



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee

Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2007
Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall
Present: Councillor Linda Barnes, Chair
Councillor Sue Halsey-Brandt, Vice-Chair
Councillor Cynthia Chen
Councillor Bill McNulty
Councillor Harold Steves
Mayor Malcolm Brodie (4:38 p.m.)
Also Present: Councillor Rob Howard (4:23 p.m.)
Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

MINUTES

1. It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee held on Tuesday, November 28, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

2. Tuesday, February 27, 2007 (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room.

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PRESENTATION

3. PARKS RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES 2006 – THE YEAR IN REVIEW

(Power Point Presentation)

Vern Jacques, The Manager, Projects and Programs, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, gave a PowerPoint presentation - *Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, Highlights – 2006 At Its Best* (a copy of which is attached as Schedule A and forms part of these minutes).

The presentation highlighted projects and experiences of 2006, and summarized priorities for 2007 for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department and its community partners.

Following the presentation, discussion took place about priorities for 2007 facing the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department:

- Building Community Capacity – Walking for Health: grant approval was received in late 2006, and the project will be implemented in 2007. Richmond Health has added funding to the program, and staff is currently working with partners.
- Community School Connections (Hamilton and City Centre): a stakeholders meetings are intended for the end of February 2007.
- Childcare facility Hamilton: funding has been received by the Richmond Society for child care centres, the site is close to the canal, and has faced delays due to environmental regulations.
- Memorial Park – Phase 3: a report to Council resulting from a previous staff referral is expected in the next couple of months.
- Terra Nova Slough: an application has been submitted, and design detail is underway with the intent to finish by the end of the 2008 construction season.

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4. STEVESTON WATER PARK – RESPONSE TO NEW HEALTH REGULATIONS

(Report: January 11, 2007, File No.: 06-2345-20-STEV2 Vol 01) (REDMS No. 2060319)

Discussion took place between Committee members, staff and the Steveston Community Society Chair, Ben Branscombe on accessibility provisions for the Steveston Water Park project, including the feasibility of an accessible family room.

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During the discussion the following was noted:

- funding is available from the Rick Hansen Foundation;
- improvements to the two exterior washrooms are being explored, with a goal of fully accessible washrooms;
- approximately \$65,000 is available for adaptability of the changing rooms, a draft plan has been drawn up but not pursued; and
- consultation should take place with the Committee on Disability.

Councillor Howard arrived at this point in the meeting.

Further discussion ensued about the increased cost for the water system and its impact on the budget and maintenance costs. Advice was provided that there will be additional onsite weekly maintenance, however, the original maintenance budget is not expected to be impacted, and the increased cost for the project will be made up by developer contributions.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the 2007 Capital Budget be amended for the new capital submission "Steveston Park Water Play – Additional Funding" in response to new Vancouver Coastal Health regulations;*
- (2) *That the 2007 Characterization – Neighbourhood Parks submission be decreased by \$208,730 in order to fund this new 2007 capital submission; and*
- (3) *That the Contribution Agreement dated January 9, 2006 be amended to reflect the additional \$30,000 contribution by the Steveston Community Society.*

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded

That staff work with the Steveston Community Society to create an accessible washroom and family room in the Steveston Water Park.

CARRIED

5. MIDDLE ARM OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN CONCEPT

(Report: January 8, 2007, File No.: 08-4045-20-10 / XR 08-4060-01) (REDMS No. 2066804)

Mike Redpath, Manager, Parks, Programs, Planning & Design and Chris Phillips, Phillips Farevaag Smalenberg gave a PowerPoint presentation on the concept plan for the section of the Middle Arm Open Space, from Holly Bridge to the Casino, on the Lulu Island side (a copy of which is attached as Schedule B and forms part of these minutes). Renderings of an updated map originally found on page 19 of the Master Plan Concept were displayed.

Mayor Brodie arrived at this point in the meeting.

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Highlights of the presentation included City Centre Area Plan guiding principles, middle arm planning principles, the overall concept, and the implementation focus.

The concept focuses on providing key open space for the City Centre, a key catalyst for City Centre redevelopment, a series of great places, continuous pedestrian and cyclist paths, a high quality pedestrian link from Cambie to the Oval, an ecologically productive fore-shore, a hub of social, cultural and recreational activities and dyke improvements.

The implementation focus consisted of (i) endorsement of the concept, (ii) park acquisition strategies, (iii) riverfront improvements from 2007 to 2009 and (iv) the Middle Arm Open Space Development 2010 to City Centre Build-Out.

Post 2010, the Middle Arm Open Space Development 2010 to City Centre Build-Out will address the following:

- assembling lands for the Middle Arm City Park and construction of upland facilities;
- relocation of River Road to the CP right-of-Way and improvement for pedestrians and cyclists on the old road alignment;
- implementation of the Aquabus system, including support facilities; and
- building the pedestrian bridge from the end of Cambie Road to Sea Island.

A discussion took place among staff and Committee members on:

- themes and promotion of urban villages;
- the financial impact of approximately \$12 per capita;
- raising the dyke due to the impact of global warming and climate changes;
- loss of industrial land and whether farm land would be affected;
- the feasibility of incorporating a sail training centre in the middle arm;
- the time frame for build out, with advice given that upon the plan's approval, implementation to the upland will be a short to long term project, and a link between Aberdeen and Holly Bridge will be immediate;
- the public input process, with advice provided that public input opportunities will begin with the Phase 3 Open House and the March 2007 Capital Projects Open House.

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A discussion also took place about estimated costs and time frame required for acquisition of the park lands and the following points were made:

- the 20 acre land parcel will cost approximately 40 to 50 million dollars to acquire, and approval of the Middle Arm Open Space Master Plan Concept will give a better indication of the availability of properties;
- a land acquisition report will be presented at an in camera General Purposes meeting in the near future;
- a recommendation to replace the industrial lands in the Fraser Port will be addressed within the City Centre Plan. The Planning Department will need to produce a report upon investigation of these issues.

It was moved and seconded

That staff investigate the options for replacement of the industrial lands in the City Centre and elsewhere throughout the City.

CARRIED

The Chair invited delegations from the floor to address the Committee.

Ryan Lake, Director of R-Dog, a responsible dog owner's group, inquired if consideration has been given to dog related facilities within the provisions of the Plan. Mr. Redpath advised that companion animals and dogs would be an integral part of the design.

Mr. Kush Panatch, 3080 Granville Avenue expressed appreciation for the plan, noting that as one of the seven industrial property owners of the area. he felt that a concrete timeline should be implemented, and copies of this plan should be sent to the owners to avoid uncertainties when making future business decisions.

In response to Mr. Panatch's comments, Mr. Redpath advised that Robert Kates, Manager of Real Estate Services has begun contacting property owners.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the Middle Arm Open Space Plan Concept be endorsed as the long-term vision for the City Centre Waterfront; and*
- (2) *That the Middle Arm Open Space Plan Concept be included in the City Centre Area Plan and Implementation Strategy and the Official Community Plan update to be completed in 2007/2008.*

CARRIED

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6. **SUSTAINABLE SPORT, RECREATION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY INFRASTRUCTURE**

(Report: January 11, 2007, File No.: 03-1090-01 / XR 11-7000-01) (REDMS No. 2063114)

The Chair referred to a letter addressed to the Mayor from Minister George Abbott, received as a follow up to the meeting of October 24, 2006, at the annual convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) regarding ActNow BC, the Province's partnership based health promotion initiative (a copy of which is attached as Schedule C and forms part of these minutes).

A discussion ensued during which Mr. Jacques advised that the Federal Minister responsible for transportation infrastructure in communities will be at a Richmond Chamber of Commerce luncheon on February 9, 2007, and this may present an opportunity for Council members to attend.

The Chair indicated that arrangements will be made to have Council members meet with the appropriate Ministers to further address the Sustainable Sport Recreation and Physical Activity Infrastructure.

It was moved and seconded

That a letter be written to the federal minister responsible for Sport, Recreation and Physical Activity, for the Mayor's signature, requesting a commitment to provide a significant national funding program for sport, recreation, and cultural infrastructure and that copies of the letter be sent to the ministers responsible for Finance, Health, Culture and the Arts.

CARRIED

7. **BRITISH COLUMBIA 150TH ANNIVERSARY SPIRIT SQUARES AND LOCAL MOTION FUND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FEBRUARY 2007**

(Report: January 11, 2006, File No.: 03-1087-01) (REDMS No. 2055625)

It was moved and seconded

(1) *That an application be submitted to the Province of British Columbia Spirit Square Program to facilitate the enhancement of the Riverside Waterfront Park on the Middle Arm adjacent to the Richmond Oval.*

(2) *That an application be submitted to the Province of British Columbia Spirit Square Program to facilitate the installation of the Minoru Park Plaza Sculpture and Gathering Place.*

(3) *That an application be submitted to the Province of British Columbia Local Motion Fund for the City Centre and Middle Arm Greenways connecting the Canada Line to the Richmond Oval.*

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DELEGATION

8. RICHMOND ART GALLERY ASSOCIATION – BARRIE JONES

Mr. Jones accompanied by John Richardson, Board member of the Art Gallery circulated a variety of marketing material (on file City Clerk's Office), and reported on (i) exhibitions and programming, (ii) facilities, (iii) partnership talks, (iv) funding initiatives, and (v) staffing needs.

Mr. Jones stressed that work loads have increased due to the number of grants and fundraising opportunities. The board has recently submitted a grant application to a local agency seeking three years of funding for a full time Development Officer position.

He further stated that the largest challenge facing the gallery is with respect to the Director/Curator of the gallery having been on personal leave since September 2006. Having one person fill both roles of Director and Curator is not feasible due to high work loads. Mr. Jones concluded by advising the Committee that a request is being submitted for a full time Curator and a full time Director.

Jane Fernyhough, Manager of Heritage and Cultural Services advised that the request for additional staffing needs has been submitted.

9. MANAGER'S REPORT

Gordon Barstow, Manager, Parks Operations referred to numerous photographs and reported about the damage and loss of trees during the recent winter storm conditions. Approximately 150 locations were impacted and further assessments will be required by arborists to identify potentially hazardous trees. The tree replacement funds collected during the development permit process are not available to the Parks Department, and the budget for the Parks Department will need to be increased.

Councillor Howard left the meeting at this point.

Dave Semple, Director, Parks and Public Works advised that trees on both sides of the Richmond Nature Park have suffered severe damage from the winter storms.

Mr. Redpath reported on the following upcoming events:

- January 26, 2007 - 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. – Richmond City Hall - public open house for feedback on the Garden City Plains;
- February 10, 2007 – 2007 Winter Festival – display of VANOC 2010 banners in celebration of the Countdown to 2010 Olympic Winter Games, and
- February 12, 2007 - Council meeting – unveiling of street banners.

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The chair requested that Mr. Redpath provide a memo to Council members outlining the expectations and activities of the Countdown to 2010 Winter Festival Event to be held on February 10, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (6:19 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Tuesday, January 23, 2007.

Councillor Linda Barnes
Chair


Shanon Hamilton
Committee Clerk




Introduction

In 2006, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services and its community partners offered a broad range of opportunities in the community for people of all ages and abilities to LIVE healthy, happy lives, CONNECT with the environment and people around them and to GROW and enrich their discretionary time for enjoyment and lifelong learning.

This presentation highlights some of the experiences we are most proud of




PRCS Master Plan




The 2005-2015 PRCS Master Plan was adopted by City Council with the following amendments and recommendations:

- Develop a Facility Evaluation Framework for future development.
- That staff undertake analysis of priorities and partnerships in relation to facilities and amenities.




Field Sport Strategy




In June 2006, City Council approved the 2006-2011 Field Sport Strategy

The vision for field sport in Richmond is to create an environment where "Everyone Can Play."




New Staff Join PRCS




Two new positions were added to Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services to help further the City's commitment to making Richmond a livable and appealing community

Darryl Zoerb was hired as the Public Art Coordinator and Jeff Goreski was hired as the Seniors' Wellness Coordinator

Both individuals bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to these new positions




John MS Lecky UBC Boathouse



UBC, St. George's School, the City of Richmond and friends and family of John Lecky partnered to build a new boathouse on the north arm of the Fraser River.

The boathouse will be used as a training centre for school rowing crews, as well host community paddling programs, regattas and the annual Richmond Dragon Boat Festival.



Hugh Boyd Artificial Turf



Working in conjunction with Richmond's Soccer Alliance a new synthetic turf sports field was built at Hugh Boyd Park, accommodating 2 full size and 2 mini soccer fields or alternatively 2 football fields.

JCC Maccabi Games



Watermania, Minoru Arenas, Brighthouse, South Arm and Minoru Park played host to 1,200 Jewish athletes, aged thirteen to sixteen years, from Canada, Israel, South America, the United States and Europe.

Terra Nova Rural Park



This 63 acre park added a demonstration garden, including a Water Wise Garden, a sampling of plantings from City medians and a herb garden.

Adjacent to this area in the sharing farm area, a new program called "The Terra Nova Schoolyard Program" enlisted over 100 school children in learning about food security, food production and the environment.

Fruit Tree Sharing Project



In partnership with the City of Richmond, the Fruit Tree Sharing Project established a permanent home in Terra Nova Rural Park.

In six years, the project has harvested close to 90,000 pounds of fruit and vegetables to give to those living in poverty.

Asian Heritage Month



The City of Richmond co-presented "explorAsian", a festival celebrating Pan-Asian arts and culture featuring lectures, performances, exhibitions, demonstrations and book readings at the Richmond Cultural Centre.

Youth Week



The 8th annual Youth Week was celebrated in May, with sports and cultural events as diverse as Richmond's population.

Youth continue to be healthy contributors to the community when impacted and developed by individuals and youth friendly organizations.

Heritage Fair



Richmond Museum & Heritage Services provided Richmond students with a deeper understanding of their history, culture and identity at the 4th annual Richmond Regional Heritage Fair

The Fair was the largest to date, with over 200 participants



Interurban Tram #1220



The City of Richmond secured the historic Interurban Tram Car #1220 for future generations in Richmond



Summer Project



Collaborating with community partners, the City of Richmond Summer Project contributes to the health, social and cultural well being of residents.

Through participation in summer programs, children and youth are exposed to positive, supportive environments



Energize with 5



"Getting Richmond Moving" prescribed a healthy active summer by encouraging children and leaders in daycamps to eat 5 or more fruits and veggies a day, plus 30 minutes of physical activity.



Garratt Wellness Centre



After operating for 18 months, Richmond's first community-based wellness centre was officially opened by the City and Vancouver Coastal Health.

The lease for Garratt Wellness Centre has been renewed and will expire in August 2011.



UBCM Grant



The City received a \$35,000 community health promotion grant from UBCM for "Building Community Capacity - Walking for Health"

Together, the City of Richmond, Richmond Health Services, Richmond School District and other community partners will work collaboratively to create a legacy of healthy lifestyles in the community by increasing awareness of the benefits of walking and engaging people in life-long walking activities.



Seniors' Week



Seniors in Richmond were honoured and recognized in June for their positive contributions to the community.

Celebrations included open houses, free classes, workshops, special presentations and lifestyle opportunities.



Richmond PlayDay



On Saturday, July 29th families from Richmond and surrounding areas in the Lower Mainland had the opportunity to celebrate play and the fun, freedom and learning that naturally comes with it.

Over the past 3 years, the popularity of the event has grown to over 12,000 participants.



Seniors Acting Out



Seniors Services, City of Richmond, Richmond Addiction Services, Richmond Health Services and Volunteer Richmond received a grant from Horizons for Seniors programs.

"Seniors Acting Out" is a theatrical group that will perform skits based on seniors issues related to health, safety and social issues.



Nature Comes to Light



Lights and festivities kicked off the well-known event at the Nature Park in early December.

The 9th annual "Nature Comes to Light" is a collaboration between the City of Richmond, Richmond Nature Park Society, the Kinsmen Club and the Richmond Firefighters Society.



