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Sincerely,

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COPE PARK MASTER PLAN

Since the last Cope Park Master Plan meeting (Jan 15, 2004) we have taken the considerable amount of responses and tried to work them into three more plans. Each of these plans should be seen as flexible individual components rather than a fixed plan, as before. Please keep in mind that only the restroom facility will be constructed this year. Other proposed elements in the design may not be implemented in the immediate future. Please submit any comments on the proposed layouts or concepts/ ideas that are not shown to:

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Some of the proposed features received enough responses for us to conclude they should be shown in all three layouts.

- A more formalized pedestrian entry
 - Alternative route off the parking lot
 - Re-do trail from 7th Street- Possibly a raised walkway to the bottom set of stairs
- Better access across Gold Creek- whether it remain in present location or is moved.
- Keep Tennis Courts near current location with same orientation
- Move restrooms and shelters closer to front of park
- Emergency phone should be located near the park entry
- A single Frisbee golf basket will be installed
- Lighting will be installed to allow for safe travel through the park after dark. The lighting will focus on the paths and will be done to minimize effects on surrounding residences.

Other conclusions based on received comments:

- Although a dog training area would be nice, it is probably not the best use of space.
- Although horseshoes and bocce ball do not take up much space, a need for them was not seen.
- Maximize the number of swings
- Maximize the use of the sledding hill
- Keep a tennis wall, can be relocated to another off court area
- Minimize disturbance to trees on hillside, as they are holding the slope together
- Encourage high school use
- Increase winter use

Elements that need to have further discussion:

- Gated park
- Raised curbs or parking blocks in the parking lot to discourage misuse.

LAYOUT 1-

- The pedestrian entries to be formalized, possibly a mix of raised walkway and gravel.
- The tennis wall has been moved out of the parking lot and replaced with a couple of parking spaces.
- The tennis courts have been set back from the parking lot, keeping the same general location and orientation as the existing courts.
- A hard court surface is shown in between the parking lot and the new tennis court layout. This court has a tennis wall, as well as a basketball hoop.
- The restrooms are located right in front of the park for easy access and visibility.
- A shelter is shown in the existing location of the swings
- The swings have been moved next to the tennis courts
- A rock climbing/ play area is shown by the ball fields. This area is meant to be a non-typical playground, that is more aesthetically pleasing and more interesting for visitors than the traditional play equipment. A safety surface would be installed throughout this area.
- The T-Ball/ Softball field would be sized to fit the current user groups (150' to the outfield fence from home plate)
- The Soccer fields would also be set up to incorporate the user groups, which are often the younger age groups. A regular 120' x 215' field would be lined sometimes, but for the younger kids two 90' x 120' fields would be drawn within the larger field.
- The upper terraced area would remain the same, with the picnic shelter and play equipment remaining in their current location.
- A bridge would be put across Gold Creek upstream from the parking lot. The bridge would be visible from the parking lot but no direct route would take people there. This may encourage more use within the park.
- The area around the bridge would be trimmed and would become a welcoming area to picnic in.
- The sledding hill will remain, but will be slightly altered in order to maintain a run and still have the courts moved.
- A half-pipe sled run will be constructed on the sledding hill. This will allow for a bobsled type use and provide some diversity of winter use.

LAYOUT 2-

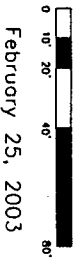
- The pedestrian entries to be more formalized possibly a mix of raised walkway and gravel.
- The tennis wall has been moved out of the parking lot
- The tennis courts have been set back from the parking lot. The courts are offset in order to maximize the sledding hill and minimize the amount of dirt removal from the area.
- A hard court surface is shown in between the parking lot and the new tennis court layout. This court has a tennis wall, as well as a basketball hoop.
- The restrooms are located next to the tennis courts, where the temporary restroom was this summer.
- A shelter is shown next to the ball fields. This shelter would serve nicely as a place to watch games under cover and still be in the center of the park.
- The swings remain in their existing location.
- A rock climbing/ play area is shown between the parking lot and the tennis courts. This area is meant to be a non-typical playground, that is more aesthetically pleasing and more interesting for visitors than the traditional play equipment. This area would serve as the initial impression of visitors to the park and would soften the previously sharp entry. A safety surface would be installed throughout this area.
- The T-Ball/ Softball field would be sized to fit the current user groups (150' to the outfield fence from home plate)
- The Soccer fields would also be set up to incorporate the user groups, which are often the younger age groups. A regular 120' x 215' field would be lined sometimes, but for the younger kids two 90' x 120' fields would be drawn within the larger field.
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- A bridge would be put across Gold Creek from the corner of the parking lot. This would have to be a large bridge at this location, but would allow for an ADA Accessible route across Gold Creek. If the bridge location were here, it opens the possibility of having a gazebo/ small shelter on the far side along with other park amenities. The trail across the creek could connect with trails on the far side to create a more user-friendly system.
- In order to encourage more winter use, it was thought that a more formal sledding area might be appropriate. Here a half-pipe type structure is shown. This structure may encourage a variety of uses and have a bobsled type feel to it for sledding. There is also the possibility to have x-country skiing, as the field area retains snow later than most places in the Juneau area.

