

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: May 24, 2022
Date of Transcription: May 31, 2022
Transcribed by: Cassandra Slaney

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

MOTION: Selectman Besse moved to appoint Selectman Slavin as clerk pro tem for this meeting. Selectman Chadwick seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Besse-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 3-0-1 (Selectman Slavin abstained)

MEETING REMOTELY HELD DUE TO COVID

2. ROLL CALL

Selectmen Present: Judith Whiteside, Chairman
Ronald Besse
Jared Chadwick
Alan H. Slavin

Also Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

Not Present: Patricia Wurts, Clerk
Rich Bowen, Town Counsel

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The new emergency center at Tobey Hospital will be open as of midnight May 24th.

The Wareham Veterans Council is sponsoring Memorial Day activities on Monday, May 30th. The schedule of events can be found on the Town website.

The Wareham Historical Society will hold its July 4th faire this year at Central Park.

Community Preservation Committee is accepting applications for funding. The deadline to submit an application is June 2nd.

Chair Whiteside thanked the Municipal Maintenance Department for working on the cemeteries for Memorial Day.

5. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

6. LICENSES AND PERMITS

- a. **Application from Max Performance, c/o Tim Richmond, 23 Lindor Rd, Reading, MA. for use of Town roads for the Harvest Triathlon Bike Course taking place Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 7:30am-11:00am.**

Present before the Board: Tim Richmond with Max Performance

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to approve the application from Max Performance, c/o Tim Richmond, 23 Lindor Rd, Reading, MA. for use of Town roads for the Harvest Triathlon Bike Course taking place on Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 7:30am-11:00am subject to receiving the insurance

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binder. Selectman Besse seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Besse-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

7. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. **Discussion and possible vote to authorize Chair to write a letter of support for the MassWorks grant applications through the One-Stop program for the design and permitting of a Coastal Multipath in the downtown village, linking Tremont Nail Factory and Besse Park.
(Presentation by Ken Buckland)**

Mr. Buckland provided information pertaining to the improvements to Wareham's downtown village. *(See attachment)*

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to authorize the Chair to write a letter of support for the MassWorks grant application through the One-Stop program for the design and permitting of a Coast Multipath in the downtown village, linking Tremont Nail Factory and Besse Park. Selectman Besse seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Besse-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

- b. **Discussion and possible vote to authorize the Chair to write a letter of support for the MassWorks grant applications through the One-Stop program for the design of a roundabout at the intersection of Depot St, Minot Ave., Great Neck Road, and Onset Ave.
(Presentation by Ken Buckland)**

Mr. Buckland provided a map of the roundabout project. *(See attachment)*

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to authorize the Chair to write a letter of support for the MassWorks grant application through the One-Stop program for the design of a roundabout at the intersection of Depot Street, Minot Avenue, Great Neck Road, and Onset Avenue. Selectman Chadwick seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Besse-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

- c. **Continued discussion and possible vote on the creation of a Renewable Energy Study Committee.**

This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

- d. **Any other Town business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the posting of this meeting.**

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sullivan stated that there will be a few year-end transfers brought before the Board at a future meeting.

9. LIAISON/INITIATIVE REPORTS

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, June 11th at 11:00 am for the new Wareham Elementary School.

The Wareham DECA Festival at Lopes Park in Onset from June 16th through June 19th has been postponed. A new date has not been determined.

The Planning Board had a meeting and stated that projects will be closely monitored to make sure conditions are met.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.**
- b. **Approval of meeting minutes:**

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11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn at 7:26 pm. Selectman Besse seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Besse-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

12. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

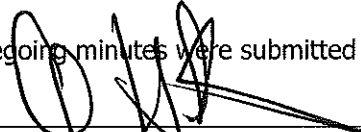
Respectfully submitted

Cassandra Slaney

Department Assistant

The foregoing minutes were submitted to the Board of Selectmen on:

Attest:


Alan H. Slavin, Clerk pro tem

Date Signed:

6-30-22

DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AND/OR USED IN MEETING.

1. Application from Max Performance for Use of Town Roads.
2. Presentation of the Coast Multipath in the downtown village linking Tremont Nail to Besse Park.
3. Design of a roundabout at the intersection of Depot Street, Minot Avenue, Great Neck Road and Onset Avenue.

Date sent to Town Clerk:

6-30-22



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Board of Selectmen

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Patricia Wurts, Clerk
Ronald Besse
Jared Chadwick
Alan H. Slavin

MISSED MEETING CERTIFICATION

I, Patricia Wurts, a voting member of the Wareham Board of Selectmen,
was not able to attend the Board of Selectmen Meeting on, Date: 5/24/20.

As required by MA General Laws Chapter 32, Section 23D(a), I hereby certify that I
have examined all evidence received at the missed session, which includes an audio or
video recording of the missed session, or transcript thereof.


Board of Selectmen Member Signature

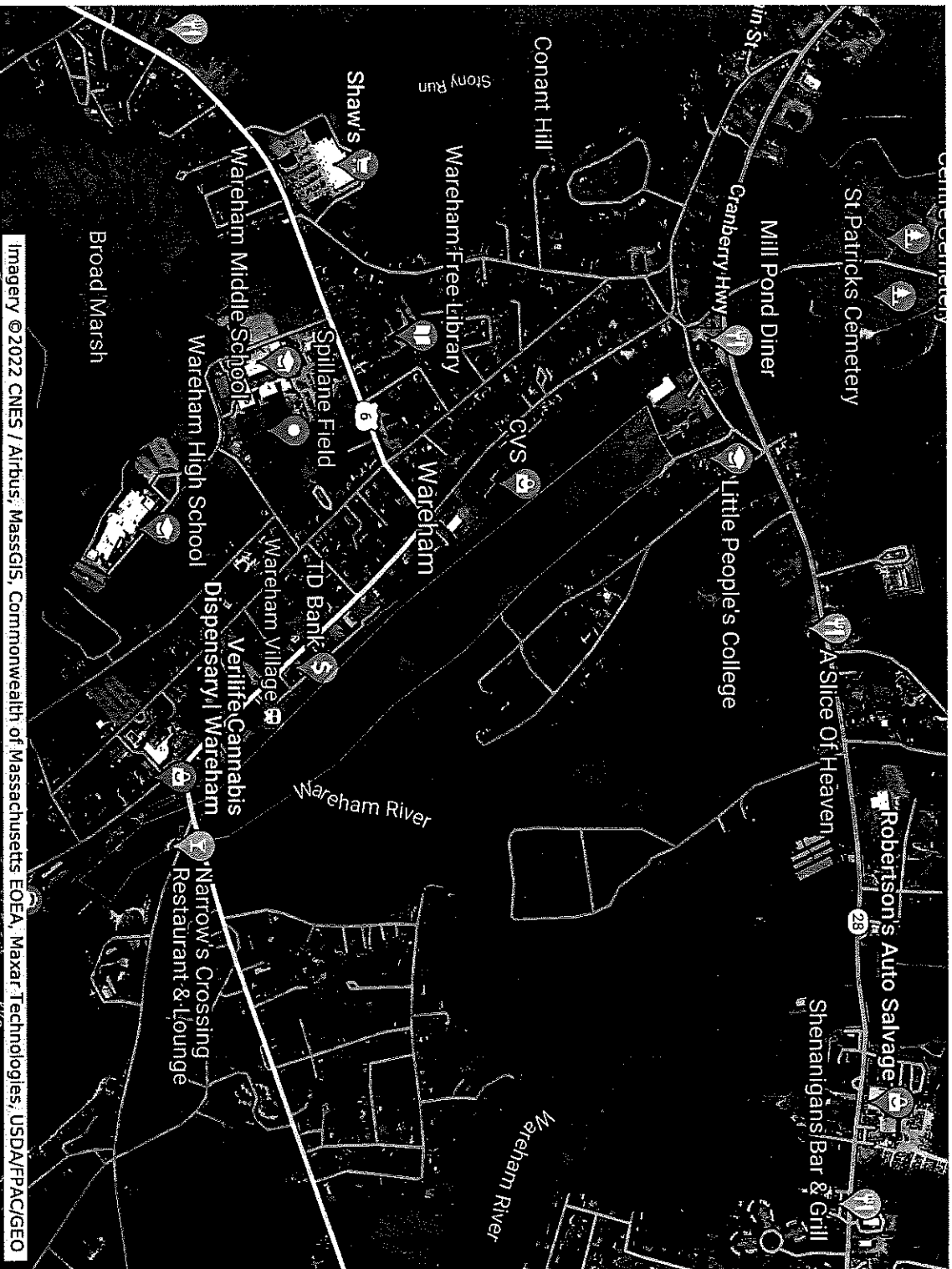
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Wareham River Coastal Pathway

