

RESOLUTION No. 28653

A RESOLUTION amending a Green spaces, Parks and Designated Green spaces Boundaries Maps as part of the City of Land Use Policies.

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RESOLUTION 28653

A RESOLUTION adopting a Greenspaces Policy and Designated Greenspaces ~~Boundaries Maps~~ as part of the City's ~~Land-Use~~ Open Space Policies.

WHEREAS, Seattle enjoys a strong open space tradition dating back to the turn of the century and the City's first comprehensive plan for parks and boulevards as created by the Olmsted Brothers; and

WHEREAS, preservation of greenspaces and development of an interconnected system of trails are effective measures to provide open space in an urban environment, and to maintain the quality of life in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of greenspaces in Seattle and development of connecting trail systems are two of the City's highest priorities; and

WHEREAS, in April 1987 the Mayor's Recommended Open Space Policies for the City of Seattle were published; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, after reviewing the 1987 Mayor's Recommended Open Space Policies, adopted Resolution 27852 which established the framework policies for an implementation strategy, and the policies regarding: the Open Space Program, Target Areas, and Open Space Plans for Lake Union and the Ship Canal, Leschi and Longfellow Creek; and

WHEREAS, the City's share of the Regional Open Space Bond funds will permit acquisition of only a portion of each of the open space projects designated in the King County Regional Open Space Bond Proposal; and

WHEREAS, as contemplated by the 1987 Mayor's Recommended Open Space Policies, the City and its departments require guidelines for greenspaces preservation in connection with future City acquisitions, donations to the City and voluntary conservation by citizens, land trusts and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution 28350, the City Council adopted the Urban Trails Policy as part of the Open Space Policies; NOW THEREFORE,

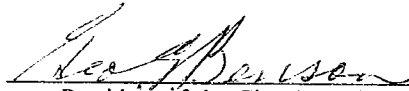
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

That the Greenspaces Policy, included as Attachment A, and the Designated Greenspaces ~~Boundaries Maps~~ included as Attachment B, are hereby adopted as

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part of the City's ~~Land-Use~~ Open Space Policies.

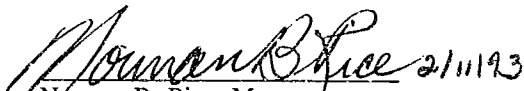
ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Seattle this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1993, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1993.

  
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President of the City Council

Filed by me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1993

By:   
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Deputy

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

  
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Norman B. Rice, Mayor

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## ATTACHMENT A

### GREENSPACES POLICY:

As a major component of the City's comprehensive open space system, greenspaces will help to create an interconnected system of open spaces throughout Seattle's neighborhoods. Greenspaces shall be identified as are important natural or ecological features that may be preserved through acquisition, donation or voluntary conservation efforts. Areas previously identified as greenbelts and natural areas are included in, and will be known as, greenspaces. Greenspaces are further defined as greenspaces I and II. Greenspaces I are visually prominent undeveloped lands that are generally heavily wooded and vegetated areas, with steep hillsides or ravines. Greenspaces II are lands that provide special environmental resources such as unique geographic topographic features, important animal habitat, or streams, and wetlands, or water quality enhancement areas for streams, lakes and wetlands. ~~Since~~ Because these two kinds of greenspaces serve different functions, the Greenspaces Policy includes separate criteria for each, although often a particular greenspace may include characteristics from both. ~~Both greenspaces I and II shall be considered part of the Greenspaces Open Space System.~~

The purpose of a greenspaces designation ~~shall be~~ is to establish priority areas for preservation to: 1) help preserve areas of natural landscape and habitat for wildlife, 2) provide natural buffers between land uses of different intensity or areas of distinct character or identity, 3) help mitigate the effects of noise and air pollution, and 4) help reduce the necessity for constructed storm water systems and 5) help preserve the quality of natural drainage systems and ~~thereby~~ enhance the stability of the land. Greenspaces, with their natural environmental character, will be used only for low impact activities, and will complement the City's parks and recreation system where open spaces may be used in a more active manner.

Greenspaces may be preserved by a variety of means -- outright purchase, purchase of development rights or other property interests, land trades, through the donation of land or other property interests or through other voluntary conservation measures. In order to encourage the preservation of greenspaces, owners of undeveloped greenspace properties may also be eligible for property tax assessment based on current use (Open Space Law, Chapter 84.34 RCW and Chapter 458-30 WAC). Therefore, undeveloped property may be assessed as open space rather than at the "highest and best use" potential value of the land.

Greenspaces shall be identified on the Greenspaces Maps according to the criteria established in this policy. Greenspaces shall include those areas previously identified

as greenbelts and natural areas. The Greenspaces Maps establish priority areas for preservation. Properties that meet greenspaces criteria but that are not within the Designated Greenspace Boundaries are eligible for acquisition, donation and voluntary conservation incentives without amendment of the Greenspaces Maps as long as the property is contiguous to or significantly benefits a Designated Greenspace Boundary. This policy is intended to establish general principles for greenspaces preservation and priorities for protection and acquisition; it is not intended to preclude the preservation of any open space that the City determines to be in the public's interest.

#### Implementation Guideline 1: Greenspaces I Criteria

For Greenspaces I, the following criteria shall be used to evaluate the contribution of the area to the function and continuity of community, city, and regional open space systems, as well as to evaluate specific parcels within a Designated Greenspaces Boundary for acquisition or voluntary preservation. The criteria are not ranked in order of importance; also, an area or a specific parcel may meet some but not necessarily all of the criteria.

- a) The area is visually prominent, defines the urban form, and/or provides natural corridors within and between distinct communities or land use districts.
- b) The area provides a buffer between different land uses.
- c) The area provides links to existing or future parks, shoreline access sites, or other open space lands.
- d) The area provides links to existing or future components of the urban trail system.
- e) The area, if preserved, will enhance water quality and reduce the effects of storm water runoff in remaining urban streams and water courses.
- f) The area preserves important wildlife habitat.
- g) The area is a platted, undeveloped right-of-way.

#### Implementation Guideline 2: Greenspaces II Criteria

For Greenspaces II, the following criteria shall be used to evaluate the area's environmental resources as well as to evaluate specific parcels within a Designated

Greenspaces Boundary for acquisition or voluntary preservation. The criteria are not ranked in order and importance; also an area or a specific parcel may meet some but not necessarily all of the criteria.

- a) The area has little or no development.
- b) The site contributes to the visual and physical continuity of the entire greenspace, and increases the opportunities for providing wildlife corridors.
- c) The area has significant ~~natural~~ vegetation, including extensive stands of trees, unusually large individual trees or plant species ~~cultivated~~ on the property.
- d) The area includes a stream, watercourse, or wetland.
- e) The area provides significant or unique habitat for terrestrial or aquatic wildlife.
- f) The area is contiguous with or significantly benefits parks, public lands, rights-of-way, or other protected open space lands.
- g) The site is suitable for low-intensity recreation, such as walking trails, nature study, informal play areas, or P-patches.
- h) The area is publicly accessible.
- i) The area is historically significant.
- j) The area is a platted, undeveloped right-of-way.

Implementation Guideline 3: Establishing Priorities for Preservation

In order to prioritize parcels for acquisition or voluntary preservation, the following factors shall be used to evaluate the likelihood that parcels within the greenspace may be developed and the opportunity to purchase or preserve by other means may be lost.

- a) The zoning of the parcel and adjacent areas.
- b) The area contains amenities that could attract development, such as a view.
- c) The topography is suitable for development, including gradient and

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stability of slopes.

- d) The proximity and/or availability of street access.
- e) The proximity and/or availability of utilities.
- f) The potential ease of property assembly for development.
- g) The site is located in a community where there is a significant shortage of open space.
- h) The area is a platted, undeveloped right-of-way.

Implementation Guideline 4: The Greenspaces Maps

The Greenspaces Maps identify greenspaces based on the criteria established in Implementation Guidelines 1 and 2 for acquisition or voluntary preservation. The identified greenspaces are the areas with the highest priority for acquisition or eligibility for other open space programs. Properties that meet greenspaces criteria but that are not within the Designated Greenspace Boundaries are eligible for acquisition, donation and voluntary conservation incentives without amendment of the Greenspaces Maps so long as the property is contiguous to or significantly benefits a Designated Greenspace Boundary.