LAYOUT 3-

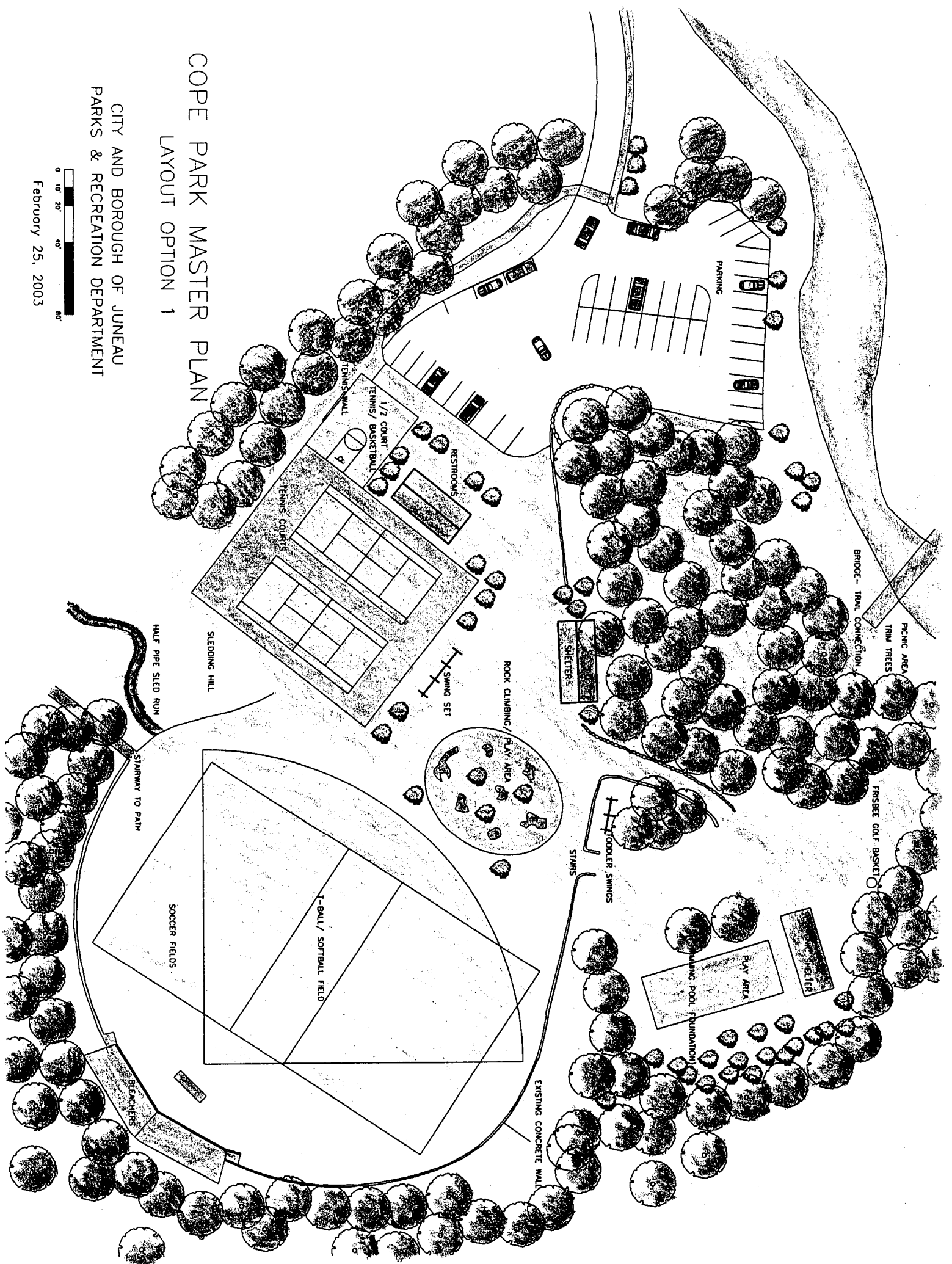
- The pedestrian entries to be more formalized possibly a mix of raised walkway and gravel.
- The tennis wall remains in the parking lot at its current location.
- The tennis courts remain in their current location.
- A wider path runs between the parking lot and the tennis courts to allow for smoother traffic flow off the parking lot.
- The restrooms are located across from the tennis courts, where the swings are currently located.
- A shelter is shown behind the tennis courts. This allows a covered area to watch sports games from.
- The swings have been moved next to the tennis courts.
- A rock climbing/ play area is shown by the ball fields. This area is meant to be a non-typical playground, that is more aesthetically pleasing and more interesting for visitors than the traditional play equipment. A safety surface would be installed throughout this area.
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- The existing shelter would be moved further towards the sports fields from its existing location. This would allow it to be more visible from the rest of the park.
- The play equipment has been removed from the old pool foundation and relocated closer to the tot swings on the upper terrace.
- The upper terrace is now more open grass area.
- The existing bridge across Gold Creek would be replaced with a more usable bridge.
- The sledding hill will remain as is.

