

Minutes of the Town of Farmington
Regular Town Council Meeting
January 24, 2017

Present:

Nancy W. Nickerson, Chair
Jon Landry
Peter M. Mastrobattista
Gary Palumbo
Amy Suffredini
Meredith A. Trimble
John Vibert

Kathy Eagen, Town Manager
Paula B. Ray, Clerk

A. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Council and members of the public recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Public Comments

There were no public comments made.

D. Consideration of Special Topics

1. Splash Pad Presentation by Nancy Parent, Director of Community & Recreational Services

Nancy Parent, Director of Community and Recreational Services and Geoffrey Porter, Recreation Coordinator reviewed the presentation recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item D-1 and answered Council questions.

E. New Business.

1. To consider and take action on the 2017 Blighted Building List

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to consider and take action on the following 2017 Blighted Building List:

23 Lakeview Drive
63 Main Street (Unionville)
15 Walnut Street

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to table the motion until the February 14, 2017 Town Council meeting.

Adopted unanimously.

2. To recommend the construction of an approximately 16,500 square foot playground area with installation of playground equipment at West Woods Upper Elementary School, to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission for a report under Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to recommend the construction of an approximately 16,500 square foot playground area with installation of playground equipment at West Woods Upper Elementary School, to be located to the southwest of the school, to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission for a report under Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Adopted unanimously.

3. To Award Bid #255 for One (1) New, Unused Pumper Engine

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to award Bid # 255 One (1) New, Unused Pumper Engine to Pierce Manufacturing of Appleton, Wisconsin in the amount of \$599,152.

Adopted unanimously.

F. Executive Session

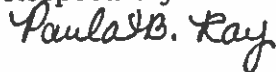
There was no Executive Session held.

G. Adjournment

Motion was made and seconded (Trimble/Mastrobattista) to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Adopted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



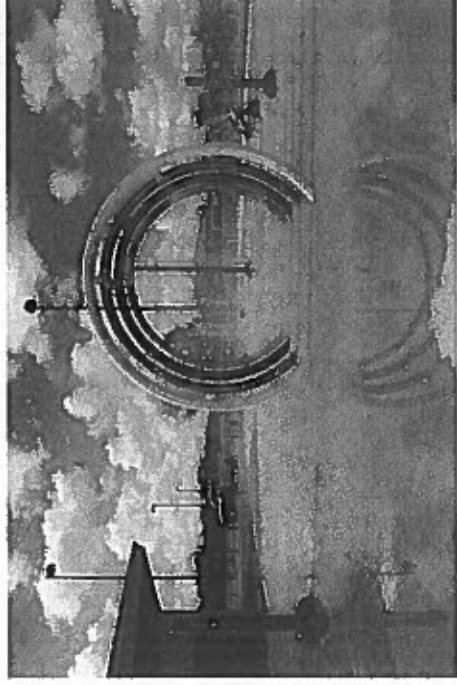
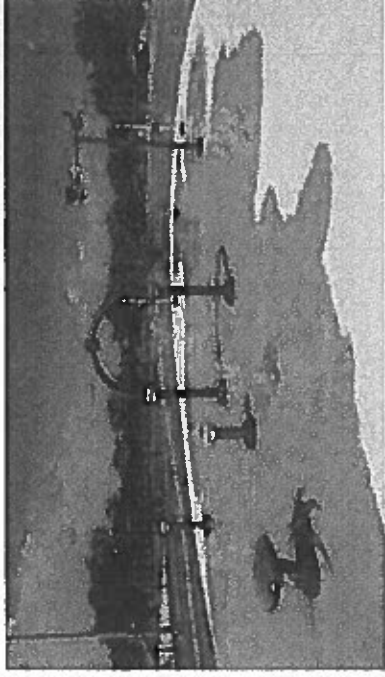
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Splash Pad Presentation

What is an Aquatic Play Pad?

- Spray parks, splash pads
- Zero depth (<2" of water)
- Wide range of sizes
- Found in:
 - Public play spaces
 - Family entertainment centers
 - Town Parks and Recreation areas
 - Indoor/outdoor aquatic facilities
 - Near pools



Positive Features.....