Implementation Guideline 5: Amendments to the Greenspaces Maps

~~The Greenspaces Maps may be amended, supplemented or incorporated into an Open Space Map as part of the Comprehensive Plan adoption or amendments process. Amendments to the Greenspaces Maps identified in functional plans or neighborhood plans adopted by the City Council shall be considered in amendments to the Comprehensive Plan process.~~

The City Council may consider proposed amendments to Designated Greenspaces when the proposed amendment is included in an adopted functional plan, neighborhood plan or other open space related plans/programs.

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1993 Work Program and Schedule for Considering Additions to the Greenspaces Maps

	<u>Lead Department</u>	<u>Due to Land Use Committee</u>
1. Adding Kiwanis Ravine to the Proposed Greenspaces Maps	Planning	2/93
2. The Executive proposing additions to the Greenspaces Maps based on grant applications to the King County Conservation Futures Tax funds	Parks	7/93
3. The Executive proposing additions to the Greenspaces Maps based on public review of and comment to the draft City Comprehensive Plan	Planning	12/93



**Mayor's Recommended  
Greenspaces Policy**

**Greenspace Maps  
Showing  
Recommended Boundaries**

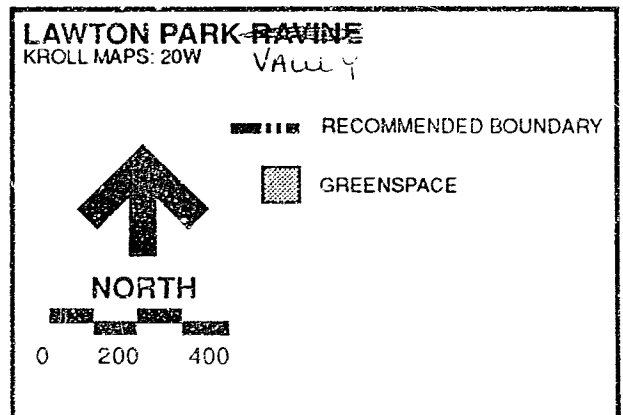
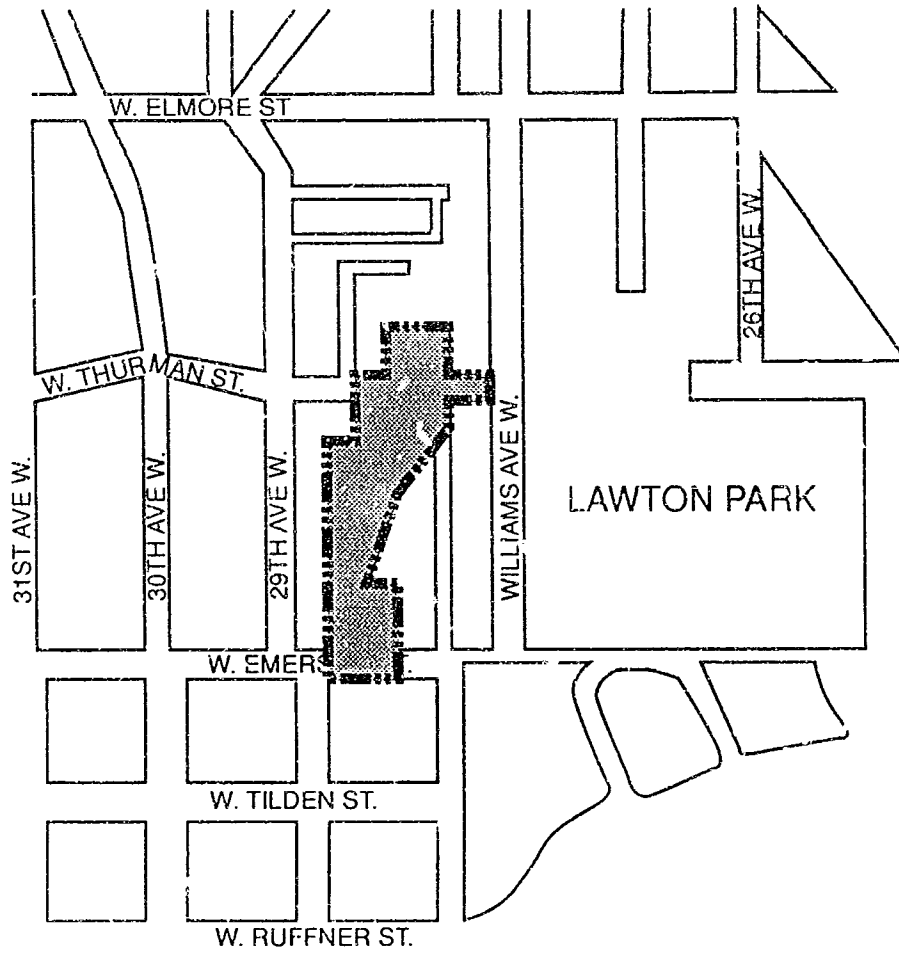
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