Costal Pathway Location

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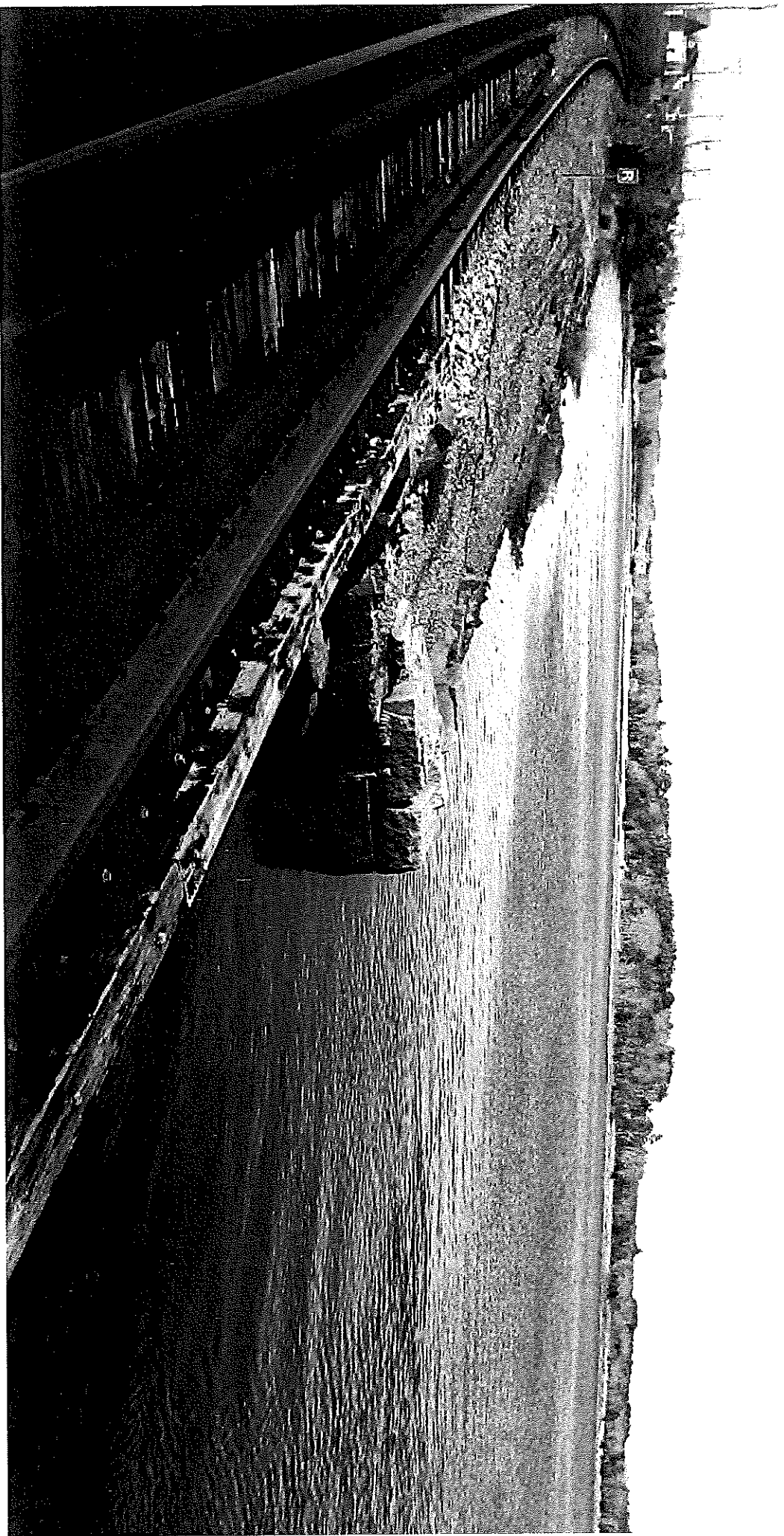
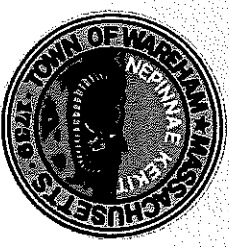
ATTACHMENT to
5/24/22 meeting
minutes



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MERCHANT'S *WAY* IMPROVEMENTS

Town of Wareham





Team

Town of Wareham - Community
Economic Development Authority
(CEDA)



together with

Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic
Development District
(SRPEDD)



Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional
Transit Authority
(GATRA)



WATERFIELD DESIGN GROUP



Goals

- Create a more vibrant Wareham Village thru improvements to Merchant's Way
- Create a healthy balance between automobiles, buses, trains, bikes and pedestrians
- Create a more livable, pedestrian friendly area where people feel safe and comfortable – meeting, shopping & living
- Create opportunities to connect to the Waterfront and improve the water quality



Process

Series of Meetings & Workshops

- April 4th
Department Heads
- April 10th
Town Boards & Commissions
- May 13th
Business & Property Owners
- May 18th
General Public
- July 8th
Business & Property Owners
- March thru July
CEDA, GATRA & SRPEDD
- August 20th
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Conceptual Plan Presentation



Focus Area — 1 / 3 mile length



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Context - Connections





Challenges

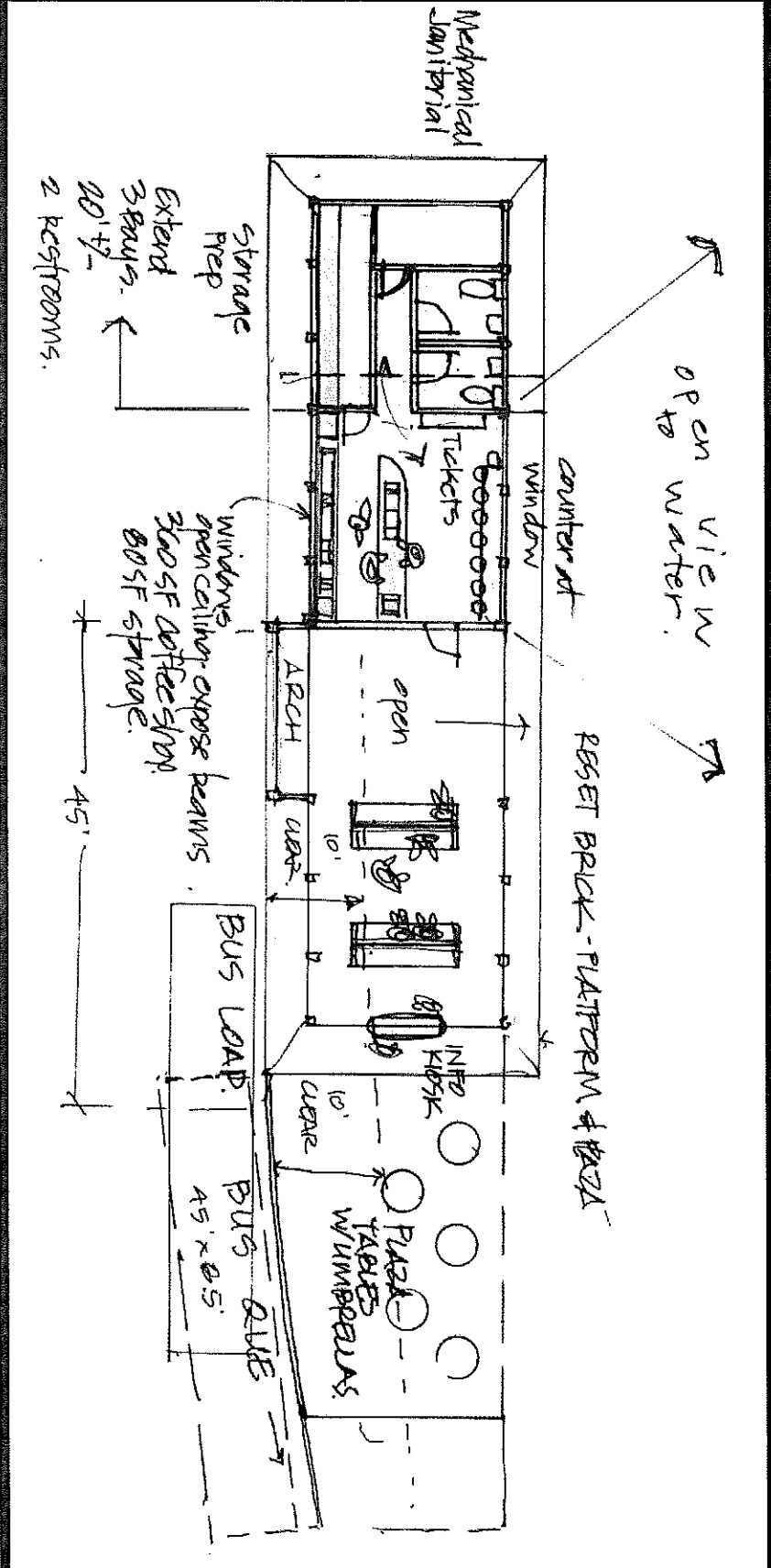
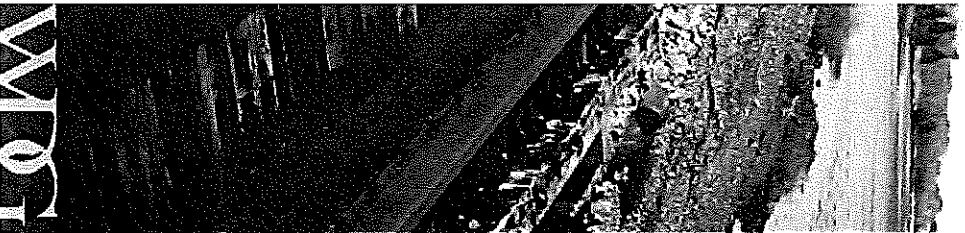
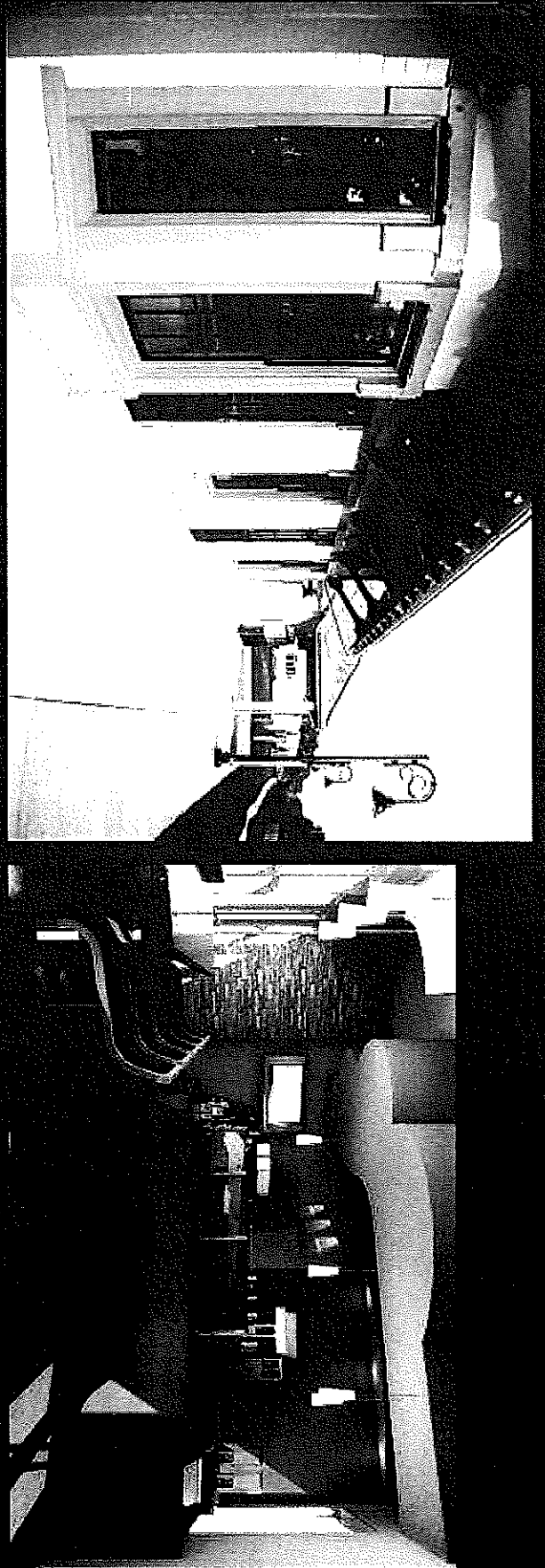
- Train Depot Renovation
 - expand Transportation Options
- Parking Needs
 - *balance with Streetscape & Water Quality Improvements*
- Waterfront Access
 - *balance with Protection*
- Shared Vision
 - *improve both Public and Private Property*