Events in the Community



Steveston Salmon Festival, Burkeville Daze, Multifest, Nibbles and Bites, City Centre Celebration, Richmond Playday, Maritime Festival, Winter Wonderland, Old Fashioned Garden Party, UROC, Richmond Garden Contest, Halloween Fireworks Display, the Lulu Series, and Nature Comes to Light are a few of the many events held each year throughout the community.



RAG Renovation



After being closed to the public for renovations the Richmond Art Gallery re-opened its doors with three exhibitions:

- Jun Yun: *Even Birds Choose Trees to Perch*,
- Charlotte Wall: *Boundless I and II*
- Shima Iuchi: *Illuminations*



Electric Ice Resurfacers



Three new electric ice resurfacers were purchased in 2006 for Richmond Arenas. The zero-emission Olympia-Ice Bears replace three 10 year old propane powered Zambonis.



Partners in Parks



Volunteers participated in this new program to help support the Parks Division in gathering park usage statistics, reporting vandalism and providing a visible presence in the parks and trail system.



Jumpstart



Diversity Services and the community-based charitable Canadian Tire Jumpstart program facilitated the involvement of 128 Richmond children & youth in financial need with opportunities to participate in physical activities within the community.



Working Poor Fund



For the past 17 years, generous donations from local businesses, community organizations, individuals and City staff have helped support those families identified as being in need during the holiday season.

In 2006, a total of 196 families were assisted and approximately \$16,500 was raised.



BC Packers History Online



The Department of Canadian Heritage, through the Canadian Culture Online Partnership Fund awarded Richmond Museum & Heritage Services \$106,853 for an online exhibit project titled "In Their Words: The Story of BC Packers".



Shipyard Development



Phase I construction of the historic development at Britannia Heritage Shipyard was completed. A Chinese Bunkhouse, two stilt-pile houses and the two pre-fabricated houses found along the Steveston waterway will be incorporated into the site to support the historic integrity and visitor experience.



Public Art Project



A group of artists and community members, headed by Milenko Matanovic from the Pomegranate Centre in Washington, came together to create the Cambie Community Gathering Place in King George Park

The Gathering Place, which features an amphitheatre is the first of its kind in Canada.



2007 Priorities

The following list highlights Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services' priorities for 2007:

- Steveston Park
- Fraser River Middle Arm
- Memorial Park – Phase 3 Implementation
- Garden City Play Environment
- Terra Nova Slough
- Museum and Heritage, Volunteer, Older Adults, Sports, and Events Strategies
- Public Art (Policy Review)



2007 Priorities

- Policy (Access, Use, Pricing)
- Agreements
- Staff Development
- Succession Planning
- Facilities and Amenities Priorities Plan
- City Centre Area Plan (PRCS Input)
- Community School Connections (Hamilton and City Centre)
- Community Needs Assessment (pending Additional Level)
- Building Community Capacity – Walking for Health
- Childcare facility (Hamilton)



Conclusion

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services continues to make a positive impact in the lives of Richmond residents.

2006 provided a diverse variety of experiences for individuals of all ages and abilities to LIVE CONNECT.GROW and helped to move Richmond closer to the vision of being "the most appealing, livable and well-managed community in Canada."



SCHEDULE B TO THE MINUTES OF
THE PARKS, RECREATION &
CULTURAL SERVICES MEETING OF
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2007.

MIDDLE ARM

OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN CONCEPT


- *Vision & Implementation Directions*

January 2007

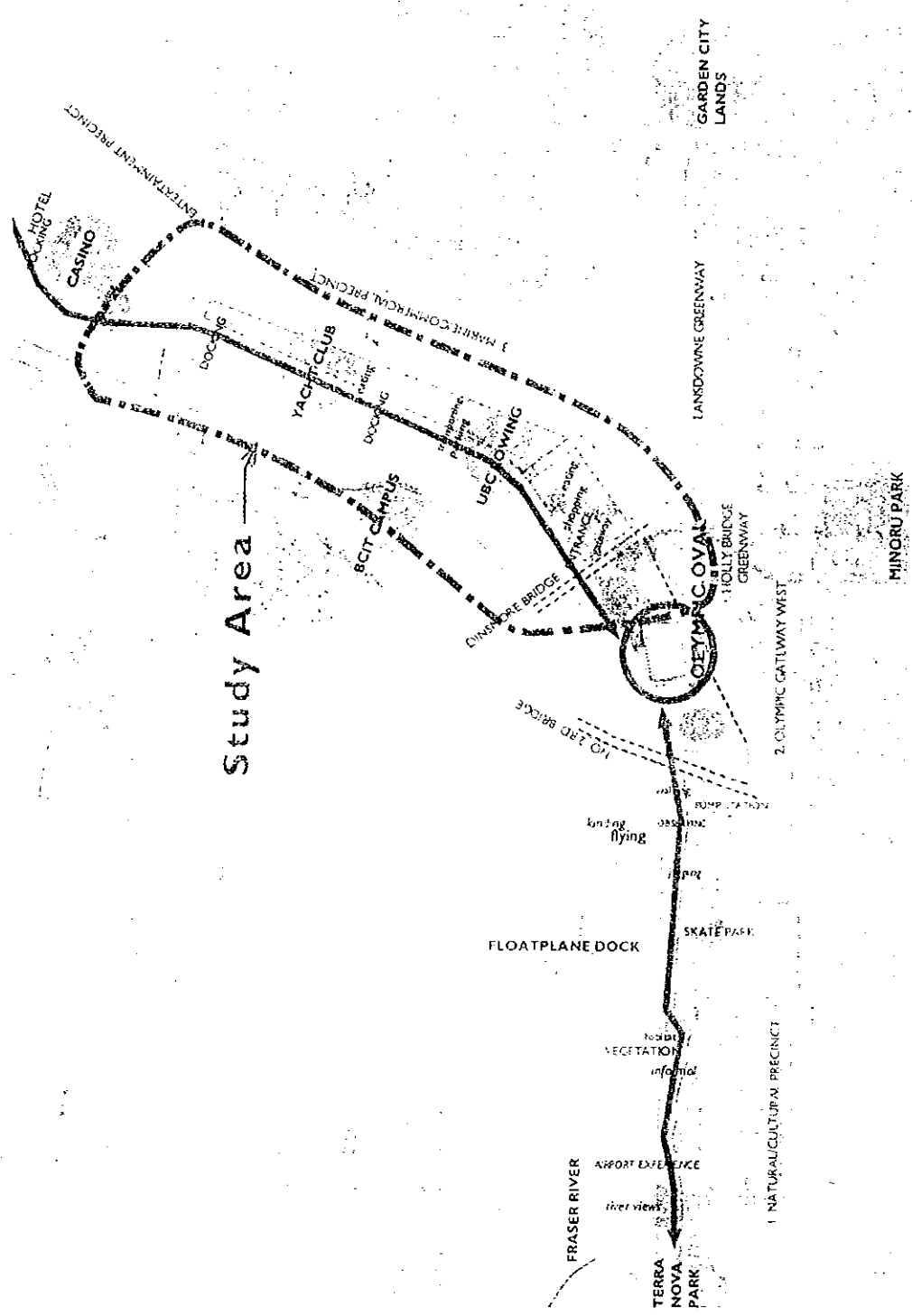


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City of Richmond Parks Department

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Study Area

City of Richmond's Waterfront Strategy

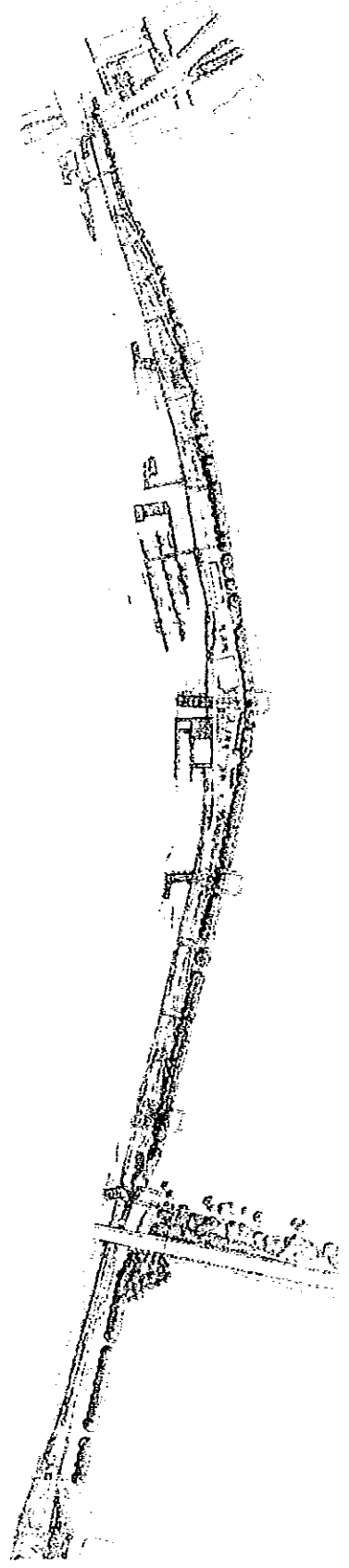
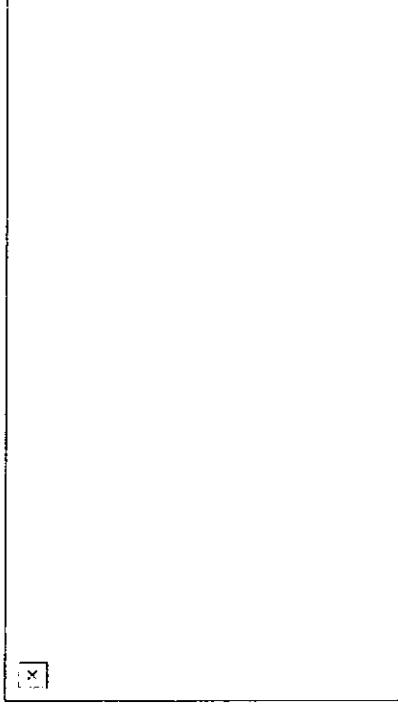
2004 Middle Arm Conceptual Plan

City Centre Area Plan

2010 Richmond Trail Strategy

The Role of Sea Island

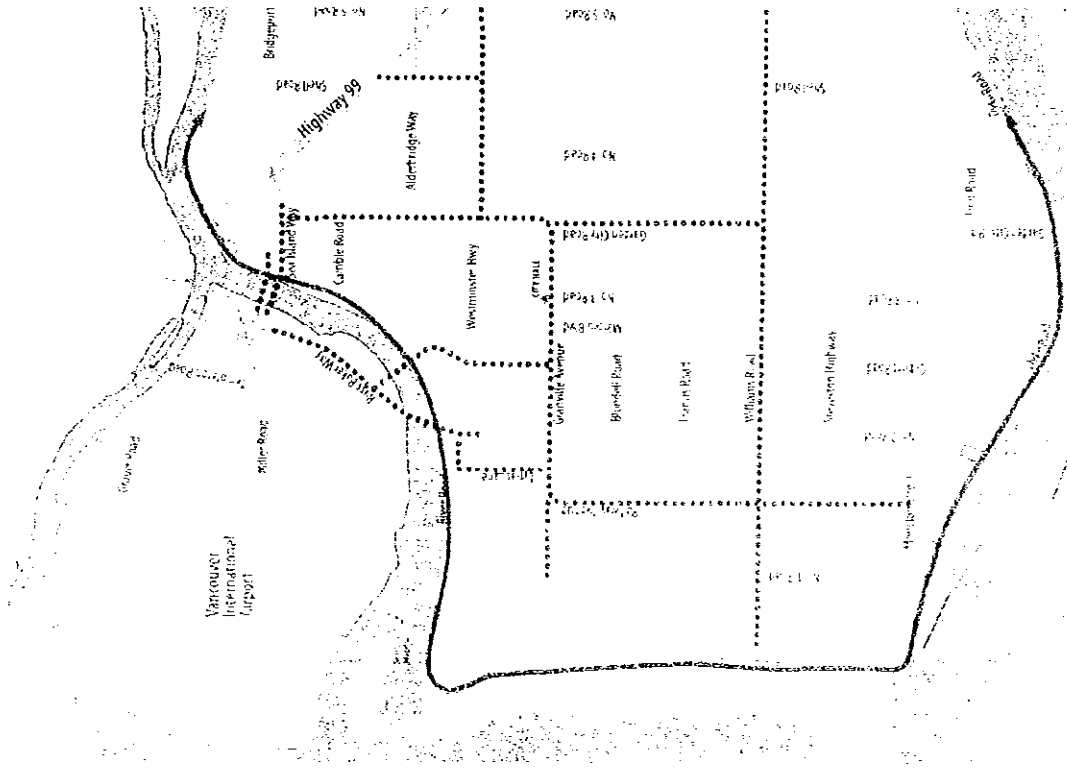
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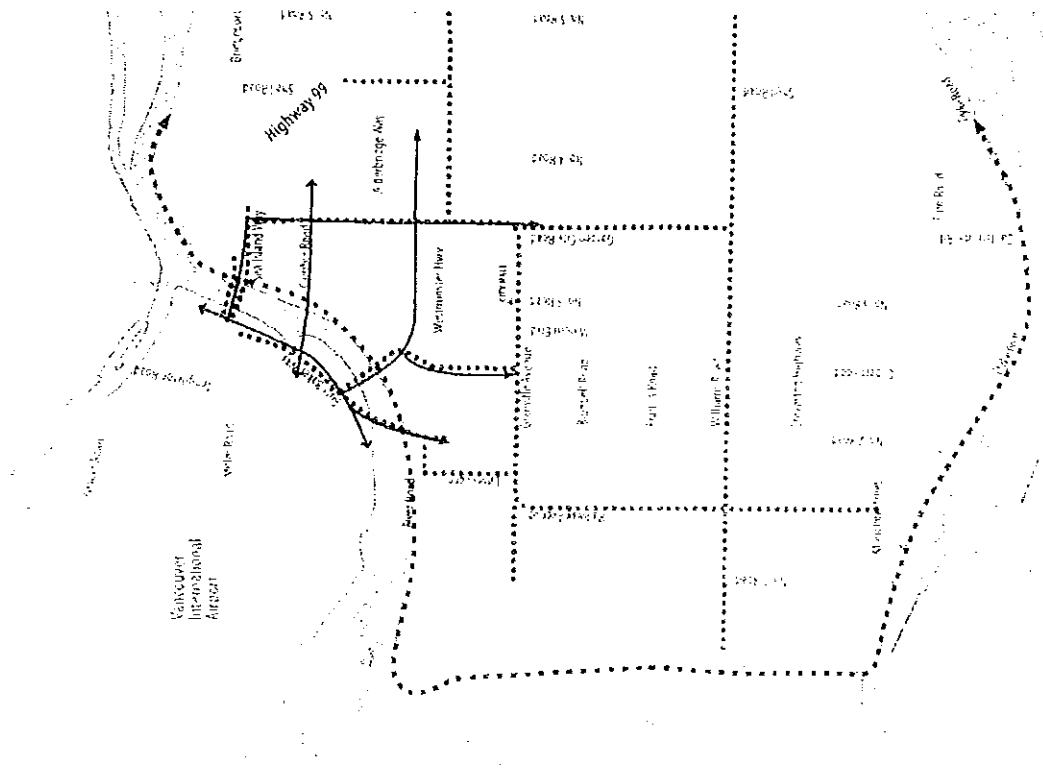
City Centre Area Plan Guiding Principles



