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To the attention of the Acton Board of Selectmen,

We come before you to present you with what we think is a very special idea. We as a town have a very rare and once in a lifetime opportunity to acquire a piece of structural steel that was salvaged from the world trade center after September 11, 2001, to be used as a memorial. We received a letter from the New York Port Authority stating that they are accepting proposal letters from cities and towns for structural steel to be used in memorials. The town of Acton currently has a "9/11" memorial in the center of town next to the World War II, Korean, and Vietnam War memorial. After talking with the two families in town that lost members on that terrible day, collectively we feel that this may not be an appropriate site. Our proposal is to erect a new "9/11" memorial in front of the Public Safety Facility. Our plan is to remove the existing memorial and incorporate the existing memorial with the newly acquired structural steel. This packet will show the rough sketch of the proposed memorial, drawings of the location, and a sample of a letter that would be submitted to the New York Port Authority. The memorial is to be built with donations and fundraising. With a completion date of September 11, 2011, marking the tenth anniversary of "9/11"

We have discussed the location and size of this memorial with the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Director of Municipal Properties, and Building Commissioner with they're approval. What we are asking is the permission from the Board of Selectmen to proceed with this endeavor.

Respectfully Submitted By The:

"9/11" Memorial Planning Committee

Thomas Matthews, Firefighter/ EMT

Jon Stackhouse, Patrolman/ Acton Resident

Brian Richter, Lieutenant Firefighter/ EMT

Eileen Zornow, Designer/ Acton Resident

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# SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> FAMILIES' ASSOCIATION

## *Tribute WTC Visitor Center*



September 1, 2009

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is open to requests from organizations that would like to request a piece of World Trade Center steel. The steel was recovered from the World Trade Center site after September 11, 2001 and secured at JFK Airport by The Port Authority of NY and NJ until now.

The September 11<sup>th</sup> Families Association is proud to be part of this great effort to distribute steel to organizations interested in creating memorials. The steel withstood the most horrific attack on American soil that took the lives of 2,973 innocent people – one of whom was my son Jonathan Ielpi a firefighter with FDNY Squad 288. This is an extraordinary opportunity to obtain a piece of World Trade Center steel.

The steel must be used in a memorial open to the general public such as in parks, training grounds for uniformed personnel or places of public assembly. ***The steel is not intended for and may not be used in personal collections, sold or used for fundraising.*** All requests for steel need to be in writing on official letterhead from an officer of a federal, state or local agency, or a not for profit organization. Requests from outside the United States are also welcome.

This is a rare opportunity to create a lasting memorial honoring the lives lost and educating future generations about the events of September 11, 2001. Everyday, your work as emergency personnel demonstrates the power of good. A public memorial to the victims and heroes of 9/11 is a powerful way to insure their memory lives on in your community.

Sincerely,

Lee Ielpi  
President  
September 11<sup>th</sup> Families Association  
Tribute WTC Visitor Center

A sample letter of request is at <http://www.911families.org/> at the top of the homepage. *All inquiries will be answered after receipt of a written letter in the regular mail.*

Written requests for a piece of World Trade Center steel should be addressed to:

Christopher O. Ward  
Executive Director  
The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey  
225 Park Avenue South  
New York, NY 10003

An e-mail copy of the letter should be sent to the following parties.

Timothy Stickleman, Assistant General Counsel  
[tstickel@panynj.gov](mailto:tstickel@panynj.gov)  
Norma Manigan, Senior Manager, Public Affairs  
[nmanigan@panynj.gov](mailto:nmanigan@panynj.gov)  
Peter Miller, Senior Manager, Office of the Chief Operating Officer  
[pmiller@panynj.gov](mailto:pmiller@panynj.gov)  
Lee Ielpi, President September 11<sup>th</sup> Families Association  
[lielpi@911families.org](mailto:lielpi@911families.org)