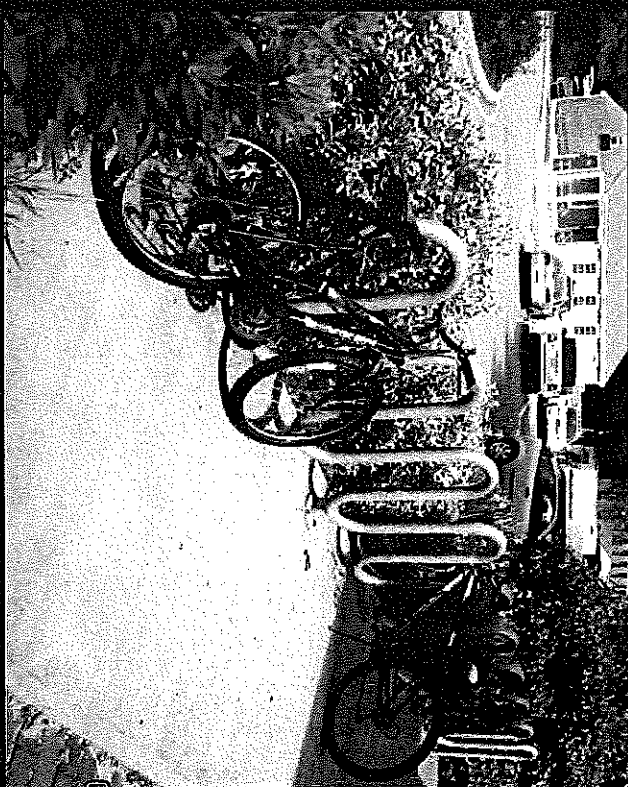
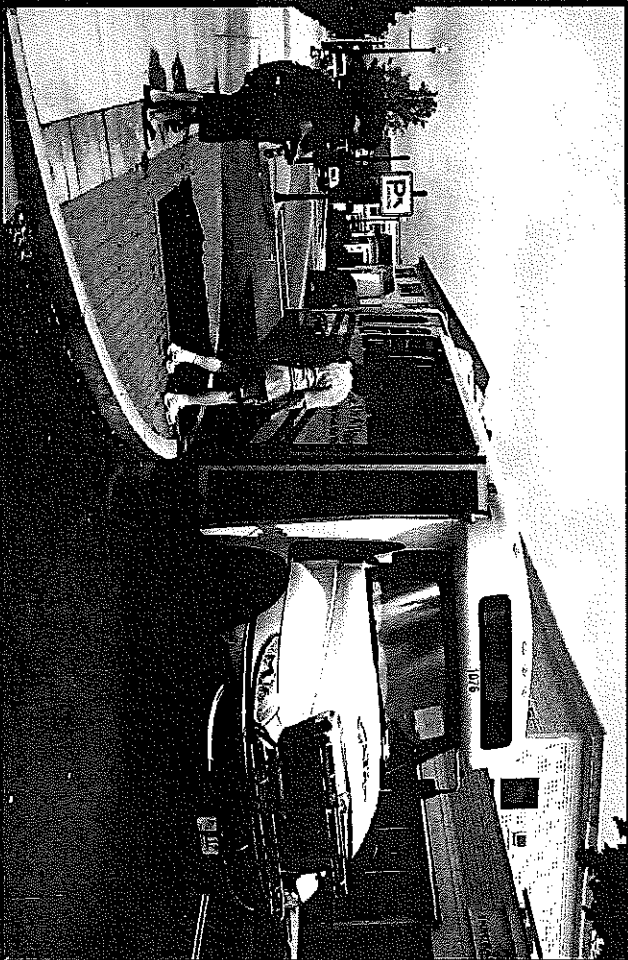
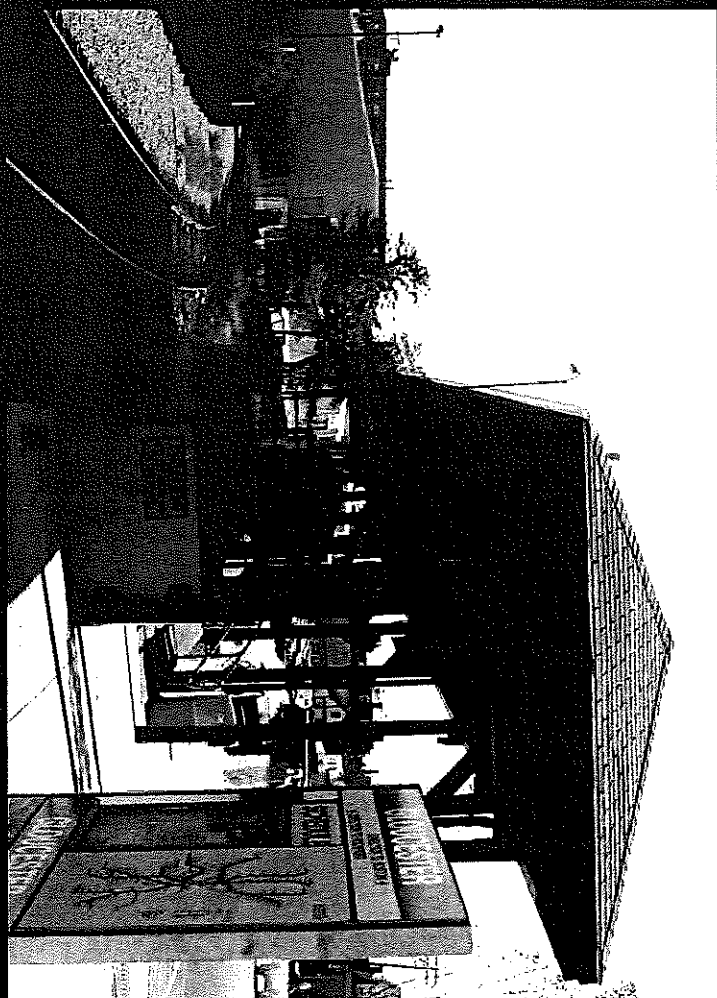
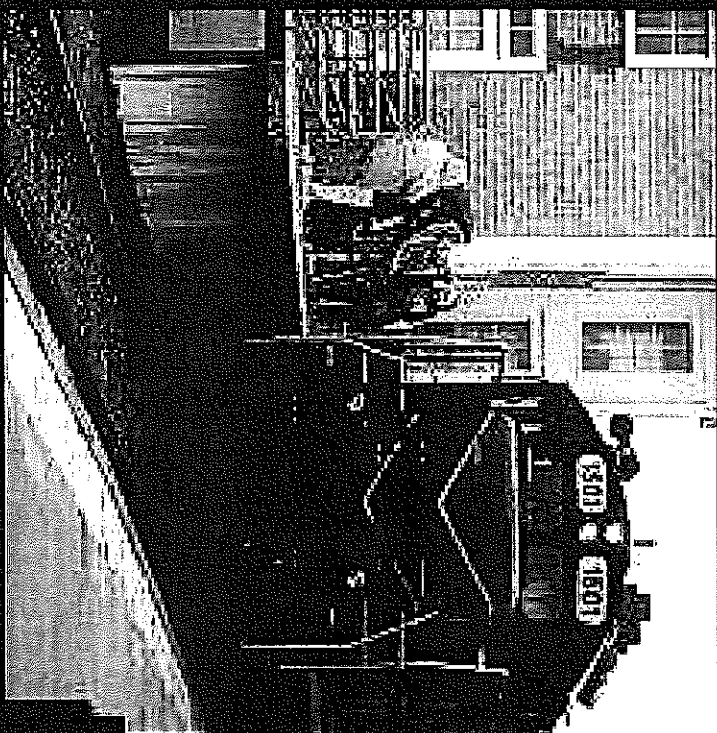


Opportunities

Renovate Train Depot *and* Expand Transportation Options

- Renovated Depot & Restrooms
- Coffee Shop / Café, Seating, Information Kiosk
- Bus Passenger Transfer Facility
GATRA OWL - Service to New Bedford
Peter Pan / Bonanza – P&B
- Bike Facilities





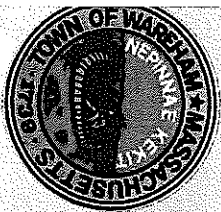
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Opportunities

Explored changes to traffic direction -
roadway widths – Main Street & Merchant's
Way

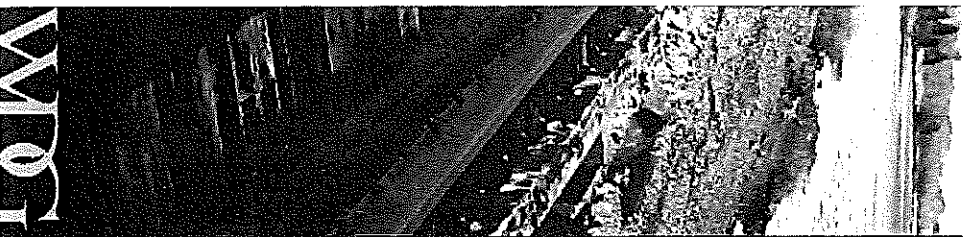
- One-way or two-way ?
- Convert extra pavement to green space ?
- Calm traffic :
reduction in speed = increased safety
- Create short and highly visible pedestrian
cross-walks