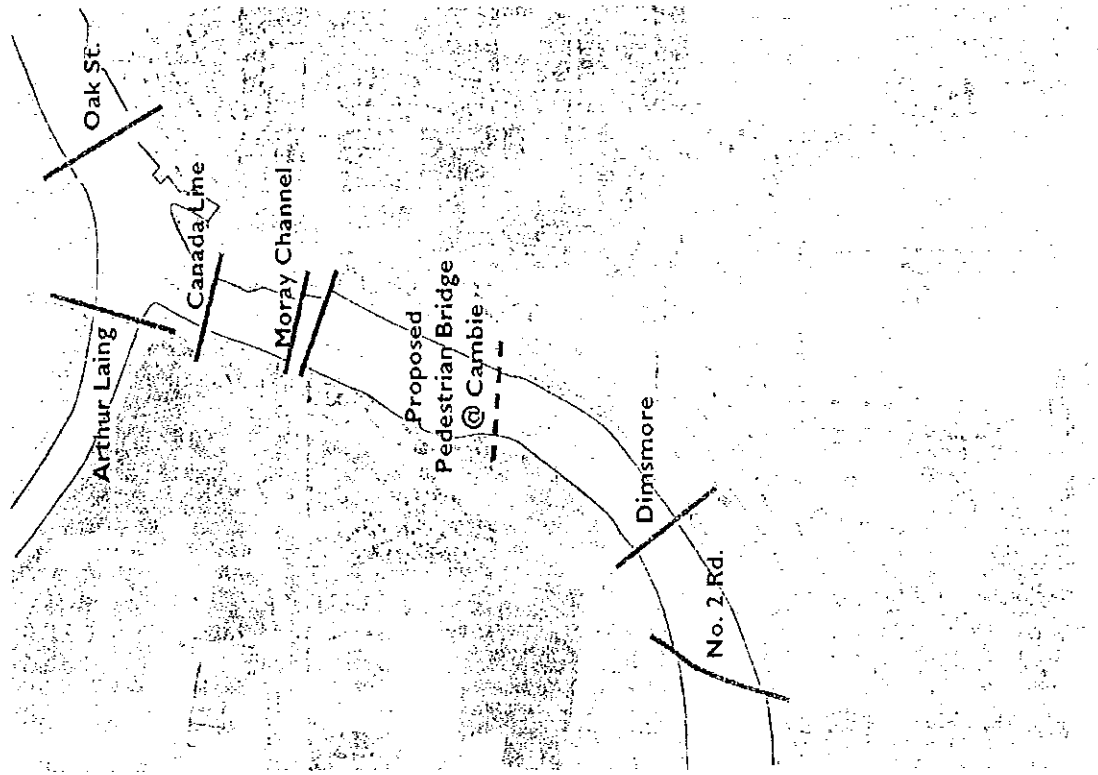
Middle Arm Planning Principles



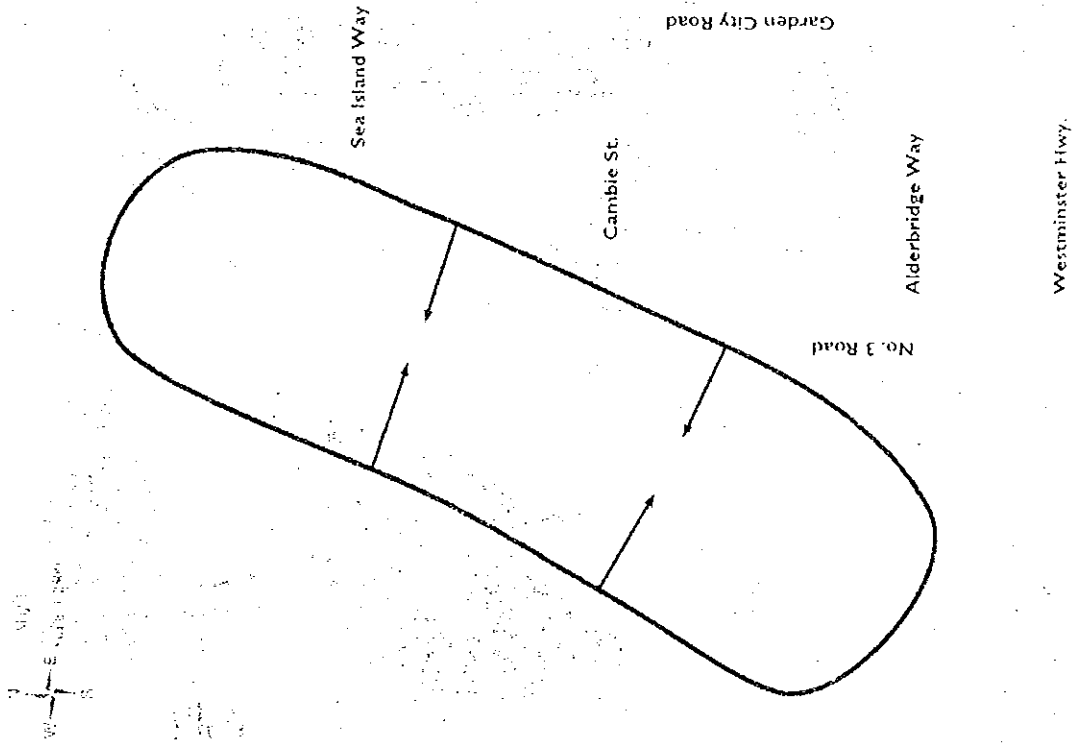
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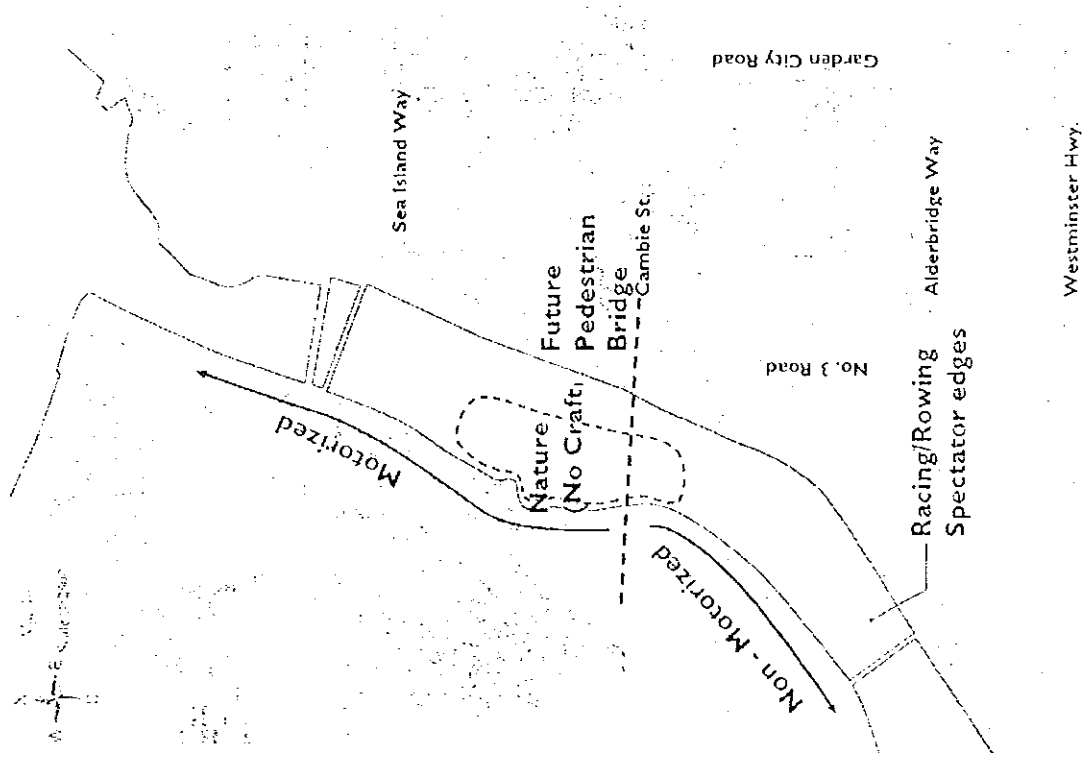
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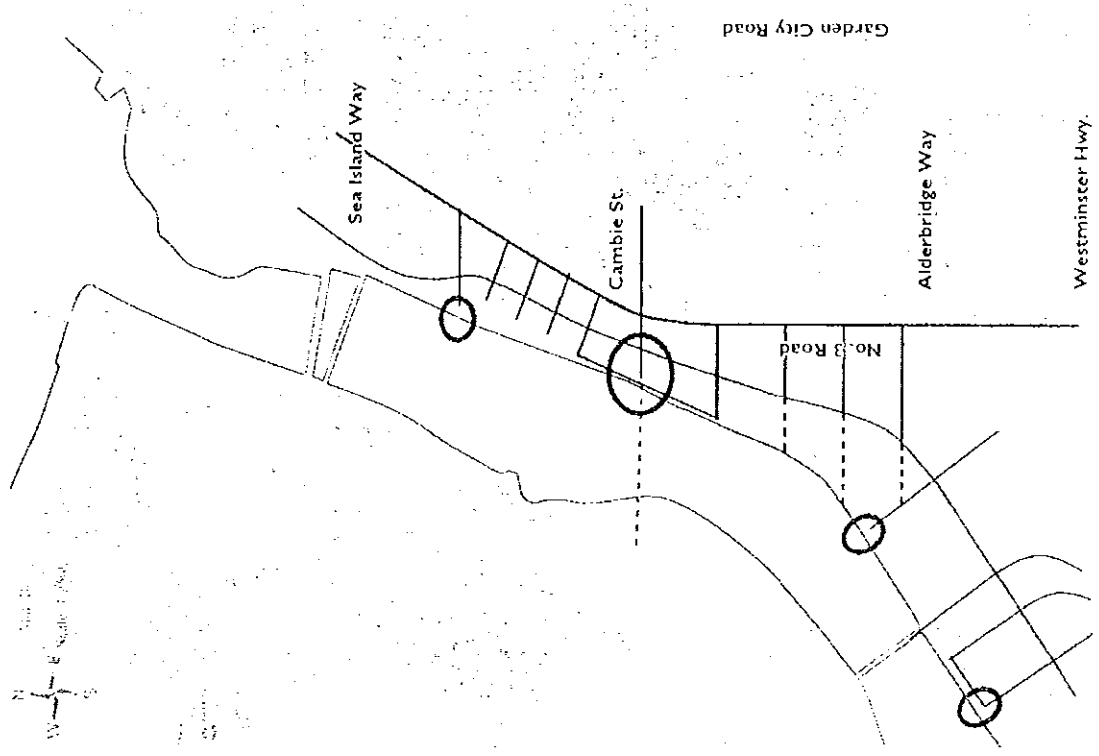
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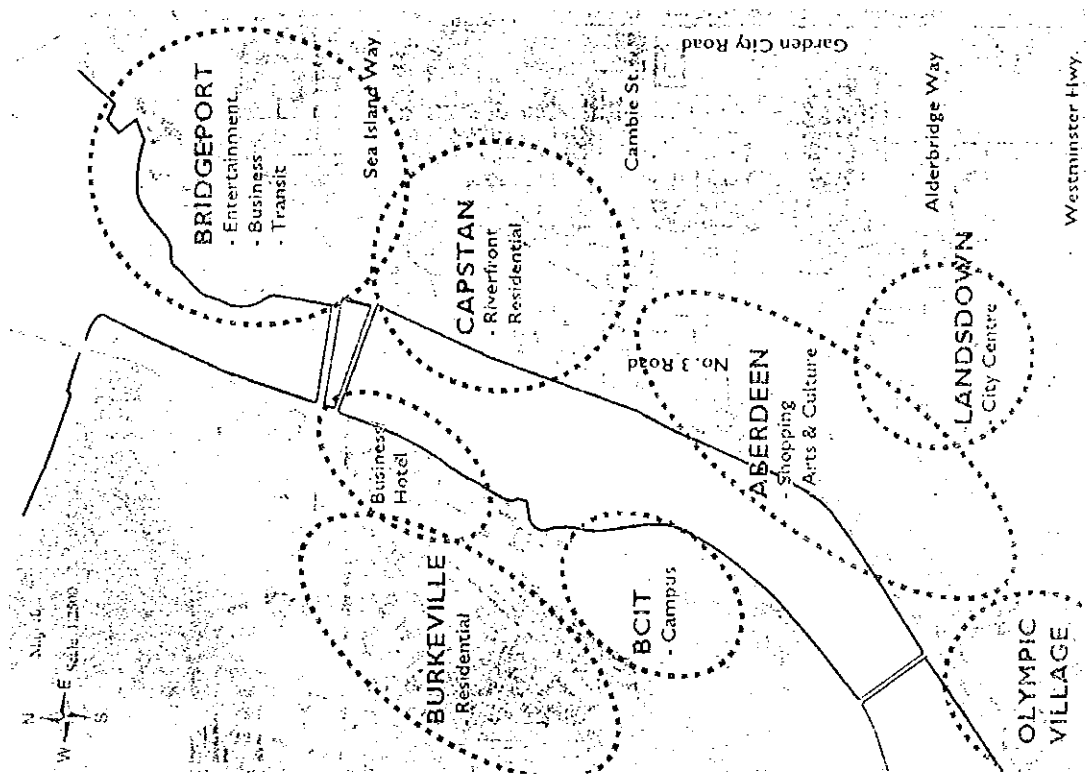
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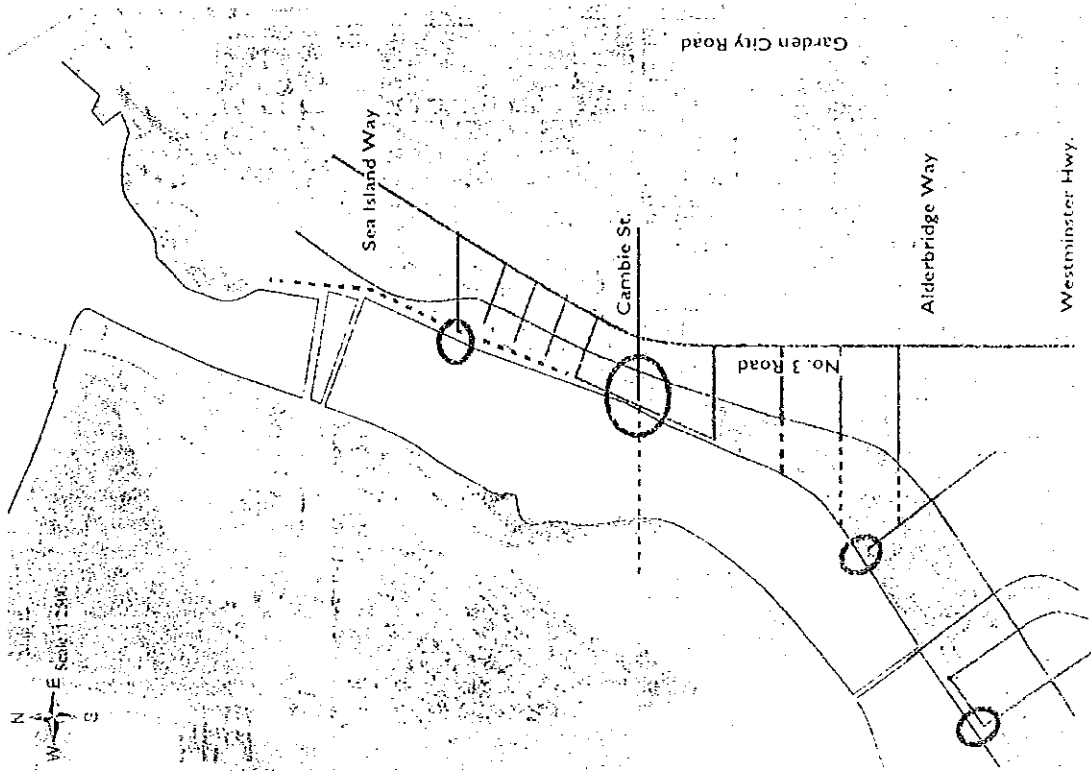
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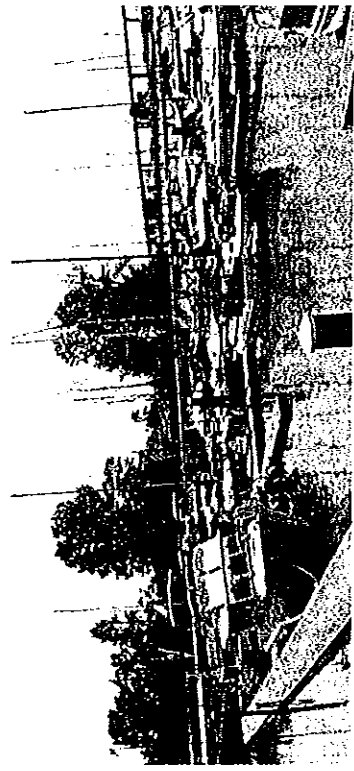
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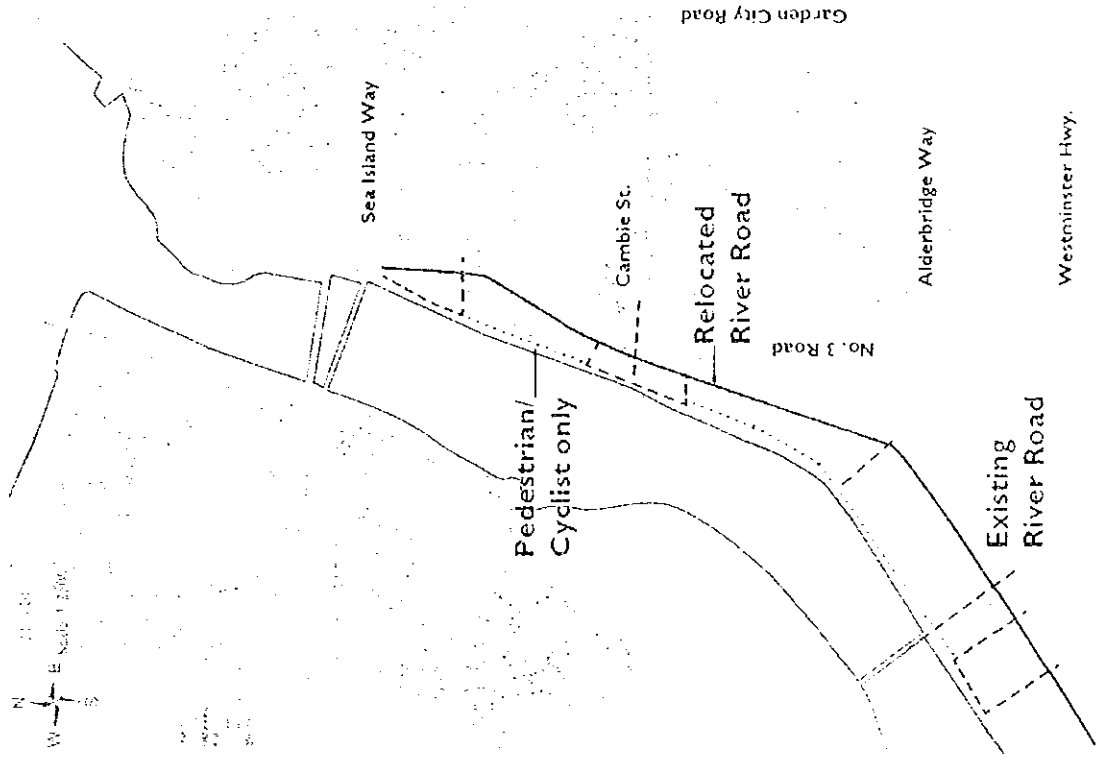
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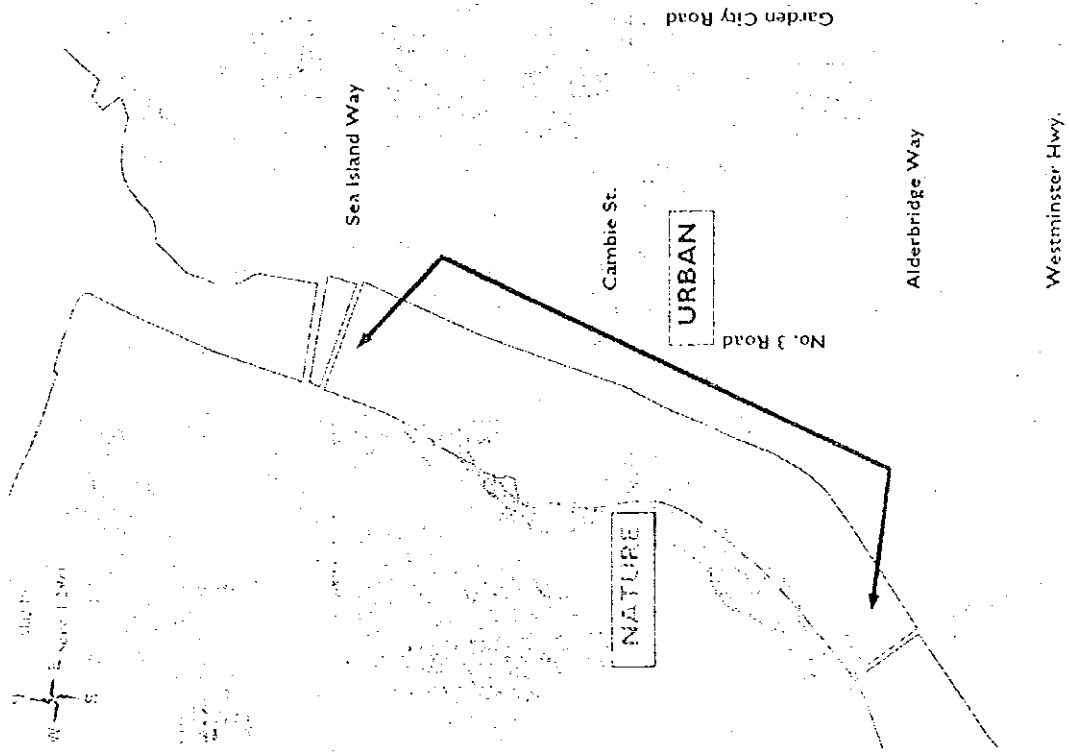


