TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES JULY 18, 2007 FINAL

A regular meeting of the Troy Traffic Committee was held Wednesday, July 18, 2007 in the Lower Level Conference Room at Troy City Hall. Ted Halsey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

PRESENT: Sara Binkowski
Ted Halsey
Jan Hubbell
Richard Kilmer
Gordon Schepke
Ted Hwang, Student Rep.

ABSENT: Pete Ziegenfelder
John Diefenbaker
Prithvi Murthy, Student Rep.

Also present: Murray Deagle, 328 Evaline
George Tanner, 52568 Bellecrest
Jim Walker, 3648 Gregory
Kim and Keith Newberry, 2072 Stirling
Tom and Mary Gorny, 2824 Denise
Ray and Nancy Iafrate, 2821 Denise
Lori Cooke, 1103 Vermont
Cheryl Moilanen, 2056 Chancery
Joe and Susan Stawicki, 2869 Denise
Lindsay Matola, 1193 Minnesota
Barbara Burnsteel, 1111 Vermont
Dean Matoski, 1755 E. Wattles
Dick Shepich, 2138 Woodingham
David Winton, 4035 Washington Crescent
William & Doris Carol Hartwell, 2754 Denise
Janice Broutin, 2901 Denise
and John Abraham, Traffic Engineer
Lt. Scott McWilliams, Troy Police Dept.
Lt. Robert Matlick, Troy Fire Dept.

2. Minutes – April 18, 2007

RESOLUTION #2007-07-36
Moved by Binkowski
Seconded by Schepke

To approve the April 18, 2007 minutes as printed.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2
MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #2007-07-37
Moved by Kilmer
Seconded by Hubbell

To excuse Ziegenfelder and Diefenbaker.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2
MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 2072 Stirling

Pamela Anderson requested a waiver for the sidewalk at 2072 Stirling Drive. The sidewalk ordinance requires that sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the construction with the development of this parcel due to a recent lot split, combined and replatted. The Public Works Department recommends denial of this waiver request. Petitioner has signed an "Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks."

Petitioner states that the neighborhood is already developed with no sidewalks existing, and a sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing.

Kim and Keith Newberry, new owners of the property, reiterated that no other properties in the neighborhood have sidewalks.

Cheryl Moilanen, 2056 Chancery, spoke in favor of the waiver.

RESOLUTION #2007-07-38
Moved by Hubbell
Seconded by Kilmer

1. WHEREAS, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, Section 8(D) allows the Traffic Committee to grant temporary waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

   WHEREAS, Kim and Keith Newberry have requested a temporary waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk on the property because there are no other sidewalks in the area; and

   WHEREAS, the Traffic Committee has determined the following:

   a. A variance will not impair the public health, safety or general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and will not unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding area, and

   b. A strict application of the requirements to construct a sidewalk would result in practical difficulties to, or undue hardship upon, the owners, and

   c. The construction of a new sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to no

other walk, and thus will not serve the purpose of a pedestrian travel-way.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee grants a two-year waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 2072 Stirling, which is owned by Kim and Keith Newberry.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2
MOTION CARRIED

4. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 1193 Minnesota

Robert and Kathleen Niedzwiecki requested a waiver for the sidewalk at 1193 Minnesota. The sidewalk ordinance requires that sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the construction with the development of this parcel due to a recent lot split, combined and replatted. The Public Works Department recommends denial of this waiver request. Petitioner has signed an "Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks."

Petitioners state that the neighborhood is already developed with no sidewalks existing, and a sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing.

Eighteen residents living in this area signed a petition (attached) requesting that the waiver be granted. They like the uniqueness of their area and feel that a sidewalk would spoil the look of the whole neighborhood.

Lindsay Matola is the new owner of this property. She said that there are no other sidewalks in the neighborhood.

RESOLUTION #2007-07-39
Moved by Hubbell
Seconded by Schepke

1. WHEREAS, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, Section 8(D) allows the Traffic Committee to grant temporary waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

   WHEREAS, Lindsay Matola has requested a temporary waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk on the property because there are no other sidewalks in the area; and

   WHEREAS, the Traffic Committee has determined the following:

   a. A variance will not impair the public health, safety or general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and will not unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding area, and

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in practical difficulties to, or undue hardship upon, the owners, and
c. The construction of a new sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to no other walk, and thus will not serve the purpose of a pedestrian travel-way.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee grants a two-year waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 1193 Minnesota, which is owned by Lindsay Matola.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2
MOTION CARRIED

5. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 2148 Beech Lane

RWT Building LLC requests a waiver for the sidewalk at 2148 Beech Lane. The sidewalk ordinance requires that sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the construction with the development of this parcel due to a recent lot split, combined and replatted. The Public Works Department recommends denial of this waiver request. Petitioner has signed an "Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks."

Petitioner states that the neighborhood is already developed with no sidewalks existing, and a sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing.

Murray Deagle, 328 Evaline, represented RWT Building. He reported that there are no other sidewalks in the neighborhood.

Mr. Schepke said he thinks it would be detrimental to the area to have sidewalks installed.

RESOLUTION #2007-07-40
Moved by Schepke
Seconded by Kilmer

1. WHEREAS, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, Section 8(D) allows the Traffic Committee to grant temporary waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

WHEREAS, RWT Building LLC has requested a temporary waiver of the requirement to construct sidewalk on the property because there are no other sidewalks in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Committee has determined the following:

a. A variance will not impair the public health, safety or general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and will not unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding area, and

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c. The construction of a new sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to no other walk, and thus will not serve the purpose of a pedestrian travel-way.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee grants a two-year waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 2148 Beech Lane, which is owned by RWT Building LLC.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2
MOTION CARRIED

6. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 2134 Beech Lane

RWT Building LLC requests a waiver for the sidewalk at 2134 Beech Lane. The sidewalk ordinance requires that sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the construction with the development of this parcel due to a recent lot split, combined and replatted. The Public Works Department recommends denial of this waiver request. Petitioner has signed an "Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks."