# Acton 911 Memorial Front View

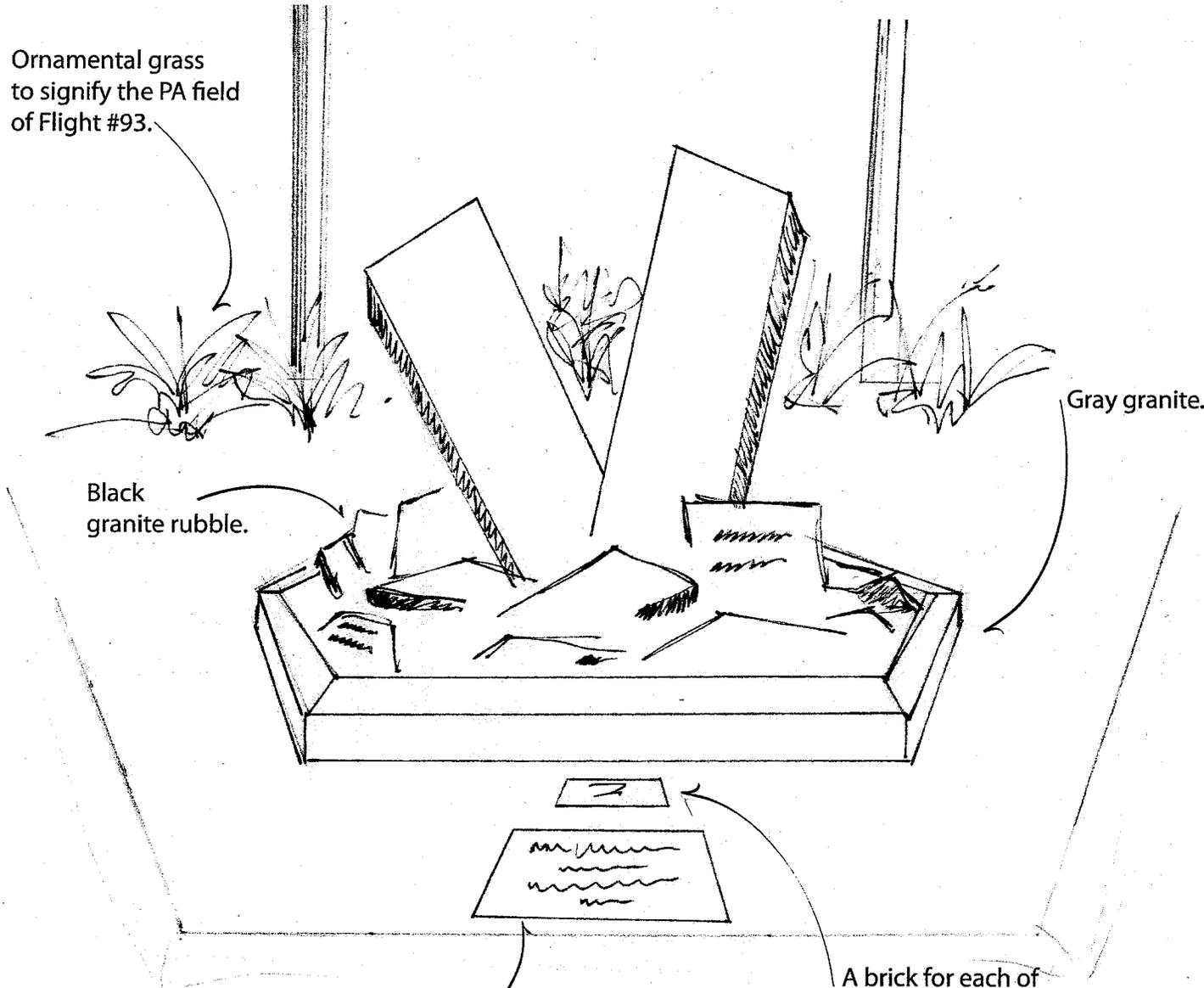
