage of it. Offering an application assistance program may help participation.
- **Vectren CAP Program**

A low income weatherization program is available to Yellow Springs residents who are Vectren customers. It is run by the Community Action Partnership (CAP). CAP will perform a home energy efficiency assessment and then install cost effective measures up to a certain value. The program is now budgeted at \$2 million a year and is scheduled to expand in size. It is probable that very few villages are aware of this program. Ellis Jacobs stated that CAP may be willing to coordinate weatherization activities in YS with any broader energy efficiency program that YS would set up. He frequently represents CAP in utility cases and would be glad to make introductions whenever appropriate.

#### **Load Management – Interruptible Circuits**

- AMP-Ohio offers a load management program to its member community. This program involves the installation of radio controlled switches on the utility customer's air conditioning units or electric water heaters to turn off the condensers, resulting in a load reduction. The fans continue to run during cycling. Typical programs cycle the units off for up to 15 minutes on the hour during times of high peak load events during the summer months. This can be an effective program to help the village alleviate the number or frequency of "brown outs" currently experienced in the summer due to exceeding peak load capacity on electric transmission lines. The Village can contract with AMP-Ohio for this service and customers could enroll in such a program voluntarily or the village could provide a rate incentive to encourage participation.

#### **Building Code "above code" requirements:**

- The village could consider an above code requirement for new construction involving heating, cooling, appliance and insulation standards. Incorporating "Energy Star" and USGBC "LEED" programs could have significant impacts.

### **Approaches to Comprehensive EEC Programs**

There are several approaches to defining and implementing a comprehensive EE & Conservation Program. The first is a completely community based program which uses resources within the community to develop and implement programs. The second approach is to utilize the services of AMP-Ohio who recently contracted with Vermont Energy Investment Corporation to develop an EE & C Program for its member community. A third approach is to hire consulting firm (such as VEIC) to design a program for the village. And finally, a fourth approach is to hire a design, build, and install performance contractor who will work mostly with the utility to identify efficiency opportunities within the village infrastructure and recommend upgrades with a guaranteed payback.

#### **Community Based**

- The village organizes a "grass roots" effort that utilizes volunteers, local business leaders and educators to help introduce energy saving products and habits to the community. Form a volunteer audit team, for example, to perform simple energy audits for residential customers. Utilize a local community action organization to promote and or distribute energy saving products or educational materials. Use local businesses to host and promote energy conservation events or product demonstrations. Assist the schools in implementing an energy education module in their curriculum.

#### **Energy Performance Contracting**

- The ESTF met with **Ameresco**, a private energy performance contracting firm. In general, the company focuses on efficiency improvements to municipality-owned properties, including municipal buildings, schools, water treatment facilities, traffic control and lighting systems, but are capable of delivering a comprehensive energy program involving energy education, renewable generation and grant assistance. Other competitors include **Optimera, The Synergy Company, Trane and Siemens**.

#### **Private Consulting**

- **The Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (VEIC)** is a non-profit consulting firm that can provide analytic, planning, management and technical support for a comprehensive EE & C program. The VEIC is currently working with AMP-Ohio to design a program that AMP-Ohio plans to roll out to member communities in June of 2008.
- **Environmental Defense Fund**  
Pat Murphy met with James Fine, an economist with Environmental Defense Fund in San Francisco. James said EDF might volunteer some resources to aid Task force in analysis.

Below are some other resources for the Village that requires further exploration:

- **Conservation Services Corporation**
- **WECC (Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corp)**
- **Ohio Home Performance Program**
- **International Conservation Services**

#### **Utility Based**

- **Amp Ohio** has contracted with **VEIC** to develop an EE program it will later roll out to member communities by early summer. An EE portfolio is being developed comprised of possible member programs. The next phase involves forming a “pilot” group comprised of AMP-Ohio member communities. A program “menu” will be established for each participant in this group and potential penetration rates and program costs and benefits will be evaluated. Our village was suggested as a possible participant in this study by the Amp-Ohio board of directors and members of the ESTF were invited to a teleconference with the Village manager, AMP-Ohio, and the VEIC to explore this opportunity.

#### **Case Studies**

##### **Osage, Iowa**

The center piece of the Osage, Iowa conservation program is education. Osage strategically launched each initiative with ads and articles in the local media. They also produced a bi-monthly newsletter mailed out to all utility customers that detailed energy efficient techniques and local energy achievements and used them to promote new initiatives or giveaways. The village also hosted talks and formed partnerships with the local schools to promote energy education and provided teacher assistance.

Auditing was also an important element in their conservation program. Village staff performed thermal scans of building roofs, walls and interiors and sent pictures of scans to residents to show how heat loss and thermal transfer was occurring in their buildings. The village also performed blower door tests for residents and free energy audits for local industrial and commercial accounts.

New construction standards were implemented specifying a minimum r-value for insulation of new buildings. Non-compliance to this new standard meant no gas or electric service until standards were met.

Osage incentive programs included free weatherization materials and low flow shower heads and faucet aerators along with CFL rebates to help residents conserve energy and encourage participation.

Osage also looked inward, initiating upgrades of their utility system to minimize line losses and detect faulty currents. Street lights were upgraded as well to more energy efficient lighting. A load management program was implemented to address peak loading during summer months through the installation of interruptible circuits on residential air conditioners and electric water heaters.

### **Ohio Energy Smart Communities**

In 2001, Governor Taft initiated the "Energy Smart Community Challenge". This program recognized communities who made commitments to comprehensive energy efficiency programs and renewable energy strategies. A few of these communities are members of the Amp-Ohio network. These include Bowling Green, The City of Westerville and The City of Oberlin.

**Bowling Green's** energy program is focused on developing a diverse, clean power portfolio. Approximately 20% of electricity used by local consumers is generated from sustainable resources. This portfolio includes solar, wind, landfill gas and hydro with plans to expand wind and hydro capacity. Two elementary schools have 1kw grid connected solar panels and a solar education program. The project was made possible by the Foundation for Environmental Education and a grant from the Ohio Department of Development Office of Energy Efficiency and with revenue from the City's "Green Power" program. Additionally, the Ohio Energy Project (OEP) is providing in-kind contributions in the form of teacher training as a part of the Energy Smart School Program. A load management program is also deployed in Bowling Green and they are developing consumer programs on energy conservation and efficiency.

**The City of Westerville** has an on-line tool called "Energy Depot" where customers can perform a comprehensive on-line energy audit. An "Energy Calculator" is featured to help users determine the approximate energy consumption and costs for home appliances. The web-site has helpful "tips" to educate customers on conservation and energy efficiency. The Westerville School District has an energy education program that is funded in part by the Westerville

Electric Division and instructional materials and assistance is provided by the Ohio Energy Project. Like Bowling Green, Westerville also has solar panels installed at local elementary schools and solar education program.

**The City of Oberlin** partners with Oberlin College Students and local business to distribute Energy and Water Conservation kits to local residents. The local hardware stores provide the kits at a 50% discount (\$27.00) and the students install the packages for free. The conservation kits include a water heater blanket, CFL, low flow shower heads, two faucet aerators, toilet tank dams, leak detector tablets and an energy conservation booklet. Oberlin College has one of Ohio's largest solar installations (60kw) providing 53% of the Lewis Center building energy demands. The college has installed a comprehensive energy and water monitoring system in all its dormitories that will provide real-time feedback that allows students to better conserve resources. A competition between dormitories is held to see which dormitory can reduce its consumption the most.

**APPENDIX C**  
**Resolution Authorizing the ESTF**

**VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS**  
**RESOLUTION #2007-16**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF AN ELECTRICAL SYSTEM TASK FORCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS.**

**Whereas,** Council has concerns with the current condition and capabilities of the Village-owned electrical system; and

**Whereas,** along with anticipated residential and commercial growth, the need to consider options to address current and future concerns must begin now; and

**Whereas,** Council would also like to address concerns regarding the global environment and the need to reduce CO2 emissions and consumptions; and

**Whereas,** Council would create an Electrical System Task Force to address these concerns.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:**

**Section 1.** The Electric System Task Force is an ad hoc committee of the Yellow Springs Village Council. Its first order of business shall be to choose a Chair Person whose responsibilities include presiding over the meetings, and reporting the findings of the Task Force. If the Chair is not able to fulfill their responsibilities, the Task Force shall choose an alternate to stand in for the Chair.

**Section 2.** The Electrical System Task Force shall begin its work within 30 days of Council approval of its makeup and charge. A report of findings to Village Council and the community will be made in two parts. A report on Phase 1 will be made 90 days from the start of the Task Force work, and a report on Phase 2 will be made in an additional 90 days.

**Section 3.** The membership of this Task Force is as follows:

Benji Maruyama, Materials Engineer  
Steve Conn, Environmental Commission, Professor of History, OSU  
Roy Eastman, Owner Electroshield, former Village Council member  
Richard Zopf, Miami Township Planner  
Carol Gasho, Community Resources  
Pat Murphy, Community Solution  
David Heckler, Former Village Manager  
Paul Abendroth, Retired Systems Engineer with Electrical degree  
Reggie Stratton, Antioch Company  
Bob Brecha, PhD. Physics, UD. Resource person for energy conservation; not a  
task force member.

**Section 4.** For a more comprehensive outline of the duties of this Task Force, the reporting content and the resources available, please see the attached memo.

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Karen Wintrow, Vice President of Council

Passed: June 4, 2007

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deborah Benning, Clerk of Council

**ROLL CALL**

Karen Wintrow \_\_Y\_\_      Bruce Rickenbach Absent      Judith Hempfling \_\_Y\_\_

Kathryn Chase \_\_NO\_\_      Kathryn Van der Heiden \_\_Y\_\_





## Village Electric Usage by Class in KWH






	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Residential	13155760	14165796	13468781	13802378	14692114	13566555
General Service	7937302	8528645	8455663	7454140	7382797	6786348
Large Power	20051740	18810080	15000500	15756880	14355920	13472100
Total	40,275,869	40,797,076	36,924,944	37,013,398	36,430,831	33,825,003
Change from Previous		1.3%	-9.5%	0.2%	-1.6%	-7.2%
Peak (Top Hour Interval)	9919	9951	8513	8201	9036	9057
Change from Previous		0.32%	-14.45%	-3.66%	10.18%	0.23%
Cumulative Cooling Degree Day Units	900	1272	687	771	1075	860
Year/Year Pct change		41%	-85%	11%	39%	-25%
Correlation total to CDD		0.491516979				
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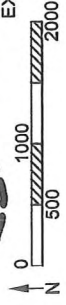
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# VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS




## URBAN SERVICE BOUNDARY\*

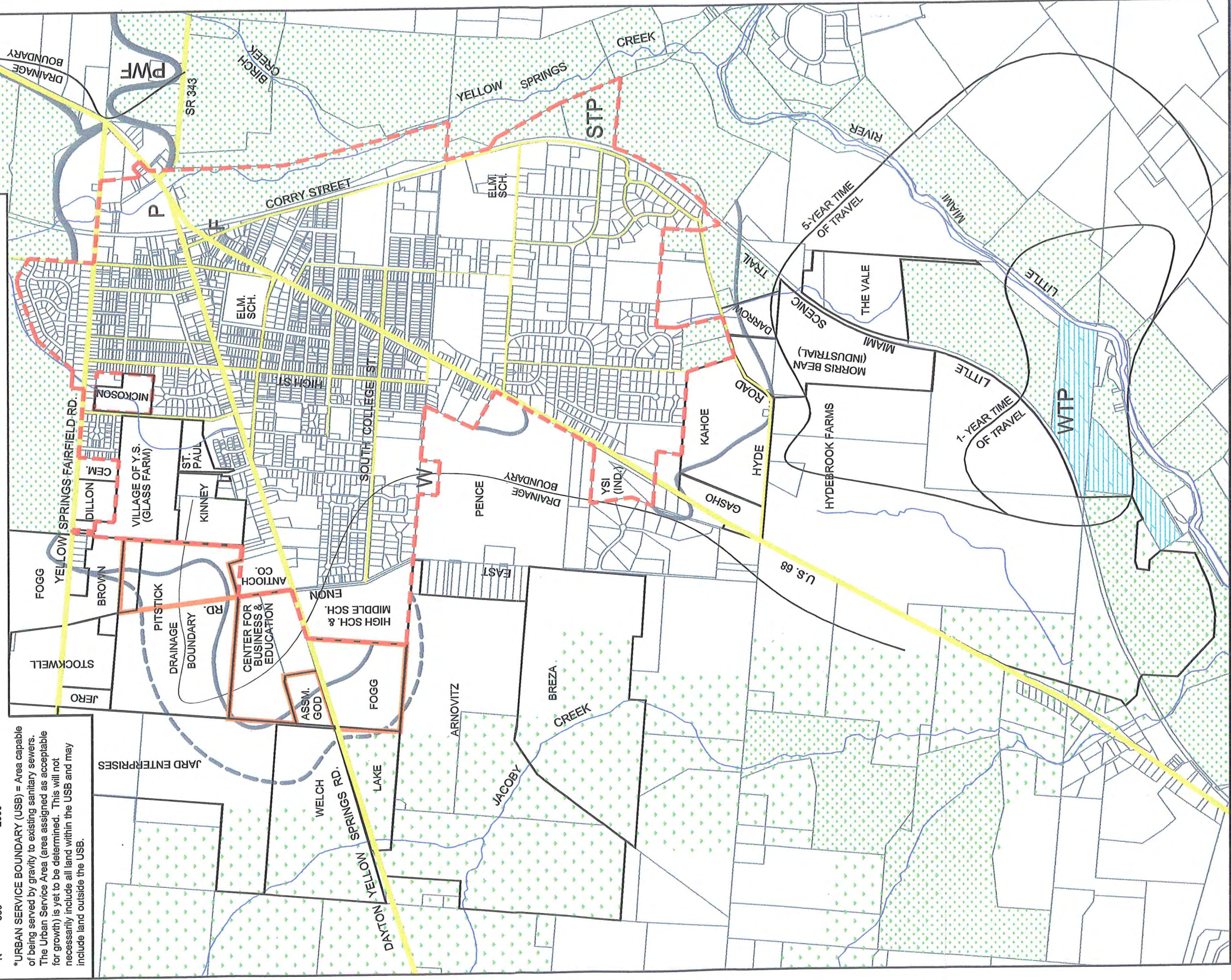
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-  EXISTING VILLAGE LIMITS
-  THOROUGHFARE PLAN
-  COOPERATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA
-  APPROX. LIMITS OF SERVICE TO EXISTING SEWERS BY GRAVITY (CONSERVATION AREAS EXCLUDED)
-  APPROX. LIMIT WHEN 15" DAYTON ST. SEWER IS EXTENDED TO EAST ENON ROAD