- Low Productivity
 - Moderate Productivity
 - High Productivity
- Habitat Compensation Sites**
- ▣ FREMP Colour Ortho (2002)

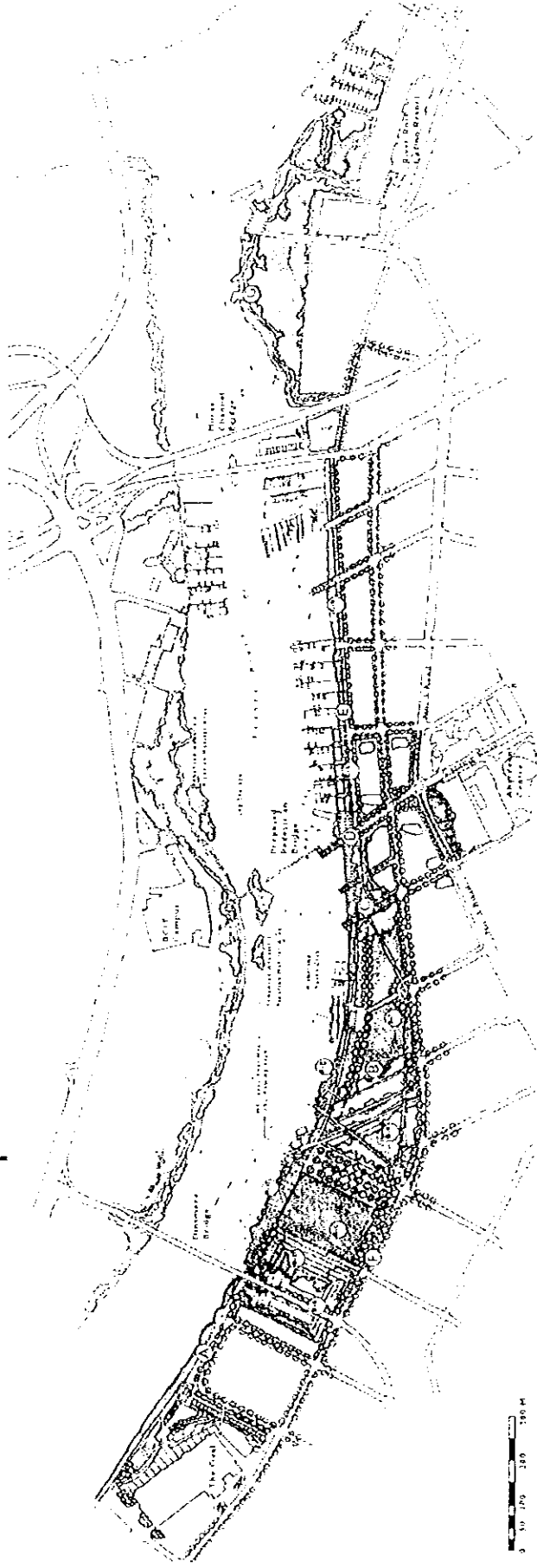


- Habitat Inventory**
- ▣ First Order Habitat (Detailed Mapping)
 - ▣ Riparian
 - ▣ Tidal
 - ▣ _NULL_ (e.g. water or unvegetated riprap)
- Habitat Compensation Sites**
- ▣ FREMP Colour Ortho (2002)

Middle Arm Planning Principles

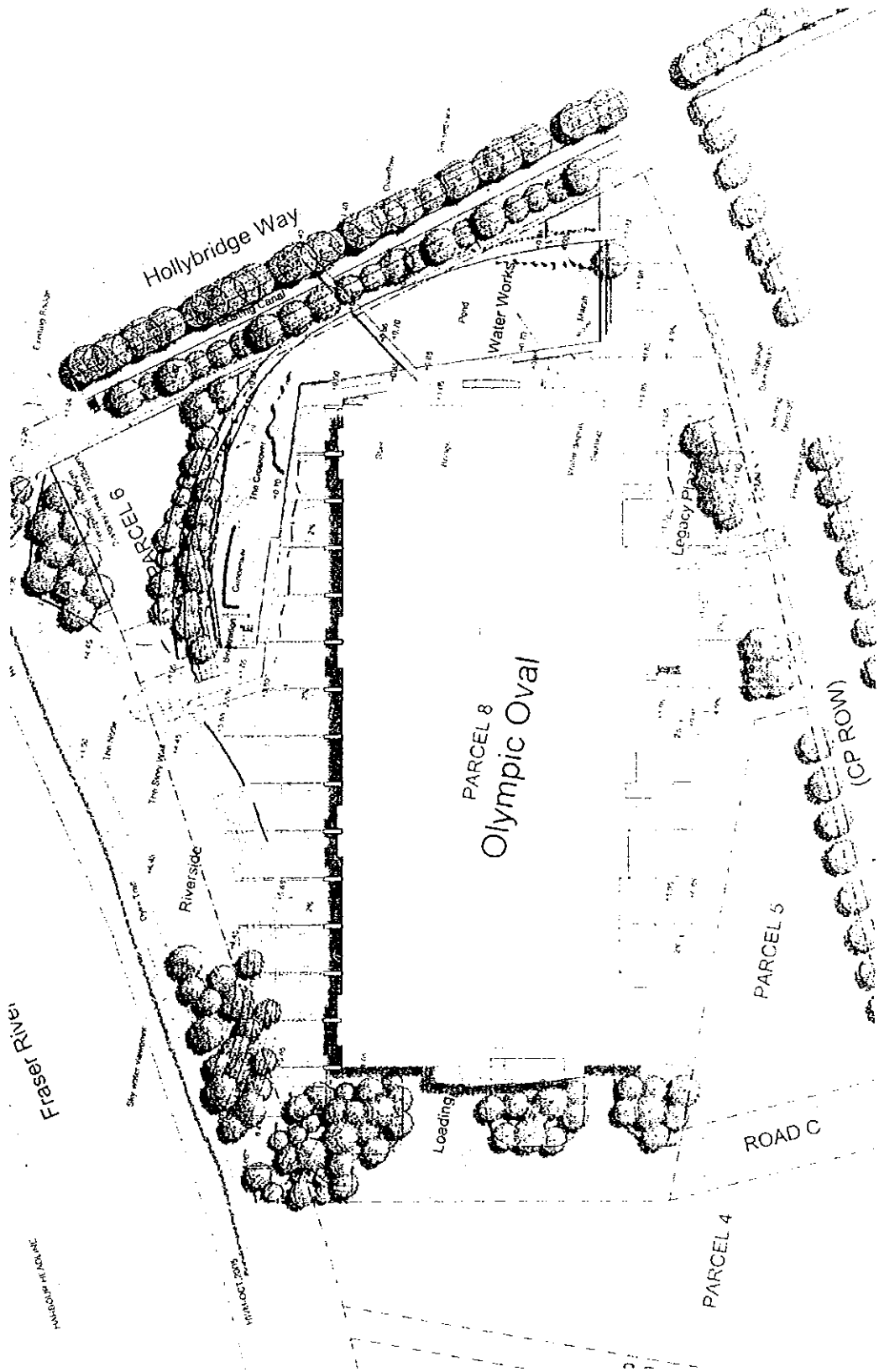


Overall Concept

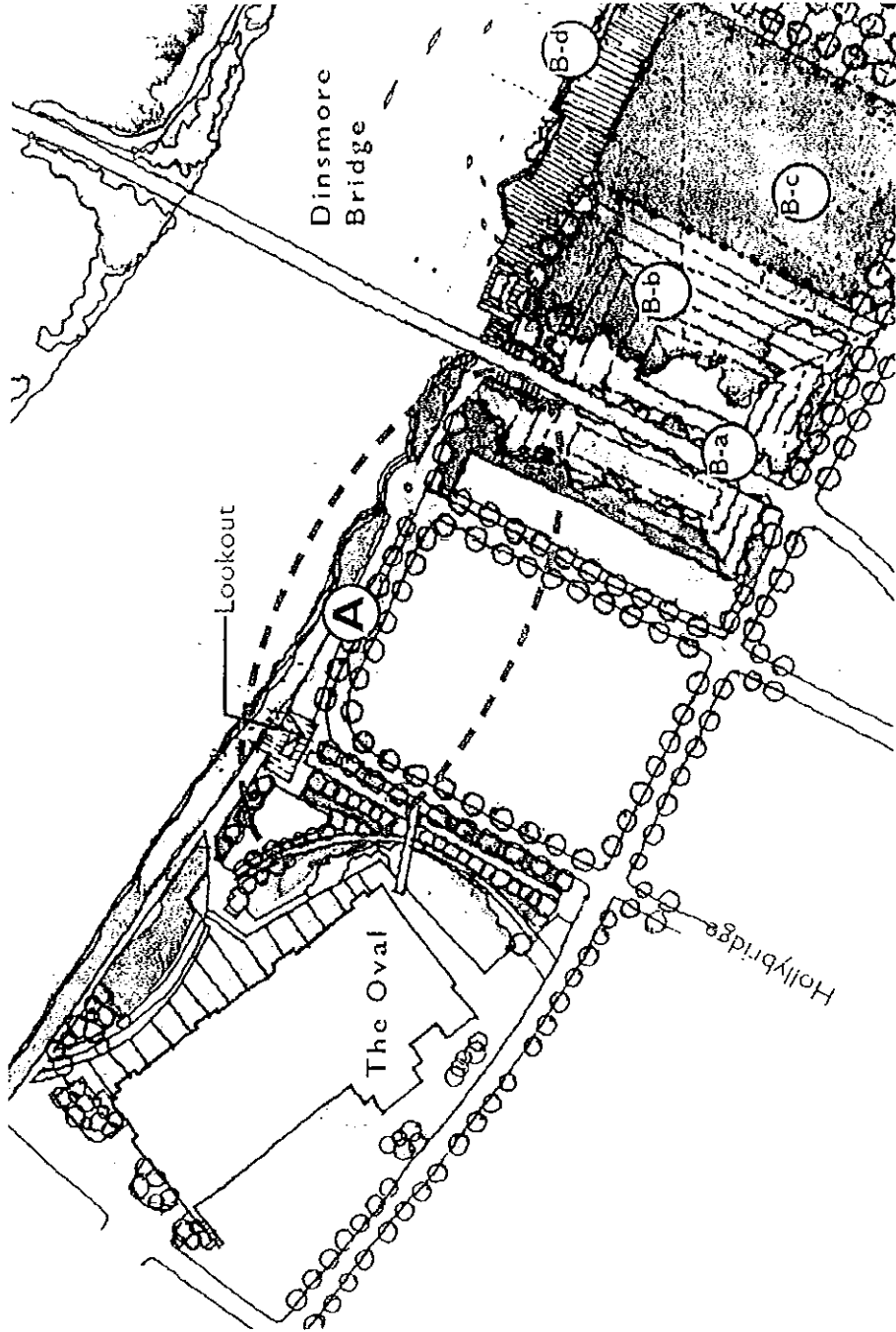


1. Key Open Space for City Centre
2. Key Catalyst for City Centre Redevelopment
3. Series of Great Places
4. Continuous Pedestrian and Cyclist Paths
5. High Quality Pedestrian Link from Cambie to Oval
6. Ecologically Productive Fore-shore
7. Hub of Social, Cultural and Recreational Activities
8. Dyke Improvements

