

**Ten Year  
Utilization Plan  
for Ninigret Park  
Charlestown, Rhode Island**

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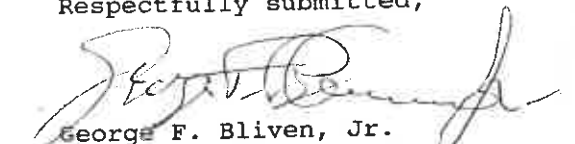
The Town's Park Commission is pleased to submit herewith a recommended Ten Year Utilization Plan for Ninigret Park.

This is the second development plan that has been devised for Ninigret Park and the Commission believes the new plan is consistent with the original plan and, if followed, will bring Ninigret Park to a high level of maturity.

We wish to express our appreciation to the Town Council, the Planning Commission, the Recreation Commission, the Conservation Commission and many, many community groups and individuals whose inputs contributed significantly to the preparation of the plan. Likewise, the Commission owes a debt of gratitude to Lisamarie Walker, our RISD Summer Park Planning Intern whose skills and dedication to this project assured its success.

The Park Commission has been very active and productive since its formulation less than two years ago. With the completion of the subject plan, we feel that one of the major responsibilities assigned to the Commission has been completed. We look forward working on the implementation of the plan after it receives the approval of the Town Council and the National Parks Service.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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## Introduction

The Town Council of Charlestown, Rhode Island respectfully submits this Ten Year Utilization Plan for Ninigret Park to the National Park Services, Department of the Interior. In compliance with the Federal Land to Parks Program, this comprehensive plan expresses the idealistic goals for improvement through the Year 2004. The design is the result of a three month internship made possible by the Rhode Island State Planning Department. The goals set forth are inclusive of all possible improvements foreseen at this time. There is no implied guarantee that all improvements will be completed by 2004. Instead, the plan sets a framework onto which financial planning can be added. Funding will be sought in form of grants to subsidize any annual contribution from the Town of Charlestown.

It is important to note that the Community Center Building Committee has retained an architect and is in the process of choosing a site and defining a program. This project is not noted on the drawings, since a site had yet to be chosen, and the scale of the program remained undefined at the time that the utilization plan drawings were prepared.

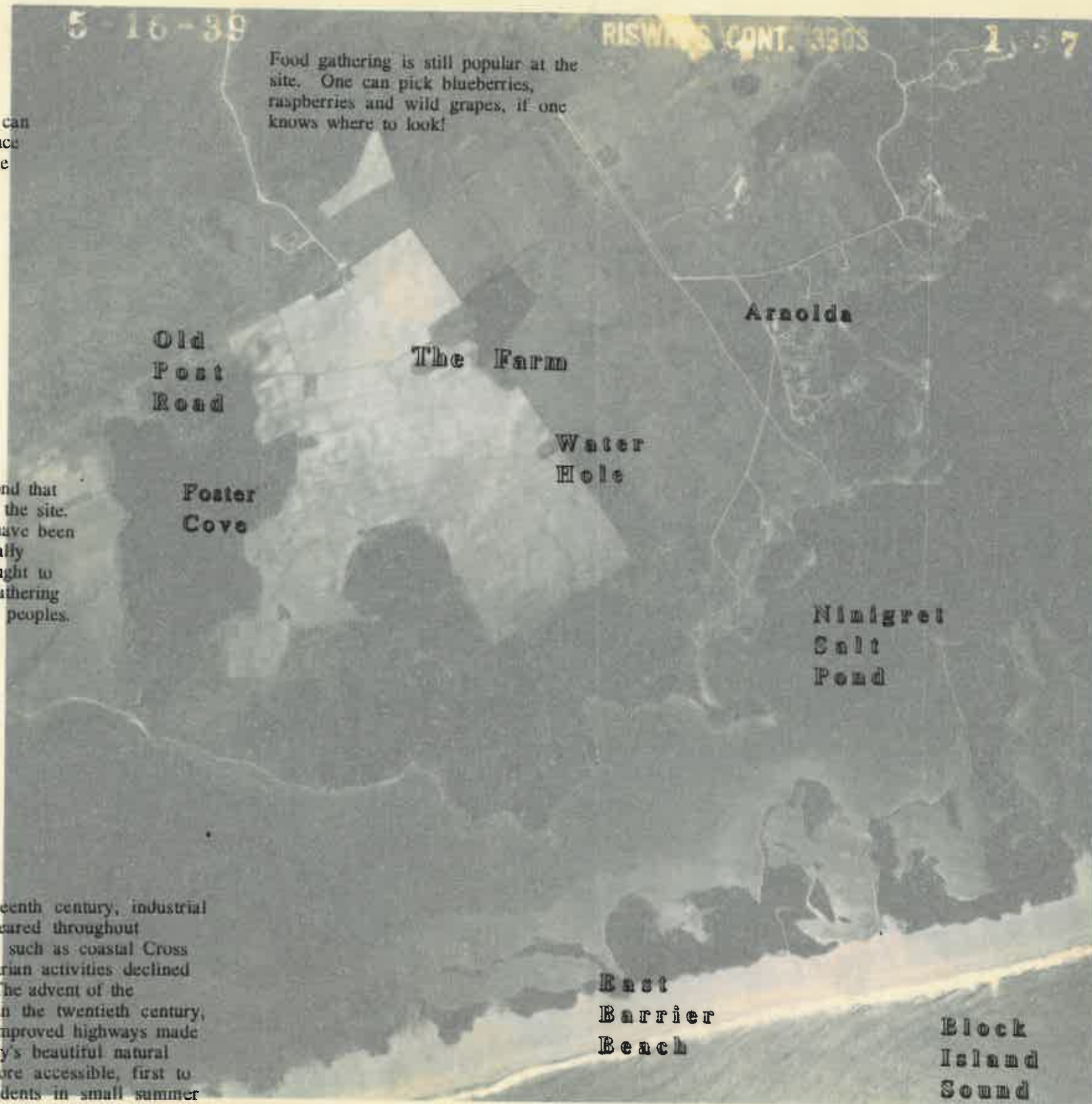
Ninigret Park and its site have seen much change over the years. This report will guide the reader from the evolution of past land use through present conditions to the future vision for Ninigret Park.

Throughout the design process, public input sessions were held to receive citizen's ideas and opinions on the park and its future. Regular meetings and presentations were held with the Parks Commission, Recreation Commission, and Planning Commission, and Conservation Commission to generate input and criticism. Administrators, directors, and employees of Charlestown were interviewed with regard to Ninigret Park issues. Community groups and individuals were interviewed to discern other viewpoints. The Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Charlestown, and surveys conducted in preparation of the Plan were reviewed. National and local recreational standards were reviewed. Neighboring recreational facilities were visited and evaluated in terms of services offered and proximity to the Ninigret Facility. Thus, a broad base for the development of the program was established. A community network was created around the Ninigret Park planning process.

Wandering about this site, one can find toppled stone walls that once demarcated the field lines of the farm.

Foster Cove is the inlet pond that forms the western edge of the site. Areas along its shoreline have been identified as archaeologically significant, since it is thought to contain evidence of food gathering and inhabitation by Native peoples.

In the nineteenth century, industrial villages appeared throughout Charlestown, such as coastal Cross Mills. Agrarian activities declined somewhat. The advent of the automobile in the twentieth century, along with improved highways made South County's beautiful natural resources more accessible, first to summer residents in small summer colonies, and then to permanent inhabitants, such as the Arnolda colony.



### AGRICULTURE: The Farm.

For thousands of years before the arrival of Europeans, Native Americans supported an economy centered around fishing, agriculture, and hunting on this fertile coastal plain. The Woodland period people in Charlestown through the time of colonization were semi-nomadic with specific territories. Summer residence was made close to the ocean, to take advantage of the natural resources. Shell fish gathering and fishing, hunting, and food gathering were practiced. Slash-and-burn agriculture techniques were thoughtfully practiced. To prepare a wooded forest on the outwash plain for horticulture, trees were cut, debris burned, soil turned, and crops planted. Within six years plot yield declined due to diminished soil fertility, and a new plot would be opened in another area. The coastal outwash plains have yielded much evidence of Native settlement, despite moderate population density.

This large tract of land between Post Road (Route 1A) and Ninigret Pond in Charlestown, Rhode Island was settled in 1661 by Jeffrey Champlin, one of the original Misquamicut settlers. This farm was one of South County's several large plantations through the eighteenth century. The plantation system prospered until the Revolutionary War brought about its demise. The Champlin Plantation specialized in sheep production. The tract remained farmland for several centuries, right up until the outbreak of World War II.

*The average coastal farm is said to have 200 acres of cropland and pasture, 10 to 100 acres of woodlot, 100 to 200 feet of beachfront from which seaweed was gathered to fertilize the fields, and 12 acres of marsh grass for animal fodder and bedding.*

H. Browning, "An Elusive Compromise"

Block  
Island  
Sound

East  
Barrier  
Beach

Ninigret  
Salt  
Pond

Along runway 4-22, one will find a  
teakwood mock carrier deck.

Foster  
Cove

Old  
Post  
Road

Runways are the most prominent  
relics of the once busy airfield. Each  
runway stretches about a mile from  
end to end. Macadam surface over  
deep gravel beds provided a solid  
surface tolerant to the repeated  
impact of planes landing.

Over this site once flew the famed  
TBM Avengers, VF 51 Torpedos, DT  
51 Torpedos, and Grumman Hellcats.

The Air Base

Coordinates:  
71 degrees, 40 minutes west longitude  
41 degrees, 21 minutes north latitude

Fire  
Pond

Sewage  
Treatment  
Plant

Water  
Towers

President George Bush learned to fly  
at Charlietown; here began the  
electronic warfare revolution that  
resulted in Stealth technology.

Arnolda

Night Fighter training resulted in  
59 fatalities. In memory of the  
World War II Veterans that trained  
and served at Charlestown Naval  
Auxiliary Landing Field, and those  
who gave their lives, the  
Charlestown Naval Air Memorial was  
erected. An annual ceremony and air  
show is held in November.

#### DEFENSE: The Air Base.

In August, 1942, the United States  
Government condemned and  
purchased a roughly six hundred  
acre tract of farm land to  
construct the Charlestown Naval  
Auxiliary Landing Field as an  
adjunct to the Quonset Point Naval  
Air Station. By September, 1943  
the field opened, though recruits  
were still housed in tents.

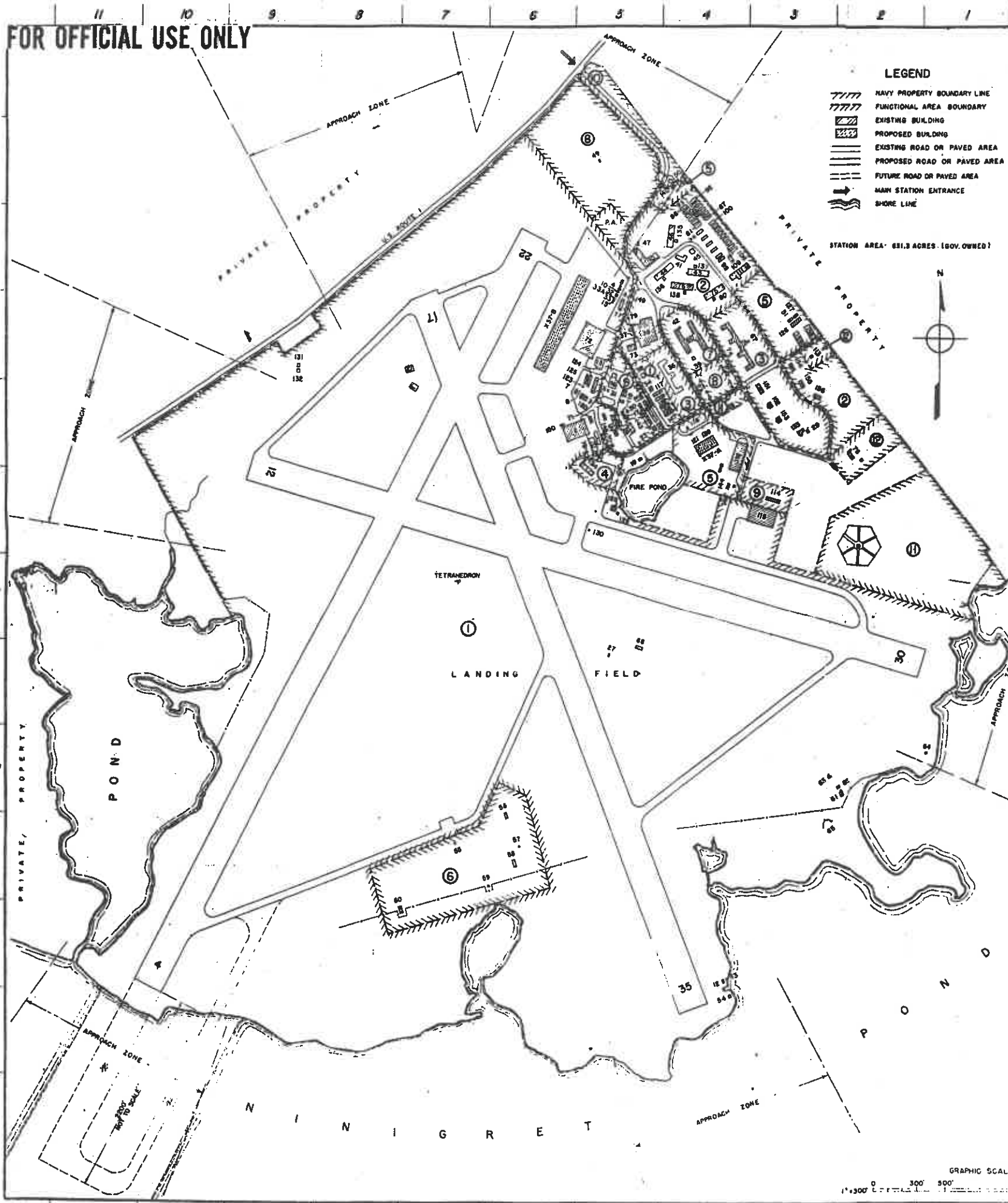
Navy pilots were trained for night  
fighting at CNALF throughout  
World War II. By 1945, this  
facility was the only Carrier  
Aircraft Unit in the world that  
operated 24 hours a day in full  
flying status. The facility was  
deactivated in 1949.

Reactivated for the Korean War,  
this subsidiary of Quonset Point  
handled overflow air traffic and  
served as a touchdown point for  
training flights. The field was  
used for training into the 1970's.

During its peak, Charlietown was  
home to some 2,000 Navy  
personnel. The base area included  
a control tower, hangars, fueling  
areas, residential units, a three  
acre fire pond, two water towers  
each with 250,000 gallons of  
capacity, a sewage treatment  
plant, forced steam systems, and  
other facilities.

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LEGEND

- NAVY PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE
- FUNCTIONAL AREA BOUNDARY
- EXISTING BUILDING
- PROPOSED BUILDING
- EXISTING ROAD OR PAVED AREA
- PROPOSED ROAD OR PAVED AREA
- FUTURE ROAD OR PAVED AREA
- MAIN STATION ENTRANCE
- SHORE LINE

STATION AREA - 681.3 ACRES (GOV. OWNED)