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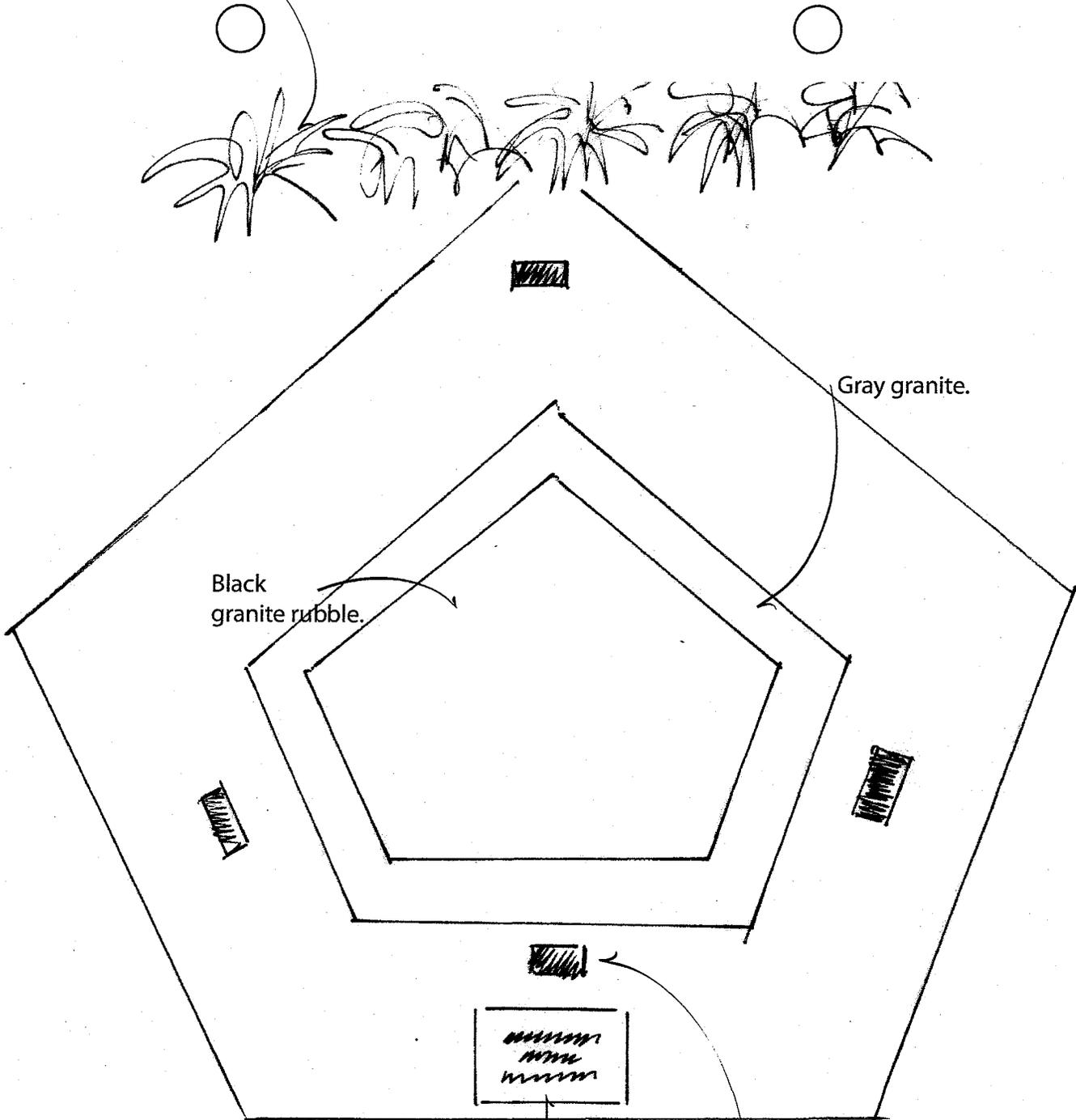
Plaque from existing memorial.

