

TO: CITY MANAGER 1996 November 26

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING Our Files: 15.703
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SUBJECT: OPEN SPACE FRAMEWORK,
SOUTH SIDE OF TRANS CANADA HIGHWAY

PURPOSE: To provide Council with information regarding the retention of natural areas adjacent to the Trans Canada Highway.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** a copy of this report be forwarded to:

Ruth Nicholson
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REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

At its 1996 November 12 meeting, Council received an item of correspondence from Ms. R. Nicholson complementing the City on its commitments to the preservation and enhancement of natural green space and environmentally protected corridors. Ms. Nicholson also advised that it was her understanding that the City was planning to allow development in sections of an urban forest corridor along the south side of the Trans Canada Highway and south of the Brunette River extending eastward from Hill Avenue to North Road. Ms. Nicholson concluded her letter by urging the City to reconsider any plans for development in this ecologically sensitive forest.

2.0 EXISTING SITUATION

Burnaby's Official Community Plan has, as one of its goals, to provide and maintain a comprehensive range of park and open space resources to meet the present and future needs of the community. With respect to the subject area, provision has been made to preserve a green, open space corridor along all of the south side of the Highway as shown on Figure 1 *attached* and described below.

2.1 Robert Burnaby Park

This park has been in place for some time. Additions to the park have been made in recent years along its westerly boundary concurrent with the development of the single family residential areas to the west.

2.2 Hill Avenue, Elwell Street Acquisition Area

As can be seen on Figure 2 *attached*, the vast majority of the properties in this area are owned by the City or the Province. The City has been pursuing a policy of acquiring the private lands for inclusion in the open space system as they become available.

2.3 George Derby Park/Conservation Area

As can be seen on Figure 3 *attached*, with the development of the George Derby Long Term Care Centre and the Townhouse sites, the lands between the proposed Stormont/McBride Connector and the Trans Canada Highway were rezoned to P3 Park and Public Use.

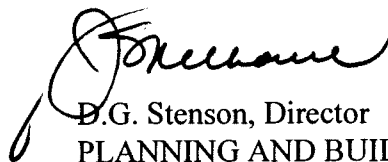
2.4 Cariboo Heights Conservation Reserve

With the development of the City lands in this area, the lands between George Derby and Cariboo Road were dedicated as a Conservation Reserve (Figure 4 *attached*). As noted on Figure 5 *attached*, it was proposed in 1990 to extend the boundary of the Conservation Reserve east of Cariboo Road to reflect new information on the topographic conditions which prevail in this particular area. Moreover, it was discovered that a number of old growth trees unique to the area were situated within the area previously designated for development. These factors were considered to be most significant by Council, and therefore, it concluded that the overall development concept should be revised to provide for their preservation.