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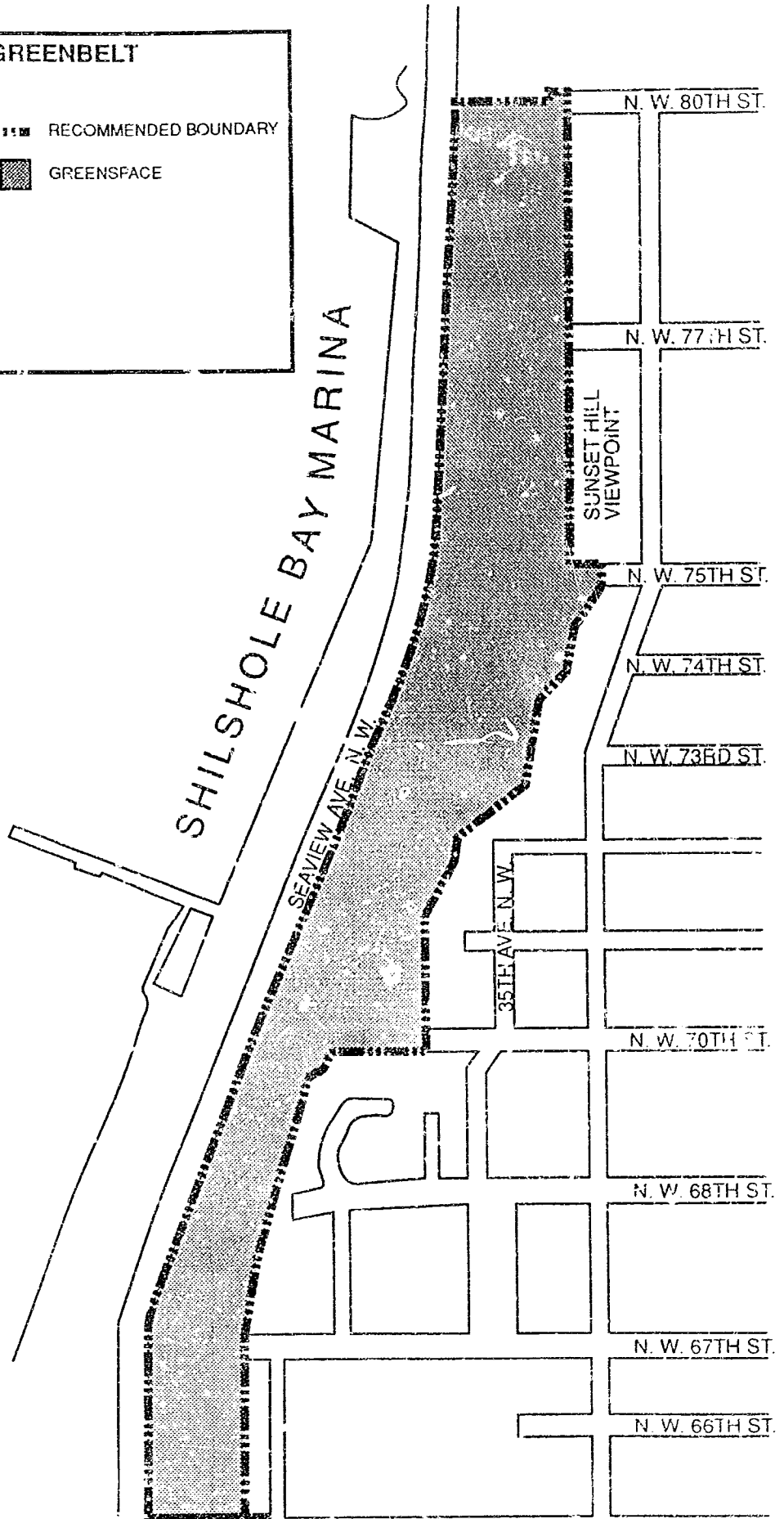
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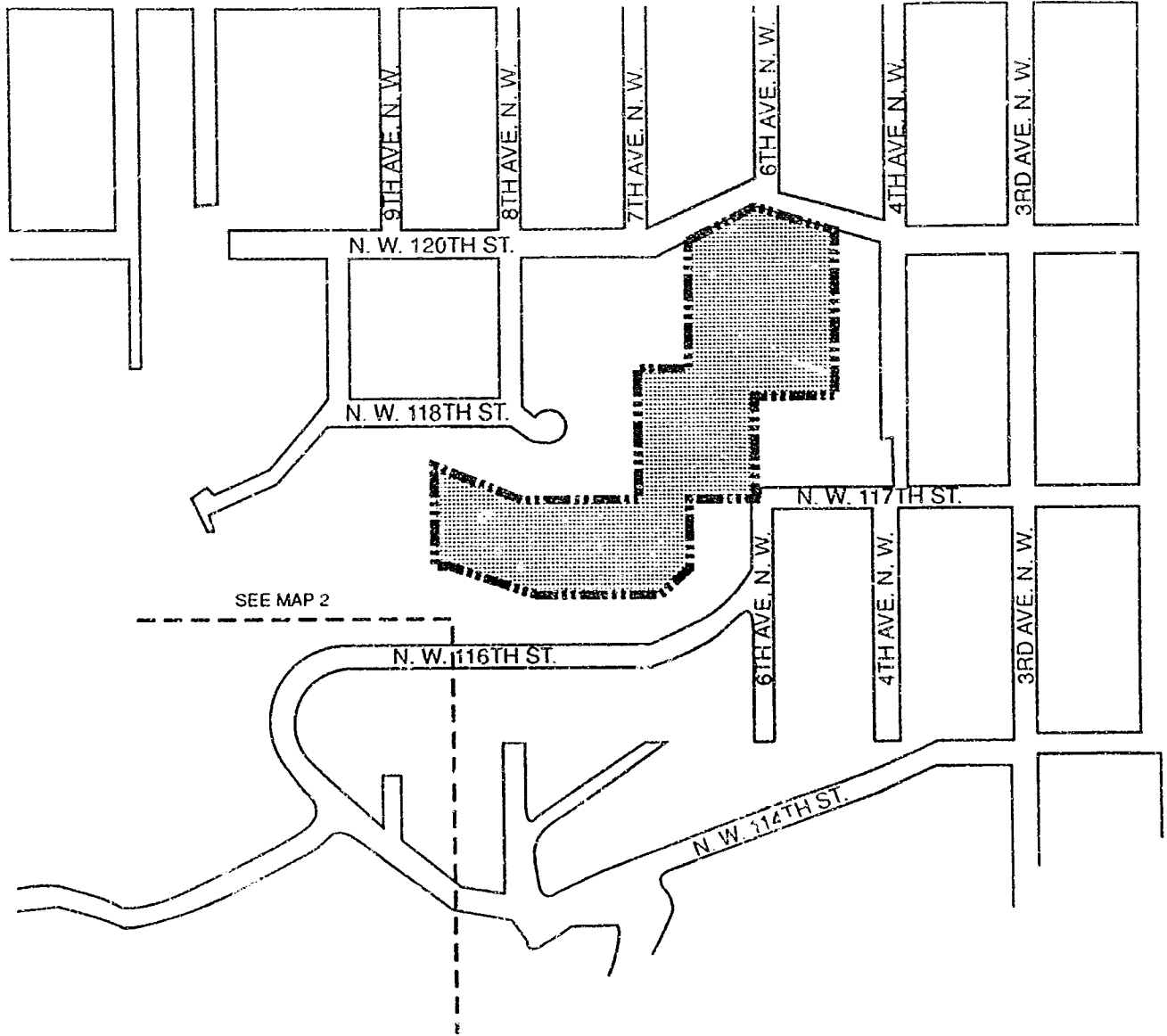


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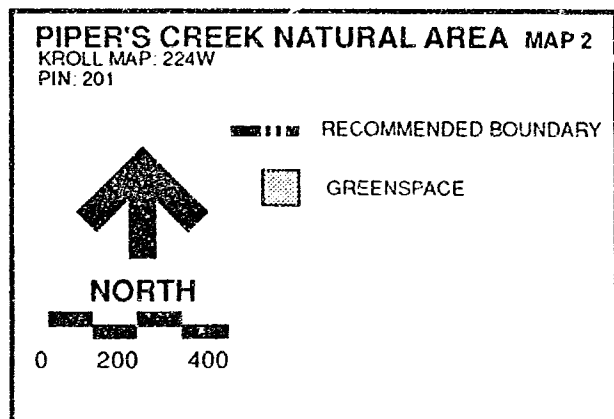
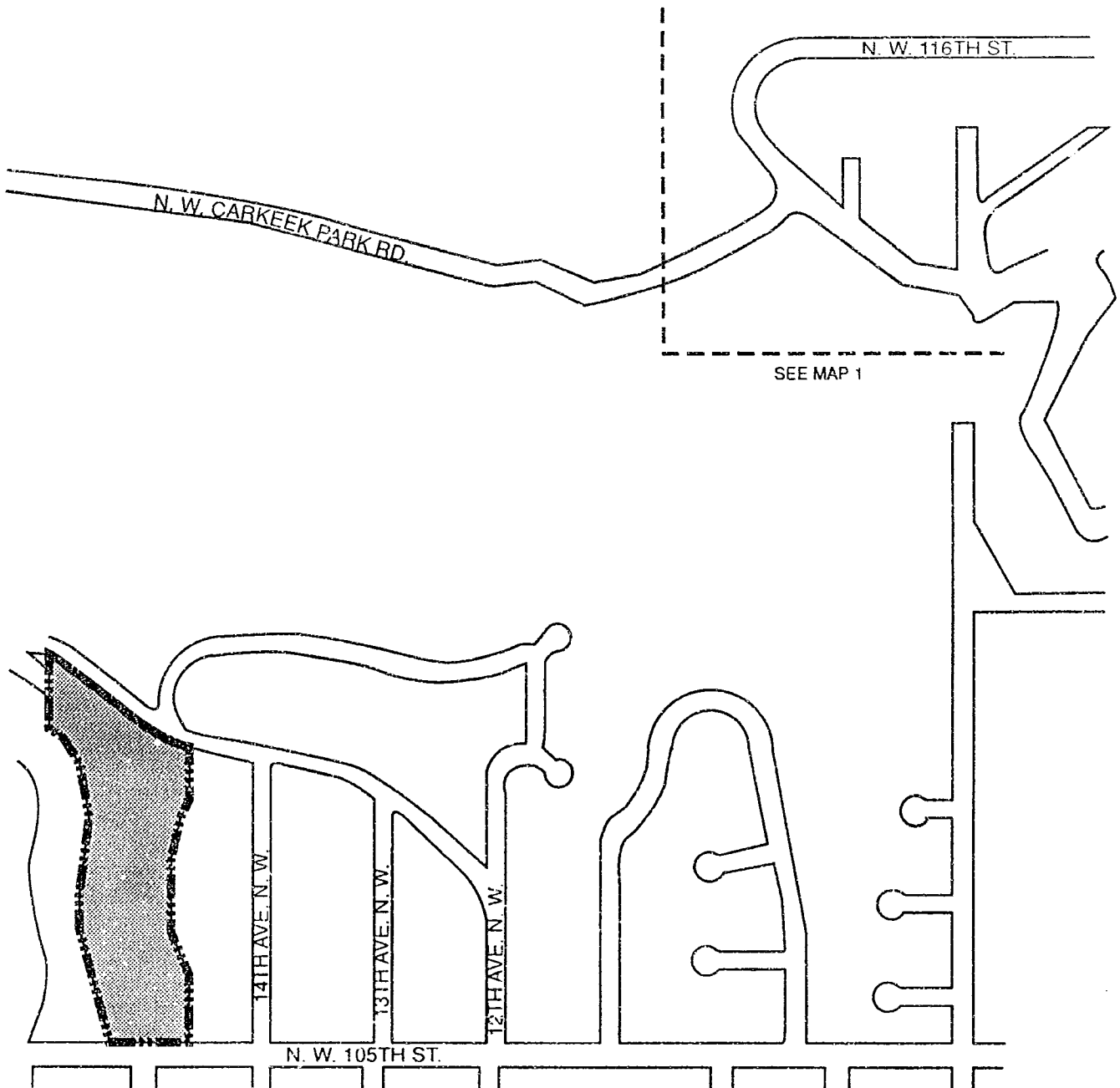


