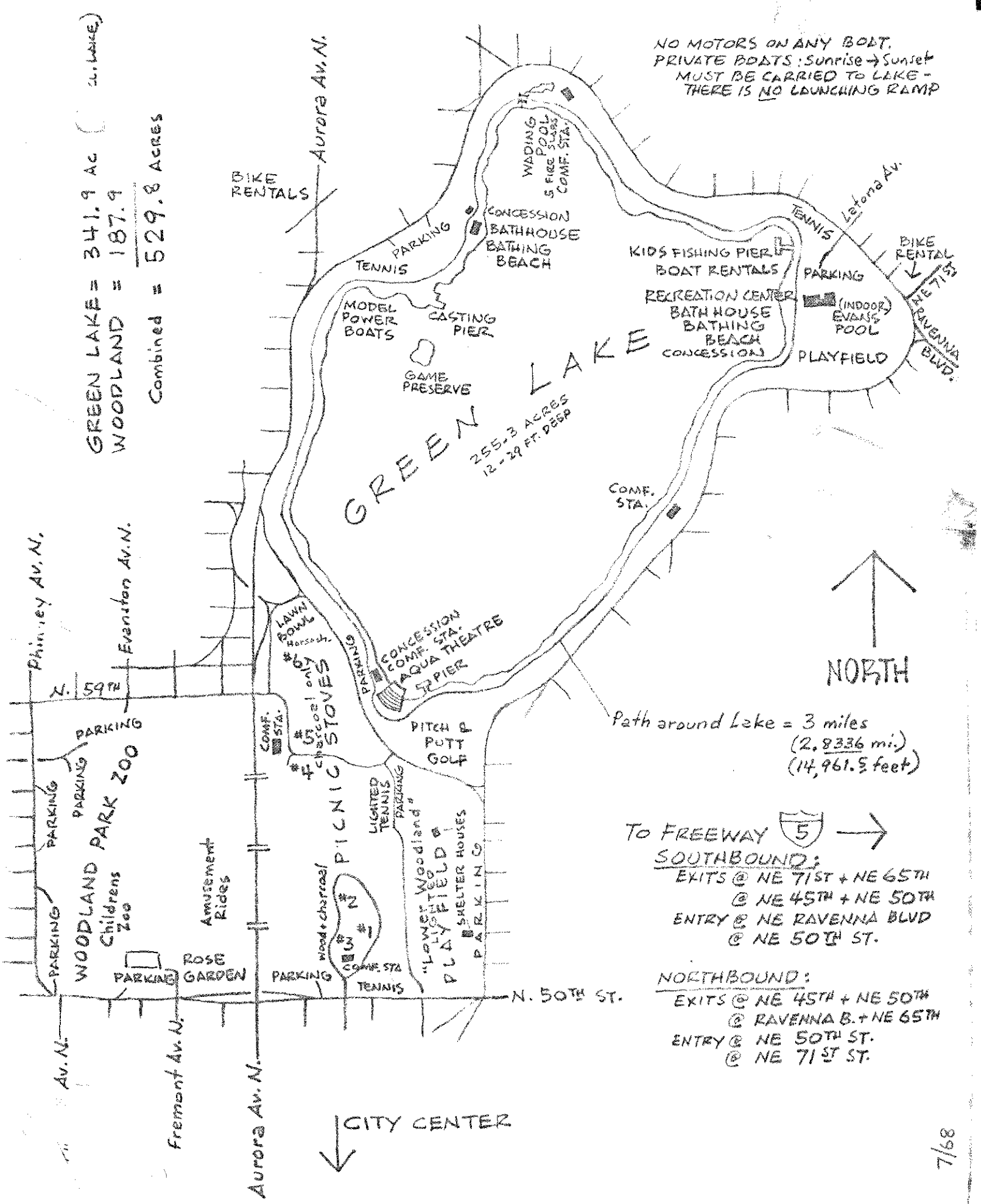

GREEN LAKE/WOODLAND PARKS

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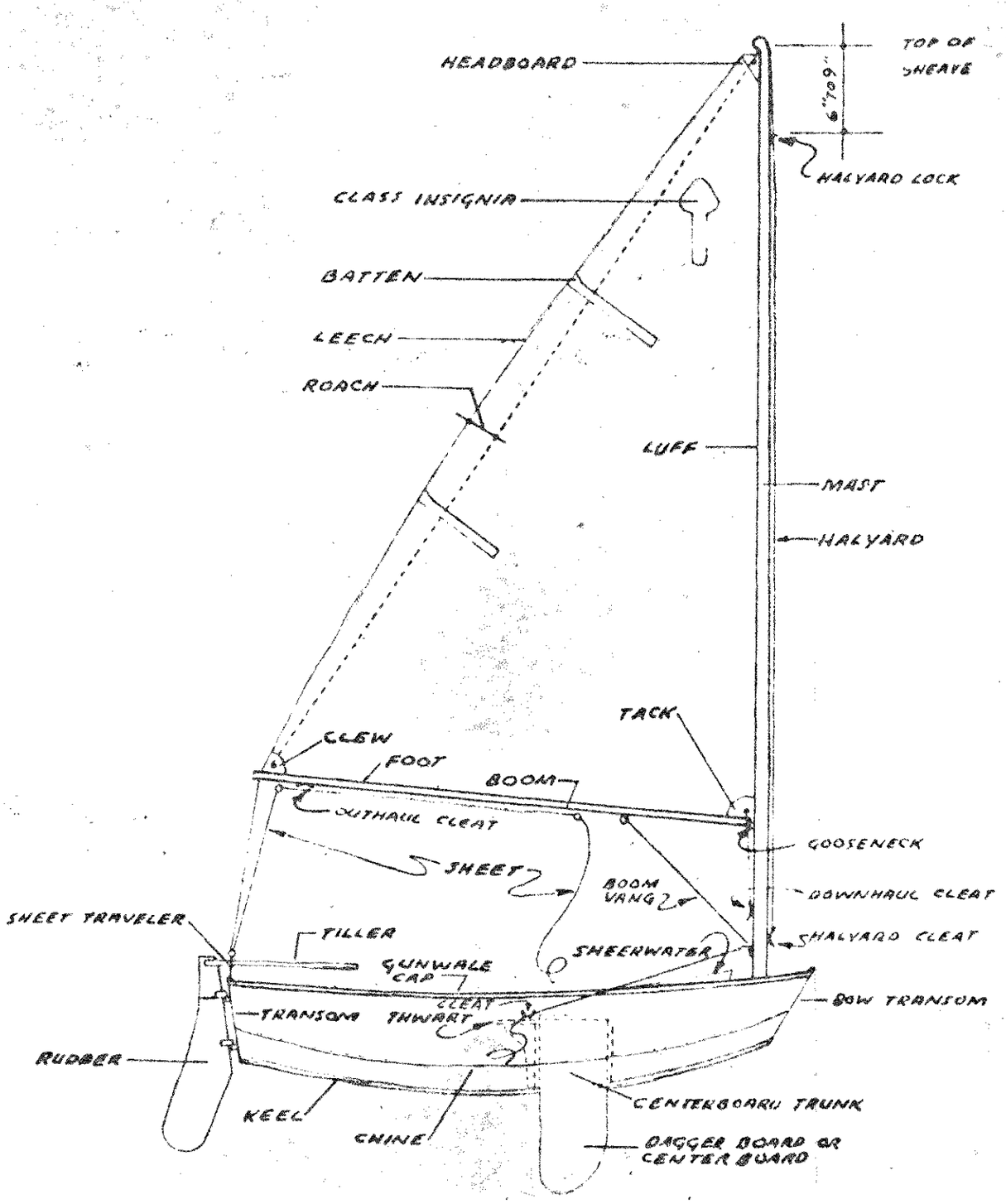