Opportunities

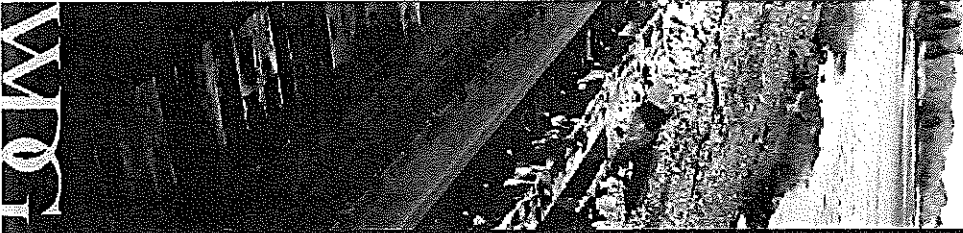
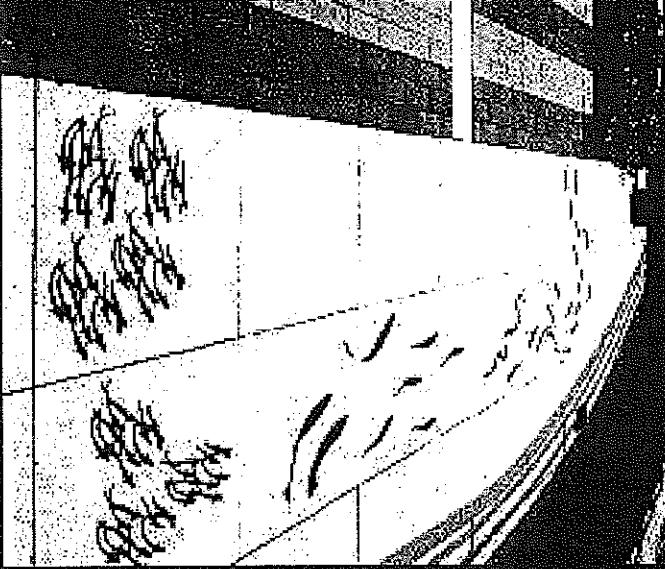
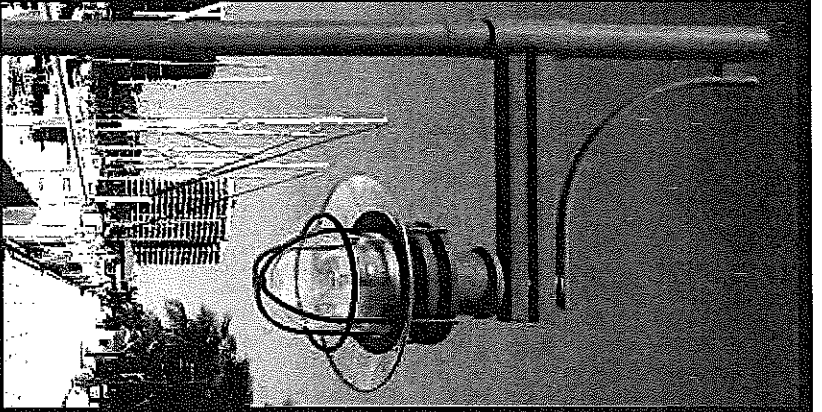
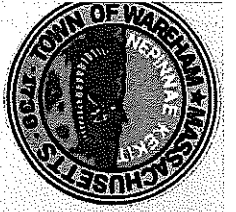
Create a Vibrant Streetscape

- Improved parking, wayfinding signage & pedestrian scale lighting – underground utilities
- Sidewalks and small plazas - café's, street trees, landscaping, and furnishings
- Areas for festivals, farmer's markets, cart vendors, public art
- Green Infrastructure / stormwater infiltration to improve water quality
- Consolidated & Screened Dumpsters
- Separate Shared Use Path / Bikeway / Boardwalk

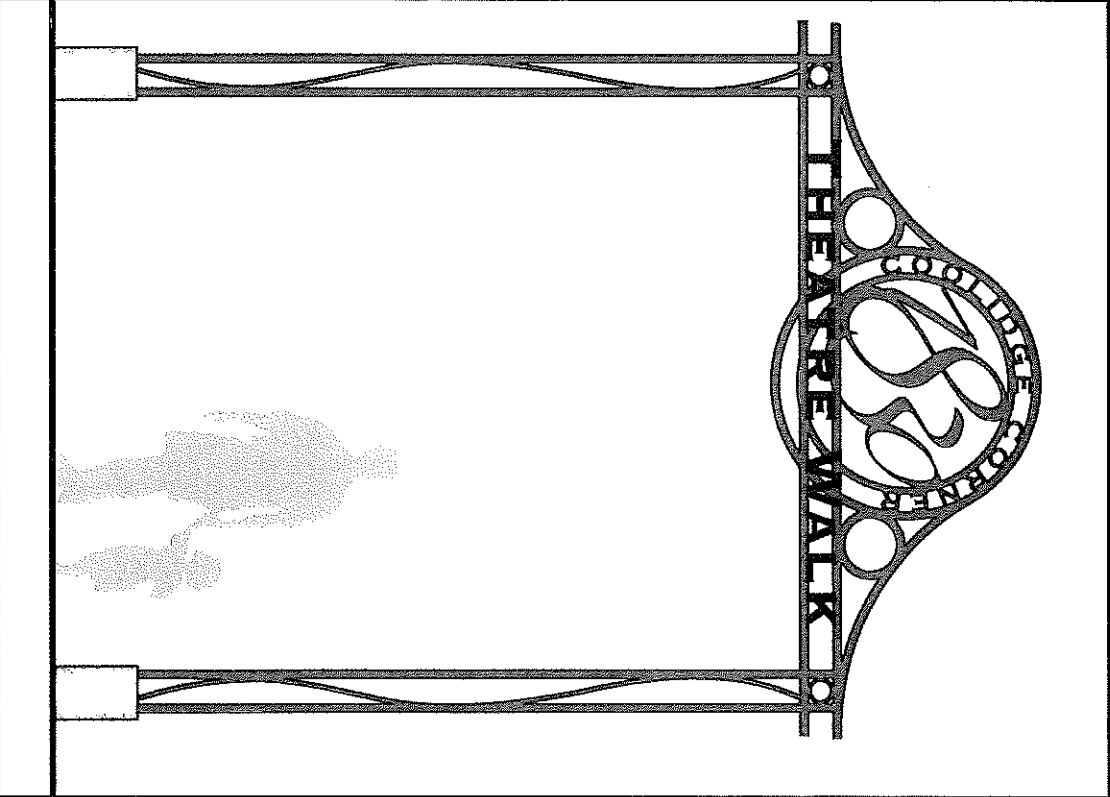




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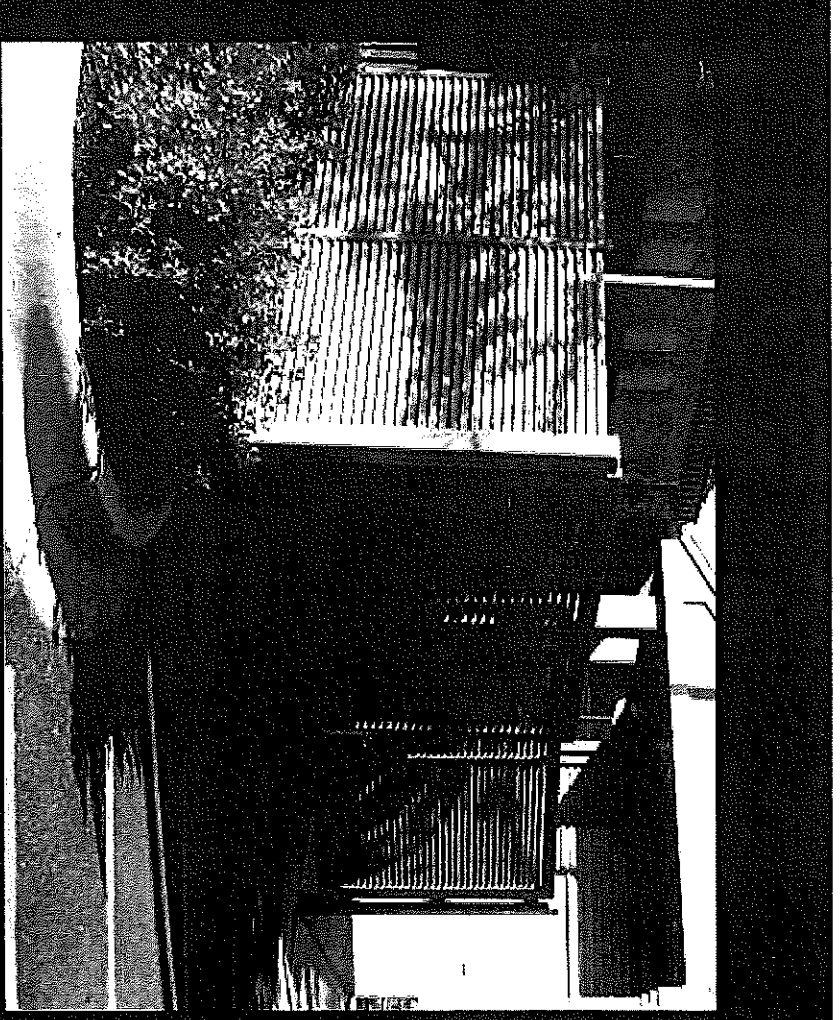
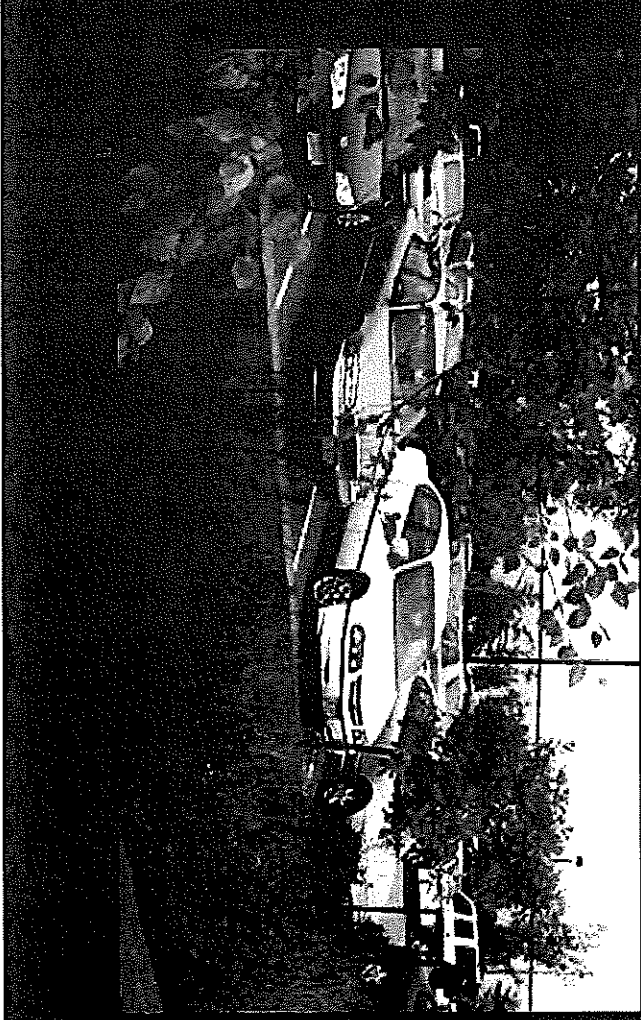
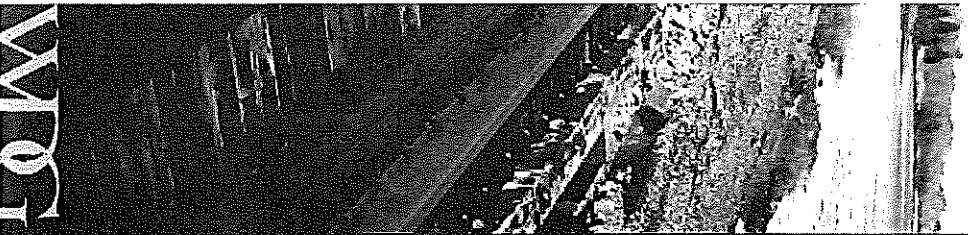


