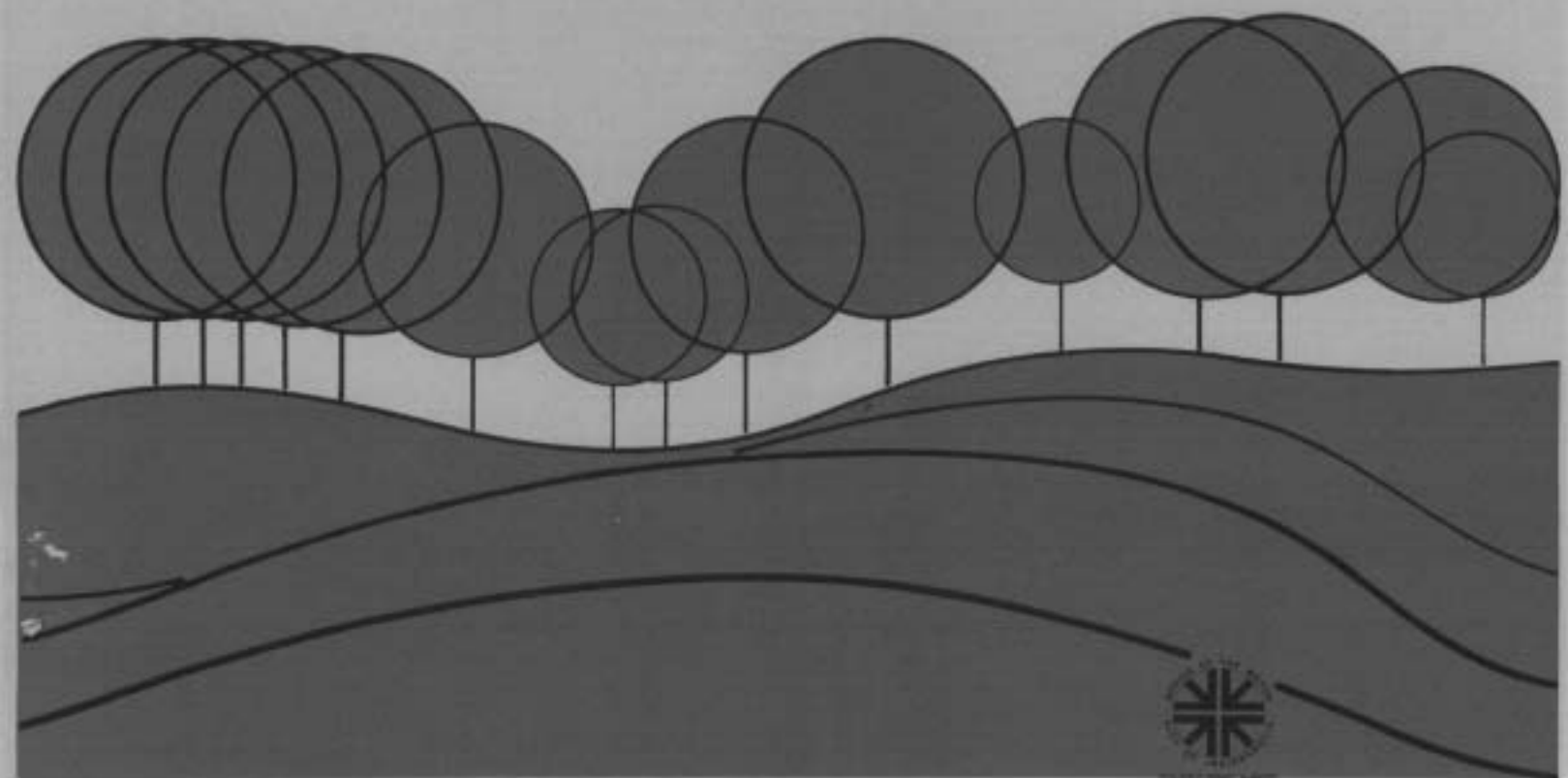


CLERMONT PARK - ROBEY SCHOOL MASTER PLAN

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Clermont Park / Robey School

A MASTER PLAN
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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of park master planning is to insure the coordinated development of a park site based on the physical resources of the park and identified needs of the community and surrounding neighborhoods. A park master plan is to be used as a general guide for the development of a park. The master plan proposes uses, identifies development concerns and neighborhood leisure needs, and contains sufficient narrative to explain the proposal.