A brick for each of  
the flights placed  
in various locations  
on the walkway.



# Acton 911 Memorial Bird's Eye View

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of Flight #93.



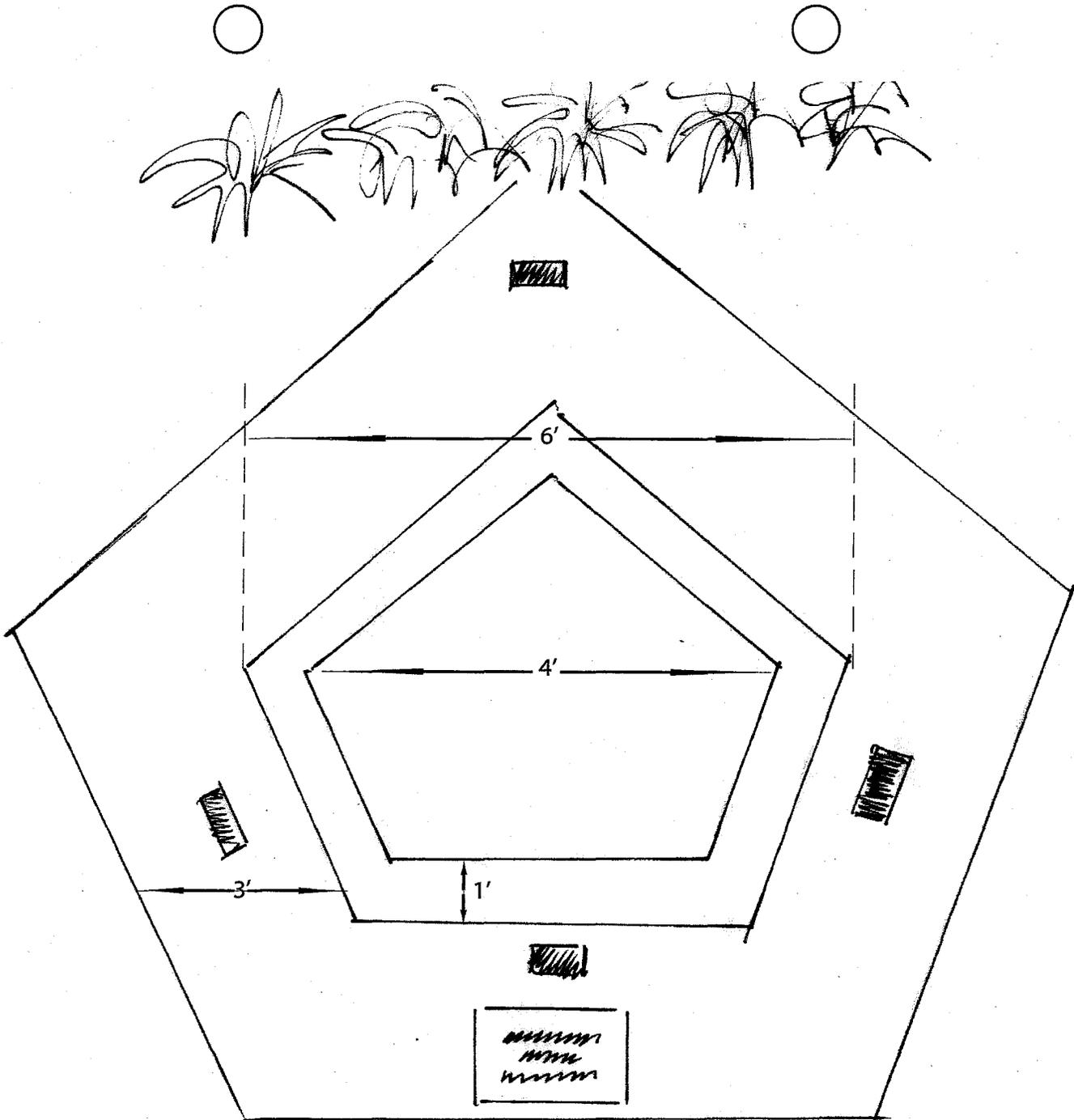
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