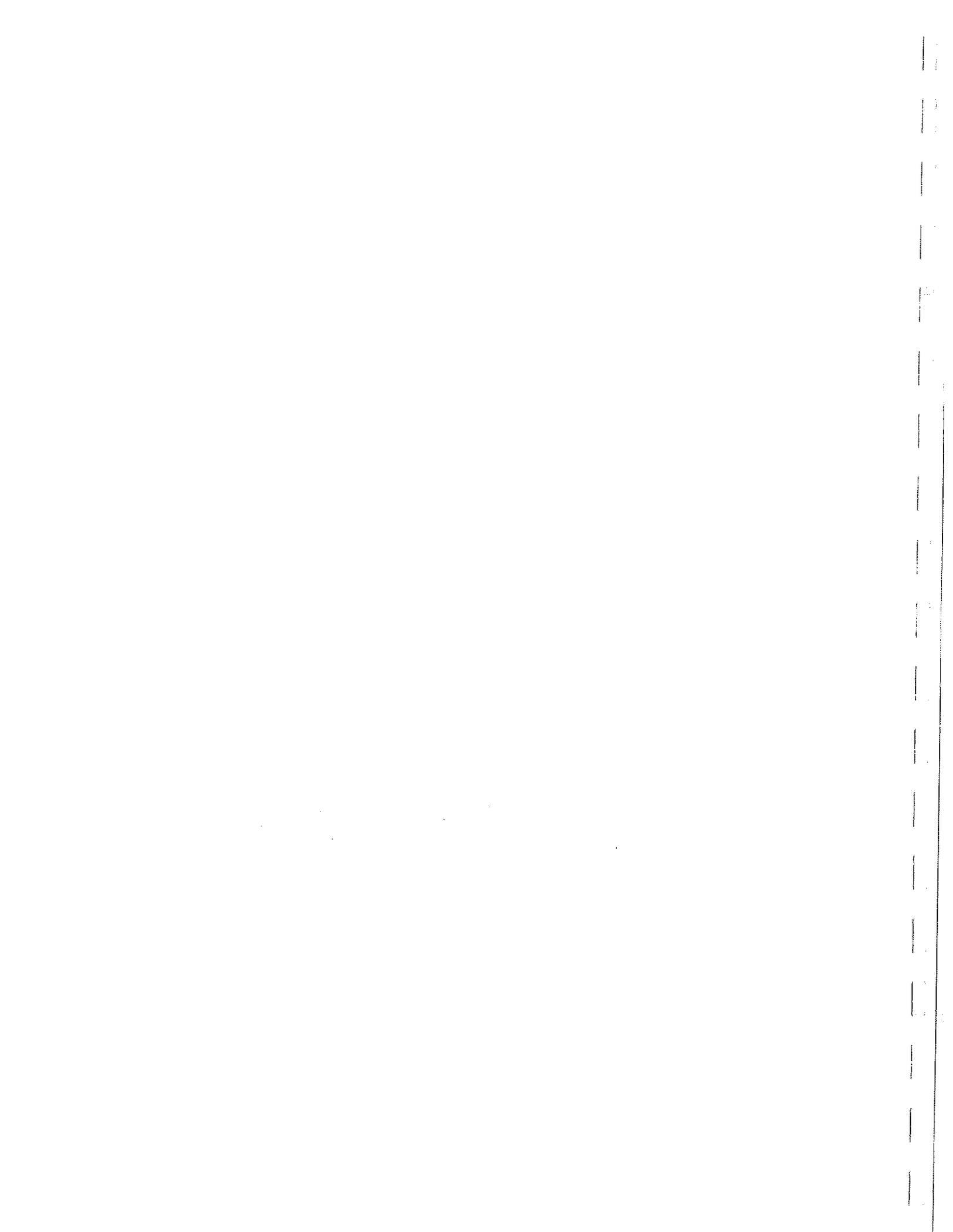


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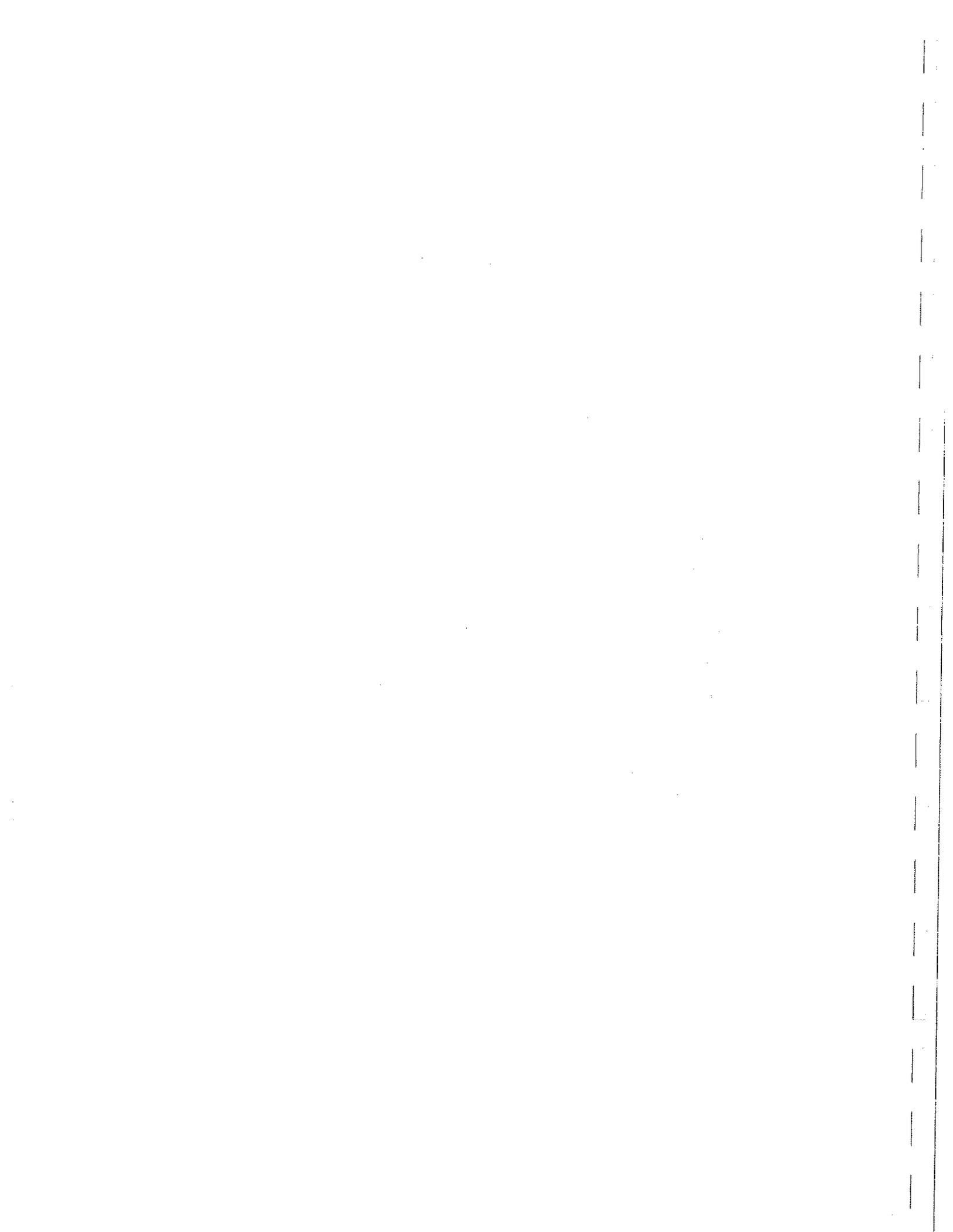
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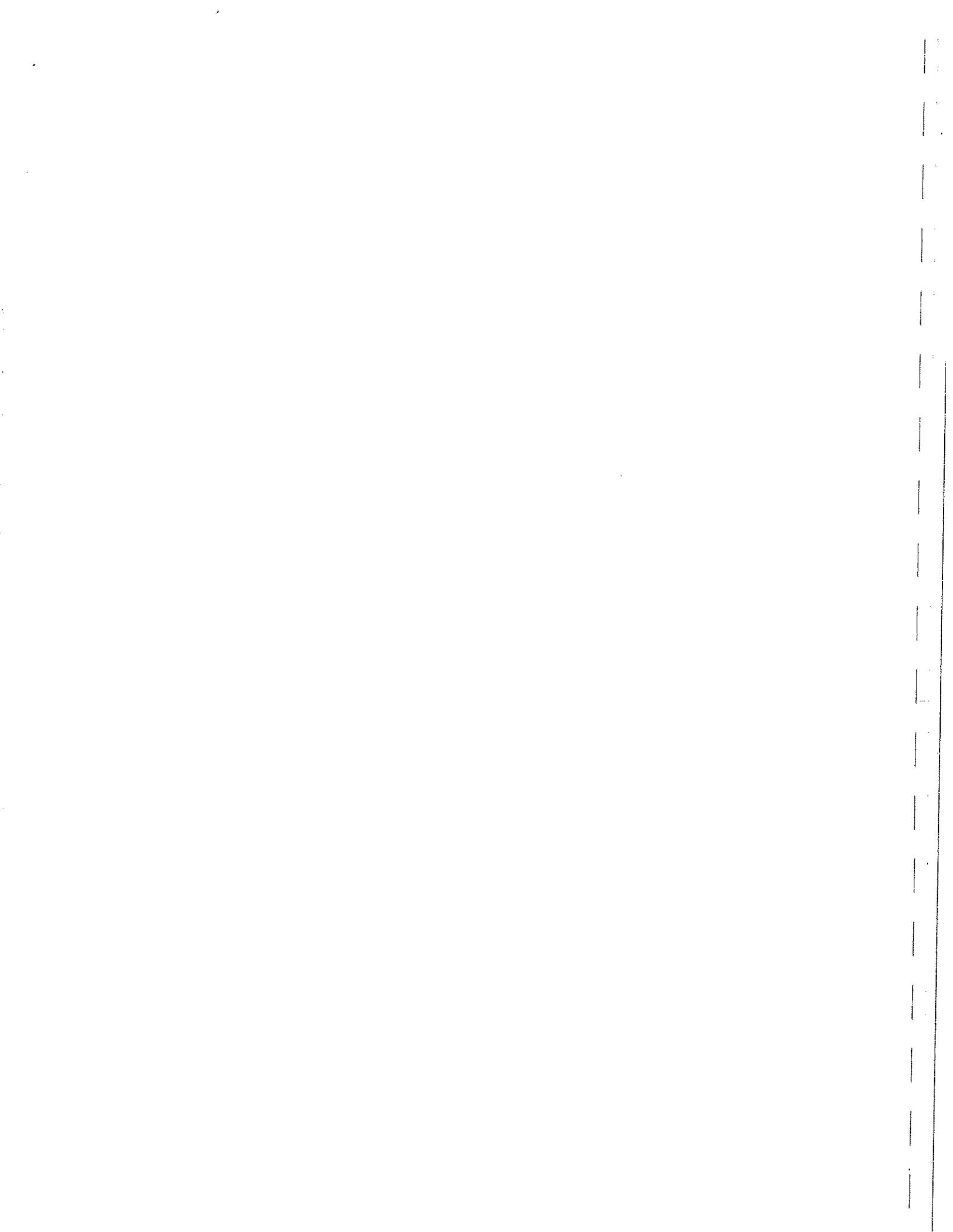
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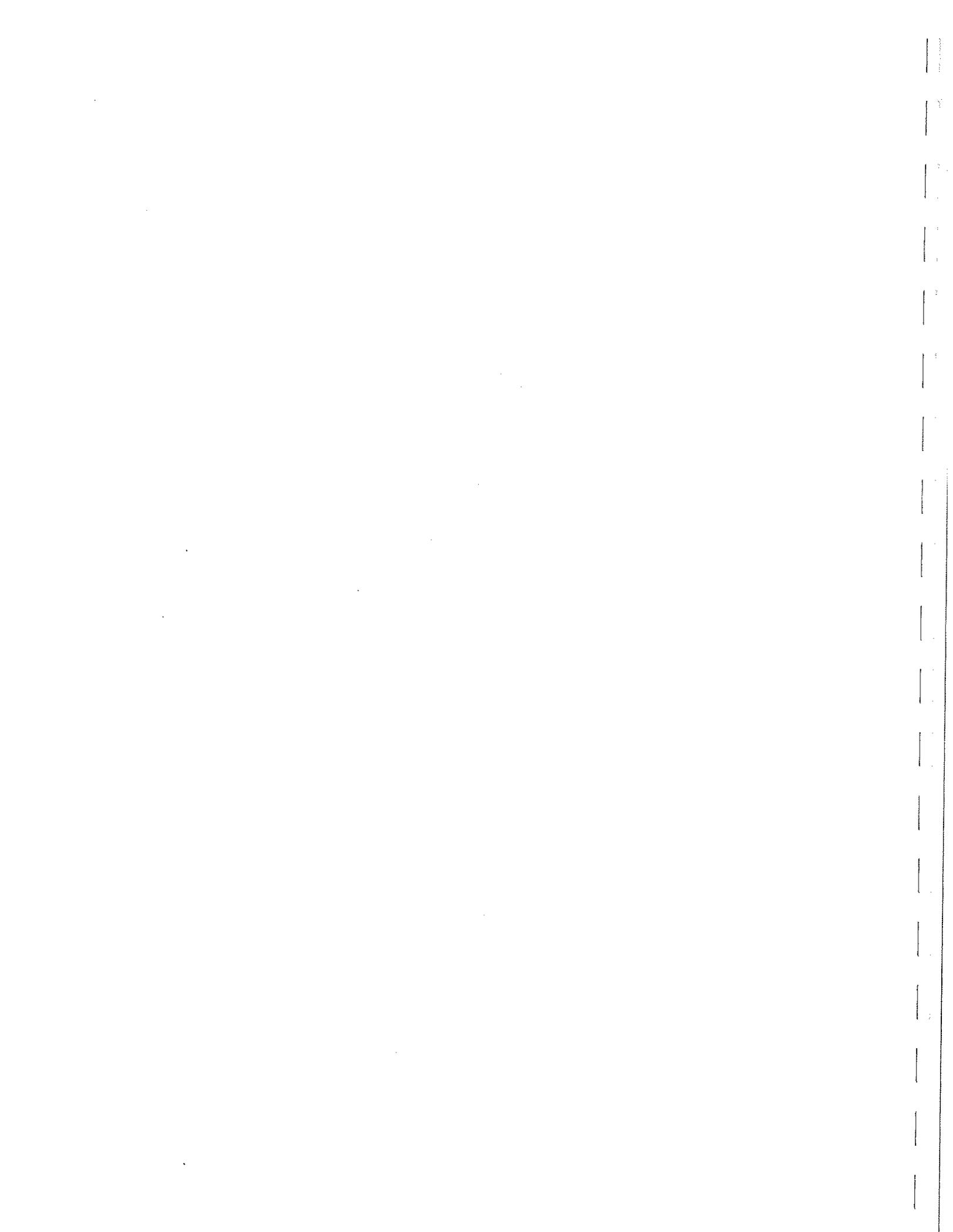
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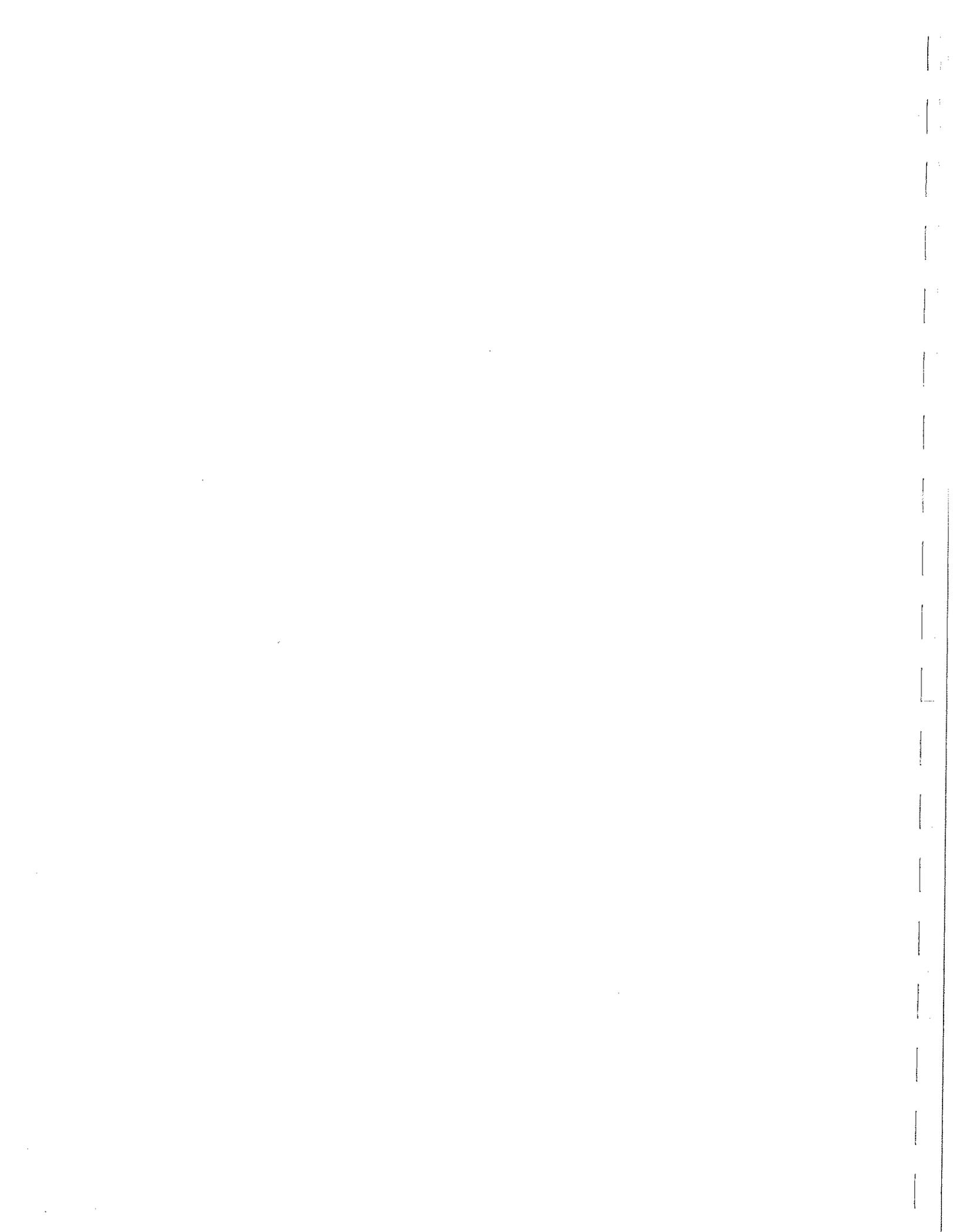
Preface