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GREEN LAKE & PARK:

Originally formed by "Vashon Glacial Ice Sheet", 50,000 years ago. The meltoff formed "Lake Russell" whose drainage cut (Ravenna Pk) ravine; glacial basins left include "Lake Green (50' deep)", Bitter Lake, Haller Lake, Puget Sound, etc. Deposits of volcanic ash from (10,436 ft.) Glacier Peak eruption 6,700 years ago have been found on bottom. By natural processes the lake is maturing to extinction: increasing shallowness and natural refuse (+ recent human) have nutured the objectionable algal blooms, as the name of the lake would indicate -(re: 1857 map of Washington Territory by Surveyor General). In 1911 the level of the lake was lowered by 6 ft. and 1,240,000 cu.yds. of fill made behind 2 mi. of dykes @ N.+E. sides: taken from uplands to north and by dredging. South end filled when Aurora Ave. was "excavated" thru park in 1930. Bottom and shoreline dredged again in 1962 and several inlets from the Green Lake and Maple Leaf Reservoir overflows were added for water circulation in an effort to rid the lake of its "itchy" algae (av. 9 million gals/day). In pioneer days the lake was fed by springs + creeks draining the forested shorelands and basin northward past Licton Springs to Haller + Bitter Lakes; its outlet followed the "Lake Russell" cut along (Ravenna Blvd) filled in 1911 and (Ravenna Park) to Union Bay (now Univ. Village). Septic tank seepage forced the largest ("Licton Springs") stream into a sewer; in 1922 the overflow from Reservoirs was diverted into the Lake plus chemical treatment.

The pioneer homesteader was Erhart ("Green Lake John") Saifried, living on the northwest shore, who sold out in 1888 to realtor W. D. Wood and electrical engineer Dr. Edw. C. Kilbourne. Wood + Greg Green subdivided the area, locating an "Amusement Park" at (West Green Lake), A.L. Parker built a sawmill at (East Green Lake)(Woodland Station) and logged the area. Kilbourne built an electric trolley car line "all the way" from Seattle, skirting the eastern shore of the lake (E. Green Lake Way N.) ending at the "Amusement (Picnic mostly) Park". By 1910 the trolley line had been extended around the west side of the lake and through Woodland Park (purchased by the City in 1900) to Woodland Park Av. N., returning to Seattle. A stone bulkhead for a trestle south of 59th still remains. Meanwhile (1889) Guy Phinney had also constructed an electric trolley line to his private Woodland Park and home Estate, as well as developing the south shoreline of the lake with "park" facilities.

In preparation of the City for the 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition on the (University of Washington) grounds the famed Massachusetts firm of Landscape Architects, the Olmsted Bros., were hired to develop park plans for Seattle. Green Lake Park still refects the design of the Olmsteds (as does Volunteer Pk. and the Arboretum). Construction of major facilities began in the 1920's: W. Green Lk. Bathouse and the Recreation Center (see detail sheets of Green Lake & Park); in the 30's WPA built the Island and Wading Pool and bridge plus many smaller projects; in 1950 the Aqua Theater was built and in 1955 the Indoor Swimming pool was added to the Center and dedicated to the Evans brothers, Lou and Ben for their contributions to public recreation and long and faithful service with the Recreation Division: Lou 1912 to 1957 (1892-1966); Ben 1917 to 1960 (1895-

LOU EVANS joined the Dept. as a life guard + an instructor at Ross P.G., then coached football, basketball and baseball at high schools in Texas + Mass. Became director of Collins Center in 1919 and helped reorganize the beach program. Became assistant director of Recreation Division - 1921-'57. In 1961 won the "Pop Warner Award" for service to youth. In retirement he was an adviser + vice-pres. of Seattle's Little League, and dist. commissioner of Nat'l Softball Assoc. Was charter member of F. & A.M., branch pres. of AAU, chr. Water Safety Comm. of Am. Red Cross for 25 yrs.