INDEX OF STRUCTURES

NO.	LOC.	DEPARTMENT	USE	FL. EL.	NO.	LOC.	DEPARTMENT	USE	FL. EL.
1	0-3	ADMINISTRATION	ADMINISTRATION BLDG.	24.73	101	J-4	ORDNANCE	SMALL ARMS MIT	
2	H-5	OPERATIONS	HANGAR NO. 1	24.84	102	J-4	ADMINISTRATION	TEMPORARY STORAGE	
3	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	BOILERHOUSE NO. 3	25.50	103	J-4	ADMINISTRATION	LATRINE, E. M.	
4	H-5	OPERATIONS	LINE SHACK	25.87	104	J-4	ADMINISTRATION	TEMPORARY STORAGE	
5	H-5	OPERATIONS	AVIATION GAS SHACK	25.06	105	J-4	ADMINISTRATION	TEMPORARY STORAGE	
6	H-5	OPERATIONS	STORAGE SHACK	25.73	106	J-4	ADMINISTRATION	TEMPORARY STORAGE	
7	H-5	OPERATIONS	LINE SHACK	26.87	107	J-4	ADMINISTRATION	TEMPORARY STORAGE	
8	H-5	OPERATIONS	PARACHUTE STORAGE	24.72	108	J-4	ADMINISTRATION	TEMPORARY STORAGE	
9	H-5	OPERATIONS	LINE SHACK	31.42	109	J-4	ADMINISTRATION	TEMPORARY STORAGE	
10	H-5	OPERATIONS	CARPENTER SHOP	29.50	110	J-5	WELFARE & REC.	NAVY EXHIBITION & RECREATION	
11	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	CRASH BEAR HOUSE	9.31	111	J-4	ADMINISTRATION	BARRACKS NO. 5	
12	H-5	OPERATIONS	FIRE STATION	27.70	112	H-4	SUPPLY & FISCAL	SUPPLY BLDG.	
13	H-5	OPERATIONS	LINE SHACK	23.97	113	H-5	COMMUNICATIONS	RADIO RECEIVER BLDG.	
14	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	TRANSPORTATION GARAGE	27.70	114	H-5	OPERATIONS	STORAGE	
15	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	HEAVY DUTY EQUIPMENT GARAGE	24.25	115	H-5	OPERATIONS	STORAGE	
16	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	FIRE PUMP HOUSE	14.00	116	H-5	SUPPLY & FISCAL	AVIATION GAS SHACK	
17	H-5	ORDNANCE	ARMORY	25.86	117	H-5	TRAINING	TRAINING BLDG.	
18	H-5	ORDNANCE	OFFICE & LINE TRAINER	25.26	118	H-5	TRAINING	TRAINING BLDG.	
19	H-5	ORDNANCE	ORDNANCE BLDG.	25.07	119	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	STORAGE	
20	H-5	TRAINING	TRAINING BLDG.	24.75	120	H-5	FASHION	TRUNK SHOP	
21	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	INJECTOR STATION (SEWAGE DISPOSAL)	23.83	121	H-5	SUPPLY & FISCAL	TRUNK LAMING STAND (NO. 102)	
22	H-5	ORDNANCE	ORDNANCE BLDG.	27.78	122	H-5	FASHION	OXYGEN STORAGE PIT	
23	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	PUBLIC WORKS BLDG.	23.80	123	H-5	ORDNANCE	SHOP	
24	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	CHLORINE BLDG. (SEWAGE DISPOSAL)	27.90	124	H-5	OPERATIONS	LINE SHACK	
25	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	PUMP HOUSE, WELL NO. 12	10.26	125	H-5	OPERATIONS	STORAGE	
26	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	WELDING & SHEET METAL SHOP	25.78	126	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	STORAGE	
27	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	GARAGE (QUARTERS "X")	30.36	127	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	STORAGE	
28	H-5	ADMINISTRATION	STORAGE (CRASH BEAR)	25.13	128	H-5	ORDNANCE	MAGAZINE, FLARES	
29	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	TRANSPORTATION OIL SHED	25.39	129	H-5	OPERATIONS	CRASH FIRE STATION	
30	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	LINE SHACK	31.94	130	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	PUMP HOUSE, WELL NO. 11	
31	H-5	OPERATIONS	LINE SHACK	25.45	131	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	STORAGE	
32	H-5	OPERATIONS	LINE SHACK	25.45	132	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	STORAGE	
33	H-5	OPERATIONS	SQUADRON BLDG.	28.40	133	H-5	ADMINISTRATION	QUARTERS, E.O.	
34	H-5	OPERATIONS	SQUADRON BLDG.	28.40	134	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	HEATER HOUSE	
35	H-5	OPERATIONS	FOUNDATION ONLY (B.O.G.)	28.81	135	J-4	PUBLIC WORKS	HEATER HOUSE NO. 2	
36	H-5	OPERATIONS	BOILER HOUSE	30.17	136	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	HEATER HOUSE NO. 1	
37	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	MESS HALL	28.00	137	J-4	PUBLIC WORKS	HEATER HOUSE	
38	H-5	ADMINISTRATION	DISPENSARY GARAGE	28.42	138	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	HEATER HOUSE	
39	H-5	MEDICAL	DISPENSARY	32.20	139	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	TRUNK LAMING	
40	H-5	MEDICAL	DISPENSARY	32.20	140	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	ELEV. WATER	
41	H-5	WELFARE & REC.	C.P.O. RECREATION BLDG.	35.70	141	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	REMOVED	
42	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	HEATER HOUSE, DISPENSARY	28.81	142	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	PAINT STORAGE	
43	H-5	ADMINISTRATION	BARRACKS NO. 3	24.75	143	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	COMMISSARY STORAGE	
44	H-5	ADMINISTRATION	BARRACKS NO. 1	34.75	144	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	PAINT & OIL STORAGE	
45	H-5	ADMINISTRATION	BOILER HOUSE NO. 2	33.50	145	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	STORAGE	
46	H-5	ADMINISTRATION	BARRACKS NO. 2	24.75	146	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	STORAGE	
47	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	PUMP HOUSE NO. 1 - FRESH WATER	29.39	147	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	STORAGE BLDG.	
48	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	BOILER HOUSE NO. 4	48.73	148	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	LINE SHACK	
49	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	PUMP HOUSE NO. 2 - FRESH WATER	44.73	149	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	TRANSFORMER MOUNT, FIELD LIGHTING	
50	H-4	SECURITY	GATE HOUSE	42.06	150	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	QUARTERS, E.O. (4 APTS.)	
51	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	STORAGE	31.76	151	H-5	ADMINISTRATION	QUARTERS, E.O. (4 APTS.)	
52	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	REMOVED	31.76	152	H-5	ADMINISTRATION	QUARTERS, E.O. (4 APTS.)	
53	H-5	OPERATIONS	CRASH OIL SHED	9.24	153	H-5	ADMINISTRATION	QUARTERS, E.O. (4 APTS.)	
54	H-5	OPERATIONS	CRASH READY SHED & STORAGE	9.22	154	H-5	ADMINISTRATION	QUARTERS, E.O. (4 APTS.)	
55	H-5	OPERATIONS	MAGAZINE, READY	9.42	155	H-5	ADMINISTRATION	QUARTERS, E.O. (4 APTS.)	
56	H-5	OPERATIONS	MAGAZINE, INERT	14.14	156	H-5	ADMINISTRATION	QUARTERS, E.O. (4 APTS.)	
57	H-5	OPERATIONS	MAGAZINE, PYROTECHNIC	9.99	157	H-5	ADMINISTRATION	QUARTERS, E.O. (4 APTS.)	
58	H-5	OPERATIONS	MAGAZINE, SMALL ARMS	9.28	158	H-5	ADMINISTRATION	QUARTERS, E.O. (4 APTS.)	
59	H-5	OPERATIONS	MAGAZINE, FUSE & DETONATOR	10.23	159	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	WATER TREATMENT BLDG.	
60	H-5	OPERATIONS	MAGAZINE, I.E.	10.10	160	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	SHOP STORES	
61	H-5	OPERATIONS	STORAGE BLDG.	9.80	161	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	STORAGE	
62	H-5	OPERATIONS	STORAGE, SHEET & TRAP	8.00					
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76	H-5	ADMINISTRATION	CARPENTER SHOP	32.29					
77	H-5	PUBLIC WORKS	RADIO TRANSMITTER BLDG.	23.29					
78	H-5	COMMUNICATIONS	GARBAGE HOUSE	31.80					
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98	H-5	ADMINISTRATION	QUARTERS, E.M.	35.25					
99	H-5	ADMINISTRATION	QUARTERS, E.M.	35.25					
100	H-5	ADMINISTRATION	QUARTERS, E.M.	35.25					

- OPERATIONS ME - SW RUNWAY 2800 X 200
- OPERATIONS MW - SE RUNWAY 4800 X 200
- OPERATIONS H - S RUNWAY 5250 X 200

BLOG NO. OR SYMBOL	LOC.	PROJECTED USE
X37-A	H-4	JET FUEL STORAGE
X37-B	H-5	JET FUELING STATIONS
X100-A	A-1	EXTENSION OF RUNWAY 4-22

AREA	ALLOCATION
1	OPERATIONS AREAS
2	ENLISTED PERSONNEL AREAS
3	OFFICER PERSONNEL AREAS
4	ADMINISTRATION AREAS
5	STORAGE AREAS
6	MAGAZINE AREAS
7	DISPENSARY AREAS
8	RECREATION AREAS
9	P.W.D. MAINTENANCE AREAS
10	GATE HOUSE AREA
11	UTILITIES AREAS
12	COMMUNICATIONS AREAS
R.A.	PARKING AREAS

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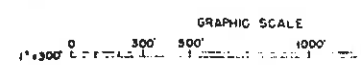
APPROVED FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

DATE

REVISIONS

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY BUREAU OF YARDS & DOCKS U.S. NAVAL AUXILIARY LANDING FIELD, CHARLESTOWN, R.I.

MASTER SHORE STATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN PART III - SECTION 3 GENERAL DEVELOPMENT Image 3 Plan, CNALF. June 30, 1945.



## RECREATION: The Parks

The Charlestown field was closed and declared excess property by the government in 1974, when Quonset was shut down. The New England Power Company (Narragansett Electric Company) pursued acquisition of this former base as the site for a nuclear power electric generating plant. After lengthy study, long debate, and litigation, the power plant proposal was dropped in 1980.

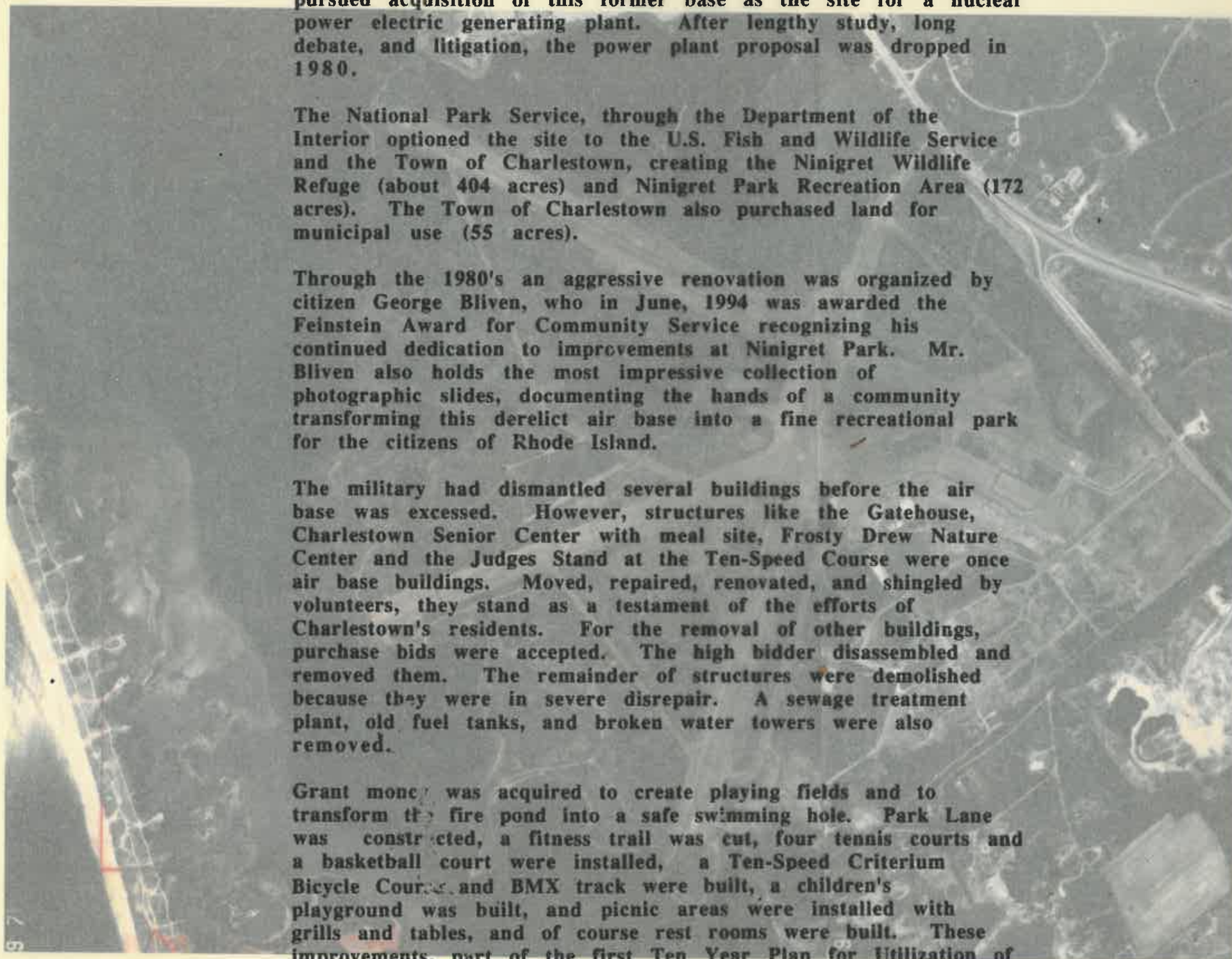
The National Park Service, through the Department of the Interior optioned the site to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Town of Charlestown, creating the Ninigret Wildlife Refuge (about 404 acres) and Ninigret Park Recreation Area (172 acres). The Town of Charlestown also purchased land for municipal use (55 acres).

Through the 1980's an aggressive renovation was organized by citizen George Bliven, who in June, 1994 was awarded the Feinstein Award for Community Service recognizing his continued dedication to improvements at Ninigret Park. Mr. Bliven also holds the most impressive collection of photographic slides, documenting the hands of a community transforming this derelict air base into a fine recreational park for the citizens of Rhode Island.

The military had dismantled several buildings before the air base was excessed. However, structures like the Gatehouse, Charlestown Senior Center with meal site, Frosty Drew Nature Center and the Judges Stand at the Ten-Speed Course were once air base buildings. Moved, repaired, renovated, and shingled by volunteers, they stand as a testament of the efforts of Charlestown's residents. For the removal of other buildings, purchase bids were accepted. The high bidder disassembled and removed them. The remainder of structures were demolished because they were in severe disrepair. A sewage treatment plant, old fuel tanks, and broken water towers were also removed.

Grant money was acquired to create playing fields and to transform the fire pond into a safe swimming hole. Park Lane was constructed, a fitness trail was cut, four tennis courts and a basketball court were installed, a Ten-Speed Criterium Bicycle Course and BMX track were built, a children's playground was built, and picnic areas were installed with grills and tables, and of course rest rooms were built. These improvements, part of the first Ten Year Plan for Utilization of Ninigret Park were realized in six years; construction strategy was always clever and frugal. Everything was twice the benefit for half the cost.

**Block  
Island  
Sound**



**Route 1**

**Old Post Road**

**Image 4  
Aerial photo of site.  
March 11, 1985.**

# Ninigret Park Existing Conditions, 1994

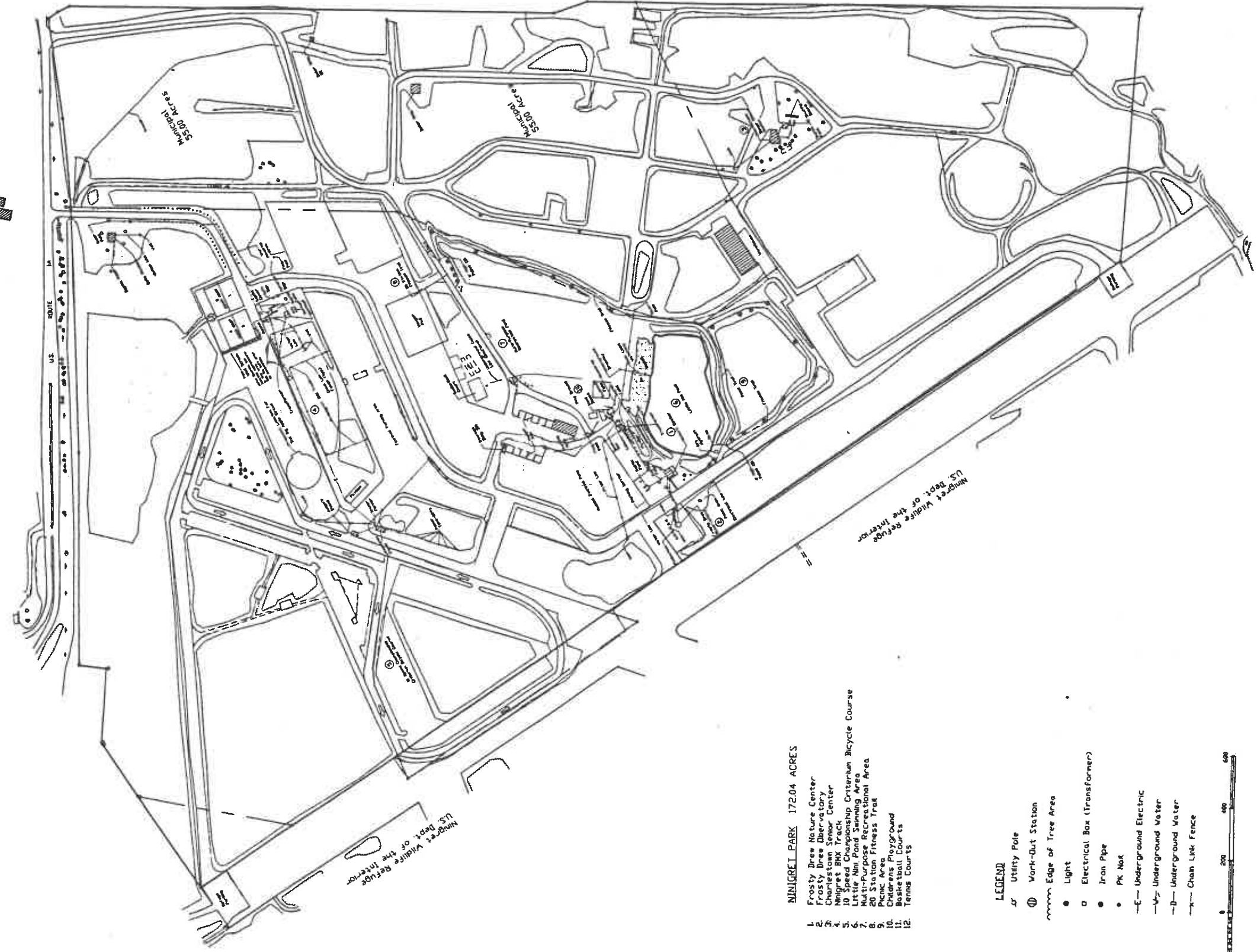


## LEGEND

- 1 Secondary Entrance
- 2 Primary Entrance
- 3 Gate House
- 4 Borrow Area
- 5 Area cleared for Rodeo
- 6 Area cleared for Rodeo
- 7 Ten Speed Criterium Course
- 8 Judge's Booth, Concession Stand Pavilion
- 9 BMX Track
- 10 BMX Track
- 11 BMX Track
- 12 Park Office and Garages
- 13 Macadam Surface
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- 33 Overgrown Parking Area
- 34 Parking, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Reserve
- 35 Parking, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Reserve
- 36 Overgrown Historic Cemetery

Ninigret Pond

Image 5  
Plan, existing conditions.  
September, 1994.