With the advent of technological advancement, many more hours of leisure time has been created for the majority of the people. It is due to this fact that the major aim of the Recreation Committee is concerned with the provision of facilities, land, personnel, and programs to effectively accommodate the needs of all Middletown residents.

Each person in our community should have access to a wide range of recreational activities. Recreational facilities should be accessible to all segments of our population and should be reasonable in cost. Such facilities and programs should keep the young constructively occupied, satisfy the needs of our senior citizens, and be enjoyed by all families, while simultaneously protecting, enhancing, and effectively utilizing our natural resources.

- Goal 1: To maximize the usefulness of existing physical resources.
- Objective A: Upgrade existing recreational areas through expansion or development.
- Objective B: Utilize untapped natural resources more effectively.
- Goal 2: To establish the administrative means for the improved coordination and execution of all recreation oriented activities.
- Goal 3: Provide for the future physical park and open space needs of the community.
- Goal 4: To emphasize the recreational advantages and facilities of Middletown through the promotion and scheduling of new events and activities.

INVENTORY



Preface

The Recreation function of community life becomes increasingly important as leisure time becomes a more abundant commodity. Opportunities to use leisure time are provided by both public and private agencies. An examination of the abundance of these opportunities and the groups who have access to these opportunities is useful in assessing how well a community provides recreation for its citizens.

The needs of citizens with respect to recreation are influenced by a number of factors, some of which include age, income and education level. It is perhaps impossible to assure that recreation opportunities can be provided to meet all of the individual needs within a community, but it is possible to assure a distribution of recreation activities which will be available to all major groups within the community.

Perhaps more than any other community function, recreation is dependent upon physical facilities. Whether it is the private club, the commercial bowling alley, the public park, the nature trail, or the Senior Citizens recreation center, people are in need of some place to conduct and enjoy recreation activities. Thus it is important to both acquire and develop space for recreation activities.

It is important to assure that as the population of Middletown grows, recreation opportunities also increase on an orderly and planned basis. A framework for recreation planning may be based upon the three major functions of open space: (1) conservation of natural resources, (2) shaping urban development or design and (3) the provision of adequate active and passive outdoor recreation areas.¹

Utilization of open space stretches through a continuum with sightseeing or nature observation at one end of the spectrum and participation in an organized sport at the other end of the spectrum. To provide open space, then, which will benefit Middletown and will assure a wide range of utilization oppor-

1. Open Space Plan for the City of Middletown; Conservation Commission; 1968, p.2.

tunities, the Conservation Commission has adopted the following objectives for each of the functional areas of the open space concept.

1. Conservation

To maintain a balance in nature which will assure:

- . the preservation of culturally significant landmarks and areas
- . the protection of key wetlands
- . the protection of natural drainage ways
- . the protection of areas of potential water impoundment
- . the protection of the quality of water bodies for domestic, industrial and recreation purposes
- . the retention of fish and wildlife refuge areas
- . the provision of hunting, fishing and nature observation
- . the retention of prime agricultural land

2. Urban Development and Design

To assure that a continuous balance of man's sculpture on nature's landscape be the rule, not the exception of daily experience by:

- . Delimiting and defining existing and potential urban concentrations with permanent green areas, thus restricting urban sprawl.
- . encouraging the acquisition or control of areas visually accessible to significant population concentrations in the normal course existence.

3. Recreation

To encourage the development, acquisition, protection and/or retention of areas to serve existing and potential recreation requirements by:

- . coordinating the various levels of government and agencies responsible for the provision of recreation so that unnecessary duplication of facilities will be avoided and

thus assure maximum utilization of the limited funds available.

- . providing encouragement and incentives to the development of privately owned and economically viable recreation areas
- . giving immediate attention to providing and insuring water oriented recreation opportunities; including investigation of the use of water supply reservoirs and watersheds as multipurpose areas
- . development of all proposed elementary and secondary school sites as the focus of neighborhood and area-wide recreation areas; expanded sites will be needed to support these adjunct facilities.
- . locating all recreation facilities, in so far as possible, in or near the center of the population to be served
- . comprehensive planning of recreation facilities to achieve maximum utility of their sites
- . perpetuity of all parks and recreation lands unless full compensation is realized through replacement of sufficient size in appropriate locations
- . harmonious relationships between park and recreation facilities and over-all community development, and between each facility and its immediate environment
- . flexibility within park recreation facility developments as to be adaptable to changes taking place within the community²

2 Ibid., p. 9-11.

Municipal Agencies

A useful framework for examining the three functions of open space is the three components of open space development. For conservation, urban design, and recreation it is necessary to consider the phases of 1) Planning and Acquisition, 2) Development and 3) Utilization. Planning and acquisition for each of the three components of open space encompasses not only the physical planning aspect but also the program planning aspect of open space development. The phase labelled "development" incorporates both physical development of an area and the program development which will utilize a particular facility when the program is implemented. The utilization phase denotes maintenance and use of the three functions of open space.

While open space development is not restricted to purview of municipal or government agencies, the City of Middletown does have a number of agencies which interact at various stages of the development process. The municipal agencies most directly involved in open space development are:

The Conservation Commission

The Commission on the City Plan and Zoning

The Waterfront Development Agency

The Park Department

The Recreation Department

The Park and Recreation Commission

The Senior Affairs Commission

The following chart attempts to show the role which each agency plays in the total open space development process.

UTILIZATION	RECREATION URBAN DESIGN CONSERVATION				■ ■ ■	■	■
DEVELOPMENT	RECREATION URBAN DESIGN CONSERVATION			■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■	■	■
PLANNING AND ACQUISITION	RECREATION URBAN DESIGN CONSERVATION	■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■	■ ■	■	■
	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	CITY PLAN ZONING	WATERFRONT DEVEL. COMM.	PARK DEPARTMENT	RECREATION DEPARTMENT	SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION	

The Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission is a five-member commission appointed by the Mayor. The charge of the Commission is 1) to act as the principal agency of the city in all matters pertaining to the conservation of natural resources, 2) to work for the preservation, conservation and public enjoyment of the lands, woods, fields, waters and open spaces of this community, and 3) to act as the information and educational arm of the city in the area of conservation of natural resources.

The powers and duties of the conservation commission are outlined in the municipal code. They are as follows:

1. To act as the city's planning and coordinating agencies in the conservation of natural resources.
2. To work in close coordination with the Commission on the City Plan and Zoning, the Redevelopment Agency, the Recreation Commission, and other municipal agencies to further the cause of conservation of natural resources.
3. To prepare a comprehensive conservation plan that will insure to the citizens of the city enjoyment of the natural endowments of this community, including but not limited to park lands, wildlife habitats, outdoor recreation areas, scenic attractions, woodlands, marshlands, watersheds, hunting and fishing areas, rivers and streams, ponds, and lakes.
4. To submit to the Common Council recommendations for legislation to sign to protect the natural beauty of this community.
5. To advise the Mayor on all matters of public policy pertaining to natural resources.

6. To explore avenues of state, federal and private financial assistance in the acquisition or development of conservation of outdoor recreation areas and to explore means of acquisition of private land by purchase, lease, gift or bequest or public use by easement for the purpose of public enjoyment of our natural resources.

The Conservation Commission is responsible for the Open Space Plan for the City of Middletown which was adopted in 1968. In addition, this Commission acts as the initiator for all open space acquisition applications made by the City. Before final action can be taken on open space acquisition applications by the Common Council, the application must be presented to the Commission on the City Plan and Zoning to assure consistency with the City's Plan of Development.

The Commission on the City Plan and Zoning

The Commission on the City Plan and Zoning is a five member commission appointed by the Mayor. The Commission's general charge is to assure the orderly development of the city. With respect to recreation, the commission is involved in several major functions.

1. The Commission has prepared a general City Plan of Development for the community
2. The Commission exercises control over land use through its zoning ordinances
3. The Commission is required to pass approval on all land purchases prior to final action by the Common Council. Acquisition applications are reviewed for their consistency with the City's Plan of Development.

It is through these policy decisions, then, that the Commission on the City Plan and Zoning partakes in the Planning and Acquisition function of open space development.

The Waterfront Development Commission

The Waterfront Development Commission is theoretically involved in two components of open space development. The Waterfront Development Commission coordinates its activities in the Planning and Acquisition stage with the Conservation Commission and with the Commission on the City Plan and Zoning. The Water-

front Development Commission would also work in conjunction with the Park Department in the actual development of the riverfront area. The Waterfront Development Commission consists of twelve members appointed by the Mayor. One of the twelve members is also a member of the Common Council and serves in the capacity of Chairman. The duty of this Commission is to initiate and implement in cooperation with the appropriate city agencies plans, specifications and estimates for the full development and beautification of the waterfront area which lies along the banks of the Connecticut River within the corporate limits of the City. It is suggested that these plans include, but not necessarily be limited to, a marina, crew club, docking facilities for visiting boats in the establishment of new park and recreation areas along the riverfront.

The Park Department

The Park Department is one of the most important agencies in the entire open space development process. It must work in conjunction with all of the other agencies since actual physical development and maintenance are usually the charge of the Park Department. The Park Department is responsible for the supervision and control of all grounds, buildings and equipment used for park and recreation purposes. The director of the Park Department, after consulting with the Park and Recreation Commission, may recommend to the Common Council ordinances which are necessary for the regulation and use of park and recreation areas.

The Recreation Department

The main concern of the Recreation Department is the provision of programs for recreation purposes. The Recreation Department must coordinate its efforts with the Park Department for the effective utilization of facilities. The Recreation Department is responsible for the supervision of recreation and athletic programs provided for by the Common Council. All personnel employed for the execution of these programs come under the direction of the director of the Recreation Department. After consulting with the Park and Recreation Commission, the director of the Recreation Department may make proposals to the Mayor and the Common Council with regard to recreational programs.