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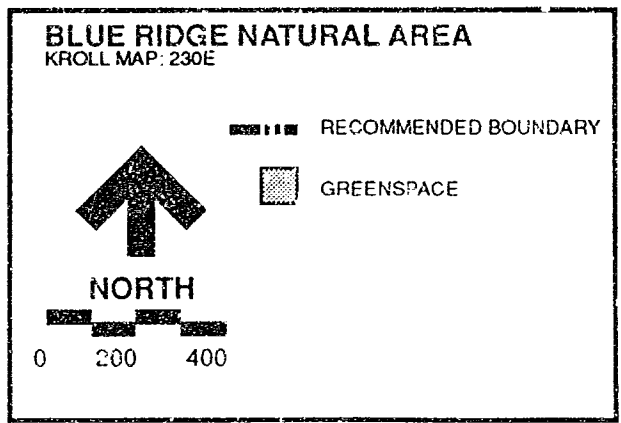
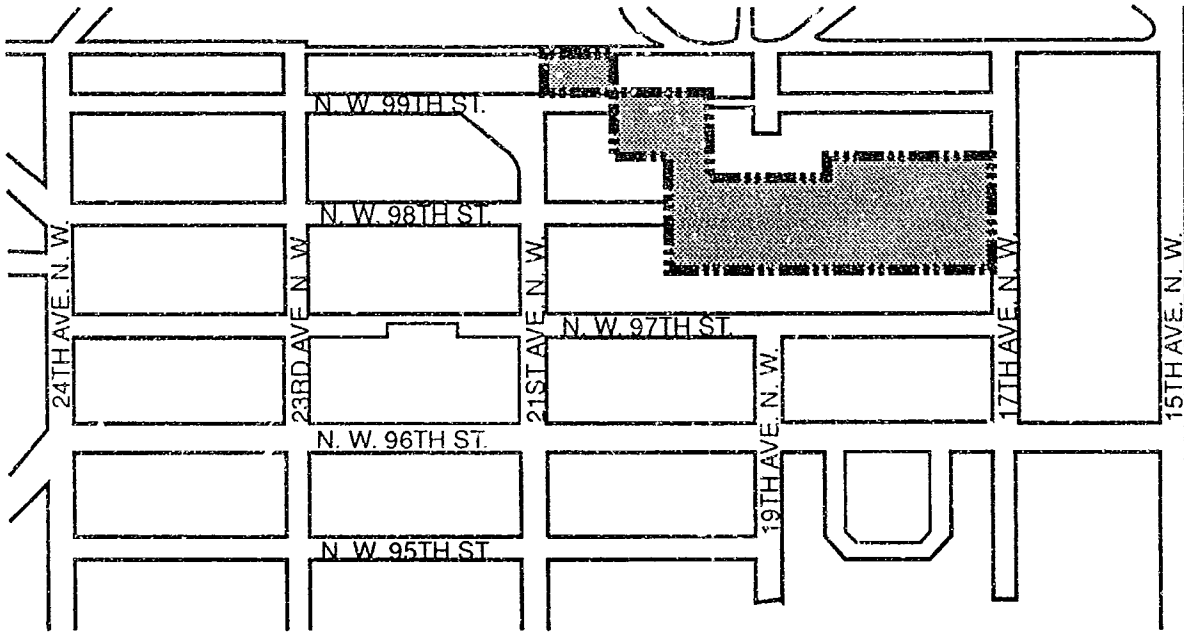
  
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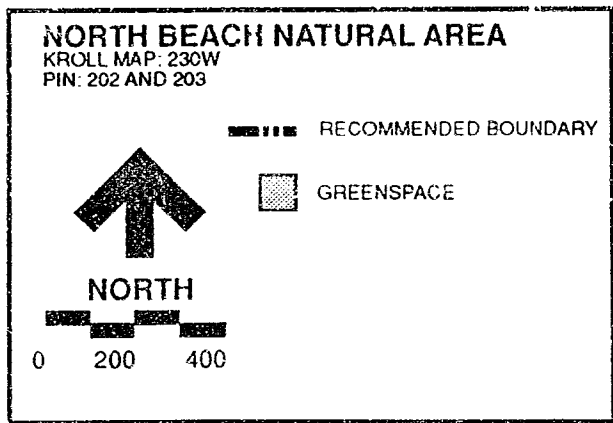
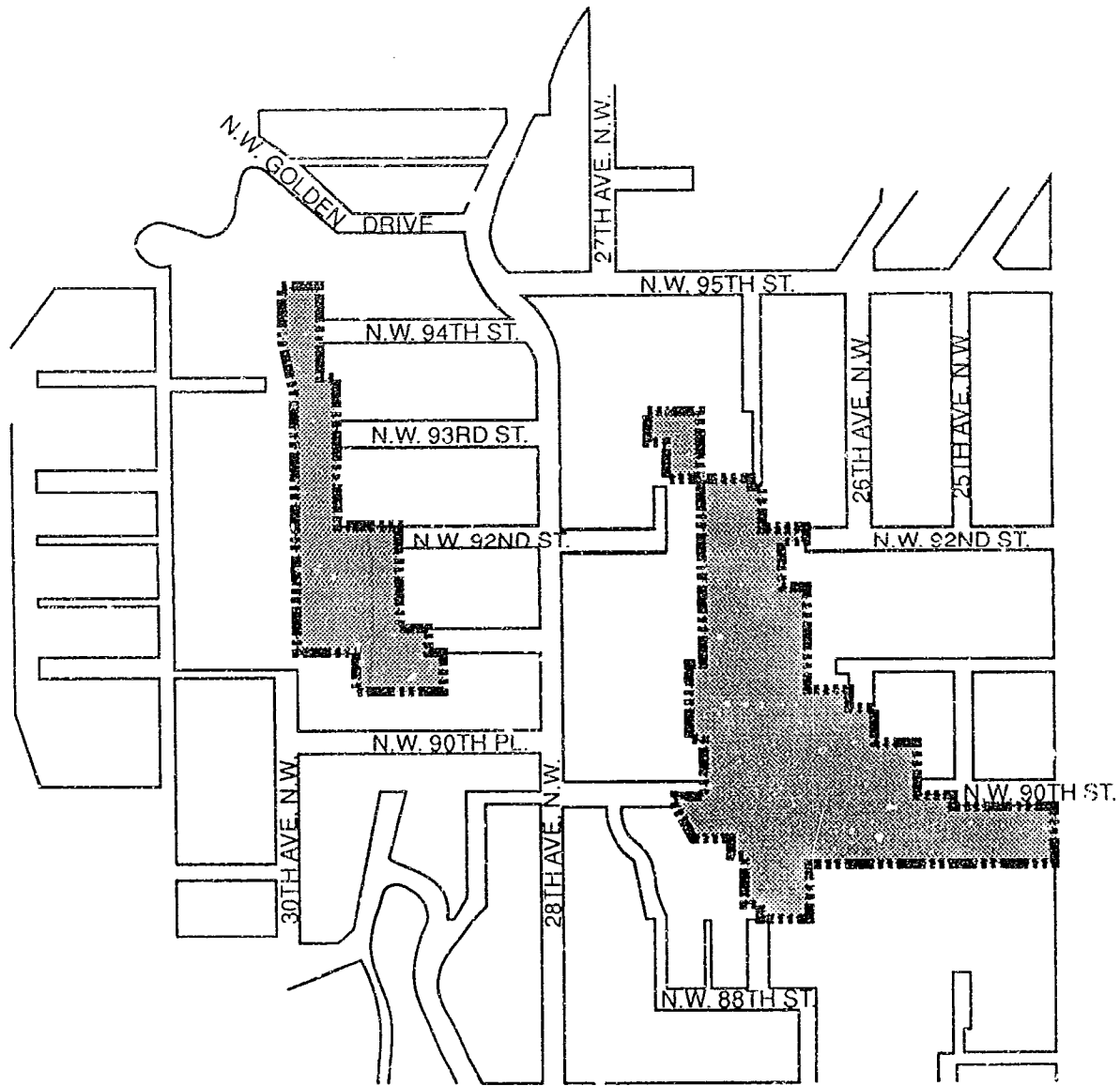
  