**MINIGRET PARK 172.04 ACRES**

- 1. Frosty Drew Nature Center
- 2. Frosty Drew Dairy
- 3. Charleston Senior Center
- 4. Minigret BIK Track
- 5. Minigret Campground
- 6. Little Ni Po Swimming Area
- 7. Multi-Purpose Recreational Area
- 8. 20 Station Fitness Trail
- 9. Picnic Area
- 10. Childrens Playground
- 11. Basketball Courts
- 12. Tennis Courts

- LEGEND**
- ⊕ Utility Pole
  - ⊙ Mark-Out Station
  - ~~~~~ Edge of Tree Area
  - Light
  - Electrical Box (Transformer)
  - Iron Pipe
  - PK Nxt
  - E- Underground Electric
  - W- Underground Water
  - D- Underground Water
  - X- Chain Link Fence



Image 6  
 Technical plan.  
 June, 1994

## Design Strategy

The existing conditions and their morphology were analyzed and combined with conclusions from the input process to develop a strategy for site planning. The three point strategy is:

1. Turn attractive nuisance into an asset. This is achieved by siting favorable recreational demands in areas that are degraded and need rehabilitation. Thus half the effort, twice the reward.
2. Make recreational complexes, enhancing accessibility and denying the car penetration through these complexes. This achieved by reworking existing facilities to function as wholes and through re-routing the car's path around.
3. Create a road loop using existing roads, in order to make way-finding easier. This is achieved by maintaining the roadway that will yield the greatest service to all of the activities, and gradually removing brush and excess roadways that cause disorientation.

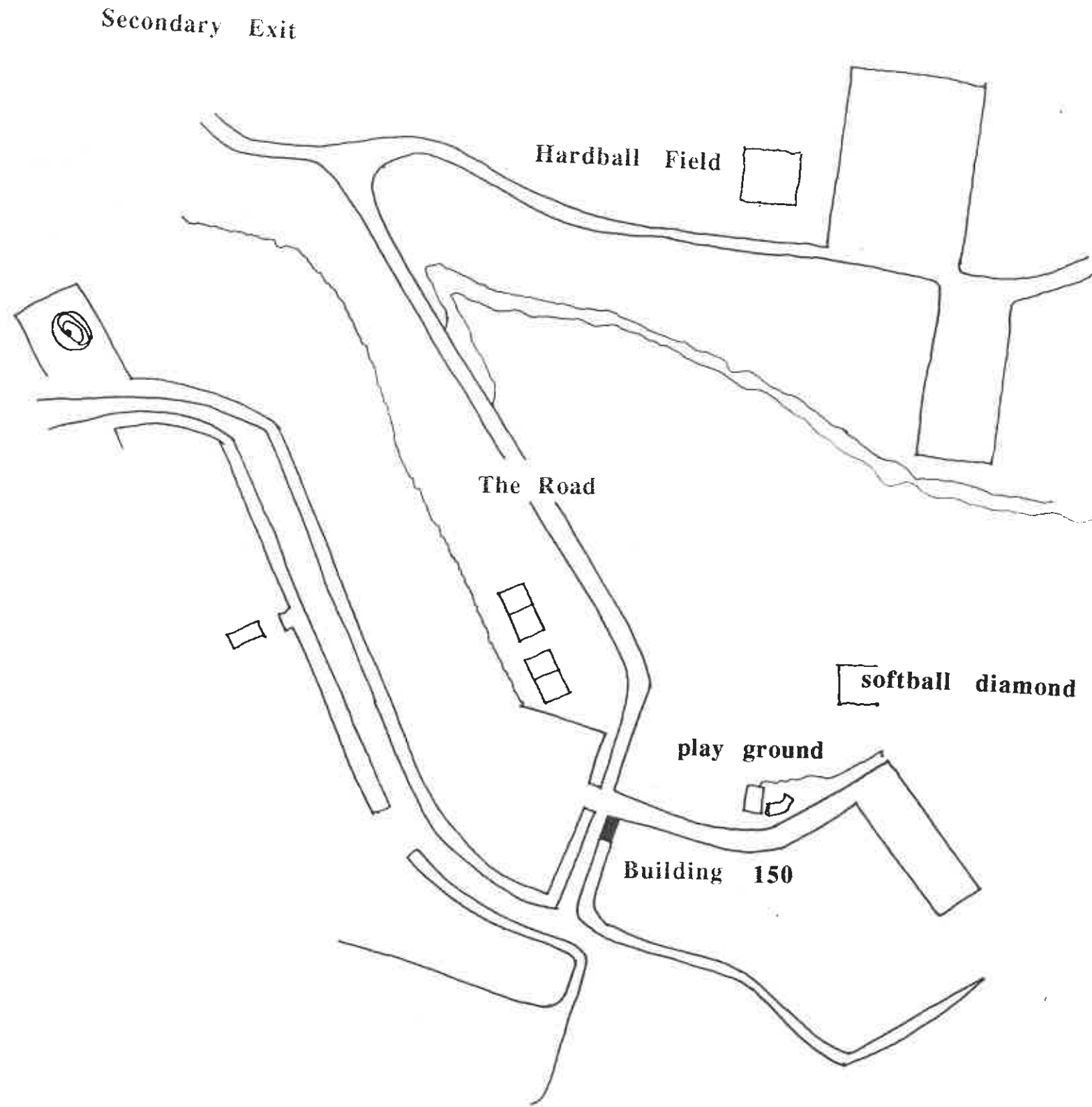
# Ninigret Park Ten Year Utilization Plan



## LEGEND

- 1 Secondary Entrance
- 2 Primary Entrance
- 3 Gate House and Garage
- 4 Tree Farm
- 5 Performance Stage
- 6 Football Field and Track
- 7 Ten Speed Criterium Course
- 8 Judge's Box, Concession Stand Pavilion and Rest Room
- 9 Sand Volleyball Courts
- 10 Horseshoe Pits
- 11 Bocce Courts
- 12 Park Office, Garages, and Storage
- 13 Tennis Practice Wall
- 14 Tennis Courts
- 15 CNAM Veteran's Memorial
- 16 Fitness and Nature Trail
- 17 Basketball Courts
- 18 Existing Multipurpose Field
- 19 Softball Diamond and Dugouts
- 20 Playground Addition
- 21 Parking, Rest Rooms, and Picnic Cabana
- 22 Little Niri Pond
- 23 Frosty Drew Nature Center
- 24 Frosty Drew Observatory
- 25 Seasonal Skating Rink
- 26 In Line Skating Box and Hockey Area
- 27 Trails for hiking and Skiing
- 28 Charlestown Senior Center
- 29 Three Acre Multipurpose Field A
- 30 Three Acre Multipurpose Field B
- 31 Hardball Diamond
- 32 Rest Rooms
- 33 Parking
- 34 Parking, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Reserve
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Image 7  
Plan, Ten Year Utilization Plan.  
September, 1994.



### Amendments

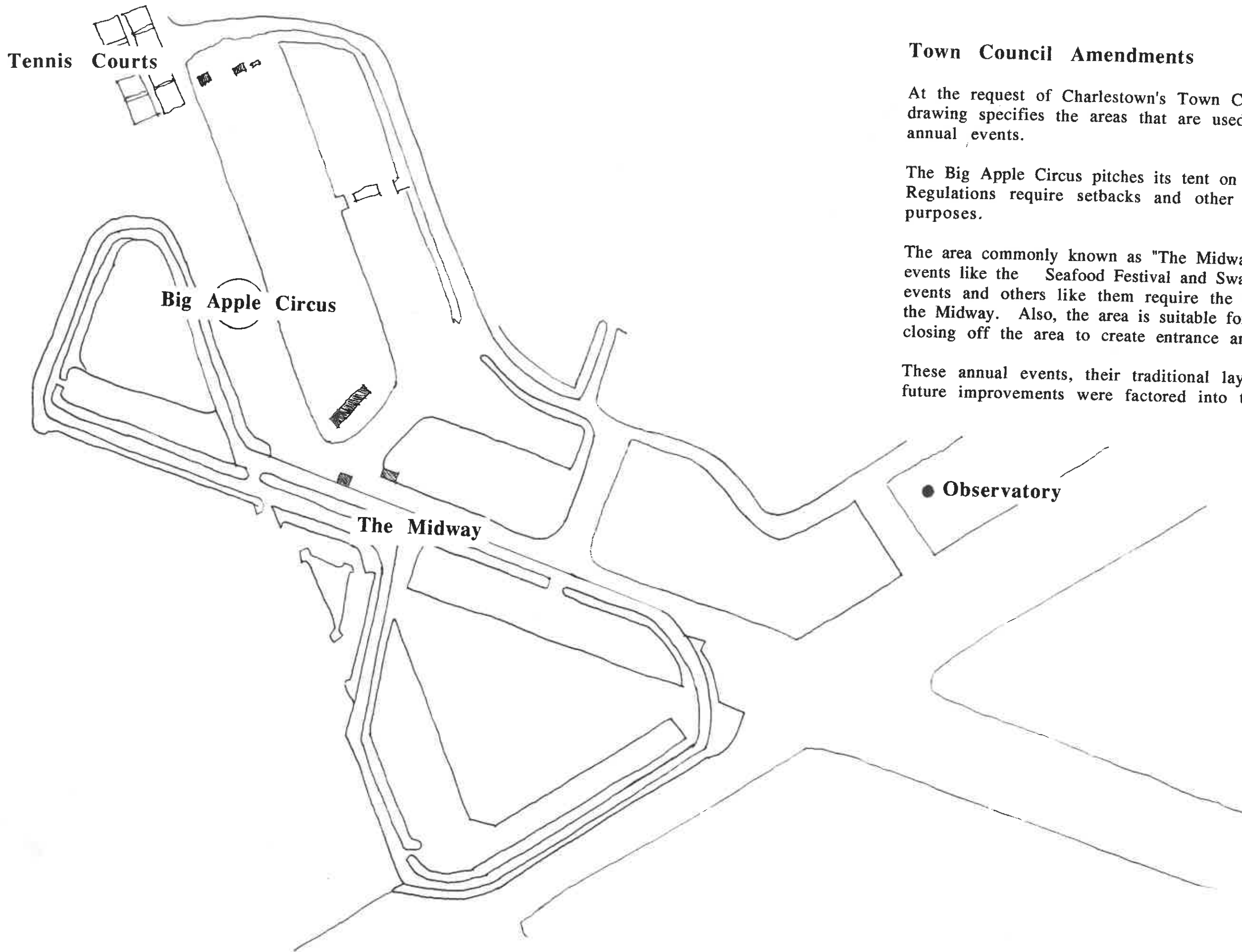
The Ten Year Utilization Plan for Ninigret Park was presented to the Parks Commission, the Recreation Commission, and the Planning Commission before presentation to the Town Council in November, 1994. The Plan was approved with the following amendments.

The Parks Commission amended the Plan, such that the road extending from storage building 150 to the secondary exit should be maintained, rather than the removal of the road proposed by the final color drawing. The Commission expressed agreement that ultimately, the road ought be removed and new accommodations made to empty the parking lot through the secondary exit. However, at this time in the parks development, removal of this road is viewed as too financially aggressive. Thus, the amendment is reflected in the attached line drawing.

The Recreation Commission amended the Plan, such that the new Softball Field be named as and constructed to the standards of a hardball field.

The Planning Commission reviewed the Plan for its compliance with the comprehensive plan and approved the Plan unanimously with no amendments.

Let the Town Council's response to the Plan be reflected here also.



## Town Council Amendments

At the request of Charlestown's Town Council, this amendment drawing specifies the areas that are used in the summer for special annual events.

The Big Apple Circus pitches its tent on the same site each year. Regulations require setbacks and other specifications safety purposes.

The area commonly known as "The Midway" is used for festival events like the Seafood Festival and Swamp Yankee Days. These events and others like them require the electricity that runs along the Midway. Also, the area is suitable for lining up booths and closing off the area to create entrance and exit points.

These annual events, their traditional layouts, and relationship to future improvements were factored into the plan.

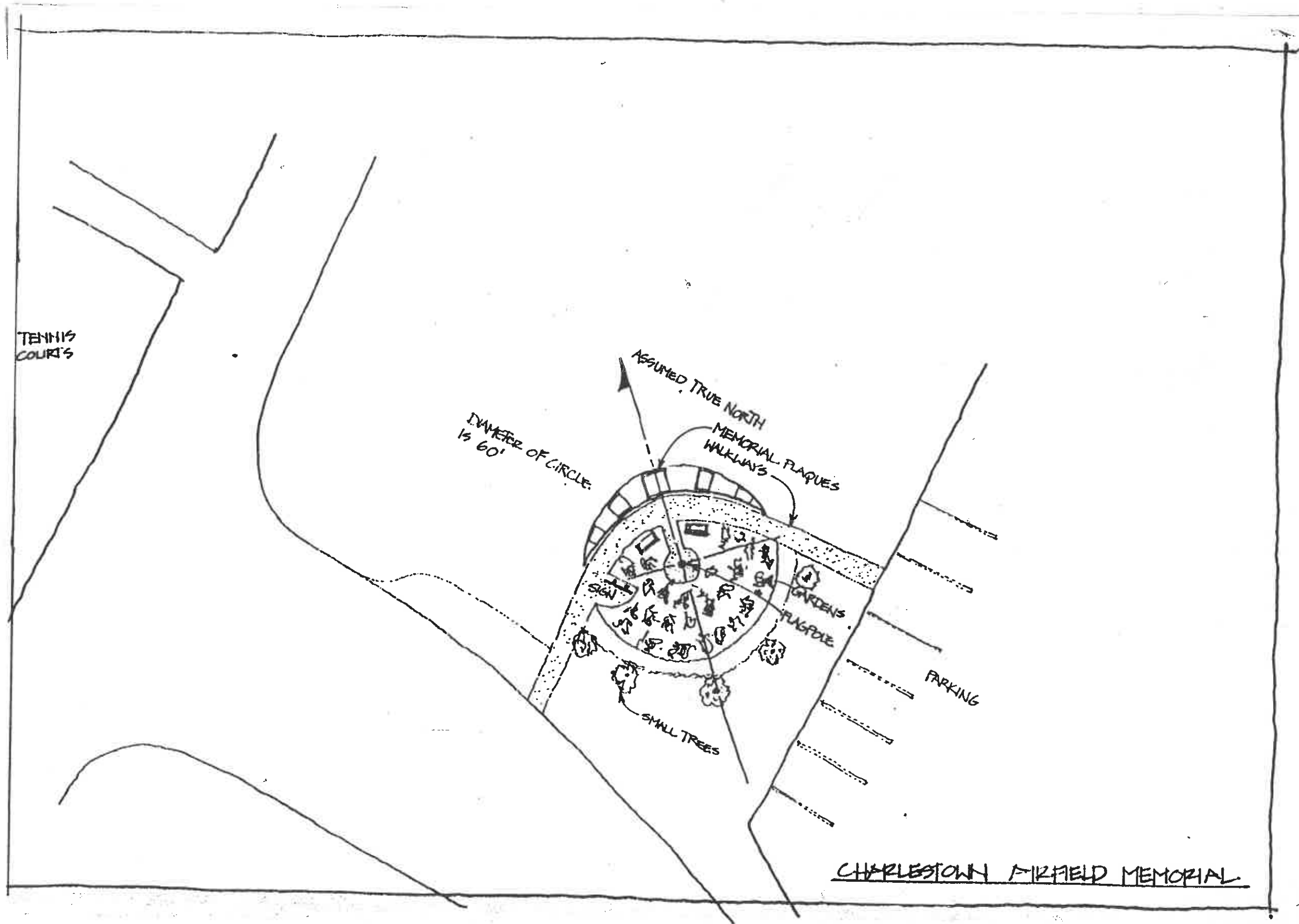
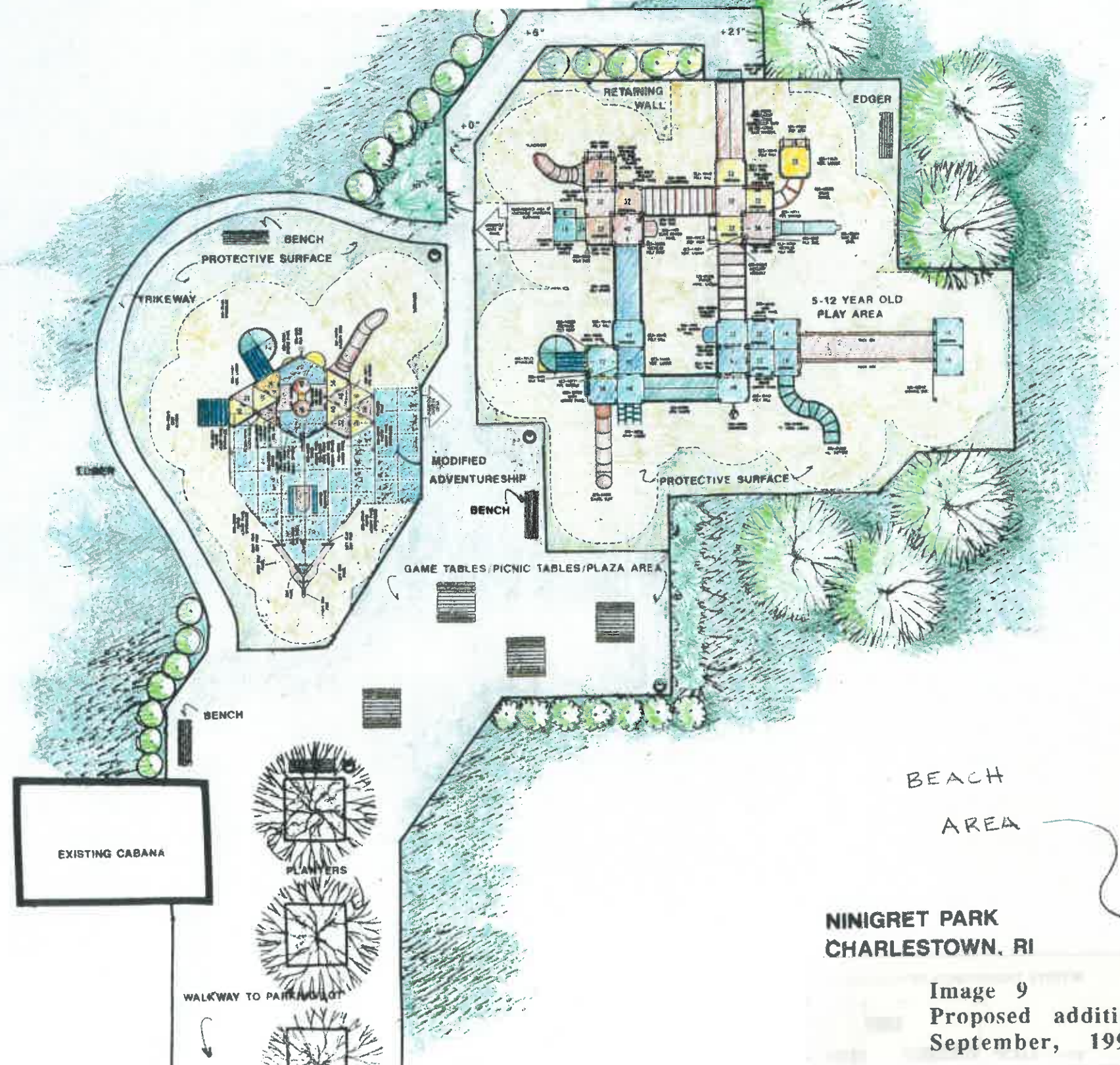


Image 8  
Proposed additions to CNAM Memorial.  
June, 1994.

**A KIDS PLACE**  
  
**AT NINIGRET PARK**



BEACH  
 AREA

**NINIGRET PARK  
 CHARLESTOWN, RI**

Image 9  
 Proposed additions to Playground.  
 September, 1994.

# Ten Year Utilization Plan

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## Cost Projections

The following projections are broken down year to year and concluded with a summary. When reviewing the projections, keep the following in mind:

-some improvement costs may be supported by Federal, State, and/or Foundation Grants.

-improvements may be made later or sooner, depending upon availability of funds and community needs.

-larger park improvements, (e.g. the Community Center) will likely be funded by bond proceeds. Such improvements would impact the Town's Debt Service.

-the cost estimates have been made for the purpose of sound financial planning. Actual costs must be ascertained by the regular bidding process and other accepted methods.

-annual improvement appropriation must follow the normal town budgeting procedure.

**1994-1995**

\$75,300.00

proposed improvements

estimated cost

<del>-remove hangar pads and walls, National Guard</del>		\$ 400.00
	(25,000.00)	
<del>-remove all remaining concrete pads, National Guard</del>		\$ 400.00
	(25,000.00)	
<del>-demolish/remove two boiler buildings, Army Corps of Engineers</del>		no cost
	(\$75,000.00)	
<del>-demolish/remove old warehouse, Army Corps of Engineers</del>		no cost
	(\$250,000.00)	
<del>-replace at gatehouse two storm and screen doors</del>		\$ 500.00
<del>-install at beach septic tank: second collar</del>		\$ 200.00
<del>-replace at beach septic tank: flush size collar</del>		\$ 200.00
<del>-purchase paint and equipment for community service</del>		\$ 100.00
<del>-repair: paint. trash barrels, community service</del>		\$ 200.00
<del>-repair: paint. yellow stripes in all parking lots</del>		\$ 600.00
<del>-repair garage: reshingle, volunteer labor</del>		\$ 950.00
<del>-repair garage: stain shingles, volunteer labor</del>		\$ 200.00
<del>-services: tree farm</del>		\$ 5,000.00
<del>-purchase for seasonal ice skating rink, membrane liner</del>		\$ 2,000.00
<del>-purchase and install drain cover catch basin, circus area</del>		\$ 150.00
<del>-purchase and install grills at Kimball pavilion,</del>		\$ 700.00
<del>two regular size, two small size</del>		no cost
<del>-purchase and install playground</del>	(\$60,000.00)	\$ 20,000.00
<del>-install new road to parking lot</del>		\$ 1,200.00
<del>-seed area for playground</del>		no cost
<del>-loam/seed building removal area</del>	(\$6,000.00)	\$ 1,000.00
<del>-service: brush hog. three acres for multipurpose fields</del>		\$ 1,500.00
<del>-service: grub out roots and stumps for multipurpose fields</del>		\$ 20,000.00
<del>-loam multipurpose field A, 3 acres</del>		\$ 20,000.00
<del>-fertilize, lime, and seed multipurpose field B, 3 acres</del>		
<del>-services: planning. preliminary community/senior center</del>	(\$15,000.00)	

1994-1995 total estimated cost

\$ 75,300.00

1995-1996

\$81,100.00

proposed improvements

estimated cost

<del>-remove bmx track, grade fill into borrow area</del>	\$ 10,000.00
<del>-repair: oil and seal park roads</del>	\$ 20,000.00
<del>-repair: refurbish fitness trail</del>	\$ 7,500.00
<del>-purchase and install two sand volleyball courts</del>	\$ 4,000.00
<del>-construct Community Center Phase I</del>	
	(\$500,000.00)
<del>-install bocci courts</del>	\$ 3,000.00
<del>-construct gravel foundation for inline hockey rink</del>	\$ 15,000.00
<del>-install granite curb at circus area entrance</del>	\$ 2,000.00
<del>-purchase 1000 yards of screened loam</del>	\$ 10,000.00
<del>-loam and over-seed musical festival area</del>	\$ 5,000.00
<del>-screen and spread loam stock-piled in borrow area</del>	\$ 2,600.00
<del>-plantings: ten 1.5 inch caliper oak or maple trees</del>	\$ 2,000.00

1995-1995 estimated cost

\$ 81,500.00

Ten Year Cost Summary

<u>fiscal year</u>	<u>estimated cost</u>
1994-1995	\$ 75,300
1995-1996	\$ 81,500
1996-1997	\$ 65,300
1997-1998	\$ 61,500
1998-1999	\$ 52,300
2000-2001	\$ 89,600.
2001-2002	\$ 98,000
2002-2003	\$ 57,000
2003-2004	\$ 46,000

Ten Year Utilization Plan TOTAL estimated cost \$669,000

1996-1997

\$65,300.00

<u>proposed improvements</u>	<u>estimated costs</u>
-repair: oil and chip seal park roads	\$20,000.00
-replace entrance sign, Town of Charlestown	\$ 900.00
-improve entrance road at gate and Route 1A	\$ 4,000.00
-install new entrance gate	\$ 6,000.00
-install practice backstop at tennis complex	\$ 1,000.00
-install two horse shoe pits at pavilion complex	\$ 2,500.00
-install admission booth at pond parking area	\$ 1,000.00
-construct paved area for in line hockey rink	\$25,500.00
-construct Community Center Phase II	
	(\$750,000.00)
-plantings: wind screen at basketball courts	\$ 2,400.00
-plantings: ten 1.5 inch caliper oak or maple trees	\$ 2,000.00

1996-1997 total estimated costs

\$65,300.00

**1997-1998****\$61,500.00**proposed improvementsestimated cost

-excavate road	\$ 17,000.00
-service: brush hog. three acres for multipurpose fields	\$ 1,000.00
-service: grub out roots and stumps for multi-purpose field	\$ 1,500.00
-loam multi-purpose field B, 3 acres	\$ 20,000.00
-fertilize, lime, and seed multipurpose field B	\$ 20,000.00
-plantings: ten 1.5 inch caliper maple or oak trees	\$ 2,000.00

**1997-1998 total estimated cost****\$ 61,500.0**Ten Year Cost Summary

<u>fiscal year</u>	<u>estimated cost</u>
1994-1995	\$ 75,300
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2003-2004	\$ 46,000

Ten Year Utilization Plan TOTAL estimated cost **\$ 669,000**

\$52,300.00

**1998-1999**

<u>proposed improvements</u>	<u>estimated cost</u>
-remove asphalt: six acres in tie down area, National Guard	\$ 800.00
-purchase four thousand yards of screened loam	\$ 40,000.00
-loam and grade area	\$ 2,500.00
-install shed, to house power for performance shell	\$ 1,500.00
-service: electricity five hundred amps for performance shell	\$ 5,500.00
-plantings: ten 1.5 inch caliper maples or oaks	\$ 2,000.00

**1998-1999 total estimated cost**

**\$ 52,300.00**

1999-2000

42,500.00

proposed improvements

estimated cost

-install power take-offs at midway	\$ 10,500.00
-install fence, gate and guardrail at performance area	\$ 10,000.00
-install five thousand feet of plastic guardrail	\$ 20,000.00
-plantings: ten 1.5 inch caliper maple or oak trees	\$ 2,000.00

1999-2000 total estimated cost

\$42,500.00

Ten Year Cost Summary

<u>fiscal year</u>	<u>estimated cost</u>
1994-1995	\$ 75,300
1995-1996	\$ 81,500
1996-1997	\$ 65,300
1997-1998	\$ 61,500
1998-1999	\$ 52,300
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2001-2002	\$ 98,000
2002-2003	\$ 57,000
2003-2004	\$ 46,000

Ten Year Utilization Plan TOTAL estimated cost \$669,000

2000-2001

\$89,600.00

<u>proposed improvements</u>	<u>estimated cost</u>
-install dugouts and backstop at ball field by the pond	\$ 8,000.00
-install ten park benches	\$ 2,000.00
-install shuffleboard courts at pavilion complex	\$ 4,500.00
-install foundation for performance shell	\$10,000.00
-install gate, road between tennis courts and rest rooms	\$ 2,000.00
-relocate benches at tennis court to west side of courts	\$ 1,000.00
-plantings: ten 1.5 inch caliper maples or oaks	\$ 2,000.00
-construct storage warehouse	\$60,000.00

2000-2001 total estimated cost

\$89,600.00

**2001-2002**

**\$98,000.00**

proposed improvements

estimated cost

-construct performance shell

\$ 96,000.00

-plantings: ten 1.5 inch caliper maple or oak trees

\$ 2,000.00

**2001-2002 total estimated cost**

**\$98,000.00**

Ten Year Cost Summary

<u>fiscal year</u>	<u>estimated cost</u>
1994-1995	\$ 75,300
1995-1996	\$ 81,500
1996-1997	\$ 65,300
1997-1998	\$ 61,500
1998-1999	\$ 52,300
2000-2001	\$ 89,600.
2001-2002	\$ 98,000
2002-2003	\$ 57,000
2003-2004	\$ 46,000

Ten Year Utilization Plan TOTAL estimated cost **\$669,000**

**2002-2003**

**\$57,000.00**

**proposed improvements**

**estimated cost**

-purchase movable bleachers	\$ 10,000.00
-construct storage building by park office	\$ 2,000.00
-construct garage at gatehouse with storage and workshop	\$ 25,000.00
-install basketball court	\$ 18,000.00
-plantings, ten 1.5 inch caliper maple or oak trees	\$ 2,000.00

**2002-2003 total estimated cost**

**\$ 57,000.00**

**2003-2004**

**\$46,000.00**

proposed improvements

estimated cost

-install two tennis courts	\$ 40,000.00
-install two volleyball courts	\$ 4,000.00
-plantings: ten 1.5 inch caliper maple or oak trees	\$ 2,000.00

**2003-2004 total estimated cost**

**\$46,000.00**

Ten Year Cost Summary

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1994-1995	\$ 75,300
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**What  
Happens  
At  
Ninigret  
Park?**

**Selected clippings of events, summer 1994, at Ninigret Park**

## Park plan meeting tonight

CHARLESTOWN — The public has one more chance to suggest what can be done with Ninigret Park during the next 10 years. That meeting is tonight at 7:30 p.m. at town hall.

Planning intern Lisa Marie Walk-

er, who is working on the 10-year plan for the summer with town officials, will be at the meeting. During the session, the public can suggest uses for the park. The National Park Service requires the town to have a 10-year-plan in place for the park.

# Residents plan Ninigret Park's future

By KATHI BENOIT  
Sun Staff Writer