The Park and Recreation Commission

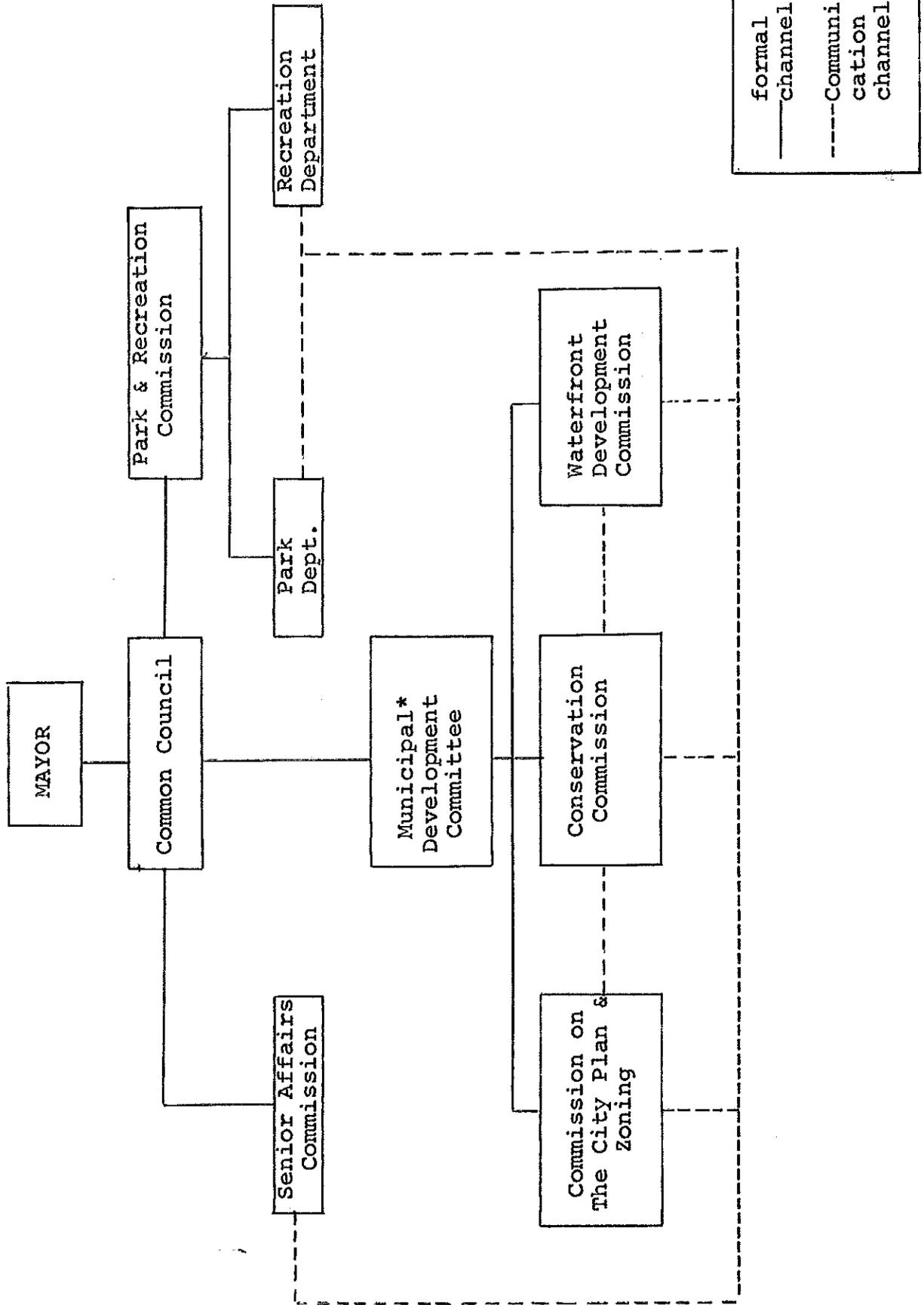
The Park and Recreation Commission consists of five members, four of whom are appointed by the Mayor and one of whom is a member of the Common Council. This Commission serves in the purely advisory capacity to the Park Department and to the Recreation Department. Even though the Commission does serve in a largely advisory capacity, it was granted funds by the Common Council through a bond issue several years ago to coordinate the efforts of the Park Department and the Recreation Department to implement some of the recommendations of the Park and Recreation Improvement Plan developed by the Allen Organization.

The Senior Affairs Commission

The Senior Affairs Commission is appointed by the Mayor and its purpose is to study the conditions and needs of the elderly persons in the community. While the Commission provides many services to the elderly, it makes a significant contribution to the area of recreation.

The following organizational chart attempts to show both the formal and informal aspects of the relationships which exist between the agencies. Not shown on this chart because it is not technically a municipal agency is the Board of Education. The Board of Education plays an active role in all three phases of recreation development. The Board provides recreation opportunities through the schools and through the use of school facilities. In addition, the Board cooperates with the Park Department and with the Recreation Department by making available school facilities.

RECREATION ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



OPEN SPACE INVENTORY

The following pages are an inventory of open space facilities which are located in the Middletown area. An inventory of state owned, public, and private facilities is provided with delineation being given to the function or functions of open space which these facilities serve.

Table No. 1			
Inventory of STATE OWNED FACILITIES			
Facility	Acreage	Major Features &/or Activity	Primary Use
A. Wadsworth Falls	111	Hiking, driving, swimming, pic- nicking, fishing	Conservation and Recreation
B. Dart Island State Park	2	Boating, fishing, picnicking, camping	Conservation and Recreation
C. Cockaponset State Park	198	Nature study, boating, pic- nicking, fishing, camping	Conservation and Recreation
D. Dooley Pond Access	30	Boating, fishing	Recreation
E. Middletown Access	1	Boating, fishing	Conservation and Recreation

Table No. 2
INVENTORY OF MUNICIPAL RECREATION FACILITIES

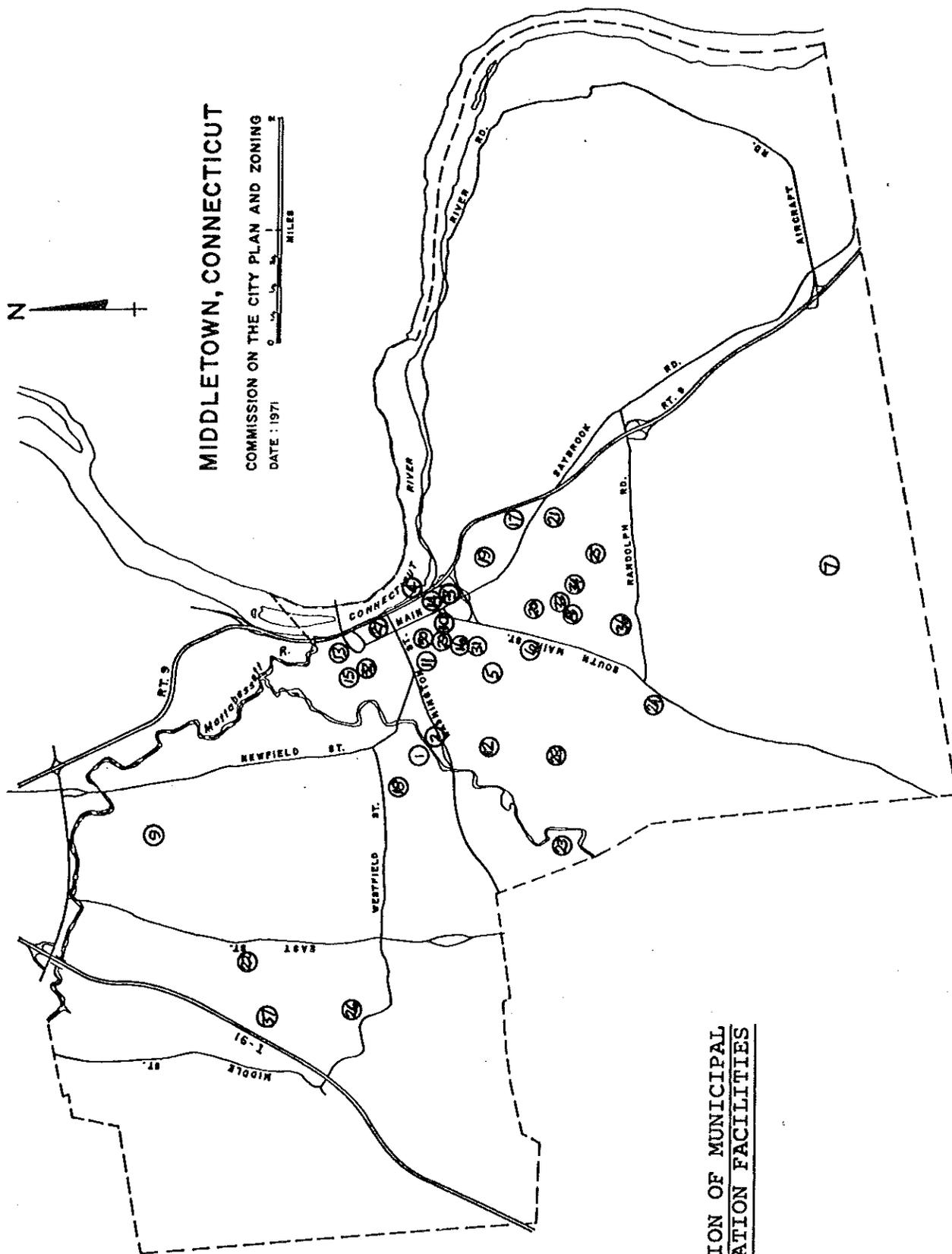
Facility	Acreage	% Developed	Major Features &/or Activity	Primary Use
AREA WIDE				
1 Veterans Memorial Park	39	95	.swimming pool .basketball courts .ice skating .picnicking .archery range .horseshoes .zoo .tennis courts .bocci courts .snow sliding .hiking	Recreation
2 Palmer Field	9	90	.baseball field .softball field .soccer field	Recreation
3 Hubbard Park	5	100	.baseball field .softball field .spectator facilities	Recreation
4 River Front Park	5.5	20	.walking areas .sitting areas .boat launching	Urban Design
5 Pikes Ravine	19	100	.nature study .hiking .ice skating	Conservation
6 Pameacha Pond	23.5	0		Urban Design

Facility	Acreage	% Developed	Major Features &/or Activity	Primary Use
7 Crystal Lake	33	50	.proposed golf course .swimming .picnic facili- ties .field sports	Recreation
8 Pat Kidney Field	14.6	100	.softball field .baseball field .soccer .football .track .tennis	Recreation
9 Newfield Meadows	144.6	0		Urban Design
<u>NEIGHBORHOOD</u>				
10 Union Square	1.3	100	.sitting .viewing	Urban Design
11 Washington Green	3.3	100	.sitting .viewing	Urban Design
12 Butternut Hollow	10.0	0	.play apparatus .viewing	Recreation
13 Roosevelt Field	3.0	20	.play apparatus	Recreation
14 Otis Play- ground	2	100	.basketball .play appa- ratus .turf field	Recreation
15 North End Memorial Playground	2.0	100	.softball field .basketball court .play apparatus .horseshoe courts	Recreation

Facility	Acreage	% Developed	Major Features &/or Activity	Primary Use
16 City School Field	3	0	.football field .running track .basketball .play apparatus .softball .soccer	Recreation
17 Dennison Road Park	3	0		Urban Design
18 Spencer School	7.3	30	.play apparatus .softball field	Recreation
19 Hubbard School	1	100	.play apparatus .softball .basketball	Recreation
20 Eckersley Hall School	.5	100	.play apparatus .basketball court	Recreation
21 Bielefield School	4.6	50	.play apparatus .turf field .basketball court	Recreation
22 Westfield School	1.0	100	.play apparatus .turf field .basketball court	Recreation
23 Staddle Hill Playground	1.0	100	.play apparatus .turf field	Recreation
24 Long Hill School	4.3	15	.play apparatus .basketball court	Recreation
25 Farm Hill School	2	20	.play apparatus .turf field	Recreation

Facility	Acreage	% Developed	Major Features &/or Activity	Primary Use
26 Van Buren Moody School	42.3	6	.basketball court .softball fields .baseball field .football field .apparatus	Recreation
27 St. Sebastian School Area	.15	100	.play apparatus .basketball	Recreation
28 Snow School	16.7	50	.baseball field .football .play apparatus	Recreation
29 Central School	.6	100	.basketball court .turf field	Recreation
30 Middletown High School	0	-		
31 Stillman School	.1	-		
32 Commodore MacDonough School	-	-		
33 Woodrow Wilson H.S.	4.6	100	.basketball .turf field	Recreation
34 Woodrow Wilson Jr. High School	4.5	100	.basketball .turf field	Recreation

Facility	Acreage	% Developed	Major Features &/or Activity	Primary Use
35 Vocational Agricultural School	1	100	.turf field	Recreation
36 Zoar Pond	30.2	-	.viewing	Conservation
37 Westfield Falls	3	-	.viewing	Conservation



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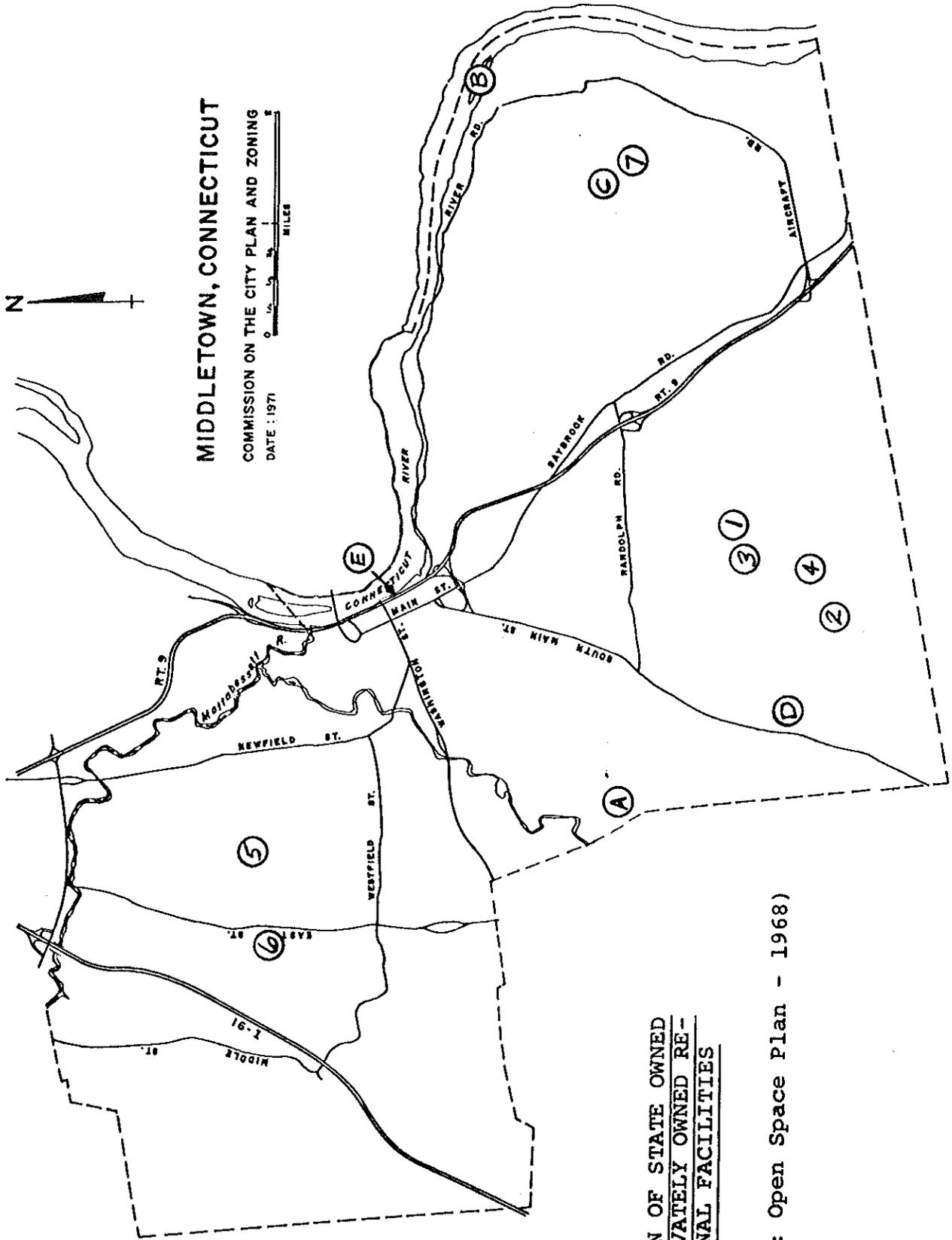
LOCATION OF MUNICIPAL RECREATION FACILITIES

Table No. 3
INVENTORY OF PRIVATE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Facility	Fees		Comm.	Non Comm.	Acreage	Major Features &/or Facilities	Primary Use
	Yes	No					
1 Polish Falcon's Camp	X			X	6	.swimming .turf field .shelter .tennis .lawn games	Recreation
2 Middletown Sportman's Club	X			X	2	.club house .trap range .hunting	Conservation
3 Her-Del Stables	X		X		30	.stables .horseback riding .horse ring	Recreation
4 L.B. Riding Club	X			X	5	.horse ring .picnic area .club house .horse back riding	Recreation
5 Westfield Fish & Game Club	X			X	2000±	.hunting .turkey shoot .field trials	Conservation
6 Camp Poplar	X		X		18	.swimming .arts & crafts .archery .field games	Recreation
7 Polish Club Recreation Area	X			X	13.0	.picnicking .club house .field sports	Recreation

The YMCA is a private recreation resource which deserves special mention. It provides a variety of recreation opportunities, and plans are presently underway to expand both the physical facilities and the scope of programs at the YMCA. Present programs include physical education, a day camp for boys and girls, a resident camp for boys and a club program for boys and girls.