Petitioner states that the neighborhood is already developed with no sidewalks existing, and a sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing.

Murray Deagle, 328 Evaline, represented RWT Building. He reported that there are no other sidewalks in the neighborhood.

Mr. Schepke said he thinks it would be detrimental to the area to have sidewalks installed.

RESOLUTION #2007-07-41
Moved by Hubbell
Seconded by Binkowski

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c. The construction of a new sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to no other walk, and thus will not serve the purpose of a pedestrian travel-way.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee grants a two-year waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 2134 Beech Lane, which is owned by RWT Building LLC.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2
MOTION CARRIED

7. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 2120 Beech Lane

RWT Building LLC requests a waiver for the sidewalk at 2120 Beech Lane. The sidewalk ordinance requires that sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the construction with the development of this parcel due to a recent lot split, combined and replatted. The Public Works Department recommends denial of this waiver request. Petitioner has signed an "Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks."

Petitioner states that the neighborhood is already developed with no sidewalks existing, and a sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing.

Murray Deagle, 328 Evaline, represented RWT Building. He reported that there are no other sidewalks in the neighborhood.

Mr. Schepke said he thinks it would be detrimental to the area to have sidewalks installed.

RESOLUTION #2007-07-42
Moved by Binkowski
Seconded by Kilmer

1. WHEREAS, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, Section 8(D) allows the Traffic Committee to grant temporary waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

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WHEREAS, the Traffic Committee has determined the following:

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c. The construction of a new sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to no other walk, and thus will not serve the purpose of a pedestrian travel-way.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee grants a two-year waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 2120 Beech Lane, which is owned by RWT Building LLC.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2
MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR BUSINESS

8. Install STOP/YIELD Signs on Tucker at Standish

Dorothy Konarski, 2237 Drake, requests installation of a STOP sign on Tucker at Standish. Ms. Konarski reported that motorists do not know who has the right of way at the intersection and she was surprised that there are no traffic control signs at this intersection. She is also concerned about speed of traffic on Tucker and Standish.

Tucker runs west from Saffron and is barricaded on the west end. Similarly Standish is a street that begins and ends in stubs north and south of Tucker. Being an intersection without signs, the vehicle that arrives at the intersection first has the right of way, and if two vehicles approach the intersection at the same time, the vehicle to the right has the right of way.

Traffic volume studies at the intersection show around 430 vehicles on Tucker east of Standish, and 460 on Standish in a day. There are no major sight obstructions at the intersection. With both streets having very similar traffic volumes, it may be a challenge to assign right-of-way at the intersection. There are many similar intersections in the City that have no traffic control signs. Speed studies show 24-hour average speed at 21 miles per hour, with 5 vehicles clocked between 30 and 35 miles per hour in the day.

Sight distance studies and traffic crash studies show no major concerns that can be addressed by installing a YIELD or STOP sign.

Leo and Genny Murskyj of 5115 Saffron sent a note (attached) to the Traffic Engineer supporting installation of a STOP sign at this intersection.

Neither the petitioners nor any neighbors appeared at the meeting to present the item.

RESOLUTION #2007-07-43
Moved by Hubbell
Seconded by Schepke

Recommend no changes on Tucker at Standish.

YES: All-5
NO: None

ABSENT: 2
MOTION CARRIED

9. Install STOP or YIELD sign on Lydia at Vermont

Lori Cooke, 1103 Vermont, requests a STOP or YIELD sign on Lydia at Vermont. She points out that there are STOP signs at every other street that intersects with Lydia. Mr. and Mrs. Cooke report that vehicles cruise on Vermont at high speeds and that they are concerned about the safety of their children, ages 2, 11 and 13.

Lydia runs north-south and connects to Maple. Vermont runs east-west and connects to Rochester Road. There are STOP signs controlling traffic on Lydia at Chopin, Birchwood and Woodslee, while there are no signs at Arthur and Vermont. Traffic volumes on both streets are around 150 vehicles per day, which is are relatively very low compared to other residential streets in the City of Troy that range between 300 and 5000 vehicles in a day.

A majority of the intersections in the City with low volumes have no traffic control signs. STOP signs on Lydia were installed around 25 years ago and one of the reasons there are many STOP signs on Lydia may be to reduce cut-through traffic. Since the neighborhood is laid out in a "grid" fashion, with connections to two major roads, there is potential for motorists to use these streets to avoid the intersection of Rochester and Maple. One of the methods used in the 80s to reduce such traffic was to install STOP signs on alternate intersections.

A crash analysis shows no crashes at this intersection in the past 5 years that could have been prevented by a STOP sign, and a sight distance study reveals no major obstruction in the vicinity of the intersection. Since Ms. Cooke had a speeding concern, a speed study was conducted on Vermont, which showed an average speed of 19.1 miles per hour—much below the City average of around 27 miles per hour on residential roads. Also, the Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices specifies that STOP signs shall not be used for speed reduction, since many studies indicate that STOP signs have no effect on speeding.

The southeast corner of this intersection is also a school bus stop. Since there are no sidewalks, the children have to stand in or near the street while waiting for the bus. Ms. Cooke said there are small children waiting, the intersection has no traffic control, and she has seen some near misses.

Barbara Burnsteel, 1111 Vermont, also supports installation of a STOP sign. She mentioned that the signs would help her son, who is severely challenged.

