
4. COMMUNITY FACILITIES (see map, Exhibit B)

Existing Town structures provide more than just a practical service to the residents of Washington Grove. Many, such as McCathran Hall and the Gazebo, offer a sense of history and kinship and define the character of the community. The following recommendations are to maintain these structures in good repair and for new improvements in keeping with the spirit and nature of the old.

Whenever maintenance, renovation, or new construction are contemplated, attention should be given to ensure that all facilities are accessible for the handicapped. The requirements of the American Disabilities Act are the guide to that end.

4.1 Public Buildings

(1) Town Hall (See map, item A) - As well as filling the practical need for government offices, McCathran Hall is of great historical significance to Town residents and is the focal point of many community activities as was the Sacred Circle in the Town's earliest days. The hall will undergo extensive remodeling that will include needed repairs to the original building and an addition that will expand meeting and record keeping capabilities.

Recommendations: In keeping with current plans, reserve space within the hall for an active historical archive accessible for citizens to contribute and research historical materials. Consider housing materials in a museum-like setting or in a library format

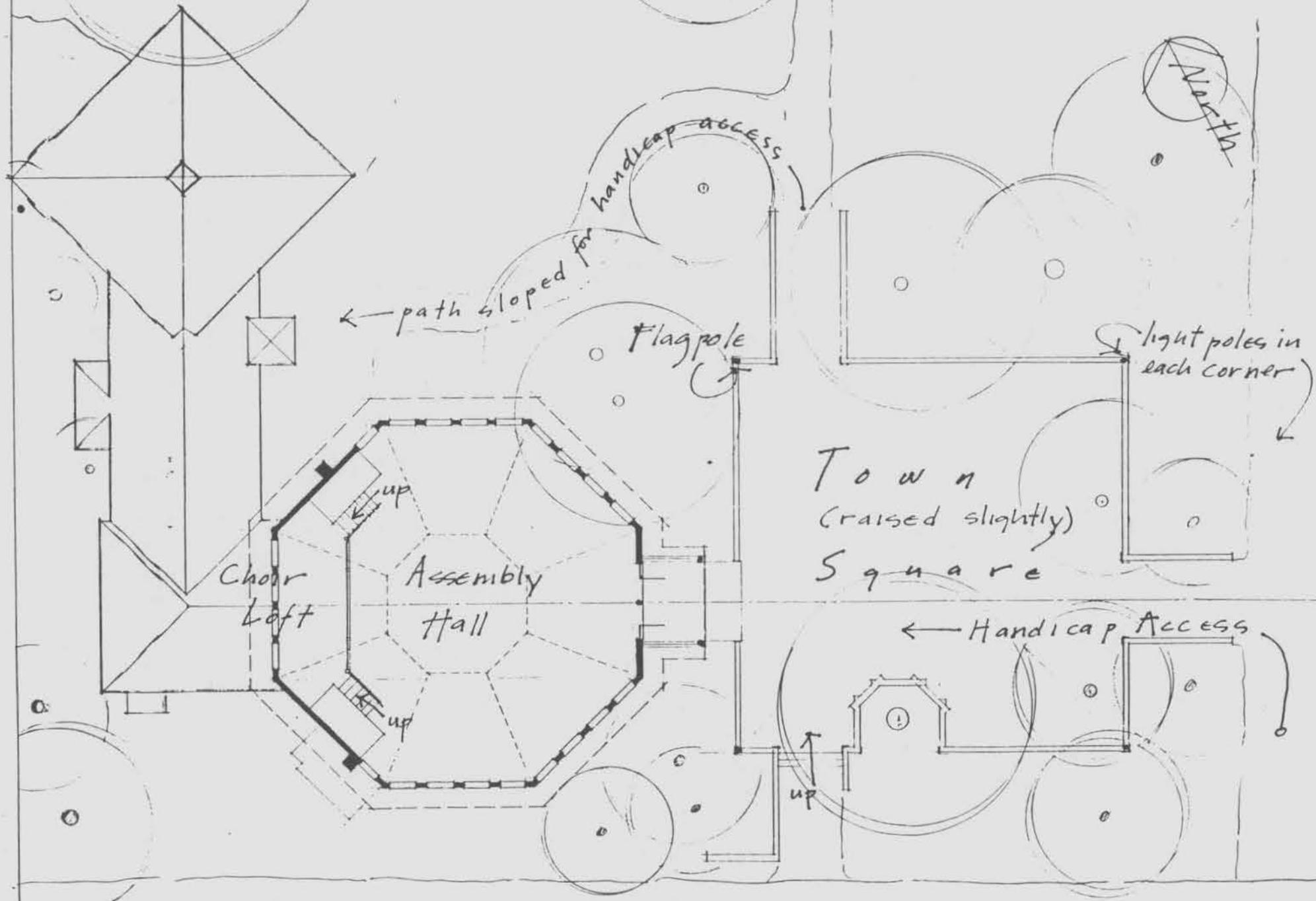
Rehang the original windows in the main hall in new casements for energy efficiency. Provide a security system on the windows and other access points