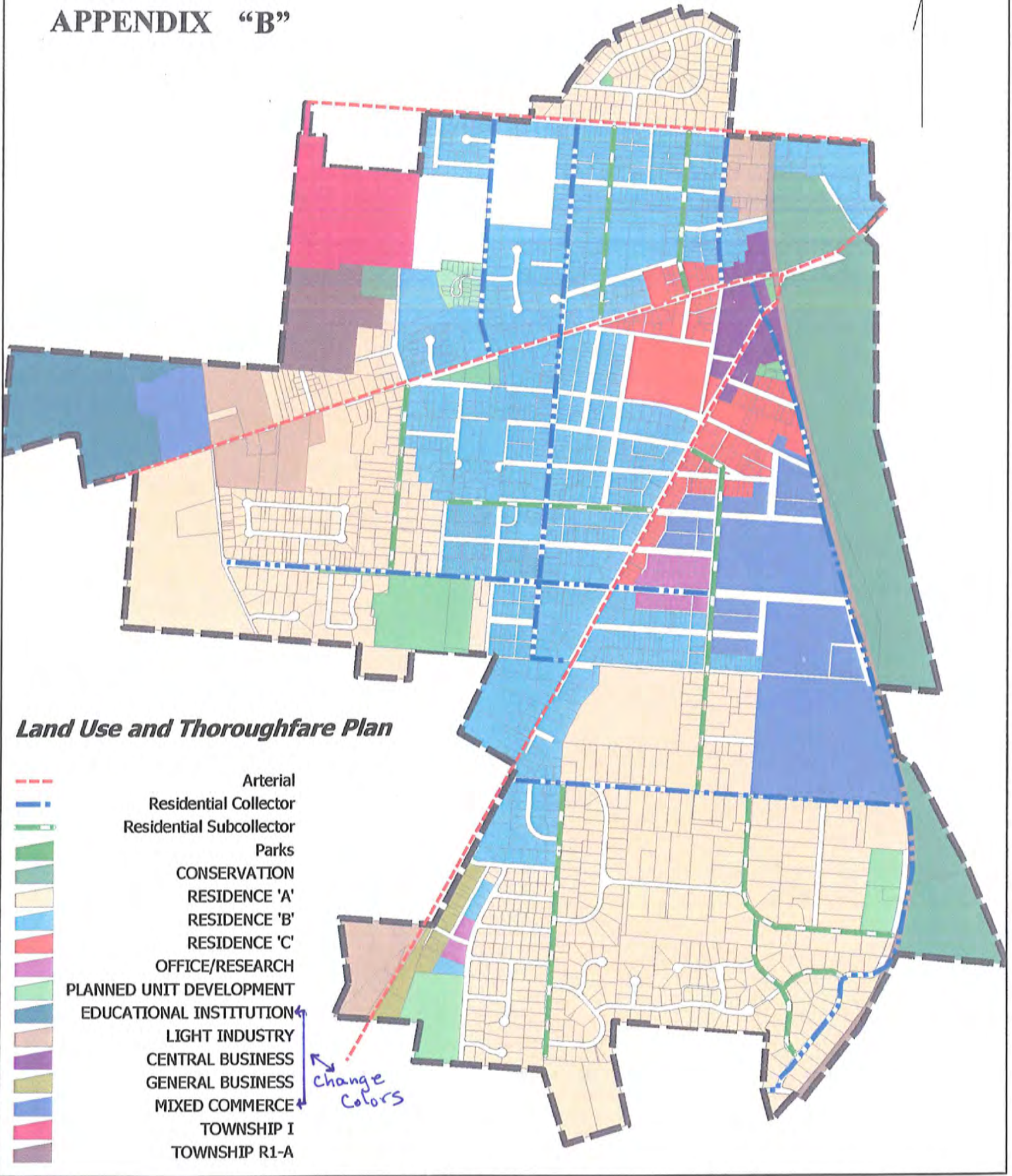


\*URBAN SERVICE BOUNDARY (USB) = Area capable of being served by gravity to existing sanitary sewers. The Urban Service Area (area assigned as acceptable for growth) is yet to be determined. This will not necessarily include all land within the USB and may include land outside the USB.

- F E.M.S. & FIRE
- P POLICE, BRYAN CENTER
- STP SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT
- PWF PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY
- W WATER STAND PIPES
- WTP WATER TREATMENT & WELL FIELD
-  EXISTING CONSERVATION AREAS
-  JACOBY GREENBELT
-  VILLAGE WELL FIELD



# APPENDIX "B"



VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS  
 100 DAYTON ST.  
 YELLOW SPRINGS OH, 45387

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 Scale: 1:14000  
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## Appendix C

### Educational Institutions

- **Antioch University**
  - **Headquarter administrative offices for University System**
- **Antioch College**
  - **The undergraduate, residential liberal arts and sciences college of the Antioch University System**
- **Antioch University McGregor**
  - **The non-residential graduate and adult degree completion programs of Antioch University**
- **The Antioch School**
  - **An independent K-6 elementary school (originally established as the "lab" school of the Antioch College Teacher's Education Program)**
- **Yellow Springs Exempted Village School District (YSEVSD), including:**
  - **Mills Lawn Elementary School (K-6)**
  - **McKinney Middle School (7&8, shares campus with High School)**
  - **Yellow Springs High School (9-12)**
- **Yellow Springs Community Children' Center**
  - **An independent child care and pre-school facility accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)**
- **Greene County Educational Services Center**
  - **Offers County-wide services such as:**
    - **Alternative programs**
    - **Home education**
    - **Gifted programs**
    - **Curriculum development and assessment**
    - **Professional Development**
    - **Mental Health Services**
    - **Therapy Services**
    - **Special needs classrooms**
    - **Parent programs**
    - **Alcohol and Drug-Free Services**
    - **Retired Teacher's Association**
- **The Miami Valley Educational Computer Association (MVECA)**
  - **Provides computer services to 24 school districts in Clark, Clinton, Greene, Highland, Fayette and Madison Counties**

- **Proximity to other educational institutions including, but not limited to:**
  - **Greene County Career Center**
  - **Wright State University**
  - **Central State University**
  - **Wilberforce University**
  - **Wittenberg University**
  - **Clark State Community College**
  - **Sinclair Community College**
  - **University of Dayton**
  - **Air Force Institute of Technology**
  - **United Theological Seminary**
  
- **Local entities that teach, among other things**
  - **Yoga**
  - **Dance**
  - **Pottery**
  - **Art**
  - **Music**
  - *Martial Arts*

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**VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS  
PARKS & RECREATION  
MASTER PLAN**

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**VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS  
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
MASTER PLAN**

### **History and Background**

Historically, planning for the Village's park and recreational needs has been included as a component of the Village's comprehensive plan. Prior to the mid-1960s, the Village government owned very few parklands and ran virtually no programs for recreational activities. A Recreation Advisory Board was established by Village Council in 1958. Its stated purpose was to help prepare plans and programs for parks/recreation and advise Council on ways to respond to the community needs. Around 1974, the Board was re-named the Community Activities Board. The Board's charge was to define the recreations, cultural and leisure time needs of Village residents and provide policy guidance to the Village Council to address those needs. The Board was in existence until 1990, when it was disbanded by action of Village Council. The sentiment at that time was that the Parks and Recreation Department was operating and maintaining the Village's recreational resources sufficiently and, with no programs to oversee, the Board was not needed.

For about the last twenty years, the Village's position and support regarding parks and recreation has focused, almost exclusively, on providing physical facilities only. Prior to that time, programs were a major function of the department. At a point in the late 1970's, the Council decided that the Department needed to reduce its operation and, consequently, its budget. Following that downsizing, the Village government focused on maintaining and operating the existing parks system and providing some minimal support to volunteer efforts at programming. The Department has continued some annual traditions such as the Kings Island trip and a few organized skating parties for the community. During 1997, a volunteer group gathered to organize recreational events for local youth. This group sponsored a few events with the assistance of the Village's Parks and Recreation Department. The future of this interest and effort is unknown at this time.

### **Past Planning Efforts**

Throughout the years, various parks have received differing degrees of attention based on their role in the larger community picture. A significant investment has been given to Gaunt Park with an emphasis on creating active recreational facilities. The same is true of the John Bryan Community Center which has evolved from near abandonment to the present government offices/recreational hub. Conversely, the neighborhood parks which were established within residential areas as a means of providing play areas for the surrounding neighbors, have come to serve a more passive, open space role in the community. These areas have few, if any, park amenities and basically provide an open space within residentially-developed lots.

The 1966 Comprehensive Plan for the Village indicated that Gaunt Park was the only public park in the Village. At that time, what is now known as Ellis Pond/Park was still considered the former well field but was available for recreational needs. Also at that time, the Mills Lawn School property, the Glen Helen and the John Bryan State Park were seen as adequately serving community residents for recreational purposes. The 1966 Plan identified a need for neighborhood parks that would serve the active and passive recreational needs of local areas/neighborhoods.

The 1977 Village Plan recognized the addition of various neighborhood parks to the Village's inventory and noted that, in most areas of the Village, parkland is less than one-half mile away. The absence of a neighborhood park south of Allen Street was also noted. To support and encourage this continued enhancement provided by neighborhood parks, the Plan suggested the reservation of land for parks in conjunction with residential development.

4. a general increase in stakeholder involvement (i.e. local adopt-a-park programs/volunteerism, stewardship, etc.)

5. changing trends in recreational activities and the required support facilities

It is also important to look at the Village's parks and recreation system and how it weaves in with similar facilities that serve the larger region. It is particularly important, here in the Village, to recognize the larger regional recreational interests and actions and how they influence our local parks system. The presence of the Glen Helen Ecological Institute, the Little Miami Scenic Trail, John Bryan State Park and Clifton Gorge, within our immediate surrounds sets the stage for local involvement and influence in area-wide recreational activities.

There are many components to be addressed in a comprehensive plan for parks. A vast amount of information ranging from national trends and standards to the specific interests and concerns of community members should be acknowledged and incorporated into the planning effort. The assessment and evaluation of those elements are guided by an overall purpose and tone which should be established early on in the creation of a plan. To this end the general purpose of this plan is:

1. to evaluate the present and future need for recreational facilities here in the Village;
2. to identify options in meeting the anticipated needs;
3. to evaluate the projected costs of meeting the needs;
4. to provide a guidance tool for those involved in making decisions about future park needs.

The recreational facilities within a community represent an essential infrastructure element and, therefore, should be subject to the standard procedure used to determine a minimum Level of Service (LOS) which meets the demand. Once the LOS is established, the effectiveness of the existing recreational system can be evaluated. The use of a national guideline to serve as an expression of reasonableness in the delivery of such service is an accepted practice in the planning field. This LOS is an expression of the essential ingredients needed to provide the level of services deemed acceptable by the various vested parties. The LOS should be practicable and achievable and should provide adequate access to facilities for all citizens.

An established LOS serves as: 1) an expression of minimum acceptable facilities for citizens; 2) a guideline to determine land requirements for parks and recreational areas and facilities; and 3) a basis for relating recreational needs to land development opportunities which results in an effective and desirable community-wide system of parks and open spaces.

The approach adopted in this plan is to assess the existing system and residents' needs and incorporate that information into a framework for the creation of a parks system that safely and adequately addresses those needs. This approach must be accompanied by a commitment to continually assess the leisure needs and interests of the community through ongoing survey and inquiry. A specific LOS is not presented within the context of this document at this time. It is felt that a standard can be established once a comprehensive needs assessment has been completed. At present, the focus is to develop and enhance the existing facilities based on perceived need.

This plan should be incorporated into the Village's comprehensive land use planning efforts and capital improvements plan, either by reference or as an appendix/attachment element. An annual review of this document should be completed by the Parks & Recreation Department staff, with input from vested parties.

The plan's focus is to establish and operate from a perspective that combines the unique resources of the community and the desires and needs of the citizenry into a successful balance. The general basis for most of suggestions presented here is the day-to-day observations of the facilities and how the community is using them. In order to fulfill the purpose of the plan, as stated above, a more formalized and consistent



completed. A new diving board and new lifeguard stands were installed at the pool in 1997. During 1996 and 1997, permanent lighting was added to each existing ballfield. Some field improvement work, new backstops and fencing, was also completed. Playground equipment has recently been constructed in the front northwest area of the park.

The future for Gaunt Park is, basically, a continuation of its role as the focal point for the active recreational needs of the community and, to a manageable sense, the larger region. The location meets the standard criteria for a community park and no immediate expansion is recommended at this time. From a longer range (10-15 years) view, any expansion plans should consider the incorporation of the adjacent land to the south of the existing ballfields and east of the water tower area park. Presently, this land is outside the Village corporation limits and is being actively farmed.

Anticipated additions for the next five years should include: 1) a permanent concession area to replace the present one. This would be an expansion of the existing stand. A structure that would be plumbed and have permanent electricity is recommended. If possible, restrooms should be included. 2) improvements to the designated parking area to include proper striping and curbing and a possible re-design with some minor expansion to provide for more parking. The scope and details of any expansion of the parking area will be developed with the assistance of an engineer. 3) a renovation of the swimming pool which would expand the "poolside" area and expand the pool itself to include a "zero-depth" transition area where patrons who have physical limitations and/or who are very small can be accommodated. Additional pool amenities such as fountains and playpools should also be considered. It is presumed that any expansion would occur in the concreted area presently surrounding the pool. This addition would, most likely, be relatively costly and will not be implemented until significant input from pool patrons, staff, and design professionals is obtained. Also, based on the anticipated cost, any improvements will most likely be completed in phases over several years.

The estimated cost of each of these items in order of preferred priority is as follows:

1. Permanent Concession Facility	\$30,000
2. Parking Lot Improvement	\$25,000
3. Pool Renovation	\$80,000-\$100,000

#### *Ellis Park*

This park originally operated as the Village Water Works and well field. The approximate 17-acre parcel was dedicated as a park in 1955 in recognition of Charles Herbert Ellis, a former Superintendent of Public Utilities for the Village. The focal point of this park is the 3-acre pond which came into existence when, around 1948, metal sheet pilings were driven into the ground across the existing Yellow Springs Creek. About seven years later, the pond was dredged for increased depth, the banks widened and a concrete spillway was constructed to replace the pilings. The pond has been periodically stocked with fish. Ice-skating on the pond has been allowed in the past. There is a picnic shelter near the pond which was donated by the local Girl Scouts.

In 1976, improvements were made to the dam to fix existing leaks. Minor repairs have been completed on the dam since that time. Currently, it is in dire need of redesign and replacement.

Minor improvements and enhancements have been made at the park throughout the last twenty years. A restroom facility was constructed and playground equipment, which has subsequently been removed, were two such amenities. The Yellow Springs Tree Committee has been developing various tree groves throughout the park. During the last few years, they have been working to establish an arboretum in the southwest quadrant of the park. The arboretum is dedicated to Lloyd Kennedy and the many years he gave to the Tree Committee and the community at large. Other additions during the last few years include new picnic tables at the shelter house and also scattered throughout the park. Some existing benches that surround the pond will be replaced with new benches.

### *John Bryan Community Center*

The Community Center is located on 13 acres of land which was donated to the Village in 1923 upon the death of John Bryan. Mr. Bryan's request regarding use of the property was that it be used for educational and/or recreational purposes. The existing building was built in 1929, with the stone amphitheater and an dam being constructed on the site during the 1930 as a WPA project. The building served as the district high school until 1963. It later housed grades 6-8. In 1971, it began operating as a community center with many programmed activities occurring there. A significant remodeling of the building, to better serve the various scheduled activities, was completed in 1976, with funding assistance from the Federal Housing and Urban Development Program. After many years of use strictly for recreational and community activities, the Community Center was renovated and reopened in 1993. It presently houses the Village government offices and community meeting/conference space and recreational facilities. Behind the community center and adjacent to the parking area is a paved complex that houses two tennis courts and two outdoor basketball courts. Directly adjacent to the east of that, is a toddler playground, and the pottery shop.

The property has significant physical features, the most important being the Yellow Springs Creek and its valley. The entire property is located in the floodplain of the Creek. There are also several mature hardwood trees throughout the property that are important assets to the overall setting of the Center.

The portion of this property located between the creek and Cemetery Street has been used for overflow parking. It is recommended that this area continue to be used in this manner. As has been the case in the recent past, organized events associated with the bikepath and downtown events, will be encouraged to utilize this parking area.

The Bryan Center presently serves the recreational, cultural and social needs of the local community and, oftentimes, the larger regional community. The community center itself is the focal point of these activities which fall into a general category of "leisure activities" such as arts classes, dance and martial arts instruction, as well as volleyball and basketball in the gymnasium. The 1993 renovation has created a facility that is seen as meeting those needs well into the future with anticipated improvements being those associated with the ongoing operation and maintenance of the facility.

In general, future improvements are recommended for the area outside the community center. These include the design and construction of a walking path that would link the areas at the front and back of the building. This would lead users through the picnic areas to the playground/tennis court/skatepark area and also link with the adjacent bikepath. If constructed, consideration should be given to the construction of a bridge over the creek to connect the Cemetery Street area to the Center.

Another improvement to consider is the redevelopment of the amphitheater area. Several attempts at this have been made in the past with no success. If it is determined that the community sees this as a worthwhile enhancement to the area, attention should be targeted toward the effort.