A fund raising drive is underway to finance YMCA expansion. Plans include a new and larger swimming pool, a conversion of the basement into a day care center, and extensive renovations to the present "Y" building.



LOCATION OF STATE OWNED
AND PRIVATELY OWNED RE-
CREATIONAL FACILITIES

(Source: Open Space Plan - 1968)

The Outdoor Recreation Review Commission recommends as a standard that municipalities have ten acres of land for open space per 1,000 people. This ten acres should be distributed on the basis of four acres per 1,000 population for neighborhood facilities and six acres per 1,000 population for areawide facilities. Based upon this standard, the following table attempts to show the existing and future open space acreage needs for the City of Middletown.

Table No. 4

Existing and Future Open Space Acreage Needs*

	Exist- ing Acre- age	Recom- mended Acre- age	Diff- erence from Stan- dard	Recom- mended Acre- age	Diff- erence from Stan- dard	Recom- mended Acre- age	Differ- ence from Stan- dard
Neigh- borhood Acreage at 4a/1000	120	130	-10	208	-88	260	-140
Areawide Acreage at 6a/1000	440	194	+246	315	+125	390	+50
Total Acre- age at 10a/1000	560	324	+236	526	+34	650	90

*Based upon the calculations of the Midstate Regional Planning Agency in their report, Open Space, 1968, pp. 37-39.

One reason that a surplus is shown for areawide open space acreage is that three recently acquired but yet undeveloped sites were placed in the areawide category. These three acquisitions are Zoar Pond, Newfield Meadows, and Westfield Falls. It would seem, then, that some priority should be given to the development of neighborhood open space acreage.

By examining the city on a district basis, making use of the Community Renewal Program study districts, one can see that neighborhood open space acreage is concentrated in three or four of the study districts. The following chart shows the distribution of present neighborhood open space acreage and compares this acreage to the 1970 population of each district. Since 1960 many of these areas have experienced significant development, so where deficits exist on the chart they have probably become more acute and where surpluses exist they may have been considerably curtailed.

Table No. 5

DISTRIBUTION OF MUNICIPAL NEIGHBORHOOD RECREATION FACILITIES

District	Population 1960	Neighborhood Recreation Acreage	Acreage Re- quired at 4 acres/100 Popula.	Acres Sur- plus or Deficit
Westfield & Newfield	3,245	35.0	13.1	+21.9
Staddle Hill	4,135	8.3	16.5	- 8.9
Long Hill	1,775	21.0	7.1	+13.9
North End	5,056	4.7	20.2	-15.5
Central & Central Business	5,263	19.5	21.0	- 1.5
South Farms	3,903	8.6	15.6	- 7.0
Farm Hill	2,325	11.6	9.4	+ 4.5
Crystal Lake	1,732	0	6.9	- 6.9
Maromas	1,470	0	5.9	- 5.9

Based upon a survey conducted by Community Action for Greater Middletown, some data has been obtained concerning the adequacy of recreational facilities in target areas as seen by the residents themselves. A question was asked concerning how satisfactory the residents felt that play areas were in their respective neighborhoods and whether or not they felt that recreation opportunities were adequate. Fifty-nine percent of those in the North End who responded felt that play areas were unsatisfactory and thirty-three percent felt that general recreation opportunities were inadequate. In the South End, sixteen percent of areas were unsatisfactory and twenty-four percent felt that recreation opportunities were inadequate. Long River Village showed thirty percent of the respondents felt play areas unsatisfactory and thirty-four percent felt that recreation opportunities were inadequate. As of September, 1969, then, there seemed to be some need to improve play areas for the North End and a need to improve general recreation opportunities in Long River Village.

Open Space Plans

The Open Space Plan attempts to identify areas which may be available for open space uses and which should be considered as part of an open space acquisition program. The Open Space Plan recommends that every effort should be made to preserve large amounts of open space land. Delays in acquiring available open space land are only complicated by appreciation in land values. The following list of proposals is submitted as part of the Open Space Plan. These proposals are useful for consideration of additional neighborhood open space acquisitions.

Table No. 6
OPEN SPACE PROPOSALS (FROM PLAN OF 1968)

Neighborhood Proposal Number	Suggested Name of Proposal	Primary Use
A-1	Mattabasset - Part I	Conservation
A-2	Old East	Urban Design
A-3	Westswamp Brook	Conservation
A-4	Proposed Elem. School	Recreation
B-2	Fall Road	Urban Design
B-3	Higby Mountain	Conservation
B-4	Old South Hill	Urban Design
B-5	Westfield	Recreation
C-1	East Street Ridge-Part I	Urban Design
C-2	East Street Ridge-Part II	Urban Design
C-3	Saddle Hill	Urban Design
C-4	High School	Recreation
C-5	Coginchaug-Part I	Conservation
D-1	Coginchaug- Part II	Conservation
E-1	West Long Hill	Urban Design
E-2	Pameacha Pond	Urban Design

Neighborhood Proposal Number	Suggested Name of Proposal	Primary Use
E-3	Lockshop Pond	Recreation
F-1	Long Hill Brook Swamp	Conservation
F-2	Coleman Ridge	Urban Design
F-3	Maple Shade (Reynolds)	Conservation
F-4	Dooley Pond	Recreation
F-5	Round Hill	Urban Design
F-6	Kelsey Brook	Conservation
F-7	Crystal Lake - Pt. II	Urban Design
F-8	Proposed Elem. School	Recreation
G-1	Crystal Lake - Pt. I	Recreation
G-2	Chestnut Mountain	Conservation
G-3	Proposed Elem. School	Recreation
H-2	Wilson High School Ext.	Recreation
H-3	Eckersley Playground	Recreation
I-1	Bielefield School Ext.	Recreation
I-2	Farm Hill School Ext.	Recreation
I-3	Sumner Brook Pond	Conservation
J-1	Hubbard School Ext.	Recreation
J-2	Neighborhood Park	Recreation

Neighborhood Proposal Number	Suggested Name of Proposal	Primary Use
K-1	Palmer Field Ext.	Recreation
K-2	Butternut Hollow Park	Recreation
K-3	Neighborhood Park	Recreation
K-4	Stillman School Ext.	Recreation
K-5	Sumner Brook Park	Recreation
K-6	River Front Park	Recreation
L-1	MacDonough School Ext.	Recreation
L-2	North End Park	Recreation
L-3	Miller Street Park	Recreation
L-4	Mattabasset - Pt. II	Conservation
M-1	Bear Hill	Conservation
M-2	Bible Rock	Conservation
M-3	Asylum Res. No. 1	Urban Design
M-4	Asylum Res. No. 2	Urban Design
M-5	State Forest	Urban Design
M-6	Hubbard Brook	Urban Design
M-7	Proposed Elem. School	Recreation
N-1	Highland Pond	Recreation
N-2	Lamentation Mountain	Urban Design
N-3	Snow Hill - Pt. I	Urban Design
N-4	Snow Hill - Pt. II	Urban Design
O-1	Mattabasset - Pt. II	Conservation

The Coginchaug River Valley Greenbelt

The 1969 General Assembly authorized the issuance of bonds to develop a "greenbelt" in the Coginchaug River Valley. The public act states that the proceeds from the bonds are to be used by the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources "for the purposes of acquiring, undertaking, constructing, reconstructing, improving, equipping, purchasing land for buildup or improving sites for the creation of a greenbelt, including a multi-purpose and multi-function park along the Mattabasset River in the Coginchaug River Valley." In addition, the green belt is to be developed to serve the purposes of recreation, flood control, wetlands preservation, development of highway rights-of-way and other compatible and related objectives.

CAPITAL PROGRAMMING

In conjunction with the need for an on-going program of open space acquisition, the Commission on the City Plan and Zoning has estimated capital expenditure requirements for open space acquisition over a six year period from 1969 to 1975. In the Preliminary Capital Improvements Program, provision is made for the acquisition of Highland Pond and of Newfield Meadows, one of which has already been acquired by the City. Dollar allocations for open space acquisitions are as follows:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
1969-70	\$370,000
70-71	150,000
71-72	150,000
72-73	150,000
73-74	200,000
74-75	200,000

Development

As previously mentioned physical development of open space land is usually the responsibility of the Park Department. As a part of the Park Department budget, comparatively little is allocated to the heading of "Park Department." This is due to the fact that the Park Department budget is designed primarily for maintenance of present park facilities. New park development must usually be financed through separate capital expenditures, as was the case when the Common Council authorized bond financing for the implementation of the Park and Recreation Improvement Plan.

The Preliminary Capital Improvements Program makes provision for park development for a six-year period from 1969-1975.

Development costs are anticipated for the Highland Pond area which will include the provision of facilities for swimming, boating, picnicking, parking, playground areas and sanitary facilities. The anticipated development of Zoar Pond provides for parking facilities, piers, boating, picnicking, shelters, sanitary facilities, and extensive gardens. Additional provisions are made for further development of Veterans Memorial Park, Crystal Lake, and the Riverfront Park.

Table No. 7
Estimated Capital Expenditures (in dollars)

Item	1969- 1970	1970- 1971	1971- 1972	1972- 1973	1973- 1974	1974- 1975
Highland Pond	--	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Zoar Pond	25,000	30,000	30,000	--	--	--
Veterans Park- General	1,000	1,000	10,000	10,000	1,000	1,000
Veterans Park Zoo	--	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	--
Crystal Lake General	1,200	2,000	2,000	1,200	1,200	1,200
Crystal Lake - First Aid Station	--	5,000	5,000	--	--	--
Crystal Lake - Special Facilities	--	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	--
Riverfront Park	--	--	25,000	25,000	--	--

Source: Preliminary Capital Improvement Program - 1969

Utilization

The utilization of public open space facilities necessitates that the City provide for the maintenance of such facilities and for the effective use of such facilities. The maintenance of these facilities is the responsibility of the Park Department. Facilities are utilized in both programmed and non-programmed manners. Where programs are provided by the City, they are provided through the efforts of the Recreation Department.

Almost the entire Park Department budget is devoted to the maintenance of open space facilities. The Park Department maintains facilities whose primary use encompasses all three of the functions of open space: conservation, urban design and recreation. Out of a total budget request for the fiscal year 1970, 80.5% (111,100/138,020) was for open space maintenance services. The Park Department employs a full-time staff of ten and hires an additional 21 summer employees. Additional summer maintenance is required due to increased utilization of open space facilities as a result of both programmed and non-programmed activities.

Recreation Activities

The Recreation Department is responsible for the programmed use of open space facilities. The Recreation Department plans and develops programs on a year-round basis which are contingent upon 1) the demand or need for programs as perceived by the department and 2) the availability of facilities. The department operates with a full-time staff of three, ten part-time employees (excluding 40 summer employees). According to the 1969-70 budget request, the following pages provide an inventory of the programs provided by the department.

Program or Activity	Season					Primary Age Group Served				
	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Year Round	School Age	Young Adult	Middle Age	Elderly	All Ages
Easter Egg Hunt				X		X				
J. Fred Martin Run		X				X	X	X		
Dr. Robins Run	X					X	X	X		
AAU Meet	X					X	X	X		
Amby Burfoot Run						X	X	X		
Giza-Kowal Run			X			X	X	X		
Neighborhood Programs					X					X
Misc. Music Program	X									X
Summer Track	X									
Playground Trip	X					X				
Girls' Softball	X					X				
Pat Kidney Day	X					X				
My Idea of Santa Contest			X			X				
Santa Letters			X			X				
Santa Workshop			X			X				
Gifts to Needy Children			X			X				
Halloween		X				X				
Wesleyan Cage Halloween		X				X				
Halloween Paint Contest		X				X				
Retarded Children Program	X					X				
Girst Recreation Program	X				X	X	X			
Boys' Bowling Program		X	X			X				
Veterans Pool	X									X
Crystal Lake	X									X
Crystal Lake Day Camp	X					X				
Recreation Center					X					X
Senior Center					X				X	
North End Playground					X	X				
Physical Fitness					X	X				
Ice Skating			X			X				X
Six-man Touch Football		X				X				
Punt-Pass-Kick		X				X				
Baseball	X					X				X
Long River Village					X	X				
Soccer				X		X				
Archery				X		X	X			
Tennis	X			X			X			X
Summer Basketball	X									X
Radio Program	X					X				
Treasure Hunt	X					X				

Program or Activity	Season					Primary Age Group Served				
	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Year Round	School Age	Young Adult	Middle Age	Elderly	All Ages
Valentine Contest			X			X				
Easter Program (art cont)				X		X				
Recreation Classes (5 schools)		X	X	X		X				
Women's High School Basketball			X				X	X		
L. Ruffino Senior Basketball			X				X	X		
Rogulski Basketball League			X			X				
Scanlon Basketball League			X			X				
CYO Basket ball League			X				X	X		
FL Rand League		X	X				X	X		
Rev. Paul Piechocki Chess Program		X	X			X				
Christmas Basketball			X			X				
Washington Basketball			X			X				
Grade School Basketball			X			X				
Volley Ball					X					
Summer Outings	X					X				

To summarize, then, there are several aspects of the inventory of which it is worth taking note.

1. The Conservation Commission has established open space objectives for the City of Middletown.
2. It is important to assure an orderly program of open space acquisition for the city.
3. The Open Space Plan provides an inventory of possible open space acquisitions.
4. Some priority should be given to developing neighborhood open space facilities.
5. A capital improvements program or budget is essential to insure open space development.
6. Efforts must be made to assure that the Park Department and Recreation Department will expand in conjunction with increased open space opportunities in Middletown.
7. The inventory of present open space facilities and recreation programs must be examined to assure an even distribution of open space opportunities throughout the year and for all segments of the community.