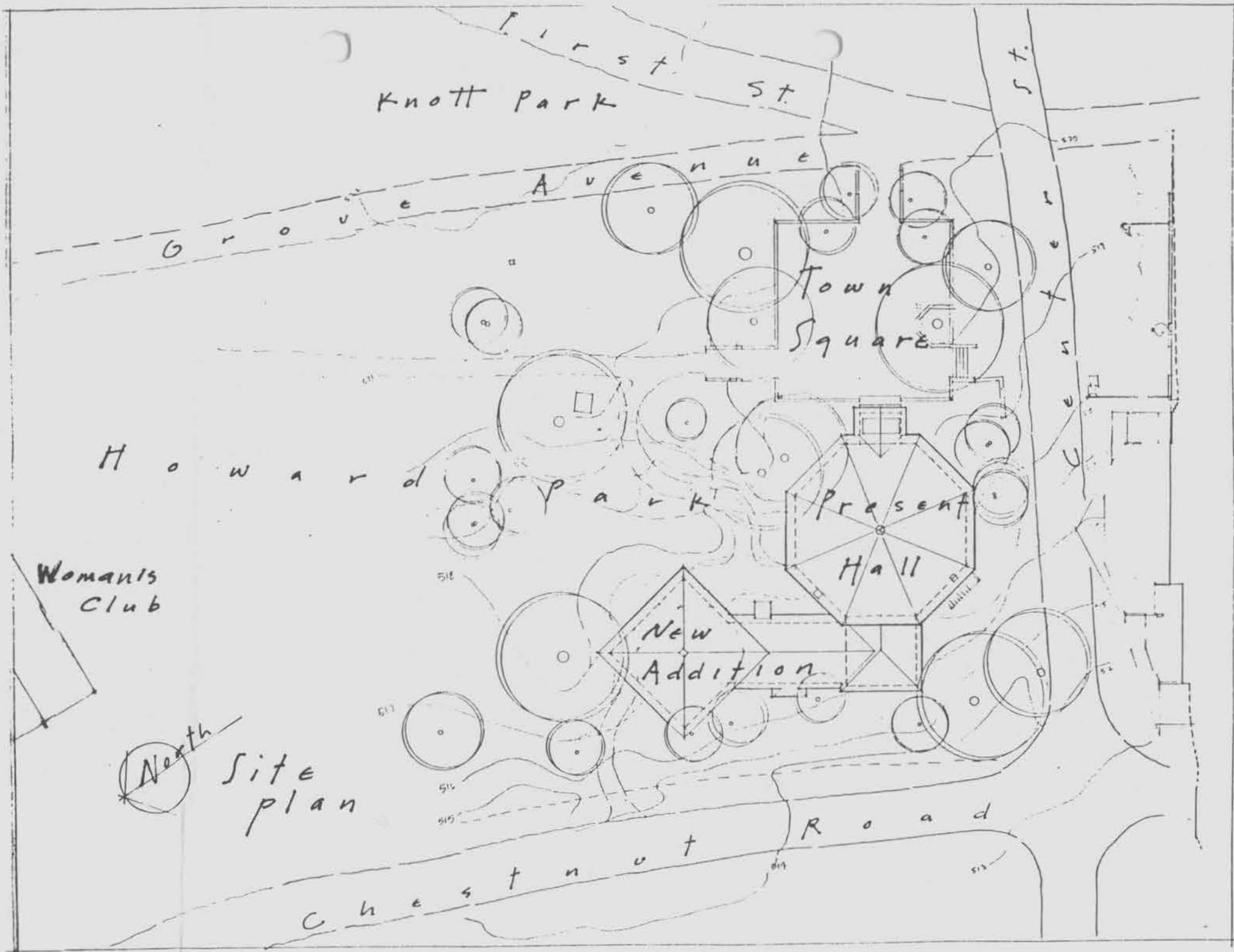
(2) Gazebo (See map, item B) - A large contingent of Town volunteers constructed the Gazebo in the 1970's. Since that time, the facility has been extremely popular for Town and family events. As the structure has aged, it has received new flooring and roofing. Based on current evaluation, however, structural work is needed. While a short-term job would adequately secure all sections of the Gazebo, the facility should be rebuilt to meet current code requirements.