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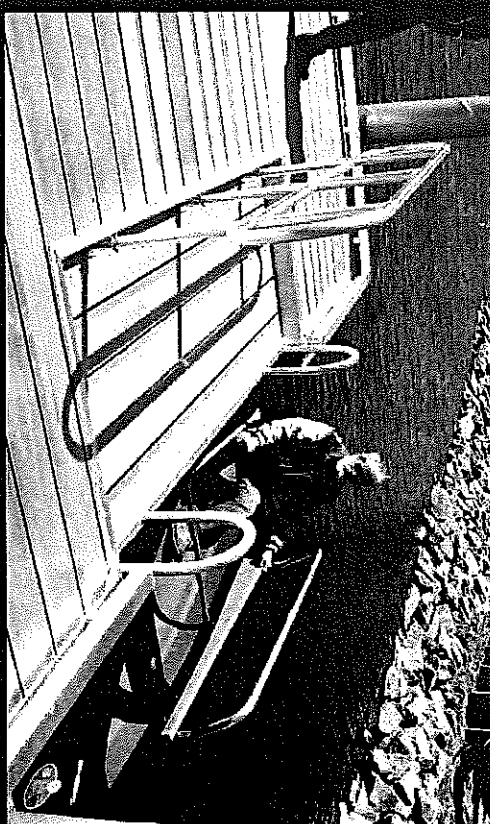
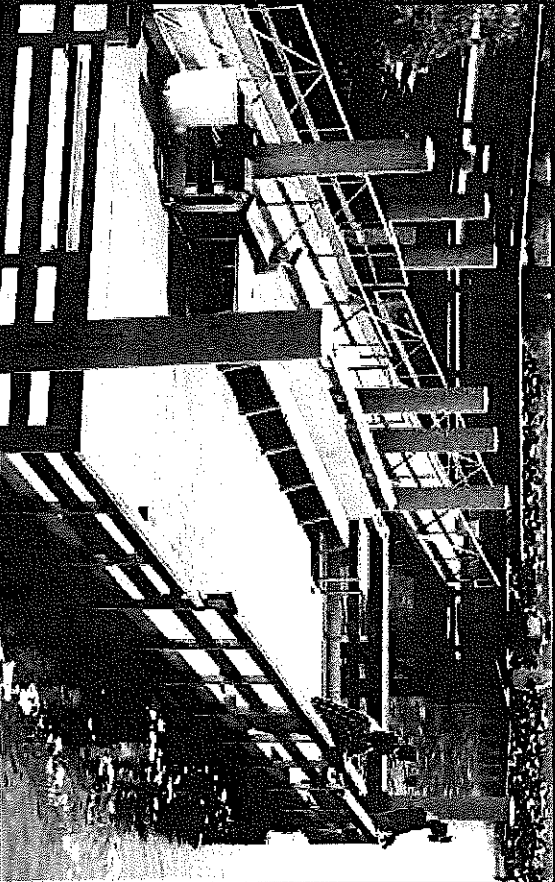
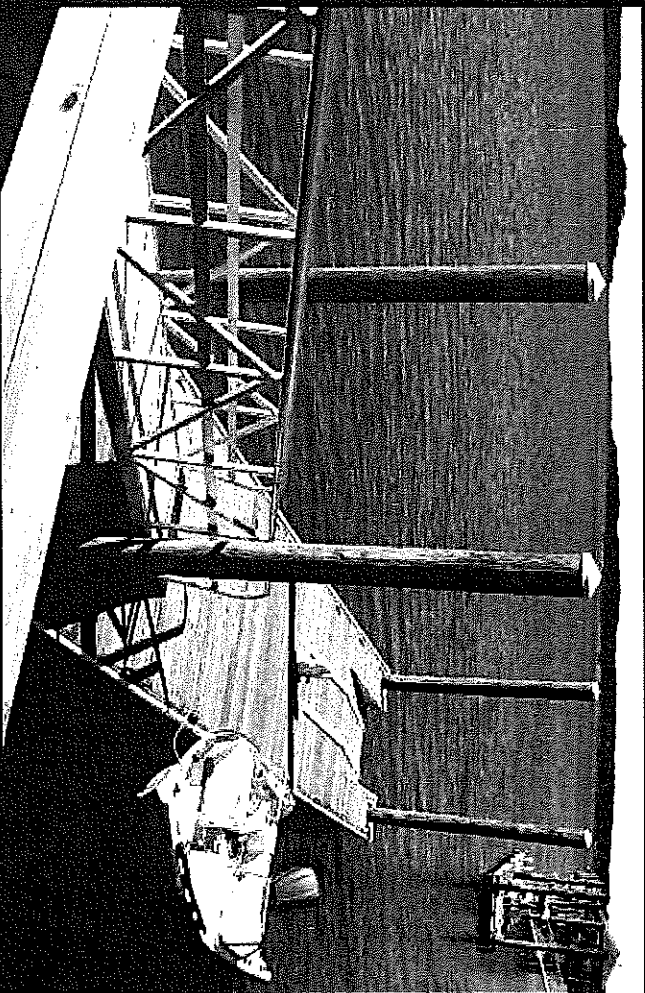
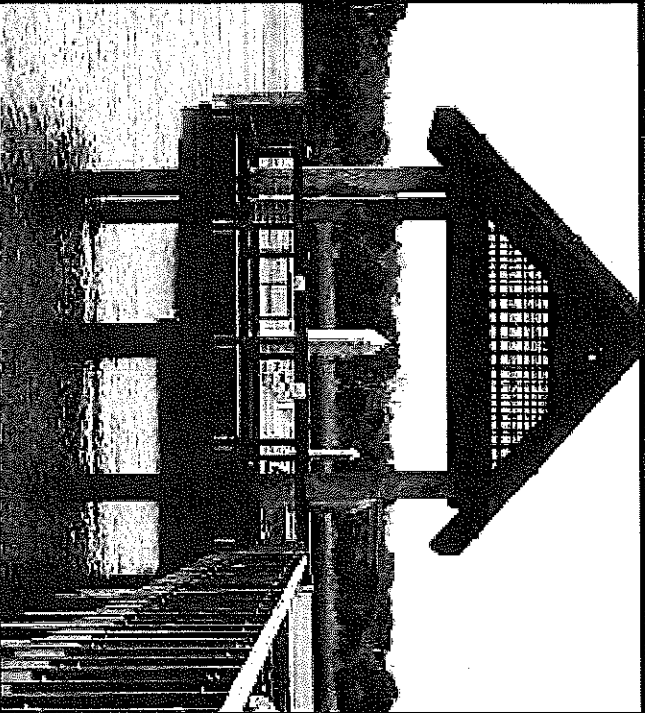
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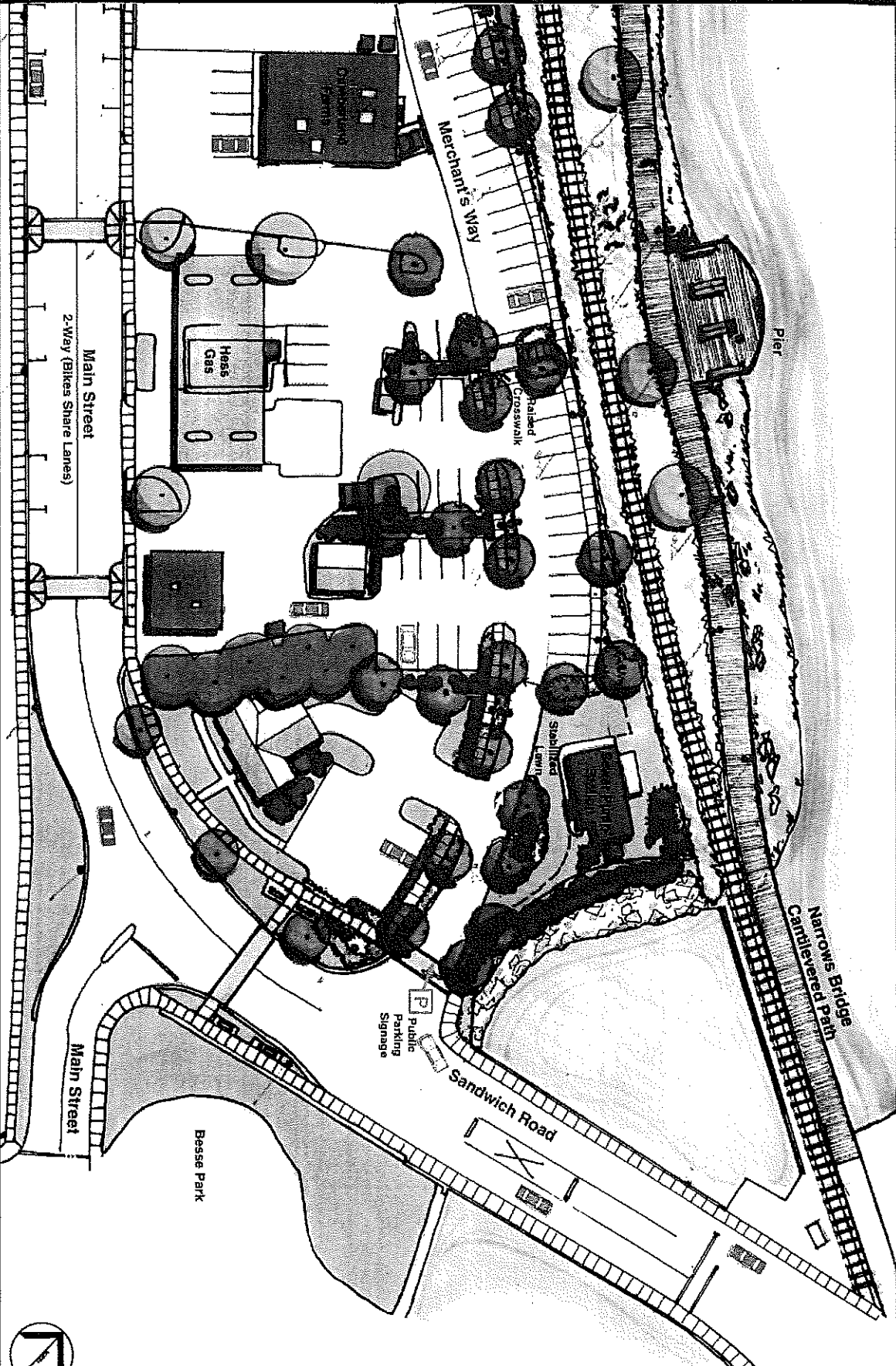
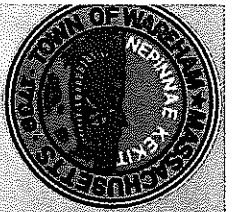
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Access the Waterfront

