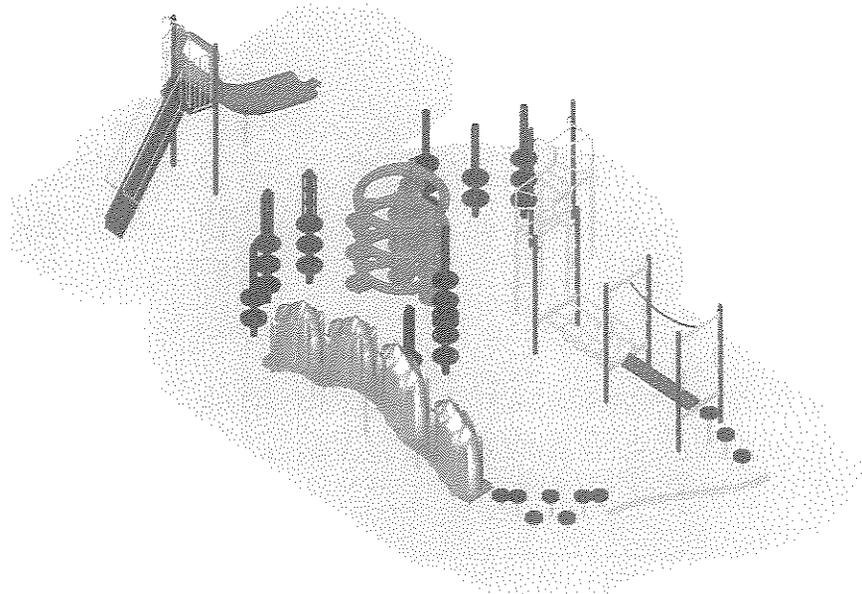


Gates School
New Playground Project
Acton, MA
November 10, 2005



PROJECT APPLICATION FORM - 2006

Applicant: Gates PTO on behalf of the Acton Public Schools

Applicant's Address, Phone Number and Email

75 Spruce St. Acton, Ma 01720

Christine Fenniman 978-266-3734

cfenniman@verizon.net

Town Committee (if applicable):

Project Name: Gates School New Playground

Project Location/ Address: 75 Spruce St. Acton

Amount Requested: \$22,000

Project Summary:

The Gates School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is requesting \$22,000 of CPA funds to complete a year long fundraising effort to raise money to purchase a new playground structure for the Gates School Playground.

- ♦ The playground is located in the heart of West Acton, and is used by West Acton families during the afternoon and weekend hours.
- ♦ The playground is adjacent to two fields that are used by Acton Boxborough Youth Softball League, Jr. High Field Hockey and High School Softball teams. Children will use the play structure while their siblings are playing games on the Gates athletic fields.
- ♦ During the school day, students in kindergarten through sixth grade will use the play structure.
- ♦ The current playground is made of pressure treated wood and has reached a state of disrepair. It no longer meets safety codes for playgrounds. It will be removed by the Acton Public school's facilities department before the new playground is installed.
- ♦ If possible the new structure will be installed with the help of the parents of Gates School students.

The total project is estimated to cost \$44,000. The total cost would be paid by three funding sources:

- ♦ Privately Raised Funds \$12,000
- ♦ School Funds \$10,000
- ♦ Community Preservation Funds \$22,000

Private donations and school funding would provide 50% of the funding, and the CPA funds would provide the remaining 50% of the funding.

Estimated Date for Commencement of Project:

Spring 2006

Estimated Date for Completion of Project:

Late spring 2006

Submission Date: November 10, 2005

Purpose: (Please select all that apply)

- Open Space
- Community Housing
- Historic Preservation
- Recreation

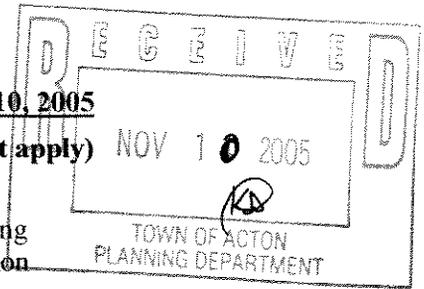


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Narrative

The existing playground structure (see Photos) is in disrepair and will be removed by the Facilities Department of the Acton Public Schools. Once the structure has been removed a new playground structure will be put up into its place. The structure will be all new and will be made of a combination of steel and plastic material that meets all handicap and structural codes. The playground will have a minimum warranty of fifteen years.

The parents of Gates School were informed in the spring of 2005 of the need to replace the existing wooden structure as it is in major disrepair and no longer meets safety codes for play structures. Upon hearing this, a group of teachers, parents, and students joined efforts under the direction of the principal to begin the fundraising process for the new playground. The children participated in a walk-a-thon to raise funds for the structure. The children walked for an afternoon around school grounds with parents and staff of Gates School cheering them on and providing water and snacks. It was a school wide event that encompassed all the members of the Gates community. A t-shirt sale organized by a group of teachers was also held. The t-shirts were purchased by students, parents, staff, siblings and others. To show school spirit the children who purchased shirts were asked to wear them on Activity Day. Many students as well as parents and staff proudly wore their Gates School shirts. In total the two fundraising events raised \$12,000. The money is being held in the PTO account earmarked for the playground structure. The Gates School community feels very strongly about this project and its importance to our school.