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PROCESS AND PARTICIPATION

The CDAP Recreation Advisory Committee began its first meeting on October 29, 1969. By late May 1971, it had approved a Final Work Plan consisting of some two dozen action programs designed to improve recreational opportunities for all Middletown residents.

Much of the research for the various programs was gathered from past reports compiled through private consultants previously contracted by the city, or by such agencies as Midstate Regional Planning. Additional data used to construct the Final Work Plan was compiled by the staff by a myriad of other sources - public and private organizations, municipal departments and personnel, reference books, etc.

Meeting #1: This was a brief opening meeting to establish future meeting times and places.

Meeting #2: At this meeting a chairman and a secretary were chosen prior to a general discussion of the goals formulation process. The Committee constructed a list of areas to explore. These were broken down into two major categories: Needs, and Improvements to Existing Facilities.

Meeting #3: It was decided to involve the Park and Recreation Departments in the process by asking their respective directors to be on the Committee. The Chairman drew up a tentative goals statement which was discussed. (See Attachment #1).

Meeting #4: The director of the Park Department was invited to speak to the Committee. The ensuing discussion mainly focussed on open space - the existing and future needs of the city, and possible ways of filling the need.

Meeting #5: This meeting was spent with eleven young people representing the Mayor's Youth Council. The Council's main concern was a youth center. Members of the Committee generally agreed that such a center was needed, but that it would probably be easier to be funded for a civic center which included a youth center.

Meeting #6: After a summer hiatus, the Committee reconvened to continue the development of the action plan. A new chairman was selected (due to the resignation of the previous one) and the group continued their work on the goals and objectives statement, in order to eliminate any overlap and inconsistency. The committee entered into discussion about the provision of recreational facilities for senior citizens.

Meeting #7: The revised goal statement was discussed with several modifications being made. There followed a discussion regarding the best method of developing specific programs. It was decided that each member should draw up a list of possible programs for discussion and refinement at the next meeting.

Meeting #8: The committee discussed at length the process of developing specific programs based upon established goals and objectives. Most present felt that it was necessary to be aware of the existing deficiencies before what an optimal situation would be like with regards to recreation. Since the committee felt most comfortable in developing programs and pin-pointing problem areas, it was decided to proceed on that basis.

Meeting #9: The Chairman distributed a document which listed, in terms of priority, the needs of the community with respect to the Park Department (see attachment #2). This list was discussed, along with a verbal report from the Director of Recreation.

Meeting #10: Further program input was provided by several Committee members (the most notable being several pages of program suggestions submitted by the former Chairman - see attachment #3). The Committee asked the staff to prepare a Program Draft, based on the available information.

Meeting #11: There was general discussion of the draft presented by the staff, which was then engaged to draft a Final Work Program to be used as a frame by the Committee.

Meeting #12: The Committee approved the holding of a public forum April 1, 1971. There was some discussion regarding the Final Work Plan Draft.

Meeting #13: There was further talk of the Public Forum and considerable discussion regarding the Work Plan. Several modifications to the document were made at this time. Although only a handful of people showed up at the Public Forum, some useful suggestions were made at that time, resulting in several new programs and several important modifications in existing ones. Based upon the results of the public forum and on the strength of staff members meeting with individual committeemen and interested citizens, final modifications were made to the Work Program. The revised package was then approved by the Committee and subsequently presented and approved by the CDAP Agency.

ATTACHMENT #1RECREATIONPreface

The advent of technological advancement has created several hours of leisure and recreation for thousands of Middletown residents. It is due to this expressed fact that the general goal of the Recreation Advisory Committee be the provision of facilities, land, personnel and programs to effectively accommodate the needs of all Middletown residents.

Each person in our community should have access to a wide range of recreational activities. Recreational facilities and programs adequate to satisfy individual and group needs should be accessible to all and reasonable in cost. Such facilities and programs should keep the young constructively occupied, satisfy the needs of our senior citizens and be enjoyed by families.

The economic, social and cultural traits of all Middletown residents should be considered in the implementation of recreational programs. Urban and rural distribution of these programs is another major consideration.

The protection, effective utilization and enhancement of our natural resources must be effectively appraised and implemented.

Goals

To summarize, the goals of the Recreation Advisory Committee are:

1. To provide facilities, land, personnel and programs to effectively accommodate the needs of all Middletown residents. To assure that each person in the community has access to a wide range of recreational activities; and, to consider the economic, social and cultural traits of all Middletown residents in the implementation of recreational programs.
 - a. To execute the open space plan for the City of Middletown which reflects the future need of land for public use.
 - b. To provide adequate recreational facilities in areas of residential concentration.
 - c. To further greater cooperation between the educational system, both public and private, in the consideration of prospective land acquisitions and effective utilization of educational facilities for recreational purposes.

- d. To encourage greater cooperation between Middletown, Wesleyan and Middlesex Community College for continued use of college facilities for recreation.
 - e. To beautify and properly equip and maintain all facilities used for recreation.
 - f. To encourage continued cooperation between the Park and Recreation Departments.
 - g. To adopt procedures for effectively employing personnel to maintain and supervise recreational land and facilities for the benefit of all residents.
2. To assure that facilities and programs are reasonable in cost for individuals and groups.
 - a. To assess and evaluate existing recreational facilities and programs for the more effective use of our residents.
 - b. To organize a supplemental fund which would encourage contributions for special recreational activities.
3. To provide facilities and programs which keep the young constructively occupied, satisfy the needs of our senior citizens, and are enjoyed by families.
 - a. To develop effective and adequate programs and facilities for Middletown's teenagers.
 - b. To develop effective and adequate programs and facilities for Middletown's elderly.
 - c. To encourage state and national athletic contests and tournaments to select Middletown as a place of competition for the enjoyment of Middletown and area residents.
4. To provide protection for, effective utilization of, and enhancement of our natural resources.
 - a. To utilize the natural recreational value of the Connecticut River to its greatest potential.

ATTACHMENT #2

Report to

CDAP RECREATION COMMITTEE
(Submitted by Jack English)

The following is a report of the priorities as set up by the Allen Park and Recreation Improvement Plan for Middletown dated September, 1964. Aside of each listing is the status of the listed priorities.

#1. ACQUISITIONS

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| a. Highland Pond | Not yet acquired. |
| b. Staddle Hill | City has purchased playground site in Staddle Hill area (approximately three acres). |
| c. High School Addition | Nothing done |
| d. Neighborhood Center
(7-10 acres in vicinity of Camp Washington and Westfield Street) Play area. | The Common Council in 1970 rejected the transfer of approximately 3 acres in this area from Monarch Builders. |
| e. Neighborhood Center
(7-10 acres in vicinity of Millbrook Road, Randolph Road, Prout Hill Road and Marguerite Rd. | No attempt made to acquire in this area but area approximately 1/4 to 1/2 mile away (Zoar Pond) has been acquired. |
| f. Farm Hill School Addition | Addition has been made but little improvement in development of outdoor area. |

#2. NORTH END MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND - Total Development

Land acquired and almost all of the proposals met. However because of lack of programs, all of the facilities have not been used to their potential. It is now proposed that some of these facilities be removed to try and provide other types of program.

#3. VAN BUREN-MOODY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Total Development

The proposals for the development of this area included baseball and soccer fields, softball diamonds, archery range, etc. Work accomplished has been the setting up of a school and a pre-school

playground area, basketball court and a little league diamond. Far short of recommendations but improvements on what was there originally.

#4. PIKES RAVINE

About 80% of recommendations followed through.

Eckersley Hall - as recommended
Otis Playground - as recommended
Washington Green - as recommended

#5. BUTTERNUT HOLLOW - Total Development

Major developments recommended. Improvements include lighted ice skating area, playground area and children's fishing pond.

#6. FARM HILL SCHOOL - Total Development

Recommendations include acquiring 5 acres of land-tennis courts, basketball, court, midget baseball and swimming pool complex. Only playground apparatus has been increased.

#7. SPENCER SCHOOL - Total Development

Now in process of completing development following most of the recommendations of report.

#8. PALMER FIELD - Total Development

Now about 90% developed. Most of recommendations followed and much added such as lighting system and buildings (beyond the recommendation of the report.)

#9. KIDNEY FIELD AND WOODROW WILSON HIGH SCHOOL

Several improvements made. No new land acquired as recommended. Kidney Field 100% developed.

#10. CRYSTAL LAKE - Total Development

Gradually being developed with changes from original design being governed by finances and terrain. Major omission was Par 3 nine hole golf course on insistence of Park Board members. Approximately 60% developed.

There were eleven other priorities listed on the Allen report but only the first ten have been listed here. Some of these were followed through as suggested and others were only completed to a certain point due to cost or later suggested substitutes.

As to present needs for the City of Middletown in the line of Park facilities, I would list:

1. Acquisition and development of Highland Pond area. (through open space). This area has been suggested to the Conservation Commission as a top priority.
2. Acquisition of the Palmer Shop property demolition of the present building and the connecting of the property with Veterans Park with another bridge such as the present one across the river.

As I know there will be a recommendation for a Community Center, this facility could be built on this land by raising the building about 8 feet above the present land level. The space underneath could be utilized for garage space or some similar use. There would be a complex then of some 56 acres for recreation use. With this purchase, any recommended improvements to Palmer Field could be made.

Close Factory Street in the area of the field and build a covered horseshoe grandstand around home plate.

3. As an alternate or even an addition, I would recommend the acquisition of the Coleman lot to further increase the size of this major recreation complex.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WATERFRONT PARK

Starting at the foot of Green Street, the narrow belt going south should be cleaned up, graded and landscaped to provide a Park Area. Immediate steps would include the area from Green street to the Tomasso Plant. Then the small area between Tomasso and the Valley Oil could be developed and third the area from Valley Oil to Silver Street.

This Park line would be a passive park area with no organized sport activities. Access would be from any point along Water Street. A more suitable area would include the Tomasso and Valley properties but because of the finances and location needs of both companies it would be impractical to include these properties in this plan.

ATTACHMENT #3

Items for consideration by the advisory committee as submitted by Norman Daniels.

Goal 1.

Objective A: Elderly projects underway at Main and Williams and (2) on Newfield Street.

- Programs:
1. Shuffleboard courts - very popular in Mid-West.
 2. Swim time made available at Walnut Grove and/or other town swim facilities.
 3. Card parties, tournaments
 4. Educational trips
 - a. Hiking trips (wild flowers)
 - b. Theater
 - c. Sporting events

Objective B: Public Education System

- Programs:
1. Basketball, softball, volleyball, swimming, scuba, etc.
 2. Use of auditoriums for plays, movies, lectures for all age groups.

Private Institutions:Wesleyan

1. Swim, tennis, tournaments, hockey
2. Special events (encourage return of Halloween party.)
3. Arts and crafts

Parochial Schools:

- Programs: 1. Same as public schools
2. Interleague competition

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- Programs: 1. Interleague competition in sports.
2. Exchange notices and information on lectures, movies (coordinate in dates etc.)

Wesleyan Hills - Golf Clubs in area

- Programs: 1. Same as public schools
2. Encourage establishment courses in Recreation Management and supervision into the curriculum.
a. Could lead to trained personnel for summer recreation programs.

Objective C:

- Programs: 1. Live flowers and shrubs around present facilities.
a. Walnut Grove
b. Make center at river front more attractive
c. Look for elderly people to help to care for gardens; possible under federal program.
2. Same for other parks and playgrounds.
a. Elderly people might like to help develop this program as a project.
3. Cover Veterans Memorial Pool

Objective D: Harbor Development

- Programs: 1. Encourage Federal Government to extend consideration of National Park beautification along Connecticut River to Middletown (Ribicoff article stated Haddam).
2. Marina along Middletown waterfront.
3. Encourage regatta, races, canoeing, boating.

Objective E:

- Programs: 1. Soccer, baseball, hockey, lacrosse, tennis.

Objective F:

- Programs: 1. Plan a community recreational center (centrally located possibly Palmer Field - Veterans Park Area).

Objective G:

- Programs: 1. Indoor hockey arena need proven by use of Wesleyan facility by Middletown community.

Goal 2.

Objective B:

- Programs: 1. Jones fund money was left for needy. Look carefully into requirements and take advantage for needy people.

Goal 3.

Objective A: Probably Harbor development portion of Objective D under Goal 1 should be in this Goal.

- Programs: 1. Study State Federal Government for help under this goal CDAP people could help.

Objective B:

- Programs: 1. Recreation Director along with Recreation Commission study carefully the space needs in light of population concentration. (Apartment houses and private home, industrial development, etc.)



PROGRAM

- Goal 1: To maximize the usefulness of existing physical resources.
- Objective A: Upgrade existing recreational areas through expansion or development.
- REC 1-1: Development of Zoar Pond.
 - REC 1-2: Develop landscaped plaza on elderly housing site.
 - REC 1-3: Plan and develop various riversideside attractions.
 - REC 1-4: Upgrade facilities at Crystal Lake Park.
 - REC 1-5: Provide facilities at Westfield Falls.
 - REC 1-6: Acquire Palmer Shop Property.
 - REC 1-7: Plant flowers and shrubs at existing park facilities.
- Objective B: Utilize untapped natural resources more effectively.
- REC 1-8: Assignment of priority in the development of Middletown's river area with regards to state and federal funding.
 - REC 1-9: Preparation of pedestrian walkway system.
 - REC 1-10: Develop hiking and bicycle trails.
- Goal 2: To establish the administrative means for the improved coordination and execution of all recreation oriented activities.
- REC 2-1: Establish the Park and Recreation Commission as the central coordinating body in the realm of recreation and open space.
 - REC 2-2: Establish courses in recreation and management and recreation supervision at Wesleyan and Middlesex Community College.
 - REC 2-3: Retain research personnel.
 - REC 2-4: Appoint personnel to coordinate the use of educational facilities.
 - REC 2-5: Implement a survey and analysis of the recreational needs of Middletown residents.

Goal 3: Provide for the future physical park and open space needs of the community.

REC 3-1: Establish a Community Center.

REC 3-2: Acquisition and development of Highland Pond Area.

REC 3-3: Acquisition of open space property along East Street.

REC 3-4: Create an outdoor ice skating facility.

Goal 4: To emphasize the recreational advantages and facilities of Middletown through the promotion and scheduling of new events and activities.

REC 4-1: Organize a "River Day," replete with regatta, canoeing, boating, and other river activities.

REC 4-2: Encourage greater activity in the arts and crafts via classes and displays.

REC 4-3: Establish weekly program of concerts and live music.

REC 4-4: Schedule a series of Educational-Recreational trips.

REC 4-5: Schedule city tournaments in as many different sports as possible.

EXPLANATION OF PRIORITY CODE

The letter indicates the relative importance placed on each program by the advisory committee as follows:

- A - essential
- B - important
- C - desirable

The numerical rating is indicative of the time period for proposed implementation:

- 1 - designates program to be initiated before completion of Phase I CDAP in June 30, 1971.
- 2 - designates program to be initiated between July 1, 1971, and June 30, 1973 .
- 3 - designates program to be initiated between July 1, 1973 and June 30, 1975.
- 4 - designates program to be initiated beyond July 1, 1975.

