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Beattie-Powers Place
Catskill, New York

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Introduction

The Beattie Powers Place in Catskill, New York is a unique riverfront property on the west bank of the Hudson River with views to the north of the Rip Van Winkle Bridge and Olana, and views to the west of the Catskill mountains and the site of the once famous Catskill Mountain House. Although the site is within walking distance from the center of Catskill's Main Street, it is a significant riverfront parcel (7.5 acres) and integral to the maintenance of public access to the river for the community.

The Beattie Powers Place Committee has outlined its long term goals in the Beattie Powers Place Report, Proposal for Village Use of the Building and Property, July 18, 1991. This report clearly delineated the property use options and the subsequent advantages and disadvantages. This report declares that the donor's intent that the property be used "... as a public park for the recreation and well-being of its residents and those in the surrounding area". The Committee has determined that the property be used for passive recreation, with nature trails and bird watching, creating and encouraging wild bird habitat and developing interpretive signage for the landscape, building and wild life.

As part of this passive use of the property, the Committee specified that occasional concerts, community events, house tours and lectures would also be an appropriate use of the house and site.

Any use of the site must take into consideration the surrounding residential area and this plan mitigates as much of the negative impacts as possible. Parking during special events and the location of rest room facilities are some of the concerns which were addressed as sensitively as possible.

The development of the property will require phased planning due to limited funding, the seasonal nature of the work, and the need to create a volunteer "core" to undertake the less strenuous work on the site. This plan outlines those phases and the tasks within which may be deemed as "contract services" and "volunteer services".

The following plan outlines the development of the property with conceptual guidelines, design suggestions, and cost estimates for the work. The plan developed from a review of the recreational potential, plant, bird, and wildlife habitat, aesthetic, cultural, and historical references, and the planned use of the site. Each of these concerns has been overlaid on the map of the property, with the intent to minimize as much conflict of use as possible.

The plan does not take into consideration the estimates for restoration of the house. The Existing Condition Survey of the Powers House by Pierpont Nelson Architects, P.C., and the above-referenced Beattie-Powers Place Report describe the house and restoration costs. The changes noted on the plan in reference to the house relate to the removal of the porte cochere and the renovation of the former maid's apartment to accomodate a larger restroom facility.

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Description of Existing Conditions

The site is accessed from a shared driveway from the public street. The water and sewer lines are also located under this driveway. This shared driveway is necessary as the property does not front directly on Prospect Avenue, rather, it sits behind another smaller property. The site continues to the River rising gently from the street to the house and from there dropping, quite steeply in some areas, to the river.

The western section of the property, defined here as the area between the house and the property fronting Prospect Avenue, has varying site conditions taken into consideration when developing the use plan. First, the area immediately adjacent to the western property boundary is a low, wet area. It is currently overgrown with briars and brush, but a dry stone masonry wall is visible and serves as the boundary between the neighbor and Beattie Powers Place.

This section is also the location of the mature plantings and trees. The drive to the house is lined by large oak trees with some sycamore and even a small stand of white birch sprinkled among the lawn plantings.

There are remnants of the original carriage drive to the house, a meandering route that moved from east to west across the front lawn of the property. The bluestone path from the house to the driveway, a more recent addition, remains although some pieces are deteriorated.

The northern section (defined as the area between the house and the northern property boundary) has remnants of the pergola which once connected the formal garden at the Beattie Powers House to the neighboring main house.

The southern section, between the house and the neighboring property is a narrow, overgrown area. As the neighboring historic house has been removed and a modern building remains, the growth is necessary screening to preserve the feeling of history at the site.

Without a doubt, the eastern section provides the most opportunity and challenge for the project. Currently, the ground slopes steeply towards the river, with few breaks in the hillside. Historically, this area featured a large formal garden with the above-mentioned pergola and a flat seating area beyond the stone dust walk that currently encircles the house. The original carriage road that ran from Catskill Point to town remains as an overgrown path at the river. The majority of the hillside is currently overgrown with briars and vines, although gateway visible from the house suggests that a series of paths through this thicket must have existed at one time.

Suggested Site Use Plan and Design Guidelines

(numbers keyed to the Public Use Plan Drawing)

The management of the site will be performed by the Village of Catskill under the direction of the Beattie Powers Place Management Committee.

Management Guidelines

Critical to the operation and management of Beattie Powers Place is the development of a volunteer "core". To that end the Beattie Powers Place Committee must create a sub-committee devoted to developing this core. The local historical society may take an active interest in creating a guides program for the house. A "Friends of Beattie Powers Place" should be created to research the grounds and gardens and maintain the more delicate aspects of the historic landscape, i.e. the garden and specimen plantings.