This structure will be enjoyed by the students of Gates School as well as members of the community. The fields adjacent to the playground are used by both town and school athletic teams. Because the fields are so widely utilized the playground is filled with children watching athletic events. Parents are able to supervise their children on the playground while watching or participating in sporting activities. On the weekends and when school is not in session you will see many families with children come to Gates just to enjoy the playground.

This project meets the Acton Community Preservation Committees recreational goals as an updated playground with universal accessibility to recreational activities. Gates is located in the "heart" of West Acton as well as in close proximity to the boardwalk that connects Gates to the Douglas School and the Elm Street recreational facilities. This project meets the CPA guidelines by being a new structure. The old structure will be completely removed and a new playground structure made of a more durable and long lasting material will be installed. Along with the funds already raised by parents, students, and teachers and the school budget funds the CPA funds would make the project a reality.

Site Control

The playground will be installed at the Gates School which is under the control of the Acton Public School District. Superintendent William Ryan has authorized this project. See the attached letter.

Project Scope

A new playground structure will be installed. The new playground will be made of a combination of structural steel and durable plastics installed onto a 41' by 66' area. A landing surface meeting all codes will be installed. We expect the structure to last 15 years with some components lasting 100 years. Please see design summary and warranty information attached from the BCI- Burke Company.

Project Time Line

- A playground committee was formed that includes parents, teachers, and the principal of the school. (Spring 2005).
- Fundraising efforts commenced (Spring 2005)
- Solicit bids for the project (January – March 2006)
- Committee reviews bids and awards contract (April 2006)
- Old Structure removed (April 2006)
- New structure installed (Late Spring 2006) - parents will help (if possible) with installation under the direction of the contracted vendor.

Cost Estimate

All numbers are estimated* from research with one vendor. Bid processes will determine actual cost. Any leftover funds will be returned to the Community Preservation Fund.

Playground Structure- \$26,100
Freight-\$2400
Landing Surface (engineered wood fiber)-\$3500
Site Preparation-\$4000
Installation-\$7250

*Cost estimate information from BCI Burke Representative Steve Dibble

Feasibility

There are no feasibility issues with this project.

Maps

See attached maps of the area

Photographs

Photos of play structure to be removed



(Note the close proximity of the fields in the above photos)

Design Summary

Childscapes is very pleased to present this Design for consideration for the Gates School located in Acton. BCI-Burke Company has been providing recreational playground equipment for over 80 years and has developed the right mix of world-class capabilities to meet the initial and continuing needs of Acton. We believe our Design will meet or exceed your project's requirements and will deliver the greatest value to you.

The following is a summary of some of the key elements of our design:

- Project Name: Gates School
- User Capacity: 112
- Age Groups: Ages 5-12
- Dimensions: 55' x 49'
- Designer Name: Steve Dibble

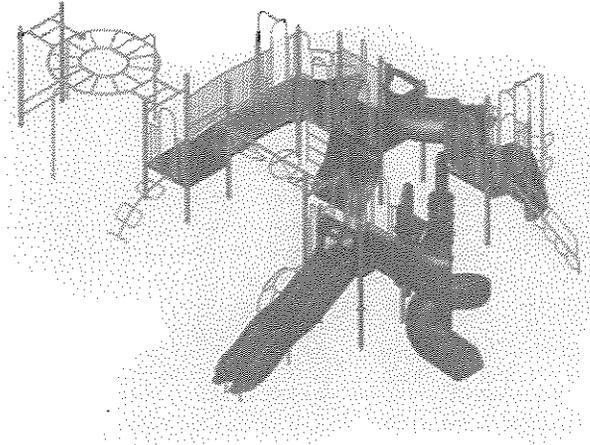
Childscapes has developed a custom playground configuration based on the requirements as they have been presented for the school playground project. Our custom playground design will provide a safe and affordable playground environment that is aesthetically pleasing, full of fun for all users and uniquely satisfies your specific requirements. In addition, it has been designed with a focus on safety, and is fully compliant with ASTM F1487 and CPSC playground safety standards.

Thank you in advance for giving us the opportunity to make this project a success.

Play Systems

SERIES 3000 Model 915

List Price: \$26,060



AGE
5-12



FALLZONE
55 x 49



CAPACITY
113



WEIGHT
4,804

[VIEW COMPONENT LIST](#)

BCI Burke Warranty

Longest and Strongest warranty in the industry

BCI Burke Company, LLC ("Burke") warrants that all standard products are warranted to be free from defects in materials and workmanship, under normal use and service, for a period of one (1) year from the date of invoice.

We stand behind our products.