- Alternative to wading pools
- No lifeguards required
- Inclusive
- Extended water play season
- Visually appealing in design



Steps Taken

- Budget submission
 - In 2008 the Splash Pad was first introduced and presented in budget for FY 2009.
- Site visits
 - Visited 12 parks throughout the State (one in NY)
- Comparison study
 - Results on next page
 - Looked at hours, fees, structure, types of environments
 - Best model – Plainville, closest, newest
- Water Management choice
 - Flow through – water goes down the “drain” (sewer system)
 - Retain and Re-use – capture the water to use elsewhere (ie. Irrigation)
 - Originally was our first choice but due to DEEP guidelines is not possible
 - Recirculation – “mini” pool below the surface
 - “Combo” – flow through and Retain/Re-use in a bio-swale.
- Location Choice & Feasibility Study

Findings from Comparisons

- Construction Cost
 - \$75,000-\$200,000 (Plainville - \$113,000)
- Maintenance Cost
 - Ave. \$1000-\$3000 (Plainville – all in-kind)
 - Needed maintenance yearly set up and take down.
 - Regular schedule of checking the elements.
 - Replacement of nozzles/sprayers – every 3 to 5 years
 - Range from \$250-\$500
 - Replacement of elements (larger items)
 - Range from \$10,000-\$30,000 – they can last as long as 20 years but some may need replacement as early as 8-10.
- Water Costs
 - Ave. \$3,000-5,000 (Plainville -\$4,000 although they do not pay for water)