Operational Hours

The park should be managed on a dawn-to-dusk basis during the year. Access should be restricted to the house and immediate grounds during sensitive nesting times in the spring and to the stone paths when rain and groundwater conditions have made the lawn and fields impassable.

Special events will require additional security measures as access will be permitted after dark on the site. Security lights for the house and grounds will be necessary as well as a lock on the gate leading to the bird watching paths.

Vehicular Access 1

Although parking on the site will be discouraged, a parking lot will be located at the western boundary with a capacity for ten cars, including one handicapped space. There will be no vehicular access to the house but the drive will be maintained to allow for emergency vehicles and deliveries to the house. The construction of such a parking facility will necessitate building berms to protect the neighboring residence's view and installing drains, paving materials (the Committee selected a red stone gravel), lighting and plantings to further screen the parking area from the house.

A vehicle control point (bollard and chain) will be installed at the fork in the driveway where the drive splits to encircle the house.

Boat Access 2

There will be no river access for boats nor can there be any boat launching from this site. The steep slope would severely restrict opportunities for creating a boat launch at the river edge. Such a facility would also diminish the passive recreational use of the site.

Riverfront Access

The riverfront can not be considered part of the project at this time. It is advisable to limit pedestrian traffic on the beach and the hillside directly above it to prevent accidents or erosion.

Hunting

As the site is being developed as a nature preserve with the intent to encourage wild bird nesting, all hunting should be prohibited from the site. The boundary should be clearly posted with signage that prohibits hunting and restricts access to designated areas.

Bicycle Access 3

Cyclists should be restricted to the western portion of the site. A bike rack should be installed at the information booth.

Rest Facilities 4

The Committee intends to renovate the former servant's quarters to include permanent restroom facilities for the building and site. These facilities would be open while the site is open for visitors. The renovation will be done in such a way as to prevent access to the rest of the house when it is not open to the general public (i.e. if the house becomes an office or is used for private affairs like a wedding).

While these renovations are taking place, temporary facilities will be used with a private maintenance contract from the supplier. These facilities will be located at the parking area, housed in a temporary structure that will both screen the facilities from the neighboring residences and provide some level of security when the site is closed.

Habitat Improvement for Eastern (Riverfront) Property 5

One of the long term goals of the Committee is the creation of habitat to encourage wild birds and create nesting and feeding opportunities for migratory birds on the eastern side of the property. Below is a listing of plantings and shrubs suitable for this purpose. Note that the mature height of these plants will not restrict or prohibit Hudson River views.

Plantings:

Barberry: grows in any location; best for erosion control; produces berries; with its thick, dense growth, it provides good nesting, summer and winter shelter.

Bayberry, *Myrica Pennsylvanica*: Prefers dry soil; produces berries; will require male and female plants for berry production.

Birch, gray, *Betula alnifolia*: Prefers dry soil; another erosion controller; produces seeds.

Deutzia: Prefers moist soil conditions; a thick, dense grower for nesting, summer or winter shelter.

Dogwood, Shrubby:

Red Twig: Prefers moist soil; another erosion controller; produces berries.

Yellow Twig: Prefers moist soil; erosion controller; produces berries.

Euonymus, Winged: Can be planted anywhere; good erosion controller.

Honeysuckle, shrub:

fragrantissima: Plant anywhere; produces seeds.

Tartarian: Plant it anywhere; produces seeds.

Juneberry, *Amelanchier alnifolia*: Likes dry soil; produces berries.

Saskatoon serviceberry

Juniper, Pfitzer (shrubby): Likes dry soil; erosion
or Hetzii (more compact) controller; thick, dense growth provides shelter for
summer, winter, nesting.

Mock Orange: Prefers moist soil; thick growth for summer shelter.

Prunus tomentosa: Plant it anywhere; produces berries.
Nanking Cherry

Rose: multiflora: grows anywhere, erosion control, thick growth for nesting and summer shelter;
produces berries.
rugosa: grows anywhere; erosion controller; produces berries.

Symphoricarpos albus: Plant anywhere; controls erosion; produces berries.
Snowberry

Spirea van Houttei: Plant in moist soil; thick growth makes good nesting habitat.

Sumac, stag's-horn: Plant in dry soil; produces berries.

Viburnum: *Trilobum* (highbush cranberry) Plant in moist soil; produces berries.
Maple Leaf: Plant in moist soil; produces berries.
Prunifolium (Blackhaw): Plant it anywhere; produces berries.

In general, these shrubs can be planted in poor, rocky soil. The planting should take place in the spring, as soon as the ground thaws. As the hillside is currently covered with growth, do not do any general clearing, just selective planting and clearing. Do not fertilize the first year. Water deeply every 7-10 days until frost if rainfall is inadequate during the first year. Keep a mulch about two inches deep around these plants until they begin to spread.