In addition, the following products are warranted, under normal use and service from the date of invoice as follows:

- One Hundred (100) Year Limited Warranty on aluminum and steel posts against structural failure due to corrosion, deterioration or workmanship.
- One Hundred (100) Year Limited Warranty on clamps against structural failure due to corrosion, deterioration or workmanship.
- One Hundred (100) Year Limited Warranty on Hardware (nuts, bolts, washers).
- One Hundred (100) Year Limited Warranty on bolt-through fastening system (Series 3000).
- Twenty-Five (25) Year Limited Warranty on spring assemblies and aluminum cast animals.
- Fifteen (15) Year Limited Warranty on main structure platforms and decks, metal roofs, table tops, bench tops, railings, loops and rungs against structural failure due to materials or workmanship.
- Fifteen (15) Year Limited Warranty on all plastic components including StoneBorders against structural failure due to materials or workmanship.
- Three (3) Year Limited Warranty on swing seats and hangers; Kid Koaster™ Trolleys and moving parts against structural failure due to materials or workmanship.

The warranty stated above is valid only if the equipment is erected in conformity with the layout plan and/or installation instructions furnished by BCI Burke Company, LLC using approved parts; have been maintained and inspected in accordance with BCI Burke Company, LLC instructions. Burke's liability and your exclusive remedy hereunder will be limited to repair or replacement of those parts found in Burke's reasonable judgment to be defective. Any claim made within the above stated warranty periods must be made promptly after discovery of the defect. A part is covered only for the original warranty period of the applicable part. Replacement parts carry the applicable warranty from the date of shipment of the replacement from Burke. After the expiration of the warranty period, you must pay for all parts, transportation and service charges.

Burke reserves the right to accept or reject any claim in whole or in part. Burke will not accept the return of any product without its prior written approval. Burke will assume transportation charges for shipment of the returned product if it is returned in strict compliance with Burke's written instructions.

The foregoing warranties are exclusive and in lieu of any other warranty, express or implied, including but not limited to any implied warranty or merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. If the foregoing disclaimer of additional warranties is not given full force and effect, any resulting additional warranty shall be limited in duration to the express warranties and be otherwise subject to and limited by the terms of Burke's Product Warranty. Some states do not allow the exclusion of certain implied warranties, so the above limitation may not apply to you.

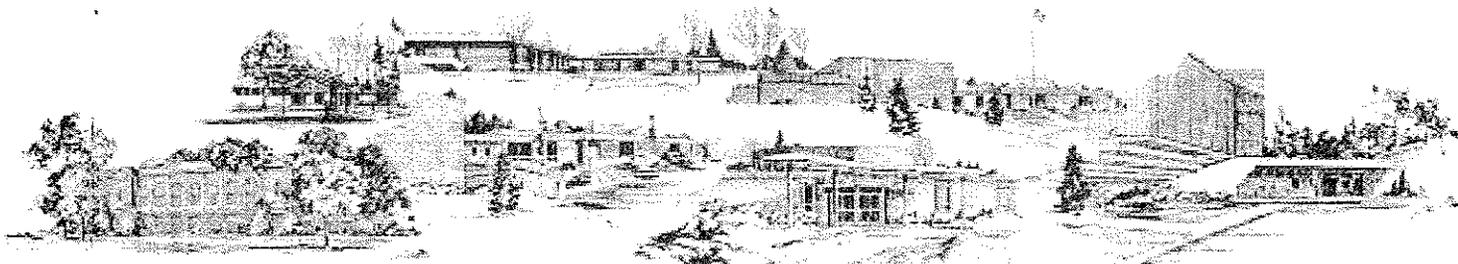
Warranty Exclusions: The above stated warranties do not cover: "cosmetic" defects, such as scratches, dents, marring, or fading; damage due to incorrect installation, vandalism, misuse, accident, wear and tear from normal use, exposure to extreme weather; immersion in salt or chlorine water, unauthorized repair, abnormal use, lack of maintenance, or other cause not within Burke's control; and

Limitation of Remedies: Burke is not liable for consequential or incidental damages, including but not limited to labor costs or lost profits resulting from the use of or inability to use the products or from the products being incorporated in or becoming a component of any other product. If, after a reasonable number of repeated efforts, Burke is unable to repair or replace a defective or nonconforming product, Burke shall have the option to accept return of the product, or part thereof, if such does not substantially impair its value, and return the purchase price as the buyer's entire and exclusive remedy. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Burke will not be responsible for labor costs involved in the removal of products or the installation of replacement products. Some states do not allow the exclusion of incidental damages, so the above exclusion may not apply to you.

For more information regarding the warranty, call Customer Service at 1-800-356-2070.

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Appendix



ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ❖ ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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William L. Ryan
Superintendent of Schools

November 4, 2005

Mr. Matt Lundberg
Community Preservation Committee
c/o Roland Bartl
Acton Town Hall
Acton, MA 01720

Dear Mr. Lundberg:

I am writing this letter to the Community Preservation Committee in support of the proposal to help fund a new playground structure at the Gates School. The Gates School PTO, represented by Christine Fenniman and Jeri Lee, will be submitting the application to you.