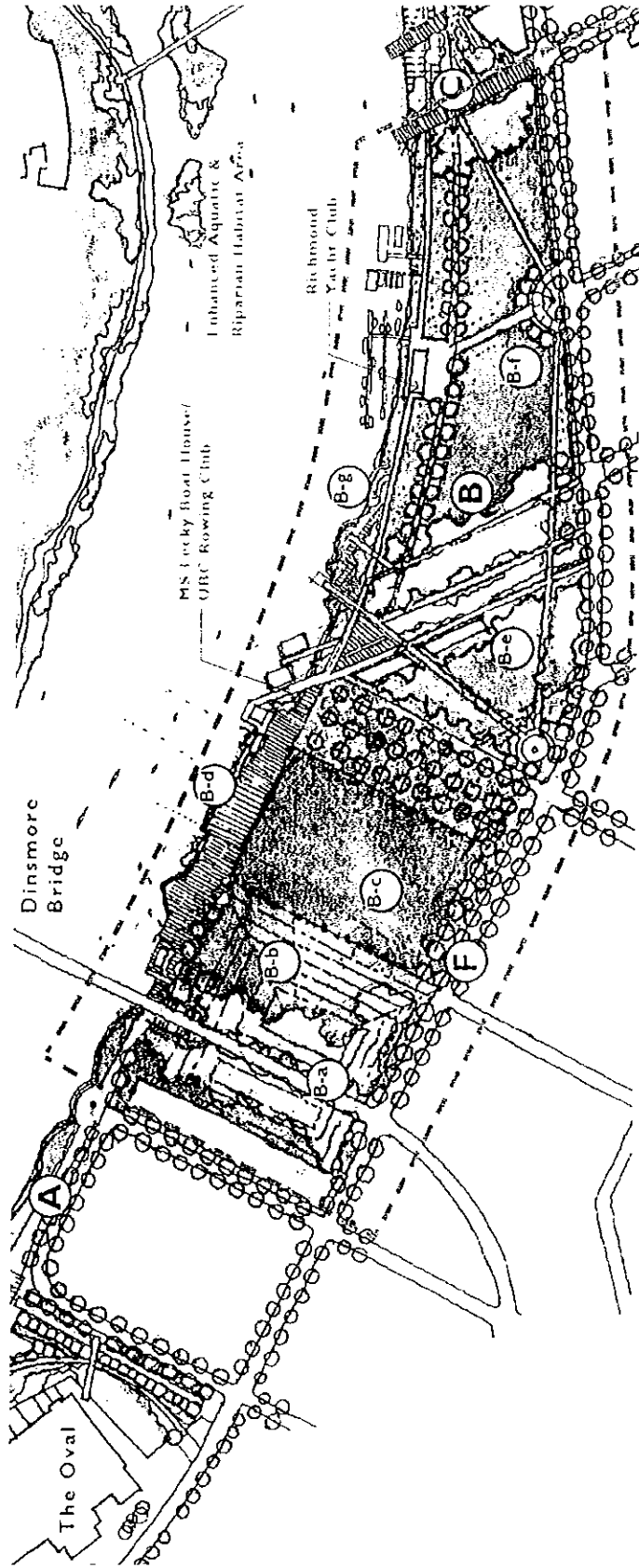
The Oval

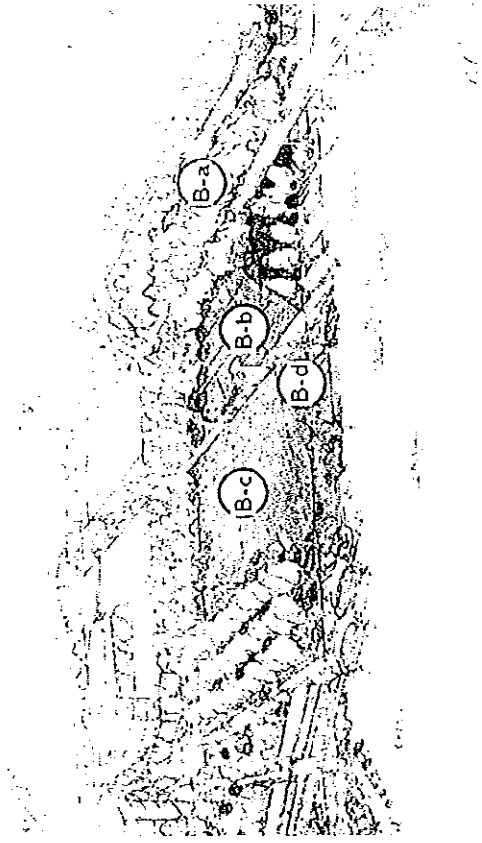
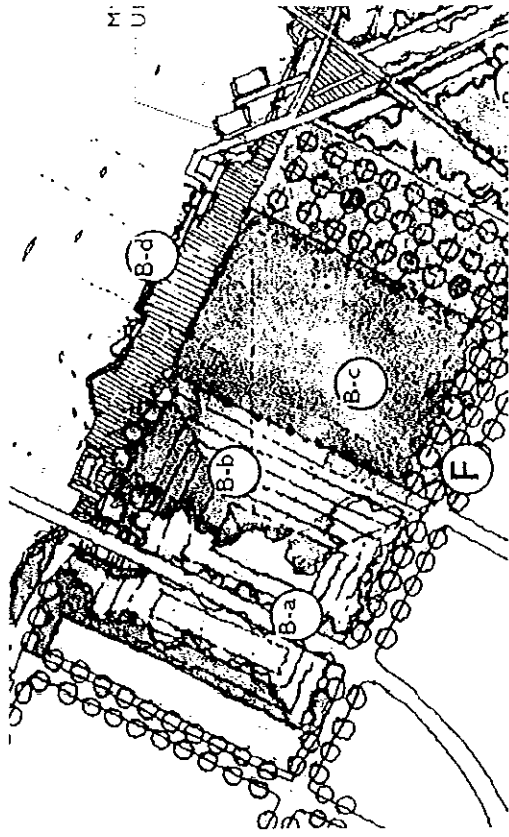


A. International Destination Zone: Oval to Dinsmore Bridge



B. Middle Arm City Park and Boaters' Row





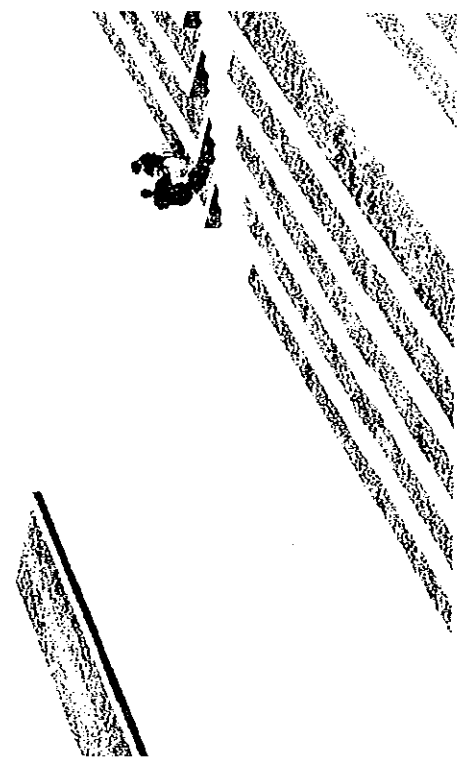
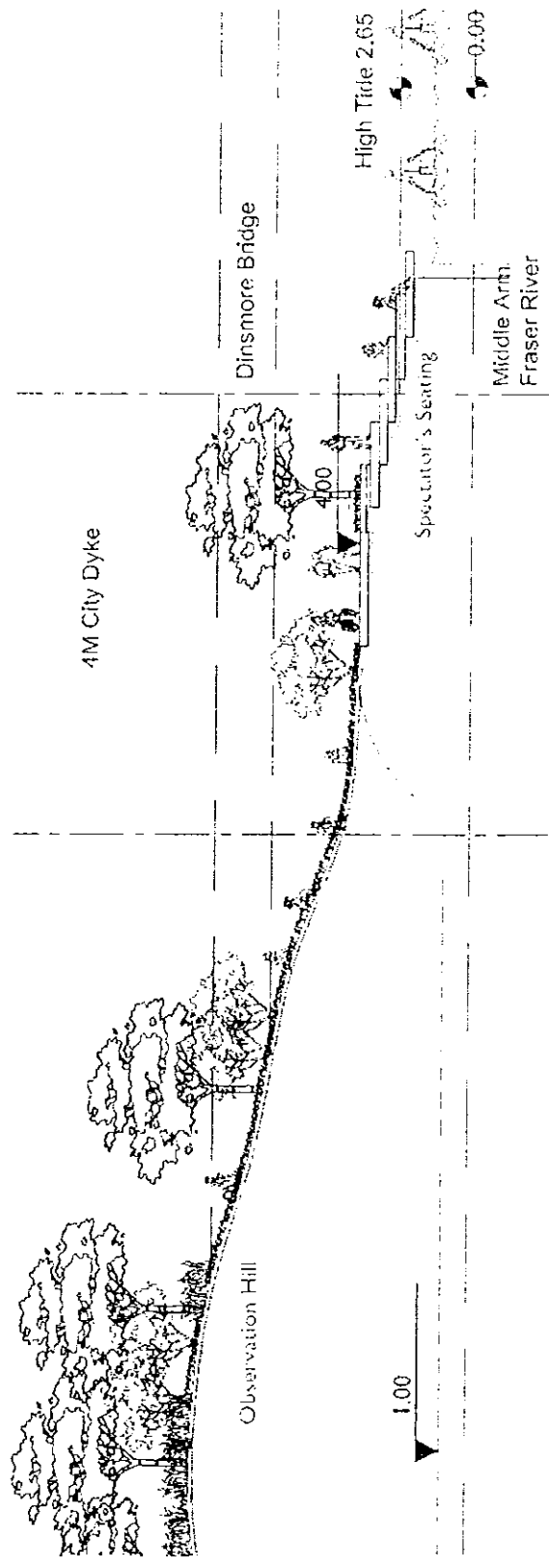
B-a. Green Gateway

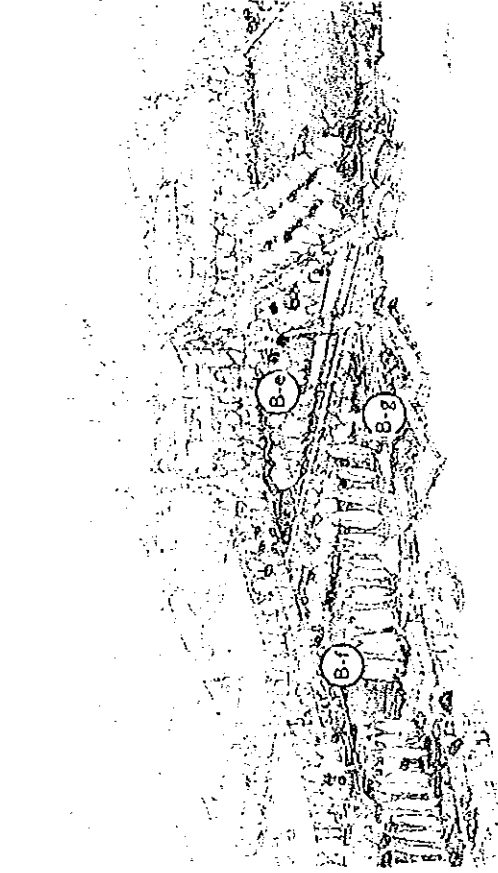
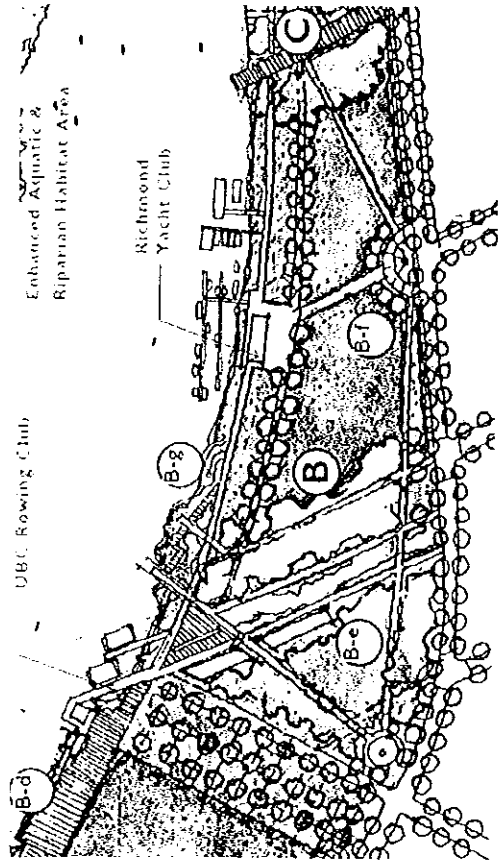
B-b. Observation Hill

B-c. Festival Field

B-d. Spectator's Seating

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B-e. Wetland / Native Forest / Habitat Area