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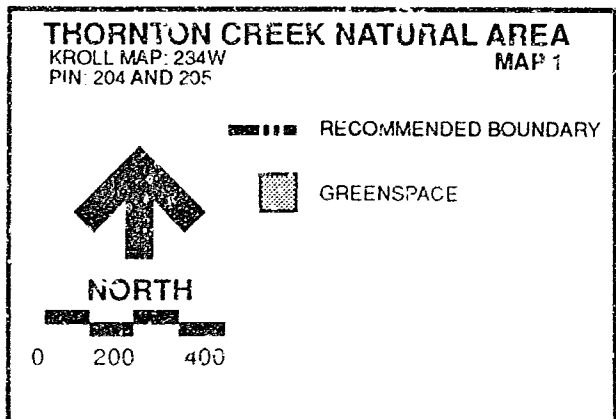
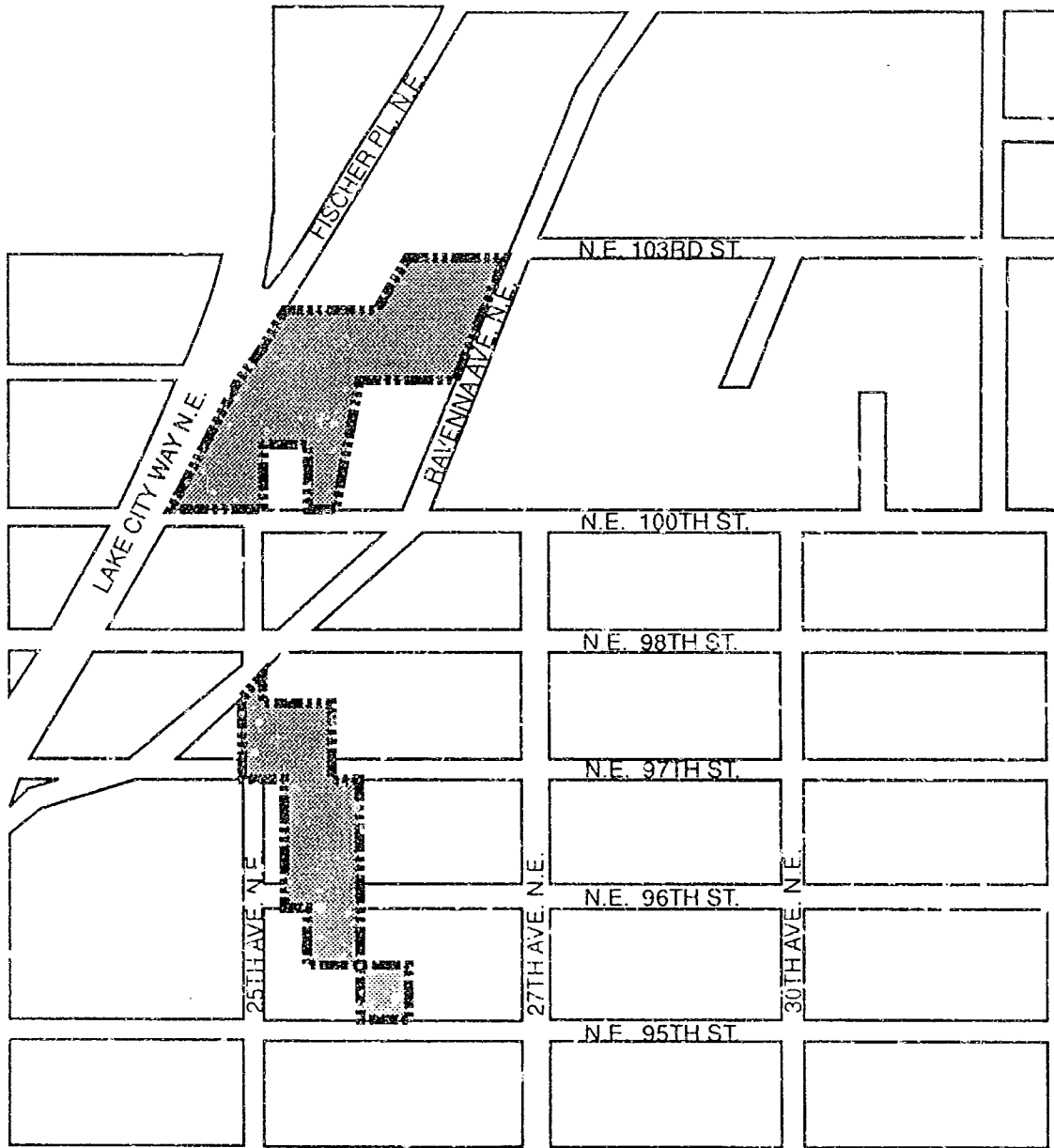
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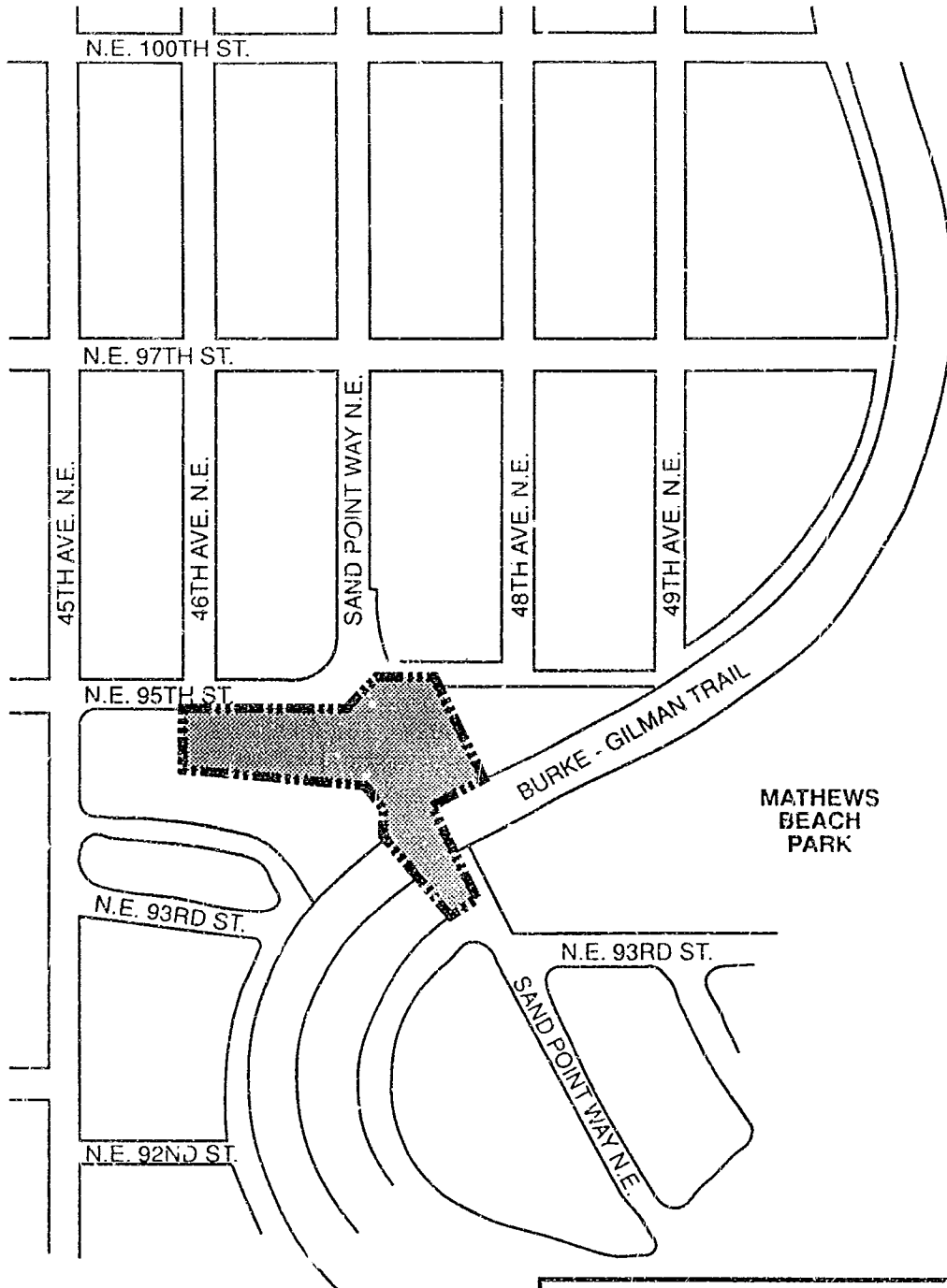