10/9/56

EVANS POOL

~~Evans Pool operates from 2:00 to 10:00 p.m. daily except Sunday and Monday.~~

The operating crew consists of:

1 Manager
1 Life Guard - full time
2 Life Guards - half time
1 Matron - full time
1 Matron - half time
1 Male Attendant - full time
1 Female Attendant - full time
1 Male Attendant - half time
2 Pool operators

N/A

Cost of Pool: $227,578.00
Year Built: 1954 and 1955 (Started 6/8/54; Completed 2/10/55)

Maximum number of people pool will accommodate : 125

Size of Pool: Length 75 ft., width 42 ft. Depth: Deep end 12', shallow: 3'

Gallons of water needed to fill pool: 152,840 gals.

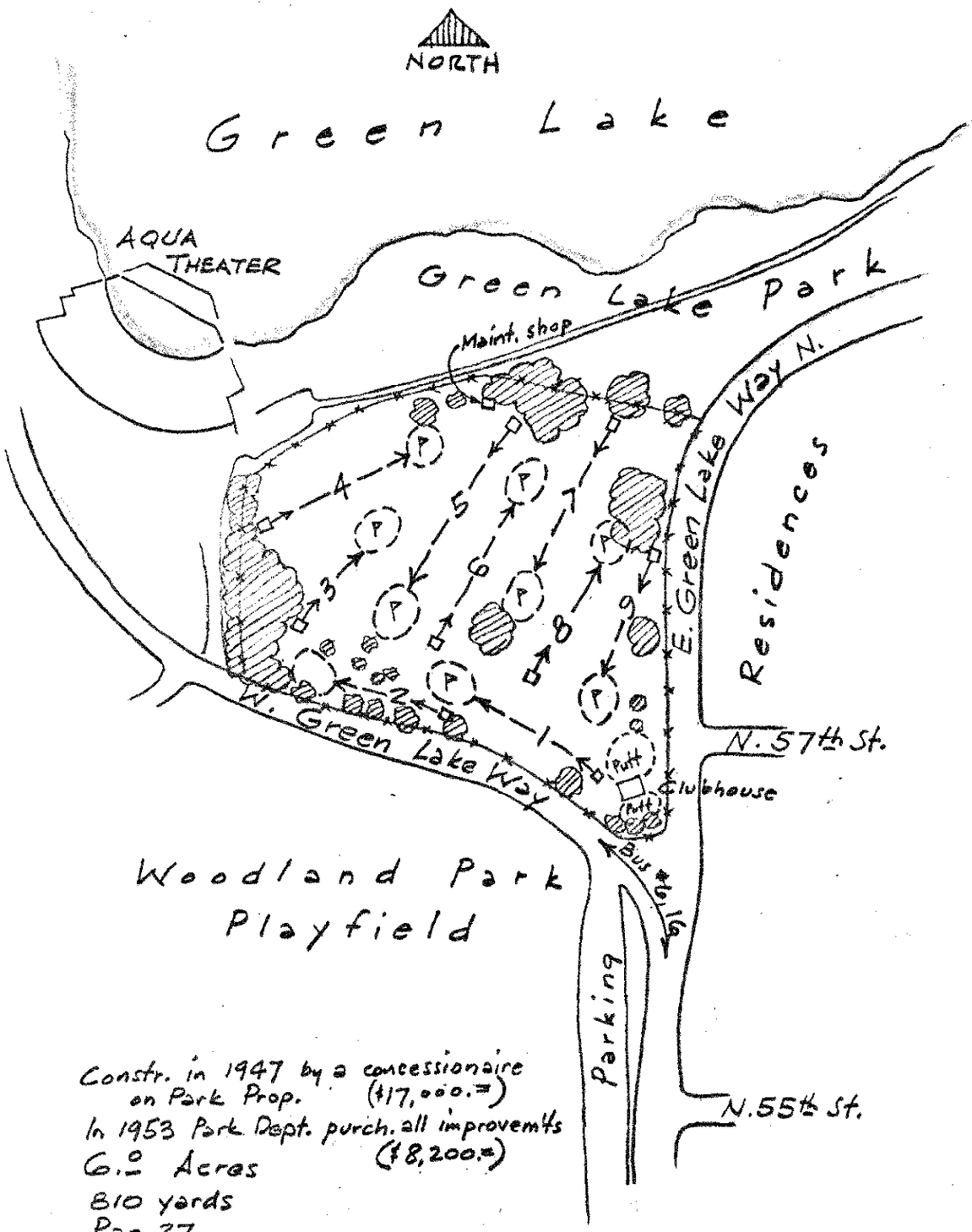
~~Annual cost of operating pool: Salaries - $24,000;~~
~~other expenses - $4,000~~

Type of filters: Elgin Refinite, Elgin, Ill.

Filters were unsatisfactory mostly due to the fact that when we clean the filter the sludge is pumped out of the filter instead of allowing the waste to go into a reservoir and then be pumped into the sewer.

This is the only Filter Company who specified they could do this. The other filter companies specified that the waste should either gravitate into the sewer or dump into a reservoir from where it could be pumped into the sewer. If your filter plant is about the sewer line, you will not encounter this trouble.