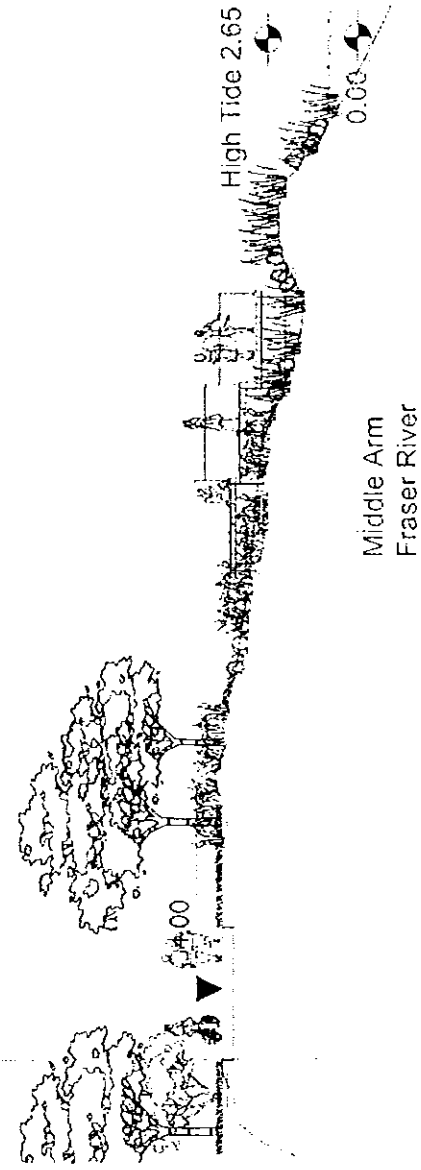
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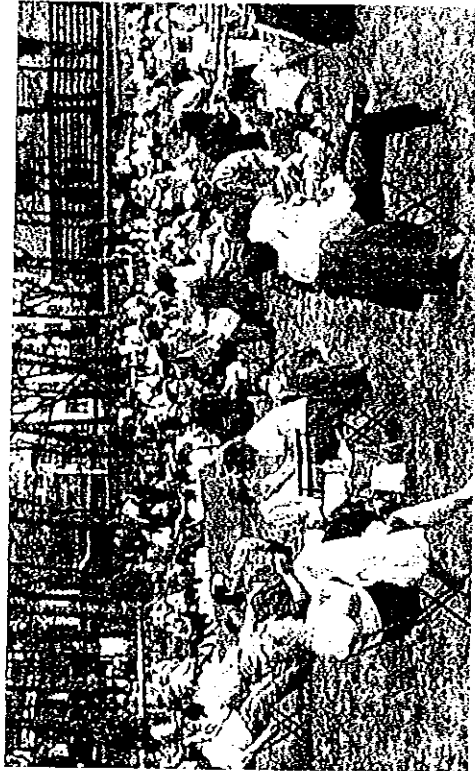
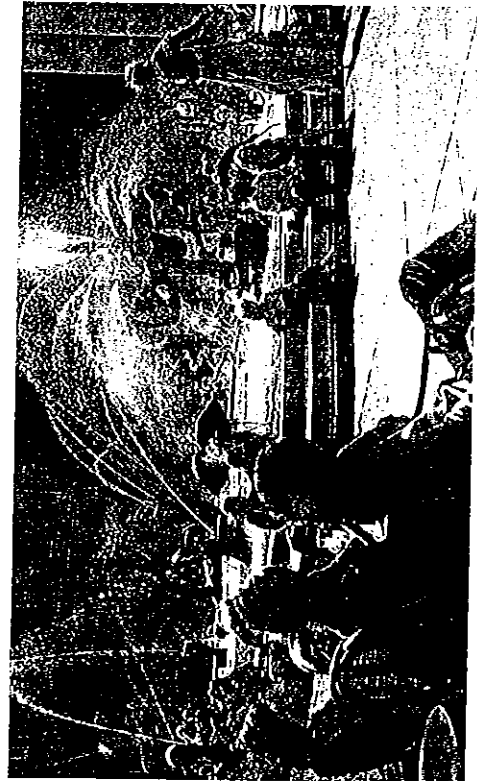
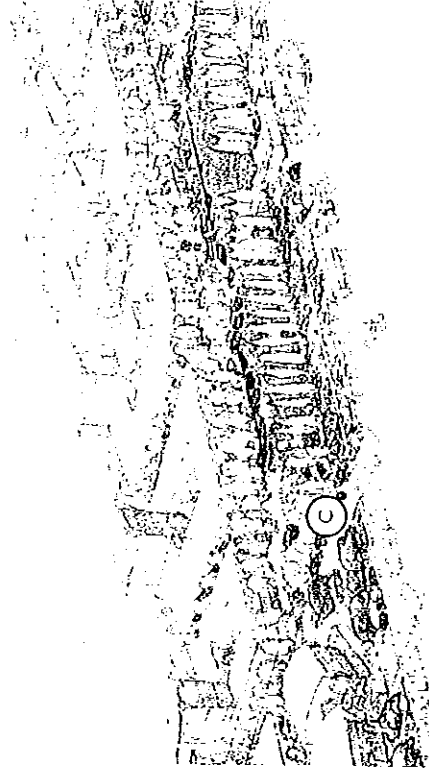
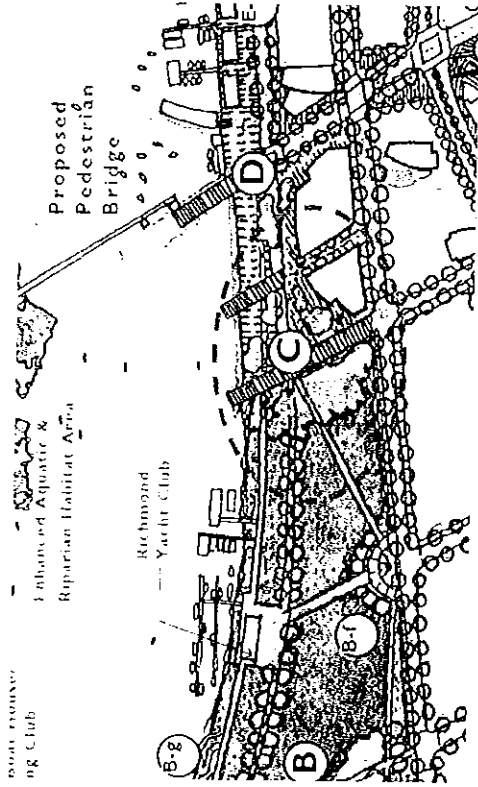
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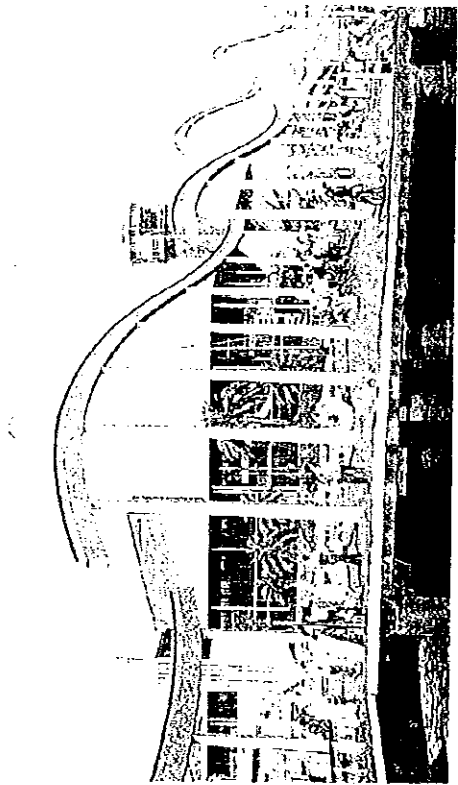
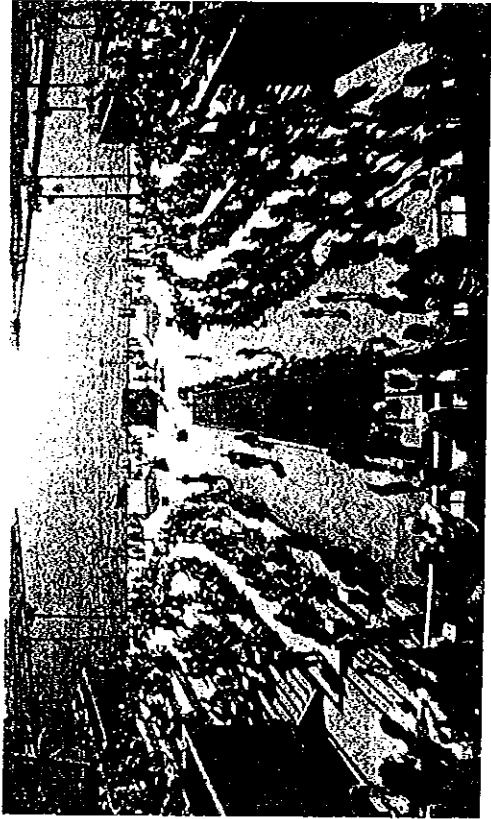
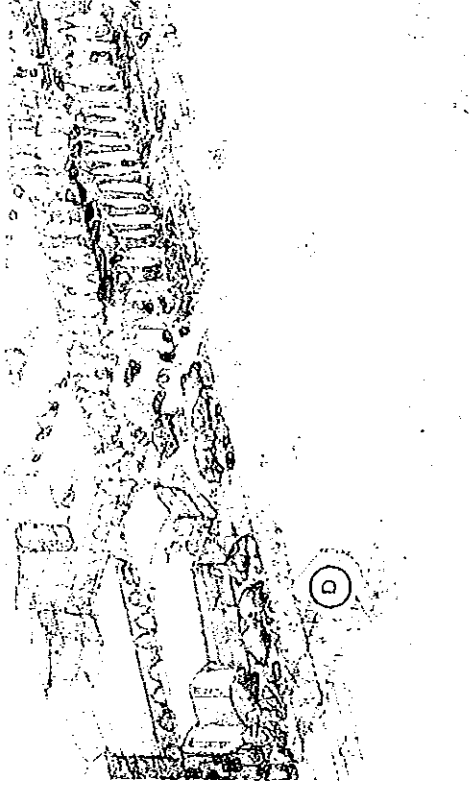
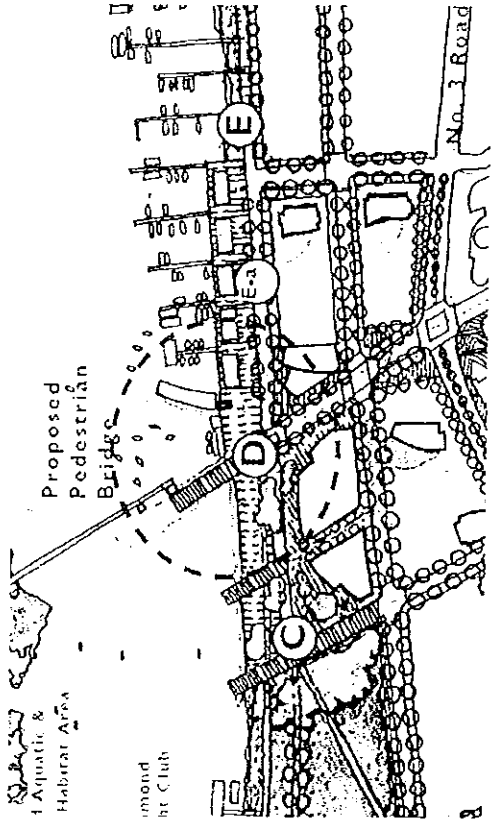
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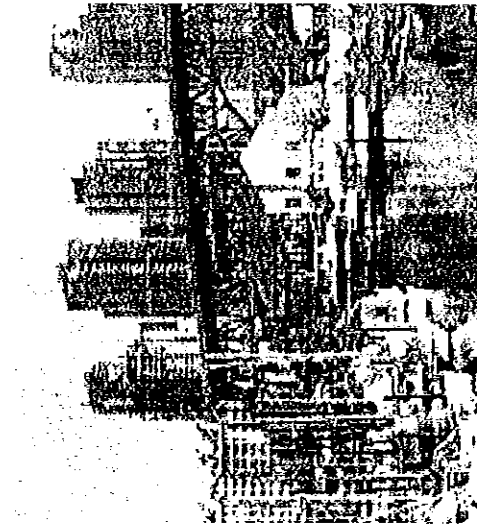
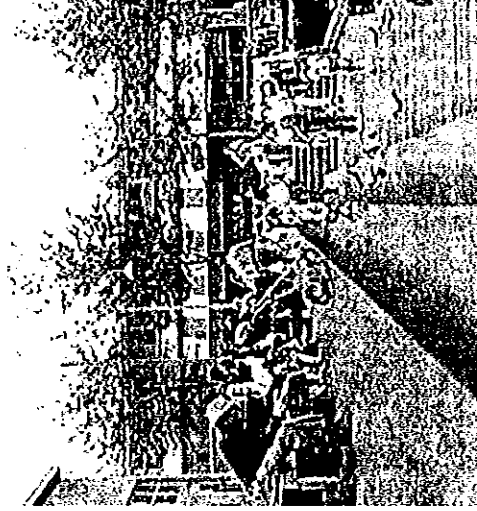
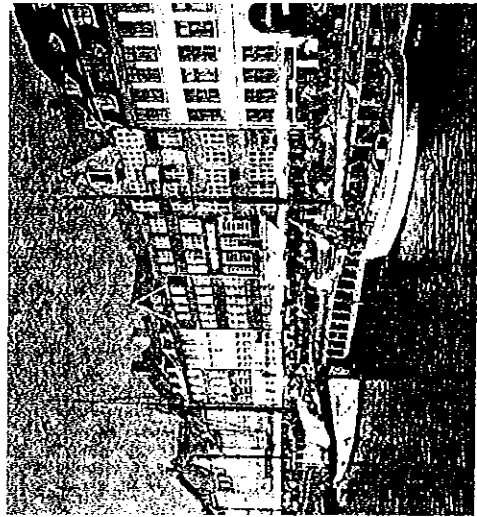
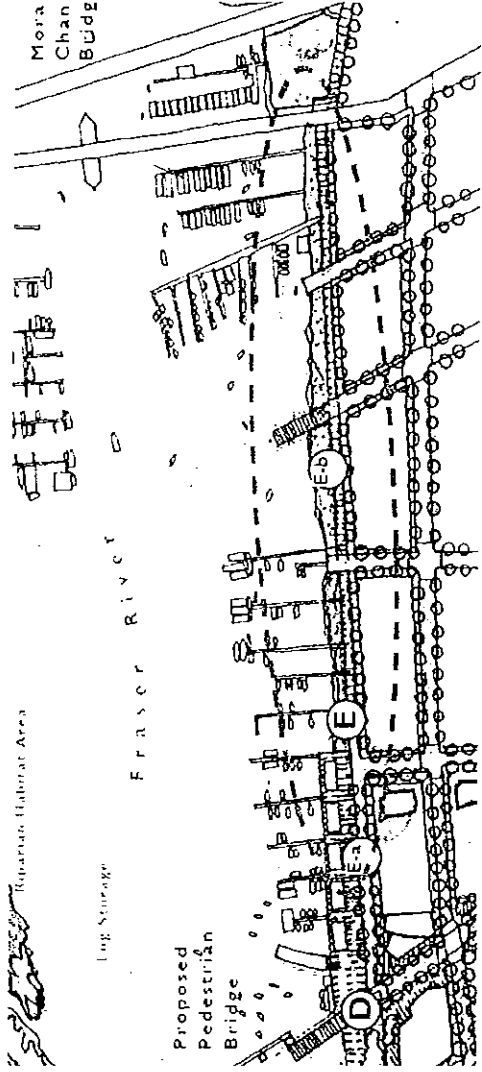
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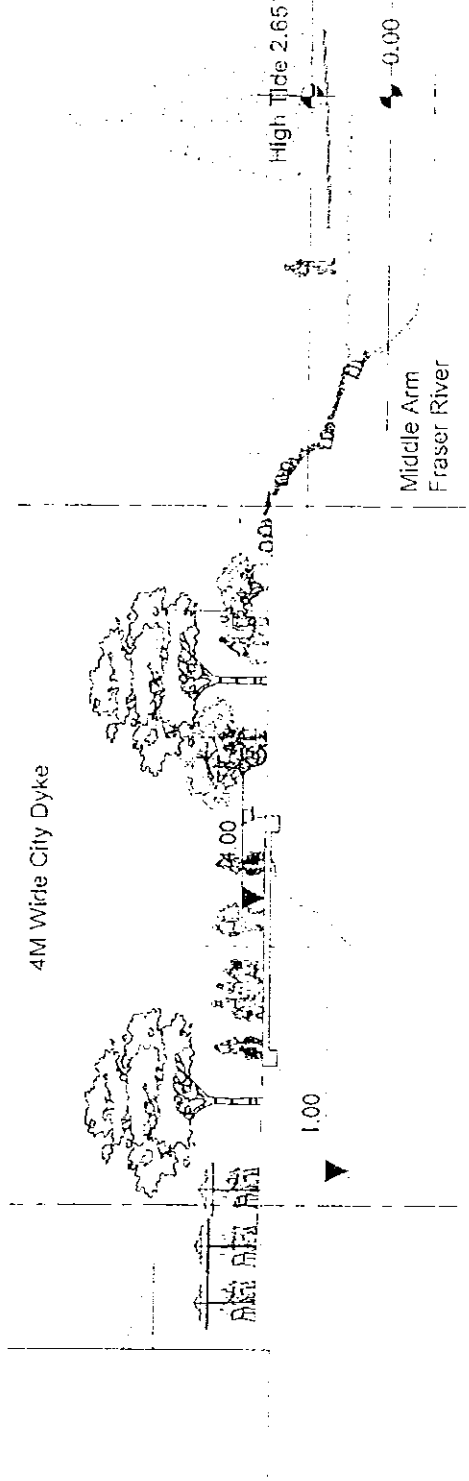
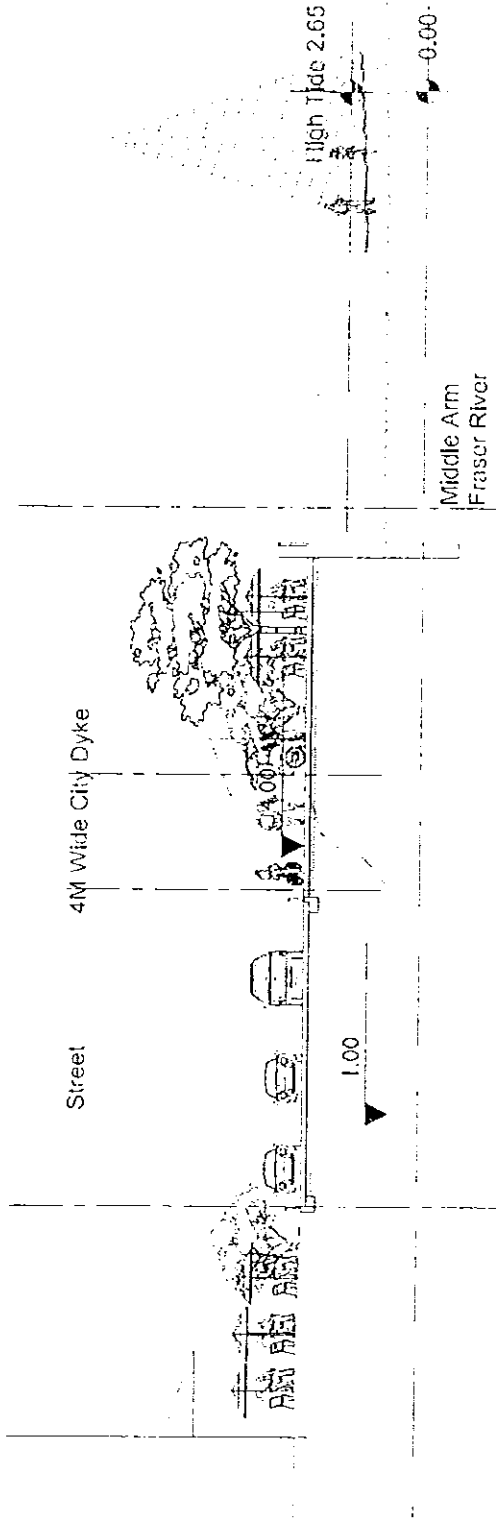
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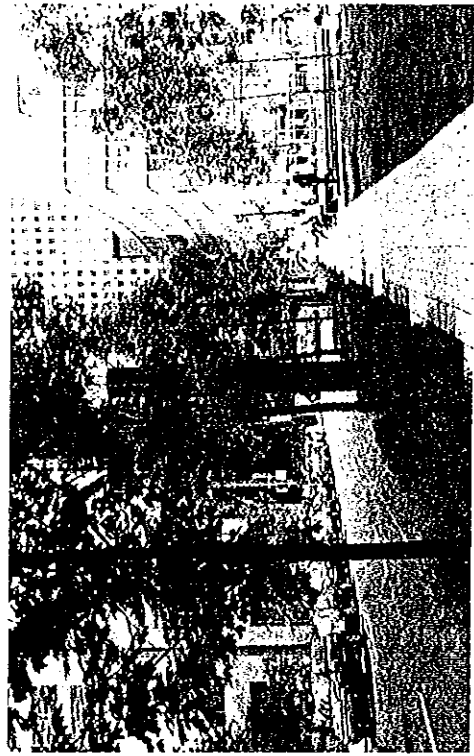
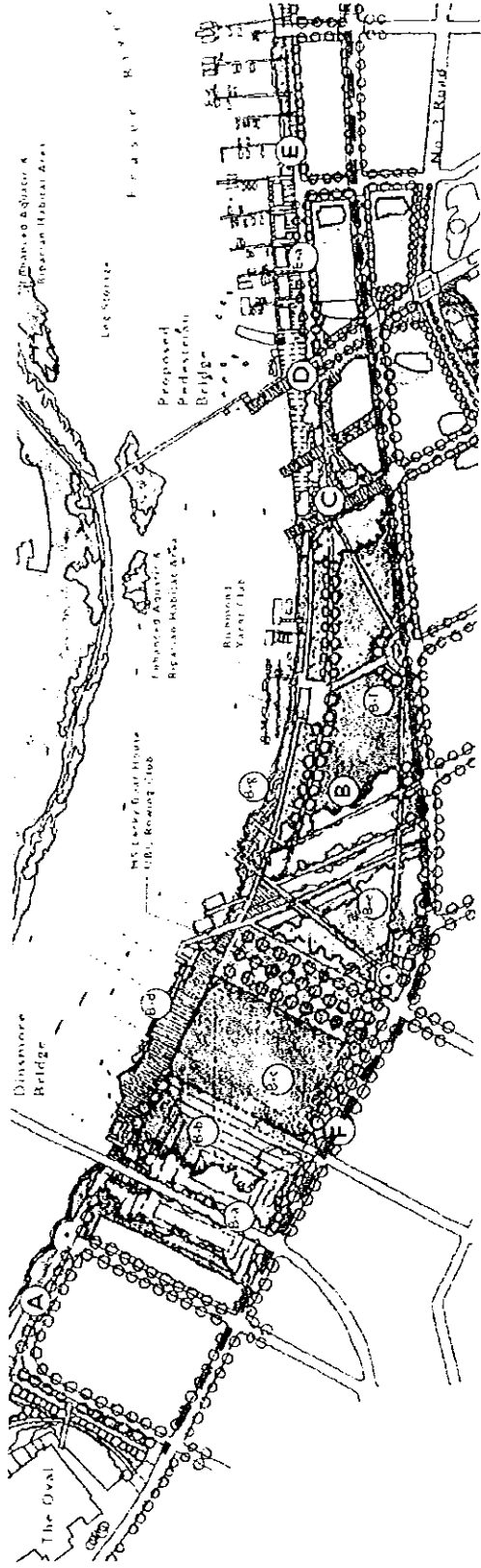
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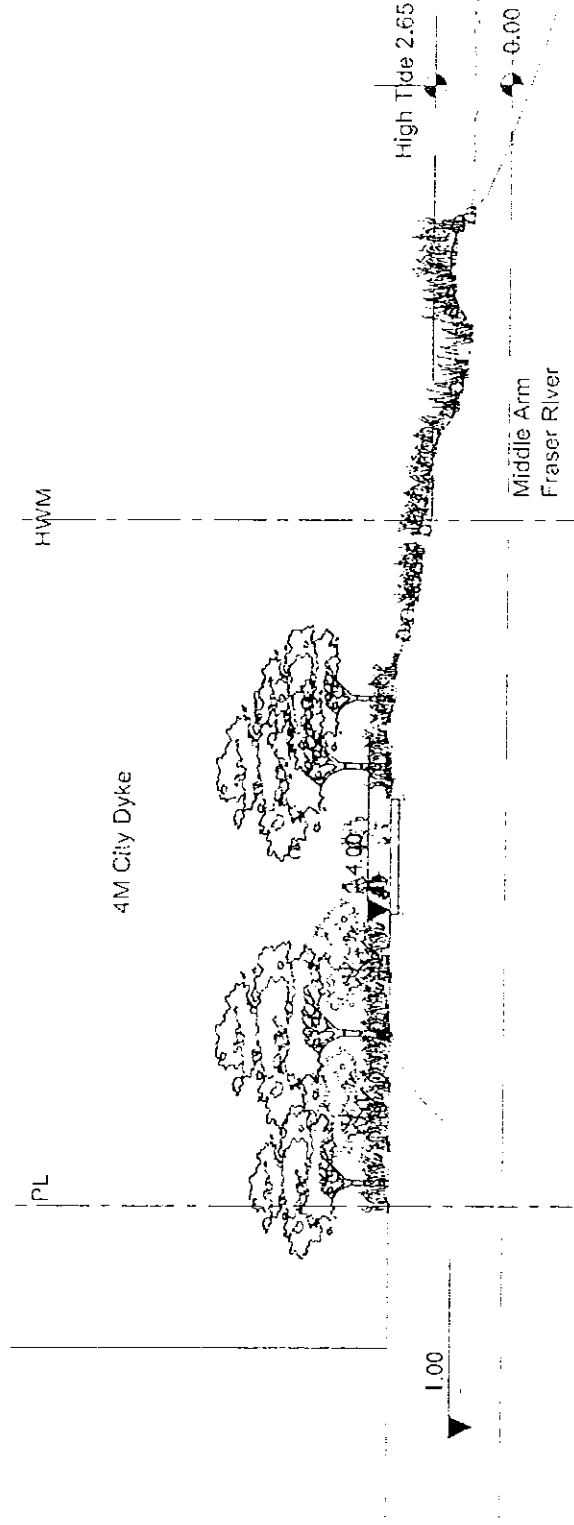
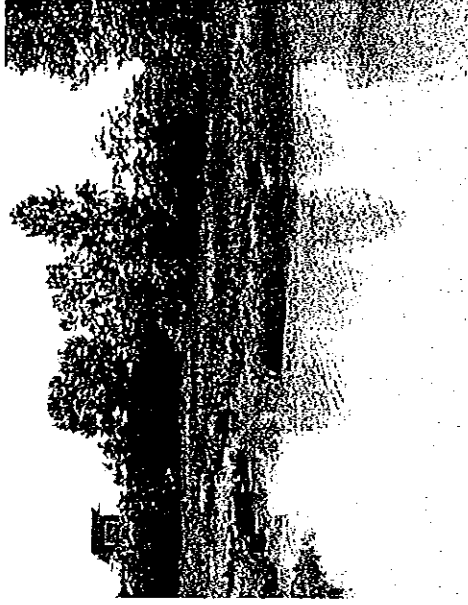
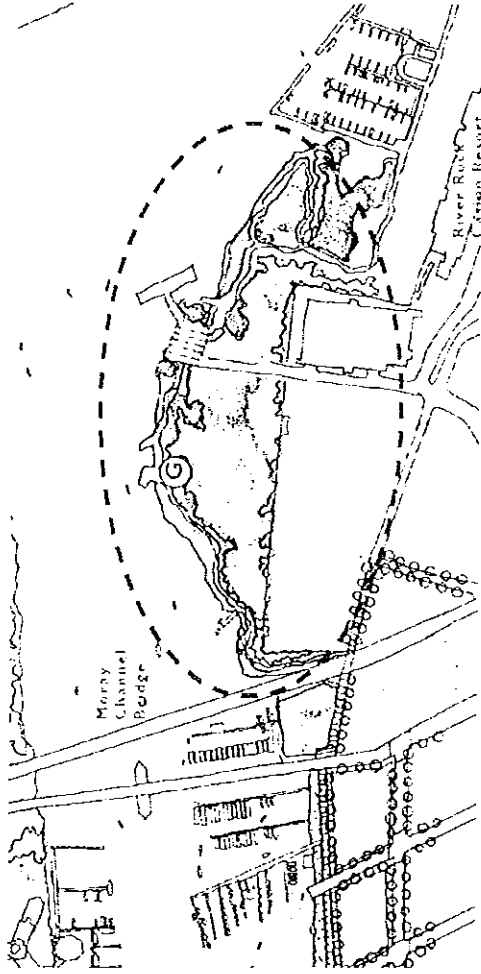
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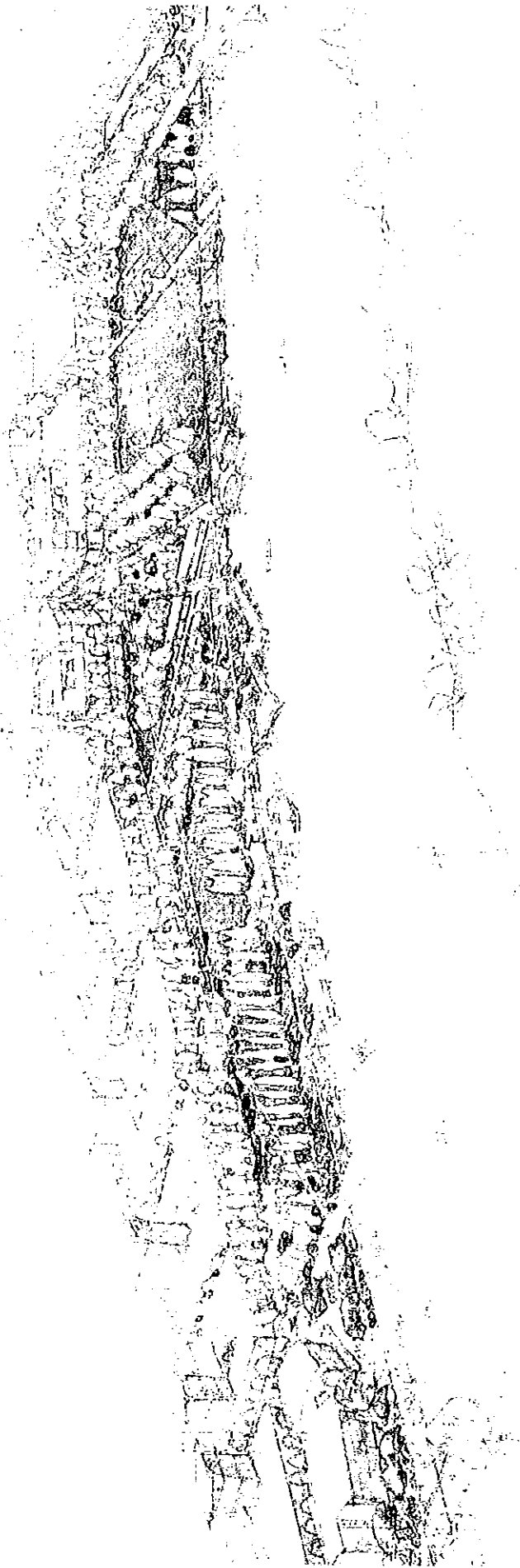