Ms. Binkowski felt that it might be better for the STOP signs to be on Vermont rather than Lydia, since a few intersections on Lydia already have STOP signs and adding another on Lydia may result in more violations.

RESOLUTION #2007-07-44
Moved by Binkowski
Seconded by Schepke

Recommend installing STOP signs on Vermont at Lydia.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2
MOTION CARRIED

10. Install STOP or YIELD sign on Colleen at Denise

Mary Gorny, 2824 Denise, requests a STOP or YIELD sign on Colleen at Denise Drive. The new Colleen Meadows subdivision was under construction and all traffic accessed this subdivision by a construction access from Square Lake with no access to Denise. Recently, since the subdivision is almost complete, the construction access has been closed and Colleen has been opened up to Denise as the permanent configuration of roads. Ms. Gorny indicates that since the new street opened up, she has witnessed confusion on who has the right-of-way at the intersection. She also mentioned seeing some near crashes at the intersection since motorists are not familiar with the intersection. Since Colleen ends in Denise in a T-intersection, traffic on Colleen must yield to traffic on Denise, the through street. Denise carries around 450 vehicles in a day and Colleen around 300 vehicles in a day.

Janice Broutin, 2901 Denise, left a message for the Traffic Engineer expressing her support for a STOP or YIELD SIGN on Colleen at Denise.

Mary Gorny said many motorists try to cut through between Dequindre and Square Lake Roads. When they realize there is no outlet via Colleen, they turn around and race out again.

Joe Sawicki and Tom Gorny said these traffic problems are new, since the new subdivision is nearly completed and Colleen was opened up to traffic. Previously, it was barricaded at Denise and there was only a construction entrance off Square Lake Road. He would like to see a STOP sign and speed bumps. Eight more houses are scheduled to be built on Colleen, which will exacerbate the traffic problems.

The residents say that the speeders are mostly people living on Colleen. They see the same cars frequently. Lt. McWilliams has had officers watching the area and they haven't seen any violations indicating that STOP signs are needed. However, he requests that residents try to provide specific information as to the cars and/or license plates of the offenders. He will provide patrols at the peak traffic times of 8-9:00 a.m. and 4-6:00 p.m. and he will work with them regarding their concerns.

William Hartwell, 2754 Denise, volunteered his driveway for the officers to park their cars and observe.

Ms. Hubbell advised the residents not to depend on STOP signs to protect themselves and their children. STOP signs can give a false sense of security when people assume cars will stop as they are supposed to.

RESOLUTION #2007-07-45
Moved by Schepke
Seconded by Binkowski

Recommend installing a STOP sign on Colleen at Denise.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2
MOTION CARRIED

11. Install NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER signs 50 feet from each side of the Woodingham/Washington Crescent Curve

Lt. Robert Matlick of the Fire Department requests installation of NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER signs 50 feet from each side of the Woodingham/Washington Crescent curve, on the inside of the curve. Vehicles park in that area causing a sight obstruction and leave too little room for emergency vehicles to pass. Parked vehicles along the curve can increase their emergency response time and can be a safety issue.

David Winton, 4035 Washington Crescent, confirmed that he is the owner of the red truck that is usually parked at the corner. He said his daughter is the driver, and he will speak to her about it.

Dick Shepich, 2138 Woodingham, lives on the outside corner of the curve. There is no parking allowed on his side of the road, and it would be a hardship to restrict parking on the other side for 50 feet either way. He pointed out that there are seven other 90 degree turns in the subdivision which could present the same problem.

Ms. Hubbell suggested that rather than have the City post signs, the homeowners' association could work on informing the residents about parking too close to the corners. She would like to wait 60 days to give residents a chance to work out the situation.

RESOLUTION #2007-07-46
Moved by Hubbell
Seconded by Binkowski

Recommend no changes at Woodingham/Washington Crescent.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2
MOTION CARRIED

12. Establish Fire lanes at 1755 E. Wattles

Section 8.28, Chapter 106, Troy City Code, provides for the establishment of fire lanes on private property. The Fire Department recommends that the fire lanes shown on the attached sketch be provided to allow proper deployment of and travel by emergency vehicles (fire, police, medical).

RESOLUTION #2007-07-47
Moved by Hubbell
Seconded by Schepke

Recommend that the fire lanes/tow away zones shown in the attached sketch be established at 1755 E. Wattles.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2
MOTION CARRIED

13. Visitors' Time

No one else wished to address the committee.

14. Other Business

Lt. McWilliams commented that the trees causing a sight obstruction at Cadmus and Sheldrake have not yet been trimmed. The Traffic Engineer will contact the Public Works Department.

Mr. Kilmer commented that the bridge on Wattles (part of Crestfield subdivision) is still not done.

RESOLUTION #2007-07-48
Moved by Hubbell
Seconded by Kilmer

That the Traffic Committee not meet in August. The next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2007.