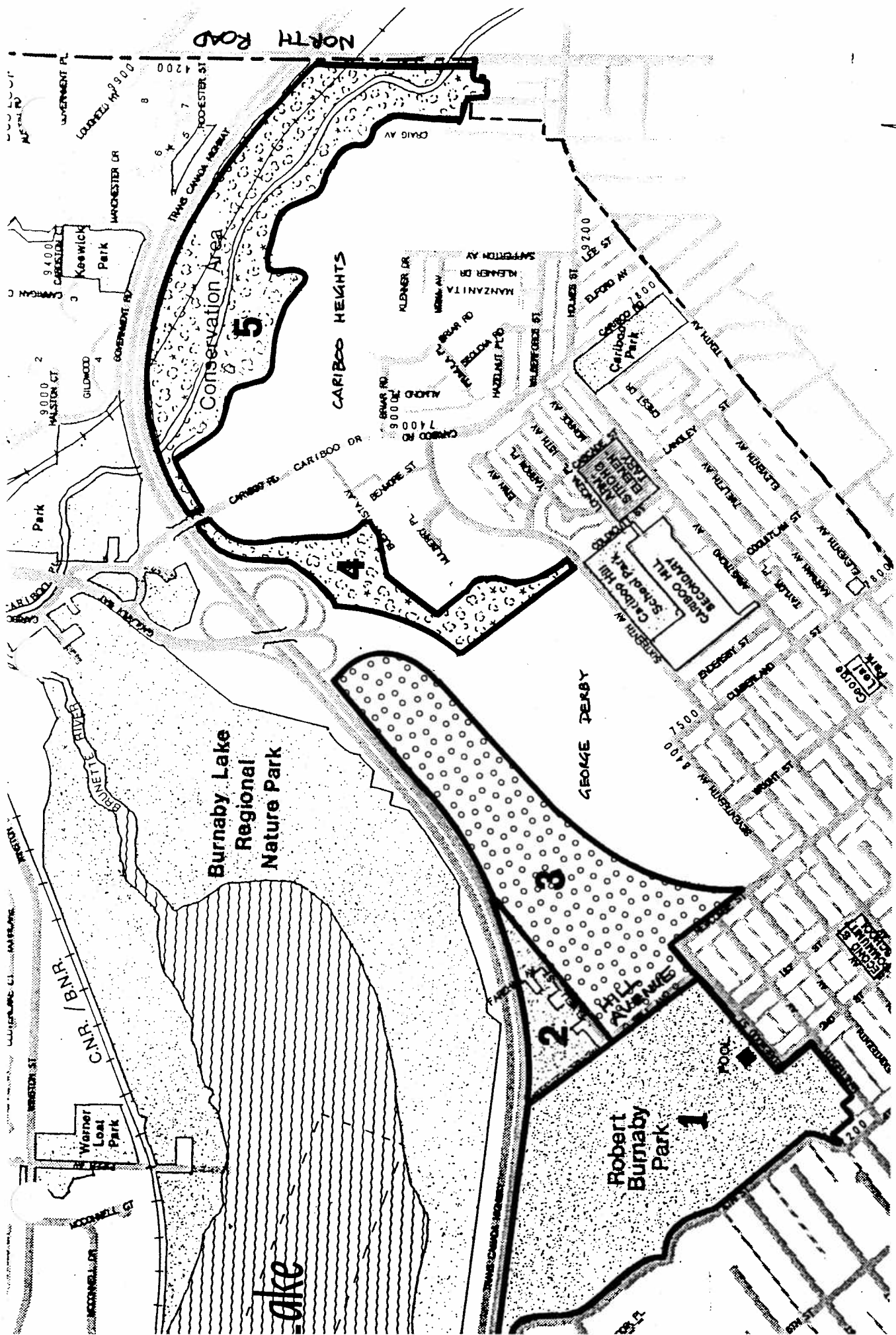
Since that time, more specific survey work has been undertaken which shows that the top of the bank extends even further south than originally thought. While sufficient work has not been completed to provide Council with firm recommendations regarding amendments to the overall concept plan, one proposal that has been under serious consideration for some time would include even more lands within the park/conservation areas as illustrated on Figure 6 *attached*. If this proposal is adopted, Figure 7 *attached* illustrates the scope of the revisions to the Conservation Reserve.

3.0 SUMMARY

The City has adopted a Public Open Space Framework which has resulted in the preservation of a continuous green corridor along the south side of the Trans Canada Highway from Robert Burnaby Park to North Road. Where appropriate, private lands required to complete this corridor have been, and will be acquired. Similarly, where appropriate, the boundaries of the residential development areas will be adjusted in Cariboo Heights to protect significant natural features.