As part of the habitat management plan, plant a nursery bed for young plants at the bottom of the hill to nurture them for the first year and propagate new growth. Tiny shrubs placed in their permanent location will dry out too quickly and will require replacement.

Landscaping Improvements (General): 6

The areas to be planted with meadow grass should be mowed selectively to encourage wildflower growth. The mowed paths should not exceed four feet wide. Swale path contours to provide adequate drainage. Mow paths only when grasses exceed two inches in height to avoid scorching. 6

The formal garden on the east side of the property will require a substantial retaining wall and stairs to lead from the garden to the hillside below. More research must be done to delineate the outline of the paths and uncover the planting plan. This portion of the project is part of the final phase and will need a large funding source. 7

The mature trees on the western portion of the property must be pruned and treated as some are diseased. The Committee will make a final determination on the status of some of the older marginal trees which may present hazards to users on the site or to the house. 8

The understory on the western section will be cleaned out to encourage wildflower and grass growth. Clearing the understory will also allow some of the wet soils to dry and create a

healthier environment for the existing trees. 9

Paths to the house from the parking lot and around the house will be crushed red stone (3/8") over a gravel aggregate base with drainage tiles as needed in wet areas. An existing bluestone path from the house to the driveway will be restored, resetting the salvageable stone and replacing to match original when necessary. 10

The property boundaries will be screened to protect the neighboring houses and also to protect the sense of history at the site. The existing scrubby growth is inadequate during the winter months so that it will be necessary to replace this with evergreen shrubs to complete the screening from ground to tree level. 11

The property boundary between the northern neighbor and the formal garden will be completed with a wooden post and wide gauge wire fence planted with ornamental vines to screen the neighboring house from view. The pergola which once ran between the two houses will now terminate at this fence and make a 90 degree turn to the east to end at the stairs overlooking the river and the meadow. 12

Lighting

The parking area will have a period light post to match the new post at the drive to the house. There will be one light post across from the entrance to the house. 13

Architecture

The restoration and cost estimates for the restoration of the house are covered in the previously mentioned architects' report dated August 16, 1991. This plan was developed independent of the intended use for the house which was undetermined at this time. (Although the concept of a building for community events was mutually agreed upon, the strategy for implementing and financing this concept had not yet been developed.)

Additional architecture that must be considered for the site include landscape amenities such as benches and a reproduction of the Adirondack-style gazebo on the eastern side of the property, as well as a unified signage program that interprets the site for the visitor and controls access on the site. 14

Two open air structures must be constructed at the parking area for users on the site. The first will serve temporarily as a location for the restroom facilities while renovations are made to the main houseformer servant's quarters to accommodate permanent facilities. This building will later serve as the staging center for open air concerts and performances. It will require a power hook-up for these events. 15

The second building is also an open air structure serving as the information center for special events and will have a property map and interpretive signage installed permanently for visitors. It will also require a power hook-up for special events. In the summer, a temporary canvas roof can be installed to provide shade. 16

Note: These design guidelines are subject to review by State regulations.

Construction and Phased Site Development

Phase I

The first phase of construction will entail development of the western section of the property and the area immediately adjacent to the house.

Description

Installation of parking lot including drainage, 6" substrate and 2" gravel, oiled with 4" red stone finish, 10 cars, including 1 handicapped space	By Contract Cost Est.: \$ 14,000
Installation of period lighting (3)	By Contract Est.: \$ 3,200
Installation of bollard and chains (2) at parking lot and house drive	By Contract Est.: \$ 1,700
Construction of staging area including power hook-up	By Skilled Volunteers By Contract Est.: \$ 5,500
Construction of information/visitor center, incl. foundation, power, signage	By Contract Est.: \$ 4,500
Perimeter & misc. plantings for front lawn	By Volunteer Materials Only Est.: \$ 4,500
Tree Maintenance, misc. pruning	By Volunteer Materials Only Est.: \$ 2,000
Regrade/resurface driveway install drainage, blacktop surface	By Contract Est.: \$ 5,000
Install new red stone path around house (300 l.f.) reset bluestone path to and from house	By Contract By Volunteer Est: 84 cents per square foot for red stone(\$ 1010) / bluestone materials and labor no charge
Signage: Entry Sign at Prospect Ave. Wood, painted, carved, gilded	By Contract Est.: \$ 1,800
Directive Signage, parking, hours of operation, access control. Wood, painted, (8)	By Contract Est.: \$ 2,000

Interpretive Signage: House and Grounds, plantings and specimen trees. Wood, painted.

By Contract
Est.: \$ 3,000

Bike Rack, enamelled, painted.