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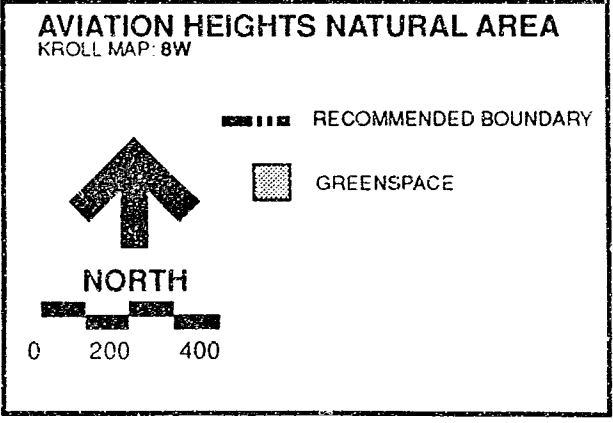
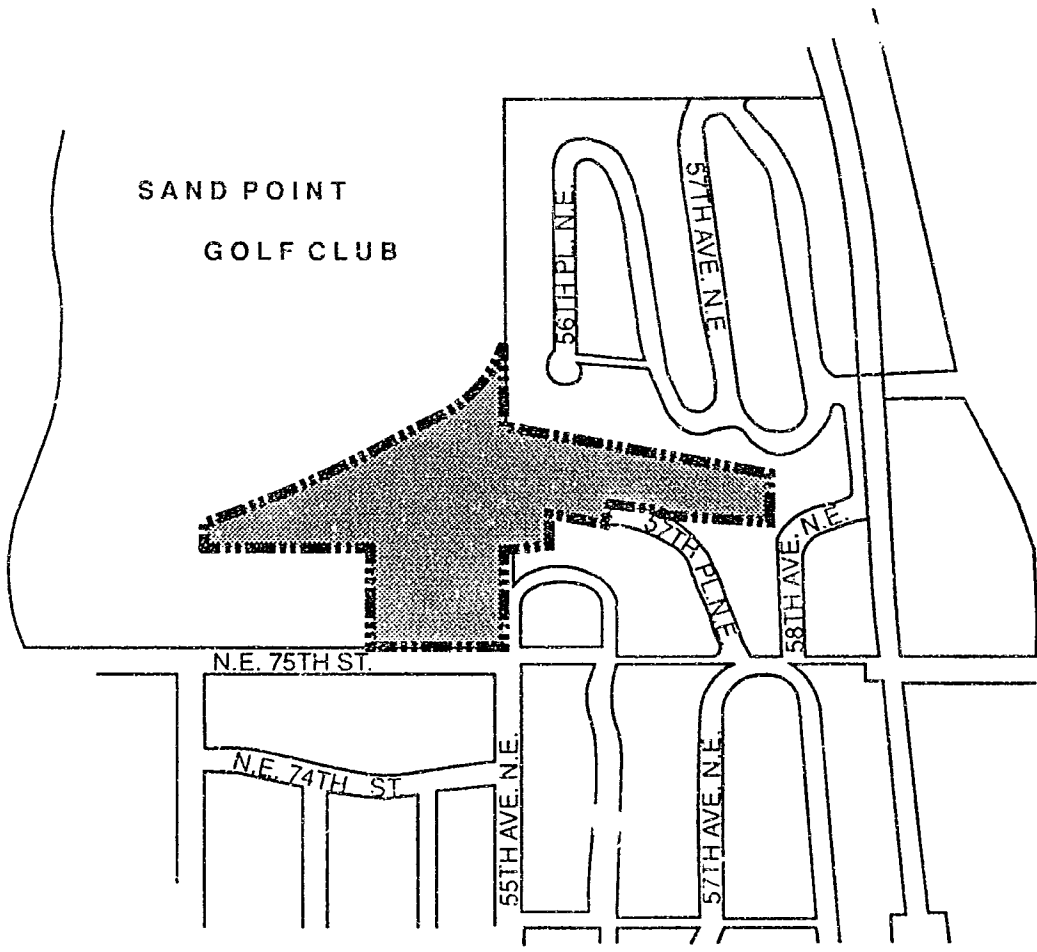
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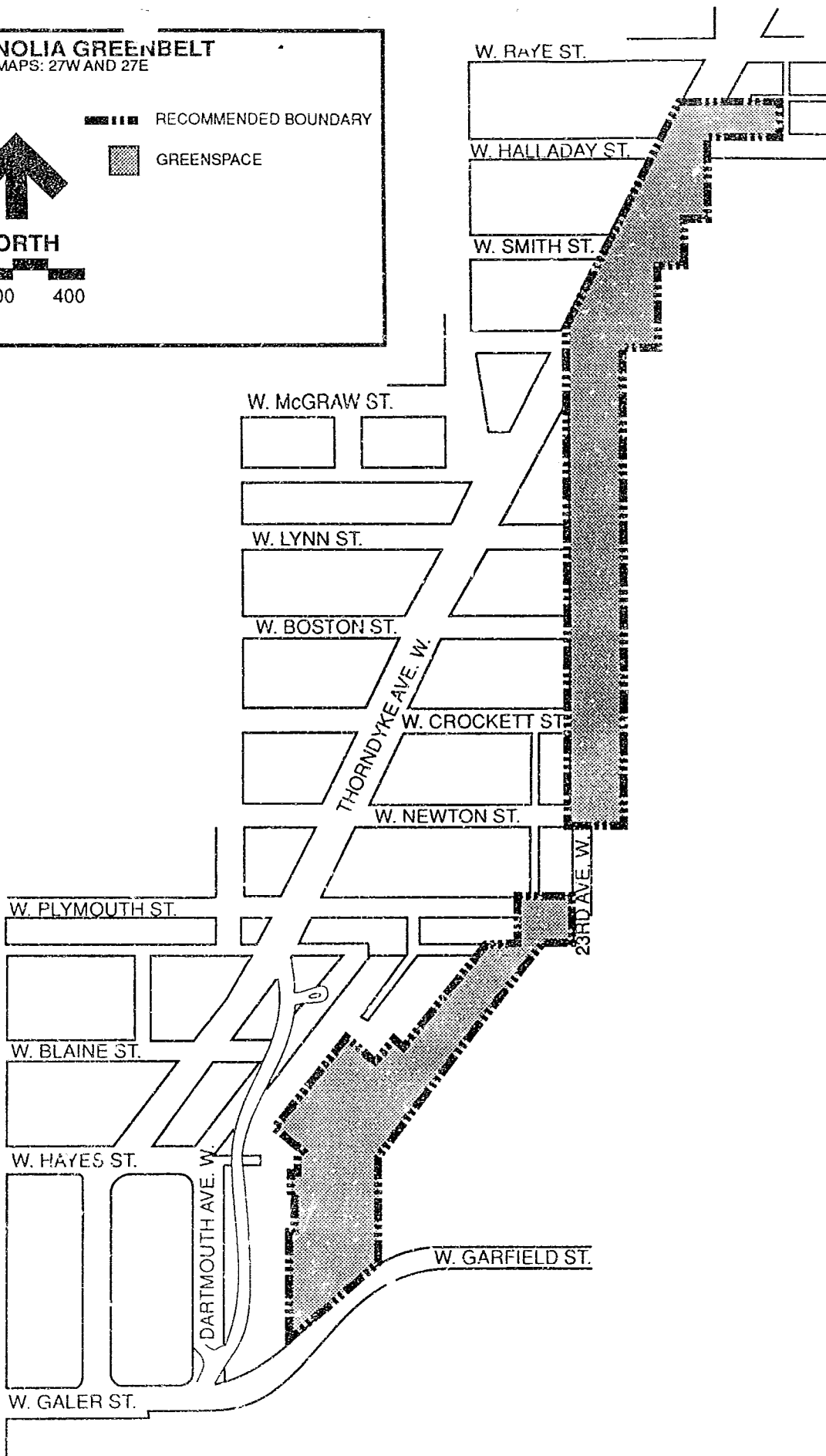