ACTION CODE: REC 1-1

FUNCTION: Recreation

COMPONENT: Human Resource

PROGRAM: Development of Zoar Pond.

PURPOSE: Recently the City of Middletown, with the assistance of HUD and the State of Connecticut purchased the 30-acre tract known as Zoar Pond. Presently this area is undeveloped; however, its usefulness can be maximized with the addition of the following items: parking facilities, picnic and fishing facilities, shelters, sanitary facilities, and gardens. Hopefully, the gardens can be developed and maintained through the senior citizens or similar groups. Since interest in skating has been rising in the last year or so, the pond, as a skating facility should be more than seriously considered.

STEPS: 1. Submit application for Open Space funds through the Department of Housing and Urban Development - application to be prepared by City Plan staff through Mayor's office.
2. Upon approval of application, preparation of detailed plans and project bidding on applicable items, to be coordinated by Park Department.
3. Installation of parking areas and utility lines by city crews as local share of developmental cost.

WHEN: 1972-1973

PRIORITY: B-2

BY WHOM: Mayor, Park Department, City Plan staff.

COSTS & FINANCIAL RESOURCES: \$35,000. Local share to be generated by installation of several items using city crews.

ACTION CODE: REC 1-2

FUNCTION: Recreation

COMPONENT: Human Resource

PROGRAM: Develop landscaped plaza on elderly housing site.

PURPOSE: This program is planned to be supportive of the low-income, elderly housing project now under construction at Main and William Streets in the central business district. It is estimated that \$50,000 will be required to provide the necessary landscaping, furniture and appropriate sculpture to serve both Main Street's beautification needs and sitting areas for elderly residents and Main Street pedestrians.

STEPS: 1. Prepare and submit application for Urban Beautification funds to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
2. Upon approval of funds prepare detail plans; project bidding.
3. Project execution with the local share generated through the installation of paving and the installation of applicable items by city crews.

WHEN: 1972

PRIORITY: A-2

BY WHOM: Redevelopment Authority, Housing Authority.

COSTS & FINANCIAL RESOURCES: \$50,000 using Urban Beautification funds; local share to be provided by city crews in installation of certain items.

ACTION CODE: REC 1-3

FUNCTION: Recreation

COMPONENT: Physical and Human Resource

PROGRAM: Plan and develop various riverside attractions.

PURPOSE: The Connecticut River is one of Middletown's most important and underused assets. Riverside attractions would serve two main purposes: first, they would establish and preserve visual ties between the heart of the city and the river, perhaps catalyzing a general trend of increased river usage. In order to make the waterfront a more useful area the following items are deemed necessary: bulkheading along the city-owned property abutting the Connecticut River for a distance of 700 feet (\$110,000); a pre-fabricated pedestrian overpass spanning Acheson Drive and a single track of the Penn-Central Railroad (\$100,000); landscaping of the project area; the provision of curbing, fencing shelters, sanitary facilities and the like.

STEPS: 1. Preparation and submission of application for Urban Beautification Funds to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
2. Upon approval of funds preparation of detailed development plan and project bidding.
3. Project execution with the local share of the project being generated by the provision of finished parking areas, walkways, and the rehabilitation of city structures within the project area.

WHEN: 1973-1974

PRIORITY: B-3

BY WHOM: Harbor Improvement Agency; Park Department, Municipal Development Committee.

COSTS & FINANCIAL RESOURCES: Total project cost \$250,000. Local share to be generated by city crews.

ACTION CODE: REC 1-4

FUNCTION: Recreation

COMPONENT: Human Resource and Physical

PROGRAM: Upgrade facilities at Crystal Lake Park.

PURPOSE: The Crystal Lake Park area is currently developed with beaches, swimming facilities and areas for game play and picnics. The Park Department has indicated two items necessary in order to complete the development in this area. They are: a pavilion (\$2,700) and a water recycling system, (approximately \$20,000) to relieve seasonal stagnating conditions resulting from insufficient flows into the lake.

STEPS: 1. Prepare application for Urban Beautification Funds for pavilion to Department of Housing and Urban Resources.
2. Upon approval of funds, erect pavilion using Park Department crews.
3. Authorization of funds to purchase and install a water recycling system.

WHEN: 1972-1973

PRIORITY: Step 1: B-2; Step 3: B-3

BY WHOM: Park Department

COSTS & FINANCIAL RESOURCES: Cost of pavilion \$2,700 to be purchased through Urban Beautification Funds; cost of water recycling system to be paid by city.

ACTION CODE: REC 1-5

FUNCTION: Recreation

COMPONENT: Physical

PROGRAM: Provide facilities at Westfield Falls.

PURPOSE: The City of Middletown several years ago, purchased a three-acre area known as Westfield Falls, located between I-91 and Miner Street. This site is undeveloped; unimproved off-street parking is available for only several vehicles. In order to make this area available to more persons, the committee recommends that additional land be secured adjacent to the area for parking and sanitation facilities, and that fencing be provided adjacent to the falls as a safety measure since the slopes are rather precipitous. In addition, several picnic tables and barrels could be provided.

STEPS: 1. Prepare application for acquisition for additional land for "Open Space" funds to Department of Housing and Urban Development and Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

2. Upon approval of application, acquisition of land and development of modest facilities to complement falls area.

WHEN: 1972-1973

PRIORITY: B-2

BY WHOM: Conservation Commission, Municipal Development Committee.

COSTS & FINANCIAL RESOURCES: Land acquisition and development should not exceed \$30,000. Cost to be offset by federal and/or state funds. Local share as in-kind in the provision of developmental features.

ACTION CODE: REC 1-6

FUNCTION: Recreation

COMPONENT: Physical

PROGRAM: Acquire Palmer Shop property.

PRUPOSE: Acquisition of this parcel is important, as it is vital in the future development of Palmer Field. There have been past recommendations that a horseshoe covered grandstand be built for the field, but the successful execution of this project is contingent upon the acquisition of Palmer Shop property.

- STEPS:
1. Obtain authorization for local share by Council.
 2. Apply for purchase funds through HUD.
 3. Simultaneous to steps 1 and 2 have Park and Recreation Departments draw up plans for development.
 4. Apply for development funds through HUD (upon authorization from Council for local share).
 5. Build horseshoe grandstand.

WHEN: 1974-1975

PRIORITY: C-4

BY WHOM: Plans and research accomplished by Park and Recreation Departments - applications made by Municipal Development Commission.

COSTS & FINANCIAL RESOURCES: To be determined - City budget, in-kind contribution in the form of planning and development manpower via Park and Recreation Departments/state and federal funds. Acquisition - \$375,000. Demolition - \$75,000. - Grandstand - \$250,000.

ACTION CODE: REC 1-7

FUNCTION: Recreation

COMPONENT: Human Resource

PROGRAM: Plant flowers and shrubs at existing park facilities.

PURPOSE: Although the Park Department has done an excellent job of upkeeping existing facilities, all could be made more beautiful by the additional planting of flowers and shrubs. Planting projects could be conducted by senior citizens, having the additional purpose of providing a pleasant, useful, non-strenuous means of expression for a too-often-forgotten segment of our population.

STEPS: 1. Park Department to develop plans for planting.
2. Senior Affairs Commission to organize members and non-members to conduct projects (either in groups or singly).
3. Buy flowers and tools.

WHEN: Begin 1972

PRIORITY: C-2

BY WHOM: Senior Affairs Commission and Park Department.

COSTS & FINANCIAL RESOURCES: Minimal - Park Department budget, donations of flowers and/or tools by private sources.

ACTION CODE: REC 1-8

FUNCTION: Recreation

COMPONENT: Economic - Physical - Administrative

PROGRAM: Assignment of priority in the development of Middletown's river area with regards to state and federal funding.

PURPOSE: In order for the National Park Service to effectively preserve the natural resources of the Gateway Unit, as outlined in Senate Bill S.36, action must be initiated at least along the fourteen miles of the Connecticut River from the Gateway Unit to Middletown, or possibly farther. In the report, New England Heritage, several activities were recommended for this segment of the river. These included the acquisition of scenic easements, expansion of existing state parks, adoption of zoning ordinances by local communities which encourage preservation of the landscape, and local open space acquisitions. The report states: "These actions, plus the establishment of the Gateway Unit, will result in an intergrated complex of federal, state, and local efforts that will conserve the entire estuarine area of the river.

Middletown's most logical role will be that of an activity hub to service the Gateway Unit. Only through coordinated planning of the river from Middletown south to I-91 can we expect to accomplish the objectives of the Gateway Unit. Implementation of a plan would require federal technical assistance to state, regional and local agencies; grant-in-aid for local and state open space acquisitions, including scenic easements; and financial assistance for developments which are compatible and in conformance with a coordinated plan.

- STEPS:
1. Municipal Development Committee familiarize itself with S.36 (sponsored by Senator Ribicoff) and H.R. 145 (sponsored by Representative Steele).
 2. Recommend to Common Council that they explore various means of expanding these bills as described above (perhaps forming a coalition of lobby group).
 3. Have someone (or group) represent and present Middletown's case at the summer hearings in Washington.

WHEN: 1971

PRIORITY: A-1

BY WHOM: Municipal Development Committee - Common Council
(Department of the Interior through the National Park Service).

COSTS & FINANCIAL RESOURCES: None other than transportation, perhaps, to Washington - not applicable

ACTION CODE: REC 1-9

FUNCTION: Recreation

COMPONENT: Administration

PROGRAM: Preparation of pedestrian walkway system.

PURPOSE: The underlying purpose of the pedestrian walkway system (or plan) is that walkways can be created linking resident areas with centers of community interest, such as schools, without reliance on the rigid movements that are dictated by sidewalks. The primary advantage of such a system is that the flow of children from schools is removed from the vehicular right-of-way. Furthermore, this approach to inter-community circulation can be a vital step toward the preservation of ridges and valleys in the implementation of a community open space and pathway system. A portion of this system could be comprised of discontinued railways.

STEPS: 1. Preparation of pedestrian walkway system by the City Plan staff.
2. Adoption of system as part of the Plan of Development by Commission on City Plan and Zoning.
3. Implementation and acquisition of appropriate open space through the granting of easements for public usage and the requirements for subdivision approval.

WHEN: 1971-1972

PRIORITY: B-2

BY WHOM: Commission of City Plan and Zoning.

COSTS & FINANCIAL RESOURCES: None for plan preparation; open space funds to be applied for if available.

ACTION CODE: REC 1-10

FUNCTION: Recreation

COMPONENT: Human Resource

PROGRAM: Develop hiking and bicycle trails.

PURPOSE: As hiking becomes increasingly popular, it becomes increasingly important to develop trails and rights-of-way other than those used by motorized traffic. The Mattabasset Sewer District Trunk line right-of-way, which extends between New Britain and the Connecticut River, offers an excellent opportunity for hiking and bicycling.

STEPS: 1. Park and Recreation Commission petition Midstate Regional Planning to initiate discussions with the various right-of-way for bicycling and hiking.
2. Commitments from those communities involved to provide minimum amenities (e.g., benches, rest areas, trash baskets, etc.).

WHEN: 1973-1974

PRIORITY: B-3

BY WHOM: Midstate - Mattabasset Sewer District - Park and Recreation Commission.

COSTS & FINANCIAL RESOURCES: \$1,500 outlay for each community along right-of-way - to be budgeted from general fund.

ACTION CODE: REC 2-1

FUNCTION: Recreation

COMPONENT: Administrative

PROGRAM: Establish the Park and Recreation Commission as the central coordinating body in the realm of recreation and open space.

PURPOSE: In any town the size of Middletown (both in land area and in population) there is an essential need for the coordination of activities and programs in the realm of recreation. There are a variety of competent agencies and commissions which deal with this subject, but due to the absence of an overall coordinating body, efforts are inconsistent and/or duplicated, and inefficiency results. It is our purpose to develop an agency to act as the central clearinghouse for information and programs dealing with recreation for presentation to the Common Council. The Park and Recreation Commission is ideal for this since it already has many links with various recreationally involved organization, and has Common Council representation.

STEPS: 1. Assign lines of communications as shown in the accompanying diagram; e.g., periodic meetings, verbal and/or written presentations at Park and Recreation Commission meetings.
2. Assign responsibility to the Park and Recreation Commission of presenting recommendations to the Council from these organizations.

WHEN: 1971

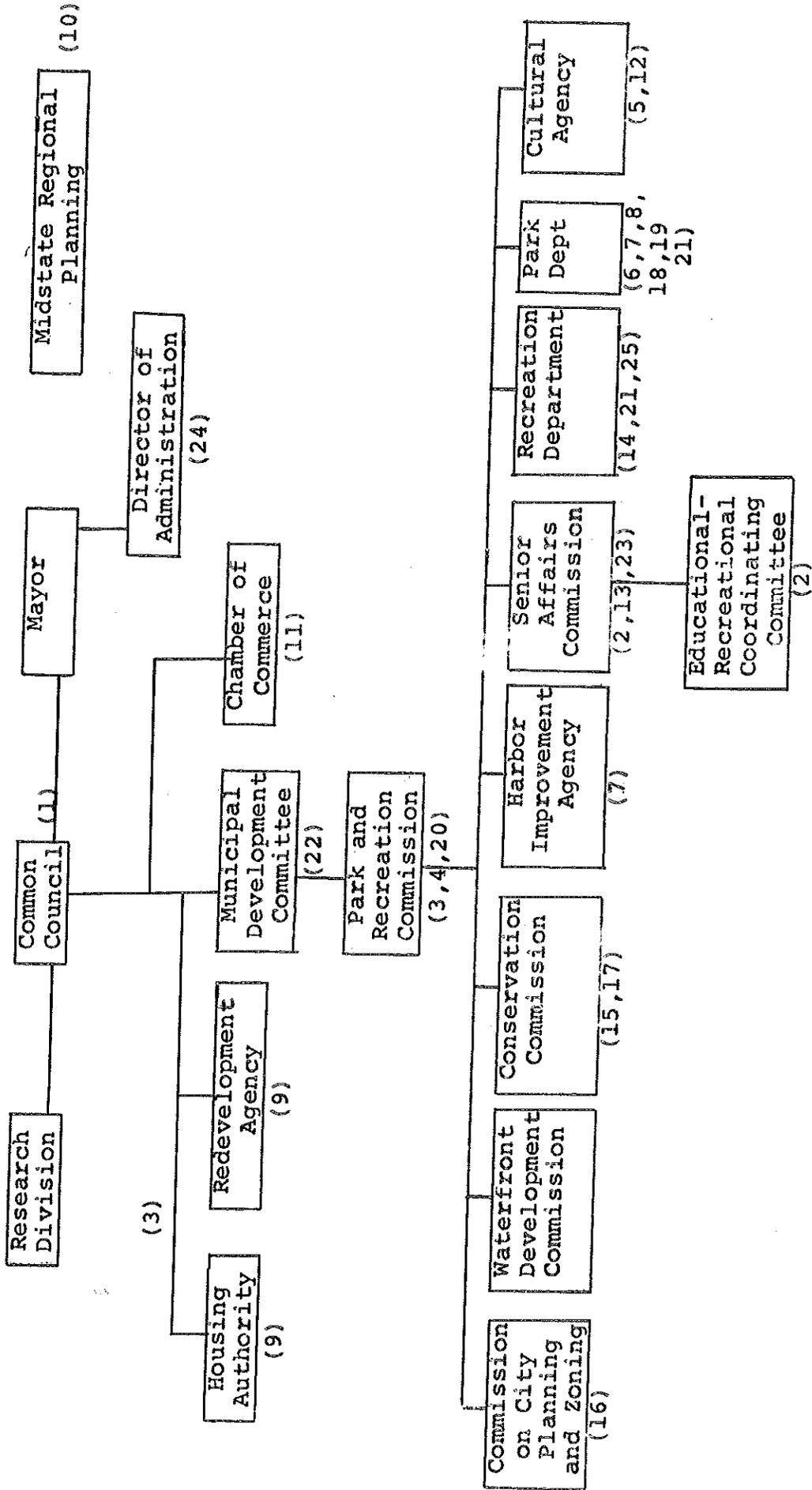
PRIORITY: A-2

BY WHOM: Common Council action in the form of a strong recommendation to the various organizations involved.