A new playground structure at Gates would provide an important recreational facility for the Acton community. Children in our town will benefit from it, as will the students who attend the Gates School. I hope the Community Preservation Committee will support this worthwhile project.

Mr. J.D. Head from our staff is also available to answer questions or provide additional information that you may need.

We appreciate your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William L. Ryan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

William L. Ryan

c: George Frost
J.D. Head
Walter McGrail
Marie Altieri
Christine Fenniman
Jeri Lee

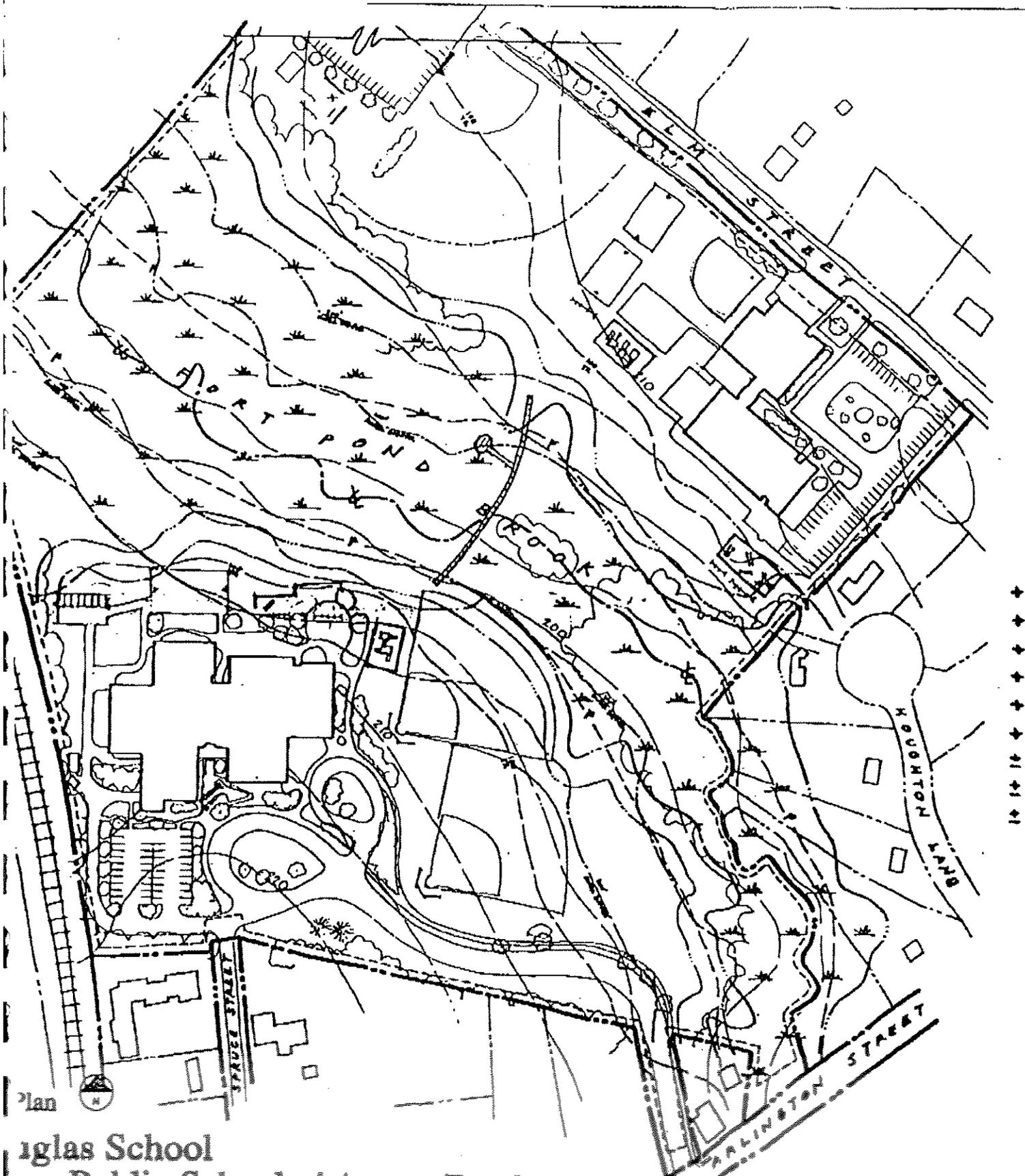


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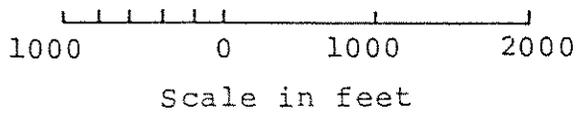
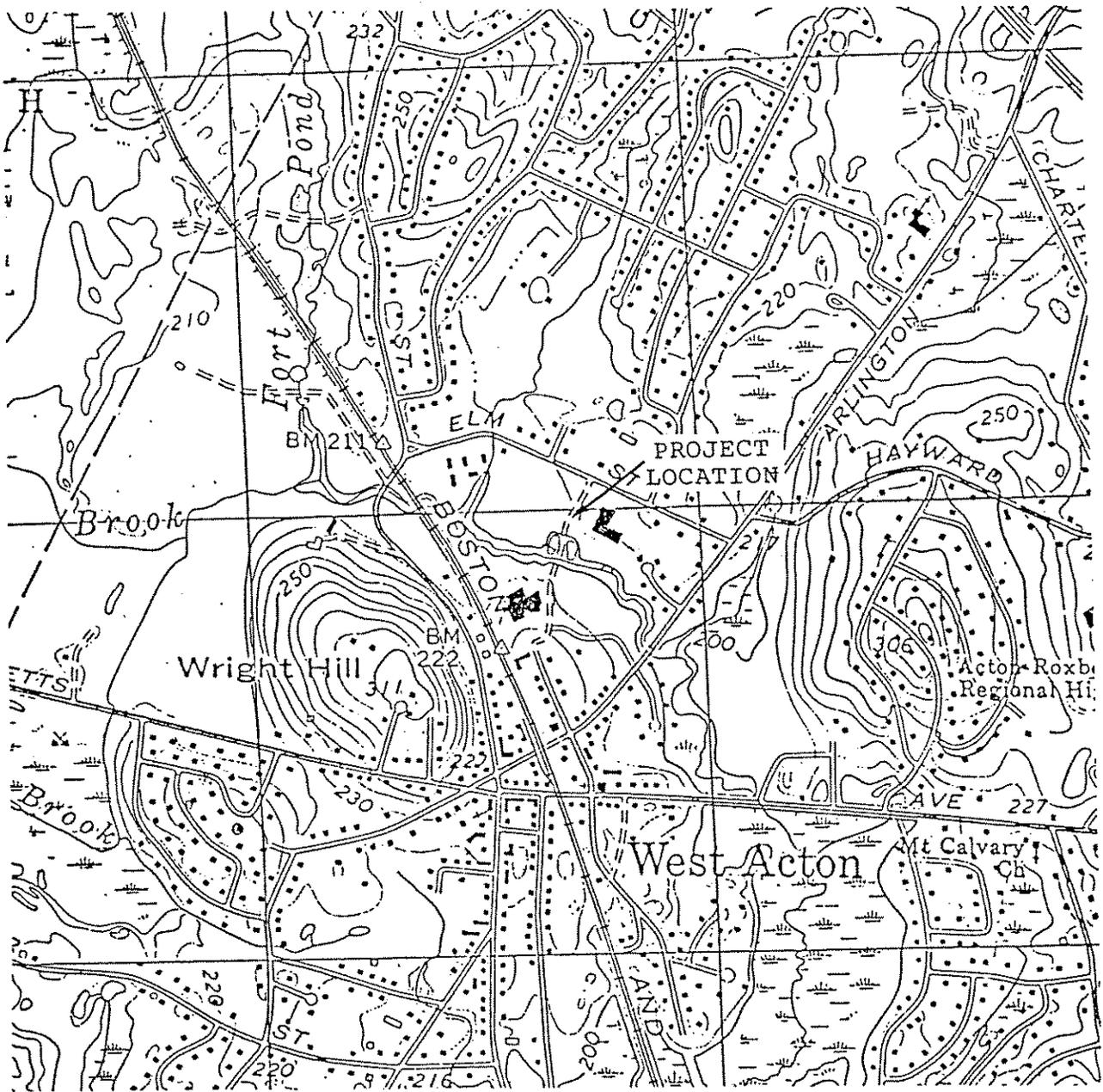