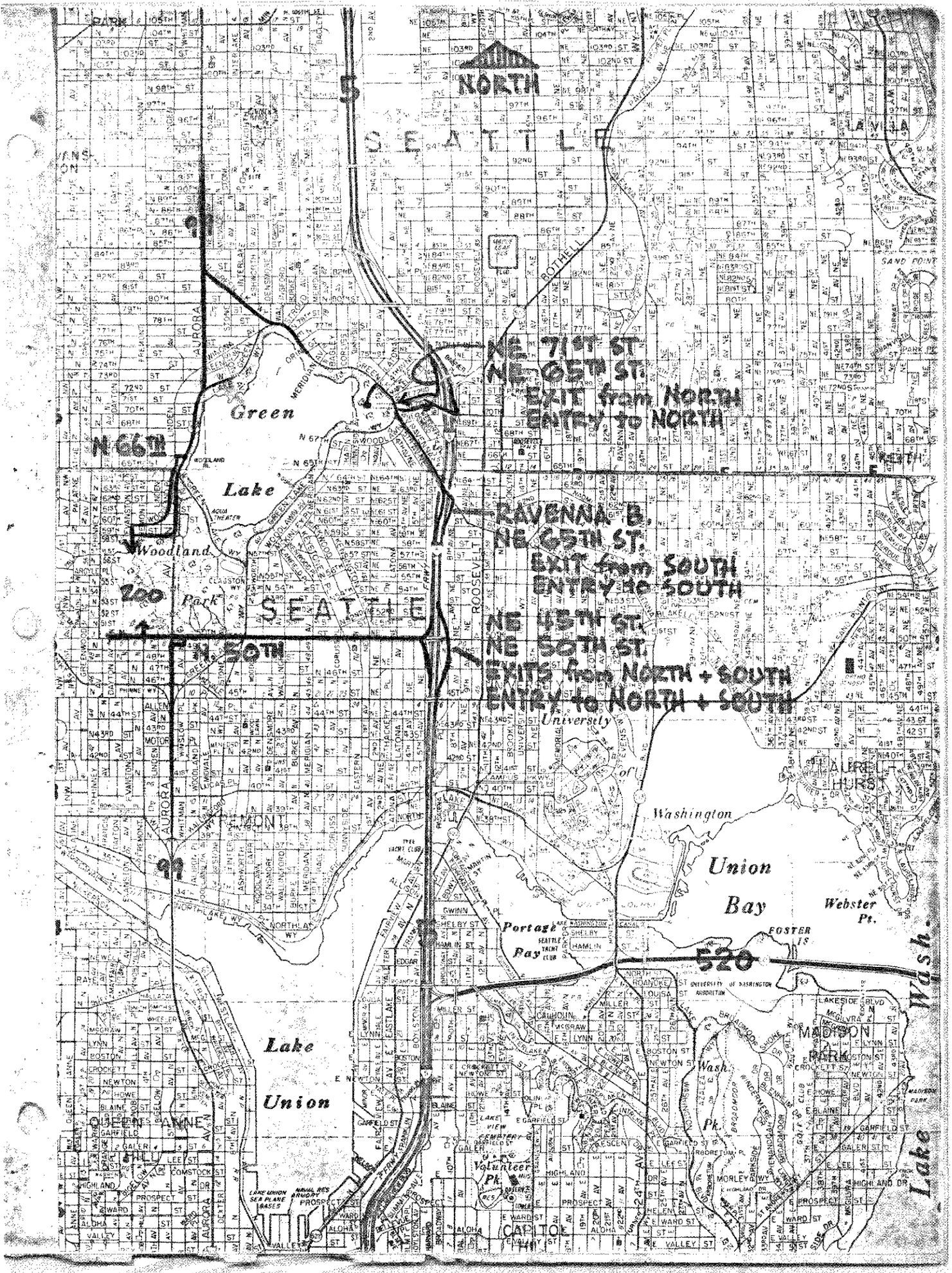
After the pool was completed, there was an additional cost of $3,000.39 for Acoustical Tile. This only completed about one-half and when more funds are available we hope to finish it.



Constr. in 1947 by a concessionaire on Park Prop. ($17,000.=)
In 1953 Park Dept. purch. all improvemts ($8,200.=)
6.0 Acres
810 yards
Par 27
Concession operated

Course for beginners or for a short game.

PITCH & PUTT GOLF


NORTH
SEATTLE
NE 71ST ST
NE 65TH ST.
EXIT from NORTH
ENTRY to NORTH
N 66TH
Green
Lake
Woodland
Zoo
Park
SEATTLE
N 50TH
RAVENNA B.
NE 65TH ST.
EXIT from SOUTH
ENTRY to SOUTH
NE 45TH ST.
NE 50TH ST.
EXITS from NORTH + SOUTH
ENTRY to NORTH + SOUTH
University
of
Washington
Union
Bay
Webster
Pt.
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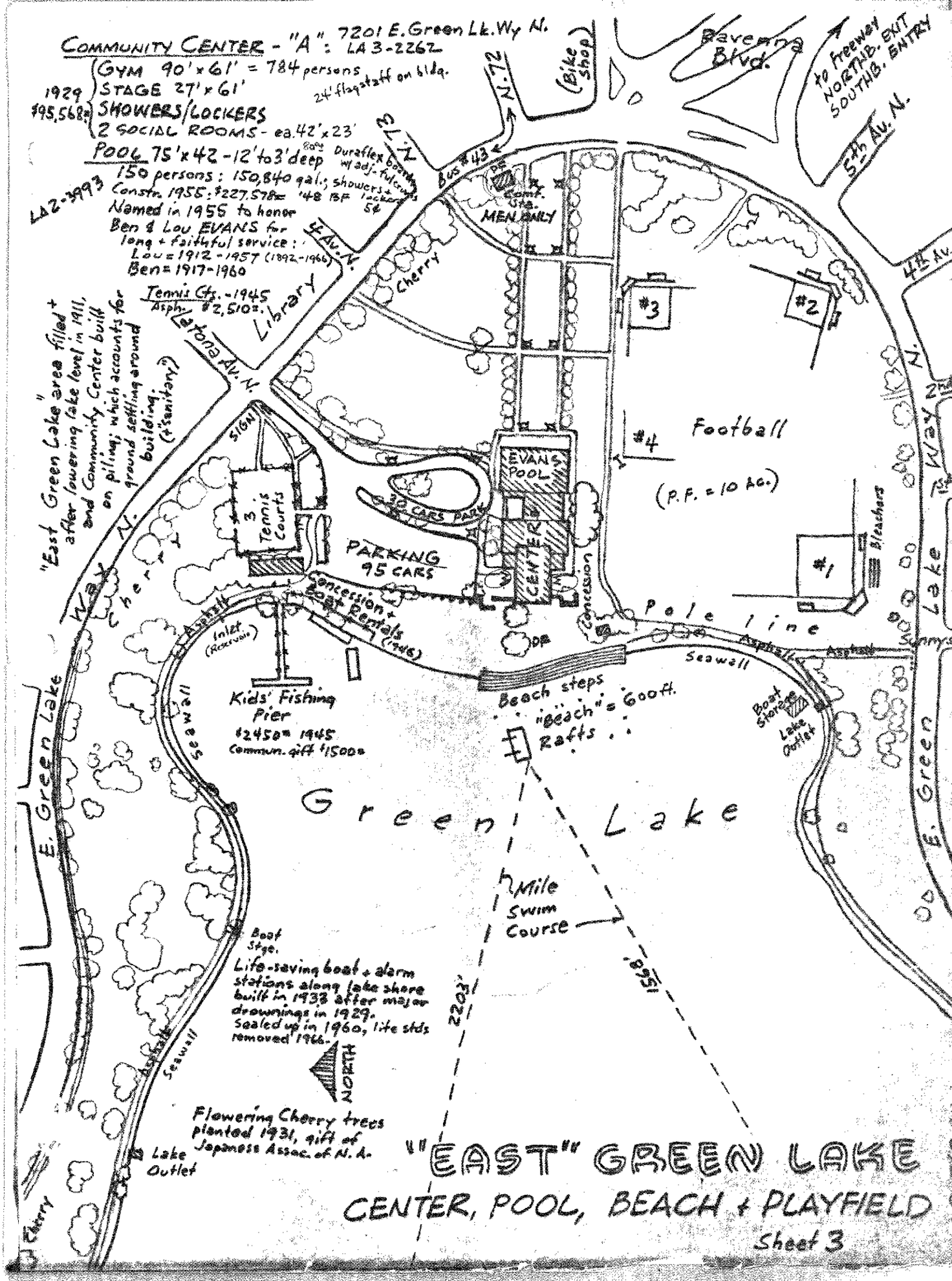
MADISON
PARK
CAPITOL
Wash.
Lake