COSTS & FINANCIAL RESOURCES: Not applicable

Proposed Network of Minimal Communications

(Numbers in parentheses refer to primary involvement and/or responsibility of bodies for the various programs)



KEY TO CHART

1. Establish the Park and Recreation Commission as the central coordinating body in the realm of recreation and open space.
2. Appoint personnel to coordinate the use of educational facilities.
3. Implement a survey and analysis of the recreational needs of Middletown residents.
4. Establish courses in Recreation Management and Recreation Supervision at Wesleyan and Middlesex Community College.
5. Establish a community center.
6. Upgrade facilities at Crystal Lake Park.
7. Plan and develop various riverside attractions.
8. Create an outdoor ice skating facility.
9. Develop landscaped plaza on elderly housing site.
10. Develop hiking and bicycle trails.
11. Organize a "River Day" replete with regatta, canoeing, boating, and other river activities.
12. Encourage greater activity in the arts and crafts via classes and displays.
13. Schedule a series of Educational - Recreational trips.
14. Schedule city tournaments in as many different sports as possible.
15. Provide facilities at Westfield Falls.
16. Preparation of a pedestrian walkway system.
17. Acquisition of open space property along East Street.
18. Develop Newfield Meadows.
19. Develop Zoar's Pond.
20. Acquisition and development of Highland Pond area.
21. Acquire Palmer Shop property.
22. Assignment of priority in the development of Middletown's river area with regards to State and Federal funding.
23. Plant flowers and shrubs at existing park facilities.
24. Hire researcher whose job it will be to uncover available State and Federal funds and to execute appropriate applications.
25. Establish weekly programs of concerts and live music.

ACTION CODE: REC 2-2

FUNCTION: Recreation

COMPONENT: Human Resource

PROGRAM: Establish courses in recreation management and recreation supervision at Wesleyan and Middlesex Community College.

PURPOSE: To date, there are no courses being offered in these subject areas in Middletown. Highly knowledgeable and trained personnel are essential as recreation management becomes increasingly important and complex. Park and Recreation Department directors, we feel, should have such training in the future.

STEPS: 1. Park and Recreation Commission make formal recommendations to Wesleyan and Middlesex Community College for the establishment of said courses in their curriculums.
2. Park and Recreation Departments to each establish two job slots for students enrolled in these courses (perhaps work-study).
3. Park and Recreation Commission to develop a set of job specifications for student slots and directorships of Park and Recreation Departments.

WHEN: 1972-1973

PRIORITY: B-2

BY WHOM: Park and Recreation Commission

COSTS & FINANCIAL RESOURCES: About \$5,000 (four jobs at an average of \$25/week for 50 weeks). Park and Recreation Departments budget.

ACTION CODE: REC 2-3

FUNCTION: Recreation

COMPONENT: Administrative - Economic

PROGRAM: Retain research personnel

PURPOSE: The city should have someone on its staff to uncover available state and federal funds and to assist in the coordination and execution of appropriate applications. Many park and recreation programs.....outside aid. Such a person might well work through the Mayor's office in order to be in a position to coordinate the Park Department, Harbor Improvement Agency, Planning Commission and Municipal Development Committee. This position might well be tied into the staff requirements of the Common Council and Councilmanic Committee and as such might deal with grantsmanship on a larger scale.

STEPS: 1. Create job position and title (Personnel Board - Common Council).
2. Hire personnel.

WHEN: 1972-1973

PRIORITY: B-2

BY WHOM: Common Council

COSTS & FINANCIAL RESOURCES: \$10,000/yr. salary to be appropriated annually.

ACTION CODE: REC 2-4

FUNCTION: Recreation

COMPONENT: Administrative

PROGRAM: Appoint personnel to coordinate the use of educational facilities.

PURPOSE: Maximizing the recreational use of Middletown's many school facilities is a major first step in satisfying the leisure time needs of our community. To date there is no person or group assigned the responsibility of doing this job. Though the job itself is not particularly stressful, and is highly flexible in its mode of operation, it can be extremely time consuming. These factors suggest that volunteer assistance may be utilized. These persons should have close liaison with the Recreation Department.

STEPS: 1. In the scheduling of activities the Senior Affairs Commission should undertake the responsibility of forming a senior citizen volunteer coordinating committee.
2. Assign these persons adequate space and a telephone to perform their duties. (Ultimately the base of operations should be within the Community Center).
3. The next step is to inventory current use to determine its extent and type. Then, explore the possibilities of expanding any constraints outward. A list of the various school facilities amenable to free-time activities should be made so that a time-use chart could be constructed.

WHEN: 1971-1972

PRIORITY: B-2

BY WHOM: Senior Affairs Commission (with guidance from Recreation Department).

COSTS & FINANCIAL RESOURCES: Use space within old police station until Community Center is secured. \$200 per year for telephone and other expenses.

ACTION CODE: REC 2-5

FUNCTION: Recreation

COMPONENT: Administrative

PROGRAM: Implement a survey and analysis of the recreational needs of Middletown residents.

PURPOSE: In order to satisfy the needs of a community, it is necessary to first know what needs exist - as perceived by the people. By use of a simple and inexpensive survey (consisting of about a dozen items) a fairly accurate assessment can be made of what residents like to do with their free time and what the constraints are that limit such activity. Middletown residents, to our knowledge, have never been asked what their free-time preferences were. Also, a list of available recreational resources should be compiled for public use.

STEPS: 1. Prepare questionnaire and methodology.
2. Conduct survey.
3. Analyze and make formal report to Park and Recreation Commission.
4. Construct recreational resource list.
5. Distribute list which includes addresses and phone numbers to contact for information.

WHEN: 1973

PRIORITY: A-3

BY WHOM: Research agency, as proposed by Economic Development Committee. Students in the area could, perhaps, do such work for course credit. Park and Recreation Commission would be responsible however.

COSTS & FINANCIAL RESOURCES: Staff time of researcher and/or volunteer time plus materials - about \$400 in all. Proposed research agency budget, special city allocation, volunteer services.

ACTION CODE: REC 3-1

FUNCTION: Recreation

COMPONENT: Physical

PROGRAM: Establish a Community Center

PURPOSE: One of Middletown's foremost needs is a place where residents of all age, racial, and ethnic groupings can meet to engage in a variety of activities - a place where those with an artistic inclination can find facility and instruction (the latter optional) to express themselves - a place where wide range of recreational activities are held - a place where people meet and interact with other people on a casual basis.

- STEPS:
1. Development of community support for center by Cultural Agency.
 2. Acquisition and renovation of existing building in downtown area having a minimum area of 10,000 square feet, with at least one large hall for exhibitions and shows. Explore the possible use of the old Middletown High School building for a center. This may be an ideal site as it is in the downtown area, has many rooms, a gymnasium and an auditorium.
 3. Staffing for programs of art instruction from personnel of local art organizations and institutions of learning.
 4. Staffing for instruction and supervision of recreational programs.
 5. Overall supervision and control of center by Cultural Agency.

WHEN: 1974

PRIORITY: A-3

BY WHOM: City of Middletown, as to physical facility; Cultural Agency to operate.

COSTS & FINANCIAL RESOURCES: To be determined. Acquisition and renovation - local, state, and federal grants for community facilities. Programs to be mostly self-supporting, but with some municipal support in order to involve disadvantaged. Operation costs such as rent, heat, and light, to be borne by city.

ACTION CODE: REC 3-2

FUNCTION: Recreation

COMPONENT: Physical

PROGRAM: Acquisition and development of Highland Pond area.

PURPOSE: Highland Pond has the potential of being one of Middle-towns's most important recreational resources. It lends itself toward use both as an active and passive park. Swimming, fishing, boating, baseball, tennis, and even par-three golf facilities can be constructed without too much difficulty. Picnicking, hiking, and just plain sightseeing are simultaneous possibilities.

In 1964 the Allen Report recommended that Highland Pond Area be given top priority for development. In 1968 the Open Space Plan (developed in cooperation with the Conservation Commission and the Commission of City Planning and Zoning) gave the area a top priority. The application for acquisition, though prepared, was never filed. In early 1971 a study was completed for the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Once again the area was recommended for acquisition.

As originally proposed in 1968, the site is 78 acres in size and involves four parcels of land. It is important that a site be secured on the westerly side of I-91 to provide the necessary open space needs which will be generated through future development in that area. Since this site is adjacent to the proposed interchange of I-91 it would also serve to buffer the area from the types of development which normally accompany expressway interchanges. Perhaps the most important aspect of the area is its multiple use characteristic.

STEPS: 1. Approval by Common Council for submission of application to HUD and Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources authorization for local share.
2. Purchase of lands upon approval of application.
3. Submit application to Department of Housing and Urban Development of site including authorization for local share.

WHEN: Steps 1 and 2 - 1973 or 1974; Step 3 - beyond 1975.

PRIORITY: Step 1: A-3; Step 3: A-4.

BY WHOM: Park and Recreation Commission/Municipal Development Committee.

COSTS & FINANCIAL RESOURCES: Acquisition - \$300,000-\$400,000 development - to be determined. State, federal and city funds.

ACTION CODE: REC 3-3

FUNCTION: Recreation

COMPONENT: Physical

PROGRAM: Acquisition of open space property along East Street.

PURPOSE: All indications point to a rapid growth of the Westfield portion of the City. The residential expansion together with the development of the I-91 industrial park and the promise of an interchange at Country Club Road, ensures the need for deep concern. A traditional center of Westfield at the intersection of Miner and East Streets is located between the existing Route 72-I-91 interchange and the proposed Country Club interchange. It becomes only logical, then, to seek potential open space land in this vital area before development, or commitment, of all desirable sites or before land values become too exorbitant. The Conservation Commission has long expressed interest in a 18.9 acre property on the southwest corner of East Street and Miner Street (Bundy property), and would urge its purchase for open space purposes.

STEPS: 1. Negotiate with owner concerning availability of property.
2. Preparation and submission of application for federal and/or state aid in purchasing property.
3. Upon approval of application, purchase of open space land.

WHEN: 1973

PRIORITY: B-3

BY WHOM: Conservation Commission, Common Council, Municipal Development Committee.

COSTS & FINANCIAL RESOURCES: To be determined - open space funds to be applied for.

ACTION CODE: REC 3-4

FUNCTION: Recreation

COMPONENT: Physical

PROGRAM: Create an outdoor ice skating facility

PURPOSE: In 1971 approximately 20,000 people used the Wesleyan skating facility. As more time is made available to fill student needs, less time is left for public use. A relatively inexpensive outdoor facility can be constructed to help fill a growing demand, by damming a creek at intervals, thereby creating a series of shallow ponds.

STEPS: 1. Acquisition of three or four acres in a suitable creek area (a parcel of land near Xavier High School seems particularly promising).
2. Preparation of plans for development.
3. Provision of dams, benches, and lights for skating.

WHEN: 1973

PRIORITY: B-3

BY WHOM: Park Department

COSTS & FINANCIAL RESOURCES: \$8,000 open space funds to be applied for. 50% local share would be the provision of parking and the installation of dams.

ACTION CODE: REC 4-1

FUNCTION: Recreation

COMPONENT: Economic - Human Resource

PROGRAM: Organize a "River Day," replete with regatta, canoeing, boating, and other river activities.

PURPOSE: The Connecticut River offers the possibility of a wide variety of participant and spectator sports and activities. The "Middletown section" is especially suitable for crew - quite possibly being able to meet national tournament specifications. A city-wide promotional effort, in the form of a River Day, could be an enormously effective catalyst, orienting people's thinking toward the River and presenting a small sample of the things that are possible. By doing this in conjunction with our neighbor, Portland, mutual benefits would increase manifold. Beside accomplishing the primary purpose of increasing the awareness of Middletown's residents with respect to the potential uses of our river, an important secondary effect would be the getting together of the community in a common activity; and a tertiary benefit, not to be overlooked, is the boost to retail trade and economic development resulting from the re-establishment, in Middletown, of the Connecticut River as an economic drawing card.

STEPS: 1. Chamber of Commerce to investigate various other communities' approaches to similar projects.
2. Chamber to draw up plans for such an activity and execute the necessary promotional projects.
3. Chamber to contact Portland and determine the feasibility of a joint project.

WHEN: 1975

PRIORITY: A-3

BY WHOM: Chamber of Commerce.

COSTS & FINANCIAL RESOURCES: To be determined: City/private sources/fund-raising efforts organized by Chamber.

ACTION CODE: REC 4-2

FUNCTION: Recreation

COMPONENT: Administrative - Human Resource

PROGRAM: Encourage greater activity in the arts and crafts via classes and displays.

PURPOSE: Arts and crafts provide an excellent opportunity for all types of people to express themselves. The flexibility and variety of the various arts and crafts result in virtually everyone being able to find an activity that is suitable to their particular needs.

STEPS: 1. Establish community center.
2. Secure instructors and supervisors for classes and activities in the arts and crafts.
3. Hold periodic displays where the public can view and/or purchase the artists' products.

WHEN: 1972 (displays and classes could be held when and where convenient, until completion of the Community Center.)

PRIORITY: B-2

BY WHOM: Cultural Agency (as proposed by the Culture Committee)

COSTS & FINANCIAL RESOURCES: To be determined. Budget of Cultural Agency/city and private funds.

ACTION CODE: REC 4-3

FUNCTION: Recreation

COMPONENT: Physical - Administrative

PROGRAM: Establish weekly program of concerts and live music.