Master plans will vary as to level of detail, but they will all be sufficient to guide development. The exact tasks which will be needed to develop a park master plan may vary, but they will follow the same basic design process as follows:

1. Resource Identification
2. Analysis of Data
3. Synthesis of Data
4. Plan Development
5. Implementation

MASTER PLAN FOR CLERMONT PARK & ROBEEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ADDRESS

2800 S. Bridgeport Road
Wayne Township

CLASSIFICATION

Neighborhood Park

SIZE

19.4 Acres

PURPOSE

To provide limited types of recreation for the entire family and/or special groups within reasonable walking and biking distance. The primary function is to provide facilities for all age groups depending on the social character of specific neighborhoods.

CHARACTER

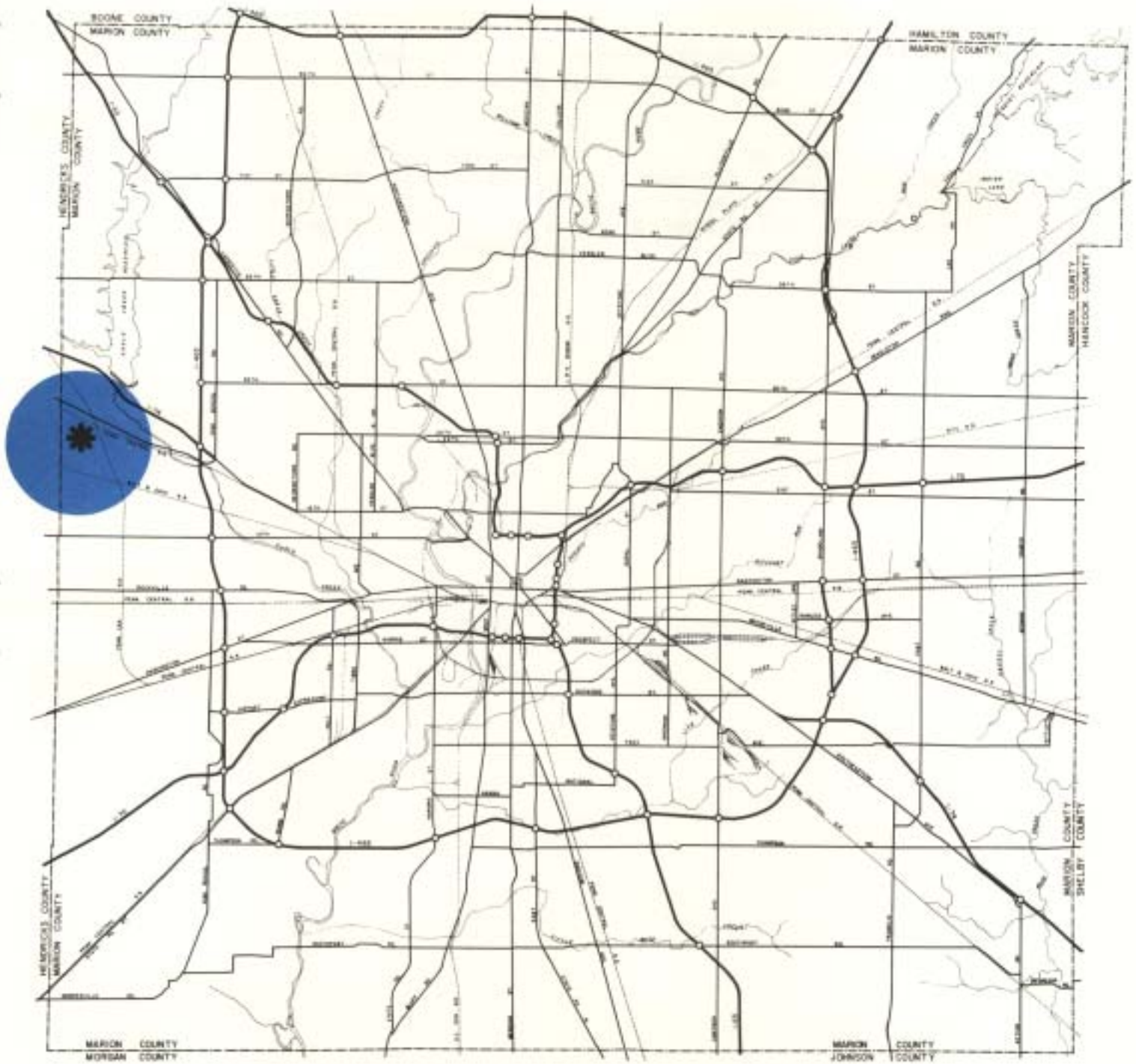
Clermont Park is a 19.4 acre park located on the east side of the town of Clermont. The park is heavily wooded and is undeveloped. This property abuts Robey School, which is a small elementary school of rural character. The recreational facilities provided by the school are limited and are in the need of upgrading.