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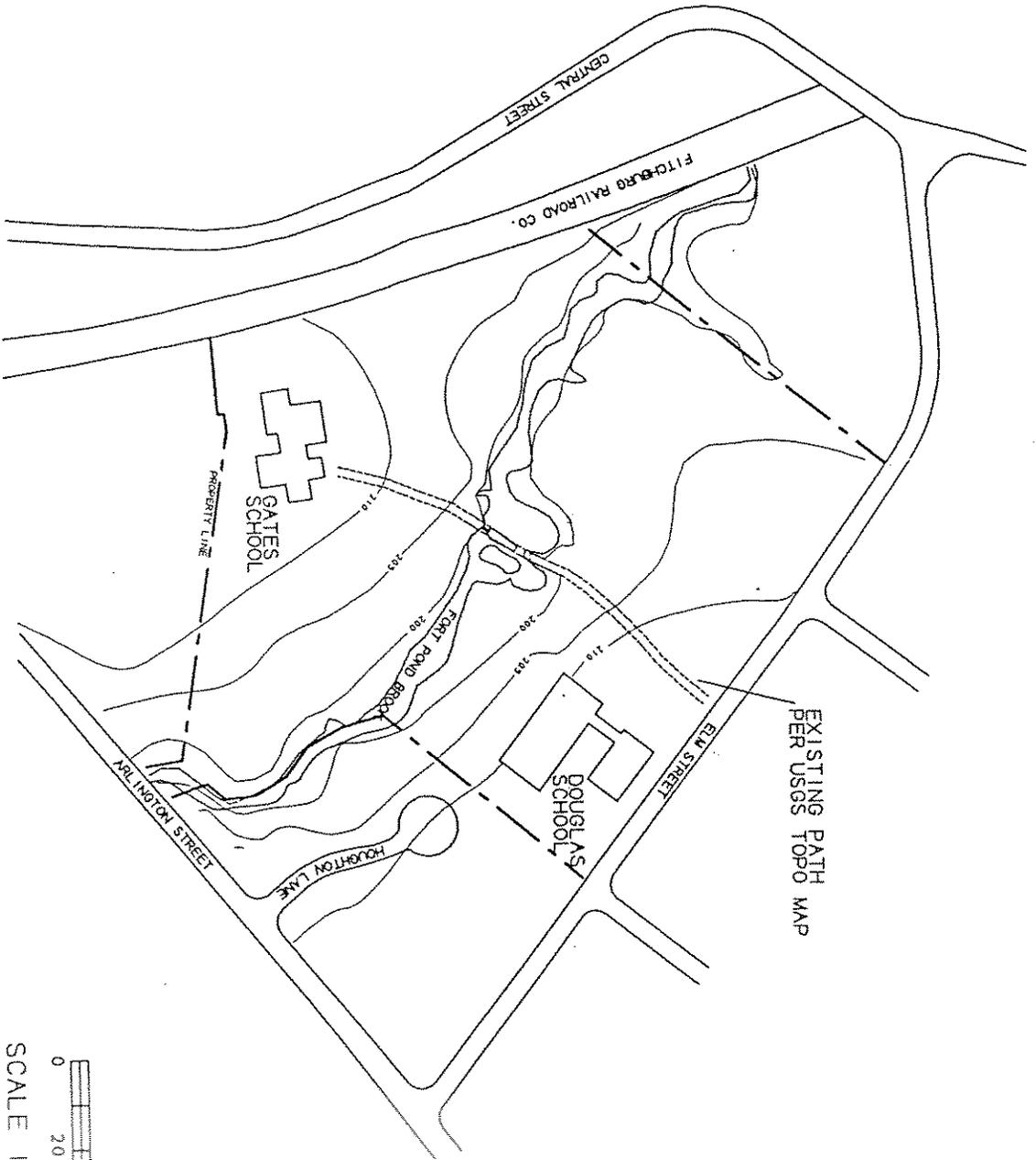
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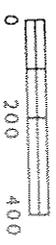


PROJECT LOCATION MAP

(Basemap U.S. Geological Survey
Topographic Map, Maynard, MA)