PURPOSE: One of the main functions of recreation is to enable diverse people to come together through the sharing of a common, enjoyable activity. Music still remains as one of the best vehicles for achieving this goal. During the warm season concerts could be held outdoors in a variety of locations - South Green, existing (and later, the proposed) parks, ball field (e.g., Palmer, Pat Kidney) - offering people of all ages some place where one could meet friends and new people, have a picnic, or just relax in the sun and music. This would provide an excellent opportunity for nascent groups, just getting started, to perform before a live audience. During inclement weather, high school and other auditoriums could be used. Seats are not even necessary as many successful concerts have been held with the audience bringing their own blankets to sit on. A broad cross section of musical tastes could be covered - popular, country, classical, jazz, ethnic, etc.

- STEPS: 1. Organize volunteer committee from Wesleyan and MCC students to work with Recreation Department in scheduling concerts and raising money for any expenses.
2. Draw-up tentative schedule as soon as possible.
 3. Publicize project as much as possible.

WHEN: 1972-1973

PRIORITY: B-2

BY WHOM: Recreation Department to organize total project through volunteer committee - various forms of aid to be solicited from local schools, businesses, the city, and other groups and organizations.

COSTS & FINANCIAL RESOURCES: To be determined - Much of this program could be carried out through donations, contributions of service, and the budgets of Recreation Department and City of Middletown (and possibly, Park Department); thereby allowing many concerts to be free to the public. When necessary, fees could be used to defer the expense of groups charging rates that transcend the coordinating committee's ability to raise money. Any extra money gathered from such fees, not spent on that particular event, would be used at the next one, possibly turning a fee-concert into a free-concert. Musicians' Union also has special national monies which are turned back to local unions for use with respect to free concerts. This money (about \$1,000) is matched by local communities.

ACTION CODE: REC 4-4

FUNCTION: Recreation

COMPONENT: Human Resource

PROGRAM: Schedule a series of Educational-Recreational trips.

PURPOSE: Trips such as hiking and observing wild flowers, birds, geological items of interest, etc., are a reflective and pleasant method of learning. School time could be made more enjoyable by such trips; recreation could be made more enriching.

STEPS: 1. Senior Affairs Commission Education-Recreation Co-ordinating Committee to meet with various area schools for input and to use material from Project Discuss.
2. Said committee to schedule trips that may be used by the public as primarily recreational or primarily educational.
3. Inform public through news media and schools.

WHEN: 1971 - 1972.

PRIORITY: B-2

BY WHOM: Senior Affairs Commission via proposed coordinating committee.

COSTS & FINANCIAL RESOURCES: To be determined. Self-supporting fee basis with provisions made for economically disadvantaged.

ACTION CODE: REC 4-5

FUNCTION: Recreation

COMPONENT: Administrative-Human Resource

PROGRAM: Schedule city tournaments in as many different sports as possible.

PURPOSE: Tournaments are an excellent way to acquaint people with new activities, and also serve the purpose of entertaining and bringing together residents. Set up properly, and sponsored by businesses, city tournaments can also serve a promotional function in stimulating retail trade. Tournaments should be set up as to involve as many residents as possible from as many backgrounds as possible.

STEPS: 1. Recreation Department construct list of possible activities amenable to tournament play, with special emphasis on the novel and unusual.
2. Enlist the aid of businesses or other organizations as sponsors, possibly creating a "Tournament Week."
3. Run as many activities as possible in the proposed Community Center.

WHEN: 1973-1974

PRIORITY: B-3

BY WHOM: Recreation Department possible aid from Chamber of Commerce.

COSTS & FINANCIAL RESOURCES: To be determined. Recreation Department budget; city grants; private contributions.

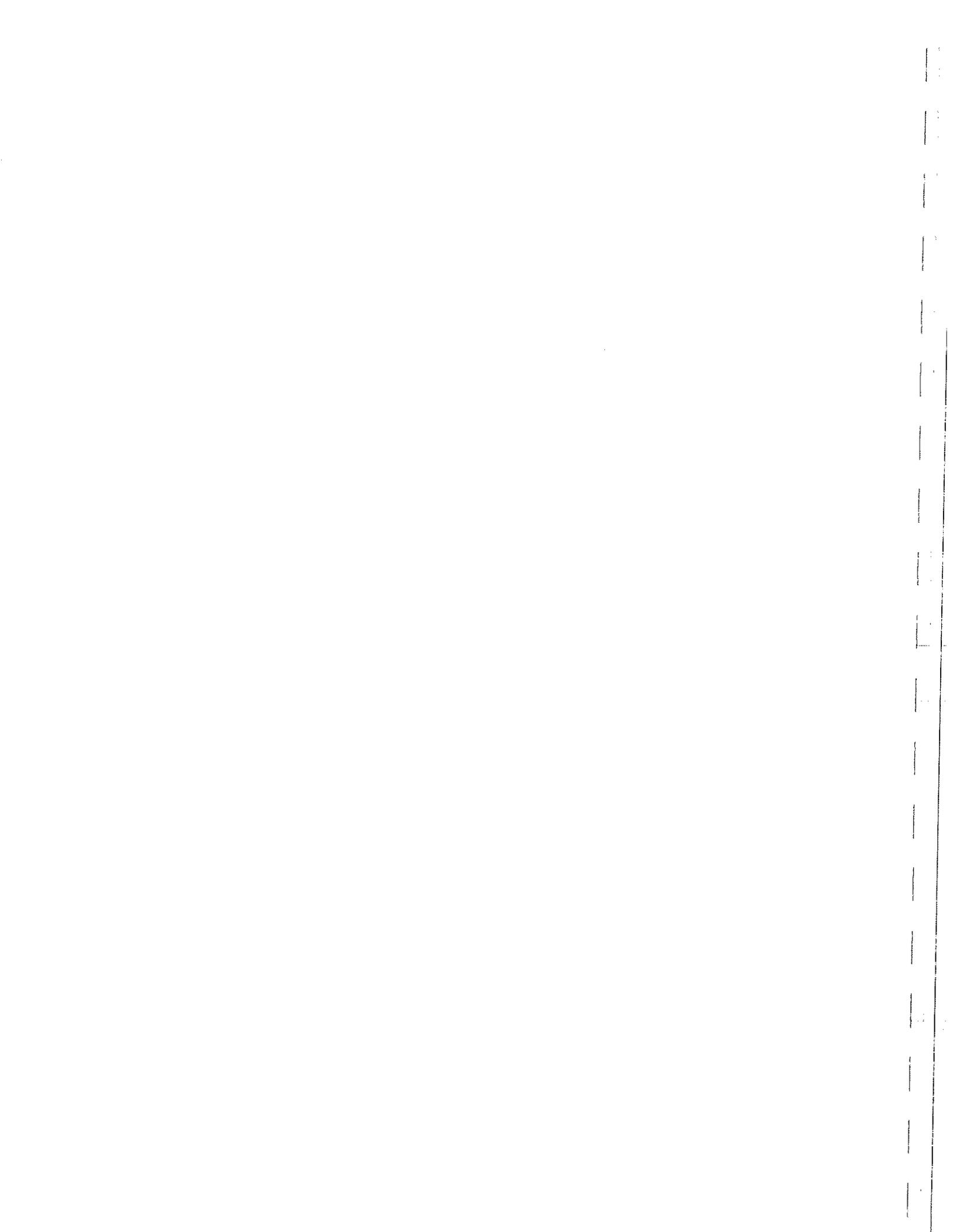
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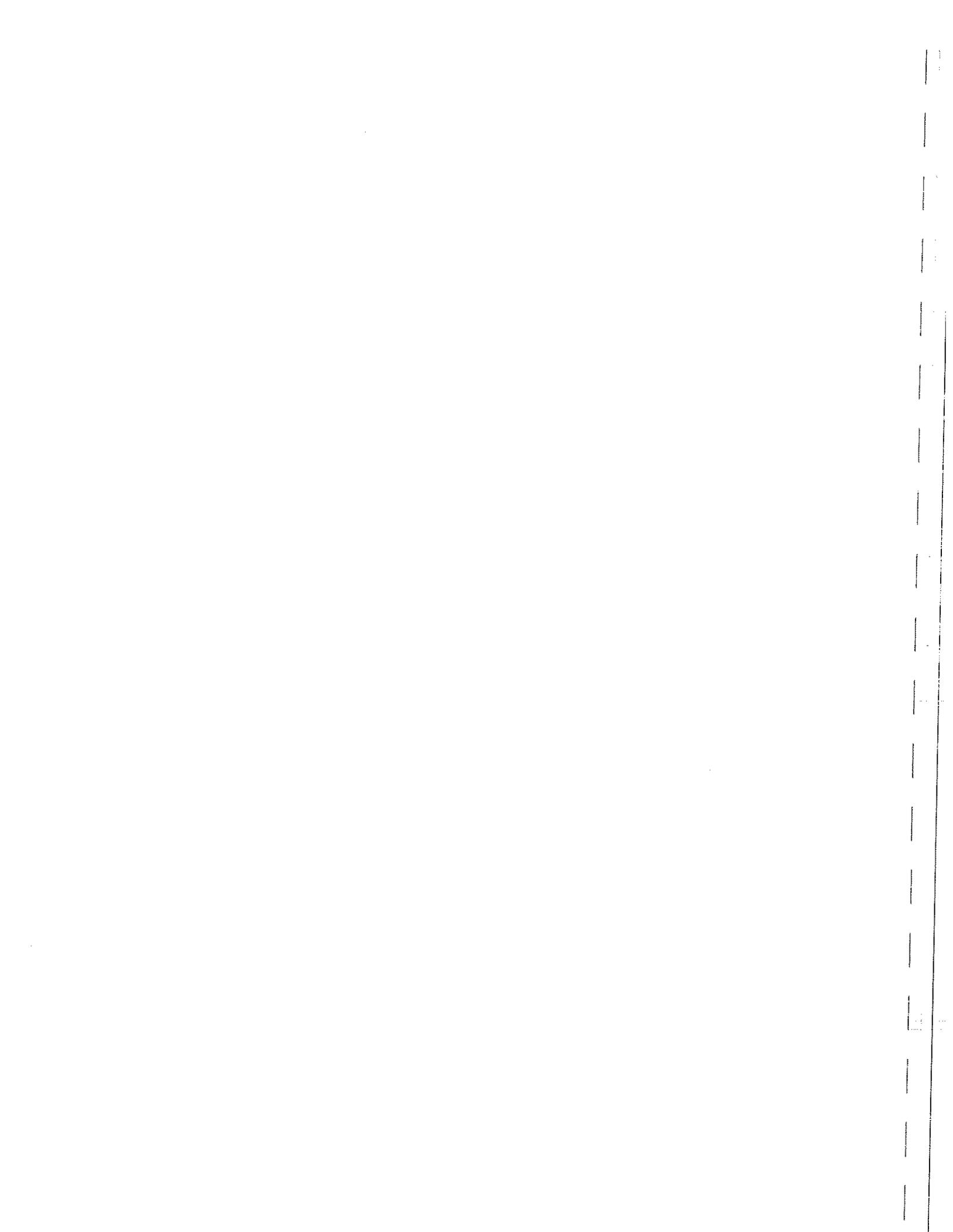
ACTION CODE	PERIOD 1 Before June 30, 1971	PERIOD 2 July 1, 1971-June 30, 1973	PERIOD 3 July 1, 1973-June 30, 1975	PERIOD 4 Beyond July 1, 1975
REC 1-1		Develop Zoar Pond		
REC 1-2		Develop Elderly Housing plaza		
REC 1-3			Develop Riverside attractions	
REC 1-4			Upgrade Crystal Lake	
REC 1-5		Provide facilities at Westfield Falls		
REC 1-6				Acquire Palmer Shop property
REC 1-7		Plant flowers and shrubs at existing facilities		
REC 1-8	Increase Middletown's federal and state funding priority.			
REC 1-9		Preparation of Pedestrian Walkway System		
REC 1-10			Develop hiking and bicycle trails	
REC 2-1		Establish Park and Recreation Commission as central coordinating body		
REC 2-2		Establish courses in recreation management and recreation supervision.		



SUMMARY OF SCHEDULING

ACTION CODE	PERIOD 1 Before June 30, 1971	PERIOD 2 July 1, 1971-June 30, 1973	PERIOD 3 July 1, 1973-June 30, 1975	PERIOD 4 Beyond July 1, 1975
REC 2-3		Retain researchers		
REC 2-4		Appoint Educational Coordinator		
REC 2-5			Conduct survey for recreational needs	
REC 3-1			Establish community center	
REC 3-2				Acquire and develop Highland Pon area
REC 3-3			Acquisition of Open Space property along East Street	
REC 3-4			Create outdoor ice skating facility	
REC 4-1			Organize "River Day"	
REC 4-2		Encourage greater activity in the arts and crafts		
REC 4-3		Establish weekly program of concerts and live music		
REC 4-4			Schedule educational-recreation trips	
REC 4-5		Schedule various city tournaments		





SUMMARY OF COSTS AND FINANCING

ACTION CODE	PRIORITY CODE	ACTION	MEANS	CITY			STATE	FEDERAL	PRIVATE	TOTAL
				BOND	APPROP.					
REC 1-9	B-2	Preparation of Pedestrian Walkway Zoning system	City Plan & Zoning							To be de-terminated
REC 1-10	B-3	Develop hiking and bicycle trail	Midstate Reg. Planning Agcy. Mattabasset Sewer District Park & Recreation Depts.	1,500						1,500
REC 2-1	A-2	Establish Park and Recreation Commission	Common Council							None
REC 2-2	B-2	Establish courses in recreation management and recreation supervision	Park and Recreation Comm.	5,000						5,000
REC 2-3	B-2	Retain Researcher	Common Council	10,000						10,000
REC 2-4	B-2	Appoint educational coordination	Senior Affairs Commission	200						200
REC 2-5	A-3	Conduct survey for recreation needs		400						400
REC 3-1	A-3	Establish Comm. Center	City of Middletown, Cultural Agency							To be de-terminated
REC 3-2	A-4	Acquire and develop Highland Pond Area	Park & Recreation Comm., Municipal Development Committee			100,000			200,000	400,000



SUMMARY OF COSTS AND FINANCING

ACTION CODE	PRIORITY CODE	ACTION	MEANS	COSTS AND FINANCING				TOTAL	
				BOND	CITY APPROP.	STATE	FEDERAL		PRIVATE
REC 3-3	B-3	Acquisition of Open Space property along East Street	Conservation Commission, Common Council Municipal Development Committee	25%		25%	50%		To be determined
REC 3-4	B-3	Create outdoor ice skating facility	Park Dept.		4,000		4,000		8,000
REC 4-1	A-3	Organize "River-Day"	Chamber of Commerce	To be determined		To be determined			To be determined
REC 4-2	B-2	Encourage greater activity in arts and crafts	Cultural Agcy. (proposed)			To be determined			To be determined
REC 4-3	B-2	Establish weekly program of concerts and live music	Recreation Dept. and local college student volunteer groups		1,000			1,000	2,000
REC 4-4	C-2	Schedule educational recreational trips	Senior Affairs Commission						None
REC 4-5	B-3	Schedule various city tournaments	Recreation Dept., Chamber of Commerce	To be determined		To be determined			To be determined