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 RECOMMENDED BOUNDARY  
 GREENSPACE


  
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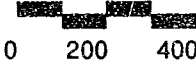


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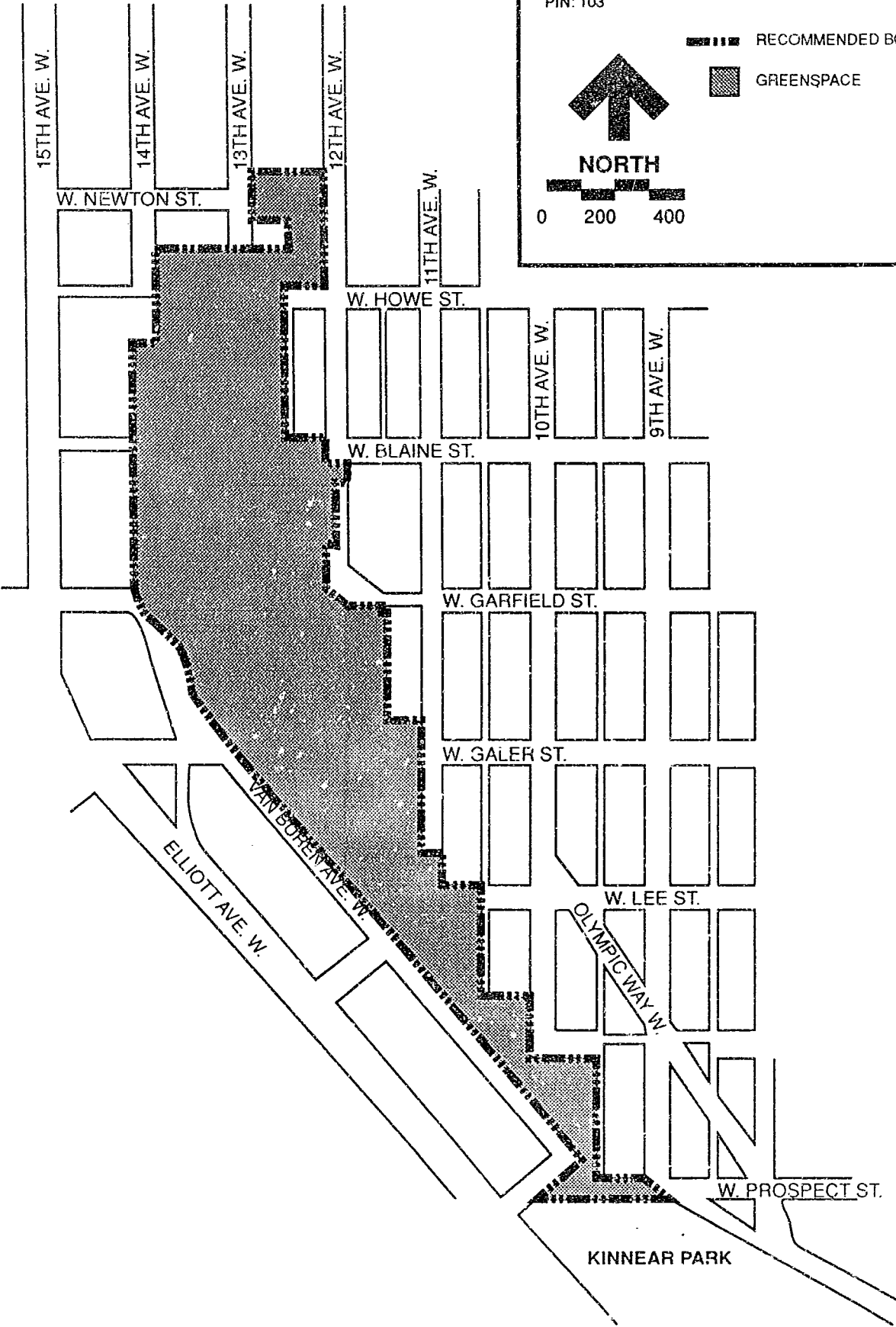
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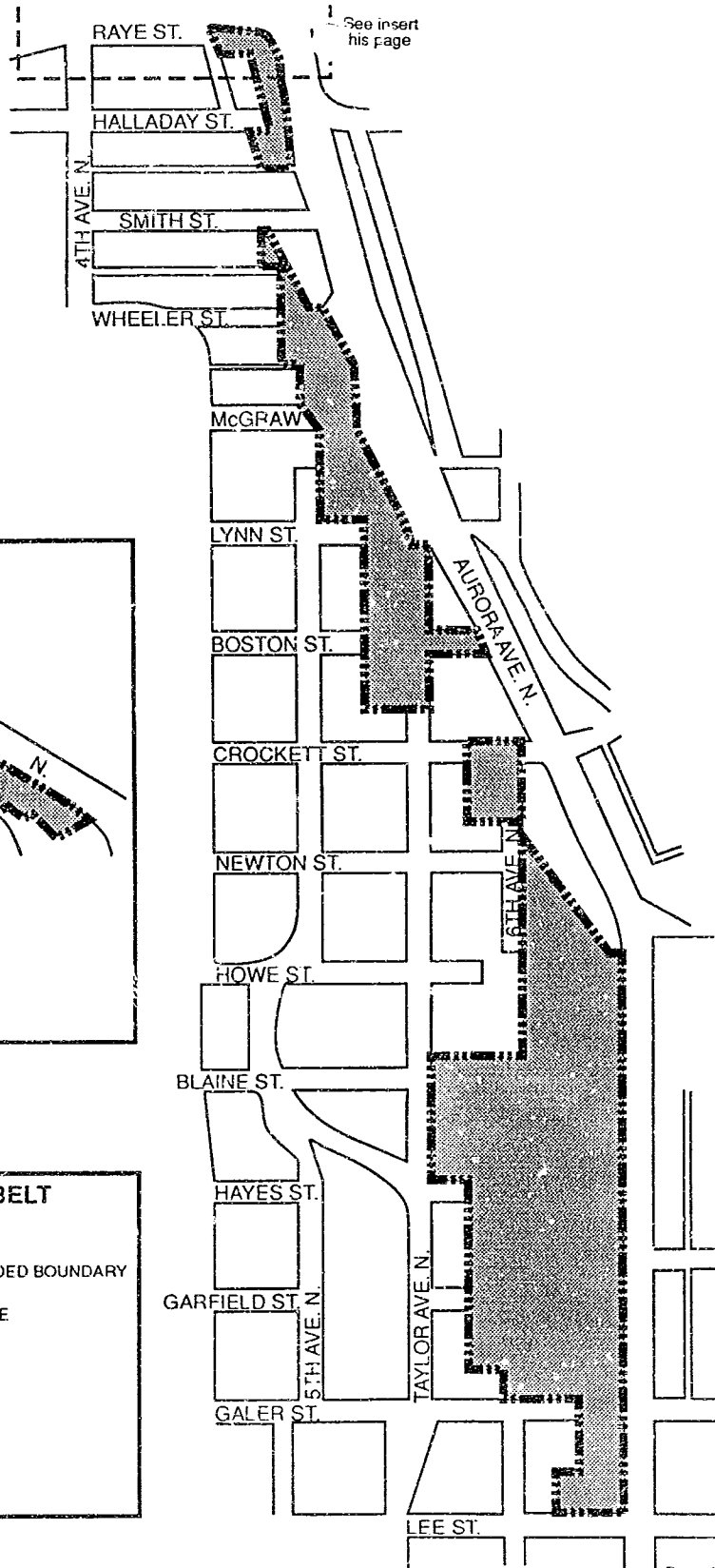
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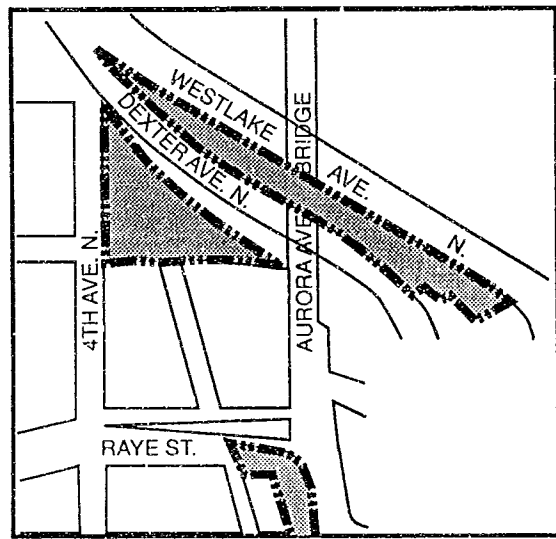
GREENSPACE (stippled area)