LOCATION

The site location map on the opposite page shows the location of Clermont Park/Robey Elementary in Wayne Township. The Park/School site serves the town of Clermont which is to the west and north of its location.

Existing Facilities

CLERMONT PARK	19.4 acres	
Woods		Site is heavily wooded, excellent natural area, gentle topography, all high ground
ROBEY ELEMENTARY	10 acres	
Playground		Standard metal equipment in fair condition
Basketball Courts		2 half-courts located on parking lot, not color coded
Ball Diamond		Poor condition, infield needs better drainage, outfield needs regrading
Football Field		Poor condition, turf needs regrading and reseeding
Picnic Shelter		Good condition but poor location
Total Acreage	29.4 acres	



SITE LOCATION MAP

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Park Service Area



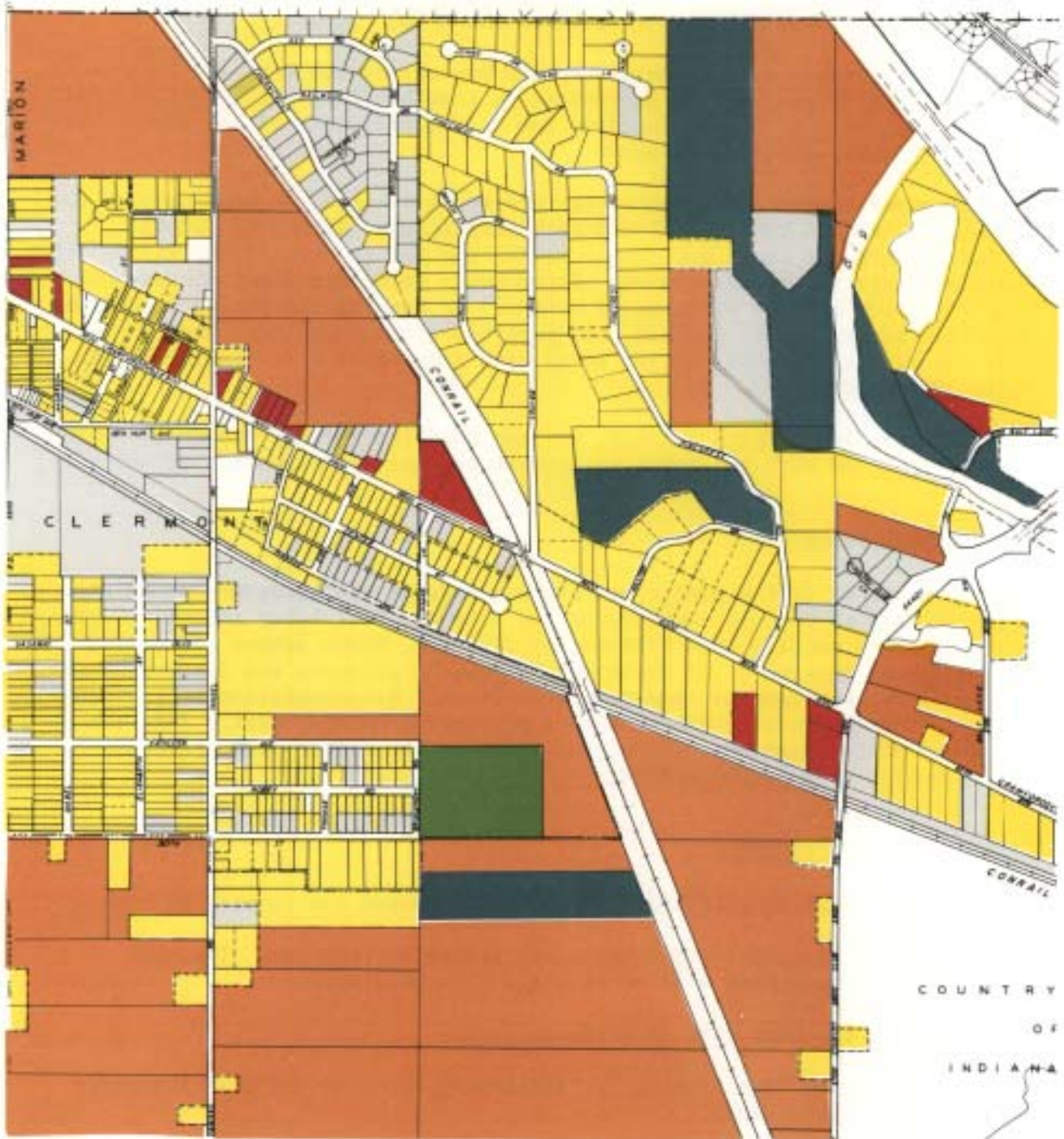
Location of Clermont Park - Robey School