Recommendation: Schedule reconstruction of the Gazebo. Until this occurs, secure the upright posts to the foundation in a manner to prevent expansion and buckling of the floorboards during warm weather

(3) Maintenance Building (See map, item C) - While the Town Garage is in good condition, it is not large enough to accommodate both Town maintenance supplies and equipment and the Town vehicle. There are many options. For example, the Town could investigate the purchase of a modular unit that could be placed on a concrete pad next to the garage. This type of space is often used by construction companies for inexpensive, yet secure and weathertight storage. This kind of

Upper Level Plan





Woman's Club

North
Site plan

Knott Park St

Grove Avenue

Town Square

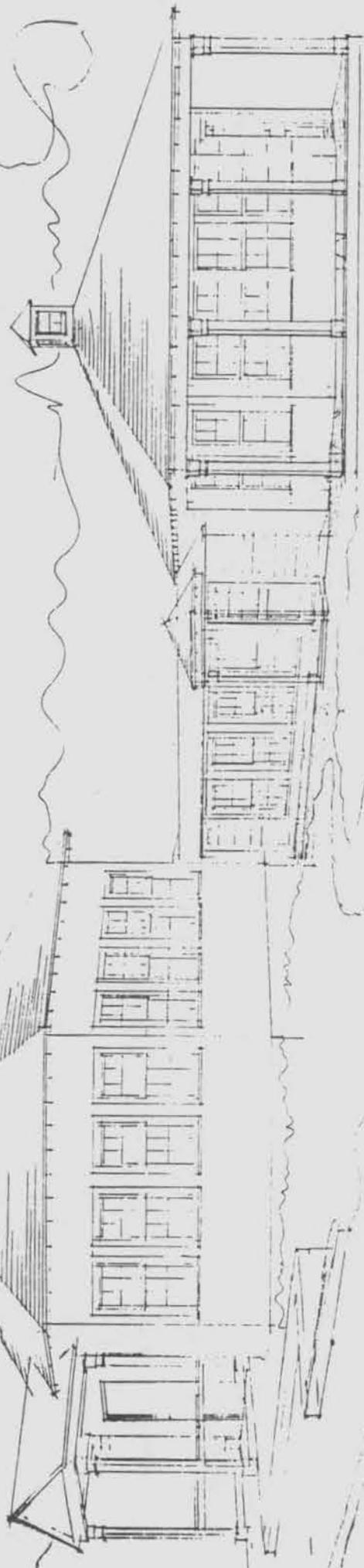
Howard Park

Present Hall

New Addition

Chestnut Road

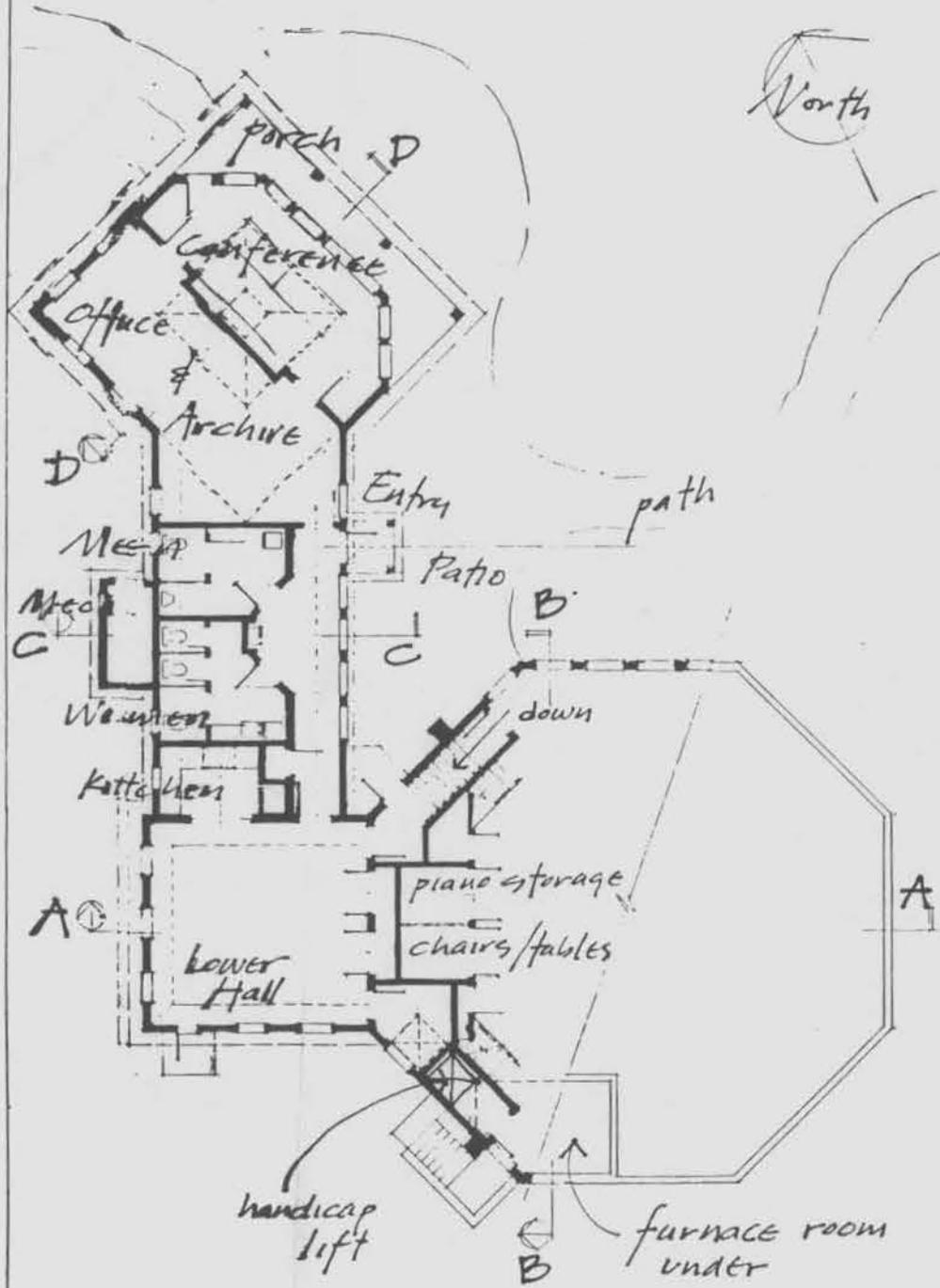
View from Howard Park



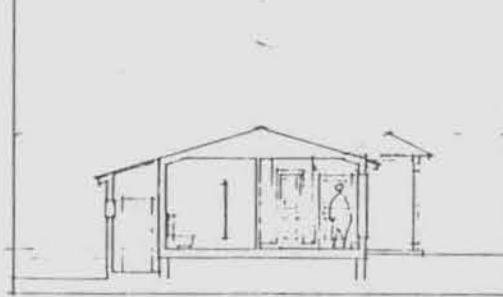
View from Chestnut



Lower Level Plan