CHARLESTOWN — In the next 10 years, visitors to Ninigret Park are likely to see more bicycle paths and in-line skating tracks, more softball fields and tennis courts, more areas for small concerts and outdoor theater performances and improved facilities for festivals and fairs.

These are just a few of the ideas that were brought up during a Thursday night brainstorming session at the Town Hall. Lisa-Marie Walker, a planning intern hired to complete a 10-year plan for Ninigret Park, asked residents what they'd like to see at the park in the next decade.

The town is required to submit a park utilization plan to the National Parks Service every 10 years. The plan outlines the town's intentions for the 227 acres it owns. The town acquired the property, the former site of the Charlestown Navy Auxiliary Landing Field, from the federal government in the early 1980s.

Fifty-five acres of the park is reserved for municipal use while 172 must be used for recreational purposes.

Walker, a California native who recently earned a degree in landscape architecture from the Rhode Island School of Design, says the park should reflect both progress and preservation.

Referring to the results of a survey completed three years ago during the drafting of the town's comprehensive plan, Walker said residents are most interested in bicycle paths, in-

line skating tracks, softball fields and an indoor swimming pool.

She said many of the survey's 1,148 respondents sought more land for beaches and a municipal boat launch but neither is a possibility at Ninigret Park.

What will be included in the Ninigret plan is the addition of two tennis courts, more storage room, additional public restrooms, an improved playground and aesthetic improvements to the fitness trail.

Walker is also interested in bringing Pop Warner football to the park. She said the proposed football field could double as an area for small concerts or theater productions like Shakespeare in the Park.

Walker said the performance area could be contained in a small area to preclude large concerts and huge crowds from coming to the park.

Suggestions from the audience included a plea to restore an old warehouse for use as a storage space or club house for local organizations. Parks Commission Chairman George Bliven said it would be more cost-effective to tear down the existing building, which he said needs about \$250,000 in repairs, and build another one in its place.

But some park-goers want to see less development and fewer activities.

One woman who attended Thursday night's meeting said she was appalled to find that a number of blueberry bushes were recently cut down to clear an area for a country-western festival and rodeo.

"I'm very disappointed," she said. "There was an acre of blueberry bushes there. They cut down all that vegetation for the rodeo. All that vegetation was just beautiful and they just chopped away at everything."

Walker said she and many other town officials were unaware the bushes were to be chopped down for the festival or even that the bushes were located in that area. Part of the problem, claimed Walker, is the lack of a utilization plan to delineate the areas of the park suitable for clearing and those areas that should be preserved.

Walker said the town should use land that has already been cleared for its recreational activities rather than using pristine land that's never been used.

"We want to put recreational activities into areas that need to be rehabilitated anyway," she said.

Walker said the completion of the utilization plan will allow better decisions to be made in the future.

When the Parks Commission and Recreation Commission have completed their work on the plan, the Town Council will review it and listen to additional suggestions from the community. Upon council approval, the plan will be submitted to the National Parks Service.

## Ninigret to host swimming lessons

CHARLESTOWN — The Parks and Recreation Department will be offering swimming lessons at Ninigret Park on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8-10 a.m. Lessons will be taught by certified instructors.

Children ages 3-12 are invited to register for either of the four-week sessions which run July 12-August 2 and August 9-30. The cost is \$20 per child. Class size is limited.

For more information, please call the Charlestown Recreation Dept. at 364-1222.

### Nature center plans activities

Frosty Drew Nature Center, Ninigret Park, Charlestown, announces registration for Nature Weeks, week-long programs held throughout July and August for children ages 6 to 12. Children will learn about nature, see what lives and breeds in a salt pond and surrounding shoreline, build a birdhouse, etc. Space is limited. Call 364-9508 to register.

### FROSTY DREW OBSERVATORY

The Frosty Drew Observatory, Ninigret Park, Charlestown, is open to the public every Friday at dusk if the weather is clear. For groups of 15 or more, please call 364-9508.

## Ninigret tennis heatin' up

CHARLESTOWN — The following are the latest results from the Team Tennis league which is held at Ninigret Park:

### Saturday Morning

Travelers defeated Wanderers, 25-24; Tourists defeated Roamers, 31-24.

### Monday Morning

A.P.O.C. defeated Sweet Briar Studio, 26-16; Charlestown Auto Body defeated Sunrise Market, 23-16.

### Shut-Eyes

Team 1 defeated Rippy's Food Mart, 23-22; Michael's Texaco defeated Team 2, 24-19.

### Chariho Adult

Triple Threats defeated Deuces, 42-38; Crazy Eights defeated Fortune 500's, 48-17.

### CHARLESTOWN

The Charlestown Summer Playground Program at Ninigret Park begins July 11 and runs through August 12. The times are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. Daily activities will include arts and crafts, swimming, and games. There will be special field trips to Roger Williams Park, Theater by the Sea, and Mystic Aquarium. The cost is \$30 for one child, \$40 for two and \$45 for three or more. There will be an extra charge for certain field trips with transportation provided by the parks and recreation department. Registration forms are available at the town hall.

The Charlestown Parks and Recreation Department announces a Gloucester Whale Watch trip on Friday, August 5. The trip includes transportation, a ticket for a 4-hour cruise, and lunch at the Gloucester House. The price is \$47 per person. Contact the recreation department at 364-1222 for information and reservations.

Swimming lessons at Ninigret Park will be held Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8 - 10 a.m. Lessons will be taught by certified instructors. Children ages 3 - 12 are invited to register for either of the 4-week sessions which run July 12 through August 2 and August 9 through August 30. The cost is \$20 per child. Class size is limited. Please call the Charlestown Recreation Department at 364-1222 for more information.

## Race-walking at Ninigret

CHARLESTOWN — The USA Track and Field New England 15 kilometer race-walking championship, sponsored by the New England Walkers, will be held at Ninigret Park on September 18 at 11 a.m.

There will also be a 3-kilometer fitness walk open to all. The 15K will be held on the bicycle path at Ninigret Park on a certified 1,500-meter loop. This race will be judged by racewalk officials.

Pre-entry fee is \$8 or \$10 on the day of the race. The fitness walk will be out and back on one of the runways.

Fee is \$2 on day of race only. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers in both race. For applications or further information, contact Joe Light in the evenings at 596-3173.

Thursday, September 8, 1994 • The Chariho Times

## Ninigret hosting tennis tourney

CHARLESTOWN — The Washington Trust Company and the Charlestown Parks and Recreation Department are hosting the 6th annual Washington Trust Ninigret Park Tennis Tournament on August 27-28. The tournament is an Amateur Open single-elimination tournament consisting of four categories for participants 18 and over: open division men's singles; 35-and-over men's singles; women's singles; and mixed doubles.

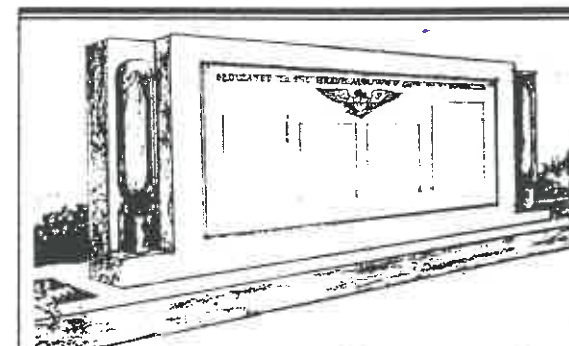
All categories are open until filled. Registration deadline is Thursday, August 25 at 4:30 p.m. Entry fees are \$10 for singles; \$20 for mixed doubles and must be paid at the time of registration. Prizes will be awarded to the top-three finishers in each category and each participant will be given a complimentary tournament towel, refreshments and balls. Ball boys will also be provided for final-round action.

For additional information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 364-1222 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



## Charlestown Naval Airfield Memorial

4520 Old Post Road • P.O. Box 488  
Charlestown, R. I. 02813-0488



### Granite wall sought at airfield memorial

By ERIC WHITE  
Sun Staff Writer

CHARLESTOWN — The Charlestown Naval Airfield Memorial Committee plans to add a granite wall to its Ninigret Park exhibit in memory of pilots that died in training for World War II.

The wall, which would stand in the rear of the memorial, would cost about \$20,000, committee members estimated.

The current memorial has been in place for about a year. Last Veteran's Day the committee held a ceremony in Ninigret Park, which is the former airfield, to honor the pilots. About 1,000 people attended.

"What we have there is not permanent," committee member Lawrence Webster said during a recent meeting. "This will be there after we're long gone."

A board, encased in glass with the names of the pilots, is under the wooden memorial.

Two names will be added to the list, which will up the total to 61 pilots killed while stationed in Charlestown or flying over it. Lt. William E. Stakeley and Lt. Howard G. Boren Jr. crashed in Bradford after their SNJ-5 lost a wing on March 9, 1945. Space will be left for other names.

The committee hopes to have the monument up by Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, for the second ceremony.

The committee is planning other improvements to the memorial site.

A museum for World War II artifacts and memorabilia from the airfield is in the planning stages. Webster said the building would probably be 25 by 30 feet and house pictures, maps and other paraphernalia.

"It doesn't need to be very big," he said. "It should give people an idea of what the base was."

Also in the planning stages is a replica of a 6F-5N plane, which was used for night flying at the base, which opened in August of 1943 and closed in January of 1974.

Starr Aircraft in California, the company the committee wants to build the replica, estimated the job will cost \$50,000, Webster said.

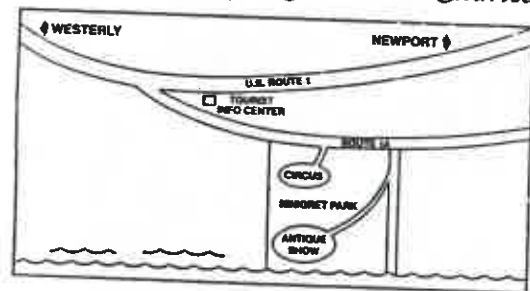
The committee needs more financial support to accomplish its goals. So far it has \$2,500 in a tax-free fund with the town, and was awarded a senate legislative grant for \$1,000 from the state.

For information call 364-6323.

1994 - 20th Year  
Annual Country Fair  
and Antique Sale



Saturday, July 16, 1994 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Ninigret Town Park - Route 1A - Charlestown



Field Parking - \$1.00 Donation  
Proceeds Benefit the Charlestown Historical Society  
Scholarship Fund  
Rain Date - July 17

## OSCAR team underway

The Charlestown Clean Team, a part of the OSCAR Program (Ocean State Cleanup and Recycling), began its annual town cleanup projects Monday at Ninigret Park. Last year the team collected almost 5,300 pounds of refuse and recyclables from Charlestown's roads and parks. 1,737 pounds of that refuse was recycled.

The Clean Team is composed of supervisor Julie Powers, returning members Andrew Tisoskey and Michael Gardiner, and new members Michael Brown and Steve Jones. The team will be at Ninigret Park August 7, along with six other teams from throughout the state to clean up after the Charlestown Chamber of

Commerce's annual Seafood Festival.

The clean team program is comprised of groups of four to six youths, ages 14-17 and one adult supervisor. The Clean Teams are a statewide cleanup campaign sponsored by the DEM's OSCAR Program. The crews work 24 hours a week picking up litter in their communities.

The OSCAR Program was established in the fall of 1984 as the result of the Litter Control and Recycling Act. Funding for this program is generated from a four cent tax on each case of carbonated beverages sold in Rhode Island at the wholesale level and permit fees paid by the litter producing businesses.

## Trash bag program will soon be tested

By ERIC WHITE

CHARLESTOWN — Litterbugs beware! Trash bag vending machines are on the way.

Soon, three sites in town will have newspaper vending machines filled with trash bags in hopes that people will pick up after themselves.

The program is a test made possible by a \$2,000 grant by the Scenic Rhode Island Foundation.

The program does not indicate that Charlestown has a major litter problem, said Coastal Pond management Commission member Dave Monk, but it could be cleaner.

"We had a chance to get the money and we had to act pretty quickly," he said. "The places are not overly littered."

Blue Shutters Beach, Ninigret Park and a site to be determined will have the machines full of

small trash bags, which will be free. The bags, Monk said, are the size of plastic bags in supermarkets, except stronger.

The machines are being put in places that are not monitored for litter control.

"We're really aiming where you don't have guys doing that for you," Monk said.

The machines are being provided by Kasper Wireworks Inc., a Texas company. Monk hopes they will be in town by the beginning of August.

Monk, who thought of the vending machine approach, is not sure the program will be successful.

"I have absolutely no clue," Monk said. "We just thought 'gee there's a lot of litter floating around. We wonder if people will pick it up if given the opportunity.'"

He'll soon find out.

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## Trash bag effort underway

CHARLESTOWN - It's a chance to make scenic beauty a little prettier.

