

PERRY PARK



A PARK MASTER PLAN



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MASTER PLANNING PROCESS

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 the following tasks indicate a general procedure.

1. Develop Neighborhood Land Use Map
2. Park Base Maps
3. Develop Design Program
4. Undertake Site Analysis
5. Schedule Public Meetings
6. Undertake Park Analysis
7. Develop Initial Design Concept
8. Develop Final Master Plan

PERRY PARK
415 East Stop 11 Road
District Park
20 Acres

PURPOSE:

The primary function of a district park is to provide a major public multi-use recreation area which accommodates intensive uses of active recreational facilities and also contains an area of open space.

CHARACTER:

Perry Park is a 20 acre urban park located in the south central portion of Perry Township. This relatively small district park is best known for its popular ice skating rink and swimming pool. These two special use facilities serve a large portion of Perry Township and areas in Johnson County. The overall character of the park can be stated as average in terms of facilities offered and the park's overall condition. The overall maintenance of Perry Park is excellent. Improved landscaping and attention to turf maintenance would do much to add a more park-like appearance and feeling to Perry Park.

Existing Facilities

Condition

Swimming pool	Good condition, well used
Ice rink	Fair condition, enjoyed by many
4 tennis courts	Good condition, no lights
2 parking lots	Paved, excellent condition
Picnic shelter	Good condition, picnic area needs better development
Play field	Needs regrading and seeding

NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER:

The neighborhood surrounding Perry Park has developed in a characteristic suburban pattern composed of a good mix of well maintained single family homes, parks, churches and commercial activities. The presence of agricultural land reflects a somewhat open and positive rural flavor to the neighborhood. Perry Park is a well used valuable public asset to both the surrounding neighborhood and Perry Township. Refer to EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD LAND USE PLAN on page 6 for a more complete graphic representative of the land use adjacent to Perry Park.

CITIZEN INPUT:

The concerned Citizens of Perry Township formed a committee to make recommendations for improvement to Perry Park. On June 30 this committee was asked to make a list of their priorities for the improvements to Perry Park. This list was presented to Park Department Personnel at their September 20 meeting.

These recommendations were then presented to park planners who developed a preliminary master plan. A public meeting on June 11 was held and gave everyone the opportunity to review the preliminary master plan. Input from this meeting was used to prepare a final master plan. Refer to page 7.

ISSUES AND DEFICIENCIES:

Issues and deficiencies have been identified by the neighborhood residents, parks department staff and planning staff. The Master Plan proposes solutions to these issues.

- . A warm up and concession building is needed to adequately handle the current clientele and allow room for future growth. This building will also greatly aid to the enjoyment of the ice skaters.
- . More recreational activities could be programmed if the open field within Perry Park was graded and reseeded. Residents expressed great interest for the field to be marked off for soccer with goals installed.
- . Enclose the ice rink by installing sides. This will allow more comfortable use by preventing the cold chilling winter winds on the rink.
- . Two entrance signs are needed for park identification.
- . Plant more trees to present park-like setting.
- . Install concrete walk to pool bathhouse from parking lot to replace the dirt paths currently used.
- . Clear understory from woods. This will increase safety for its users and open the area up for future picnicking. Install picnic table and trash receptacles within this area.

MASTER PLAN:

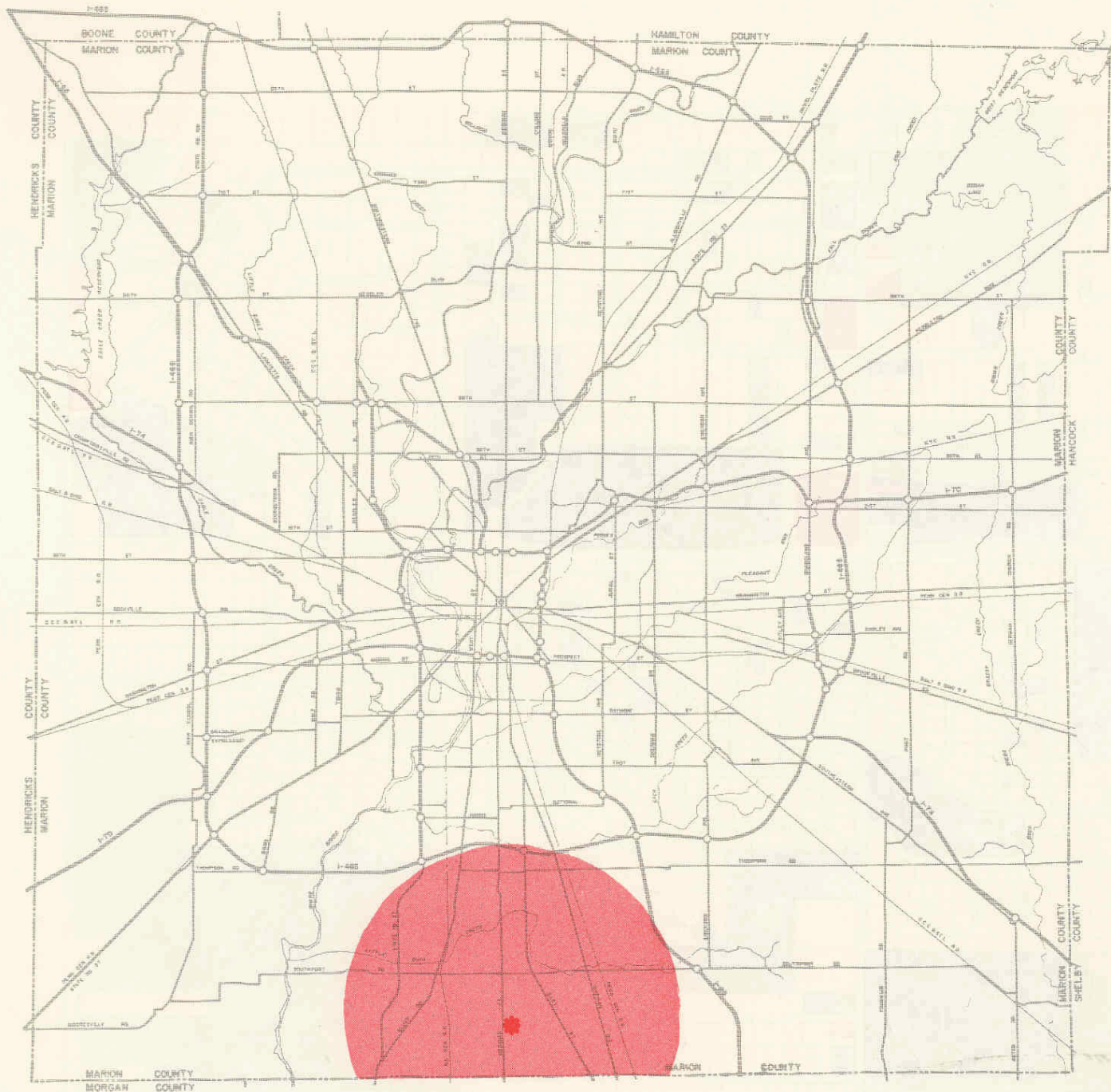
The accompanying master plan represents a graphic presentation of how the park planners, parks department maintenance staff and the neighborhood feel Perry Park should be developed if funds can be made available. Because of financial restraints it will be necessary for the neighborhood themselves to assist the Department of Parks and Recreation in the maintenance, programming and policing of park facilities.

IMPLEMENTATION: (Proposed 1982)

The implementation of the District park master plan will depend upon the degree to which neighborhood groups and individual residents are willing to work with the Parks Department.

FUNDING:

Local Bond Issue.