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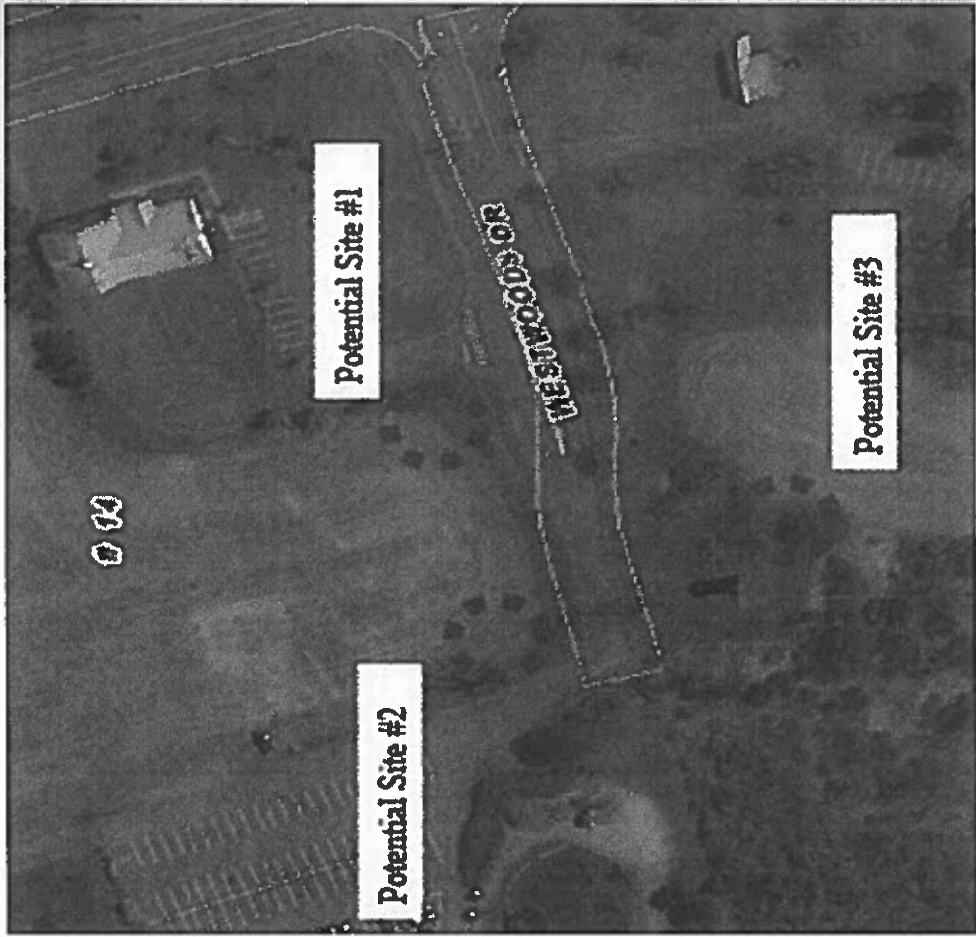
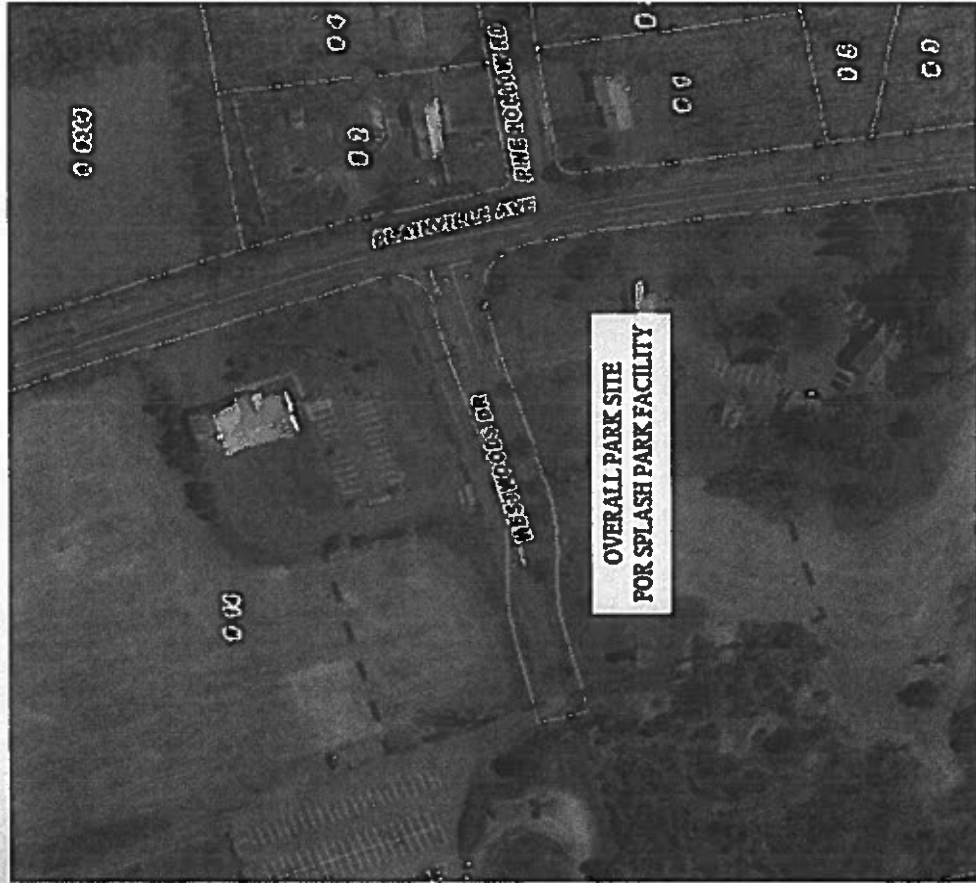
- **Fee for use**
 - Most are free – similar to a playground
- **Hours of Operation**
 - Typically dawn to dusk – or hours close to that
- **Yearly**
 - June- Sept
 - Memorial to Labor Days
- **Supervision**
 - Typically none – only the ones with pools attached