By Contract
Est.: \$ 800

Benches. Wood, painted or oiled. Installed by volunteers. Allow 8.

By Contract
Materials Only
Est.: \$ 600 per 6' bench

Eastern Section, Phase I Continued

Regrade slope, install swale system at steep slope to meadow

By Volunteer

Restore Historic River Views

By Volunteer

Plant Hillside to stabilize and create wildlife and bird habitat

By Volunteer
Materials Only
Est.: \$ 3,500

New Entry Gate to Hillside

By Volunteer
Materials Only
Est.: \$ 300

Install fence, wide gauge wire, wooden posts plant with ornamental vines

By Volunteer
Materials Only
Est.: \$ 1500

Phase II, Formal Garden Prelim. Restoration and Miscellaneous Landscape Details

New Retaining Wall for Formal Garden, including drainage and random fieldstone face with backfill and 6" topsoil cover; bluestone stairs from garden to hillside

By Contract
Est.: \$ 40,000

Regrade immediate area at riverside of house, provide drainage swales and seed to prevent erosion

By Contract
Est.: \$ 2,000

Gazebo. Wood, oiled. Installed by Volunteers

By Contract
Est.: \$ 5,500

Phase III Completed Restoration

Restoration of Formal Gardens, including planting beds and paths

By Volunteers
Materials Only
Est.: \$ 1,500

Restoration of pergola

By Volunteers
Materials Only
Est.: \$ 5,000

Total Development Costs:

Phase I	\$ 59,110
Phase II	\$ 47,500
Phase III	\$ 6,500

Total Cost of Development \$ 113,110

Note: These estimates were based on a preliminary review of the site, not an in-depth analysis of conditions. Actual bids may vary.