Neighborhood Character

The neighborhood surrounding Clermont Park is of a rural suburban pattern composing a mix of small single-family houses with open agricultural lands around them.

The homes are small but are well maintained with the residence showing pride for their town. The area is stable with little new growth or decline in its population. The area is of rural flavor. Refer to EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD LAND USE PLAN ON Page 5 for a more complete graphic representative of the land use adjacent to Clermont Park.



CLERMONT PARK - ROBEY SCHOOL

EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD
LAND USE PLAN

North 
Scale 1" : 1000'

-  Residential
-  Commercial
-  School / Park
-  Agricultural
-  Wooded
-  Vacant

A MASTER PLAN FOR CLERMONT PARK & ROBEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Wayne Township School Administration in cooperation with the Department of Parks and Recreation are participating together to provide recreational facilities for both school children and to the residents of the surrounding area as a park/school development

The proposed recreational facilities are being designed to best utilize the available land on both school and park properties. Within the school grounds there are large open areas usable for active recreation, whereas the park property is totally wooded. These woods offer excellent educational opportunities for the studying of nature. By keeping the active recreation confined to the school grounds, the park users can experience nature through the use of the proposed trails, along with some passive recreation in the form of picnicking.

Through this school/park concept, maximum benefits for the people in Clermont can be achieved with the least investment and least duplication of services.

MASTER PLAN PROCESS

In September of 1981 a public meeting was held at the headquarters of the Town Council to discuss improvement for Clermont Park/Robey School. Represented in the meeting were citizens of Clermont, Robey School officials, Indianapolis Department of Parks and Recreation planners and Department of Metropolitan Development landscape architects. Recommendations expressed at this meeting were developed into a preliminary master plan. This preliminary master plan was then upgraded to a final master plan after a presentation at a second meeting.

ISSUES AND DEFICIENCIES

1. Upgrade existing ball diamond. Regrade, reseed and install backstop.
2. Install a parking lot for those who arrive in vehicles. The new facilities proposed will necessitate a parking area.
3. Identify the park with an entrance sign.
4. Create a park-like setting by landscaping the site and planting trees creating shade areas.
5. Regrade football field for proper playing surface, making it safer to play on. Enlarge the field to make it usable for playing soccer also.
6. Add a drinking fountain for all users of the park.
7. Install 3 tennis courts, two courts with lights to extend playing time.
8. Install a full basketball court.
9. To help with security, install a fence between the recreational facilities and the agricultural land.