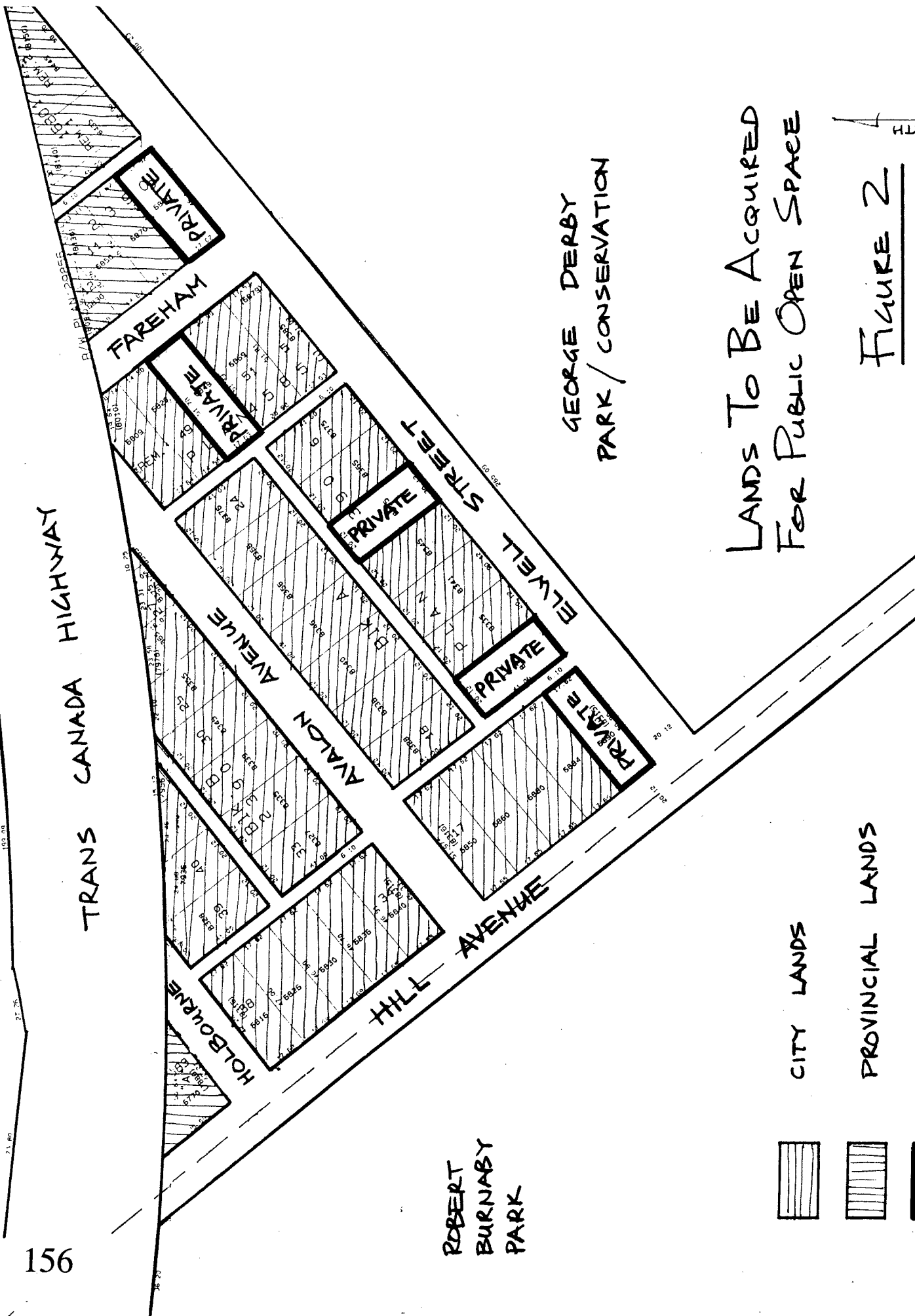

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Attachments (5)




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FIGURE 1
 PUBLIC OPEN SPACE FRAMEWORK,
 SOUTH SIDE OF TRANS CANADA HIGHWAY.