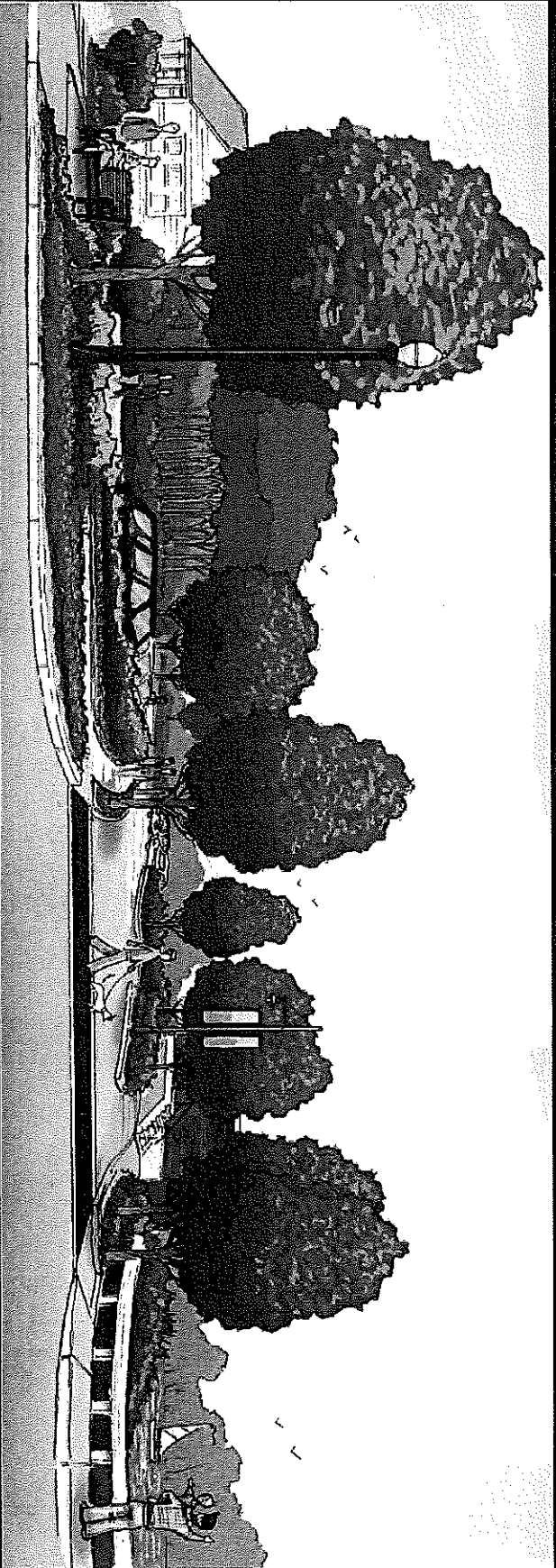
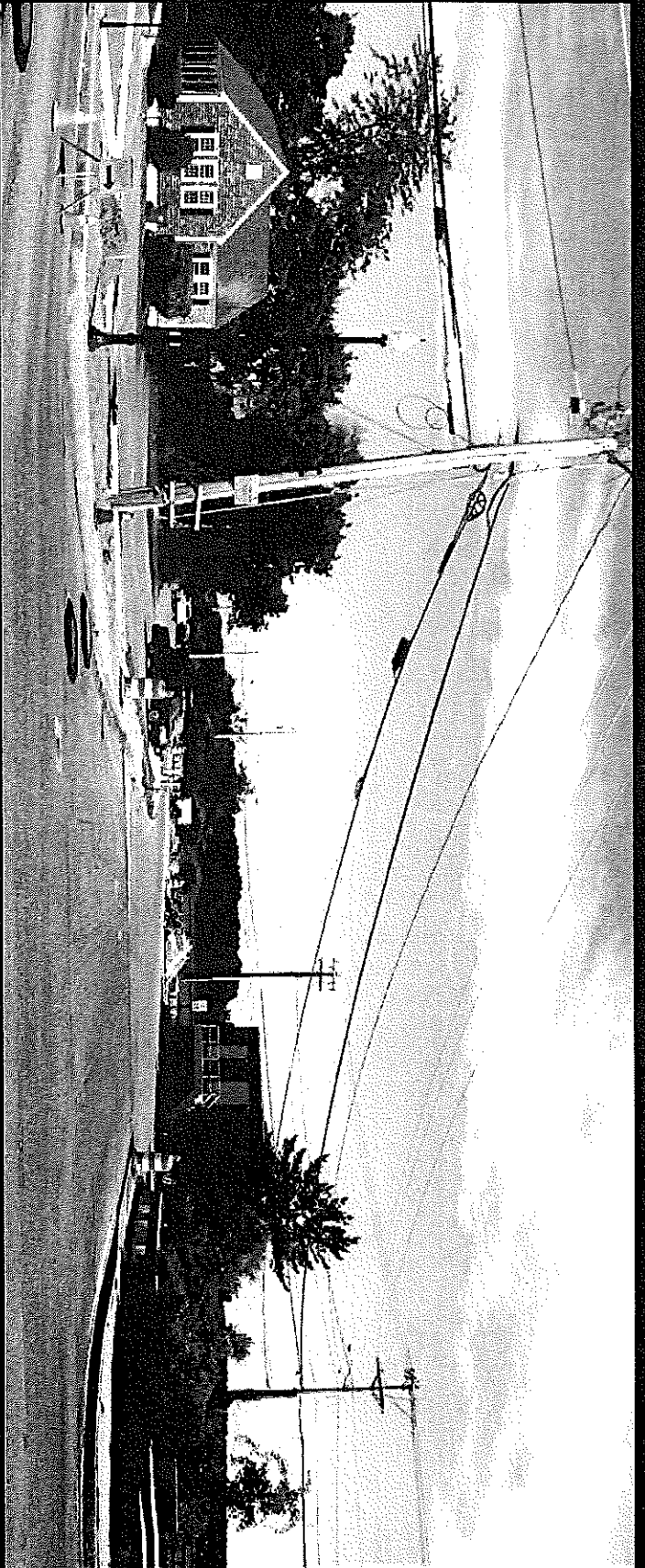
- Create / License a Restricted Rail Crossing
- Develop a Shared Use Pathway / Boardwalk
- Create Seating Nodes and Viewing Areas
- Provide dock for canoes, kayaks, small boats
- Provide access for Blue Crab Harvesting, Fishing, Swan Boat Festival
- Enhance Views & Pedestrian Connections from Main Street