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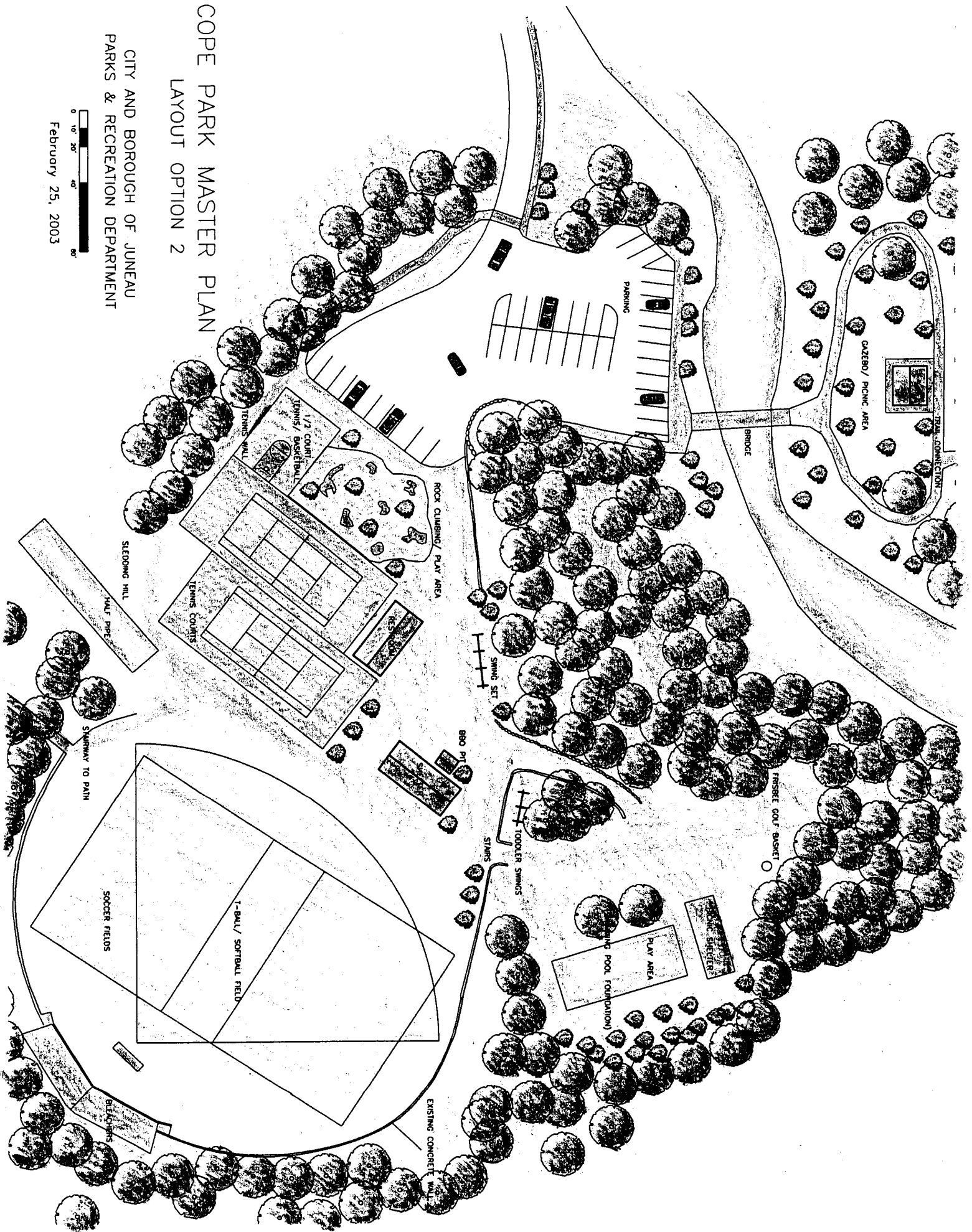
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COPE PARK MASTER PLAN
 LAYOUT OPTION 2
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COPE PARK MASTER PLAN LAYOUT OPTION 3

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