The significant physical features present on the property, specifically the creek and the "woods" could be conducive to the creation of non-consumptive wildlife recreational activities. Paths through this area which would allow bird-watching, photography and environment study should be considered. This would be similar to the facilities described for Ellis Park. Again, specific design details and associated costs would need to be pursued.

Future plans for the Bryan Center include: 1) the addition of a skatepark facility just north of the existing tennis courts pending further details on design, construction costs and ongoing maintenance obligations. At a minimum, this facility should serve as wide a range of users as possible and be relatively self-sufficient in terms of personnel demands/requirements. 2) the completion of a landscaping plan that will highlight the building and soften to asphalt parking area, as per Yellow Springs Tree Committee recommendation, February, 1995. 3) continue vegetation clearing along Xenia Avenue/Dayton Street line of property and of area between the parking lot and the adjacent bike path. 4) install a crosswalk

In a planning sense, given the importance of location, neighborhood parks should be selected while a proposed subdivision is being platted and then the designated land acquired as part of the development process.

Neighborhood input and participation in the development or improvement of these areas is essential. It is important to seek a balance between active and passive park uses, as the surrounding neighborhood desires. Active uses are intended to occur on an informal and unstructured level. Programmed activities are not intended to be accommodated at these park areas. The creation of an appealing atmosphere is also critical to the success of the park. Safety must be addressed in all design aspects.

Many of the recommendations for improvements to these parks include playground equipment. At this point in the planning stage, the area to be occupied by that activity is identified. The actual elements of the play area can involve the typical structured play equipment such as play structures and swing sets but could also include amenities such as a play fort or "treehouse" and climbing rocks. The specific desires and physical limitations will aid in determining further specifics.

#### *Hilda Rahn Park*

The park known as Rahn Park was donated to the Village in 1904 by the Grinnell family. It encompasses about 3/10 of an acre at the north end of the Village where Dayton Street intersects with Xenia Avenue. In 1976, it was officially dedicated to Hilda Rahn, who served as Clerk of Council for (years).

Historically this park has served as a space that softens the entrance into the downtown area with an emphasis on the creation of an aesthetically-pleasing space. A local group, the Friendly Gardeners, have taken great responsibility and pride in creating attractive flower beds in the park. The Yellow Springs Tree Committee has also planted several flowering trees in the park. From Spring to Fall of each year, the small space provides a distinctly soothing space within the surrounding downtown. In the last few years, a few picnic tables have been added to the park.

In 1996, the Village developed plans to construct permanent public restrooms in the park to address concerns from downtown businesses regarding the lack of such facilities in the area. With its proximity to the bikepath, a restroom facility in Rahn Park seemed appropriate. Soon after that proposal, a group of community members began pursuing the idea of recreating the train station that was once a focal point of the Village. During the last year, plans for such a facility have solidified, along with the necessary funding. This facility will house public restrooms, office space for the Yellow Springs Chamber of Commerce and some public exhibit/information space. A site plan that incorporates the Yellow Springs Station into the park has been developed by a local architect and landscape architect. That plan is incorporated into this document, by reference, as the plan for Hilda Rahn Park.

Construction of the Yellow Springs Station is planned for the Spring of 1998 with completion soon thereafter. By the end of 1998, the Station will be in full operation. Remaining site improvements, as depicted on the plan, will be completed by Spring of 1999.

Anticipated costs of these recommended improvements are as follows:

- |                                     |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Construction of Train Station    | \$185,000 |
| 2. Landscaping/ Site enhancement(s) | \$15,000  |

#### *Bill Duncan Park*

Located at the point where Limestone and Dayton Streets intersect, this park serves as a significant focal point at one entrance into the Village. Traditionally this park has functioned as an open space with some minor passive recreational facilities such as benches and picnic tables present.

In total, the park encompassed about one and one-half acres. Other than the Parks Department crew, the Yellow Springs Tree Committee has been the predominant steward of this park, planting trees on a

Anticipated costs of these recommended improvements are as follows:

1. Development of "planted area" to contain items such as ornamental grasses, prairie-type plantings, groundcovers, etc. \$5,000
2. Benches/Picnic Table(s) \$3,000

One footnote regarding this park: it needs a name. There is no identification that this is "parkland" which is owned and maintained by the Village. The surrounding neighborhood as well as the entire community should be surveyed to determine an appropriate name for this park.

#### *Fair Acres Park*

This park, which contains about three-tenths of an acre, was dedicated to the Village as part of the Fair Acres subdivision development. During the time of the dedication, the Village was requiring a percentage of the total land being developed to be dedicated for parkland or a fee paid to the Village in lieu of that dedication.

Historically, this park has been used by the surrounding neighbors for predominantly informal and unstructured activities. Youngsters would play ball there and neighbors would collect for a picnic. The park has no park amenities on the site and presently functions mostly as an open space within the neighborhood.

A 1996 neighborhood survey of Fair Acres subdivision (Gardendale, Whitehall, Northwood Drives) was completed in an effort to guide future needs for the neighborhood park. The general feeling of survey respondents was that the park area provided a welcome open space and was considered an asset to the neighborhood. There was some interest in adding park benches and picnic tables to the park to allow better use by interested neighbors. Respondents were not supportive of eliminating the park.

It is recommended that amenities to support the passive recreational use of the park be added. This should include picnic tables and park benches. If feasible, as determined by the physical allowance of the land and the genuine interest by the neighborly, a small playground area could also be developed.

The estimated cost of the recommended improvements is as follows:

1. Tables & Benches \$4,000
2. Playground Equipment \$6,000

#### *Beatty-Hughes Park*

This park was added to the Village's inventory in 1968 and was a homesite of William and Ethel Beatty. It is located on Corry Street just south of the downtown area. There are several mature trees in the park which are important assets to the overall park setting. The park encompasses about one-quarter acre of land.

This park serves and compliments the downtown area and the nearby bike trail. In the past, a playground area was included in the park. Presently there are a few benches and a drinking fountain. The fountain was donated by the Leo Hughes family, upon his passing in 1995.

Another relatively new addition to the park is located at the northwest corner and is dedicated to the memory of Deborah Sirkin, a long-time resident. The corner has been designed for plantings and finished landscape which include a park bench. A detailed plan for this area is included in Attachment "B"

It is recommended that this park continue its role as a "resting place" within the downtown area. Additional picnic tables and benches should be considered. There appears to be a small area that could support some playground equipment. That area has been designated on the site plan (Attachment "A").

In the past few years, concerns regarding the Village's youth and options available to them to occupy their free time were expressed. These concerns were connected with various events as they occurred over time - the presence of young people downtown, incidents occurring at the Youth Center, etc. Early in 1997, a group formed to attempt to address these concerns. The Youth Center Coordinating Committee was formed. The structure of the Committee was formalized to consist of four youth representatives, three adult volunteers and a Parks & Recreation staff representative. After some discussion, the Committee developed a Mission Statement: The Committee consists of adults and youth who coordinate, plan and implement programs and activities through the Youth Center to involve a maximum percentage of the community's youth. Duties were further defined to include: monthly meeting, solicit volunteers to help with projects/activities, serve as vehicle to foster youth leadership, and be available to hear topics of concern at Youth Center.

In April of 1997, the Committee and the Village Mediation Program held a Teen Training, which was held for five days for a total of eight hours. The purpose of the training was to help create a more satisfying experience for teens who used the Teen Center. This purpose was addressed by teaching those in attendance skills to more effectively resolve conflicts and solve problems and convey ways to treat people and property with respect. The sessions addressed issues such as teambuilding, resolving conflicts, managing anger, and ideas about improving the Youth Center environment.

As a result of this group's efforts, several activities were held in the Fall of 1997 for the community's youth. These included a Family Halloween Party, a hayride and story-telling at Ellis Park and a dance at the Bryan Center. There was also a partnership established with Antioch College's Bonner Scholar Program, whereby the Antioch students in the program would create and oversee activities for interested youth. One such program was held at the Youth Center over several weeks and involved drum-making.

In general, this effort was beneficial but was only an initial step in the ongoing need and concern to involve the youth of our community in positive, recreational and cultural activities. The interest and willingness of members of the community will determine the future direction of this recent effort.

#### Financial History and Future Needs

The Yellow Springs Department of Parks and Recreation is funded by Village income tax revenues. Currently, the Department is managed by the Parks and Recreation Director who oversees one full-time Maintenance Worker. Additional staff are part-time building monitors for the Bryan Center, and summer staff for the swimming pool and parks maintenance crew.

In 1972, when the Department was at its operational peak with both facilities and programs, the Village Council adopted an ordinance that restructured the Village's building permit fee to include an additional sum which went into a Park Fund and did the same in 1977 with regard to fees collecting for zoning permits involving residences. The revenue collected was to be used to acquire land for parks and other facilities. Also in 1972, the Council adopted a regulation that required any land of twenty acres or more, that was being subdivided, to include a dedication of 5% of the total acreage for parkland. In 1986, the Village Council repealed both requirements, stating that the needs for parkland had been adequately met for the foreseeable future and that this cost was seen as going against the goal of moderate, controlled housing growth.

For several years after 1986, the Parks and Recreation Department utilized the limited revenues from the local income tax to simply maintain the existing facilities with limited improvements. Annual budget information from 1994 to 1997 is further detailed in Attachment "C". Since 1995, a significant amount of revenue has been secured from grant sources of the State of Ohio. These moneys have contributed towards the purchase of the ballfield lights at Gaunt Park, the new toddler playground at the Bryan Center, the planned Yellow Springs Station along the bikepath and amenities such as picnic tables, park benches and trash containers. Two of the major funding sources for these improvements are predicted to become much less accessible with limited funds available. The Greene County GRIP Grant Program and

Xenia Ave./Allen St. park benches/ table(s)	\$3,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$146,000</b>

*1. Phase 2, with grant assistance*

<b>2000</b>	
Ellis Park Restroom	\$15,000
Bryan Center walking path	\$5,000
Gaunt Park parking lot improvements	\$25,000
Gaunt Park pool renovation	\$40,000-\$50,000 <sup>1</sup>
Fair Acres Park tables & benches	\$4,000
Fair Acres Park playground equip	\$6,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$95,000-\$105,000</b>

*1. Phase 1 upon completion of overall improvement plan*

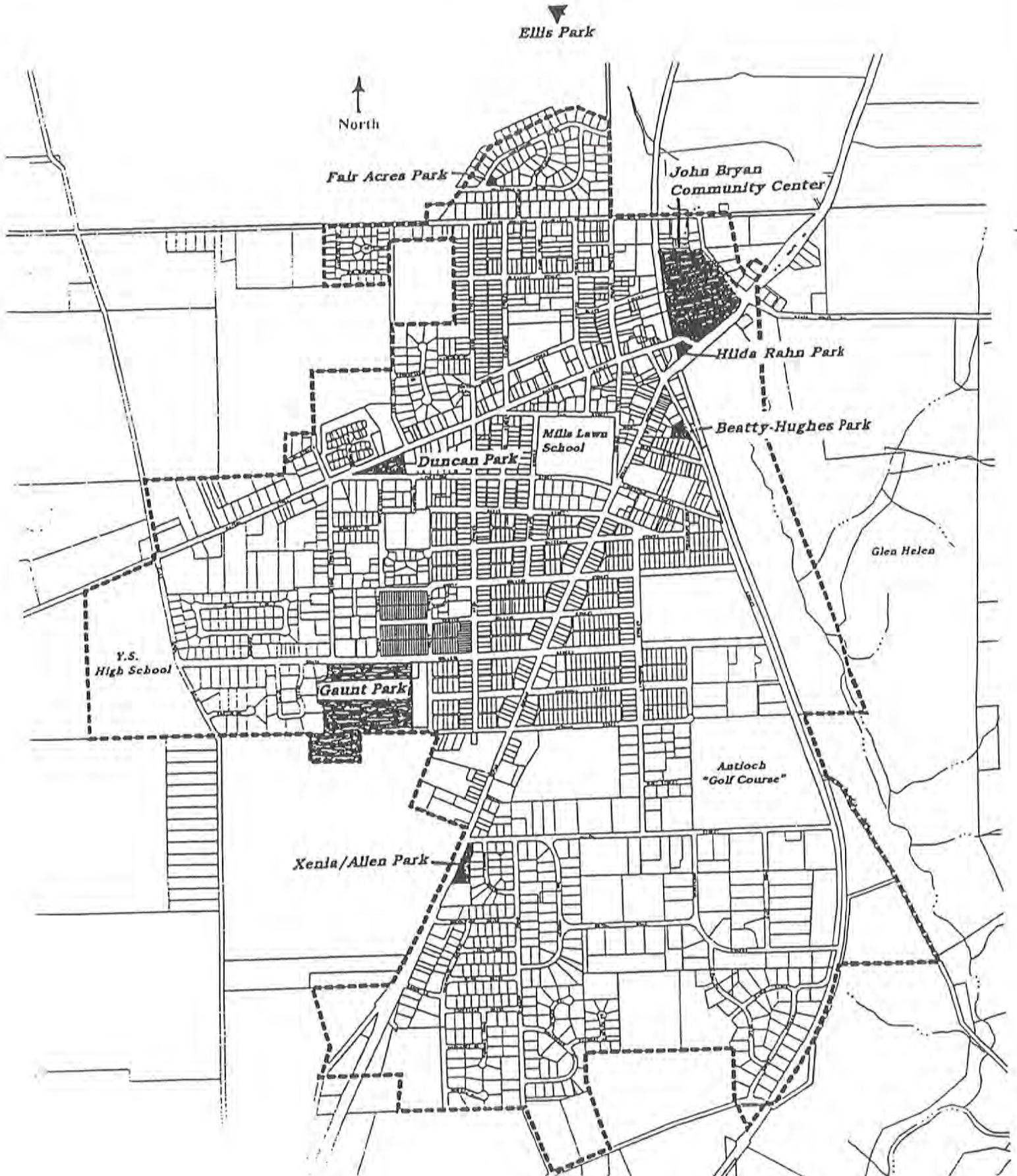
<b>2001</b>	
Gaunt Park pool renovation	\$40,000-\$50,000 <sup>1</sup>
Bryan Center walking path	\$5,000
Ellis Park walking path	\$18,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$63,000-\$73,000</b>

*1. Phase 2*

<b>2002 and Beyond</b>	
Soccer Field development	\$70,000-\$100,000
Gaunt Park expansion	\$50,000-\$90,000
New Neighborhood Park	\$30,000-\$60,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$150,000-\$250,000</b>

ATTACHMENT "A"