YES: All-5
NO: None
ABSENT: 2
MOTION CARRIED

15. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Ted Halsey, Acting Chair

Laurel Nottage, Recording Secretary

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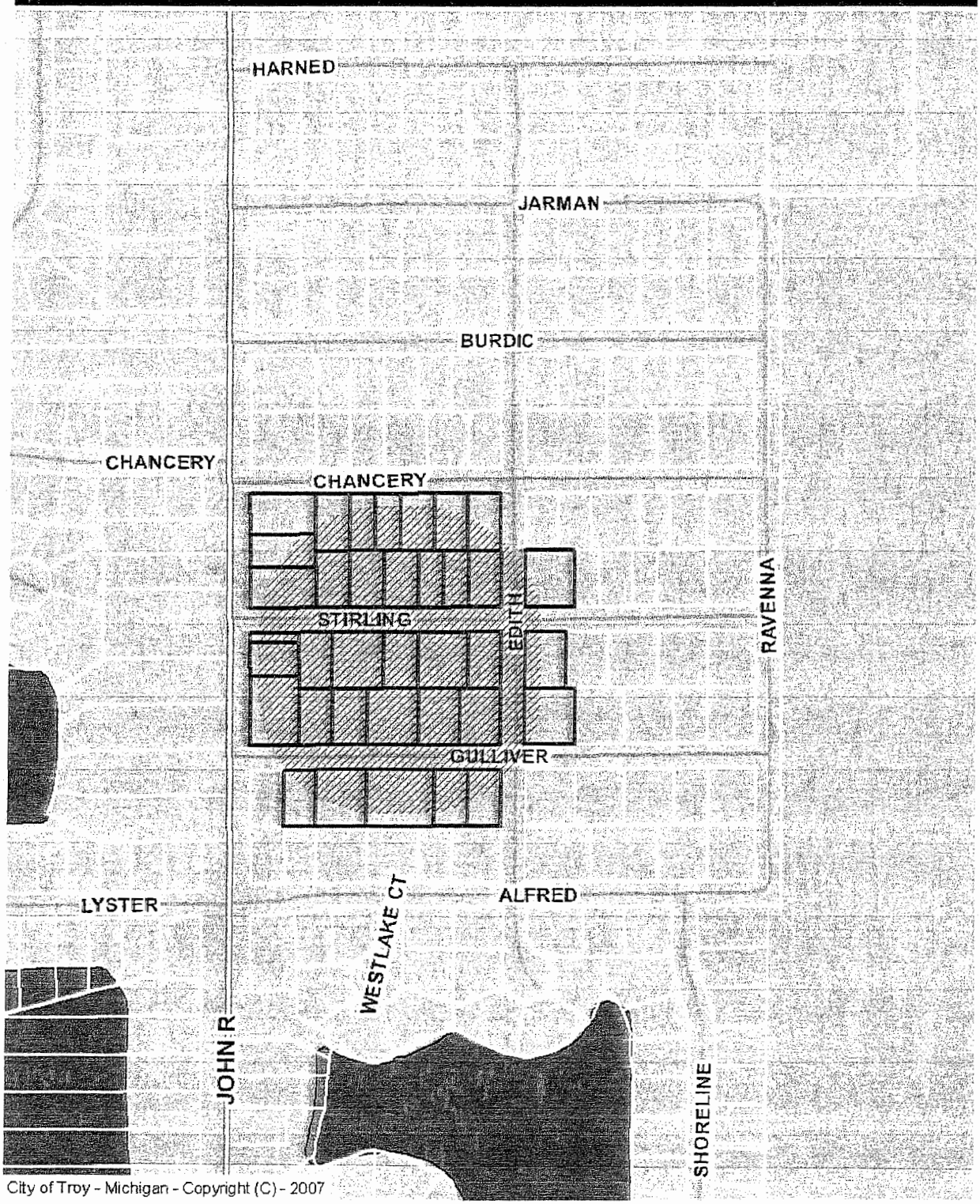

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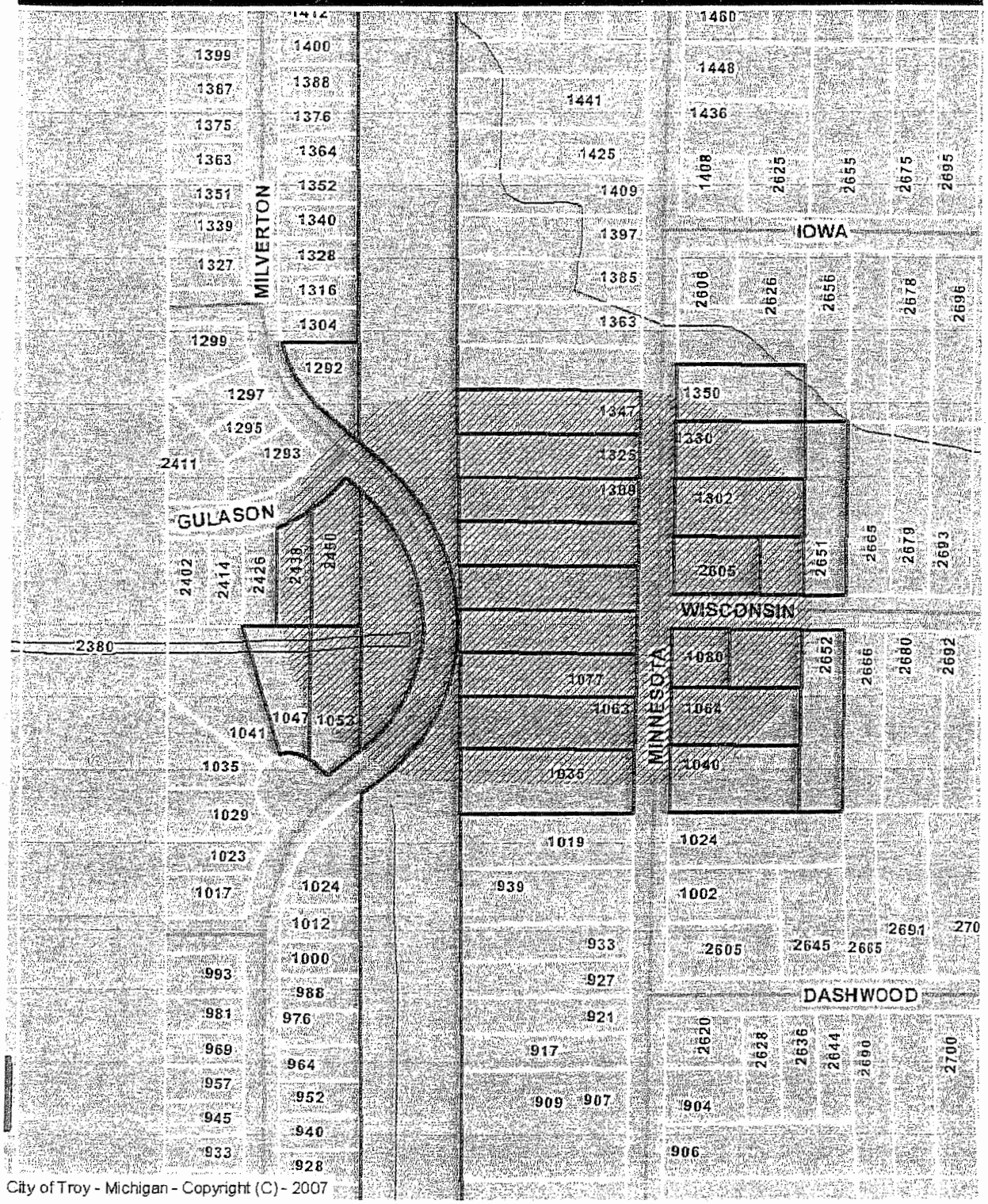