That's how Dave Monk looks at the newspaper vending machines filled with trash bags newly installed at Blue Shutters Beach and Ninigret Park. The litter-control program is made possible by a \$2,000 grant from the Scenic Rhode Island Foundation.

Monk, a member of the Coast Pond Management Commission said that the beach and pond are already relatively clean but could be improved upon. He, along with David P. Leach, Esq., executive director of the Scenic Rhode Island Foundation, and Alan Arsenault, director of Charlestown's public works department, braved torrid rain Monday to monitor one box at Blue Shutters Beach.

Monk told *The Charho Times* in an earlier interview that the boxes' presence does not indicate that Charlestown has a major litter problem. Monk said he just thought that the waterways could be kept a bit cleaner.

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(Photo by Marybeth Reilly)

HERE IT IS. Allan Arsenault, (left) Charlestown Public Works Director, David R. Monk, (center) executive director of the Salt Ponds Coalition and David P. Leach, executive director of the Scenic Rhode Island Foundation, introduce one of the town's new trash bag vending machines on Monday.

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# Circus returns to Charlestown

CHARLESTOWN — For the seventh consecutive year, the Charlestown Chamber of Commerce will present the Big Apple Circus with its all-new show "Carnevale in Venice," at Ninigret Park, Charlestown, beginning next Tuesday through July 17, with 11 performances.

Tickets may be purchased at Charlestown Chamber Tourist Information Center off Route 1 at the Ninigret Park Exit; prices range from \$10 to \$25.

This year, The Big Apple Circus will whisk circus-goers away to Venice during its most festive season, "Carnevale in Venice,"

transforms the circus ring into a Venetian piazza and The Big Apple Circus company into a traveling commedia dell'arte troupe. Leading the revelry are clown favorites John Lepiarz and Al Calienes, along with

Italy's most-renowned comedy team, Alfredo and Romano Colombaioni. The classic clown comedy and the ensemble acrobatics of the troupe are built around the festivity and mystery of Venice at its pre-Lenten carnival.

All shows are performed in the brand new Big Top Tent, a one-ring wonder over five stories tall, where no seat is more than 50 feet from the action in the ring.

The "Carnevalesque" atmosphere has been developed by circus founder and artistic director Paul Binder and his creative team. Donna Zakowska's colorful commedia costumes create a visual splendor, and James Leonard Joy's set, complete with bridges and canals, evokes the unique grandeur of Venice.

The Big Apple Circus core company will team with some of the world's greatest circus acts for this Venetian celebration. This year's guest performers include:

- From the People's Republic of China, the internationally acclaimed Shenyang Acrobatic Troupe, which will perform breathtaking aerial acts using bungee cords.

- From Switzerland, Serge Percelty will leap and gallop across the ring keeping five tennis rackets aloft at once.

- From Germany, the award-winning Collins Brothers in their hilarious, slapstick act featuring a string of hairbreadth mishaps and heart-stopping pratfalls.

- Elephant trainer Ben Williams teams his wife Darlene, his children Stormy, 8, and Skye, 5, with pachyderm pals Amy, 5, and Ned, 6, in a showstopping and heartwarming family act.

- World-renowned Danish equestrienne Katja Schumann, joined for the second season by her father, legendary master equestrian Max Schumann, will present a comedic ensemble act featuring Katja's superb horses in saddle and at liberty.

- James Clowney and Carlos Guity will display athleticism and artistry in a high-spirited tumbling spectacular.

The Big Apple Circus is a not-for-profit performing arts organization. Ticket prices for the circus are: \$10 for Side Grandstand, \$15 for Center Grandstand, \$20 for Center Mezzanine, and \$25 for Ringside and Box Seats.

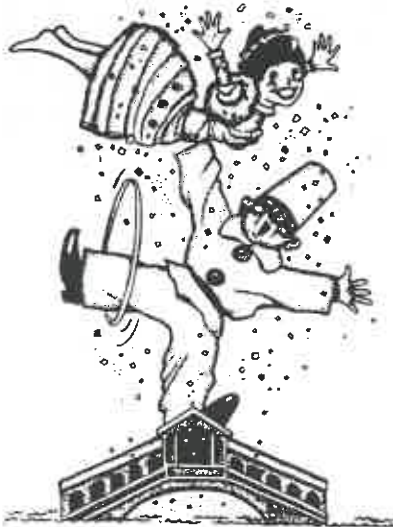
The 1994 Performance Schedule is as follows: Tuesday, July 12 at 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, July 13 at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, July 14 at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Friday, July 15 at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, July 16 at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, July 17 at noon and 4:00 p.m.

For reservations and group sales, call 364-0890.



## BIG APPLE CIRCUS

### CARNEVALE IN VENICE



PHOTOS: A.E. SPENCELEY

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# Circus is a load of laughs

By ERIC WHITE

CHARLESTOWN — One ring, one theme, one heck of a good time. That's the Big Apple Circus in a nutshell. Yes, Charlestown's claim to fame returned to Ninigret Park for 11 shows this year, and dazzled people who packed into the round tent.

The theme of the show was "Carnevale In Venice," which with its bright and colorful costumes and great choreography, delighted the near-capacity crowd at its Wednesday night performance.

A break from the traditional three-ring circus, the Big Apple put the show almost in the audience's lap, with performers going into the crowd — doing tricks around the edge of the ring. With a Venetian background and live band on a balcony, the show is authentic. Acrobats, animals and the Big Apple "clowns" made the show a hit.

#### Show stoppers

No white painted faces in this show. The Big Apple Circus clowns didn't need makeup to be funny.

At Calienes, dressed in a loose-fitting white outfit spotted with green, red, purple and yellow triangles, stole almost every scene

he was in. Calienes kept the crowd entertained with his antics between and during skits, by essentially trying to fit in where he didn't belong. Every time he came on stage, he got a laugh. Make that several laughs.

But he wasn't the only one trying to get in the show. Romano and Alfredo Colombaioni tried to convince ringmaster John Lepiarz to let them into the show. First they try to get in as actors.

"Should I let them audition?" the ringmaster asks the crowd.

"Yes," everybody answers.

Finally, after many attempts to please Lepiarz — which included one of them dressing like a woman and dancing around the ring — they are led away.

"I'm afraid we don't need actors. You're out of my show," Lepiarz said, enticing a big crowd-wide booing session.

But the crowd needn't have worried. The duo would be back.

The comedy didn't stop with the Colombaionis. The Collins brothers were funny in their own right.

Their whole act consisted of one of the brothers trying to get his trapeze act off the ground. First the rope to free the trapeze got stuck, then the other brother got stuck on the

trapeze with him. The act combined gymnastic talent with slapstick humor as one brother tried to get the other off the trapeze to the crowd's delight.

#### The daredevils

The Big Apple Circus wasn't all humor. There were plenty of eye-pleasing, breathtaking tricks and stunts to go around.

Serge Percelly's tennis racket juggling act was a sight to behold, as he juggled up to five rackets, and a few balls, too.

The Shenyang Acrobatic Troupe dazzled the crowd by swinging from a steel beam with elastic-like ropes on either side. At one point there are three of them swinging at the same time, with not much room for error.

James Clowney and Carlos Guity dazzled the crowd with their acrobatic might and tumbling skills. At one point they made a three-person standing chain with Calienes — the clown — on top.

Even elephants, horses and a poodle got into the act.

The circus kept the crowd on its toes with exciting live music — which stemmed from Italian songs to Jimi Hendrix' "Purple Haze" — acrobats, animals and, of course, loads of laughs.

All in just one ring, too.

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**THE BIG TOP:** Big Apple Circus performers form a human pyramid during last Wednesday night's performance in Ninigret Park. The two-

hour show, with the theme Carnevale in Venice, dazzled the near-capacity crowd. The circus put on 11 shows before leaving Charlestown.

(Photo by Eric White)



**SUNDAY • AUGUST 7, 1994**

**10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

**NINIGRET PARK • ROUTE 1-A  
CHARLESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND**

## Seafood Fest returns to Ninigret Sunday

CHARLESTOWN — The 10th annual Seafood Festival returns this Sunday to Ninigret Park. Sponsored by the Charlestown Chamber of Commerce, the event runs from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The Festival continues to be voted one of the best on the East Coast, and features some of the area's best seafood. This year's menu includes lobsters, steamers, chowder, fish & chips, clam cakes, raw bar, hot

dogs, hamburgers, beer, wine, soda and corn-on-the-cob.

Activities include arts and crafts, an amateur seafood cook-off contest, kiddie rides, a giant lobster raffle and a boat raffle. As always, there will be continuous live entertainment for the whole family.

Parking is free. Admission is \$2 per adult; children under five admitted free.

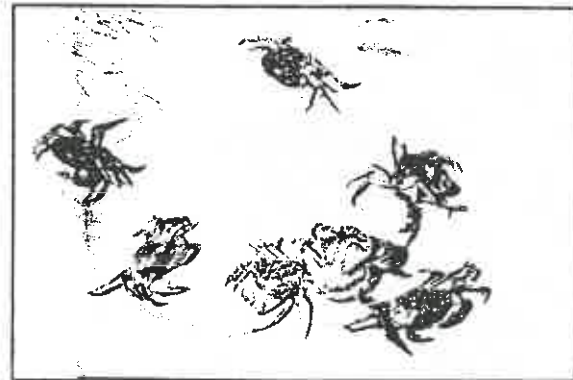
For more information, call the chamber at 364-4031.



**FEASTING AT THE FEST:** Among those that took in the sights at the seafood festival this past weekend were, from left, Georgia

*(Photo by Daniel G. Dunn)*  
Dunn, Nora Monteith and Heather Palmer, all 12 years old and from Charlestown. For more photos, turn to page 16.

**A FEAST FOR THE EYES:** There was plenty to see at the 10th Annual Charlestown Chamber of Commerce Seafood Festival Sunday at Ninigret Park. Clockwise from left: tall Elvis pleases the crowd; Jill Saxon and Susan Perrotta of Wakefield feast on a Cajun food dish; Tom Armstrong downs a mussel; "Bingo" plays tuba for the Hills Mills Clown Band of Fall River, Mass. and crabs race on the midway.



*(Photos by Daniel G. Dunn)*

# Thousands lured to annual seafood festival

By ERIC WHITE

CHARLESTOWN — Armed with plastic knives, forks and spoons, an army of about 35,000 seafood lovers invaded Nimigret Park Sunday for the 10th Annual Charlestown Chamber of Commerce Seafood Festival.

The event, which ran from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., attracted people from all parts of Southern New England on the sunny, dry day. Some of those patrons expected the event to be just a couple of vendors and some lobster pots.

They got a big surprise. "I didn't know it was going to be this big," said Evelyn Vani of West Greenwich, who was resting at a picnic table near the festival entrance with husband Richard and daughter Katie, age four.

Festival-goers had their choice of a wide variety of food, games and rides to keep them busy. And for the adventurous, helicopter rides were offered.

The catch of the day for the Vanis family was steamers, a chicken stir fry dish, three Cokes and a chocolate chip cookie. The scene Sunday was dominated by families, with couples scattered about. A

tall, yellow slide and other kiddie rides kept youngsters occupied as parents took a break from walking to watch them have fun.

The food, however, was still the main attraction. "I came here to check out the food," said Scott Gardiner of Westerly, a well-built, six-foot-five-inch man. "I hope they have enough for me."

Gardiner came with his wife Cynthia and children Danica, 13, and Chanel, 11. The family was on its way to the slide.

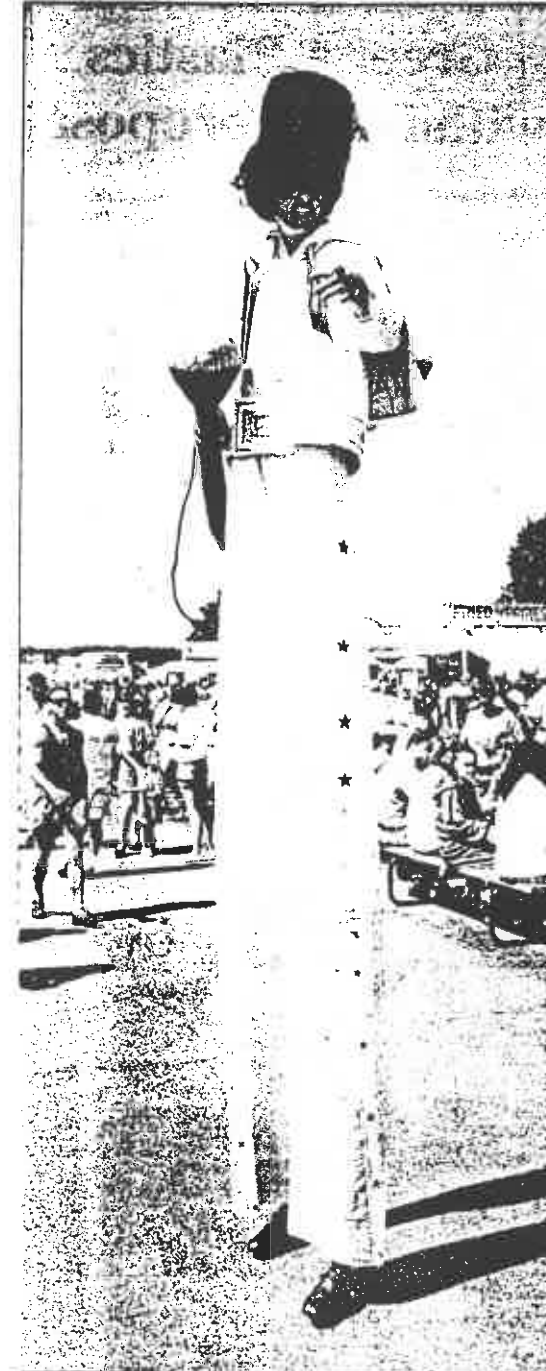
Donna Haugen and Rod Piller, both of North Smithfield, drove about an hour for the lobster and steamers they were munching on at a picnic table Sunday afternoon.

"I had no idea what to expect," said Haugen, who came because she saw an advertisement for the festival at Charlestown Beach.

"Can't beat (the price)," Piller said. The going rate for a lobster was \$8. A lobster meal was about \$11.

"I don't always eat seafood, but I enjoy it," Haugen said. "This is great for me."

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# WEST FEST '94 COUNTRY DRIVING & JACKPOT HORSE SHOWS

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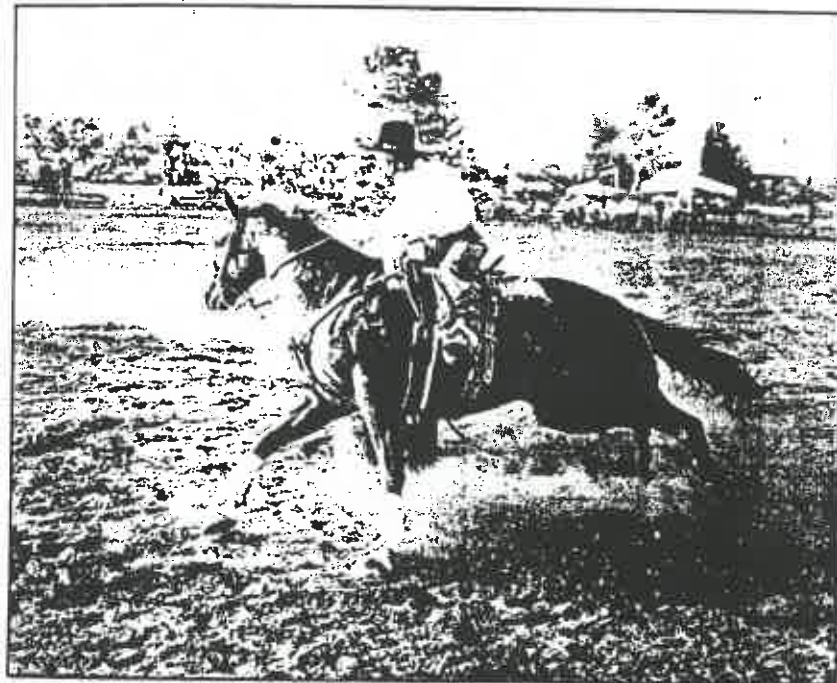
## Rodeo makes a home in Rhody

By KRISTEN JOYAL

CHARLESTOWN — For one weekend, southern Rhode Island took a step back in time to revive America's first sport at the fast-flying West Fest '94 Rodeo. The World Championship Double R Rodeo rode into Ninigret Park with cowboys and cowgirls from across the nation, including three locals, all with eyes of riding their best against the buzzer for the first-place pot. West Fest organizer Cathy Berry said the western rodeo is the first of its kind in the state and is a sure-fire sports event that could sweep the east coast, if only given the chance.

"Most people here are seeing the rodeo for the first time; it's the first sport made in America where American's are still competing," said Sherry, pointing to the dirt ring where cowboys compete for points in five events. "And it's not just a western sport — the whole east coast right now are spectators and that could change," said Sherry, beaming about the results of this weekend's rodeo.

Sandy Gallogly of Wyoming, L.I. was pleased with the results of her barrel-racing skills, taking second place in a field of seven riders. Gallogly charged from the pen and made her way in a cloverleaf pattern around three barrels in a race against the electric eye at 15.17 seconds.



**BARRELLING CONES:** Sandy Gallogly of Wyoming twists and turns on the three-barrel obstacle course as she clocks a second-place time in the West Fest '94 barrel racing event Friday at Ninigret Park in Charlestown.

Barrel racing, the first event in the rodeo to feature women, depends not only on the skill of the rider but the ability of the horse.

Bareback Bronc riders know all too well the ability of the untamed animals. Jim Simpson, 24, a pro-circuit bareback rider for three years, said the safety of the animals come first in all aspects of competition.

"We're all given rule books, and there's more rules governing the safety and care and management of animals than cowboys," said Simpson before jumping onto the back of a buckin' bronc. Simpson, who has grown up