TRANS CANADA HIGHWAY




ROBERT BURNABY PARK

GEORGE DERBY PARK / CONSERVATION

 CITY LANDS

 PROVINCIAL LANDS

 5 PROPERTIES TO BE ACQUIRED

LANDS TO BE ACQUIRED FOR PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

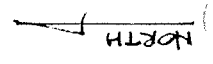


FIGURE 2
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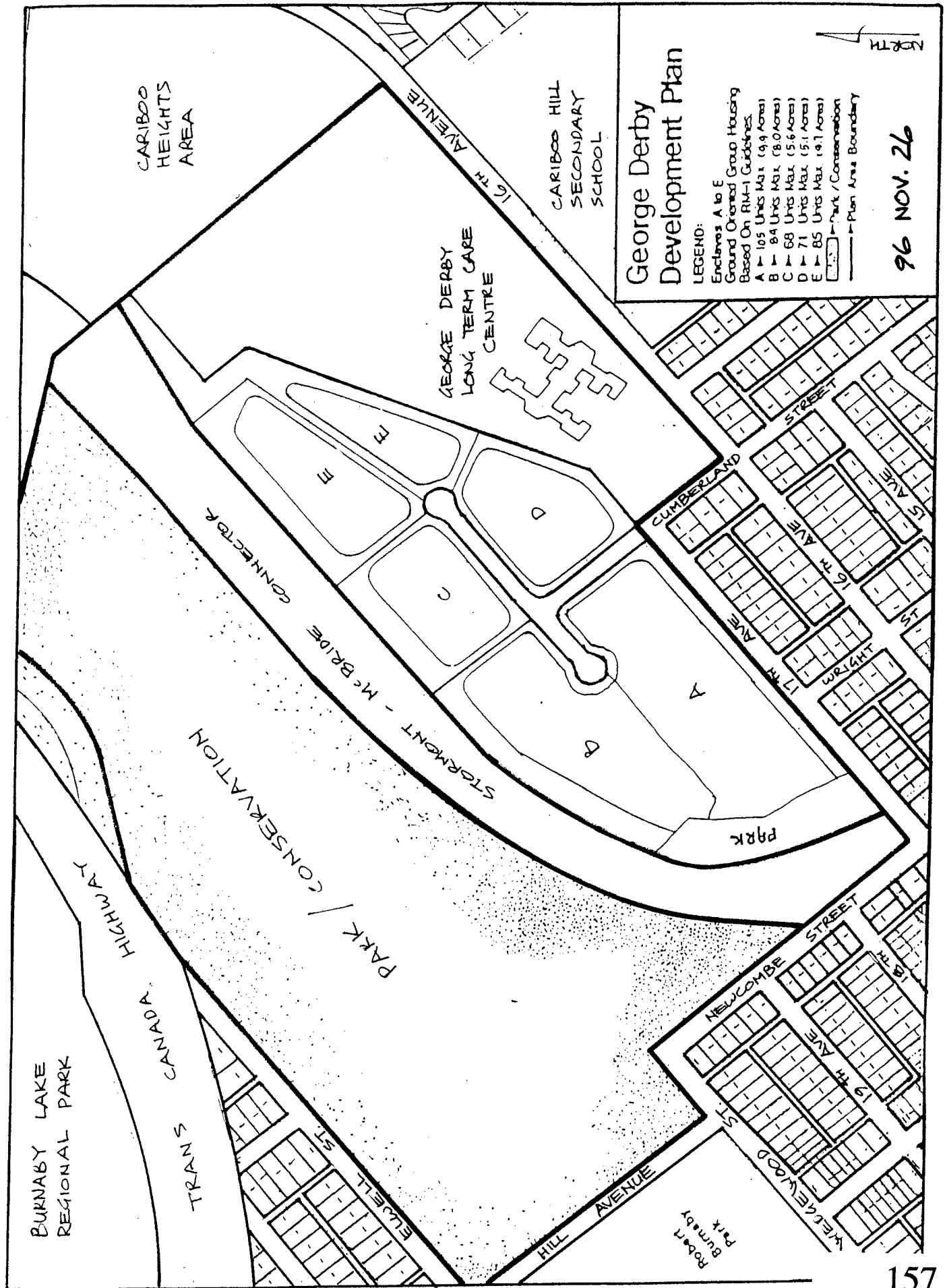