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June 11, 2007

Mr. Abraham,

Please grant the waiver of sidewalks in front of 1193 Minnesota. We have lived in this neighborhood for many years. We love the uniqueness and quaintness of our area - this house is a great addition however the sidewalk would spoil the look of our whole neighborhood. Thank you for granting this waiver

Jackie J Myers 1302 MINNESOTA
Alice D. Myers 1302 Minnesota
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Dom Wright 1064 Minnesota
Kenneth L Boyd 2620 Dyshwood
DAVE PETERS 1063 MINNESOTA DR
James R Bailey 2651 WISCONSIN
Lindsay Matola 1193 Minnesota
Lana Hays 1347 Minnesota
Chris Huston 1040 MINNESOTA
James Burcham 1035 MINNESOTA

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Edward Galanek 1325 Minnesota

Gino Vial 2763 DESHWOOD

[illegible] 2692 Wisconsin

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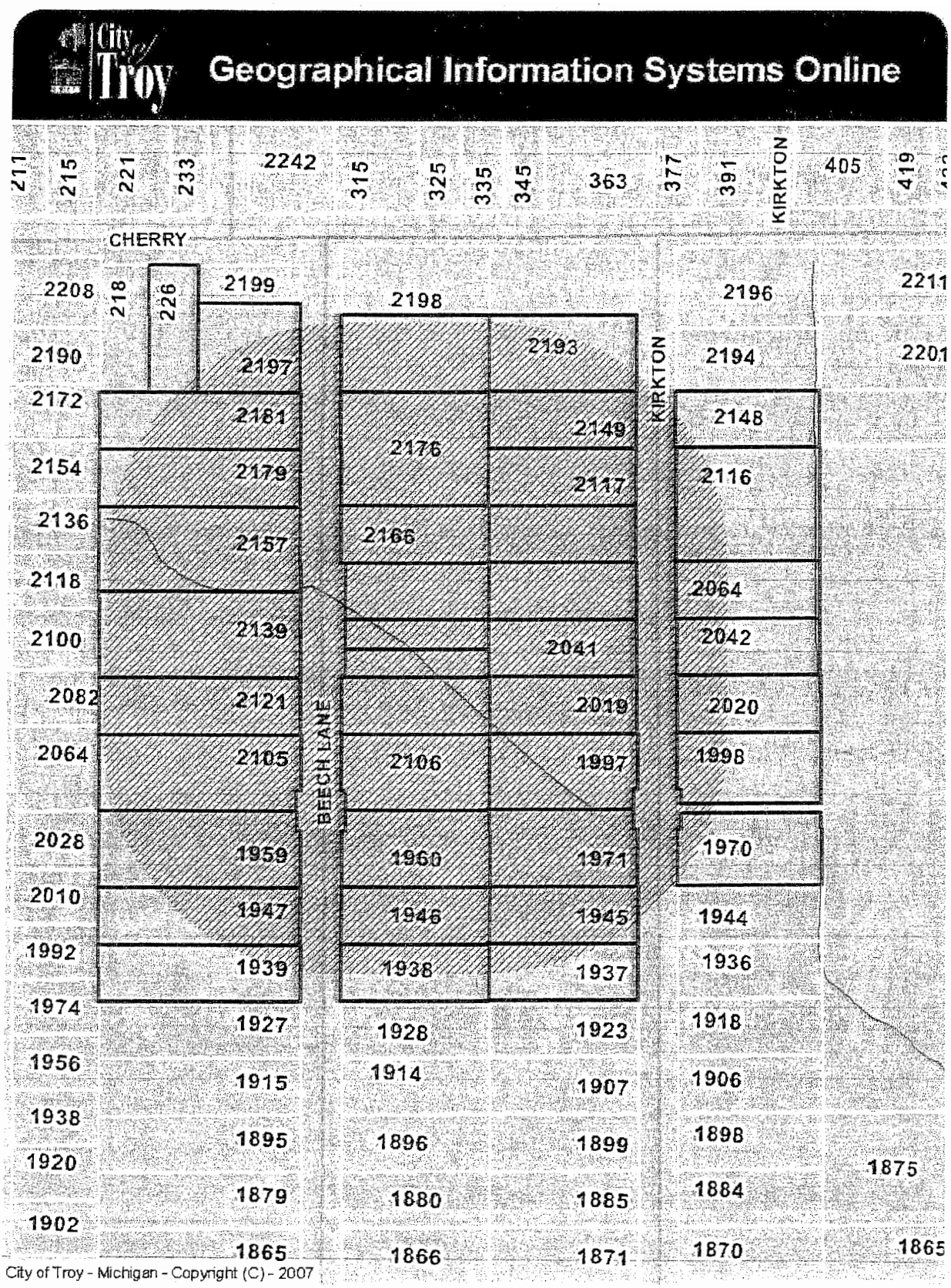

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AGENDA

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 20, 2007 – 7:30 P.M.

LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM

TROY CITY HALL

500 W. BIG BEAVER ROAD

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ENGINEERING

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5. **Install STOP/YIELD Signs on Tucker at Standish**

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Sight distance studies and traffic crash studies show no major concerns that can be addressed by installing a YIELD or STOP sign.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION:

a. Recommend installing a STOP sign on Tucker at Standish.

~~b. Recommend no changes on Tucker at Standish.~~

Fri. June 15, 2007

We are unable to attend the meeting on Wednesday but agree that a STOP sign is necessary on Tucker and Standish. Thank you for the notice. Leo + Genny Murskyj

Dr. & Mrs. Murskyj
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Troy, MI 48085

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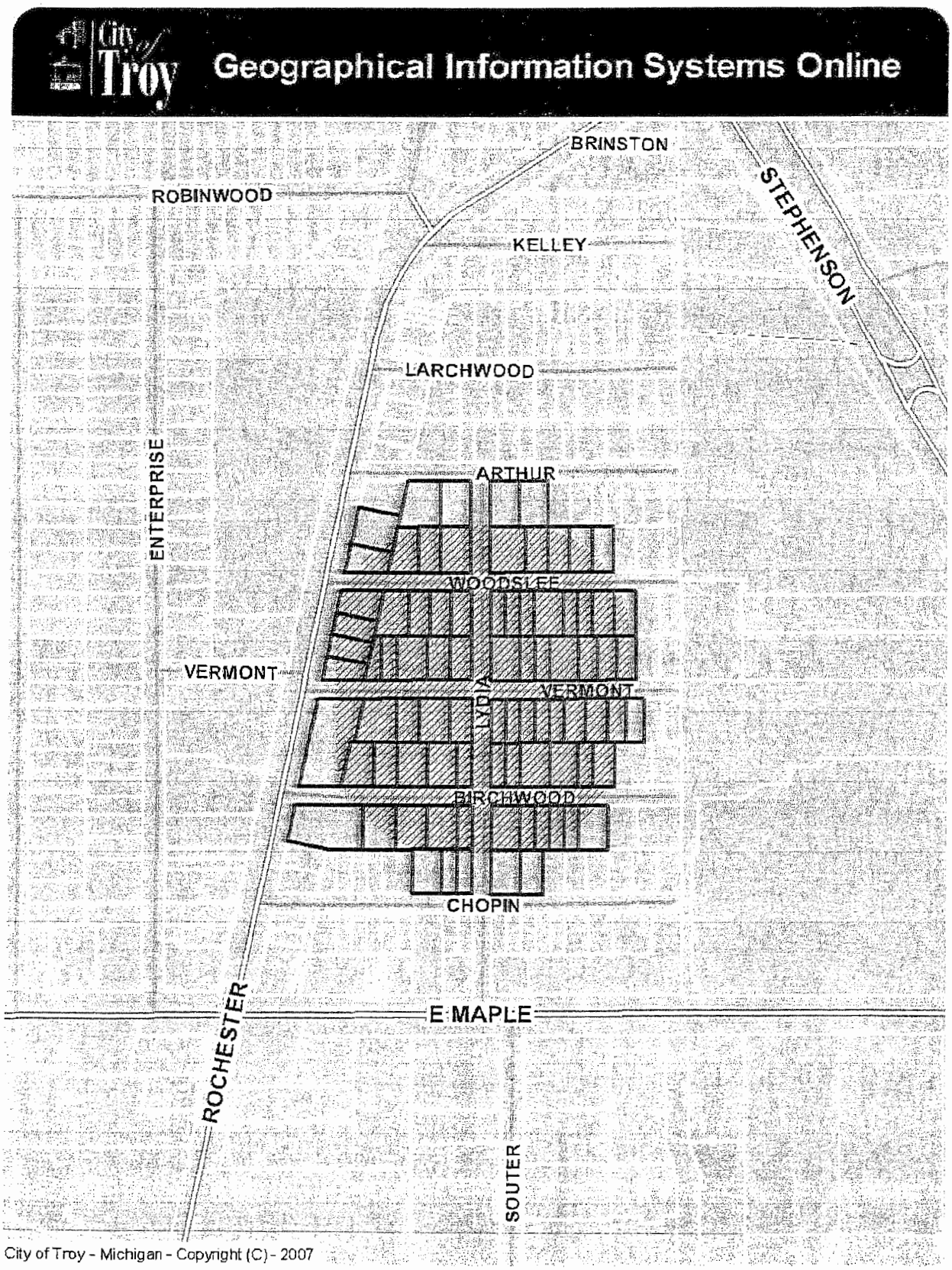