COMMUNITY CENTER - "A": 7201 E. Green Lk. Wy N.
LA 3-2262
1929 $95,568=
GYM 90' x 61' = 784 persons
STAGE 27' x 61'
SHOWERS/LOCKERS
2 SOCIAL ROOMS - ea. 42' x 23'
24' flagstaff on bldg.
POOL 75' x 42 - 12' to 3' deep
80 Duraflex boards w/ adj. fulcrums
150 persons: 150,840 gal.; showers + lockers 5¢
Constr. 1955: $227,578= '48 BF
LA2-3993
Named in 1955 to honor
Ben & Lou EVANS for long + faithful service:
Lou = 1912 - 1957 (1892-1966)
Ben = 1917-1960
Tennis Cts. - 1945
Asph. $2,510=
"East Green Lake" area filled + after lowering lake level in 1911, and Community Center built on piling; which accounts for ground settling around building. (+"sanitary")
Ravenna Blvd.
to Freeway NORTHB. EXIT SOUTHB. ENTRY
(Bike shop)
N. 72
N. 73
Bus #43
5th Av. N.
4th Av. N.
Comf. Sta. MEN ONLY
Cherry
Library
Latona Av. N.
#3
#2
#4
Football
(P.F. = 10 Ac.)
EVANS POOL
CENTER
30 CARS PARK
3 Tennis Courts
SIGN
PARKING 95 CARS
Concession + Boat Rentals (1946)
Concession
#1
Bleachers
Pole line
Asphalt
Inlet (Reservoir)
Seawall
Kids' Fishing Pier
$2450= 1945
Commun. gift $1500=
Beach steps
"Beach" = 600 ft.
Rafts
Boat Storage
Lake Outlet
Green Lake
Mile Swim Course
2203'
1568'
Boat Stge.
Life-saving boat + alarm stations along lake shore built in 1933 after major drownings in 1929. Sealed up in 1960, life stds removed 1966.
NORTH
Flowering Cherry trees planted 1931, gift of Japanese Assoc. of N. A.
Lake Outlet
E. Green Lake Way N.
"EAST" GREEN LAKE
CENTER, POOL, BEACH + PLAYFIELD
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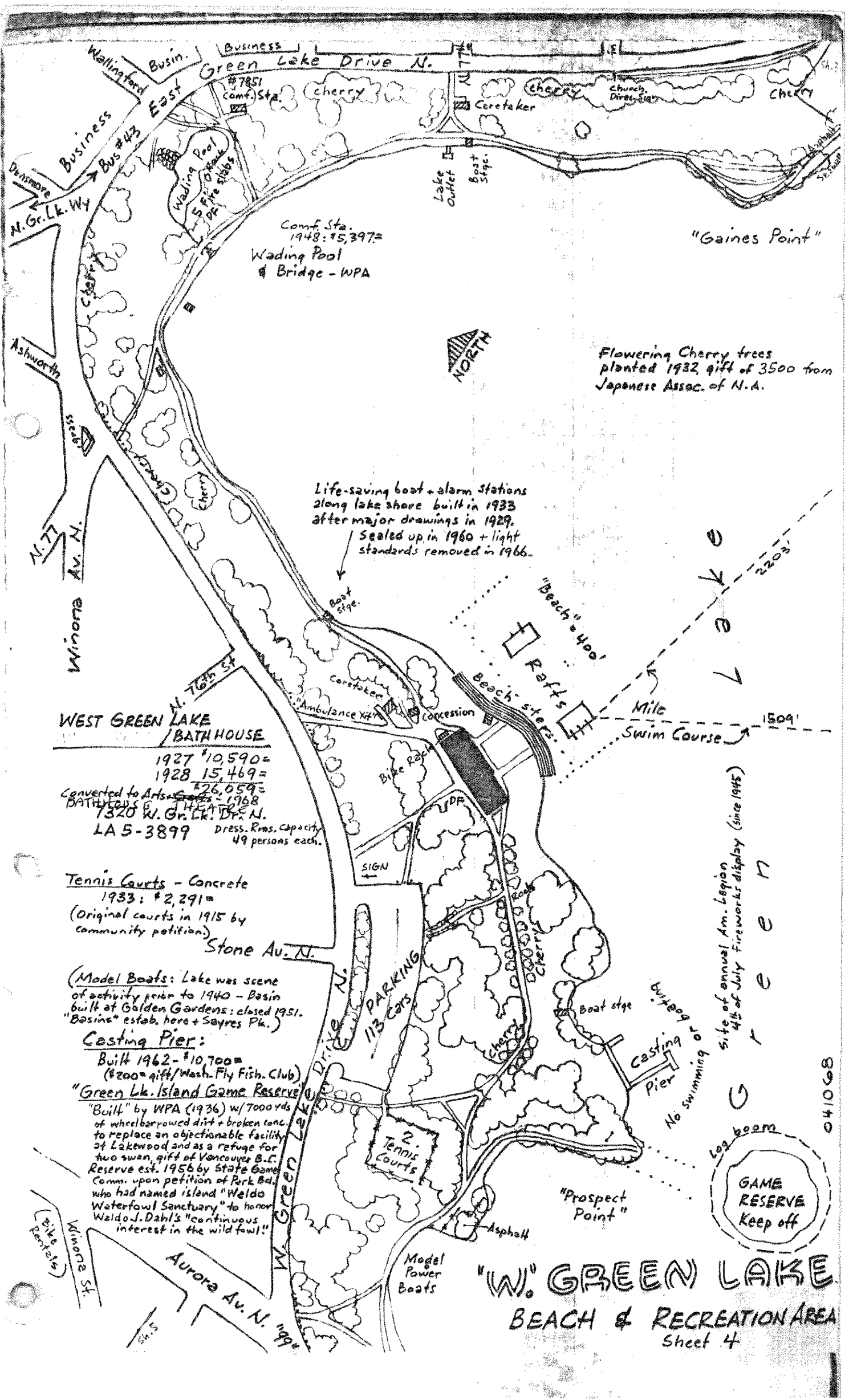