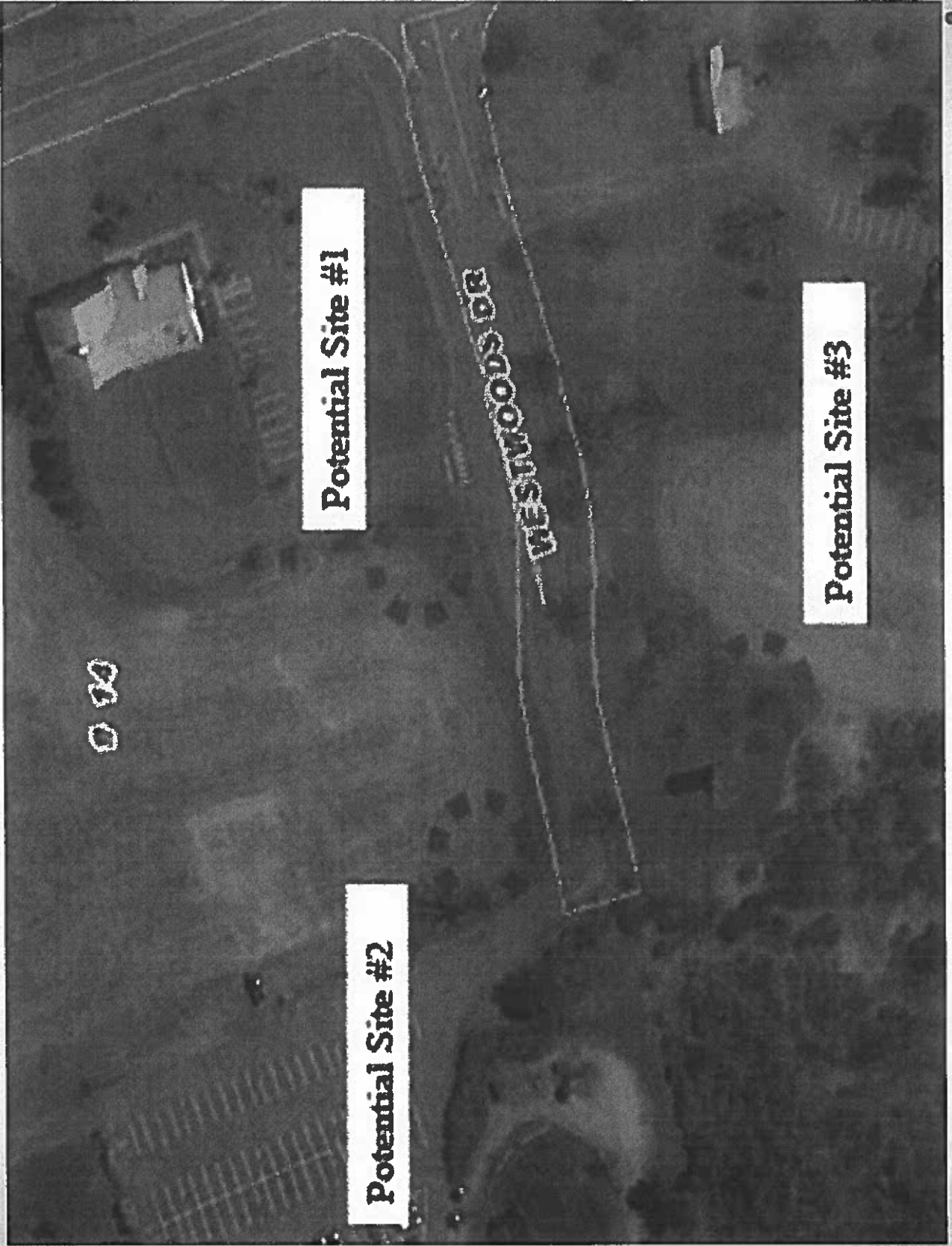
Feasibility Study



- Program Overview
 - Examined our construction budget \$200,000
 - Our budget is sufficient for a medium size park
 - Suggested a design to include the ability to upgrade or add on to
 - Design Recommendations
 - 3-5 above ground features
 - 8-10 Ground Sprays
 - Eco-activator
 - Concrete slab (1,000 – 1,500 square feet)
 - Site Selection
 - 3 areas on Westwoods Property