List of Appendices

Appendix A: Bench and Lighting Recommendations

Appendix B: Signage Recommendations

Appendix C: Historic Photodocumentation of Formal Gardens

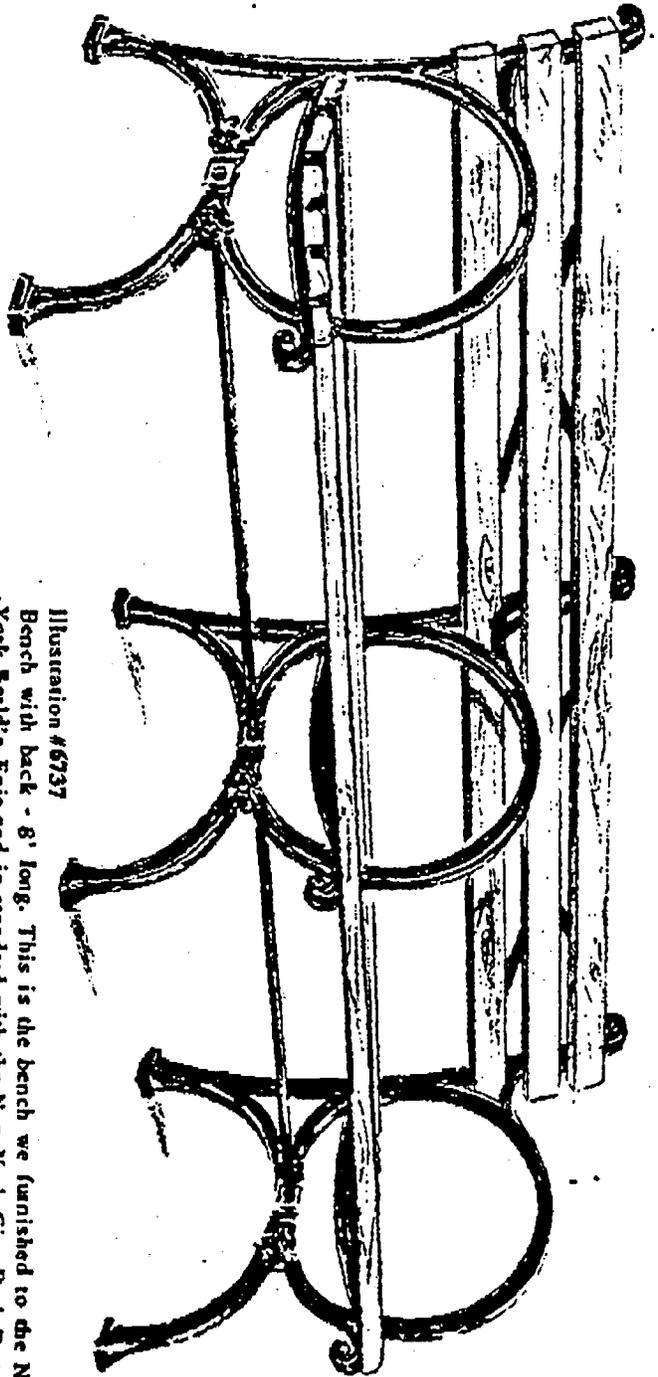
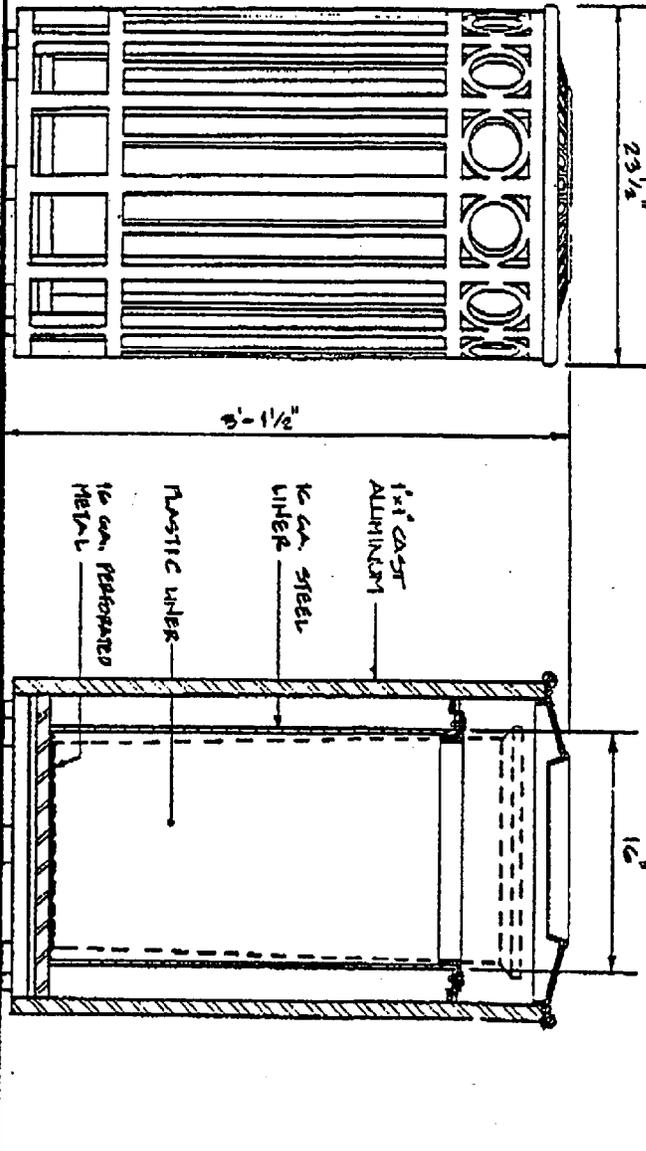
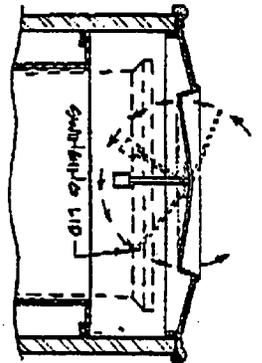
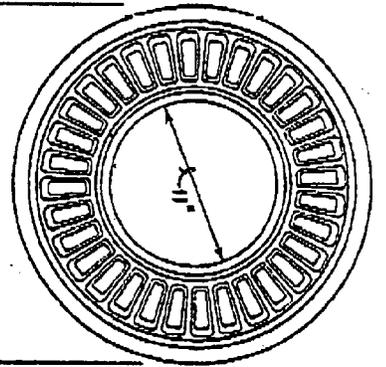


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Bench with back - 8' long. This is the bench we furnished to the New York World's Fair and is standard with the New York City Park Department. This bench has a heavy wrought iron frame with wood seats and back. The ring-like arm rests are ideal for older people helping them to get to their feet. The center ring prevents park "jockeys" from sleeping on the benches. This is a heavy, strong, desirable bench and is generally always available.