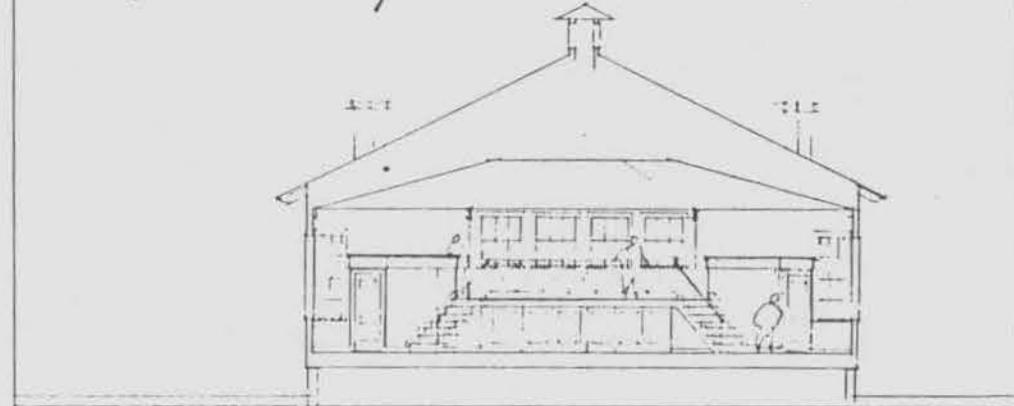
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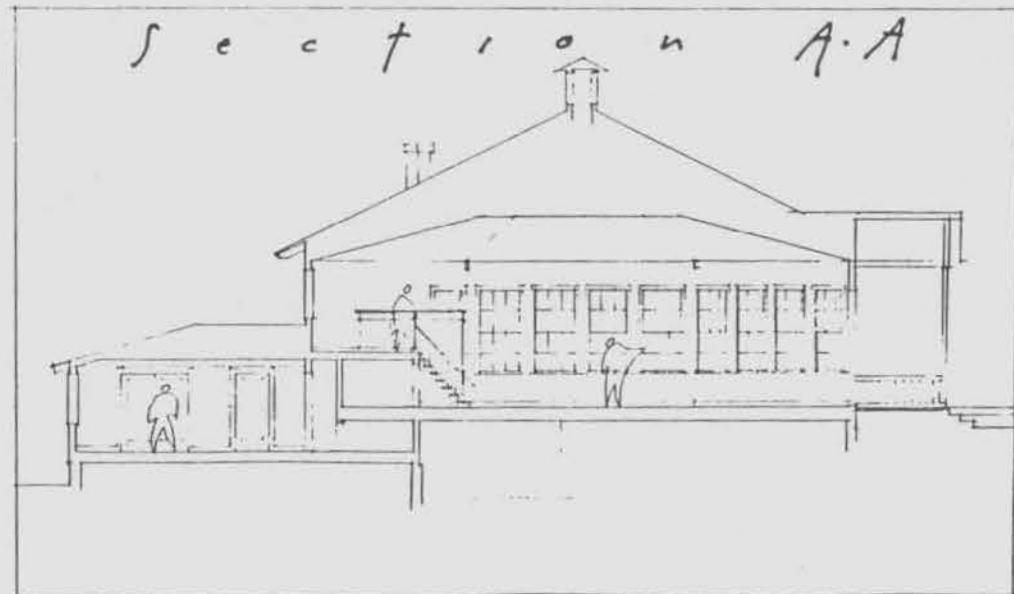
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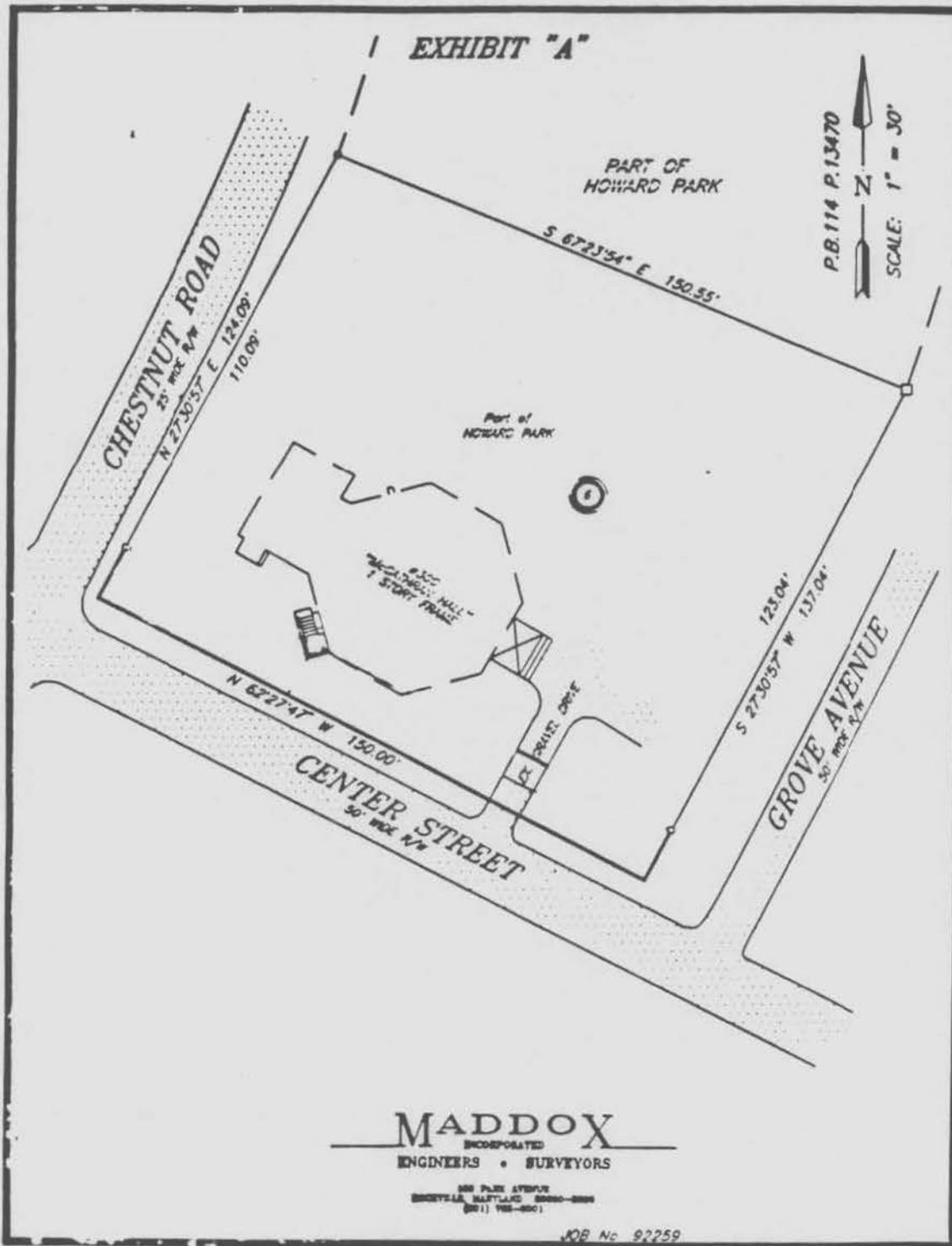


Section A.A



EASEMENT

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McCathran Hall
Easement Boundary