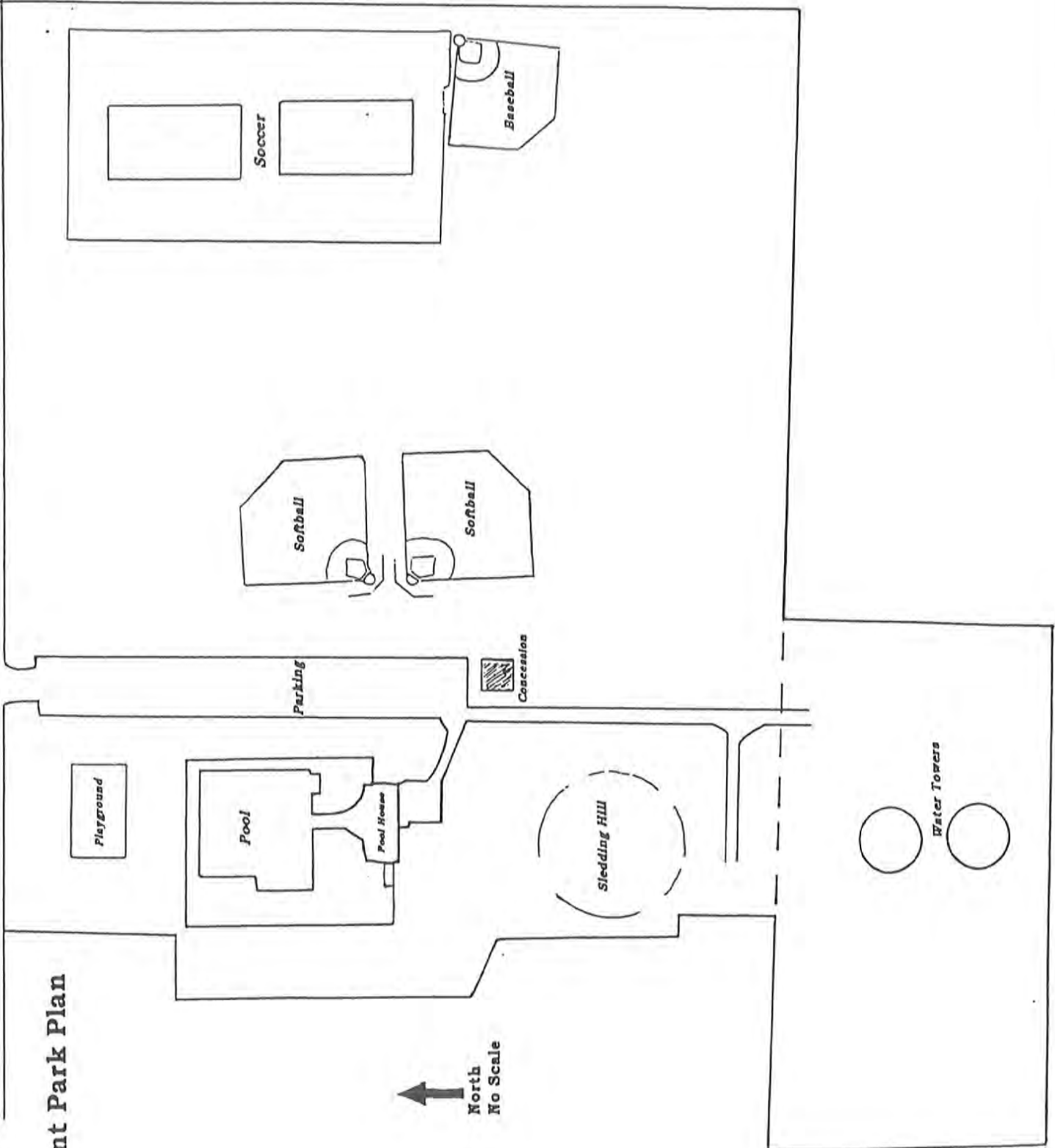
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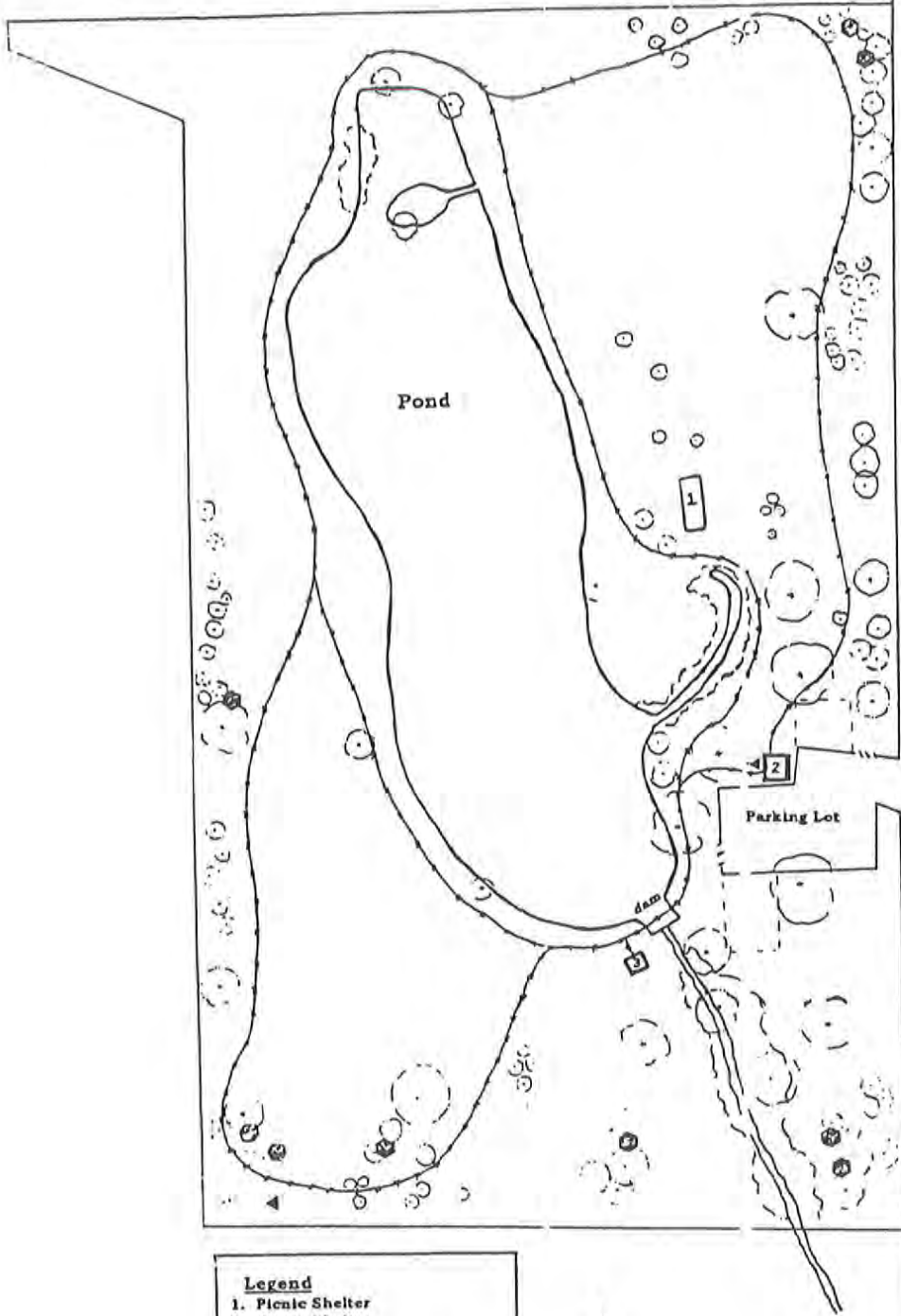
# Gaunt Park Plan

South College St.



North  
No Scale

# Ellis Park Plan



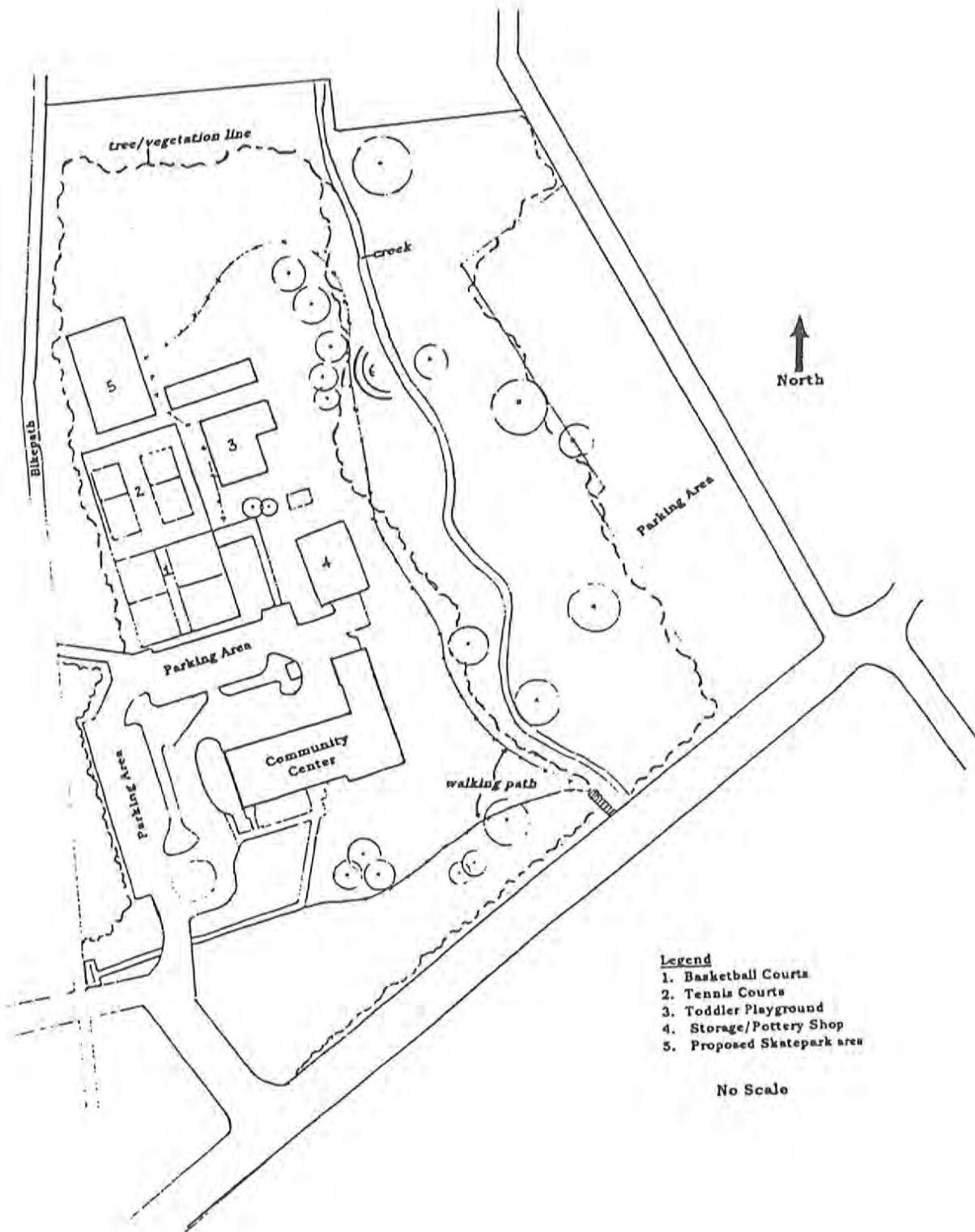
**Legend**

- 1. Picnic Shelter
- 2. Picnic Shelter
- 3. restroom
- walking path
- ▲ drinking fountain/water
- benches/tables

**NO SCALE**



# John Bryan Community Center Plan



- Legend**
- 1. Basketball Courts
  - 2. Tennis Courts
  - 3. Toddler Playground
  - 4. Storage/Pottery Shop
  - 5. Proposed Skatepark area

No Scale

Rahn Park Plan  
shown on

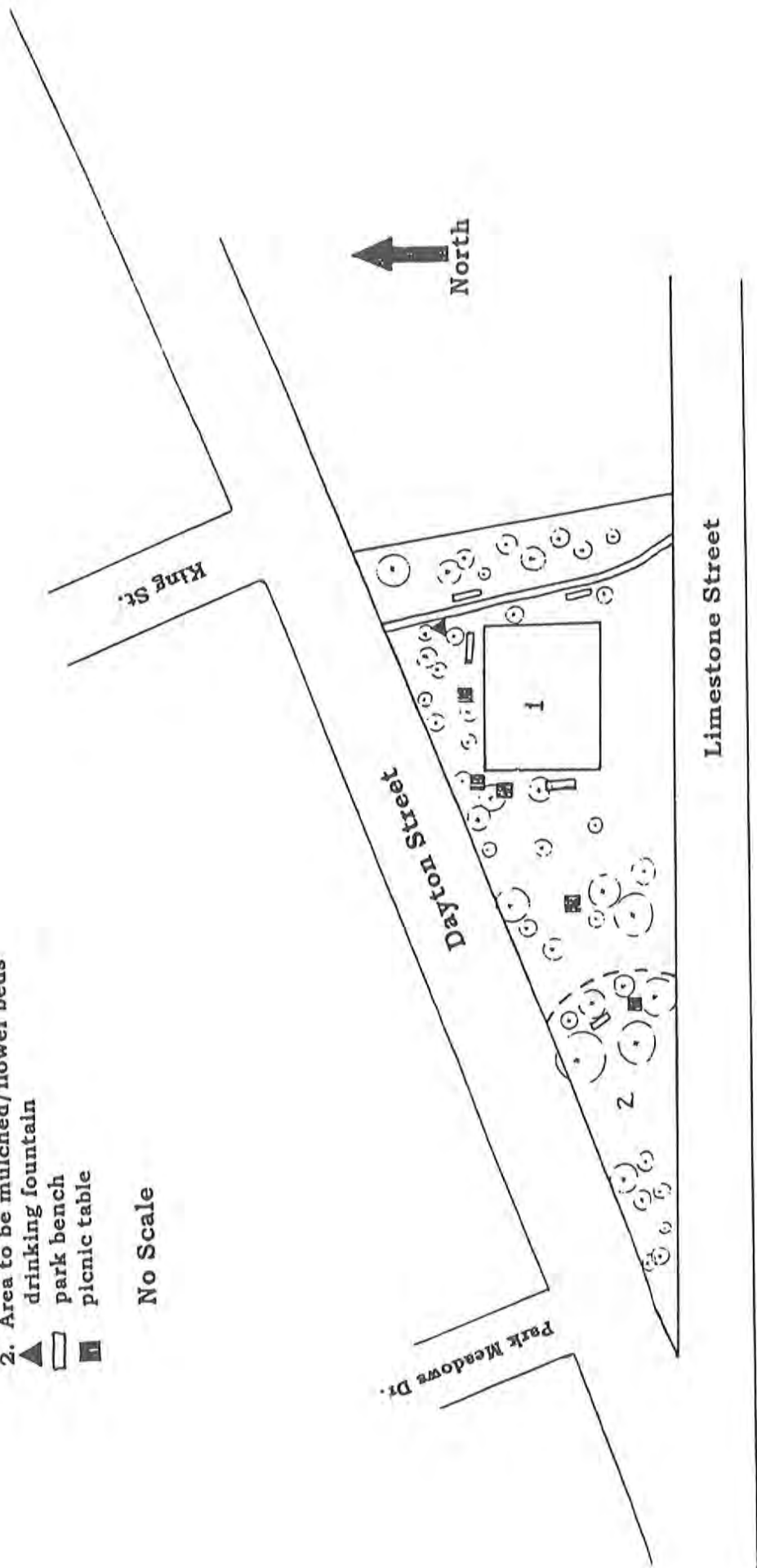
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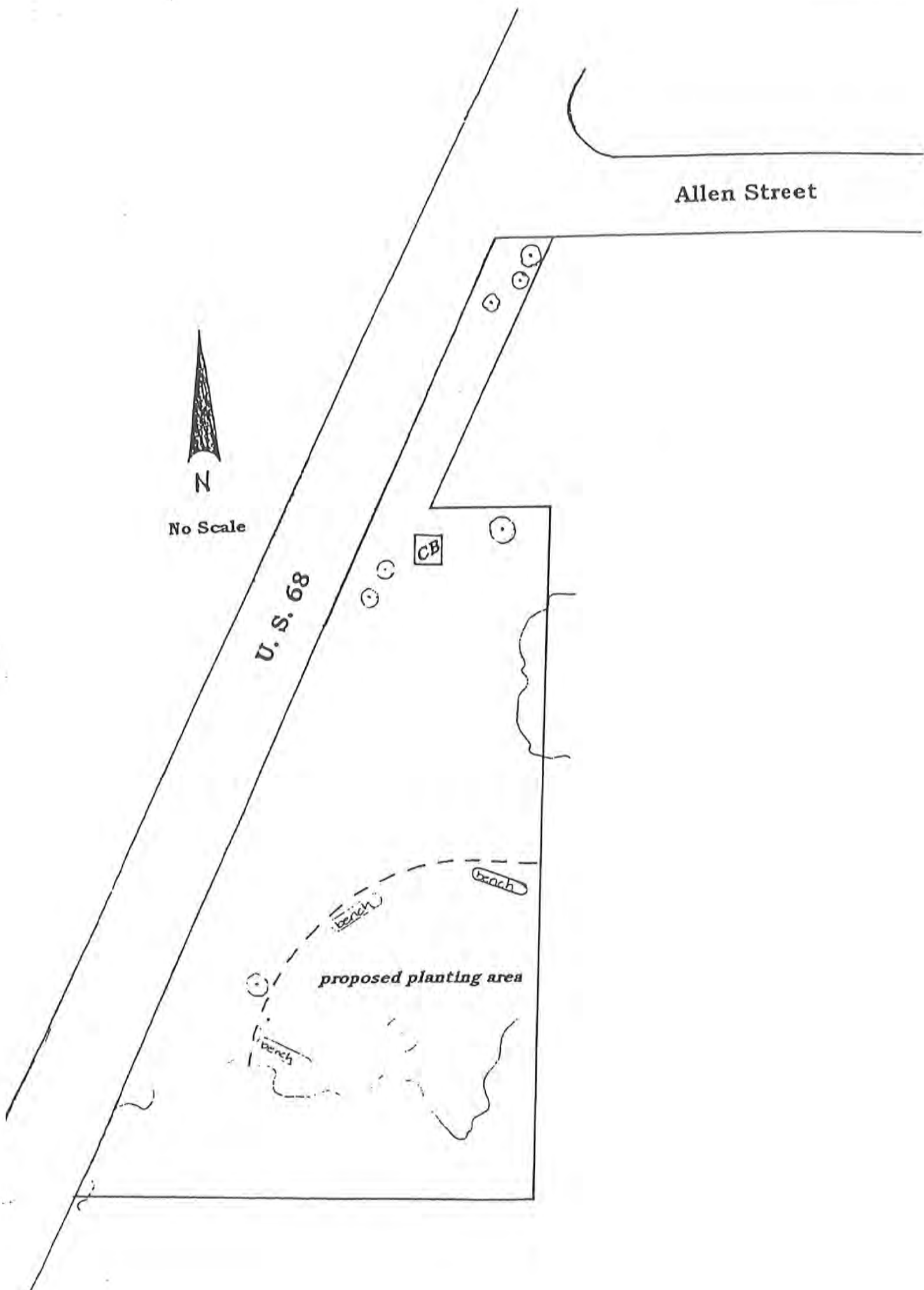
# Duncan Park Plan