FIGURE 3

GEORGE DERBY PARK / CONSERVATION

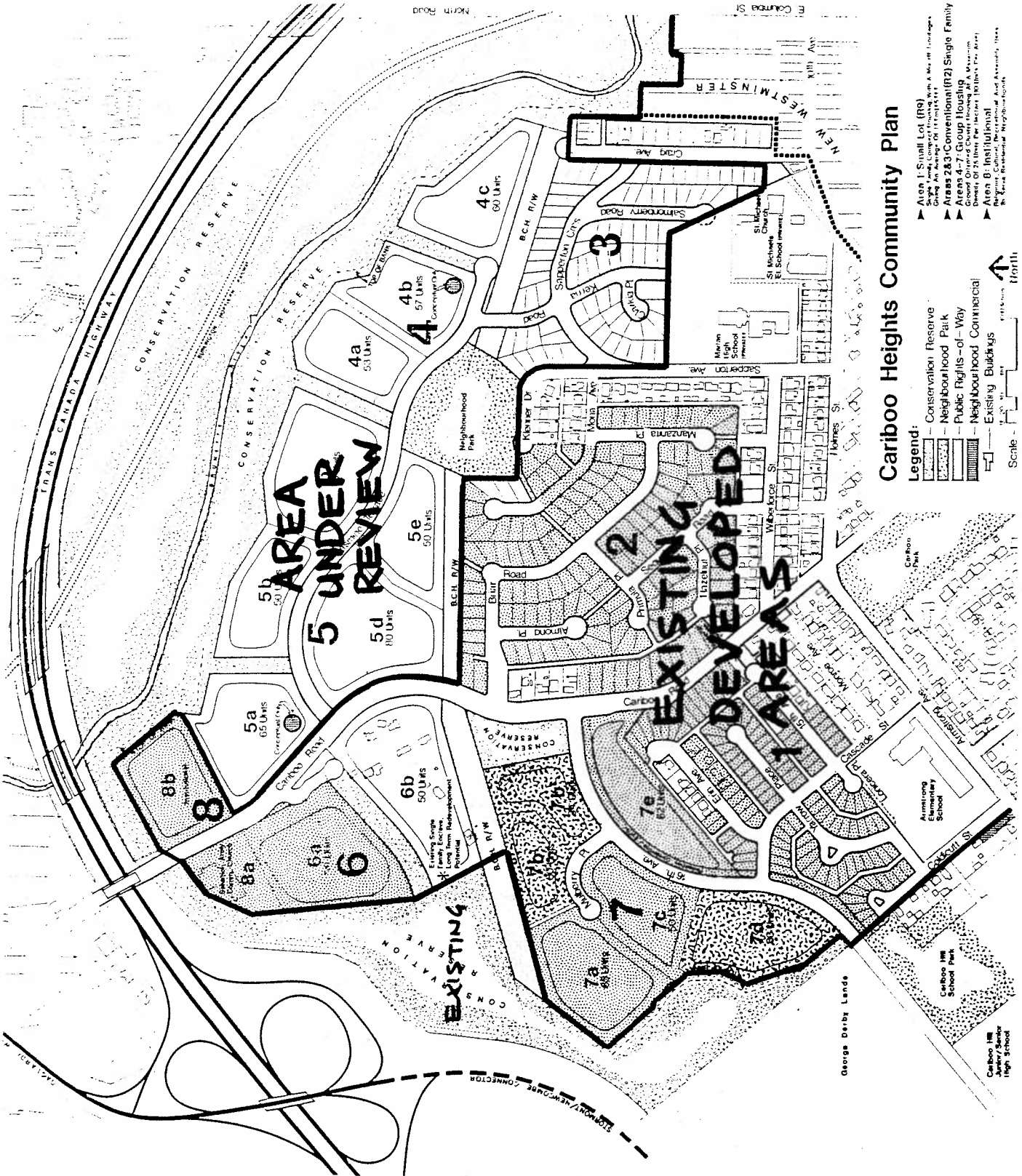


FIGURE 4