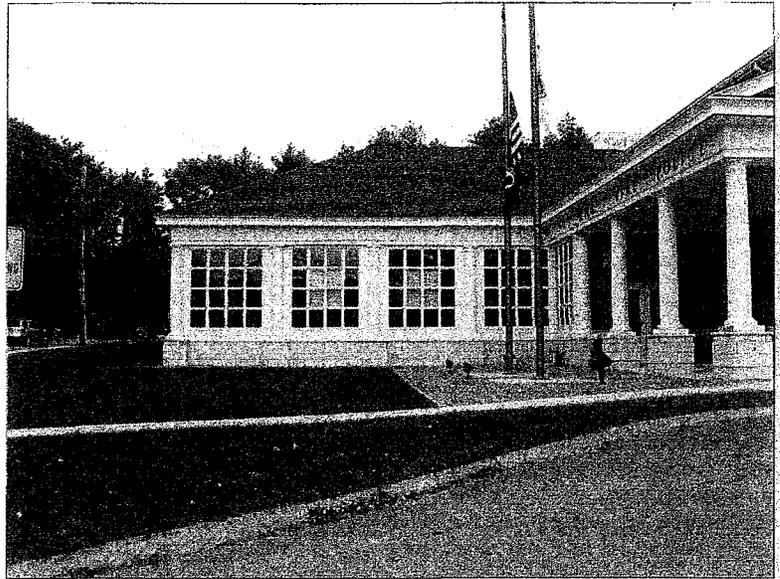
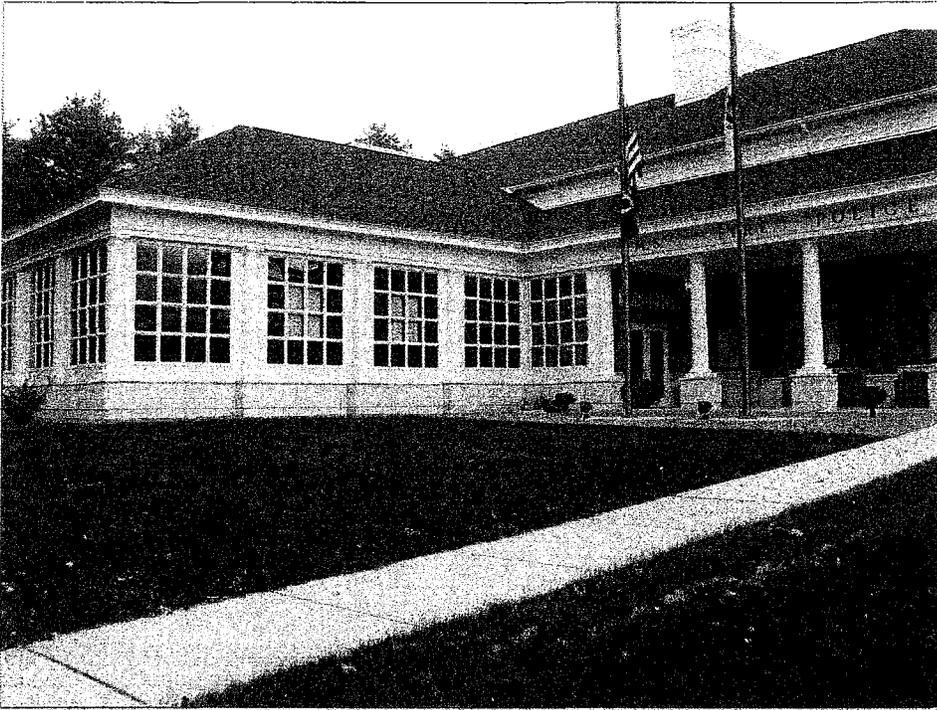
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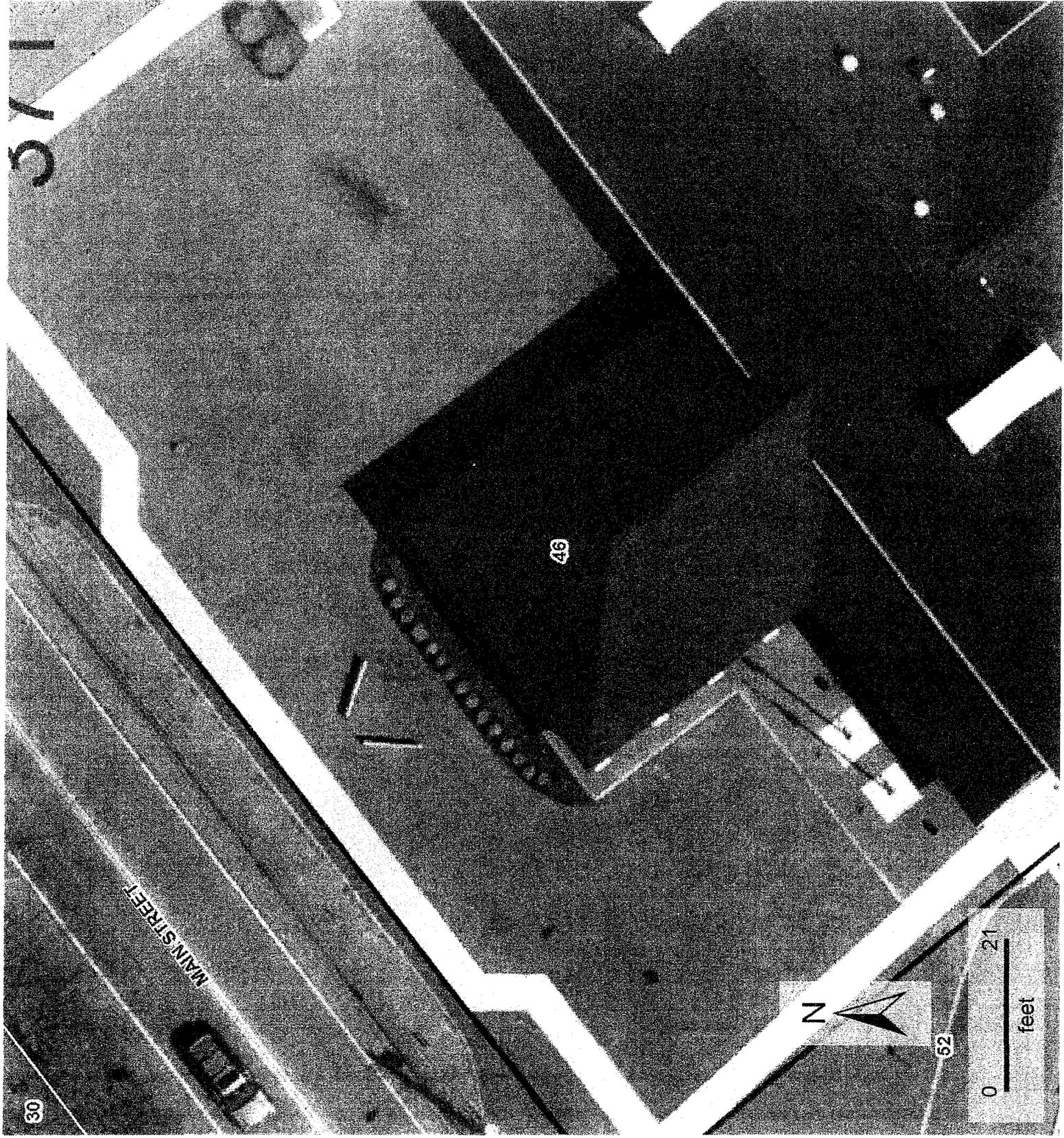
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Acton 911 Memorial  
Bird's Eye View