around rodeo's since he was seven-years old, said he very rarely saw a cowboy use his spurs. But when they do they pay a hefty fine.

"I've seen cowboys fined more than what they earn for spurring horses and steer," said Simpson.

Each cowboy and cowgirl competing in the Double R Rodeo must pay a \$60 entry fee for each event. A first-place ride can win almost \$900.

At the Double R Rodeo, safety came first before the rough-ridin' action took center stage. Cowboys competing in events at the Double R are not allowed to wear spurs or use whips to

perform top notch. Rodeo tradition lets dust fly first with the bareback-bronco riding competition. With a one-handed grip, a cowboy holds on for his life and tries to outride the seven-second timer. A good ride is scored on the basis of beating the clock without falling off and keeping the free hand in the air. A rump rider trails the cowboy, picking him up after a fall.

Simpson said he enjoys bronc riding so much he wouldn't compete in any other event. "I just don't see any sense in riding bulls."

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Neither do the sportswriters of America, who rate bull riding the most dangerous of all rodeo events.

But top bull riders don't agree. Tracy English has taken a few horns in his side — and has the scars to prove it — but fails to call it quits.

English, 29, has been riding bulls for 11 years for the rush of the rodeo. The Pennsylvanian has earned as much as \$900 on a good day and some weeks next to nothing.

"It's just got to be something you love to do," he said, explaining the uncanny urge to ride on top of a bull.

Bull riding, is much like bareback, except the ratio of human weight to horse is much smaller than man to bull — given your average Brahma Bull weighs almost a ton.

"The sport is not mean to animals; if anything, the bull is pretty mean because anytime you put something on top of another's back and they don't want it there they'll get mad," said English.

No spurring is needed in bull riding as the Brahma, when released from the gate, bucks uncontrollably by instinct. A cowboy must wind a piece of cotton rope around his hand. The rope wraps around a bull's underside, and the cowboy's task is to ride for eight seconds without falling off.

Atop Yellow Fever, English took second place behind his traveling partner John Williams of Maryland. Williams rode an unriden bull for first place, staying tall in the saddle for the required eight seconds.

Simpson said the only reason modern-day rodeos are still in business is for the rush.

"They call us adrenaline junkies. It's a lifestyle that makes you feel good," said Simpson, "because there's nothing like the feeling of being on the back of a horse and winning."

Yahooo, yippee ti' yeah!  
See you at the next rodeo.

# Do the cowboy thing at Ninigret Park

CHARLESTOWN — Head to Ninigret Park for a taste of the West.

West Fest '94 — "a country and western extravaganza for the whole family" is coming to the park on July 29-31. Featured entertainment includes the Double R Rodeo and national music acts from Nashville.

The world championship Double R Rodeo will perform four shows during the three-day period. The first show is scheduled for Friday, July 29 at 6 p.m.. Two performances are scheduled for Saturday — 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Sunday, the rodeo will perform at 11 a.m.

Rodeo events include bull riding, steer wrestling, saddle bronco riding, barrel racing and bareback bronco riding. Cowboys from all over the country will compete for national ranking.

Midway attractions include barbecue cooking, and fun for children — pony rides, a petting zoo, a cowboy magician, games and rides. Festival-goers also can listen to a wide variety of music including cajun, swing, country, western and rhythm and blues

— provided by 10 different bands. Riders in the Sky will lead the concert series with a Friday afternoon show at 4 p.m.

The John Conlee Show is slated for Saturday at 6 p.m. and Paulette Carlson, former lead singer of Highway 101, will perform on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Other music acts are the Square One, The Jazzmen, Johnny and the East Coast Rockers, The Ranch, O.K. Chorale, Texas Flood, Little City String Band, D.D. and the Road Kings, Zeider Cats, and Donna Marie and the Stone Canyon.

The festival will begin at 8:30 a.m. each morning with a series of 1/4-mile saddle horse races, a high-stakes championship horse show and dancing to the music of Square One.

"This is an event for the whole family," said James Mageau, producer of West Fest '94. "There's something for everyone — music, dancing, games, food and one of the best rodeos in the country."

The Double R Rodeo Company has been part of the International Professional Rodeo Association for 30 years, performing both in the



United States and abroad. Andy Camp, president of the rodeo, was voted 1993 Producer of the Year by the international association.

General admission for the midway and concerts is \$5. Children under 12 are admitted for free. An additional

entrance fee of \$7.50 (for all ages) will be charged for admission to the rodeo. Tickets may be purchased at the event.

West Fest '94 is sponsored by the Independent Petroleum Dealers Association of Rhode Island.



Sun photo by Daniel Hyland

RIDIN' HIGH — West Fest '94 will feature western cooking, live music and world championship Double R Rodeo (top) in four shows, starting Friday at 6 p.m. Workers cleared a portion of the park last week (above) in preparation of the rodeo event.

# Celebrating family and remembrance

## Second Brandon Angell Memorial Concert Saturday in Charlestown

KAREN BOUSQUET  
CHARLESTOWN

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# West Fest a feast for senses

Vendors come bearing crepes, chainsaws

By ERIC WHITE

CHARLESTOWN — Vendors vendors everywhere and, oh, so much to do!

West Fest '94 in Ninigret Park last weekend proved to be a success in diversity. The three-day country western festival attracted a bevy of vendors hawking everything from Bar-B-Q ribs to Finnish pancakes.

The open-air marketplace was a first for Mirja Hanslin, owner of the Country Corner Restaurant in Charlestown.

"It just seemed like a nice idea," she said. "I didn't know what to expect. Everything's been really nice, really organized."

Hanslin, a native of Finland, had Finnish pancakes on the table. They're smaller than your average pancakes, sort of like crepes. And, of course, there were frozen strawberries and whipped cream to add to their taste.

### Smokin'

Ray Depot, a chef at the St. Dominic Savio Youth Center in Peace Dale, made the ribs he cooks look a little raw. They were anything but.

Racks of ribs sat on the grill and in a refrigerator converted into a "smoker" on the hot, humid Sunday afternoon.

"It's all insulated, you've just got to pull the guts off," Depot said of the smoker, which housed ribs that had been rubbed by hand with spices for an authentic taste.

Depot's food looked a little raw because the wood smoking process it doesn't char or blacken food while cooking. Just one bite supported his claim that his smoked ribs were cooked to perfection. Chicken legs, jumbo shrimp and chili were Depot's other main courses.

"As long as there's no blood coming out, you're all set," Depot said.

Depot barbecues his food over a wood flame. He said using wood makes barbecued food taste better.

### They call him 'Chainsaw'

Not all of the vendors at West Fest sold food. Ken Dudley Jr. of North Kingstown sold wooden sculptures. He makes a living out of sculpting indians, bears, lighthouses, horses and anything else you can name out of wood, using mainly — you guessed it — a chainsaw.

And, not surprisingly, that's his nickname.

"I use the chainsaw to produce all my art work," Dudley said.

Dudley's sculptures surrounded his wooden shed on a grass strip Sunday. The display was definitely in attention getter.

Turn to Fest 13



(Photos)

## In the saddle

RODEO TIME: The opening ceremonies of the Double R Rodeo, above, at Ninigret Park last weekend paid tribute to the American flag because the sport was created in this country. At right, Travis Tinker, 12, of Sauquoit, N.Y. shows off his clown face. The rodeo was part of West Fest '94, a three-day country western festival.



Dudley is a big admirer of his work. So much so that it took him three trips with his pickup truck and trailer to haul all he wanted to bring to Ninigret Park.

"Nobody expects to see this, it's awesome," Dudley said. "It's like it belongs to someone else."

Dudley likes the way his art makes people feel — and look. "Look at their faces, they look in wonderment," Dudley said, pointing to a few passers by. "As long as you make people happy, it's worth it."

Dudley, clad in a green T-shirt and a pair of cutoff jeans, had wood dust scattered lightly on his shirt and legs. A former state worker, Dudley said he enjoys running his own business for a change.

"Nobody tells me when to wake up, when to have a beer," Dudley said. "You drive yourself. I've always been a blue-collar worker."

"I pay the rent," he continued. "I don't know if I'll ever get rich at it but I'm happy."

### Sweaters anyone?

Jenny Flores stood under a tent selling of all things, sweaters, on a 90-degree day.

Flores, a Charlestown resident who graduated from Chariho High last year, said many people showed interest, despite the weather.

"They end up trying on sweaters," she said with a surprised look on her face. "Believe it or not, they end up trying on sweaters."

The sweaters weighed two and a half to three pounds, Flores said.

Flores was working for her sister, Sandra Lanning, who sells sweaters and other clothing out of a warehouse in Westerly.

Sharlene LaValle operated the Little "B" Barn with husband Joseph during the festival. The couple sold cowboy hats, boots and other country western apparel. It was no easy task.

Sharlene said it took three hours Thursday and two more Friday — the show's opening day — to set up for the festival.

The couple sold bandannas with crystals in them. When wet, the crystals ballooned into a soft cushy substance and stayed cold for six hours. The bandannas were popular Sunday.

"I have some of the vendors down there wearing them," LaValle said, pointing toward other merchants.

But during the waning hours of West Fest '94, LaValle's thoughts were turned to packing up and going home.

"We just take a deep breath and go for it," LaValle said.

Elaine Brutport, owner of Milwaukee Thunder, a country western apparel business based in Long Meadow, Mass., was also getting ready for a long haul Sunday evening. Her show keeps moving. The business goes to several rodeos and travels as far west as Arizona, as far north as Maine and as far south as Florida.

She said West Fest was as good as any event of its kind she'd attended.

"It was fine, very comparable," she said. "The most important thing is the weather. It really cooperated."

Sunday started off overcast, but the sun broke through about 4 p.m. Just in time to set on the first-ever West Fest.

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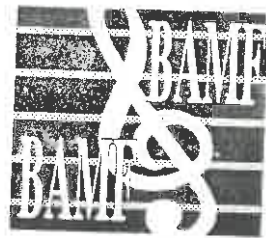
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## Concert to benefit memorial fund

By KAMMIE KETTELLE

**CHARLESTOWN** — Frank and Donna Angell are still trying to help others despite the tough year they've had.

Along with the Charlestown Recreation Commission, the Angells will soon present the second Brandon Angell Memorial Fundraising concert on August 27 at Ninigret Park from 12 to 7 p.m.

"The first one was a great success — it was a huge success," said Donna, Brandon's mother.

The concert was held at Brandon's former school — the Chariho Middle School.

Brandon, 12, was struck and killed by a car on Richmond Townhouse Road this past March. Since then the Angells have found strength in the unwavering support of family, friends and the community.

"The outpouring has been incredible," Donna said, adding that people from all around the state as well as the tri-town area have been wonderful to them. "It's been a few months and it's still there."

Proceeds from the concert will go to the memorial fund which the Angells set up to support a variety of local causes.

The needs of the schools rank high among them, including financing student's participation in camps, uniforms, equipment and recreational things.

Six hundred people attended the last concert headlined by the Jus Tus Band. Frank, Brandon's dad, plays the guitar and is the lead vocalist for the band.

"The show just went off without any complications at all," Donna said.

This year's concert has been expanded. It will feature four local bands — the Diddy-Wah Daddys, John Michaels Group, Little Sister and Jus Tus. Solo performers Denise Walsh and Frank Pendola will also be performing as will Aztec Two Step, a popular band from New York.

Donna said she is pleased the band is making the trip to Rhode Island despite their hectic concert schedule.

"We're very lucky to have them," Donna said. "They're wonderful."

The Angells are expecting approximately 1,500 people to attend the concert at the park, located off of Route 1A. Food and refreshments will be available.

Organizers advise bringing chairs and blankets.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 10 to 18 and children under 10 get in for free. Tickets will be available this Friday at Rippy's Liquor and Food Mart, the Charlestown Chamber of Commerce, Cocoa's Bakery, Richmond Antique and Craft Marketplace and WBLQ radio station in Narragansett.

Tickets also can be purchased directly from the Angells. For more information, call 364-3745.



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## Chariho's own... Theresa Beaudreau

By ERIC WHITE

RICHMOND — If you live on Richmond Town House Road and wondered who the lady walking her dogs down the street early in the morning is, wonder no more.

It's Theresa Beaudreau, 68, with Charlie and Camille.

People often come up to her, saying they see her every morning, but never knew who she was.

"It hits me funny," Beaudreau, who lives on Richmond Town House Road, said. "I don't even know who most of these people are. They know who I am — the lady with the dogs.