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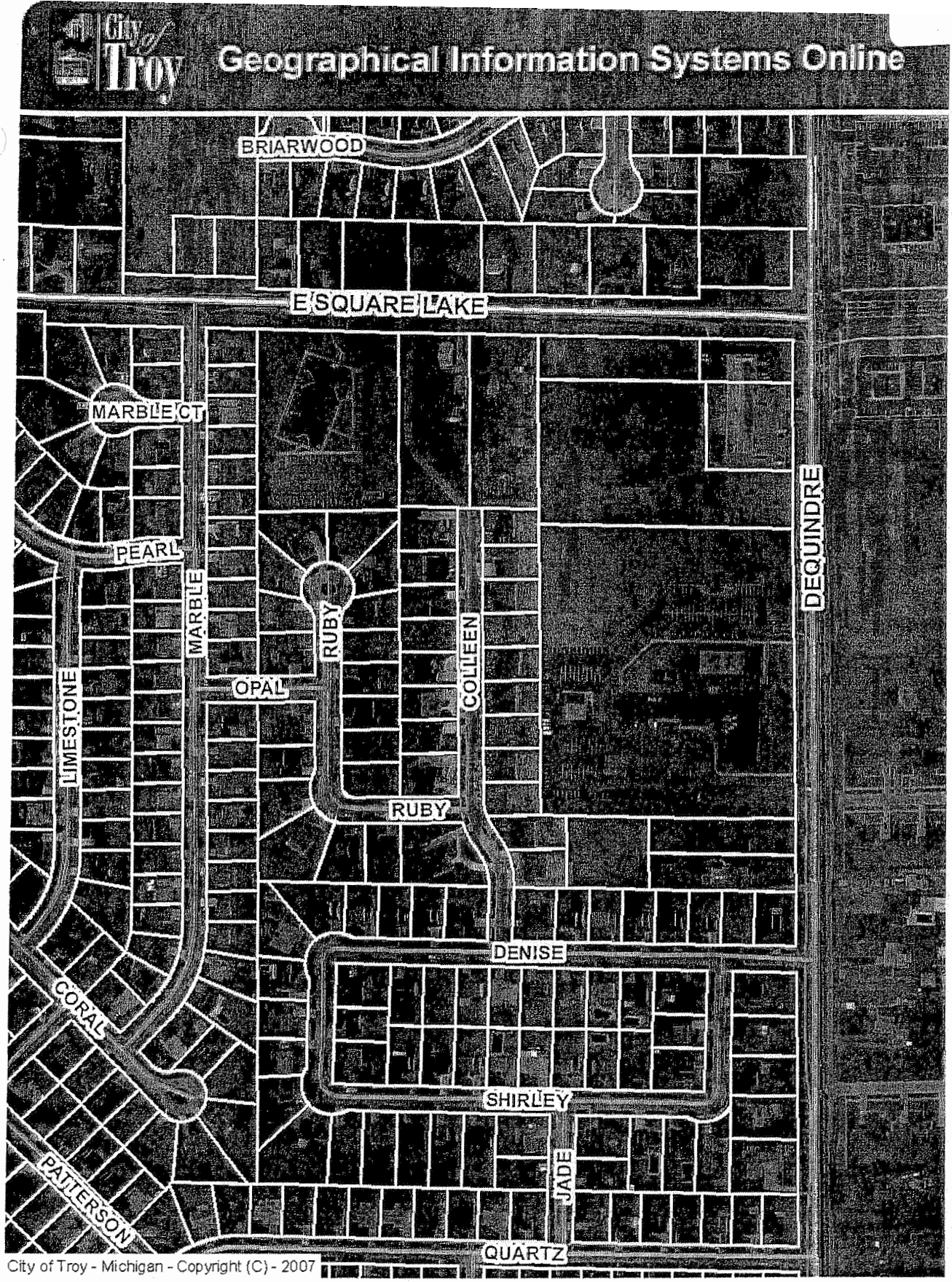

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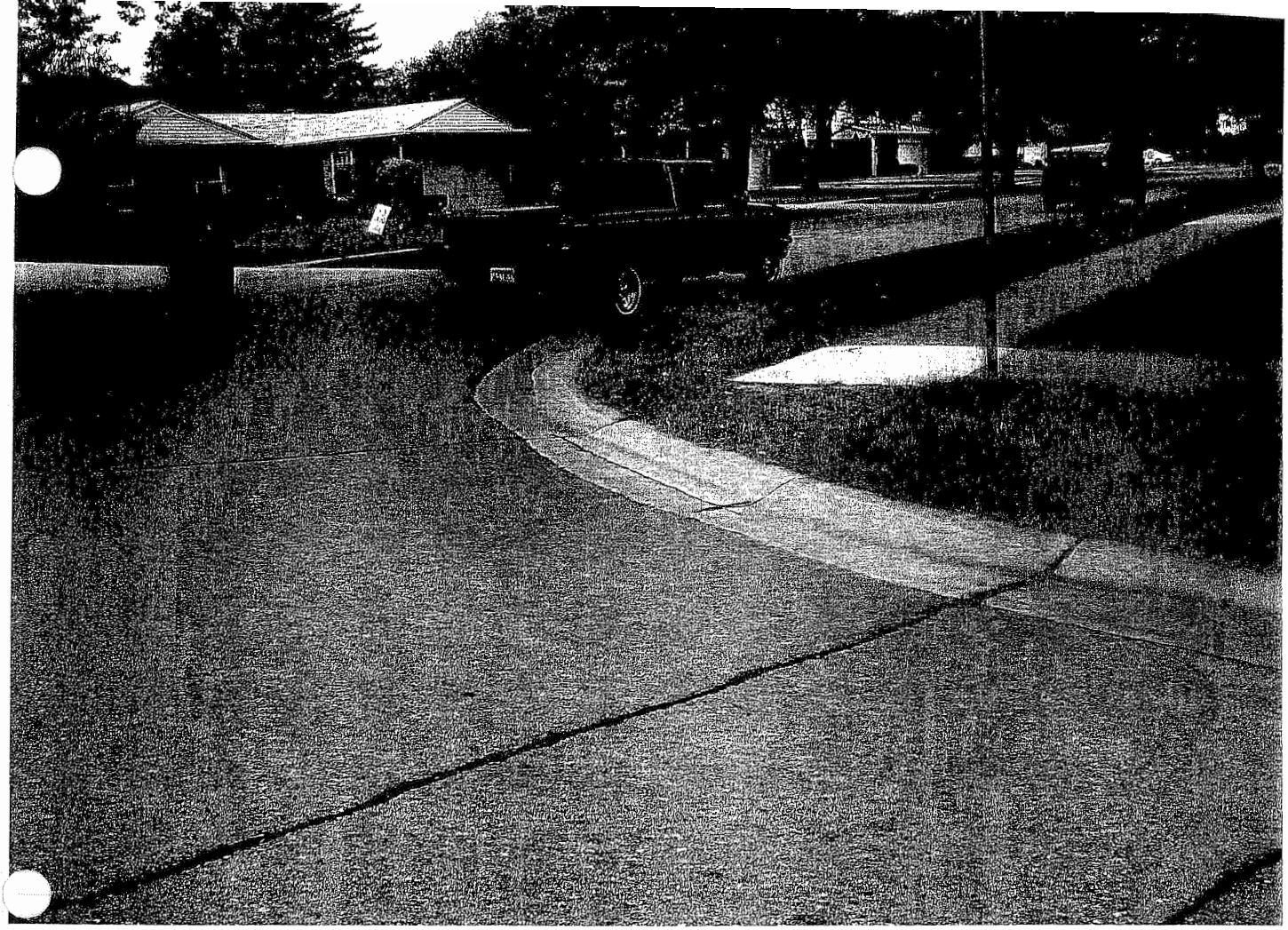