Site Selection





Potential Site #1

Potential Site #2

Potential Site #3

WESTWOODS DR

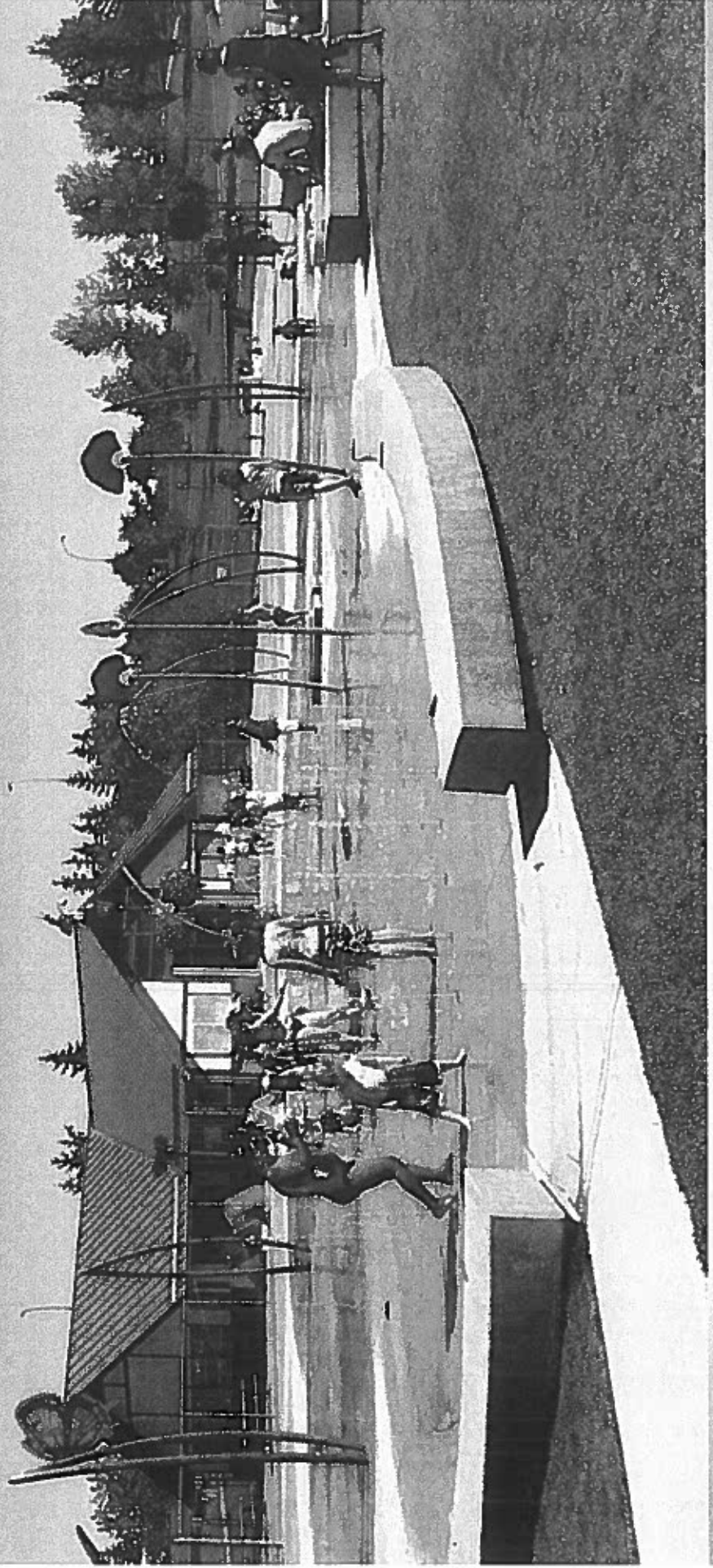
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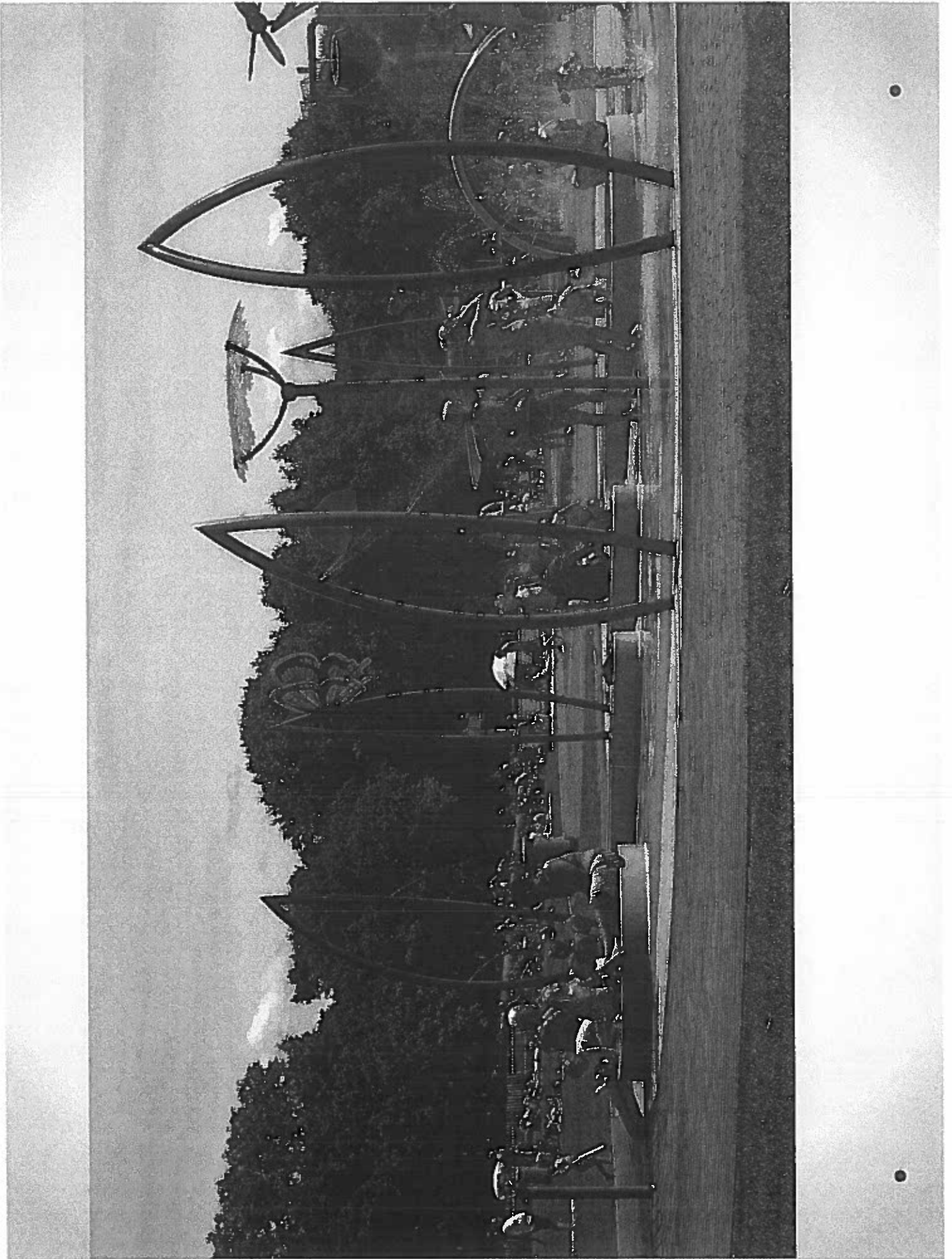
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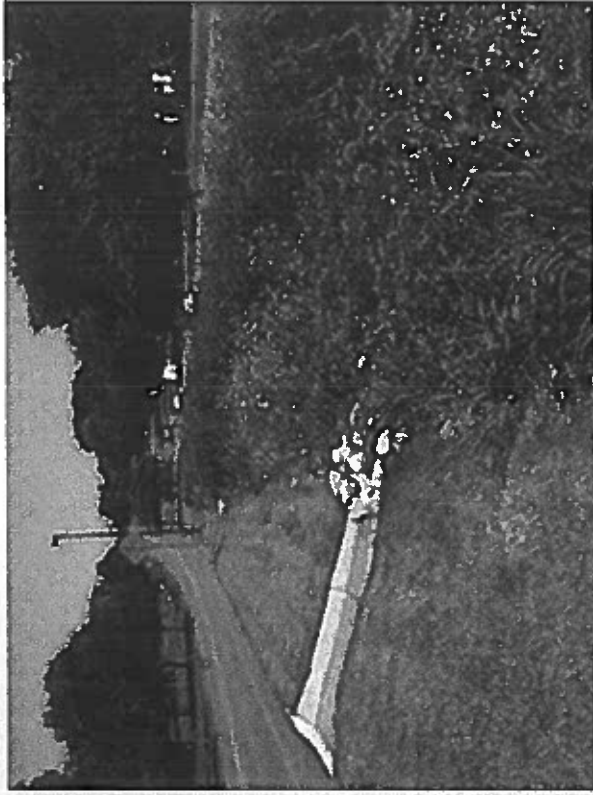