1 Bench

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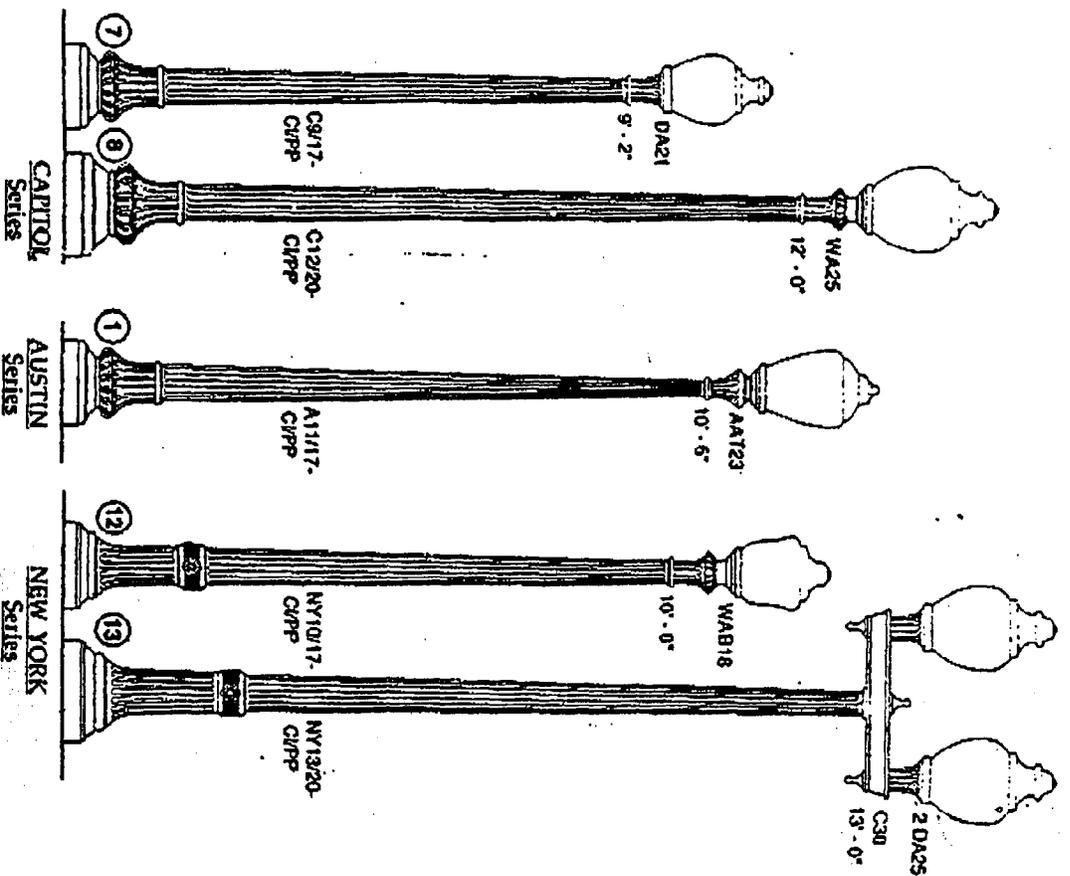
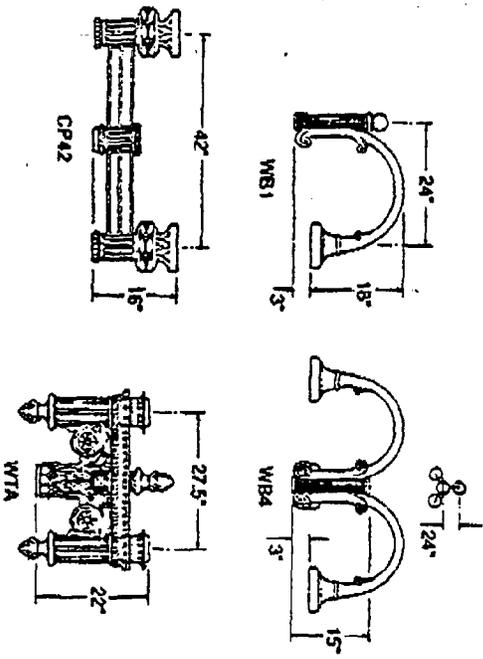
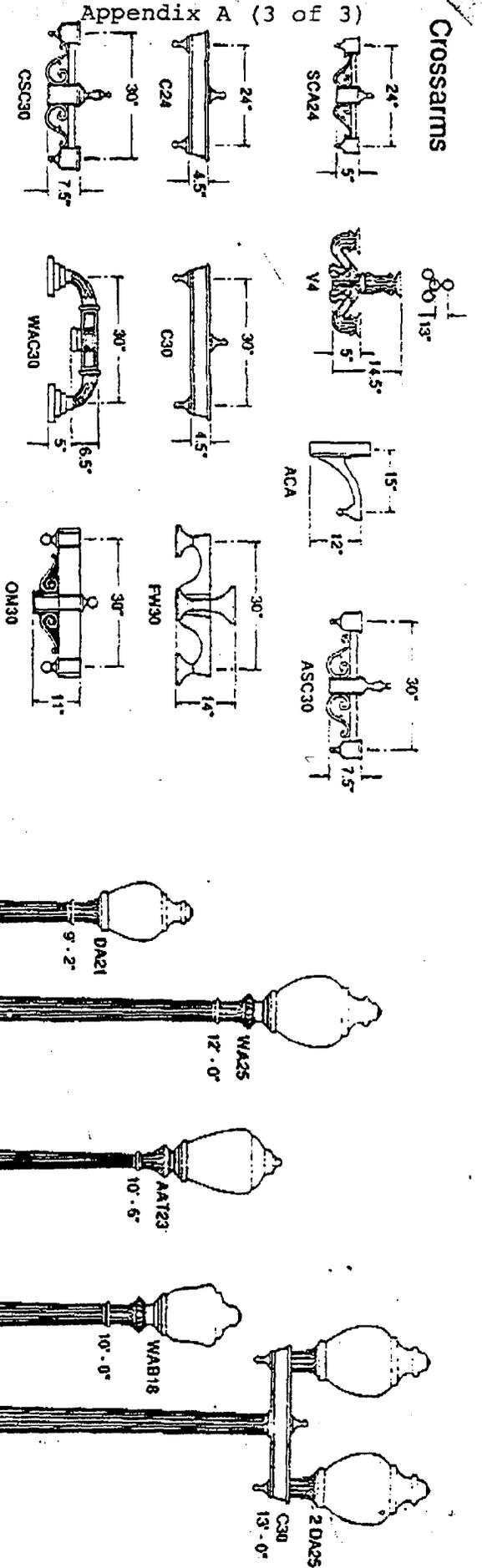