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SHOWS AREA OF CARIBOO HEIGHTS CONSERVATION RESERVE

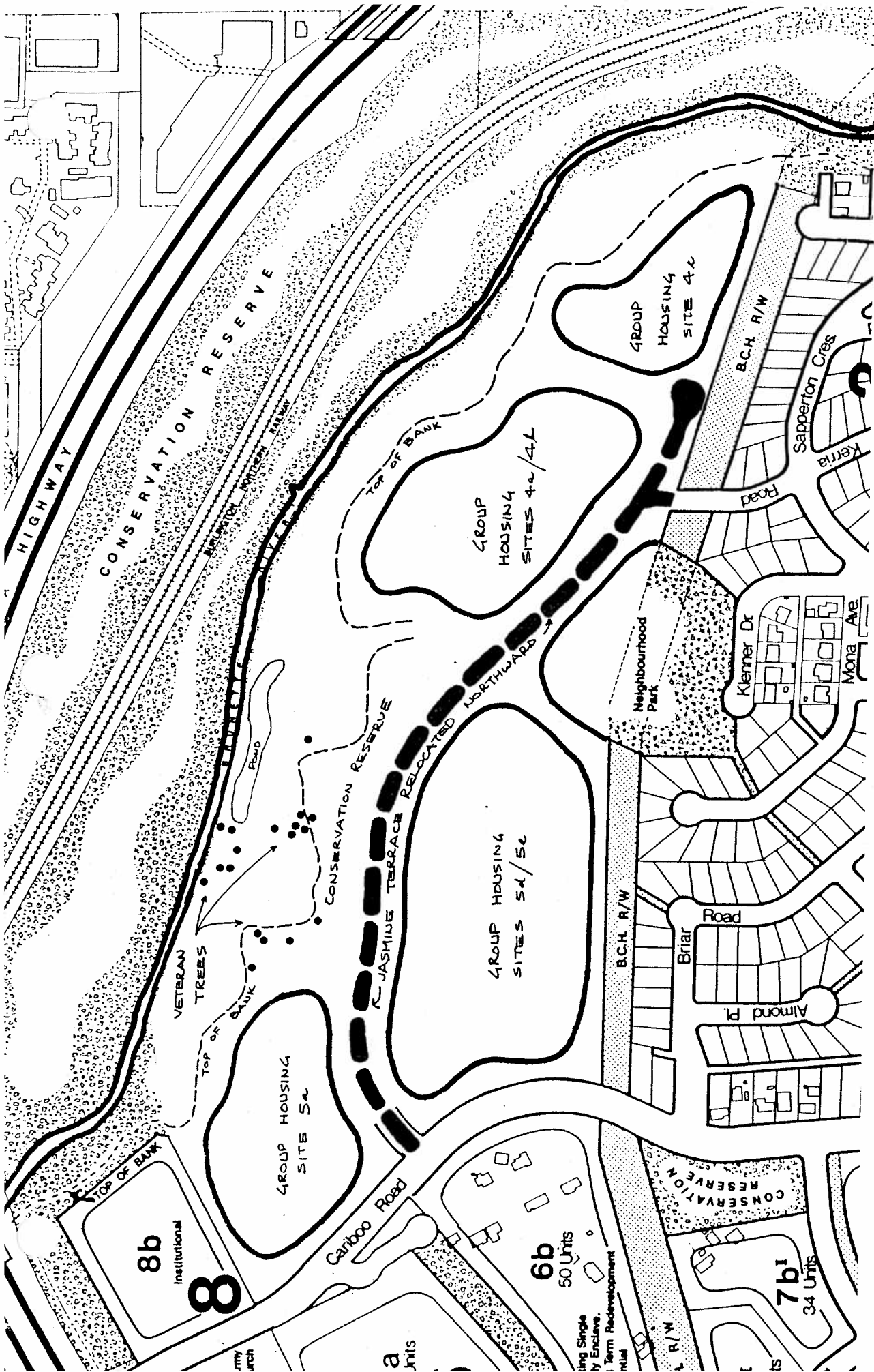
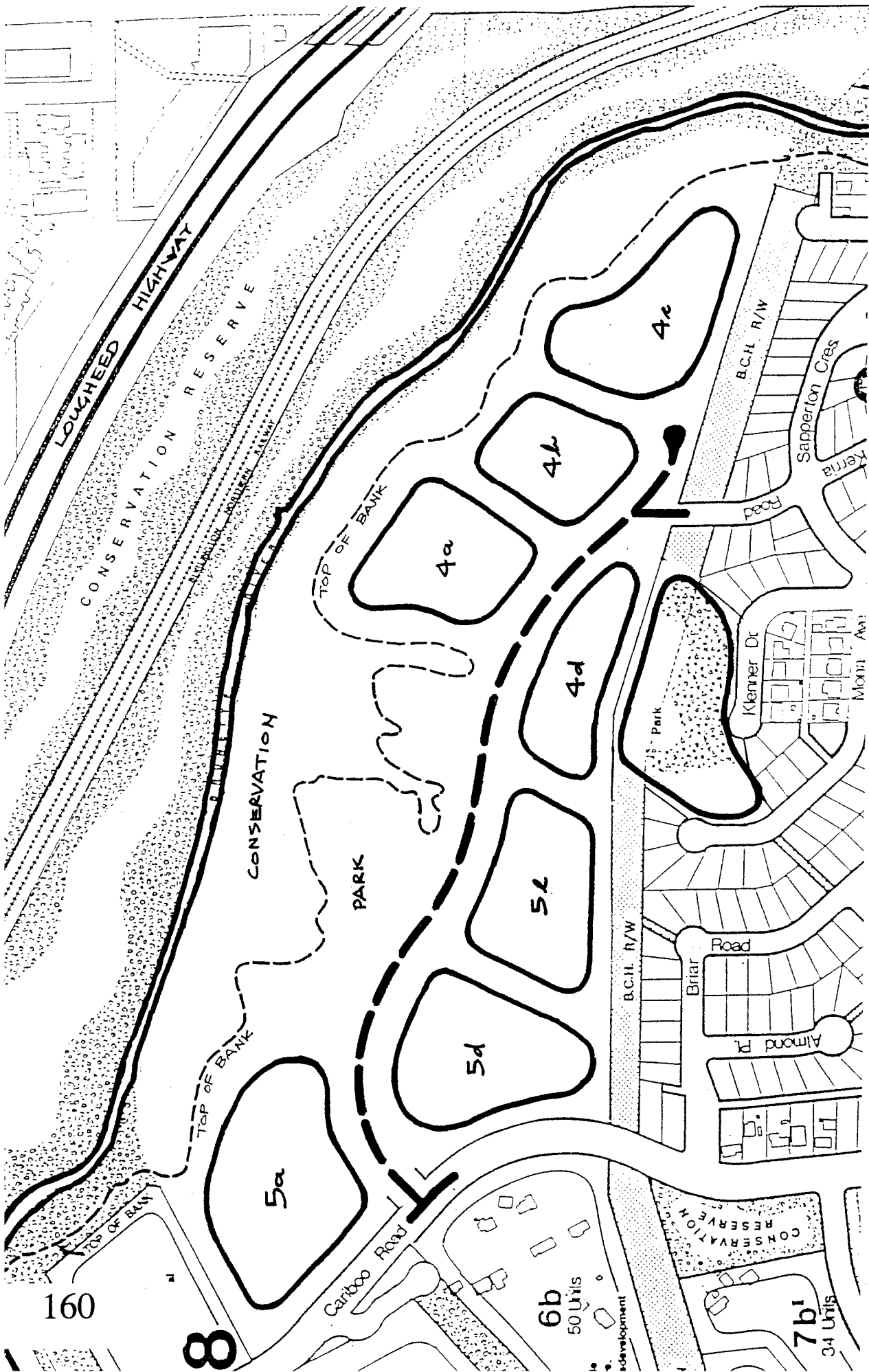