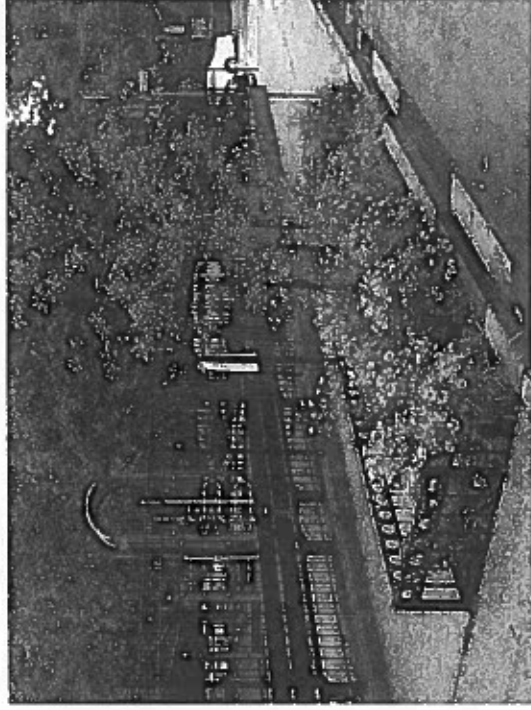
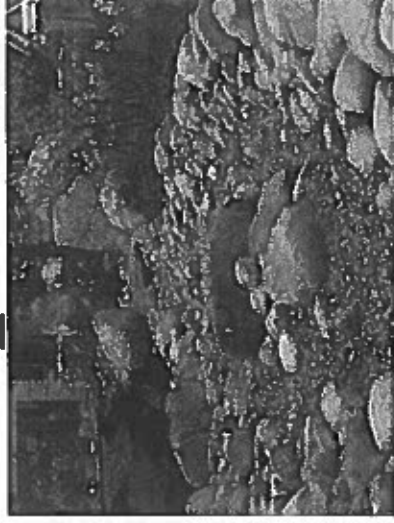
- Program Overview – cont.
 - Water Connection
 - 6 inch water is located east side of Westwoods Dr.
 - Storm Connection
 - 24 inch corrugated polyethylene pipe is located on the west side of Westwoods Dr. A bio-swale prior to connection to the storm system will be needed to dissipate chlorine.
 - Electrical Connection
 - Electrical lines on-site and a power pole exists to be able to pull power from.
 - Recommendations
 - Pursue Potential Site #2 and/or #3
 - Approved of design choice & further development choices.