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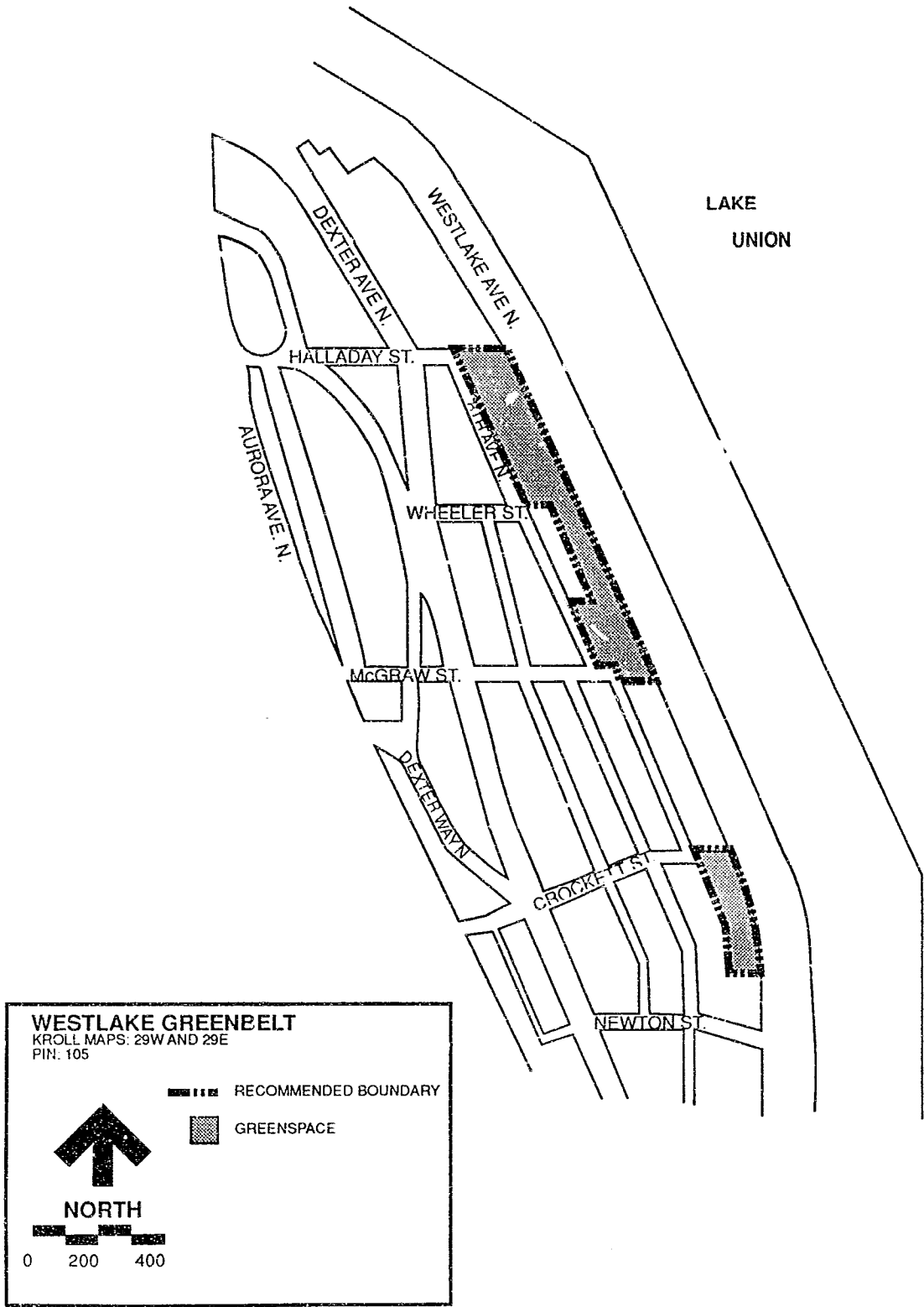
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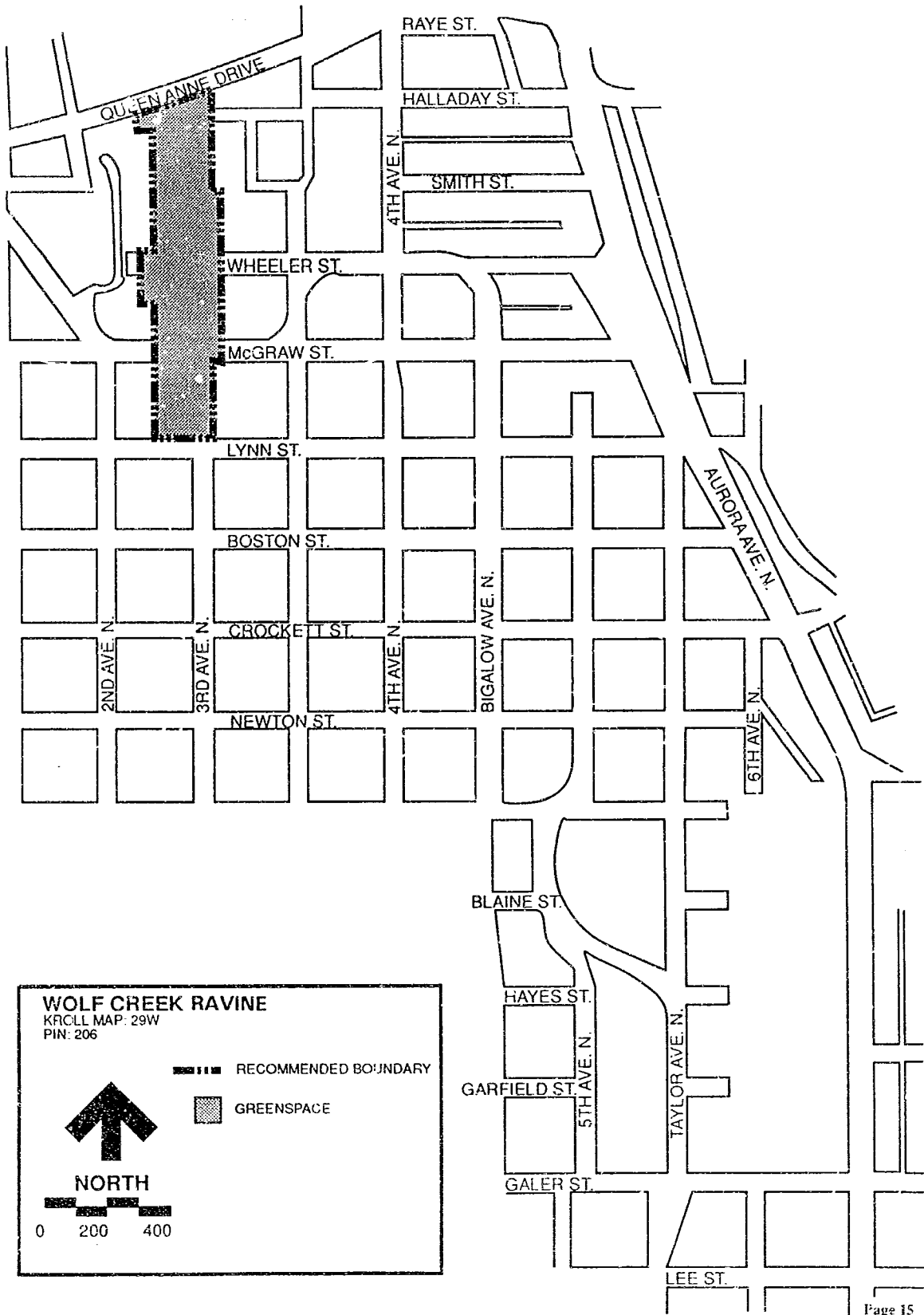
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**WOLF CREEK RAVINE**  
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