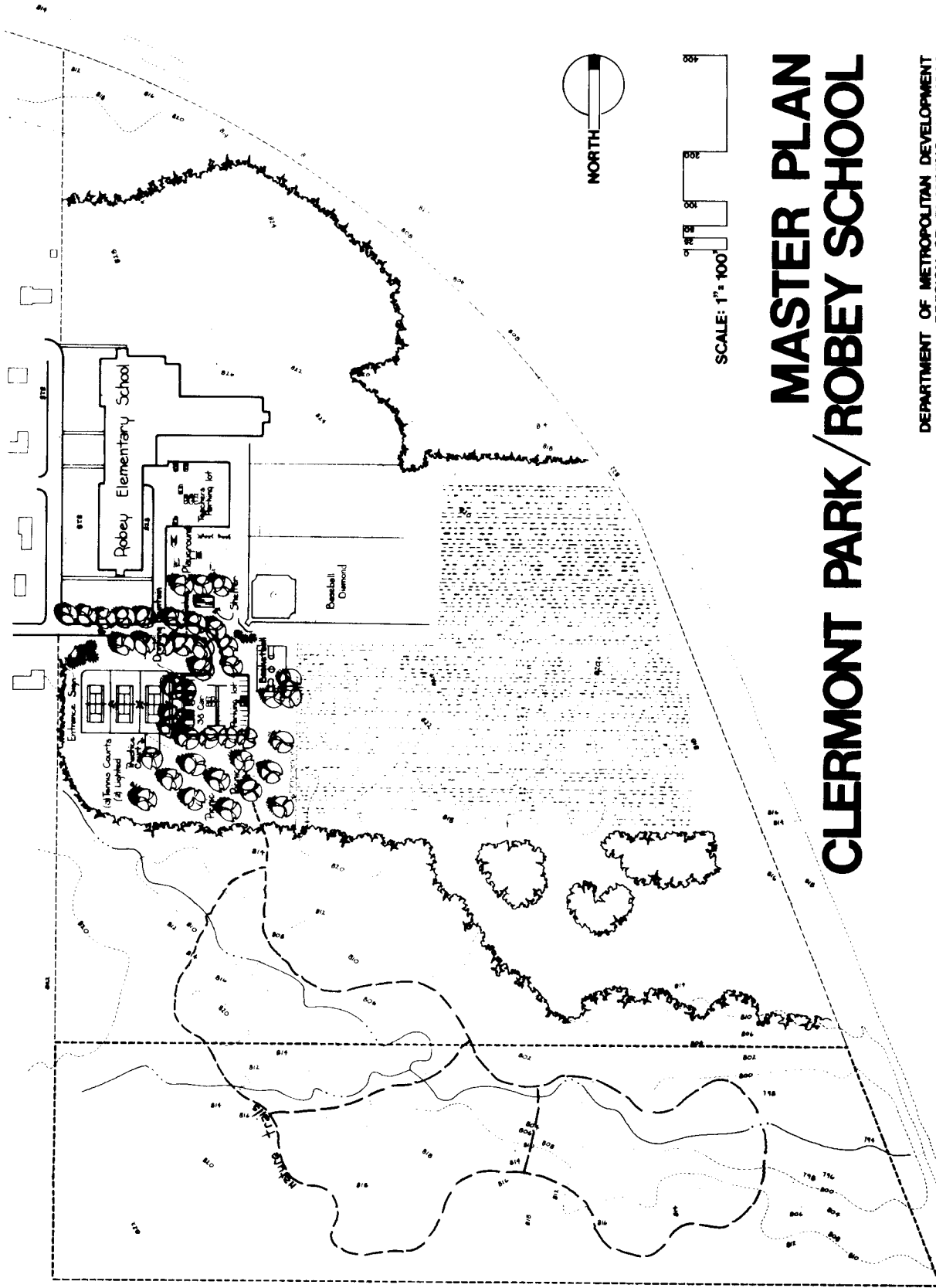
CLERMONT PARK CONCEPT
ROBEY SCHOOL

An important factor in the master plan was to design facilities that would benefit and be utilized by both the school and the general public. Sports-oriented facilities were requested with tennis courts given as the highest priority. By laying out the sports facilities on the cleared land of the school property, the park site was maintained in its natural state for future development of educational trails and shaded picnic areas.

Location of the facilities needed to be close to the school building for easy access by the school children yet separate enough as not to disturb school activities when used by the general public during the school hours. A design element was the solar orientation for the sports facilities. Due to the limited quantity of facilities, it necessitated their correct solar positioning for maximum usage. A centrally located parking lot will service all of the proposed facilities. Whether a group of people come to play baseball or basketball or just one arrives to practice his backhand for tennis, this small school/park will be an asset for all the citizens of Clermont.

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