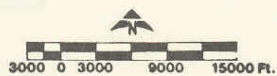
SITE LOCATION MAP

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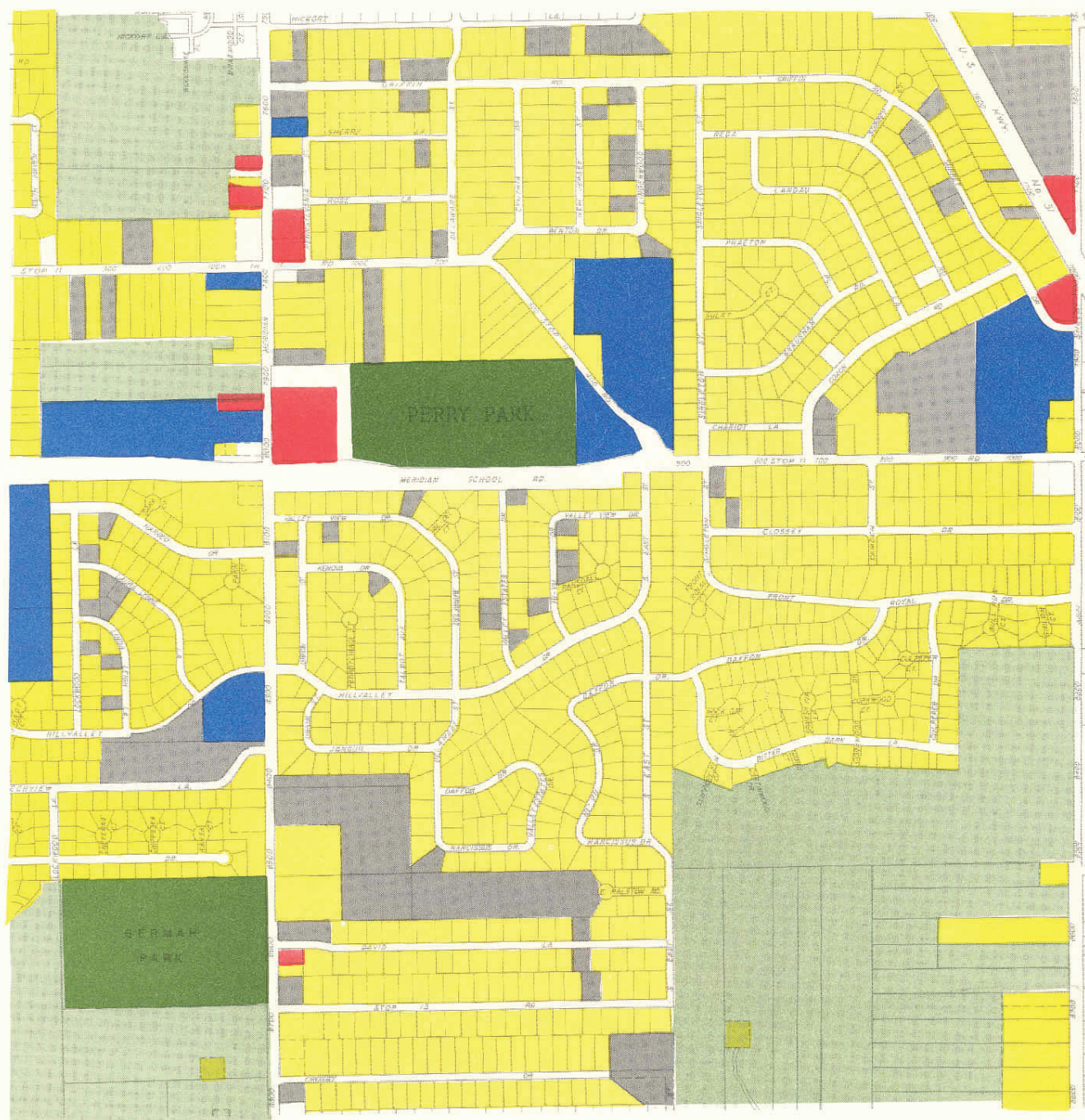
Location of Perry Park *

Park Service Area

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PERRY PARK
(EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD LAND USE PLAN)

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Residential | Public, Semi-Public |
| Commercial | Vacant |
| Parks | Agricultural |

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legend:

PROPOSED MODIFICATION *



PROPOSED VEGETATION

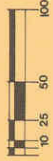


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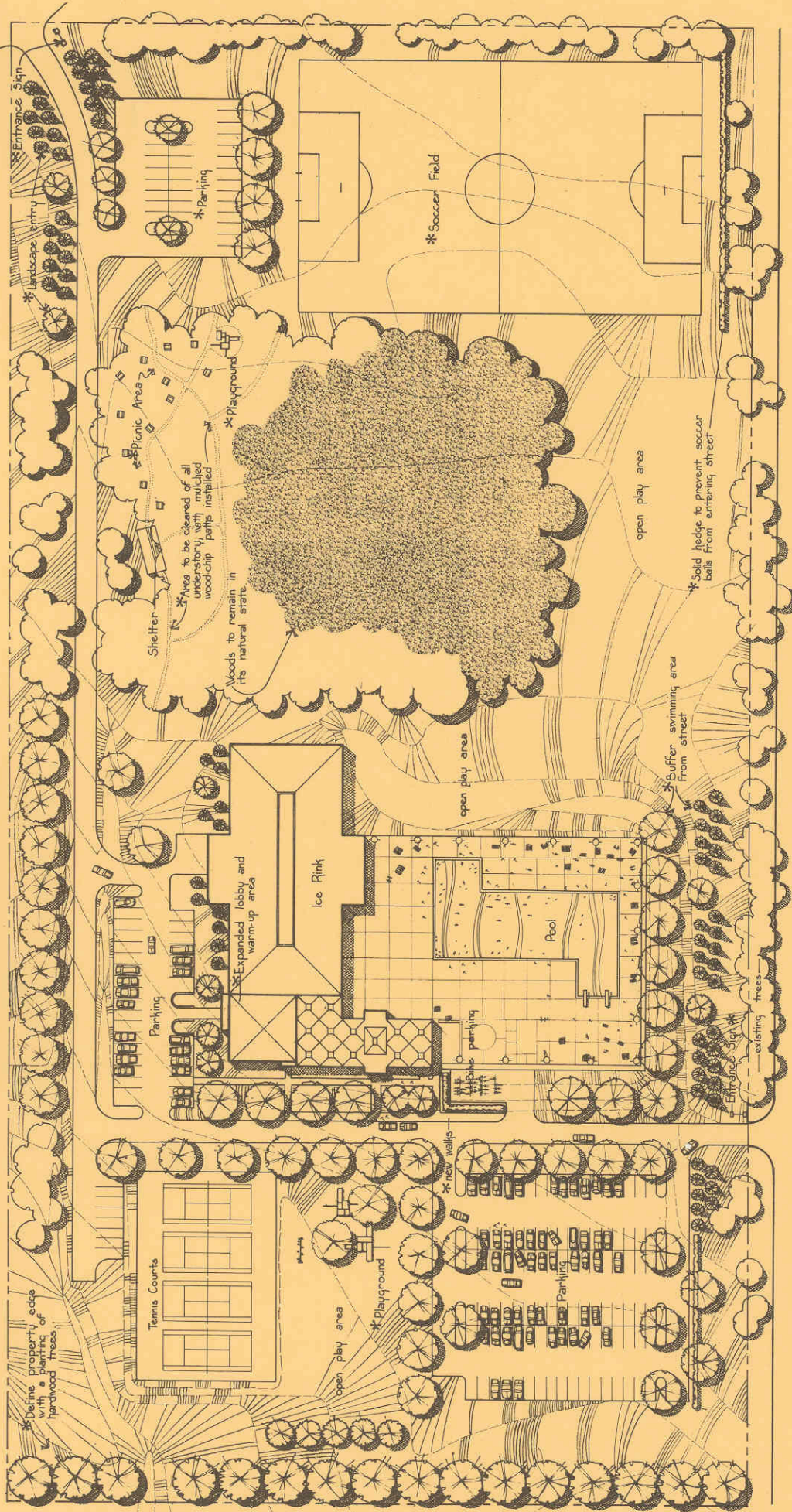


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