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Trash Receptacle

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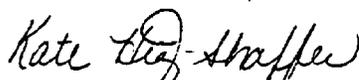
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2".....	\$63.50/ft ²	\$112.00/ft ²
4".....	\$76.00/ft ²	\$133.00/ft ²
 ADD per word over five	 \$10.95	 \$18.50

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OPTIONS

GOLD LEAF (priced per square inch)

All prices for gold and other precious metals vary from day to day due to the daily market value change. For this reason it is advisable to call for current prices.

SURFACE GOLD 23-K (recommended for exterior use and repeated handling)

PATENT GOLD 23-K (necessary for exterior on-site gilding)

GLASS GOLD 23-K (interior gilding on glass only)

NOTE: Both imported and domestic grades of gold are available for gilding.

MOON GOLD (Palladium) (91% gold, 5% palladium, 2% platinum, 2% silver)

Variegated Leaf (Interior or Exterior decorative leaf with discrete markings of different shades of red or green)

Red or Green Tint.....\$ 1.60 ft²

Composition Leaf (Interior only, tarnishes quickly).....\$.60 ft²

Copper Leaf.....\$ 1.00 ft²

Silver Leaf - Domestic (used for glass on interior).....\$ 2.25 ft²

Aluminum Leaf -"German Silver"

(Takes the place of Silver Leaf for other surfaces).....\$.95 ft²

PRICE SHEET (cont.)

ARTWORK.....\$55.00/hour

Layouts and Custom designed hand-drawn or Computer generated art: ALL PRICES ARE MINIMUMS

A. LETTERING ONLY

Pencil sketches of proposed signs.....\$ 54.00
 Camera Ready - Black & White.....\$105.00

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Pencil Sketch.....\$ 95.50
 Camera Ready - Black & White.....\$141.50

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Pencil sketch.....\$157.50
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EACH ADDITIONAL COLOR.....\$ 50.50

Very complex designs will incur the hourly rate for **ARTWORK**.....\$ 55.00/hr.

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Simple letter styles per color per set-up.....	\$ 40.25
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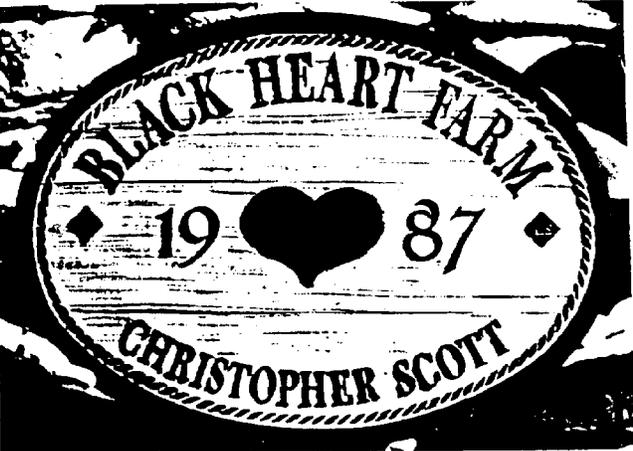
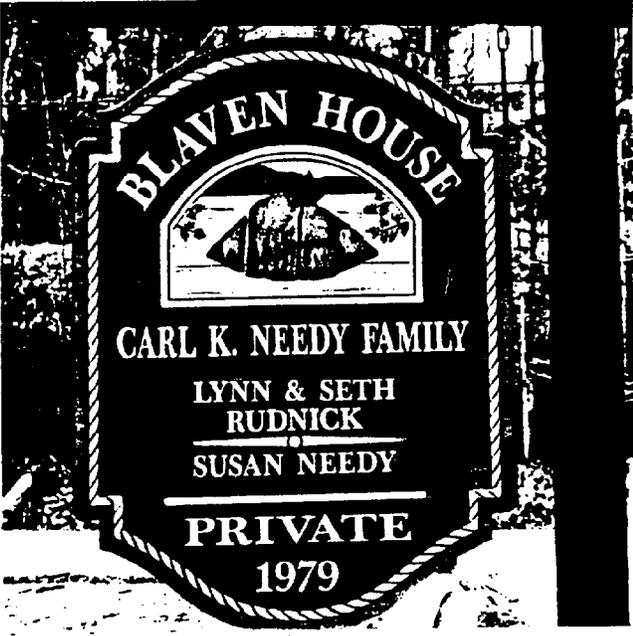
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over 12' high.....	\$ 14.00

