

MINUTES OF : **Meeting of the Cemetery Commissioners**

MEETING POSTED: YES

DATE: 11/28/2012 TIME: 2:00pm PLACE: Town Hall Room 204

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brewster Conant, Bill Klauer, Barbara Walsh

ALSO PRESENT: Shawn O'Malley, Allura Overstreet

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 2:07pm

OLD BUSINESS: Minutes from 11/14/2012 meeting were reviewed and signed

NEW BUSINESS:

Request by Ann Chang to present a new Morrison Farm proposal to the Commissioners for review and approval.

Bill Mullen made his" plan B" presentation to the Committee along with Ann Chang and Linda McElroy. Motion to accept "plan B", 2nd, passed with a 2/3 vote.

Review Bill Klauer's written response to the Planning Board regarding the Madden Property.

Motion made to accept with some changes to the wording, 2nd, passed.

Review Trust fund earnings statement from Accounting.

Information only, no discussion.

Meeting adjourned at : 3:30pm

Next meeting scheduled for: 12/27/2012 2pm



Brewster Conant

William A. Klauer



Barbara Walsh

AGENDA FOR: Meeting of the Cemetery Commissioners

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Allura Overstreet

From: William Mullin [WMullin@wcu.com]
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 2:11 PM
To: Cemetery Department
Cc: Mike Gowing; Ann Chang; Linda McElroy; Tom Tidman; Charlie Aaronson; Andrew Magee; Doug Tindal; kcunkelman@noresco.com; Chip Orcutt; Tom Tidman; 'pgrovs@gmail.com'; Walter Foster (office); Board of Selectmen
Subject: Seeking Common Ground
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Dear Cemetery Commissioners:

I greatly appreciate the Cemetery Commission ("CemComm") agreeing to meet with representatives of the Morrison Farm Committee ("MFC") on Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at 2pm. I apologize for the short notice.

Background

- While I was not at the last meeting, I am under the understanding that the Commission voted against the MFC's proposal.
- Our representatives gave us feedback and we met to find out if there is common ground where all can agree. A major part of the feedback that we heard was that the CemComm did not necessarily oppose the planned historical restrictions and improvements, but did not see any rationale for changing the designated use.
- As such, the MFC came up with what we are calling "Plan B" (as detailed below).
- On Monday, 11/19/12, the MFC unanimously Plan B.
- Later on that same day, the Board of Selectmen also unanimously endorsed Plan B.

Plan B

1. There will no change in the designation of "use" around the Robbins Memorial or at the NW corner of Morrison.
2. In other words, the land around Robbins will remain under the management and control of the Cemetery Commissioners.
3. Except for land to be designated for historic preservation purposes, all the rest of the 1.8 acre parcel will retain its designation as for Cemetery purposes.
4. However, we will go forward with an application to the CPC for funding to implement, as is, the current Robbins Memorial preservation and enhancement plan, including the arced pathway connecting to the Morrison Nature & History Center. Please see a copy of the plans, attached.
5. To repeat, there will be no change to the current proposed Robbins Memorial expansion/preservation plan. All of our 5 outside architect experts support this plan, in addition to the Historic Commission.
6. MFC will take responsibility for creating the application, to come from the Cemetery Commissioners.
7. In the meantime, MFC will retain the services of an archaeologist, to do an archaeological survey to determine the best "footprint" of the Robbins historical space. This will be area to be designated as for historic restriction, but still under the control of the Cemetery Commission.
8. If the Cemetery Commission is not able support this Plan B, we will revert to the original proposal as presented at the previous meeting.

Summary

- Plan B is intended to seek common ground.
- The plan keeps the current controls in place, but allows us to improve the Robbins Memorial and Homestead site, while making the obvious connection to the newly improved Morrison site.

- In our opinion, this is good for Woodlawn, good for historic preservation, good for Morrison Farm; in other words, good for the Town of Acton.

Once again, thank you for your time and, as always, thank you for your work on behalf of our Town.