Our "design" plan



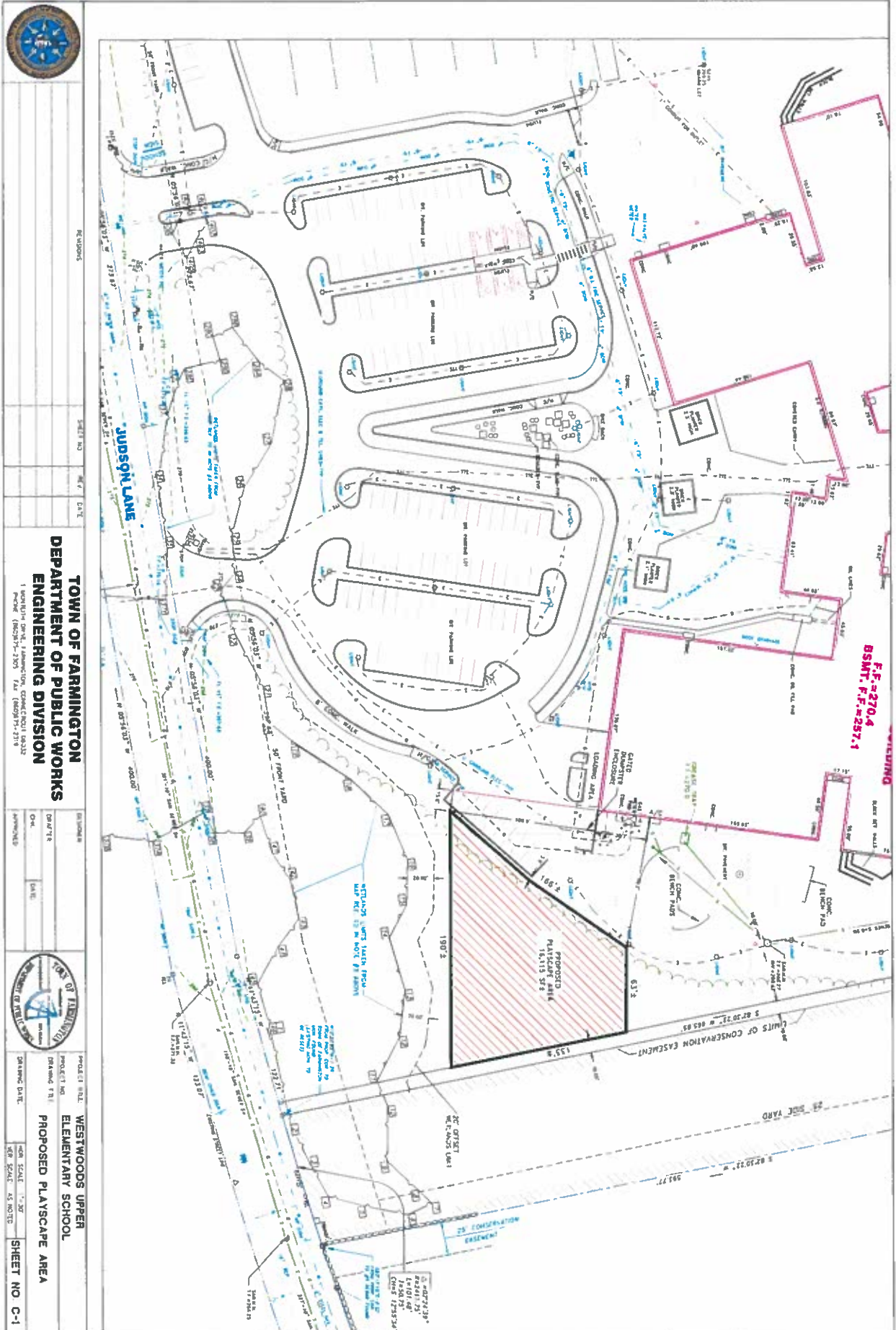


Our "design" plan



Long Range Plan

- Athletic Fields/multi use
- Picnic Area
- Walking Trails
- Playgrounds
 - Exploring Grant options with Hartford Foundation for playground
 - 3 types of playgrounds: toddler, school aged and tween.



REVISIONS	SHEET NO.	DATE

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
ENGINEERING DIVISION

1 WORKSHEET DRAWING, CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT DOCUMENTS
 PROJECT: 180207-1305 TAD (180207-1310)

REVISION	DATE	BY	APPROVED

PROJECT: **WESTWOODS UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
 DRAWING: **PROPOSED PLAYSCAPE AREA**

DRAWING DATE: _____
 SHEET NO. **C-1**