MCCATHRAN HALL
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Site Plan

SCALE:
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

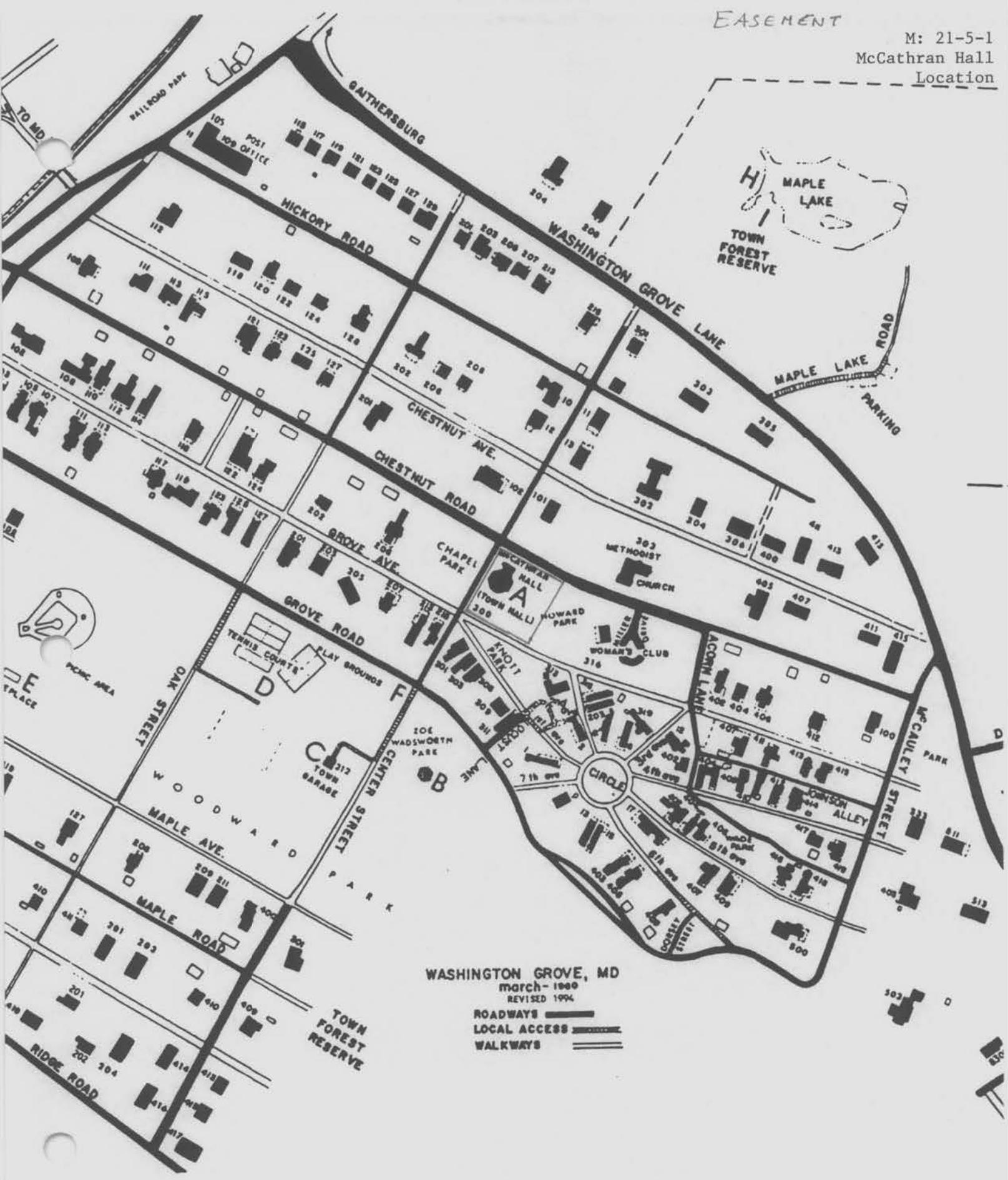
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 WALKWAYS = = = =



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LOCATION CENTER ST. WASHINGTON GROVE, Md

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