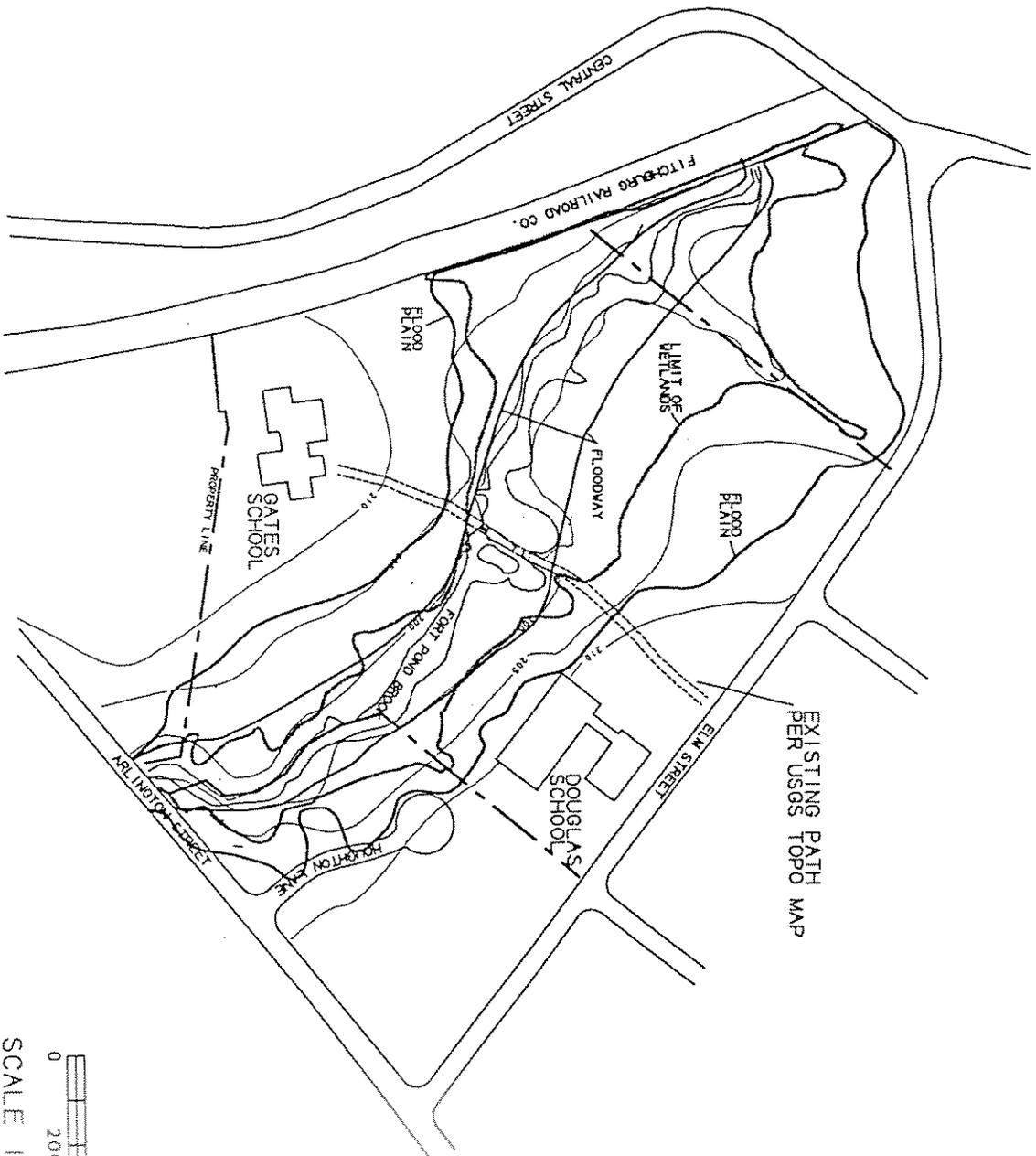


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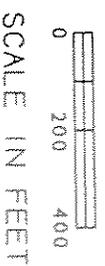


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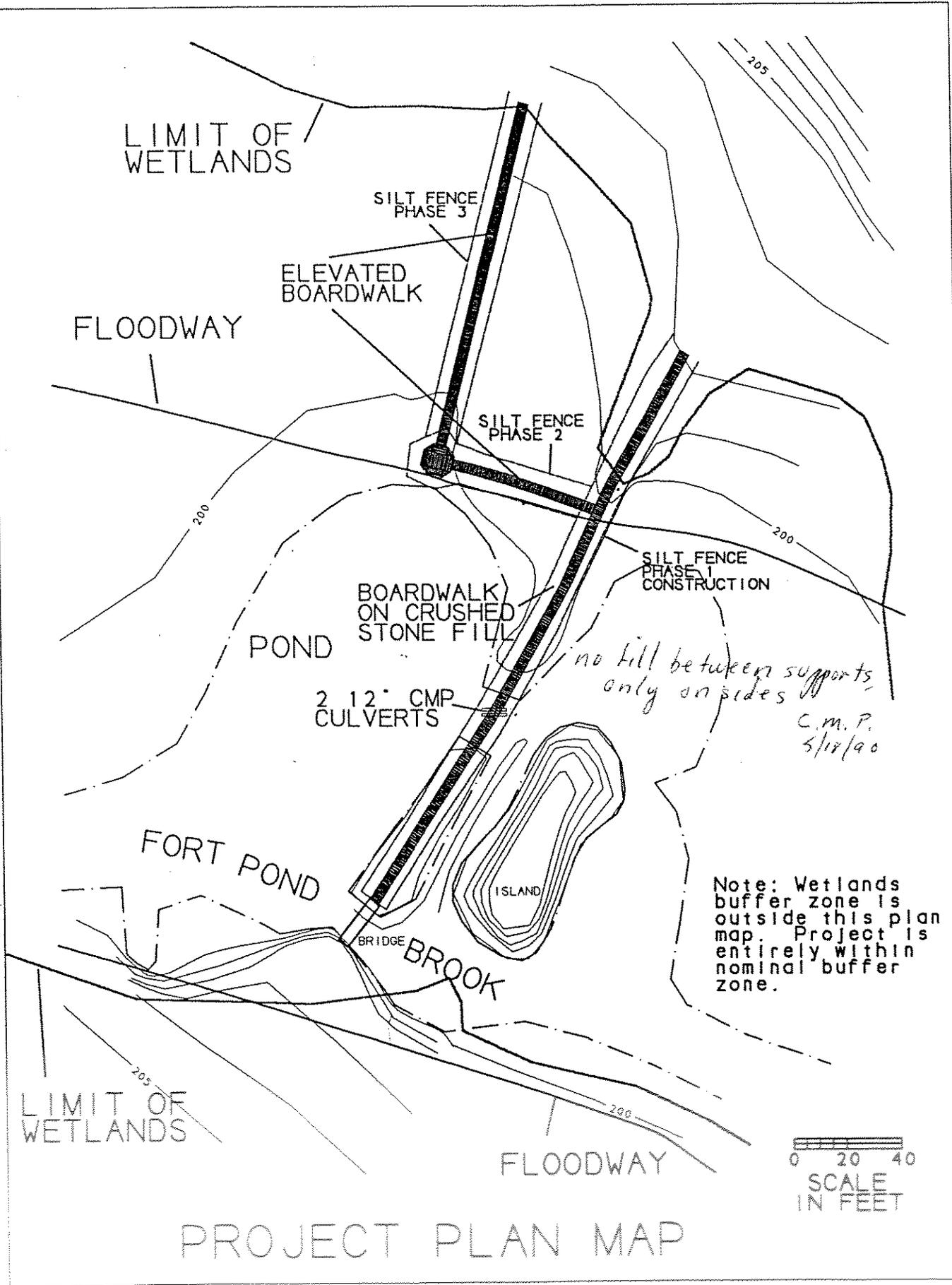