## Legend

- 1. Playground
- 2. Area to be mulched/flower beds
- ▲ drinking fountain
- ▭ park bench
- picnic table

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Allen Street



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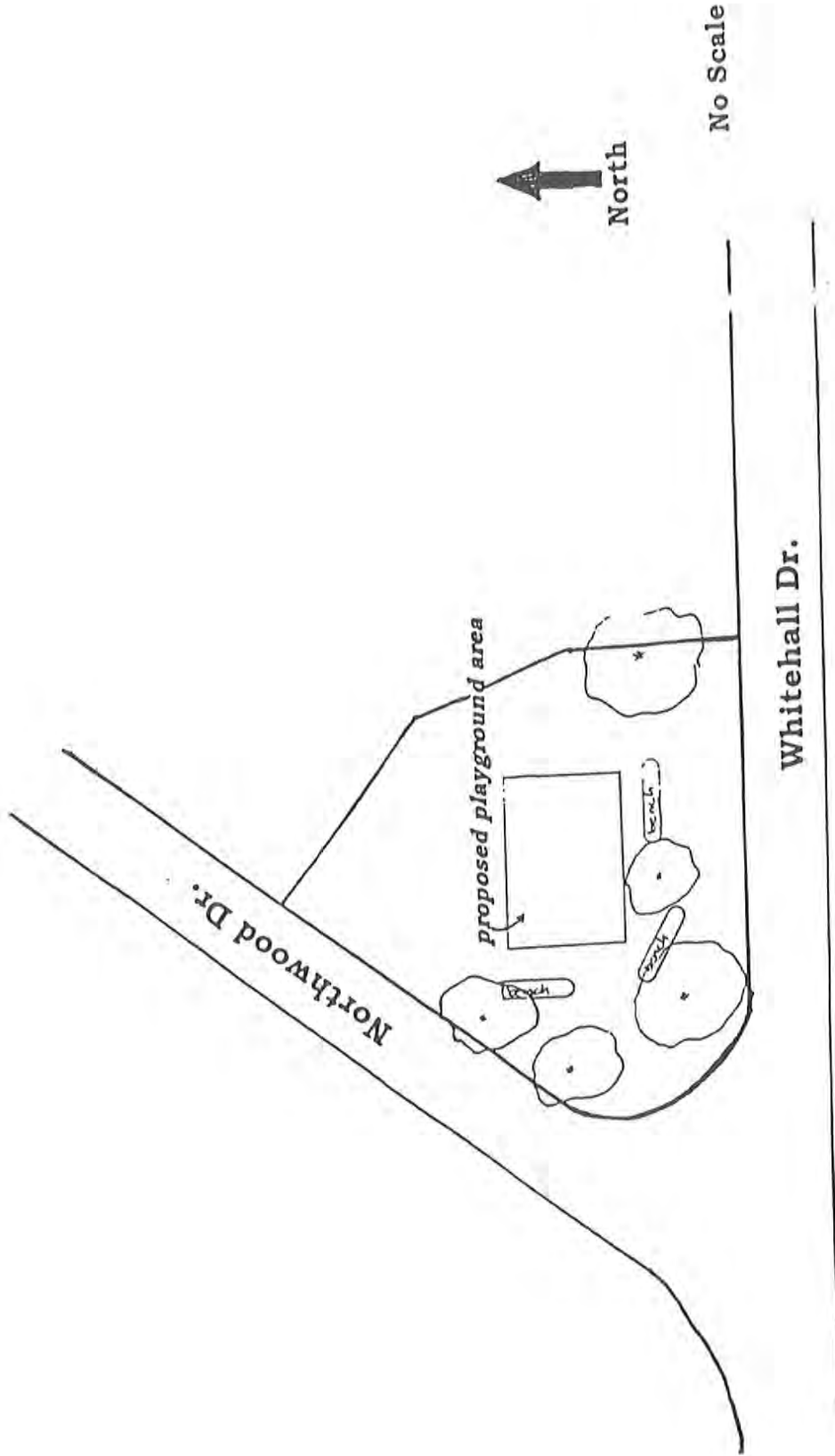
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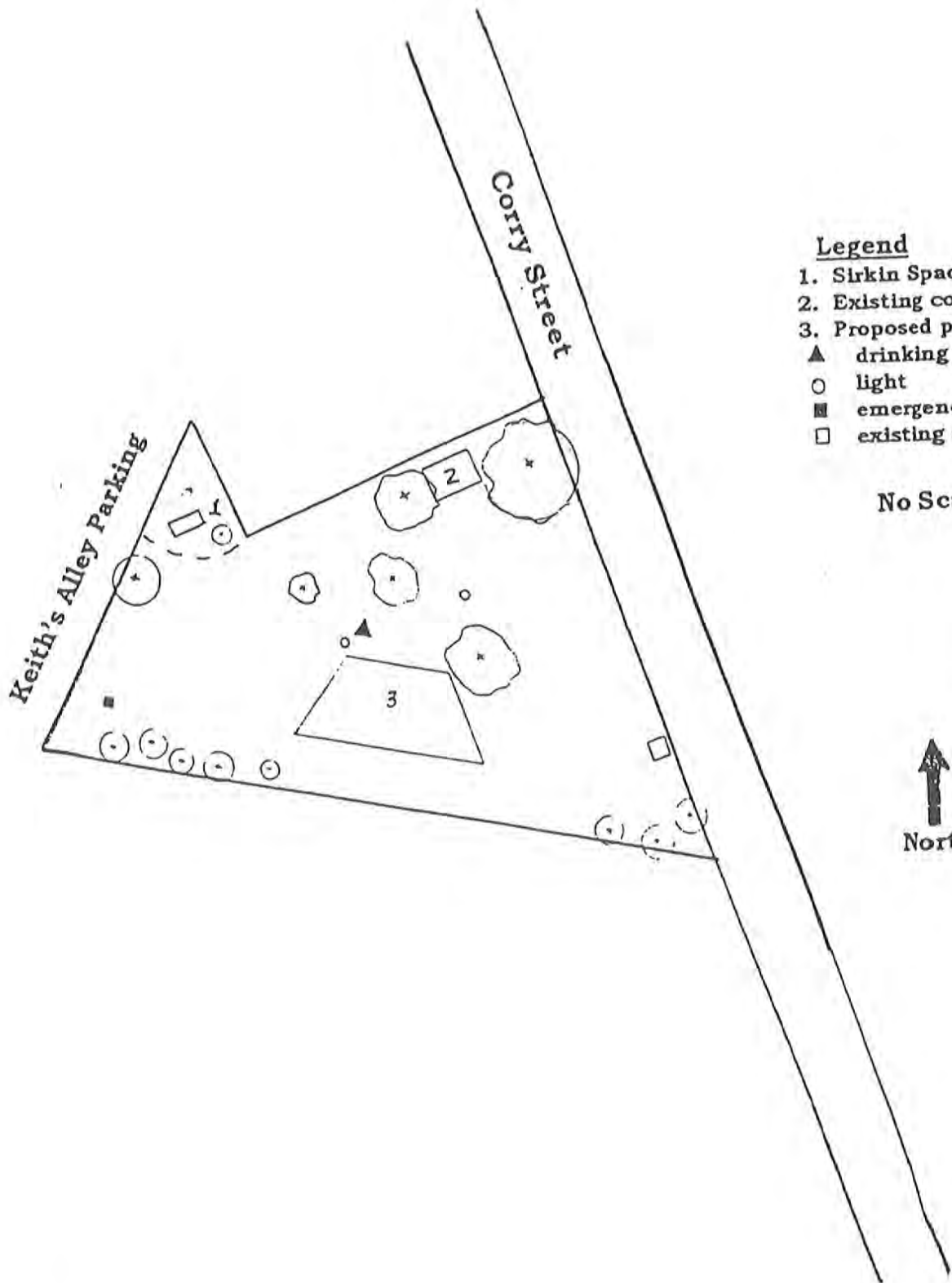
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# Fair Acres Park Plan



# Beatty-Hughes Park Plan



## Legend

- 1. Sirkin Space
- 2. Existing concrete pad
- 3. Proposed playground area
- ▲ drinking fountain
- light
- emergency alert siren
- existing stone column

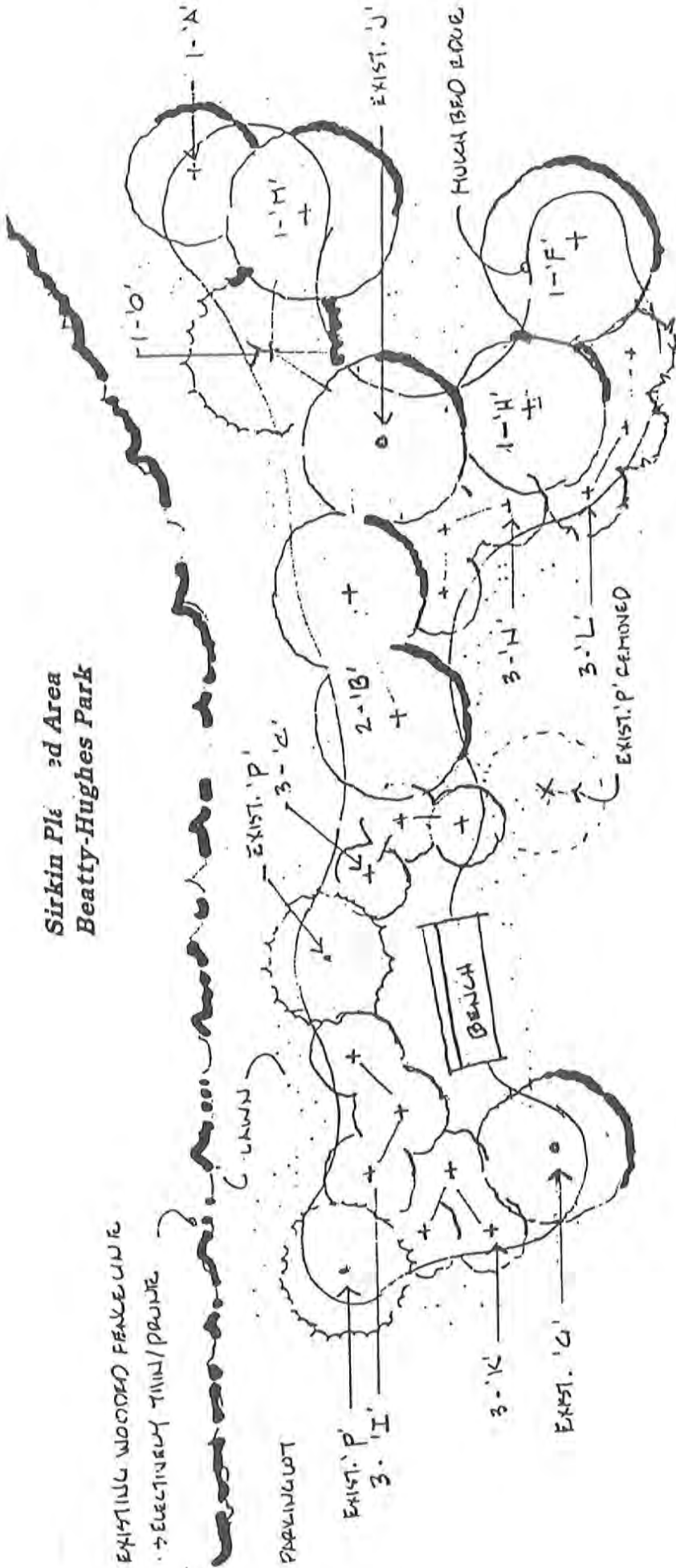
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Sirkin Pl. 3d Area  
Beatty-Hughes Park