Sincerely,

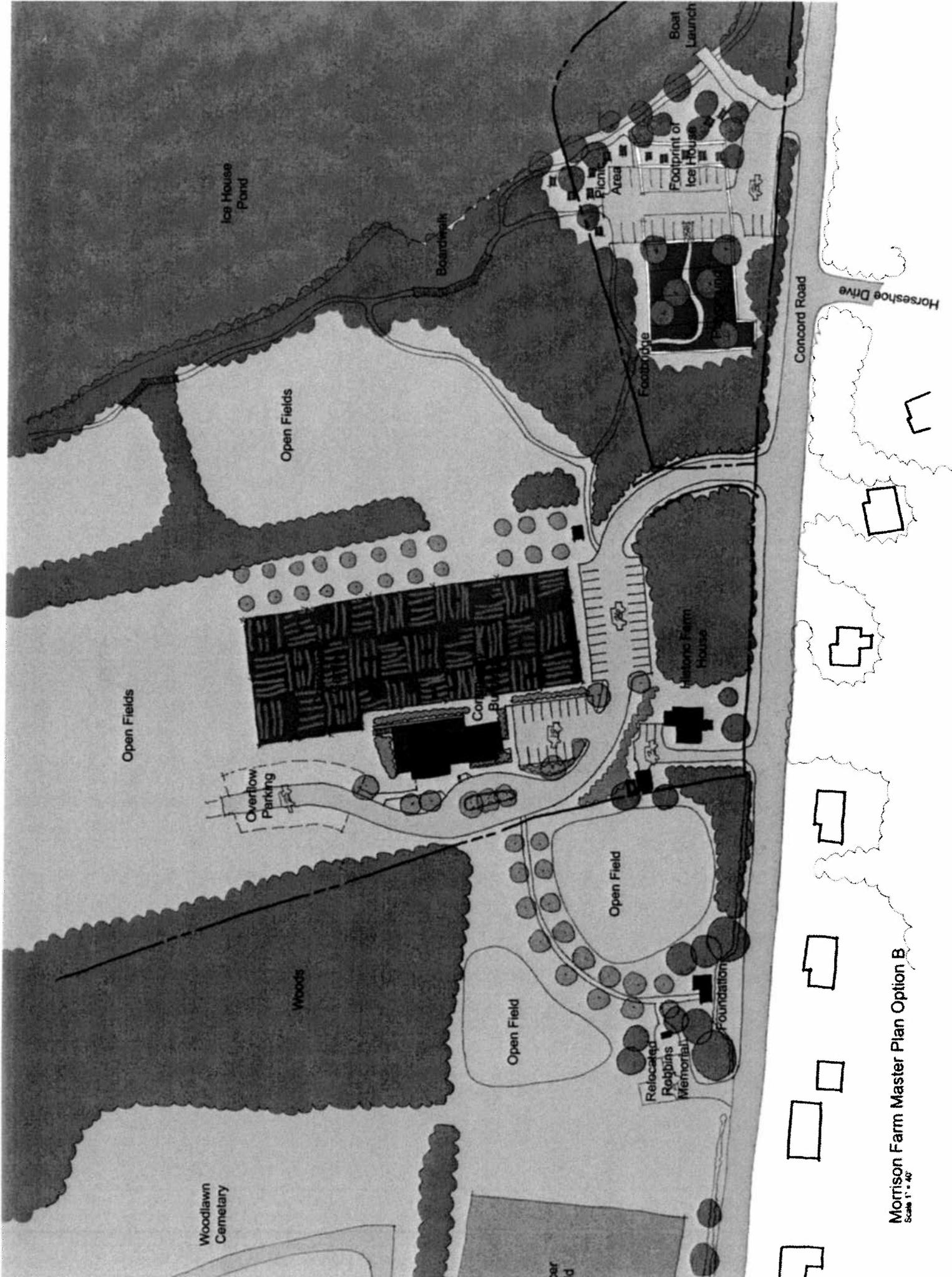
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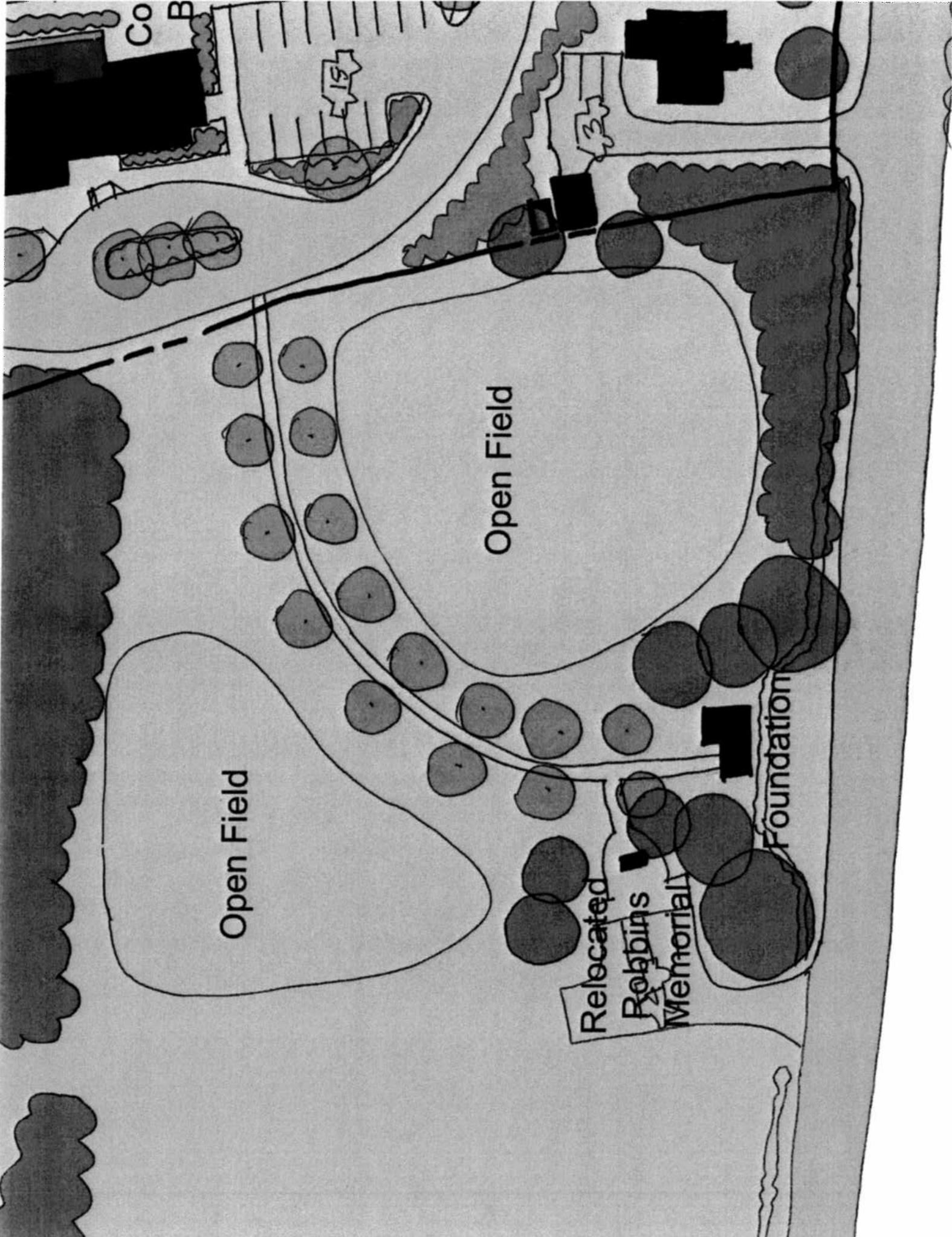