Acton 911 Memorial  
Site Location





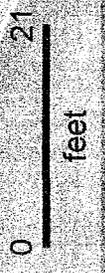
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## **Town of Acton Massachusetts**

Public Safety Facility  
371 Main St Acton, MA 01720

November 20, 2009

To Whom It May Concern,

Our town of Acton, Massachusetts is located west of Boston and made up of 20,300 people. Unfortunately, on that fateful day of September 11, 2001, we lost two of our residents. One of them was Amy Sweeny, a wife, mother and Flight Attendant on American Airlines Flight 11. She was instrumental in calling Flight Operations and informing them of the hijackers, their seat locations and their description as well as the condition of the injured coworkers and passengers. The second was Philip Rosenzweig, a husband, father, businessman and a passenger, also on American Airlines Flight 11. After that day, we had men and women from our departments go down to lend assistance in the clean up and recovery efforts as well as attend funerals. We recently have built a new Public Safety Facility and could not think of a greater way to honor the people of the FDNY, NYPD and Port Authority personal along with our own residents lost, then to build a memorial at this facility.

With that being said, we are requesting two pieces of the structural steel that were salvaged from the World Trade Center after September 11, 2001.

Our Departments Fire & Police have put together a committee to fundraise, design and build this memorial. The memorial is still in the planning stages, but we would like to request 2 pieces of the structural steel, approximately four foot in length. The initial plans at this time consist of two pieces of steel coming vertically out of a pentagon shaped granite block. We then would have a brick walkway surrounding the entire memorial. We are planning to have this at our public safety facility so that all can see and remember.



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371 Main St Acton, MA 01720

If the pieces are identified and released to us, we agree to handle all necessary logistics to have it securely transported to our town and to have it professionally installed. We appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Steven Ledoux  
Town Manager

Chief Robert Craig  
Acton Fire Department

Chief Francis Windmyer  
Acton Police Department

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