FIGURE 5
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ILLUSTRATES CONCEPT OF EXTENDING
 CONSERVATION RESERVE TO PROVIDE FOR
 RETENTION OF UNIQUE, OLD GROWTH TREES.
 (AS ADOPTED BY COUNCIL ON APRIL 09, 1990).



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6b
50 Units

7b1
34 Units

FIGURE 6
 ILLUSTRATES CONCEPT OF FURTHER EXTENDING CONSERVATION RESERVE TO REFLECT MORE DETAILED SURVEY INFORMATION.
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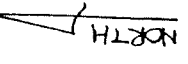
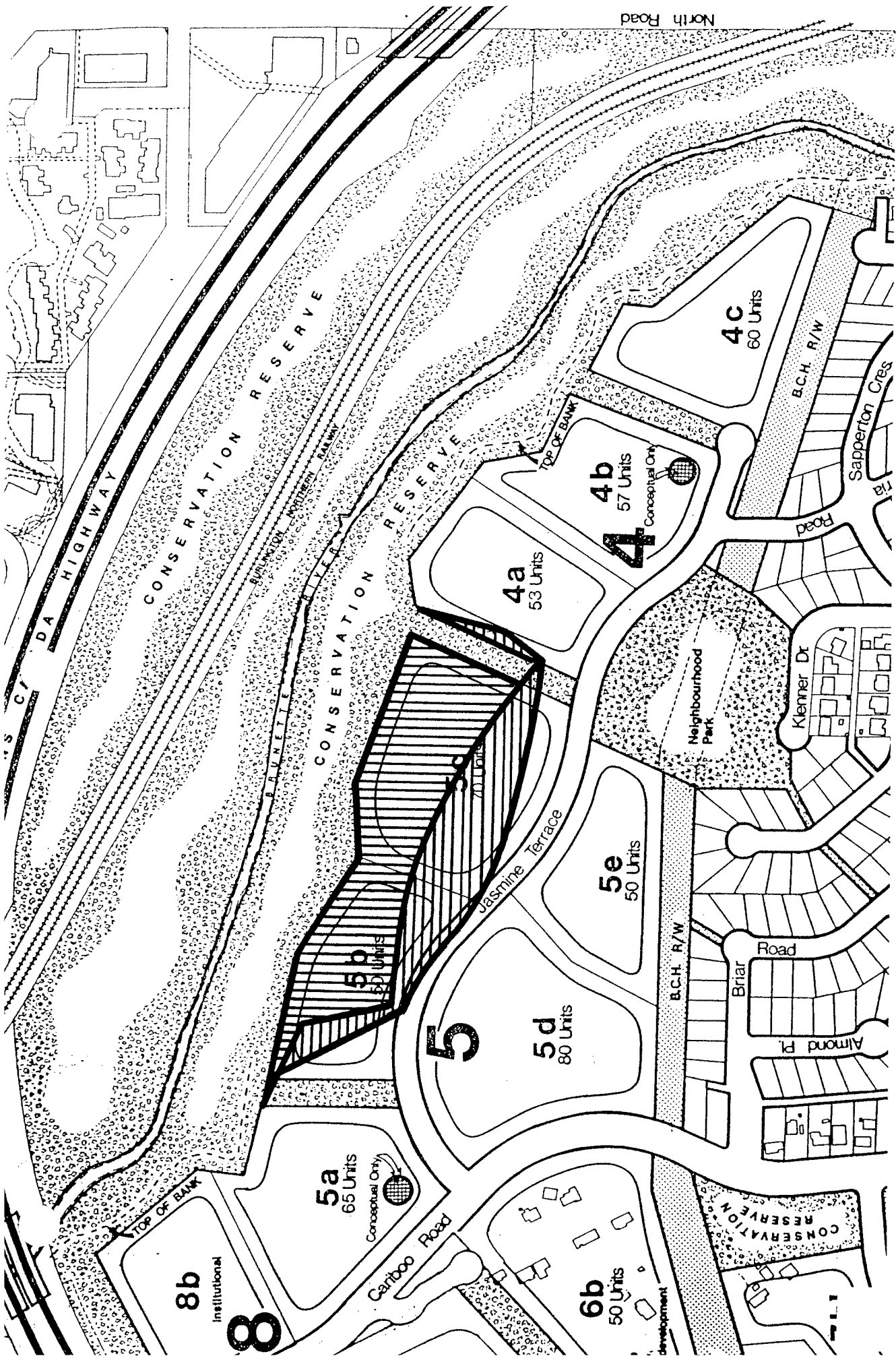


FIGURE 7

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ADDITIONAL LANDS PROPOSED FOR INCLUSION
IN CONSERVATION RESERVE BY COUNCIL IN 1990.

LANDS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION
FOR INCLUSION IN CONSERVATION RESERVE.

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