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Morrison Farm Master Plan Option B
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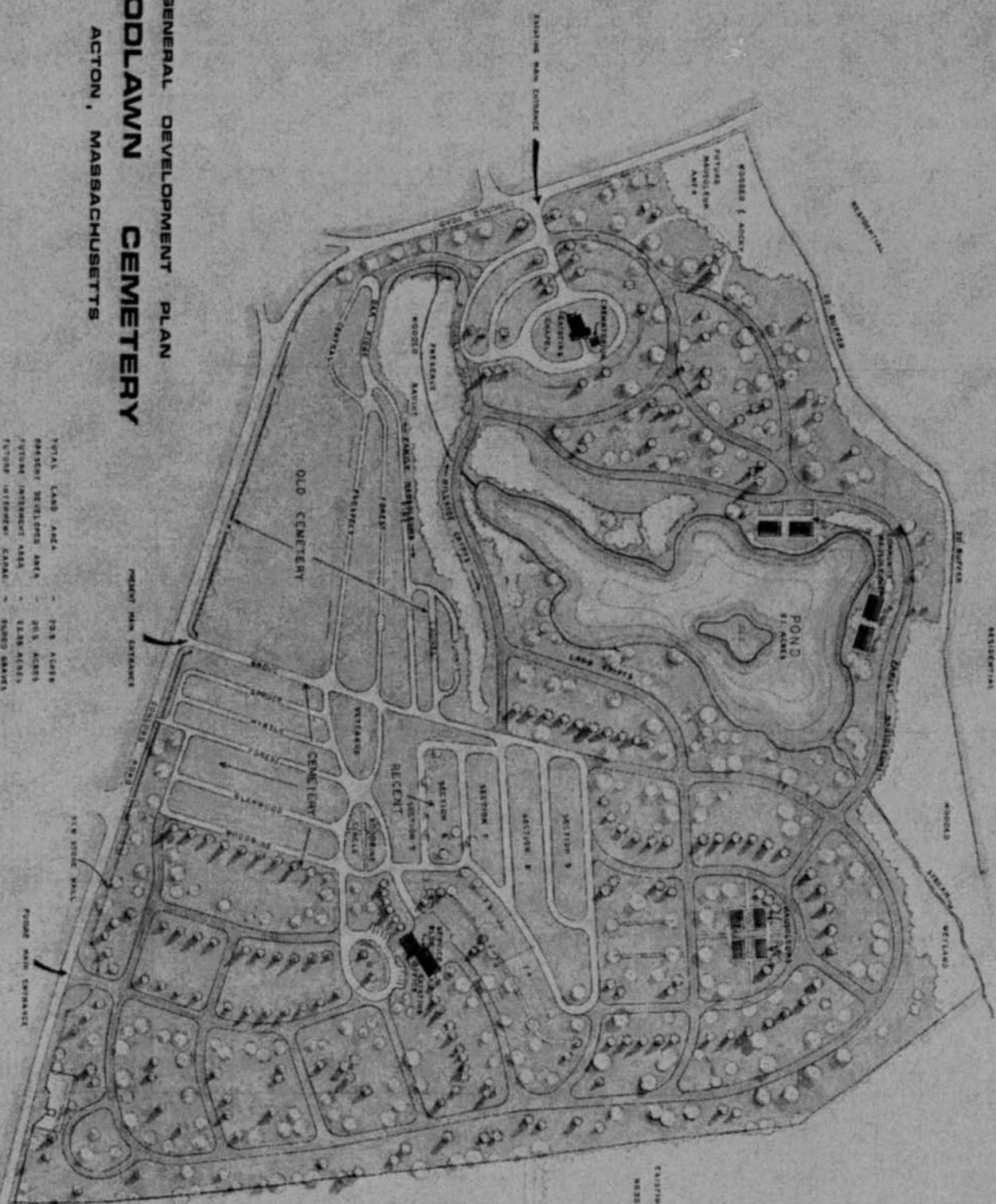
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GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN WOODLAWN CEMETERY ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS

TOTAL LAND AREA - 728 ACRES
 PRESENT DEVELOPING AREA - 215 ACRES
 FUTURE DEVELOPING AREA - 513 ACRES
 FUTURE INTERMENT CAPACITY - 1000 GRAVES

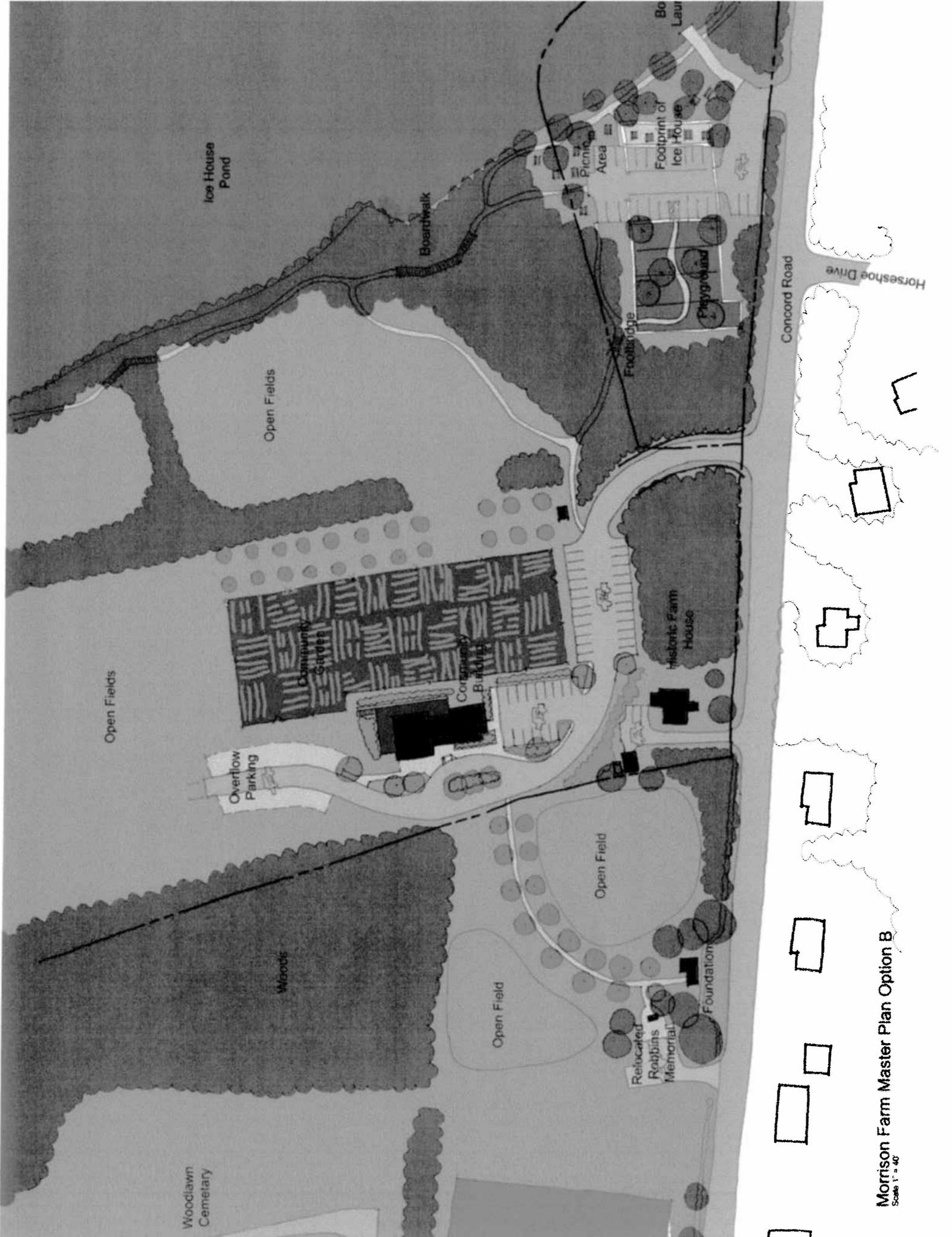


NOTE: GENERAL SHOWS INTERIOR OF SITE WHERE MAINTENANCE AND LAND CREDS ARE TAKEN

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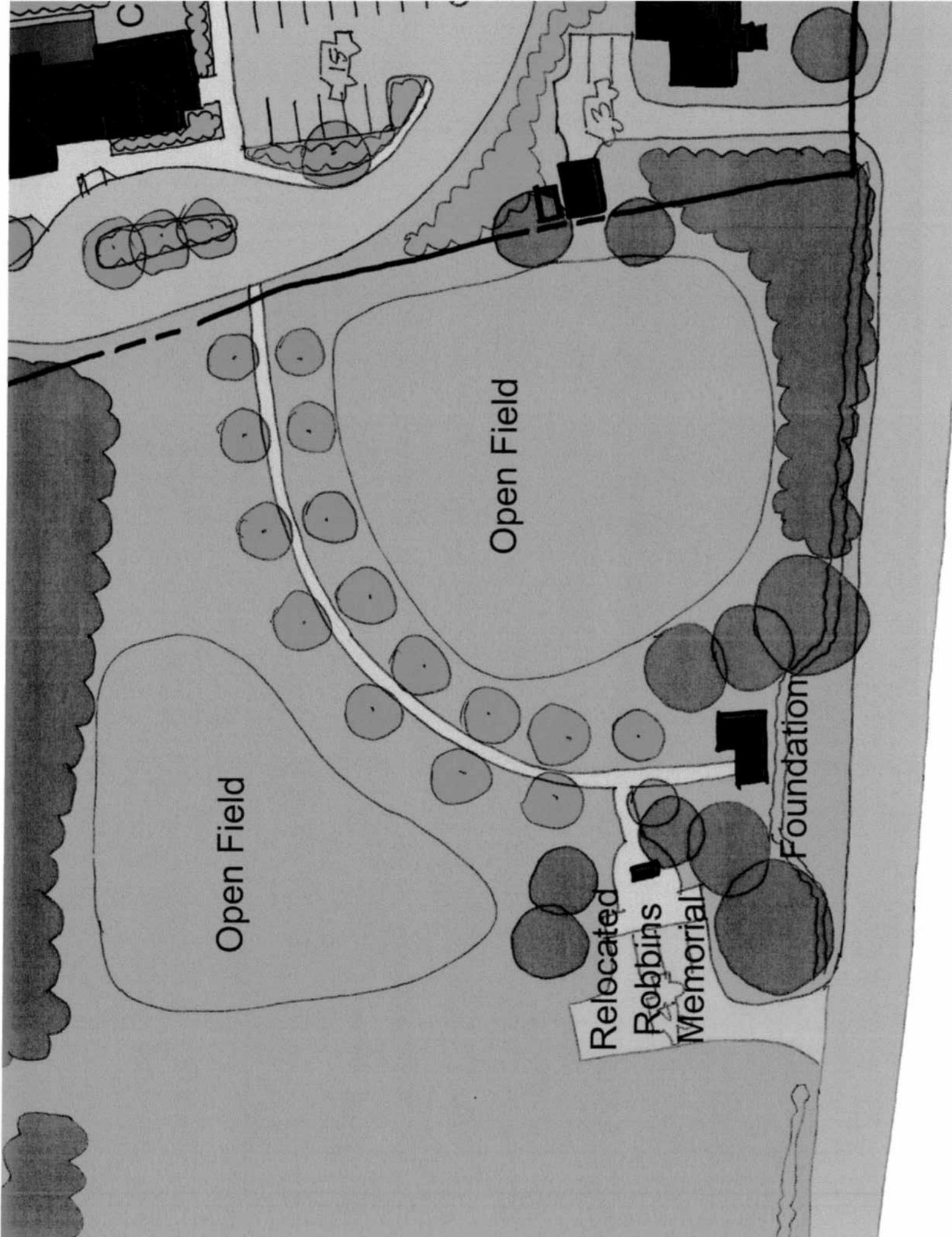


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Morrison Farm Master Plan Option B

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To: Planning Board
From: Cemetery Commissioners
Re: Central Street PCRC

This letter is to advise the Planning Board that the Cemetery Commissioners met with Steve Marsh and Jim D'Agostine on Wednesday, November 14th, 2012 to discuss the changes to the proposal for development of land adjacent to Mount Hope Cemetery on Central Street in West Acton.

Our initial concerns were centered around a portion of land that we have utilized for Cemetery purposes, including the sale of burial lots since acquisition in 1891. In addition, we have erected a garage for storage of equipment and utilized this land for storage of markers, soil, burning of brush and other purposes for decades. We are also aware that the most recent survey of land locates the bounds of the Madden land, so called, upon the land we have utilized for over a century.

Vegetative screen — We understand that the dispute in the property lines will result in an irregular shaped parcel that will be deeded over to ownership by the Town of Acton and will be for general municipal use. We further understand that the developer will utilize this parcel to provide a ~~shield~~ between the cemetery and the homes to be constructed. Since our garage will lie between the contested property and the Central Street PCRC, we will have to clean out the structure and house the contents elsewhere.

Our agreement over the GAR Lot is that the lot will remain in its entirety and be maintained by the Cemetery Department since it has Perpetual Care, as well as the William Chaplin lot adjacent to it.

We believe that the above sums up our concerns and that those concerns have been addressed sufficiently.