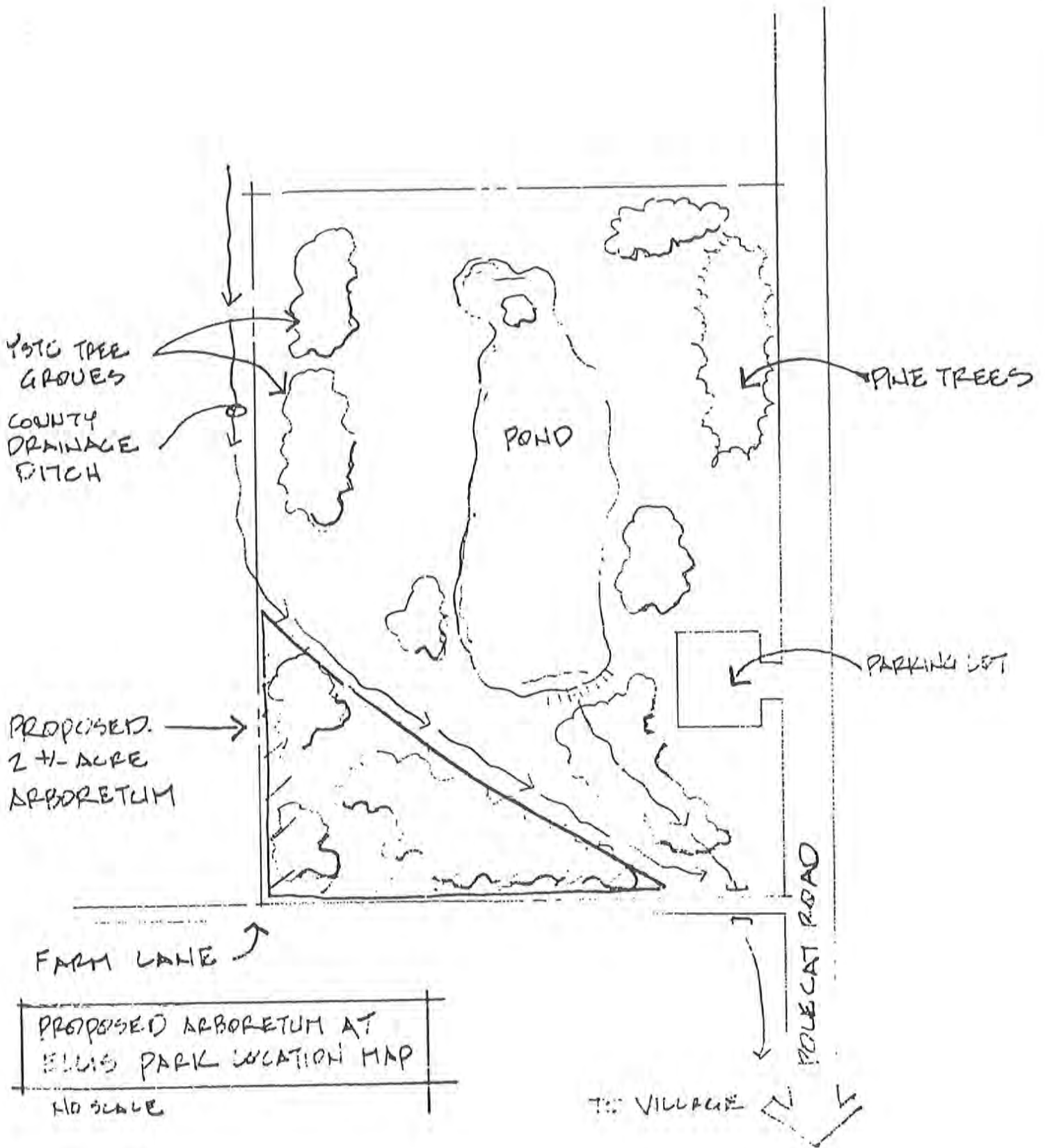


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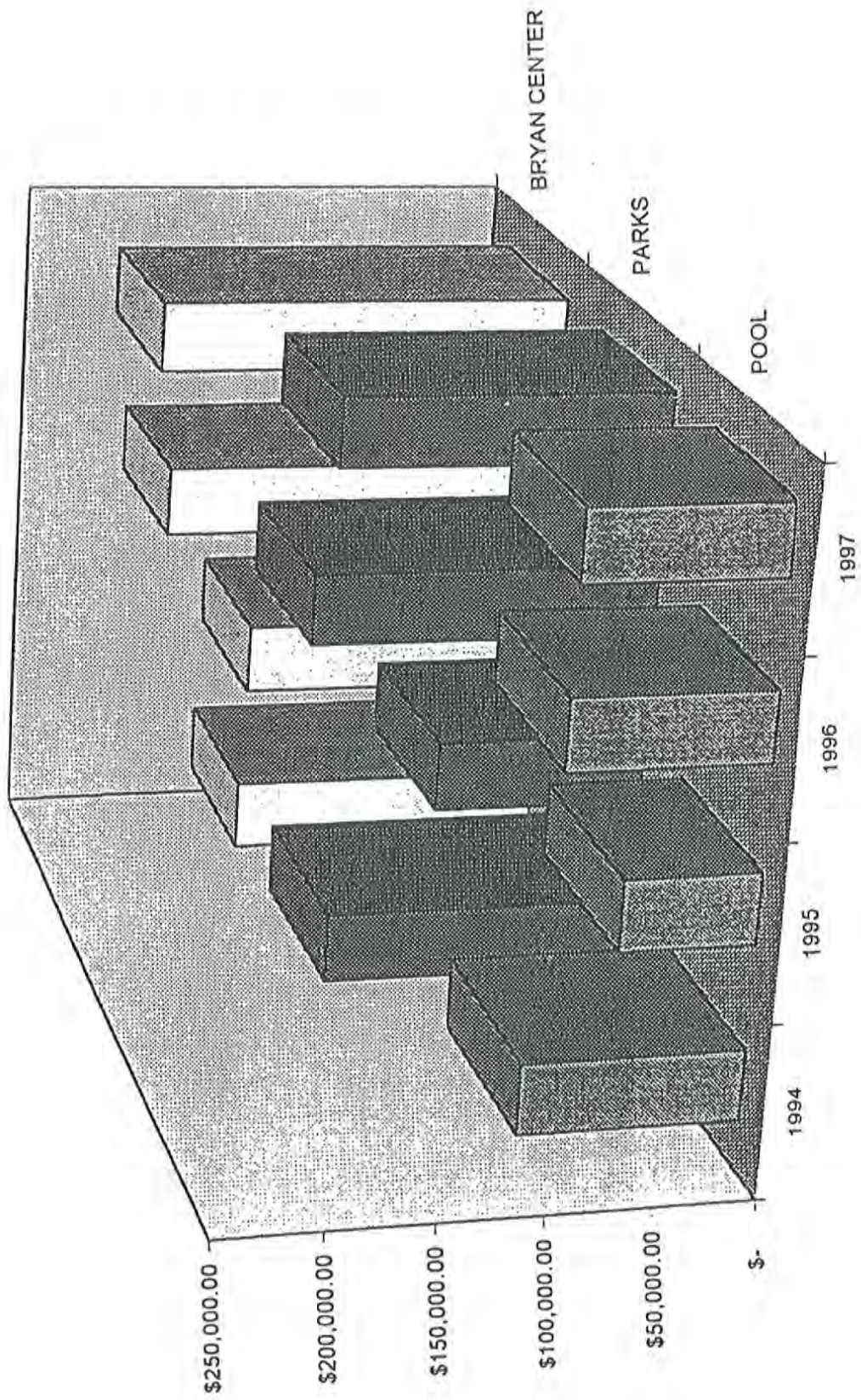
1/8" = 1'-0" 5/14/96

KEY PLANT	HT/SPD	FLOWER COLOR	WHEN
A Vernal Witch Hazel	8'	Yellow	March
B Red Bud Tree	12'	Lavender Pink	Early April
C Flowering Almond	4'	Pink	April
D Indian Magic Crabapple	15'	Red	Late April
E Selkirk Crabapple	15'+	Rose Pink	Late April
F White Dogwood	20'	White	Late April/May
G Kousa Dogwood	16'	White	Mid-May
H 'Betty' Magnolia	10'	Reddish-Purple	May
I Variegated Redtwig Dogwood	6'	White /Red stems	May
J Sweet Bay Magnolia	10'	White	Late May/June
K Oakleaf Hydrangea	4'	White	Late June/July
L Hedge Rose	6'	Pink/Red	June-Sept.
M Ivory Silk Tree Lilac	20'	White	Early July
N Blue Mist Spirea	4'	Blue tinged	August
O Japanese White Pine		evergreen	
P Arborvitae		evergreen	

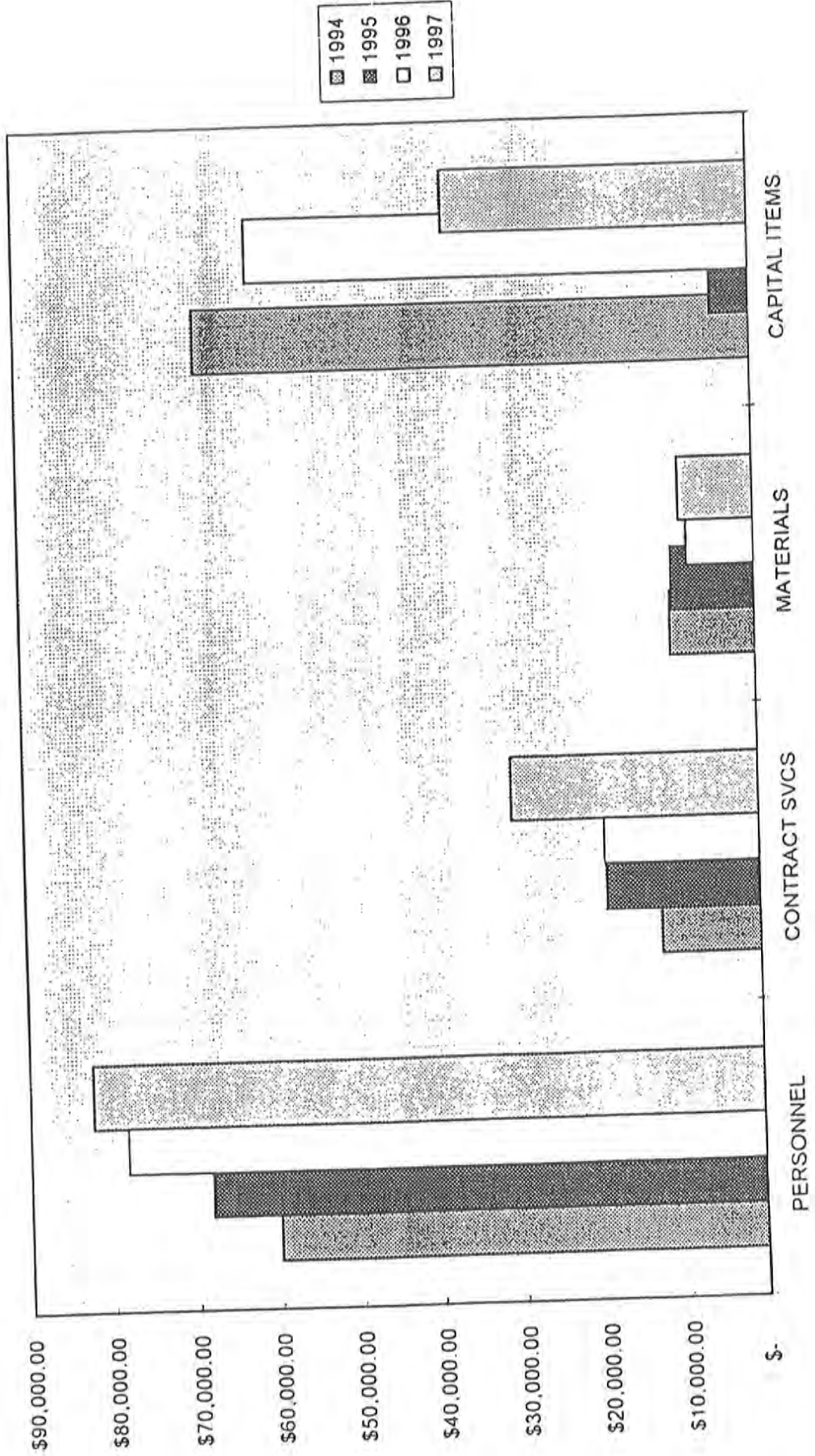


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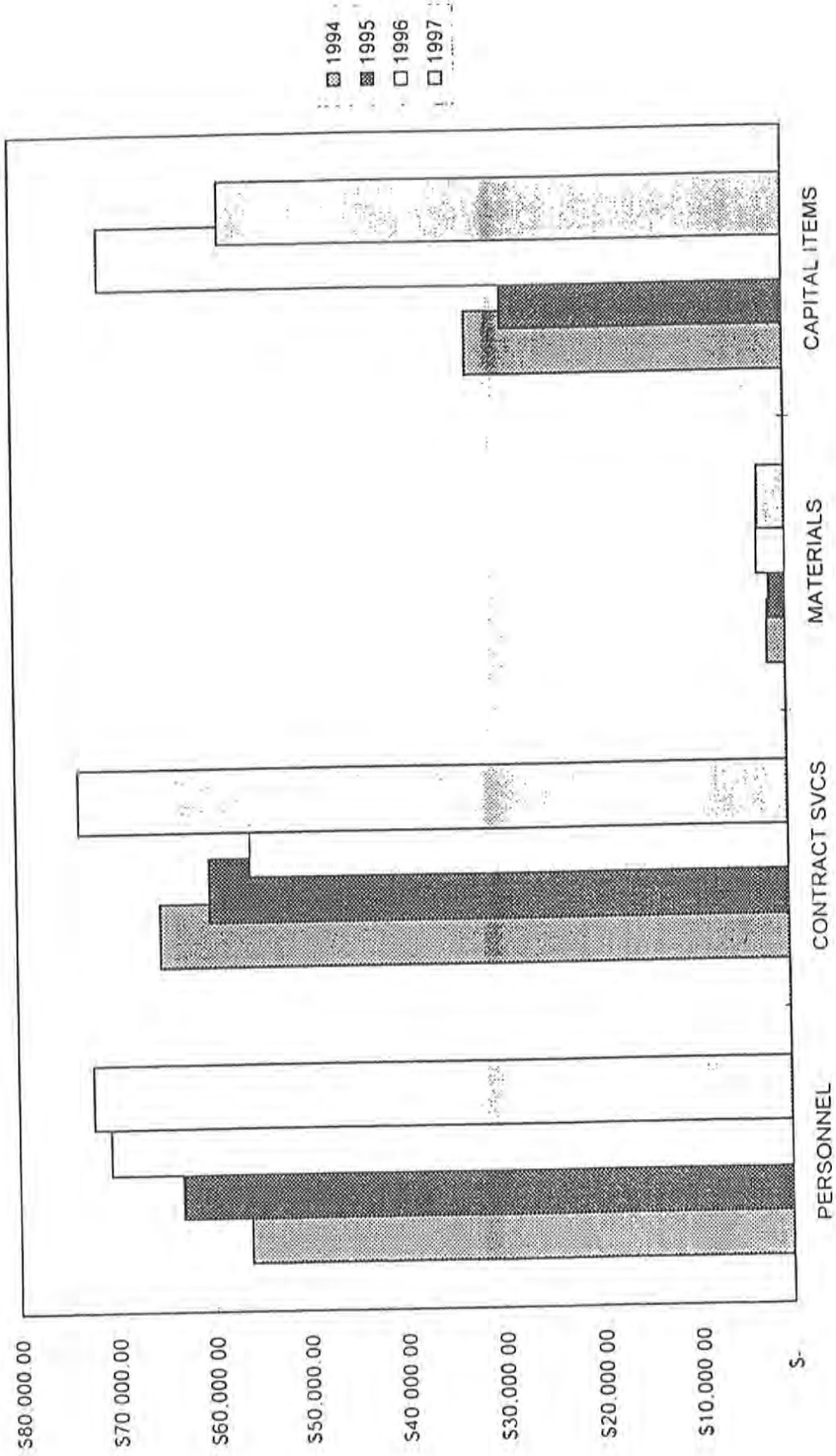
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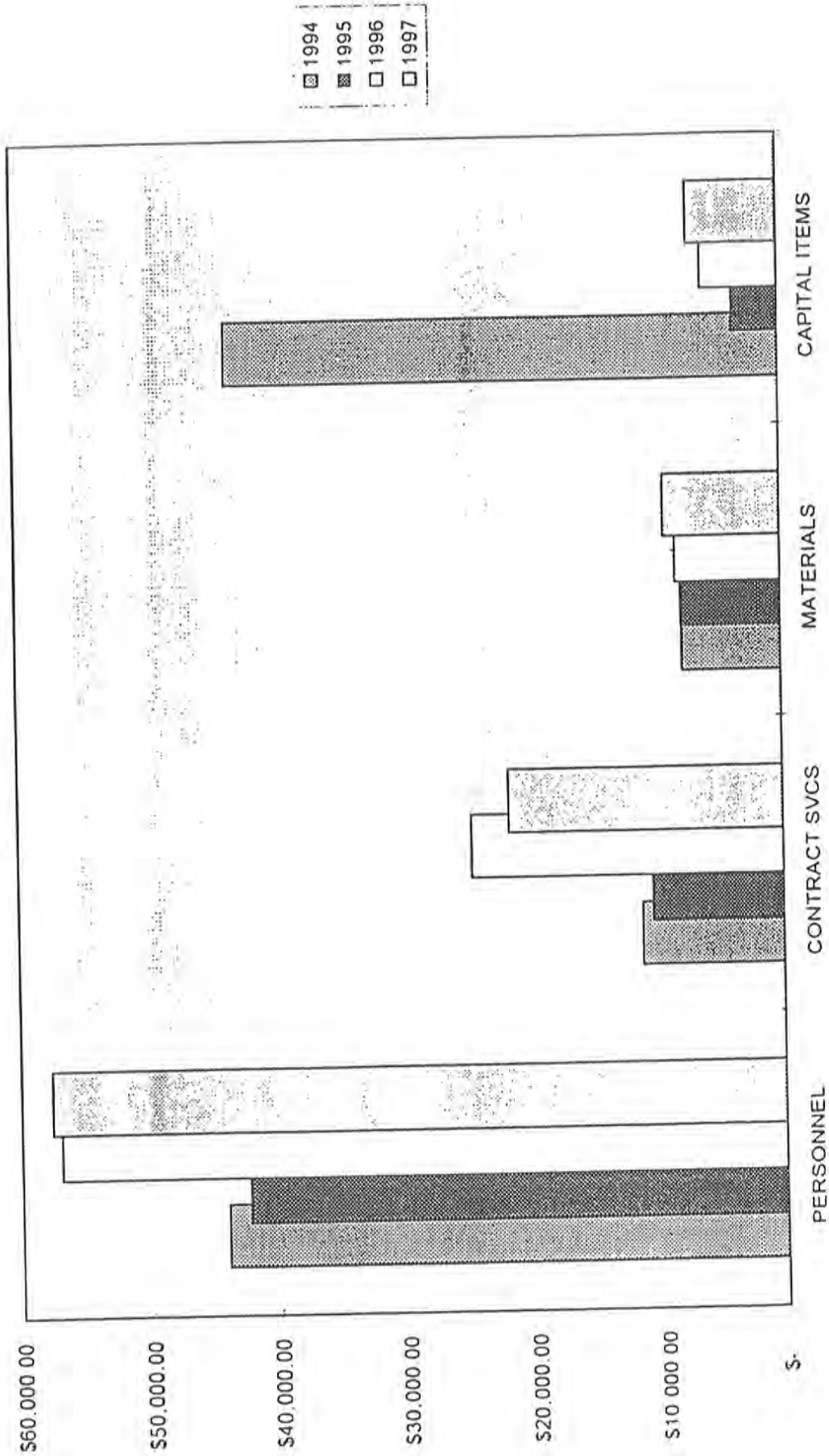
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Parks