Business
Wallingford
Busin.
East Green Lake Drive N.
#7851 Comf. Sta.
Cherry
Cereteker
Church Direc. Sign
Cherry
Business
Bus #43
Densmore
N. Gr. Lk. Wy
Wading Pool
5 Fire stabs
Lake Outlet
Boat Stge.
Comf. Sta. 1948: $5,397=
Wading Pool & Bridge - WPA
"Gaines Point"
Cherry
Ashworth
NORTH
Flowering Cherry trees planted 1932, gift of 3500 from Japanese Assoc. of N.A.
Grass
Cherry
Cherry
Life-saving boat + alarm stations along lake shore built in 1933 after major drawings in 1929. Sealed up in 1960 + light standards removed in 1966.
N. 77
Winona Av. N.
Boat stge.
"Beach" = 400'
Rafts
Beach sters.
Lake
2203'
N. 76th St
Cereteker
"Ambulance Xit"
Concession
Mile
Swim Course
1509'
WEST GREEN LAKE / BATHHOUSE
1927 $10,590=
1928 15,469=
$26,059=
Converted to Arts & Theatre - 1968
BATHHOUSE
7320 W. Gr. Lk. Dr. N.
LA 5-3899
Dress. Rms. Capacity 49 persons each.
Bike Rack
DF
SIGN
Tennis Courts - Concrete
1933: $2,291=
(Original courts in 1915 by community petition.)
Stone Av. N.
Rock
Cherry
Site of annual Am. Legion 4th of July Fireworks display (since 1945)
Green
(Model Boats: Lake was scene of activity prior to 1940 - Basin built at Golden Gardens: closed 1951. "Basins" estab. here + Sayres Pk.)
PARKING 113 Cars
Boat stge
Casting Pier
No swimming or boating
Casting Pier:
Built 1962 - $10,700=
($200= gift/Wash. Fly Fish. Club)
"Green Lk. Island Game Reserve"
"Built" by WPA (1936) w/ 7000 yds of wheelbarrowed dirt + broken conc. to replace an objectionable facility at Lakewood and as a refuge for two swan, gift of Vancouver B.C. Reserve est. 1956 by State Game Comm. upon petition of Park Bd. who had named island "Weldo Waterfowl Sanctuary" to honor Weldo J. Dahl's "continuous interest in the wild fowl."
W. Green Lake Drive N.
2. Tennis Courts
Log boom
GAME RESERVE Keep off
"Prospect Point"
Asphalt
Model Power Boats
Winona St.
(Bike Rentals)
Aurora Av. N. "99"
Sh. 5
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"W." GREEN LAKE
BEACH & RECREATION AREA
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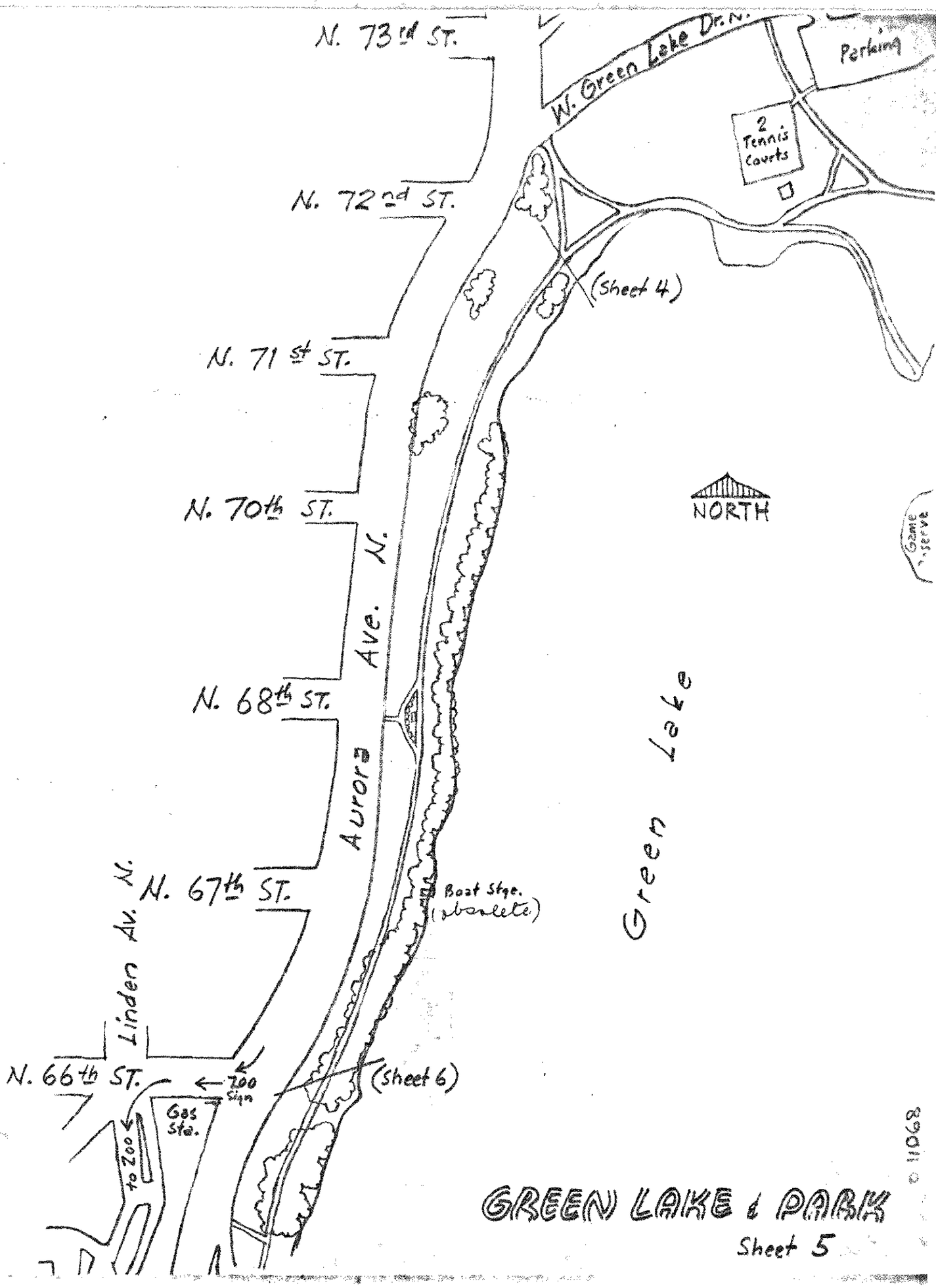