But she's more than that. Beaudreau is a retired secretary, who worked at the University of Rhode Island for 32 years — with an 11-year gap to take care of her young children. She's also a mother of eight, with children ranging in age from 26 to 46.

The Providence native came to South County during the Depression, when her parents, Mary and John Dawson, got jobs at Columbia Narrow Fabric in Shannock. Beaudreau's sisters Margaret, 66, and Loretta, 62, also made the trip.

Working in Shannock was a step up for the family. Beaudreau hasn't left the tri-town area since.

"We felt pretty well off when we made it down here," Beaudreau said.

Beaudreau graduated from Westerly High in 1943. In that same class was her husband of 47 years, Walter. But then, they didn't know each other very well and weren't dating. They started dating when Theresa was working at URI and Walter went for his degree after he returned home from World War II.

"He gave me a ride home a few times, and you know those things go," Beaudreau said.

While at URI, Beaudreau found time to go to school. She got a bachelor of general studies degree



DOG DAYS: Theresa Beaudreau of Richmond takes a minute to sit in the shade with her dogs Camille, left, and Charlie. Beaudreau, 68, walks

the dogs every morning down Richmond Town House Road even though the weather has been unseasonably hot lately.

(Photo by Eric White)

from URI's College of Continuing Education when she was 62.

"I liked going to classes," said Beaudreau, who liked studying psychology.

"I got interested in the young kids and the psychology of why they react to things," she said.

### Retired days

Though retired, Beaudreau has her hands full with 13 grandchildren. She also volunteers at the Charlestown Senior Center in Ninigret Park.

"I had more time when I was

working and going to school," she said.

Beaudreau is excited about the center's plans to expand into a community center.

"If they ever get that center built, it will be a good place," Beaudreau said.

Beaudreau thinks having a community center with people of all ages is a good idea.

"The elderly brighten right up with the kids around," Beaudreau said.

Beaudreau enjoys spending time with her grandchildren. During a 90-degree day last week, she

baked cookies with her grandson, though baking was not what she wanted to do on a hot day.

"It takes a lot out of you," she said.

Beaudreau also goes to St. Mary's Church on Carolina Back Road every Sunday.

"I find satisfaction, spiritually, in it," she said. "I think people don't think about (religion) unless they really need it."

Going to church, Beaudreau said, is something she does out of habit.

Just like taking a stroll with Charlie and Camille.

## SENIOR NEWS

### CHARLESTOWN

Need help with Medicare/Medicaid problems? A state health care representative will be at the Charlestown Senior Citizens Association Center every Monday morning. Call 364-8970, for an appointment or Yvette at 322-7466 after 6 p.m.

Other activities of the Charlestown Senior Citizens Association at Ninigret Park are as follows:  
Monday—line dancing, 1 p.m.  
Wednesday—bridge, 1:15 p.m.  
Thursday—crafts, 10 a.m. to noon;  
line dancing, 1 p.m.

A social worker is available. Call 364-8970 for an appointment.  
Also, the thrift shop is open Monday and Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m.

### SENIOR MENU


Lunch is served at the Charlestown Senior Center in Ninigret Park at noon, Monday through Friday. Reservations are required. Call 364-9955, for more information.

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Charlestown Senior Center Building

## Five architects vie for senior center project

By ERIC WHITE

CHARLESTOWN — The Community Center Building Committee is considering five architects as it strives toward its goal of a building in Ninigret Park.

Eight architects and architectural companies submitted bids to design the proposed center.

The five finalists are Munroe & Associates of Wakefield, McLeish & Johnson of Newport, James Barnes Architects of Providence, Paul A. Azzinaro of Westerly and Robert L. Gray of Charlestown.

Committee members Len Anderson, Roger Pease and George Bliven narrowed the field to four candidates. Gray was added as a finalist during the committee meeting Monday afternoon at town hall.

The project was bid on in three phases: planning, construction preparation and construction supervision.

James Barnes Architects was the highest bidder for phase I at \$14,400 followed by Gray at \$12,500, Munroe & Associates at \$8,000, Azzinaro at \$7,000 and McLeish & Johnson at \$3,500.

There were no dollar figures for the other two phases because no contractor has been hired to build the center. Munroe & Associates, McLeish and Johnson and Azzinaro each bid six percent of the building's total cost for Phase II. Barnes bid seven percent and Gray bid three percent.

Gray bid 2 to 24 percent for Phase III, Azzinaro bid 3.5 percent, Munroe & Associates at 3 percent, McLeish & Johnson 1.5 percent and Barnes 1.25 percent.

The Community Center Building

Committee will interview candidates and give its recommendations to the town council on who it thinks should get the job.

The town council will then vote on which company will get the contract.

Len Anderson, a member of the committee, said the town should hire the architect that can design a suitable building.

"We looked at all of these (proposals) from the viewpoint of naming an architect to serve all the needs of the kind of building we want in Charlestown," Anderson said.

Town Administrator George C. Hibbard said price is just one factor in determining who gets the job.

"Price is just one of the criteria," he said. "They're looking for a firm that is appropriate to the undertaking."

A contractor is the next position for hire in the community center project. The price of the proposed building can be determined when awarding a bidding contractor the job. The goal of the committee is to have the planning phase finished by the Financial Town Meeting in May. Voters at the meeting could vote on a separate warrant item to fund building the center, Hibbard said.

The proposed community center began as an idea to expand the Charlestown Senior Center in Ninigret Park. It grew, however, as more people became involved.

The committee has yet to decide exactly where the center will be. Along Route 1A has been discussed as a probable site.

The committee will meet Monday at 1:30 p.m. at Town Hall to discuss what questions it will ask to screen the architects.



See photo by John Kesteven

### *A roll in the park*

Nora Udell, 8, Jonathan Rowe, 11, Nicholas Rowe, 10, and Jennie Udell, 12, (from left) roll along a road in Ninigret Park in Charlestown on Thursday afternoon. The Udells are cousins, while the Rowes are brothers.



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## New Bike Routes for RI

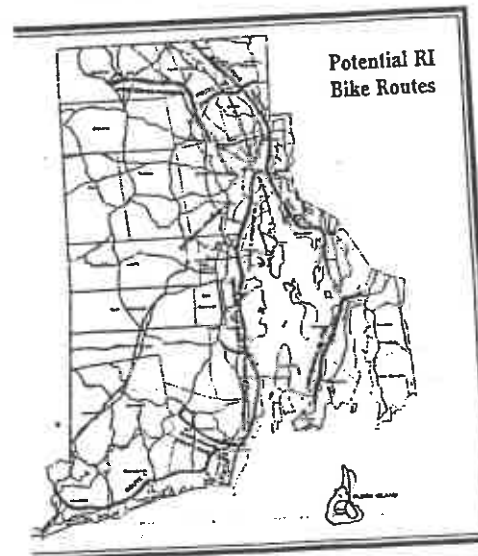
**A**s the bicycle becomes a viable alternative transportation mode, the state is planning several new bicycle facilities across the state. To meet demand and encourage additional use, several bikeways are currently being constructed, designed, or planned using Federal Highway Administration funds.

To complement the federally funded plan, the state DOT would like

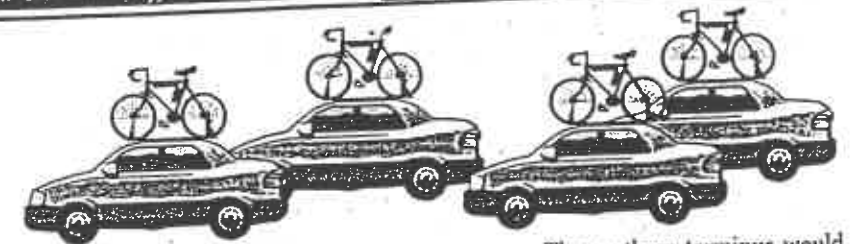


to link as many communities as possible into the bikeway network. The East Bay Bike Path is the first success of the state's plan.

The ultimate goal is for bicyclists to traverse the entire state safely on marked roadways and bike paths. This article describes seven of the existing and planned routes through Rhode Island.



Potential RI Bike Routes



As conceived, the Shoreline Bikeway would traverse the towns of Westerly, Charlestown and South Kingstown. The approximate 18 mile route would provide an east-west link to connect with the South County and West Bay Bike Paths.

With the increasing popularity of South County for summer tourists, the area has experienced an increase in both vehicular and bicycle/pedestrian traffic. Conflicts between these two modes of travel will likely precipitate demand for this proposed facility.

It is anticipated that the terminal points of the proposed route would be just east of Wakefield and in the vicinity of the Westerly Airport.

A preliminary evaluation of a proposed route indicates a potential for a continuous West Bay Bike Path to connect Narragansett and Warwick. The 20+ mile project has potential for providing significant transportation benefits to residents and visitors of both communities.

The southern terminus would be at the State Pier in Galilee where ferry service to Block Island and Newport is available. The path would route cyclists through Narragansett Pier, where it would meet the South County Bike path, and then continue along portions of the abandoned Seaview Trolley line and existing sewer easements in the Metatuxet/Pettaquamscutt River area of Narragansett, and on to Wickford.

The next path junction would be the abandoned Newport/Wickford Railroad Line that runs east-west through North Kingstown. Using class II and class III routes along local roads, the northern terminus would be at Goddard Memorial State Park in Warwick.

For more information on design, bicycle or pedestrian planning activities at RIDOT, contact Connie Daniels, State Bicycle Coordinator, at (401) 277-2023.

Source: Rhode Island Bikeways, RIDOT, Fall 1993 update.

### BIKEWAY FACILITY CLASSIFICATIONS

#### CLASS I BIKEWAY

A path for the exclusive use of bicyclists, physically separated from motorized vehicular traffic either within an existing right-of-way or a completely new location.

#### CLASS II BIKEWAY

A portion of a roadway which has been designed by striping, signing, and pavement markings for the preferential or exclusive use of bicyclists.

#### CLASS III BIKEWAY

A shared right-of-way identified only by signing. Bike routes are proposed along low speed, low volume roadways where there is insufficient width to provide bicycle lanes.

Source: RIDOT Design Study Report for Narragansett / South Kingstown

## DEER DAMAGE TO ORNAMENTAL PLANTS

Damage to ornamental plants by white tailed seer , Odocoileus virginianus continues to rise annually. Planting less preferred species will be effective in reducing browsing pressure on plants. The following list is courtesy of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Service.

### Plants rarely damaged:

Barberry	Common Barberry
Paper Birch	Common Boxwood
American Holly	Drooping Leucothoe
Colorado Blue Spruce	Japanese Pieris

### Plants seldom severely damaged:

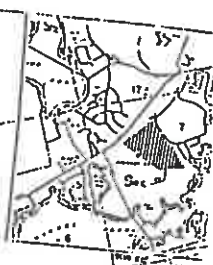
Beautybush	European Beech
European White Birch	American Bittersweet
Japanese Flowering Cherry	Flowering Dogwood
Kousa Dogwood	Red Osier Dogwood
Redvein Enkianthus	Forsythia
English Hawthorn	Chinese Holly
Inkberry	Chinese Juniper, green
Chinese Juniper, blue	Mountain Laurel
Common Lilac	Honey Locust
Austrian Pine	Mugo Pine
Pitch Pine	Red Pine
Scots Pine	Common Sassafras
Corkscrew Willow	Japanese Wisteria

### Plants frequently damaged:

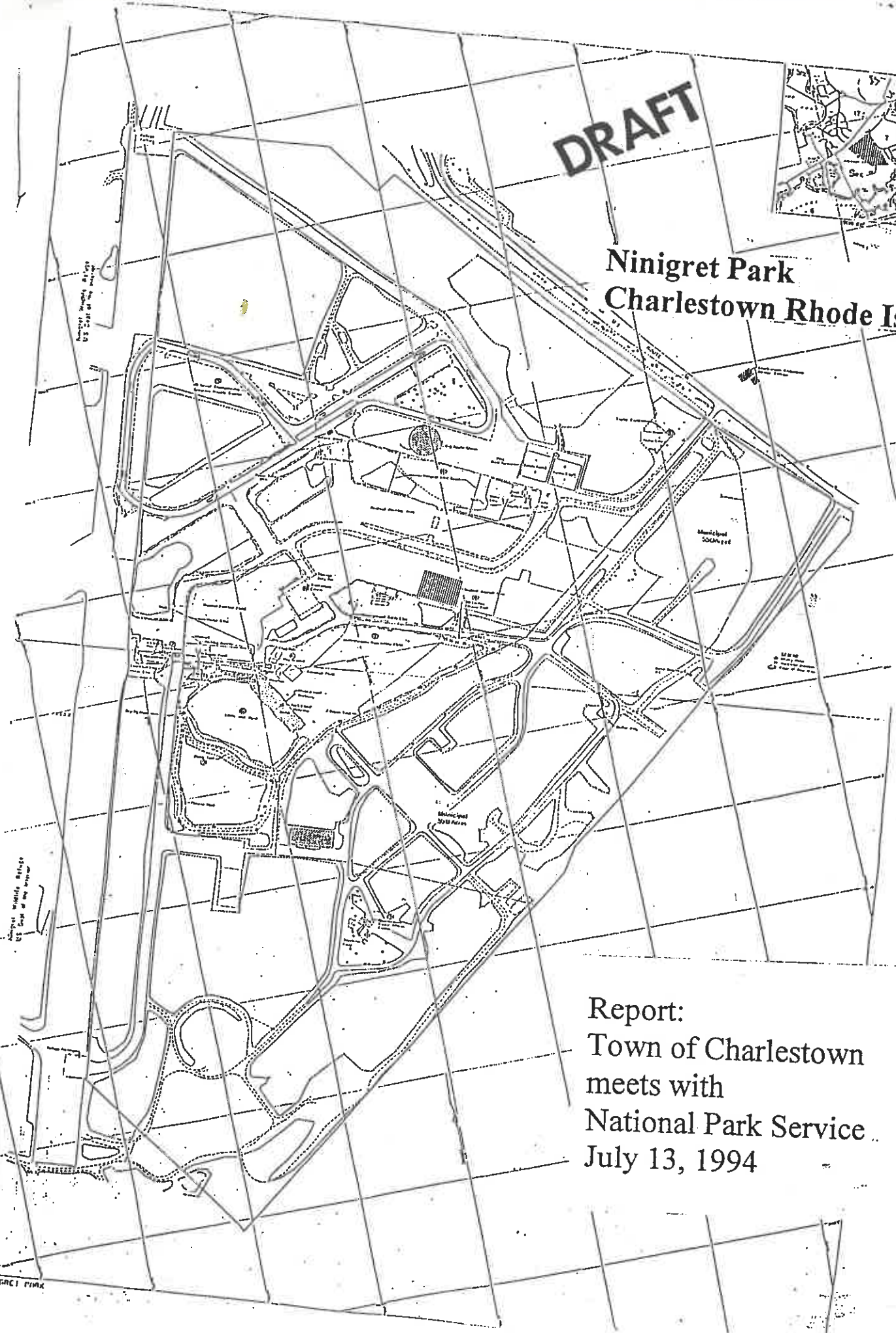
Apple	American Arborvitae
European Mountain Ash	Evergreen Azalea
Pinxterbloom Azalea	Atlantic White Cedar
Cherries	Clematis
Wintercreeper	Cornelian Dogwood
Winged Euonymus	Balsam Fir
Fraser Fir	English Ivy
Norway Maple	Plum
Rhododendron	Catawba Rhododerdron
Hybrid Tea Rose	Eastern Rosebud
Yew	English Yew
Japanese Yew	Western Yew

Genus cannot be used as a rule of thumb for selection. For example, some Dogwoods are seldom severely damaged, while others are frequently damaged. Specifying species is critical to the process of selection. This list provides species information concerning deer damage only; several other variables, such as soil type, temperature zone, wind exposure, and duration of sun through the seasons must all be considered when selecting a species. Consult an arborist or landscape architect for selection assistance.

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**Ninigret Park  
Charlestown Rhode Island**



Report:  
Town of Charlestown  
meets with  
National Park Service  
July 13, 1994

NINIGRET PARK

Ninigret Park notes  
Meeting with National Park Service Representative.  
Frosty Drew Nature Center  
Wednesday, 07.13.94

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National Park Service file #N-RI-469B

Mr. John T. Kelly administrates The Federal Lands-to Parks Program for the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. The Regional office through which Ninigret Park matters are administrated is located in Boston, MA. Questions asked by The Town were addressed by Mr. Kelly. Attached are items handed out by Mr. Kelly at the meeting.

Mr. Kelly drove from Boston to meet with The Town of Charlestown. Present were:

- George Hibbard, Town Administrator
- Robert Scheidler, Town Council
- Lisa DiBello, Director of Parks & Recreation
- George Bliven, Chairperson for Commision of Parks
- Richard Gabriel, Chairperson for Community Center Building Committee
- Lisamarie Walker, Intern for Ninigret Park Ten Year Utilization Plan

The park is publicly received as one contiguous property. However, there is a differentiation in restrictions on different parts of the property that arises from difference in the deeds of two parcels. The northeastern part of the park known as The 55 Acres is owned outright by the Town of Charlestown through purchase, this parcel is not within the jurisdiction of the National Park service. The remainder of the site known as The 172 Acres (172.4) was transferred to The Town of Charlestown by the National Park Service for parks and recreation use by the public. The 55 acre parcel is not restricted by National Park Service, Interior ordinances; administrative restrictions apply only to the 172 acres.

The former Charlestown Naval Auxilliary Landing Field (CNALF) was transferred from the Navy to the Government Surplus Agency (GSA). CNALF became Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge, Ninigret Park for the Town of Charlestown, and Charlestown Municipal Land (which is seen as part of Ninigret Park).