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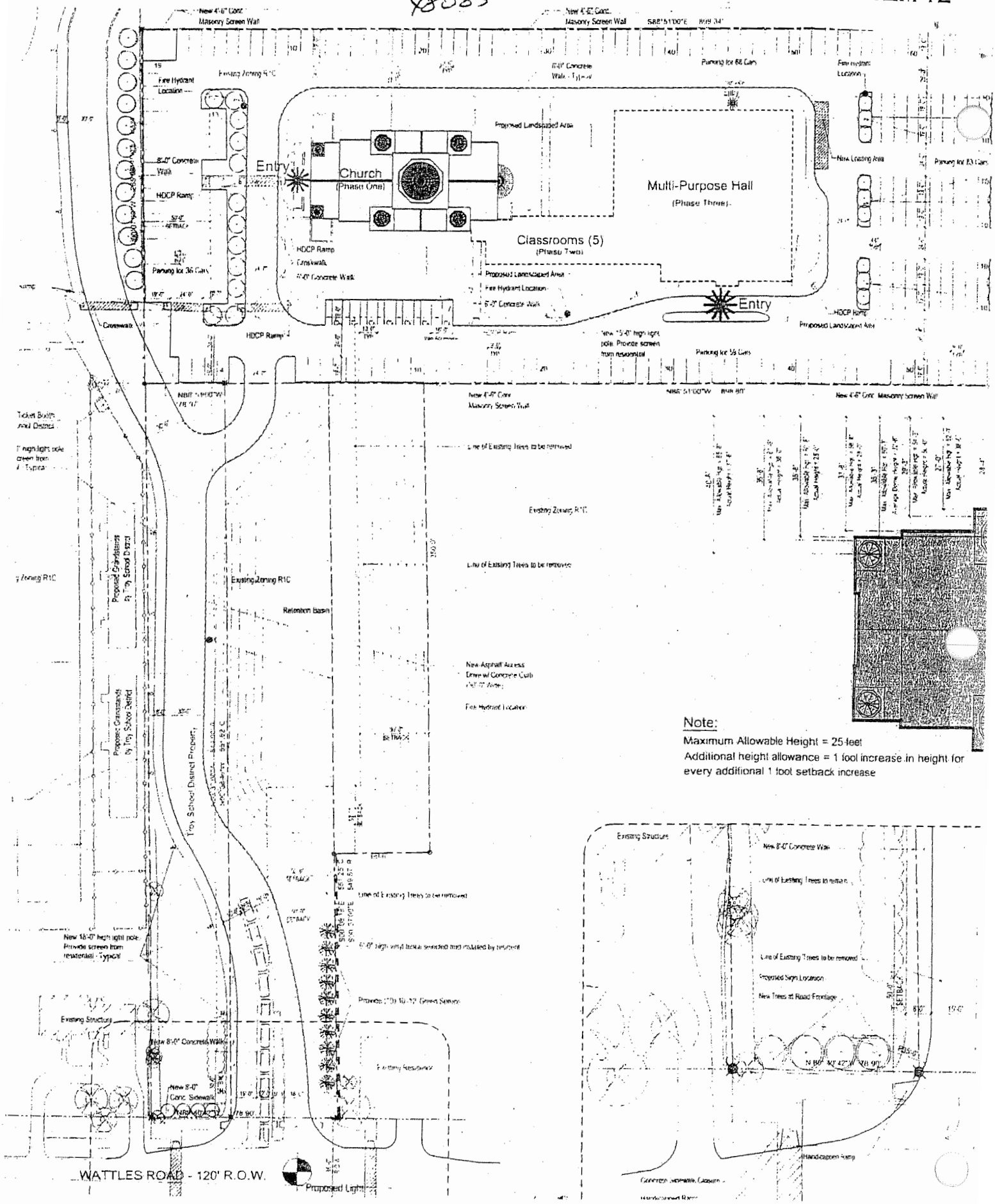
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