GREEN LAKE & PARK
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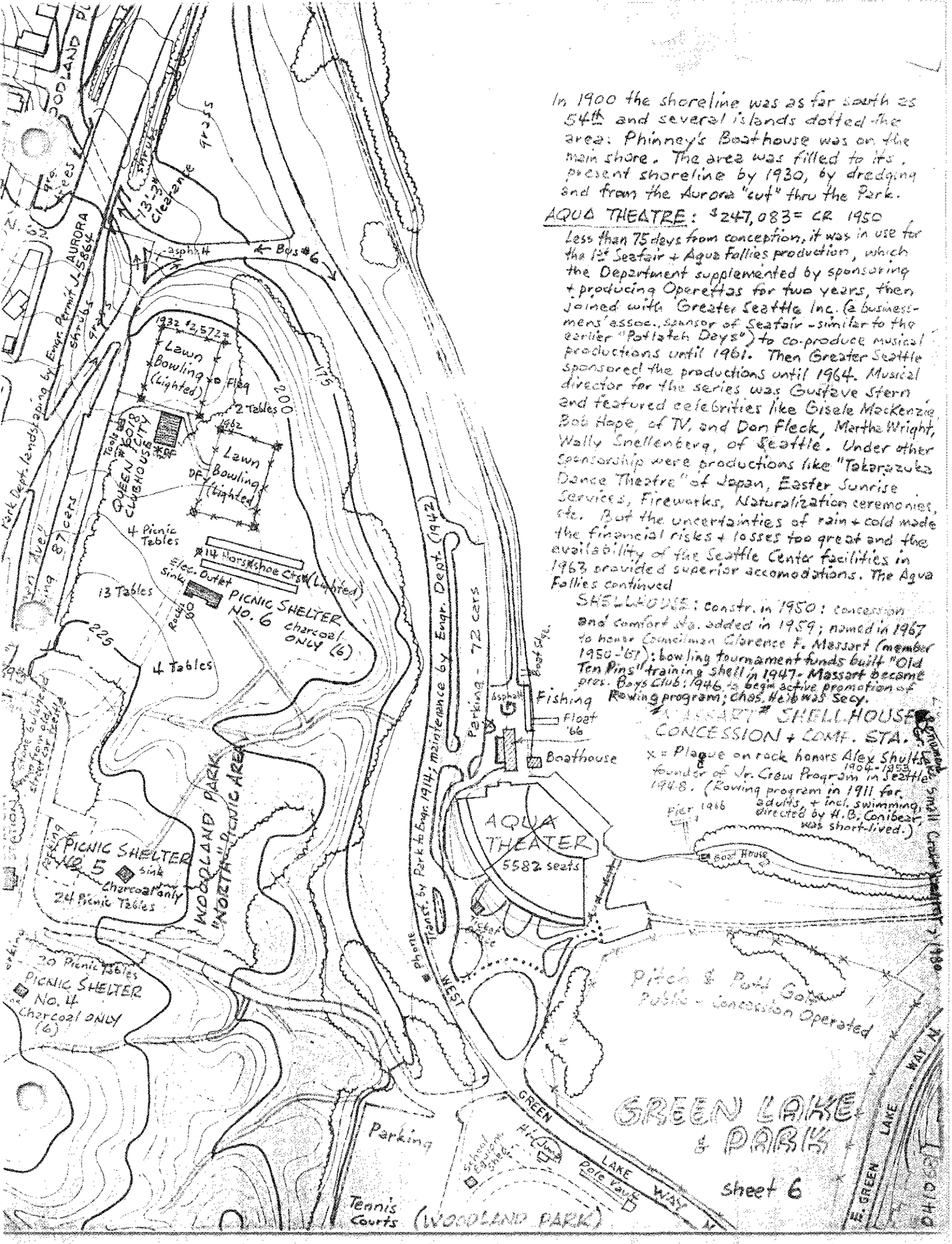
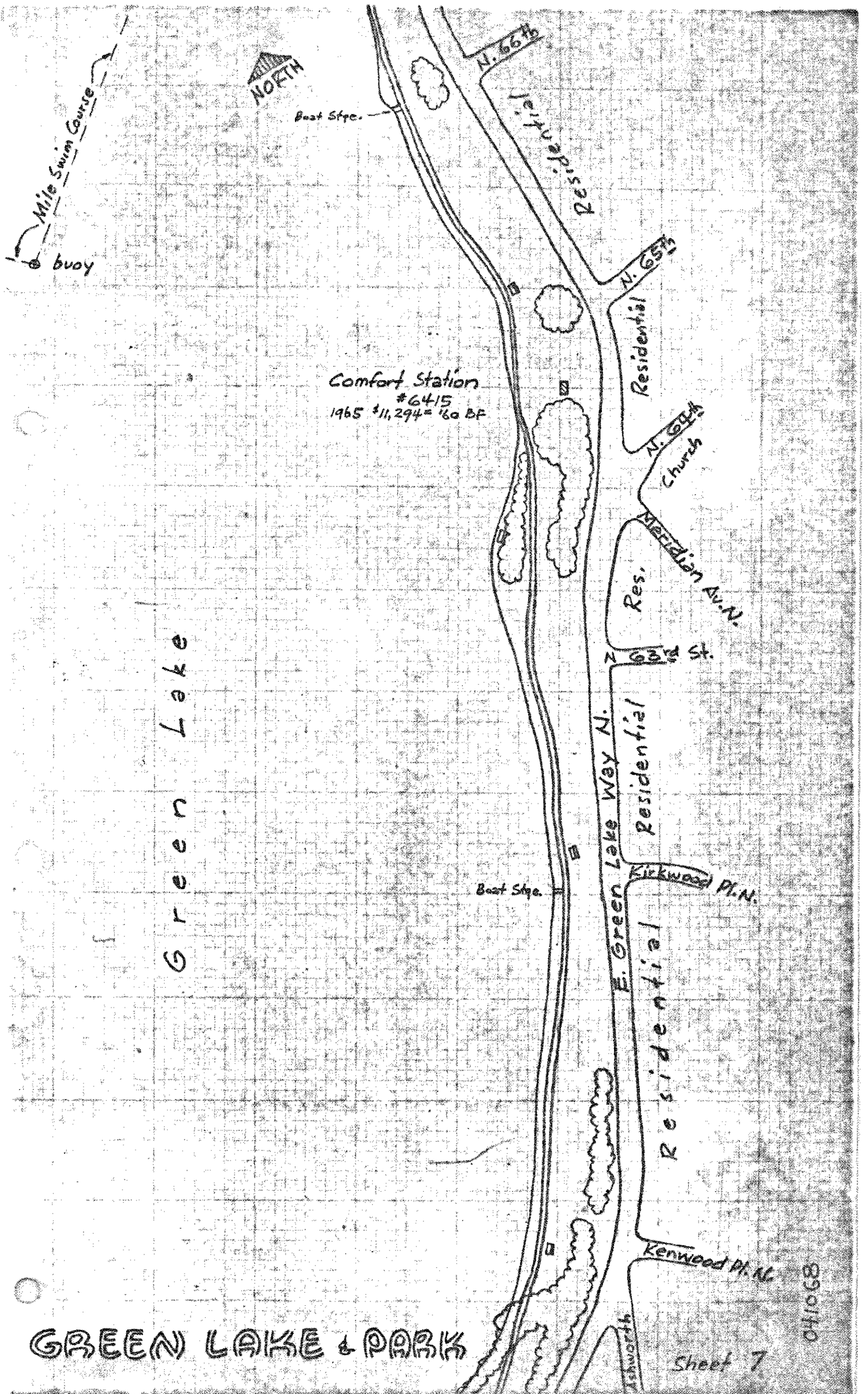
In 1900 the shoreline was as far south as 54th and several islands dotted the area: Phinney's Boathouse was on the main shore. The area was filled to its present shoreline by 1930, by dredging and from the Aurora "cut" thru the Park.

AQUA THEATRE: $247,083 = CR 1950

Less than 75 days from conception, it was in use for the 1st Seafair + Aqua Follies production, which the Department supplemented by sponsoring + producing Operettas for two years, then joined with Greater Seattle Inc. (a businessmens' assoc., sponsor of Seafair - similar to the earlier "Potlatch Days") to co-produce musical productions until 1961. Then Greater Seattle sponsored the productions until 1964. Musical director for the series was Gustave Stern and featured celebrities like Gisele MacKenzie, Bob Hope, of TV, and Don Fleck, Martha Wright, Wally Snellenberg, of Seattle. Under other sponsorship were productions like "Takarazuka Dance Theatre" of Japan, Easter Sunrise Services, Fireworks, Naturalization ceremonies, etc. But the uncertainties of rain + cold made the financial risks + losses too great and the availability of the Seattle Center facilities in 1963 provided superior accomodations. The Aqua Follies continued

SHELLHOUSE: constr. in 1950: concession and comfort sta. added in 1959; named in 1967 to honor Councilman Clarence F. Massart (member 1950-'67): bowling tournament funds built "Old Ten Pins" training shell in 1947 - Massart became pres. Boys Club; 1946 to begin active promotion of Rowing program; Chas. Heibs was Secy.





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