The application to acquire surplus government land included a ten year plan of utilization. This plan must be updated by the end of each ten year period. The program has been and is flexible to amendment upon approval. Plans and amendments are submitted to the Regional Director; the current program superceeds the prior plan. Drafts of proposed program of utilization can be submitted to Mr. Kelly to get preliminary approval and/or recommendations for modifications to conform to NPS ordinances. Ultimately, the Town Council will approve a plan of utilization and submit it to the National Park Service, where the plan gets inal approval. The process of pre-approval through Mr. Kelly should help expedite the final approval. The ultimate approval lies with Regional Director, Marie Rist.

The National Park Service spends some \$120 million nationally. The Service's goals are to meet the recreational needs of the people. There are other agencies with different charitable goals. However, the NPS sees the Federal Land to Parks Program as an investment in the mission of the National Park Service. Therefore, there are many gray areas that do not conform to the NPS agenda. These include day care, health care, senior services, social services, non-profit occupancy, chamber of commerce, rental space for office and business, rental space for social affairs, and leasing of any kind.

It was recommended that the Community Center be placed on the 55-acre municipal parcel to avoid restrictions of use and fee, and to encourage maintenance by the town. Also, the various property restrictions may impinge on a lender's willingness. George Bliven reminded Mr. Kelly that the National Park Service had been reasonable and ageeable in the past. The town should not be worried about expansion of existing facilities.

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Fee differential of residents and non-residents were made clear. See attached section 59.4. Where fees are not charged to residents, non-residents rates should be comparable to State or local public facilities. Where fees are charged to residents, non-resident fees may be only twice. Permitting options must be the same for both residents and non-residents, except in cases of hunting and fishing licenses. The desire to limit some future activities to Charlestown taxpayers also makes the 55-acres the preferred locus of site selection.

The NPS has no preferred accounting system for Ninigret Park. Whatever method the town uses is adequate. Currently, the park does not generate revenue. It costs more to run the park and maintain it than the proceeds that are received. Separate accounting could become useful as activities at the park increase, thus allowing revenues to be put back into the park. Accounting is self-policing, a compliance report is to be submitted to NPS every two years. This report includes a statement that all revenues generated on the property is used for the development, operation, and maintenance of the site, and that no revenues are generated or expended for non-recreation purposes. Development snapshots documenting change, costs incurred, problems encountered and other significant information are also part of the conformance report.

The southwestern "triangle" of land was swapped with the United States Fish and Wildlife service for an equal area along runway 12-30, in order to build the criterium bicycle course. Then Bill Bishop gave some land to the USFWS along Foster Cove, in exchange for the triangle. This deal is not reflected on the most current maps, and should be settled.

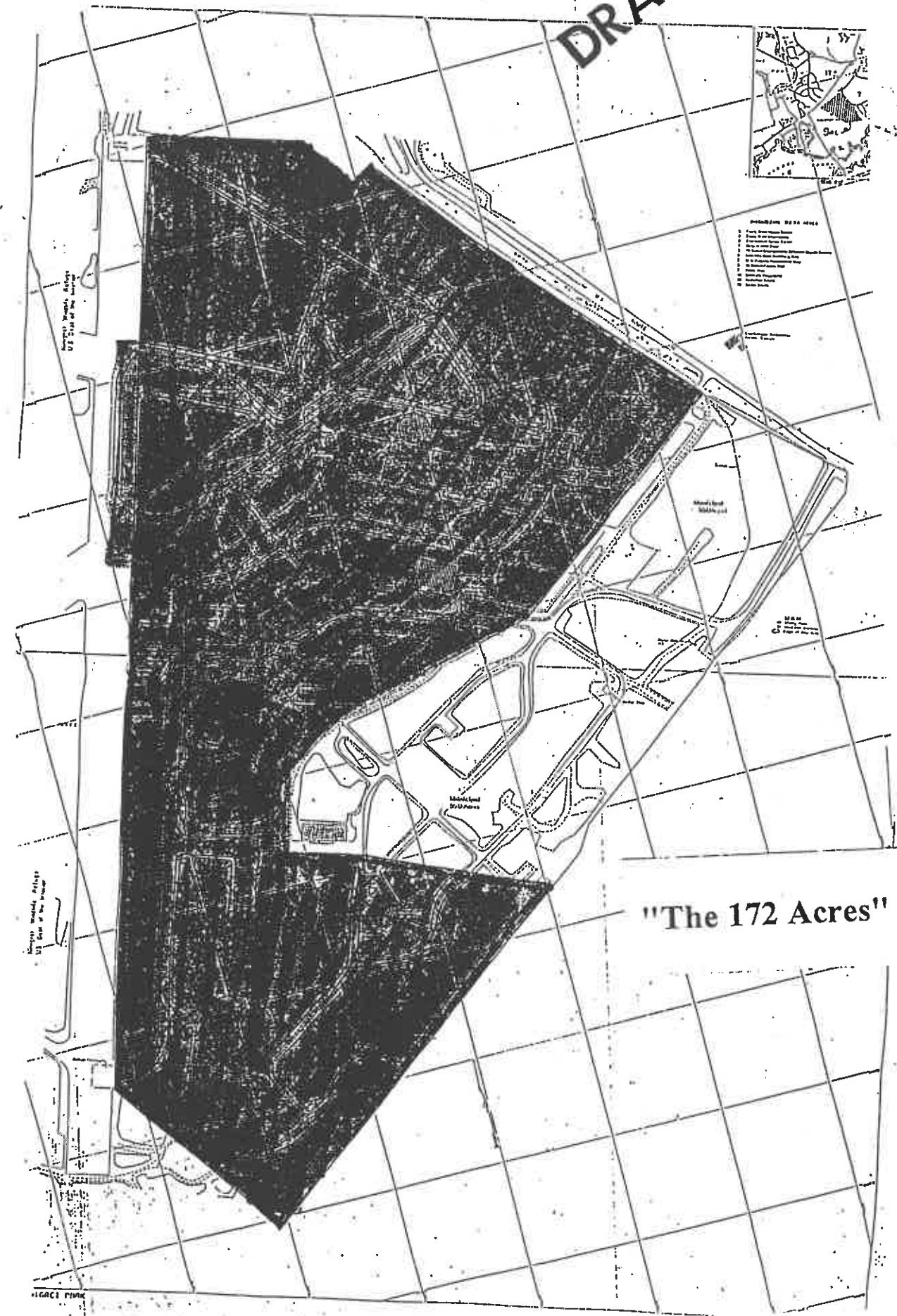
The meeting was concluded by giving Mr. Kelly a tour of the park. G. Bliven took J. Kelly, R. Gabriel, and L. Walker to lunch to discuss future plans.

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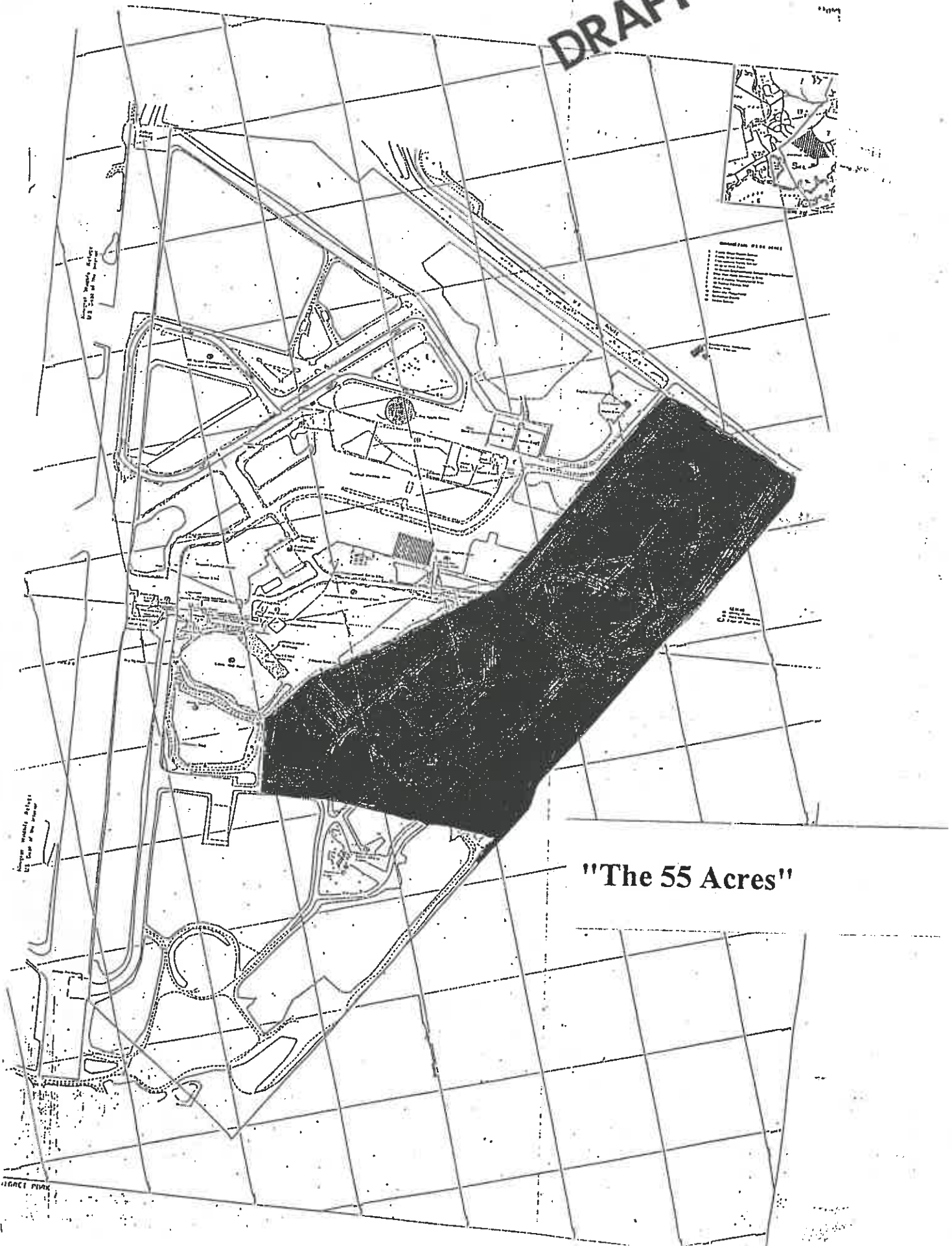
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"The 172 Acres"

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"The 55 Acres"

(8) State intergovernmental clearinghouse review procedures have been adhered to if the proposed conversion and substitution constitute significant changes to the original land and Water Conservation Fund project.

(9) The proposed conversion and substitution are in accord with the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) and/or equivalent recreation plans.

(c) *Amendments for conversion.* All conversions require amendments to the original project agreements. Therefore, amendment requests should be submitted concurrently with conversion requests or at such time as all details of the conversion have been worked out with NPS. Section 6(f)(3) project boundary maps shall be submitted with the amendment request to identify the changes to the original area caused by the proposed conversion and to establish a new project area pursuant to the substitution. Once the conversion has been approved, replacement properly should be immediately acquired. Exceptions to this rule would occur only when it is not possible for replacement property to be identified prior to the State's request for a conversion. In such cases, an express commitment to satisfy section 6(f)(3) substitution requirements within a specified period, normally not to exceed one year following conversion approval, must be received from the State. This commitment will be in the form of an amendment to the grant agreement.

(d) *Obsolete facilities.* Recipients are not required to continue operation of a particular facility beyond its useful life. However, when a facility is declared obsolete, the site must nonetheless be maintained for public outdoor recreation following discontinuance of the assisted facility. Failure to so maintain is considered to be a conversion. Requests regarding changes from a L&WCF funded facility to another otherwise eligible facility at the same site that significantly contravene the original plans for the area must be made in writing to the Regional Director. NPS approval must be obtained prior to the occurrence of the change. NPS approval is not necessarily required, however, for each and every fa-

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cility use change. Rather, a project area should be viewed in the context of overall use and should be monitored in this context. A change from a baseball field to a football field, for example, would not require NPS approval. A change from a swimming pool with substantial recreational development to a less intense area of limited development such as a passive park, or vice versa, would, however, require NPS review and approval. To assure that facility changes do not significantly contravene the original project agreement, NPS shall be notified by the State of all proposed changes in advance of their occurrence. A primary NPS consideration in the review of requests for changes in use will be the consistency of the proposal with the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and/or equivalent recreation plans. Changes to other than public outdoor recreation use require NPS approval and the substitution of replacement land in accordance with section 6(f)(3) of the L&WCF Act and paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section.

[51 FR 34184, Sept. 25, 1986, as amended at 52 FR 22747, June 15, 1987]

## § 59.4 Residency requirements.

(a) *Background.* Section 6(f)(8) of the L&WCF Act prohibits discrimination on the basis of residence, including preferential reservation or membership systems, except to the extent that reasonable differences in admission and other fees may be maintained on such basis. This prohibition applies to both regularly scheduled and special events. The general provisions regarding non-discrimination at sites assisted under Interior programs and, thereby, all other recreation facilities managed by a project sponsor, are covered in 43 CFR Part 17 which implements the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 for the Department.

(b) *Policy.* There shall be no discrimination for L&WCF assisted programs and services on the basis of residence, except in reasonable fee differentials. Post-completion compliance responsibilities of the recipient should contin-

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ue to ensure that discrimination on the basis of residency is not occurring.

(c) *Fees.* Fees charged to nonresidents cannot exceed twice that charged to residents. Where there is no charge for residents but a fee is charged to nonresidents, nonresident fees cannot exceed fees charged for residents at comparable State or local public facilities. Reservation, membership, or annual permit systems available to residents must also be available to nonresidents and the period of availability must be the same for both residents and nonresidents. Recipients are prohibited from providing annual or daily permits while at the same time restricting nonresidents to the purchase of annual permits only. These provisions apply only to the approved 6(f)(3) areas applicable to the recipient. Nonresident fishing and hunting license fees are excluded from these requirements.

§§ 59.5—59.6 [Reserved]

## PART 60—NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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60.15 Removing properties from the National Register.

*Authority:* National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*, and E.O. 11593.

*Source:* 46 FR 88187, Nov. 16, 1981, unless otherwise noted.

§ 60.1 Authorization and expansion of the National Register.

(a) The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 80 Stat. 915, 16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*, as amended, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to expand and maintain a National Register of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering and culture. The regulations herein set forth the procedural requirements for listing properties on the National Register.

(b) Properties are added to the National Register through the following processes:

(1) Those Acts of Congress and Executive orders which create historic areas of the National Park System administered by the National Park Service, all or portions of which may be determined to be of historic significance consistent with the intent of Congress;

(2) Properties declared by the Secretary of the Interior to be of national significance and designated as National Historic Landmarks;

(3) Nominations prepared under approved State Historic Preservation Programs, submitted by the State Historic Preservation Officer and approved by the NPS;

(4) Nominations from any person or local government (only if such property is located in a State with no approved State Historic Preservation Program) approved by the NPS and;

(5) Nominations of Federal properties prepared by Federal agencies, submitted by the Federal Preservation Officer and approved by NPS.

§ 60.2 Effects of listing under Federal law.  
The National Register is an authoritative guide to be used by Federal, State, and local governments, private groups and citizens to identify the Nation's cultural resources and to indicate what properties should be considered for protection from destruction or impairment. Listing of private property on the National Register does not prohibit under Federal law or regulate any actions which may otherwise be taken by the property owner with respect to the property.

U.S. Department of the Interior ♦ National Park Service  
Federal Lands-to-Parks Program

**Purpose**

Through the Federal Lands-to-Parks Program,\* the National Park Service helps state and local governments acquire surplus Federal land for public park and recreational use. This land includes real property on military installations identified in the Base Closure and Realignment Acts of 1988, 1990, and 1993. The property may be transferred to a public agency at a discounted cost provided it is used for parks and recreation in perpetuity. Only states, counties, municipalities, and similar public entities can acquire surplus Federal real property through the Federal Lands-to-Parks Program. The program has two goals:

1. Expand and enhance public recreational opportunities in a variety of activities, such as hiking, biking, camping, picnicking, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, swimming, boating, tennis, golf, and organized sports.
2. Protect and provide access to recreational resources, including lakes, rivers, forests, rangeland, wetlands, shorelines, and open space.

After Federal property is conveyed, the National Park Service monitors the use of the land and facilities to ensure they are managed according to the terms and conditions of the deed. The monitoring component of the program ensures public access for recreational use and the continued protection of the natural and cultural resources located on the property.

**Procedure**

The procedure begins when a Federal agency with disposal responsibility issues a notice announcing the availability of Federal real property. Any public agency wishing to acquire the property for park and recreational use must submit an expression of interest in writing to the National Park Service. The National Park Service, in turn, notifies the disposal agency. The disposal agency must then declare the property available for a park and recreation public benefit transfer. If this form of disposal is authorized, the public agency submits an application to the National Park Service which describes the need, suitability, and proposed use of the property, as well as the capability the public agency in administering a park and recreation program. If the application is approved, the National Park Service requests assignment of the property from the disposal agency and then prepares a quitclaim deed to convey the property to the public agency.

\* The Federal Lands-to-Parks Program (formerly the Federal Surplus Real Property Public Benefit Discount Program for Parks and Recreation) is authorized by Section 203(k)(2) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended [40 U.S.C. § 484(k)(2)].

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