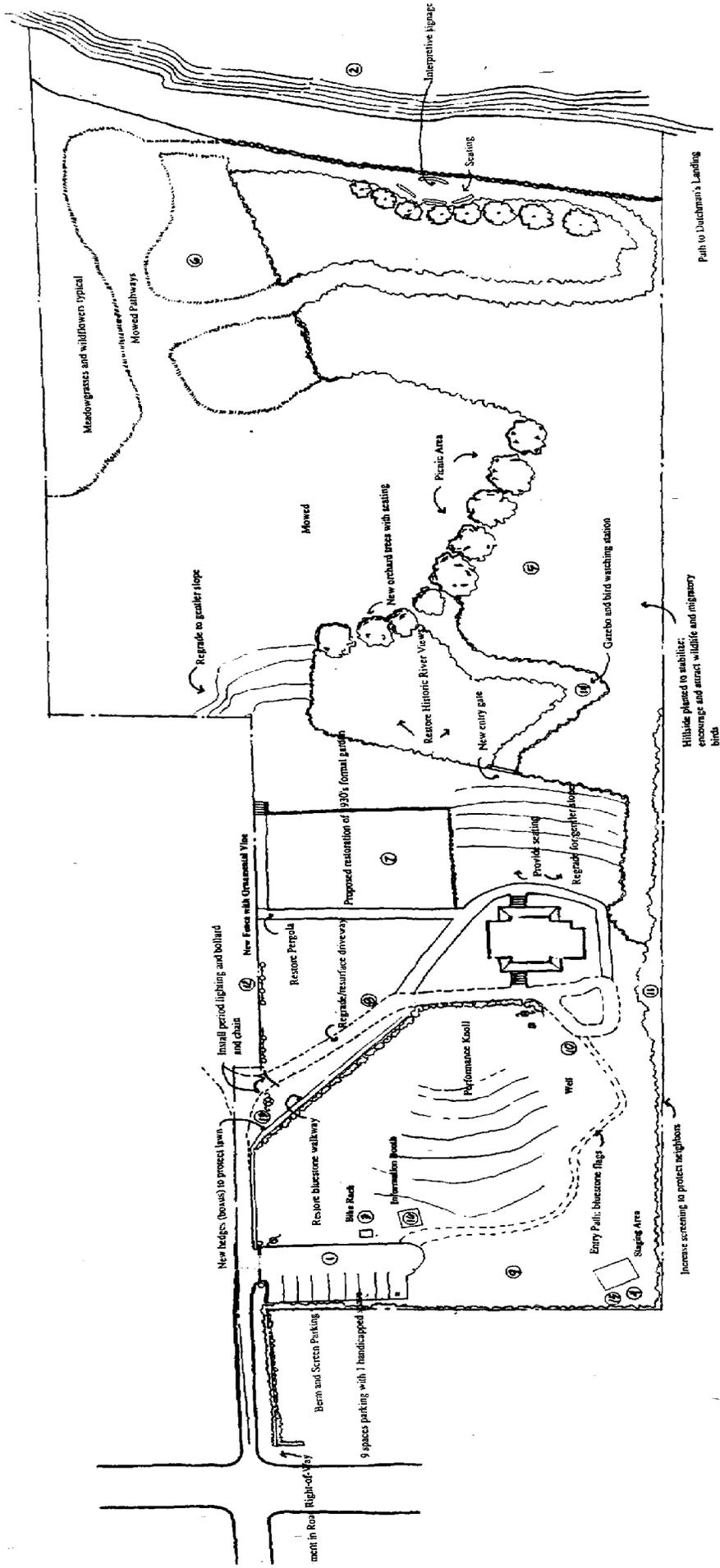
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