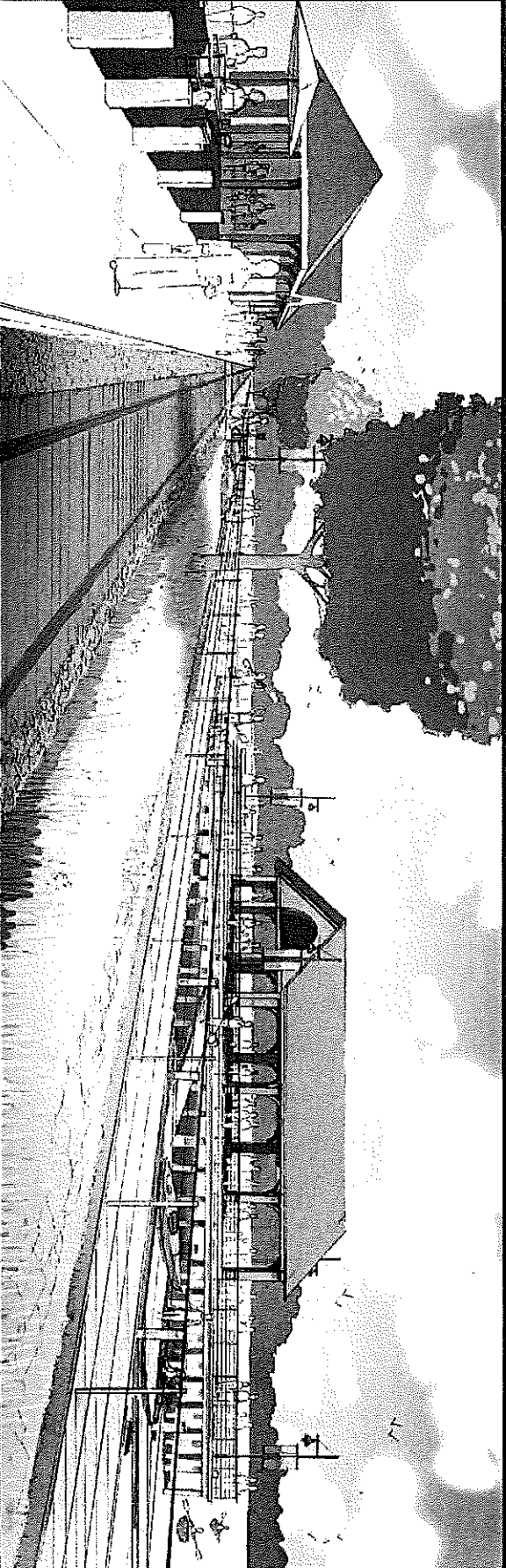
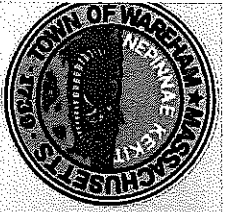
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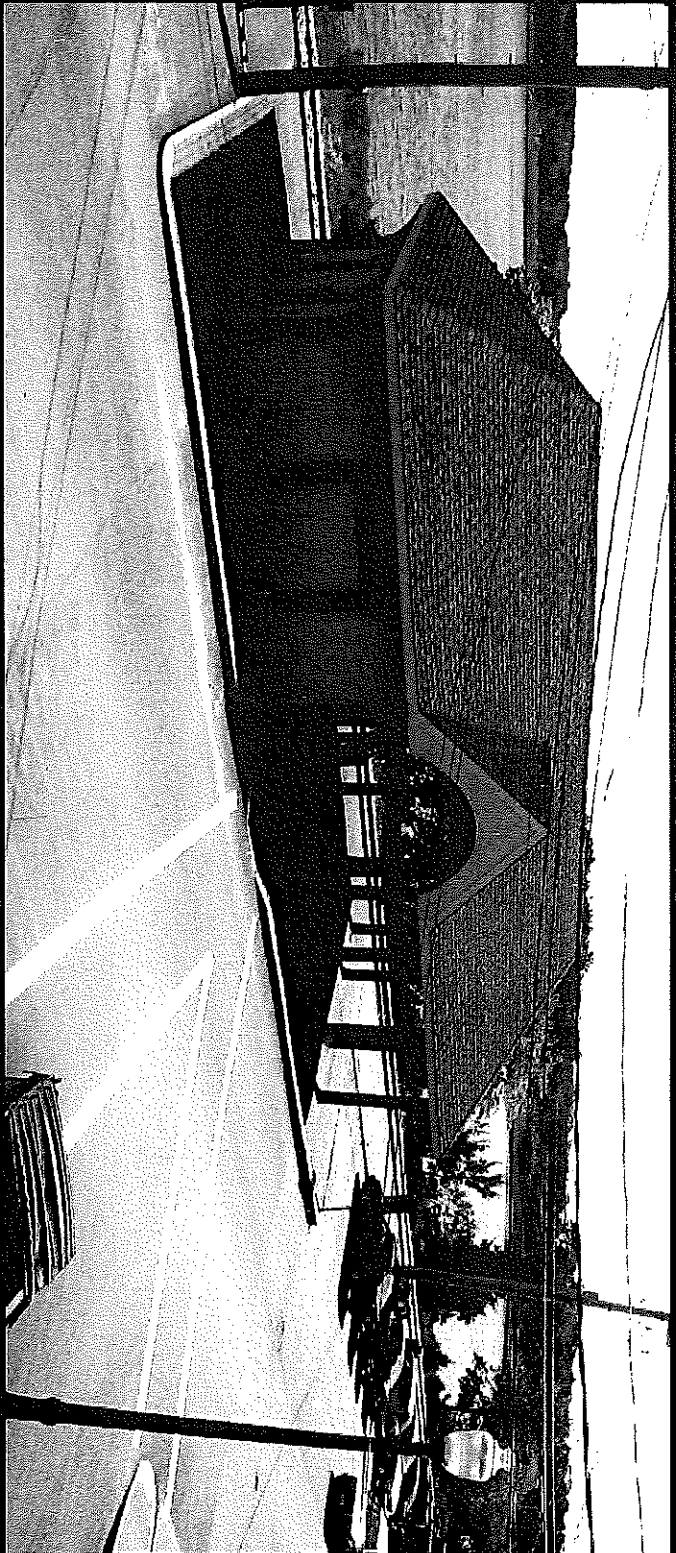
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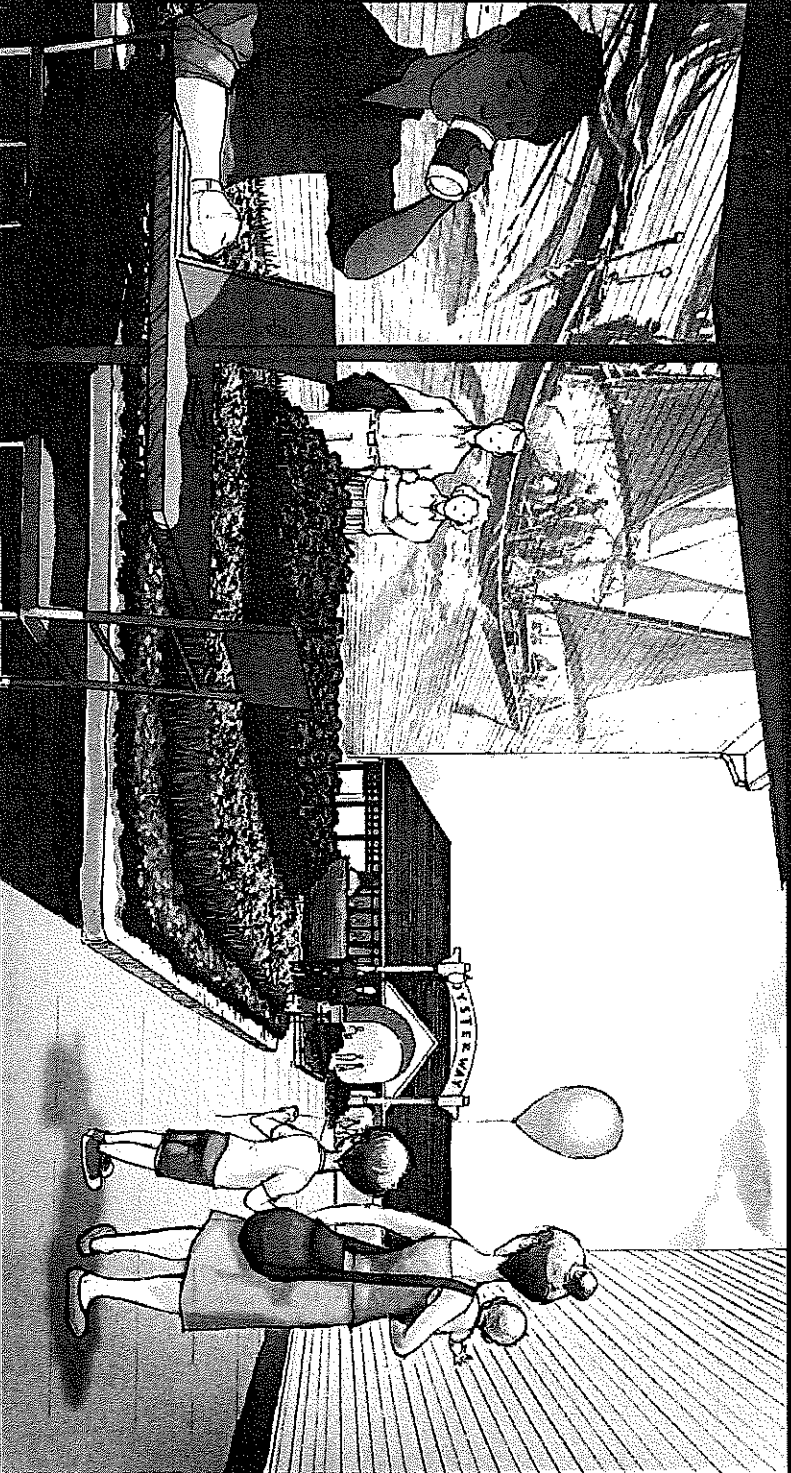
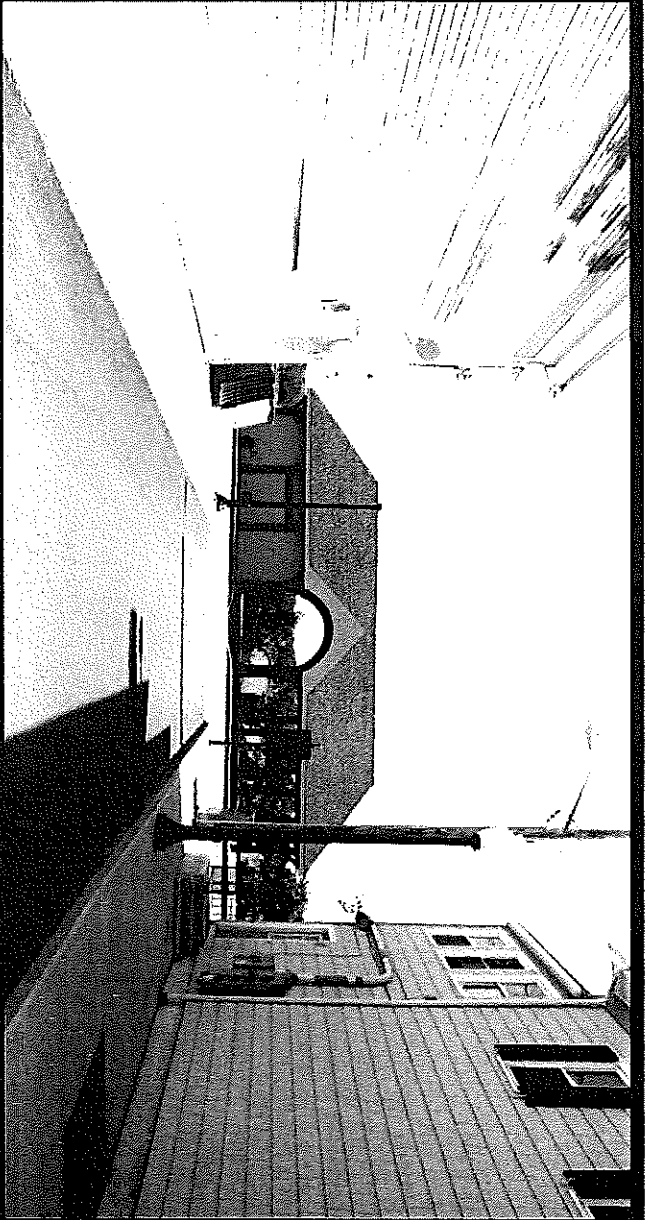