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Bryan Center



# Cost Distribution 1994-1997 Pool



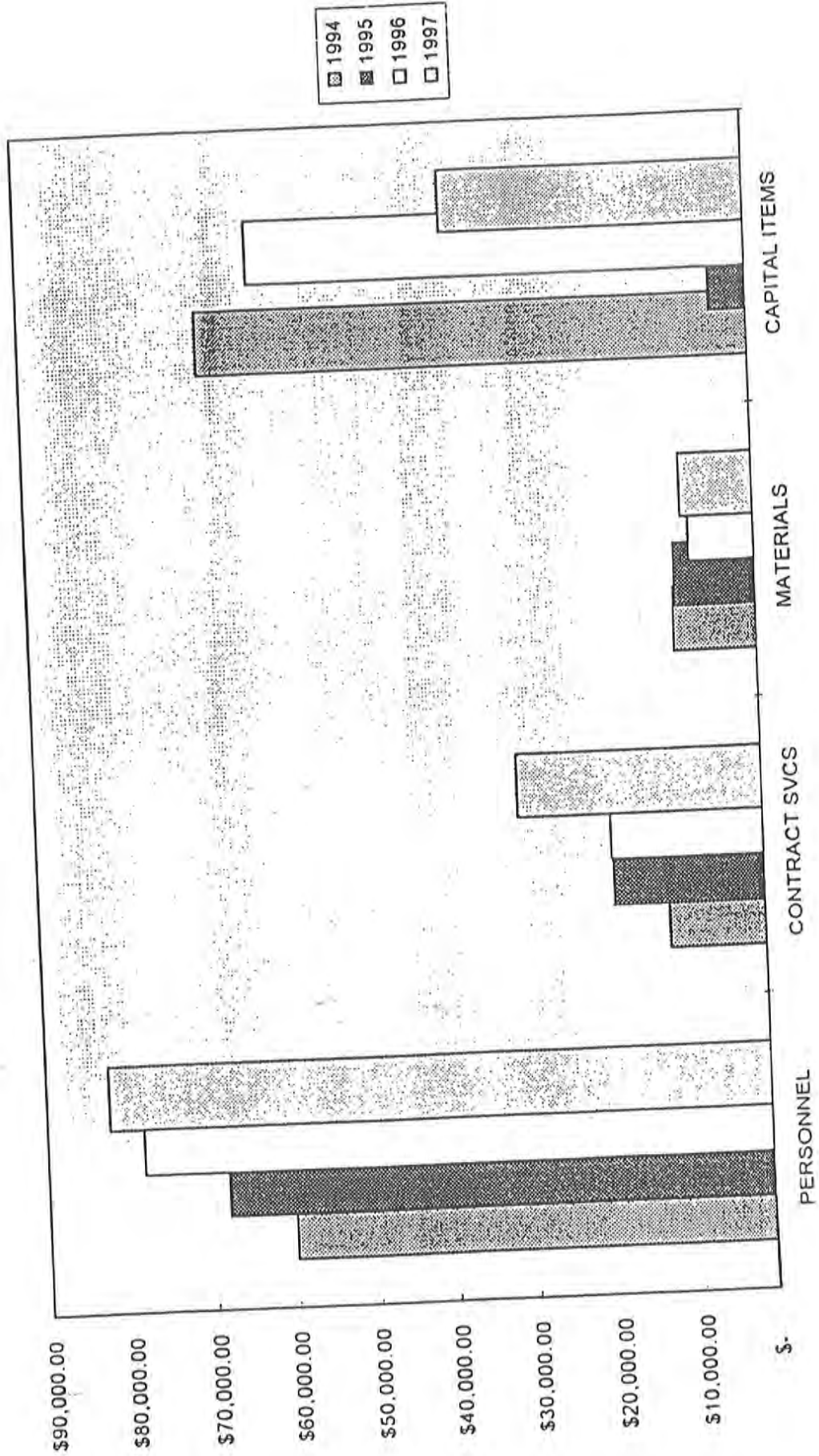


**PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
GRANT REVENUES 1996-1998**

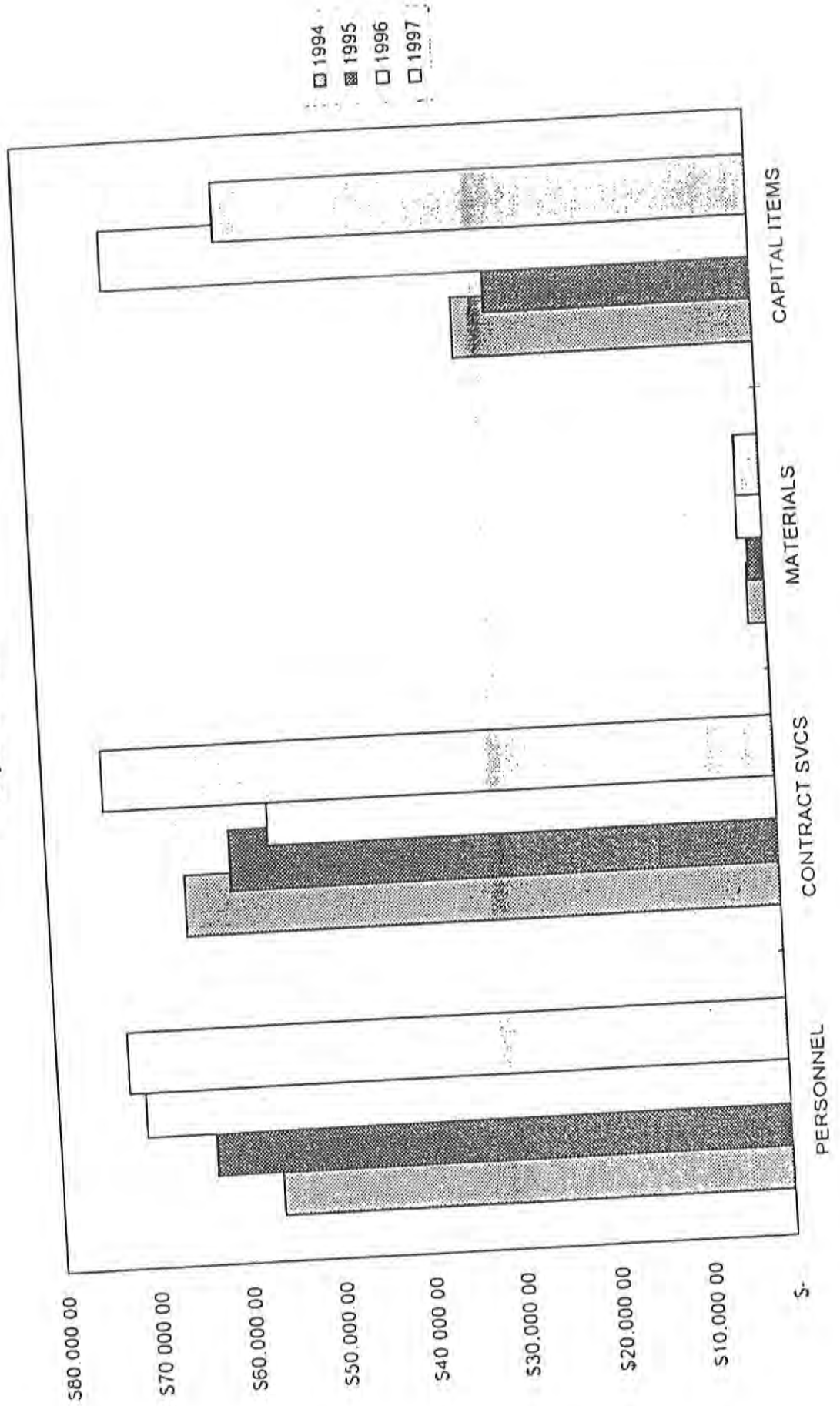
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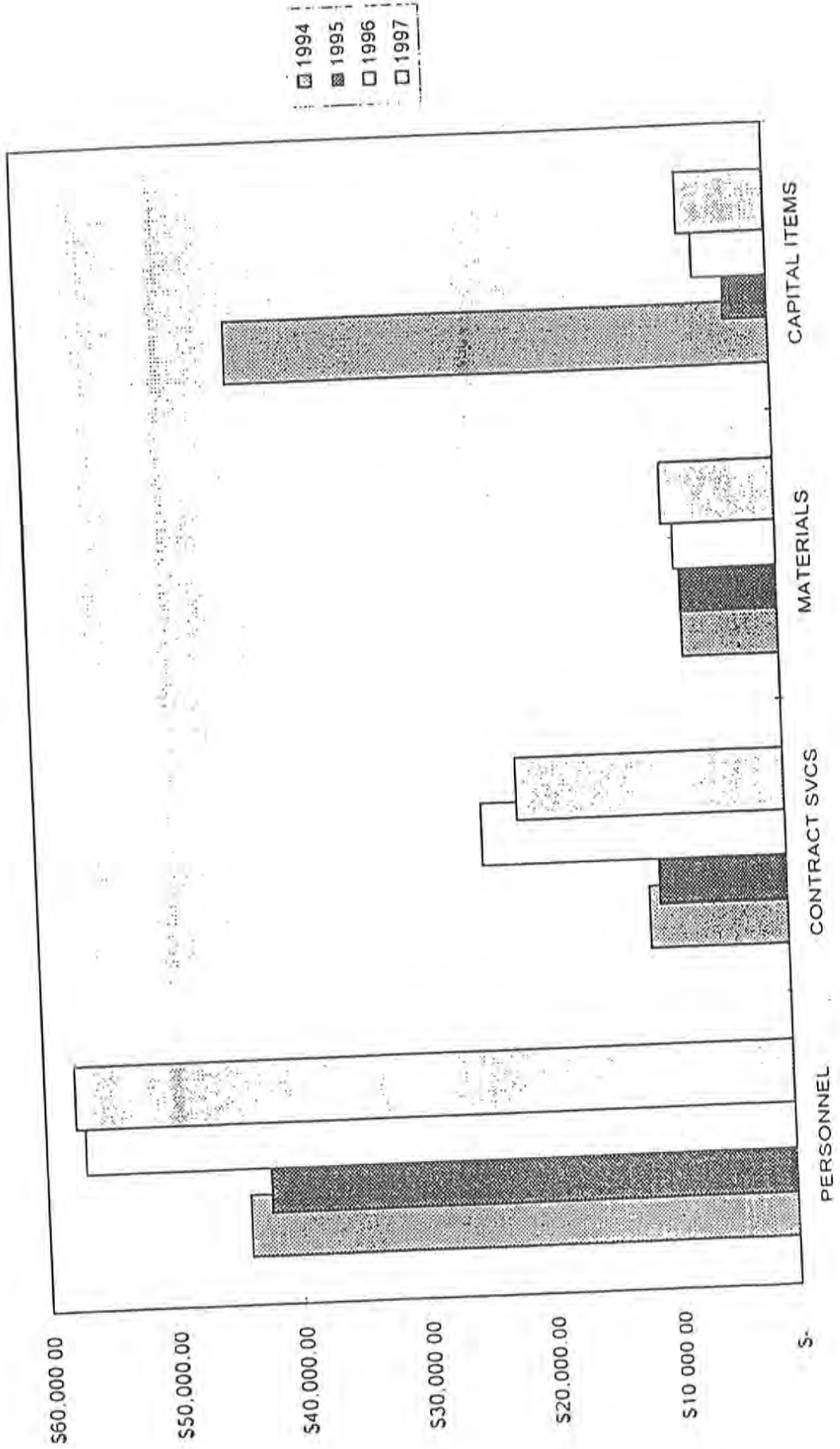
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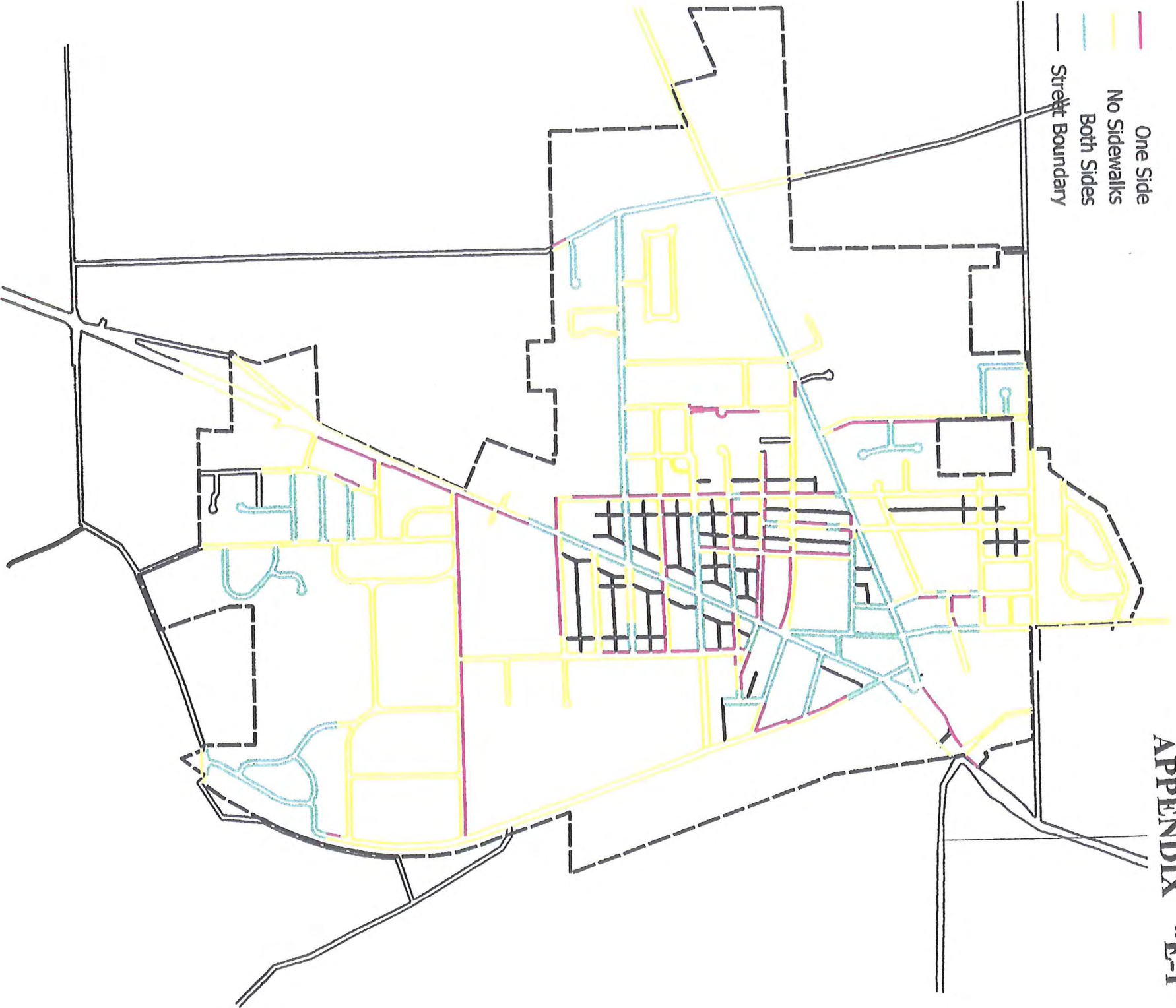
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*Village of Yellow Spring Sidewalk Survey*