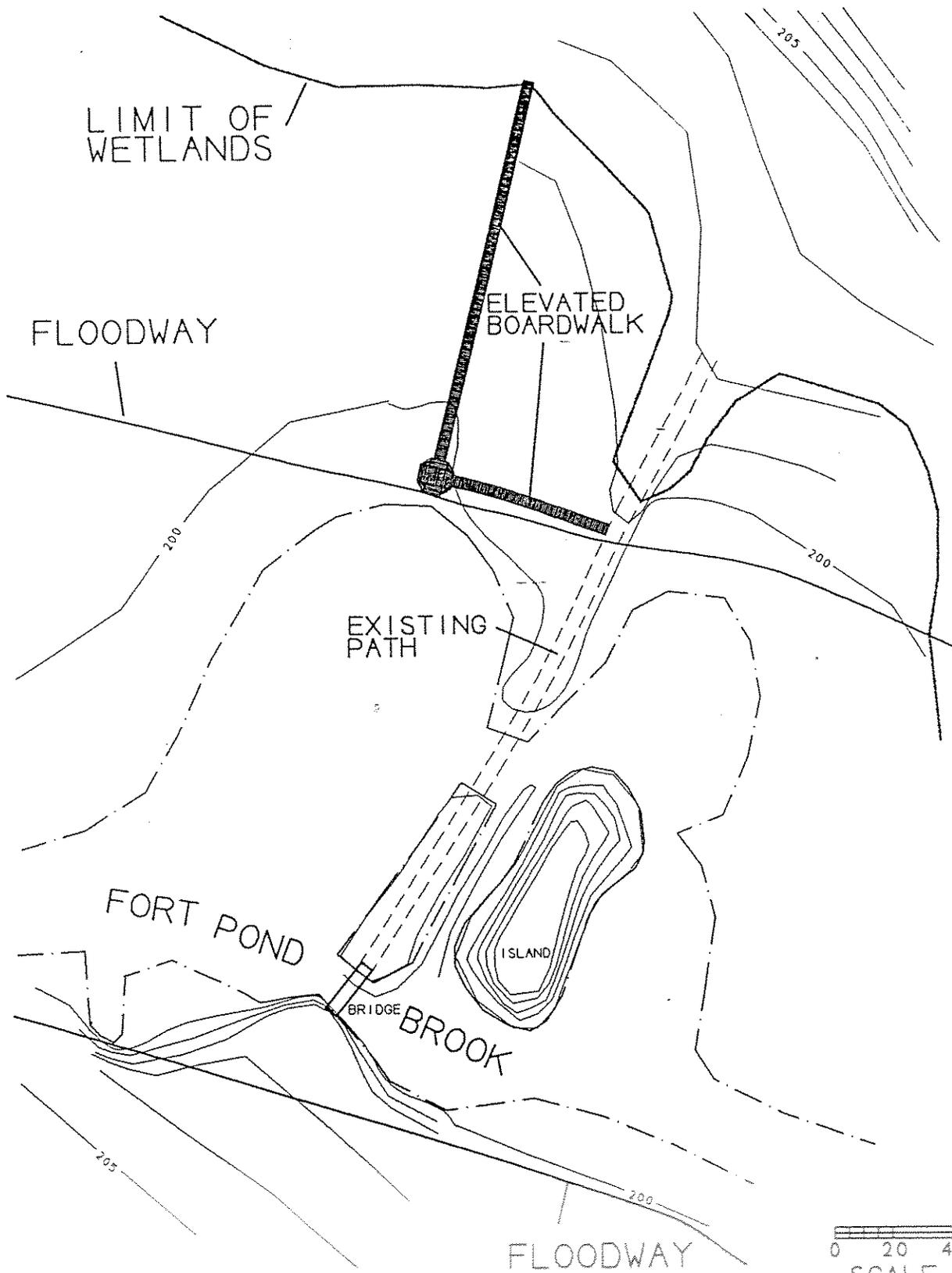
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PROJECT PLAN MAP

Christine Fenniman

From: "Claire J. Howe" <clairehowe@comcast.net>
To: "Chris Fenniman" <cfenniman@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2005 8:58 PM
Subject: playground

Chris, Thank you so much for your efforts to try to get a new playground at *Gates*. Although my children attend Douglas, my 2 daughters play softball for the town league and are often at *Gates*. While I am at one daughters practice, my other 2 children join up with the other siblings not playing softball and have a great time on the *Gates* playground. It has made *Gates* one of the more desirable locations for me to have my children practice. Any improvements to the playground will be very welcome. Keep up the good work.

Claire Howe