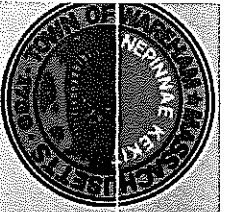
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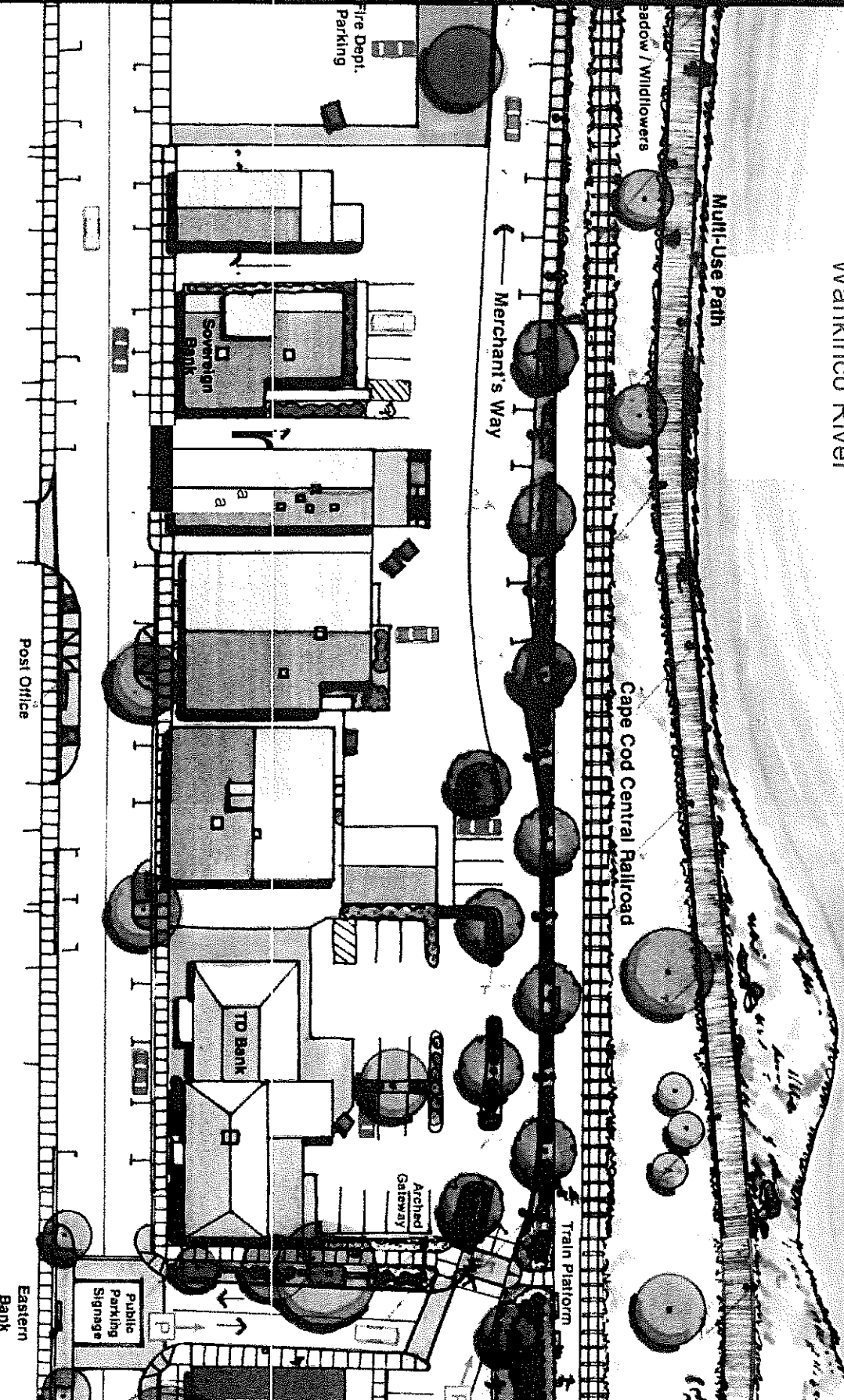
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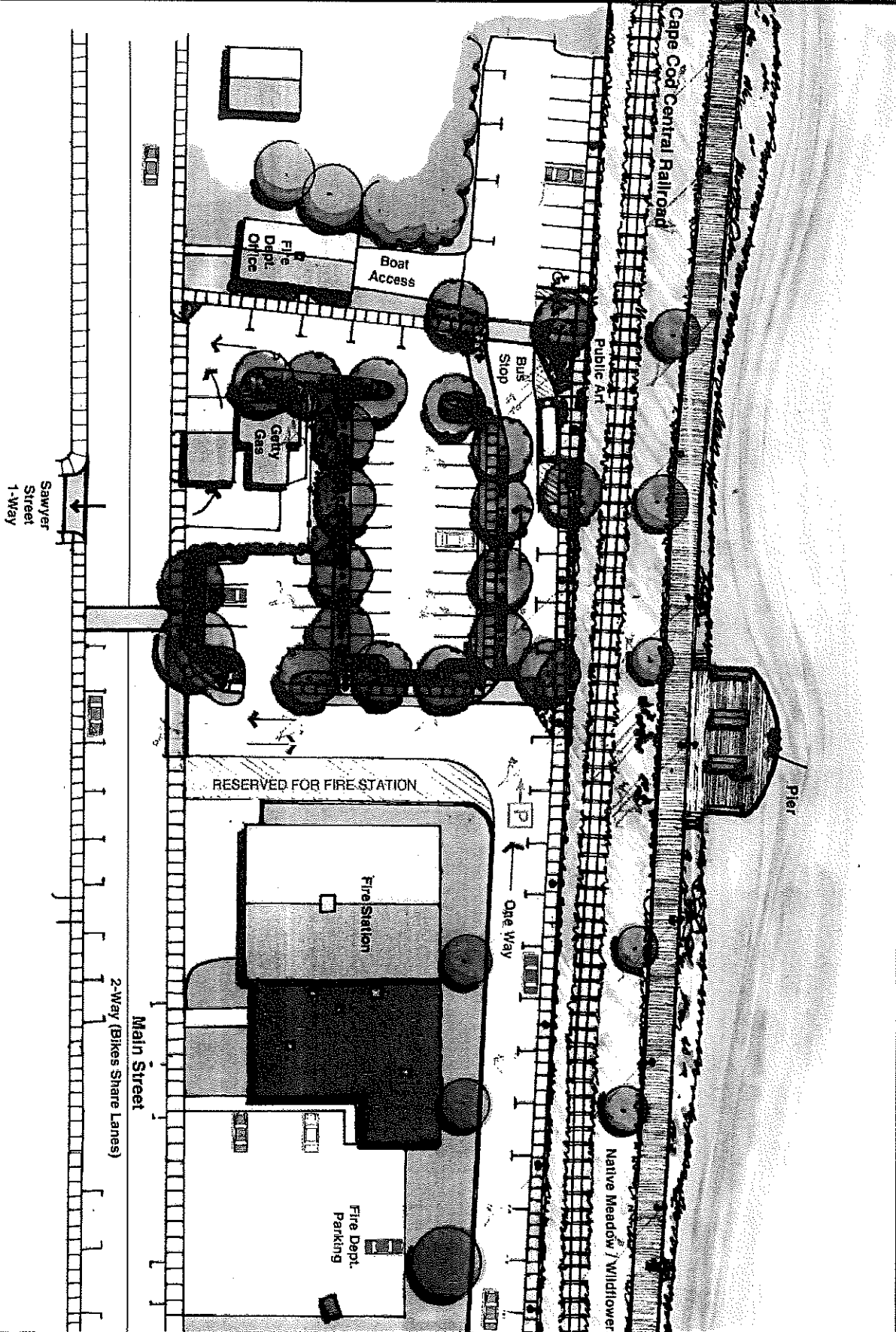


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Feedback *and* Next Steps

Attachment to 5/24/22 minutes
**Roundabout at Depot St., Minot Ave, Great Neck Rd., and
Onset Ave., Intersection**

Roundabout Location

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