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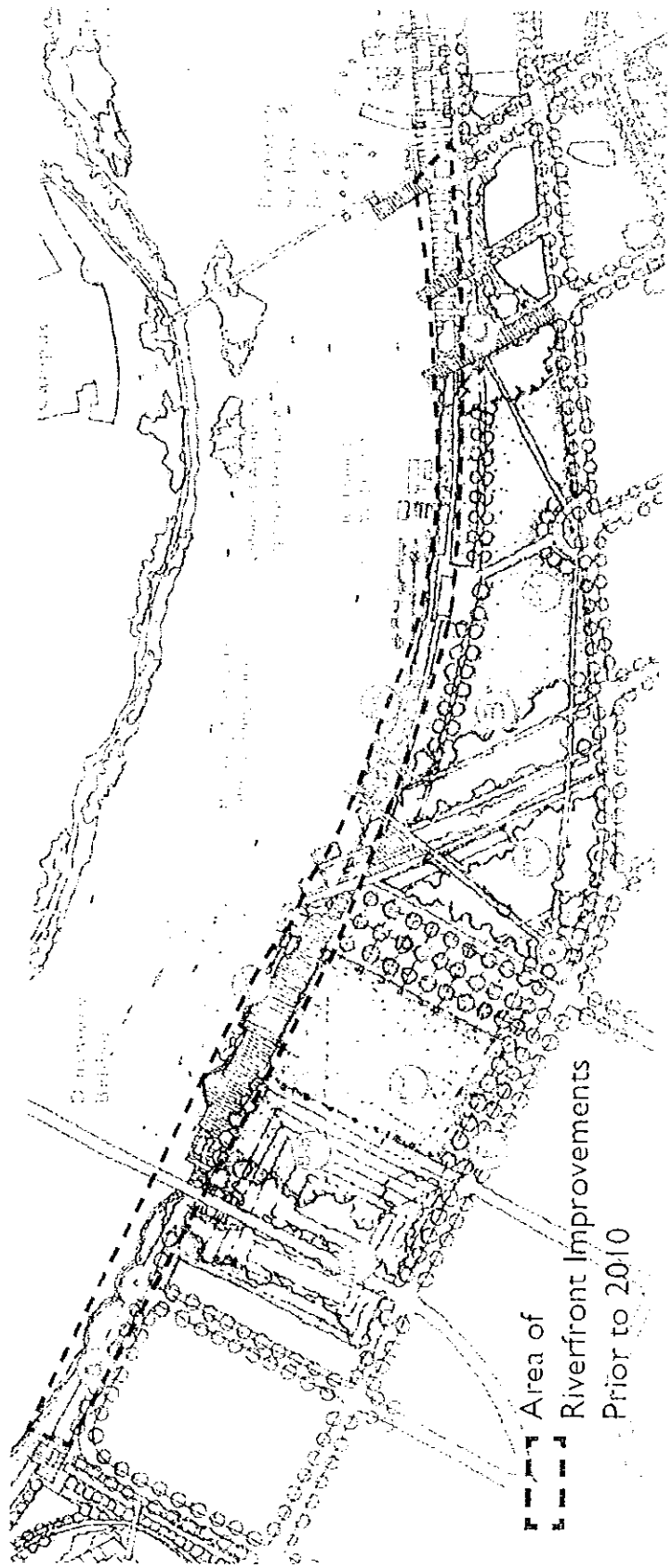