- One Side
- No Sidewalks
- Both Sides
- Street Boundary

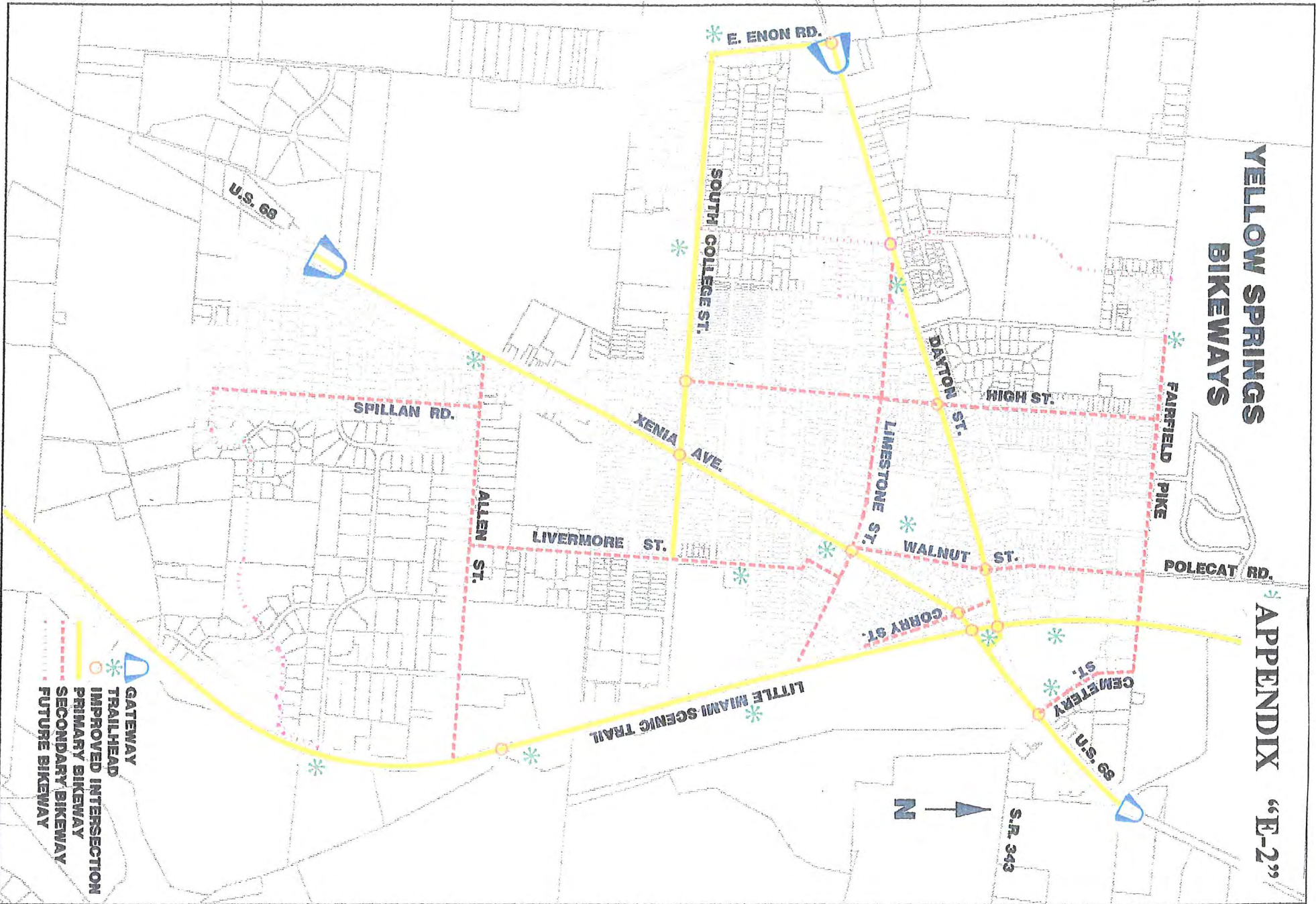


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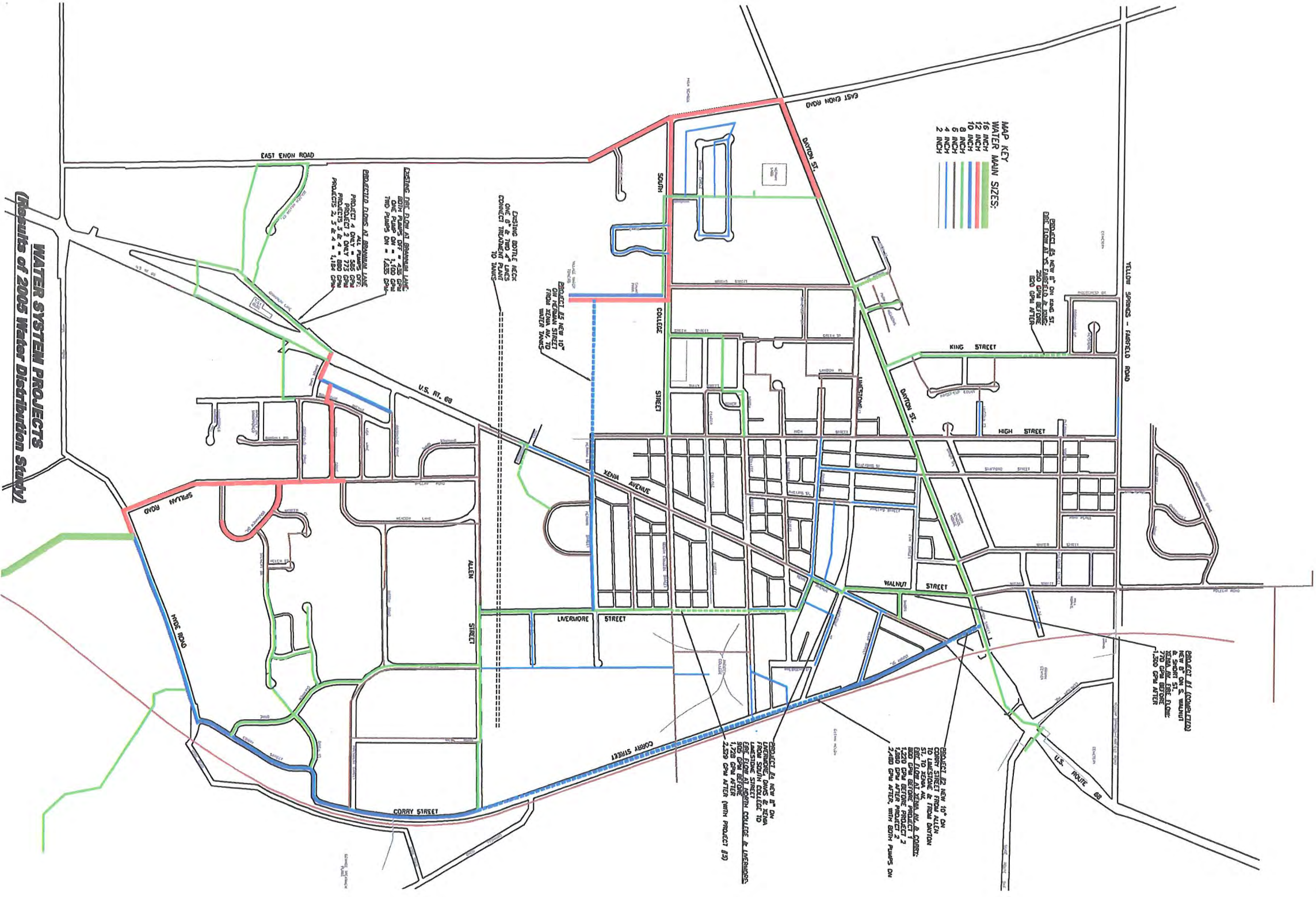
# YELLOW SPRINGS BIKEWAYS

APPENDIX "E-2"



-  GATEWAY
-  IMPROVED INTERSECTION
-  PRIMARY BIKEWAY
-  SECONDARY BIKEWAY
-  FUTURE BIKEWAY

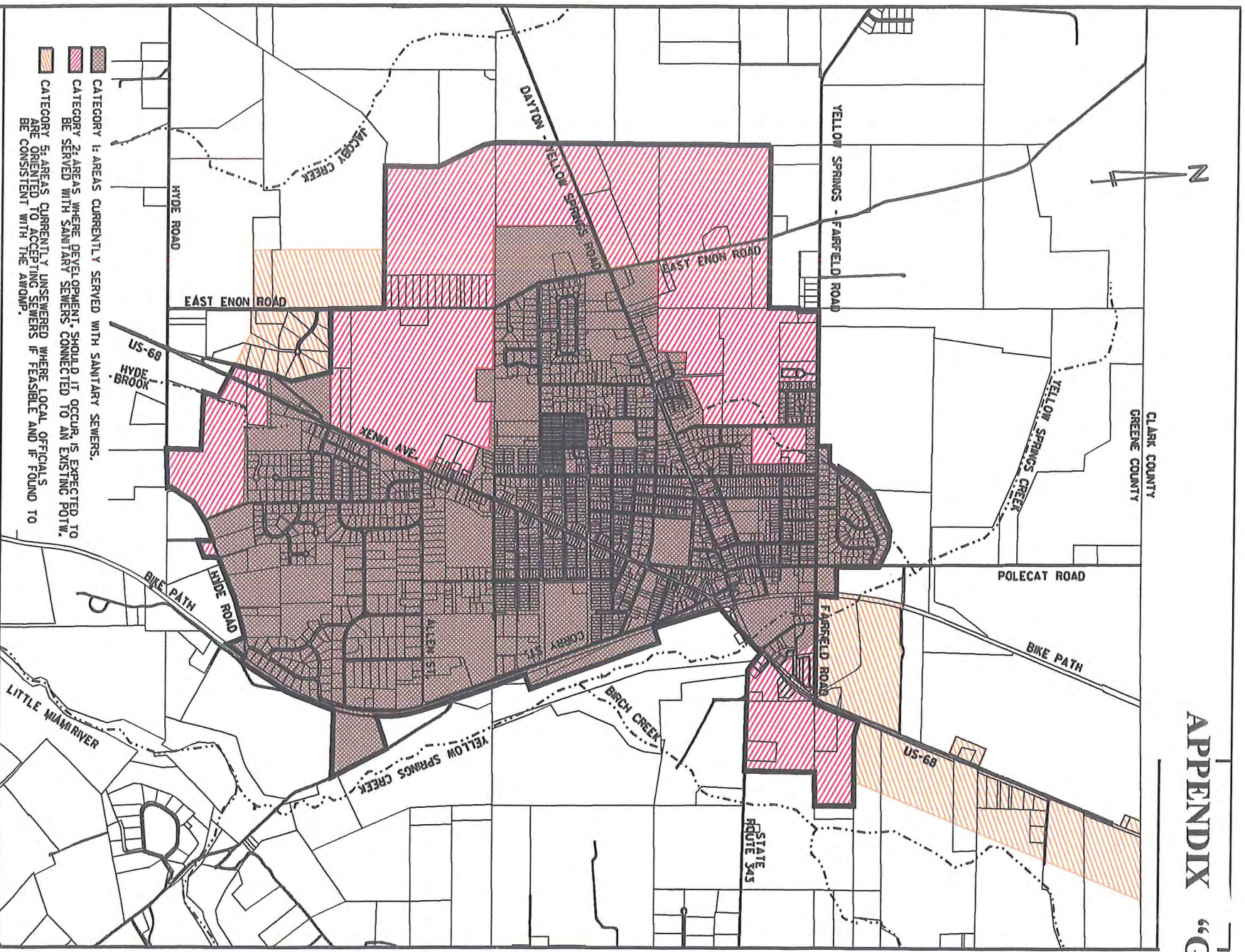
# APPENDIX "F"



**WATER SYSTEM PROJECTS**  
*(Results of 2005 Water Distribution Study)*



# APPENDIX "G"



## 2006 URBAN SERVICE AREA MAP

See Appendix I: 2006 Sanitary Sewer System Study for Background Information



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# APPENDIX | “H”, Ordinance 2006-25

## ANNEXATION POLICY & PROCEDURES, VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO 2006

The Village of Yellow Springs, Ohio is committed to maintaining its small, rural village character while at the same time allowing for economic growth from within the Yellow Springs/Miami Township community. Further, the Village is committed to making consistent, fair, and well-informed decisions regarding land use proposals, including annexation requests, to help ensure the public health, safety and welfare. For these reasons, the following policy and procedures will be used by all Village planning and decision-making authorities in considering and making decisions regarding the issues of annexation of land into the Village.

### POLICY

1. Only areas that are contiguous with the Corporate Limits of the Village may be considered for annexation.
2. Village representatives will not actively solicit annexation of land into the Village merely for the purpose of expanding the Village limits.
3. Annexation decisions will be consistent with the objectives of the most recent Village Plan, except where the Plan is inconsistent with Figure 1 (attached), in which case the information presented in Figure 1 will supersede the Village Plan. In particular, annexation beyond the limits of the “Suggested Limits of Urban Expansion” shown on Figure 1 should not be allowed unless there is overwhelming reason shown for such annexation (i.e. a development proposal would involve properties within the boundary and just adjacent to the boundary of the Village, a development would in part accomplish watershed protection, or Figure 1 is determined by Council to be outdated in a material respect and not appropriate with respect to a particular proposal).
4. No annexation request will be granted without prior agreement by the petitioner that all Village utilities will be extended within a reasonable period of time into the territory to be annexed unless Council determines that there is a valid reason to waive this requirement.
5. Annexation studies should be conducted for all proposed annexations. These studies should evaluate the net benefit or harm to the public over the short and long term, taking into consideration the following issues:

- Economic benefits to the public
- Costs to the public
- Tax revenues

- Other benefits to the community
- Public infrastructure
- Land use plan compatibility/owner's use intentions
- Population projections
- Consistency with the objectives of the Village Plan, the attached Figure 1, and other relevant planning documents
- Timing of developments
- Environmental impacts

The annexation study should be conducted by the Village Planner pursuant to an annexation request and shall be completed prior to the date when Village Council must pass legislation to accept or reject the annexation following the approval of the annexation by the Board of County Commissioners of Greene County. The level of detail of such study should be commensurate with the size and intended use of the land, the overall contribution or impact to the community and the complexity of the issues to be addressed when considering the annexation. The cost for such study may be recovered from the petitioner, if warranted and if agreed upon by the petitioner.

6. The Village should resist proposals for annexation where the result would be an isolated development. Two aspects in particular should inform annexation policy in this regard. First, additional density should be accompanied by integration into the Village street network, so that vehicular traffic can be dispersed and pedestrian circulation throughout the Village is encouraged. Second, new development should be accompanied by provision of public open space, either as neighborhood parks or as additions to the Greenbelt. It is recommended that a condition of annexation be the ability to contribute meaningfully to the public open space system, with a target of ten percent of the land area of the annexation as either internal or external open space. In cases where a land donation is not appropriate, a monetary donation equal to the value of the land donation required, shall be provided to the Village's greenspace acquisition fund for future use.

7. Preannexation agreements specifying the terms of the annexation decision (including negotiated infrastructure improvements or other public benefits, for example) should be developed when appropriate.

8. Nothing in this policy shall be deemed to supercede, waive, amend or otherwise alter the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code relating to annexations.