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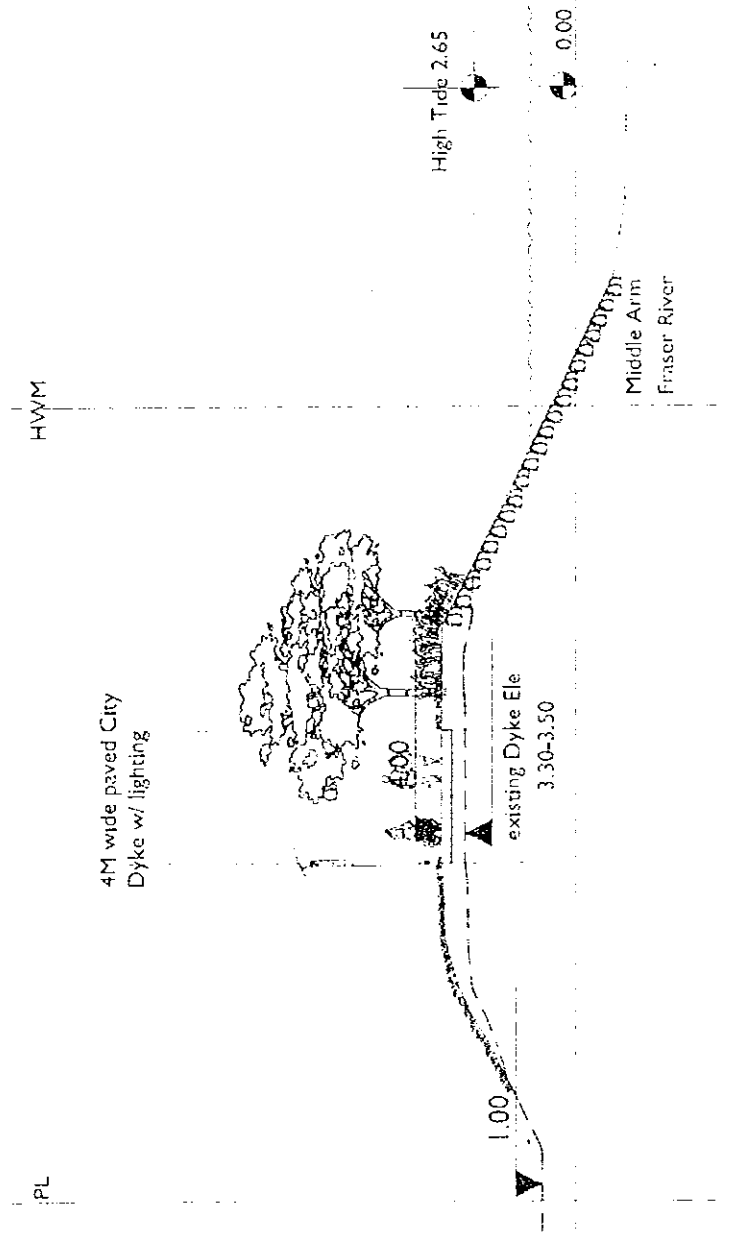


Endorsement of the Concept
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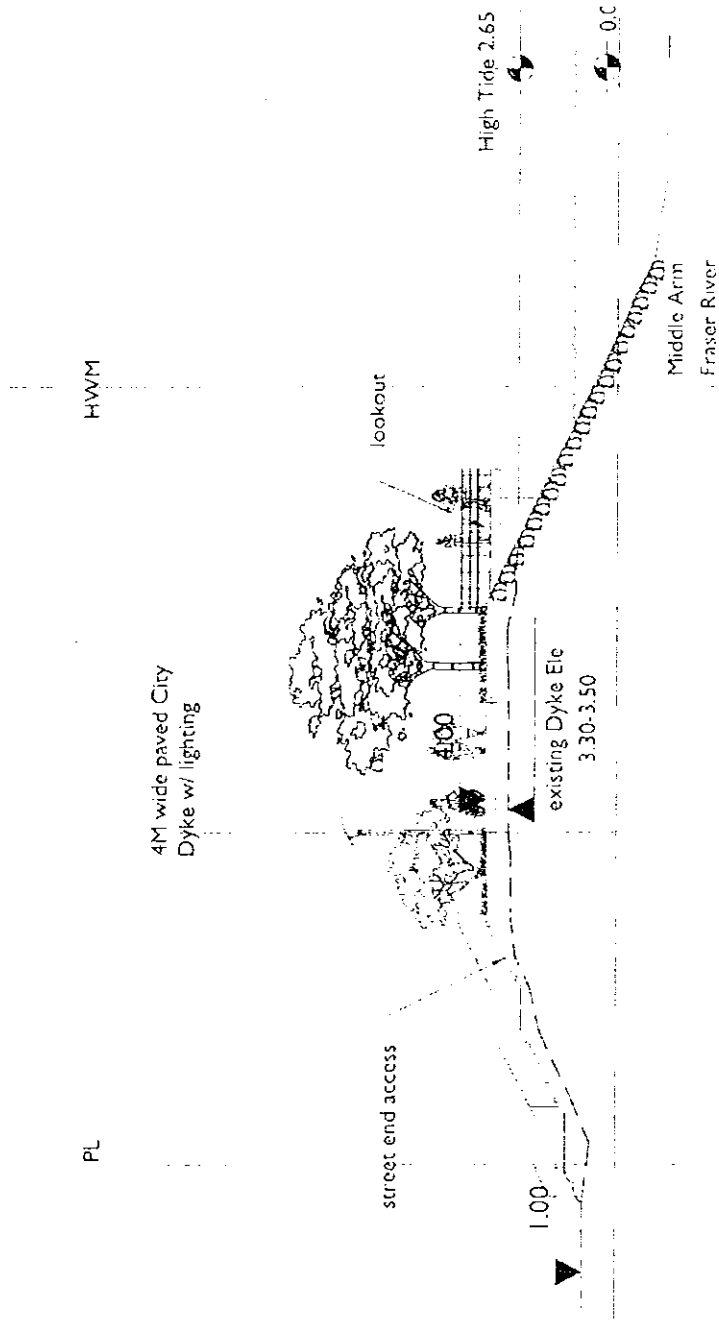


The objectives of the detailed design for this first phase of construction should include:

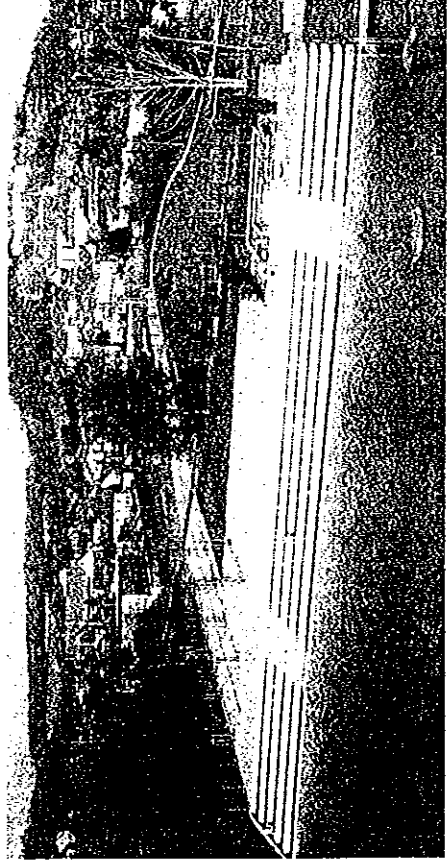
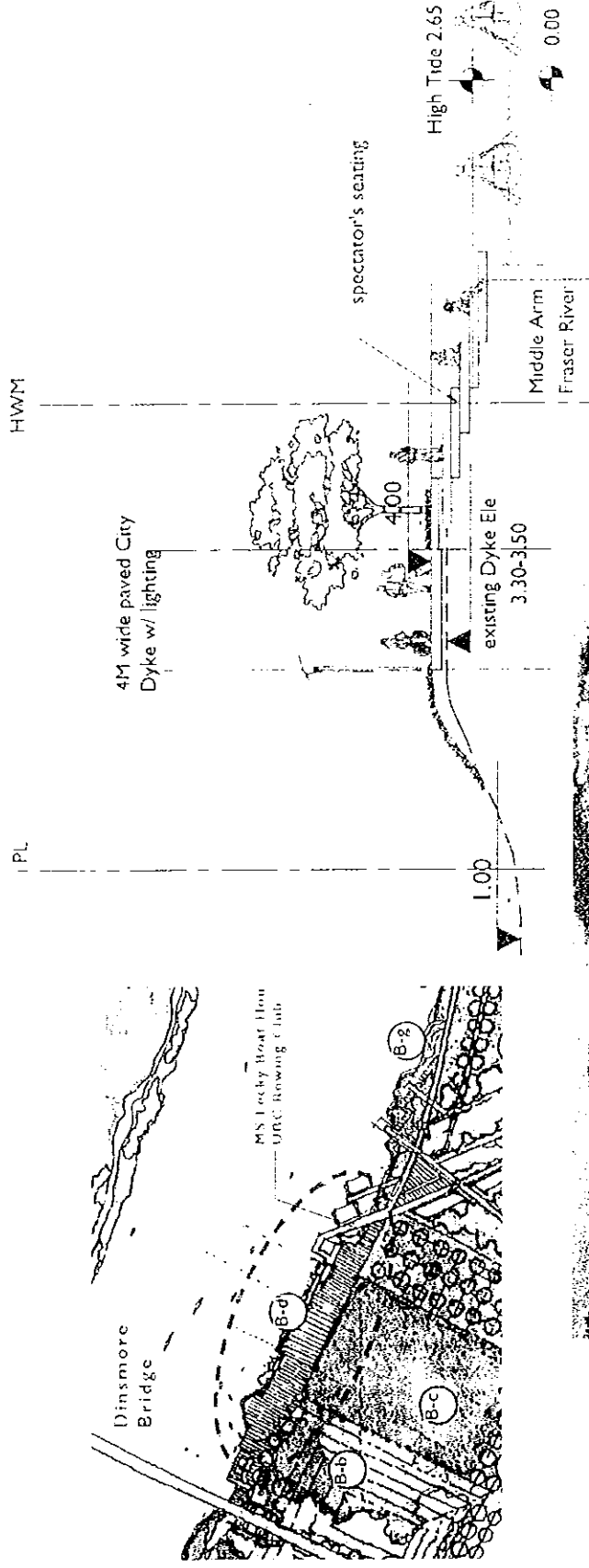
- On going public consultation in conjunction with the City Centre Area Plan
- Strengthening the connection to No.3 Road and the Aberdeen Canada Line Station
- Raising the elevation of the dyke to meet and exceed Provincial requirements and to be location specific as established by the City
- Providing an 8.0 meter wide corridor including a continuous paved pedestrian and cyclist route with a minimum width of 4.0 meters with nighttime lighting to facilitate accessibility for public use and dyke maintenance



- Construction of some dyke-top improvements to set the stage for future open space developments and street-end connections



- Creation of some of the social places along the waterfront as identified in the concept including some tiered seating as part of the Boating Festival venue for sitting and watching boating events as well as informal enjoyment of the waterfront on a daily basis.



Middle Arm Open Space Development 2010 to City Centre Build-Out

Post 2010 implementation will address:

- Assembling lands for the Middle Arm City Park and construction of upland facilities
- Relocation of River Road to the CP Right-of-Way and improvement for pedestrians and cyclists on the old road alignment
- Implementation of the Aquabus system, including supporting facilities
- Building the pedestrian bridge from the end of Cambie Road to Sea Island.



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His Worship Malcolm Brodie
Mayor of the City of Richmond
6911 No. 3 Rd
Richmond BC V6Y 2C1

Dear Mayor Brodie:

I am writing in follow-up to our meeting on October 24, 2006, at the annual convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM). I appreciate the time your Councillors took to meet to discuss health service issues of interest to the residents of Richmond. I apologize for the delayed response.

During our meeting, I was very pleased to hear of the health and wellness initiatives within your community. It will be useful to explore further opportunities to fund community-based physical activity programs that will achieve long-term sustainable results by targeting high need populations within the City of Richmond.

As you know, ActNow BC is the Province's partnership-based health promotion initiative to encourage British Columbians to improve their health and fitness and quality of life by being more active, eating healthy foods, living tobacco-free and making healthy choices in pregnancy. The goals of ActNow BC are to make BC the leader in North America in healthy living and physical fitness and the healthiest jurisdiction to ever host the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

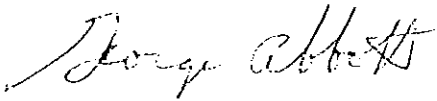
Local governments play an important role in ensuring the success of ActNow BC by creating an environment that helps people make healthy choices in all areas of their lives. Local governments and community leaders are encouraged to become ActNow BC Champions, to lead their communities in the development of environments that promote healthy lifestyle choices. The ActNow BC Communities Guide is a toolkit and resource for community leaders to use as they develop their plans for aligning their communities with ActNow BC. The toolkit is available on the ActNow BC website at: www.actnowbc.gov.bc.ca. I encourage you to visit the website for further information.

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Thank you for the opportunity to meet at UBCM. I value your leadership in promoting the value of recreational activity and your advocacy on behalf of the residents of Richmond.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Abbott".

George Abbott
Minister

pc: Honourable Olga Ilich, MLA, Richmond Centre
Ms. Ida Goodreau, Chief Executive Officer, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority
Ms. Effie Henry, Executive Director, Health Authority Branch